



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 22, 2021 ON PAGE 265]**

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4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** WELL, GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. I WANT TO

5 WELCOME YOU ALL TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS

6 ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY, AS YOU KNOW, IS

7 TUESDAY JUNE 22ND, 2021. OUR MEETING TODAY IS BEING HELD

8 REMOTELY TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF ALL. I WILL NOW TAKE ROLL

9 CALL TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE. PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC AND

10 RESPONSE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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12 **SUP. MITCHELL:** PRESENT.

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

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16 **SUP. KUEHL:** HERE.

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18 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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20 **SUP. HAHN:** PRESENT.

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22 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BARGER.

23

24 **SUP. BARGER:** HERE.

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

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

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

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7 **ATTORNEY:** HERE.

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9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** CELIA ZAVALA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE
10 BOARD.

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

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14 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA,
15 WE WILL BE TAKING TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENTS SEPARATELY FOR
16 REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS DURING TODAY'S
17 MEETING. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD RECEIVED OVER 3,800
18 WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TODAY'S MEETING, AND AS THOSE
19 WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED, ALL OF THEM WERE AVAILABLE TO
20 THE SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION CONSISTENT WITH THE
21 BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE WRITTEN
22 COMMENTS THROUGHOUT THE MEETING WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE
23 OFFICIAL RECORD. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
24 AGENDA.

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. GOOD MORNING,
2 MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL
3 BEGIN ON PAGE TWO SET MATTER 10:30A.M. ITEM S1 IS A DISCUSSION
4 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER RELATED TO COVID-19. THIS ITEM WILL
5 BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION. ON PAGE THREE, SPECIAL DISTRICT
6 AGENDAS. THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
7 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ON ITEM 1D THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS
8 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 3D THIS IS IN
9 ADDITION TO THE -- AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
10 THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 61F. ON PAGE FIVE, THIS IS THE
11 AGENDA FOR THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. ON PAGE
12 SIX, PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEM ONE THROUGH SEVEN. ON ITEM SIX, THE
13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD REQUESTS THIS THIS ITEM BE
14 CONTINUED TO JULY 27TH, 2021 AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
15 AGENDA. ON ITEM 7, THIS ITEM IS CONTINUED TO JULY 27, 2021 TO
16 MEET LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THE
17 REMAINING ITEMS WILL BE HELD FOR HEARING. ON PAGE NINE,
18 CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS EIGHT THROUGH
19 36. ON ITEM NINE, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
20 HELD. ON ITEM 10, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD.
21 ON ITEM 13, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
22 ITEM 14, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE
23 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 21, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS
24 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 22, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SUPERVISOR
25 MITCHELL, AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUEST TO BE RECORDED AS A NO

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1 VOTE, THEREFORE, THIS MOTION FAILS TO CARRY FOR THE LACK OF
2 THREE VOTES. ON ITEM 27, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THIS ITEM
3 BE HELD. THIS INCLUDES AN AMENDMENT BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AS
4 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 31, SUPERVISOR
5 SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS INCLUDES A
6 REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEMS
7 32, 33, AND 34, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THESE ITEMS BE
8 HELD. ON ITEM 35, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE
9 CONTINUED TO JULY 13TH, 2021. THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS
10 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE 40,
11 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 37 THROUGH 63. ON ITEM 37, THE
12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO
13 AUGUST 10TH, 2021, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ON ITEM
14 44, THE DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
15 REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
16 AGENDA. ON ITEM 50, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON
17 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 55, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL
18 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 54, THIS INCLUDES
19 MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE
20 THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE
21 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 61A, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS
22 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 61C, SUPERVISOR BARGER
23 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 61D, SUPERVISORS
24 BARGER AND SOLIS WOULD LIKE TO REVISE THE LAST BULLET OF THE
25 FIRST DIRECTIVE TO A DETAILED DEFINITION OF WHAT SERVICES

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1 WOULD BE INCLUDED IN A HOMELESS TRIAGE CENTER, HOW SERVICES
2 WOULD BE LOCATED AND PROVIDED, BY WHOM, HOMELESS TRIAGE
3 SERVICES, AND ANY RESULTING INCREASED DEMAND FOR FOLLOW UP
4 TREATMENT AND HOUSING COULD BE FUNDED, HOW THESE TRIAGE
5 SERVICES WOULD BE DIFFERENT FROM OTHER CURRENTLY AVAILABLE
6 HOMELESS OUTREACH APPROACHES, AND HOW DATA WOULD BE COLLECTED
7 SO THAT EFFICACY IS REGULARLY AND TIMELY MONITORED AND
8 REPORTED. ON ITEM 61E, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS
9 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 61J, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS TO REVISE
10 HER MOTION TO INCLUDE THE CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER IN THE
11 DIRECTIVES AND INCLUDE RIO HONDO BEFORE THE CONFLUENCE AREA IN
12 DIRECTIVE NUMBER TWO. THE REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES AND
13 REFERRED BACK THROUGH 61K ARE BEFORE YOU.

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15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY
16 SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS, THAT WILL BE THE
17 ORDER.

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19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 55, ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION.
20 ON PAGE 56, NOTICES FOR CLOSED SESSION. ON ITEM CS1, THIS
21 INCLUDES A REVISION TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF CASES FROM THREE
22 TO TWO. ON ITEM CS3 -- ON ITEM CS4 IS AN ADDITION AS INDICATED
23 ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE
24 AGENDA, MADAM CHAIR.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AT THIS TIME, WE WILL
2 NOW HEAR FROM SHERIFF VILLANUEVA, WHO REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE
3 BOARD ON ITEM 27. SHERIFF, YOU HAVE THREE MINUTES. PLEASE
4 BEGIN. GOOD MORNING?

5

6 **LT. BLANCHARD:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM. THIS IS LIEUTENANT
7 BLANCHARD, THE EXECUTIVE AIDE FOR SHERIFF VILLANUEVA. WE WERE
8 TOLD HE WAS GOING TO SPEAK AFTER PUBLIC COMMENT AT ABOUT
9 10:30.

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11 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** HE WAS NOTIFIED, I BELIEVE, THAT THIS WAS
12 THE TIME HE WOULD BE RECOGNIZED.

13

14 **LT. BLANCHARD:** NO, MA'AM. WE WERE TOLD 10:30.

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** WELL, THIS IS THE TIME THAT WE HAVE THE SET
17 AGENDA FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, SO HE WOULD BE GOING OUT OF ORDER.
18 SO CAN YOU CALL HIM AND LET HIM KNOW THAT, IF HE WANTS TO COME
19 IN DURING THIS HOUR, HE CAN NOTIFY US, AND WE WILL LET HIM IN.
20 OKAY?

21

22 **LT. BLANCHARD:** YES, I WILL DO THAT MA'AM.

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, I APPRECIATE THAT. THANK YOU. WE
25 WILL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS, EXCLUDING

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1 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 1-7. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ
2 THE CALL IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA
3 AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
4 WHO ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

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6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE
7 PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT SHOULD CALL 877-226-
8 8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 1336503. TO REPEAT,
9 PLEASE CALL 877-226-8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER
10 1336503. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO
11 THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL 877-873-8017 AND
12 FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING IN,
13 WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND
14 WHICH AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE
15 TO SPEAK ON ONE AGENDA ITEM OR TWO MINUTES TO SPEAK ON TWO OR
16 MORE AGENDA ITEMS. IN ADDITION, THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO
17 ADDRESS THE BOARD WITH GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED
18 ONE ADDITIONAL MINUTE FOR A MAXIMUM TOTAL UP TO THREE MINUTES.
19 WE WILL ALLOCATE UP TO 60 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL OF
20 THE ITEMS, EXCLUDING THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. IF THERE ARE NO
21 SPEAKERS WAITING BEFORE 60 MINUTES HAVE LAPSED, WE WILL CLOSE
22 PUBLIC COMMENT. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN
23 COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME
24 PART OF THE RECORD. WHEN SPEAKING ON THE AGENDA ITEMS, YOU
25 MUST BE ON TOPIC. OUR GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH AS MANY SPEAKERS

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1 AS WE CAN. IF YOU AREN'T SPEAKING ON A TOPIC OR IF WE CAN'T
2 TELL IF YOU ARE SPEAKING ON AN AGENDA ITEM, YOU WILL GET ONE
3 WARNING FROM COUNTY COUNSEL OR THE CHAIR. IF YOU DO NOT
4 IMMEDIATELY OR CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC, OR IF YOU STRAY OFF TOPIC
5 AGAIN, YOU WILL FORFEIT THE REST OF YOUR TIME, AND THE CHAIR
6 WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE, IF YOU ARE ALSO
7 LISTENING TO THE BOARD MEETING ON A COMPUTER OR SPEAKER PHONE,
8 YOU WILL NEED TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON THOSE DEVICES AS SOON
9 AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU. IF YOU DO NOT TURN DOWN THE
10 VOLUME, THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE
11 FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

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18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH
19 INTERPRETATION OF THIS REMINDER. [SPANISH INSTRUCTIONS] THANK
20 YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21

22 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS BAMBI SALSADO. PLEASE
23 STATE YOUR REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
24 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
25 BEGIN.

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1

2 **BAMBI SALSADO:** YES, GOOD MORNING. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THANK
3 YOU SO MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. MY NAME IS BAMBI
4 SALSADO, AND I AM THE PRESIDENT AND THE C.E.O. OF THE TRANS
5 LATINO COALITION. I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM NUMBER 36, WHICH
6 SPEAKS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING THE COUNTY CLINICS REALLY
7 CREATING A MODEL THAT WILL SUPPORT YOUNG TRANS AND GENDER
8 NONCONFORMING INDIVIDUALS TO BE ABLE DO HAVE ACCESS TO
9 ADEQUATE HEALTHCARE. THIS MOTION IS IMPORTANT FOR OUR
10 COMMUNITY BECAUSE WE WILL SET PRECEDENTS THAT THE COUNTY
11 SYSTEM WILL BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT CONTINUE
12 TO BE MARGINALIZED WHILE TRYING TO ACCESS HEALTHCARE SERVICES.
13 I REALLY APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT WITH THIS MOTION, AND I HOPE
14 THAT YOU ENDORSE IT AND VOTE IN FAVOR OF THIS MOTION. THANK
15 YOU SO MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS YOU THIS MORNING.

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

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19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS IVETTE ALE. PLEASE STATE THE
20 REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING
21 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

22

23 **IVETTE ALE:** GOOD MORNING. IVETTE ALE WITH DIGNITY AND POWER
24 NOW AND THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION, RESIDENT OF DISTRICT FIVE.
25 I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS 10, 20, 30, 31, 33, 34,

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1 35, 55, 61C, 61D, 61G, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM GOING
2 TO START OFF WITH ITEM NUMBER 27 AND COMMEND SUPERVISOR SOLIS
3 AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR CONTINUING TO BE A CHAMPION FOR
4 CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND MOVING A CARE FIRST VISION
5 FORWARD. THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION ENCOURAGED OUR THOUSANDS
6 OF MEMBERS TO WRITE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION, BUT TODAY I
7 WANT TO COMMUNICATE THE NUANCE OF THAT SUPPORT. WE DON'T WANT
8 THE BOARD TO CONFLATE OUR SUPPORT FOR THE CLOSURE OF M.C.J.
9 WITH THE SUPPORT FOR THIS STRATEGY OF CLOSING M.C.J. THE BOARD
10 RECEIVED A DETAILED REPORT EARLIER THIS YEAR ON HOW TO CLOSE
11 THIS DILAPIDATED AND DEADLY JAIL. HOWEVER, THE M.C.J. CLOSURE
12 REPORT WHICH WAS DELIVERED PROVIDES THAT DETAILED PLAN WITHOUT
13 HAVING TO REITERATE ANOTHER BUREAUCRATIC HURDLE IN ORDER TO
14 CLOSE THIS JAIL. THE CLOSURE PLAN IS STRAIGHTFORWARD.
15 [INAUDIBLE] THAT THIS NEW STRUCTURE AND PROCESS WOULD CAUSE
16 ADDITIONAL DELAYS IN ADDITION TO THE BUREAUCRATIC HURDLES WHEN
17 THE BOARD HAS THE POWER TO DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO CLOSE M.C.J.
18 NOW. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE BOARD ACT QUICKLY AND ACT WITH
19 PURPOSE IN ORDER TO CLOSE THIS JAIL BUT IMPLEMENT THE CARE
20 FIRST VISION. I ALSO STRONGLY SUPPORT ITEMS 10 AND 31. I AM
21 GLAD BAMBI SALSADO WAS ABLE TO SPEAK THIS MORNING. IT IS
22 IMPORTANT ON AGENDA ITEM 31 THAT GENDER AFFIRMING CARE IS
23 DELIVERED BY TRANS AND GENDER NONCONFORMING PEOPLE AND
24 INTERSEX PEOPLE. IT IS CRITICAL THAT THEY BE FUNDED, AND THESE
25 ORGANIZATIONS LIKE TRANS LATINO COALITION ARE GIVEN THE

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1 ADEQUATE RESOURCES TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THAT GENDER AFFIRMING
2 CARE. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT WE FUND RESOURCES FOR OUR
3 L.G.B.T.Q. YOUTH COMING OUT OF FOSTER CARE, WHICH WE KNOW IS
4 ANOTHER PIPELINE TO INCARCERATION. ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT,
5 I WANT TO ELEVATE THE NEED FOR THE BOARD TO ACT SWIFTLY TO
6 HOLD THE SHERIFF ACCOUNTABLE FOR WHAT IS HAPPENING IN VENICE
7 RIGHT NOW. YOU CAN DO THAT BY DEFUNDING THE H.O.S.T. PROGRAM
8 AND SHIFTING THOSE DOLLARS TO COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES. I ALSO
9 WANT TO ELEVATE THE NEED TO REJECT A TAKE OVER FOR L.A. COUNTY
10 JOBS AT 211. THE 211 L.A. PROGRAM HAS PROVIDED VITAL SERVICES
11 FOR ANGELENOS FOR DECADES AND HAS PROVIDED COMMUNITY MEMBERS
12 WITH GOOD PAYING UNION JOBS AND BENEFIT PACKAGES. YET THE
13 BOARD IS WILLING TO HAND THIS CONTRACT OVER TO A MAJOR
14 CONGLOMERATE CORPORATION LIKE AMAZON OR GOOGLE? I AM SHOCKED
15 AT THIS. WE STAND BY OUR LABOR PARTNERS. WE STAND BY UNION
16 JOBS THAT ARE CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. WE CANNOT ALLOW FOR
17 THIS SHIFT TO HAPPEN AND FOR THESE UNION JOBS TO BE LOST. SO I
18 ASK YOU TO PLEASE PRESERVE THE 211 JOBS WITHIN THE UNION. ALSO
19 SUPPORT ITEM 61G, ASSEMBLY BILL 958. I ALSO SUPPORT THE MOTION
20 61D, THE ESTABLISH TRIAGE CENTERS TO ENGAGE AND SERVE PEOPLE
21 EXPERIENCING HOUSELESSNESS. THIS IS CRITICAL. I ALSO WANT TO
22 VOICE MY OPPOSITION TO 61C, ENHANCING ENFORCEMENT AGAINST
23 ILLEGAL CANNABIS DISPENSARIES. THE ALLOCATION OF 250,000 TO
24 L.A.S.D. FOR ENHANCED ENFORCEMENT AGAINST ILLEGAL CANNABIS
25 DISPENSARIES IS UNNECESSARY AND HARMFUL. WE KNOW --

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

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5 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT COMMENT COMES FROM ZACHARY WARMA. PLEASE
6 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
7 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
8 BEGIN.

9

10 **ZACHARY WARMA:** GOOD MORNING. ZACHARY WARMA, LEGISLATIVE
11 AFFAIRS MANAGER WITH THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER, CALLING ON
12 ITEM NUMBER 20 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. SUPERVISORS, AS AN
13 EARLY ENDORSER OF THE OUR FUTURE LOS ANGELES COALITION AND A
14 STRONG SUPPORTER OF SENATE BILL 679, D.W.C. BELIEVES THAT THE
15 PROPOSED LOS ANGELES COUNTY AFFORDABLE HOUSING SOLUTIONS
16 AGENCY, OR L.A.C.A.H.S.A., OFFERS A HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY TO
17 PRODUCE THE VOLUME OF DESPERATELY NEEDED AFFORDABLE HOUSING
18 STOCK ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN A WAY THAT CENTERS EQUITY
19 AND THE NEED FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES. B. 679
20 ADDRESSES THE QUESTION OF HOW WE ADD TO OUR COLLECTIVE EFFORTS
21 AND BRING THE 88 CITIES TOGETHER, ALONG WITH LOS ANGELES
22 COUNTY LEADERSHIP, USING NEW TOOLS AND STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS
23 HOUSING AFFORDABILITY. L.A.C.A.H.S.A. WILL HELP TO BRING
24 TOGETHER THE FRAGMENTED AFFORDABLE HOUSING EFFORTS ACROSS THE
25 COUNTY AND HELP US CREATE A COMPREHENSIVE, HOLISTIC VISION AND

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1 APPROACH TO SUPPORTING LOW INCOME AND WORKING PEOPLE. THIS
2 BOARD CONTINUES TO DRIVE A PROGRESSIVE, HOUSING FIRST VISION
3 FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE OUR FUTURE COALITION, A BROAD
4 ARRAY OF ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTED TO STRUCTURAL CHANGE IN L.A.
5 COUNTY, URGES THIS BOARD TO VIEW S.B. 679 NOT AS A COMPETITION
6 BUT RATHER AS A NEW TOOL PARTNER AND ASSET IN THIS WORK TO
7 BRING PEOPLE HOUSED ACROSS THE COUNTY. AS TO THE GENERAL
8 PUBLIC COMMENT, TODAY IS AGAIN ANOTHER TESTAMENT TO THIS BOARD
9 HELPING FOSTER A MORE EQUITABLE LOS ANGELES COUNTY, FROM THE
10 VETERAN ENHANCED COMMUNITY IN PALMDALE, CONTINUING TO PUSH FOR
11 THE CLOSURE OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, ENSURING L.G.B.T.Q.+ AND
12 GENDER AFFIRMING HEALTHCARE FOR ALL ANGELENOS, DEVELOPING A
13 COMMUNITY CRISIS RESPONSE AND VIOLENCE INTERRUPTION PROGRAM,
14 AND ESTABLISHING TRIAGE CENTERS FOR UNHOUSED ANGELENOS.
15 THROUGH THE LEADERSHIP OF THIS BOARD, WE ARE TRULY MAKING LOS
16 ANGELES COUNTY A MORE WELCOMING PLACE FOR ALL. THANK YOU SO
17 MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

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

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21 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU, OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JONATHAN YANG.
22 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY
23 AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
24 BEGIN.

