



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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1 **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON**
2 **TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021, ON PAGE 250]**

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5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THE MAGIC HOUR HAS ARRIVED: 9:30. SO GOOD
6 MORNING, EVERYONE. I WANT TO WELCOME YOU TO THE REGULARLY
7 SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, JUNE THE 8TH, 2021. OUR MEETING
9 TODAY IS BEING HELD REMOTELY, DUE TO THE CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH
10 CRISIS, TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF ALL. I WILL NOW TAKE ROLL
11 CALL TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE. PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC AND RESPOND
12 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:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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18 **SUP. KUEHL:** HERE.

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

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22 **SUP. HAHN:** I AM HERE.

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

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** HERE.

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

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5 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** PRESENT.

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

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9 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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

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

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16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, WE WILL
17 BE TAKING TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENTS DURING TODAY'S MEETING.
18 THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD RECEIVED OVER 1,000 WRITTEN
19 PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TODAY'S MEETING. AND AS THOSE WRITTEN
20 COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED, ALL OF THEM WERE AVAILABLE TO THE
21 SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION, CONSISTENT WITH THE BROWN
22 ACT'S REQUIREMENTS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE WRITTEN PUBLIC
23 COMMENTS THROUGHOUT THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE
24 OFFICIAL RECORD. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
25 AGENDA.

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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
3 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE TWO, SET MATTER,
4 10:30 A.M. ITEM S-1 IS A DISCUSSION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER
5 RELATED TO C.O.V.I.D.-19. THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR
6 DISCUSSION. ON PAGE THREE, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA. THIS IS
7 THE AGENDA FOR THE SANITATION DISTRICT NUMBER 27 AND THE
8 NEWHALL RANCH SANITATION DISTRICT. ON PAGE FOUR, THIS IS THE
9 AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ITEM
10 3-D IS THE RECOMMENDATION TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF THE TAX
11 EXEMPT AND TAXABLE MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE NOTES BY THE
12 LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN AN AGGREGATE
13 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40 MILLION, TO FINANCE THE
14 CONSTRUCTION OF THE CORAZON DEL VALLE PROJECT, A 90-UNIT
15 MULTIFAMILY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT TO BE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF
16 LOS ANGELES. ON PAGE NINE, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE REGIONAL
17 PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. ON PAGE 10, CONSENT CALENDAR,
18 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS ONE THROUGH 25. ON ITEM ONE, THIS
19 INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
20 ON ITEM TWO, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
21 HELD. THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE
22 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM FIVE, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS
23 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM SIX, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS
24 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM SEVEN, THIS INCLUDES A
25 REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 11,

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1 SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 12,
2 SUPERVISOR BARGER AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUEST THAT THIS
3 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 13, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS
4 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 17, SUPERVISOR
5 BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JUNE
6 22, 2021. ON ITEM 18, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
7 BE HELD. ON ITEM 21, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
8 BE HELD. THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE
9 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 22, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS
10 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE 28,
11 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 26 THROUGH 83. ON ITEM 26,
12 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM
13 40, THE DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
14 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JUNE 22, 2021, AS INDICATED ON THE
15 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 54, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS
16 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JUNE 22, 2021. ON
17 ITEM 67, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
18 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JUNE 22, 2021. ON ITEM 68 AND ITEM 69,
19 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON PAGE
20 59, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH
21 WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS
22 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 81-E, SUPERVISOR
23 SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REQUEST FOR
24 CONTINUANCES, THROUGH 81-H, ARE BEFORE YOU.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY
2 SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. THAT WILL BE THE
3 ORDER.

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5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 60, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION. ON
6 PAGE 62, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION. THAT COMPLETES THE READING
7 OF THE AGENDA, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE
16 PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT SHOULD CALL (877) 226-
17 8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 133-6503. TO REPEAT:
18 PLEASE CALL (877) 226-8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER
19 133-6503. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN
20 TO THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL (877) 873-8017 AND
21 FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING IN:
22 WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND
23 WHICH AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE
24 TO SPEAK ON ONE AGENDA ITEM, OR TWO MINUTES TO SPEAK ON TWO OR
25 MORE AGENDA ITEMS. IN ADDITION, THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO

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

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

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1 **SPEAKER:** WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH INTERPRETATION OF THIS
2 REMINDER. [SPANISH INSTRUCTIONS.]

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

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7 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS GARY HARDIE. PLEASE STATE
8 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER
9 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **GARY HARDIE:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS GARY HARDIE. GOOD
12 MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
13 I AM A MEMBER OF THE LYNWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF
14 EDUCATION, AND A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 2. I JOIN YOU TODAY TO
15 SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER TWO, THE MOTION TO STRENGTHEN
16 OVERSIGHT OF SCHOOL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES, AND GENERAL
17 PUBLIC COMMENT. IN LYNWOOD, OUR GUIDING QUESTION AS WE EXAMINE
18 DECISIONS THAT WE MAKE ON BEHALF OF OUR STUDENTS AND THEIR
19 FAMILIES IS, "IS THIS RIGHT FOR KIDS?" BOTH THE C.O.V.I.D.-19
20 PANDEMIC AND THE KILLING OF GEORGE FLOYD PROMPTED US TO REEXAM
21 OUR SERVICES, RESOURCES, AND SCHOOL CLIMATE THROUGH THAT LENS,
22 AND BEGIN TO REIMAGINE THE WAY IN WHICH WE PROVIDE AN
23 EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE THAT MEETS THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY.
24 UNTIL LAST YEAR, OUR DISTRICT HAD A CONTRACT WITH THE LOS
25 ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THAT ASSIGNED TWO DEPUTIES TO

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1 SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS. ONE OF THE ISSUES WE HAD WITH THIS
2 CONTRACT WAS THE COST, AS THE COST FOR TWO DEPUTIES WAS
3 \$350,000. ADDITIONALLY, WE HAD LITTLE TO NO OVERSIGHT, WITH
4 RESPECT TO THE LEVEL OF SERVICE PROVIDED TO OUR SCHOOLS, AND
5 HOW OUR STUDENTS WERE TREATED, MEANING THESE PRACTICES THAT
6 THE DEPUTIES UNDERTOOK WERE OFTEN NOT IN THE LINE OF THE OUR
7 PRACTICES AS AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION. BEARING THIS IN MIND,
8 AND USING OUR GUIDANCE QUESTION, WE MADE THE DECISION THAT
9 THIS PARTNERSHIP WAS JUST NOT RIGHT FOR OUR STUDENTS, AND WE
10 DECIDED TO NOT RENEW OUR CONTRACT. NOT RENEWING THIS CONTRACT
11 MEANT THAT WE COULD FUND THE TRAUMA-INFORMED PRACTICES THAT WE
12 KNOW ARE BEST FOR OUR STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND BY OUR
13 STAFF. THIS MEANT ACADEMIC COUNSELORS FOR MIDDLE-SCHOOL
14 STUDENTS, AND NEW COLLEGE COUNSELORS FOR HIGH SCHOOLS. THIS
15 MEANT AN ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT IN OUR READY-TO-LEARN
16 INITIATIVE, THAT SEEKS TO REMOVE BARRIERS TO STUDENT SUCCESS
17 IN LYNWOOD SCHOOLS, MAINTAINED BY A ROBUST STUDENT SERVICES
18 DEPARTMENT AND SCHOOL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE. THIS MEANT 24/7
19 MENTAL HEALTH AND TUTORING HOTLINES MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL
20 STUDENTS AND THE ENTIRE LYNWOOD COMMUNITY. AND THIS MEANT
21 ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT IN EARLY EDUCATION, EXPANDING OUR
22 SERVICES TO BEGIN SERVING STUDENTS AT BIRTH. AND THIS MEANT
23 THAT KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS IN LYNWOOD HAD A COLLEGE SAVINGS
24 PLAN IN THEIR NAME, MAKING THEM SEVEN TIMES MORE LIKELY TO
25 PURSUE A COLLEGE EDUCATION. IN LYNWOOD, WE STRIVE TO ACHIEVE

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1 EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE FOR ALL STUDENTS THROUGH EQUITY,
2 ACCESS, AND JUSTICE, AND OUR CONTRACT WITH L.A.S.D. EXISTED IN
3 CONTRAST TO THOSE GOALS, WHICH ULTIMATELY PROMPTED US TO
4 DECIDE AGAINST RENEWING IT. POLICE ON SCHOOL CAMPUSES ARE NOT
5 THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION THAT OUR STUDENTS NEED, NOR
6 ARE THEY A WAY TO CLOSE OFF THE SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE. A
7 DEEPER INVESTMENT IN VITAL SERVICES, RESOURCES, AND
8 EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES ARE.

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10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. CAN WE
11 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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

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17 **HENRY PEREZ:** YES, I AM HERE TO SPEAK FOR ITEM 81-E. GOOD
18 MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS HENRY PEREZ. I AM A
19 RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY IN DISTRICT ONE, AND I AM ALSO THE
20 ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF INNER CITY STRUGGLE. I AM HERE SPEAKING
21 IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 81-E. I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN BY THANKING
22 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER LEADERSHIP IN BRINGING FORTH A
23 SOLUTION TO THE CRISIS BEFORE OUR COUNTY, WHICH IS THE OVER
24 200,000 TENANTS THAT ARE BEHIND ON THEIR RENT, DUE TO THE
25 IMPACT OF C.O.V.I.D.-19. COMMUNITIES LIKE EAST L.A., SOUTH

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1 L.A., AND THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY WERE RAVAGED BY C.O.V.I.D. -
2 19. THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS LOST JOBS OR SUBSTANTIAL INCOME
3 DURING THIS PANDEMIC. THIS HAS IMPACTED THEIR ABILITY TO PAY
4 RENT, AND THEY NOW BEAR THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS OF RENT DEBT.
5 CURRENT STATE AND LOCAL RENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ARE NOT
6 ENOUGH. THEY ARE NOT ONLY NOT COVERING EVERYONE WITH
7 C.O.V.I.D.-RELATED RENT DEBT, BUT FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS,
8 THEY ARE ALSO INACCESSIBLE TO TOO MANY TENANTS IN L.A. COUNTY.
9 HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS ARE ON THE BRINK OF
10 BECOMING HOUSELESS. THE ONLY THING PROTECTING THEM RIGHT NOW
11 ARE THE CURRENT EVICTION MORATORIUMS, BUT WHAT WILL HAPPEN
12 WHEN THOSE ARE LIFTED? IF BOLD ACTION IS NOT TAKEN, WE WILL
13 SEE THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES EVICTED FROM THEIR
14 HOMES AND PUT OUT INTO THE STREETS, EXACERBATING THE HOUSELESS
15 CRISIS THAT THIS COUNTY ALREADY HAS. DON'T WAIT FOR THE STATE
16 TO TAKE ACTION. WE ASK YOU TO PLEASE PASS ITEM 81-E NOW, AND
17 FIND A WAY TO ELIMINATE THE RENT DEBT BURDEN THAT OUR MOST
18 VULNERABLE FAMILIES ARE FACING AT THIS TIME.

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

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23 **MODERATOR:** ADOLFO GUZMAN-LOPEZ, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR
24 AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
25 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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2 **ADOLFO GUZMAN-LOPEZ:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY
3 NAME IS ADOLFO GUZMAN-LOPEZ. I AM A REPORTER AT SOUTHERN
4 CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RADIO, BASED IN PASADENA. I WORK OUT OF THE
5 DOWNTOWN L.A. BUREAU, ON SECOND AND FIGUEROA, BUT I AM NOT
6 REPRESENTING THE STATION IN ANY CAPACITY TODAY. I AM HERE TO
7 SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER 18, AND SPECIFICALLY IN SUPPORT OF THE
8 SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS' OPPOSITION TO THE
9 AMENDMENT THAT PLACES LIMITS ON JOURNALISTS TO DO OUR JOB OUT
10 IN THE FIELD. WHEN I LEARNED ABOUT THOSE LIMITS, I IMMEDIATELY
11 THOUGHT OF MY REPORTING ON SUNDAY, MAY 31ST, 2020. ON THAT
12 DAY, I WAS ASSIGNED TO COVER THE GEORGE FLOYD PROTESTS IN LONG
13 BEACH. I ARRIVED AT 5:00, AT THIRD AND PINE STREETS. CROWDS
14 WERE GROWING. POLICE HAD DECLARED AN UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY. THE
15 POLICE HAD PUSHED PROTESTORS TO THE INTERSECTION. I WAS
16 ASSIGNED TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE LOCAL PROTESTS, AND
17 WHAT TURNED OUT TO BE--

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19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** PLEASE CONTINUE.

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21 **ADOLFO GUZMAN-LOPEZ:** -- SEVERAL TIMES, DESCRIBING WHAT THE
22 PROTESTORS WERE SAYING, THE GENERAL DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE CROWD.
23 AND WHEN LOOTING HAPPENED, I DESCRIBED THAT, AND THE POLICE
24 ACTION AGAINST THE PEOPLE BREAKING INTO STORES. I WAS MOVING
25 ABOUT WITH THE PEOPLE, AND I WAS KEEPING AN EYE ON THE PART OF

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1 THE PROTEST WHERE THE PROTESTORS WERE CONFRONTING THE POLICE,
2 WHILE TAKING PRECAUTIONS. MY L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S PRESS
3 CREDENTIAL WAS AROUND MY NECK. HAVING TO CHECK WITH A POLICE
4 OFFICIAL TO GET PERMISSION ABOUT WHERE TO BE WOULD HAVE SLOWED
5 AND LIMITED MY WORK, AND MAY HAVE KEPT ME FROM EFFECTIVELY
6 INFORMING THE PUBLIC ABOUT A NEWS EVENT THAT IS IMPORTANT--
7 WAS IMPORTANT-- FOR OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR NATION. THANK YOU
8 VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

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

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

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20 **JULIE MITCHELL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
21 JULIE MITCHELL, AND I AM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS FOR THE
22 ROWLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND I AM SPEAKING ON AGENDA
23 ITEM NUMBER TWO, AND AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 69. I RESPECTFULLY
24 REQUEST A NO VOTE ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 2. WHILE THE BASIS OF
25 CONCERN REGARDING POLICE OR LAW ENFORCEMENT IS UNDERSTOOD, THE

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1 STUDIES QUOTED AND CONNECTED WITH THIS ISSUE AND WITH THIS
2 ITEM IS [INAUDIBLE], AS NOTED BY THE AUTHOR. ADDITIONALLY, IF
3 ITEM NUMBER TWO IS APPROVED, IT REMOVES THE DELEGATE
4 AUTHORITY, AND REQUIRES ALL LOS ANGELES COUNTY SCHOOL
5 DISTRICTS TO SEEK A SEPARATE INDIVIDUAL APPROVAL FROM THE
6 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON HAVING A CAMPUS SCHOOL RESOURCE
7 OFFICER TO SERVE STUDENTS. THIS DECISION SHOULD BE AT THE SOLE
8 DISCRETION OF THE LOCALLY ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS.
9 LASTLY, THE MOTION DOES NOT CONSIDER THE POSITIVE
10 RELATIONSHIPS AND WORK BETWEEN SCHOOLS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT. IT
11 IS A COLLECTIVE EFFORT TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR
12 SCHOOLS, AND OUR COMMUNITIES. IN THE ROWLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL
13 DISTRICT, WE WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH THE SHERIFF'S
14 DEPARTMENT IN THE SELECTION OF A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER, SO
15 THAT THAT PARTICULAR INDIVIDUAL IS ABLE TO COMPLEMENT AND MEET
16 THE NEEDS OF OUR STUDENTS, AND SERVE THE OVERALL MISSION OF
17 OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT. THE SCHOOL, IN COLLABORATION WITH LAW
18 ENFORCEMENT, IS ABLE TO SUPPORT THE STUDENTS SOCIALLY,
19 EMOTIONALLY, ACADEMICALLY, AND SAFELY. SCHOOL SAFETY IS
20 ESSENTIAL FOR STUDENTS TO THRIVE, AND THE PRESENCE OF A
21 CAREFULLY SELECTED SCHOOL RESOURCE SUPPORT OFFICER CAN ASSIST
22 IN THIS PROCESS. I STRONGLY URGE A NO VOTE ON ITEM NUMBER TWO,
23 AND A YES VOTE ON ITEM NUMBER 69, AND ALLOW LOCAL SCHOOL
24 BOARDS TO GOVERN LOCALLY FOR THE STUDENTS THAT THEY ARE
25 DIRECTLY ELECTED TO SERVE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

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

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9 **RUBY RIVERA:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS RUBY RIVERA. I
10 AM A TENANT OF DISTRICT TWO, AND THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY
11 ORGANIZING FOR INNERCITY STRUGGLE, IN DISTRICT ONE. I AM
12 SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 81-E. I WANT TO FIRST APPRECIATE
13 THE BOLD LEADERSHIP OF BOARD CHAIR HILDA SOLIS FOR UPLIFTING
14 THE CONCERNS OF TENANTS, AND TAKING BOLD ACTION THROUGH
15 INTRODUCTION OF THE MOTION TO STUDY COUNTY ACQUISITION OF LOW-
16 INCOME RESIDENTIAL TENANT RENTAL DEBT, WHICH IS ALIGNED WITH A
17 DEBT-FREE RECOVERY PLATFORM TO KEEP L.A. HOUSED. THE STATE
18 RENTAL RELIEF PROGRAMS HAVE LEFT MANY TENANTS BEHIND, BECAUSE
19 APPLICATIONS ARE COMPLICATED, AND LANDLORDS HAVE ALL THE
20 POWER. THOUSANDS OF TENANTS STILL HAVE DEBT AND WILL CONTINUE
21 TO ACCRUE DEBT, AND WILL HAVE TO LIVE WITH THE LONG-LASTING
22 IMPACTS OF THIS ECONOMIC CRISIS. I SUPPORT ITEM 81-E, AND I
23 URGE THE BOARD TO VOTE YES ON THIS ITEM, AND TO CONDUCT A
24 FEASIBILITY STUDY TO SEE THE RENTAL DEBT. IN L.A. COUNTY, THE
25 RENT DEBT IS NEARING \$1 BILLION, AND L.A. COUNTY CANNOT AFFORD

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1 TO WAIT ON THE STATE TO TAKE ACTION. WE NEED TO TAKE ACTION
2 NOW, THROUGH THIS MOTION, TO ADDRESS THIS CRISIS, AND TO SEND
3 A MESSAGE TO SACRAMENTO THAT WE NEED INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS THAT
4 TAKE TENANTS INTO ACCOUNT, AND THAT ARE COMING FROM THE
5 TENANTS. AND AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR
6 REALLY PUSHING FORTH THIS BOLD VISION.

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

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

14

15 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I WILL SPEAK TO ITEMS 39,
17 41, 67, AND 81-E. ON ITEM 39, I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE
18 COMPLAINT OF SECURITY [INAUDIBLE]. I HOPE THAT WHEN YOU LOOK
19 AT IT TO SEE WHAT IS REALLY GOING ON, AND THE OUTCOME, THERE
20 WAS A MISTAKE DONE IN THE CALCULATION, AND NOT [INAUDIBLE]. ON
21 ITEM 41, I AM IN FAVOR, BUT I AM VERY CONCERNED, BECAUSE THE
22 [INAUDIBLE] AND TALKED ABOUT, BUT NOT IMPLEMENTED, REALLY, THE
23 WAY IT SHOULD BE. ON ITEM 67, [INAUDIBLE] IS NOT AS CLEAR AS I
24 WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT. AND ALSO, IT SHOULDN'T BE RECEIVE-AND-
25 FILE. IT SHOULD REALLY BE DONE BY YOUR BOARD. ON ITEM 81-E,

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1 ABOUT THE RENT [INAUDIBLE] THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
2 [INAUDIBLE] FOR THE RENTER AND THE OWNER, SO I THINK
3 [INAUDIBLE]. ANYWAY, I HOPE YOU WILL OPEN SOON. I AM REALLY
4 MISSING SEEING YOU IN PERSON. SEE YOU SOON. HAVE A GOOD WEEK.
5 TALK TO YOU LATER. BYE.

6

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

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10 **MODERATOR:** AND AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU
11 HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME.
12 DO NOT PRESS 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED
13 FROM THE QUEUE. RALPH PESCHEK, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
14 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS
15 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

16

17 **RALPH PESCHEK:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIRWOMAN SOLIS AND AND
18 HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS RALPH PESCHEK. I AM A
19 RESIDENT OF THE FIRST DISTRICT, AND TODAY I HAVE GENERAL ITEMS
20 TO ADDRESS, IN ITEMS 2 AND 69. AS A RESIDENT OF THE FIRST
21 DISTRICT, I ALSO SPEAK TO YOU TODAY IN MY CAPACITY AS THE
22 CHIEF BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE WILLIAM S. HART
23 UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, WHICH RESIDES IN THE FIFTH
24 DISTRICT. GOOD TO HEAR YOUR VOICE THIS MORNING, SUPERVISOR
25 BARGER. TWO OF THE ITEMS LISTED FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION ON

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1 TODAY'S AGENDA, ITEMS 2 AND 69, HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO IMPACT
2 STUDENTS, STAFF, AND COMMUNITIES, NOT ONLY IN THE SANTA
3 CLARITA VALLEY, AND SPECIFICALLY WILLIAM S. HART UNION HIGH
4 SCHOOL DISTRICT, BUT ACROSS L.A. COUNTY. AS THE MOST POP---

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6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** PLEASE CONTINUE.

7

8 **RALPH PESCHEK:** -- A DIVERSE POPULATION WITH DISTINCT, EMBEDDED
9 COMMUNITIES, DISTRICT ONE, MY OWN HOME DISTRICT, IS A PRIME
10 EXAMPLE OF WONDERFUL, UNIQUE DIVERSITY OF LOS ANGELES,
11 ENCOMPASSING NOT ONLY SILVER LAKE, BUT DOWNTOWN LINCOLN
12 HEIGHTS, MONTEBELLO, AND POMONA, AND MANY MORE WONDERFUL
13 COMMUNITIES. BUT EACH OF THOSE COMMUNITIES HAS UNIQUE
14 STRENGTHS AND CHALLENGES IN SUPPORTING THE NEEDS OF ITS
15 CONSTITUENTS. AS AN EDUCATOR, I REALIZE THE EDUCATIONAL AND
16 SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL SUPPORT SYSTEMS OUR LOCALLY ELECTED BOARD OF
17 TRUSTEES AND STAFF DEVELOP NEED TO REFLECT THE NEEDS OF OUR
18 STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY. [INAUDIBLE] THOSE DIVERSE AND UNIQUE
19 NEEDS. DEPUTIES WORKING AS SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS ARE A PART
20 OF OUR EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY IN THE SANTA CLARITA. THAT IS NOT
21 A FIGURATIVE STATEMENT, BUT A LITERAL ONE. UNLIKE MY HONORED
22 FRIEND IN LYNWOOD, OUR EXPERIENCES WITH SCHOOL RESOURCE
23 DEPUTIES HAVE DEMONSTRATED THAT THEY ENGAGE WITH STUDENTS IN A
24 SUPPORTIVE AND POSITIVE MANNER, THEREBY ENHANCING THE
25 STUDENTS' PERCEPTION OF THEIR SCHOOL AS A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE

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1 ENVIRONMENT. IN OUR CASE, OVER THE LAST YEAR, WE HAVE HAD
2 MAJOR INCIDENCES WHERE OUR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS HAVE BEEN
3 CRITICAL IN SUPPORTING NOT ONLY OUR SCHOOLS, OUR STUDENTS, BUT
4 OUR COMMUNITY. UNFORTUNATELY, ITEM 2 APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN
5 DRAFTED WITHOUT CONSIDERATION FOR THE ROLE LOCALLY ELECTED
6 OFFICIALS PLAY IN DETERMINING HOW TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF
7 THEIR CONSTITUENTS AND COMMUNITY. ADDITIONALLY, TIMELINES,
8 DEMANDS FOR DATA, AND REQUIREMENTS THAT INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL
9 DISTRICTS PETITION THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON AN INDIVIDUAL
10 BASIS ANNUALLY, APPEAR TO REFLECT AN IMPLICIT BIAS TOWARDS THE
11 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ONEROUS AND
12 PUNITIVE RENEWAL PROCESS FOR DISTRICTS ELECTING, BASED ON
13 LOCAL DECISIONS, TO PARTNER WITH L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S
14 DEPARTMENT AND THE COUNTY FOR THESE SERVICES.

15
16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE
17 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER?

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

22
23 **CARMINA CALDERON:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CARMINA CALDERON,
24 AND I SUPPORT ITEM 81-E, TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY TO
25 SEIZE THE RENT DEBT. AS ORGANIZERS, WE HAVE SEEN THE DURESS OF

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1 OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHILE THEY HAVE FACED THE PANDEMIC, BUT
2 MOST OF ALL IN THE STRESS OF KEEPING A ROOF OVER THEIR HEAD,
3 WHILE ALSO NAVIGATING INSURMOUNTABLE DEBT THAT COMMUNITIES
4 CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY BACK. DEBT RELIEF IS GOOD, BUT THE
5 ESTABLISHED PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN SEVERELY INACCESSIBLE TO OUR
6 COMMUNITY. IN L.A. COUNTY, APPROXIMATELY 218,000 HOUSEHOLDS
7 ARE BEHIND ON RENT, WITH AN ESTIMATED TOTAL RENT DEBT NEARING
8 \$1 BILLION. THE AVERAGE ESTIMATED RENT DEBT PER HOUSEHOLD IS
9 CLOSE TO 7,000. L.A. COUNTY CANNOT AFFORD TO WAIT ON THE
10 STATE. OUR COMMUNITIES CAN NO LONGER WAIT. WE NEED TO TAKE
11 UNPRECEDENTED ACTION TO ADDRESS THIS UNPRECEDENTED CRISIS, AND
12 MAXIMIZE THE FEDERAL DOLLARS TO SUPPORT THOSE REALLY IN NEED
13 [INAUDIBLE]. THIS REPORT IS A FIRST STEP TO ENSURE ALL OF US
14 CAN RECOVER FROM THIS CRISIS. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS
15 FOR HER LEADERSHIP, AND URGE THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION
16 AND COMMIT TO A DEBT-FREE RECOVERY, TO KEEP L.A. HOUSED. THANK
17 YOU.

18
19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
20 PLEASE?

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

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1 **MARTIN PLOURDE:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MARTIN
2 PLOURDE, AND I AM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE WHITTIER UNION
3 HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, WHICH RESIDES IN PORTIONS OF
4 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS ONE AND FOUR. I AM SPEAKING REGARDING
5 ITEMS TWO AND 69 ON TODAY'S AGENDA. THE POINT I WOULD LIKE TO
6 MAKE IS THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS SERVED BY
7 S.R.D.S ARE SMALL- TO MEDIUM-SIZE DISTRICTS GOVERNED BY BOARD
8 OF TRUSTEES, WHO LIVE IN THOSE COMMUNITIES AND KNOW THEIR
9 COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND STUDENTS WELL. IT IS THESE BOARDS OF
10 TRUSTEES, LIKE THE ONE IN WHITTIER UNION, WHO REGULARLY REVIEW
11 THE USE OF OUR DEPUTIES ON CAMPUS, AND ACT IN THE BEST
12 INTEREST OF OUR STUDENTS. WE APPRECIATE ITEM 69 TODAY AND URGE
13 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO APPROVE EXTENDING THE CONTRACTS
14 WITH OUR DISTRICTS THROUGH JUNE OF 2022. HOWEVER, ITEM 2 ON
15 TODAY'S AGENDA SUGGESTS THAT OUR LOCAL GOVERNING BOARDS ARE
16 NOT PAYING ATTENTION TO THE CONCERNS RAISED, WHICH SIMPLY
17 ISN'T THE CASE. THE USE OF S.R.D.S ON SCHOOL CAMPUSES ARE
18 CLEARLY AN ISSUE THAT LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO
19 DECIDE FOR THEIR OWN DISTRICTS. OUR LOCAL GOVERNING BOARDS ARE
20 KEEPING WATCH AND TAKE ACTION WHEN NECESSARY. WE APPRECIATE
21 THAT LYNWOOD UNIFIED MADE THEIR OWN DECISION, BASED ON BAD
22 EXPERIENCES WITH S.R.D.S, BUT THEIR EXPERIENCE IS NOT WHAT WE
23 EXPERIENCE IN WHITTIER UNION. THE REALITY IS, BY HAVING
24 S.R.D.S ON OUR CAMPUSES, THEY KNOW OUR EXPECTATIONS AND
25 CULTURES WITH HOW WE WANT THEM TO BE INVOLVED IN THE POSITIVE

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1 WAYS WITH OUR STUDENTS. THEY ARE, FOR OUR STUDENTS, FAMILIES,
2 AND COMMUNITY, A SENSE OF SAFETY, AND BUILD STRONG, POSITIVE
3 RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR STUDENTS. THEY ARE A VALUABLE RESOURCE
4 TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND OUR SCHOOLS WOULD BE WORSE OFF IF
5 DECISIONS ABOUT S.R.D.S WERE TAKEN OUT OF THE HANDS OF OUR
6 LOCALLY ELECTED GOVERNING BOARDS. I WOULD RESPECTFULLY ASK THE
7 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO TRUST THEIR FELLOW OFFICIALLY ELECTED
8 BOARDS OF TRUSTEES TO MAKE THEIR OWN DECISIONS REGARDING THE
9 USE OF S.R.D.S ON OUR CAMPUSES, AND VOTE NO ON ITEM 2. THANK
10 YOU.

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

14
15 **MODERATOR:** ERIC PREVEN, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS
16 YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON
17 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

18
19 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN, AND I'LL GIVE YOU A
20 COMMENT ON 2 AND 69, AS WELL AS 39, 18, 81-E, AND I WILL GIVE
21 A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, AS WELL. IS THAT CONFIRMED?

22
23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, YES. YOU WILL HAVE THREE
24 MINUTES TO SPEAK. PLEASE BEGIN.

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. FIRST OF ALL, ONE IDEA FOR THE
2 SHERIFFS IN SCHOOL. THIS IS A TOUGH ISSUE, AND THE GENTLEMAN
3 WHO JUST SPOKE MAKES A REASONABLE POINT, THAT THE PEOPLE WHO
4 ARE VERY CLOSE TO THE IMMEDIATE SITUATION SHOULD BE MAKING
5 THAT DECISION. BUT I ALSO NOTE ON YOUR AGENDA YOU HAVE AN ITEM
6 ABOUT PRIVATE SECURITY, WHERE YOU ARE THROWING DOWN \$33
7 MILLION TO EXTEND SOME PRIVATE SECURITY CONTRACT WITH THE
8 UNIVERSAL PROTECTION SERVICES L.P., DOING BUSINESS AS ALLIED
9 UNIVERSAL SECURITY SERVICES. THESE ARE D.P.S.S. LOCATIONS. BUT
10 THE COUNTY IS ENGAGED IN THIS ACTIVITY ALL OVER THE PLACE. IT
11 IS CALLED OUTSOURCING. AND THE REASON WHY WE DO IT-- EVEN
12 THOUGH IT IS IN CONTRAVENTION OF ONE OF THE BOARD'S MOST
13 PRINCIPLED VALUES, THAT PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE REASONABLE JOBS-- I
14 THINK THAT BY HIRING PRIVATE SECURITY GUARDS WHO WORK FOR
15 COMPANIES THAT MAKE A LOT OF MONEY, AND THE EMPLOYEES MAKE A
16 LITTLE MONEY, WE CREATE FURTHER WEALTH POVERTY DIVISION. AND I
17 KNOW THAT YOU HAVE BEEN FIGHTING TO REDUCE THAT. I REMEMBER
18 WHEN HAHN AND SOLIS, AND EVEN KUEHL, CAME IN FRESH-FACED AND
19 EAGER, AND THOUGHT WE COULD TAKE SOME OF THESE PRIVATE
20 CONTRACTS AND PUT GOOD COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO WORK, BUT THAT
21 HASN'T HAPPENED. I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY, SOME OF THAT HAS HAPPENED,
22 BUT LET'S GET BACK ON POINT. SUPPORTING EXISTING FREEDOMS.
23 WELL, THIS IS A--
24

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** PLEASE CONTINUE. MR. PREVEN, ARE YOU STILL
2 THERE? THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

3

4 **MODERATOR:** LESLIE MONTOYA, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
5 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS
6 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **LESLIE MONTOYA:** HI, MY NAME LESLIE MONTOYA. I AM A RESIDENT IN
9 DISTRICT ONE, AND I SUPPORT THE DEBT-FREE RECOVERY PLATFORM TO
10 KEEP L.A. HOUSED, AND I SUPPORT ITEM 81-E. THE STATE RENTAL
11 RELIEF PROGRAMS HAVE LEFT MANY TENANTS BEHIND, BECAUSE
12 APPLICATIONS ARE COMPLICATED, AND LANDLORDS HAVE ALL THE
13 POWER. THOUSANDS OF TENANTS STILL HAVE DEBT, WILL CONTINUE TO
14 ACCRUE DEBT, AND WILL HAVE TO LIVE WITH THE LONG-LASTING
15 IMPACTS OF THIS ECONOMIC CRISIS. I SUPPORT ITEM 81-E, TO
16 CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY TO SEIZE THE RENT DEBT. IN L.A.
17 COUNTY, APPROXIMATELY 218,028 HOUSEHOLDS ARE BEHIND ON RENT,
18 WITH AN ESTIMATED TOTAL RENT DEBT NEARING A BILLION DOLLARS.
19 THE AVERAGE ESTIMATED RENT DEBT PER HOUSEHOLD IS CLOSE TO
20 7,000 DOLLARS. L.A. COUNTY CAN'T AFFORD TO WAIT ON THE STATE.
21 WE NEED TO TAKE UNPRECEDENTED ACTION TO ADDRESS THIS
22 UNPRECEDENTED CRISIS, AND MAXIMIZE FEDERAL DOLLARS TO SUPPORT
23 THOSE REALLY IN NEED: TENANTS AND SMALL LANDLORDS. THIS REPORT
24 IS A FIRST STEP TO ENSURE ALL OF US CAN RECOVER FROM THIS
25 CRISIS. I URGE THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION AND COMMIT TO

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1 A DEBT-FREE RECOVERY TO KEEP L.A. HOUSED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
2 TIME.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MR. PREVEN, IT APPEARS YOU WERE
5 CUT OFF EARLIER. IF YOU WISH TO CONTINUE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD,
6 PLEASE CALL BACK. THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
7 PLEASE?

8

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

12

13 **SPEAKER:** I WANT TO ADDRESS ITEM S-1, AND ALSO, I GUESS,
14 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, YES. YOU WILL HAVE TWO MINUTES.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. I OPPOSE THE MANDATORY GOVERNMENT ORDERS FOR
19 ALL PERSONS TO TAKE THE C.O.V.I.D. VACCINE. I WANT TO MAKE IT
20 CLEAR THAT I AM NOT OPPOSED TO VACCINES, AND I, MYSELF, TAKE
21 ANY VACCINE THAT I FEEL IS APPROPRIATE FOR ME, WHICH COVERS
22 EVERYTHING. BUT I DON'T FEEL THAT THE ORDER FROM THE
23 GOVERNMENT TO INGEST ANY SUBSTANCE BY FORCE IS CORRECT. IT
24 VIOLATES THE FREEDOM OF INDIVIDUAL CHOICE, AND THIS KIND OF
25 ORDER WAS NOT DONE DURING OTHER PANDEMICS. NOW, FOR EXAMPLE,

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1 THERE WAS THE POLIO PANDEMIC, WHICH I WAS A CHILD WHEN THAT
2 HAPPENED, AND EVERYONE WANTED THE VACCINE, BUT THERE WAS NO
3 ORDER FROM THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE IT. I BELIEVE THIS KIND OF
4 AN ORDER EXCEEDS THE LEGITIMATE USE OF GOVERNMENTAL POWER. AND
5 THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO ADDRESS.

6

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

9

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

13

14 **SPEAKER:** YES, GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M GOING TO
15 ADDRESS ITEM 15. I HAVE A TESTIMONIAL. I AM A COOK AT ANTELOPE
16 VALLEY REHABILITATION CENTER, AND I'M WITH A.V.R.C. AND
17 S.E.I.U. 721. I JUST WANTED TO SPEAK OUT WITH A BRIEF
18 TESTIMONIAL [INAUDIBLE] TO THE COMMUNITY. AS I KNOW, FOR EACH
19 PERSON THAT GOES THROUGH THE PROGRAM-- THEY HAVE A WORK
20 PROGRAM-- PART OF THAT PROGRAM IS THEM WORKING IN THE KITCHEN.
21 JUST TO LET YOU GUYS KNOW, [INAUDIBLE] KITCHEN, AS THEY COME
22 THROUGH THE PROGRAM, WE TEACH EACH PERSON A GOOD JOB SKILL,
23 WHERE THEY CAN GO OUT IN THE COMMUNITY AND GET A JOB, SO THEY
24 CAN FEED AND TAKE CARE OF THEIR FAMILY. I'VE BEEN THERE FOR
25 THE PAST 10 YEARS, AND EVERY TIME I GO OUT IN THE COMMUNITY,

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1 AND I GO TO MY LOCAL STORE, [INAUDIBLE] I GET OUT OF THAT FOR
2 DOING WHAT I DID FOR THESE [INAUDIBLE] JOB SKILLS IS WHEN THEY
3 INTRODUCE ME TO THEIR FAMILY AND THANK ME PERSONALLY FOR
4 SHOWING THEM A SKILL, WHERE I TRAIN THEM WHERE THEY CAN BECOME
5 A BETTER FATHER, HUSBAND, TO THEIR FAMILY, AND WHERE THEY CAN
6 TAKE CARE OF THEIR KIDS AND FEED THEM. SO I RESPECTFULLY URGE
7 THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECONSIDER THE CLOSURE OF
8 A.V.R.C., BECAUSE IT IS A VITAL, VITAL, VITAL LANDMARK IN THIS
9 COMMUNITY. WE HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE-- FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS, I
10 HAVE TRAINED HUNDREDS OF CLIENTS TO HAVE A JOB WHERE THEY CAN
11 FEED THEIR FAMILIES. AND THAT'S THE BEST PART ABOUT ME BEING A
12 COUNTY WORKER: WHAT I DONE FOR THESE CLIENTS THAT CAME THROUGH
13 THE PROGRAM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14

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

16

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

20

21 **DAVID MALKIN:** THANK YOU. I AM ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER TWO, AND
22 NUMBER 69. TODAY I AM SPEAKING AS BOTH A ROWLAND UNIFIED
23 SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, DISTRICT 4, AND AS A LICENSED CLINICAL
24 SOCIAL WORKER, IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 2,
25 AND A YES ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 69. AS WRITTEN, AGENDA ITEM

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1 NUMBER TWO WOULD REQUIRE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO COME TO
2 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR APPROVAL FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL
3 SCHOOL EXTENSION CONTRACT WITH AN S.R.D., AS OF JUNE 30TH,
4 2022. IT WOULD TAKE IT OUT OF THE HANDS OF LOCAL CONTROL. IT
5 IS NOT JUST DATA COLLECTION THAT IS BEING REQUESTED. MANY
6 PEOPLE THINK ITEM NUMBER TWO IS JUST DATA COLLECTION, BUT IT
7 IS NOT. I CAN TELL YOU BY EXPERIENCE THAT ROWLAND UNIFIED HAS
8 HAD FEWER BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS AND CITATIONS ISSUED TO STUDENTS
9 SINCE WE CHANGED FROM A SCHOOL-BASED POLICE DEPARTMENT TO
10 CONTRACTING FOR AN S.R.D. SCHOOL RESOURCE DEPUTY. THE STUDY
11 CITED IN YOUR RESOLUTION SPECIFICALLY STATED IT DID NOT
12 ADDRESS THE HIRING PROCESS AND THE EFFECTS IT HAS HAD ON THE
13 IMPLEMENTATION OF AN S.R.D. ON CAMPUS. WHEN SELECTION AN
14 S.R.D., WE ENROLL AND ACTIVELY PARTNER WITH OUR LOCAL L.A.S.D.
15 STATIONS, AND SEEK OUT AN INDIVIDUAL THAT WOULD HAVE THE SAME
16 TRAITS AS OUR TEACHERS OR COUNSELORS: ONE THAT IS
17 COMPASSIONATE, A MENTOR, AND SUPPORTIVE. IF THE RIGHT OFFICER
18 IS SELECTED, THAT CAN BUILD A BRIDGE SO BADLY NEEDED BETWEEN
19 STUDENTS AND POLICE. THE FEAR OF POLICE IS COMMON AMONGST US
20 ALL. FREQUENTLY, WE SEE MINORITIES THAT ARE VICTIMS OF POLICE
21 MISCONDUCT, WHEN THE INDIVIDUAL IS PULLED OVER OR CONFRONTED
22 BY THE POLICE. THAT POSITIVE EXPERIENCE ON THE SCHOOL CAMPUS
23 SETTING WOULD TRANSFER, AND ENABLE STUDENTS TO COPE WITH THIS
24 FEAR AND AVOID GETTING INTO A NEGATIVE SITUATION. THE FOCUS OF
25 COMMUNITY POLICING IS TO CREATE A POSITIVE IMAGE OF THE

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1 POLICE. WHAT BETTER WAY TO DO THIS THAN TO START IT IN THE
2 PUBLIC SCHOOLS? PLEASE VOTE NO ON ITEM NUMBER TWO, AND YES ON
3 ITEM NUMBER 69, AND KEEP THE CONTROL WITHIN THE LOCAL
4 JURISDICTION OF THE SCHOOL BOARDS. THANK YOU.

5

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

8

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

12

13 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS SUSAN ANDERSON, AND GOOD
14 MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I AM A RESIDENT OF SUPERVISOR
15 SOLIS'S DISTRICT ONE. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON TWO, OTHER; SIX,
16 IN FAVOR; 18, IN FAVOR; 26, OPPOSED; AND 69, OPPOSED. AND
17 ALSO, GENERAL COMMENT. ON NUMBER TWO, LAW ENFORCEMENT ON
18 CAMPUS IS THE OPPOSITE OF A CARE-FIRST COUNTY. SCHOOLS ARE
19 WHERE A CARE-FIRST VISION BEGINS, WHERE WE CAN INVEST IN OUR
20 YOUTH THROUGH MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT, EDUCATION, DANCE,
21 THEATER, ART, AND CARE. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHOULD PURSUE
22 A CARE-FIRST VISION FOR OUR SCHOOLS. NO LAW ENFORCEMENT ON
23 CAMPUS, NO MATTER HOW MUCH DATA IS COLLECTED, OR HOW
24 TRANSPARENT L.A.S.D. IS ABOUT THEIR VIOLENCE. ON ITEM NUMBER
25 SIX, WHY DO WE CHOOSE TO CRIMINALIZE MENTAL HEALTH? PEOPLE

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1 WITH UNTREATED MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS ARE 16 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO
2 BE KILLED DURING A POLICE ENCOUNTER THAN OTHER CIVILIANS.
3 ALTHOUGH PEOPLE WITH UNTREATED MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS MAKE UP ONE
4 IN 50 IN U.S. ADULTS, THEY ARE INVOLVED IN 25 TO 50 PERCENT OF
5 FATAL POLICE SHOOTINGS. THIS STARK DISPARITY MEANS THAT
6 EXPANDING P.M.R.T. CAPACITY TO RESPOND TO THESE SITUATIONS
7 WILL TRANSLATE TO SIGNIFICANTLY LESS HARM CAUSED BY POLICE.
8 NUMBER 18: S.B. 98, AS AMENDED, WILL INFRINGE ON THE FREEDOM
9 OF THE PRESS. ONLY ALLOWING PRESS ACCESS WITH AUTHORIZATION
10 FROM A COMMANDING OFFICER GIVES POWER TO THE OFFICER, RATHER
11 THAN THE PRESS. THIS AMENDMENT GIVES LAW ENFORCEMENT THE POWER
12 TO DECIDE WHERE AND WHEN THE PRESS GETS ACCESS; IN TURN,
13 LIMITING WHAT THEY CAN REPORT ON. THIS IS NOT FREE PRESS, IT
14 IS CENSORING THE MEDIA. ITEM NUMBER 26: THE INSPECTOR
15 GENERAL'S REPORT ON L.A.S.D. OVERSIGHT AND REFORM EFFORTS FROM
16 JANUARY TO MARCH 2021 REVEALS THAT THE L.A.S.D. RECEIVED 268
17 SERVICE AND PERSONNEL COMPLAINTS. THERE WERE FIVE DEPUTY-
18 INVOLVED SHOOTINGS THIS QUARTER, WITH TWO OF THEM BEING FATAL.
19 AND IN THIS QUARTER, 15 PEOPLE IN L.A.S.D. CUSTODY DIED. VERY
20 LITTLE INFORMATION WAS RELEASED ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF
21 THESE INDIVIDUALS' DEATHS. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CONTINUES
22 TO BE THE PRIMARY DRIVER OF LIABILITY COSTS FOR LOS ANGELES
23 COUNTY. OF THE \$148.5 MILLION LOS ANGELES COUNTY SPENT ON
24 LIABILITY IN FISCAL YEAR 2018 TO 2019, THE SHERIFF'S
25 DEPARTMENT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR 55% OF THOSE COSTS, TOTALING

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1 \$81,485,430. ADDITIONALLY, THE COUNTY PAID \$60.4 MILLION FOR
2 240 L.A.S.D. SETTLEMENTS. THE COUNTY'S MOST EXPENSIVE
3 SETTLEMENTS ALL INVOLVED SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MISCONDUCT. AT
4 THIS BOARD MEETING ALONE, THE SETTLEMENTS BY L.A.S.D. TOTAL
5 OVER \$2 MILLION. AND ON ITEM--

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

9

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

13

14 **MATT PEARCE:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
15 MATT PEARCE, AND I AM SPEAKING AS THE PRESIDENT OF MEDIA GUILD
16 OF THE WEST, A NEWSGUILD-C.W.A. LOCAL THAT REPRESENTS
17 UNIONIZED JOURNALISTS AT THE LOS ANGELES TIMES AND SEVERAL
18 OTHER NEWS ROOMS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, ARIZONA, AND TEXAS. I
19 AM ALSO A REPORTER AT THE L.A. TIMES, AND I LIVE AND WORK IN
20 DISTRICT 2. I WILL BE SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 18, AND
21 PROVIDING A GENERAL COMMENT. AS JOURNALISTS, WE DON'T NORMALLY
22 GET INVOLVED IN POLITICS, BUT OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS, MY
23 PROFESSION HAS WITNESSED A DISTURBING DETERIORATION IN LAW
24 ENFORCEMENT TREATMENT OF JOURNALISTS WHO ARE ON THE JOB,
25 COVERING PROTESTS, DEMONSTRATIONS, AND CIVIL UNREST. IN RECENT

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1 MONTHS, THERE HAVE BEEN A SERIES OF HIGH-PROFILE LOCAL
2 INCIDENTS THAT HAVE ALARMED MANY OF US, AS WORKING
3 JOURNALISTS. THESE INCIDENTS INCLUDE THE L.A. SHERIFF'S
4 DEPARTMENT'S MISTREATMENT OF K.P.C.C. REPORTER JOSIE HUANG,
5 AND THE L.A.P.D.'S UNWARRANTED DETENTION OF SEVERAL
6 JOURNALISTS AT ECHO PARK LAKE, INCLUDING MY COLLEAGUE JAMES
7 QUEALLY AT THE L.A. TIMES, WHO IS ALSO A MEMBER OF MY UNION.
8 AFTER THESE INCIDENTS, AN UNPRECEDENTED COALITION OF PRESS
9 ASSOCIATIONS, MEDIA UNIONS, AND ADVOCACY GROUPS REPRESENTING
10 THOUSANDS OF RANK-AND-FILE JOURNALISTS ACROSS CALIFORNIA HAVE
11 COME TOGETHER TO PROTEST THE TREATMENT OF OUR COLLEAGUES, NOT
12 JUST OF MAINSTREAM NEW ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE L.A. TIMES, BUT
13 ALSO INDEPENDENT JOURNALISTS, FREELANCERS, AND STUDENT
14 JOURNALISTS, WHO HAVE THE SAME FIRST-AMENDMENT RIGHTS WE DO,
15 AND THE SAME CONCERNS FOR THEIR ON-THE-JOB SAFETY. I WOULD
16 LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR INTRODUCING A MOTION TO
17 PUSH FOR A STRONGER S.B. 98, WHICH MY UNION AND OUR COALITION
18 SUPPORTS. THIS BILL IS INTRODUCED WITH MODESTLY EXTENDED BASIC
19 PROTECTIONS AGAINST ARREST FOR JOURNALISTS COVERING PROTESTS
20 AND OTHER CIVIL UNREST IN CALIFORNIA. BUT A RECENT AMENDMENT
21 BY THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE WOULD HAVE REQUIRED
22 JOURNALISTS TO GET A POLICE COMMANDER'S POSITION TO ENTER
23 CLOSED AREAS AROUND A PROTEST, IN ORDER TO DO THEIR JOB. THIS
24 IS WRONG, AND MANY SENATORS WHO ORIGINALLY SUPPORTED THIS
25 AMENDMENT KNOW IT IS WRONG, AND HAVE SINCE PUBLICLY WITHDRAWN

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1 THEIR SUPPORT. WE ENCOURAGE THE ASSEMBLY TO REMOVE THE
2 AMENDMENT AND PASS THE CLEAN BILL. I WOULD THANK THE BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

4

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

7

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

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH
14 INTERPRETATION OF THIS REMINDER. [INSTRUCTIONS IN SPANISH.]
15 THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

16

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

20

21 **ERIC PREVEN:** IT IS ERIC PREVEN, AND I WAS SPEAKING ABOUT THE
22 PRIVATE SECURITY AS A POSSIBLE SOLUTION FOR SAFETY IN SCHOOLS.
23 THAT'S ITEM 39. AND THEN I WAS ALSO TALKING ABOUT HOW I
24 THOUGHT THAT THE PRESS ITEM, SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 98, WAS
25 IRONIC. AND THOUGH IT IS NICE THAT YOU CALLED ME BACK TODAY

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1 AFTER BLOCKING MY COMMENT, ACCIDENTALLY OR INADVERTENTLY OR
2 WHATEVER, YOU NEVER DO THAT UNLESS MATT PEARCE AND THE REAL
3 JOURNALISTS IN AMERICA ARE LISTENING, AND THEY ARE
4 APPRECIATIVE FOR THIS ITEM. THIS IS AN ITEM THAT IS ABOUT
5 MAKING IT CLEAR THAT PEOPLE WHO REPORT AND INFORM THE PUBLIC
6 HAVE ACCESS AND ARE NOT BLOCKED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT. IT IS
7 CRITICALLY IMPORTANT. AND IT WAS AMENDED TO MAKE IT LESS
8 EFFECTIVE, LAST MINUTE. AND ALL OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY MEMBERS
9 VOTED FOR IT. OR THE SENATORS, ONE OR THE OTHER. IT GOES TO
10 ONE FIRST, AND THEN THE OTHER, INCLUDING BEN ALLEN. AND THEN
11 PEOPLE MADE A HUE AND A CRY, AND IT'S COME OUT, AND THEY ARE
12 GOING TO TRY, AND NOW THE GREAT LEADERS OF THE COUNTY AND THE
13 STATE ARE STEPPING FORWARD TO PROTECT JOURNALISTS' RIGHTS. IT
14 IS VERY, VERY TOUCHING. BUT WHAT ABOUT THE PUBLIC SCRUTINY
15 THAT IS AFFORDED BY GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, AND ALL THE PUBLIC
16 COMMENT? THE ONLY REASON WHY I EVEN KNOW ABOUT THIS IS BECAUSE
17 I HEARD PEOPLE TALK ABOUT IT. WE HEAR ONE ANOTHER TALK ABOUT
18 STUFF, AND WE BECOME ILLUMINATED WITH INFORMATION, AND
19 THEREFORE MORE POWERFUL, AND WE HELP DRY UP THE CORRUPTION.
20 BUT IT DOESN'T WORK. IT DOESN'T WORK, IF THE BOARD IS ALLOWED
21 TO TAKE FOUR MEETINGS A WEEK-- REGULAR MEETINGS-- AND TURN IT
22 INTO TWO REGULAR MEETINGS WITH OVER 100 ITEMS ON IT, SO THAT
23 YOU CAN'T EVEN COMMENT ON THE ACTUAL MEAT AND POTATOES THAT
24 ARE ALSO IN THIS AGENDA. I WILL TRY, BUT THERE'S NO TIME LEFT.
25 I TALKED ABOUT THE UNARMED SECURITY GUARD SERVICES. THAT'S A

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1 VERY, VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE ABOUT, HOW CAN WE MAKE GOOD JOBS
2 FOR PEOPLE AT THE COUNTY, AND NOT JUST KEEP ALL THE GOOD JOBS
3 AT THE COUNTY, WHILE MAKING A GREAT DEAL SCREWING OTHERS BY
4 GETTING PEOPLE TO WORK FOR WAGES THAT DON'T CUT THE DEAL? NOW,
5 I DID NOTE THE TENANT PROTECTION ITEM, AND OF COURSE THIS IS
6 APPRECIATED. THERE WILL BE A HUE AND A CRY, THOUGH, FROM THE
7 MOMS AND THE POPS IN BARGER'S DISTRICT, AND WE HAVE TO FIND A
8 WAY NOT TO PENALIZE THE SMALL HOMEOWNERS. WE HAVE AN
9 ORGANIZATION THAT I AM SPEARHEADING, CALLED... I ALWAYS FORGET
10 THE NAMES OF THE ORGANIZATIONS I AM SPEARHEADING, BECAUSE I'M
11 SO BUSY, BUT IT IS SOMETHING LIKE "SMALL HOMEOWNERS IN
12 TROUBLE." WE CAN CALL IT [EXPLETIVE] AS A LITTLE ACRONYM. AND
13 THE PROBLEM IS THAT WE DO HAVE A TOUGH TIME. THERE ARE A LOT
14 OF TENANTS THAT NEED HELP, SUPPORT, BUT THE PERCEPTION THAT
15 ALL LANDLORDS ARE CORRUPT, AND ALL TENANTS ARE INNOCENT-- WE
16 HAVE AN UPCOMING-- I WILL BE SUBMITTING AN ARTICLE ABOUT SOME
17 OF THE DIRTY TRICKS THAT TENANTS PLAY. BUT I SUPPORT TENANTS.
18 AND I, AS YOU ALL KNOW, AM A LIBERAL. I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT A
19 PROGRESSIVE.

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

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

4

5 **GREG BONNETT:** HI. THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS GREG
6 BONNETT. I AM A STAFF ATTORNEY AT PUBLIC COUNSEL, AND I AM
7 SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 81-E. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS
8 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, REGARDING THE COUNTY'S POTENTIAL
9 ACQUISITION OF RENT DEBT. WE THINK EXPLORING NEW AND BOLD
10 APPROACHES TO RENTAL ASSISTANCE IS EXACTLY WHAT THIS MOMENT
11 CALLS FOR. THE PANDEMIC HIGHLIGHTED AND EXACERBATED RACIAL AND
12 CLASS DISPARITIES IN OUR SOCIETY, AND A BETTER APPROACH TO
13 RENTAL ASSISTANCE COULD HELP ADDRESS THESE DISPARITIES AND
14 REALLY MAKE A BROAD, INCLUSIVE RECOVERY POSSIBLE. TO DO THIS,
15 WE NEED TO ADDRESS THE SHORTCOMINGS OF PAST RENTAL ASSISTANCE
16 PROGRAMS. FOR EXAMPLE, REQUIRING LANDLORDS TO RELINQUISH DEBT
17 IN EXCHANGE FOR A FAIR PAYMENT WOULD ADDRESS THE UNFAIR
18 DYNAMIC RIGHT NOW, WHERE A LANDLORD DECIDES WHETHER THE
19 TENANT'S DEBT IS RESOLVED OR NOT. AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE
20 FAIR MARKET VALUE OF RENT DEBT WOULD HELP THE COUNTY AVOID
21 OVERPAYING LARGE CORPORATE LANDLORDS THAT DON'T REALLY NEED
22 ASSISTANCE, LETTING THE COUNTY STRETCH THE FUNDS FURTHER TO
23 RESOLVE ALL THE RENT DEBT, AND ALLOWING THE COUNTY TO MAKE
24 MORE GENEROUS PAYMENTS TO SMALL LANDLORDS AND NONPROFIT
25 AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROVIDERS WHO REALLY DO NEED ASSISTANCE.

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1 STRETCHING ASSISTANCE FARTHER, TO PROVIDE MORE ASSISTANCE TO
2 MORE TENANTS, COULD PREVENT THOUSANDS FROM FALLING INTO
3 HOMELESSNESS.

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE
6 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

7

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

11

12 **MARK-ANTHONY CLAYTON-JOHNSON:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS.
13 AGENDA ITEM 6, 81-B, AND 7, GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. JUST WANT
14 TO START OFF BY SAYING THANK YOU TO SUPERVISORS HAHN AND
15 BARGER FOR THIS REALLY CRITICAL MOTION THAT WOULD EXPAND
16 ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE FOR 24/7. MANY OF US KNOW THOSE
17 MOMENTS WHEN WE FELT LIKE WE HAD NO OPTIONS, WHEN OUR LOVED
18 ONES WERE SUFFERING, WHEN THEY NEEDED HELP, WHEN THEY NEEDED
19 SUPPORT, AND THERE WAS NO OTHER OPTION, AND CALLING 9-1-1
20 CERTAINLY WAS TOO RISKY. IT ALWAYS HAS BEEN. AND CERTAINLY, WE
21 KNOW THAT MOMENT WHEN YOU CALL THE P.E.T. TEAM, AND THEY ASK
22 YOU, "DOES YOUR LOVED ONE HAVE A RECORD?" THAT'S A QUESTION
23 THAT WOULD ALWAYS PUT A PIT IN MY STOMACH. BECAUSE IF YOU TELL
24 THEM YES, THEIR RESPONSE WAS, "THEN YOU GOT TO CALL 9-1-1."
25 AND IF YOU TELL THEM NO, THEN THEY WEREN'T AVAILABLE FOR HOURS

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1 AND HOURS ON END. SO THIS MOTION TODAY, THAT WE URGE THE BOARD
2 TO PASS, IS AN ABSOLUTELY LIFESAVING MOTION. IT IS ONE THAT IS
3 GOING TO BE REALLY CRITICAL TO THIS EFFORT THAT WE ARE IN
4 RIGHT NOW, TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. AND WE KNOW THAT PART
5 OF THE PRIORITY IS TO PREVENT FOLKS WITH MENTAL HEALTH
6 DISABILITIES FROM ENDING UP IN OUR FACILITIES, BUT ALSO ENSURE
7 THAT THEY GET THE CARE THAT THEY NEED, AND THAT FAMILIES GET
8 THE SUPPORT THAT THEY NEED. SO WE URGE YOU TO PUSH FORWARD
9 THIS MOTION TODAY. SECONDLY, WITH REGARD TO ITEM 7, IT'S
10 REALLY CRITICAL THAT, YES, THAT WE INCREASE OVERSIGHT OF LAW
11 ENFORCEMENT, PARTICULARLY AROUND THE INTERACTIONS AND OUR
12 CONTRACTS AND THEIR PRESENCE IN OUR SCHOOLS. BECAUSE,
13 ULTIMATELY, LAW ENFORCEMENT DOES NOT BELONG IN OUR SCHOOLS. I
14 GREW UP IN A GENERATION WHERE IT BECAME ASSUMED MORE AND MORE
15 EVERY YEAR THAT WE HAD TO HAVE POLICE ON CAMPUS, AND SHERIFFS
16 ON CAMPUS. IT BECAME SO BAD THAT BY THE TIME I GRADUATED
17 COLLEGE, WE ACTUALLY WENT BACK TO MY ALMA MATER HIGH SCHOOL
18 AND PROPOSED A DIFFERENT SOLUTION: PROPOSED TRAUMA COUNSELING
19 AND SOBRIETY SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, DEVELOPED A PEER
20 MENTORSHIP PROGRAM THAT I'M HAPPY TO SAY WAS EXTREMELY
21 SUCCESSFUL. AND YOUNG PEOPLE TOOK THEIR OWN WELLBEING THEIR
22 OWN EDUCATION, THEIR OWN [INAUDIBLE] MANY OF THOSE YOUNG
23 PEOPLE HAVE BECOME CHANGE AGENTS, LEADERS, AND ARE DOING
24 INCREDIBLE WORK NOW, BECAUSE WE BELIEVED IN THEM AS THE
25 RESOURCE. THOSE ARE THE FOLKS WHO ARE CLOSEST TO THE PROBLEM,

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1 CLOSEST TO THE ISSUE THAT WE NEED TO BE INNOVATING AROUND, AND
2 INNOVATING WITH, NOT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WHICH HAS MADE
3 CLEAR THEIR STANCE AND THEIR POSITION ON THESE ISSUES. AND SO
4 WE ARE CALLING ON YOU TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION TO REALLY RAISE
5 THE BAR, AND TO SET THE GROUNDWORK FOR US TO REINVEST AND
6 THINK ABOUT HOW WE INVEST IN YOUNG PEOPLE, IN THE SAFETY OF
7 YOUNG PEOPLE. AND LASTLY, WITH REGARD TO 81-B, AGAIN, THANK
8 YOU, SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND MITCHELL, FOR CONTINUING TO DRIVE
9 FORWARD THIS CRITICAL MOTION FOR RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGE. IT
10 REALLY CAN'T BE UNDERSTATED THAT AFTER ALMOST A DECADE OF
11 WORK, WE ARE IN A MOMENT WHERE WE ARE TALKING ABOUT NOT
12 BUILDING JAILS, BUT ACTUALLY BUILDING THE AFFIRMATIVES:
13 BUILDING THE HOUSING, BUILDING THE SERVICES, BUILDING OUT THE
14 ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE, AND REALLY THE ELEGANCE OF ALL
15 THESE SYSTEMS THAT WILL PLAY INTO EACH OTHER AND INTERACT WITH
16 EACH OTHER, AND CREATE A LOS ANGELES THAT OUR LOVED ONES
17 DESERVED WHEN THEY WERE GROWING UP, THAT WE DESERVE. AND SO
18 THIS IS AN INCREDIBLE PIECE OF WORK, IT IS AN INCREDIBLE
19 MOTION, AND WE ARE ASKING YOU TODAY TO REALLY ENSURE THAT IT
20 DRIVES US CLOSER TO THE CLOSURE OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, THAT IT
21 IS ROOTED IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.

22
23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE
24 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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

4

5 **ELIZABETH GUZMAN:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ELIZABETH GUZMAN. I AM A
6 TENANT IN S.D. 2, AND A TENANT ORGANIZER WITH S.A.J.E., AND I
7 AM CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 81-E, AND FOR GENERAL PUBLIC
8 COMMENT. AS AN ORGANIZER, I HAVE HEARD FIRSTHAND THE
9 DIFFICULTIES THAT TENANTS HAVE HAD DURING THIS TIME: PEOPLE
10 WHO OWE BETWEEN 7,000 AND 20,000 DOLLARS IN RENT, THAT HAVEN'T
11 RECEIVED A DIME FROM THE RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. PEOPLE WHO
12 HAVE SPENT EIGHT HOURS TRYING TO FILL OUT THEIR RENTAL
13 ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS, OR HAVE TO MAKE MORE THAN FOUR CALLS
14 TO FIGURE OUT WHERE TO APPLY. SO WE KNOW FIRSTHAND THAT THE
15 STATE RENTAL RELIEF PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN DOING ENOUGH TO
16 ADDRESS THE MOUNTING RENT DEBT AND ENSURE OUR COMMUNITIES
17 REMAIN HOUSED, BUT THAT PROTECTION IS SET TO EXPIRE AT THE END
18 OF THE MONTH. HUNDREDS AND THOUSANDS OF L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS
19 ARE GOING TO BE AT RISK OF EVICTION. SO I WANT TO THANK HILDA
20 SOLIS FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY TO
21 SEIZE THE RENT DEBT, AND I URGE MY SUPERVISOR, HOLLY MITCHELL,
22 AND ALL THE REST OF THE SUPERVISORS TO TAKE BOLD LEADERSHIP
23 AND SUPPORT THIS MOTION. L.A. COUNTY CANNOT AFFORD TO WAIT ON
24 THE STATE. WE HAVE BEEN A COUNTY THAT'S BEEN RENT-BURDENED,
25 THAT HAS HAD A HOUSING CRISIS FOR MANY YEARS BEFORE THE

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1 PANDEMIC HIT. SO WE NEED TO TAKE ACTION NOW, TO ENSURE THAT
2 TENANTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN HIT HARDEST BY THIS
3 PANDEMIC, REMAIN HOUSED AND ARE ABLE TO RECOVER FROM THIS
4 CRISIS. SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH YOU ALL
5 TO MAKE DEBT RECOVERY SOMETHING REAL IN L.A. COUNTY. AND THEN
6 FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, I JUST WANT TO SAY, I DO NOT
7 SUPPORT POLICE IN SCHOOLS, SO I WANT TO SAY NO ON 69, AND YES
8 ON ITEM 2. AND WITH THAT, I CLOSE MY COMMENT.

9

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

12

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

16

17 **IVETTE ALE:** IVETTE ALE, WITH DIGNITY AND POWER NOW, AND THE
18 JUSTICE L.A. COALITION IN DISTRICT 5. I WILL SPEAK ON ITEMS 2,
19 6, 18, 19, 22, 26, 69, 81-B, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. ON
20 ITEMS 2 AND 69, I AGREE WITH MARK-ANTHONY CLAYTON-JOHNSON THAT
21 THOSE CLOSEST TO THE ISSUE ARE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, WHO HAVE
22 OVERWHELMINGLY OPPOSED LAW ENFORCEMENT IN SCHOOLS. WE KNOW
23 THAT THE SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE BEGINS WITH POLICING OF
24 STUDENTS AT THEIR PLACE OF LEARNING, A PLACE WHERE YOUNG
25 PEOPLE SHOULD BE SAFE FROM CRIMINALIZATION. WHILE I SUPPORT

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1 THE INTENT OF MOTION TWO AND THE ACCESS OF THIS MOTION THAT
2 INSTRUCTS O.D.R. TO REPORT ON EXISTING COMMUNITY INTERVENTIONS
3 AND SUPPORTS THAT REDUCE THE NEED FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, IT IS
4 UNACCEPTABLE TO WASTE FURTHER TIME AND RESOURCES COLLECTING
5 DATA WHEN THE RESEARCH SHOWS THAT POLICE ON CAMPUS DO NOT MAKE
6 SCHOOL SAFER, AND IN FACT HARM BLACK AND BROWN STUDENTS,
7 PARTICULARLY BLACK GIRLS. THE BOARD SHOULD INSTEAD PURSUE A
8 CARE-FIRST VISION FOR OUR SCHOOLS. SUBJECTING CHILDREN TO THE
9 VIOLENCE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, EVEN VIOLENCE WITH OVERSIGHT, IS
10 REPREHENSIBLE. I ASK FOR A NO VOTE ON ITEM 69. THANK YOU,
11 SUPERVISORS HAHN AND BARGER, FOR YOUR MOTION TO EXPAND
12 ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE. AS SOMEONE WHO HAS SUPPORTED MANY
13 LOVED ONES THROUGH MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE CRISES, I
14 STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION. WE HAVE CHOSEN TO CRIMINALIZE
15 MENTAL HEALTH FOR FAR TOO LONG. PEOPLE WITH UNTREATED MENTAL
16 ILLNESS ARE 16 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE KILLED DURING A POLICE
17 ENCOUNTER THAN OTHER CIVILIANS. I URGE YOUR YES VOTE ON THIS
18 MOTION. ON ITEM 19, THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND KUEHL,
19 FOR STANDING WITH IMMIGRANT PEOPLE WITH ITEM 19. AS A FORMALLY
20 UNDOCUMENTED PERSON, THIS MOTION IS PERSONAL FOR ME. POLICIES
21 THAT HARM IMMIGRANTS AND IMMIGRATION ARE POLICIES THAT HARM
22 LOS ANGELES. ON ITEM 22, I STRONGLY SUPPORT AGENDA ITEM 22. I
23 KNOW PERSONALLY THAT HOUSELESSNESS AMONG WOMEN IS OFTEN A
24 RESULT OF HAVING EXPERIENCED TRAUMA IN THE FORM OF INTIMATE
25 PARTNER VIOLENCE OR ASSAULT. THESE ISSUES ONLY GET WORSE WHEN

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1 WOMEN ARE UNHOUSED, WHERE THEY ARE ASSAULTED AT EXTREMELY HIGH
2 RATES, PARTICULARLY TRANS WOMEN AND BLACK WOMEN, WHICH
3 REPRESENT A DISPROPORTIONATE AMOUNT OF THOSE EXPERIENCING
4 VIOLENCE AND HOUSELESSNESS. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THEY ARE
5 GIVEN PERMANENT HOUSING TO PREVENT FURTHER TRAUMA AND
6 VIOLENCE, AND THAT TRANS WOMEN ARE PROVIDED HOUSING BY
7 ORGANIZATIONS LED BY OTHER TRANS PEOPLE, LIKE THE TRANSLATIN@
8 COALITION. ON ITEM NUMBER 18, I SUPPORT ITEM 18. FREEDOM OF
9 THE PRESS IS ANOTHER FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT, AND S.B. 98, AS
10 AMENDED, WILL INFRINGE ON THAT RIGHT. ON 26, THE REPORT ON THE
11 FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET WAS REQUESTED ON JUNE
12 2017, ALMOST FOUR YEARS AGO, BUT THE C.E.O. HAS YET TO MAKE IT
13 AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. ANGELENOS DEMAND TRANSPARENCY FROM
14 THE C.E.O. WITH A LINE ITEM ALLOCATION REPORT ON THE SHERIFF'S
15 BUDGET. WHAT WE HAVE SEEN IS THE O.I.G.'S MULTIPLE REPORTS,
16 WHICH SHOW THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS VIOLENT AND
17 INCAPABLE OF REFORM. WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO FUND THEIR
18 MISCONDUCT AND MURDER, WHILE SHORTCHANGING MEASURE J AND
19 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. PLEASE FULLY FUND MEASURE J IN
20 THIS BUDGET CYCLE. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO BE
21 THE PRIMARY DRIVER OF LIABILITY, COSTING LOS ANGELES COUNTY 2
22 MILLION DOLLARS IN THIS AGENDA ALONE. OUR COMMUNITY DEMANDS
23 TRANSPARENCY FROM THE C.E.O., AND THE POLITICAL WILL OF THIS
24 BOARD TO HOLD THE SHERIFF ACCOUNTABLE THROUGH THE BUDGET
25 PROCESS THIS YEAR. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S RISK TO BOTH

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1 SAFETY AND THE PUBLIC AND THE COUNTY'S BUDGET REQUIRES THE
2 C.E.O. AND THE BOARD TO TAKE FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE ACTION.
3 LASTLY, ON AGENDA ITEM 81-B, I AM IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THIS
4 MOTION. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND MITCHELL, FOR YOUR
5 COMMITMENT TO A CARE-FIRST VISION IN THIS MASTER PLANNING
6 PROCESS FOR ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION IN DISTRICT ONE. WE
7 WANT TO SEE THIS ITERATED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. WE APPLAUD
8 THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE THAT ADDRESSES
9 THE MASS INCARCERATION AND HOUSELESSNESS CRISES, AND BELIEVE
10 THAT THE COUNTY SHOULD NOT STOP HERE. THANK YOU SO MUCH. I
11 YIELD MY TIME.

12

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

15

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

19

20 **DOUG FORBES:** GOOD MORNING. THERE ARE TWO OF US HERE,
21 REGISTERED TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE SAME THREE AGENDA ITEMS,
22 NUMBERS 13, 20, AND 21. WE WOULD BOTH LIKE TO SPEAK TO ALL
23 THREE AT ONCE, TO SAVE TIME FOR ALL OF YOU, AND WE WILL KEEP
24 OUR COMMENT UNDER FOUR MINUTES, INSTEAD OF SIX. THANK YOU,
25 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR AUTHORIZING THE

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1 MOTIONS ON TWO CRITICAL ISSUES ABOUT WHICH WE HAVE ENGAGED
2 YOU OVER THE PREVIOUS 18 MONTHS.

3

4 **ELENA MATYAS:** AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS HAHN, KUEHL, AND
5 MITCHELL, FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION TODAY. MY NAME IS ELENA
6 MATYAS. I AM CO-FOUNDER OF MEOW MEOW FOUNDATION.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS DOUG FORBES. I AM ALSO CO-FOUNDER OF MEOW
9 MEOW FOUNDATION. OUR NONPROFIT IS HELL-BENT ON ELIMINATING
10 CHILDHOOD DROWNING AND IMPROVING CAMP SAFETY FOR MILLIONS OF
11 CHILDREN, COUNTYWIDE, STATEWIDE, AND NATIONWIDE. WHILE WE
12 DEARLY APPRECIATE BEING IN YOUR MIDST AT THIS MOMENT,
13 CANDIDLY, IT'S THE LAST PLACE WE WANT TO BE. WE SHOULD BE
14 CUDDLED UP WITH OUR BELOVED EIGHT-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER, AS WE
15 PLAN A SUMMER GETAWAY TO SHOW HER THE INCOMPARABLE BEAUTY OF
16 THE GOLDEN STATE, BUT WE'LL NEVER GET TO DO THAT, BECAUSE
17 ROXIE DIED ALMOST EXACTLY TWO YEARS AGO FROM A BARBARIC AND
18 WHOLLY PREVENTABLE DROWNING AT AN UNLICENSED SUMMER CHILDCARE
19 FACILITY, ALSO KNOWN AS A CAMP. OUR LIVES AS WE KNEW THEM
20 ENDED THAT DAY. HOWEVER, OUR FIGHT TO PREVENT OTHER CHILDREN
21 FROM THESE INEXCUSABLE OUTCOMES BEGAN IN EARNEST THAT VERY
22 SAME DAY. LET ME PERFECTLY CLEAR WHEN I SAY THAT PREVENTABLE
23 DROWNING IN UNLICENSED CALIFORNIA CAMPS EQUATE TO NOTHING LESS
24 THAN HEALTH AND SAFETY CRISES. DROWNING IS THE LEADING CAUSE
25 OF INJURY AND DEATH FOR KIDS. UNREGULATED CALIFORNIA CAMPS

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1 YIELD CATASTROPHIC CONSEQUENCES, INCLUDING INJURIES, DEATHS,
2 AND SEXUAL PREDATION. NOBODY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY CAN
3 PROPERLY ESTIMATE THE TOLL THAT PREVENTABLE DROWNING TAKES ON
4 OUR COMMUNITY. NOBODY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY CAN SAY HOW MANY
5 CAMPS THERE ARE, HOW MANY KIDS ATTEND THEM, AND HOW MANY
6 INCIDENTS OCCUR, YET WE DO KNOW HOW MANY FOOD TRUCKS L.A.
7 COUNTY D.P.H. INSPECTS. AND EVEN THOUGH THE STATE CHOOSES TO
8 NOT REQUIRE LICENSES FOR DAY CAMPS, THE COUNTY IS NOT
9 PREVENTED FROM DOING SO, OR FROM INSPECTING OVERNIGHT CAMPS
10 THE WAY THEY NEED TO BE.

11

12 **ELENA MATYAS:** SHOCKINGLY, L.A. COUNTY D.P.H. ONLY LEARNED OF
13 OUR DAUGHTER'S DROWNING BECAUSE AN E.H.S. OFFICIAL HAPPENED TO
14 HAVE WATCHED THE NIGHTLY NEWS. THE POOL WHERE ROXIE DROWNED
15 WAS FOUND TO HAVE 9 VIOLATIONS, WHEN THE COUNTY FINALLY
16 INSPECTED THE POOL 9 DAYS LATER. IMAGINE WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN
17 REVEALED IF FIRST RESPONDERS IMMEDIATELY CONNECTED WITH D.P.H.
18 AND THE "LIFE GUARDS" WHO TENDED TO THE POOL WERE NOT PROPERLY
19 TRAINED OR CERTIFIED. THE RED CROSS HAS SINCE REVOKED THEIR
20 CREDENTIALS, BASED ON OUR FINDINGS. DUE TO THE SEVERITY OF THE
21 CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN OUR DAUGHTER DROWNED, TWO MANDATED
22 REPORTERS FILED SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE REPORTS. THE CAMP OWNERS
23 SAID THEY WANTED TO KEEP THE DAY "AS NORMAL AS POSSIBLE," BUT
24 NOTHING IS NORMAL ABOUT THE FACT THAT NEITHER THE COUNTY NOR
25 THE STATE COULD SHUT THE CAMP DOWN. NOTHING IS NORMAL ABOUT

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1 THE FACT THAT COUNSELORS DO NOT HAVE TO BE TRAINED, CERTIFIED,
2 OR BACKGROUND-CHECKED. NOTHING IS NORMAL ABOUT THE FACT THAT
3 DAYCARE FACILITIES WITH FINGER-PAINTING AND SING-ALONGS ARE
4 HIGHLY REGULATED BY THE STATE, WHEN CAMPS WITH HIGH-RISK
5 AQUATICS, ZIP LINES, AND SHEER ROCK WALLS OPERATE UNDER
6 [INAUDIBLE]. DURING THE PANDEMIC, SCHOOLS THAT THE COUNTY
7 DEEMED UNSAFE EXPLOITED THIS LOOPHOLE AND WERE ABLE TO OPERATE
8 AS CAMPS. CAMPS CHARGE FAMILIES THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS, WHILE
9 COUNTIES CHARGE THEM NOTHING TO OPERATE. YET, CAMPS RELY UPON
10 COUNTY-SUPPORTED EMERGENCY SERVICES TO RESPOND TO INJURIES AND
11 DEATHS. AN ENTIRE CHILDCARE INDUSTRY THAT SERVES MILLIONS OF
12 CHILDREN OPERATES LIKE THE WILD WILD WEST. COUNTIES HAVE ALSO
13 ENDURED THE FINANCIAL BURDEN OF COSTLY SETTLEMENTS FROM
14 PREVENTABLE DROWNINGS AT PUBLIC FACILITIES, INCLUDING COUNTY-
15 OPERATED CAMPS.

16
17 **DOUG FORBES:** WHAT WE CAN DO AND WHAT WE WILL DO THROUGH THE
18 PASSAGE AND ENFORCEMENT OF THESE TWO MOTIONS BEFORE YOU TODAY
19 IS GATHER LONG OVERDUE INFORMATION, PROPERLY ASSESS THE
20 ISSUES, AND EFFECTIVELY MOBILIZE PROPER RESOURCES TO ELIMINATE
21 PREVENTABLE OUTCOMES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON A.B. 768,
22 WHICH WILL AFFORD CRITICAL DROWNING PREVENTION POLICIES AND
23 RESOURCES TO OVER 6 MILLION CALIFORNIA STUDENTS, AND SINCERE
24 THANKS FOR YOUR TIME, AND WE DEARLY HOPE THAT ALL OF YOU WILL
25 SUPPORT THESE MEASURES.

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1

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

4

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

8

9 **JOSIE HUANG:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I WILL BE PROVIDING
10 GENERAL COMMENT, AND ALSO SPEAKING ON ITEM 18, ABOUT
11 PROTECTING THE PRESS FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT INTERFERENCE AND
12 HARASSMENT DURING CONSTITUTIONALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITIES. I AM
13 A REPORTER IN L.A., AND TODAY I WILL BE SPEAKING INDEPENDENTLY
14 OF MY EMPLOYER. THIS PAST YEAR, I REPORTED FOR MORE THAN TWO
15 DOZEN PROTESTS, VIGILS, AND RALLIES. THEY'VE BEEN ORGANIZED
16 ACROSS THE IDEOLOGICAL SPECTRUM, FROM BLACK LIVES MATTER TO
17 MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN, AND THEY'VE SPANNED THE COUNTY, FROM
18 BEVERLY HILLS, TO PALMDALE, TO THE STEPS OF L.A. CITY HALL.
19 AND I HAVE BEEN SO PROUD TO HELP DOCUMENT OUR COUNTRY'S
20 RECKONING WITH RACE, RACISM, AND POLICE VIOLENCE, IN WHAT, ON
21 TOP OF EVERYTHING ELSE, WAS A PIVOTAL ELECTION YEAR DURING A
22 PANDEMIC. BUT I HAVE TO SAY, IT HAS COME AT A COST. IN THE
23 LAST YEAR, COVERING PROTESTS IN L.A. COUNTY, I HAVE
24 EXPERIENCED INJURY, DETENTION, ARREST, AND/OR ATTEMPTED
25 PROSECUTION BY LAW ENFORCEMENT. AS I'VE REPORTED BEFORE, I WAS

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1 ARRESTED AFTER A PROTEST IN LYNWOOD LAST SEPTEMBER. A GROUP OF
2 L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES FOLLOWED SEVERAL PROTESTERS AS
3 THEY RETREATED DOWN A PUBLIC STREET. USING THE ZOOM ON MY
4 PHONE, I REPORTED AN ARREST. I WAS TACKLED AND LATER TAKEN TO
5 JAIL, AND UNABLE TO CONTINUE REPORTING. JOURNALISTS NEED TO DO
6 THEIR JOBS WITHOUT THREAT OF ARREST OR BODILY HARM. THE STAKES
7 ARE EVEN HIGHER FOR INDEPENDENT AND STUDENT JOURNALISTS, WHO
8 DON'T HAVE REINFORCEMENTS OR LARGE NEWS ROOMS TO FALL BACK ON.
9 JOURNALISTS OF COLOR ALSO UNDERSTAND THEY FACE A GREATER RISK
10 REPORTING AT PROTESTS. IN L.A. COUNTY, THEY HAVE
11 DISPROPORTIONATELY BORNE THE BRUNT OF INJURY AT THE HANDS OF
12 LAW ENFORCEMENT. THEIR EQUIPMENT, THEIR REPORTING TOOLS, HAVE
13 BEEN DAMAGED OR DISAPPEARED. WE JOURNALISTS ARE JUST TRYING TO
14 BE THE PUBLIC'S EYES AND EARS. THAT'S WHY WE GOT INTO THE
15 BUSINESS. IF WE DON'T ENSURE A FREE PRESS, A FREE MEDIA, AND
16 PROTECT THE FIRST AMENDMENT, THIS AFFECTS EVERYBODY.
17 TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY SUFFER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
18 TIME.

19
20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
21 PLEASE?

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

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1

2 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. ITEMS
3 31, 32, 71, 71-E, AND 81-D. HERE, WE ARE DEALING WITH-- IN
4 TRYING TO SUPPORT THE CHANGES THAT YOU AND SOME OF THE MIXED
5 COMMUNITY AND COUNTY OFFICIALS WORK TO COME UP WITH, WE ARE
6 DEALING WITH TRYING TO REVERSE 40 YEARS OF [INAUDIBLE] IN
7 PUBLIC FUNDING, AND ALSO GREATER INEQUALITY. THERE ARE SO MANY
8 MORE PEOPLE WHO NEED SUPPORT TO GET THEIR NEEDS MET. THIS IS
9 WHAT WE ARE DEALING WITH HERE: HOUSING, HEALTHCARE, SO MUCH
10 MORE. FOR THIS LAND USE ISSUE IN 31 AND 32, WE NEED SOCIAL
11 IMPACT REPORTS ON WHICH TO BASE ALL OF THESE LAND USE AND
12 HOUSING RESOURCE DECISIONS, SOCIAL IMPACT REPORTS, AND
13 ACTUALLY GO ALONG WITH ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS. THEN,
14 RATHER THAN NEGOTIATE WITH BUILDERS OVER MONEY PAYMENTS OR A
15 SMALL NUMBER OF QUESTIONABLY AFFORDABLE UNITS, HOW ABOUT A
16 HOUSING PROGRAM BASED ON CRITICAL NEED, AS ANALYZED IN
17 ACCORDANCE WITH THE GREATEST NEEDS IN MIND? WE, AS A
18 COMMUNITY, HAVE THE RIGHT AND THE OBLIGATION TO DEMAND ENOUGH
19 OF SOCIETY'S WEALTH FROM WHEREVER IT IS TO CREATE AND SUPPORT
20 SUCH A PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE RESULTS OF THE ANALYSIS ON 71-E.
21 ANOTHER POINT: I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT SOME COMMUNITIES FORBID
22 EVEN GETTING BUILDING PERMISSION FOR SOME PERCENT OF
23 AFFORDABLE UNITS. I THINK SANTA CLARITA IS ONE. IF THAT IS
24 TRUE, HOW ABOUT THE BOARD STANDING UP FOR ANTI-RACISM
25 INITIATIVES, AND THE POTENTIAL NEW ANTI-POVERTY INITIATIVE,

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1 WHERE THEY REALLY COUNT, AND WORKING TO UNDO THE CLASS AND
2 RACE EXCLUSION, AS I AM TOLD IS DONE IN SANTA CLARITA? AND IF
3 THAT'S CORRECT, THEN, SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU ARE IN A VERY
4 GOOD POSITION TO TELL THAT COMMUNITY THE TRUTH. OTHERWISE, IF
5 WE DON'T DEAL WITH THOSE THINGS, THE COUNTY'S HOUSING AND
6 EQUALITY PROGRAMS WILL BE TRYING TO MITIGATE WITH ONE HAND
7 WHAT THE RESULTS OF THAT LAND POLICY IS IRRIGATING WITH THE
8 OTHER. ON 81-D, THE COUNTY'S IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS PROGRAMS
9 AND SERVICES TOWARDS CARE-FIRST MEANS CHANGE FOR ITS WORKFORCE
10 THAT ARE PROVIDED FOR BY THIS MOTION. VERY GOOD. BUT AS WITH
11 ALL - -

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE
14 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

15

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

19

20 **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** THIS IS LYNNE PLAMBECK, SANTA CLARITA
21 ORGANIZATION FOR PLANNING AND THE ENVIRONMENT, AND I AM
22 SPEAKING ON ITEMS 31, 32, 71, AND PUBLIC COMMENT. AND WE'RE
23 OPPOSING THIS PROJECT BECAUSE OF THE DEFAMATION OF 23 MATURE
24 OAKS ON THE PROPERTY. AND THERE HAS GOT TO BE A BETTER WAY
25 THAN CUTTING DOWN OAK TREES. MATURE OAK TREES SEQUESTER

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1 CARBON. WE NEED TO ADDRESS GLOBAL WARMING, AND ONE OF THE WAYS
2 TO DO THAT IS BY NOT CUTTING DOWN TREES. THERE HAS GOT TO BE A
3 WAY OF DESIGNING HOMES AROUND TREES AND INCLUDING THEM IN THE
4 PROJECT THEMSELVES, SO THAT THEY ARE NOT LOST, AND THEIR OTHER
5 RESOURCE BENEFITS ARE NOT LOST. AND I BELIEVE THAT HAS TO
6 START IN THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT WHEN THE PROJECT IS FIRST
7 PROPOSED, AND I'M WONDERING IF THERE ISN'T SOME WAY THAT THE
8 BOARD CAN SUGGEST TO THE PLANNERS THAT THIS CHANGE BE MADE,
9 THAT THEY LOOK AT HOW MANY TREES CAN BE SAVED, INSTEAD OF
10 UNILATERALLY AND ALWAYS ALLOW TREES TO BE REMOVED. SO, ANYWAY,
11 I JUST AM SPEAKING UP FOR THE TREES AGAIN, AND ASK THAT YOUR
12 BOARD AND THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT START DOING THE SAME,
13 BECAUSE WE ALL NEED THIS HELP TO STOP GLOBAL WARMING. THANK
14 YOU.

15

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

18

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

22

23 **WILLIAM HUMPHREYS:** I AM JUST SPEAKING ON [INAUDIBLE]. AND TO
24 THE COMMENTS ABOUT THE CAMPUS [INAUDIBLE] IS JUST A FACT OF
25 LIFE. A FEW PEOPLE CRIED OUT WHEN THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.C.

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1 SYSTEM CALIFORNIA SACKED THE ENTIRE I.T. DEPARTMENT AND
2 BROUGHT IN CONTRACTORS FROM INDIA. AND ALSO, AS FAR AS THE
3 PRESS SITUATION, IT'S ENTIRELY IN KEEPING WITH PRESIDENT
4 BIDEN'S BORDER POLICY, AS FAR AS THE PRESS GOES. AND ON 2-D,
5 WE HAVE THE FEDERAL ALLOCATION OF FUNDS. THEY SHOULD INCLUDE
6 THE CRITICAL WIDENING OF THE FREEWAY IN ROWLAND HEIGHTS. AND
7 THE PUBLIC COMMENT, THE SUPERVISORS HAVE LEGALIZED MARIJUANA,
8 BUT ARE IN DENIAL OF THE FOUR ESSENTIALS OF THE HUMAN
9 CONDITION BY CLOGGING THE COURTS AND JAILS WITH CONTINUED
10 ENFORCEMENT OF DRACONIAN CRIMINAL SEX WORK LAWS. LEARN
11 SOMETHING FROM [INAUDIBLE]. CEASE AND DESIST THIS BEHAVIOR,
12 AND WORK WITH THE STATE ELEMENTS TO GET THESE LAWS OFF THE
13 BOOKS. MONEY SAVED IN ONE DAY WOULD WIDEN [INAUDIBLE] ROAD.
14 LEARN FROM THAILAND AND OTHERS. THESE AREAS HAVE TURKISH
15 BATHS/MASSAGE PARLORS FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN. THANK YOU.

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. AND DUE TO THE TECHNICAL
18 DIFFICULTIES, THE CHAIR WILL EXTEND PUBLIC COMMENT UNTIL 11:00
19 A.M. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

20

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

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

3

4 **J. STEPHEN BRANTLEY:** MY NAME IS J. STEPHEN BRANTLEY. I AM A
5 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 5. I'M SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF ITEM 6, IN
6 OPPOSITION TO ITEM 26, AND MAKING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I
7 WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS HAHN AND BARGER FOR BRINGING ITEM 6,
8 AND AS SOMEONE WHO HAS SUFFERED MENTAL HEALTH CRISES IN THE
9 PAST, I URGE THE BOARD TO VOTE YES ON THIS MOTION. THE
10 EXPANSION OF ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE COULD SAVE LIVES ON
11 OUR STREETS, IN OUR HOMES, ON CAMPUSES, AND IN MEDICAL
12 CENTERS, WHERE THERE HAVE BEEN TOO MANY WHOLLY AVOIDABLE
13 TRAGEDIES. WE'VE SEEN HOW LAW ENFORCEMENT, PARTICULARLY THE
14 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, RESPONDS TO MENTAL HEALTH CRISES, WITH
15 FATAL CONSEQUENCES. I WILL ECHO WHAT YOU'VE HEARD, BUT DESPITE
16 COMPRISING JUST ONE IN 50 U.S. ADULTS, THOSE WITH UNTREATED
17 MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS ARE INVOLVED IN AS MUCH AS 50 PERCENT OF
18 POLICE SHOOTINGS, MAKING THEM 16 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE
19 KILLED DURING A POLICE ENCOUNTER. THIS IS DUE IN PART TO THE
20 FACT THAT POLICE ARE NOT TRAINED TO HELP PEOPLE IN CRISIS, BUT
21 TO PUT DOWN DISTURBANCES BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY, WHICH TOO
22 OFTEN MEANS DEADLY FORCE. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE WHEN THOSE
23 IN CRISIS ARE BLACK OR BROWN AND ARE LESS LIKELY TO HAVE
24 ADEQUATE ACCESS FOR PSYCHIATRIC NEEDS, AND MORE LIKELY TO HAVE
25 THEIR NEEDS IGNORED WHEN THEY ARE ABLE TO SEEK HELP. IN

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1 ADDITION TO BEING CRIMINALIZED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT, THEY FACE
2 SYSTEMIC MEDICAL RACISM THAT, DESPITE GOOD INTENTIONS BY MOST
3 HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, DENIES THEM CARE AND PUTS THEM IN
4 JEOPARDY. B.I.P.O.C. FOLKS GET BOUNCED BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT
5 THAT PUNISHES THEM FOR HAVING NEEDS, AND INSTITUTIONS THAT
6 FAIL TO PROVIDE CARE. LEFT WITH NO ALTERNATIVE, IT IS NO
7 WONDER THAT CRISES ARISE. EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF P.M.R. TEAMS
8 WOULD BREAK THE CYCLE BY GETTING PEOPLE THE HELP THEY NEED AND
9 REDUCING THE RISK OF LAW ENFORCEMENT HURTING THEM. IF GIVEN
10 ADEQUATE RESOURCES TO BE EFFECTIVE, CRISIS RESPONSE
11 PROFESSIONALS MIGHT COMPLETELY ELIMINATE POLICE RESPONSE TO
12 MENTAL HEALTH CRISES, AND THAT WOULD SAVE LIVES. ON ITEM 26, I
13 AM DISTURBED TO KNOW THAT A REPORT ON THE L.A.S.D. BUDGET WAS
14 REQUESTED ALMOST FOUR YEARS AGO, BUT THE C.E.O. HAS YET TO
15 MAKE IT PUBLIC. I DON'T NEED TO TELL ANYONE, BUT THE L.A.S.D.
16 CONTINUES TO BE THE PRIMARY DRIVER OF LIABILITY COSTS FOR OUR
17 COUNTY, AND IT IS NO WONDER. JUST THIS QUARTER, THERE WERE 5
18 DEPUTY-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS, TWO OF THEM FATAL, AND 15 PEOPLE
19 DIED IN THEIR CUSTODY. THE SETTLEMENT AMOUNTS FOR MISCONDUCT
20 AND WRONGFUL DEATH ARE STAGGERING-- 81.5 MILLION-- 55 PERCENT
21 OF WHAT THE COUNTY SPENDS ON LIABILITY. TO REFER BACK TO MY
22 SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM 6, I FEAR THAT CONTINUING TO FOOT THESE
23 BILLS MAY COMPROMISE THE FUNDING OF OTHER DEPARTMENT AND
24 PROGRAMS THAT MIGHT WELL DO MORE TO PROTECT AND SERVE OUR
25 COMMUNITIES THAN THIS CORRUPT AND VIOLENT SHERIFF EVER WILL.

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1 WE MUST HAVE FULL TRANSPARENCY WITH REGARD TO THE L.A.S.D.
2 BUDGET, AND IN LIGHT OF THE DANGER THAT THIS DEPARTMENT
3 CONTINUES TO POSE TO OUR COMMUNITIES, WE NEED TO LOOK AT
4 DRASTICALLY REDUCING THEIR FUNDING IN FAVOR OF ALTERNATIVES
5 THAT DO NOT COST US SO MUCH, BOTH IN TERMS OF MONEY AND LIVES.
6 THANK YOU.

7

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

10

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

14

15 **MARK GALE:** GOOD MORNING. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF
16 ITEM 6. MY NAME IS MARK GALE. I'M CRIMINAL JUSTICE CHAIR FOR
17 N.A.M.I. GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND A RESIDENT OF
18 DISTRICT 5. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS HAHN AND BARGER FOR
19 SPONSORING THIS MOTION. GAINING ACCESS TO FUNDS THROUGH THE
20 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FOR CRISIS RESPONSE IS A WELCOME AND
21 ESSENTIAL OPPORTUNITY. I PERSONALLY TAKE CRISIS CALLS FROM
22 FAMILIES ALL THE TIME, AND THE FREQUENCY OF THESE CALLS FOR
23 HELP CONTINUE TO INCREASE UNABATED, AND SO DOES THE LEVEL OF
24 SEVERITY OF THE EPISODES. WE NEED MORE HIGHLY TRAINED
25 CLINICIANS, THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH P.M.R.T.,

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1 TO ANSWER THE MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES IN OUR COUNTY.
2 N.A.M.I. URGES THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT ITEM 6
3 UNANIMOUSLY. IF WE TRULY WISH TO DEVELOP PROMPT, NON-LAW
4 ENFORCEMENT RESPONSES TO MENTAL HEALTH CRISES, RATHER THAN
5 WAITING 3 TO 5 HOURS OR THE NEXT DAY FOR QUALIFIED CLINICIANS,
6 ACCESSING FEDERAL FUNDING AND EXPANDING OUR NON-LAW
7 ENFORCEMENT CRISIS NETWORK IS JUST ESSENTIAL, AND WE NEED TO
8 TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY IMMEDIATELY. AND WE ALSO
9 SUPPORT THE FUNDING FLEXIBILITY THAT IS BEING CONSIDERED.
10 COVERING THE IMMENSE GEOGRAPHY OF OUR COUNTY WILL TAKE A WIDE
11 SAFETY NET, CONSISTING NOT ONLY OF PUBLIC COUNTY RESOURCES,
12 BUT NONPROFIT RESOURCES.

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE
15 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

16

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

20

21 **BRIAN FEINZIMER:** HI, MY NAME IS BRIAN FEINZIMER. I'M A
22 FREELANCE PHOTOJOURNALIST. I HAVE BEEN COVERING COUNTLESS
23 PROTESTS IN THE LAST YEAR, AND ADDITIONALLY BEFORE THEN, AS
24 WELL, AROUND RACIAL INEQUALITY AND OTHER RELATED EVENTS IN THE
25 LAST YEAR. I HAVE HAD MULTIPLE INTERACTIONS WITH THE SHERIFF'S

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1 DEPARTMENT AND L.A.P.D., WHERE WE HAVE BEEN INHIBITED,
2 PHOTOJOURNALISTS AND OTHER JOURNALISTS, FROM CONDUCTING OUR
3 JOB WHILE OBSERVING LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKING AROUND CITIZENS.
4 IF THE ITEM IN THE STATE SENATE WERE TO GO THROUGH WITH THE
5 AMENDMENT, THAT LIMITS OUR ABILITY TO FREELY WORK WITHOUT
6 RECEIVING PERMISSION FROM AN INCIDENT COMMANDER, IT WOULD
7 SEVERELY INHIBIT OUR ABILITY TO ACCURATELY AND FAIRLY REPORT
8 ON WHAT IS HAPPENING OUT IN THE STREETS. I URGE SUPERVISORS TO
9 APPROVE THE ITEM 18 AND OPPOSING THE ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE IN
10 THE ITEM. THANK YOU.

11

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

14

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

18

19 **SPEAKER:** YES, HI, GOOD MORNING. THIS IS GENERAL PUBLIC
20 COMMENT, AND THIS IS SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSED TO SUPERVISOR
21 BARGER, BECAUSE MY PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN HER DISTRICT. I NEED
22 HER HELP IN CONTACTING THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT. I HAVE NOT
23 BEEN ABLE TO REACH THEM FOR MONTHS, CONCERNING MY PROPERTY,
24 WHICH IS LANDLOCKED AND HAS NO LEGAL ACCESS FOR INGRESS AND
25 EGRESS, AND CURIOUS AS TO WHY THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT ISSUED A

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1 PERMIT BACK IN 1986, WHEN THIS BUILDING WAS BUILT, FOR THE
2 PROPERTY, IF THERE IS NO INGRESS AND EGRESS. SO I REACHED OUT
3 TO EMILY AND HER FIELD OFFICE SEVERAL TIMES. SHE CAN CONTACT
4 EMILY FROM MY CONTACT INFORMATION, AND THE SUPERVISOR COULD
5 HELP ME GET IN TOUCH WITH THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT. THEY DON'T
6 WANT TO SEEM TO HELP. THAT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. THANK
7 YOU.

8

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

11

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

15

16 **JACQUELINE SUN:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR SOLIS AND MEMBERS OF THE
17 BOARD. MY NAME IS JACQUELINE SUN, WITH THE BEACH CITIES HEALTH
18 DISTRICT, AND I AM HERE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF ITEMS 6 AND 8. I
19 WANT TO SUPPORT ITEM 6, SUPERVISOR HAHN'S PROPOSAL FOR
20 EXPANDING THE PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAM NETWORK, AND WE
21 APPLAUD HER LEADERSHIP IN BEING AN ADVOCATE FOR THE MENTAL
22 HEALTH NEEDS OF ANGELENOS, AND WORKING TO FIND REGIONAL
23 SOLUTIONS AND BUILD PARTNERSHIPS, AND ALSO SECURE THE
24 RESOURCES THAT ARE NEEDED TO ENSURE THAT MORE PEOPLE HAVE
25 ACCESS TO THESE IMPORTANT SERVICES, 24/7. AND AT THE HEALTH

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1 DISTRICT, WE STAND BY AND READY TO COLLABORATE WITH THE COUNTY
2 IN SUPPORT OF THIS IMPORTANT MOTION HERE IN THE SOUTH BAY. IN
3 ADDITION, I ALSO WANTED TO SUPPORT ITEM 8, SUPERVISOR HAHN'S
4 WORK TO CHAMPION ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND JUSTICE BY
5 ADDRESSING THE IMPACTS OF HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM ON THE
6 COMMUNITIES THAT ARE MOST IMPACTED BY THE EMISSION AND
7 EXPOSURE THROUGH THESE PROCESSING FACILITIES. I SPEAK IN
8 SUPPORT OF THE LETTER TO THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD TO
9 ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT WOULD PHASE OUT THE USE OF THIS METAL.
10 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. CAN WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
13 PLEASE?

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

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19 **ZACHARY WARMA:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. ZACHARY WARMA WITH
20 THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER, CALLING TODAY IN STRONG SUPPORT
21 OF ITEM NUMBER 22, SUPPORTING UNHOUSED WOMEN AND FAMILIES IN
22 SKID ROW. THIS MOTION, AUTHORED BY BOARD CHAIR SOLIS, AND CO-
23 AUTHORED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, IS NOTHING SHORT THAN A
24 HISTORIC FIRST STEP TOWARDS PERMANENTLY ENDING HOMELESSNESS
25 FOR THE 655 UNSHELTERED WOMEN AND FAMILIES LIVING IN SKID ROW.

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1 DRAWING ON OUR 43 YEARS OF HISTORY OF UPLIFTING WOMEN OUT OF
2 HOMELESSNESS AND ON A PATH TOWARDS PERSONAL STABILITY, D.W.C.
3 HAS DEVELOPED THE EVERY WOMAN HOUSED ACTION PLAN THAT, WITH
4 THE SUPPORT OF THIS BOARD, CAN REALISTICALLY END UNSHELTERED
5 WOMEN'S HOMELESSNESS IN SKID ROW. THE ACTION PLAN IS A
6 COMBINATION OF BOTH SHORT- AND LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS THAT
7 DEPLOYS MOBILE-BASED INTERVENTIONS TO QUICKLY GET WOMEN OFF
8 THE STREETS, WHILE ENSURING THESE EXITS ARE PERMANENT VIA
9 HOUSING AND TARGETED SERVICES. WOMEN IN SKID ROW ARE
10 DISPROPORTIONATELY BLACK AND SURVIVORS OF TRAUMA, AND THIS
11 PLAN DIRECTLY COMBATS THE GENDER AND RACIAL INEQUITIES THAT
12 ARE AT THE HEART OF WOMEN'S HOMELESSNESS. ON BEHALF OF D.W.C.
13 AND THE 5500 WOMEN WE SERVE EACH YEAR, WE WISH TO EXTEND OUR
14 DEEPEST THANKS TO SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND MITCHELL FOR THEIR
15 EXTRAORDINARY LEADERSHIP ON THIS MOTION, AND WE ASK THIS BOARD
16 FOR AN AYE VOTE. THANK YOU.

17
18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
19 PLEASE?

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

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1 **LAURA COHOLAN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LAURA COHOLAN, AND I'M
2 A RESIDENT AND TENANT IN DISTRICT 2, AND AN ORGANIZER FOR
3 WHITE PEOPLE FOR BLACK LIVES, AND THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION.
4 I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS 2, 6, 18, 19, 22, 26,
5 69, 81-B, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I SUPPORT AGENDA ITEM 6,
6 18, 19, 22, AND 81-B, AND I VEHEMENTLY OPPOSE AGENDA ITEMS 26
7 AND 69. I WOULD LIKE TO VOICE MY SUPPORT FOR AGENDA ITEM 6,
8 THE EXPANSION OF PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAMS, AND THANK
9 SUPERVISORS HAHN AND BARGER FOR THEIR MOTION TO EXPAND FUNDING
10 TO THESE P.M.R.T.S. IN THINKING WHY IT IS A NECESSITY TO
11 EXPAND P.M.R.T.S, I WANT TO UPLIFT THE NAME OF OUR STOLEN
12 COMMUNITY MEMBER, GRECHARIO MACK, WHO, WHILE IN THE BALDWIN
13 HILLS CRENSHAW MALL, WAS KILLED WHILE LAYING FACE DOWN DURING
14 A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. HIS FAMILY CONTINUES TO FIGHT WITH
15 BLACK LIVES MATTER LOS ANGELES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS FOR
16 JUSTICE IN HIS NAME, BUT WERE SOMEONE OTHER THAN POLICE OR LAW
17 ENFORCEMENT TO HAVE RESPONDED TO HIS MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS, HE
18 WOULD STILL BE WITH US TODAY. I AM ALSO THINKING OF OUR STOLEN
19 COMMUNITY MEMBER AND LOVED ONE CHRISTOPHER DEANDRE MITCHELL,
20 WHOSE LIFE WAS STOLEN BY POLICE IN THE SHOWER, IN 24-HOUR
21 FITNESS ON SUNSET BOULEVARD, AND DAVID ORDAZ JR., WHO WAS
22 KILLED IN 2017 WHEN HAVING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. WE NEED TO
23 ENSURE THAT PUBLIC SAFETY MOBILE RESPONSE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE
24 AT ALL TIMES OF DAY AND NIGHT TO ENSURE THAT OUR LOVED ONES
25 AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO SPECIALIZE IN MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

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1 CAN GET HELP WITHOUT VIOLENCE, OPPRESSION, AND CONTROL, AND
2 THAT COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE A CHOICE ABOUT WHETHER TO CALL FOR
3 SUPPORT WITHOUT HAVING TO RISK CRIMINALIZING LOVED ONES OR
4 OTHER MEMBERS OF THEIR COMMUNITY. IN RESPONSE TO AGENDA ITEMS
5 2 AND 69, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND MITCHELL FOR
6 PUTTING FORWARD A MOTION FOR GREATER OVERSIGHT OF SCHOOL
7 POLICE, AND YET ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO GO MUCH FARTHER AND
8 COMPLETELY REMOVE ANY SORT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT FROM SCHOOL
9 CAMPUSES. I ECHO THE SENTIMENTS OF OTHERS WHO HAVE GIVEN
10 PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY, LIKE SUSAN ANDERSON, MARK-ANTHONY
11 CLAYTON-JOHNSON, AND IVETTE ALE, FOR OUTLINING THE HARMS OF
12 SCHOOL POLICE. I SUPPORT AGENDA ITEM 2, BUT I DO NOT THINK
13 THAT MORE OVERSIGHT IS THE SOLE ANSWER. AS IVETTE ALE SAID,
14 OVERSIGHT OF VIOLENCE IS UNACCEPTABLE. WE NEED TO COMPLETELY
15 REMOVE LAW ENFORCEMENT FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY SCHOOLS. I
16 OPPOSE AGENDA ITEM 69, CONTINUING THE USE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
17 IN SCHOOLS. I AM A FORMER MIDDLE-SCHOOL TEACHER IN THE COUNTY
18 OF LOS ANGELES, AND I TAUGHT IN A SCHOOL IN DISTRICT TWO, ZIP
19 CODE 90011. IT WAS REPORTED THAT THIS ZIP CODE IS THE MOST
20 HEAVILY CRIMINALIZED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OF ANY SCHOOL POLICE
21 IN ANY ZIP CODE IN THE YEAR THAT THAT REPORT CAME OUT. WHEN I
22 WAS TEACHING, OUR BABIES-- 11-YEAR-OLDS, 12-YEAR-OLDS, 13-
23 YEAR-OLDS-- WERE CRIMINALIZED, AND MANY WERE REMOVED FROM OUR
24 SCHOOL CAMPUS IN HANDCUFFS AFTER BEING CRIMINALIZED FOR
25 SURVIVAL ACTS DUE TO LIFE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WERE COMPLETELY

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1 OUT OF THEIR CONTROL. WHAT'S MORE, THIS CRIMINALIZATION WOULD
2 NOT HAVE HAPPENED IN A PREDOMINANTLY WHITE SCHOOL DISTRICT.
3 HOWEVER, BLACK, BROWN, AND INDIGENOUS YOUTH IN SOUTH CENTRAL
4 ARE CONSTANTLY BEING SUBJECTED TO TRAUMATIZATION AND
5 CRIMINALIZATION. THIS IS ABSOLUTELY TRAUMATIZING, NOT ONLY FOR
6 THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO WERE CRIMINALIZED, AND THEIR LOVED
7 ONES, BUT ALSO FOR ALL OF THEIR FELLOW STUDENTS WHO HAD TO
8 WITNESS OUR STUDENTS BEING TAKEN FROM THE COMMUNITY VIOLENTLY,
9 AND WITH NO EXPLANATION. SO TO THIS END--

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11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE
12 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

13

14 **MODERATOR:** [INAUDIBLE] NELSON, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
15 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS
16 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. [INAUDIBLE] NELSON,
19 HERMOSA BEACH. I'M CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 8, SUPPORT FOR
20 CALIFORNIA AIR RULE TO PHASE OUT HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM. I URGE
21 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SEND A 5-SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE
22 CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD IN SUPPORT OF PHASING OUT
23 HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM OPERATIONS IN EXISTING FACILITIES, AND
24 PROHIBITING ITS USE IN NEW FACILITIES. I ALSO WANT TO THANK MY
25 SUPERVISOR, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR HER LONGTIME EFFORTS TO

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1 ELIMINATE THE USE OF THIS CANCER-CAUSING CHEMICAL, AND FOR
2 ALWAYS STANDING UP FOR THE PLANET, FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, AND
3 ESPECIALLY FOR OUR UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU VERY
4 MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

5

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

8

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

12

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

14

15 **JOSEPH JACKSON:** HI, MY NAME IS JOSEPH JACKSON. I'M
16 REPRESENTING 15, AND THAT IS THE BILL TO KEEP A.V.R.C. OPEN.
17 A.V.R.C. IS THE LAST HOUSE ON THE BLOCK. I AM A PRODUCT OF MY
18 ENVIRONMENT. I AM ALSO A MEMBER OF RECOVERY, AND THE RECOVERY
19 WORLD HAS NOT BEEN NOTIFIED THAT A.V.R.C. IS SHUTTING DOWN.
20 A.V.R.C. HAS HELPED HUNDREDS UPON HUNDREDS UPON HUNDREDS OF
21 PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. I, AS AN EMPLOYEE, AS A COUNSELOR
22 UP AN A.V.R.C., I HAVE ENCOUNTERED SEVERAL FORMER CLIENTS WHO
23 ARE OUT THERE DYING RIGHT NOW. THEY ARE CRYING BECAUSE THEY
24 CANNOT BE ACCEPTED INTO OTHER PROGRAMS. I HAVE WORKED AT SUCH
25 PROGRAMS SUCH AS E.I.T., WHICH SHUT DOWN AND LEFT A VERY LARGE

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1 VACUUM. I WORK FOR TARZANA TREATMENT CENTER, WHO ONLY HAS 50
2 INDIGENT BEDS. WE NEED A.V.R.C. UP HERE IN S.P.A. 1 AND 2. WE
3 CANNOT SURVIVE WITHOUT A.V.R.C. THERE ARE PEOPLE DYING. WE ARE
4 TALKING ABOUT HOMELESSNESS. AND THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC. WELL, WE
5 HAVE ONE OF THE LARGEST RECOVERY FACILITIES IN SOUTHERN
6 CALIFORNIA BEING SHUT DOWN BECAUSE OF A BUDGET. WHAT IS MORE
7 IMPORTANT, THE BUDGET OR LIVES? THANK YOU.

8

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

11

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

15

16 **SPEAKER:** HI. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM 81-E. MY NAME IS
17 DAVANA WATSON, AND I'M FROM DISTRICT TWO. I SUPPORT THE DEBT-
18 FREE RECOVERY PLATFORM TO KEEP L.A. HOUSED. AND AS A RECENT
19 UNHOUSED YOUTH AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZER, I WANT YOU ALL TO VOTE
20 TODAY IN FAVOR OF 81-E, AND ALSO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT RENT,
21 BACK RENT, AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS ARE A STRONG LEADING CAUSE
22 OF HOMELESSNESS. AND THE STATE'S RENTAL RELIEF PROGRAMS HAVE
23 LEFT MANY TENANTS BEHIND, BECAUSE APPLICATIONS ARE
24 COMPLICATED, AND LANDLORDS HAVE ALL THE POWER. THOUSANDS OF
25 TENANTS STILL HAVE DEBT, WILL CONTINUE TO ACCRUE DEBT, AND

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1 WILL HAVE TO LIVE WITH THE LONG-LASTING IMPACTS OF THIS
2 CRISIS. THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE ON-THE-GROUND SUPPORT FOR
3 TENANTS, IF YOU ALL TRULY CARE ABOUT COMBATTING HOMELESSNESS,
4 MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CHALLENGES. SO MANY PEOPLE NEED
5 SUPPORT IN OUR COMMUNITIES, AND THE AVERAGE ESTIMATED RENT
6 DEBT PER HOUSEHOLD IS CLOSE TO \$7,000. I SUPPORT ITEM 81-E TO
7 CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY TO SEIZE THE RENT DEBT, AND
8 BELIEVE THAT IT IS A GREAT ACTION TO ADDRESS THIS
9 UNPRECEDENTED CRISIS, AND ENSURE ALL OF US CAN RECOVER FROM
10 THIS ECONOMIC CRISIS AND GLOBAL PANDEMIC. I URGE THE BOARD TO
11 SUPPORT - -

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE
14 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

15

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

19

20 **WAUNETTE CULLORS:** HI. I AM SUPPORTING NUMBER 2 AND 69, AND
21 GENERAL COMMENT. MY NAME IS WAUNETTE CULLORS. I AM FROM
22 DISTRICT 5. I AM A TRUSTEE FOR THE KEPPEL SCHOOL BOARD
23 DISTRICT IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, AND A COUNCILWOMAN FOR
24 [INAUDIBLE], AND A W.P.I. ALUMNI. I AM TODAY SPEAKING IN
25 REGARDS-- OH, I'M SORRY. I'M ALSO A CO-CHAIR FOR CANCEL THE

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1 CONTRACT. WE ARE ASKING THAT YOU SUPPORT MOTION 2, BY
2 SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL, STRENGTHENING OVERSIGHT OF LAW
3 ENFORCEMENT SERVICES. WHILE WE UNDERSTAND THIS MOTION DOES NOT
4 ACHIEVE OUR ULTIMATE GOAL IN NOT RENEWING THE ANTELOPE VALLEY
5 SCHOOL DISTRICT CONTRACT WITH THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF, WE
6 BELIEVE OVERSIGHT BY THE COUNTY INSPECTOR GENERAL, AND THE 90-
7 DAY WAITING PERIOD, PROVIDES MEANINGFUL STEPS TOWARDS MORE
8 ACCOUNTABILITY [INAUDIBLE] IN OUR SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES. THE
9 MOTION ALSO RELATES TO THE DATA CORRECTIONS IS ALSO VERY
10 IMPORTANT, SO THAT WE COULD HAVE THIS TIME AND OPPORTUNITY
11 [INAUDIBLE] ABOUT THE IMPACTS OF ARMED POLICE EMBEDDED IN OUR
12 CHILDREN'S SCHOOLS. THERE IS A NEED FOR THE BOARD IN THE
13 ANTELOPE VALLEY TO BE HEARD AND CONSIDER LOOKING AT THIS
14 MOTION. THIS IS A COUNTYWIDE ISSUE, BUT IT RELATES TO THE
15 ANTELOPE VALLEY. PLEASE NOTE, OUR VALLEY HAS 29 CONTRACTS WITH
16 L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S, MORE THAN THE ENTIRE L.A. COUNTY
17 COMBINED. BLACK STUDENTS MAKE UP 16.7 PERCENT OF THE STUDENT
18 POPULATION FOR OUR HIGH-SCHOOL DISTRICT, YET WE RECEIVE OVER
19 HALF OF LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTRACTS. THIS DATA WAS PROVIDED BY
20 THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF CONTRACTOR REPORTING SYSTEM, AS
21 MANDATED. IT WOULD BE EXPECTED FOR BLACK STUDENTS, AT 16.7 OF
22 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY POPULATION, TO RECEIVE ABOUT 16.7 OF
23 SUSPENSIONS. INSTEAD, THEY RECEIVE 43.6 PERCENT OF
24 SUSPENSIONS, OVER A 260 PERCENT HIGHER THAN EXPECTED SHARE.
25 WHITE STUDENTS, 12.3 OF THE POPULATION, RECEIVED ONLY 6

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1 PERCENT OF THE SUSPENSIONS. THAT IS 205 PERCENT MORE THAN
2 EXPECTED SHARES OF THE PALOS VERDES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.
3 THE [INAUDIBLE] PIPELINE-TO-PRISON. OUR SUPERVISOR [INAUDIBLE]
4 TO YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. WE HAVE DONE THE WORK TO BUILD A
5 NEW FUTURE FOR OUR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND SCHOOL DISCIPLINE.
6 THIS COUNTY MUST REINVEST THE BROKEN SYSTEM OF CRIMINALIZATION
7 OF OUR STUDENTS. IN CLOSING, I ASK YOU THAT VOTE IN FAVOR OF
8 THE MOTION. SUPPORT BEING ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF HISTORY. LET'S
9 IMAGINE OUR CHILDREN AS A PRIORITY [INAUDIBLE], AS OPPOSED TO
10 CONTINUING TO PAY THE \$1.6 MILLION TO SHERIFF. WE WANT THEM
11 REMOVED FROM OUR SCHOOLS, AND WE WANT TO BE INVESTING IN OUR
12 CHILDREN, OUR MENTAL HEALTH, OUR HOMELESSNESS, OUR FOSTER
13 CHILDREN. ALL OF THAT [INAUDIBLE] OF L.A. COUNTY. SO PLEASE
14 SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR
15 PUTTING THIS ON THE BOARD. THANK YOU.

16
17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, THAT CONCLUDES THE
18 ALLOTTED TIME FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

19
20 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR PROVIDING YOUR
21 COMMENTS THIS MORNING. I REALIZE THAT WE HAD SOME TECHNICAL
22 DIFFICULTIES, AND I DID EXTEND THE TIME 20 MINUTES. AND I DO
23 WANT TO ENCOURAGE ALL THE INDIVIDUALS THAT WERE UNABLE TO
24 PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS, THAT YOU CAN STILL SUBMIT YOUR WRITTEN
25 COMMENTS, AND PLEASE DO SO. I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO DO THAT,

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1 AND WE WILL ACCEPT THEM DURING THE DURATION OF THIS MEETING,
2 AND THAT WILL ALSO BECOME PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD. SO I WANT
3 TO THANK ALL OF YOU. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU PLEASE
4 INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING?

5

6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THE FOLLOWING
7 ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU: SD-1, 1-D THROUGH 4-D, 1-P, 1, 3, 4, 7
8 THROUGH 10, 13 THROUGH 16, 19 AND 20, 22 THROUGH 25, 27
9 THROUGH 39, 41 THROUGH 53, 55 THROUGH 66, 70 THROUGH 80, 81-A
10 THROUGH 81-D, 81-F THROUGH 81-H, 84 THROUGH 87 ARE BEFORE YOU.