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1 **JONATHAN YANG:** THANK YOU. I AM ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC
2 COMMENT AND ITEMS 32 AND 34. MY NAME IS JONATHAN YANG ON
3 BEHALF OF PUBLIC COUNSEL. I'M ALSO RESIDENT OF THE THIRD
4 DISTRICT. WE SUPPORT THE BOARD TAKING THESE KEY STEPS TO
5 PROVIDE TARGETED RELIEF TO THOSE SMALL BUSINESSES WHO HAVE
6 BEEN OVERLOOKED AND UNDERSERVED SO FAR. WE PROVIDE PRO BONO
7 LEGAL AID TO SMALL BUSINESSES THAT COME FROM AND SERVE OUR
8 MOST MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING EARLY CARE AND
9 EDUCATION PROVIDERS. DURING THE PANDEMIC, THEY WEREN'T LUCKY
10 ENOUGH TO HAVE COOPERATIVE LANDLORDS OR FAIR COMMERCIAL
11 LEASES, AND WHAT LITTLE LEASE FUNDING THEY COULD ACCESS WAS
12 TOO LITTLE OR TOO LATE, BUT RENT DEBT KEPT COMING EVEN WHEN
13 [INAUDIBLE], AND THAT LOOMING WAVE IS ALREADY DRIVING THE
14 HARASSMENT, UNLAWFUL LOCK OUTS, AND AGGRESSIVE COLLECTION
15 EFFORTS THAT WE ARE SEEING, MANY OF WHICH ARE TRYING TO GET
16 AROUND THE EVICTION MORATORIUM. IT ULTIMATELY PUTS THESE
17 COMMUNITY MEMBERS AT RISK OF NOT ONLY LOSING THEIR BUSINESS,
18 BUT OF PERSONAL FINANCIAL DEVASTATION FOR THEM AND THEIR
19 FAMILIES, ALL THROUGH LITTLE FAULT OF THEIR OWN. WHEN SO MANY
20 OTHER LARGER BUSINESSES HAVE BEEN RIGHTLY SHIELDED FROM THE
21 WORST IMPACT OF COVID, WE CANNOT LEAVE THESE MOST LOCAL OF OUR
22 SMALL BUSINESSES ON THEIR OWN TO SUFFER DISPROPORTIONATELY. WE
23 SUPPORT ITEM 32 AS A LONG OVERDUE EFFORT BRINGING US IN LINE
24 WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS AROUND THE COUNTRY TO FINALLY CENTER
25 ISSUES FACING OUR MOST VULNERABLE SMALL BUSINESSES THAT WE

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1 HAVE TO ADDRESS FOR A TRULY EQUITABLE PUBLIC. IT FILLS GAPS IN
2 THE EVICTION MORATORIUM AND GOES FURTHER TO START THE COUNTY
3 ON A PATHWAY TO RESOLVE THE LOOMING BURDEN OF COVID RENT DEBT
4 AND REDUCE COLLATERAL COSTS AND [INDISCERNIBLE] SO THESE
5 TENANTS AND LANDLORDS ALIKE CAN ALL MOVE ON. JUST AS
6 IMPORTANTLY, WE SUPPORT THE FORWARD LOOKING ASPECTS OF ITEM 32
7 AND 34. 34 IS CRITICAL TO ENSURING THAT EARLY CARE AND
8 EDUCATION PROVIDERS NOT ONLY MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITIES
9 BUT THRIVE IN THEIR OWN RIGHT AS SMALL BUSINESSES. WE FURTHER
10 APPRECIATE HOW ITEM 32 SEEKS TO GIVE RECOVERING AND FUTURE
11 SMALL BUSINESSES A FIGHTING CHANCE BY ESTABLISHING PERMANENT
12 ANTI-HARASSMENT PROTECTIONS AND EXPLORING TOOLS FOR LONG TERM
13 AFFORDABILITY OF COMMERCIAL SPACES. WE DON'T THINK THAT ITEM
14 32'S FOCUS ON OVERLOOKED SMALL BUSINESSES STOPS THE COUNTY
15 FROM DEALING WITH THE OTHER DISTINCT ISSUES FACED BY THE
16 BROADER SPECTRUM OF SMALL BUSINESSES. INSTEAD, ITEM 32
17 RECOGNIZES THAT COVID WAS AN UNEXPECTED CRISIS THAT HIT ALL OF
18 US, BUT WHOSE ECONOMIC HARM SHOULD NOT FALL DISPROPORTIONATELY
19 ON THOSE SMALL BUSINESSES AND MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES. WE
20 LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ON THESE IMPORTANT EFFORTS TO
21 ENSURE AN EQUITABLE RECOVERY FOR L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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

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1 **MODERATOR:** AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE
2 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME. DO
3 NOT PRESS 1 AND 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM
4 THE QUEUE. OUR NEXT -- OUR NEXT COMMENT WILL COME FROM DAVID
5 GILLOTTE. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
6 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
7 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

8

9 **DAVID GILLOTTE:** I AM ADDRESSING ITEM 21 AND GENERAL PUBLIC
10 COMMENT AS WELL, THREE ITEMS TOTAL. MY NAME IS DAVE GILLOTTE.
11 I AM A FIRE CAPTAIN, ENGINE 9B, STATION 16. I AM ALSO THE
12 PRESIDENT OF LOCAL 1014, THE UNION REPRESENTING OVER 3300
13 MEMBERS AND OUR FIRE FAMILIES, BUT TODAY MY VOICE IS ON BEHALF
14 OF EVERY PERSON WHO IS PART OF THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE FAMILY.
15 AND I RISE TO SEEK A FIVE VOTE YES AND APPROVAL OF ITEM 21,
16 THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION BEFORE YOU. ON JUNE 1ST, OUR FIRE
17 FAMILY, YOUR FAMILY, OUR WORLD WAS ROCKED TO ITS CORE. AND AS
18 A RESULT, A LIGHT IS SHINING ONCE AGAIN ON FIREFIGHTER
19 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ISSUES AND SOME GLARING WORKING CONDITIONS
20 ITEMS THAT NEED NOT ONLY ACTION BUT FRANKLY BOARD OF
21 SUPERVISOR PARTNERSHIP, OVERSIGHT, AND ACCOUNTABILITY. LET ME
22 FIRST START BY SAYING ALSO THAT LEADERSHIP ACCOUNTABILITY AND
23 LEADERSHIP CHANGE MUST ACCOMPANY ANY AND ALL WORK ON THE ITEMS
24 LISTED AND MORE THAT WE SPEAK OF IN THIS MOTION OR, FRANKLY,
25 THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE. I HAVE SPOKEN DIRECTLY WITH THE FIRE

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1 CHIEF ABOUT THIS CANDIDLY, AND IT WILL BE NOT BE THE LAST YOU
2 HAVE HEARD OF THIS. THE CONSTANT THEME OF THE RANK AND FILE
3 AND THE FOLKS OUT THERE IS THE DISCONNECT BETWEEN THE BUSINESS
4 ADMIN AND THE SWORN MISSION OF THE RANK AND FILE FIREFIGHTERS.
5 ON THE MOTION ITSELF, I WILL BE BACK IN YOUR OFFICES, EACH AND
6 EVERY ONE OF THEM, TO GIVE YOU MORE TESTIMONY ON THE
7 PARTICULARS, BUT A FEW BULLET POINTS, I WOULD SUGGEST YOU
8 AMEND THIS TO BE A 30 DAY REPORT BACK AND AN ONGOING REPORT.
9 60 DAYS IS TOO LONG, AND THIS IS NOT A ONE AND DONE REPORT. ON
10 THE ITEMS IN THE BULLET POINTS, I WILL RESERVE THE COMMENTS
11 FOR WHEN I COME TO YOUR OFFICE. IT IS TOO DETAILED TO GET INTO
12 IN THREE MINUTES HERE, BUT I CAN TELL YOU THIS. WE HAVE GOOD,
13 CAPABLE FOLKS ON THE MANAGEMENT SIDE, THE LABOR SIDE, AND
14 WITHIN THIS ORGANIZATION TO TACKLE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THESE
15 BULLET POINTS, CENTERING NOT ONLY ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ISSUES
16 BUT THE WORKING CONDITIONS ISSUES AT THE CORE OF OUR WORKING
17 CONDITIONS THAT EXACERBATE OUR FATIGUE AND OUR BEHAVIORAL
18 HEALTH ISSUES. WITH THAT, I SEEK A FIVE VOTE YES. I AM
19 AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS, AND AGAIN I WILL SUBMIT IN WRITING TO
20 YOU ON THE MOTION AND SEEK OUT MORE TIME IN EACH OF YOUR
21 OFFICES TO GIVE YOU DETAILS ON EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THE
22 BULLET POINTS IN THIS MOTION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.

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

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE RUBY RIVERA. PLEASE STATE
2 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
3 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL COMMENT, YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **RUBY RIVERA:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. I AM RUBY SPEAKING ON
6 ITEMS 9, 20, 27, 28, 30, 32, 33, 34, AND 35. MY NAME IS RUBY
7 RIVERA. I AM A TENANT IN SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT TWO IN THE
8 CITY OF LYNNWOOD AND THE DAUGHTER OF A SMALL LANDLORD. I AM
9 CALLING IN SUPPORT OF THE HEALTHY L.A. PLATFORM. I
10 ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORT AGENDA ITEM 9, THE COUNTY MOTION TO
11 EXTEND THE COUNTY ORDER PROVIDING EVICTION PROTECTIONS TO
12 MILLIONS OF TENANTS ACROSS L.A. COUNTY. DESPITE THE RECENT
13 REOPENING OF THE STATE ECONOMY, TENANTS ARE STILL STRUGGLING
14 TO FIND WORK, ACCESS RENTAL ASSISTANCE, AND PAY FULL RENT
15 MOVING FORWARD. THE ONLY SENSIBLE MOVE IS FOR THE EVICTIONS
16 PROTECTIONS TO BE EXTENDED WHILE TENANTS CONTINUE TO RECOVER
17 FROM THIS GLOBAL PANDEMIC. I URGE THE BOARD TO EXTEND THE
18 PROTECTIONS EVEN FARTHER THAN THE PROPOSED SEPTEMBER 30TH
19 DATE. TENANTS NEED TO HAVE STRONG EVICTION PROTECTIONS FOR
20 LONGER IN ORDER TO SUCCESSFULLY GET THROUGH THE RENTAL
21 ASSISTANCE PROCESS AND TO BECOME DEBT FREE. I ALSO ASK THE
22 BOARD TO CONTINUE BANNING EVICTIONS BY A LANDLORD WHO IS
23 ATTEMPTING TO MOVE IN. WE ARE STILL RECOVERING FROM THE
24 EFFECTS OF THIS PANDEMIC, AND TENANTS SHOULD NOT BE EVICTED SO
25 SOON BY COMFORTABLY WEALTHIER LANDLORDS WHO HAVE NO PROBLEM

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1 DISPLACING TENANTS DURING A GLOBAL PANDEMIC. AT MINIMUM,
2 LANDLORDS SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DISPLACE VULNERABLE TENANTS
3 AND TO PAY RELOCATION ASSISTANCE TO THOSE THAT THEY DO
4 DISPLACE THROUGH EVICTION. THE ONLY SOLUTION IS A DEBT FREE
5 RECOVERY TO KEEP L.A. HOUSED. LET'S FIND WAYS TO ADDRESS THE
6 DEBT AND SUPPORT SMALL LANDLORDS. I SUPPORT ITEMS 28, 32, 34.
7 I URGE YOU TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO ENSURE ALL RESIDENTS OF
8 L.A. COUNTY ARE ABLE TO ACCESS LIVING WAGES AND STABLE
9 EMPLOYMENT THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY. WE MUST ALSO WORK TO CREATE
10 INFRASTRUCTURE THAT ALLOWS OUR MOST VITAL COMMUNITY BUSINESSES
11 TO THRIVE. LASTLY, WE MUST SUPPORT ECONOMIC RECOVERY FOR ALL
12 L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS, PRIORITIZING THOSE FACING THE GREATEST
13 BARRIERS TO FINANCIAL STABILITY AND ECONOMIC MOBILITY. AND I
14 SUPPORT AND URGE YOU TO SUPPORT ITEMS 27, 30, 33, AND THE
15 ENTIRE REIMAGINE L.A. PLATFORM. THE COUNTY MUST ADOPT A CARE
16 FIRST VISION. THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION WORKGROUP
17 ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN 2019 RIGHTLY
18 DEVELOPED A CARE FIRST/JAILS LAST VISION, CENTERING NEEDS OF
19 PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY BASED RESOURCING OVER INCARCERATION AND
20 CRIMINALIZATION, BUT THE CURRENT RECOMMENDED '21-'22 COUNTY
21 BUDGET DOES NOT REFLECT THAT VISION. WE NEED YOU TO CORRECT
22 THIS AND SECURE CRITICAL PROGRESS FOR OUR COMMUNITIES BY
23 ADOPTING THE CARE FIRST. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

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2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF KATIE
3 MCEWAN. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
4 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
5 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **KATIE MCEWAN:** GOOD MORNING. KATIE MCEWAN, SPEAKING ON AGENDA
8 ITEM NUMBER 9 AND GENERAL COMMENT. I AM A STAFF ATTORNEY WITH
9 PUBLIC COUNSEL, A LEGAL AID ORGANIZATION HERE IN L.A. COUNTY
10 AND ALSO AN S.D. 2 RESIDENT. I AM CALLING IN STRONG SUPPORT OF
11 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 9, THE MOTION TO EXTEND THE COUNTY
12 MORATORIUM ON EVICTIONS. MANY OF US HAD A LOT TO CELEBRATE
13 THAT PAST WEEK WITH THE REOPENING OF THE ECONOMY. BUT WE
14 SHOULD NOT CONFUSE REOPENING WITH RECOVERY. ALMOST 300,000
15 TENANTS REMAIN AT RISK OF EVICTION IN L.A. COUNTY. IN PAST
16 QUARTER, CALIFORNIA STILL HAD SOME OF THE HIGHEST
17 UNEMPLOYMENT RATES IN THE COUNTRY, AND THE L.A. REGION HAS
18 SOME OF THE HIGHEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATES OF ANY METRO REGION
19 ACROSS THE NATION. TENANTS ARE BEARING THE BRUNT OF THESE HIGH
20 UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBERS AND ARE CARRYING CRUSHING AMOUNTS OF DEBT
21 THAT WON'T DISAPPEAR OVERNIGHT WITHOUT HELP, HELP THAT THE
22 STATE HAS FAILED TO GIVE BY FAILING TO DISTRIBUTED RENTAL
23 ASSISTANCE QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY. SMALL LANDLORDS ARE
24 STRUGGLING TOO, ESPECIALLY BLACK AND BROWN MOM AND POP OWNERS
25 WHO TYPICALLY HAVE FEWER RESOURCES TO WEATHER A SITUATION

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1 WHERE A TENANT IS UNABLE TO PAY. GIVEN THIS REALITY, OUR FOCUS
2 NEEDS TO BE ON MAINTAINING THE STATUS QUO OF EVICTION
3 PROTECTIONS AND RESOLVING THE DEBT FOR TENANTS AND SMALL
4 LANDLORDS ALIKE. IF WE DO NOT, THE COUNTY WILL BE FACED WITH
5 A GREATER BILL SUPPORTING TENANTS WHO ARE DISPLACED AND SMALL
6 LANDLORDS WHO WILL SEE THEIR GENERATIONAL WEALTH WIPED OUT.
7 FOR THESE REASONS, THE COUNTY MUST EXTEND THE EVICTION
8 PROTECTIONS TODAY, AND DOUBLE DOWN ON SUPPORTING RENT DEBT
9 RELIEF MEASURES SO THAT WE CAN ENJOY BOTH REOPENING AND
10 RECOVERY. THANK YOU.

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

13
14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER COME FROM THE LINE OF FRANKIE
15 CARILLO. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
16 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
17 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

18
19 **FRANKIE CARILLO:** GOOD MORNING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
20 FRANKIE CARILLO. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM NUMBER 27 AND
21 PROVIDING A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
22 SOLIS FOR AUTHORIZING THIS MOTION OF THE JAIL CLOSURE
23 IMPLEMENTATION TEAM, AND OBVIOUSLY, SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR
24 COAUTHORING. AT THE AGE OF 16, I WAS ARRESTED AND EVENTUALLY
25 WRONGFULLY CONVICTED HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. ON MY 18TH BIRTHDAY,

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1 I WAS TRANSFERRED FROM CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL OVER TO MEN'S
2 CENTRAL JAIL BECAUSE I WAS NOW CONSIDERED AN ADULT. I HEARD
3 HORROR STORIES OF THE JAIL, AND I PRAYED THAT MY CASE WOULD BE
4 RESOLVED AND I WOULD GO HOME, BUT INSTEAD I WENT THERE. I
5 SPENT THE NEXT 20 YEARS IN MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON. I ENDURED
6 HORRIFIC PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ABUSE BEHIND BARS BEFORE
7 BEING EXONERATED IN 2011, BUT NOTHING COMPARED TO THE YEAR I
8 SPENT AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. IT WAS THE WORST OF THE WORST.
9 WHEN I THINK OF THE TRAUMA OF BEING WRONGFULLY IMPRISONED, I
10 THINK OF AND REMEMBER THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. THE JAIL IS
11 ANTIQUATED AND FILLED WITH SECURITY FLAWS THAT ARE TAKEN
12 ADVANTAGE OF BOTH BY INMATES AND DEPUTIES. IT IS MISMANAGED
13 AND MOSTLY OPERATED BY NEW SHERIFF DEPUTY RECRUITS THAT SEE
14 THE JAIL AS A TRAINING GROUND, A PLACE TO PROVE THEMSELVES,
15 AND A PLACE WHERE THEY CAN APPLY AGGRESSIVE TACTICS TO UNLEASH
16 FEAR AND BRUTALITY ON THOSE JAILED THERE BEFORE OBVIOUSLY
17 BEING ASSIGNED TO A SUBSTATION AND PATROLLING THE COMMUNITY.
18 THE BOARD AND THE PUBLIC SHOULD KNOW THAT THESE JAILS ARE
19 BEING IMPROPERLY USED TO INCARCERATE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SERIOUS
20 NEEDS AND WHO ARE GOING THROUGH THE WORST EPISODE OF THEIR
21 LIVES. JAILS ARE NEVER GOING TO FIX THE ANSWER TO THEIR
22 PERSONAL PROBLEMS OR OUR COLLECTIVE SOCIAL PROBLEMS. IF WE
23 WANT TO KEEP THE PUBLIC SAFE, WE NEED TO START WITH CLOSING
24 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND EXPAND OUR INVESTMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY.
25 OUR RESIDENTS NEED RESOURCES. THEY NEED SERVICES. THEY DON'T

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1 NEED JAILS. I URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO VOTE IN SUPPORT
2 OF SOLIS'S MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. THANK YOU.

3

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

5

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

10

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF DAVID
14 ARQUETTE. PLEASE STATE THE THE REGULAR ITEMS YOU ARE
15 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL
16 PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU MAY BEGIN.

17

18 **DAVID ARQUETTE:** HI. MY NAME IS DAVID ARQUETTE. AND I AM
19 CALLING IN REGARDS TO AGENDA NUMBER 36. I SUPPORT IT, AND I
20 THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT, PLEASE. I AM A VOLUNTEER AND A
21 SUPPORTER OF THE VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAMS AND THE
22 INCREDIBLE WORK THAT DR. ASTRID HEGER DOES. I HAVE SEEN IT
23 FIRSTHAND, AND IT IS REALLY HELPING THE MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR
24 COMMUNITY. SO I THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. AND I THANK
25 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. THANK YOU.

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1

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

4

5 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE THE LINE OF ERIC PREVEN.
6 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING
7 TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC. YOU MAY
8 BEGIN.

9

10 **ERIC PREVEN:** YEAH, I WILL SPEAK ON SEVERAL OF THE ITEMS
11 INCLUDING 27, 30, 40, 15, 11, AND ALSO GIVE A LITTLE GENERAL
12 PUBLIC COMMENT. OKAY?

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** OKAY, THANK YOU. YOU HAVE THREE MINUTES.
15 PLEASE BEGIN.

16

17 **ERIC PREVEN:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. IT IS A MIRACLE THAT I WAS
18 ABLE TO GET THROUGH. AND I AM VERY PLEASED. I'M NOT PLEASED
19 ABOUT THE OUTSET SHERIFF SQUABBLE. I DON'T THINK IT'S
20 APPROPRIATE TO GET INTO CONFUSING ARGUMENTS WITH
21 [INDISCERNIBLE] SHERIFF, EVEN THOUGH HE HAS BEEN VERY
22 DIFFICULT. HE SHOULD BE GIVEN TIME JUST LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE,
23 AND THERE SHOULD BE MORE MEETINGS AND REGULAR MEETINGS. NOW
24 ADVOCATES ACROSS THE STATE ARE ASKING THE STATE ACTUALLY TO
25 KEEP THE EVICTION BAN IN PLACE AT LEAST UNTIL THE UNEMPLOYMENT

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1 RATE AMONG LOW WAGE WORKERS HAS DROPPED TO PRE-PANDEMIC
2 LEVELS. THAT SEEMS LIKE A GOOD IDEA. I DON'T KNOW HOW THE
3 UNINCORPORATED AREA RACING AHEAD OF THAT IS MORE THAN HEADLINE
4 GRABBING, BUT WE SHOULD DO IT. JAILS LAST, OBVIOUSLY, IS A
5 GREAT IDEA, BUT IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOT PIVOT TO CHILDREN AND
6 FAMILY SERVICES FIRST BECAUSE I HAVE NOTICED A UPTICK IN
7 SHEILA'S PRESIDING OVER THAT EMPIRE OF HORROR. WE DON'T NEED A
8 LOT OF PEOPLE MEDDLING IN THE LIVES OF ANGELENOS. WE NEED GOOD
9 INFORMATION AND REPORTABLE STUFF, BUT WE DON'T NEED ENDLESS
10 LEGAL STRUGGLES BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE SAME FAMILY. THAT'S A
11 TERRIBLE IDEA. AND IT'S BEEN OVERBUILT UP STARTING WITH FAMILY
12 COURT, AND I I KNOW EVERYBODY IS DELIGHTED WITH THE GREAT WORK
13 OF MR. GOLIGHTLY AND ALL THE [INDISCERNIBLE] OF PEOPLE'S
14 LIVES, BUT WE NEED TO HELP PEOPLE. THAT'S A GOOD IDEA. NOW I
15 LIKE THIS INTERESTING IDEA OF INCLUSIVE HIRING WHERE WE ARE
16 GOING TO WAIVE THE CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS TO WORK AT L.A.
17 COUNTY. FASCINATING. RIGHT NOW, I THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE WORK
18 IN L.A. COUNTY BUT CAN'T WORK FOR L.A. COUNTY, WHERE YOU WOULD
19 GET A GOOD JOB AND A PENSION AND EVERYTHING ELSE. THEY WORK
20 FOR ONE OF THE NUMEROUS PROP A SUBCONTRACTORS, WHO PAY THEM AS
21 LITTLE AS POSSIBLE, SO I DON'T KNOW. CLOSED SESSIONS, I WAS
22 FASCINATED TO HEAR THAT ON THE UNLABELED CLOSED SESSIONS, WE
23 ARE REDUCING CS1 FROM 3 TO 2 UNLABELED CASES. SO WHICH CASE
24 WAS DROPPED? SHEILA? YOU'LL GET BACK TO US ON THAT ONE? THANK
25 YOU. NOBODY GOES INTO THE MOBILE STROKE UNIT ADVOCACY BUSINESS

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1 WITH CLEAN HANDS. AND I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THIS. I LOOKED AT
2 THE DATA. DATA IS SO IMPORTANT. APPARENTLY, THEY LOOKED AT 100
3 PATIENTS THAT WERE TREATED BY SUCH A UNIT RATHER THAN BY
4 TRADITIONAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS. IN 27 CASES, THE PERSON WAS
5 LEFT DISABLED. AND THIS IS THE HEART STOPPER. 11 OF THOSE
6 PATIENTS WERE NOT DISABLED AT ALL. SO THIS IS JUST A MIRACLE.
7 SO WE SHOULD ROLL THAT OUT, AND THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR HAHN
8 AND MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, WHO HAD THE GOOD SENSE TO START THAT
9 KIND OF ADVANCED STROKE CARE IN L.A. COUNTY WHILE PRESIDING
10 OVER ONE OF THE WORST NURSING HOME DEATH RATES EVER, UP 32% IN
11 2020. AND THOSE WERE NOT PEOPLE WHO WERE GOING TO DIE ANYWAY.
12 SO THAT IS A GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT. ITEM 18 IS THE BREAST AND
13 AGGREGATION. IT'S A BIG MUSH TOGETHER OF MULTIPLE CELEBRATIONS
14 OF BREASTFEEDING. I LOVE BREASTFEEDING AS MUCH AS THE NEXT
15 GUY, BUT I WOULD RATHER HAVE THEM BE SINGLED OUT AND HAVE
16 MORE MEETINGS BECAUSE THIS IS BECAUSE YOU DON'T MEET ANYMORE,
17 YOU HAVE TO PUSH ALL THE BREAST RECOGNITION TOGETHER. ITEM 10
18 IS TAILORING SERVICES. IT CAUGHT ME OFF GUARD. I THOUGHT,
19 THAT'S A NICE IDEA.

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

23
24 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER COME FROM THE LINE OF JUAN GARCIA.
25 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING

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1 TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU
2 MAY BEGIN.

3

4 **JUAN GARCIA:** HI, THIS IS JUAN GARCIA, DIRECTOR OF
5 [INDISCERNIBLE] PROJECTS HERE IN EAST LOS ANGELES, DISTRICT
6 ONE. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM 61A AND GENERAL PUBLIC
7 COMMENT. I WANT TO BEGIN BY SUPPORTING THE COMMENTS THAT BAMBI
8 SALSADO, IVETTE ALE, AND RUBY RIVERA GAVE. AND SPECIFICALLY I
9 WANT TO GIVE MY SUPPORT FOR ITEM NUMBER 32. I AM CALLING TODAY
10 TO SUPPORT ITEM 61A, WHICH IS I WOULD SAY THE ISSUES OF NATIVE
11 AMERICAN FOLKS ALWAYS GET OVERLOOKED. THERE'S A LOT OF ISSUES
12 REGARDING INDIGENOUS FOLKS IN THE U.S. COMING NOT JUST IN THE
13 U.S. BUT ALL OVER THIS CONTINENT COMING TO THE FOREFRONT. AND
14 THIS IS THE WORK THAT I DO. I AM AN ARTIST AS WELL. SO I AM
15 INVOLVED IN THE ARTS AND CULTURE AS WELL AS CULTURAL
16 ORGANIZING NOT JUST HERE LOCALLY BUT ACROSS THE U.S. AND IT IS
17 ALWAYS HEARTBREAKING TO BE IN THESE SPACES AND SEE HOW NATIVE
18 AMERICAN FOLKS GET OVERLOOKED, WHETHER IT IS IN ARTS AND
19 CULTURE FUNDING FIELD HERE IN THE COUNTY, OR THROUGH THE
20 COUNTY. MY ORGANIZATION IS ONE OF TWO ORGANIZATIONS THAT
21 SUPPORTS NATIVE YOUTH AND NATIVE ARTISTS. AND SO I WANT TO
22 THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR PUTTING THIS MOTION FORWARD TO
23 SUPPORT THE NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSION. THIS IS LONG OVERDUE.
24 THAT THEY DON'T GET THE SAME SUPPORT THAT OTHER COMMISSIONS DO
25 IS JUST -- IT IS JUST GROSS, BUT I APPRECIATE THAT THIS IS

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1 BEING LOOKED AT AND THAT WE ARE CELEBRATING THE 45TH
2 ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMISSION. AND SO I
3 ENCOURAGE THE SUPERVISORS TO DO WHAT THEY CAN TO GIVE AS MUCH
4 SUPPORT TO THIS COMMISSION AS POSSIBLE. THE WORK THAT THEY DO
5 IS IMMENSE. THEY DEAL WITH ISSUES ACROSS ALL OF L.A. COUNTY.
6 AND FOR AS SMALL AS THEY ARE, THEY'RE TINY AND MIGHTY, BUT
7 THEY NEED EQUITABLE SUPPORT. WE'RE THE COUNTY WITH THE LARGEST
8 NATIVE AMERICAN AND INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES WITHIN THE
9 BOUNDARIES --

10

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

13

14 **MODERATOR:** YES, OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF
15 DR. PAUL SONG, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL
16 BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
17 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

18

19 **DR. PAUL SONG:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
20 DR. PAUL SONG. I'M A RESIDENT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT. I WILL BE
21 SPEAKING ON ITEM 27 AND PROVIDING A GENERAL COMMENT. FIRST, I
22 WANTED TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR AUTHORIZING THIS MOTION ON
23 THE JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR
24 COAUTHORING. AS SOMEONE WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH THE WORK L.A.
25 COUNTY HAS BEEN DOING IN CREATING A CARE FIRST VISION FOR OUR

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1 MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS, THE BOARD MUST TAKE THIS STEP TO
2 FULLY COMMIT TO THE CLOSURE OF ONE OF THE MOST NOTORIOUS JAILS
3 IN THE COUNTRY, THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, WHICH ALSO AT ANY
4 GIVEN TIME IS OUR NATIONS LARGEST MENTAL HOSPITAL. AS A
5 PHYSICIAN, I CAN TELL YOU THAT PUTTING AND KEEPING PEOPLE WITH
6 SERIOUS MEDICAL AND ESPECIALLY MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS IN JAIL IS
7 NOT HOW WE ARE GOING TO HELP OR TREAT THEM. RATHER,
8 INCARCERATION IS INCREDIBLY DETRIMENTAL TO THEIR HEALTH AND
9 OVERALL WELL BEING. IT CAN LEAD TO SYMPTOMS WORSENING, ONSET
10 OF NEW SYMPTOMS, AND FRANKLY, JAILS DO NOT OFFER THE
11 ENVIRONMENT OR SETTING TO RESTORE SOMEONE BACK TO HEALTH. THIS
12 ISN'T JUST A PUBLIC SAFETY MATTER, BUT IT'S ALSO A PUBLIC
13 HEALTH MATTER AS WELL. FOR YEARS, THE COMMUNITY AND EXPERTS
14 HAVE PRESSED THE BOARD TO CLOSE THE JAIL, AND THE
15 OPPORTUNITY NOW HAS ARISEN THROUGH THIS MOTION. SO I REALLY
16 URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO VOTE IN SUPPORT OF THIS
17 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL OF
18 YOUR EFFORTS.

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

21
22 **MODERATOR:** NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF FANNY
23 ORTEZ. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
24 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC
25 COMMENT, YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1

2 **FANNY ORTEZ:** HI, MY NAME IS FANNY ORTEZ. I AM A RESIDENT IN
3 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT ONE, AND I SUPPORT THE HEALTHY L.A.
4 PLATFORM. THIS IS A COMMENT FOR ITEMS 9, 20, 27, 28, 30, 32,
5 33, 34, AND 35. I SUPPORT ITEM 9, AND I AM CALLING TO
6 ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORT AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 9, THE COUNTY
7 MOTION TO EXTEND THE COUNTY ORDERS FOR PROVIDING EVICTION
8 PROTECTIONS TO MILLIONS OF TENANTS ACROSS L.A. COUNTY. DESPITE
9 THE RECENT REOPENING OF THE STATE ECONOMY, TENANTS ARE STILL
10 STRUGGLING TO FIND WORK, ACTIVE RENTAL ASSISTANCE, AND PAY
11 FULL RENT MOVING FORWARD. THE ONLY SENSIBLE MOVE IS FOR THE
12 EVICTION PROTECTIONS TO BE EXTENDED WHILE TENANTS CONTINUE TO
13 RECOVER FROM THIS GLOBAL PANDEMIC. I URGE THE BOARD TO EXTEND
14 THE PROTECTIONS EVEN FURTHER THAN THE PROPOSED SEPTEMBER 30TH
15 DATE. I ALSO ASK THE BOARD TO CONTINUE BANNING EVICTIONS BY
16 LANDLORDS WHO ARE ATTEMPTING TO MOVE IN. WE ARE STILL
17 RECOVERING FROM THE EFFECTS OF THIS PANDEMIC. AND TENANTS
18 SHOULD NOT BE BEING EVICTED SO SOON BY COMPARATIVELY WEALTHIER
19 LANDLORDS WHO HAVE NO PROBLEM DISPLACING TENANTS DURING A
20 GLOBAL PANDEMIC. AT MINIMUM, LANDLORDS SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO
21 DISPLACE VULNERABLE TENANTS AND SHOULD PAY RELOCATION
22 ASSISTANCE TO THOSE THAT THEY HAVE DISPLACED THROUGH EVICTION.
23 REGARDING ITEM 20, I APPRECIATE ALL THE HARD WORK L.A. COUNTY
24 DEPARTMENTS HAVE PUT IN TO ADDRESS THE HOUSING AFFORDABILITY
25 AND RENTAL STABILITY. WE DON'T THINK S.B.679 SHOULD CHANGE ANY

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1 OF THAT IMPORTANT WORK. S.B.679 ADDRESSES THE QUESTION OF HOW
2 WE [INDISCERNIBLE] OUR COLLECTIVE EFFORTS AND BRING THE 88
3 CITIES TOGETHER WITH THE COUNTY USING NEW TOOLS -- TO ADDRESS
4 HOUSING AFFORDABILITY. L.A.C.H.A.S.A. WILL HELP BRING TOGETHER
5 THE FRAGMENTED AFFORDABLE HOUSING EFFORTS ACROSS THE COUNTY
6 AND HELP US FRAME A COMPREHENSIVE, HOLISTIC VISION AND
7 APPROACH TO SUPPORTING LOW INCOME AND WORKING PEOPLE. OUR
8 FUTURE GOAL IS A BROAD COALITION OF ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTED TO
9 STRUCTURAL CHANGE IN L.A. COUNTY. I URGE THE SUPERVISORS TO
10 VIEW S.B.679 NOT AS COMPETITION BUT RATHER AS A MUTUAL PARTNER
11 AND ASSET IN THE WORK TO SUPPORT LOW INCOME PEOPLE ACROSS THE
12 ENTIRE COUNTY. I SUPPORT ITEM [INDISCERNIBLE]. I URGE YOU TO
13 TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO ENSURE THAT ALL RESIDENTS OF L.A.
14 COUNTY ARE ABLE TO ACCESS LIVING WAGES [INDISCERNIBLE] THE
15 L.A. COUNTY. WE MUST ALSO WORK TO CREATE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT
16 ALLOWS OUR MOST --

17
18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE
19 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

20
21 **MODERATOR:** YES, OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF STEVEN
22 NADI. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE
23 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC
24 COMMENT, YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1 **STEVEN NADI:** HI, MY NAME IS STEVEN NADI. I -- MY DISTRICT IS
2 SUPERVISOR DISTRICT TWO. MY FAMILY'S THAI RESTAURANT HAS BEEN
3 IN BUSINESS SINCE THE 1980S, BEFORE I WAS BORN. WE HAVE MOVED
4 LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT KOREATOWN A NUMBER OF TIMES. I HAVE BEEN
5 IN THIS LATEST LOCATION SINCE 2014. MY MOM RUNS AND OPERATES
6 THIS RESTAURANT PRIMARILY BY HERSELF. SHE IS CURRENTLY AND HAS
7 BEEN THE ONLY COOK SINCE AT LEAST 2016. THIS PANDEMIC HIT US
8 REALLY HARD, AND WE ARE STRUGGLING TO STAY AFLOAT. WE ARE
9 MONTHS BEHIND ON RENT, AND EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE MANAGED TO PAY
10 A THIRD EACH MONTH, THE AMOUNT OWED KEEPING GROWING. BUSINESS
11 HAS NOT RECOVERED TO PRE-PANDEMIC LEVELS SINCE L.A. COUNTY HAS
12 THE LEFT ITS MOST RESTRICTIVE TIERS. OUR LANDLORDS ARE ALWAYS
13 REMINDING US THAT WE OWE THEM MONEY AND HAVE BEEN CONSTANTLY
14 TEXTING OR VISITING US IN PERSON TO HARASS US REGARDING THE
15 UNPAID RENT. THEY HAVE NOW SUED US FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT AND
16 FRAUD TO GET AROUND THE EVICTION MORATORIUM. MY DAD PASSED
17 AWAY IN DECEMBER, AND VIRTUALLY IN THE SAME BREATH, THE
18 LANDLORD OFFERED CONDOLENCES AND REMINDED US THAT WE STILL OWE
19 HIM BACK RENT AND CHOSE TO RAISE OUR RENT WITHOUT
20 CONSIDERATION OF OUR CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES. THE LANDLORD HOLDS
21 ALL THE POWER HERE, AND WE ARE AT HIS MERCY. MY BUSINESS NEEDS
22 HELP.

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

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

5

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

8

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF PRINCE
13 ASIMWANGE. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
14 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
15 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

16

17 **PRINCE ASIMWANGE:** HI, MY NAME IS PRINCE ASIMWANGE. I AM
18 CALLING FROM S.D. ONE, HILDA SOLIS'S DISTRICT. I AM SPEAKING
19 ON ITEMS 32, 34, AND GENERAL PUBLIC. I WORK IN INCLUSIVE
20 ACTION FOR THE CITY, A C.D.F.I. THAT PROVIDES TECHNICAL
21 ASSISTANCE AND FINANCIAL PRODUCTS TO SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS, AS
22 WELL AS CONDUCTS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH AND POLICY
23 ADVOCACY. I STRONGLY SUPPORT ITEMS 32 AND 34. AT MY
24 ORGANIZATION, WE HAVE SEEN FIRSTHAND THE ECONOMIC BURDEN OF
25 COVID-19 ON SMALL BUSINESS OWNER CLIENTS WE SERVE, WHO ARE

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1 PREDOMINATELY B.I.P.O.C. THUS FAR, SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF
2 EFFORTS HAVE OVERLOOKED COMMERCIAL RENT DEBT. WE KNOW FROM
3 P.P.P., WHICH PRIORITIZES EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION, THAT LARGE
4 BUSINESSES WITH ACCESS TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND LEGAL
5 SUPPORT TEAMS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY APPLY TO
6 COMPLICATED BUSINESS RELIEF APPLICATIONS, ACQUIRING THE
7 LION'S SHARE OF AID. IN OTHER CASES, WE HAVE SEEN STATE GRANT
8 RELIEF EFFORTS NOT ALLOCATING ENOUGH FUNDING TO THE SMALLEST
9 OF SMALL BUSINESSES TO COVER AT LEAST TWO MONTHS OF RENT IN
10 LOS ANGELES. AT MY ORGANIZATION, WE'RE SEEING A GROWING TREND
11 OF BUSINESS OWNERS TAKING ON ADDITIONAL PERSONAL LOANS TO PAY
12 BACK OWED RENT IN THE THOUSANDS AND TENS OF THOUSANDS. AS A
13 RESULT, BUSINESS OWNERS ARE NOW FINDING THEMSELVES FACING
14 PERMANENT CLOSURE ON TOP OF FINANCIAL PENALTIES TO BOTH THEIR
15 PERSONAL AND BUSINESS LINES OF CREDIT. THIS IMPACTS THEIR
16 ABILITY IN THE FUTURE TO ACCESS MUCH NEEDED FINANCIAL PRODUCTS
17 TO CONDUCT THEIR BUSINESS OPERATIONS AS WELL AS IMPACTS THEIR
18 PERSONAL LIFE AS WELL AND BEGIN THE RECOVERY FROM COVID-19.
19 EVEN WITH THE EVICTION MORATORIUM, I ALSO WANT TO HIGHLIGHT
20 THERE'S BEEN A GROWING RISE IN HARASSMENT FROM COMMERCIAL
21 LANDLORDS, WHO ARE PRESSURING COMMERCIAL TENANTS TO PAY BACK
22 OWED RENT, DESPITE THE GRACE PERIOD. THEY ARE ALSO ILLEGALLY
23 RAISING RENT, BREAKING LEASES, AND REFUSING TO NEGOTIATE
24 PAYMENT PLANS. WE NEED TO BE INTENTIONAL AND ADDRESS
25 COMMERCIAL RENT DEBT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES. COMMUNITIES OF

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1 COLOR ESPECIALLY NEED THIS RELIEF, AND THESE SMALL BUSINESSES
2 PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN OUR LOCAL AND REGIONAL ECONOMY. I ALSO
3 WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT ITEM 34, AND JUST SAY WE NEED TO ALSO PASS
4 THAT AND BUILD LOCAL CHILD CARE INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT
5 WOMEN AND PEOPLE OF COLOR SMALL BUSINESSES. THANK YOU TO
6 SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL FOR UPLIFTING THESE ISSUES, AND
7 THANK YOU TO THE REST OF THE BOARD. THANK YOU. TAKE CARE.

8

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

10

11 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE MARY PETERMAN VARELLE.
12 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY
13 AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU MAY
14 BEGIN.