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY
13 SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. MADAM EXECUTIVE
14 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

15

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

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18 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

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23 **SUP. KUEHL:** THIS IS SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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

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2 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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6 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

7

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

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

11

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

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15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO THE SET
16 ITEM, S-1, FOLLOWED BY ITEM 2 AND 69, WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP,
17 AS YOU KNOW, TOGETHER. AND THEN ITEMS 5 AND 6, FOLLOWED BY
18 ITEMS 11 AND 12, WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER, AND THEN
19 ITEMS 18, 21, 26, 68, AND FINISHING WITH ITEM 81-E. MEMBERS,
20 WE WILL NOW TURN TO ITEM S-1. THIS IS A SET MATTER ON THE
21 PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER. THIS IS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BOARD TO
22 DISCUSS THE CLOSURES ON PANDEMIC TRENDS. WE WILL NOW HEAR FROM
23 DR. BARBARA FERRER AND DR. CHRISTINA GHALY, WHO WILL BE
24 AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE US WITH UPDATES. SO, PLEASE PROCEED, DR.
25 FERRER.

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2 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** GOOD MORNING, AND THANK YOU SO MUCH,

3 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND TO THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AS

4 ALWAYS, I WANT TO START BY EXPRESSING MY SINCERE GRATITUDE TO

5 ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND TREMENDOUS LEADERSHIP, AND THANKS

6 AGAIN FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TODAY TO PRESENT YOU AND THE PUBLIC

7 WITH THE LATEST IN OUR RESPONSE TO THE ONGOING C.O.V.I.D.-19

8 PANDEMIC. OUR C.O.V.I.D. METRICS CONTINUE TO DECLINE STEADILY,

9 AND WE ARE HOPING THAT WE ARE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THIS PROGRESS

10 AS WE MOVE TO FULL REOPENING ON JUNE 15TH. THERE ARE MANY

11 CHANGES THAT ARE EXPECTED LATER THIS MONTH, AND I HOPE TO BE

12 ABLE TO PROVIDE SOME CLARITY ON WHAT THAT MEANS FOR L.A.

13 COUNTY, OUR BUSINESSES, AND OUR RESIDENTS. TODAY, I WILL

14 PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON OUR CURRENT C.O.V.I.D. METRICS,

15 VACCINATION COVERAGE, AND EFFORTS TO CLOSE THE GAPS,

16 ANTICIPATED CHANGES, EXTRA PROTOCOLS, AND HEALTH OFFICER

17 ORDERS ON JUNE 15TH, AND STEPS THAT WE CALL BE TAKING TO

18 PREPARE FOR OUR REOPENING NEXT WEEK. AND I WILL START WITH THE

19 FIRST SLIDE. THIS GRAPH SHOWS THE TREND LINES IN CASES,

20 HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND DEATHS IN OUR COUNTY FROM MARCH 1 OF

21 LAST YEAR THROUGH MAY 30TH OF THIS YEAR. AS I'VE SHARED, OUR

22 CASE NUMBERS AND OTHER METRICS CONTINUE TO REMAIN LOW AND

23 STABLE. OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS, IN FACT, WE'VE SEEN SMALL

24 DECLINES IN CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND DEATHS, AND WE'RE

25 HOPEFUL THAT THESE METRICS WILL CONTINUE, AS VACCINATION

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1 UPTAKE IS MAINTAINED. TODAY WE WILL BE REPORTING 186 NEW
2 CASES, 13 NEW DEATHS, 230 PEOPLE THAT ARE HOSPITALIZED WITH
3 C.O.V.I.D.-19, AND OUR DAILY TEST POSITIVITY RATE 0.4 PERCENT.
4 I WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. WITH OUR LOW METRICS, WE REMAIN IN
5 THE YELLOW TIER AND THE STATE'S BLUEPRINT FOR SAFER ECONOMY
6 FRAMEWORK, AND OUR CASE RATE, AS WILL BE POSTED TODAY, REMAINS
7 THAT UNADJUSTED CASE RATE OF 0.7 NEW CASES PER 100,000
8 RESIDENTS. IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT OUR UNADJUSTED CASE RATE IS
9 1.3 NEW CASES PER 100,000 RESIDENTS, STILL ONE OF THE LOWEST
10 CASE RATES IN THE COUNTRY. OUR 7-DAY AVERAGE DAILY TEST
11 POSITIVITY RATE IS 0.4 PERCENT ACROSS THE COUNTY, AND ALSO,
12 THEN, OUR COMMUNITIES IN THE LOWEST H.P.I. QUARTILES. AS I'VE
13 NOTED, WE ARE AMONG THE COUNTIES IN THE STATE WITH THE LOWEST
14 CASE RATES, AND THE LOWEST 7-DAY AVERAGE DAILY TEST POSITIVITY
15 RATE. AS THE STATE HAS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED, AFTER JUNE 15TH,
16 WE WILL MOVE BEYOND THE BLUEPRINT FRAMEWORK, SO I WOULD
17 ANTICIPATE THAT WE WILL NO LONGER BE REPORTING THIS DATA OUT
18 IN THIS FORM, STARTING NEXT WEEK. I WILL GO ON TO THE NEXT
19 SLIDE. WE DO KNOW, UNEQUIVOCALLY AT THIS POINT, THAT THE MOST
20 POWERFUL TOOL WE HAVE FOR KEEPING CASES DOWN AND PROTECTING
21 OURSELVES AND OTHERS ARE THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 VACCINES. AS OF
22 JUNE 4TH, WE HAD ADMINISTERED MORE THAN 9.6 MILLION DOSES OF
23 VACCINE IN THE COUNTY. OF THESE, 5.5 MILLION WERE FIRST DOSES,
24 AND NEARLY 4.1 MILLION WERE SECOND DOSES. THIS MEANS THAT 65
25 PERCENT OF OUR RESIDENTS 16 AND OVER HAVE RECEIVED A FIRST

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1 DOSE, AND 54 PERCENT OF OUR RESIDENTS 16 AND OVER ARE FULLY
2 VACCINATED. WE WILL MOVE ON TO THE NEXT SLIDE. WHEN YOU LOOK
3 AT VACCINATION RATES BY AGE GROUP, WE CAN SEE THAT WE HAVE A
4 LOT OF WORK AHEAD OF US TO CLOSE GAPS AMONG OUR YOUNGER
5 POPULATIONS WHO, IN FACT, HAVE HAD LESS TIME, IN MANY CASES,
6 TO GET VACCINATED. IN THE 18 TO 29 AND 30- TO 49-YEAR-OLD AGE
7 GROUPS, WE ARE AT 52 AND 61 PERCENT VACCINATED WITH ONE DOSE.
8 OVER THE LAST MONTH, WE'VE SEEN THE HIGHEST UPTAKE AMONG OUR
9 16- TO 17-YEAR-OLDS, WHERE WE HAD A 37-PERCENT INCREASE IN
10 VACCINATION IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. FOR OUR OLDER GROUPS,
11 WHO HAVE BEEN ELIGIBLE FOR VACCINE FOR THE LONGEST, THEY DO
12 CONTINUE TO GET VACCINATED AT A MUCH LOWER RATE, BUT THEY ALSO
13 HAVE THE HIGHEST VACCINATION RATES. WE WILL TAKE THE NEXT
14 SLIDE. ON THIS NEXT SLIDE, YOU CAN SEE VACCINATION RATES BY
15 RACE AND ETHNICITY, AND WE REMAIN TROUBLED WITH THE GAP THAT
16 EXISTS AND PERSIST AMONG BLACK AND LATINX RESIDENTS. 42
17 PERCENT OF BLACK RESIDENTS AND 50 PERCENT OF LATINX RESIDENTS
18 16 AND OLDER HAVE RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE OF THE VACCINE.
19 THAT'S COMPARED TO 63 PERCENT OF WHITE RESIDENTS AND NEARLY 73
20 PERCENT OF ASIAN RESIDENTS, AND THIS REMAINS VERY CONCERNING.
21 AS WE HAVE WITNESSED BEFORE, BLACK AND BROWN RESIDENTS, AS OUR
22 ESSENTIAL WORKERS, BORE THE BRUNT OF THIS PANDEMIC, ESPECIALLY
23 DURING OUR SURGE. IF WE ARE NOT ABLE TO AFFORD THEM MORE
24 PROTECTION BY THE VACCINES, WITH THE LIFTING OF THE PUBLIC
25 HEALTH SAFETY MEASURES, THEY AGAIN WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST RISK

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1 OF GETTING INFECTED, BEING HOSPITALIZED, AND DYING FROM THIS
2 VIRUS. I WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. AMONG OLDER ADULTS, AS YOU
3 CAN SEE-- AGAIN, THESE WERE ONE OF THE EARLIEST GROUPS TO BE
4 ELIGIBLE FOR THE VACCINE-- WHILE WE SEE A GAP, IT IS MUCH
5 SMALLER. 65 PERCENT OF BLACK SENIORS AND 74 PERCENT OF LATINX
6 SENIORS HAVE RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE OF THE VACCINE,
7 COMPARED TO 78 PERCENT OF WHITE AND ASIAN SENIORS. OUR NEXT
8 SLIDE. I THINK A CLOSER EXAMINATION OF AGE SUBGROUPS BY RACE
9 AND ETHNICITY, AS YOU CAN SEE ON THIS SLIDE, SHOWS DRAMATIC
10 DIFFERENCES IN VACCINATION COVERAGE BETWEEN RACIAL AND ETHNIC
11 GROUPS, PARTICULARLY FOR OUR YOUNGER RESIDENTS. THE
12 DIFFERENCES AMONG TEENS IN BOTH THE 12- TO 15-YEAR-OLD AGE
13 GROUP AND THE 16- TO 17-YEAR-OLD AGE GROUP IS STARK. ONLY
14 ABOUT HALF AS MANY BLACK AND LATINX TEENS ARE GETTING
15 VACCINATED AS THEIR AMERICAN INDIAN, ALASKA NATIVE, WHITE, AND
16 ASIAN COUNTERPARTS, AND THE DATA DOESN'T LOOK VERY DIFFERENT
17 FOR YOUNG ADULTS 18 TO 29. 25 PERCENT OF BLACK ADULTS IN THIS
18 CATEGORY, AND 37 PERCENT OF LATINX ADULTS, HAVE BEEN
19 VACCINATED. THIS COMPARES WITH 70 PERCENT OF THEIR ASIAN AND
20 54 PERCENT OF THEIR WHITE COUNTERPARTS, BETWEEN 1 1/2 AND 2/3
21 FEWER VACCINATIONS AMONG BLACKS AND LATINX. THIS
22 DISPROPORTIONALITY CONTINUES AMONGST 30- TO 49-YEAR-OLDS,
23 PARTICULARLY AMONG BLACK RESIDENTS, WHERE ABOUT HALF AS MANY
24 BLACK ADULTS HAVE BEEN VACCINATED, WHEN COMPARED TO ASIAN AND
25 WHITE ADULTS. AND WHILE WE SEE DISPARITIES OF CONTINUING OLDER

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1 ADULTS, AS YOU CAN SEE ON THIS SLIDE, THEY ARE MUCH SMALLER.
2 NEXT SLIDE. THE L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO ARE GETTING
3 VACCINATED AT THE LOWEST RATES ARE UNFORTUNATELY ALSO THE ONES
4 NOW SEEING THE HIGHEST RATES OF INFECTION, HOSPITALIZATION,
5 AND DEATH DUE TO C.O.V.I.D. AS YOU CAN SEE ON THIS SLIDE,
6 BLACK RESIDENTS HAVE THE HIGHEST TWO-WEEK CASE INCIDENT RATE
7 AMONG THE COUNTY'S RACIAL AND ETHNIC GROUPS, WITH 37 OUT OF
8 EVERY 100,000 PEOPLE INFECTED BETWEEN MAY 9TH AND THE 22ND OF
9 MAY. THEY ALSO HAD THE HIGHEST HOSPITALIZATION RATE, WITH 8
10 PEOPLE PER 100,000; AND UNFORTUNATELY, THE HIGHEST DEATH RATE,
11 WITH ALMOST 1 DEATH PER 100,000 PEOPLE. AS I NOTED EARLIER,
12 BLACK RESIDENTS ARE ALSO VACCINATED AT LOWER RATES THAN
13 EVERYONE ELSE. THESE INEQUITIES REFLECT MANY COMPLICATED
14 ISSUES, INCLUDING THE DISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES AND
15 OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE NEEDED FOR OPTIMAL HEALTH. AND WHILE WE
16 MUST CONTINUE THE ESSENTIAL EFFORTS THAT ENSURE GOOD ACCESS TO
17 BOTH VACCINES AND GOOD INFORMATION ABOUT VACCINE SAFETY, WE DO
18 ASK FOR EVERYONE'S HELP. EACH OF US WHO ARE VACCINATED CAN
19 APPROACH OUR UNVACCINATED FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND NEIGHBORS WITH
20 CURIOSITY AND HUMILITY ABOUT THEIR VACCINE DECISION-MAKING
21 PROCESS. WE CAN SHARE OUR OWN STORIES, WE CAN SHARE WHAT IT
22 WAS THAT HELPED US MAKE OUR DECISION, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, WE
23 CAN KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING. WHEN IT IS APPROPRIATE, WE
24 CAN OFFER OUR COMPANY AND OUR ENCOURAGEMENT TO GET THOSE IN
25 OUR COMMUNITY THAT ARE YET TO BE VACCINATED TO ANY OF THE

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1 HUNDREDS OF VACCINATION SITES ACROSS THE COUNTY, ONCE PEOPLE
2 ARE READY TO GET THEIR VACCINES. TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. AS I
3 NOTED EARLIER, IN ORDER TO GET MORE PEOPLE VACCINATED, PUBLIC
4 HEALTH IS FOCUSED ON TWO AREAS TO MAINTAIN VACCINE UPTAKE:
5 IMPROVE ACCESS TO THE VACCINE, AND BUILD CONFIDENCE IN THE
6 VACCINE. TO IMPROVE ACCESS, EVERY SINGLE WEEK FOR THE LAST
7 COUPLE OF MONTHS, THERE HAVE BEEN AT LEAST 750 VACCINATION
8 SITES IN L.A. COUNTY. AND FOR THE LAST FEW WEEKS, WE HAVE HAD
9 OVER 200 ADDITIONAL MOBILE VACCINATION TEAMS THAT ARE GOING TO
10 WHERE PEOPLE ALREADY ARE, ALLOWING FOR WALK-IN APPOINTMENTS,
11 AND REQUIRING MINIMAL DOCUMENTATION AND VERIFICATION. WE ARE
12 ABLE TO DO THIS THANKS TO THE PARTNERSHIPS WITH TRUSTED
13 PROVIDERS, INCLUDING PHYSICIANS, CLINICS, OUR FAITH-BASED
14 PARTNERS, AND OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS ACROSS THE COUNTY. IT IS
15 OUR PRIORITY TO MOVE ALL POTENTIAL BARRIERS, AND MAKE GETTING
16 THE VACCINE AS EASY AS POSSIBLE. WE ARE ALSO DETERMINED TO
17 INCREASE COMMUNITY MEMBERS' CONFIDENCE IN THE VACCINE BY
18 PROVIDING LINGUISTICALLY AND CULTURALLY ACCURATE INFORMATION,
19 SUPPORTING OUR MANY TRUSTED MESSENGERS ACROSS THE COUNTY, AND
20 PROVIDING THE LATEST DATA IN OUR COMMITMENT TO TRANSPARENCY.
21 WE'LL GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE. AND AS YOU CAN SEE, TO MAKE IT AS
22 EASY AS POSSIBLE, THERE ARE C.O.V.I.D.-19 VACCINATIONS
23 AVAILABLE ALL ACROSS THIS COUNTY. THIS IS THE MAP FOR THIS
24 WEEK, WITH THE 765 SITES THAT OFFER VACCINATIONS. THIS
25 INCLUDES OUR PHARMACIES, CLINICS, COMMUNITY SITES, AND

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1 HOSPITALS, AND THIS IS ALL THE WAY THROUGH TILL JUNE 10TH. YOU
2 CAN SEE THAT MANY OF OUR VACCINATION SITES ARE CONCENTRATED IN
3 AREAS WHICH HAVE BEEN HARD HIT BY THE PANDEMIC, AND IT IS
4 HERE THAT WE WANT TO MAKE SURE IT IS AS EASY AS POSSIBLE TO
5 GET A VACCINE. CURRENTLY, AT ALL OF THE 8 COUNTY-RUN SITES,
6 ALL L.A. CITY RUN SITES, ALMOST EVERY MOBILE SITE, AND MANY OF
7 THE COMMUNITY SITES, YOU CAN GET VACCINATED WITHOUT ANY
8 APPOINTMENT. MANY SITES ARE OPEN ON WEEKENDS, AND MANY HAVE
9 EVENING HOURS. ALL OF THIS INFORMATION IS UPDATED REGULARLY ON
10 VACCINATELACOUNTY.COM. TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. WE ALSO, AS I
11 NOTED, CONTINUE TO EXPAND OUR CAPACITY TO DO MOBILE
12 VACCINATION TEAMS. THESE ARE TEAMS THAT TAKE VACCINES INTO THE
13 NEIGHBORHOODS TO REACH PEOPLE WHO HAVE LIMITED ABILITY OR TIME
14 TO GET TO ONE OF THE ESTABLISHED VACCINATION SITES. THIS WEEK,
15 WE HAVE 237 COMMUNITY-SUPPORTED MOBILE VACCINATION SITES. THIS
16 IS THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF SITES THAT WE HAVE HAD AVAILABLE IN A
17 ONE-WEEK PERIOD, TO DATE, AND THIS IS JUST THE COUNTY MOBILE
18 TEAMS. THERE ARE ALSO CITY MOBILE TEAMS AND OTHER PROVIDER
19 MOBILE TEAMS. WE ARE DIRECTING SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES TOWARDS
20 MOBILE VACCINATION SITES, OUT OF A REAL SENSE OF URGENCY TO
21 GET AS MANY RESIDENTS VACCINATED AS WE CAN BEFORE JUNE 15TH.
22 AND THIS IS BECAUSE WE RECOGNIZE THAT FOR MANY PEOPLE, BEING
23 ABLE TO GET A VACCINE IN A PUBLIC LOCATION, LIKE METRO, A
24 RETAIL STORE, AT A PARK, A COMMUNITY, A FAITH-BASED
25 ORGANIZATION, AN OUTDOOR RECREATION SPACE, SOMEPLACE THAT IS

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1 CLOSE TO YOU ,IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, MAKES IT MUCH MORE
2 CONVENIENT. WE ARE ALSO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH THE SCHOOL
3 DISTRICTS ON MAKING SURE THAT THERE IS VACCINATION
4 AVAILABILITY AT MANY OF THESE SITES, AND WE NOW ARE HAPPY TO
5 REPORT WE HAVE 120 SCHOOLS THAT HAVE APPROVED VACCINATION
6 SITES. THIS WEEK, 61 OF THOSE SITES ARE OFFERING VACCINATIONS
7 TO STUDENTS, TO STAFF AND FACULTY, AND TO MEMBERS IN THE
8 SURROUNDING COMMUNITY. WE'LL GO ON TO THE NEXT SLIDE. I DO
9 WANT TO NOTE THAT, BECAUSE THERE ARE ALL THESE DIFFERENT
10 PLACES WHERE PEOPLE CAN GET GO GET VACCINATED, WE'VE UPGRADED
11 OUR WEBSITE. I THINK IT IS A LOT EASIER NOW TO FIND A PLACE TO
12 GO. IT IS IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH, AND IT ALLOWS YOU TO SEARCH
13 FOR A PLACE TO GET VACCINATED BY ZIP CODE, BY THE VACCINE
14 TYPE-- SO YOU WANT TO GET MODERNA, OR YOU WANT TO GET J&J--
15 AND HOURS OF OPERATION, AND BY LOCATION TYPE. YOU CAN ALSO
16 SEARCH FOR LOCATIONS WHERE AN APPOINTMENT IS NOT NEEDED. NOW
17 ALL SITES IN L.A. COUNTY, INCLUDING THE POP-UP AND MOBILE
18 SITES, ARE GOING TO BE LISTED ON THE WEB PAGE. I WILL TAKE THE
19 NEXT SLIDE. TO MAINTAIN OUR VACCINE UPTAKE AND INCREASE IT IN
20 HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES, WE'VE IMPLEMENTED A MULTI-PRONGED
21 APPROACH TO BUILD VACCINE CONFIDENCE. WE ARE CONVENING REGULAR
22 TOWN HALLS, OFTEN WITH OUR PARTNERS, AND THEY'RE GEARED
23 TOWARDS SPECIFIC GROUPS. AND HERE'S OUR OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR
24 FROM LISTENERS, TO ANSWER THEIR QUESTIONS, AND BUST THE MYTHS
25 THAT WE KNOW ARE CIRCULATING AND THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED. WE

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1 HOPE THAT THESE TOWN HALLS PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR
2 RESIDENTS TO ASK THEIR QUESTIONS AND BUILD THEIR TRUST IN
3 VACCINE SAFETY AND EFFECTIVENESS. THROUGH OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH
4 HOUSES OF WORSHIP, WE'VE CONDUCTED HUNDREDS OF MOBILE CLINIC
5 OPPORTUNITIES, WITH ALMOST 300 FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS.
6 WE'VE ALSO BEEN ABLE TO DISTRIBUTE OVER \$67 MILLION TO DOZENS
7 OF COMMUNITY AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, SO THAT WE CAN
8 SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS AS TRUSTED PROVIDERS AND TRUSTED
9 LEADERS, TO PROVIDE ACCURATE INFORMATION ABOUT VACCINES. MANY
10 OF THESE SAME ORGANIZATIONS HAVE TRAINED PROMOTORAS AND
11 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS. THEY ARE ABLE TO ENGAGE WITH
12 RESIDENTS, LISTEN TO THEIR CONCERNS, AND CONNECT THEM WITH A
13 WHOLE RANGE OF APPROPRIATE RESOURCES. THROUGH GENEROUS
14 DONATIONS FROM PHILANTHROPY, BUSINESSES, ENTERTAINMENT, AND
15 SPORTS TEAMS, WE ARE ABLE TO CONTINUE PROVIDING THANK-YOU GIFT
16 OPPORTUNITIES TO MANY THAT ARE COMING IN TO GET THEIR FIRST
17 VACCINE DOSE, OR COMING IN TO GET THEIR SECOND VACCINE, AND
18 BRINGING SOMEBODY WITH THEM FOR THEIR FIRST VACCINE. THESE
19 GIFTS ARE MEANT TO COMPLEMENT OUR PRIMARY STRATEGIES OF
20 IMPROVING ACCESS AND BUILDING VACCINE CONFIDENCE, AND THEY
21 CANNOT SUBSTITUTE FOR THE IMPORTANT WORK OF STRENGTHENING
22 COMMUNICATIONS, NURTURING RELATIONSHIPS, AND INVESTING IN
23 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS. WE ARE EXTRAORDINARILY GRATEFUL FOR
24 ALL OF THE PARTNERSHIPS AND THE DEEP COMMITMENT ON THE PART OF
25 SO MANY IN OUR COMMUNITIES TO SUPPORT VACCINATION EFFORTS. WE

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1 WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. WE ARE NOW A WEEK AWAY FROM THE
2 MUCH-ANTICIPATED JUNE 15TH DATE THAT THE STATE HAS SET FOR
3 MAKING CHANGES IN MANY OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH MANDATES. WE
4 EXPECT TO SEE THE ELIMINATION OF MOST DISTANCING AND CAPACITY
5 LIMITS, AS WELL AS RELAXED MASKING REQUIREMENTS, AND THE
6 COUNTY WILL BE ALIGNING WITH THE STATE. IN JUST A MOMENT, I
7 WILL REVIEW THE CAL/O.S.H.A. MODIFICATIONS TO THE C.O.V.I.D.
8 PREVENTION STANDARDS IN WORKPLACES. WE EXPECT THESE TO BE
9 APPROVED BEFORE JUNE 15TH. I ALSO WANT TO NOTE THAT THERE ARE
10 A FEW SECTORS WHERE MASKING AND DISTANCING PROTECTIONS WILL BE
11 RETAINED, GIVEN THE HIGH RISK OF EITHER UNKNOWN VACCINATION
12 STATUS, LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE THAT ARE NOT VACCINATED, OR
13 THE FACT THAT THEY, BY THEIR VERY NATURE, ARE HIGH-RISK
14 SETTINGS. THESE SITES INCLUDE SCHOOLS, CHILDCARE FACILITIES,
15 CAMPS, HEALTHCARE FACILITIES, HIGH-RISK CONGREGANT SETTINGS,
16 INDOOR MEGA-EVENTS, AND PUBLIC TRANSIT. FOR ALL OTHER SECTORS,
17 PUBLIC HEALTH WILL BE RETIRING OUR PROTOCOLS, AND ISSUING,
18 INSTEAD, BEST-PRACTICE GUIDANCE. I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT THE
19 STATE HAS NOT YET ISSUED THEIR MASKING GUIDANCE, WHICH WE'LL
20 ALL BE ADHERING TO ON JUNE 15TH AND POST-JUNE 15TH, BUT THEY
21 HAVE INDICATED TO US THAT THEY WILL BE FOLLOWING THE C.D.C.
22 GUIDANCE, WHICH REALLY RESTS ON THE BASIC PREMISE THAT IN MANY
23 PLACES, THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE VACCINATED WILL NO LONGER NEED TO
24 WEAR THEIR FACE COVERINGS, AND THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT
25 VACCINATED WILL BE REQUIRED TO CONTINUE WEARING THEIR FACE

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1 COVERINGS. BUT LET ME GET TO SOME OF THE EXCEPTIONS. FIRST,
2 LET'S START WITH THE NEXT SLIDE, AND THE CAL/O.S.H.A.
3 WORKPLACE STANDARDS. PROTECTING L.A. COUNTY'S WORKFORCE
4 REMAINS A TOP PRIORITY, AND LAST WEEK THE STATE'S OCCUPATIONAL
5 SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS BOARD VOTED TO ADOPT MODIFIED
6 CAL/O.S.H.A. C.O.V.I.D.-19 PREVENTION EMERGENCY TEMPORARY
7 STANDARDS, E.T.S. FOR SHORT, FOR WORKPLACES, WITH A SMALL
8 NUMBER OF REVISIONS THAT WILL BE IN PLACE TO PROTECT WORKERS
9 AFTER JUNE 15TH. ALTHOUGH THE STANDARDS BOARD MAY FURTHER
10 REFINE THESE REVISED WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS THAT WE HAVE
11 ALREADY SEEN, THIS IS WHAT WE EXPECT AS THEY GO INTO EFFECT,
12 AS YOU CAN SEE ON THIS SLIDE. IN INDOOR SETTINGS, ALL WORKERS
13 MUST BE MASKED, REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS. THERE ARE
14 EXCEPTIONS. ONE EXCEPTION IS THAT WHEN A WORKER IS ALONE.
15 ANOTHER EXCEPTION IS WHEN ALL PERSONS IN A ROOM ARE FULLY
16 VACCINATED AND ASYMPTOMATIC, MEANING THEY DON'T HAVE ANY OF
17 THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 SYMPTOMS: COUGH, SORE THROAT, FEVER, CHILLS,
18 FATIGUE. WHEN WORKING OUTDOORS AND 6 FEET OR MORE AWAY FROM
19 OTHERS, ALL WORKERS WITHOUT C.O.V.I.D. SYMPTOMS CAN WORK
20 UNMASKED, REGARDLESS OF THEIR VACCINATION STATUS, EXCEPT WHEN
21 THEY ARE WORKING AT WHAT WE CALL THE OUTDOOR MEGA-EVENTS THAT
22 HAVE MORE THAN 10,000 ATTENDEES. AT THESE OUTDOOR MEGA-EVENTS,
23 WORKERS WILL NEED TO WEAR A FACE COVERING, REGARDLESS OF THEIR
24 VACCINATION STATUS. PHYSICAL DISTANCING WILL NO LONGER BE
25 REQUIRED FOR WORKERS, EITHER INDOORS OR OUTDOORS, IF EMPLOYERS

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1 ARE OFFERING RESPIRATORS, WHICH MOST OF US KNOW AS AN N-95,
2 TO ALL OF THEIR UNVACCINATED EMPLOYEES FOR VOLUNTARY USE.
3 THERE IS ONE EXCEPTION TO THIS RULE, WHICH IS WHEN THERE ARE
4 OUTBREAKS. IF THERE IS AN OUTBREAK IN A WORKPLACE, OTHER
5 INFECTION CONTROL REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING PHYSICAL DISTANCING,
6 MAY BE IMPLEMENTED TO PROTECT WORKERS. LASTLY, WITH REGARD TO
7 WORKPLACE EXCLUSION-- MAINLY, WHO NEEDS TO STAY HOME FROM WORK
8 DUE TO THE RISK OF C.O.V.I.D. TRANSMISSION-- CAL/O.S.H.A. HAS
9 DETERMINED THAT FULLY VACCINATED WORKERS WHO ARE SYMPTOMATIC
10 CAN GO TO WORK EVEN AFTER THEY'RE IDENTIFIED AS BEING A CLOSE
11 CONTACT WITH A PERSON WHO HAS A CONFIRMED CASE OF C.O.V.I.D.-
12 19. THE UNDERLYING LOGIC BEHIND THESE MODIFICATIONS IS TO
13 ACCOUNT FOR CHANGES IN OUR CIRCUMSTANCES, ESPECIALLY AS IT
14 RELATES TO VACCINE AVAILABILITY AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THESE
15 VACCINES. AND, AS WE'VE NOTED EARLIER TODAY, THE LOW CASE
16 RATES ACROSS THE COUNTY AND THE STATE. NEXT SLIDE. I DO WANT
17 TO TALK FOR A MINUTE ABOUT WHAT WE ARE LEARNING FROM OTHER
18 STATES THAT ALREADY LIFTED THEIR MASK MANDATES WEEKS AGO, AND
19 I DO WANT TO SHARE WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN
20 THESE STATES. WE HAVE DATA FROM THE PAST THREE WEEKS FOR 5
21 STATES THAT LIFTED THEIR MASK MANDATES RIGHT AFTER C.D.C.
22 CHANGED THE MASK GUIDANCE. THIS INCLUDES ILLINOIS, MICHIGAN,
23 NEW MEXICO, NEW YORK, AND WASHINGTON STATE. WE ALSO ARE
24 SHOWING INFORMATION ON TEXAS, THAT LIFTED THEIR MANDATE BACK
25 IN MARCH. ALL THESE STATES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TEXAS, HAVE

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1 VACCINATION COVERAGE RATES ABOVE 57 PERCENT. TEXAS HAS A
2 VACCINATION COVERAGE RATE AT 45 PERCENT. IN GENERAL, AS YOU
3 CAN SEE ON THIS SLIDE, THE CASE RATES FROM MAY 13TH TO THE 3RD
4 OF JUNE HAVE CONTINUED TO DECLINE. MICHIGAN, WHICH IS THE
5 ORANGE TREND LINE, HAS HAD THE MOST DRAMATIC DECLINE, BUT THEY
6 ALSO HAD THE HIGHEST CASE RATE WHEN THEY WENT INTO MID-MAY,
7 WITH OVER 350 CASES PER 100,000 RESIDENTS. TEXAS, IT IS
8 IMPORTANT TO NOTE, WHICH HAS THE LOWEST VACCINATION RATE, IS
9 THE ONLY STATE THAT HAS SEEN AN INCREASE IN THEIR CASE RATES
10 IN THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS. THIS IS PROMISING NEWS, AND WE
11 ARE HOPEFUL THAT WITH OUR CONTINUED EFFORTS TO VACCINATE L.A.
12 COUNTY RESIDENTS, WE ALSO WILL BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN OUR LOW
13 CASE RATES, ONCE WE MOVE INTO A FULLER REOPENING. AND AS
14 ALWAYS, WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR OUR C.O.V.I.D. METRICS
15 VERY CLOSELY, EVERY DAY AS WE DO NOW, BUT CERTAINLY AFTER JUNE
16 15TH, AND WE WILL MAKE THAT INFORMATION ACCESSIBLE TO
17 EVERYONE. I WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. AND I DO WANT TO END
18 WITH SOME GUIDANCE THAT EACH OF US CAN DO TO PREPARE FOR JUNE
19 15TH AND BEYOND. OF COURSE, THE MOST IMPORTANT STRATEGY IS FOR
20 EVERYONE TO GET VACCINATED IF THEY ARE ELIGIBLE. THIS ENSURES
21 THE BEST PROTECTION FOR YOURSELF, FOR THOSE AROUND YOU, AND
22 FOR OUR COMMUNITY. ONCE SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS FOR MOST SECTORS
23 ARE RETIRED, WHICH WILL BE ON JUNE 15TH, WE DO URGE BUSINESSES
24 TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE BEST-PRACTICE GUIDANCE THAT WE
25 WILL BE POSTING FOR EACH SECTOR, AND TO ADOPT THESE BEST

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1 PRACTICES WHEREVER POSSIBLE TO MAXIMIZE SAFETY FOR THEIR STAFF
2 AND FOR RESIDENTS. AND FINALLY, WE URGE THAT EVERYONE ADHERE
3 TO THE STATE-REQUIRED SAFETY MEASURES THAT WILL REMAIN IN
4 PLACE FOR SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES AND SECTORS. AS I NOTED EARLIER,
5 THESE WILL INCLUDE SECTOR-SPECIFIC DIRECTIVES FOR SCHOOLS,
6 DAYCARES, CAMPS, HEALTHCARE FACILITIES, HIGH-RISK CONGREGATE
7 LIVING FACILITIES, MEGA-EVENTS AND PUBLIC TRANSIT. IT IS CLEAR
8 THAT WHEN WE ALL WORK TOGETHER ACROSS THE COUNTY, WE DO
9 PROTECT EACH OTHER, AND OUR EFFORTS ARE ON TRACK FOR A FULL
10 RECOVERY. I DO WANT TO END MY PRESENTATION BY THANKING OUR
11 MANY COMMUNITY AND COUNTY PARTNERS FOR THEIR TIRELESS EFFORTS
12 TO INCREASE OUR VACCINATION RATES ACROSS L.A. COUNTY,
13 ESPECIALLY IN OUR HARDEST-HIT AND HARD-TO-REACH COMMUNITIES. I
14 ALSO WANT TO THANK THE MILLIONS OF COUNTY RESIDENTS, WHO ARE
15 PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, TEENS, AND WORKERS, WHO HAVE TAKEN THE
16 COURAGEOUS STEP AND GOTTEN VACCINATED. THESE EFFORTS, AS YOU
17 CAN SEE, HAVE HAD A DRAMATIC IMPACT ON OUR COLLECTIVE
18 WELLBEING, ALLOWING US TO FEEL CONFIDENT IN OUR REOPENING, AND
19 WITH THE CONTINUATION OF LOW CASE DEATH AND HOSPITALIZATION
20 RATES. WE DO NEED TO DO AS MUCH AS WE CAN TO KEEP UP THIS
21 PROGRESS, AND I THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR ONGOING COMMITMENT TO
22 THIS WORK. THANK YOU AGAIN, AND I AM HAPPY TO ANSWER YOUR
23 QUESTIONS AFTER DR. GHALY SPEAKS.

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25 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** DR. GHALY?

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2 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** YEAH, GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'LL
3 PROVIDE A BRIEF UPDATE TODAY ON VACCINATIONS, AND ALSO
4 COMMUNITY TESTING. WITH RESPECT TO THE VACCINATIONS, PLEASE
5 JUST TURN TO THE SLIDES FOR YOUR REVIEW, AND I SEE THEM
6 POSTED. IF YOU GO TO THE SECOND SLIDE, THIS SHOWS PROGRESS ON
7 OVERALL VACCINATION RATES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
8 SERVICES. TO DATE, D.H.S. HAS ADMINISTERED APPROXIMATELY
9 185,000 VACCINES TO PATIENTS, CLIENTS, STAFF, MEMBERS OF THE
10 PUBLIC. THE RATE HAS SLOWED OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF WEEKS, AS
11 YOU'LL SEE IN THE FLATTENING OF THE LINE ON THE CHART, AND
12 THIS IS SIMILAR TO THE TREND THAT WE HAVE SEEN COUNTYWIDE, AS
13 A SMALLER NUMBER OF PATIENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE
14 COMING IN FOR VACCINATION. IF YOU GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE,
15 PLEASE, YOU WILL SEE THE BREAKDOWN IN RACE AND ETHNICITY,
16 WHICH IS RELATIVELY CONSISTENT VERSUS SLIDES I'VE SHOWN YOU IN
17 THE PAST. THE VACCINATIONS PROVIDED BY D.H.S. TO OUR PATIENTS
18 GENERALLY MIRROR THAT OF OUR OVERALL PATIENT POPULATIONS,
19 THOUGH THE RATES ARE SLIGHTLY LOWER AMONG BOTH WHITE AND
20 BLACK/AFRICAN-AMERICAN RESIDENTS, AND SLIGHTLY HIGHER AMONG
21 LATINO PATIENTS. ON THE NEXT SLIDES, SLIDES FOUR AND FIVE,
22 SLIDE FOUR DEMONSTRATES PROGRESS IN VACCINATING D.H.S. PATIENT
23 WHO ARE AGE 12-PLUS, AND THE NEXT SLIDE, WHICH I'LL GO TO IN A
24 MINUTE FOCUSES ON INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE AGE 65-PLUS. HERE ON
25 SLIDE 4, YOU CAN SEE SEVERAL THINGS. FIRST, OVERALL, THE

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1 VACCINATION RATE IS HIGHEST AMONG OUR ASIAN PATIENTS, AND THEN
2 AMONG OUR HISPANIC AND LATINO PATIENTS. THE RATES BETWEEN MALE
3 AND FEMALE PATIENTS ARE GENERALLY SIMILAR, EXCEPT WE SEE A
4 CONTINUED TREND, WHICH WE HAVE SEEN IN THE PAST, THAT RATES
5 AMONG LATINO MEN, AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND OTHER PACIFIC
6 ISLANDER MEN, ARE LOWER THAN THAT AMONG WOMEN. IN LOOKING AT
7 SLIDE FIVE, WHICH FOCUSES ON PATIENTS WHOSE ARE AGE 65-PLUS--
8 AND AGAIN, THIS IS JUST FOR D.H.S. PATIENTS-- THIS POPULATION
9 HAS BEEN ELIGIBLE FOR SEVERAL MONTHS FOR THE VACCINE, AND
10 OBVIOUSLY THE RATES OF VACCINATION ARE HIGHER AS A RESULT. THE
11 RATES ARE STILL HIGHEST AMONG ASIAN AND HISPANIC/LATINO
12 PATIENTS, AND AMONG WHITE MEN, AND WE SEE LOWER RATES AMONG
13 OUR BLACK PATIENTS, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER
14 PATIENTS, AND AMONG OUR WHITE FEMALE PATIENTS. THE NEXT SLIDE
15 FOCUSES ON PROGRESS AMONG OUR HOUSING FOR HEALTH TEAM TO DO
16 OUTREACH, AND REACH VACCINATIONS FOR PERSONS EXPERIENCING
17 HOMELESSNESS, AND THE HOMELESS SERVICES STAFF THAT TAKE CARE
18 OF THEM. OVER 13,500 VACCINATIONS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO DATE,
19 WITH THREE-QUARTERS OF THOSE VACCINES PROVIDED TO P.E.H.
20 CLIENTS, AND 25% TO STAFF. ALMOST 4800 CLIENTS AND 1700 STAFF
21 HAVE BEEN FULLY VACCINATED TO DATE. AND PLEASE REMEMBER, THIS
22 DOES NOT REPRESENT THE TOTAL NUMBERS OF VACCINATIONS AMONG
23 PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN THE COUNTY. THIS JUST
24 REFLECTS THE D.H.S. HOUSING FOR HEALTH WORKLOAD. THERE ARE
25 MULTIPLE ENTITIES, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS, THAT ARE

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1 INVOLVED IN HELPING TO VACCINATION INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE
2 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. THE NEXT SLIDE, SLIDE SEVEN,
3 FOCUSES ON OUR EFFORTS WITHIN THE JAIL. OVER 12,000
4 VACCINATIONS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO DATE, AND OVER 6600
5 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE IN JAIL, OR WERE IN JAIL AT THE TIME OF
6 THE VACCINATION, ARE NOW FULLY VACCINATED. ALL INDIVIDUALS IN
7 THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM ARE OFFERED A VACCINE. THE
8 CUMULATIVE ACCEPTANCE RATE HAS FALLEN TO 51%. IT WAS SLIGHTLY
9 HIGHER OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, BUT IT IS NOW DOWN TO
10 51%. I'LL SHIFT NOW TO TESTING ON SLIDES EIGHT AND NINE, AND
11 THEN WE WILL CLOSE. IT IS OBVIOUSLY A MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT THAT
12 WE CAN BE AT A POINT IN THE PANDEMIC WHERE WE CONSIDER SCALING
13 DOWN OUR TESTING CAPACITY ACROSS THE COUNTY. OUR UTILIZATION
14 ACROSS THE COUNTY'S TESTING SITES REMAINS STABLE AND LOW,
15 RANGING FROM USE OF ONLY 12% TO 15% OF THE AVAILABLE TESTING
16 CAPACITY FOR THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, AND THE PERCENT
17 POSITIVITY RATE ALSO REMAINS LOW, AT UNDER 1%. THIS IS
18 POSSIBLE ONLY BECAUSE OF THE PUBLIC'S WILLINGNESS TO COMPLY
19 WITH THE PUBLIC HEALTH INTERVENTIONS TO DATE, AND ALSO A
20 RELATIVELY HIGH ACCEPTANCE RATE OF THE VACCINE WITHIN LOS
21 ANGELES COUNTY. AS A REMINDER, INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE FULLY
22 VACCINATED HAVE DIFFERENT AND LESS STRINGENT CRITERIA FOR WHO
23 NEEDS TO SEEK C.O.V.I.D. TESTING. WHILE ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO
24 HAVE SIGNS OR SYMPTOMS OF C.O.V.I.D., AND WHERE THERE IS A
25 SUSPECTED INFECTION WITH C.O.V.I.D. SHOULD STILL SEEK TESTING,

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1 BEYOND THAT, INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ASYMPTOMATIC GENERALLY DO NOT
2 NEED TO RECEIVE TESTING, REGARDLESS OF THE CIRCUMSTANCE, AND
3 TESTING IS NOT GENERALLY RECOMMENDED. SO IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED
4 A VACCINE, AND YOU HAVE AN EXPOSURE TO SOMEONE WITH
5 C.O.V.I.D., OR YOU'VE BEEN AROUND SOMEONE WITH C.O.V.I.D.,
6 TESTING IS STILL NOT INDICATED. YOU CAN ALWAYS SPEAK WITH YOUR
7 PHYSICIAN IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT WHETHER YOUR
8 PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCE MIGHT BE AN EXCEPTION. TESTING SITE
9 CLOSURE IS SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO CONSIDER, GIVEN THIS LOW
10 PERCENT POSITIVITY RATE AND THE LOW UTILIZATION RATE, AND IT
11 WILL BE DETERMINED ON THE BASIS OF A NUMBER OF FACTORS. AS I
12 MENTIONED, WE WILL CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON THE SITE UTILIZATION
13 RATE AND TEST POSITIVITY RATE; ALSO, CASE COUNTS AND
14 VACCINATION RATES IN THE LOCAL AREA; AND THEN ALSO JUST THE
15 PRACTICALITIES OF PARTNER REQUESTS FOR CLOSURES. WE ARE VERY
16 GRATEFUL FOR THE GENEROSITY OF A NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS,
17 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, WHO HAVE BEEN GENEROUS IN ALLOWING USE OF
18 THEIR SPACE OVER THE PAST YEAR. BUT AS WE MOVE TOWARD
19 REOPENING, MANY ORGANIZATIONS ARE UNDERSTANDABLY IN NEED OF
20 THEIR SPACE BACK. IF YOU'LL TURN TO THE NEXT SLIDE, OUT OF 21
21 COUNTY-OPERATED SITES, ONE AT LEON H. WASHINGTON PARK CLOSED
22 AT THE END OF MAY, AND FIVE MORE ARE SCHEDULED TO CLOSE BY THE
23 END OF JUNE. THESE ARE THE SITE AT THE BEACH CITIES HEALTH
24 DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF VERNON, AT THE MONTEBELLO CIVIC
25 CENTER, AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF MEXICO, AND AT CAL STATE

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1 L.A. SOME SITES WILL ALSO CHANGE FROM A DRIVE-UP TO A WALK-UP
2 MODEL, WHICH ALLOWS FOR LESS USE OF SPACE, AND GREATER USE OF
3 SPACE BY THE ORGANIZATION FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSES, AND
4 THIS WILL HAPPEN AT THE L.A. FORUM AND SOUTH GATE PARK DURING
5 THE FIRST WEEK OF JULY. AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO LOOK AT THE
6 CRITERIA OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS AND MONTHS, AND
7 CONTINUE TO SCALE DOWN TESTING CAPACITY, IN LINE WITH WHAT THE
8 OPERATIONAL AND DISEASE METRICS ARE SHOWING US. WHILE WE ARE
9 AT A GOOD PLACE IN THE PANDEMIC, WITH RESPECT TO THE DEMAND
10 FOR TESTING AND THE NEED FOR TESTING, THE BEST WAY TO MAINTAIN
11 THIS MOMENTUM FOR THE COUNTY AND FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL IN THE
12 COUNTY FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IS STILL TO GET VACCINATED.
13 THIS REMAINS THE MOST POWERFUL TOOL THAT WE HAVE IN COMBATING
14 THE VIRUS. DESPITE, REALLY, WHAT IS A LOT OF INCORRECT FACTS
15 THAT ARE OUT THERE ON THE INTERNET, THE VACCINE IS SAFE, AND
16 THE VACCINE IS EFFECTIVE. IF YOU DO HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT
17 THE VACCINE, I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO REACH OUT TO A TRUSTED
18 SOURCE OF INFORMATION TO GET THE TRUTH AND THE FACTS. YOUR
19 DECISION COULD SAVE LIVES AND WILL ALLOW OUR SOCIETY TO
20 CONTINUE ON THIS PATH TO REOPENING. AND I WOULD BE HAPPY TO
21 TAKE QUESTIONS.

22
23 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. THANK YOU BOTH, DR. FERRER AND DR.
24 GHALY. I WANT TO START BY ASKING SOME QUESTIONS, AND THEN I
25 WILL TURN TO MY COLLEAGUES. SO, DR. FERRER, ON YOUR CHART,

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1 REGARDING THE TWO-WEEK CASE INCIDENTS, THE DEATH RATES PER
2 100,000 PEOPLE, MAY 9TH THROUGH MAY 22ND, I CONTINUE TO BE
3 ALARMED REGARDING CASE INCIDENCE RATE AMONGST THE BLACK AND
4 LATINO YOUTH AND YOUNG PEOPLE. AND I AM JUST WONDERING HOW WE
5 ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO MESSAGE AND REACH OUT TO THEM AND TO
6 THEIR PARENTS, OR TO FOLKS WHO COULD HELP INFLUENCE THEM TO
7 GET IN THE QUEUE FOR THE VACCINE, AND HOW WILL YOU GO ABOUT
8 TRACKING THAT? IF YOU CAN JUST BRIEFLY TELL ME A LITTLE BIT
9 ABOUT THAT.

10

11 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
12 AND IT IS A CRITICALLY IMPORTANT QUESTION, AND ONE THAT
13 REQUIRES, I THINK, US TO WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH OUR COMMUNITY
14 PARTNERS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE LEAVING NO STONE UNTURNED IN
15 INNOVATION, AT THIS POINT, AND CREATIVITY ABOUT MAKING SURE
16 THAT WE ARE COMMUNICATING EFFECTIVELY WITH LOTS OF DIFFERENT
17 PEOPLE IN COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN THE HARDEST HIT,
18 AND CAN IN FACT AGAIN BECOME THE HARDEST HIT AS WE MOVE
19 THROUGH A RECOVERY PHASE. FOR EVERYONE, THE RATES ARE A LOT
20 LOWER THAN THEY HAVE BEEN, AND WHEN I TALK TO FOLKS, THAT'S
21 GIVING, IN SOME WAYS, A FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY. NO NEED TO
22 GET VACCINATED, WHEN WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE DYING. THE
23 PROBLEM IS THAT THE ONLY PEOPLE THAT ARE DYING ARE PEOPLE WHO
24 ARE UNVACCINATED, SO IT IS AN UNNECESSARY RISK AT THIS POINT.
25 BECAUSE THE VAST MAJORITY OF PEOPLE IN THE HOSPITAL WHO ARE

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1 INFECTED WITH C.O.V.I.D., WHO ARE TESTING POSITIVE, AND WHO
2 UNFORTUNATELY DIE, ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN FULLY
3 VACCINATED. WE ARE RELYING, I THINK, A LOT ON THE PARTNERSHIPS
4 WE HAVE DEVELOPED AND ARE SUPPORTING WITH RESOURCES. OUR
5 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER NETWORK IS HUGE AT THIS POINT, AND
6 REALLY COVERS THE ENTIRE COUNTY, AS DO OUR PROMOTORAS. WE HAVE
7 ALMOST 300 HOUSES OF WORSHIP THAT WE ARE WORKING WITH, AND
8 REALLY, AGAIN, ENCOURAGING THOSE WHO ARE OUR PARTNERS TO GET
9 WELL INFORMED, AS WELL, SINCE THE MESSAGE IS ALWAYS BETTER
10 WHEN IT COMES FROM SOMEBODY YOU HAVE CONFIDENCE IN. WE ARE
11 WORKING AS RAPIDLY AS WE CAN TO EXPAND THE PROVIDER NETWORK,
12 AND BY THAT I MEAN, NOW, ENROLLING IN THE FEDERAL AND STATE
13 VACCINATION SYSTEMS: THOSE PROVIDERS THAT HAVE THEIR OWN
14 PRACTICES, BUT AGAIN ARE TRUSTED AMONGST THEIR PATIENTS, SO
15 THAT THEY CAN GO AHEAD AND START PROVIDING VACCINES. THIS
16 BECOMES PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT AS WE HAVE YOUNGER TEENS THAT
17 ARE ABLE TO GET VACCINATED, AND MANY PARENTS AND TEENS WOULD
18 PREFER TO GET BE ABLE TO GET VACCINATED BY THEIR OWN
19 PROVIDERS. I WOULD SAY THE OTHER REALLY IMPORTANT STRATEGY
20 THAT WE ARE DOING IS WORKING TO TRAIN MORE AND MORE PEOPLE
21 WITH THE FACTS. AND SO WE HAVE LAUNCHED OUR COMMUNITY
22 AMBASSADOR PROGRAM. WE HAVE A PARENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM AT
23 SCHOOLS, AND A STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM. BECAUSE I THINK WE
24 ALL KNOW, JUST FROM OUR OWN LIVED EXPERIENCES, THAT OFTENTIMES
25 WE LIKE GETTING INFORMATION FROM PEOPLE IN OUR SOCIAL CIRCLES,

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1 AS WELL. AND WE JUST WANT THAT INFORMATION TO BE MORE
2 ACCURATE. SO WE ARE EXPANDING THE COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR
3 PROGRAM. THAT ALLOWS PEOPLE TO COME IN, GET AN ONLINE
4 TRAINING. THEY GET A LOT OF MATERIALS FROM US, AND THEY ALSO
5 HAVE ACCESS TO SPECIAL TRAININGS EVERY MONTH, SO THAT THEY CAN
6 TOO BE PEOPLE WITH THE LATEST INFORMATION THAT'S COMING OUT OF
7 THE RESEARCHERS AND SCIENTISTS, AND ALSO THE INFORMATION ABOUT
8 HOW TO REALLY DEMYSTIFY THE VACCINATION PROCESS, AND ALSO
9 DEBUNK THE FALSE MYTHS THAT CONTINUE TO CIRCULATE. SO I THINK
10 WE HAVE A LOT OF MATERIALS, BUT AT THIS POINT I THINK IT IS
11 THE RELATIONSHIPS THAT ARE GOING TO MAKE THE DIFFERENCE, AND
12 STRENGTHENING THOSE RELATIONSHIPS AND SUPPORTING THOSE
13 ORGANIZATIONS THAT ALREADY HAVE GOOD RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE
14 IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL IN BUILDING CONFIDENCE. AND THE OTHER
15 SIDE IS JUST REDUCING ANY BARRIERS TO ACCESSING THE VACCINE,
16 WHICH INCLUDES, AS WELL, COMMUNICATING ABOUT THE FACT THAT THE
17 VACCINES ARE FREE, THAT THEY DON'T AFFECT YOUR IMMIGRATION
18 STATUS IN ANY WAY, THAT THEY ARE FOR EVERYONE, REGARDLESS OF
19 IMMIGRATION STATUS, AND THAT, AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, YOU CAN
20 JUST SHOW UP AT SITES TO GET VACCINATED. AND WE HAVE TO
21 CONTINUE THAT WORK. THERE ARE STILL MANY PEOPLE FOR WHOM THEIR
22 EMPLOYERS AREN'T RELEASING THEM FROM WORK TO GET VACCINATED.
23 THEY'RE WORKING TWO JOBS. SOME PEOPLE WE HAVE TALKED TO ARE
24 WORKING THREE JOBS, AND THAT'S THE GROUP OF PEOPLE WE JUST
25 NEED TO CONTINUE TO MAKE ACCESS AS EASY AS POSSIBLE. WE, AT

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1 THIS POINT, CAN SEND MOBILE TEAMS JUST ABOUT ANYWHERE, AND WE
2 HAVE EASY WAYS FOR PEOPLE TO REQUEST FROM US THE NEED THAT
3 THEY HAVE TO BRING A MOBILE SITE TO A JOB SITE, TO A COMMUNITY
4 EVENT, TO A HOUSE OF WORSHIP. SO WE WILL GO WHEREVER PEOPLE
5 ARE ASKING US, AND WE ARE ALSO OUT THERE, LETTING PEOPLE KNOW
6 THAT THEY CAN ASK US FOR THIS SERVICE, AND THAT WE WILL BE
7 ABLE TO MEET THEIR NEEDS.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** JUST ONE MORE QUESTION. ONE LAST QUESTION
10 FOR DR. FERRER. THIS HAS TO DO WITH THE C.D.C. UPDATED
11 GUIDANCE THAT WAS ISSUED YESTERDAY, WITH RESPECT TO PEOPLE
12 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. I KNOW THAT THERE WAS SOME UPDATES,
13 AND I WANTED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT MEANS, IN TERMS OF HOW WE
14 DEAL WITH ENCAMPMENTS AND ENSURING THE SAFETY OF THOSE THAT
15 ARE STILL UNSHELTERED, AND WHAT THAT MEANS FOR THE SURROUNDING
16 RESIDENTS, AS WELL, IF YOU CAN.

17

18 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, THANKS SO MUCH. YOU KNOW, AGAIN, THE
19 C.D.C. HAS BEEN REALLY GOOD, RECENTLY, ABOUT UPDATING THEIR
20 GUIDANCE AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON ACTIONS THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN
21 AT STATE AND COUNTY LEVELS AS PART OF LONG-TERM INFECTION
22 PREVENTION STRATEGIES. SO THEY DID NOTE THAT, GIVEN THAT WE
23 NOW HAVE VACCINATIONS AVAILABLE, THERE MAY BE SOME OF THE
24 PREVENTION STRATEGIES THAT WE WERE USING BEFORE, AS WE WERE
25 USING IN MANY PLACES, THAT RELIED HEAVILY ON MITIGATION,

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1 DISTANCING, MAKING SURE THAT PEOPLE WERE ALWAYS WEARING THEIR
2 FACE COVERINGS, HANDWASHING. WHILE THOSE REMAIN IMPORTANT,
3 THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES NOW TO THINK ABOUT CHANGING SOME OF
4 THAT GUIDANCE, AS YOU GET MORE AND MORE PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
5 HOMELESSNESS VACCINATED. FOR EXAMPLE, IT LOOKS TO US LIKE WE
6 HAVE OVER 20,000 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, WHO HAVE
7 BEEN VACCINATED. AGAIN, WE HAVE A WAYS TO GO, BUT AS WE
8 CONTINUE WITH ALL OF THE PARTNERS TO GET MORE PEOPLE
9 VACCINATED, THERE'S A LOT MORE SAFETY. AND, YOU KNOW, THAT HAS
10 DIRECT IMPLICATIONS FOR HOW INTERIM HOUSING SITES GET SET UP,
11 AND THE WORK THAT WE ARE ALL DOING WITH THE OUTREACH TEAMS,
12 WHICH REALLY, AT THIS POINT, IS FOCUSED MORE ON GETTING PEOPLE
13 VACCINATED THAN IT IS ON TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE IS
14 CONTINUING TO KEEP THEIR DISTANCE FROM EACH OTHER. NOW,
15 OBVIOUSLY, SENSIBLE PROTECTIONS LIKE MASK-WEARING, APPLY FOR
16 ALL UNVACCINATED PEOPLE, AND INFECTION CONTROL IS JUST
17 SOMETHING, AS A COUNTY, WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO STAY COMMITTED
18 TO, FOR EVERYONE. BUT IT DOES MEAN THAT CONNECTING PEOPLE
19 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS TO PERMANENT HOUSING, OR STABLE
20 HOUSING, OR INTERIM HOUSING REMAINS THE PRIME STRATEGY,
21 COUPLED WITH EXTENDING OUR EFFORTS TO GET PEOPLE VACCINATED.

22
23 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO YOU WILL KEEP US INFORMED?

24
25 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES, ABSOLUTELY.

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2 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AS WE MOVE FORWARD? BECAUSE I KNOW THERE'S
3 SO MANY ACTIVITIES UNDERWAY WITH THE CITY OF L.A., IN TERMS OF
4 HOW WE HANDLE FOLKS THAT ARE STILL UNHOUSED ON THE STREETS,
5 AND THERE'S BACK-AND-FORTH ABOUT TRYING TO GET THEM INTO
6 SHELTER, AND DOING IT IN A QUICK MANNER THAT SOMETIMES MIGHT
7 MEAN MOVING THINGS FASTER, BECAUSE NOW THE HEALTH ORDERS--

8

9 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, AND I THINK THE BIGGEST ISSUE HAS
10 ALWAYS BEEN ABOUT MAKING SURE THAT PLACES ARE CLEAN, AND
11 HELPING TO ENSURE THAT THAT LEVEL OF SAFETY EXISTS AT THE
12 ENCAMPMENTS, WHICH SOMETIMES MEANS BEING ABLE TO GET IN THERE
13 TO CLEAN. NOW, THE STRATEGY REMAINS THE SAME. PEOPLE NEED TO
14 BE OFFERED INTERIM HOUSING, SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, PERMANENT
15 HOUSING, AS WE TRY TO CLOSE DOWN ENCAMPMENTS THAT ARE NO
16 LONGER SAFE, AND I THINK THAT CONTINUES. I DON'T THINK THAT
17 C.D.C. WAS REALLY ASKING US TO NECESSARILY CHANGE THIS
18 APPROACH, WHICH IS WHY I SAID I READ THIS AS, "CONTINUE TO
19 MAKE EFFORTS TO HOUSE PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING
20 HOMELESSNESS, AND TO VACCINATE PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING
21 HOMELESSNESS." AND THOSE NEED TO REMAIN AT THE TOP OF THE
22 LIST, IN TERMS OF PRIORITIES.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I
2 WILL NOW RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND THEN SUPERVISOR KUEHL.
3 SUPERVISOR HAHN?

4

5 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU TO FERRER AND
6 DR. GHALY. THIS HAS BEEN A LONG TIME COMING. I AM NOT SURE WE
7 EVER REALLY FELT LIKE WE WERE GOING TO GET HERE, TO THIS JUNE
8 15TH DATE, BUT JUST WANTED TO THANK BOTH OF YOU FOR YOUR HARD
9 WORK THIS LAST YEAR. AND WHEN I THINK ABOUT THOSE MASS
10 VACCINATION SITES, AGAIN, SUCH A BIG SHOUT-OUT TO, CERTAINLY,
11 ALL OF OUR PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF WHO WERE THERE, TO THE
12 VOLUNTEERS THAT JUST HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH A HEALTH-RELATED
13 BACKGROUND, BUT WANTED TO SHOW UP ON THOSE DAYS TO HELP,
14 WHETHER IT WAS DIRECTING TRAFFIC OR SIGNING PEOPLE IN. IT IS
15 AMAZING, THE LOGISTICS OF THOSE MASS VACCINATION SITES. IT IS
16 UNPARALLELED, IN TERMS OF ANYTHING WE HAVE EVER DONE. SO, AND
17 I REMEMBER, EVEN WHEN PEOPLE WERE COMPLAINING A LOT ABOUT HOW
18 TO GET AN APPOINTMENT, AND WHEN THEY COULD GET AN APPOINTMENT,
19 AND THE FRUSTRATIONS, YOU KNOW, WE NEVER HEARD ONE COMPLAINT,
20 ONCE PEOPLE GOT TO THOSE MEGA-SITES. EVERYONE SORT OF SAID THE
21 SAME THING: WELL-RUN, WELL-ORGANIZED, REALLY A PLEASANT
22 EXPERIENCE, IF YOU ARE EVER GOING TO CALL GETTING A SHOT IN
23 THE ARM A PLEASANT EXPERIENCE. BUT, REALLY, KUDOS TO EVERYBODY
24 WHO PULLED THOSE OFF. DR. FERRER, I JUST WANTED YOU TO REPEAT
25 SOMETHING, BECAUSE I THINK IT WAS KIND OF SO SIGNIFICANT. AND

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1 I TRIED TO HEAR AGAIN EXACTLY WHAT YOU SAID, BUT YOU SAID
2 SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT OF, ON JUNE 15TH, WE WILL... YOU MIGHT
3 HAVE TO GO BACK TO EXACTLY WHAT YOUR NOTES SAID, SOMETHING TO
4 THE EFFECT THAT WE WILL BE LIFTING ALL OF OUR HEALTH ORDERS,
5 PROTOCOLS, SOMETHING LIKE THAT. YOU HAD ONE INCREDIBLY
6 POWERFUL STATEMENT THAT I THINK THE PUBLIC WOULD PROBABLY LIKE
7 TO HEAR ONE MORE TIME.

8

9 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. SO, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR KIND
10 WORDS AND ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT. YES, ON JUNE 15TH, MOST OF WHAT
11 WILL BE LIFTED ARE MOST OF THOSE SECTOR-SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS:
12 THE A THROUGH Z-Z AT THIS POINT. I MEAN, WE HAVE DOZENS OF
13 THEM, WITH THE EXCEPTIONS THAT I MENTIONED. THERE ARE A
14 HANDFUL OF SECTORS THAT WILL STILL HAVE PROTOCOLS. THOSE WILL
15 BE LIFTED. THERE WILL STILL BE THE NEED FOR A HEALTH OFFICER
16 ORDER. IT WILL REALLY BE REALLY VERY GENERAL AROUND ADHERING
17 TO CAL/O.S.H.A., AT ALL OF OUR BUSINESSES AND WORKPLACES THAT
18 ARE UNDER CAL/O.S.H.A., AND IT ALSO DEAL WITH WHEREVER THE
19 STATE ENDS UP LANDING AROUND MASKING. BUT IT WILL NOT BE
20 SECTOR-SPECIFIC. IT WILL REALLY BE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE
21 THE SAME SET OF PROTOCOLS HERE FOR THE COUNTY AS THERE ARE ON
22 THE STATE.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN:** IT DIDN'T SOUND AS GOOD AS WHEN YOU SAID IT THE
25 FIRST TIME.

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2 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. NO, BUT IT IS. I MEAN, IT IS HUGE. I
3 MEAN, ALL THESE BUSINESSES KNOW. THERE'S A SEPARATE PROTOCOL
4 FOR, REALLY, DOZENS AND DOZENS OF SECTORS, AT THIS POINT. AND
5 THOSE GO AWAY. SCHOOLS, DAY CAMPS, HEALTHCARE FACILITIES,
6 THOSE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE SECTOR-SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS. BUT FOR
7 EVERYBODY ELSE-- RESTAURANTS, BARS, NIGHTCLUBS, OUR
8 COURTROOMS, FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT CENTERS-- THERE WILL NOT BE
9 SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN:** SO THE CAPACITY WILL NOT BE THERE.

12

13 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THERE WILL BE NO CAPACITY LIMITS AND NO
14 DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS. THE ONLY REQUIREMENTS THAT WILL
15 HAPPEN WILL BE RELATED TO THE MASKING RECOMMENDATIONS OR
16 GUIDANCE THAT THE STATE ISSUES LATER ON THIS WEEK.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT. SO, OVERALL, IT DOES FEEL A LITTLE BIT LIKE
19 WE REALLY ARE SORT OF OPENING UP CALIFORNIA, WE ARE OPENING UP
20 L.A. COUNTY, WITH STILL, OF COURSE, SOME SECTORS, WHICH WILL
21 HAVE SOME PROTOCOLS REMAIN IN PLACE. AND THOSE BUSINESSES,
22 THEY'LL KNOW WHO THEY ARE, AND THE PUBLIC THAT INTERACTS WITH
23 THEM WILL ALSO BE CLEAR ON WHAT THOSE ARE. BUT I DO THINK IT
24 IS A-- AGAIN, WHEN WE WERE IN THE MIDST OF IT, I DIDN'T KNOW
25 THAT THIS DAY WOULD EVER COME, TO BE HONEST WITH YOU, AND KNOW

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1 IT'S AS A RESULT OF ALL THE HARD WORK OF YOUR TEAM, AND
2 CERTAINLY THE VACCINES. THEY WERE THE GAME-CHANGER. VACCINES
3 WERE THE GAME-CHANGER, AND THAT'S WHY WE ARE HERE. PLUS, A BIG
4 SHOUT-OUT TO ALL THE BUSINESSES AND THE PEOPLE WHO FOLLOWED
5 OUR HEALTH ORDERS AND REALLY SACRIFICED A LOT TO SORT OF PLAY
6 BY THE RULES TO GET US TO THIS POINT. SO IT DOES FEEL GOOD.
7 LET ME ASK YOU JUST A COUPLE THINGS ABOUT SCHOOLS, IF YOU
8 COULD EXPLAIN OR ELABORATE JUST A BIT. I WAS LISTENING TO
9 PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS IN THE BAY AREA, WHO ARE CALLING FOR A
10 FULL REOPENING OF SCHOOLS IN THE FALL. I DIDN'T KNOW IF YOU
11 AGREED WITH THAT, AND IS THAT SOMETHING YOU THINK YOU COULD
12 MAKE A SIMILAR CALL FOR: FULL, IN-PERSON REOPENING OF OUR
13 SCHOOLS?

14

15 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, THANKS SO MUCH FOR THAT, AND WE HAVE
16 ALREADY INDICATED WE ARE 100% IN SUPPORT OF FULL REOPENING FOR
17 SCHOOLS. I THINK THERE ARE A COUPLE OF AREAS WHERE I THINK
18 THERE NEEDS TO BE A LOT MORE CLARITY IN THE DETAILS, AND THEY
19 WILL NEED TO GET WORKED OUT, MY SENS IS BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
20 BUT ONE IS THE PROVISION OF BEING ABLE TO STILL PROVIDE ONLINE
21 LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOME STUDENTS, WHO MAY NOT BE ABLE
22 TO. BECAUSE REMEMBER, WE HAVE A LOT OF STUDENTS WHO WILL
23 STILL NOT BE VACCINATED IN THE YOUNGER GROUP, OR HAVE ANY
24 OPPORTUNITY TO GET VACCINATED. SO THERE MAY BE, FOR VERY GOOD
25 REASONS, SOME HESITANCY ON THE PART OF PARENTS, PARTICULARLY

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1 IF THEY HAVE CHILDREN WITH SERIOUS UNDERLYING HEALTH
2 CONDITIONS, TO SEND THEM BACK TO SCHOOL. SO I THINK ONE DETAIL
3 THAT NEEDS TO GET WORKED OUT IS WHAT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR
4 ONLINE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES, UNDERSTANDING THAT EVERYBODY
5 UNDER THE AGE OF 12 IS LIKELY NOT TO YET BE VACCINATED. SO I
6 THINK THAT'S ONE DETAIL. BUT WE HAVE INDICATED ALL ALONG THAT
7 WE ARE IN FULL SUPPORT OF FULL REOPENING AT THE SCHOOLS.
8 AGAIN, THAT WILL NEED TO PERHAPS TAKE INTO ACCOUNT A LOT OF
9 INFECTION CONTROLS, STILL, BECAUSE WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE NOT
10 VACCINATED STILL, AND MASKING REQUIREMENTS STILL. BUT THAT'S
11 TO BE DETERMINED, BECAUSE A LOT OF IT DEPENDS ON WHETHER WE
12 GET TO COMMUNITY IMMUNITY BY THE END OF THE SUMMER. BECAUSE
13 THAT JUST MEANS THEN CASE RATES ARE SO LOW THAT YOU HAVE GOT A
14 LOT OF PROTECTION JUST BECAUSE WE HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE
15 VACCINATED, AND THAT COULD CHANGE THE LANDSCAPE. BUT YES, WE
16 ARE IN FULL SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS REOPENING.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** COMMUNITY IMMUNITY.

19

20 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. AND I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT THE GAME-
21 CHANGER, I THINK, FOR JUNE 15TH IS, BY TAKING AWAY THE
22 CAPACITY AND THE DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS, YOU REALLY ARE
23 LETTING BUSINESSES GET BACK TO NORMAL. HOWEVER YOU WANT TO
24 LOOK AT MASKING, IT DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH A BUSINESS BEING
25 ABLE TO DO WHAT THEY WANT, WHAT THEY NEEDED TO DO. AT FULL

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1 CAPACITY, YOU CAN HAVE AS MANY PEOPLE AS YOU HAD BEFORE,
2 COMING IN TO WATCH A MOVIE., TO GO EAT AT YOUR RESTAURANT. SO,
3 YEAH, THE MASKING FOR SOME PEOPLE SEEMS, FOR SOME PEOPLE MORE
4 THAN OTHERS, AS AN INCONVENIENCE AND SOMETHING THEY WOULD
5 RATHER NOT DO, BUT IT DOESN'T STOP A BUSINESS FROM GETTING
6 BACK TO USUAL OPERATIONS. AND SO THAT'S WHY I COULD SAY, WITH
7 A VERY SMALL NUMBER OF EXCEPTIONS, WE ARE REALLY DOING THIS
8 FULL REOPENING ON JUNE 15TH.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT. AND SO, JUST ALONG THAT LINE, IS IT SAFE TO
11 SAY THAT YOU ALSO PROBABLY THINK THAT OUR COLLEGES AND
12 UNIVERSITIES WILL BE ABLE TO RETURN TO IN-PERSON LEARNING IN
13 THE FALL, WITHOUT ANY MASKING OR SOCIAL DISTANCING
14 REQUIREMENTS?

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16 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES, AND WE HAVE ALSO INDICATED THAT TO
17 THEM. AGAIN, THERE MIGHT BE, AS THERE ARE AT SOME LARGE MEGA-
18 EVENTS THAT ARE INDOORS, DEPENDING ON WHAT THEY ARE DOING,
19 THEY MAY HAVE SOME MASKING REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE THERE, THAT
20 ARE ISSUED BY THE STATE FOR SOME THE EVENTS THAT HAPPEN AT
21 SOME OF THE LARGER UNIVERSITIES, BUT WE HAVE ALREADY INDICATED
22 THAT IF THINGS CONTINUE TO PROGRESS, AND WE CONTINUE TO HAVE
23 THESE LOW RATES OF TRANSMISSION, THEY ALSO WILL HAVE THEIR
24 FULL REOPENING WITHOUT ANY CAPACITY OR DISTANCING
25 REQUIREMENTS.

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2 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT. I WAS WATCHING SOMETHING ON THE NEWS WHERE
3 THEY WERE INTERVIEWING PEOPLE, LIKE, "WELL, WHAT ARE YOU GOING
4 TO DO WITH YOUR MASKS?" AND THERE WAS THIS WHOLE THING. I
5 DON'T PICTURE, NECESSARILY, LIKE AT A NAVAL ACADEMY
6 GRADUATION, WHERE WE ALL THROW OUR MASKS UP IN THE AIR.
7 BECAUSE YOU KNOW WHAT? I DO THINK SOME PEOPLE WILL GIVE
8 TESTIMONIES. I KNOW I AM ONE OF THOSE, THAT WEARING A MASK FOR
9 THE LAST 15 MONTHS, RIGHT, KEPT ME FROM, I BELIEVE, GETTING
10 OTHER ILLNESSES: MAYBE COLDS OR MY ANNUAL SORT OF BRONCHITIS
11 THING. AND I'D HOPE-- FEELS LIKE WE HAVE COME FULL CIRCLE,
12 BECAUSE I REMEMBER 15 MONTHS AGO, WE WERE TALKING ABOUT HOW
13 PEOPLE WEARING MASKS WERE GETTING SORT OF SHAMED, AND BULLIED,
14 AND GIVEN SORT OF DIRTY LOOKS ON THE STREET. I HOPE WE DON'T
15 GET BACK TO THAT, AND THAT IF THERE ARE THOSE WHO WANT TO
16 CONTINUE WEARING A MASK FOR THEIR OWN PERSONAL SAFETY AND
17 HEALTH, I HOPE WE HAVE A SOCIETY NOW THAT WILL SORT OF EMBRACE
18 PEOPLE'S DIFFERENT OPINIONS, EVEN GOING FORWARD, ABOUT MAYBE
19 THE GENERAL HEALTH OF BEING ABLE TO WEAR A MASK, IF THEY WANT
20 TO, IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS. SO...

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22 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, I THINK THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT,
23 SUPERVISOR, BECAUSE I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT, FOR SOME PEOPLE
24 WHO HAVE A SUPPRESSED IMMUNE SYSTEM, EVEN IF THEY ARE FULLY
25 VACCINATED, THEIR PROVIDERS MAY BE RECOMMENDING THAT THEY

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1 CONTINUE TO WEAR A MASK WHEN THEY ARE OUTSIDE AROUND OTHER
2 PEOPLE, OR INSIDE AROUND OTHER PEOPLE. THERE ARE ALSO A LOT OF
3 PARENTS WHO ARE GOING TO CONTINUE WEARING THEIR MASKS, BECAUSE
4 THEY HAVE CHILDREN UNDER 12 WHO ARE NOT YET VACCINATED, AND
5 THOSE CHILDREN ARE GOING TO BE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK. SO, IN
6 SOLIDARITY, AND TO DO GOOD MODELING, YOU'RE GOING TO ALSO HAVE
7 A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF PARENTS THAT ARE GOING TO CONTINUE
8 WEARING THEIR MASKS. AND THEN, LIKE YOU NOTED, THERE ARE
9 PEOPLE WHO ARE JUST GOING TO SAY, "WHEN I AM OUT AND ABOUT IN
10 A CROWDED SITUATION, THIS MASK PROTECTED ME FROM GETTING SICK,
11 OVERALL. AND I AM GOING TO KEEP THIS MASK ON." AND THAT MIGHT
12 BECOME SOMETHING THAT WE SEE MORE OF, PARTICULARLY DURING A
13 FLU SEASON, IF WE HAVE A BAD FLU SEASON. SO I THINK YOU ARE
14 RIGHT. MY HOPE IS THAT WE HAVE UNDERSTOOD THIS IS VERY
15 NUANCED, STILL, AND THAT THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE FOR WHOM MASK-
16 WEARING IS STILL LIFESAVING. AND PARTICULARLY FOR
17 UNVACCINATED PEOPLE, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY FEEL
18 COMFORTABLE STILL WEARING THAT MASK.

19
20 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT. OKAY, THANK YOU, DR. FERRER. THANK YOU,
21 MADAM CHAIR.

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23 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. NEXT WE WILL
24 HEAR FROM SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND THEN SUPERVISE HOLLY MITCHELL.

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND TO ECHO THE
2 PHRASE TO ALL OF OUR DOCTORS, DIRECTORS, I THINK THAT THE FACT
3 THAT L.A. COUNTY IS DOING AS WELL AS IT IS, IN TERMS OF
4 BRINGING DOWN ALL OF THE INFECTION RATES, NUMBER OF CASES, AND
5 DEATHS, ET CETERA, IS DUE TO YOUR DILIGENT WORK, FOR WHICH
6 ESPECIALLY YOU, DR. FERRER, TOOK A LOT OF GUFF AND
7 DEMONSTRATIONS AND DISAPPROBRIUM. BUT I HOPE THAT YOU ARE ALL
8 PROUD OF THE WORK THAT YOU AND YOUR STAFFS HAVE DONE TO GET US
9 WHERE WE ARE. I WANT TO CONTINUE IN THE VEIN THAT MY
10 COLLEAGUE, JANICE HAHN, WAS TALKING ABOUT, MAYBE FROM A
11 SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE, WHICH IS, SEVERAL BUSINESSES
12 HAVE ASKED ME, ESPECIALLY RESTAURANTS, IF THEY CAN CONTINUE TO
13 REQUIRE MASKS AFTER EVERYTHING IS LIFTED, ESPECIALLY WHEN
14 THEY'RE EXPANDING CAPACITY, WHICH MEANS SHRINKING THE SPACE
15 BETWEEN PEOPLE. THEY UNDERSTAND THERE ARE DIFFERENT RULES FOR
16 THEIR WORKERS, AND THEY ARE PLEASED ABOUT IT, REALLY, BECAUSE
17 THEY WANT THEIR WORKERS TO BE PROTECTED. BUT I AM ASSUMING
18 THAT IT WILL BE UP TO THEM, IF THEY WANT TO, TO SAY, "NO
19 SHIRT, NO SHOES, NO MASK, NO SERVICE." AND I WANTED TO CLARIFY
20 THAT FIRST.

21
22 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY CORRECT. AND, IN FACT,
23 AS WE ARE TALKING WITH DIFFERENT BUSINESSES, WE ARE SAYING THE
24 BEST PRACTICE IN A PLACE WHERE YOU ARE INDOORS, AND YOU ARE
25 NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO FIGURE OUT WHO OF YOUR CUSTOMERS IS

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1 VACCINATED OR NOT VACCINATED, IT MIGHT BE, AT LEAST UNTIL WE
2 GET TO COMMUNITY IMMUNITY, WHICH WE ARE DEFINITELY NOT AT YET,
3 IT MIGHT BE TO JUST SAY, "EVERYONE KEEP YOUR MASKS ON WHILE
4 YOU ARE INSIDE." AND THAT WOULD BE PERFECTLY REASONABLE, AND
5 IN MANY PLACES, YOU WILL SEE FROM US THE RECOMMENDATION THAT,
6 IF YOU CAN'T MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY WHO IS NOT VACCINATED IS
7 WEARING A MASK, BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW WHO THEY ARE, THEN THE
8 BEST BET NOW, WHILE WE CONTINUE TO STRIVE TO GET TO COMMUNITY
9 IMMUNITY, INDOORS, IS GOING TO BE TO ASK EVERYONE TO KEEP
10 THEIR MASK ON. THERE ARE LOTS OF PLACES WHERE IT IS PRETTY
11 EASY TO DETERMINE WHO IS VACCINATED AND WHO IS NOT, BECAUSE
12 YOU ARE ALREADY ASKING THAT QUESTION. INDOOR LARGE MEGA-
13 EVENTS, YOU CAN PRETTY MUCH FIGURE OUT WHO IS VACCINATED,
14 BECAUSE YOU ARE GETTING SOME VERIFICATION FROM PEOPLE ABOUT
15 THEIR STATUS. BUT LOTS OF OTHER PLACES, YOU ARE NOT. AND
16 AGAIN, WHEN WE GET TO COMMUNITY IMMUNITY, WE ARE PROTECTING
17 THE WHOLE COMMUNITY, INCLUDING PEOPLE WHO AREN'T VACCINATED,
18 BUT WE ARE NOT THERE.

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** WELL, I THINK THE OTHER QUESTION REALLY GOES TO
21 WHETHER IT WILL MATTER AS MUCH AS EVERYONE THINKS IF WE DO GET
22 TO COMMUNITY IMMUNITY, BECAUSE WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO IS TO
23 CONTINUE TO ALERT PEOPLE TO THE DANGERS THAT THEY FACE IF THEY
24 ARE NOT VACCINATED, SORT OF REALIST REALISTICALLY INDICATING
25 THAT IF YOU ARE NOT VACCINATED, YOU ARE STILL IN DANGER OF

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1 CONTRACTING THIS PRETTY BAD CONDITION. AND IT IS REALLY
2 IMPORTANT TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND TO PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST
3 OTHERS, BECAUSE EVERYONE YOU ARE COMING IN CONTACT WITH THIS
4 IN THAT MOVIE THEATER, YOU DON'T KNOW IF THEY ARE VACCINATED.
5 AND IF YOU ARE NOT, YOU ARE AT RISK. IS THAT A MESSAGE THAT
6 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR US TO GET OUT? BECAUSE IT ONLY TAKES
7 ONE PERSON TO INFECT YOU, AND YOU DON'T KNOW, AS YOU PASS
8 PEOPLE, SIT NEXT TO PEOPLE, EAT NEXT TO PEOPLE, ET CETERA, WHO
9 IS VACCINATED AND WHO ISN'T.

10

11 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, I THINK WE REALLY NEED TO DO TWO
12 THINGS OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS, IN SOME WAYS
13 CONCURRENTLY. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE HAVE GOOD
14 INFORMATION, AND THAT WE ARE GETTING MORE AND MORE PEOPLE TO
15 FEEL COMFORTABLE TO COME AND GET VACCINATED, WITH EASY ACCESS
16 TO VACCINES. WE CAN'T LET UP THERE. BUT I THINK WE ALSO NEED
17 TO DO WHAT YOU ARE SUGGESTING, AS WELL, WHICH IS TO MAKE SURE
18 THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT VACCINATED UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S
19 STILL A LOT-- THAT THEY STILL HAVE A LOT OF RISK, AND THAT
20 MAKING SURE THAT THEY'RE MASKED IS ONE OF THE WAYS, AGAIN, AS
21 IT HAS BEEN FOR THE LAST 15 MONTHS, IS ONE OF THE WAYS OF
22 PROTECTING YOURSELF AND PROTECTING OTHERS. AND WE ARE GOING TO
23 SEE AT WORKPLACES AFTER JULY 31ST, I THINK, ALL EMPLOYERS ARE
24 GOING TO BE REQUIRED TO OFFER THEIR UNVACCINATED WORKERS AN N-
25 95 MASK. BECAUSE REMEMBER, AN N-95 MASK PROTECTS YOU FROM

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1 GETTING INFECTED, WHICH IS WHAT WE WANT TO SEE HAPPEN FOR
2 PEOPLE WHO ARE UNVACCINATED. WE DON'T WANT THEM TO GET
3 INFECTED. SO THAT'S THE OTHER THING, IS, FOLKS WHO REALLY ARE
4 FEELING LIKE THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE A LOT OF EXPOSURES, AND
5 THEY'RE NOT GETTING VACCINATED, THEY NEED TO CONTINUE TO MAKE
6 USE OF ALL THESE PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES THAT ARE OUT THERE,
7 THAT CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH A LEVEL OF PROTECTION. NOTHING IS AS
8 POWERFUL AS THE VACCINE. VACCINES HAVE GIVEN US WAY MORE
9 PROTECTION THAN ANY OF THESE OTHER MEASURES, BUT THESE OTHER
10 MEASURES ARE STILL GOOD. AND THEY STILL WORK, AND THEY WORK A
11 LOT.

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13 **SUP. KUEHL:** SO, IN TERMS OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES AND
14 UNIVERSITIES, ARE THEY ALLOWED TO REQUIRE VACCINATION FOR
15 ATTENDANCE AT IN-PERSON CLASSES?

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17 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES. SO, WELL, MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT
18 PRIVATE SCHOOLS, PRIVATE BUSINESSES CAN, IN FACT, GO AHEAD AND
19 REQUIRE VACCINATIONS IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S CASE LAW THAT
20 SUPPORTS THAT. MANY OF THE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES THAT ARE
21 PLANNING TO REQUIRE VACCINATIONS HAVE SAID THAT THAT THEY WILL
22 UNTIL THE VACCINE HAS FULL F.D.A. APPROVAL BEFORE DOING THAT.
23 BUT YES, THEY CAN IN FACT REQUIRE VACCINATIONS. PRIVATE
24 BUSINESSES.

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** YEAH, BUT WHAT ABOUT PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES? I MEAN,
2 U.C.L.A. OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO SAY, "YOU CAN STILL GO TO CLASS
3 ONLINE," BECAUSE I THINK THEY ARE GOING TO DO A MULTIPLE
4 APPROACH, "BUT IF YOU DO IN-PERSON CLASSES, YOU MUST SHOW
5 PROOF OF VACCINATION." CAN THEY DO THAT?

6

7 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** NO, WE DO NOT WANT TO BE GIVING COUNSEL.
8 WE ARE NOT THEIR LAWYERS. SO, WE HAVE TOLD THEM ALL TO MAKE
9 SURE THEY ARE TALKING WITH THEIR COUNSEL. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS
10 THAT THEY CAN, BUT WE HAVE SUGGESTED THAT EVERYONE CONSULT
11 WITH COUNSEL, BECAUSE THAT'S JUST NOT OUR JOB. WE'RE NOT THEIR
12 LAWYERS.

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY, I UNDERSTAND THAT. AND IS THAT DIFFERENT IN
15 K THROUGH 12?

16

17 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** I THINK IT IS THE SAME ISSUE. THE CASE LAW
18 IS VERY CLEAR FOR BUSINESSES, PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS. WE THINK
19 IT IS FAIRLY CLEAR FOR GOVERNMENT, AS WELL, ABOUT THE ABILITY
20 TO REQUIRE. AS I HAVE NOTED, MANY PLACES ARE GOING TO WAIT
21 UNTIL THE FULL F.D.A. APPROVAL OF THE VACCINE BEFORE THEY GO
22 THE ROUTE OF REQUIRING VACCINES. BUT YES, I THINK IT COULD
23 HAPPEN, BUT WE HAVE TOLD EVERYONE THAT THEY NEED TO CONSULT
24 WITH THEIR COUNSEL.

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** BECAUSE I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT K THROUGH
2 12 DID REQUIRE VACCINATIONS, NOT FOR C.O.V.I.D., BUT THE KIND-
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4
5 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. THEY DO. I THINK THE ISSUE FOR K TO
6 12 IS GOING TO BE WAITING UNTIL IT IS FULLY LICENSED.

7
8 **SUP. KUEHL:** I SEE. OKAY. SO, BUT I THINK, TO RETURN TO THE
9 POINT, AND JUST AS MY LAST POINT, IS, I THINK THAT IT IS
10 INCUMBENT ON US TO BE VERY CLEAR WITH THE UNVACCINATED
11 POPULATION THE RISK THAT THEY STILL FACE, BECAUSE THIS NOTION
12 OF HERD IMMUNITY SOUNDS LIKE A MAGIC CLOAK, BUT IT DOES NOT
13 MEAN THERE WILL BE ZERO CASES IMMEDIATELY, IF AND WHEN WE GET
14 TO HERD IMMUNITY. BECAUSE I THINK PEOPLE WILL STILL BE AT
15 RISK. THEY WILL SIMPLY BE AT FAR LESS RISK. AT LEAST, THAT'S
16 MY IMPRESSION. IS THAT CORRECT?

17
18 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** WELL, YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY CORRECT. IT IS
19 LIKE MEASLES. WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO ARE VACCINATED, AND
20 THAT'S WHY WE DON'T WALK AROUND WITH FACE COVERINGS ALL YEAR
21 LONG, WORRYING ABOUT MEASLES. BUT IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN
22 VACCINATED, AND SOMEBODY AROUND YOU IS INFECTED WITH MEASLES,
23 YEAH, THEN YOU HAVE A CHANCE OF GETTING MEASLES.

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** RIGHT, AND THERE HAVE BEEN OUTBREAKS, SO I THINK
2 WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO EMPHASIZE THAT. AGAIN, THANK YOU ALL
3 FOR YOUR WORK, AND FOR MAKING US SAFER AND SAFER EACH MONTH.
4 AND THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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8 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. NOW WE WILL
9 HEAR FROM SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL.

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11 **SUP. MITCHELL:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
12 AND AGAIN, DEEP, DEEP APPRECIATION ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AS A
13 COUNTY RESIDENT, AND ALL THOSE I REPRESENT, TO THE DOCTORS
14 FERRER AND FAUCI. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE DR. FERRER ON HER
15 HONORARY DOCTORATE FROM CHARLES R. DREW UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE
16 AND SCIENCE YESTERDAY. AN ABSOLUTELY JEWEL IN THE HEART OF THE
17 SECOND DISTRICT, SO CONGRATULATIONS. LIKE MY COLLEAGUES, I AM
18 THRILLED THAT JUNE 15TH IS HERE, BUT I GUESS THE OLDER I GET,
19 THE MORE LIKE MY MOTHER I FEEL AND SOUND, BECAUSE I STILL HAVE
20 JUST A TINGE OF CAUTION DEEP IN MY GUT. AND SO, DR. FERRER,
21 YOU KNOW, YOU SENT US A REPORT SEVERAL DAYS AGO, WHERE YOU
22 ADJUSTED THE TIME FRAME FOR YOUR EXPECTATION AROUND MAXIMUM
23 VACCINATION IN L.A. COUNTY, I BELIEVE, TO LATE AUGUST. AND SO
24 I AM CURIOUS. I KNOW IT WILL BE A WHILE BEFORE WE GET TO
25 COMMUNITY IMMUNITY, BUT WHAT TRIGGERS ARE YOU AND YOUR TEAM

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1 LOOKING FOR, IF WE NEED TO REVERSE COURSE AT ANY POINT? I
2 MEAN, I DON'T WANT THAT TO BE FRONT OF MIND, BUT I DO JUST
3 WANT TO GET A SENSE OF, FOR YOU, WHAT WOULD BE SORT OF THE
4 WAVING OF THE RED FLAG? LIKE, OUR NUMBERS ARE CREEPING UP?
5 WHAT WILL YOU WILL BE LOOKING FOR, JUST SO WE CAN BE MINDFUL
6 AND AWARE?

7

8 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, THANKS SO MUCH. AND AGAIN, I WANT TO
9 OFFER MY CONGRATULATIONS TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AS WELL,
10 BECAUSE SHE ALSO RECEIVED AN HONORARY DOCTORATE DEGREE
11 YESTERDAY FROM THE GREAT CHARLES DREW UNIVERSITY, SO I WAS
12 VERY HONORED TO BE THERE WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR. IT WAS A MOMENT
13 OF GREAT INSPIRATION FOR ME, SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IT IS A
14 GREAT QUESTION, AND YES, OF COURSE, WE HAVE SOME METRICS THAT
15 WE ARE MONITORING, AS WELL AS THE STATE. SO, ONE METRIC THAT
16 WE ARE GOING TO PAY A LOT OF ATTENTION TO IS HOSPITALIZATIONS,
17 AND IN PARTICULAR, WHO IS HOSPITALIZED. SO, AS I HAVE NOTED,
18 AND WE CONTINUE TO TRACK ON HERE, WE LOOK AT EVERYBODY WHO
19 TESTS POSITIVE, AND WHO ENDS UP IN THE HOSPITAL, AND WHO DIES,
20 AND THROUGH A LABORIOUS PROCESS AT THIS POINT, BUT HOPEFULLY,
21 OVER TIME, IT WILL GET EASIER. WE ASCERTAIN THEIR VACCINATION
22 STATUS. AND AS I REPORTED EARLIER, AND I WILL CONTINUE TO
23 REPORT EVERY MONTH, WE HAVE VERY FEW PEOPLE WHO ARE FULLY
24 VACCINATED, WHO HAVE TESTED POSITIVE, ENDED UP HOSPITALIZED,
25 AND PASSED AWAY. VERY, VERY FEW. THE NUMBERS ARE

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1 EXTRAORDINARILY LOW. IF, FOR EXAMPLE, WE STARTED SEEING MORE
2 PATIENT WHO ARE HOSPITALIZED, WHO WERE IN FACT FULLY
3 VACCINATED, THAT WOULD RAISE SOME ALARMS FOR ALL OF US. SO,
4 ONE THING WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO TRACK IS, PEOPLE WHO ARE
5 FULLY VACCINATED, HOW ARE WE DOING, PARTICULARLY AROUND
6 HOSPITALIZATIONS? THEY ARE A PRECURSOR TO PEOPLE DYING, OFTEN,
7 AND THEY MEAN THAT THERE IS SERIOUS ILLNESS. AND WE KNOW THESE
8 VACCINES ARE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT REALLY, REALLY WELL AGAINST
9 SERIOUS ILLNESS. IF WE STARTED SEEING MORE SERIOUS ILLNESS
10 AMONG FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE, IT WOULD RAISE ALARM ABOUT THE
11 VACCINES NOT WORKING AS WELL ANY LONGER, OR WE HAVE A NEW
12 VARIANT THAT THEY ARE NOT WORKING WELL AGAINST. SO WE WILL
13 TRACK VERY CAREFULLY THE POPULATION OF PEOPLE WHO END UP BEING
14 HOSPITALIZED. WE ARE ALSO GOING TO PAY ATTENTION TO MAKING
15 SURE THAT ACCESS TO VACCINES REMAINS EASY, AND NEVER IS AN
16 OBSTACLE. BECAUSE, AS YOU NOTED, WE'VE STILL GOT A LOT OF
17 PEOPLE THAT NEED TO GET VACCINATED. SO, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE,
18 WE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO HAVE IT BE VERY EASY FOR PEOPLE TO GET
19 VACCINATED, AND WE CAN'T REALLY FALL BACK ON THAT AND HAVE
20 THERE BE ADDITIONAL BARRIERS THAT ARE MAKING IT HARD FOR THOSE
21 NOT YET VACCINATED TO GET VACCINATED, AND THAT INCLUDES BEING
22 WELL PREPARED TO VACCINATE THOSE CHILDREN WHO ARE YOUNGER THAN
23 AGE 12, AT THE POINT THAT THERE MIGHT BE APPROVAL FOR THEM TO
24 GET VACCINATED. SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR VACCINATION
25 SYSTEM IS ROBUST, IT REDUCES BARRIERS, IT'S EASY FOR PEOPLE TO

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1 ACCESS, AND IT IS COUNTYWIDE, AND IT IS PARTICULARLY AVAILABLE
2 IN COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN HARDEST HIT. AND WE'RE GOING TO
3 CONTINUE TO WATCH WHAT IS GOING ON WITH ACCESS TO VACCINES,
4 AND THAT THERE'S VACCINE AVAILABILITY. FOR US, WE ARE ALSO
5 GOING TO PAY ATTENTION, AS I NOTED, TO WHAT HAPPENS WITH THE
6 CASE RATES, PARTICULARLY KNOWING THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE
7 STILL NOT VACCINATED. SO, SOME PEOPLE SAY TO ME THAT SHOULDN'T
8 REALLY BE A BIG WORRY. WE HAVE GOT SO MANY PEOPLE VACCINATED,
9 SO THERE'S A SMALL NUMBER OF PEOPLE AT RISK. BUT IT IS A
10 WORRY, BECAUSE IF YOU HAVE A LOT OF TRANSMISSION AMONGST
11 UNVACCINATED PEOPLE, IT MEANS YOU INCREASE THE CHANCES OF
12 THERE BEING A MUTATION, OR MUTATIONS. THERE WILL BE MORE
13 MUTATIONS, AND SOME OF THOSE MUTATIONS COULD IN FACT BE MORE
14 DANGEROUS. SO I DON'T WANT THAT TO HAPPEN. I CARE DEEPLY FOR
15 EVERY SINGLE PERSON IN THIS COUNTY. I WANT TO PROTECT EVERYONE
16 FROM HAVING A BAD OUTCOME FROM C.O.V.I.D.-19. I LIKE
17 SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S MESSAGE THAT YOU HAVE TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE
18 WHO AREN'T VACCINATED UNDERSTAND THAT THEY NEED TO TAKE GOOD
19 CARE OF THEMSELVES FOR BOTH THEMSELVES, BUT ALSO TO PREVENT
20 OUTBREAKS. SO I DO WANT TO PAY A LOT OF ATTENTION, EVEN IF OUR
21 RATES ARE LOW, TO WHERE WE ARE STARTING TO SEE OUTBREAKS, AND
22 WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO TO MAKE IT LESS LIKELY THOSE OUTBREAKS
23 HAPPEN. AND ARE THERE PARTICULAR SETTINGS WHERE WE ARE SEEING
24 MORE TRANSMISSION THAN IS SAFE FOR US, AS A COMMUNITY? IN
25 WHICH CASE, AS YOU NOTED, WE WILL GO BACK AND TAKE A LOOK AT

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1 WHAT PRECAUTIONS ARE IN PLACE AND WHAT SAFETY MEASURES ARE IN
2 PLACE TO REDUCE THOSE TRANSMISSIONS, THAT KIND OF EXPOSURE.

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THAT, AND I AM GOING TO
5 TRY TO NOT FOCUS SO HEAVILY ON THOSE NUMBERS AND THAT DATA,
6 BECAUSE I KNOW THAT YOU AND DR. GHALY WILL BE DOING THAT ON
7 BEHALF OF ALL THE RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY. AND THANK YOU BOTH
8 IN ALL OF YOUR COLLECTIVE WORK OF YOUR TEAM FOR REALLY WORKING
9 HARD TO EXPAND ACCESS TO BOTH TESTING AND VACCINATIONS AT THE
10 COMMUNITY LEVEL; ALL THE WORK YOU HAVE DONE FOR THE POP-UP
11 SITES, THE ODD HOURS, ALL OF THAT. I APPRECIATE IT. AS WE ARE
12 CONTINUING TO TALK ABOUT JUNE 15TH, ON THE P.G.A. TOURNAMENT,
13 THE TOP GOLFER IN THE WORLD HAD TO STEP DOWN THREE DAYS INTO A
14 TOURNAMENT BECAUSE HE TESTED POSITIVE. AND I WAS STRUCK,
15 BECAUSE I REMEMBER TUNING IN SEVERAL WEEKS AGO AT A
16 TOURNAMENT, AND THINKING, "WOW, I DON'T SEE ANY OF THOSE
17 PEOPLE WHO ARE OBSERVING WEARING MASKS. THEY ARE IN DEEP,
18 CLOSE PROXIMITY. THEY ARE NOT SOCIAL DISTANCING, LIKE MANY OF
19 OUR OTHER SPECTATOR SPORTING EVENTS, WHERE IT'S BEEN
20 CONTROLLED BY THE STADIUMS." AND AS WE TALK ABOUT THIS MOTION,
21 THAT WE CAN ASSUME, BASED ON WHERE PEOPLE ARE, THAT THEY ARE
22 VACCINATED, I THINK WE REALLY CAN'T ASSUME IF PEOPLE ARE
23 VACCINATED. AND SO, GOING BACK TO SUPERVISOR HAHN'S QUESTION
24 ABOUT THE MASKS, AND HOPING THAT WE DON'T REVERT BACK TO
25 BULLYING BEHAVIOR IF WE SEE PEOPLE CHOOSING TO CONTINUE TO

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1 WEAR THEIR MASKS, BECAUSE SOMETIMES IN PUBLIC PLACES, YOU JUST
2 DON'T KNOW IF PEOPLE ARE VACCINATED. I GUESS I JUST WANT TO
3 MAKE SURE THAT, AS WE ARE REOPENING JUNE 15TH, THAT PEOPLE
4 STILL HAVE THE INFORMATION THEY NEED TO KEEP THEMSELVES SAFE,
5 WHETHER IT ENCOURAGES MORE PEOPLE TO BE VACCINATED, OR TO WEAR
6 MASKS, IF THEY FOR WHATEVER REASON CHOOSE NOT TO. THAT WAS
7 STUNNING TO SEE THE TOP GOLFER IN THE WORLD LITERALLY COLLAPSE
8 TO HIS KNEES ON THE GREEN WHEN HE WAS TOLD, "YOU TESTED
9 POSITIVE, AND YOU HAVE TO LEAVE RIGHT NOW." SO I HOPE PEOPLE
10 TAKE HEED, AND THAT WE ARE ALL MINDFUL THAT, WHILE WE ARE
11 REOPENING JUNE 15TH, WE STILL HAVE TO BE SMART ABOUT HOW WE
12 CONTINUE TO COMBAT THIS VIRUS, BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT TO RETURN
13 TO THOSE HORRIBLE, CHALLENGING DAYS OF THE LAST 14 MONTHS.
14 AGAIN, THANK YOU BOTH. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY OTHER MEMBERS THAT WISH TO BE
17 RECOGNIZED? I DON'T KNOW IF SUPERVISOR BARGER HAS A QUESTION.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER:** NO, BUT I APPRECIATE DOCTOR FERRER AND DR. GHALY
20 FOR ALL THE WORK THEY'RE DOING, BUT I THINK ALL THE QUESTIONS
21 HAVE BEEN ANSWERED, SO I'M GOOD. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD. I JUST HAVE ONE LAST QUESTION, AND
24 FORGIVE ME, BUT I WANTED TO ASK DR. GHALY, REGARDING OUR YOUTH

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1 IN OUR PROBATION DETENTION CENTERS, HAVE THEY ALL RECEIVED
2 THEIR DOSES? VACCINATIONS?

3

4 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** HI, SUPERVISOR. THANKS FOR THE QUESTION.
5 THEY ARE ALL OFFERED DOSES, TO THE EXTENT WHICH THEY VIRTUALLY
6 ARE AGE 12-PLUS, BUT THEY HAVE NOT ALL AGREED TO RECEIVE THE
7 DOSE. AND I CAN GET YOU THE EXACT BREAKDOWN ON THE ACCEPTANCE
8 IN THE JUVENILE HALLS AND CAMPS.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THAT WOULD BE GREAT. THANK YOU SO
11 MUCH. AND AGAIN, THANK YOU BOTH, DR. FERRER AND DR. GHALY, AND
12 FOR THE QUESTIONS THAT MY COLLEAGUES ASKED, TOO. WE LOOK
13 FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS IN THE NEXT
14 FEW DAYS, AS WE GET CLOSER TO JUNE 15TH. OBVIOUSLY, THERE ARE
15 A LOT OF QUESTIONS, AND I KNOW THAT YOU BOTH WILL DO YOUR WORK
16 TO MAKE SURE THAT WE GET INFORMATION OUT IN A CLEAR MANNER, SO
17 THAT OUR EMPLOYERS AND OUR RESIDENTS AND EVERYONE KNOWS
18 EXACTLY WHAT TO EXPECT. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH, BOTH OF YOU,
19 AGAIN, FOR A FINE REPORT. THIS REPORT, AS YOU KNOW, IS A
20 RECEIVE-AND-FILE, AND HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE
21 ORDER. NOW WE ARE GOING TO MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER 2,
22 STRENGTHENING OVERSIGHT OF SCHOOL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES,
23 AND ITEM 69. THESE ARE BOTH COMING TOGETHER-- THE SCHOOL
24 RESOURCE DEPUTY PROGRAM SCHOOL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES
25 AGREEMENT AMENDMENT-- WHICH WERE HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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1 AND I UNDERSTAND SUPERVISOR KUEHL WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SPEAK ON
2 THIS, AFTER WHICH I WILL SPEAK, AND THEN I WILL GO TO OTHER
3 MEMBERS. SO WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU ARE ON.

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5 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK
6 YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR YOUR CO-AUTHORSHIP AND YOUR
7 LEADERSHIP IN REIMAGINING YOUTH JUSTICE. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO
8 THANK THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND EDUCATION LEADERS AND LOCAL
9 ELECTED OFFICIALS WHO OUR OFFICE HAS ENGAGED, AND WHO ENGAGED
10 WITH ME ON THIS ISSUE, AND THOSE WHO HAVE CALLED IN TODAY. IT
11 IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THIS MOTION IS ABOUT THE BOARD
12 [INAUDIBLE] BACK ITS DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO THE SHERIFF. THIS
13 IS LANGUAGE THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH STANDARD COUNTY
14 CONTRACTING PRACTICE. OUR VISION IS THAT LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS
15 WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE DECISIONS, BUT WILL NEGOTIATE WITH THE
16 BOARD. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO OFFERING A BROAD ARRAY OF COUNTY
17 SERVICES, WHILE THE SHERIFF PRIMARILY CAN ONLY OFFER DEPUTIES.
18 LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS MAY DETERMINE THAT DEPUTIES AND CLINICAL
19 SOCIAL WORKERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND OTHER
20 SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT, ARE NEEDED ON THEIR INDIVIDUAL
21 CAMPUSES TO MEET THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF THEIR STUDENTS AND THEIR
22 COMMUNITY. BY NEGOTIATING WITH THE BOARD INSTEAD OF THE
23 SHERIFF, OUR SCHOOLS AND OUR STUDENTS CAN HAVE ACCESS,
24 POTENTIALLY, TO ALL COUNTY SERVICES. SO, AGAIN, THE INTENT OF
25 THIS MOTION, AND THE LANGUAGE THEREIN, IS NOT TO LIMIT THE

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1 POWER OF LOCAL ELECTIVES; RATHER TO EXPAND SERVICES FROM WHICH
2 THEY CAN CHOOSE TO MEET THE DIVERSE NEEDS OF THEIR
3 CONSTITUENTS. THE COUNTY'S SHIFT IN EVIDENCE-BASED
4 REHABILITATIVE PARADIGM OF JUSTICE HAS REALLY ENCOURAGED US TO
5 REEXAMINE AND REIMAGINE KEY ELEMENTS OF OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM. IT
6 HAS CAUSED US TO RETHINK THE SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH
7 TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE, AND
8 ENHANCE THEIR WELLBEING. GOING BACK TO MY TIME AS EXECUTIVE
9 DIRECTOR OF [INAUDIBLE], I HAVE BEEN COMMITTED, AND REMAIN
10 COMMITTED, TO PROVIDING CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES THE
11 RESOURCES THEY NEED TO THRIVE. EVERY CHILD DESERVES ACCESS TO
12 HIGH-QUALITY AND EQUITABLE OPPORTUNITIES WITHOUT FEAR OF
13 DISCRIMINATION OR CRIMINALIZATION. HOWEVER, RESEARCH SHOWS
14 THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT PRESENCE ON SCHOOL CAMPUSES CAN HAVE A
15 NEGATIVE IMPACT ON STUDENTS. DOCUMENTED RESEARCH FINDS THAT
16 SCHOOLS WITH HIGH LEVELS OF SECURITY HAVE MORE SUSPENSIONS,
17 INCLUDING A GREATER BLACK-WHITE DISPARITY IN SUSPENSIONS. IN
18 ADDITION, A REVIEW OF SCHOOL POLICING STUDIES FOUND NO
19 EVIDENCE OF IMPROVED SCHOOL SAFETY, WHILE ANOTHER SURVEY FOUND
20 THAT THE PRESENCE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT MAKES STUDENTS FEEL LESS
21 SAFE. REPORTS OF HIGHER THAN USUAL INCIDENTS OF TRAUMA AND
22 ANXIETY REMIND US THAT STUDENTS AND SCHOOL STAFF NOW FACE AN
23 UNUSUAL SET OF CHALLENGES AS SCHOOLS REOPEN. SCHOOL MENTAL
24 HEALTH SERVICES AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAMS CAN, AS FOUND
25 BY RESEARCHERS, IMPROVE BEHAVIOR AND SCHOOL CLIMATE, AND

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1 REDUCE DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS. TODAY'S L.A. TIMES' FRONT PAGE
2 OF THE CALIFORNIA SECTION REFERENCES A REPORT THAT WAS JUST
3 RELEASED BY BLACK KIDS CAN'T WAIT, AND THE TITLE OF THE
4 ARTICLE SAYS THAT SOME BLACK PARENTS SEE LESS BULLYING AND
5 RACISM WITH ONLINE LEARNING, AND ARE KEEPING KIDS AT HOME. SO
6 WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE PROVIDING AN ARRAY OF SUPPORT
7 SERVICES FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL AND SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD
8 MEMBERS TO CHOOSE FROM, TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THEIR STUDENT
9 POPULATION. WITH THE SUPPORT OF MY COLLEAGUES, THIS MOTION
10 WILL CONVENE DISCUSSIONS WITH EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY
11 STAKEHOLDERS THAT WILL HELP COUNTY PARTNERS DETERMINE HOW BEST
12 TO SUPPORT SCHOOLS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO ENHANCE STUDENT
13 WELLBEING, AND PROMOTE EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT. WHILE EACH
14 STUDENT MAY HAVE DIFFERING EXPERIENCES AND RELATIONSHIPS WITH
15 LAW ENFORCEMENT, AS WELL AS STAFF AND TEACHERS, THE RESEARCH
16 FINDS POTENTIAL VULNERABILITIES THAT WE MUST GUARD AGAINST.
17 THE COUNTY, I BELIEVE, REALLY MUST CLOSELY MONITOR THE IMPACT
18 OF SCHOOL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES; AGAIN, TAKING BACK OUR
19 DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO APPROVE THOSE CONTRACTS, BUT NOT HAVE
20 DIRECT CONTROL OVER WHAT LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS WANT OR
21 REQUEST OF THEIR SCHOOLS. THIS IS OVERSIGHT, AND I BELIEVE
22 OVERSIGHT IS NECESSARY TO PROMOTE TRANSPARENCY AND ENSURE
23 ACCOUNTABILITY. AND AGAIN, MORE IMPORTANTLY, LOCAL DISTRICTS
24 MUST BE AWARE OF ALL ASSETS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO BEST MEET
25 THE NEEDS OF THEIR STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND ADMINISTRATION.

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1 ENSURING THAT INFORMATION IS TIMELY, VETTED, AND ANALYZED BY
2 THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, THE INDEPENDENT MONITOR FOR
3 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, IS ALSO CRUCIAL TO BUILDING AND
4 MAINTAINING THE PUBLIC'S CONFIDENCE. I LOOK FORWARD TO
5 ENGAGING IN THIS DIALOGUE AS WE CONTINUE TO REIMAGINE OUR
6 APPROACH TO SCHOOL HEALTH AND SAFETY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
7 MADAM CHAIR.

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9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT, WE'LL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR
10 SHEILA KUEHL.

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12 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU,
13 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR LEADING ON THIS ISSUE, AND FOR
14 INVITING ME TO CO-AUTHOR. LET ME REPEAT: WE RECOGNIZE AND
15 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE THE DECISION-
16 MAKERS WHEN IT COMES TO THE PRESENCE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT ON
17 THEIR CAMPUSES. SO LET'S BE CLEAR ON ONE POINT: THIS MOTION
18 DOES NOT SEEK TO SECOND-GUESS OR DISRUPT THE ROLE OF LOCAL
19 SCHOOL DISTRICTS. WHAT THIS MOTION DOES RECOGNIZE IS THE
20 CENTRAL ROLE THAT THIS BOARD HAS IN SAFEGUARDING THE HEALTH
21 AND WELLBEING OF ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS. THIS IS PERHAPS OUR
22 MOST ESSENTIAL FUNCTION AS THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
23 AND IT IS A RESPONSIBILITY THAT WE TAKE VERY SERIOUSLY. WE
24 ESTABLISHED AN OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY TO PROTECT
25 THOSE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS BY SEEING TO IT THAT THEY

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1 DON'T GET STUCK IN JAIL CELLS, WHERE WE KNOW THEY CAN'T GET
2 WELL. WE ESTABLISHED THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION
3 INITIATIVE, CHARGED WITH BUILDING OUT THE COMMUNITY-BASED
4 SYSTEM OF CARE, SO THE COUNTY CAN MAKE GOOD ON ITS CARE FIRST,
5 JAIL LAST MISSION. AND WE CALLED FOR THE SAFE RELEASE OF
6 INDIVIDUALS FROM CUSTODY, AS PART OF OUR RESPONSE TO THE
7 C.O.V.I.D.-19 PANDEMIC, AND WE DID THAT BECAUSE WE RECOGNIZED
8 THAT LEAVING PEOPLE IN CROWDED JAILS PLACED THEM AT A REALLY
9 HIGH RISK OF CONTRACTING THE VIRUS. ALL OF THESE AND LOTS OF
10 OTHER ACTIONS TAKEN BY THIS BOARD REFLECT OUR RESPONSIBILITY
11 TO PROVIDE FOR THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF OUR RESIDENTS, AND
12 THAT DUTY EXTENDS TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND CHILDREN IN SCHOOL,
13 AS WELL. AS I NOTED AT THE OUTSET, LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE
14 THE DECISION-MAKERS WHEN IT COMES TO THE PRESENCE OF LAW
15 ENFORCEMENT ON THEIR CAMPUSES. BUT LAW ENFORCEMENT IS REALLY
16 JUST THAT: ENFORCEMENT. ENFORCEMENT DOES NOT PROMOTE HEALTH.
17 ENFORCEMENT DOES NOT PRIORITIZE THE WELLBEING OF STUDENTS. THE
18 NEEDS OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND CHILDREN IN SCHOOL GO WELL
19 BEYOND THAT WHICH CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH ENFORCEMENT, AND
20 THAT IS WHY THIS BOARD MUST TAKE THE STEPS OUTLINED IN TODAY'S
21 MOTIONS. BECAUSE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE NEED CONSISTENT AND EASY
22 ACCESS TO TRUSTED PEERS AND ADULTS WHO BELIEVE IN PREVENTION
23 AND POSITIVE INTERVENTIONS THAT PROMOTE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.
24 THEY NEED ACCESS TO SUPPORT SYSTEMS THAT WILL NOT CRIMINALIZE
25 BEHAVIOR THAT'S A PART OF, WELL, GROWING UP. SIMPLY STATED,

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1 OUR KIDS NEED PEOPLE WHO WILL ASK, "HOW ARE YOU DOING, AND HOW
2 CAN I HELP YOU RESOLVE THIS?" AND NOT PEOPLE WHO ONLY ENGAGE
3 TO ACCUSE THEM OF WRONGDOING. I UNDERSTAND THAT MANY OF OUR
4 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS DO THEIR VERY BEST. BUT REALLY, THINK
5 ABOUT THEIR TRAINING AND THEIR MISSION. I ALSO WANT TO SAY, AS
6 TO THE POPULATIONS IN SCHOOLS, I WAS STRUCK BY THE STORY ON
7 THE FRONT PAGE OF THE CALIFORNIA SECTION, AS WELL, ABOUT
8 FAMILIES WHO DON'T WANT THEIR BLACK CHILDREN TO GO BACK TO
9 SCHOOL AND FACE HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, AND, IN SOME WAYS,
10 DISCRIMINATION. AND IT TOOK ME BACK TO THE FIGHT TO ESTABLISH
11 THE LAW AGAINST DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT AGAINST
12 L.G.B.T.Q. STUDENTS IN SCHOOLS, BACK IN THE 90S. IT TOOK FIVE
13 YEARS TO GET IT THROUGH, BUT WE FINALLY DID. AND I HAVE HEARD
14 ANECDOTAL EVIDENCE OF PEOPLE WHO ARE FINDING THAT THEIR GAY
15 AND LESBIAN KIDS, THEIR QUESTIONING KIDS, KIDS WHOSE ARE IN
16 TRANSITION, ARE FEELING MORE SAFE AND COMFORTABLE IN REMOTE
17 LEARNING, AS WELL. SO WE NEED TO BE SURE THAT THE SCHOOL
18 ITSELF IS A WELCOMING PLACE, AND ONE THAT REALLY PRIORITIZES
19 THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE STUDENTS. AND I KNOW THE SCHOOL
20 DISTRICTS WANT THAT, TOO. SO I HOPE THAT YOU WILL SUPPORT THIS
21 MOTION, MY COLLEAGUES, AND I ALSO WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO
22 HIGHLIGHT THE DATA COLLECTION THAT'S CALLED FOR IN THE MOTION.
23 I AUTHORED A COUPLE MOTIONS LAST YEAR CALLING FOR DATA
24 COLLECTION, AS PART OF A CRIMINAL AND YOUTH JUSTICE DATA
25 SHARING INITIATIVE, AND I TRUST AND EXPECT THAT THE DATA

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1 COLLECTION CALLED FOR IN THIS MOTION, [INAUDIBLE] WITH THE
2 COUNTY JUSTICE DATA-SHARING INITIATIVES ALREADY UNDERWAY, SO
3 THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO BUILD A CENTRALIZED DATA PORTAL IN THE
4 COUNTY TO INFORM FUTURE DECISIONS AND SPENDING PLANS. SO THANK
5 YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR LEADING ON
6 THIS ISSUE, FOR ALLOWING ME TO CO-AUTHOR, AND I ASK MY
7 COLLEAGUES FOR AN AYE VOTE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO SPEAK BEFORE I RECOGNIZE OTHER
10 MEMBERS. AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND KUEHL
11 FOR YOU BOTH BRINGING THE MOTION FORWARD TO ADDRESS THE
12 ONGOING ISSUE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT PRESENCE IN OUR SCHOOLS. AND
13 YES, WE HEARD FROM A NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS
14 SCHOOL DISTRICTS, SOME OF WHICH I REPRESENT. AND I'VE ALWAYS
15 THOUGHT THAT THERE WERE OTHER ALTERNATIVES, RATHER THAN JUST
16 LAW ENFORCEMENT, TO BE PLACED ON OUR CAMPUSES, SO I THINK THIS
17 MOTION HELPS US TO PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION MORE FOCUSED TO
18 OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS, SO THAT THEY KNOW THAT THEY MAY HAVE AN
19 OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A MENTAL HEALTH INDIVIDUAL ON THEIR
20 CAMPUS, A NURSE. ALSO, THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE THAT COULD PROVIDE
21 OTHER ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING C.B.O.S, WHICH I AM A BIG
22 PROPONENT OF, AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE OF THAT HAPPEN. AND I
23 KNOW THAT IN THE PAST, THERE'S BEEN QUESTIONS REGARDING THE
24 L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO THESE
25 CONTRACTS WITH OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS. AND I KNOW THAT THERE'S

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1 BEEN VERY LITTLE OVERSIGHT, AND THAT'S WHY I SUPPORT THE
2 MOTION'S DIRECTIVE ALSO TO INCLUDE THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR
3 GENERAL TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL EYES TO REVIEW AND APPROVE. I
4 KNOW THAT OUT OF MY OWN FUNDING, WE PROVIDE ADDITIONAL
5 RESOURCES THROUGH THIS AT SOME OF THE SCHOOLS THAT HAD CALLED
6 IN, BUT I OFTEN ASKED MYSELF, "IS THIS REALLY THE ONLY
7 ALTERNATIVE THAT WE HAVE?" SO I AM GLAD THAT THIS MOTION IS
8 BEFORE US. I KNOW THAT THERE ARE MANY QUESTIONS OUT THERE IN
9 THE COMMUNITY THAT GO WELL BEYOND EVEN OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS,
10 BECAUSE I KNOW, IN FACT, THAT SOME OF OUR CITIES, LIKE COMPTON
11 AND WEST HOLLYWOOD, WHO CONTRACT WITH THE SHERIFF'S
12 DEPARTMENT, ALSO HAVE INQUIRIES REGARDING THE FACT THAT THEY
13 ARE NOT RECEIVING THEIR FULL SERVICES THEY PAID FOR. SO, I,
14 TOO, AM CURIOUS TO SEE WHERE WE ARE ON THAT. AND AS YOU KNOW,
15 I THINK WE ALL HAVE BEEN VERY MUCH FOCUSED ON PURSUING THE
16 GOAL OF CARE FIRST IN THE COUNTY, SO THAT MEANS THAT WE ALSO
17 HAVE TO TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT SERVICES WE'RE PROVIDING IN
18 CONJUNCTION AT OUR LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS, WITH THE AUTHORITY
19 OF THE SCHOOL BOARDS. BECAUSE, OBVIOUSLY, WE WANT TO HEAR THEM
20 AND OUR COMMUNITY, AND TO HAVE SOME POSITIVE RESULTS. SO I
21 SUPPORT THE MOTION MOVING FORWARD. SO THANK YOU BOTH FOR
22 INTRODUCING IT. I KNOW THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF WORK BY MANY
23 ADVOCATES OVER THE YEARS, AND I KNOW THERE ARE VARIOUS STUDIES
24 ON THIS, AND I THINK IT'S TIME. I KNOW L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL
25 DISTRICT ALSO TOOK IT UPON THEMSELVES TO DO A LOT MORE IN THIS

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1 AREA, SO I THINK IT IS TIME FOR US TO MOVE ON, AS WELL. SO,
2 WITH THAT, I WILL NOW RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR HAHN, WHO WANTED TO
3 MAKE A COMMENT.