15

16 **MARY PETERMAN VARELLE:** I WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM NUMBER 27
17 AND PROVIDING A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, MY NAME
18 IS MARY PETERMAN VARELLE. I WAS THE A.C.L.U. JAILS MONITOR
19 FROM 2006-2010. I AM ALSO A RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT. I
20 WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR AUTHORIZING THIS MOTION ON
21 THE JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM AND FOR SUPERVISOR KUEHL
22 FOR COAUTHORING. I SPENT FOUR YEARS REGULARLY GOING INSIDE
23 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL TO ADVOCATE FOR PEOPLE INCARCERATED THERE.
24 SEARED IN MY MIND ARE THE DARK WINDOWLESS CELLS WITH HUMAN
25 BEINGS JUST CRAMMED IN THEM. I WOULD WALK ROWS OF CELLS, AND

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1 GROWN MEN WOULD BEG ME TO GET THEM TO THE DOCTOR FOR CHRONIC
2 CONDITIONS SUCH AS DIABETES OR HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE. MOTHERS
3 AND FATHERS WOULD CALL US DESPERATE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES TO
4 GET MENTAL HEALTHCARE WHILE THEY AWAITED TRIAL, THE HIDDEN
5 NOOKS AND CRANNIES WHERE PEOPLE WOULD ENDURE UNSPEAKABLE
6 VIOLENCE. PEOPLE WITH BLACK EYES, BROKEN BONES, PEOPLE
7 TERRIFIED TO SPEAK UP ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM, SOMETIMES
8 WORRIED THAT THEY WOULD STASHED INTO A RANDOM CELL AND UNABLE
9 TO CALL FOR HELP FOR WEEKS. THERE WAS ONE ROW OF CELLS I
10 REMEMBER IN PARTICULAR CALLED 2904. IT WAS JUST LIKE A CLOSET
11 OFF THE MAIN HALLWAY WHERE "PROBLEMATIC" INMATES WOULD LIVE
12 FOR MONTHS, SOMETIMES YEARS, NO WINDOWS AND TWO LAYERS OF
13 SALLY PORTS. AND 11 YEARS LATER, I CAN STILL REMEMBER WHAT IT
14 SMELLED LIKE. IN ADDITION, I RECALL WORKING WITH THE SHERIFF'S
15 DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT VERY BASIC HUMAN NECESSITIES SUCH AS
16 IS GOING OUTSIDE FOR A FEW HOURS A WEEK. THEY WOULD TELL ME
17 THEY HAD PROBLEMS MEETING THIS SIMPLE REQUIREMENT BECAUSE THE
18 JAIL WAS SO OLD AND POORLY DESIGNED. THERE WAS ONLY ONE
19 RECREATION YARD, AND THE DEPUTIES WOULD HAVE TO SCHEDULE
20 PEOPLE TO GO OUTSIDE VERY EARLY OR VERY LATE HOURS BECAUSE IT
21 WAS THE ONLY WAY TO SCHEDULE SOMEONE IN EVERY TIME SLOT. THEN
22 THEY WOULD HAVE TO WALK PEOPLE ALL THE WAY ACROSS THE JAIL TO
23 GO OUTSIDE SO THEY COULD SEE THE LIGHT OF DAY, WHICH WAS ONLY
24 EVEN SCHEDULED TO HAPPEN ONCE A WEEK. NOT ONLY DID THIS MAKE
25 IT RARE THAT IT ACTUALLY OCCURRED, IT WAS VERY UNSAFE. MEN'S

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1 CENTRAL JAIL IS AN ABSOLUTELY HORRIBLE DUNGEON THAT HAS NO
2 PLACE IN OUR COMMUNITY. I KNOW THERE'S OPPORTUNITY AND
3 MOVEMENT TO CHANGE THE COURSE OF HOW WE ADDRESS THE ISSUES OF
4 ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH IN OUR COUNTY WITH COMMUNITY BASED
5 SERVICES AND A CARE FIRST VERSION. MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL SHOULD
6 HAVE NO PART IN THAT CONVERSATION AND SHOULD BE DEPOPULATED
7 AND DEMOLISHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

8

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER BE A LINE FROM SHERRY THOMAS.
13 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY
14 AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU
15 MAY BEGIN.

16

17 **SHERRY THOMAS:** GOOD MORNING. SHERRY THOMAS, [INDISCERNIBLE]
18 SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 61A AND PROVIDING A GENERAL
19 COMMENT. AS A MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL NATIVE
20 AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION, REPRESENTING DISTRICT 2, I'D LIKE
21 TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE
22 232,000 NATIVE AMERICAN INDIANS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY OVER THE
23 PAST 45 YEARS. YOUR CONTINUED COLLABORATION WITH THE
24 COMMISSION HAS LED TO THE PROCUREMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICE
25 BLOCK GRANTS THAT HAVE ALLOWED FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF LOW

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1 INCOME FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS BECOME SELF- SUFFICIENT. IN
2 THE PAST YEAR, PARTNERSHIP WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS ALSO
3 SUPPLIED COVID TESTING, VACCINATION, AND EMERGENCY SERVICES TO
4 THOSE DESPERATELY IN NEED. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR
5 RECOGNITION OF THE ORGANIZATION'S 45TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY. WE
6 LOOK FORWARD TO FUTURE COLLABORATIONS WITH THE UPCOMING 100
7 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF NATIVE AMERICANS BECOMING U.S. CITIZENS.
8 THANK YOU.

9

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

11

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

19

20 **FRED SUTTON:** FRED SUTTON WITH THE CALIFORNIA APARTMENT
21 ASSOCIATION, SPEAKING ON ITEM NUMBER 9 AND GENERAL PUBLIC
22 COMMENT.

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES. PLEASE
25 BEGIN.

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1

2 **FRED SUTTON:** HELLO, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. LAST WEEK, THE
3 BOARD ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE STATE CELEBRATED THE OPENING
4 OF CALIFORNIA. HOWEVER, RENTAL OPERATORS ARE HAVING A VERY
5 STRICT AND UNREASONABLE LOCAL MORATORIUM CONTINUED TODAY THAT
6 IS ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED FROM WHERE IT WAS A YEAR AGO. IT IS
7 CONCERNING THERE ARE NO TIMELINES OR MORE SPECIFIC ACTIONS
8 BEING TAKEN TODAY. THE COUNTY MUST LIFT THE MORATORIUM FOR
9 THOSE UNAFFECTED BY COVID. WHAT RATIONALE IS BEING USED TO
10 EXTEND A RENT FREEZE IN INCORPORATED COUNTY FOR THOSE THAT
11 HAVE NEVER FACED ECONOMIC OR HEALTH IMPACTS DUE TO THE
12 PANDEMIC? WHILE SOME RENTERS CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE, THE
13 EXTENSION FAILS TO FOCUS ITS PROTECTIONS ON THIS SHRINKING
14 POPULATION. MEANWHILE, WE HAVE OWNERS CITING ABUSE OF THE
15 MORATORIUM. SOME RENTAL OWNERS HAVE STRUGGLED TO PAY PROPERTY
16 TAXES AND HAVE BEEN FORCED TO SELL THEIR PROPERTIES WHILE
17 OTHERS CONTINUE TO FACE DISTURBANCES IN COMMUNITIES AND THEIR
18 LEGAL AIR B.N.B.S DUE TO POLICIES THAT PROHIBIT ACTION. OWNERS
19 CANNOT MOVE THEIR OWN FAMILIES INTO THEIR DUPLEX. IT IS TIME
20 FOR LISTING AND FOR DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS DISPLAYING
21 HARDSHIP TO BE INSERTED INTO THE COUNTY ORDINANCE. THE STATE
22 HAS CREATED EXTENSIVE PROTECTIONS AND MECHANISMS TO ALLEVIATE
23 THOSE WHO ARE FACING HARDSHIP. DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
24 SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE DIRECTED TO THOSE TRULY IN NEED. WE
25 RESPECTFULLY REQUEST ALL ASPECTS OF THE HOUSING MORATORIUM BE

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1 LIFTED FOR THOSE NOT DEMONSTRATING IMPACTS RELATED TO THE
2 PANDEMIC. WE CAN PROTECT THOSE IN NEED WHILE TAKING NECESSARY
3 AND RESPONSIBLE STEPS TO ALLOW HOUSING PROVIDERS TO RESUME
4 NORMAL OPERATIONS. THANK YOU.

5

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

7

8 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER COME FROM THE LINE OF ELIZABETH
9 GUZMAN. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
10 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
11 PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU MAY BEGIN.

12

13 **ELIZABETH GUZMAN:** HELLO, MY NAME IS ELIZABETH. I AM A RESIDENT
14 AND TENANT IN SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT TWO AND A TENANT
15 ORGANIZER WITH SAFE STRATEGIC ACTIONS FOR A JUST ECONOMY. I
16 AM HERE TO COMMENT ON ITEM 9, AND ALSO TO SPEAK ON ITEMS 20,
17 27, 28, 30, 32, 33, 34, AND 35. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I AM
18 CALLING IN SUPPORT OF THE HEALTHY L.A. PLATFORM. AND FIRST OF
19 ALL, I AM IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 9. I WORK WITH SO MANY TENANTS
20 THROUGHOUT THIS PANDEMIC WHO HAVE FACED DIFFICULTY AND
21 CONTINUE TO FACE DIFFICULTY DURING THIS TIME. DESPITE THE
22 RECENT REOPENING OF THE STATE ECONOMY, THEY ARE STILL
23 STRUGGLING TO FIND WORK, ACCESS RENTAL ASSISTANCE, AND PAY FOR
24 RENT MOVING FORWARD. THE ONLY SENSIBLE MOVE IS TO EXPAND THE
25 EVICTION PROTECTIONS TO CONTINUE TO HELP TENANTS RECOVER FROM

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1 THIS PANDEMIC, WHICH NO ONE ASKED FOR, BUT THEY HAVE BEEN
2 CARRYING THE BRUNTS OF THE IMPACTS. ESPECIALLY HERE IN S.D. 2,
3 WE SAW A SURGE OF UNLAWFUL LOCK OUTS WHEN THE PANDEMIC BEGAN
4 BECAUSE FOLKS WERE NOT FOLLOWING THESE PROTECTIONS. SO HAVING
5 THEM IN PLACE IS CRITICAL TO CONTINUE TO CONTINUE KEEP
6 FAMILIES SAFE AND KEEP PEOPLE HOUSED DURING THIS TIME. TENANTS
7 ARE GOING TO BE FACED WITH YEARS AHEAD OF RECOVERY, WHICH IS
8 WHY WE ARE ALSO ASKING THAT THE ONLY WAY FORWARD IS OF
9 RECOVERY TO KEEP ANGELENOS HOUSED. I WANT TO SHARE THAT --
10 YEAH. LANDLORDS SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DISPLACE VULNERABLE
11 TENANTS AND SHOULD PAY RELOCATION ASSISTANCE TO THOSE THAT
12 THAT HAVE DISPLACED THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC. AND I ALSO WANT
13 TO NAME THAT EVICTIONS HAVE NEVER STOPPED SINCE RULE ONE AND
14 TWO WERE LIFTED LAST YEAR. EVICTIONS CONTINUE TO BE PROCESSED
15 THROUGH THE COURTS. SO THIS CALL ON LIFTING THE PROTECTIONS IS
16 ONLY A CALL TO CONTINUE TO EXPAND THE REASONS THEY COULD EVICT
17 FOR DURING A TIME OF RECOVERY. ON ITEM 28, 32, AND 34, I ALSO
18 WANT TO URGE THE BOARD TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO ENSURE ALL
19 RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY HAVE ACCESSIBLE LIVING WAGES AND
20 STABLE EMPLOYMENT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. WE MUST WORK TO
21 CREATE THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO ALLOW --

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:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF ROSANNA
2 ARQUETTE. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
3 ADDRESSING AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC
4 COMMENT, YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **ROSANNA ARQUETTE:** HI, CAN YOU HEAR ME? YES?

7

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

9

10 **ROSANNA ARQUETTE:** HELLO? OKAY, SORRY. SORRY. IT WASN'T ON,
11 SORRY. HI, ROSANNA ARQUETTE. I'M SO SORRY. I WANT TO THANK
12 SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR THIS MOTION. THE
13 THE ARQUETTE FAMILY IS VERY SUPPORTIVE OF DR. ASTRID HEGER'S
14 WORK AT THE VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM FOR MANY YEARS. AND
15 WE WORK WITH HER FOR THE ALEXIS PROJECT, WHICH HAS BEEN AN
16 INCREDIBLE SUCCESS STORY OF QUALITY CARE FOR THE L.G.B.T.Q.
17 COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN FOSTER AND YOUTH, SO MANY
18 HOMELESS KIDS THAT ARE ON THE STREETS, AND WE ARE HELPING THEM
19 IN SUCH AN INCREDIBLE WAY TO EXPAND THIS WOULD BE THE MOST
20 IMPORTANT THING, BUT I ALWAYS WILL FOLLOW THE WORK THAT ASTRID
21 HEGER DOES BECAUSE SHE ALWAYS GETS THE JOB DONE. ANYTHING SHE
22 DOES, SHE PUTS HER MIND TO, AND THE JOB IS ALWAYS DONE IN THE
23 RIGHT WAY, WHICH IS THE MOST COMPASSIONATE WAY FOR ALL HUMAN
24 BEINGS, ESPECIALLY RIGHT NOW WHAT WE ARE FOCUSING ON WHICH IS
25 THE L.G.B.T.Q. COMMUNITY AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, L.G.B.T.Q.

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1 TRANS YOUTH. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH. AND THAT'S
2 IT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF
8 COURTNEY VALENTINE. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU
9 WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON
10 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU MAY BEGIN.

11

12 **COURTNEY VALENTINE:** HI, GOOD MORNING. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON
13 AGENDA ITEM 27, AGENDA ITEM 31, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOU HAVE THREE MINUTES.

16

17 **COURTNEY VALENTINE:** THANK YOU. IN REGARDS TO ITEM 27, MYSELF
18 AND OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE CHAMPIONED THE CLOSURE OF
19 M.C.J. FOR YEARS, AND I SUPPORT THE BOARD TAKING THIS NEXT
20 CRITICAL STEP OF MOVING TO CLOSE THIS DEADLY FACILITY AS LAID
21 OUT IN THE M.C.J. CLOSURE REPORT DELIVERED TO THE BOARD
22 EARLIER THIS YEAR. HOWEVER, I AM CONCERNED THAT THIS NEW
23 STRUCTURE AND PROCESS PROPOSED IN THIS ITEM WOULD CAUSE
24 ADDITIONAL DELAYS AND BUREAUCRATIC HURDLES WHEN THE BOARD HAS
25 THE POWER, IN FACT, TO DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO CLOSE M.C.J. NOW.

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1 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND THE COMMUNITY KNOW WHAT TO DO AND HAVE
2 BEEN WORKING ON THIS FOR YEARS. I AM PRIMARILY CONCERNED THAT
3 THE JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM HAS NO EMBEDDED COMMUNITY
4 VOICES OR ACCOUNTABILITY. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT IMPACTED
5 COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE SPECIFICALLY INCLUDED IN THIS NEXT PHASE
6 OF CLOSURE. THIS MOTION ALSO RAISES QUESTIONS ABOUT WHO HAS A
7 VOICE IN HOW J.C.I.T. IS IMPLEMENTED AND WHO THE DIRECTOR WILL
8 BE. I BELIEVE THE TEAM SHOULD CONSULT WITH WORK GROUPS SUCH AS
9 THE M.C.J. CLOSURE AND THE GENDER RESPONSIVE ADVISORY
10 COMMITTEE TO IMPLEMENT THE CLOSURE PLAN FOR M.C.J. I URGE THE
11 BOARD TO TAKE A BOLDER STEP TO ACTUALLY DIRECT CLOSING MEN'S
12 CENTRAL JAIL WITHIN THE CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT OF COMMUNITY
13 VOICES AND WITHOUT CREATING MORE BUREAUCRACY. I ALSO URGE THIS
14 BOARD TO CAUTION AGAINST THE CLOSURE PROCESSES CENTERED AROUND
15 THE STRATEGY OF ATTRITION. THE MANDATE TO CLOSE JAILS SHOULD
16 NOT BE DEPENDENT ON WHETHER THE CURRENT SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT
17 DECIDES TO CHANGE ITS ARREST PRIORITIES OR WHETHER THE
18 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION PRIORITIZES TECHNICAL VIOLATIONS, FOR
19 EXAMPLE. IN REGARDS TO AGENDA ITEM 31, TRANS AND GENDER
20 NONCONFORMING PEOPLE LIKE MYSELF EXPERIENCE EXTREMELY HIGH
21 LEVELS OF DISCRIMINATION AND INEQUALITY IN MEDICAL SETTINGS.
22 AND THEREFORE, WE ARE AT HIGHER RISK OF EXPERIENCING NEGATIVE
23 PSYCHOLOGICAL OUTCOMES DUE TO THE INEQUITY WE EXPERIENCE. 39%
24 OF THE TRANS POPULATION HAS EXPERIENCED PSYCHOLOGICAL DISTRESS
25 IN THE PAST MONTH, AS COMPARED TO 5% OF THE OVERALL

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1 POPULATION. IN MEDICAL SETTINGS, THIS MEANS THAT TRANS FOLKS
2 FACE UNEQUAL TREATMENT, HARASSMENT, DISCRIMINATION, AND
3 INADEQUATE MEDICAL CARE. FOR T.G.I. PEOPLE OF COLOR, THE
4 MEDICAL RACISM IN THE HEALTHCARE FIELD COMPOUNDS THIS ALREADY
5 HORRIBLE TREATMENT AND CAUSES TRANS FOLKS OF COLOR TO
6 EXPERIENCE THE HIGHEST RATES OF HOMELESSNESS, SUICIDE,
7 UNEMPLOYMENT, AND DISCRIMINATION, MANY OF WHICH TIES BACK TO
8 THEIR INABILITY TO ACCESS GENDER AFFIRMING CARE. GENDER
9 AFFIRMING CARE IS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT IN DECREASING RATES OF
10 MEDICAL INEQUALITY AND HAS BEEN PROVEN TO REDUCE SUICIDAL
11 IDEATION AND PSYCHOLOGICAL DISTRESS, INCLUDING DEPRESSION AND
12 ANXIETY BECAUSE PATIENTS DON'T HAVE TO FEAR DISCRIMINATION IN
13 A GENDER AFFIRMING SETTING LED BY A T.G.I. CARE PROVIDER.
14 THEREFORE, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT T.G.I. SPECIFIC SERVICES ARE
15 PROVIDED BY ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS TRANS LATINO COALITION,
16 THAT ARE LED BY T.G.I. PEOPLE. THE PLAN IN THIS MOTION CALLS -
17 - THAT THIS MOTION CALLS FOR MUST INCLUDE COMMUNITY BASED
18 SERVICES LED BY THE PEOPLE THEY ARE SERVING. IN REGARDS TO
19 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, SHERIFF VILLANUEVA AND HIS TARGETED
20 ATTACKS OF THE HOMELESS COMMUNITY IN VENICE, I AM APPALLED BY
21 THEM. AND I ASK THAT YOU SWIFTLY DISARM THE SHERIFF THROUGH
22 THE BUDGET. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CAN FULLY EXERCISE ITS
23 BUDGETARY AUTHORITY BY REMOVING FUNDING FROM THE L.A.S.D.
24 H.O.S.T. PROGRAM AND DO ALL IN ITS POWER TO STOP THE SHERIFF'S
25 PLANS FOR MASS FORCED DISPLACEMENT AND CRIMINALIZATION OF THE

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1 VENICE BOARDWALK RESIDENTS. THE COUNTY C.E.O. MUST PULL
2 H.O.S.T. FUNDING FROM THE FINAL BUDGET AND REALLOCATE IT TO
3 COMMUNITY BASED SUPPORTIVE SERVICES LIKE HOUSING. L.A.S.D. HAS
4 NEVER BEEN, NOR WILL THEY EVER BE EQUIPPED TO HAVE THE
5 RESPONSIBILITY TO DELIVER SERVICES ENSURING THE HEALTH AND
6 WELFARE OF L.A.'S UNHOUSED --

7

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

10

11 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF LAURIE
12 ARCHIE. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
13 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
14 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

15

16 **LAURIE ARCHIE:** HI, YES, I WILL BE ADDRESSING NUMBER 9 AND
17 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS LAURIE ARCHIE. MY FAMILY
18 HAS BEEN LIVING IN TEMPORARY HOUSING FOR ALMOST 6 MONTHS NOW
19 DUE TO THE LACK OF OWNER OCCUPIED EVICTIONS. A WEALTHY SINGLE
20 GUY HAS BEEN TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE MORATORIUM, LEAVING ME
21 AND MY FAMILY TO NOT BE ABLE TO OCCUPY OUR PRIMARY RESIDENCE.
22 THERE NEEDS TO BE A MIDDLE GROUND IN THE MORATORIUM. SO I
23 SUPPORT THE OWNER OCCUPIED CARVE OUT. HOWEVER, I ASK THE BOARD
24 TO LOOK INTO MORE WAYS TO PROTECT HOME OWNERS IN THE NEXT
25 REVISION OF THE MORATORIUM, AS THERE ARE A LOT OF HOME OWNERS

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1 WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY COVID AND ARE GETTING ZERO
2 PROTECTION. HERE ARE SOME STORIES I'VE HEARD OF LANDLORDS WHO
3 CANNOT AFFORD THEIR PROPERTY CANNOT SELL BECAUSE OF DENIAL OF
4 ENTRY TO DO INSPECTIONS AND APPRAISALS, A LADY WHO HAS CANCER
5 WHO CAN'T GO THROUGH CHEMO HAD TO LIVE IN HER GARAGE BECAUSE
6 SHE COULDN'T MOVE BACK INTO HER OWN HOME, A LADY THAT WANTS TO
7 MOVE INTO ONE SIDE OF HER DUPLEX TO TAKE CARE OF HER FATHER
8 WHO HAS ALZHEIMER'S, AND THEY WON'T MOVE OUT, TENANT OCCUPIED
9 UNIT IN LA PUENTE UNABLE TO PAY RENT, LOST HIS JOB. HE OWNS A
10 HOME IN LANCASTER AND CANNOT MOVE BACK INTO HIS HOME. A SINGLE
11 FATHER IN HIS 60S HAS A 14 YEAR OLD BOY, MOTHER IS NOT IN THE
12 PICTURE BECAUSE SHE HAS MENTAL ILLNESS, THE FATHER IS UNABLE
13 TO LIVE IN HIS HOME BECAUSE IT IS TENANT OCCUPIED. IT IS
14 UNFAIR THAT TENANTS ARE TOTALLY IN 100 PERCENT PROTECTED WHILE
15 HOME OWNERS ARE NOT PROTECTED AT ALL. SO I URGE YOU GUYS TO
16 PASS THE OWNER OCCUPIED CARVE OUT AND ALSO LOOK INTO MORE WAYS
17 TO PROTECT HOME OWNERS, THANK YOU.