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5 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MEAN, I CAN'T SAY I
6 DISAGREE WITH ANYTHING THAT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL OR SUPERVISOR
7 KUEHL HAS SAID, OR THEIR THINKING BEHIND WHAT WE'RE DOING
8 HERE. AND CLEARLY, OVER THE LAST YEAR, MANY PEOPLE HAVE CALLED
9 FOR THE REMOVAL OF LAW ENFORCEMENT FROM SCHOOL CAMPUSES. WE
10 KNOW THAT WAS PARTICULARLY LOUD IN THE CITY OF L.A., AND THERE
11 HAS BEEN A GENERAL APPROACH TO REEXAMINE THE IMPACT THAT THE
12 PRESENCE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT HAS ON SCHOOL CAMPUSES AND OUR
13 YOUNG PEOPLE, WHICH IS WHY I SUPPORT THE IDEA TO COLLECT MORE
14 DATA ON THE IMPACT OF THE SHERIFF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS,
15 AND EXPLORING ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO KEEP OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY
16 SAFE. AND I CERTAINLY BELIEVE THAT OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS
17 UNDERSTAND THE RESOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO THEM, AND I
18 DON'T SEE WHY MANY OF THEM CAN'T OR SHOULDN'T ALREADY BE
19 GETTING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES OR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES ON
20 THEIR CAMPUSES, AND I DON'T SEE WHAT WE ARE DOING TODAY IS
21 IMPACTING THAT IN ANY WAY. BUT I THINK MY ISSUE, COLLEAGUES,
22 IS WHETHER THAT IS OUR ROLE, AS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TO
23 PROHIBIT SCHOOL DISTRICTS FROM MAKING THEIR OWN DECISIONS
24 ABOUT HOW THEY SEE MAKING THEIR CAMPUSES SAFE, FEEL SAFE, IN
25 THEIR PARTICULAR SCHOOL DISTRICT. I MEAN, WE KNOW L.A. COUNTY

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1 IS ENORMOUS, AND IT'S FULL OF SO MANY DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES
2 THAT EACH HAVE DIFFERENT NEEDS. AND I THINK THAT IS THE REASON
3 WHY THE COUNTY DOESN'T RUN A UNIFORM SCHOOL SYSTEM FOR ALL OF
4 ITS RESIDENTS, AND WE RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL,
5 COMMUNITY-BASED EDUCATION, AND EACH OF THESE SCHOOL DISTRICTS
6 ELECTS ITS OWN SCHOOL BOARD TO LOOK OUT FOR THE NEEDS OF THEIR
7 OWN STUDENTS. AND I THINK THE DECISION TO CONTINUE OR
8 DISCONTINUE THE USE OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS SHOULD REMAIN
9 IN THE HANDS OF OUR LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS, NOT THE COUNTY
10 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND I HAVE HEARD FROM MANY IN MY
11 DISTRICT, THE FOURTH DISTRICT, HEARD FROM MANY OF THE SCHOOL
12 DISTRICTS TODAY. MANY OF THEM CALLED IN, AND I'VE ALSO HEARD
13 FROM MANY OF THEM IN MY OFFICE. AND WHILE WE ALL DO REPRESENT
14 THE COUNTY, WE CERTAINLY REPRESENT OUR DISTRICTS, FIRST AND
15 FOREMOST, AND I AM LISTENING TO THEM. I MEAN, JUST LIKE US,
16 THEIR SCHOOL BOARDS ARE ELECTED OFFICIALS WHO ARE TASKED WITH
17 REPRESENTING THEIR VOTERS. AND IF THEIR COMMUNITIES DON'T WANT
18 SCHOOLS OR OFFICERS ON THEIR CAMPUSES, THEY CAN CERTAINLY
19 ADVOCATE FOR THAT ON A LOCAL LEVEL. WE SAW THAT WITH
20 L.A.U.S.D. THE COMMUNITY OVERWHELMINGLY RALLIED THE SCHOOL
21 BOARD TO CUT THE SCHOOL POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND THE SCHOOL
22 BOARD ULTIMATELY VOTED TO DO THAT. BUT THERE MAY BE MANY
23 COMMUNITIES THAT WANT TO CONTINUE USING SCHOOL RESOURCE
24 OFFICERS, AND THAT SHOULD BE THEIR LOCAL CHOICE. OF THE 30
25 TOTAL SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS THAT WE HAVE HERE IN L.A.

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1 COUNTY, SUPERVISOR BARGER HAS THE MOST WITH 27, AND MY
2 DISTRICT HAS THE SECOND MOST OFFICERS, WITH 7. AND AGAIN,
3 WE'VE HEARD FROM THEM, BUT THEY LIKE MAKING THAT DECISION. IT
4 DOESN'T PRECLUDE THEM FROM ALSO CONTACTING US FOR OTHER
5 RESOURCES. I DON'T THINK HAVING A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER
6 MEANS THAT THEY ALSO DON'T SEE THE NEED FOR MORE SCHOOL
7 COUNSELORS, MORE MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS. I MEAN, I LIKE
8 THE IDEA OF HAVING A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL ON EVERY
9 SINGLE SCHOOL CAMPUS. I KNOW GRACE NAPOLITANO, THAT HAS BEEN
10 HER INITIATIVE FOR AS LONG AS I HAVE KNOWN HER. NOT ALL SCHOOL
11 RESOURCE OFFICERS, MAYBE, ARE THE RIGHT THING, AND MAYBE THEY
12 DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT IMPACT OR RIGHT INFLUENCE, BUT THERE IS
13 ANOTHER SIDE TO THIS STORY. MANY SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS HAVE
14 GOOD RELATIONSHIPS WITH THESE KIDS, AND REALLY PROVIDE A
15 MENTORING SITUATION FOR THEM, AS WELL AS PREVENTING VIOLENCE
16 FROM HAPPENING ON THE CAMPUSES. I KNOW IN ONE OF MY SCHOOL
17 DISTRICTS, NORWALK LA MIRADA UNIFIED, TWO DAYS AFTER THE
18 PARKLAND SCHOOL SHOOTING, ONE OF THEIR SCHOOL RESOURCE
19 OFFICERS, AT EL CAMINO HIGH IN WHITTIER, THWARTED A POTENTIAL
20 SCHOOL SHOOTING, BECAUSE HE OVERHEARD A STUDENT THREATENING TO
21 OPEN FIRE ON THE SCHOOL. AND WHEN POLICE FINALLY SEARCHED HIS
22 HOME, THEY FOUND SEMIAUTOMATIC RIFLES, HIGH-CAPACITY
23 MAGAZINES. SO, CERTAINLY, IT WAS A PREVENTION TOOL, AS WELL.
24 AND, I MEAN, I'LL END BY SAYING I KNOW THAT SCHOOL SAFETY ON
25 OUR CAMPUSES IS COMPLEX. IT'S EVER-EVOLVING. AND I FULLY

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1 SUPPORT COLLECTING MORE DATA ON THE IMPACT, WHICH IS
2 INITIATIVES 3 THROUGH 9 ON ITEM 2. BUT I REALLY FEEL STRONGLY
3 THAT I NEED TO RESPECT MY DISTRICT AND THE LOCAL AUTONOMY OF
4 THE SCHOOL BOARDS AND SUPERINTENDENTS TO MAKE THESE DECISIONS
5 FOR THEIR OWN SCHOOLS. SO, WHAT I'D LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN TODAY
6 IS, IF WE CAN SEPARATE DIRECTIVES 1 AND 2, WHICH TAKE AWAY THE
7 POWER OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND CHOICE FROM OUR LOCAL ELECTED
8 SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND SEPARATE THAT FROM DIRECTIVES 3 TO 9,
9 WHICH I DO SUPPORT, BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE
10 COLLECT THIS DATA. SO I RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT WE BIFURCATE
11 THAT, SO I CAN SHOW MY SUPPORT TODAY OF COLLECTING DATA, BUT
12 ALSO SHOW MY SUPPORT OF MY SCHOOL DISTRICTS BY VOTING NO ON
13 ITEMS 1 AND 2, ON DIRECTIVES 1 AND 2. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.
14 DID YOU WANT TO SAY ANYTHING ON THAT?

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, I DO. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT KATHRYN
17 BARGER WANTED TO SPEAK ON THIS, AS WELL.

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19 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH, AND I'LL SECOND THAT, SUPERVISOR HAHN, THAT
20 REQUEST. AND I JUST WANT TO ECHO IT. I MEAN, TO YOUR POINT--
21 AND I AGREE WITH EVERYTHING THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN HAS SAID. IN
22 THE 5TH DISTRICT, WE HAVE 27 RESOURCE OFFICERS LOCATED AT 7
23 SCHOOL DISTRICTS. NOT EVERY SCHOOL DISTRICT CHOOSES TO
24 CONTRACT WITH A SHERIFF. THERE ARE CITIES THAT ACTUALLY
25 CONTRACT WITH THEIR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THAT COMMUNITY.

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1 AND I SUPPORT THE FACT THAT THESE SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE
2 GOVERNED BY ELECTED OFFICIALS, JUST LIKE US, WHO HAVE CHOICES
3 TO MAKE AND WHO MAKE THOSE DECISIONS BASED ON WHAT THEY FEEL
4 IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THEIR SCHOOL DISTRICTS. AND I JUST
5 FEEL THAT BY UNDERMINING THE ABILITY OF THESE SCHOOL DISTRICTS
6 TO CREATE THEIR OWN SAFETY NET FOR THEIR SCHOOL-- AND YOU ARE
7 ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, SUPERVISOR HAHN. GRACE NAPOLITANO HAS BEEN
8 PUSHING LONG AND HARD FOR MENTAL HEALTH LOCATED ON SCHOOL
9 DISTRICT GROUNDS, AND IT SHOULDN'T BE AN EITHER/OR. IT SHOULD
10 BE AN AND. AND I MIGHT ADD THAT MANY OF THESE RESOURCE
11 OFFICERS BECOME FRIENDS TO THOSE STUDENTS. I KNOW OF ONE
12 INSTANCE WHERE A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER WAS ABLE TO HELP A
13 CHILD THAT WAS CONTEMPLATING SUICIDE. SO THESE RESOURCE
14 OFFICERS REALLY ARE VITAL, NOT ONLY FOR THE SAFETY OF THE
15 CAMPUS, BUT ALSO IN TERMS OF SUPPORTING THE STUDENT BODY. AND
16 SO I WOULD ASK THAT WE BIFURCATE 1 AND 2, AND SO I WOULD
17 SECOND THAT, AS WELL.

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19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE A MOTION ON THE FLOOR, BUT BEFORE
20 WE GO THERE, BEFORE WE TAKE A VOTE ON THAT, I'D LIKE TO
21 RECOGNIZE THE AUTHOR OF THE MOTION, ORIGINALLY, AND THAT IS
22 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, IF YOU WANTED TO MAKE ANY STATEMENT, WHAT
23 YOUR SENSE IS.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I APPRECIATE
2 THAT. I WILL NOT BE SUPPORTING THE MOTION TO BIFURCATE. I'VE
3 HEARD MY TWO COLLEAGUES LOUD AND CLEAR, AND WOULD SUGGEST
4 THAT, AGAIN, I RESTATE THAT THERE'S NO LANGUAGE IN THE MOTION
5 THAT LIMITS THE POWER OR THE AUTHORITY OF A LOCAL ELECTED
6 SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER TO MAKE THE DECISION THAT IS IN THEIR BEST
7 INTEREST FOR THEIR SCHOOL. WHAT THIS MOTION DOES IS GIVE BACK
8 THIS BOARD'S DELEGATIVE AUTHORITY TO THE SHERIFF TO NEGOTIATE
9 CONTRACTS DIRECTLY ON HIS OWN. [INAUDIBLE] BASED ON MY REVIEW
10 OF THE RECORD, AND OUR POWER TO REVIEW CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO
11 BY ANY OTHER DEPARTMENTS, I DON'T THINK THIS IS AN OVERREACH.
12 I THINK THAT MULTIPLE ELEMENTS OF THIS MOTION [INAUDIBLE]
13 CONCURRENTLY FOR IT TO BE RELEVANT TO ALL THE OTHER EXPRESSED
14 INTERESTS AND DESIRES OF THE BOARD MEMBERS, IN TERMS OF, "A,"
15 HEARING AND ACKNOWLEDGING THOSE DISTRICTS WHO WOULD PREFER TO
16 NEGOTIATE MORE BROADLY. I THINK THE CONTRACTS OFFERED BY THE
17 SHERIFF ARE NARROWLY FOCUSED, BECAUSE THEY [INAUDIBLE]. AND
18 SO, AS MY COLLEAGUE USED THE TERM "SELF-DETERMINATION," I
19 THINK THE NOTION OF SELF-DETERMINATION IS MULTIFACETED. AND SO
20 WE ARE NOT INFRINGING ON THE SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE ELECTED
21 BODIES, BUT WE ARE ALSO HEARING AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE DESIRE
22 FOR SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE FAMILIES AND SOME LOCAL SCHOOL
23 BOARD MEMBERS AND STUDENTS ON SCHOOLS ACROSS THIS COUNTY. AND
24 SO, IF THE MOTION IS TO BIFURCATE THE MOTION, I WILL NOT BE

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1 SUPPORTING THAT. I THINK IT'S REASONABLE TO JUST EXPECT
2 [INAUDIBLE] ON THE MOTION AS PRESENTED. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** I AM GOING TO RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR SHEILA
5 KUEHL, AS THE CO-AUTHOR. SHE ASKED TO BE RECOGNIZED.

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. IT'S A BIT OF A CONUNDRUM,
8 I THINK. AND I AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR MITCHELL THAT, GENERALLY,
9 WE WANT TO HAVE A UP OR DOWN VOTE ON SOMETHING. BUT THIS BOARD
10 HAS OFTEN, I DON'T KNOW, OUT OF COMITY, I GUESS, ALLOWED
11 MEMBERS TO REQUEST A BIFURCATION-- I'M NOT SAYING IT'S A
12 TRADITION OR A RULE OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT-- SO THAT THEY CAN,
13 I GUESS, VOTE THEIR CONSCIENCE. I HEARD SUPERVISOR HAHN
14 INDICATE THAT SHE HAD HEARD FROM MANY PEOPLE IN HER DISTRICT,
15 SO PERHAPS VOTING HER DISTRICT, WHATEVER IT SEEMS LIKE TO HER.
16 I DON'T SEE THAT ASKING THE INSPECTOR GENERAL TO REPORT TO US
17 ABOUT THE EFFECT OF ANY EXTENSIONS OR AMENDMENTS TO THE
18 SHERIFF'S CONTRACT ESSENTIALLY INTERFERES WITH THE ABILITY OF
19 SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO SAY YES OR NO, SO I DON'T SEE THAT THE
20 FIRST TWO DIRECTIVES ARE ANY DANGER TO THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE
21 SCHOOL DISTRICT, BUT IT DOES RECOGNIZE THE ROLE OF OUR BOARD
22 TO PROTECT THE OVERALL HEALTH AND SAFETY, IN THE SAME WAY AS
23 THE SHERIFF TELLS US WE'RE NOT THE BOSS OF HIM. AND YET, IN
24 MANY WAYS WE ARE, BECAUSE WE HAVE THE LARGER RESPONSIBILITY TO
25 WATCH OUT FOR OUR CONSTITUENTS. SO I GUESS I MIGHT ASK... AND

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1 AGAIN, IT IS A LITTLE MESSY, BUT THE TEMPERATURE OF THE BOARD
2 ABOUT WHETHER WE ARE REALLY OPPOSED TO BIFURCATING, BECAUSE IT
3 IS MORE OF A GENERAL COURTESY, OR IF WE... SUPERVISOR
4 MITCHELL, I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE SAID YOU DON'T WANT IT
5 BIFURCATED. I INTEND TO, EVEN IF IT IS BIFURCATED, VOTE IN
6 FAVOR OF THE FIRST TWO DIRECTIVES, OBVIOUSLY, AND I WOULD HOPE
7 THAT THERE WOULD BE SUFFICIENT VOTES TO CARRY THEM THROUGH.
8 BUT I AM A LITTLE STUCK ABOUT THE BIFURCATION PIECE, BECAUSE
9 WE GENERALLY HAVE JUST SAID, "SURE, IF YOU'RE NOT COMFORTABLE,
10 WE WILL LET YOU DO IT." AND I THINK SOME OF US HAVE ASKED IN
11 THE PAST FOR THE SAME KIND OF THING, WHERE ONE DIRECTIVE
12 REALLY GAVE US HEARTBURN, BUT WE WANTED TO SUPPORT THE REST.
13 SO I AM NOT REALLY SURE KIND OF HOW TO RESOLVE THIS. I WANT TO
14 GO WITH MY AUTHOR, OBVIOUSLY.

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, LET ME JUST CLARIFY. I AM NOT
17 OBJECTING TO THE TWO MEMBERS PUTTING FORWARD THE MOTION. MY
18 POINT IS THAT I WOULD NOT BE IN SUPPORT OF THAT MOTION. THAT'S
19 JUST MY INDIVIDUAL VOTE. I'M CLEAR ABOUT THE CULTURE OF THIS
20 BODY AND WORKING COLLABORATIVELY. MY POINT WAS THAT I BELIEVE
21 THE RATIONALE FOR THE BIFURCATION IS NOT JUSTIFIED, BASED ON
22 THE ACTUAL [INAUDIBLE]. THAT WAS MY POINT. MY POINT IS THAT I
23 WOULD NOT CAST MY INDIVIDUAL VOTE IN SUPPORT OF A MOTION THAT
24 BIFURCATES. THAT'S ALL.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH.

2

3 **SUP. MITCHELL:** IN NO WAY WAS I SUGGESTING THAT A SUPERVISOR
4 SHOULD NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE THE REQUEST.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN:** MADAM CHAIR, CAN I JUST-- THIS IS SUPERVISOR HAHN.
7 YEAH, I HEAR YOU, AND I APPRECIATE WHAT YOU ARE SAYING,
8 BECAUSE I JUST SAID, SOMETIMES ONE DIRECTIVE GIVES SOMEONE
9 HEARTBURN, AND WE JUST WANT TO MAKE THAT CLEAR THAT WE'RE THEN
10 SUPPORTIVE. AND I AM BASING THIS-- AND MAYBE I'M WRONG, BUT
11 I'M BASING THIS ON DIRECTIVE 2, WHICH BASICALLY SAYS, ALL
12 CONTRACTS WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR RESOURCE OFFICERS
13 MUST COME BACK TO THIS BODY FOR APPROVAL. SO, TO ME, IT DOES
14 GIVE US THE UP-OR-DOWN APPROVAL AUTHORITY OVER A SCHOOL
15 DISTRICT, WHICH DOES, IN MY OPINION, LIMIT THEIR ABILITY TO DO
16 WHAT THEY WANT. SO THAT'S WHAT I AM BASING THIS ON.

17

18 **SUP. KUEHL:** IT IS A GOOD QUESTION, JANICE, BUT WHO IS
19 CONTRACTING WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, WHETHER THE SHERIFF HAS
20 AN INDEPENDENT AUTHORITY OUTSIDE THIS BOARD TO REALLY CONTRACT
21 WITH THE DISTRICT? WE DELEGATE THE AUTHORITY, BUT A DELEGATED
22 AUTHORITY MEANS THAT IT'S REALLY OUR AUTHORITY THAT WE'RE
23 ALLOWING THE SHERIFF TO EXERCISE. AND I THINK, IN THIS CASE,
24 WE ARE SAYING, WE WANT TO RETAIN OUR AUTHORITY. IT IS NOT
25 CHANGING OR TAKING AWAY FROM THE DISTRICT. THE DISTRICT IS

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1 STILL SPEAKING FOR ITSELF, AND IT IS STILL CONTRACTING WITH
2 THE COUNTY.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** BUT ARE YOU SAYING, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, THAT IT-- SO,
5 YOU'RE BASICALLY SAYING THAT THEIR CONTRACT WOULD NOT COME
6 BEFORE US FOR AN UP-OR-DOWN VOTE, BUT WE WOULD BE THE ACTUAL
7 PERSON, SO WE WOULD BE NEGOTIATING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT
8 OFFICERS ON CAMPUSES IN L.A. COUNTY?

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** I DON'T THINK SO. I THINK THAT THE REQUEST IS FOR
11 THE SHERIFF TO ENTER INTO A PROPOSED CONTRACT AND HAVE IT
12 REVIEWED, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, BY A NUMBER OF PEOPLE LOOKING TO
13 REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ABOUT WHETHER THE AMENDMENTS ARE
14 HAVING A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT. BUT THE BOARD HAS THE ULTIMATE
15 AUTHORITY-- AS I UNDERSTAND IT, ANYWAY-- BECAUSE WE DELEGATED
16 IT TO THE SHERIFF. THAT MEANS IT IS OUR AUTHORITY.

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE'RE TAKING IT BACK, IS WHAT YOU ARE
19 SAYING, SHEILA.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN:** I HEAR THAT, BUT THAT STILL GIVES ME ANGST, BECAUSE
22 WHEN I THINK ABOUT CONTRACT SERIES, BEING ABLE TO NEGOTIATE
23 WITH THE SHERIFF FOR A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, I JUST FEEL,
24 AGAIN, IT IS AN OVERREACH FOR US. BUT I TOTALLY GET WHERE YOU
25 ARE GOING. I WOULD LIKE THE ABILITY TO VOTE NO ON THAT. SO...

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1

2 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. LET ME CHIME IN. I HAVE BEEN AROUND
3 THE BOARD AS LONG AS SHEILA HAS, AND WE DO EXTEND COURTESIES
4 WHEN MEMBERS DO FEEL THAT THEY CAN'T VOTE FOR, SAY, CERTAIN
5 SECTIONS OF A BILL. WE'VE DONE IT MANY, MANY TIMES OUT OF
6 COURTESY. IT DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN THAT WE'RE NOT IN
7 SUPPORT OF THE OVERALL MOTION, WHICH I AM SUPPORTIVE OF, SO
8 LET THAT BE CLEAR. SO, CAN WE PROCEED?

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** YOU'RE THE CHAIR.

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO LET'S TAKE THE VOTE. IT HAS BEEN
13 REQUESTED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SHE MOVED TO BIFURCATE
14 DIRECTIVES 1 AND 2, AND IT WAS SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER,
15 SO LET'S TAKE A VOTE ON THE BIFURCATION. SO, EXECUTIVE
16 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE MOTION TO BIFURCATE IS BEFORE YOU.
19 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

20

21 **SUP. MITCHELL:** NO.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, NO. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

24

25 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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1

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

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** YES.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. BARGER:** YES.

9

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

11

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

13

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

15 1.

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO NOW WHAT WE'LL DO IS, DIRECTIVES 1

18 AND 2, OF ITEM 2, ARE BEFORE US. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,

19 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** DIRECTIVES 1 AND 2, OF ITEM 2, ARE BEFORE

22 YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

23

24 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

25

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

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** NO.

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, NO. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** NO.

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, NO. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

15

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

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 3-

19 2.

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. NOW WE WILL VOTE ON THE REMAINING
22 DIRECTIVES OF ITEM 2, WHICH IS DIRECTIVES 3 THROUGH 9, WHICH
23 ARE BEFORE US, AND THAT IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,
24 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THOSE DIRECTIVES.

25 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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1

2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** DIRECTIVES 3 THROUGH 9 ARE BEFORE YOU.
3 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

6

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

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

11

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

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** HAPPY TO VOTE AYE.

15

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

17

18 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

19

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

21

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

23

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

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1

2 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** UNANIMOUSLY, YOU MIGHT SAY. OKAY, NOW,
3 MEMBERS, WE WILL GO ON TO VOTE ON ITEM 69, WHICH IS ALSO A
4 PART OF THIS, AND IS AMENDED BY ITEM 2. THIS IS BY SUPERVISOR
5 MITCHELL, SECONDED BY KUEHL. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
6 CALL THE ROLL.

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 69, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE YOU.
9 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

12

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

15

16 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** I AM GOING TO HAVE TO VOTE NO, UNFORTUNATELY.

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, NO. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

23

24 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

25

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

2

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

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 4-
6 1.

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, VERY GOOD. THANK YOU. NOW, MEMBERS,
9 WE'RE GOING TO TURN TO ITEM NUMBER 5, WHICH IS ENHANCING
10 COUNTYWIDE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT THROUGH EXPANDED PROGRAM AND
11 INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS. THIS WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR
12 KUEHL. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC.

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I'M GLAD THAT WE
15 HAVE SOMETHING A LITTLE BIT EASIER, PERHAPS, TO LOOK AT. AND I
16 WANTED TO HOLD THIS BECAUSE THE COUNTY DOES A LOT OF
17 EXTRAORDINARILY GOOD WORK ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, AND OFTEN
18 THEY'RE NOT HIGHLIGHTED, SO I SIMPLY WANTED TO EXPLAIN THIS
19 ONE MOTION AND ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE. AS WE KNOW, CALIFORNIA
20 IS ALREADY EXPERIENCING SOME PRETTY SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS OF THE
21 CLIMATE CRISIS, AND IT REQUIRES REALLY BOLD ACTION TO PREVENT
22 FURTHER DEVASTATING IMPACTS TO OUR COUNTY, AND TO OUR WHOLE
23 REGION. AMONG THE VARIOUS WAYS THAT WE CAN DEAL WITH THIS:
24 DIVERTING WASTE, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, CAN BE A MAJOR CLIMATE
25 SOLUTION, BECAUSE IT PREVENTS METHANE EMISSIONS AT THE LOCAL

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1 LANDFILLS. METHANE IS A VERY POWERFUL, THOUGH SHORT-LIVED,
2 CLIMATE POLLUTANT, BUT IT IS 84 TIMES MORE POWERFUL THAN
3 CARBON DIOXIDE, IN TERMS OF ITS EFFECT ON GLOBAL WARMING. NOW,
4 A LOT OF PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN THE SOLID WASTE SECTOR.
5 THIS IS, YOU KNOW, THE TRASH THAT YOU PUT OUT AND GETS
6 COLLECTED. AND OFTEN, THESE ARE NOT THE RECYCLABLES, BUT THE
7 STUFF THAT ENDS UP IN LANDFILLS. BUT THERE ARE NEW CHALLENGES
8 AFFECTING OUR ABILITY TO ACHIEVE OUR SUSTAINABILITY GOALS.
9 INTERNATIONAL LAWS AND TREATIES, FOR INSTANCE, ARE NOW
10 SEVERELY RESTRICTING THE EXPORT OF RECYCLABLES, AND KIND OF
11 UPENDING RECYCLING MARKETS, SO A LOT MORE IS GOING NOT IN THE
12 RECYCLING BIN, BUT INTO OUR LANDFILLS. THE MOST RECENT
13 COUNTYWIDE ORGANIC WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN ANNUAL REPORT
14 ESTIMATES THAT ABOUT 5 AND A HALF MILLION TONS OF ORGANIC
15 WASTE IS DISPOSED OF COUNTYWIDE EVERY YEAR, WHILE THERE'S LESS
16 THAN HALF A MILLION PER YEAR OF AVAILABLE ORGANIC WASTE
17 PROCESSING CAPACITY. WHAT IS ORGANIC WASTE? IT IS, I GUESS IN
18 THE OLD DAYS, WHAT WE USED TO CALL GARBAGE. IT IS, YOU KNOW,
19 THE LEFTOVER FROM COOKING, AND GREEN WASTE, AND A LOT OF
20 DIFFERENT KINDS OF THINGS THAT USED TO BE ALIVE. THINK OF IT
21 THAT WAY: VEGETABLES AND FRUITS AND THAT KIND OF WASTE. AND
22 CALIFORNIA LAW S.B. 1383 ALSO REQUIRES 75 PERCENT OF OUR
23 ORGANIC WASTE TO BE DIVERTED AWAY FROM LANDFILLS, AND THAT
24 REQUIRES 10 TIMES THE DIVERSION CAPACITY THAT WE CURRENTLY
25 HAVE IN THE COUNTY FOR ORGANIC WASTE. CALRECYCLE'S ANALYSIS OF

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1 OUR PROGRESS TOWARD S.B. 1383 ORGANIC WASTE REDUCTION GOALS
2 SHOWED THAT THEIR 2020 GOALS WERE NOT MET. AND THIS IS NOT A
3 SURPRISE, CONSIDERING WE DON'T HAVE THE INFRASTRUCTURE, AND WE
4 DON'T HAVE THE RESOURCES. SO, AS A REGIONAL LEADER, THE COUNTY
5 HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP REDUCE THE GENERATION OF WASTE,
6 KIND OF SOURCE CONTROL. AND WE CAN SUPPORT ECONOMIC RECOVERY
7 AND LOCAL JOB CREATION AT THE SAME TIME THROUGH THE
8 DEVELOPMENT OF NEW INFRASTRUCTURE. INITIAL ESTIMATES SHOW THAT
9 L.A. COUNTY, INCLUDING ALL OF OUR CITIES, WOULD NEED ABOUT A
10 BILLION DOLLARS OF CAPITAL INVESTMENT TO BRIDGE OUR
11 INFRASTRUCTURE GAP. SO, GIVEN THE LEVEL OF INVESTMENT NEEDED,
12 IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT THAT THE COUNTY LEVERAGE ALL AVAILABLE
13 FUNDING, INCLUDING STATE GRANTS AND FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE
14 PROGRAMS, TO ACHIEVE OUR AMBITIOUS WASTE REDUCTION AND CLIMATE
15 GOALS. SO THE COUNTY NEEDS TO SUPPORT INVESTMENT IN A
16 PORTFOLIO OF SOURCE REDUCTION STRATEGIES, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND
17 PROGRAMS TO BUILD RESILIENCY TO CLIMATE CHANGE, AND ADVANCE
18 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT IN THE COUNTY. THERE ARE A LOT OF
19 REALLY NIFTY NEW IDEAS ABOUT HOW TO DO THAT, SOME OF WHICH
20 WE'RE STARTING TO DO PILOT PROJECTS IN SOME OF OUR LANDFILLS.
21 SO I HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE SUPPORTIVE OF THIS MOTION, AND I
22 ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.

23
24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I JUST WANTED
25 TO COMMEND YOU FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION. IT IS AN IMPORTANT

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1 MOTION, TOO, TO HELP US REDUCE OUR WASTE GENERATION, AND
2 INCREASE LANDFILL DIVERSION, AND ENCOURAGE OUR INVESTMENTS IN
3 LOCAL RECYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE, SO THAT OUR COUNTY RESIDENTS
4 AND OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES CAN HAVE EXPANDED OPTIONS TO DISPOSE
5 THEIR WASTE OUTSIDE OF THE LANDFILLS IN A SUSTAINABLE AND
6 RESPONSIBLE MANNER. AND, AS YOU KNOW, BECAUSE OF C.O.V.I.D.--
7 THE C.O.V.I.D. PANDEMIC-- IT HAS SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTED OUR
8 PEOPLE'S FOOD PURCHASING AND CONSUMPTION HABITS, AND RAISED
9 ALTOGETHER THE PUBLIC AWARENESS AND CONCERN OVER HOW MUCH
10 WASTE IS DISPOSED IN OUR COUNTY LANDFILLS. AND AS YOU KNOW,
11 LANDFILL SITES AND DISPOSAL FACILITIES ARE WHERE THE MAJORITY
12 OF THESE LEFTOVER PLASTIC MATERIALS, GREEN WASTE, AND
13 RECYCLABLES ARE SENT. SO, IN ORDER TO MEET OUR DIVERSION
14 GOALS, AS YOU MENTIONED, IN SENATE BILL 1383, WE HAVE TO LOOK
15 AT THE WAYS THE COUNTY CAN INCREASE ORGANIC WASTE DIVERSION
16 FROM OUR LANDFILLS, AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE STATE AND
17 FEDERAL FUNDING INVESTMENTS THAT ARE COMING OUR WAY. SO I DO
18 ALSO BELIEVE IT IS A WIN-WIN FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
19 AND WOULD URGE OUR COLLEAGUES TO VOTE AYE ON THIS, AS WELL.
20 SO, ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS FROM OTHER BOARD MEMBERS ON THIS
21 ITEM? OKAY. SEEING NONE, THEN WE WILL NOW MOVE ON, AND I
22 WOULD... THIS HAS BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND I WILL
23 SECOND IT. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.
24
25 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 5 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

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1

2 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

3

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

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

8

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

10

11 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

12

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

14

15 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

16

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

18

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

20

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

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, GREAT. NOW WE'RE MOVING ON TO ITEM

25 NUMBER 6, EXPANDING ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE IN LOS ANGELES

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1 COUNTY, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. AND ALSO,
2 SUPERVISOR BARGER IS THE CO-AUTHOR. SO, IN THAT ORDER,
3 SUPERVISOR HAHN?

4

5 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
6 BARGER, FOR CO-AUTHORING THIS WITH ME. AND THIS BOARD HAS HAD
7 SO MANY CONVERSATIONS ABOUT BUILDING UP OUR ALTERNATIVE CRISIS
8 RESPONSE SYSTEM, SO THAT WHEN SOMEONE HAS A MENTAL HEALTH
9 CRISIS, THEY GET THE HELP THEY NEED. AND RIGHT NOW, THE SYSTEM
10 IS SIMPLY INADEQUATE. OVER A MONTH AGO, ONE OF OUR MEASURE J
11 COMMITTEE APPOINTEES, EUNISSES HERNANDEZ, SAW A WOMAN OUTSIDE
12 HER HOME, EARLY IN THE MORNING, WHO WAS HAVING A MENTAL HEALTH
13 CRISIS. IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE WOMAN WAS NOT A DANGER TO
14 HERSELF OR OTHERS, BUT THAT SHE NEEDED SOME MENTAL HEALTH
15 SUPPORT. SO EUNISSES CALLED THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
16 HELP LINE TO REQUEST A PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAM. BUT
17 IT WAS 7:15 A.M., AND OUR PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAMS
18 DON'T RUN 24/7, SO THE STAFFER TOLD HER TO CALL BACK AFTER
19 8:00. EUNISSES BROUGHT THE THE WOMAN FOOD, TRIED TO KEEP HER
20 CALM, AND CONVINCED HER TO STAY THERE UNTIL THE MOBILE
21 RESPONSE TEAM ARRIVED, WHICH DID NOT HAPPEN FOR NEARLY TWO
22 HOURS. THIS STORY CLEARLY ILLUSTRATES THE SHORTCOMINGS OF WHAT
23 WE HAVE, CURRENTLY. I SO ADMIRE EUNISSES'S DEDICATION. NO ONE
24 SHOULD HAVE TO WAIT TWO HOURS FOR A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS
25 RESPONSE. AND, OF COURSE, MENTAL HEALTH CRISES DON'T JUST

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1 HAPPEN DURING BUSINESS HOURS. AND MOST PEOPLE-- AND WE HAVE
2 SEEN THIS-- WOULD SIMPLY HAVE GIVEN UP AND CALLED 9-1-1, WHICH
3 IS WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT THAT WE BUILD UP OUR ALTERNATIVE
4 CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM BEFORE OUR 9-8-8 NUMBER IS IMPLEMENTED
5 AS THE OFFICIAL NUMBER FOR ALL MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS AND
6 SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINES. 9-8-8 IS JUST A NUMBER, BUT IT IS
7 UP TO US TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES, AND I'M WORRIED THAT IF WE
8 DON'T HAVE THESE SERVICES IN PLACE BY THE TIME 9-8-8 GOES LIVE
9 NEXT SUMMER, THEN PEOPLE WILL CONTINUE TO RELY ON 9-1-1. SO
10 THIS MOTION TODAY AIMS TO BUILD UP OUR ALTERNATIVE CRISIS
11 RESPONSE NETWORK BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF A NEW FEDERAL FUNDING
12 OPPORTUNITY. THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT INCREASES THE
13 FEDERAL MEDICAID MATCH RATE FOR MENTAL HEALTH MOBILE CRISIS
14 SERVICES FROM 50 PERCENT TO 85 PERCENT, AND THAT IS A
15 SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN FUNDING, AND THAT COULD GIVE US THE
16 OPPORTUNITY TO FINALLY EXPAND OUR PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE
17 TEAMS. THIS INCREASED MATCH WILL BEGIN SOMETIME IN EARLY 2022,
18 AND IT REQUIRES THAT OUR SERVICES RUN 24/7, IN ORDER TO ACCESS
19 THOSE FUNDS. SO THIS MOTION IS TWO-FOLD: FIRST, IT ASKS FOR A
20 PLAN TO RAMP UP OUR PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAMS TO 24/7,
21 BEFORE THE NEW FEDERAL FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE, SO THAT WE
22 COULD ACTUALLY QUALIFY TO ACCESS THEM; AND SECOND, IT ASKS FOR
23 A PLAN TO USE THE NEW FEDERAL FUNDS, BEGINNING IN 2022, TO
24 BUILD AN EXPANDED AND IMPROVED PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE
25 TEAM NETWORK THAT CAN BE ACCESSED THROUGH OUR 9-8-8 NUMBER.

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1 THE BOTTOM LINE IS THIS: OUR PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAMS
2 WILL NOT BE A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND
3 AMBULANCES UNLESS THEY CAN RUN AT COMPARABLE LEVELS. AND 9-8-8
4 WON'T BE A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO 9-1-1 UNLESS IT PROVIDES
5 TIMELY CRISIS RESPONSE. OUR RESIDENTS IN CRISIS DESERVE TO
6 RECEIVE A FAST, UNARMED MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE AT ANY TIME OF
7 THE DAY OR NIGHT, AND IT IS TIME TO TREAT MENTAL HEALTH
8 EMERGENCIES WITH THE SAME ATTENTION AND RESOURCES THAT WE
9 TREAT PHYSICAL HEALTH EMERGENCIES, AND EXPANDING OUR
10 PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAMS IS ONE OF THE FIRST STEPS
11 THAT WE CAN BEGIN PLANNING FOR NOW. AND I KNOW, DR. JON
12 SHERIN, THIS HAS BEEN HIS VISION FOR A LONG TIME, AND WE
13 APPRECIATE HIS WILLINGNESS AND ENTHUSIASM TO HELP US GET WHERE
14 WE NEED TO BE. THANK YOU AGAIN, SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR CO-
15 AUTHORIZING THIS MOTION. I HOPE I CAN HAVE THE SUPPORT OF ALL OF
16 OUR SUPERVISORS IN WHAT WE'RE DOING. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU,
21 SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR ALLOWING ME TO CO-AUTHOR THIS MOTION.
22 THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS VERY NEAR AND DEAR TO MY HEART, AND
23 IT IS A PRIORITY, AND I THINK THAT EVEN WITH 24/7, WE'RE GOING
24 TO FIND THAT THE NEED IS GOING TO GROW. I LOOK AT THE
25 P.M.R.T.S AS A KEY TOOL IN OUR TOOLBOX TO ENSURING THAT OUR

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1 RESIDENTS RECEIVE THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND HUMANE RESPONSE WHEN
2 SUFFERING FROM AN ACUTE MENTAL HEALTH EMERGENCY. THERE ARE
3 INCIDENTS WHERE LAW ENFORCEMENT SHOULDN'T BE THE PRIMARY
4 RESPONSE TEAM; IT SHOULD BE A P.M.R.T. AND WHEN YOU LOOK WHAT
5 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS DOING IN PRIORITIZING EXPANDING
6 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN THE MOST RECENT STIMULUS PACKAGE, I
7 TRULY AM GRATEFUL THAT WE CAN LOOK AT USING THIS TO SUPPORT
8 INCREASING OUR SERVICES. SO I WANT TO THANK, YOU KNOW, THE
9 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. DR. SHERIN, THIS IS A VISION THAT
10 YOU HAVE HAD, AND I KNOW THE EXPANSION OF SOMETHING THAT HAS
11 BEEN AT THE TOP OF YOUR LIST. SO I APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP
12 IN DEVELOPING THESE PROGRAMS, AND I AM EXCITED FOR THE
13 OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY ROLL THIS OUT, AND IT WILL CHANGE LIVES
14 FOR THE BETTER BY ALLOWING TRAINED INDIVIDUALS TO INTERVENE
15 BEFORE LAW ENFORCEMENT. AND SO, AGAIN, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
16 HAHN, FOR ALLOWING ME TO CO-AUTHOR THIS.

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18 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** I'LL SAY SOMETHING MYSELF, BEFORE I GO TO
19 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND THEN SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL. I WANT
20 TO THANK YOU, ALSO, SUPERVISORS HAHN AND BARGER, FOR BRINGING
21 THIS MOTION FORWARD. WE KNOW, TIME AND TIME AGAIN, THAT
22 SOMETIMES IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE FOR US TO SEND OUT LAW
23 ENFORCEMENT TO RESPOND TO A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. AND I RAISE
24 THAT ALSO BECAUSE IN MY DISTRICT, RECENTLY, A 25-YEAR-OLD,
25 ISAIAH CERVANTES, FROM THE CITY OF CUDAHY, WAS HAVING AN

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1 EPISODE, AND WHEN HIS PARENTS CALLED FOR HELP, THEY DID NOT
2 SEND A TEAM OUT, AND UNFORTUNATELY HE WAS SHOT AND IS NOW, I
3 BELIEVE, RECOVERING, HOSPITALIZED, AND IS PERMANENTLY, I
4 THINK, HAS A SPINAL INJURY THAT IS JUST NOT GOING TO BE
5 HELPFUL FOR HIM. BUT I DO THINK THAT WE HAVE TO LOOK AT OTHER
6 WAYS THAT WE CAN PROVIDE TRAINED CLINICAL PROFESSIONALS TO
7 HELP US PURSUE NONVIOLENT AND NONCOERCIVE RESPONSES. SO I,
8 TOO, AM VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IN
9 HAVING THESE PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAMS FULLY
10 AVAILABLE, BECAUSE I UNDERSTAND THE NEED IS 24 HOURS. SO I DO
11 BELIEVE THIS IS ONE OF THE METHODS THAT WE NEED TO TAKE. SO I
12 COMMEND BOTH OF YOU FOR BRINGING THIS ITEM FORWARD. SO WITH
13 THAT, I WILL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL.

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND KUDOS TO
16 SUPERVISORS HAHN AND BARGER FOR THIS MOTION, WHICH I AM NOT
17 EVEN GOING TO ASK TO BIFURCATE. HA-HA. SO, AS THE AUTHOR SAID-

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20 **SUP. HAHN:** I WAS WAITING FOR ONE OF YOU TO SAY THAT.

21 [LAUGHTER.]

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23 **SUP. KUEHL:** YOU KNOW, IF WE WERE SITTING, LOOKING AT EACH
24 OTHER, YOU WOULD SEE THAT I WOULD HAVE A SMILE ON MY FACE.

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** YES.

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3 **SUP. KUEHL:** BUT, YOU KNOW, AS BOTH THE AUTHORS HAVE NOTED, AND
4 OUR BOARD CHAIR, THIS COUNTY AND THIS BOARD HAVE REPEATEDLY
5 SUPPORTED EFFORTS TO INTRODUCE, TO PILOT, AND TO EXPAND
6 PROGRAMS THAT OFFER METHODS OF RESPONDING TO CRISES IN OUR
7 COMMUNITIES THAT ARE ALTERNATIVES TO STANDARD LAW ENFORCEMENT
8 RESPONSE THAT WE HAVE WHEN SOMEBODY CALLS THE 9-1-1 NUMBER
9 DURING AN EMERGENCY. D.M.H., THE NEW A.T.I. OFFICE, THEY ARE
10 DOING GREAT WORK TO BUILD OUT ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE
11 SYSTEMS, BUT I AM REALLY EXCITED TO SEE THE NEW 9-8-8 SYSTEM
12 ROLLING OUT NEXT SUMMER. BUT PROGRAMS LIKE THE P.M.R. TEAMS
13 FILL AN ENORMOUS UNMET NEED IN THE COMMUNITY TO HELP THOSE IN
14 THE MIDST OF A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS WHO NEED THE APPROPRIATE
15 CARE AND SUPPORT. WE HAVE, I THINK, MAYBE EVEN TWO ITEMS LATER
16 WHERE WE HAVE SETTLEMENTS THAT STEMMED FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT
17 RESPONSE WHERE THERE WAS A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. AND THE
18 REALITY IS WE JUST DON'T HAVE ENOUGH RESOURCES IN THE
19 COMMUNITIES TO DO THIS, THOUGH WE'VE ESTABLISHED AND EXPANDED
20 THAT, AND LET TEAMS THAT PARTNER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WITH
21 D.M.H. PERSONNEL. BUT THESE PROGRAMS STILL CAN'T SCALE UP TO
22 THE PROPER LEVEL. AND WE'VE HEARD FROM THE COMMUNITY,
23 ESPECIALLY DURING THE YEAR-LONG PROCESS OF DRAFTING THE
24 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, THAT WORK GROUP'S FINAL REPORT
25 REALLY EMPHASIZED BUILDING OUT A SYSTEM OF RESOURCES TO

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1 RESPOND TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY AND NEIGHBORS WHEN THEY HAVE
2 MENTAL HEALTH EMERGENCIES. SO I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS EFFORT
3 TO EXPAND THE P.M.R.T. SERVICES, TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SOME
4 ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDING TO SUPPORT IT, AND AGAIN, THANK THE
5 AUTHORS FOR INTRODUCING THE MOTION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

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9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I, TOO, WANT TO
10 THANK SUPERVISORS HAHN AND BARGER FOR THE MOTION. I AM ALL FOR
11 INCREASED MEDICAID MATCHES TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE, AND
12 AM HAPPY TO SUPPORT THE MOTION, BUT JUST WANTED TO RAISE AN
13 ADDITIONAL POINT FOR US ALL TO BE MINDFUL. WHEN RESIDENTS CALL
14 9-1-1 OR 9-8-8, THEY DON'T ALWAYS KNOW THE REASON A PERSON IS
15 IN CRISIS, OR BE ABLE TO DEFINE THE CRISIS SPECIFICALLY. WE
16 CAN ONLY REPORT KIND OF WHAT WE SEE, IN TERMS OF BEHAVIOR. AND
17 THERE MAY BE UNDERLYING, YOU KNOW, CO-OCCURRING HEALTH
18 PROBLEMS THAT THEY MAY BE SUFFERING. FOR EXAMPLE, IF THE
19 MEDICAL COMPONENT IS NOT ALSO ADDRESSED, THE PATIENT MAY END
20 UP GOING TO THE E.R. FOR FORMAL MEDICAL CLEARANCE, AND THAT
21 COULD MEAN A LONG, UNCOMFORTABLE, AND EXPENSIVE DELAY TO THEM
22 RECEIVING THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND PERHAPS THE MENTAL
23 HEALTH BED, THAT THEY REALLY SHOULD BE IN. SO I LOOK FORWARD
24 TO CONTINUING TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT A MOTION TO EXPAND
25 APPROACHES THAT PROVIDE A TRUE INTEGRATED, MULTIDISCIPLINARY

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1 TEAM TO COMPASSIONATELY RESPOND TO THESE CRISES, AND REDUCE
2 EMERGENCY ROOM OVERCROWDING, AS WELL. I APPRECIATE THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. I GET IT. I THINK THAT THERE IS A
4 HEALTH COMPONENT THAT CANNOT BE IGNORED, AND I HOPE, IN A
5 FUTURE MOTION, WE'LL BE ABLE TO AGAIN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE
6 WONDERFULLY ENHANCED MEDICAID DOLLARS TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT
7 ELEMENT IS ALSO INCLUDED FOR THIS VERY VULNERABLE, DESERVING
8 POPULATION. I WILL BE SUPPORTING THE MOTION. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SO WITH THAT, HEARING NO OTHER
11 COMMENTS, ITEM 6 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN,
12 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. MADAM
13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

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22 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

23

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

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

2

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

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5 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

6

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

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

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

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14 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. NOW, MEMBERS, WE WILL MOVE ON TO
15 ITEM NUMBER 11, AND THAT IS SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 314 AND
16 ASSEMBLY BILL 61, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR BARGER; AND
17 ITEM 12, ESTABLISHING PERMANENT OPTIONS FOR OUTDOOR DINING,
18 WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISORS BARGER AND MITCHELL. SUPERVISOR
19 BARGER, PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC FOR YOUR COMMENTS.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK
22 SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR CO-AUTHORING THE MOTION WITH ME. AS THE
23 COUNTRY, THE STATE, AND THE COUNTY CONTINUE TO PUSH THROUGH
24 THE C.O.V.I.D. EMERGENCY, THERE IS HOPE THAT NORMALCY WILL
25 RETURN VERY SOON. WITH THAT RETURN, THERE WILL BE A RENEWED

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1 EFFORT TO HELP ALL OF OUR SMALL BUSINESSES THAT MAKE UP THE
2 BACKBONE OF THE COUNTY'S ECONOMY. THE RESTAURANT AND SERVICE
3 INDUSTRY, IN PARTICULAR, WAS HARD-HIT, AND BORE THE BRUNT OF
4 THE ECONOMIC DEVASTATION. L.A.E.D.C. DOCUMENTED THAT, AND
5 PROVIDED THE STATISTICS TO BACK THAT UP. IN RESPONSE TO THE
6 PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS THAT LIMITED AND THEN ELIMINATED INDOOR
7 DINING ALTOGETHER, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND I ASKED THE COUNTY TO
8 CREATE A TEMPORARY OUTDOOR DINING PROGRAM TO ALLOW EXTENDED
9 DINING OPTIONS IN JUNE OF 2020. THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN
10 SUCCESSFUL, AND UTILIZED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, AND WE WANT TO
11 MAKE SURE THIS PROGRAM BECOMES PERMANENT. THIS MOTION DIRECTS
12 COUNTY PARTNERS TO QUICKLY CREATE GUIDELINES TO ALLOW FOR THE
13 PERMANENT USE OF OUTDOOR DINING FOR RESTAURANTS OPERATING
14 UNDER THE TEMPORARY PROGRAM. IT ALSO ASKS THE COUNTY TO ASSIST
15 RESTAURANT OWNERS IN IDENTIFYING NEW OUTDOOR DINING SPACES
16 THAT CAN BE USED. IN ADDITION, WE ARE ASKING OUR LEGISLATIVE
17 ADVOCATES IN SACRAMENTO TO SUPPORT SENATE BILL 314 AND
18 ASSEMBLY BILL 61, BILLS THAT SUPPORT EXPANDING OUTDOOR DINING
19 OPTIONS. THESE BILLS WILL ALLOW FOR TEMPORARY ALCOHOL LICENSES
20 AND SATELLITE FOOD SERVICE PERMITS TO CONTINUE FOR ONE YEAR
21 AFTER THE EMERGENCY ORDERS ARE LIFTED. THEY ALSO MAKE THE
22 APPLICATION PROCESS OF A PARKING ZONE VARIANCE OR AN OFFICIAL
23 USE PERMIT A [INAUDIBLE] PROCESS UNTIL JANUARY OF 2024. WHILE
24 I SUPPORT BOTH BILLS, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE LEGISLATION THAT
25 MAKES PERMANENT THE TEMPORARY OUTDOOR DINING POLICIES

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1 CURRENTLY IN PLACE. THE RESTAURANT AND HOSPITALITY SECTOR
2 FACES A LONG ROAD TO RECOVERY, AND I BELIEVE WE SHOULD SUPPORT
3 THIS INDUSTRY IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE. THIS SUMMER, I ENCOURAGE
4 ALL OF MY FELLOW ANGELENOS TO HAVE A DINNER OUT SAFELY, WHILE
5 ENJOYING THE BEAUTIFUL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WEATHER AND
6 SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL RESTAURANTS. SO WITH THAT, I WOULD ASK
7 FOR AN AYE VOTE ON THESE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WILL NOW RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND
10 THEN SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, KATHRYN, FOR
13 ALLOWING ME TO JOIN YOU ON THIS MOTION. ON THE ONE HAND, SUCH
14 A DEVASTATING YEAR AND A FEW MONTHS THAT WE HAVE, ENDURING
15 THIS WORLDWIDE PANDEMIC. THERE WERE A FEW SILVER LININGS WITH
16 WHAT HAPPENED LAST YEAR. CERTAINLY, ONE OF THEM WAS PEOPLE
17 REALIZING THAT THEY CAN WORK FROM HOME IN A WAY THAT IS BOTH
18 PRODUCTIVE AND MEANINGFUL, AND ONE OF THE OTHER THINGS WAS
19 OUTDOOR DINING. AND WHEN WE REALIZED THAT IT WAS SAFER TO BE
20 OUTDOORS, AND THAT OUR HEALTH ORDERS STILL LIMITED THE INDOOR
21 DINING POSSIBILITIES, WE WERE EMBRACING THE OUTSIDE DINING
22 POSSIBILITIES. AND WHAT THESE ITEMS, 11 AND 12, DO IS SORT OF
23 JUST SUPPORT THAT NOTION THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE SOME OF THE
24 GOOD THINGS THAT WE FOUND OUT ABOUT THIS PANDEMIC, AND ONE OF
25 THOSE IS CERTAINLY OUTDOOR DINING. AND WE HERE IN SOUTHERN

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1 CALIFORNIA HAVE THE PERFECT WEATHER AND ENVIRONMENT TO
2 CONTINUE TO ENJOY OUTDOOR DINING, AND THIS WILL... OUR C.E.O.
3 WILL WORK WITH OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, PLANNING, WITH
4 D.P.H., OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT, TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE
5 TO ALLOW THIS OUTDOOR DINING IN THE SAFEST WAY POSSIBLE FOR
6 THE RESTAURANTS THAT ARE CURRENTLY PARTICIPATING IN THIS. BUT
7 I THINK IT IS ALSO MY GOAL TO FIGURE OUT, HOW DO WE GET OTHER
8 RESTAURANTS, AS WELL, TO FIND THE JOYS IN OUTDOOR DINING? A
9 LOT OF RESTAURANTS, I KNOW, WHERE I LIVE IN SAN PEDRO, A LOT
10 OF THEM FOR YEARS HAVE TRIED TO PUSH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
11 TO ALLOW FOR MORE TABLES ON THE SIDEWALK, MORE EUROPEAN-TYPE
12 OUTDOOR DINING, AND WERE CONSISTENTLY REBUFFED IN THEIR
13 EFFORT. THIS PANDEMIC HAS SHOWN THE NECESSITY FOR NOT ONLY
14 ALLOWING THESE RESTAURANTS TO CREEP OUT ONTO THE SIDEWALKS,
15 AND SOME IN THE STREET, BUT REALLY EMBRACING IT. SO THANK YOU
16 FOR THIS. I THINK THIS IS A GOOD THING TO KEEP FROM THE
17 PANDEMIC YEAR. THANK YOU.

18
19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. LET'S RECOGNIZE, NOW, SUPERVISOR
20 MITCHELL.

21
22 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND AGAIN, I WOULD LIKE
23 TO THANK SUPERVISORS BARGER AND HAHN FOR YOUR STAUNCH ADVOCACY
24 ON BEHALF OF THE RESTAURANTS ALL OVER THE COUNTY FOR THIS
25 ENTIRE PANDEMIC. AND UNFORTUNATELY, SEEING MANY RESTAURANTS

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1 CLOSE PERMANENTLY, AND THOSE THAT MANAGED TO STAY OPEN
2 [INAUDIBLE] GOT CREATIVE. I AGREE ONE OF THE REALLY BRIGHT
3 SPOTS OF WHAT WE'VE EXPERIENCED IS REALLY TO WATCH THE
4 EXPLOSION OF OUTDOOR DINING, ALBEIT OUT OF NECESSITY, BUT I
5 THINK THAT IS A GOOD THING. BUT, UNFORTUNATELY, NOT EVERY
6 NEIGHBORHOOD HAS BEEN ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUTDOOR
7 DINING. AND IN FACT, IT IS AN ABSOLUTE SHOCK TO ME WHEN I
8 [INAUDIBLE] CITY HAS BASICALLY SHUT DOWN WASHINGTON BOULEVARD
9 HEADING WEST TO ALLOW SOME NEW RESTAURANTS TO CONTINUE OUTDOOR
10 DINING. BUT EVEN GIVEN THAT, [INAUDIBLE] ELIGIBLE FOR AN
11 OUTDOOR DINING PERMIT, THERE IS ONLY ONE ESTABLISHMENT WITH A
12 PERMIT IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. AND SO, GIVEN THAT, I AM HOPING
13 THAT A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT WILL BE [INAUDIBLE] IN AN EFFORT TO
14 MAKE GREATER USE OF THE PROGRAM. AND SO WITH THE AUTHORS'
15 PERMISSION, I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING: ON
16 DIRECTIVE TWO, I WOULD LIKE TO ENSURE THAT WE'RE DOING MORE TO
17 HELP BUSINESSES OPERATE WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY, AND
18 WOULD LIKE TO ASK OUR DEPARTMENTS TO IDENTIFY SOLUTIONS TO
19 HELP BUSINESSES OPERATE PERMANENTLY, INCLUDING ON
20 IDENTIFICATION OF REQUIRED TRAFFIC SAFETY AND ACCESSIBILITY
21 PERMITS. THERE ARE PLENTY OF EXAMPLES OF THIS, AND I ASK THAT
22 WE FOLLOW THE LEAD OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS, OR OTHER AREAS IN
23 THE COUNTY OUTSIDE THE SECOND DISTRICT. I WOULD LIKE
24 [INAUDIBLE] TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO INCREASE AWARENESS IN
25 PARTICIPATION OF RESTAURANTS, ESPECIALLY IN NEIGHBORHOODS THAT

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1 HAVE BEEN DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY THIS DUAL HEALTH AND
2 ECONOMIC PANDEMIC. THIS PLAN SHOULD INCLUDE A STRATEGY TO
3 ENGAGE STAKEHOLDERS TO SHAPE THE [INAUDIBLE] GUIDELINES AND
4 MARKETING RESOURCES TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH BUSINESSES ON
5 GUIDELINES IN AN APPROACH THAT IS LINGUISTICALLY AND
6 CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE. SO I WOULD LIKE TO ASK A REPORT BACK
7 IN WRITING WITHIN 30 DAYS.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I ALSO SUPPORT THE
10 MOTION AND THE AMENDMENT THAT IS BEING PUT FORWARD. I WANT TO
11 SAY THAT IT IS GREAT THAT THIS PROGRAM WORKED ACROSS THE
12 COUNTY, AND I KNOW THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES IS ALREADY MOVING
13 IN THIS DIRECTION. BUT I'LL TELL YOU, IN LOW-INCOME IMPACTED
14 COMMUNITIES LIKE EAST LOS ANGELES, MANY OF OUR SMALL
15 RESTAURANT MOM-AND-POP STORES DID NOT PARTICIPATE, PARTLY
16 BECAUSE THEY LACKED INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN
17 THE PROGRAM, AND THEY REQUIRED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. SO I
18 HOPE, IN THE NEXT ITERATION, IN THE NEXT 30 DAYS THAT WE GET
19 BACK THE REPORT, THAT WE ACTUALLY MAKE IT A POINT TO DO GOOD
20 OUTREACH AND MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN PROVIDE THE NECESSARY
21 ASSISTANCE THAT WAS OUTLINED, AS SUPERVISOR MITCHELL BROUGHT
22 FORWARD, TO HELP PLACES LIKE EAST LOS ANGELES HELP PROVIDE
23 THAT ASSISTANCE THAT IS SO SORELY NEEDED TO MOST IMPACTFUL
24 COMMUNITIES THAT REALLY SHUT DOWN, AND PROBABLY COULD HAVE HAD
25 OTHER ALTERNATIVES, HAD THEY BETTER BEEN RESOURCED WITH

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1 INFORMATION. SO I SUPPORT THE MOTION AND THE FRIENDLY
2 AMENDMENT. I HOPE IT IS FRIENDLY. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. BARGER:** I ACCEPT IT AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, AND I AM
5 HAPPY TO ACCEPT THAT AMENDMENT, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN:** I WANT TO BIFURCATE IT.