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

20
21 **SPEAKER:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF PAMELA
22 AUGUSTINE. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE
23 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL
24 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1 **PAMELA AUGUSTINE:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
2 IS PAMELA AUGUSTINE. I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT FIVE AND A
3 COMMUNITY ORGANIZER IN DISTRICT ONE WITH THE EAST SIDE NEEDS
4 COALITION. I SPEAK TODAY IN SUPPORT OF ITEMS 9, 27, 28, 30,
5 AND 32-35. SUPERVISORS, THE CONCERNS AND CONFUSION I HAVE
6 HEARD FROM TENANTS IN MY ORGANIZING WORK, BOTH IN DISTRICT ONE
7 AND FIVE, RESONATE IN EVERY COUNTY DISTRICT. I KNOW THIS
8 BECAUSE, SINCE JULY OF LAST YEAR, MY COALITION HAS CONNECTED
9 WITH OVER 37,000 TENANTS THROUGH CALLS AND VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS
10 UNDER OUR STAY HOUSED L.A. COUNTY PROGRAM. YESTERDAY, MONDAY,
11 JUNE 21ST, WE HELD A WORKSHOP, AND AN OVERWHELMING AMOUNT OF
12 QUESTIONS CAME UP FROM TENANTS. THESE QUESTIONS WERE REALLY
13 AROUND THE FEAR OF LIKELY LISTING OF S.B.91 IN OUR LOCAL
14 COUNTY PROTECTIONS ON JUNE 30TH. IN THIS WORKSHOP, TENANTS
15 EXPRESSED ALSO FEAR OVER NOT BEING ABLE TO PAY THEIR FULL RENT
16 IN JULY -- BY JULY AND THEREFORE BEING EVICTED SOON AFTER. I
17 ALSO HEARD ANXIETY OVER NOT BEING ABLE TO PAY THE 25 PUNT OF
18 PAST DUE RENT BY THE JUNE 30TH DEADLINE BECAUSE TENANTS ARE
19 STILL FACING UNEMPLOYMENT. LASTLY, TENANTS ALSO SHARED HOW
20 NOTIFICATIONS AND COMMUNICATION FROM THE STATE RENTAL
21 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HAS BEEN SLOW. AS YOU KNOW, THERE HAVE BEEN
22 MAJOR GAPS IN ACCESSING EXISTING TENANT PROTECTIONS AND RENT
23 RELIEF DUE TO MANY REASONS, INCLUDING LANGUAGE AND TECH
24 BARRIERS. THE STATE HAS FAILED US BY NOT TAKING SWIFT ACTION
25 TO EASE THESE CONCERNS BY THE JUNE 30TH DEADLINE, BUT YOU,

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1 SUPERVISORS, MILLIONS OF COUNTY TENANTS RELY ON YOU, AND WE
2 CANNOT WAIT FOR THE STATE. WE ARE LOOKING TO YOU TO PROVIDE
3 PROTECTIONS, ESPECIALLY THE LOWER INCOME TENANTS WHO ARE STILL
4 STRUGGLING TO FIND EMPLOYMENT AND ARE FACED WITH CRUSHING
5 AMOUNTS OF RENT DEBT. I ASK YOU TO PLEASE SUPPORT ITEM 9 AND
6 PROTECT THESE TENANTS FROM ENHANCING THE SAFEGUARDS AROUND
7 OWNER MOVEMENTS THAT ARE CURRENTLY PROPOSED IN TODAY'S MOTION.
8 I ALSO ASK YOU TO SUPPORT ITEMS 27, 28, 30, AND 32, 33, 34,
9 AND 35, AND THE ENTIRE REIMAGINE L.A. PLATFORM. REGARDING 22,
10 28, 32, AND 34, I APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS IN SUPPORTING LOCAL
11 SMALL BUSINESSES AND MICRO-EMPLOYERS, ESPECIALLY BUSINESSES
12 THAT ARE WOMEN-OWNED AND OWNED BY PEOPLE OF COLOR. AND ITEM 32
13 IS STILL IMPORTANT BECAUSE WE ARE SOLVING THE RESULTING
14 COMMERCIAL RENT DEBT.

15

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

18

19 **MODERATOR:** THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF
20 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU
21 ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
22 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23

24 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS, OR
25 GOOD MORNING, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I WANT TO SPEAK TO

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1 ITEMS 37 AND 42. I CANNOT BELIEVE ON ITEM 37 YOU ALLOWED
2 L.A.H.S.A. NOT TO PRESENT THE REPORT. AGAIN, YOU POSTPONE
3 UNTIL AUGUST 10TH. WE HAVE BEEN POSTPONED SINCE OCTOBER 29,
4 2019. THIS IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE. PLEASE MAKE SURE -- DROP
5 IN AUDIO.

6

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

9

10 **MODERATOR:** YES, THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF
11 ANDRES KWON. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL
12 BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL
13 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

14

15 **ANDRES KWON:** ANDRES KWON, A.C.L.U., SPEAKING TO ITEMS 28, 55,
16 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. ON ITEM 28, WE URGE YOU TO PASS
17 THIS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO FINALLY OPEN UP COUNTY
18 EMPLOYMENT TO NON-CITIZENS. L.A. COUNTY IS THE MOST MEGARICH
19 COUNTY IN OUR COUNTRY, YET IMMIGRANTS FACE MANY BARRIERS. IN
20 FACT, THE PANDEMIC REVEALED THESE DARK INEQUITIES THAT
21 IMMIGRANTS FACE. ONE IMPORTANT EXAMPLE, IMMIGRANTS HAVE FEARED
22 GOING TO COUNTY HOSPITALS BECAUSE OF THE CONSPICUOUS PRESENCE
23 OF SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES. ANOTHER BARRIER IS EMPLOYMENT, AND I
24 CAN SPEAK FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE HERE. AS A LAW STUDENT AT
25 U.C.L.A. LAW, MY DREAM WAS TO PURSUE PUBLIC DEFENSE AT THE

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1 L.A. COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE, BUT I WAS NOT A U.S.
2 CITIZEN, AND SO I WAS SHUT OUT. THANKFULLY, I WAS ABLE TO
3 PURSUE IMMIGRANT RIGHTS AT THE A.C.L.U., AND ONE OF MY
4 PROJECTS WAS TO HELP STRENGTHEN THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE
5 CAPACITY TO PROVIDE QUALITY REPRESENTATION TO NON-CITIZEN
6 CLIENTS. IN SHORT, THE COUNTY WORKFORCE SHOULD REFLECT THE
7 PEOPLE THEY SERVE, AND NOWHERE IS THIS MORE IMPORTANT THAN AT
8 THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE. ON ITEM 55, THE O.I.G.'S REPORT
9 ONLY CONFIRMS THAT WE HAVE BEEN FACING AND ALL OUT HUMAN
10 RIGHTS CRISIS HERE IN L.A. COUNTY AT THE HANDS OF SHERIFF
11 TRUMP OF LOS ANGELES. THE A.C.L.U. RARELY CALLS FOR ELECTED
12 OFFICIAL'S RESIGNATION. TO DO SO, WE HAVE MEET A HIGH
13 THRESHOLD WHERE THE ELECTED OFFICIAL REPRESENTS A GRAVE AN
14 IMMINENT THREAT TO CIVIL LIBERTIES. LAST SUMMER, OUR A.C.L.U.
15 BOARD DETERMINED THAT SHERIFF VILLANUEVA MET THIS HIGH
16 THRESHOLD. HE HAS BECOME THE SINGLE GREATEST THREAT AND DANGER
17 TO OUR CIVIL LIBERTIES AND REALLY TO THE ACTUAL LIVES OF
18 ANGELENOS. VILLANUEVA IS THE TRUMP OF LOS ANGELES. AT THE
19 A.C.L.U., WE HAVE BEEN SUING DONALD TRUMP ALMOST EVERY OTHER
20 WEEK FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS BEFORE VILLANUEVA CAME IN, AND WE SAW
21 THE LONG LIST OF SIMILARITIES RIGHT AWAY, EVER SINCE HE
22 REHIRED CARMEN DOYAN, HE MADE A BAIT AND SWITCH ON
23 IMMIGRATION, AND KILLED THE ACTIVE INVESTIGATIONS INTO
24 SERIOUS MISCONDUCT AT RATES THAT UNSEEN IN PRIOR
25 ADMINISTRATIONS GOING BACK TO FORMER SHERIFF LEE BACA. AND

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1 IT'S ALL BEEN DOWNHILL FROM THERE, INCLUDING VILLANUEVA'S
2 TARGETED RETALIATION AGAINST COMMUNITY ADVOCATES ORGANIZING TO
3 HOLD HIM ACCOUNTABLE, IN PARTICULAR, HIS DOUBLING DOWN ON
4 FAMILY MEMBERS. ON MAY 4TH, WE RELEASED A REPORT OF SHERIFF
5 HARASSMENT OF FAMILIES, FOCUSING ON TWO FAMILIES, AND THE
6 BOARD PASSED AN IMPORTANT MOTION. THE DAY AFTER, VILLANUEVA ON
7 HIS INCIDENT LIVE, SINGLED OUT AND IDENTIFIED BY NAME THESE
8 TWO FAMILIES. ON THE SAME VEIN, VILLANUEVA HAS BEEN HARASSING
9 AND THREATENING COUNTY STAKEHOLDERS WITH A MANDATE TO PROVIDE
10 OVERSIGHT IN A PATTERN OF CONDUCT THAT EXPERTS BELIEVE RISES
11 TO THE LEVEL OF EXTORTION, AND HE HAS FURTHER DESCENDED INTO
12 TRUMPISM RECENTLY, GOING ON ALL THE ALT-RIGHT MEDIA, STEPPING
13 UP HIS FEAR MONGERING AND OTHERING OF FOLKS IN THE MARGINS, IN
14 PARTICULAR, EXPLOITING THE CRISIS OF HOUSELESSNESS, RAISING
15 THE ALARM ON SO-CALLED UNHOUSED FOLKS FROM OUT OF TOWN
16 INVADING AND "DESTROYING" OUR WAY OF LIFE. IN FACT, VILLANUEVA
17 HIMSELF HAS INVADED VENICE AND THE SEAT OF L.A. WITH ARMED
18 DEPUTIES, THREATENING UNHOUSED RESIDENTS. SUPERVISORS, WE NEED
19 YOU TO DO EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO STEP IN AND, AT MINIMUM,
20 REMOVE ANY OF OUR TAXPAYER FUNDS GOING TO VILLANUEVA'S
21 H.O.S.T. PROGRAM AND INSTEAD REINVEST THEM IN COMMUNITY-BASED
22 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING.

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

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1

2 **MODERATOR:** THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF JAMES
3 WHEELER. PLEASE STATE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING
4 TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC
5 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **JAMES WHEELER:** THANK YOU, I WILL BE SPEAKING ON 22, 27, AND
8 GENERAL COMMENT.

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOU HAVE THREE MINUTES, PLEASE
11 BEGIN.

12

13 **JAMES WHEELER:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE, MADAM CHAIR, AND BOARD
14 OF SUPERVISORS. I'M JAMES WHEELER. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE
15 ASSOCIATION FOR LOS ANGELES DEPUTY SHERIFFS. I'LL BE SPEAKING
16 ON BEHALF OF OUR 8,000 MEMBERS, MANY OF WHOM SPENT DECADES
17 WORKING IN JAILS. FIRST, MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL IS A VITAL BUT
18 AGED COG IN OUR JAIL SYSTEM. WE ALL KNOW THAT. IT SHOULD COME
19 AS NO SURPRISE THAT OUR DEPUTIES, THE INMATES, THE MEDICAL
20 STAFF, AND THE ENTIRE SUPPORT TEAM DESERVE A BETTER FACILITY.
21 A.L.A.D.S. SHARES MANY CONCERNS WITH THE COMMUNITY
22 STAKEHOLDERS. LET ME JUST TOUCH ON A FEW. THE SIMPLE TRUTH IS
23 THAT L.A. COUNTY AND ITS POPULATION OF OVER 10 MILLION PEOPLE
24 NEED A CENTRALIZED EFFICIENT MODERN JAIL FACILITY. 96 PERCENT
25 OF THE INMATES CURRENTLY HOUSED AT M.C.J. ARE INCARCERATED FOR

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1 FELONY VIOLATIONS WITH ROUGHLY 50 PERCENT OF THOSE PERSONS
2 ESTIMATED TO SUFFER FROM MENTAL ILLNESS. A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF
3 THESE PEOPLE WILL BE INELIGIBLE OR POORLY SUITED FOR TRANSFER
4 TO COMMUNITY FACILITIES. A CENTRALIZED FACILITY ALLOWS
5 POPULATIONS ELIGIBLE FOR TRANSITION BETTER ACCESS TO COMMUNITY
6 RESOURCES. A CENTRALIZED FACILITY BETTER ENSURES COMPLIANCE
7 WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND OTHER LEGAL MANDATES.
8 THE ELIMINATION OR THE INAPPROPRIATE REDUCTION OF A
9 CENTRALIZED JAIL FACILITY WILL MOVE INMATES HOURS AWAY FROM
10 THEIR FAMILY AND SUPPORT NETWORKS. AND IT REMAINS VITALLY
11 IMPORTANT THAT WE DESIGN A SYSTEM THAT HAS SUFFICIENT LOCAL
12 CAPACITY TO PREVENT OVERCROWDING AND INHUMANE CONDITIONS. THE
13 COUNTY HAS ALREADY SPENT MONEY TO COMMISSION THE J.F.A.
14 INSTITUTE TO RESEARCH THESE ISSUES, AND THEIR REPORT IS DUE TO
15 BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. IT WOULD BE IRRESPONSIBLE
16 TO MOVE FORWARD WITHOUT RECEIVING AND CONSIDERING THE RESEARCH
17 THE COUNTY IS ALREADY PAYING FOR. RUSHED GOVERNMENT HAS PROVEN
18 TO BE BAD GOVERNMENT, AND IT BENEFITS NO ONE. A.L.A.D.S. URGES
19 YOU TO CONSIDER THE INPUT OF THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO CARRY
20 THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DAY-TO-DAY CARE OF OUR JAIL
21 POPULATION. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND LOOK FORWARD TO
22 WORKING WITH YOUR OFFICES. THANK YOU.

23
24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, THE PUBLIC COMMENT
25 PERIOD HAS CONCLUDED.

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1

2 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** I BELIEVE THE SHERIFF WANTED TO ADDRESS THE
3 BOARD. THIS IS A TIME WHERE HE CAN ADDRESS THE BOARD NOW
4 BECAUSE WE'VE CONCLUDED PUBLIC COMMENT.

5

6 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** OKAY, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND
7 REGARDING AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 27, I HAVE A COUPLE OF COMMENTS.
8 FIRST AND FOREMOST, IN YOUR INTRO TO THIS THING, YOU TALKED
9 ABOUT THIS 2020 CENSUS AND THE POPULATION OF BLACK AMERICANS
10 AND LATINOS IN THE COUNTY JAIL VIS A VIS THEIR POPULATION IN
11 L.A. COUNTY. WELL, I WILL TELL YOU THIS, THE POPULATION AND
12 THE DEMOGRAPHICS AND THE COUNTY JAIL ARE AN EXACT REFLECTION
13 OF THE SUSPECTS WHO COMMIT CRIME IN L.A. COUNTY. SO WHEN YOU
14 TALK ABOUT THE OPPRESSION, WELL, ACTUALLY, CRIMINAL OFFENDERS
15 DO OPPRESS MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND IT DISPROPORTIONATELY
16 IMPACTS VICTIMS OF CRIME WHO OVERWHELMINGLY ARE BLACK AND
17 LATINO. THEY COME FROM THOSE COMMUNITIES. SO THERE IS NO
18 TARGETING, SO TO SPEAK, THAT SOMEHOW IT DISPROPORTIONATELY
19 AFFECTS THEM BECAUSE OF RACE OR ETHNICITY. THAT IS A FALLACY,
20 AND IT IS A FAKE ARGUMENT. SO LET'S END THAT ONE RIGHT NOW.
21 NUMBER TWO, RELEASING 4500 INMATES ONTO THE STREETS IS NOT A
22 LEGAL OPTION HAD FOR THE COUNTY TO EMBARK IN AND TRYING TO
23 CRAM 12,500 INMATES INTO 8,500 BEDS IS NOT A LEGAL ARGUMENT
24 EITHER THAT CAN BE MADE. IT IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND GOVERNMENT
25 CODE SECTION 22-605 CLEARLY STATES THAT THE SHERIFF RUNS THE

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1 COUNTY JAIL, AND I HAVE FULL INTENTION TO CARRY OUT MY MANDATE
2 TO RUN THE COUNTY JAIL IN A CONSTITUTIONAL MANNER AND TO
3 SAFEGUARD THE SAFETY AND THE HEALTH OF EVERY SINGLE INMATE IN
4 THE COUNTY JAIL. YOUR PROPOSITION OF JUST CLOSING IT BECAUSE
5 YOU WANTS TO BECAUSE YOU WANT A CARE FIRST, WELL, YOU ARE ONLY
6 CARING ABOUT ACTUALLY THE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN CRIME. YOU'RE NOT
7 CARING ABOUT THE VICTIMS OF CRIME. YOU'RE NOT CARING ABOUT THE
8 COMMUNITIES THAT WILL BE IMPACTED BY A FLOOD OF VIOLENT
9 OFFENDERS BEING RELEASED INTO THE COMMUNITY. AND THAT -- I AM
10 NOT SURE HOW YOU ARE GOING TO SQUARE THAT AWAY WITH YOUR OWN
11 CONSTITUENTS IN YOUR DISTRICTS. RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE ROUGHLY
12 15,000 INMATES IN THE JAIL SYSTEM. I HAVE NOW, AND THIS IS
13 2021, I HAVE 5,960 VIOLENT CRIMES THAT HAVE BEEN COMMITTED.
14 THAT MEANS IT IS 5,960 VIOLENT FELONS THAT THE OVERWHELMING
15 MAJORITY OF THEM HAVE NOT BEEN ARRESTED YET. WHERE DO THEY GO
16 WHEN WE RELEASE AND REDUCE THE CAPACITY OF THE COUNTY JAIL? TO
17 THE CARE-FIRST VILLAGE? THAT IS NOT GOING TO WORK. I THINK WE
18 NEED TO BE REALISTIC. WE NEED TO THINK LONG-TERM, AND WE NEED
19 TO INCORPORATE THE VOICES OF VICTIMS OF CRIME, HONEST LAW-
20 ABIDING CITIZENS, AND TAXPAYERS TO END THE MADNESS ABOUT THIS
21 CARE FIRST IDEA THAT DOESN'T INVOLVE ANYBODY BUT CRIMINAL
22 OFFENDERS. THE REST OF THE COMMUNITY IS SUFFERING AT THE HANDS
23 OF THESE CRIMINAL OFFENDERS. WE NEED TO HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE,
24 AND WHERE WE CAN PROVIDE FOR REHABILITATION, BY ALL MEANS.
25 LET'S WORK HARD TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY TO REHABILITATE, BUT

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1 YOU ARE NOT DOING THAT. YOU ARE JUST TRYING TO ELIMINATE THE
2 CAPACITY TO HOLD PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE, NOT ACCEPTABLE.

3

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

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU, 1D-3D,
14 1P, 8, 11, AND 12, 14-20, ON ITEM 22, THIS ITEM FAILS TO CARRY
15 FOR A LACK OF THREE VOTES, 23-26, 28-30, 36, 38-43, 45-49, 50-
16 54, 56-60, 61B, 61D AS REVISED, 61F-61I, 61J AS REVISED, 61K,
17 AND 64.

18

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

22

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

24

25 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

6

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

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

10

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

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

14

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

16

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

18

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

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** BEFORE WE TAKE UP PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE
22 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER WILL READ THE
23 SHORT TITLES OF EACH PUBLIC HEARING ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE
24 OFFICER, PLEASE SWEAR IN THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE
25 BOARD ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS.

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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS
3 BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE WHOLE TRUTH AND
4 NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD? ITEM ONE IS HEARING ON
5 THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGE ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR '21-
6 '22 FOR THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT AND THE
7 MARINA SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT. A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL
8 STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM
9 TWO IS A HEARING ON THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ANNUAL
10 ASSESSMENTS FOR ALL ZONES IDENTIFIED IN THE FISCAL YEAR '21-
11 '22 ENGINEERS REPORT WITHING COUNTY LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING ACT
12 DISTRICTS 1, 2, AND 4. A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS
13 PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM 3 IS A HEARING
14 ON THE ANNUAL GARBAGE COLLECTION DISPOSABLE SERVICE FEE REPORT
15 FOR FISCAL YEAR '21-'22, THE ATHENS-WOODCREST-OLIVITA,
16 BELVEDERE, FIRESTONE, LENNOX, MALIBU, MESA HEIGHTS, AND WALNUT
17 PARK. A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND
18 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. AND ITEM 4 IS A HEARING ON THE
19 PROPOSED VACATION OF A PORTION OF THE ALLEY WEST OF AMALIA
20 AVENUE AND SOUTH OF EAGLE STREET IN THE UNINCORPORATED
21 COMMUNITY OF EAST LOS ANGELES. A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL
22 STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM
23 5 IS A HEARING ON THE NEW HALL RANCH SANITATION DISTRICT
24 WASTEWATER SERVICE CHARGE REPORT. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENTAL
25 STATEMENT, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

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2 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT
3 ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 1-7. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
4 PLEASE READ THE CALL IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON
5 THE AGENDA AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF
6 THE PUBLIC WHO ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE
9 PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS 1-5 SHOULD
10 CALL 877-226-8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 852761. TO
11 REPEAT, PLEASE CALL 877-226-8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE
12 NUMBER 852761. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO
13 LISTEN TO THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY PLEASE CALL 877-873-8017
14 AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING
15 IN, WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND
16 WHICH PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. EACH PERSON
17 WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR ALL PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. WE WILL
18 ALLOCATE UP TO 60 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ALL THE
19 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. IF THERE ARE NO SPEAKERS WAITING BEFORE
20 60 MINUTES HAVE LAPSED WE WILL CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT. WE WILL
21 CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING
22 THE MEETING WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. WHEN
23 SPEAKING ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, YOU MUST BE ON TOPIC.
24 OUR GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE CAN. IF YOU
25 ARE NOT SPEAKING ON A TOPIC, OR IF WE CANNOT TELL IF YOU ARE

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1 SPEAKING ON A PUBLIC HEARING ITEM, YOU WILL GET ONE WARNING
2 FROM COUNTY COUNSEL OR THE CHAIR. IF YOU DO NOT IMMEDIATELY OR
3 CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC OR IF YOU STRAY OFF TOPIC AGAIN YOU WILL
4 FORFEIT THE REST OF YOUR TIME, AND THE CHAIR WILL MOVE TO THE
5 NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE IF YOU ARE LISTEN TO THE BOARD
6 MEETING ON A COMPUTER OR SPEAKER PHONE, YOU WILL NEED TO TURN
7 DOWN THE VOLUME ON THOSE DEVICES AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR
8 CALLS ON YOU. IF YOU DO NOT TURN DOWN THE VOLUME, THERE WILL
9 BE AN ECHO. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10

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

15

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

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

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22 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ALEX GILL. YOU HAVE ONE
23 MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
24 ADDRESSING TODAY, AND YOU MAY BEGIN.

25

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

2

3 **MODERATOR:** AND THEY HAVE DROPPED AT THIS TIME.

4

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

7

8 **MODERATOR:** CHAIRPERSON, I SHOW NO OTHERS IN QUEUE.

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OUR TIME THEN FOR PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON THE
13 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS HAS ENDED. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL
14 THOSE THAT ARE LISTENING IN. IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE
15 YOUR COMMENTS, YOU MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS AS INDICATED ON
16 THE AGENDA, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN
17 COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE COURSE OF THE MEETING, WHICH
18 WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. TODAY, WE BEGIN WITH THE
19 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 1, 2, 3, 4, AND 5, FOLLOWED BY SET ITEMS
20 S1, THEN ITEMS 9, 10, 13, 21, 27, 31, FOLLOWED BY ITEMS 32 AND
21 34, WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER, THEN ITEMS 33, 55, 61A,
22 61C, AND FINISHING WITH ITEM 61E. WE WILL NOW TAKE UP PUBLIC
23 HEARING ITEM 1, HEARING ON THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGE ANNUAL
24 REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-'22. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS FROM
25 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD? SEEING THAT THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS OR

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1 PUBLIC COMMENTS, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC
2 HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 1 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY
3 MYSELF, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. MADAM EXECUTIVE
4 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

5

6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 1 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

7

8 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

9

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

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

18

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

20

21 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

22

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

24

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

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

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW TAKE UP PUBLIC
5 HEARING ITEM NUMBER 2, HEARING ON THE ANNUAL LEVYING
6 ASSESSMENTS OF COUNTY LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT DISTRICTS
7 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-'22. ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD
8 LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS ON THIS ITEM? SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE
9 APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM.
10 ITEM 2 IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
11 BARGER TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
12 CALL THE ROLL.

13

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

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

17

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

20

21 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

22

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

24

25 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

5

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

7

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

9

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

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW TAKE UP PUBLIC
13 HEARING ITEM NUMBER 3, HEARING ON THE ANNUAL GARBAGE
14 COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE FEE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR
15 2021-'22. ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS WISHING TO SPEAK ON THIS
16 ITEM? SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC
17 HEARING AND VOTE ON THE ITEM. ITEM 3 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY
18 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE
19 THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 3 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

22

23 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

24

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

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

9

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

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

15

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

17

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

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW TAKE UP PUBLIC

21 HEARING ITEM 4. THIS IS A HEARING ON RESOLUTION TO VACATE THE

22 PORTION OF AN ALLEY IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF EAST

23 LOS ANGELES. ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS WISHING TO BE

24 RECOGNIZED ON THIS ITEM? SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE

25 TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THE ITEM. ITEM 4 IS

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1 BEFORE US. MOVED BY MYSELF, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO
2 APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
3 ROLL.

4

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

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

8

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

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

13

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

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

21

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

23

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

25

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

2

3 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW TAKE UP PUBLIC
4 HEARING ITEM NUMBER 5. THIS IS A HEARING ON THE NEW HALL RANCH
5 SANITATION DISTRICT'S WASTEWATER SERVICE CHARGE REPORT. ARE
6 THERE ANY SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS ON THIS
7 ITEM? SEEING NONE, THEN IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE
8 PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THE ITEM. ITEM 5 IS BEFORE US,
9 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO
10 APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
11 ROLL.

12

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

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

16

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

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

21

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

23

24 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

25

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

2

3 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

4

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

6

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

8

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

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MEMBERS. NOW, WE WILL
12 MOVE ON TO THE SET MATTER ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER. THIS IS
13 A PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BOARD TO DISCUSS THE CLOSURES AND
14 PANDEMIC TRENDS. WE HAVE ALSO IN THE QUEUE DR. FERRER AND DR.
15 GHALY WHO WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE THESE UPDATES. WE WILL
16 NOW HEAR FROM DR. BARBARA FERRER, REPRESENTING PUBLIC HEALTH,
17 AND THEN DR. CHRISTINA GHALY, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES.
18 THANK YOU.

19

20 **DR. FERRER:** GOOD MORNING, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND
21 TO THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND
22 SUPPORT AS WE CONTINUE OUR RECOVERY JOURNEY. I AM PLEASED TO
23 BE HERE THIS MORNING TO SHARE THE LATEST INFORMATION WE HAVE
24 ON OUR COVID-19 RESPONSE TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND WITH THE
25 PUBLIC LISTENING IN TODAY. AS YOU KNOW, THE COUNTY ALIGNED

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1 WITH THE STATE TO FULLY REOPEN LAST WEEK ON JUNE 15TH WITH THE
2 ELIMINATION OF CAPACITY LIMITS AND DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS AND
3 RELAXED MASKING REQUIREMENTS FOR VACCINATED RESIDENTS AND
4 WORKERS. TODAY, I WILL PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE COUNTY'S
5 REOPENING ALONG WITH INFORMATION ON L.A. COUNTY'S CURRENT
6 COVID NUMBERS, A LITTLE BIT OF INFORMATION ON COVID VARIANTS,
7 TRENDS IN OUR VACCINATION RATES, AND AN OVERVIEW OF THE
8 CHANGES THAT WENT INTO EFFECT LAST WEEK AND WHAT THEY MEAN FOR
9 COUNTY RESIDENTS AND WORKERS. I WILL START WITH THE FIRST
10 SLIDE, OR THE NEXT SLIDE. THERE WE GO, PERFECT. AND ON THIS
11 SLIDE, YOU HAVE YESTERDAY'S NUMBERS, BUT I ACTUALLY JUST
12 RECEIVED THIS MORNING'S NUMBERS, AND SO I WILL REPORT OUT ON
13 WHAT I HAVE FOR UPDATES. TODAY, WE ARE REPORTING 5 NEW DEATHS,
14 WHICH BRINGS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DEATHS TO 24,445 ACROSS L.A.
15 COUNTY. OUR THOUGHTS AS ALWAYS ARE WITH THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING
16 THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE OR A FRIEND TO COVID-19. AND WE DO
17 SHARE IN THEIR SORROW. WE ARE ALSO REPORTING 172 NEW CASES
18 TODAY, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES IN L.A. COUNTY TO
19 1,247,899. AS OF YESTERDAY, 213 PEOPLE WERE HOSPITALIZED WITH
20 COVID-19. TO DATE, MORE THAN 6.9 MILLION PEOPLE HAVE BEEN
21 TESTED AND HAD TEST RESULTS REPORTED IN L.A. COUNTY. OUR DAILY
22 TEST POSITIVITY RATE ACTUALLY ROSE SLIGHTLY, AND IT IS NOW AT
23 .8 PERCENT, AND OUR 7-DAY DAILY AVERAGE CASE RATE IS 14 NEW
24 CASES PER 100,000 PEOPLE. THIS SLIGHT INCREASE IN TEST
25 POSITIVITY THIS PAST WEEK REFLECTS THE FACT THAT, WITH SCHOOLS

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1 CLOSED, THERE ARE NO LONGER LAB RESULTS FROM THE THOUSANDS OF
2 SURVEILLANCE TESTS THAT WERE PERFORMED DAILY ACROSS MANY
3 SCHOOL SITES. WITH SO MANY STAFF AND TEACHERS FULLY VACCINATED
4 AND LOW TRANSMISSION AMONG STUDENTS, MOST OF THE SURVEILLANCE
5 TEST RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE, AND IT IS LIKELY THAT MOST PEOPLE
6 SEEKING COVID TESTS NOW ARE REALLY PEOPLE WHO ARE EITHER --
7 DROP IN AUDIO -- TEST POSITIVITY PERCENT, WITH A SLIGHT
8 INCREASE. WE WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. WHILE OUR METRICS
9 REMAIN LOW, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THE CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS,
10 AND DEATHS ARE NOT SPREAD EVENLY ACROSS OUR POPULATION. ON
11 THIS TABLE, YOU CAN SEE THAT CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND
12 DEATHS HAVE CONSISTENTLY REMAINED HIGHEST AMONG BLACK
13 RESIDENTS THESE PAST FEW WEEKS. ON MAY 15TH, WE WERE SEEING 46
14 CASES AMONG EVERY 100,000 OF OUR BLACK RESIDENTS, WITH MUCH
15 LOWER NUMBERS AMONG LATINX, WHITE, AND ASIAN RESIDENTS. AND ON
16 JUNE 12TH, ONE MONTH LATER, THE CASE RATE FORTUNATELY HAS
17 DECREASED AMONGST ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS, BUT IT STILL REMAINED
18 HIGHEST AMONG BLACK RESIDENTS WITH A RATE OF 40 NEW CASES PER
19 100,000 PEOPLE, AND NOTE THAT WHILE CASE INCIDENT RATES
20 DECREASED FOR EVERYONE, THEY DECREASED IN WHITE AND ASIAN
21 POPULATIONS BY ONE HALF TO ONE THIRD AND DECREASED BY ONLY 15
22 TO 25 PERCENT IN BLACK AND LATINX POPULATIONS.
23 HOSPITALIZATIONS, AS YOU CAN SEE, ALSO DECREASED ACROSS ALL
24 GROUPS BUT NOT AT THE SAME RATE. BETWEEN MAY 15TH AND JUNE
25 12TH, THE HOSPITALIZATION RATE REMAINED HIGHEST AMONG BLACK

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1 RESIDENTS WHERE IT ONLY DECREASED ABOUT 10 PERCENT FROM 9.1
2 HOSPITALIZATIONS TO 8.1 HOSPITALIZATIONS PER 100,000
3 RESIDENTS. IT DECREASED BY ABOUT A THIRD TO ONE HALF AMONGST
4 LATINX, WHITE, AND ASIAN RESIDENTS, WHO STARTED WITH
5 SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER HOSPITALIZATION RATES. DEATH RATES HAVE
6 FOLLOWED A SOMEWHAT SIMILAR PATTERN. ON MAY 15TH, THE RATE OF
7 1.6 DEATHS FOR EVERY 100,000 BLACK RESIDENTS WAS MORE THAN
8 TWICE THE DEATH RATE IN ALL OTHER GROUPS. A MONTH LATER, DEATH
9 RATES HAVE DECREASED DRAMATICALLY FOR EVERYONE, AND WHILE THE
10 DEATH RATE IN BLACK RESIDENTS DECREASED BY 3 QUARTERS TO .4
11 DEATHS FOR EVERY 100,000 RESIDENTS, IT NOW IS ACTUALLY 4 TIMES
12 HIGHER THAN THE DEATH RATE OF .1 DEATHS PER 100,000 FOLKS IN
13 ASIAN RESIDENTS, AND IT IS TWICE AS HIGH AS THE DEATH RATE OF
14 .2 AMONG WHITE RESIDENTS. ALTHOUGH WE ARE RELIEVED TO SEE
15 OVERALL PROGRESS ACROSS THE BOARD, THE DISPROPORTIONALITIES
16 THAT PERSIST AMONG GROUPS AND COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE ALREADY
17 SUFFERED MOST IS DEEPLY CONCERNING. GIVEN THE UNEVENNESS OF
18 VACCINATION COVERAGE THAT CONTRIBUTES TO THESE ELEVATED RATES,
19 WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO CONTINUING THE WORK OF MAKING ACCESS TO
20 VACCINES AND HIGH QUALITY HEALTH INFORMATION AS EASY AS
21 POSSIBLE IN ALL OUR HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES, AND I WILL TAKE OUR
22 NEXT SLIDE. CONTINUED CONCERN IS WARRANTED REGARDING VARIANTS
23 OF CONCERN, AND WE DO REMAIN VIGILANT, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE WE
24 KNOW WHERE THERE ARE POCKETS OF UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS THESE
25 VARIANTS CAN PROLIFERATE. LIKE ALL VIRUSES, SARS-COV-2, THE

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1 VIRUS THAT CAUSES COVID-19, CHANGES CONSTANTLY THROUGH
2 MUTATIONS, AND SOME OF THESE MUTATIONS END UP BEING VARIANTS
3 OF CONCERN THAT ARE MORE INFECTIOUS, AND IN SOME CASES MORE
4 DEADLY. OF LATE, WE HAVE BEEN WATCHING PARTICULARLY CLOSELY
5 FOR DELTA VARIANTS, WHICH WERE FORMERLY KNOWN AS INDIAN
6 VARIANTS. THESE AND THEIR RELATED KAPPA VARIANTS ARE THE ONES
7 THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THE MASSIVE OUTBREAKS IN INDIA, IN THE
8 RECENT SURGE OF CASES IN THE U.K., AND IN ONGOING OUTBREAKS
9 ELSEWHERE WORLDWIDE. WE ARE ESPECIALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS
10 VARIANT BECAUSE IT APPEARS TO BE HIGHLY TRANSMISSIBLE. THAT
11 IS, IT IS MORE CONTAGIOUS EVEN THAN OTHER HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS
12 COVID VARIANTS. IT IS ALSO THOUGHT THAT THIS VARIANT MAY CAUSE
13 MORE SEVERE INFECTIONS THAN OTHER COVID VARIANTS, AND WHILE
14 FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE APPEAR TO BE WELL PROTECTED FROM
15 INFECTIONS WITH DELTA VARIANTS, PEOPLE WITH ONLY ONE VACCINE
16 ARE NOT WELL PROTECTED, AND UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS ARE MORE
17 CERTAINLY EASILY INFECTED. THIS SLIDE SHOWS THE VARIANTS
18 IDENTIFIED BY BOTH THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAB AND A GROUP OF OTHER
19 CALIFORNIA LABORATORIES FROM ABOUT 6,500 SPECIMENS THAT WERE
20 LINKED WITH L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS, AND THIS AGAIN IS DATA FROM
21 LAST WEEK, WHICH WE WILL BE UPDATING LATER THIS WEEK. DELTA
22 VARIANTS AND A SCANT FEW OF THEIR RELATED KAPPA VARIANTS ARE
23 REPRESENTED IN THE YELLOW SLICE AT THE VERY TOP OF EACH BAR.
24 AS YOU CAN SEE, WE STARTED SEEING SMALL NUMBERS OF THESE CASES
25 AMONG L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS IN EARLY APRIL. OVER THE PAST FEW

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1 WEEKS, WE HAVE BEGUN TO SEE AN INCREASE IN DELTA VARIANTS AS
2 THE PROPORTION OF VARIANTS OF CONCERN IS OBTAINED BY OUR
3 SEQUENCING. BETWEEN LATE APRIL AND EARLY JUNE, 64 CASES OF THE
4 DELTA VARIANT COVID INFECTION WERE IDENTIFIED AMONG RESIDENTS
5 IN L.A. COUNTY WITH MOST OF THEM, AS YOU CAN SEE HERE,
6 IDENTIFIED IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS. I WANT TO NOTE THAT MUCH OF
7 THE TRANSMISSION OF THIS VARIANT APPEARS TO BE OCCURRING
8 WITHIN HOUSEHOLDS. 34 OF THE 64 CASES THAT WERE IDENTIFIED
9 LIVE IN A HOUSEHOLD WITH ONE OR MORE OTHER DELTA VARIANT
10 CASES. VACCINATION DOES REMAIN THE BEST PROTECTION WE HAVE
11 AGAINST THE PROLIFERATION OF THESE VARIANTS, AS MOST CASES OF
12 THE DELTA VARIANT HAVE OCCURRED IN UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS. I
13 WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. AS OF JUNE 18TH, WE HAVE
14 ADMINISTERED MORE THAN 10 MILLION DOSES OF VACCINE ACROSS THE
15 COUNTY. THIS IS A TREMENDOUS MILE STONE FOR US AND THE PRODUCT
16 OF TRULY REMARKABLE COOPERATION WITH SO VERY MANY PARTNERS.
17 5.7 MILLION OF THESE WERE FIRST DOSES, AND NEARLY 4.5 MILLION
18 WERE SECOND DOSES. THIS MEANS THAT 67 PERCENT OF OUR RESIDENTS
19 16 AND OVER RECEIVED A FIRST DOSE, AND NEARLY 58 -- SLIGHTLY
20 OVER 58 PERCENT OF OUR RESIDENTS 16 AND OVER ARE FULLY
21 VACCINATED. AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HAS ALREADY
22 GOTTEN VACCINATED AND THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE MAKING A PLAN TO
23 GET VACCINATED SOON. WE WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. WITH OUR
24 STATE FULLY REOPENED, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE CONTINUE TO
25 FOLLOW AND SHARE WITH YOU SIGNS OF CHANGING DYNAMICS IN THE