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9 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IF THERE IS NO OTHER MEMBERS
12 THAT WANT TO BE RECOGNIZED, THEN I WOULD ASK THAT THIS ITEM,
13 11, IS BEFORE US. IT IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED
14 BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE
15 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

16

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

19

20 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

24

25 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

9

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

11

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

13

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

15 0.

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17 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. ITEM 12, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE US.

18 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO

19 APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE

20 ROLL.

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 12, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE YOU.

23 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

24

25 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

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5 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

14

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

16

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

18

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

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. MEMBERS, NOW WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON
23 TO ITEM NUMBER 18. THIS IS WITH RESPECT TO SENATE BILL 98,
24 PROTECTING THE PRESS FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT INTERFERENCE AND
25 HARASSMENT DURING CONSTITUTIONALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITIES, WHICH

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1 I HELD, AFTER WHICH I WILL RECOGNIZE MY CO-AUTHOR, SUPERVISOR
2 KUEHL. FIRST, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR JOINING ME
3 IN DISCUSSING THIS VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE. AND IT BASICALLY DOES
4 WHAT THE FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHT. AND WE'VE HEARD MANY CALLERS
5 TODAY CALL IN ABOUT THIS, SO I ALSO WANT TO EXPRESS MY
6 GRATITUDE TO THOSE WHO SHARED IN THEIR PUBLIC COMMENTS, THEIR
7 PERSONAL TESTIMONY, AND THEIR TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCES WITH LAW
8 ENFORCEMENT WHILE REPORTING ON THE MANY PROTESTS THAT WE HAVE
9 HAD. THE RIGHTS ESTABLISHED IN THE FIRST AMENDMENT OF OUR
10 CONSTITUTION SHOULD ALWAYS BE UPHELD AND PROTECTED TO THE
11 HIGHEST DEGREE, AND THAT INCLUDES THE RIGHT TO PROTEST, AND
12 PROTECTING THE BRIDGE BETWEEN THE FREEDOM OF PRESS AND THE
13 PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO KNOW. I BELIEVE THAT SENATE BILL 98'S
14 ORIGINAL INTENT WAS TO DO JUST THAT, TO ADDRESS THE MANY
15 EXAMPLES WE HAVE SEEN OF MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA AND PRESS BEING
16 HARASSED AND ASSAULTED IN THE COURSE OF THEIR DUTY BY LAW
17 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. AND ONE OF THE MORE HIGH-PROFILE
18 EXAMPLES THAT COMES TO MIND IS WHAT HAPPENED TO MS. JOSIE
19 HUANG FROM K.P.C.C. IN SEPTEMBER OF 2020. DESPITE WEARING A
20 PRESS LANYARD AROUND HER NECK AND REPEATEDLY IDENTIFYING
21 HERSELF AS A MEMBER OF THE MEDIA WHILE COVERING A PROTEST,
22 L.A. SHERIFF DEPUTIES ASSAULTED HER AND LIED ABOUT THE
23 INCIDENT. L.A.S.D. SPOKESPERSON SAID THAT MS. HUANG DID NOT
24 HAVE ANY IDENTIFICATION, AND EVEN CLAIMED THAT MS. HUANG HAD
25 SAID THAT SHE DID NOT HAVE PROPER PRESS CREDENTIALS ON HER.

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1 FORTUNATELY, THERE WAS A VIDEO FROM HER OWN PHONE AND OTHERS'
2 TO SUPPORT THAT MS. HUANG'S ACCOUNT WAS ACCURATE, AND
3 L.A.S.D.'S WAS MISLEADING AND FALSE. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS
4 MOTION, AS A DIRECTIVE, IS NOT ONE THAT SUPPORTS THIS BILL AS
5 IT IS CURRENTLY WRITTEN. THE SENATE BILL, IN ITS CURRENT FORM,
6 INCLUDES AN AMENDMENT FOR A PRESS TO ENTER INTO A CLOSED AREA
7 WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM A COMMANDING OFFICER ON THE SCENE,
8 WHICH CREATES AN ADDITIONAL BARRIER FOR THE PRESS, AND BELIEVE
9 IT PROVIDES A BASIS IN WHICH LAW ENFORCEMENT CAN STILL ENGAGE
10 IN ACTIONS THAT OVERSTEP OR DENY MEMBERS OF THE PRESS THE
11 ABILITY TO ACCESS INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC'S KNOWLEDGE. A
12 PRESS RELEASE AND A LETTER SIGNED BY 15 DIFFERENT MEDIA
13 ORGANIZATIONS, COALITIONS, UNIONS, AND ASSOCIATIONS HAVE
14 SHARED WITH THEIR PRESS MEMBERS HAVE WITNESSED MANY OF THEIR
15 COLLEAGUES BEING ASSAULTED, ARRESTED, OR DETAINED BY LAW
16 ENFORCEMENT. AND THESE ARE TACTICS THAT CAN OR HAVE BEEN USED
17 TO SILENCE THE MEDIA, IMPEDING THEIR ABILITY TO REPORT ON WHAT
18 ACTUALLY IS HAPPENING ON THE GROUND, AND INFORMATION THAT THE
19 PUBLIC HAS A RIGHT TO KNOW. FORTUNATELY, AFTER SUSTAINED
20 SUPPORT FROM THE PRESS STAKEHOLDERS AND MY FILING OF THE
21 MOTION TO OPPOSE THE BILL, THE AUTHORS OF THE BILL, SENATORS
22 MCGUIRE AND PORTANTINO, ISSUED A PRESS RELEASE LAST FRIDAY.
23 THAT SAID, THEY HEARD THE VOICES OPPOSING THE AMENDMENT TO
24 THEIR BILL, AND WOULD THEREFORE TAKE ACTION TO REMOVE THAT
25 AMENDMENT, SO THAT IT NOW REFLECTS THE ORIGINAL BILL'S INTENT.

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1 AND AS A RESULT, I WILL READ IN THE FOLLOWING REVISIONS TO THE
2 PREAMBLE AND DIRECTIVE OF MY MOTION TO REFLECT LAST WEEK'S
3 EVENT. THE PREAMBLE INCLUDES TWO NEW PARAGRAPHS AT THE END,
4 WHICH READS: "WITH THE OUTCRY OF MEDIA ADVOCACY GROUPS,
5 COALITIONS, AND UNIONS, SENATORS MCGUIRE AND PORTANTINO
6 ANNOUNCED IN A PRESS RELEASE ON FRIDAY, JUNE 4TH, THAT THEY
7 WILL FIX THE PROBLEM AND AMEND THE BILL BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL
8 FORM. THIS WELCOME CHANGE SHOWS THEIR COMMITMENT TO MAKING THE
9 BILL A STRONG MEASURE THAT PROTECTS PRESS FREEDOM." AND THIS
10 PARAGRAPH WILL INCLUDE A FOOTNOTE TO SENATOR MCGUIRE'S PRESS
11 RELEASE THAT WAS POSTED ON HIS WEBSITE: WE MUST CONTINUE TO
12 REMAIN VIGILANT OF ATTEMPTS TO MINIMIZE OR THREATEN OUR
13 FREEDOMS, LIKE THOSE GUARANTEED IN THE FIRST AMENDMENT. THE
14 DIRECTIVE WILL NOW READ: "AND I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD
15 OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SACRAMENTO
16 ADVOCATES TO SUPPORT SENATE BILL 98 ONLY IF AMENDED TO REMOVE
17 REFERENCE TO 'WITH AUTHORIZATION FROM COMMANDING OFFICER ON
18 SCENE' FROM SECTION 1 OF THE CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE 409.7,
19 SUBSECTION A, SUB-SUBSECTION 1. WE MUST PROTECT THE VERY
20 PRINCIPLE THAT MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND MEDIA SHOULD BE
21 PROTECTED FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT MISCONDUCT WHEN ENGAGING IN
22 CONSTITUTIONALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITIES, JUST LIKE THOSE WHO
23 PARTICIPATE IN PROTESTS AND RALLIES. SO I URGE MY COLLEAGUES
24 TO VOTE IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION, AND DIRECT OUR COUNTY
25 SACRAMENTO ADVOCATES TO SUPPORT THE BILL, ONLY IF AMENDED BACK

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1 TO ITS ORIGINAL FORM. THANK YOU. AND I WILL NOW RECOGNIZE MY
2 CO-AUTHOR, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU
5 VERY MUCH FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION AND ALLOWING ME TO CO-
6 AUTHOR. AS WE ALL KNOW, WE LIVE IN A RESTIVE MOMENT WHEN MANY
7 AMERICANS WHO WERE CONCERNED ABOUT LONG-STANDING INJUSTICES
8 ARE TAKING THEIR CONCERNS TO THE STREETS, TO EVERY PLACE THAT
9 THEY CAN, TO TRY TO GET JUSTICE. INFORMATION HAS BEEN CALLED
10 THE CURRENCY OF DEMOCRACY, AND AT HISTORIC MOMENTS LIKE THIS,
11 IT IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT THAT THE PRESS CAN GATHER
12 INFORMATION AND PROVIDE THE PUBLIC WITH FULL AND FAIR REPORTS.
13 OVER THE LAST YEAR, THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF DISTURBING
14 INSTANCES, AS WE HEARD DURING PUBLIC COMMENT AND AS YOU SPOKE
15 ABOUT, MADAM CHAIR, IN WHICH LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS HAVE
16 PREVENTED REPORTERS FROM ENTERING WHAT THEY CALLED "CLOSED
17 AREAS" DURING PROTESTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS, AND SEVERELY
18 LIMITED THEIR ABILITY TO DO THEIR JOB, IN SOME CASES
19 ASSAULTING THEM, ARRESTING THEM, HARASSING THEM, AND IN EVERY
20 WAY KEEPING THEM FROM REPORTING TO US. REPORTERS HAVE HAD
21 THEIR EQUIPMENT CONFISCATED, AS WELL. SO SENATE BILL 98, WHICH
22 THIS MOTION SUPPORTS IF IT'S AMENDED BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL
23 FORM, IS IMPORTANT AND TIMELY LEGISLATION TO ENSURE SAFE
24 ACCESS FOR JOURNALISTS. JUST TO BE CLEAR, THE AMENDMENT THAT
25 WAS PUT IN, AND THAT WE'RE BEING TOLD NOW WAS TAKEN BACK OUT,

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1 WOULD HAVE ALLOWED A SUPERVISING COMMANDER ON THE SITE TO SAY
2 WHETHER OR NOT REPORTERS WOULD BE ALLOWED TO HAVE ACCESS; BUT
3 ALSO, I THINK, TO SUPERVISE WHETHER THEIR EQUIPMENT COULD BE
4 TAKEN, ET CETERA. SO I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO SUPPORT
5 THIS IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM, AND I WILL BE VOTING, OF COURSE, IN
6 FAVOR, AND HOPE EVERYONE WILL. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY OTHER MEMBERS THAT WISH TO BE
9 RECOGNIZED ON THIS ITEM?

10

11 **OKAY, SEEING NONE. IF THERE ARE NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 18, AS**
12 **AMENDED, IS BEFORE US. I'LL MOVE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL**
13 **TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE**
14 **ROLE.**

15

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

18

19 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

25

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

2

3 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

6

7 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

8

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

10

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

12

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

14 0.

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MEMBERS. NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM

17 NUMBER 21, COUNTYWIDE EFFORTS TO PREVENT DROWNINGS AT PUBLIC

18 AND PRIVATE SWIMMING POOLS, WHICH I HELD, AND SUPERVISOR

19 BARGER IS SERVING AS MY CO-AUTHOR. SO WITH THAT. I WANT TO

20 THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR CO-AUTHORING THE MOTION WITH ME.

21 AND ALTHOUGH SWIMMING, AS YOU KNOW, IS A REALLY HEALTHY AND

22 ENJOYABLE ACTIVITY, ONE I KNOW THAT MANY HAVE MISSED

23 PARTICIPATING IN DURING THE PANDEMIC, TRAGEDY CAN STRIKE

24 QUICKLY AND QUIETLY IF SAFEGUARDS ARE NOT PUT IN PLACE. AND

25 ACCORDING TO THE U.S. CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND

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1 PREVENTION, DROWNING IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF INJURY-RELATED
2 DEATH FOR CHILDREN AGE ONE THROUGH FOUR, AND THE SECOND
3 LEADING CAUSE OF THOSE UNDER THE AGE OF 14. IN FACT,
4 CALIFORNIA RANKS THIRD IN THE NATION FOR THE MOST DROWNINGS
5 AND I BELIEVE THAT TO AVOID THESE TRAGEDIES, ESPECIALLY FOR
6 CHILDREN, PREVENTING DROWNING IS A VERY CRITICAL PRIORITY FOR
7 L.A. COUNTY. HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN DIE FROM DROWNING ANNUALLY,
8 AND FOR EVERY CHILD WHO DROWNS, ANOTHER FIVE RECEIVE EMERGENCY
9 DEPARTMENT CARE FOR NONFATAL DROWNING INJURIES. THESE NONFATAL
10 DROWNINGS CAN RESULT IN SEVERE, IRREVERSIBLE BRAIN DAMAGE AND
11 LONG-TERM DISABILITIES. AND ACCORDING TO THE CALIFORNIA
12 DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, TREATMENT FOR THESE
13 DISABILITIES CAN COST ROUGHLY \$30,000 PER MONTH, AND FOREVER
14 ALTERS THE COURSE OF A CHILD'S LIFE. FORTUNATELY, MANY STEPS
15 CAN BE TAKEN TO HELP PREVENT OR REDUCE THE NUMBER OF DROWNINGS
16 AND NEAR-DROWNING EVENTS AT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SWIMMING POOLS,
17 SUCH AS HAVING AN ACTIVE SUPERVISION OF POOL USERS, AND
18 TEACHING CHILDREN HOW TO SWIM AT A VERY EARLY AGE. WHERE
19 PRESENT, LIFEGUARDS HELP REDUCE THE RISK OF DROWNINGS AND
20 INJURIES AT POOLS BY SUPERVISING THE ACTIVITY OF POOL USERS,
21 AND RESPONDING TO SWIMMERS IN DISTRESS, AND ADMINISTERING
22 FIRST AID OR C.P.R. WHEN NECESSARY. UNDER STATE LAW, LIFEGUARD
23 SERVICE IS REQUIRED AT PUBLIC POOLS WHERE A DIRECT FEE IS
24 CHARGED TO USE THE POOL. HOWEVER, THE COUNTY CODE DOES NOT
25 REQUIRE LIFEGUARDS AT PUBLIC POOLS UTILIZED BY CHILDREN AND

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1 NON-SWIMMERS, NOR DOES IT SPECIFY THE NUMBER OF LIFEGUARDS
2 REQUIRED AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS. AND AT POOLS THAT DO NOT PROVIDE
3 LIFEGUARD SERVICES, WE CAN DO MORE TO KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE.
4 EACH POOL SHOULD ALSO CREATE AND IMPLEMENT AN AQUATIC SAFETY
5 PLAN THAT INCLUDES PROCEDURES FOR LIFEGUARD STAFFING,
6 TRAINING, AND TRAINING IN C.P.R AND FIRST AID. UNFORTUNATELY,
7 WHILE MANY DROWNINGS ARE PREVENTABLE, SOME ARE NOT. WHEN
8 DROWNINGS OR NEAR-DROWNINGS OCCUR AT PUBLIC POOLS OR SWIMMING
9 AREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SHOULD HAVE THE ABILITY
10 TO PROMPTLY INVESTIGATE, TO DETERMINE IF ANY CHANGES CAN BE
11 MADE TO PREVENT FUTURE TRAGEDY. WHILE THEY ARE INNOCENTLY
12 PARTICIPATING IN ONE OF THE SUMMER'S GREATEST PASTIMES, THEY
13 MUST KNOW THAT THEY ARE DOING SO SAFELY. THIS MOTION HELPS
14 ENSURE JUST THAT. AND IN CLOSING, I WANT TO THANK THE MEOW
15 MEOW FOUNDATION FOR THEIR UNWAVERING EFFORTS TO PREVENT
16 DROWNINGS OF CHILDREN. THEY FORMED THIS ORGANIZATION AFTER
17 THEIR DAUGHTER, ROXIE, DROWNED WHILE AT CAMP, AND YOU HEARD
18 FROM THEM EARLIER. I KNOW THEY WILL NOT STOP UNTIL THERE ARE
19 MORE PROTECTIONS IN PLACE FOR OTHER CHILDREN. THEIR EFFORTS
20 HAVE INSPIRED ME, AND I KNOW THEY INSPIRE SO MANY OTHERS
21 ACROSS THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK
22 MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT. SO WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO
23 RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR BARGER.

24

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU
2 FOR ALLOWING ME TO CO-AUTHOR THIS MOTION, AND I WANT TO THANK
3 YOU FOR CO-AUTHORING NUMBER 13, TO PURSUE LEGISLATIVE ACTION
4 ON THESE ISSUES. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE MEOW MEOW
5 FOUNDATION, AND DOUG AND ELENA, FOR THEIR TIRELESS EFFORTS TO
6 REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN HONOR OF ROXIE, WHO TRAGICALLY DID
7 DROWN WHILE AT DAY CAMP. THEIR INPUT AND THEIR PASSION HAS
8 ALLOWED US TO REALLY FOCUS ON WHERE WE NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB
9 OF ENSURING THAT WHEN PARENTS SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO CAMPS
10 THAT THEY DON'T GET THAT CALL THAT THEIR CHILD DROWNED. THIS
11 COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED, AND I THINK THAT WITH THE MOVES
12 THAT WE ARE MAKING, BOTH LEGISLATIVELY AS WELL AS WITHIN THE
13 COUNTY, WE WILL PREVENT ANOTHER CHILD, I HOPE, FROM HAVING TO
14 GO-- A PARENT HAVING TO GO THROUGH THIS, AND A CHILD DYING. SO
15 I, AGAIN, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I THINK THIS IS AN
16 IMPORTANT ACTION FOR US TO TAKE, AND SOMETHING THAT IS GOING
17 TO TRULY MAKE A DIFFERENCE. SO THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. THANK YOU. I WILL NOW RECOGNIZE
20 SUPERVISOR HAHN, WHO WANTS TO SPEAK ON THE ITEM.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANKS TO YOU AND
23 SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR THIS MOTION. I REALLY WANTED TO SPEAK UP
24 ON THIS. IT IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT ISSUE, TO TRY AND PREVENT
25 THESE DROWNINGS, BOTH AT OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PEOPLE'S

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1 PRIVATE SWIMMING POOLS. THERE'S PROBABLY NO TRAGEDY GREATER
2 THAN KNOWING THAT YOU COULD HAVE PREVENTED YOUR CHILD FROM
3 DROWNING, BUT DIDN'T. AND WE HAVE THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL
4 OF OUR KIDS IN L.A. COUNTY. I KNOW IT WAS ONE OF MY DAD'S BIG
5 ISSUES WHEN HE WAS COUNTY SUPERVISOR TO BUILD MORE SWIMMING
6 POOLS IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, AND IT WAS ALSO HIS INITIATIVE
7 THAT HE WANTED TO TEACH KIDS HOW TO SWIM FOR FREE. IT WAS VERY
8 IMPORTANT TO HIM THAT WE TAUGHT KIDS HOW TO SWIM FOR FREE,
9 BECAUSE WE DO KNOW THAT THE BEST ANTIDOTE TO DROWNING IS
10 LEARNING HOW TO SWIM. AND IT WAS ONE OF MY EARLY SUMMER JOBS,
11 RIGHT OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL, THAT I WAS EMPLOYED AS TEACHING
12 SWIMMING TO KIDS WHO WERE AS YOUNG AS SIX MONTHS OLD. AND WE
13 DO KNOW THAT, AGAIN, IF WE CAN TEACH KIDS HOW TO SWIM, THEY
14 ARE MORE LIKELY NOT TO HAVE A DROWNING ACCIDENT. HE, AGAIN,
15 WANTED SWIMMING TO BE FREE FOR ALL KIDS IN L.A. COUNTY, AND
16 THEN SUPERVISOR BURKE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN CARRYING THAT IDEA.
17 THE COUNTY WAS HAVING A HARD TIME PAYING FOR IT, SO THE
18 AQUATIC FOUNDATION OF METROPOLITAN LOS ANGELES HAD TAKEN UP
19 THAT MANTLE TO HELP PROVIDE FREE SWIM LESSONS, PARTICULARLY IN
20 MANY OF OUR UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES. AND I AM REALLY
21 SURPRISED. I WAS SURPRISED WHEN YOU SAID IT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
22 THAT OUR COUNTY CODE DOES NOT REQUIRE LIFEGUARDS, NOR DOES IT
23 SPECIFY HOW MANY LIFEGUARDS WE NEED AT PUBLIC POOLS. AND I
24 THINK IT IS THE RIGHT TIME TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE,
25 COUNTYWIDE EFFORT TO PREVENT DROWNING AND CREATE SAFE SWIMMING

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1 OPPORTUNITIES. ONE OF THE THINGS I WANTED TO BRING UP TODAY,
2 AND I WANT TO WORK WITH THE AUTHOR AND CO-AUTHOR ON THIS, IS
3 TO ALSO INCLUDE OUR FAMILIES WHO HAVE CHILDREN WITH AUTISM. IN
4 OUR L.A. [INAUDIBLE] EFFORT IN LA COUNTY, WE HAVE WORKED SO
5 CLOSELY WITH PARENTS OF CHILDREN AT ANY AGE WHO ARE ON THE
6 AUTISM SPECTRUM, AND WE'VE FOUND THAT DROWNING IS AMONG THE
7 LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH WITH INDIVIDUALS WITH AUTISM. SO I
8 REALLY WANT TO SEE IF WE CAN WORK TOGETHER WITH SOME OF THESE
9 ORGANIZATIONS AND THE AUTISM COMMUNITY TO GET THEIR INPUT ON
10 HOW WE CAN DEVELOP THIS ANTI-DROWNING INITIATIVE IN L.A.
11 COUNTY. AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE INCLUDE-- ONE OF THE
12 THINGS THAT I DIDN'T SEE WAS OUR COUNTY PARKS AND REC
13 DEPARTMENT. LET'S MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE ALSO A PART OF THIS,
14 AND OUR LOCAL CITIES, WHO, ALSO, WE'RE PARTNERING WITH ON THE
15 BUILDING OF POOLS IN SOME OF OUR CITIES, AND THE ONGOING
16 PARTNERSHIP WITH POOLS. AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE-- I KNOW WE
17 ARE BUILDING A BIG AQUATIC POOL IN WHITTIER, AND IT WAS VERY
18 EXCITING TO HEAR NORMA AND MARCUS TALK ABOUT THIS NEW
19 TECHNOLOGY THAT WE HAVE, THAT WILL SOUND AN ALARM IF A CHILD
20 FALLS INTO THE POOL FOR ANY REASON. SO, HOPEFULLY, THAT'S PART
21 OF, NOW, OUR M.O. WHEN WE BUILD POOLS, THAT WE ALWAYS HAVE
22 THIS CUTTING-EDGE TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATED WITH COUNTY POOLS. SO
23 I AM HOPING THAT PART OF THIS REPORT BACK, AGAIN, WE CAN SEE
24 HOW WE CAN WORK WITH THE AUTISM COMMUNITY. ALSO, WE WOULD LOVE
25 TO HEAR A REPORT BACK ON OUR SWIMMING LESSONS IN L.A. COUNTY,

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1 AT OUR COUNTY POOLS, HOW THAT IS GOING. DO WE NEED TO RAMP UP
2 THE FUNDING PIECE OF THAT? AND ALSO, A REPORT BACK ON MAKING
3 SURE THAT ANY POOLS THAT THE COUNTY BUILDS INCLUDES THIS NEW
4 ALARM ANTI-DROWNING TECHNOLOGY. SO, JUST LOVE TO HAVE THAT
5 INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT BACK. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OH, I AM SURE WE CAN INCLUDE SOME OF THOSE.
8 AND IF NOT, I THINK WE CAN WORK ON ANOTHER MOTION, BECAUSE
9 THIS IS REALLY-- I DON'T THINK IT IS GOING IN THE WRONG
10 DIRECTION. I THINK THERE ARE A LOT OF GOOD POINTS. AND IN
11 FACT, I KNOW THAT IN MY DISTRICT, WE CONTRACT WITH ONE OF OUR
12 SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO UTILIZE THE WORKMAN HIGH SCHOOL POOL, AND
13 WE ACTUALLY USE A THIRD PARTY. WE USE THE Y TO PROVIDE
14 TRAINING, BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE SUFFICIENT SUPPORT FROM OUR
15 PARKS AND REC TO DO THAT. SO THAT'S AN ONGOING DISCUSSION, BUT
16 THAT IS ALSO A BUDGET ITEM. SO I DO AGREE THAT WE NEED TO LOOK
17 AT MORE, BUT I DON'T WANT TO STOP THIS FROM MOVING, EITHER. SO
18 LET'S HAVE OUR STAFFS WORK ON THAT WITH THE APPROPRIATE
19 DEPARTMENTS. SO WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR
20 HOLLY MITCHELL, WHO WANTS TO BE RECOGNIZED.

21

22 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND I JUST
23 WANT TO SAY HOW I APPRECIATE THIS MOTION BEING BROUGHT
24 FORWARD. GLAD TO SUPPORT IT. AND JUST, AS WE TALK ABOUT PUBLIC
25 POOLS, AND RECOGNIZE THAT, FOR SOME COMMUNITIES, FOR FAR TOO

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1 MANY YEARS, WE WEREN'T WELCOMED IN PUBLIC SWIMMING SPACES. WE
2 HAVE HAD THE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT BRUCE BEACH. AND WHILE THE
3 EXPANSION OF SWIMMING POOLS, PUBLIC POOLS, IN THE SECOND
4 DISTRICT WAS SO IMPORTANT, I THINK THE MISSING ELEMENT IS
5 ACKNOWLEDGING THAT, FOR TOO MANY AND FOR TOO MANY YEARS, BLACK
6 PEOPLE WEREN'T ACCEPTED AND WELCOMED INTO PUBLIC SWIMMING
7 SPACES. AND AS A THIRD GENERATION ANGELENO, MY FAMILY TELLS
8 STORIES OF NOT FEELING WELCOME IN THE EXPO PARK POOL. THAT WAS
9 BUILT FOR THE 32 OLYMPICS. AND SO, AS A RESULT, WE'VE GOT
10 GENERATIONS OF PEOPLE WHO NEVER LEARNED TO SWIM, AND DIDN'T
11 FEEL WELCOME IN THOSE PUBLIC SWIMMING SPACES. SO AS WE WORK
12 COLLECTIVELY REALLY HARD TO REDUCE CHILDHOOD DROWNINGS, WHICH
13 ARE TRAGIC, I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT
14 CULTURAL HISTORY, AND PERHAPS WORK EVEN HARDER TO MAKE SURE
15 THAT EVERYONE IS WELCOME IN PUBLIC SWIMMING SPACES, AND BREAK
16 THAT CYCLE OF DISCRIMINATION THAT HAS LED TO FAR TOO MANY
17 DEATHS AND DROWNINGS. PROUD TO SUPPORT TODAY'S MOTION.

18
19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. YOU KNOW,
20 YOUR STORY THAT YOU ARE TELLING IS VERY MUCH LIKE WHAT THE
21 LATINO OR LATINX COMMUNITY HAS EXPERIENCED, AS WELL, FOR
22 DECADES. IN FACT, I THINK A FEW YEARS AGO, I SAW A REPORT
23 WHERE AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND LATINO CHILDREN WERE THE ONES THAT
24 DID NOT HAVE APPROPRIATE SWIMMING SKILLS AND TRAINING BECAUSE
25 OF THE LACK OF ACCESS TO SWIMMING POOLS, OVERALL, AND JUST THE

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1 TRAINING FACTOR. SO, HOPEFULLY, WE ARE GOING IN THAT DIRECTION
2 NOW, WITH SOME OF US HELPING TO BUILD OUT AQUATIC CENTERS. I
3 KNOW SUPERVISOR HAHN JUST MENTIONED HERS, IN WHITTIER. I AM
4 ALSO EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING ANOTHER POOL SITE
5 THAT'S GOING TO BE RUN BY OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT, AS WELL AS WITH
6 THE COUNTY, AND THAT'S AN AQUATIC CENTER IN THE HACIENDA LA
7 PUENTE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE WEST PUENTE VALLEY AREA, AT
8 TEMPLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. SO I AM EXCITED ABOUT ALL OF THIS.
9 SO, ARE THERE ANY OTHER MEMBERS THAT WANT TO SPEAK ON THIS
10 ITEM? OKAY. HAVING SEEN NO OTHER COMMENTS, THEN THIS ITEM, 21,
11 IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE, AND IT WILL BE SECONDED BY
12 SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE
13 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 21 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR
16 MITCHELL?

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18 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

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23 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN:** EYE.

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

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6 **SUP. BARGER:** EYE.

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

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

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

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15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MEMBERS. NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO
16 ITEM NUMBER 26. THIS IS A REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATUS OF
17 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR
18 MITCHELL. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

19

20 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I APPRECIATE
21 THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT THIS AGENDA ITEM.
22 I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE C.E.O. AND AUDITOR-CONTROLLER FOR
23 PUTTING TOGETHER THESE BIENNIAL BUDGET STATUS REVIEWS, AND FOR
24 WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT TO ADDRESS ITS STRUCTURAL DEFICIT.
25 WHILE THE C.E.O. AND THE DEPARTMENT HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT

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1 PROGRESS TOWARDS REDUCING THE DEPARTMENT'S DEFICIT, MAJOR
2 CHALLENGES CLEARLY REMAIN. GETTING THE DEPARTMENT TO WORK
3 WITHIN ITS BUDGET IS A VERY IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF THE WORK WE
4 DO AS A BOARD, AND OF ENSURING ACCOUNTABILITY AND GOOD
5 GOVERNANCE. BUDGETING, ESPECIALLY IN A LARGE AND COMPLEX
6 DEPARTMENT, IS CLEARLY NOT EASY. I KNOW THAT. AND FLEXIBILITY
7 IS SOMETIMES NECESSARY, ESPECIALLY WHEN UNEXPECTED
8 CIRCUMSTANCES LIKE C.O.V.I.D.-19 ARISE. HOWEVER, I THINK IT
9 MAKES IT MORE IMPERATIVE, NOT LESS, THAT DEPARTMENTS WORK
10 WITHIN THE BUDGETS THEY ARE GIVEN, AND MANAGE THEIR SPENDING
11 JUDICIOUSLY, SO THAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE WHEN THEY ARE
12 NEEDED THE MOST. THE C.E.O. HAS THE DIFFICULT TASK OF ENSURING
13 THE COUNTY FULFILLS ITS OBLIGATION OF SUBMITTING A BALANCED
14 BUDGET TO THE STATE EVERY YEAR. AS A RESULT, IT BECOMES
15 PROBLEMATIC WHEN A DEPARTMENT CONSISTENTLY RUNS A DEFICIT YEAR
16 AFTER YEAR, DUE TO OVERSPENDING IN MANY AREAS OF THEIR BUDGET.
17 SO WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO ASK A FEW QUESTIONS OF THE C.E.O.,
18 IN HOPES OF GETTING SOME CLARITY ON MY END, IF THAT'S
19 POSSIBLE.

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21 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** DO WE HAVE FESIA DAVENPORT ON?

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23 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YES, SUPERVISOR. I AM HERE, MADAM CHAIR.

24
25 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO RIGHT AHEAD, THEN.

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2 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU, MADAM C.E.O.
3 THE DEPARTMENT HAS ABOUT 46.1 MILLION OF WHAT THE REPORT
4 REFERS TO AS "ADJUSTABLE EXPENSES" FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021. SO
5 WHEN COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ENCOUNTER UNANTICIPATED EXPENSES
6 DURING THE YEAR, WHAT'S THE TYPICAL BUDGET PRACTICE FOR
7 AUTHORIZING SPENDING FOR THESE KINDS OF UNPLANNED EXPENSES?

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9 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR ASKING THAT
10 QUESTION. AND BEFORE I START MY ANSWER, I WOULD LIKE TO ECHO
11 SOMETHING YOU SAID EARLIER. MY OFFICE DOES WORK WITH THE
12 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO PRODUCE
13 THIS BIENNIAL REPORT. THIS IS ACTUALLY OUR SIXTH REPORT. OUR
14 FIFTH REPORT WAS ISSUED IN DECEMBER OF 2020, AND OUR 7TH
15 REPORT IS SCHEDULED TO BE ISSUED IN OCTOBER OF 2021. BUT ON
16 YOUR SPECIFIC QUESTION, REGARDING THE TYPICAL PROCESS, IT IS
17 AN ONGOING PROCESS, AND IT IS OFTEN DYNAMIC, AND IT STARTS
18 WITH NOTICE TO MY OFFICE. SO ONCE THE DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING AT
19 THEIR BUDGETARY EXPENDITURES, THEY ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO DO
20 WHAT WE CALL A BUDGET STATUS REPORT. AND ONCE THEY BECOME
21 AWARE THAT THEY WILL HAVE A DEPARTURE FROM THEIR APPROVED
22 BUDGET, IN TERMS OF INCREASED OR UNPLANNED EXPENDITURES, THEY
23 PROVIDE NOTICE TO MY OFFICE, SPECIFICALLY TO THE BUDGET
24 ANALYST THAT IS ASSIGNED TO WORK WITH THAT DEPARTMENT. ONCE WE
25 RECEIVE A NOTICE, WE WILL WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT TO GET A

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1 BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THE CAUSE OF THOSE UNPLANNED
2 EXPENDITURES ARE, THE PURPOSE OF THE EXPENDITURES, AND THEN WE
3 ALSO LIKE TO DO A LITTLE VETTING, SO THAT WHEN THEY COME IN
4 AND TELL US THE NUMBER, WE LIKE TO JUST GET THE NUMBER TO SEE
5 IF IT IS AS ACCURATE AS POSSIBLE. AFTER THAT, WE WILL REVIEW
6 WITH THE DEPARTMENT THEIR BUDGET, AND ESSENTIALLY WHAT WE ARE
7 LOOKING FOR IS TO SEE IF THE EXPENDITURE CAN BE ABSORBED BY
8 OTHER AREAS OF THE BUDGET. AND WE TRY TO DO THAT AS QUICKLY AS
9 POSSIBLE. IF WE'RE NOT ABLE TO DO THAT, OR EVEN IF WE ARE, AND
10 THOSE EFFORTS ARE NOT SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE FULL AMOUNT OF
11 THE BUDGET OVER EXPENDITURE, THEN WHAT WE REQUEST IS A
12 DETAILED MITIGATION PLAN. THAT REQUIRES THE DEPARTMENT TO
13 FURTHER MITIGATE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. SO THAT'S THE TYPICAL
14 PROCESS THAT WE WOULD FOLLOW, ONCE A DEPARTMENT BECOMES AWARE
15 THAT THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE AN OVER-EXPENDITURE.

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17 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AND WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES IF A DEPARTMENT
18 OVERSPENDS THEIR BUDGET THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROVED BY THE
19 BOARD, WHETHER IT WAS DUE TO UNPLANNED CIRCUMSTANCES, LIKE
20 C.O.V.I.D.-19, OR OTHERWISE? ARE THERE CONSEQUENCES? WHAT
21 HAPPENS?

22
23 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YEAH. LET ME FIRST START OFF BY SAYING,
24 C.O.V.I.D.-19, I THINK, PRESENTED SOME UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL:** YES.

2

3 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YOUR BOARD RECENTLY APPROVED A REIMBURSEMENT
4 FOR OUR DEPARTMENTS THAT HAD COSTS FOR DISASTER SERVICE
5 WORKERS. SETTING ASIDE UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES LIKE A PANDEMIC,
6 THE CONSEQUENCES ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS. THEY FALL INTO TWO
7 GENERAL CATEGORIES. THE FIRST CATEGORY IS BUDGETARY, AND THEN
8 THE SECOND CATEGORY ARE POTENTIAL LEGAL REMEDIES THAT I AM
9 GOING TO ASK ROD CASTRO, OUR COUNTY COUNSEL, TO SPEAK ABOUT.
10 BUT ON THE ISSUE OF THE BUDGETARY REMEDIES, THERE ARE SEVERAL.
11 ONE IS, WE CAN LOOK AT THE HIRING, AND WE COULD MOVE TO
12 CONTROL THE HIRING. AND SO WE CAN PLACE THE DEPARTMENT,
13 THROUGH THE DIRECTION OF THE BOARD, ON A HIRING FREEZE. THE
14 OTHER THINGS THAT WE CAN DO IS WE CAN TAKE A PORTION OF THEIR
15 BUDGET AND PUT IT IN WHAT WE CALL A PROVISIONAL FINANCING USES
16 ACCOUNT. BASICALLY, THAT'S BASICALLY A HOLDING ACCOUNT, AND
17 WHAT WE WOULD DO IS WE WOULD ONLY RETURN THAT MONEY TO THE
18 DEPARTMENT'S OPERATIONAL BUDGET UPON A CERTAIN CONDITION. SO
19 EITHER WE GET A MITIGATION PLAN, OR THEY PROVIDE FOR US A LIST
20 DETAILING EXPENSES, SHOWING THAT THEY ARE IN FACT IN NEED OF
21 THE RETURN OF THAT MONEY AT THAT POINT IN THE BUDGET YEAR.
22 SOME OF THE OTHER THINGS THAT WE CAN DO, AND WE HAVE DONE, IS
23 WE CAN CONTROL, LIMIT, OR ELIMINATE ACCESS TO THE COUNTY'S
24 ELECTRONIC PERSONNEL SYSTEM, BECAUSE THAT ALLOWS YOU TO MOVE
25 STAFF AROUND IN THE DEPARTMENT. IT ALLOWS YOU TO INPUT

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1 INCREASES TO SALARIES, AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE. AND FINALLY,
2 ONE OF THE OTHER THINGS WE CAN DO IS WE CAN CONDUCT A MORE
3 DETAILED MONITORING OF A DEPARTMENT'S OPERATIONS AND/OR THEIR
4 EXPENDITURES. SO THOSE ARE SOME OF THE BUDGETARY AND
5 OPERATIONAL CONSEQUENCES, AND I'M GOING TO ASK ROD CASTRO TO
6 TALK ABOUT COME OF THE LEGAL CONSEQUENCES. POTENTIAL
7 CONSEQUENCES.

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9 **RODRIGO CASTRO-SILVA:** THANKS, FESIA. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. SO
10 THE OTHER POTENTIAL CONSEQUENCES ARE BOTH CIVIL AND CRIMINAL
11 IN NATURE. GENERALLY, UNDER THE GOVERNMENT CODE, THE
12 DEPARTMENT HEAD, INCLUDING THE SHERIFF, CAN BE HELD PERSONALLY
13 LIABLE FOR ANY OBLIGATIONS INCURRED IN EXCESS OF THE AMOUNTS
14 AUTHORIZED IN THE BUDGET. ADDITIONALLY, EVERY WILLFUL OMISSION
15 TO PERFORM A DUTY ENJOINED BY THE LAW UPON A PUBLIC OFFICER,
16 SUCH AS THE SHERIFF, IS PUNISHABLE AS A MISDEMEANOR. SO THOSE
17 ARE THE TWO OTHER POTENTIAL CONSEQUENCES.

18

19 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THAT'S VERY HELPFUL. THANK YOU FOR THAT
20 CLARIFICATION. IN THIS REPORT, THIS MOST RECENT REPORT, I READ
21 THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS EXPECTED TO EXCEED ITS \$129
22 MILLION BUDGETED OVERTIME ITEM BY AN ADDITIONAL \$54.7 MILLION.
23 THAT'S ALMOST HALF OF THEIR BUDGETED AMOUNT, OR A LITTLE
24 UNDER. I AM CURIOUS: WHAT HAPPENS WHEN OTHER COUNTY
25 DEPARTMENTS EXCEED THEIR OVERTIME BUDGETS? DO THEY GET TO

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1 COVER THE DIFFERENCE WITH FUNDS FROM OTHER PARTS OF THEIR
2 BUDGET, OR HOW IS THAT HANDLED FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS?

3

4 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. SO THE ANSWER TO THAT
5 QUESTION IS GENERALLY, YES. WHAT WE WILL TRY TO DO IS WORK
6 WITH THAT DEPARTMENT TO COVER THE DEFICIT AND LOOK IN OTHER
7 AREAS OF THEIR BUDGET. SO WE ALWAYS WANT TO START BY LOOKING
8 WITHIN FIRST, BEFORE GOING TO THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND. AND SO
9 SOME OF THE AREAS THAT YOU COULD LOOK AT ARE, FOR EXAMPLE,
10 SALARY SAVINGS. A DEPARTMENT MIGHT HAVE X NUMBER OF FUNDED
11 POSITIONS ON THE BOOKS, BUT THEY ARE NOT FILLED. AND SO
12 THEY'RE VACANT, AND THEY DEVELOP RESULTANT SAVINGS IN THAT
13 BUDGET UNIT FOR THE DEPARTMENT. SO ONE AREA THAT WE COULD LOOK
14 AT ARE SALARY SAVINGS. WE COULD LOOK AT REVENUE FROM OTHER
15 SOURCES. WE CAN ALSO LOOK AT THOSE SERVICES AND SUPPLIES
16 BUDGET. SO, EACH DEPARTMENT HAS WHAT WE CALL AN S&S BUDGET,
17 S&S STANDING FOR SERVICES AND SUPPLIES. OFTENTIMES, THEY DO
18 NOT FULLY EXPEND THE BUDGETED AMOUNT. SO THERE ARE OTHER AREAS
19 THAT WE LOOK TO, AND WE DO EXPECT THAT A DEPARTMENT IN THAT
20 SITUATION WOULD LOOK WITHIN FIRST TO TRY TO COVER THE DEFICIT
21 AMOUNT.

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23 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AND SO GIVEN THE NATURE OF THE SHERIFF'S
24 DEPARTMENT BUDGET, DO THEY HAVE ENOUGH UNFILLED F.T.E.S? DO

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1 THEY HAVE RESOURCES WITHIN THEIR OWN BUDGET TO COVER THIS
2 OVERTIME?

3

4 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** IN THIS PARTICULAR YEAR, SUPERVISOR, THEY
5 WOULD NOT. YOU MIGHT RECALL THAT I HAVE SPOKEN-- IN OTHER
6 PRESENTATIONS, I HAVE TALKED ABOUT THIS LEANER BASELINE THAT
7 WE HAVE HERE IN FISCAL YEAR 2021, AND WHAT I MEAN BY THAT IS,
8 WHEN WE TOOK THE CURTAILMENTS IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR,
9 DEPARTMENTS TOOK ROUGHLY AN 8% ACROSS-THE-BOARD CUT. FOR THE
10 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THAT RESULTED IN ABOUT A \$145 MILLION
11 CUT IN NET COUNTY COSTS, AND ABOUT 1392 VACANT POSITIONS. AND
12 SO, IN A PRIOR YEAR, THERE MAY HAVE BEEN VACANT POSITIONS THAT
13 CREATED SALARY SAVINGS, WHICH WE COULD USE SOME OF THAT TO
14 HELP OFFSET THE DEFICIT, BUT NOT THIS YEAR, AND A LOT OF THAT
15 IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT WE HAVE REDUCED THE BUDGET ALREADY.

16

17 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AND LAST QUESTION, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU SO
18 MUCH FOR YOUR INDULGENCE. THE DEPARTMENT WAS GIVEN A LOAN TO
19 COVER ITS FISCAL YEAR DEFICIT IN '18-'19, WITH THE AGREEMENT
20 THAT IT WOULD BE PAID BACK OVER A FOUR-YEAR TERM. THE OVERALL
21 LOAN WAS OVER \$63 MILLION, WITH AN EXPECTATION THAT JUST UNDER
22 \$16 MILLION WOULD BE PAID BACK PER YEAR. WHEN THAT DEAL WAS
23 AGREED TO, WAS THERE A PARTICULAR SOURCE OF REVENUE IDENTIFIED
24 TO ENSURE THAT THE LOAN COULD BE PAID BACK? BECAUSE I AM JUST
25 CURIOUS, GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL CHALLENGES WITH THIS DEPARTMENT

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1 TO COME WITHIN BUDGET, IF IT IS REALISTIC, IF IT IS REASONABLE
2 TO ASSUME THAT THEY WILL BE IN A POSITION TO PAY BACK TENS OF
3 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OVER FOUR YEARS, GIVEN THEIR ONGOING
4 OVERTIME NEEDS AND OTHER OVERBUDGETING PRACTICES.

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6 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YEAH. SO, AS YOU CORRECTLY POINTED OUT,
7 SUPERVISOR, THE LOAN WAS \$63.4 MILLION, AND THE EXPECTATION
8 WAS THAT IT WOULD BE PAID BACK AT \$15.9 MILLION OVER A FOUR-
9 YEAR PERIOD. I THINK, AT THE TIME, THE THINKING WAS THAT THE
10 DEFICIT SITUATION WOULD BE NOT AN ONGOING ISSUE FOR THE COUNTY
11 AND FOR THE DEPARTMENT, BUT WOULD BE SOMETHING THAT COULD BE
12 RIGHTSIZED AND ADDRESSED IN PROBABLY A SHORTER AMOUNT OF TIME.
13 AND SO I THINK THE THINKING WAS AT THAT TIME WAS, AT SOME
14 POINT IN THE NEAR FUTURE, THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD NOT BE
15 WITHIN A BUDGET DEFICIT SITUATION, AND THAT REPAYMENT OF THE
16 LOAN COULD BE TAKEN FROM ANY SAVINGS THAT THE DEPARTMENT MIGHT
17 ACCRUE IN ONGOING YEARS. TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT HAS NOT
18 HAPPENED, THE LOAN HAS NOT BEEN REPAID, AND ESSENTIALLY, WE
19 WOULD BASICALLY HAVE TO SHIFT THE FOUR-YEAR REPAYMENT PERIOD,
20 ESSENTIALLY PUSHING IT FORWARD UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE
21 DEPARTMENT IS NOT IN A DEFICIT SITUATION, AND IS ABLE TO MAKE
22 THOSE PAYMENTS.

23

24 **SUP. MITCHELL:** MADAM C.E.O., MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU VERY MUCH
25 FOR THE CLARIFICATION. THAT WAS VERY HELPFUL.

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2 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND NOW I'LL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR SHEILA
3 KUEHL.

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5 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU,
6 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR ASKING A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS, AND
7 THANKS TO OUR C.E.O. FOR HER CLARITY. I WANTED TO SAY A FEW
8 THINGS, AS I UNDERSTAND THEM, SINCE THE SHERIFF HAS REFUSED TO
9 SIGN THE REPORT, AND OUTLINED A NUMBER OF GRIEVANCES TO THE
10 BOARD; NOT OFFICIAL GRIEVANCES, BUT DIFFERENCES THAT HE HAS
11 WITH THE REPORT. BUT AS I UNDERSTAND IT, BECAUSE OF THE SEVERE
12 ECONOMIC IMPACT OF C.O.V.I.D. IN FISCAL YEAR 2021, ALL COUNTY
13 DEPARTMENTS EXPERIENCED CURTAILMENTS AS WE CALL THEM-- BECAUSE
14 WE DON'T WANT TO CALL THEM CUTS-- OF ABOUT 8% IN N.C.C.
15 FUNDING, WHICH IS OUR LOCAL COUNTY FUNDING. THE SHERIFF'S
16 DEPARTMENT DID REDUCE ITS BUDGET, AND ALMOST 1400 UNFILLED
17 VACANT POSITIONS WERE ELIMINATED, INCLUDING SOME IN CUSTODY,
18 BUT NO ONE WAS LAID OFF, AND NO ONE LOST THEIR JOB. THE
19 SHERIFF HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN DECREASING HIS OVERTIME
20 EXPENSES BY 41%, COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS YEAR, AND THAT IS A
21 SAVINGS OF OVER \$94 MILLION, AND THIS IS GOOD. IT HAS RESULTED
22 IN A SMALLER PROJECTED DEFICIT. BUT, NONETHELESS, THERE'S
23 STILL A DEFICIT. THE SHERIFF SAYS THAT HE PARTIALLY ATTRIBUTES
24 HIS DEFICIT TO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT COSTS THAT CONTINUE TO
25 REMAIN HIGH, AS THOUGH THEY ARE NOT CONNECTED IN ANY WAY TO

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1 HIS DEPARTMENT, BUT THIS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED NOT BY INCREASING
2 FUNDING. I MEAN, WE POUR OUT MILLIONS AND MILLIONS EVERY YEAR
3 IN SETTLEMENTS, BECAUSE OF THE ACTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT. BUT
4 IT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED BY PREVENTING SITUATIONS THAT LEAD TO
5 THOSE SETTLEMENTS IN THE FIRST PLACE. BETTER TRAINING AND
6 CHANGE IS NEEDED TO REDUCE THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT COSTS AND
7 PREVENT FUTURE DEFICITS. IT IS CORRECT, AS THE SHERIFF
8 INDICATES, THAT SINCE OCTOBER 1ST OF 2019, THE BOARD SET ASIDE
9 143.7 MILLION COLLARS ANNUALLY INTO THE A.P.F.U. ACCOUNT, BUT
10 THIS WAS DONE TO ENSURE THAT THE SHERIFF HAD SUFFICIENT
11 FUNDING TO BALANCE THE BUDGET, BECAUSE IT WAS GETTING WILDLY
12 OUT OF CONTROL. AND TO BE SURE, THE BOARD HAS RETURNED EVERY
13 SINGLE DOLLAR BACK TO THE SHERIFF THROUGH EACH FISCAL YEAR. SO
14 I AM HOPEFUL THAT THE SHERIFF WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE
15 C.E.O. ON FISCAL CHALLENGES. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL ASKED ABOUT
16 THE LOAN, AND THE SHERIFF HAS INDICATED HE DOESN'T THINK THAT
17 HE IS SUPPOSED TO PAY IT BACK. BECAUSE, AGAIN, HE ATTRIBUTES
18 THE DEFICIT TO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS, AS WELL AS C.O.L.A.S FOR
19 OVERTIME AND WORKERS COMP. BUT THAT DOESN'T NEED HIS AGREEMENT
20 TO PAY, BECAUSE WE ARE KEEPING IT IN THE REPORT, AND TRYING TO
21 KEEP IT AT THE FRONT OF HIS MIND. HE CLAIMS THAT HE IS LOSING--
22 - I AM SORRY, WERE YOU GOING TO SAY SOMETHING? I JUST HEARD--
23 OKAY. JUST AS A LAST PIECE, THE SHERIFF CLAIMS HE IS LOSING
24 OVER \$143 MILLION IN NEW N.C.C. REVENUE IN THE '21-'22 BUDGET,
25 BECAUSE HE IS NOT GETTING PROP 172 MONEY, TRIAL COURT SECURITY

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1 MONEY, MONEY THAT WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
2 SERVICE, AND THERE, I THINK, WILL BE ANSWERS FROM THE C.E.O.
3 ABOUT THAT. BUT I THINK THAT IT IS NOT CORRECT ABOUT THE 172
4 MONEY AND THE STATE TRIAL COURT SECURITY FUNDING MONEY. SO I
5 WILL LOOK FORWARD TO THE ANSWER ON THAT, BECAUSE IT LOOKS LIKE
6 THE C.E.O. AND THE BOARD GAVE THE SHERIFF \$114 MILLION, AND
7 ANOTHER 15 OF N.C.C., BECAUSE THE REVENUE WOULD BE SHORT IN
8 172 AND TRIAL COURT SECURITY. AND THEN, IN RECOMMENDED BUDGET,
9 WE TOOK IT BACK, BECAUSE THE REVENUE HAD BEEN RESTORED WITH
10 PROP 172 AND TRIAL COURT SECURITY MONEY. SO IT SOUNDS LIKE THE
11 SHERIFF WANTS TO DOUBLE-DIP AND KEEP BOTH THE REVENUE THAT
12 ACTUALLY CAME IN AND THE N.C.C. THAT WE GAVE HIM, BECAUSE
13 THERE WAS AN EXPECTATION THAT THE REVENUE WOULDN'T COME IN. SO
14 IT IS NOT REALLY A LOSS. IT HAS ACTUALLY BEEN MET BY THE
15 APPROPRIATE REVENUE. THERE WAS ALSO SOME COMPLAINT ABOUT
16 N.C.C. SENDING FUNDING TO HEALTH SERVICES FOR J.H.I.S.,
17 BECAUSE WHEN THE INTEGRATION OF J.H.I.S. INTO THE ORCHID
18 SYSTEM WAS APPROVED, IT WAS PRETTY CLEAR THE COST WOULD BE
19 BILLED TO THE SHERIFF, AND ANY SAVINGS WOULD BE RETURNED TO
20 THE SHERIFF, BUT HE BELIEVES THAT THE ONGOING REDUCTION
21 COUNTERS THE AGREEMENT, SO THAT'S A LITTLE TORTURED, I THINK,
22 IN ITS THINKING. SO THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PLACES I THINK ABOUT
23 MEASURE J IMPACTING HIS BUDGET, WHICH IS NOT SUPPORTABLE AT
24 THE MOMENT. AND BESIDES, THE VOTERS SAID THEY WANTED MEASURE
25 J; NOT ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT, BUT OTHER WAYS TO APPROACH THINGS.

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1 AND THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT HIS SPENDING AUTHORITY HAS NOT
2 CHANGED. ALL THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS HAD CURTAILMENTS. FEW
3 CURTAILMENTS HAVE BEEN RESTORED. AND SO I THINK THAT WHEN WE
4 SEE THE BIGGER PICTURE, IT REFUTES QUITE A FEW CLAIMS MADE IN
5 THE SHERIFF'S LETTER. AND I ASSUME THE C.E.O. IS GOING TO
6 RESPOND, AND THIS WILL BE AN ONGOING DISCUSSION. SO THANK YOU
7 VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR HOLDING THE ITEM SO WE
8 COULD HAVE A BIT OF A DISCUSSION ABOUT IT. AND THANK YOU,
9 MADAM CHAIR.

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11 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I BELIEVE SUPERVISOR
12 BARGER WANTS TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THIS MATTER.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND ACTUALLY, SUPERVISOR
15 KUEHL TOUCHED ON IT A LITTLE. AND, FESIA, I JUST WANT TO
16 UNDERSTAND: ARE THERE AREAS IN THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET WHERE THE
17 STATE IS NOT CONTRIBUTING ENOUGH AND IS CREATING A DEFICIT?
18 SUPERVISE KUEHL MENTIONED THE TRIAL COURT FUNDING. I KNOW THAT
19 THAT'S BEEN AN ISSUE, WHERE THE SHERIFF HAS BROUGHT UP THE
20 FACT THAT WE CANNOT CUT BACK ON THE SHERIFFS AND THE COURTS,
21 BUT YET IT'S NOT GETTING REIMBURSED. CAN YOU TOUCH ON THAT,
22 PLEASE?

23

24 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YES. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. SO, I
25 THINK THAT THERE ARE TWO AREAS INVOLVING THE STATE, WHERE THE

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1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS NOT BEING FULLY FUNDED. ONE IS TRIAL
2 COURT SECURITY OPERATIONS, WHICH I WILL EXPAND ON IN A MINUTE.
3 AND THEN THE OTHER IS SOMETHING WE TALK ABOUT IN THIS REPORT,
4 WHICH IS THE COST OF HOUSING JUSTICE-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS WHO
5 ARE AWAITING TRANSFER TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
6 AND REHABILITATION. SO ON THE ISSUE OF THE FUNDING FOR
7 SECURITY OPERATIONS, THIS IS FUNDING THAT'S PROVIDED BY THE
8 STATE FOR TRIAL COURT SECURITY, AND WE KNOW THAT, FOR A NUMBER
9 OF YEARS, IT HAS NOT BEEN SUFFICIENT TO FULLY COVER THE
10 SHERIFF'S DIRECT COSTS. AND THIS IS NOT SOMETHING SPECIFIC TO
11 L.A. COUNTY. THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT'S FACED BY MANY OTHER
12 COUNTIES, AS WELL. OUR PREVIOUS ANALYSIS IN THE COUNTY
13 INDICATES THAT THE STATE FUNDING GAP FOR DIRECT SERVICES COSTS
14 IS APPROXIMATELY \$16 MILLION. AND THEN, IF YOU INCLUDE WHAT WE
15 CALL THE INDIRECT COSTS, SUPERVISION, AND OVERHEAD, THINGS
16 LIKE THAT, THAT AMOUNT-- AND THOSE ARE CONSIDERED UNALLOWABLE,
17 INDIRECT COSTS EXPENSES UNDER THE M.O.U. WITH THE COURT-- THAT
18 \$16 MILLION CAN RANGE FROM \$37 MILLION, ALL THE WAY UP TO \$70
19 MILLION, JUST DEPENDING ON WHICH CATEGORIES YOU INCLUDE AND
20 EXCLUDE FROM THE DEFINITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND
21 OVERHEAD. SO WE KNOW THAT IT IS AN ONGOING ISSUE. WE HAVE
22 ATTEMPTED TO, ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, TO ADDRESS THAT ISSUE AT
23 THE STATE LEVEL, TO TRY TO RIGHT-SIZE THAT FUNDING LEVEL. BUT
24 TO NO AVAIL. WE HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL, UP TO THIS POINT. THE
25 SECOND ISSUE THAT I RAISED WAS THE TRANSFER OF JUSTICE-

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1 INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE HOUSED IN OUR COUNTY JAILS THAT
2 ARE AWAITING TRANSFER TO THE STATE. WE KNOW THAT, AS A RESULT
3 OF THE PANDEMIC, THE STATE TEMPORARILY STOPPED ACCEPTING
4 TRANSFERS OF INDIVIDUALS. AND WHAT THAT MEANT WAS THAT THOSE
5 INDIVIDUALS ARE SITTING IN OUR COUNTY JAILS. WE ESTIMATE THAT,
6 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021, THAT THERE'S A FUNDING GAP FROM THE
7 STATE OF ABOUT \$33.5 MILLION, AND THAT FUNDING GAP IS BASED ON
8 THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING THAT WE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE, BASED
9 ON THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THAT AMOUNT AND THE AMOUNT THAT THE
10 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER HAS DETERMINED THAT WE SHOULD BE RECEIVING
11 FROM THE STATE. SO AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE STATE
12 REIMBURSEMENT RATE, IT DOESN'T FULLY COVER THE ACTUAL COST. SO
13 THOSE ARE TWO AREAS, SUPERVISOR, AS YOU MENTIONED, WHERE THEIR
14 STATE INVOLVEMENT, IN TERMS OF FUNDING, WHERE WE DO NOT
15 BELIEVE THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN FULLY FUNDED FOR ITS
16 COST.