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1 TRANSMISSION AND SEVERITY OF THIS VIRUS. WE CAN GO ON TO THE
2 NEXT SLIDE. ONE OF THE WAYS WE WILL BE DOING THIS IS BY
3 TRACKING POSITIVE TESTS, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND DEATHS AMONG
4 FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE. AND WHILE WE WILL CERTAINLY BE
5 KEEPING AN EYE ON THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO TEST POSITIVE FOR
6 COVID AFTER BEING FULLY VACCINATED, THE NUMBERS WE WILL BE
7 WATCHING WITH PARTICULAR CONCERN ARE THOSE RELATED TO
8 HOSPITALIZATIONS AND DEATHS. THAT'S BECAUSE AN INCREASE IN
9 HOSPITALIZATIONS OR DEATHS AMONG FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE MAY
10 BE ONE OF THE EARLY SIGNALS THAT A MORE LETHAL VARIANT NOT
11 PREVENTED BY AVAILABLE VACCINES IS IN CIRCULATION. FOR NOW,
12 YOU CAN SEE ON THIS SLIDE THAT THE VACCINE IS VERY POWERFUL
13 AND VERY EFFECTIVE. AND PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CIRCLES HERE ARE
14 NOT TO SCALE. WE LOOKED AT POSITIVE TESTS IN THE GROUP OF
15 NEARLY 4.4 MILLION L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO HAD ACHIEVED FULL
16 VACCINATION STATUS FROM THE TIME WE BEGAN VACCINATING IN
17 DECEMBER THROUGH JUNE 11TH. AMONG THESE FULLY VACCINATED 4.4
18 MILLION PEOPLE, WE IDENTIFIED 1,696 PEOPLE WHO TESTED POSITIVE
19 FOR A COVID INFECTION CONTRACTED MORE THAN TWO WEEKS AFTER
20 THEY WERE FULLY VACCINATED. THIS TRANSLATES TO ABOUT 0.04
21 PERCENT OF ALL VACCINATED PEOPLE TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID.
22 139 PEOPLE OR 0.003 PERCENT OF THOSE FULLY VACCINATED WERE
23 HOSPITALIZED FOR INFECTIONS CONTRACTED WHILE FULLY VACCINATED,
24 AND 19 PEOPLE DIED OF THEIR INFECTIONS. THAT'S 0.0004 PERCENT
25 OF EVERYONE WHO IS FULLY VACCINATED. THESE NUMBERS ARE VERY

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1 SIMILAR TO THE NUMBERS WE SAW WHEN WE LAST LOOKED AT POST
2 VACCINATION INFECTIONS LAST MONTH, AND THEY ARE VERY SIMILAR
3 TO NUMBERS THAT ARE SEEN ACROSS THE COUNTRY, ATTESTING TO THE
4 EFFECTIVENESS OF THE COVID-19 VACCINES. WE WILL BE WATCHING
5 THIS DATA CLOSELY IN THE WEEKS AND MONTHS TO COME AND WILL
6 SHARE THAT INFORMATION WITH YOU ON A REGULAR BASIS. WE'LL TAKE
7 THE NEXT SLIDE. WITH SUCH POWERFUL VACCINES, ESSENTIAL TO OUR
8 SUCCESS IN OUR FULL REOPENING IS THE ABILITY TO CONTINUE
9 PROVIDE RESIDENTS WITH ACCURATE INFORMATION ABOUT THE VACCINES
10 AND EASY ACCESS TO VACCINATION SITES. THESE MAPS SHOW THE
11 PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE TO VACCINATE L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS OVER
12 ONE MONTH. THE FIRST MAP SHOWS THE OUR VACCINATION COVERAGE AS
13 OF MAY 13TH, ABOUT A MONTH AFTER L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS AGES 16
14 AND OLDER BECAME ELIGIBLE FOR THE VACCINE. AND THE SECOND MAP
15 SHOWS OUR STATUS NOW AS OF JUNE 13TH 2021. WHILE WE STILL HAVE
16 A LOT OF WORK TO DO TO INCREASE VACCINE UPTAKE IN CERTAIN
17 AREAS, THERE HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS, AND YOU CAN SEE
18 THAT WITH THE DARKER COLORS ON THE MAP. WE DO, HOWEVER, WANT
19 TO NOTE THAT WE HAVE SOME OF THE LOWEST VACCINATION COVERAGE
20 RATES IN NORTH L.A. COUNTY, ANTELOPE VALLEY, DEL SUR, AGUA
21 DULCE, ACTON, AND LANCASTER, AND WE HAVE EVEN LOWER
22 VACCINATION RATES IN SOME PARTS OF SOUTH L.A. WHERE IN ATHENS,
23 WESTMONT, FLORENCE-FIRESTONE, COMPTON, AND WILLOWBROOK. OUR
24 MOBILE TEAMS WILL CONTINUE TO OFFER IMPROVED ACCESS TO
25 VACCINATIONS IN COMMUNITIES WITH THE LOWEST COVERAGE RATES AS

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1 OUTREACH WORKERS AND HEALTH EDUCATORS ENGAGE RESIDENTS TO
2 PROVIDE INFORMATION AND ANSWER QUESTIONS. WE WILL TAKE THE
3 NEXT SLIDE. IN ADDITION TO LOWER VACCINATION RATES IN SOME
4 COMMUNITIES, WE ALSO CONTINUE TO SEE GAPS IN COVERAGE RATES BY
5 RACE AND ETHNICITY, AS YOU CAN SEE ON THIS TABLE. 74 PERCENT
6 OF ASIAN AND 64 PERCENT OF WHITE RESIDENTS AGED 16 AND OLDER
7 HAVE RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE OF THE VACCINE, AND THIS
8 COMPARES TO 52 PERCENT OF LATINX AND 43 PERCENT OF BLACK
9 RESIDENTS. WHILE THERE CONTINUE TO BE SMALL INCREASES IN
10 VACCINATION NUMBERS EACH WEEK, WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO TO
11 CLOSE THESE GAPS. WE WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. THE GAPS ARE
12 MUCH SMALLER IN THE 65 PLUS AGE GROUP, AS YOU CAN SEE WHERE
13 WE'VE HAD A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME TO OFFER VACCINATIONS.
14 NEARLY 66 PERCENT OF BLACK SENIORS AND 75 PERCENT OF LATINX
15 SENIORS HAVE RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE OF VACCINE WITH ASIAN
16 AND WHITE RESIDENTS NEARING 80 PERCENT VACCINATION RATES. NEXT
17 SLIDE. IMPORTANTLY, OUR BIGGEST GAPS IN VACCINATION RATES ARE
18 AMONG THE YOUNGER AGE GROUPS ARE FOR BOTH BLACK AND LATINX
19 RESIDENTS. SEVERAL AGE SUBGROUPS CONTINUE TO HAVE BIG
20 DIFFERENCES IN VACCINATION BY RACE AND ETHNICITY, AS YOU CAN
21 SEE ON THIS SLIDE. THE DIFFERENCES ARE PARTICULARLY DRAMATIC
22 IN TEENS AND YOUNGER ADULTS. IN BOTH THE 12 TO 15 AND THE 16
23 TO 17 AGE GROUPS, ONLY ABOUT HALF AS MANY BLACK AND LATINX
24 TEENS ARE VACCINATED WHEN COMPARED TO AMERICAN INDIAN, ALASKAN
25 NATIVE, WHITE, AND ASIAN RESIDENTS. OUR DATA DOESN'T LOOK VERY

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1 DIFFERENT FOR YOUNG ADULTS 18 TO 29 YEAR OLDS. 27 PERCENT OF
2 BLACK ADULTS IN THIS CATEGORY AND 41 PERCENT OF LATINX ADULTS
3 HAVE BEEN VACCINATED. THIS COMPARES WITH 74 PERCENT OF THEIR
4 ASIAN AND 57 PERCENT OF THEIR WHITE COUNTERPARTS, WHICH MEANS
5 IT IS BETWEEN ONE AND A HALF TO TWO THIRDS FEWER. THE
6 DISPROPORTIONALITY PERSISTS AMONG 30 TO 49 YEAR OLDS. IN THIS
7 GROUP, ABOUT HALF AS MANY BLACK ADULTS HAVE BEEN VACCINATED AS
8 THEIR ASIAN AND WHITE COUNTERPARTS. WE WILL TAKE THE NEXT
9 SLIDE. OBVIOUSLY, THE MOST IMPORTANT STRATEGY TO CLOSE THESE
10 GAPS IS TO ENSURE THAT THERE ARE NO ACCESS BARRIERS TO GETTING
11 VACCINE. AND WE ARE WORKING WITH AN EXTENSIVE NETWORK OF
12 PARTNERS THAT HAVE NOT LET UP ON EFFORTS TO MAKE IT AS EASY AS
13 POSSIBLE FOR ELIGIBLE L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS TO GET VACCINATED.
14 THIS MAP SHOWS THE 767 SITES THAT ARE OFFERING VACCINATIONS
15 THIS WEEK THROUGH JUNE 26TH. THESE SITES INCLUDE PHARMACIES,
16 CLINICS, COMMUNITY SITES, AND HOSPITALS. YOU CAN SEE MANY OF
17 THE VACCINATION SITES ARE CONCENTRATED IN THESE AREAS THAT
18 HAVE BEEN THE HARDEST HIT BY THE PANDEMIC. CURRENTLY, YOU CAN
19 OBTAIN VACCINES AT ALL OF OUR SEVEN COUNTY RUN SITES, ALL OF
20 THE L.A. COUNTY CITY RUN SITES, ALMOST ALL OF OUR MOBILE
21 SITES, AND MANY OF THE COMMUNITY SITES WITHOUT ANY
22 APPOINTMENT. EXCEPT FOR YOUNG TEENAGERS, THERE IS NO
23 REQUIREMENT FOR VERIFICATIONS. MANY SITES ARE OPEN ON WEEKENDS
24 AND HAVE EVENING HOURS. RESIDENTS CAN VISIT
25 VACCINATELACOUNTY.COM TO FIND A SITE CONVENIENT FOR THEM.

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1 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. WE ARE ALSO COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING
2 ADDITIONAL MOBILE VACCINATION TEAMS THAT TAKE VACCINES INTO
3 NEIGHBORHOODS TO REACH PEOPLE WHO MAY HAVE LIMITED ABILITY OR
4 TIME GET TO ONE OF THE ESTABLISHED VACCINATION SITES. THE BLUE
5 MARKERS ON THIS MAP INDICATE THE 247 SITES WHERE OUR COUNTY-
6 SPONSORED MOBILE TEAMS WILL BE OFFERING VACCINATIONS THIS
7 WEEK, WHICH YOU WILL NOTE ARE CONCENTRATED IN THESE HIGHER-
8 NEED, HIGHER-HIT AREAS. NOW THAT L.A. COUNTY HAS FULLY
9 REOPENED, WE ARE CONTINUING TO DIRECT A LOT OF RESOURCES
10 TOWARDS MOBILE VACCINATION SITES OUT OF A SENSE OF URGENCY TO
11 VACCINATE AS MANY RESIDENTS AS POSSIBLE. WE REALIZE THAT FOR
12 MANY PEOPLE, BEING ABLE TO GET YOUR VACCINE AT A PLACE YOU
13 KNOW THAT IS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD OR AT YOUR WORK SITE MAKES
14 IT MUCH MORE CONVENIENT. THANKS TO OUR MANY PARTNERS, THIS
15 WORK CONTINUES TO EXPAND WITH POP-UP CLINICS HAPPENING DAILY
16 AT COMMUNITY EVENTS, WORK SITES, PARKS, SOCIAL SERVICE
17 OFFICES, AND HOUSES OF WORSHIP. OUTREACH WORKERS ARE ALSO
18 GOING DOOR TO DOOR IN MANY COMMUNITIES, LETTING RESIDENTS KNOW
19 ABOUT NEARBY VACCINATION SITES AND ANSWERING THEIR QUESTIONS.
20 WE WILL TAKE NEXT SLIDE. I DO WANT TO TRANSITION TO SPEAK
21 ABOUT THE CHANGES THAT WENT INTO EFFECT LAST WEEK. IN
22 ALIGNMENT WITH THE STATE REOPENING, THE COUNTY POSTED A
23 REVISED HEALTH OFFICER ORDER, WHICH URGES SENSIBLE PREVENTIVE
24 MEASURES AND RESCINDS MOST OF OUR SECTOR SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS.
25 THE ONES THAT DO REMAIN ARE FOR DAY CAMPS, OVERNIGHT CAMPS,

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1 AND SCHOOLS, AND THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE, AND
2 YOU'LL NOTE THAT THEY ARE FULLY ALIGNED WITH THE STATE. OUR
3 HEALTH OFFICER ORDER ALSO ALIGNS WITH THE STATE ON THE MASKING
4 GUIDANCE REQUIRING THAT EVERYONE, REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION
5 STATUS, WEAR MASKS ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND IN
6 TRANSPORTATION HUBS, IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS INCLUDING LONG
7 TERM CARE FACILITIES, IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES AND DETENTION
8 CENTERS, IN SHELTERS AND COOLING CENTERS, AND INDOOR YOUTH
9 SERVING FACILITIES, INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND DAYCARE, AND ANY
10 BUSINESS OR GOVERNMENT OFFICE THAT SERVES THE PUBLIC AND
11 REQUIRES MASKING. THESE ARE MASKING REQUIREMENTS THAT
12 EVERYONE, REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS WILL NEED TO ADHERE
13 TO. INDIVIDUALS THAT NOT FULLY VACCINATED ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO
14 WEAR A MASK IF THEY ARE IN INDOOR PUBLIC SETTINGS AND
15 BUSINESSES. THIS INCLUDES RETAIL, RESTAURANTS, THEATERS,
16 FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT CENTERS, MEETINGS, AND STATE AND LOCAL
17 GOVERNMENT OFFICES THAT SERVE THE PUBLIC. CERTAIN PEOPLE
18 REMAIN EXEMPT FROM WEARING A MASK. THIS IS CHILDREN YOUNGER
19 THAN TWO YEARS OLD, PEOPLE WITH MEDICAL HEALTH CONDITIONS OR
20 DISABILITIES PREVENTING THEM FROM WEARING A MASK, PEOPLE WHO
21 ARE HEARING IMPAIRED OR WHO ARE COMMUNICATING WITH A PERSON
22 WHO IS HEARING IMPAIRED, PEOPLE FOR WHOM WEARING A MASK WOULD
23 CREATE A RISK TO THAT PERSON RELATED TO THEIR WORK. IN
24 SETTINGS WHERE MASKS ARE REQUIRED ONLY FOR UNVACCINATED
25 INDIVIDUALS, BUSINESSES, VENUE OPERATORS, OR HOSTS CAN CHOOSE

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1 TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO ALL PATRONS REGARDING VACCINATION
2 REQUIREMENTS AND ALLOW VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS TO SELF ATTEST
3 TO THEIR VACCINATION STATUS BEFORE THEY ENTER. THEY CAN ALSO
4 IMPLEMENT VACCINE VERIFICATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER
5 INDIVIDUALS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK, OR THEY MAY DECIDE TO
6 AVOID TRYING TO DETERMINE WHO IS VACCINATED BY REQUIRING
7 EVERYONE TO CONTINUE TO WEAR A MASK. NO PERSON CAN BE
8 PREVENTED FROM WEARING A MASK AS A CONDITION OF PARTICIPATION
9 IN AN ACTIVITY OR ENTRY INTO A BUSINESS. THE COUNTY HEALTH
10 OFFICER ORDER ALSO DOES AWAY WITH DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS AND
11 CAPACITY LIMITS ALLOWING PEOPLE TO GATHER WITH OTHERS WITHOUT
12 THESE PREVIOUS RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE. WE WILL TAKE THE NEXT
13 SLIDE. LAST THURSDAY, CAL-O.S.H.A. STANDARDS BOARD VOTED TO
14 PASS A MODIFIED SET OF EMERGENCY TEMPORARY STANDARDS FOR
15 COVID-19 PREVENTION AND WORKPLACES. THE GOVERNOR IMMEDIATELY
16 ISSUED AN EXECUTIVE ORDER TO MAKE THESE STANDARDS EFFECTIVE AS
17 OF LAST FRIDAY. THE GOAL OF THESE STANDARDS IS TO ALIGN WITH
18 THE STATE'S PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS FULL REOPENING MASKING
19 GUIDANCE AND THE LIFTING OF WORKPLACE CAPACITY AND PHYSICAL
20 DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS. AND THE CAL-O.S.H.A. STANDARDS NOW
21 REQUIRE FACE COVERINGS ONLY IN SPECIFIC SITUATIONS FOR
22 SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES. MASKS ARE REQUIRED AT WORK SITES FOR ALL
23 UNVACCINATED EMPLOYEES WHEN INDOORS OR IN SHARED VEHICLES.
24 EXCEPTIONS TO THE MASK REQUIREMENT INCLUDE INSTANCES WHEN
25 EMPLOYEES ARE ALONE IN A ROOM OR A VEHICLE, WHEN THEY ARE

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1 EATING OR DRINKING, WHEN THEY ARE USING A RESPIRATOR AS
2 REQUIRED BY THEIR EMPLOYER, OR WHEN THEY HAVE MEDICAL
3 CONDITIONS OR HEARING IMPAIRMENT RELATED COMMUNICATION NEEDS
4 THAT PREVENT MASK WEARING. ALSO THERE IS AN EXEMPTION IF MASK
5 WEARING INTERFERES WITH SPECIFIC WORK TASKS, IN WHICH CASE
6 DISTANCING AND TESTING MUST BE IMPLEMENTED. EMPLOYEES WHO ARE
7 FULLY VACCINATED ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS AT MOST
8 INDOOR WORK PLACES, BUT THIS IS DEPENDENT ON THE WORK PLACE.
9 FOR THOSE WORKPLACES WHERE OWNERS AND MANAGERS HAVE DETERMINED
10 THAT MASKING IS STILL REQUIRED, EMPLOYEES WILL NEED TO KEEP
11 THEIR MASKS ON. TO PERMIT VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS TO REMOVE
12 THEIR MASKS AT ANY WORK SITE, EMPLOYERS MUST DOCUMENT THE
13 VACCINATION STATUS OF EMPLOYEES WHO WILL BE UNMASKED BECAUSE
14 THEY ARE FULLY VACCINATED, AND AGAIN THERE'S AN ARRAY OF
15 STRATEGIES, INCLUDING SELF ATTESTATION, FOR DOCUMENTING THAT
16 VACCINATION STATUS. EMPLOYEES WHO WORK AGAIN ON PUBLIC TRANSIT
17 AND TRANSPORTATION HUBS, INDOORS AT K-12 SCHOOLS, CHILDCARE
18 CAMPS AND OTHER YOUTH SETTINGS, IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS, IN
19 STATE AND LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES AND DETENTION CENTERS,
20 AND IN HOMELESS SHELTERS, EMERGENCY SHELTERS, AND COOLING
21 CENTERS, INDOORS AT MEGA EVENTS WITH MORE THAN 5,000 ATTENDEES
22 ARE ALL REQUIRED, ALONG WITH THE GENERAL PUBLIC, AS I NOTED
23 EARLIER, TO WEAR A MASK AT THESE SITES REGARDLESS OF THEIR
24 VACCINATION STATUS. SO WHILE THERE IS SOME CONFUSION HERE,
25 THERE IS NOW FULL ALIGNMENT WITH THE WORK SITE REQUIREMENTS