17
18 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, FESIA. YOU KNOW, I JUST HAVE TO WEIGH
19 IN A LITTLE BIT ON THE WHOLE ISSUE OF THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET.
20 THE ISSUE, AS IT RELATES TO DEFICIT, EXTENDS LONG BEFORE
21 SHERIFF VILLANUEVA CAME INTO OFFICE. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT
22 UNDER SHERMAN BLOCK, UNDER LEE BACA, THIS HAS BEEN A
23 CONTINUING ISSUE, IN TERMS OF STRUCTURAL DEFICIT. AND I WANT
24 TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE FACT THAT ON THE OVERTIME, THE SHERIFF HAS
25 BROUGHT DOWN THE COST OF OVERTIME. AND SETTING ASIDE THE LOAN,

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1 I BELIEVE THAT THE ADDITIONAL REVENUES, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO
2 ADDRESS THE DEFICIT OF 5.4, AND HE WILL COME IN AT BUDGET. AND
3 SO I HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT COMPONENT, ESPECIALLY GIVEN THE
4 FACT THAT UP IN MY DISTRICT, WE'VE GOT THE ILLEGAL CANNABIS
5 GROWERS GROWING AT A RATE THAT FAR EXCEEDS WHAT, QUITE
6 FRANKLY, THE SHERIFF IS ABLE TO DO. EACH DAY, HE COULD GO OUT
7 AND PROBABLY CLOSE DOWN 40, AND THERE WOULD BE 20 MORE THAT
8 WOULD OPEN THE NEXT DAY. SO THIS HAS BEEN A REAL EFFORT ON HIS
9 PART TO BRING IN ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO COMBAT THIS. AND SO I
10 WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT, BECAUSE THAT'S SOMETHING THAT IS NOT
11 BUDGETED, BUT YET HE IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO BRING TOGETHER
12 ALL AGENCIES TO COMBAT THIS UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. AND IT
13 IS IMPACTING WATER. IT IS IMPACTING PEOPLE COMING UP THERE,
14 THAT ARE LITERALLY BEING USED TO WORK AT THESE PLACES, THAT
15 ARE NOT ABLE TO LEAVE. SO WE'VE GOT SOME CRIMINAL ELEMENT UP
16 THERE. SO I JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT, AS IT RELATES TO
17 THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET, IN TERMS OF THE THINGS HE IS DOING ABOVE
18 AND BEYOND WHAT WE SEE ON LINE ITEMS, THINGS THAT TAKE PLACE
19 EACH AND EVERY DAY. AND I KNOW THAT I SUPPORT PROVIDING
20 FUNDING TO ENSURE THAT WE PROVIDE PUBLIC SAFETY AT A LEVEL
21 THAT, AT LEAST IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT, MY CONSTITUENTS EXPECT
22 AND DESERVE. SO I APPRECIATE YOUR REPORT, FESIA. I THINK WE
23 HAVE WORK TO DO, TO COLLABORATE. THERE'S NO QUESTION THAT
24 TRANSPARENCY HAS GOT TO GO BOTH WAYS, AND I HOPE THE SHERIFF
25 WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH US. BECAUSE IT IS A LOT EASIER TO

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1 WORK WITH US, BECAUSE BY NOT PROVIDING US WITH ALL THE FACTS,
2 HE IS NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO HIRE ADDITIONAL SHERIFF'S
3 DEPUTIES WITH THIS ACADEMY, WHICH I KNOW IS A PRIORITY FOR
4 HIM, AND TO BACKFILL ON THOSE THAT ARE RETIRING OUT. SO I HOPE
5 THAT WE CAN WORK TOGETHER, AND I DO APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT
6 YOU HAVE DONE ON THIS, FESIA, AND YOUR STAFF, AS WELL, AS WELL
7 AS OUR AUDITOR-CONTROLLER. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. NEXT, I WILL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR
10 HAHN.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU FOR THIS
13 REPORT, FESIA. AND YOU ARE RIGHT, SUPERVISOR BARGER, THIS HAS
14 BEEN AN ONGOING PROBLEM. I REMEMBER THERE WAS EVEN AN ATTEMPT
15 A COUPLE YEARS AGO TO TALK ABOUT THE TRUE COST OF OPERATING
16 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND WHETHER OR NOT EVEN OUR BUDGET
17 WAS STARTED OFF BEING A LITTLE OUT OF WHACK, FOR LACK OF A
18 BETTER WORD, AND MAYBE WE SHOULD WORK MORE TO LOOK MORE AT THE
19 TRUE COST OF RUNNING THAT DEPARTMENT. BUT I WILL SAY, I FEEL
20 LIKE WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS, FESIA, WITH THE SHERIFF'S
21 DEPARTMENT. LAST YEAR, THE DEFICIT WAS ALMOST \$35 MILLION. THE
22 YEAR BEFORE, IT WAS ALMOST \$64 MILLION. AND SO THE ADJUSTED
23 NET IS JUST \$5 MILLION THIS YEAR. I KNOW IT'S HIGHER THAN
24 THAT, BUT WITH THE ADJUSTED NET DEFICIT, MEANING THAT IT IS
25 HIGHER, BUT WE HAVE ADJUSTED IT TO REFLECT THE UNAVOIDABLE

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1 EXTRA COST THAT THE C.E.O. BASICALLY FORGIVES THE DEPARTMENT.
2 I WILL THAT IT LOOKS LIKE A LOT OF THE COST SAVINGS HAVE BEEN
3 IN THE REDUCTION OF OVERTIME, WHICH I THINK WE HAVE ALL BEEN
4 PUSHING FOR. AND I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU, FESIA, DO YOU FEEL
5 LIKE THAT THE DEPARTMENT CAN MAINTAIN THIS PROGRESS WITH
6 BRINGING OVERTIME DOWN, OR WERE THEY ONLY ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH
7 THAT IN THE YEAR OF THE PANDEMIC?

8

9 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** SUPERVISOR, THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION, AND I AM
10 NOT UNMINDFUL OF THE COMMENTS ABOUT CONTINUING TO WORK WITH
11 THE DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE NOT HAD A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OR A
12 CLEAR COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT AS TO EXACTLY HOW THEY
13 WERE ABLE TO BRING DOWN THE OVERTIME. WE KNOW THAT THEY, AS
14 MENTIONED IN MY REPORT, THAT THEY HAVE SHIFTED STAFF AROUND TO
15 WORK DIFFERENT SHIFTS THAT DID NOT REQUIRE OVERTIME. BUT IN
16 TERMS OF THE SPECIFICS THAT WOULD ALLOW US TO DO AN ANALYSIS,
17 TO IDENTIFY WHETHER SOMETHING IS AN ANOMALY OR A TREND, AND
18 WHETHER WE WOULD BE ABLE TO EXPECT THIS TO CONTINUE IN THE
19 FUTURE, WE JUST DON'T HAVE THAT INSIGHT INTO THE DEPARTMENT.
20 AND I'D JUST LIKE TO ADD, SUPERVISOR, ON THE IDEA OF KIND OF
21 KNOWING WHAT THE APPROPRIATE BUDGETED AMOUNT IS, COMING OUT OF
22 A CONVERSATION WITH THE BOARD FROM A COUPLE YEARS AGO, THE
23 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER DOES HAVE A CONSULTANT ON BOARD WHO IS
24 TASKED WITH, AMONG OTHER THINGS, LOOKING AT THE STAFFING

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1 MODELS AND THE APPROPRIATE STAFFING AMOUNT FOR THE SHERIFF, AS
2 WELL AS REVENUE AND LOSSES AND OTHER BUDGETARY DETAILS.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY, THANKS. AND ALSO, ONE OF MY QUESTIONS, WHICH
5 YOU HAVE ALREADY TOUCHED ON, HAS BEEN WHAT ROLE THE STATE'S
6 DECISION TO STOP TRANSFERRING TO STATE PRISONS HAS HAD ON THE
7 FINANCIAL STRAIN ON THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET. AND YEAH, WHEN YOU
8 LOOK AT THAT NEW POPULATION DASHBOARD FOR OUR JAILS THAT WAS
9 JUST PUBLISHED LAST MONTH, YOU CAN SEE THAT MORE THAN 3500
10 PEOPLE ARE AWAITING TRANSFER OUT OF OUR JAILS, AND THAT
11 SIGNIFICANTLY IMPEDES THE PROGRESS THAT WE WERE MAKING TO
12 REDUCE OUR JAIL POPULATION. SO YOU HAVE ALREADY TALKED ABOUT
13 THE STATUS OF THESE TRANSFERS AND THAT BUDGET GAP. DO YOU FEEL
14 LIKE THERE'S A GOOD PATHWAY TO ADVOCATING FOR AN INCREASED
15 REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE STATE TO ACTUALLY COVER THE COST?

16

17 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** SO, SUPERVISOR, WE ALREADY DID. SO, OUR
18 CALCULATION, I BELIEVE THAT THE STATE IS PAYING AT THE RATE OF
19 ABOUT \$94 PER MONTH. OUR AUDITOR-CONTROLLER HAS ASSESSED THAT
20 THE AMOUNT IS PROBABLY CLOSER TO \$163. I AM SORRY \$163 PER
21 DAY, AND \$94 PER DAY. AND WE RAISED THAT ISSUE IN FEBRUARY,
22 DURING OUR SACRAMENTO TRIP, JUST TO MAKE SURE THAT IT WAS ON
23 THE STATE'S RADAR SCREEN AND THAT THEY UNDERSTOOD THAT IT WAS
24 A PRIORITY FOR US, BUT WE HAVEN'T SEEN ANY MOVEMENT COMING OUT

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1 OF THAT SINCE THAT TIME. WE DID ALSO PROVIDE THEM WITH THE
2 BACKUP DATA AND THE DETAIL, AS WELL.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT. WELL, I MEAN, I SUGGEST WE KEEP THAT
5 PRESSURE ON A LITTLE BIT THERE. AND THE LAST THING I WAS GOING
6 TO SAY, I KNOW THAT THE SHERIFF HAS WANTED \$143 MILLION BACK
7 INTO HIS BUDGET FROM THE P.F.U., AND I JUST WANTED TO RESTATE
8 FOR US THE HISTORY BEHIND THIS MONEY BEING PLACED IN A P.F.U.,
9 MAYBE FOR THE LISTENERS AT HOME, WHO KIND OF SOMETIMES HEAR
10 ONE SIDE, AND THEY HEAR THE SHERIFF SAYING THAT MONEY OUGHT TO
11 GO BACK INTO HIS BUDGET. CAN YOU EXPLAIN A LITTLE BIT HOW WE
12 GOT THERE, AND AT WHAT POINT DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD STOP
13 PUTTING THAT \$143 MILLION IN A P.F.U.?

14

15 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YES, ABSOLUTELY. THE 143.7 MILLION, I THINK,
16 WAS FROM THE MOTION IN 2019. AND I THINK THE IDEA BEHIND THAT
17 WAS TWOFOLD. ONE WAS TO HELP CONTROL EXPENSES, AND TWO WAS TO
18 SECURE FROM THE DEPARTMENT A DETAILED BUDGET MITIGATION PLAN.
19 THE REASON WHY I SAY "DETAILED BUDGET MITIGATION PLAN" IS THAT
20 THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE HAD BEEN, AND CONTINUES TO BE, IN
21 COMMUNICATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT ON A FAIRLY REGULAR AND
22 CONSISTENT BASIS, REGARDING THE BUDGET. AND WE KNOW THAT THE
23 DEPARTMENT HAS PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED FOCUS AREAS THAT THEY
24 WILL FOCUS ON, IN TERMS OF TRYING TO REDUCE THE BUDGET. IN
25 2019, I THINK THAT THE THOUGHT WAS, INCLUDING THE THOUGHT OF

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1 THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, WAS THAT WE WANTED A HOLISTIC AND A
2 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN THAT DID MORE THAN IDENTIFY FOCUS AREAS,
3 BUT THAT ALSO IDENTIFIED TARGET DATES AND THE POTENTIAL
4 REDUCTION AMOUNTS. SO THE IDEA WAS TO TAKE SOME OF THAT MONEY,
5 SET IT ASIDE IN A HOLDING POT UNTIL WE RECEIVED THE DETAILED
6 BUDGET PLAN, BUT ALSO TO BE ABLE TO TRANSFER MONEY BACK TO THE
7 DEPARTMENT AS EXPENSES OCCURRED. AND MAYBE I SHOULD EXPLAIN
8 THAT THE \$143.7 MILLION, WHEN IT IS TAKEN OUT OF THE SHERIFF'S
9 BUDGET AT THE BEGINNING OF THE BUDGET YEAR, IT DOES NOT REMAIN
10 IN THAT HOLDING POT FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR. WHAT HAPPENS IS, THE
11 DEPARTMENT WILL PERIODICALLY PROVIDE TO US DOCUMENTATION OF
12 EXPENDITURES, AND WE WILL TRANSFER FUNDS BACK TO THE
13 DEPARTMENT SLOWLY OVER TIME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. AND THEN, TO
14 ANSWER THE LAST PART OF YOUR QUESTION, WHEN WILL IT BE
15 APPROPRIATE TO STOP TAKING THAT MONEY AND PUTTING IT IN A
16 HOLDING POT, I WOULD SUGGEST, WHEN THE INITIAL GOALS ARE MET,
17 WHEN WE GET EITHER TO A RIGHTSIZED BUDGET AND/OR A DETAILED
18 MITIGATION PLAN, WHICH WAS ONE OF THE DRIVING FORCES, I THINK,
19 BEHIND MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION, IN THE FIRST PLACE.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY, THANK YOU FOR THAT CLARIFICATION. THANK YOU,
22 MADAM CHAIR.

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** I HAD A QUESTION TO OUR C.E.O. YOU KIND OF
25 WENT OVER HOW WE GOT HERE, IN TERMS OF SETTING UP THE P.F.U.,

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1 AND THAT WAS UNDER SACHI HAMAI. AND WE TRIED TO GET
2 INFORMATION BACK, AND A GOOD PAYMENT PLAN, AND SINCE THAT
3 TIME, IT HASN'T BEEN THE BEST OF SITUATION FOR US. AND I DO
4 AGREE WITH YOU THAT WE PROBABLY SHOULD CONTINUE TO MONITOR AND
5 KEEP THE REMAINING AMOUNT IN THAT P.F.U., AND MAKE SURE THAT
6 THERE IS ENFORCEMENT AROUND A REPAYMENT PLAN, AND TO KEEP FIRM
7 ON THAT. BECAUSE WE DO THAT WITH ALL THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS.
8 THIS SHOULDN'T BE ANY DIFFERENT. AND I WANTED TO ASK YOU, HAS
9 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MADE ANY PAYMENTS ON THAT \$60
10 MILLION, FESIA?

11

12 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YES, THANK YOU FOR THAT, MADAM CHAIR. SO, WE
13 HAVE NOT RECEIVED PAYMENTS ON THAT AMOUNT, ON THE \$63.4
14 MILLION. I THINK THE IDEA AT THE TIME WAS THAT, ONCE THE
15 BUDGET WAS UNDER CONTROL AND RIGHTSIZED, THAT THERE WOULD BE A
16 CERTAIN AMOUNT OF SAVINGS OR UNDERSPEND, FROM WHICH THE
17 DEPARTMENT WOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE \$15.9 MILLION A YEAR TO BE
18 TRANSFERRED BACK TO THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND. TO THE EXTENT
19 THAT THAT HAS NOT HAPPENED, THERE HAS NOT BEEN REPAYMENT OF
20 ANY OF THAT AMOUNT.

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** RIGHT. AND THEN, JUST LASTLY, ARE YOU AWARE
23 OF ANY SHERIFF CONTRACTS THAT MIGHT NOT BE RENEWED IN THIS
24 NEXT FISCAL YEAR?

25

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1 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** SUPERVISOR, OVER AND ABOVE-- AND I AM NOT
2 SURE IF WE HAVE RESOLVED THE CONTRACT WITH THE COMMUNITY
3 COLLEGE DISTRICT. I KNOW THAT THERE WERE SOME REPORT BACKS TO
4 THE BOARD, WHERE D.H.S. WAS LOOKING AT THE SECURITY IN THEIR
5 HOSPITALS. I AM NOT SURE IF THAT REPORT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED.
6 BUT BESIDES THOSE TWO AREAS, I KNOW THAT THERE ARE ALSO
7 CERTAIN CONCERNS THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED BY SOME OF THE CONTRACT
8 CITIES. OVER AND ABOVE THAT, I AM NOT AWARE OF ANY OTHER
9 POTENTIAL CANCELATIONS FOR CONTRACTED SERVICES.

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THOSE ARE DEFINITELY THINGS, I KNOW, THAT
12 MANY OF US HAVE BEEN READING IN THE PRESS AND HAVE BEEN MADE
13 AWARE OF BY THE DIFFERENT AGENCIES THAT HAVE ALSO NOTIFIED US.
14 SO, I THINK IT IS SOMEWHAT TROUBLING, AND WE REALLY HAVE TO
15 KEEP OUR EYE ON THIS, BECAUSE WE CAN TRY TO CONTROL THOSE
16 EXPENSES THE BEST WE CAN, EVEN IF THE DEPARTMENT DOESN'T WANT
17 TO MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION. SO, I THANK YOU. I KNOW SUPERVISOR
18 MITCHELL HAS ONE LAST QUESTION, I BELIEVE, OR A COMMENT.

19

20 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AS I LISTEN
21 TO THE C.E.O. TALK ABOUT-- AND REALLY, JUST HAD A VERY FAIR
22 QUESTION, A FAIR ISSUE AROUND, ARE WE GETTING OUR FAIR SHARE
23 FROM THE STATE? AND TO HEAR THE DISCREPANCY IN THE AGREED-UPON
24 AMOUNT, VERSUS WHAT WE NOW KNOW IS OUR ACTUAL COST. I WAS IN
25 THE STATE WITH THE BUDGET COMMITTEE WHEN WE MADE THAT

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1 DECISION. AND FRANKLY, JUST TO PUT IT IN CONTEXT, SEVERAL
2 FACILITIES HAD OVERWHELMING POSITIVE C.O.V.I.D. CASES. SO IT
3 WAS NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF PUBLIC HEALTH OR THE BEST
4 INTEREST OF L.A. COUNTY JAIL INMATES TO TRANSFER THEM INTO
5 THOSE FACILITIES AT THAT TIME, UNTIL C.O.V.I.D. SPREAD COULD
6 REALLY BE CHECKED, THAT PEOPLE COULD BE SAFELY TRANSFERRED. SO
7 THAT WAS THE RATIONALE. BUT HELP ME UNDERSTAND HOW WE GOT SUCH
8 A HUGE DISCREPANCY. BECAUSE I THOUGHT [INAUDIBLE] WAS INVOLVED
9 IN IDENTIFYING THE AMOUNT THAT THE STATE WOULD PAY TO
10 COUNTIES. IS IT THAT EVERY COUNTY HAS KIND OF A DIFFERENT
11 CLASS PER INMATE? HOW DID WE GET SO FAR APART FROM OUR ACTUAL
12 COST FROM WHAT THE AGREED-UPON RATE WAS, A FULL BUDGET YEAR
13 AGO?

14

15 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. SO, I WILL START OFF
16 BY SAYING, I WILL HAVE TO GET BACK TO THE BOARD ON SPECIFICS,
17 BECAUSE I WASN'T PART OF THAT NEGOTIATION. I DO SUSPECT,
18 HOWEVER, THAT ONE MAIN DRIVER IS THE COST OF OUR SALARY AND
19 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT, BECAUSE THAT DRIVES A LOT OF THE COSTS, NOT
20 ONLY IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, BUT IN ANY DEPARTMENT. I
21 WILL CIRCLE BACK WITH MY TEAM, MY BUDGET FOLKS AND OUR FOLKS
22 IN LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, TO SEE WHAT INPUT THE COUNTY HAD, IN
23 TERMS OF SETTING AN ACCEPTABLE RATE FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS
24 ANGELES, ASIDE FROM WHATEVER WAS PROPOSED AND AGREED UPON BY
25 [INAUDIBLE].

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2 **SUP. MITCHELL:** I JUST THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO HAVE,
3 SO WHEN WE GO BACK AND ASK TO BE MADE WHOLE, JUST SO WE CAN
4 REALLY MAKE THAT ASK IN CONTEXT. BECAUSE I AGREE WE REALLY
5 SHOULD DO ALL THAT WE CAN TO GET OUR ACTUAL COSTS MET. AND
6 JUST LASTLY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, FOR ALLOWING ME
7 TO HOLD THIS ITEM. IT WAS VERY HELPFUL FOR ME TO GET THE
8 QUESTIONS ANSWERED. AND IRONICALLY, JUST SINCE WE BEGAN THE
9 DISCUSSION, MY OFFICE HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL CALLS, AS PEOPLE
10 APPARENTLY ARE LISTENING AND UNDERSTANDING THE BUDGETED
11 PROCESS, AS WELL, ASKING QUESTIONS, MY CONSTITUENTS WHO LIVE
12 IN COMMUNITIES WHERE THE SHERIFF HAD PROPOSED TO CLOSE
13 SUBSTATIONS BECAUSE OF HIS CLAIM THAT IT WAS OUT OF HIS
14 CONTROL. IT WAS JUST THE BUDGET. BUT THEN THEY'RE WATCHING THE
15 NEWS LAST NIGHT, AND SEE THAT HE IS PROPOSING TO EXPAND
16 SHERIFF PATROLS INTO L.A.P.D. JURISDICTIONS. SO FOLKS ARE
17 CALLING TO SAY, WELL, WHY WOULD YOU CLOSE A SUBSTATION THAT'S
18 YOUR RESPONSIBILITY BECAUSE OF THE BUDGET, YET YOU HAVE
19 RESOURCES TO EXPAND SHERIFF PATROL INTO AREAS THAT ARE COVERED
20 BY ANOTHER MUNICIPALITY AND ANOTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT ENTITY? SO
21 I THINK THIS CONVERSATION WAS NOT ONLY HELPFUL TO ME, BUT TO A
22 LOT OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC, TO BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND THIS PROCESS
23 ACCURATELY AND CORRECTLY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

24

25 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** MADAM CHAIR?

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

3

4 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THIS IS THE C.E.O. IF I COULD JUST ADD ONE
5 FINAL COMMENT, AND I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY SOMETHING THAT WAS
6 STATED EARLIER. AND THIS QUESTION HAS COME TO THE C.E.O.'S
7 OFFICE IN OTHER CONTEXTS, AND IT'S, "WHAT DOES THE C.E.O'S
8 OFFICE DO WHEN A DEPARTMENT RUNS A DEFICIT?" I THINK IT IS
9 PROBABLY MORE ACCURATE TO SAY, WE KNOW THAT NO COUNTY
10 DEPARTMENT CAN EXIST SEPARATE AND APART FROM THE COUNTY AS A
11 LARGER ENTITY. AND SO, IF A COUNTY DEPARTMENT IS SUED, IF THEY
12 HAVE OVER-EXPENDITURES, FIRST AND FOREMOST, WE'RE GOING TO
13 WORK WITH THAT DEPARTMENT TO LOOK WITHIN, TO TRY TO REDUCE AND
14 MITIGATE THAT OVER-EXPENDITURE. BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, IT
15 ULTIMATELY BECOMES A COUNTY RESPONSIBILITY. IT ALL COMES BACK
16 TO THE GENERAL FUND. AND SO I WOULD NOT SAY THAT THE C.E.O.'S
17 OFFICE FORGIVES A DEBT OF A DEPARTMENT. WHAT I WOULD SAY IS
18 THAT WE HAVE TO BASICALLY UPHOLD OUR FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY TO
19 MAKE SURE THAT THE COUNTY, OVERALL, COMES IN WITH A BALANCED
20 BUDGET, AND THAT INCLUDES SOMETIMES ACCOUNTING FOR AND
21 ADJUSTING FOR DEFICITS THAT MAY BE RUN BY A DEPARTMENT. BUT IT
22 IS PROBABLY NOT MOST ACCURATE TO SAY THAT THERE'S A
23 FORGIVENESS OF IT. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU. SEEING NO FURTHER
2 QUESTIONS, THANK YOU FOR THE REPORT TO OUR C.E.O., AND TO ALL
3 THE QUESTIONS THAT WERE RAISED, AND I THINK THIS IS AN ONGOING
4 DISCUSSION THAT WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO HAVE THROUGHOUT THE
5 REMAINDER OF THE YEAR. SO THIS REPORT IS A RECEIVED-AND-FILED,
6 AND HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. WE WILL NOW
7 MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER 68. THIS IS A REPORT ON THE EXPANSION
8 OF THE FIRST RESPONDER PROTOCOL AND ADVOCACY SERVICES FOR
9 COMMERCIALLY SEXUALLY EXPLOITED CHILDREN, WHICH WAS HELD BY
10 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND I
13 APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY AGAIN TO BE ABLE TO ASK A FEW
14 QUESTIONS. I AM HOPING THAT REPRESENTATIVES FROM D.C.F.S. AND
15 THE I.L.T. ARE ON WITH US, THE INTEGRATED LEADERSHIP TEAM. I
16 WANT TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR REPORT, AS WELL AS ALL THE STAFF
17 AND ADVOCATES WHO HAVE DEVOTED THEIR TIME TO COMBATING SEXUAL
18 EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN IN L.A. COUNTY. I ASKED TO HOLD
19 TODAY'S REPORT BACK, BECAUSE I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE
20 CONTINUE TO BRING AWARENESS TO THIS TOPIC, AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE
21 PROGRESS, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, HIGHLIGHT AREAS FOR CONTINUED
22 PROGRESS FOR THIS POPULATION. I WAS PROUD TO WORK WITH THE
23 COUNTY IN CARRYING A RATHER CONTROVERSIAL BILL IN THE STATE
24 LEGISLATURE, S.B. 1322, WHICH HELPED TO REALLY ELIMINATE THE
25 CRIMINALIZATION OF YOUTH WHO WERE EXPLOITED, WHO WERE VICTIMS

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1 OF CHILD EXPLOITATION, ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THERE IS NO SUCH
2 THING AS A CHILD PROSTITUTE, AND SO WE HAD TO TREAT THEM AS
3 THE VICTIMS THAT THEY ARE. SO I WAS PLEASED TO LEARN ABOUT THE
4 VICTIM WITNESS TESTIMONY PROTOCOL, AND IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE
5 THAT TESTIFYING AGAINST AN EXPLOITER CAN BE ONE OF THE MOST
6 DANGEROUS THINGS THESE YOUNG VICTIMS ARE ASKED TO DO. SO, I
7 HAVE A QUICK QUESTION OF THE I.L.T., IF POSSIBLE.

8

9 **MICHELLE GUYMON:** YES. THIS IS MICHELLE GUYMON, WITH THE LOS
10 ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT. I WILL TAKE THAT
11 QUESTION.

12

13 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. AND I GOT AHEAD OF MYSELF. I THOUGHT
14 A REPORT WAS GOING TO BE GIVEN BY THE I.L.T., INITIALLY. SO,
15 IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WERE PLANNING TO DO, WHY DON'T YOU GIVE THE
16 REPORT, AND THEN I CAN ASK YOU THE QUESTIONS? SHOULD WE DO IT
17 THAT WAY? IS THAT HELPFUL?

18

19 **MICHELLE GUYMON:** YEAH, THAT WILL BE GREAT.

20

21 **SUP. MITCHELL:** GREAT.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. SO, THANK YOU AND GOOD AFTERNOON TO THE MEMBERS
24 OF THE BOARD. AGAIN, I AM MICHELLE GUYMON, WITH THE LOS
25 ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT, AND I AM JOINED THIS

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1 AFTERNOON WITH MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY'S C.S.E.C. INTEGRATED
2 LEADERSHIP TEAM: [INAUDIBLE], WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN
3 AND FAMILY SERVICES, AND LIEUTENANT DAN STANLEY, WITH THE
4 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND AGAIN, I TOO WANT TO, BEFORE WE
5 START THE PRESENTATION, ACKNOWLEDGE THE BOARD FOR YOUR ONGOING
6 LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT OF OUR EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT THE
7 COUNTY PROVIDES THE NEEDED SERVICES AND SUPPORT TO OUR YOUTH
8 WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION. WE
9 HAVE BEEN AT THIS FOR OVER TEN YEARS NOW, AND I REALLY
10 APPRECIATE YOUR UNWAVERING SUPPORT. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK
11 AND WELCOME SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO THE BOARD, AND THANK YOU
12 AGAIN FOR ALL OF YOUR ADVOCACY WORK AT THE STATE LEVEL AROUND
13 THE ISSUE OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING. IN THE REPORT, WE'LL PROVIDE
14 SOME BRIEF REMARKS ON ADVOCACY SERVICES, THE SAFE YOUTH ZONE
15 INITIATIVE, VICTIM WITNESS TESTIMONY PROTOCOL, AND OUR LAW
16 ENFORCEMENT FIRST RESPONDER PROTOCOL TO INCLUDE EXPANSION
17 EFFORTS. SO, QUICKLY, REGARDING THE ADVOCACY SERVICES, AS YOU
18 KNOW, THE COUNTY BEGAN PROVIDING ADVOCACY SERVICES FOR OUR
19 COMMERCIALLY SEXUALLY EXPLOITED YOUTH BACK IN 2012 THROUGH OUR
20 PROBATION CONTRACT WITH SAVING INNOCENCE. AND OVER THE PAST
21 SEVEN YEARS UNDER THAT CONTRACT, SAVING INNOCENCE PROVIDED
22 SERVICES AND SUPPORT FOR APPROXIMATELY 950 PROBATION AND
23 D.C.F.S. YOUTH IDENTIFIED AS VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING. IN
24 SEPTEMBER OF 2019, THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
25 SERVICES, THROUGH A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL, AWARDED ADVOCACY

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1 CONTRACTS TO SAVING INNOCENCE AND Z.O.E. INTERNATIONAL TO
2 INCREASE CAPACITY AND EXPAND SERVICES TO THOSE WHO ARE NOT
3 ONLY VICTIMS OF COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION, BUT ALSO TO
4 THOSE WHO ARE AT RISK OF C.S.E.C. IN ADDITION TO THIS
5 CONTRACT, IT ALSO EXPANDED SERVICES TO NON-MINOR DEPENDS-- SO,
6 YOUTH BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 AND 21-- AND PARENTS, THROUGH A
7 PARENT ADVOCATE EMPLOYED BY THE ADVOCACY AGENCIES. SINCE THE
8 START OF THOSE NEW CONTRACTS, THROUGH MAY OF THIS YEAR, THERE
9 HAVE BEEN APPROXIMATELY 385 ADVOCACY REFERRALS MADE, AND THE
10 YOUTH FEEDBACK ON ADVOCACY SERVICES CONTINUE TO BE VERY
11 POSITIVE REGARDING THOSE SERVICES AND THE SUPPORT THEY ARE
12 RECEIVING. REGARDING THE SAFE YOUTH ZONE, BACK ON JUNE 9TH OF
13 2020, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PASSED A MOTION AUTHORED BY
14 SUPERVISOR HAHN AND FORMER SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, DIRECTING
15 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES I.L.T. TO ENGAGE WITH VARIOUS COUNTY
16 AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO EXPAND THE SAFE
17 YOUTH ZONE, AND ALSO DEVELOP A TRAINING STRATEGY FOR
18 IMPLEMENTATION. SINCE THE BOARD MOTION, THE SAFE YOUTH ZONE
19 WORK GROUP HAS BEEN MEETING ON A MONTHLY BASIS, AND HAS
20 FOCUSED THOSE MEETING TO MEET THOSE DELIVERABLES. PHASE ONE
21 ROLLOUT OF THE SAFE YOUTH ZONE IS EXPECTED FOR SEPTEMBER OF
22 THIS YEAR, WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, PUBLIC
23 HEALTH, THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND THE FIRST
24 RESPONDER PROTOCOL PARTNERS TO INCLUDE LAW ENFORCEMENT,
25 D.C.F.S., AND PROBATION. THEN WE WILL BEGIN OUR SECOND PHASE

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1 OF OUTREACH, TO INCLUDE FIRE DEPARTMENTS, SCHOOLS, AND OTHER
2 COUNTY AND COMMUNITY PARTNER AGENCIES. AND THEN, REGARDING THE
3 VICTIM WITNESS TESTIMONY, WE KNOW THAT CHILDREN AND YOUTH WHO
4 HAVE BEEN COMMERCIALY SEXUALLY EXPLOITED ARE OFTEN CALLED
5 UPON TO TESTIFY IN COURT TO AID IN THE CRIMINAL PROSECUTION OF
6 THEIR EXPLOITERS. GENERALLY, THE EXPERIENCE OF APPEARING AND
7 TESTIFYING IN COURT CAN BE STRESSFUL AND TRAUMATIC, AND EVEN A
8 DANGEROUS TIME FOR THEM. VICTIMS ARE HIGHLY LIKELY TO BE
9 FEARFUL OF VIOLENT RETRIBUTION AGAINST THEMSELVES OR THEIR
10 FAMILIES AND FRIENDS BEFORE TESTIFYING. ADDITIONALLY, VICTIMS
11 MUST PUBLICLY RECOUNT DIFFICULT AND PAINFUL EVENTS FACE TO
12 FACE WITH THEIR EXPLOITERS AND A ROOMFUL OF OTHER ADULTS AND
13 STRANGERS. VICTIM WITNESS TESTIMONY CAN ALSO BE DIFFICULT FOR
14 CAREGIVERS AND FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE VICTIM. THE COURT
15 TESTIMONY MAY ALSO BE THE FIRST TIME THAT FAMILIES AND
16 CAREGIVERS HEAR THE OFTEN GRAPHIC AND DISTURBING DETAILS OF
17 THE PHYSICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, AND SEXUAL ABUSE THE YOUTH HAS
18 EXPERIENCED DURING THEIR EXPLOITATION. TO DECREASE THE RISK OF
19 RE-TRAUMATIZATION AND HARM TO YOUTH WHO HAVE BEEN ASKED TO
20 TESTIFY IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
21 CONVENED A MULTIAGENCY WORK GROUP IN EARLY 2015 TO DEVELOP THE
22 VICTIM WITNESS TESTIMONY PROTOCOL WORK GROUP. THIS MULTIAGENCY
23 WORK GROUP INCLUDES PROBATION, D.C.F.S., DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
24 HEALTH, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, YOUTH ATTORNEYS BOTH
25 DELINQUENCY AND DEPENDENCY, THE S.T.A.R. COURT, LAW

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1 ENFORCEMENT SPECIALIZED ADVOCACY AGENCIES, AND THE NATIONAL
2 CENTER FOR YOUTH LAW, WHO HAS AUTHORED THE PROTOCOL AND
3 CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT. THIS
4 PROTOCOL HAS BEEN A LONG TIME COMING, AND I AM EXCITED TO
5 ANNOUNCE THAT WE FINALLY LAUNCHED THE PILOT PHASE OF THE
6 PROTOCOL THIS PAST MAY, SO JUST A MONTH AGO, WHICH WILL ENSURE
7 THAT OUR YOUTH GET THE SERVICES AND SUPPORT THEY NEED PRE-
8 TESTIMONY, DAY OF TESTIMONY, AND POST-TESTIMONY. HAVING THIS
9 PROTOCOL IN PLACE WILL BE SUCH A BENEFIT TO THE YOUTH, AND I
10 AM THANKFUL TO ALL THE AGENCIES AND OUR COMMUNITY ADVOCACY
11 PARTNERS WHOSE HAVE STAYED COMMITTED THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS TO
12 GET US HERE TODAY. OVER THE NEXT SIX TO NINE MONTHS, WE WILL
13 CLOSELY MONITOR THE PROTOCOL ELEMENTS, AS YOUTH ARE SUBPOENAED
14 TO TESTIFY; CONTINUE TO MEET REGULARLY AS A TEAM TO IDENTIFY
15 ANY GAPS, CHALLENGES, SUCCESSES, AND LESSONS LEARNED FROM
16 IMPLEMENTING THE PILOT; AND THEN BRING STRONG SOLUTIONS. ONCE
17 THE PILOT IS COMPLETED, THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR YOUTH LAW WILL
18 MAKE ANY NECESSARY UPDATES WITH THE COUNTY AND FINALIZE THE
19 PROTOCOL, AND WILL ASSIST IN PREPARING AND OPERATIONAL
20 AGREEMENT FOR ALL PARTIES INVOLVED. AND LASTLY-- JUST A FEW
21 REMARKS, THEN I'LL TURN IT OVER TO [INAUDIBLE] FOR SOME FINAL
22 REMARKS ON THE REPORT, AND THEN WE'LL TAKE QUESTIONS-- IS THE
23 LAW ENFORCEMENT FIRST RESPONDER PROTOCOL. YOU WILL SEE ON THE
24 REPORT THAT, AS OF MAY 5TH, 2021, WE HAVE HAD A TOTAL OF 1,013
25 RECOVERIES WITHIN THE FIRST RESPONDER PROTOCOL PARTNER

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1 AGENCIES, WHICH INCLUDE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, L.A.P.D.,
2 LONG BEACH P.D., AND POMONA P.D. SINCE MAY 5TH, THE TIME OF
3 THAT REPORT, WE HAVE HAD AN ADDITIONAL 13 YOUTH RECOVERED. SO,
4 UNFORTUNATELY, WE ARE STILL SEEING A STEADY NUMBER OF OUR
5 YOUTH BEING EXPLOITED ON THE STREETS, THROUGH INTERNET
6 [INAUDIBLE], OUT MOTELS AND HOTELS, ET CETERA. HOWEVER, ON A
7 POSITIVE NOTE, OUR MULTIAGENCY RESPONSE REMAINS STRONG, AND
8 THE YOUTH WHO ARE BEING RECOVERED ARE BEING PROVIDED WITH
9 IMMEDIATE SUPPORT AND SERVICES THROUGH THE SYSTEM OF ADVOCACY
10 AGENCIES, AS WELL AS THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. AND AS
11 YOU KNOW, WE'VE BEEN WORKING DILIGENTLY ON EXPANDING THE FIRST
12 RESPONDER PROTOCOL TO THE OVER 40 INDEPENDENT POLICE
13 DEPARTMENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. SO I WILL NOW TURN IT OVER
14 TO [INAUDIBLE], FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
15 SERVICES, TO DISCUSS OUR EXPANSION EFFORTS.

16
17 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. D.C.F.S. WANTS TO THANK THE BOARD, AND
18 SPECIFICALLY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR HOLDING THIS ITEM. THIS
19 GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE TO HIGHLIGHT THE
20 TREMENDOUS WORK THAT THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND D.C.F.S. ARE
21 DOING TO CONTINUE TO EXPAND THESE EFFORTS. WE ARE VERY HAPPY
22 TO REPORT THAT, EFFECTIVE LAST NIGHT, WE ACTIVATED THE
23 IMPLEMENTATION OF HAWTHORNE P.D., AS WELL AS INGLEWOOD P.D. TO
24 BE HONEST WITH YOU, WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON THIS FOR A WHILE,
25 AND IT KIND OF HAPPENED KIND OF QUICK, SO WE'VE HAD TO GET OUR

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1 DUCKS IN A ROW TO MAKE IT A GO, AND IT IS NOW IN FULL FORCE IN
2 EFFECT. WE ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THAT. THE REASON WHY
3 INGLEWOOD AND HAWTHORNE WERE SELECTED IS BECAUSE MICHELLE DOES
4 A GREAT JOB AT KEEPING TRACK OF ALL THE CALLS THAT ARE MADE,
5 WHETHER THEY COME THROUGH THE [INAUDIBLE] PROCESS OR NOT, AND
6 WE KNEW THAT INGLEWOOD WAS A HOTBED FOR THIS PARTICULAR
7 [INAUDIBLE]. WE ARE GOING TO BE READY FOR FULL IMPLEMENTATION,
8 AND THE RELATIONSHIPS WILL BE STRONGER BY THE TIME THE SUPER
9 BOWL COMES. SO, MICHELLE INFORMED ME THAT, IN 2020, WE HAD 22
10 CALLS, AND WE HAD EIGHT FROM HAWTHORNE P.D. SO WE ARE READY TO
11 GO. AND WE THANK YOU, THE ENTIRE BOARD, FOR DEMONSTRATING THE
12 NECESSARY COMMITMENT THAT WE NEED TO KEEP GOING. AND AS SHE
13 SAID, WE HAVE 38 OTHER INDEPENDENT STATIONS TO GO THAT, LITTLE
14 BY LITTLE, WE WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE PROGRESS IN THIS VERY
15 IMPORTANT CAUSE. I WILL TAKE ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE
16 FOR D.C.F.S., AT THIS POINT.

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

19

20 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND I APPRECIATE, MADAM
21 CHAIR, YOU ALLOWING ME TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND I WAS GOING TO
22 ASK D.C.F.S. ABOUT THE EXPANSION INTO HAWTHORNE AND INGLEWOOD,
23 SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT REPORT. THAT ANSWERED MY
24 QUESTIONS. AND YOU'RE RIGHT: GETTING INGLEWOOD UP AND
25 OPERATIONAL BEFORE THE SUPER BOWL, GIVEN WHAT WE HAVE SEEN,

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1 NATIONALLY, WHAT THOSE NATIONAL SPORTING EVENTS DO TO
2 COMMUNITIES, WITH REGARD TO SEXUALLY EXPLOITED MINORS, IS
3 REALLY IMPORTANT. I APPRECIATE IT. I AM WONDERING IF,
4 MICHELLE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE OR EVEN NECESSARY, FOR THE
5 NEXT TIME THE I.L.T. UPDATE IS AVAILABLE, THAT THE DISTRICT
6 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WOULD WEIGH IN. BECAUSE I WANTED TO MAKE
7 SURE THAT WE HAVE ALL THE RESOURCES NECESSARY, AND THAT THEY
8 ARE BEING USED TO MAKE C.S.E.C. VICTIMS' TESTIMONY AND THEIR
9 EXPERIENCE AS SAFE AS WE POSSIBLY CAN, KNOWING THAT THAT IS A
10 LARGE HILL TO CLIMB. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE
11 ALLOCATED THE RESOURCES TO THE RIGHT DEPARTMENTS AT THE RIGHT
12 LEVEL. SO, DOES THAT MAKE SENSE TO YOU, TO INCLUDE THE D.A. IN
13 THE NEXT REPORT?

14
15 **MICHELLE GUYMON:** YES, EXACTLY, AND THAT WAS ONE OF THE THINGS
16 THAT I WANTED TO OFFER, IS THAT WE DO A LITTLE BIT OF A DEEPER
17 DIVE INTO WHAT RESOURCES AND SUPPORTS THAT WE CAN WORK WITH,
18 THROUGH THE D.A.'S OFFICE. I KNOW THAT, IN SPEAKING WITH OUR
19 REPRESENTATIVE THIS MORNING, AND ALSO WITH SOME OF OUR
20 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE, CLOSED-
21 CIRCUIT TESTIMONY, AS YOU PROBABLY REMEMBER AT THE STATE
22 LEVEL, THERE WAS A LAW THAT WAS PASSED, BUT IT ONLY ALLOWED
23 FOR VICTIMS UNDER THE AGE OF 15.

24
25 **SUP. MITCHELL:** RIGHT.

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2 **MICHELLE GUYMON:** WE'VE FOUND, OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS,
3 THAT THE AVERAGE AGE OF YOUTH WHO TESTIFY IS 16 AND 17. AND
4 SO, EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE THOSE SPRINKLINGS OF KIDS THAT ARE 13,
5 14, AND 15, WHICH WE NEED TO KIND OF LOOK AT THAT, AND FROM
6 WHAT I UNDERSTAND, THAT THERE'S A CASE THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE
7 USING THAT, ACTUALLY, THAT WE MAY NEED TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT
8 SOME LEGISLATION THAT REALLY SUPPORTS ALL YOUTH WHO ARE
9 VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING, NO MATTER WHAT THEIR AGE IS. BECAUSE
10 IT IS STILL A REALLY TOUGH AND SCARY TIME FOR OUR KIDS, AND
11 SOMETIMES CAN BE VERY UNSTABILIZING FOR THEM, WHEN THEY HAVE
12 BEEN STABLE PRIOR TO THAT SUBPOENA.

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL:** I COMPLETELY AGREE, AND WHEN THAT BILL CAME
15 THROUGH, I RECALL GETTING PUSHBACK. I THINK THE ORIGINAL
16 VISION WAS A HIGHER AGE, AND WE GOT SERIOUS PUSHBACK. SO,
17 PERHAPS WITH OUR NEW D.A. HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, IT IS SOMETHING
18 THAT WE CAN, PERHAPS, LOOK FOR AN AUTHOR AND ATTEMPT TO AMEND
19 THAT CURRENT STATUTE. I WOULD BE HAPPY TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY
20 WITH YOUR OFFICE TO SEE IF WE CAN MAKE THAT HAPPEN. WITH THAT,
21 I DON'T HAVE ANY MORE QUESTIONS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE
22 PRESENTATION, AND I APPRECIATE THAT. THAT'S ALL FROM ME, MADAM
23 CHAIR. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I JUST HAVE ONE COMMENT. I AM
2 GLAD YOU RAISED THIS ISSUE TODAY FOR US, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,
3 AND THAT WE HAD THE DEPARTMENTS WEIGH IN. I JUST HAVE A
4 CONCERN REGARDING PLACES IN MY DISTRICT, LIKE POMONA, WHICH WE
5 KNOW CONTINUE TO EXPERIENCE HIGH RATES OF CHILDREN BEING
6 TRAFFICKED, AND JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CONTINUE TO
7 NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THAT, AS WELL. AND I WAS GLAD THAT WE ARE
8 PARTNERING WITH AGENCIES LIKE SAVING INNOCENCE, WHICH TRULY
9 UNDERSTAND HOW TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE. BUT I
10 AM CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THAT 200,000 IN FUNDING WAS TAKEN FROM
11 THE HOUSING ALLOCATION, AND ALLOCATED TO ADVOCACY SERVICES.
12 AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS WAS A STOPGAP MEASURE, BUT I HOPE
13 TO SEE THAT THE HOUSING ALLOCATION IS FULLY REPLENISHED, SO
14 THAT WE CAN ADDRESS THE HOUSING NEEDS OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE IN
15 THIS SITUATION, AS WELL. SO I DID WANT TO STATE THAT FOR THE
16 RECORD. AND WITH THAT, IF THERE ARE NO OTHER QUESTIONS FROM
17 MEMBERS, THIS IS A RECEIVED-AND-FILED. AND HEARING NO
18 OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE
19 ARE NOW MOVING ON TO ITEM NUMBER 81-E, THE COUNTY ACQUISITION
20 OF LOW-INCOME RESIDENTIAL TENANT RENTAL DEBT. I HELD THAT
21 ITEM, SO I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN. AND THIS IS ONE OF THE, I
22 THINK, ISSUES FOR US OF THE DAY. THE COUNTY RESIDENTS, MANY OF
23 THEM, ESPECIALLY LOW-INCOME AND VULNERABLE COUNTY RESIDENTS,
24 HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING WITH TO PAY THEIR RENT, AS YOU KNOW, FOR
25 THE PAST YEAR AND A HALF. WE HEARD FROM MANY WITNESSES TODAY

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1 THAT CALLED IN TO TALK ABOUT SOME OF THE HARDSHIPS THAT THEY
2 HAVE BEEN FACING, PARTICULARLY THE FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS
3 WHO ARE TRYING TO STAY HOUSED DURING THIS PANDEMIC. SO, FOR
4 SOME TIME, THE BOARD HAS CONTENDED WITH THE IMPACTS OF THE
5 CURRENT HOUSING CRISIS THAT HAS BEEN MADE MUCH WORSE BY THE
6 ECONOMIC FALLOUT, AND THE FACT THAT SO MANY PEOPLE LOST THEIR
7 JOBS, OR THEY WERE UNEMPLOYED OR UNDEREMPLOYED. AND THROUGH
8 THE COUNTY, AND THROUGH L.A.C.D.A., AND IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
9 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, I KNOW MANY ARE AWARE THAT WE HAVE
10 ADMINISTERED ROUGHLY A QUARTER OF A BILLION DOLLARS IN RENTAL
11 RELIEF FUNDS THROUGHOUT THE REGION TO TARGET AND HELP THE MOST
12 VULNERABLE FAMILIES STAY HOUSED. ADDITIONALLY, I KNOW THAT THE
13 STATE HAS LAUNCHED AND CONTINUES TO DEPLOY RENTAL ASSISTANCE
14 THROUGH THE CALIFORNIA C.O.V.I.D.-19 RENTAL RELIEF PROGRAM.
15 AND THERE'S, HOPEFULLY, FUTURE CHANGES TO COME. IT IS MY HOPE
16 THAT THE REACH OF THE PROGRAM IS ENHANCED, SO THAT IT CAN
17 REALLY SERVE OUR HIGHEST-NEED RENTAL HOUSEHOLDS, WHO ARE
18 FACING ECONOMIC HARDSHIP AND HOUSING INSTABILITY DUE TO THE
19 PANDEMIC. ALTHOUGH THERE'S BEEN SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS MADE, IT
20 HAS BEEN SLOW DURING THE PANDEMIC, AND THERE ARE MANY
21 HOUSEHOLDS THAT HAVE BEEN LEFT IN FINANCIAL DESPAIR, WITH HIGH
22 LEVELS OF RENTAL DEBT. AND ACCORDING TO SOME ESTIMATES,
23 TENANTS IN L.A. COUNTY OWE NEARLY \$1 BILLION IN RENT DEBT. AND
24 RENT DEBT IS ONLY HALF THE STORY. MANY TENANTS HAVE BEEN
25 PAYING THEIR RENT, AND I HAVE HEARD STORIES, TIME AND TIME

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1 AGAIN FROM OUR OWN STAFF, OF RACKING UP DEBT WITH PAYDAY
2 LENDERS, AND USING THEIR CREDIT CARDS OR THEIR SAVINGS OR
3 THEIR RETIREMENT FUNDS. AND UNLESS WE RESOLVE THE DEBT AND
4 HELP TENANTS GET BACK ON THEIR FEET, THE SAME COMMUNITIES THAT
5 HAVE BEEN THE HARDEST HIT BY THE PANDEMIC WILL BE HELD BACK BY
6 DEBT FOR YEARS TO COME, AND WE WILL SEE MORE FAMILY SPIRALING
7 INTO HOMELESSNESS. AND THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT THIS MOTION
8 FORWARD, BECAUSE WE URGENTLY NEED TO COME UP WITH AN OUT-OF-
9 THE-BOX, IN MY OPINION, STRATEGY THAT COMES UP WITH SOLUTIONS
10 TO STRETCH THE FEDERAL RENTAL ASSISTANCE FUNDING AS FAR AS
11 POSSIBLE, AND HELP US RESOLVE THE RENT DEBT, AND PROVIDE A
12 FORWARD-LOOKING ASSISTANCE TO ADVANCE RACIAL INJUSTICE AND
13 EQUITY, WHILE HELPING THOSE WHO NEED IT THE MOST. I'VE
14 ADVOCATED AT THE STATE LEVEL, AND MET WITH STATE LEADERSHIP,
15 TO SHARE MY CONCERNS AND WITH THE ROLLOUT OF THE STATE'S
16 CURRENT RENT RELIEF PROGRAMS THAT ARE LEAVING SO MANY TENANTS
17 BEHIND BY MAKING THE PROGRAMS TOO NARROW IN SCOPE AND
18 DIFFICULT TO ACCESS. THAT'S WHAT I HEARD REPEATEDLY FROM MANY
19 OF MY COMMUNITY RESIDENTS, AND I AM SURE SOME OF YOU HAVE BEEN
20 CALLED BY THOSE SAME ADVOCATES. THIS ENTIRE YEAR, TENANTS HAVE
21 URGED TO USE OUR GOVERNMENTAL POWERS TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO
22 RESOLVE C.O.V.I.D.-19 RENT DEBT, AND TO STRENGTHEN TENANT
23 PROTECTIONS TO PREVENT LOW-INCOME WORKING FAMILIES FROM BEING
24 EVICTED FROM THEIR HOMES. WE ARE LESS THAN 30 DAYS AWAY FROM
25 THE CURRENT EVICTION MORATORIUM EXPIRING, AND THESE CRIES FOR

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1 HELP WILL NO LONGER GO UNHEARD. LOS ANGELES COUNTY, I BELIEVE,
2 CAN LEAD THE WAY AND SET A PRECEDENT FOR THE REST OF THE STATE
3 ON HOW TO FARE FOR ITS RESIDENTS AND PREVENT FURTHER
4 DISPLACEMENT, HOMELESSNESS, AND ONEROUS LONG-TERM DEBT. SO THE
5 MOTION I AM INTRODUCING TODAY IS OUR FIRST STEP IN THAT
6 DIRECTION, AS WE EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF THE COUNTY
7 ACQUIRING LOW-INCOME RESIDENTIAL RENT DEBT. AND WITH THIS
8 MOTION, I AM COMMITTED TO WORKING ALONGSIDE WITH OUR TENANTS,
9 OUR ADVOCATES, AND SMALL LANDLORDS, ESPECIALLY, TO FIND
10 SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS THE RENT DEBT CAUSED BY C.O.V.I.D.-19. SO
11 I URGE MY COLLEAGUES TO PLEASE JOIN ME IN SUPPORTING OUR
12 TENANTS IN ENACTING COLLABORATIVE SOLUTIONS TO ENSURE ALL
13 OPTIONS ARE ON THE TABLE TO HELP OUR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES
14 FULLY RECOVER. SO, YOU ALL KNOW THAT WE ARE IN THESE
15 UNPRECEDENTED TIMES, SO WE DO NEED TO BE INNOVATIVE AND COME
16 OUT WITH, I HOPE, SOLUTIONS THAT ARE NEEDED NOW, MORE THAN
17 EVER. SO I THANK YOU, AND I ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE. WITH THAT,
18 I WILL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

19
20 **SUP. MITCHELL:** MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS
21 IMPORTANT AND TIMELY MOTION, AND REALLY CONVERSATION. I
22 APPRECIATE YOU EMPHASIZING BOLD, OUT-OF-THE-BOX THINKING,
23 BECAUSE I THINK WE HAVE NOT ONLY A RESPONSIBILITY, BUT AN
24 OPPORTUNITY, GIVEN THE RESOURCES COMING FROM THE FEDERAL
25 GOVERNMENT, THE LEVEL OF RESERVE [INAUDIBLE] STATE GOVERNMENT

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1 FOR US REALLY TO THINK DEEPLY ABOUT HOW WE CAN ROLL OUT
2 POVERTY-DISRUPTIVE POLICIES HERE AT THE COUNTY LEVEL,
3 RECOGNIZING THAT SOME COMMUNITIES WERE DISPROPORTIONATELY
4 AFFECTED BY C.O.V.I.D.; COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE STRUGGLED FOR
5 YEARS BEFORE THIS CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH/ECONOMIC PANDEMIC. AND
6 WE KNOW THE FRAGILITY OF HOUSING IN FAR TOO MANY OF OUR
7 COMMUNITIES. A COUPLE WEEKS AGO, I HOSTED A VIRTUAL COMMUNITY
8 BUDGET TOWN HALL. I WAS REALLY PLEASANTLY SURPRISED AND
9 THRILLED WITH THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO PARTICIPATED. AND THE
10 ONE ITEM THAT THE PARTICIPANTS PRIORITIZED, OF COURSE, WAS HOW
11 WE DEAL AT THE COUNTY LEVEL WITH OUR UNHOUSED FAMILY, FRIENDS,
12 AND NEIGHBORS, AS WELL AS THE ISSUE OF HOUSING, RECOGNIZING
13 THE IMPACT THE LAST HOUSING CRISIS HAD ON THE RESIDENTS OF THE
14 SECOND DISTRICT. MANY HOMEOWNERS WHO LOST THEIR PROPERTY, MANY
15 MOM-AND-POP HOMEOWNERS WHO LOST THEIR PROPERTY, RECOGNIZING
16 THAT THOSE ARE THE PROPERTIES THAT OFFER, STILL, THE MOST
17 AFFORDABLE RENT. AND SO I AM CLEAR THAT MY CONSTITUENTS ARE
18 LOOKING FOR HELP, A RESOLUTION TO REALLY HELP BOTH
19 POPULATIONS. I THINK THOSE WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE BUDGET TOWN
20 HALL, AS WELL AS OTHERS I CONNECT WITH ON A REGULAR BASIS,
21 SHARE MY FEAR OF WHAT WILL HAPPEN, ONCE ALL OF THE EVICTION
22 MORATORIUMS ARE LIFTED AT EVERY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT. ONCE THE
23 GOVERNOR LIFT THE EXECUTIVE ORDER, AND THE CLOCK STARTS
24 TICKING ON THE REPAYMENT, PEOPLE ARE AFRAID. WE KNOW, HERE IN
25 L.A. COUNTY, WE HAVE NOT REGAINED HALF OF THE JOBS THAT WERE

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1 LOST, MANY OF WHICH WERE PERMANENT JOB LOSSES, AS A RESULT OF
2 THE ECONOMIC PANDEMIC WE'VE EXPERIENCED. WE KNOW THAT IN L.A.,
3 YOU NEED TO EARN ALMOST \$40 AN HOUR, 2.5 TIMES OUR MINIMUM
4 WAGE, TO AFFORD THE AVERAGE MONTHLY ASKING RENT. THAT'S TO
5 AFFORD THE AVERAGE MONTHLY ASKING RENT. SO I THINK OUR COUNTY
6 DEPARTMENTS, D.C.B.A. AND L.A.C.D.A., DID A GREAT JOB AT
7 ADMINISTERING AND MANAGING THE FIRST ROUND OF C.A.R.E.S. ACT
8 DOLLARS. I REALLY AGREE WITH YOU, MADAM CHAIR, THAT THE
9 STATE'S PROGRAM WAS PERCEIVED AS AWFULLY BUREAUCRATIC AND
10 PAPERWORK-LADEN. AND SO, WHATEVER WE CAN DO, I LOOK FORWARD
11 TO THIS REPORT BACK TO REALLY THINK OUTSIDE OF THE BOX, MUCH
12 LIKE OUR INNOVATIVE THINKING AROUND ANOTHER POVERTY-DISRUPTIVE
13 POLICY, THE GUARANTEED BASIC INCOME. THIS IS OUR TIME AND OUR
14 OPPORTUNITY TO PUSH THE ENVELOPE, TO USE THESE PUBLIC
15 RESOURCES FOR TRUE PUBLIC GOOD. AND SO I THANK YOU FOR
16 BRINGING FOR WARD THIS MOTION, AND I WILL BE PROUD TO SUPPORT
17 IT TODAY.

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19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.
20 NOW I WILL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL.

21
22 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I SUPPORT THIS
23 MOTION, THOUGH I AM NOT CLEAR YET WHETHER I WOULD BE FULLY
24 SUPPORTIVE OF DEBT ACQUISITION, I WANT TO BE CLEAR, JUST FOR
25 ME. BUT I REALLY WELCOME GETTING THE INFORMATION ACROSS THE

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1 BOARD THAT YOU HAVE LAID OUT IN THE MOTION. AS YOU KNOW,
2 BECAUSE YOU'VE CO-AUTHORED OR AUTHORED MUCH OF WHAT THE BOARD
3 HAS TAKEN PRETTY SIGNIFICANT STEPS OVER THE LAST 13, 14
4 MONTHS. THROUGH OUR EVICTION MORATORIUM AND STAY HOUSED L.A.,
5 TO TRY TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR TENANTS WHO WERE IMPACTED BY
6 C.O.V.I.D.-- AND THAT'S EVERYBODY-- DON'T FALL INTO
7 HOMELESSNESS. BUT IT HAS BEEN THE RENTS, EVEN BEFORE THE
8 PANDEMIC, THAT HAVE BEEN THE DRIVER FOR MUCH OF OUR HOMELESS
9 POPULATION. AND INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, DESPITE THE HARDSHIPS OF
10 C.O.V.I.D., MOST RENTERS HAVE CONTINUED TO PAY SOME OR ALL OF
11 THEIR RENT DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. THE RENTAL ASSISTANCE
12 PROGRAMS HAVE HELPED A LITTLE BIT TO ADDRESS THE RENTAL DEBT,
13 BUT WE KNOW THAT EVERYBODY WHO OWES THIS BACK RENT IS GOING TO
14 HAVE A REALLY HARD TIME CATCHING UP. SO THIS MOTION DIRECTS
15 THE DEPARTMENTS TO GET TRULY ESSENTIAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE
16 AMOUNT OF DEBT AND PROSPECTIVE RENT STILL OWED, WHICH, IN
17 ADDITION TO LOOKING AT WHETHER OR NOT THE PUBLIC FUNDS SHOULD
18 BE UTILIZED TO PAY OFF THAT DEBT, ALSO WILL GIVE US A LOT OF
19 GOOD INFORMATION TO GUIDE OUR FUTURE TENANT PROJECTION
20 POLICIES AND PROGRAMS, WHICH I HOPE WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO,
21 EVEN AS EVERYTHING OPENS UP AGAIN, BECAUSE WE NEED, AS YOU
22 BOTH SAID, TO EXPLORE ALL SOLUTIONS TO SUPPORTING BOTH TENANTS
23 AND PROPERTY OWNER WHO ARE BEHIND ON RENT AND REVENUE. I WOULD
24 LIKE TO KNOW, AND I DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT IS CLEAR IN THE
25 REQUEST ABOUT THE MOTION, WHETHER WE CAN USE A.R.P. EMERGENCY

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1 RENTAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS FOR BACK RENT. I JUST, PERSONALLY,
2 DON'T KNOW THAT, AND HOPE THAT WE WILL GET THAT AS A PART OF
3 THE ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL, ALONG WITH EVERYTHING ELSE.
4 SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS. I SUPPORT THE MOTION.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I THINK THAT'S REASONABLE. THANK
7 YOU SO MUCH. SEEING NO OTHER MEMBERS THAT HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
8 ON THIS ITEM, THIS ITEM, 81-E, IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE,
9 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM
10 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 81-E IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR
13 MITCHELL?

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15 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

23

24 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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3 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

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

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. THANK YOU SO MUCH, MEMBERS. AT THIS
13 TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR US TO HEAR FROM SUPERVISORS
14 ON ITEMS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA, TO BE PRESENTED, TO BE
15 REFERRED TO STAFF OR PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA. SUPERVISOR
16 HAHN, I BELIEVE YOU HAD A READ-IN MOTION.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I DO THIS WITH
19 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. NEXT SATURDAY, JUNE 19TH, MARKS AN
20 IMPORTANT DAY IN AMERICAN HISTORY, AND IT IS CELEBRATED A LOT,
21 BUT SOMETIMES IT IS OVERLOOKED. SO THIS MOTION WILL PAVE THE
22 WAY FOR US IN L.A. COUNTY TO RECOGNIZE JUNETEENTH AS AN
23 OFFICIAL COUNTY HOLIDAY IN THE FUTURE, HOPEFULLY. SO I'M GOING
24 TO READ THIS IN: "JUNETEENTH, A COMBINATION OF THE WORDS
25 "JUNE" AND "19TH," COMMEMORATES THE END OF SLAVERY IN THE

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1 UNITED STATES, AND IS A HOLIDAY OBSERVED BY MILLIONS OF
2 AMERICANS AROUND LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THERE ARE MANY EVENTS
3 PLANNED TO HONOR THIS HISTORIC DAY, INCLUDING TWO LARGE ONES
4 IN MY DISTRICT: A PICNIC AT BRUCE'S BEACH, AND A MUSIC
5 FESTIVAL IN DOWNTOWN LONG BEACH. AND I KNOW THERE'S ALSO A
6 CELEBRATION AT MAGIC JOHNSON PARK. THERE'S A GROWING MOVEMENT
7 AMONG GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE COMPANIES TO OBSERVE JUNETEENTH.
8 JUNETEENTH COMMEMORATES THE EVENTS OF JUNE 19TH, 1865, WHEN
9 MAJOR GENERAL GORDON GRANGER LED UNION SOLDIERS INTO
10 GALVESTON, TEXAS, BRINGING NEWS THAT THE CIVIL WAR HAD ENDED,
11 AND THAT THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION HAD DECLARED ALL SLAVE
12 PEOPLE FREE MORE THAN TWO YEARS EARLIER. THE EMANCIPATION
13 PROCLAMATION CHANGED THE LEGAL STATUS UNDER FEDERAL LAW OF
14 APPROXIMATELY 3.5 MILLION ENSLAVED BLACK AND AFRICAN
15 AMERICANS. JUNETEENTH ACKNOWLEDGES THE SIGNIFICANT LAPSE OF
16 OVER TWO YEARS, FROM 1863 TO 1865, WHEN ENSLAVED BLACKS AND
17 AFRICAN AMERICANS WERE UNAWARE OF THE EMANCIPATION
18 PROCLAMATION. THE 13TH AMENDMENT, WHICH ADDED THE ABOLISHMENT
19 OF SLAVERY TO THE CONSTITUTION, PASSED CONGRESS IN JANUARY
20 1865, AND WAS RATIFIED AND ADOPTED IN DECEMBER OF 1865. SINCE
21 JUNE 19, 1865, AMERICANS HAVE CELEBRATED JUNETEENTH, AND IT IS
22 NOW RECOGNIZED BY 47 STATES. IN 2003, CALIFORNIA'S LEGISLATURE
23 PASSED A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUNETEENTH. FOR NEARLY TWO
24 DECADES, THE NATIONAL JUNETEENTH OBSERVANCE FOUNDATION HAS
25 BEEN ADVOCATING FOR THE DAY JUNE 19TH TO BE RECOGNIZED AS AN

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1 ANNUAL NATIONAL OBSERVANCE. THE RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY ARE
2 ENCOURAGED TO HONOR AND CELEBRATE JUNE 19TH BY ATTENDING AND
3 IN-PERSON OR VIRTUAL EVENT. EVERY YEAR, JUNETEENTH IS AN
4 OPPORTUNITY TO GATHER WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO CELEBRATE
5 FREEDOM, AND TO RECOGNIZE OUR COUNTRY'S CONTINUED COMMITMENT
6 TO ENDING RACIAL INJUSTICES. WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD
7 OF SUPERVISORS PROCLAIM JUNE 19TH, EVERY YEAR, AS JUNETEENTH
8 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY." THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. I KNOW SUPERVISOR MITCHELL
11 WANTS TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THIS, AS WELL.

12

13 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I WOULD LIKE
14 TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR INSISTING THAT I JOIN HER ON THIS
15 MOTION, AND I AM GLAD TO HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO. I
16 THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO TALK ABOUT [INAUDIBLE] A HOLIDAY,
17 NATIONALLY, EVEN BEFORE WE GET TO THAT POINT, THAT WE NOT ONLY
18 FOCUS ON THE HISTORIC RELEVANCE OF A TWO-YEAR DELAY OF BEING
19 INFORMED THAT ENSLAVEMENT HAD ENDED, BUT THAT WE THINK ABOUT
20 AND ACT UPON POLICIES AND PRACTICES THAT ENHANCE SELF-
21 DETERMINATION FOR FORMERLY ENSLAVED PEOPLE EACH AND EVERY DAY,
22 TODAY. THERE ARE TOO MANY EXAMPLES THAT SURROUND US EVERY DAY:
23 EXAMPLES OF RACIST MICRO AND MACRO AGGRESSIONS, IMPLICIT AND
24 EXPLICIT BIAS, ALL RESIDUAL EFFECTS OF A COUNTRY THAT FOUND IT
25 APPROPRIATE TO ENSLAVE A GROUP OF PEOPLE. SO, WHILE IT IS

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1 IMPORTANT THAT WE CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH FOR ITS HISTORIC
2 RELEVANCE, I'M ASKING THAT EVERY COUNTY RESIDENT CHECK
3 YOURSELF AND CHECK THOSE AROUND YOU IN MAKING SURE THAT WE
4 TRULY ARE A LAND FOR THE PEOPLE, FOR ALL THE PEOPLE, THAT WE
5 LIVE UP TO THE IDEALS OF OUR FOREMOTHERS AND FOREFATHERS WHO
6 DID HAVE IT WITHIN THEM TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION, TO
7 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT BLACK PEOPLE SHOULDN'T BE CONSIDERED AS
8 3/5THS HUMAN, AND THAT WE PRACTICE IT IN EVERY ACTION WE TAKE
9 WHEN WE TALK ABOUT ISSUES OF DISPROPORTIONATE RATES OF
10 POVERTY, BLACK CHILDREN BEING BULLIED IN PUBLIC EDUCATION,
11 DISPROPORTIONATE RATES OF BLACK PEOPLE BEING UNHOUSED, AND
12 DISPROPORTIONATE RATES OF BLACK PEOPLE FALLING VICTIM TO
13 POLICE BRUTALITY. THOSE ARE WAYS, IN MY HUMBLE OPINION, AS A
14 BLACK WOMAN IN THIS COUNTRY, THAT I THINK THAT WE TRULY HONOR
15 THE INTENT OF JUNETEENTH IS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE EMANCIPATION
16 PROCLAMATION. AND SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR TODAY'S RESOLUTION,
17 AND I CHALLENGE US ALL TO THINK DEEPLY ABOUT WAYS IN WHICH WE,
18 INDIVIDUALLY, CAN LIVE UP TO THAT IDEAL. THANK YOU, MADAM
19 CHAIR.

20
21 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. I WOULD
22 JUST INFORM THE AUDIENCE THAT THIS ITEM WILL BE BROUGHT TO US
23 AT OUR NEXT JUNE 15TH MEETING, WHICH IS IDENTIFIED AS CLOSED
24 SESSION, SO THAT WE CAN RECOGNIZE THE HOLIDAY IN CLOSER

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1 PROXIMITY. SO THANK YOU. NEXT, SUPERVISOR BARGER ALSO HAS A
2 READ-IN MOTION.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, AND THIS IS FOR THE JUNE 22ND BOARD
5 MEETING. WHEN THE SUPERIOR COURT SETS A HEARING TO MAKE A
6 DETERMINATION CONCERNING THE CONDITIONAL RELEASE OF A SEXUALLY
7 VIOLENT PREDATOR INTO THE COMMUNITY, AND/OR TO CONSIDER A
8 SUITABLE RESIDENCE FOR THE SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR, IT
9 GENERATES A GREAT DEAL OF COMMUNITY CONCERN, AND REQUIRES
10 PROACTIVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. WHILE SUCH MATTERS ARE RARE,
11 WELFARE INSTITUTION CODE SECTION 6609.1(A)(1) AND 6609.2
12 PROVIDE NOTICE TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND TO THE SHERIFF.
13 SPECIFICALLY, THE WELFARE AND INSTITUTION CODE 6609.1(A)(1)
14 STATES THAT WHEN THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE STATE HOSPITALS
15 MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY OUTPATIENT
16 TREATMENT FOR ANY PERSON COMMITTED AS AN S.V.P., OR WHEN A
17 PERSON IS COMMITTED AS A SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR PURSUANT TO
18 THIS ARTICLE, HAS PETITIONED A COURT, PURSUANT TO SECTION
19 6608, FOR CONDITIONAL RELEASE UNDER THE SUPERVISION AND
20 TREATMENT IN THE COMMUNITY PURSUANT TO A CONDITIONAL RELEASE
21 PROGRAM, OR HAS PETITIONED A COURT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 6608,
22 FOR SUBSEQUENT UNCONDITIONAL DISCHARGE, AND THE DEPARTMENT IS
23 NOTIFIED OR IS AWARE OF THE FILING OF A PETITION, AND WHEN A
24 COMMUNITY PLACEMENT LOCATION IS RECOMMENDED OR PROPOSED, THE
25 DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY THE SHERIFF OR POLICE, CHIEF OF

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1 POLICE, OR BOTH, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, OR THE COUNTY'S
2 DESIGNATED COUNSEL THAT HAVE JURISDICTION OVER THE FOLLOWING
3 LOCATIONS: "A," THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH THE PERSON MAY BE
4 RELEASED FOR COMMUNITY OUTPATIENT TREATMENT; "B," THE
5 COMMUNITY IN WHICH THE PERSON MAINTAINS HIS OR HER LAST LEGAL
6 RESIDENCE, AS DEFINED BY SECTION 3003 OF THE PENAL CODE; "C,"
7 THE COUNTY HAS FILED FOR THE PERSON'S CIVIL COMMITMENT.
8 PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE. WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE 6609.2
9 STATES THAT WHEN ANY SHERIFF OR CHIEF OF POLICE IS NOTIFIED BY
10 THE STATE DEPARTMENT OR STATE HOSPITALS, IT IS OF ITS
11 RECOMMENDATION TO THE COURT CONCERNING THE DISPOSITION OF A
12 SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR, PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION "A" OR "B,"
13 THAT THE SHERIFF OR CHIEF OF POLICE MAY NOTIFY ANY PERSON
14 DESIGNATED BY THE SHERIFF OR CHIEF OF POLICE AS AN APPROPRIATE
15 RECIPIENT OF THE NOTICE. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS REQUEST THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND THE SHERIFF TO,
17 ONE, NOTIFY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WHEN THE STATE DEPARTMENT
18 OR STATE HOSPITAL IMPLEMENTS THE RECOMMENDATION TO THE COURT
19 FOR COMMUNITY OUTPATIENT TREATMENT FOR ANY PERSON COMMITTED AS
20 A SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR, AND A SUBSEQUENT RULING BY THE
21 COURT; AND 2, NOTIFY THE SUPERVISOR IN THE DISTRICT WHERE A
22 SUITABLE PLACEMENT IS GOING TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE COURT.
23 MADAM CHAIR, THAT IS GOING TO BE FOR THE 22ND. THANK YOU.

24

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE LOOK FORWARD TO IT.
2 AT THIS TIME, MEMBERS, WE'RE GOING TO MOVE TO ADJOURNMENTS,
3 AND WE WILL BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I APPRECIATE
6 THAT. I AM DEEPLY SADDENED THIS WEEK TO ASK THAT YOU ALL JOIN
7 ME IN ADJOURNING OUR MEETING IN THE MEMORY OF THREE COUNTY
8 RESIDENTS, NAMES FAMILIAR TO ALL. I KNOW THAT MANY OF YOU
9 WOULD LIKE TO JOIN ON THAT, AND I ABSOLUTELY WELCOME THAT. I
10 AM ASKING THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF AURELIA BROOKS, LINDA
11 DENT, AND SONNY WALKER. AURELIA BROOKS, THE CO-FOUNDER OF THE
12 CALIFORNIA AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM, ALSO KNOWN AT C.A.A.M.,
13 PASSED AWAY ON MAY 11TH OF THIS YEAR. I BELIEVE MS. BROOKS
14 WOULD OKAY WITH ME ACKNOWLEDGING THAT SHE HAD REACHED THE
15 WONDERFUL AGE OF 90. SHE GREW UP IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND
16 MOVED TO L.A. WITH HER HUSBAND, DR. WARREN BROOKS, IN THE
17 '50S. AFTER RELOCATING TO L.A., SHE HIT THE GROUND RUNNING
18 WITHIN THE LOCAL POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SPHERE. SHE WORKED ON A
19 NUMBER OF POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS, AND PERFORMED NATIONAL AND
20 LOCAL WORK ON BEHALF OF THE URBAN LEAGUE. MRS. BROOKS WILL BE
21 REMEMBERED FOR HER IMMEASURABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRESERVING,
22 CHRONICLING, AND DOCUMENTING AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY IN LOS
23 ANGELES COUNTY. SHE LOBBIED FOR YEARS TO BRING THE FIRST
24 AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSEUM OF ART, HISTORY, AND CULTURE, FULLY
25 SUPPORTED BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, TO THE CITY OF ANGELS.

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1 AND IN 1977, SHE PROUDLY CO-FOUNDED C.A.A.M. ALONGSIDE FORMER
2 SUPERVISOR YVONNE BRATHWAITE-BURKE, SERVING AS THE MUSEUM'S
3 FIRST DIRECTOR. THIS MUSEUM, STILL LOCATED IN EXPOSITION PARK
4 IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, REMAINS OPEN TO THIS DAY. IT HAS, IN
5 RECENT YEARS, BECOME AN OFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE SMITHSONIAN
6 FAMILY OF MUSEUMS, AND ADMISSION CONTINUES TO BE FREE TO THE
7 PUBLIC, WHICH WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO MRS. BROOKS, TO MAKE SURE
8 THAT EVERY ANGELENO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE EXPOSED TO AND
9 STEEPED IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN CULTURE AND ART. MRS. BROOKS IS
10 SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF 69 YEARS, DR. WARREN BROOKS; THEIR
11 CHILDREN AND SPOUSES RANDY, JOVANA, LISA, ANTHONY; AND THEIR 7
12 GRANDCHILDREN, BRANDON, CAMERON, LARA, HUNTER, AVA, SCOTTY,
13 AND LENA; AS WELL AS EXTENDED FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND OF COURSE
14 HER C.A.A.M. FAMILY. SHE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED, AND HER LEGACY
15 WILL LIVE FOR YEARS TO COME. LINDA DENT BECAME THE FIRST WOMAN
16 AND FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN PRESIDENT OF OUR VERY OWN S.E.I.U.
17 721. MS. DENT UNFORTUNATELY PASSED AWAY, JUST MAY 31ST, AT THE
18 AGE OF 68, AFTER BATTLING PANCREATIC CANCER. MS. DENT WAS BORN
19 IN LOUISIANA AND RAISED IN COMPTON, CALIFORNIA, WHERE SHE
20 WITNESSED BOTH ECONOMIC AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, AND THE
21 WAYS IN WHICH THEY WERE INTERCONNECTED. SHE BEGAN HER CAREER
22 AS A CLERK IN THE L.A. COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE. MS. DENT
23 WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER DEDICATION TO SOCIOECONOMIC JUSTICE
24 FOR ALL. SHE WAS DESCRIBED OFTEN AS THE "LIONESS OF LABOR,"
25 AND BELIEVED THAT ORGANIZED LABOR WAS THE ONLY FORCE IN

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1 AMERICAN SOCIETY THAT WORKS EVERY DAY TO CLOSE THE EVERY-
2 WIDENING WEALTH GAP. SHE SAW ORGANIZED LABOR AS THE LAST LINE
3 OF DEFENSE BETWEEN ORDINARY WORKERS AND THE ULTRA-RICH, WHO
4 EXPLOIT THEIR LABOR. AS PRESIDENT OF S.E.I.U. 721, SHE JOINED
5 WITH COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS AND ALLIES TO PUSH THE COUNTY TO
6 IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS TO UPLIFT WORKING-CLASS AND LOW-WAGE-
7 EARNING ANGELENOS. SHE IS CREDITED WITH IGNITING THE FIGHT FOR
8 15 CAMPAIGN, WHICH PUSHED L.A. COUNTY AND CITY TO RAISE THE
9 MINIMUM WAGE TO \$15 AN HOUR, EFFECTIVELY RAISING WAGES FOR
10 OVER 6.5 MILLION PEOPLE. SHE ALSO CREATED THE COMPTON JOBS
11 FAIR, WHICH SERVES THE FORMER INCARCERATED, AND PUSHED THE
12 CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO CREATE THE TARGETED LOCAL HIRE PROGRAM.
13 MS. DENT IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, LEE DENT, THREE CHILDREN,
14 AND 7 GRANDCHILDREN, AS WELL AS HER EXTENDED S.E.I.U. 721
15 FAMILY, FRIENDS, STAKEHOLDERS, AND BENEFICIARIES OF HER
16 ADVOCACY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, WHO ALL WILL CHERISH HER
17 MEMORY, AS THE FIGHT FOR SOCIOECONOMIC JUSTICE CONTINUES. AND
18 LASTLY, FOR THE SECOND DISTRICT THIS WEEK--

19
20 **SUP. HAHN:** HOLLY, I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN YOU ON LINDA DENT.

21
22 **SUP. MITCHELL:** ABSOLUTELY.

23
24 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** IN FACT, I'D LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING. I KNOW
2 SUPERVISOR BARGER ALSO WOULD LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING. BUT IF I
3 MIGHT, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR
4 BRINGING THIS FORWARD TO US. AND IT'S WITH MY SINCERE
5 CONDOLENCES TO HER FAMILY, AND THE S.E.I.U. FAMILY, AND THE
6 COMMUNITY AT LARGE, WHO WILL MISS HER DEARLY. SHE WAS SUCH A
7 FIERCE COALITION-BUILDER AND A FIGHTER FOR ALL OF HER MEMBERS,
8 AND FOR ALL THE WORKERS IN L.A. COUNTY, AND SHE UNDERSTOOD,
9 QUITE FRANKLY, WHAT IT MEANT TO BE A PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER
10 THAN HERSELF. AS YOU STATED, SHE WAS A VOICE FOR WORKING
11 PEOPLE, AND SHE WAS THE FIGHT FOR 15 CAMPAIGN, AND ALSO
12 INSTRUMENTAL IN THE LOCAL HIRE PROGRAMS. SHE ALWAYS
13 [INAUDIBLE] OUR MOST MARGINALIZED COMMUNITY. SHE PUT THEM
14 FIRST. THIS COUNTY, AS WE KNOW, IS BETTER OFF BY HAVING HER
15 ADVOCACY AND LEADERSHIP THRIVE, AND HER LEGACY WILL BE WITH
16 US. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. WITH THAT, I WILL RECOGNIZE
17 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AND THEN SUPERVISOR HAHN.

18

19 **SUP. MITCHELL:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, DO YOU WANT TO GO AHEAD AND
20 SPEAK ON BEHALF?

21

22 **SUP. BARGER:** ACTUALLY, I THINK YOU MEANT SUPERVISOR BARGER,
23 RIGHT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

24

25 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, I'M SORRY.

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, I'D LOVE TO JOIN. I HAVE TO
3 SAY, IN MY CAREER, I CAN HONESTLY SAY, I LOVE LINDA DENT. THIS
4 WOMAN WAS TRULY A WARRIOR, AND WHEN THERE WERE RALLIES OUTSIDE
5 OUR BOARD ROOM, SHE WAS OUT THERE, WITH OR WITHOUT A BULLHORN,
6 HANDING OUT T-SHIRTS, GETTING PEOPLE ANY INFORMATION THEY
7 NEEDED TO COME INTO THE BOARDROOM, TO EDUCATE THE BOARD ABOUT,
8 REALLY, WHAT WAS GOING ON, ON THE FRONT LINE. SHE NEVER FORGOT
9 WHERE SHE CAME FROM, AND MADE ME A BETTER STAFF, AND ALSO A
10 BETTER SUPERVISOR, BECAUSE SHE REALLY SPOKE FROM THE HEART AND
11 REALLY REPRESENTED THE PEOPLE THAT, ACTUALLY, EACH AND EVERY
12 DAY, HELP US DO OUR JOB AS SUPERVISORS. AND SHE WILL BE
13 MISSED. IT WAS HEARTBREAKING WHEN I LEARNED OF HER PASSING,
14 BUT I KNOW SHE IS NOW AT PEACE AND OUT OF PAIN, AND I PROMISE
15 TO HER THAT I WILL CONTINUE TO CARRY HER FLAME, AS IT RELATES
16 TO REALLY REPRESENTING THE HARDWORKING MEN AND WOMEN, NOT ONLY
17 OF S.E.I.U., BUT OF THE ENTIRE L.A. COUNTY FAMILY. THANK YOU,
18 MADAM CHAIR.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, THANKS, AND I JUST WANTED TO ADD MINE, HOLLY.
21 THANK YOU FOR LETTING US ALL SAY SOMETHING ABOUT LINDA. SHE
22 CERTAINLY WAS, AS YOU DESCRIBED HER, THE LIONESS OF LABOR, AND
23 HEADED UP S.E.I.U. 721. SHE WAS, JUST LIKE YOU DESCRIBED HER,
24 KATHRYN, JUST SUCH A-- SHE WAS AN ORGANIZER, AND SHE-- THEY
25 GIVE HER CREDIT FOR PIONEERING THE STRATEGY OF GETTING

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1 COMMUNITY ALLIES TO PUSH THE COUNTY TO ADOPT PROGRAMS THAT
2 HELPED HER MEMBERS TO HELP THE WORKING-CLASS POOR. I READ
3 WHERE LINDA BELIEVED THAT ORGANIZED LABOR WAS THE ONLY FORCE
4 IN AMERICAN SOCIETY WORKING EVERY DAY TO CLOSE THE WIDENING
5 GAP BETWEEN THE RICH AND THE POOR, AND THE STRONGEST VOICE FOR
6 RACIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE. SHE WAS TAKEN FROM US WAY TOO
7 YOUNG. IT ALSO MAKES ME RENEW OUR EFFORT, WHICH I STARTED WHEN
8 I WAS IN CONGRESS, ABOUT UPPING FEDERAL DOLLARS AND RESOURCES
9 TO REALLY FIND A CURE FOR PANCREATIC CANCER. IT IS SUCH A
10 TERRIBLE DISEASE, AND IT TAKES PEOPLE SWIFTLY AND TOO YOUNG IN
11 THEIR LIVES. SO WE WILL MISS YOU, LINDA. PLEASE REST IN PEACE.

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR, MAY I ALSO ADD IN, AS THE 5TH WHEEL?

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL:** THE OTHER THING ABOUT LINDA THAT I FOUND REALLY
18 REMARKABLE WAS, SHE THOUGHT OUTSIDE THE BOX OF HER OWN LOCAL
19 AND HER OWN EVEN WHOLE UNION, S.E.I.U. SHE WAS DEVOTED TO
20 HELPING SET ASIDE JOBS FOR EX-OFFENDERS. SHE HELPED CREATE THE
21 TARGETED LOCAL HIRE PROGRAM, LOOKING AT WAYS TO EMPLOY
22 HOMELESS PEOPLE. I MEAN, SHE WAS THINKING ABOUT THE DIGNITY OF
23 WORK, AND REALLY MADE IT A REALITY. AND I THINK THAT'S AN
24 EXTRAORDINARY LESSON FOR US, AS WE CONTINUE TO LOOK TO WAYS TO
25 HELP PEOPLE GET THE KIND OF HELP AND TRAINING THEY NEED, AND A

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1 HAND UP TO HAVE THE DIGNITY OF WORK. SHE WILL REALLY BE
2 MISSED. SHE MADE AN ENORMOUS, ENORMOUS DIFFERENCE. THANK YOU,
3 MADAM CHAIR.

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL** THANK YOU ALL FOR SHARING IN THAT ADJOURNMENT
8 MEMORY, VERY, VERY MUCH, GIVING RELEVANCE TO ALL OF US AND THE
9 ENTIRE L.A. COUNTY FAMILY. I AM GLAD THAT ALL 5 OF US WERE
10 ABLE TO ADJOURN IN HER MEMORY. AND MY LAST ADJOURNMENT REQUEST
11 IS FOR BUFORD "SONNY" WALKER. MR. WALKER WAS THE PROUD HUSBAND
12 OF OUR FELLOW METRO DIRECTOR, JACQUELYN DUPONT-WALKER, AND THE
13 RETIRED ADMINISTRATOR OF GROUNDS AND SERVICES FOR EXPO PARK.
14 SONNY, AS HE WAS AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN, PASSED AWAY,
15 UNFORTUNATELY, JUST THIS PAST WEEKEND, JUNE 5TH, AT THE AGE OF
16 82. SONNY WAS BORN IN THE SOUTH SIDE OF CHICAGO, AND RAISED IN
17 KANSAS CITY, BUT SPENT THE LAST 60 YEARS OF HI LIFE CALLING
18 LOS ANGELES HOME. SONNY WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS DEDICATED
19 SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITIES. HE EARNED COUNTLESS AWARDS AND
20 PROCLAMATIONS FROM THE CITY OF L.A. AND SANTA MONICA, FOR HIS
21 GENEROSITY AND UNSELFISH ENDEAVORS, INCLUDING HELPING FOSTER
22 CARE YOUTH, LOCATING HOMES AND SUPPORTING THEM, AND ADVOCATING
23 FOR THOSE WHO STRUGGLED WITH ALCOHOLISM. AS A MOTIVATIONAL
24 SPEAKER, HE SOUGHT TO MOTIVATE OTHERS TO GET INVOLVED IN A
25 MEANINGFUL WAY IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES. HIS HOBBIES INCLUDED

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1 **PLAYING AND COACHING BASKETBALL. HE PLAYED FOR THE KANSAS CITY**
2 **BULLS AND-- MY FAVORITE-- THE HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS, IN**
3 **ADDITION TO COACHING BOYS' AND GIRLS' YOUTH TEAMS. MR.**
4 **WALKER'S VOCATION WAS TRULY SERVING AS AN INSPIRATION TO**
5 **OTHERS AND LEAVING HIS COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE THAN HE FOUND**
6 **IT. SONNY WALKER IS SURVIVED BY HIS DEVOTED WIFE OF MANY**
7 **YEARS, JACKIE DUPONT-WALKER; SIBLINGS GROVER PULIUM WALTER AND**
8 **DANIEL ARTHUR WALKER; 7 CHILDREN; 24 GRANDCHILDREN; 12 GREAT-**
9 **GRANDCHILDREN; AND LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, HIS ADOPTIVE FAMILY,**
10 **BOB, ROBIN, AND RICHARD, AS WELL AS HIS EXTENDED FAMILY,**
11 **FRIENDS, AND L.A. CITY AND COUNTY RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITY**
12 **MEMBERS. ALL OF US WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. I UNDERSTAND**
13 **SUPERVISOR KUEHL WOULD LIKE TO ADD ON**

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15 **>>SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL, I ALSO WANT TO**

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17 **SUP. BARGER: I THINK, PROBABLY, ALL BOARD MEMBERS.**

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19 **SUP. MITCHELL: OF COURSE, OF COURSE.**

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21 **SUP. KUEHL: I JUST WANTED TO SAY TWO MORE THINGS. ONE IS,**
22 **SONNY'S WORK IN A.M.E. CHURCH WAS REMARKABLE, IN TERMS OF HIS**
23 **WORK RELATED TO SOCIAL JUSTICE, AND ESPECIALLY WITH THE YOUNG**
24 **PEOPLE. AND THE OTHER THING I REMEMBER IS, PROBABLY 30 YEARS**
25 **AGO, JACKIE WAS DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER, AND TOLD THAT SHE ONLY**

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1 HAD SIX MONTHS TO LIVE. AND, AS WE KNOW, IT TURNED OUT A LOT
2 LONGER THAN THAT, AND SHE CREDITS IT, REALLY, A LOT TO SONNY:
3 HIS SUPPORT AND HIS LOVE, AND JUST MAKING IT THROUGH IT, AND
4 MAKING LIFE WORTHWHILE. AND I THINK THEIR BLENDED FAMILY FEELS
5 THE SAME, AS ANYBODY WHO CAME IN HIS [INAUDIBLE]. SO,
6 OBVIOUSLY, OUR SYMPATHIES TO JACKIE; DEEPEST, DEEPEST
7 SYMPATHIES. SONNY LIVED A GOOD LIFE, AND WILL DEFINITELY BE
8 MISSED. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. THAT
11 CONCLUDES YOUR ADJOURNMENTS?

12

13 **SUP. MITCHELL:** I THINK YOU HAD OTHERS THAT WANTED TO ADD ON,
14 ON BEHALF OF SONNY. I DON'T KNOW IF THEY WANT TO SPEAK.

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** I MET HIM RECENTLY THROUGH JACQUELYN
17 DUPONT-WALKER AT A DINNER, AND I WAS GETTING AN AWARD, AND SHE
18 WAS INTRODUCING ME, AND I MET HER HUSBAND THERE. BUT I KNOW OF
19 HIS WORK WITH THE A.M.E. CHURCH, AND JUST REALLY WANT TO SEND
20 MY SINCERE PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES TO THE ENTIRE FAMILY, AND
21 OF COURSE TO HIS BELOVED WIFE, JACKIE, WHO WE ALL LOVE. THANK
22 YOU.

23

24 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM SUPERVISOR, AND I THINK THIS
25 WILL BE ANOTHER ONE WHERE ALL 5 MEMBERS WILL ADD ON, AND I'M

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1 SURE THAT THE WALKER FAMILY WILL DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR KIND
2 WORDS AND THE FACT THAT EVERYONE SIGNED ON TO HIS ADJOURNING
3 MEMORY. THAT'S ALL FOR ME. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT, WE WILL RECOGNIZE
6 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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8 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I ASK THAT WHEN
9 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CRAIG DIXON, OLYMPIC
10 MEDALIST, ONE OF THE GREATEST HURDLER EVER PRODUCED BY
11 U.C.L.A. HE WAS A BRONZE MEDALIST IN A PHOTO FINISH IN THE
12 110-METER HIGH HURDLES AT THE 1948 OLYMPIC GAMES. HE WON THE
13 LOS ANGELES TIMES AWARD FOR NATIONAL TRACK ATHLETE OF THE YEAR
14 IN 1949, AS WELL AS THE U.C.L.A. GIMBAL AWARD FOR THE
15 GRADUATING SENIOR WITH OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AND ATTITUDE IN
16 ATHLETICS. ALL TOLD, CRAIG HAD AN INCREDIBLE 59 CONSECUTIVE
17 HURDLE VICTORIES IN 1949. HE WAS INDUCTED INTO THE U.C.L.A.
18 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME IN 1985, AND REMAINED AN ACTIVE AND
19 ARDENT U.C.L.A. SUPPORTER THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE. AFTER RETIRING
20 FROM COMPETITION, CRAIG COACHED UNDER U.C.L.A.'S LEGENDARY
21 DUCKY DRAKE, WHERE HE MENTORED FORMER WORLD RECORD-HOLDING
22 DECATHLETE RAFER JOHNSON, AND 1960 DECATHLON SILVER MEDALIST
23 C.K. YANG. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTERS DREW, DARIAN, AND
24 CRAGAN. AND I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY TODAY OF
25 COLONEL DICK LITTLESTONE. COLONEL RICHARD ALAN LITTLESTONE,

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1 THE FIRST-EVER RECIPIENT OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
2 VETERANS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, DIED ON MAY 15TH, MOST
3 APPROPRIATELY ARMED FORCES DAY. HE GRADUATED FROM THE U.S.
4 MILITARY ACADEMY IN 1947, SERVED IN THE ARMY FOR 33 YEARS. HE
5 EARNED A NUMBER OF DECLARATIONS, INCLUDING THE LEGION OF
6 MERIT, THE BRONZE STAR, AND MORE THAN A DOZEN OTHER MEDALS.
7 AFTER HIS SERVICE, HE BECAME A PERSISTENT AND TIRELESS
8 ADVOCATE FOR VETERANS IN L.A. COUNTY. HE SERVED AS CHAIR AND
9 PROFESSOR OF THE U.C.L.A. DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY SCIENCE, AND
10 ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF THE U.C.L.A. COMPUTERS AND INFORMATION
11 SYSTEMS RESEARCH PROGRAM IN THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT.
12 IN ADDITION TO HIS PROFESSIONAL WORK, HE VOLUNTEERED, NOTABLY
13 ON THE 1984 OLYMPICS YOUTH ACTIVITIES SUBCOMMISSION, WHOSE
14 REPORT LED TO THE CREATION OF THE L.A.84 FOUNDATION. HE ALSO
15 EMBARKED ON A CAMPAIGN, LONG AND HARD-FOUGHT, FOCUSED ON
16 EXPANDING THE CAPACITY AT THE L.A. NATIONAL CEMETERY, WHICH IS
17 THE VETERANS CEMETERY IN WEST LOS ANGELES. SINCE THE CLOSURE
18 OF THAT CEMETERY TO ALL NEW INTERMENTS IN 1997, HE
19 CONTINUOUSLY AND STRENUOUSLY PRODDED A SUCCESSION OF V.A.
20 SECRETARIES TO CONSTRUCT A COLUMBARIUM ANNEX FOR L.A. VETERANS
21 THAT WOULD ALLOW MORE VETERANS TO BE CREMATED AND BURIED IN
22 OUR LOCAL V.A. CEMETERY. HE OFTEN SAID HE DIDN'T WANT DORIS,
23 HIS WIFE OF 67 YEARS, TO HAVE TO TRAVEL TO RIVERSIDE TO VISIT
24 HIS BURIAL PLACE. AFTER 10 YEARS OF PERSEVERANCE, THE PROJECT
25 WAS APPROVED, FUNDED, AND PLANNED, AND THAT IS WHERE HE WILL

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1 BE INTERRED: AT THE L.A. NATIONAL CEMETERY COLUMBARIUM THAT HE
2 HELPED ESTABLISH. HE IS SURVIVED BY DORIS, HIS SONS MARK AND
3 RICHARD, AND HIS DAUGHTER NANETTE. HE WAS AN EXTRAORDINARY,
4 WONDERFUL, HAPPY, LAUGHING, GENEROUS MAN, WHOM WE WILL REALLY,
5 REALLY MISS. I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
6 MEMORY OF ROBERT MACGUIRE, WHO CHANGED THE L.A. SKYLINE AS THE
7 DEVELOPER OF PROMINENT HIGH-RISES, INCLUDING THE DOWNTON ICON
8 U.S. BANK TOWER. AS A DOMINATING FIGURE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
9 REAL ESTATE DURING THE COMMERCIAL BUILDING BOOM OF THE '80S
10 AND '90S, MACGUIRE USED HIS CLOUT TO HELP SAVE L.A.'S HISTORIC
11 CENTRAL LIBRARY FROM DEMOLITION, AND WAS A CIVIC LEADER WHO
12 HELPED EXPAND THE L.A. COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART CAMPUS, AND
13 STABILIZED ITS FINANCES. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY,
14 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LOUIS ROBIN, WHO, WITH HIS COLLEGE
15 FRIEND, ALLEN TINKLEY, FOUNDED CONCERTS INC., WHICH LATER
16 BECAME ARTIST CONSULTANT PRODUCTIONS, UNDER LOU'S DIRECTION.
17 THE COMPANY PRODUCED OR PROMOTED OVER 4,000 CONCERTS WORLDWIDE
18 DURING A 52-YEAR PERIOD. THEY ALSO PRODUCED FEATURE FILMS,
19 THEATRE IN THE ROUND, AN OFF-BROADWAY SHOW IN NEW YORK WITH
20 MONTY PYTHON, AND PROMOTED MORE THAN 2 DOZEN SUMMER SERIES
21 CONCERTS AT THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL, FEATURING STARS LIKE BARBRA
22 STREISAND, JUDY GARLAND, TONY BENNETT, SAMMY DAVIS JR., PETER,
23 PAUL & MARY, JANIS JOPLIN, AND JIMI HENDRIX. IN 1973, LOU
24 BEGAN A 30-YEAR RUN PERSONALLY MANAGING JOHNNY CASH AND JUNE
25 CARTER CASH, UNTIL THEIR PASSING IN 2003. HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER

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1 OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT BUYERS ASSOCIATION SINCE
2 ITS INCEPTION, AND WAS INDUCTED INTO ITS HALL OF FAME IN 2011.
3 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS SONS, MICHAEL AND STEVE. AND FINALLY, I
4 ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
5 BILL SCANLON. DURING HIS SUCCESSFUL 13-YEAR PROFESSIONAL
6 TENNIS CAREER, HE WON 7 SINGLES TITLES AND TWO DOUBLES TITLES,
7 AND ACHIEVED A CAREER-HIGH WORLD SINGLES RANKING OF NUMBER 9.
8 HE IS KNOWN FOR HAVING RECORDED THE ONLY GOLDEN SET IN THE
9 HISTORY OF MEN'S PROFESSIONAL TENNIS, A FEAT STILL RECORDED IN
10 THE GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS. HE WAS INDUCTED TO THE
11 INTERCOLLEGIATE TENNIS HALL OF FAME AND THE TEXAS TENNIS HALL
12 OF FAME, SERVED ON THE A.T.P. BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE BOARD OF
13 THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TENNIS ASSOCIATION, AND THE U.S.T.A.
14 DAVIS CUP COMMITTEE. HE WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE CARL REINER
15 CELEBRITY PRO-AM TOURNAMENT, AND CO-FOUNDER OF THE BEVERLY
16 HILLS INVITATIONAL. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE STEPHANIE, HIS
17 BROTHER JOHN, AND HIS SISTER JEANNE. THOSE ARE MY
18 ADJOURNMENTS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

19
20 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT, WE WILL HEAR
21 FROM SUPERVISOR HAHN.

22
23 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
24 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF WILLIE SUZUKI. HE WAS A
25 TORRANCE RESIDENT, AND WAS 87 WHEN HE PASSED. HE WAS THE

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1 YOUNGEST OF 9 CHILDREN, AND ATTENDED DORSEY HIGH SCHOOL, EL
2 CAMINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE, AND EARNED HIS MASTER'S DEGREE FROM
3 CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH. HE WAS CLASS
4 PRESIDENT AT BOTH EL CAMINO AND C.S.U.L.B. WILLIE AND PART OF
5 HIS FAMILY WERE SENT TO GILA RIVER INTERNMENT CAMP, ARIZONA,
6 DURING WORLD WAR II. HE LATER SERVED IN THE U.S. ARMY FROM
7 1957 TO 1959. WILLIE WAS ALSO AN OUTSTANDING PAINTER, A
8 LITHOGRAPHER, AND PRINTMAKER, WHO TAUGHT AT EL CAMINO COLLEGE
9 FOR 40 YEARS. HIS ART WAS FEATURED IN NUMEROUS HIGHLY AWARDED
10 EXHIBITIONS THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY. WILLIE WAS A FISHERMAN, A
11 SPORTS FAN, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT CAME TO U.C.L.A. BASKETBALL AND
12 ANGELS BASEBALL. WILLIE WAS A MAN WHO LOVED LIFE, HAD A SMILE
13 AND A COMPLIMENT FOR EVERYONE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF
14 23 YEARS, GERRY SUZUKI, HIS DAUGHTER LESLIE, HIS GRANDSON
15 CALVIN, AND MANY OTHERS IN HIS EXTENDED FAMILY. I ALSO MOVE
16 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF HIS
17 EXCELLENCY THAN POK, WHO WAS 77 WHEN HE PASSED AWAY. HE WAS
18 BORN IN CAMBODIA, AND HIS THREE BROTHERS WERE ORPHANED AS
19 YOUNG BOYS, WHEN THEIR PARENTS DIED FROM ILLNESSES. HE WAS
20 RAISED BY HIS FATHER'S BROTHER, WHO LATER WAS EXECUTED BY THE
21 KHMER ROUGE. AND IN 1971, POK BEGAN WORKING AS CHIEF OF
22 CABINET FOR THE CAMBODIAN MINISTRY OF EDUCATIONAL CULTURE. THE
23 GOVERNMENT SENT POK TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IN 1972 TO SUPPORT
24 THE DEVELOPMENT OF CAMBODIA'S EDUCATION SYSTEM. THIS MOVE
25 SAVED POK'S LIFE, AS HE WAS STUDYING AT U.S.C. WHEN THE POL

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1 POT REGIME TOOK OVER THE COUNTRY, AND THE GENOCIDE BEGAN.
2 THROUGH IT ALL, POK WAS ABLE TO EARN A MASTER'S DEGREE OF
3 SCIENCE IN EDUCATION FROM U.S.C., AND A MASTER'S DEGREE IN
4 SOCIAL WELFARE FROM U.C.L.A. HE SERVED AS L.A. COUNTY'S
5 DIRECTOR OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT AND EMPLOYMENT, AND IN 1977,
6 HE FOUNDED A NONPROFIT CALLED THE UNITED CAMBODIAN COMMUNITY
7 IN LONG BEACH. HE WAS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UNTIL 1993, AND
8 HELPED TO INTEGRATE CAMBODIAN IMMIGRANTS INTO LOS ANGELES
9 COUNTY, BY PROVIDING HOUSING, ECONOMIC, AND BENEFIT ENROLLMENT
10 SUPPORT. POK DIED OF COMPLICATIONS FROM C.O.V.I.D.-19, BUT HIS
11 VISION AND LEGACY CONTINUE. THE UNITED CAMBODIAN COMMUNITY HAS
12 GROWN INTO A MULTI-SERVICE AGENCY, PROVIDING YOUTH
13 DEVELOPMENT, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, GANG PREVENTION, AND
14 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, TO ADDRESS THE CHANGING NEEDS OF THE
15 GROWING SOUTHEAST ASIAN POPULATION. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE
16 NANDA; FOUR SONS, RAVUTH, RAVATH, RAVITH, AND ANAND; ONE
17 DAUGHTER, RAMIE POK; STEPCHILDREN NANCY AND JASON; NEPHEWS
18 BRYANT BEN AND SOKHOM BEN; 11 GRANDCHILDREN; AND A GRATEFUL
19 COMMUNITY. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN
20 IN THE MEMORY OF JAY MCCAFFERTY, WHO WAS A SAN PEDRO RESIDENT,
21 AND HE WAS 73 WHEN HE PASSED. JAY WAS ONE OF LOS ANGELES'S
22 MOST IMPORTANT AND CONVENTION-DEFYING ARTISTS. AS A YOUNG
23 ARTIST, JAY WON THE L.A. COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART'S NEW TALENT
24 AWARD, AND RECEIVED A NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS
25 FELLOWSHIP GRANT. HIS ART HAS BEEN EXHIBITED LOCALLY,

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1 NATIONALLY, AND INTERNATIONALLY, AND HIS WORK IS HELD IN
2 NUMEROUS PUBLIC COLLECTIONS, INCLUDING THE GETTY MUSEUM,
3 L.A.C.M.A., AND THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART. IN ADDITION TO HIS
4 ART, JAY SERVED FOR 40 YEARS AS AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ART,
5 AND HEAD OF THE ART DEPARTMENT AT L.A. HARBOR COLLEGE. AND FOR
6 30 YEARS, HE WORKED AS A LIFEGUARD ON BEACHES FROM SAN PEDRO
7 TO VENTURA COUNTY. JAY IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, ELLEN. AND I
8 ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY
9 OF PAUL GAINES, WHO WAS THE SON OF MY FRIEND AND L.A. COUNTY
10 COMMISSIONER JERRY GAINES. HE PASSED AWAY WAY TOO SOON, AT THE
11 AGE OF 55. PAUL WORKED AS A SOCIAL WORKER FOR THE COUNTY OF
12 RIVERSIDE'S DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES. HE
13 DEDICATED 27 YEARS TO PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM ABUSE, AND
14 WORKED TIRELESSLY TO REUNIFY FAMILIES. HE WAS ALSO A COMMITTED
15 MENTOR TO MANY OTHER COUNTY EMPLOYEES. PAUL IS SURVIVED BY HIS
16 WIFE KIMBERLY; HIS THREE CHILDREN, CHAD, GABRIELLE, AND
17 ASHLYN; AND HIS PARENTS, JERRY AND LORRAINE GAINES. THANK YOU,
18 MADAM CHAIR.

19
20 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT, WE WILL HEAR
21 FROM SUPERVISOR BARGER.

22
23 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT TODAY WE
24 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FIREFIGHTER ENGINEER TORY CARLON, WHO
25 PROUDLY SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE

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1 DEPARTMENT FOR OVER 20 YEARS, WHO PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 1ST, AT
2 THE AGE OF 44, FOLLOWING A TRAGIC WORKPLACE SHOOTING. TORY
3 GREW UP IN LEONA VALLEY AS THE YOUNGEST OF FIVE. HE ATTENDED
4 HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL, WHERE HE PLAYED BASEBALL. AFTER
5 GRADUATING IN 1994, HE ATTENDED ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE.
6 RATHER THAN JOIN THE FAMILY AUTO SALES BUSINESS IN LANCASTER,
7 TORY PURSUED HIS LIFELONG DREAM OF BECOMING A FIREFIGHTER. HE
8 WORKED HIS WAY UP THROUGH HIS VARIOUS FIRST RESPONDER JOBS,
9 BEFORE BEGINNING HIS 20-YEAR CAREER IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT,
10 WITH HIS MOST RECENT ASSIGNMENT BEING FIRE STATION 81 IN AGUA
11 DULCE. WHEN NOT CARRYING OUT HIS DUTIES PROTECTING THE LIVES
12 AND PROPERTY OF OUR RESIDENTS AS A FIRE ENGINEER, TORY LOVED
13 SPENDING HIS FREE TIME WITH HIS FAMILY AND CLOSE FRIENDS.
14 AMONG HIS FAVORITE PASTIMES WERE COACHING HIS DAUGHTER'S
15 SOFTBALL TEAMS, AND TAKING THE FAMILY TO THE LAKE TO WATERSKI
16 AND WAKEBOARD. HE WAS ALSO A LIFELONG DODGERS AND RAMS FAN.
17 BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, HE WAS A BELOVED FATHER, HUSBAND, SON,
18 BROTHER, UNCLE, AND A FRIEND TO MANY, AND WILL BE SORELY
19 MISSED BY THOSE WHO KNEW HIM. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE
20 HEIDI, AND THEIR DAUGHTERS JOSLYN, BRYNN, AND BREE. ALSO MOVE
21 THAT WE ADJOURN--

22
23 **SUP. HAHN:** CAN WE HAVE ALL MEMBERS ON THAT ONE, KATHRYN?

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** ABSOLUTELY. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
2 TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF ALVIN BURDICK, A LIFELONG
3 RESIDENT OF ARCADIA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 94 ON MARCH
4 26TH. ALVIN GREW UP, ACTUALLY, IN LOS ANGELES, AND ATTENDED
5 FREMONT HIGH SCHOOL, WHERE HE MET HIS WIFE, ROBERTA, DURING
6 THEIR SENIOR YEAR. FOLLOWING GRADUATION, HE SERVED IN WORLD
7 WAR II AS A PILOT IN THE ARMY AIR CORPS, UNTIL THE END OF THE
8 WAR. HE COMPLETED HIS WORLD WAR II SERVICE AS A MILITARY
9 POLICE OFFICER, AND LATER JOINED THE AIR FORCE RESERVES, WHICH
10 STATIONED HIM AT TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE DURING THE KOREAN WAR.
11 ALVIN AND ROBERTA RAISED FOUR SONS IN THE CITY OF ARCADIA. IN
12 1948, HE BECAME A SWORN OFFICER IN THE L.A.P.D. FOR OVER TWO
13 DECADES, HE DEDICATED HIMSELF TO HIS COMMUNITY AND ADVANCED
14 THROUGH THE RANKS UNTIL RETIREMENT AS A LIEUTENANT AND WATCH
15 COMMANDER. IN 1972, HIS PASSION FOR LEARNING AND GROWTH
16 INSPIRED HIM TO ATTEND THE F.B.I. NATIONAL ACADEMY, WHERE HE
17 MANAGED SECURITY IN L.A. FOR THE U.S. POSTAL INSPECTION
18 SERVICE UNTIL THE 1980S. HE THEN STARTED HIS OWN PRIVATE
19 INVESTIGATION SERVICE IN ARCADIA. ALVIN MOST ENJOYED SPENDING
20 TIME WITH HIS FAMILY. HE CHERISHED FISHING, HUNTING, AND
21 BOATING, INCLUDING MANY TRIPS TO BLYTHE AND LAKE HAVASU. ALVIN
22 IS SURVIVED BY HIS FOUR SONS, GARRY, CRAIG, GRANT, AND KIM,
23 AND THEIR FAMILIES. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ALICIA
24 RIDEL, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA. SHE WAS BORN IN
25 CHILE AND IMMIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES WITH HER HUSBAND AND

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1 FIVE SMALL CHILDREN IN 1964. SHE LATER PROUDLY BECAME A U.S.
2 CITIZEN. ALICIA AND HER HUSBAND PURCHASED THEIR FIRST HOME IN
3 SANTA CLARITA IN 1966. SHE WORKED AS A NURSE FOR HOLY CROSS
4 HOSPITAL, HENRY MAYO NEWHALL HOSPITAL, LOS ANGELES COUNTY
5 PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES, AND IN PRIVATE HOME HEALTHCARE. ALICIA
6 HAD A PASSION FOR READING, LEARNING, AND TRAVEL, AND WAS VERY
7 KNOWLEDGEABLE IN FINE ART, ARCHITECTURE, AND HISTORY. SHE WAS
8 A WOMAN FULL OF LOVE, PRAYER, AND LAUGHTER. SHE IS SURVIVED BY
9 HER FIVE DAUGHTERS, LAURIE ANNE, CARMEN, HEIDI, MONICA, AND
10 MARCELA, AS WELL AS 14 GRANDCHILDREN AND 13 GREAT-
11 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO, KERRY WELSH OF GLENDORA, WHO PASSED AWAY
12 ON SUNDAY, MAY 30TH, FOLLOWING A TRAGIC CAR ACCIDENT ON
13 SATURDAY NIGHT. HER VEHICLE WAS STRUCK BY A SUSPECTED DRUNK
14 DRIVER. SHE WAS 18 YEARS OLD. KERRY PLAYED VARSITY SOCCER ALL
15 FOUR YEARS AT GLENDORA HIGH SCHOOL, AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE
16 LEGENDS SOCCER TEAM. IN HER SENIOR YEAR, SHE WAS AWARDED MOST
17 VALUABLE PLAYER, AND WAS RECOGNIZED AS THE 2020 SCHOLAR-
18 ATHLETE OF THE YEAR. SHE GRADUATED AS CLASS SALUTATORIAN, WITH
19 A 4.6 GRADE POINT AVERAGE. KERRY HAD JUST COMPLETED HER FIRST
20 YEAR AT LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY ON A FULL-RIDE ACADEMIC
21 SCHOLARSHIP. SHE PASSED ON THE POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY
22 SOCCER AT L.M.U., SO SHE COULD PURSUE HER DREAM OF BECOMING A
23 DOCTOR AND HELPING OTHERS. KERRY WAS KNOWN FOR HER INFECTIOUS
24 SMILE, GIVING SPIRIT, HUMBLENESS, AND DETERMINATION TO REACH

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1 HER GOALS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER PARENTS ALBERT AND CHIARRA,
2 AND HER SISTER ARIANA. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR BARGER. NOW
5 I WILL READ IN MY ADJOURNMENTS FOR TODAY. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
6 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CAPTAIN JOHN RUEDY. HE
7 PASSED AWAY ON MAY 22ND, 2021. CAPTAIN JOHN RUEDY SERVED AS
8 THE URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE UNION COMMANDER, AND A LIAISON FOR
9 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT STATE AND FEDERAL TASK
10 FORCES. HE WAS ONE OF L.A.F.D.'S RESIDENT SUBJECT MATTER
11 EXPERTS ON ALL SEARCH AND RESCUE RELATED ISSUES AND
12 OPERATIONS. CAPTAIN RUEDY HELPED MANAGE SOME OF THE MOST
13 ADVANCED SEARCH AND RESCUE PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES IN THE
14 COUNTRY. WHEN A NEIGHBORING FIRE AGENCY REQUESTS ASSISTANCE,
15 OR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA OR THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
16 AGENCY, F.E.M.A., REQUIRES SPECIALIZED DISASTER RESPONSE
17 RESOURCES, IT WAS CAPTAIN RUEDY WHO ANSWERED THE CALL. HIS
18 QUIET NATURE AND SOFT-SPOKEN DEMEANOR WERE A WARM CONTRAST TO
19 THE SCOPE OF HIS IMMENSE RESPONSIBILITIES. CALMLY AND
20 METHODICALLY, CAPTAIN RUEDY SCALED THE LOGISTICAL TECHNICAL
21 APPARATUS EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL RESOURCES AT ANY INCIDENT.
22 BORN AND RAISED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, HE WAS IN THE LOS
23 ANGELES CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR OVER 30 YEARS. HE IS TO BE
24 REMEMBERED FOR HIS SELFLESS DUTY AS A FIRST RESPONDER, AND HIS
25 DEDICATION AND LOVE FOR HIS FAMILY. CAPTAIN RUEDY IS SURVIVED

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1 BY HIS WIFE MICHELLE, WHO IS THE DAUGHTER OF MY ARTS
2 COMMISSIONER, HELEN HERNANDEZ, AND THEIR TWO CHILDREN, PAIGE
3 AND DEREK. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
4 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ARTURO ARROYO CAMPOS, HE PASSED
5 AWAY ON MAY 27, 2021. ARTURO ARROYO CAMPOS WAS BORN IN
6 ZIQUITARO, MICHOACAN, MEXICO, ON MAY 15TH, 1929. HE WAS ONE OF
7 14 CHILDREN IN HIS FAMILY. FROM A YOUNG AGE, HE BECAME A
8 SHEPHERD AT HIS GRANDFATHER'S RANCH, AND LEARNED THE VALUE OF
9 HARD WORK. HE CAME TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1945 AT THE AGE OF
10 16 WITH HIS GRANDMOTHER, AND WAS TAKEN UNDER THE WING OF HIS
11 GRAND-AUNT. HE WORKED IN THE FIELDS OF SALINAS, VISALIA,
12 LINDSAY, PORTERVILLE, BAKERSFIELD, AND FRESNO. HE KNEW
13 EVERYTHING ABOUT PICKING FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, AND DID HIS
14 WORK WITH LOVE. HE MOVED TO EAST LOS ANGELES AND WORKED AS A
15 CONSTRUCTION WORKER. ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT HAVE A FORMAL
16 EDUCATION, MR. ARROYO TAUGHT HIMSELF HISTORY, REVOLUTIONARY
17 MOVEMENTS, AND BIOGRAPHIES OF WORLD LEADERS. HE WAS AN AVID
18 READER TILL THE END OF HIS LIFE. HE GOT INVOLVED IN POLITICAL
19 MOVEMENTS IN HIS NATIVE TOWN, AND MANAGED TO BRING ROADS,
20 ELECTRICITY, AND WATER TO HIS PUEBLO. MR. ARROYO SPENT MOST OF
21 HIS LIFE LIVING IN LOS ANGELES, AND LATER ON IN THE CITY OF EL
22 MONTE, AND MOST RECENTLY IN THE CITY OF BELL. HE ALWAYS
23 ENCOURAGED HIS FOUR CHILDREN TO PURSUE HIGHER EDUCATION, TO
24 HAVE FAITH, TO BE PEOPLE OF HONOR, AND TO SEEK JUSTICE. HE
25 LEAVES BEHIND A LEGACY OF LOVE AND FAITH FOR HIS FOUR CHILDREN

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1 AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. AND LASTLY, I
2 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOSE
3 BLAS SANCHEZ GONZALEZ. HE WAS A RESPECTED, BELOVED SMALL
4 BUSINESS OWNER, AND A TRUSTED MECHANIC IN MONTEREY PARK. HE
5 WAS KNOWN AS KIND, COMMITTED, AND ALWAYS GOING OUT OF HIS WAY
6 TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND GUIDANCE TO OTHER IMMIGRANTS,
7 ESPECIALLY THOSE FROM HIS HOME STATE OF JALISCO, MEXICO. HE
8 TOOK GREAT PRIDE IN TEACHING AND MENTORING NEW MECHANICS FROM
9 HIS COMMUNITY, AND INSTILLING IN THEM THE IMPORTANCE OF
10 COMMITMENT, INTEGRITY, AND, AS HE WOULD ALWAYS SAY, "GANAS!"
11 HE ALSO PROVIDED STUDENTS FROM THE NEARBY CONTINUATION SCHOOLS
12 AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE OPPORTUNITIES TO GAIN WORK EXPERIENCE AT
13 HIS GAS STATIONS, TO EARN CREDIT TOWARD GRADUATION OR
14 AUTOMOTIVE DEGREES. FOR THESE REASONS AND MORE, THE JOSE BLAS
15 SANCHEZ GONZALEZ SCHOLARSHIP MEMORIAL FUND WAS ESTABLISHED IN
16 HIS HONOR. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 53 YEARS, MARIA, WHO
17 ATTENDED EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE, HIS THREE CHILDREN AND
18 THEIR SPOUSES, AND 7 GRANDCHILDREN, 6 SIBLINGS, AND MANY
19 LOVING FAMILY MEMBERS. MAY HE ALSO REST IN PEACE. THAT
20 CONCLUDES OUR ADJOURNMENT. WE'LL TAKE ALL THE MOTIONS AS
21 SECONDED. AND IF THERE'S NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE,
22 THAT WILL BE THE ACTION. AT THIS TIME, MADAM EXECUTIVE
23 OFFICER, PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION.

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. IN ACCORDANCE WITH
2 BROWN REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-
4 1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING ANTICIPATED
5 LITIGATION; AND ITEM CS-2, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE
6 EVALUATION; AND ITEM CS-3, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
7 FESIA DAVENPORT AND DESIGNATED STAFF, AS INDICATED ON THE
8 POSTED AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR JUNE 8, 2021

CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

(Paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

Significant exposure to litigation (two cases). (20-2580)

No reportable action was taken.

CS-2. DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS (Government Code Section 54957)

Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

No reportable action was taken.

CS-3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54957.6)

Agency designated representatives: Fesia Davenport, Chief Executive Officer, and designated staff.

Employee Organization(s) for represented employees: The Coalition of County Unions, AFL-CIO; Local 721, SEIU, Union of American Physicians and Dentists; Peace Officers Counsel of California; Association of Public Defender Investigators; Association of Deputy District Attorneys; Los Angeles County Association of Environmental Health Specialists, Professional Peace Officers Association; and

Unrepresented employees (all). (17-0363)

No reportable action was taken.

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1 I, JENNIFER A. HINES, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number
2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do
3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors June 8, 2021, were
6 thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my direction and
7 supervision;

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

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

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
16 15th day of June 2021, for the County records to be used only
17 for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts as
18 on file of the office of the reporter.

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20 JENNIFER A. HINES

21 CSR No. 6029/RPR/CRR

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