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1 AND STANDARDS UNDER CAL-O.S.H.A. AND THE STATE HEALTH OFFICER
2 ORDER AND THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER ORDER ON MASKING AND
3 DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS FOR BOTH IN THE WORK PLACE AND BOTH
4 FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC. WE CAN GO ONTO THE NEXT SLIDE. THE NEW
5 STANDARDS ALSO, THIS IS WHAT I JUST MENTIONED, ALSO ELIMINATE
6 THE PHYSICAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS AT WORK PLACES, BUT I
7 WANT TO NOTE THERE IS AN EXCEPTION TO THIS, AND IT'S RELATED
8 TO WHEN THERE ARE OUTBREAKS. WHEN THERE ARE THREE OR MORE
9 COVID CASES AMONGST EMPLOYEES, EMPLOYERS WILL NEED TO
10 REEVALUATE THE NEED FOR DISTANCING AND/OR PARTITIONS BETWEEN
11 EMPLOYEES AND BETWEEN EMPLOYEES AND CUSTOMERS AS A MEASURE TO
12 DISRUPT TRANSMISSION AT THE WORK SITE. DISTANCING AND
13 PARTITIONS ARE REQUIRED DURING OUTBREAKS THAT INVOLVE 20 OR
14 MORE EMPLOYEES IF EMPLOYEES ARE NOT WEARING RESPIRATORS. THE
15 NEW CAL-O.S.H.A. STANDARDS REQUIRE ADDITIONAL MASKING OPTIONS
16 BE OFFERED TO EMPLOYEES. ON REQUEST, EMPLOYERS ARE REQUIRED TO
17 PROVIDE ALL UNVACCINATED EMPLOYEES WITH RESPIRATORS, INCLUDING
18 N95 AND KN95 MASKS, WHEN THOSE EMPLOYEES ARE WORKING INDOORS,
19 OR THEY ARE IN SHARED VEHICLES. IN OUTBREAKS THAT INVOLVE 20
20 OR MORE EMPLOYEES, EMPLOYERS MUST OFFER RESPIRATORS TO TO ALL
21 EMPLOYEES FOR VOLUNTARY USE. AS WE KNOW, RESPIRATORS OFFER
22 ADDITIONAL PROTECTION, AND WITH THE ELIMINATION OF DISTANCING
23 REQUIREMENTS, UNVACCINATED EMPLOYEES WILL BENEFIT FROM THIS
24 IMPROVED MASKING OPTION. ALL EMPLOYERS CONTINUE TO BE REQUIRED
25 TO REPORT ANY WORK PLACE CLUSTER OF THREE OR MORE COVID-19

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1 CASES WITHIN A 14 DAY PERIOD IMMEDIATELY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
2 PUBLIC HEALTH. FURTHERMORE, HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS CAN BE
3 ISSUED REGARDING SPECIFIC WORK SITE ACTIONS THAT ARE REQUIRED
4 DURING AN OUTBREAK. THE NEXT SLIDE. THE DATA IS CLEAR ON HOW
5 WELL PROTECTED VACCINATED PEOPLE ARE FROM COVID. WITH MASKING
6 AND DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS RELAXED IN MANY SETTINGS,
7 UNVACCINATED PEOPLE AND UNVACCINATED WORKERS ARE AT GREATER
8 RISK OF CONTRACTING COVID-19. THOSE WHO ARE NOT OR CANNOT BE
9 VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19 WILL NEED OUR HELP IN ORDER TO
10 AVOID GETTING OR TRANSMITTING COVID-19. MASKS ARE CRITICALLY
11 IMPORTANT, ESPECIALLY IN THE ABSENCE OF DISTANCING
12 REQUIREMENTS. IF YOU ARE UNVACCINATED, PLEASE ALWAYS WEAR A
13 MASK WHEN INDOORS AT WORK PLACES, IN PUBLIC SETTINGS, AND AT
14 BUSINESSES. IF YOU ARE UNVACCINATED AND YOU WILL HAVE
15 SUSTAINED CLOSE CONTACT WITH OTHERS WHOSE VACCINATION STATUS
16 IS NOT KNOWN OR THEY ARE ALSO NOT VACCINATED, CONSIDER USING A
17 RESPIRATOR TO PROTECT YOURSELF MORE EFFECTIVELY FROM THE
18 VIRUS. ALTHOUGH MUCH OF THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROTECTING
19 UNVACCINATED WORKERS RESTS WITH EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES, WE,
20 AS THEIR CUSTOMERS, CAN ALSO PLAY A VITAL ROLE. WEARING A MASK
21 WHEN YOU ENTER A PLACE OF BUSINESS PROTECTS NOT ONLY YOU BUT
22 EVERYONE INSIDE, ESPECIALLY UNVACCINATED EMPLOYEES. SO IT IS
23 CRITICAL IF YOU ARE UNVACCINATED THAT YOU ALWAYS WEAR A MASK
24 WHEN YOU ARE ENTERING PUBLIC PLACES. IF YOU ARE SICK, TRY TO
25 AVOID ENTERING BUSINESSES AT ALL UNTIL YOU FEEL BETTER. YOU

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1 HAVE A MUCH HIGHER CHANCE OF SPREADING INFECTION WHEN YOU ARE
2 FEELING ILL, EVEN IF YOU WERE TO BE WEARING A MASK. AND IF YOU
3 DON'T NEED TO BE CLOSE TO A WORKER, MAINTAIN PHYSICAL DISTANCE
4 FROM THEM, AS BEST YOU CAN. GETTING VACCINATED IS STILL THE
5 KEY AND THE BEST WAY TO PROTECT WORKERS AND OTHER PEOPLE WE
6 HAVE CONTACT WITH, IN OUR DAILY LIVES. AND YOU CAN GET MORE
7 INFORMATION ABOUT THE REOPENING AT OUR DEDICATED WEBSITE,
8 REOPENINGLACOUNTY.COM. I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR CONTINUING
9 TO CARE FOR EACH OTHER AND DOING THEIR PART TO KEEP THEMSELVES
10 AND OTHERS SAFE. AND I WILL GLADLY ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AFTER
11 DR. GHALY'S REMARKS.

12
13 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** DR. GHALY?

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15 **DR. GHALY:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, AND THANKS FOR THE
16 OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEFLY SHARE ABOUT D.H.S.'S EFFORTS WITH
17 RESPECT TO COVID. WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT BOTH COMMUNITY
18 TESTING ACCESS AND VACCINATIONS. TESTING DEMAND REMAINS LOW
19 ACROSS THE COUNTY WITH LOW UTILIZATION AT ALL OF THE COUNTY'S
20 AVAILABLE COMMUNITY TESTING SITES. WITH RESPECT TO
21 VACCINATION, YOU CAN SEE THE CURRENT STATUS ON THE SLIDES,
22 D.H.S. HAS SURPASSED 200,000 VACCINATIONS GIVEN ACROSS ALL
23 POPULATIONS. THE RACIAL AND ETHNIC BREAKDOWN CAN BE SEEN ON
24 SLIDE THREE. THE POPULATION OF D.H.S. HAS A HIGHER RATE OF
25 HISPANIC AND LATINO PATIENTS AND A SLIGHTLY HIGHER RATE FOR

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1 BLACK AND AFRICAN AMERICAN PATIENTS THAN DOES THE OVERALL L.A.
2 COUNTY POPULATION AND LOWER PROPORTION OF PATIENTS WHO
3 IDENTIFY AS WHITE OR ASIAN. SLIDES 4 AND 5 DEMONSTRATE THE
4 PROGRESS IN VACCINATING PATIENTS BY AGE COHORT. SLIDE 4 LOOKS
5 AT THE POPULATION AGE 12 AND OLDER. RATES HAVE INCREASED
6 SLIGHTLY VERSUS THE LAST TIME I SHOWED THESE SLIDES TWO WEEKS
7 AGO, WITH A CONTINUED DISPARITY SEEN IN THAT RATES ARE LOWER
8 ACROSS THE BOARD FOR BLACK AND AFRICAN AMERICAN PATIENTS, AND
9 ALSO LOWER AMONG LATINO MEN AND LATINA WOMEN, AND A SIMILAR
10 TREND IS SEEN BY GENDER AMONG PATIENTS WHO IDENTIFY AS NATIVE
11 HAWAIIAN OR OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER. SLIDE 5 SHOWS THE SAME
12 DATA ON OVERALL VACCINATION STATUS BUT AT THE OLDER
13 POPULATION, THOSE AGE 65 AND HIGHER. RATES ARE HIGHER,
14 OBVIOUSLY BECAUSE THEY HAVE HAD LONGER TIME TO GET VACCINATED,
15 AND ARE MORE EVEN BY GENDER. NOTE THAT DUE TO THE COMPLEXITY
16 IN QUERYING THE STATE'S CALIFORNIA IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY, THE
17 DATA HAS NOT BEEN RECENTLY UPDATED TO REFLECT THE PATIENTS WHO
18 HAVE RECEIVED VACCINATIONS FROM PROVIDERS OUTSIDE OF D.H.S. IT
19 WAS LAST UPDATED AT THE END OF APRIL, AND THE DATA SINCE THEN
20 ONLY REFLECTS THE VACCINATIONS PROVIDED DIRECTLY BY D.H.S.
21 SLIDE 6 SHOWS THE PROGRESS AMONG VACCINATIONS PROVIDED BY THE
22 HOUSING FOR HEALTH TEAM. TOTAL VACCINATIONS EXCEED 11,000
23 AMONG OUR HOMELESS CLIENTS THAT WE HELP CARE FOR, WITH OVER
24 5,500 PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS WHO ARE NOW FULLY
25 VACCINATED BY THE HOUSING FOR HEALTH TEAM. AND ON SLIDE 7,

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1 SHOWS CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICE PROGRESS. TOTAL VACCINATION
2 TO DATE EXCEED 13,000. THE ACCEPTANCE RATE HAS FALLEN SLIGHTLY
3 BELOW 50 PERCENT. IT NOW STANDS AT 49 PERCENT, AND TO DATE,
4 7,000 INDIVIDUALS IN THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM HAVE BEEN
5 VACCINATED. AND APPROXIMATELY 200 VACCINATIONS HAVE BEEN
6 PROVIDED WITHIN JUVENILE COURT HEALTH SERVICES. D.H.S. WILL
7 CONTINUE TO PROVIDE COVID VACCINATIONS AT MULTIPLE ACCESS
8 POINTS ACROSS OUR SYSTEM, INCLUDING OUR DEDICATED VACCINATION
9 CLINICS, BUT WE ARE ALSO STARTING TO OFFER THE VACCINE TO
10 PATIENTS WHEN THEY ACCESS CARE WITHIN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT
11 AND URGENT CARE AND STANDARD CLINICS AS WELL. IN PARALLEL TO
12 THIS, D.H.S.'S ROUTINE CLINICAL OPERATIONS ARE RETURNING
13 CLOSER TO NORMAL WITH CONTINUATION OF TELEHEALTH VISITS WHERE
14 APPROPRIATE, WHILE WE ARE ALSO SEEKING TO RAMP UP IN PERSON
15 VISITS FOR THOSE THAT NEED A FACE TO FACE VISIT AS THE
16 REOPENING PROCESS CONTINUES. THANKS FOR THE ONGOING SUPPORT,
17 AND I'D BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU BOTH, DR. BARBARA FERRER AND DR.
20 GHALY FOR THE PRESENTATION. I KNOW WE HAVE COME SO FAR, AND WE
21 COULD NOT DO IT WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF YOURSELVES, YOUR
22 LEADERSHIP, AND THE STAFF, AND ALL THE COUNTY WORKERS THAT
23 ALSO HELP TO BRING US TO THIS POINT. BUT I AM, I JUST WANTED
24 TO TALK A LITTLE BIT, DR. FERRER, YESTERDAY I KNOW IN OUR
25 PRESSER YOU ALSO HAD QUESTIONS FROM PRESS, AND WE CONTINUE TO

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1 BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE DELTA VARIANT, WHICH SEEMS TO BE
2 PICKING UP IN TERMS OF BEING CONTRACTED HERE, NOT JUST IN
3 CALIFORNIA BUT IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. I AM WONDERING
4 AGAIN BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE LOW RATES OF
5 PARTICIPATION AMONGST PEOPLE OF COLOR, THE LATINX AND THE
6 BLACK COMMUNITY, WHAT CAN WE DO TO PROVIDE BETTER INFORMATION
7 TO INFORM THESE COMMUNITIES, AND ARE WE INCREASING ANY
8 CAPACITY FOR CONTACT TRACING OR VARIANT, PUT IT THIS WAY,
9 VARIANT SURVEILLANCE EFFORTS TO TRACK AND CONTAIN THIS MORE
10 CONTAGIOUS VARIANT? THAT IS ONE QUESTION, AND THEN I HAVE
11 ANOTHER QUESTION.

12
13 **DR. FERRER:** SURE, YEAH, THANKS SO MUCH. IT IS A GREAT
14 QUESTION, SUPERVISOR, AND ALSO THANKS FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT.
15 WE DO, YOU KNOW, AS I NOTED, I MEAN, WE HAVE EXPANDED OUR
16 MONITORING CAPACITY FOR JUST THE VERY REASON THAT YOU
17 MENTIONED. AND WE DO A FULL INVESTIGATION ON EVERY CASE THAT
18 IS IDENTIFIED AS A VARIANT OF CONCERN NOW. SO WE -- NOT ONLY
19 DO WE DO OUR STANDARD CONTACT TRACING, BUT WHEREVER WE HAVE AN
20 IDENTIFIED SAMPLE OF A VARIANT THAT HAS BEEN SEQUENCED, WE
21 TRY TO DO EXTENSIVE -- HAVE EXTENSIVE CONVERSATIONS WITH THAT
22 CASE, AND TO DO, AGAIN, A VERY THOROUGH JOB ON CONTACT
23 TRACING, WHICH IS WHY YOU WILL SEE, I MENTION THAT WE FIND SO
24 MANY OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS THAT ARE ALSO INFECTED WITH THE
25 DELTA VARIANT BECAUSE WE ACTUALLY WILL GO IN AND DO A LOT OF

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1 TESTING WITH ALL CLOSE CONTACTS OF A CASE THAT IS IDENTIFIED
2 AS A VARIANT. SO YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. ONE OF THE
3 STRATEGIES IS TO REALLY USE OUR CONTACT TRACING CAPACITY TO
4 MAXIMIZE OUR ABILITY TO IDENTIFY CLOSE CONTACTS AND QUICKLY BE
5 ABLE TO MOVE IN WITH TESTING AND, OF COURSE, ISOLATION AND
6 QUARANTINE WHERE IT IS APPROPRIATE AND THE RESOURCES THAT WE
7 HAVE TO SUPPORT THAT. THE OTHER STRATEGY THAT WE USE, AND I
8 THINK IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT TO NOTE, IS TRYING TO COMMUNICATE
9 THIS INFORMATION EFFECTIVELY SO THAT EVERYONE HAS ACCESS TO
10 THE SAME INFORMATION WE HAVE ABOUT WHAT YOU NOTED, WHICH IS
11 THE WORRISOME INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF VARIANTS OF CONCERN
12 THAT ARE BEING IDENTIFIED AND THEIR RAPID ABILITY TO
13 PROLIFERATE. WE WILL REPORT OUT AGAIN ON THURSDAY FOR THESE
14 LAST WEEKS OF DATA, AND I AM POSITIVE THAT WE WILL SEE A
15 SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN SPECIMENS THAT ARE TESTING POSITIVE
16 FOR THE DELTA VARIANT BECAUSE WE, LIKE ALL OTHER PLACES IN THE
17 UNITED STATES, AND IN FACT IN OTHER PLACES IN THE WORLD, WHERE
18 THEY ARE SEEING THE DELTA VARIANT, IT DOES IN FACT PROLIFERATE
19 VERY QUICKLY. IT IS THE MOST INFECTIOUS VARIANT THAT HAS BEEN
20 IDENTIFIED TO DATE HERE IN CALIFORNIA. AND THAT MEANS THAT FOR
21 THOSE PEOPLE THAT ARE UNVACCINATED, IT IS GOING TO POSE A BIG
22 RISK BECAUSE IT SPREADS SO EASILY. SO AGAIN THE BROADER
23 STRATEGY IS WHAT I DESCRIBED EARLIER, WHICH IS THAT WE JUST
24 HAVE TO BE CONTINUALLY PRESENT IN THE HARD HIT COMMUNITIES
25 WITH GOOD INFORMATION AND EASY ACCESS TO VACCINES. AND FOR

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1 THOSE THAT AREN'T ABLE TO GET VACCINATED, WE DO HAVE TO
2 CONTINUE TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF WHAT WERE BEFORE THE ONLY
3 PROTECTIONS WE HAD, WHICH WERE OUR PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES
4 AROUND MASKING AND DISTANCING BECAUSE THOSE WILL STILL BE
5 EFFECTIVE IN REDUCING TRANSMISSION. THEY ARE DEFINITELY NOT AS
6 POWERFUL AS THE VACCINES, BUT PARTICULARLY USING RESPIRATORS
7 IF YOU ARE UNVACCINATED AND YOU WILL BE IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH
8 OTHER UNVACCINATED PEOPLE, THAT MAKES A LOT OF SENSE. SO WE
9 WILL BE WORKING HARD ON MAKING SURE THERE'S GOOD ACCESS TO
10 BOTH THAT INFORMATION AND TO -- TO THESE MORE PROTECTIVE
11 MASKING OPTIONS.

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13 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO DR. FERRER, JUST ONE QUICK KIND OF
14 COMMENT AND QUESTION. I WAS AT AN EVENT AT ONE OF OUR PARKS IN
15 EAST LOS ANGELES, AND THERE WERE ABOUT 600 CHILDREN WITH THEIR
16 FAMILIES. THEY WERE CELEBRATING R.B.I. DAY FOR THE DODGERS.
17 AND I CAME ACROSS A FAMILY OF FAMILY MEMBERS AND ASKED IF THIS
18 GENTLEMAN IF HIS CHILDREN HAS BEEN VACCINATED. THEY LOOKED AS
19 THOUGH THEY WERE 12 YEARS AGE AND ABOVE. AND HE TOLD ME OH,
20 WELL NO, BECAUSE THEY HAVE ALREADY HAD COVID SO THEY DON'T
21 HAVE TO BE VACCINATED. AND I LOOKED AT HIM, AND I THOUGHT,
22 WELL, I DON'T KNOW THAT THAT'S ACCURATE. AND I ENCOURAGED HIM
23 TO GET HIS CHILDREN VACCINATED, BUT I AM VERY FEARFUL THERE'S
24 THIS ASSUMPTION IN OUR COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY AMONGST THE
25 LATINO COMMUNITY, MAYBE OTHERS, WHERE IF YOU HAVE GOTTEN COVID

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1 BEFORE THAT YOU DON'T NEED TO GET A VACCINE. AND I AM
2 PARTICULARLY CONCERNED BECAUSE OF THE YOUTH AND THE HIGH
3 NUMBERS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN VACCINATED. SO JUST IF YOU COULD
4 JUST COMMENT ON THAT.

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6 **DR. FERRER:** YEAH. WE SHARE YOUR CONCERN, AND THAT'S ONE REASON
7 WHY WE ARE DEPLOYING COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS OUT, GOING DOOR
8 TO DOOR, AND BEING AT COMMUNITY EVENTS, SETTING UP INFORMATION
9 BOOTHS, WALKING AROUND, TALKING TO PEOPLE, GIVING THEM FACT
10 SHEETS. WE PRODUCED A LOT OF MATERIALS NOW SORT OF CLARIFYING
11 THOSE -- THE VERY SAME ISSUES, THEY COME UP OVER AND OVER
12 AGAIN. I WAS ALREADY VACCINATED. I HAVE NATURAL IMMUNITY. I
13 MEAN I WAS ALREADY INFECTED. I HAVE NATURAL IMMUNITY. I DON'T
14 NEED TO GET VACCINATED. AND WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT PEOPLE WHO
15 HAVE BEEN INFECTED WITH COVID HAVE SOME NATURAL IMMUNITY, THE
16 UNFORTUNATE REALITY IS THAT IMMUNITY WEARS OFF. AND WE ARE NOT
17 EXACTLY SURE FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL PERSON WHEN IT IS GOING TO
18 WEAR OFF. SO IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT THAT PEOPLE DO COME IN AND
19 GET VACCINATED. AND THE OTHER MYTH IS THAT I WAS AROUND A
20 LOT OF PEOPLE WHO GOT INFECTED WITH COVID, AND I NEVER DID. SO
21 I MUST ALREADY HAVE SOME NATURAL PROTECTION, AND I DON'T NEED
22 TO GET VACCINATED BECAUSE THE WHOLE FAMILY GOT SICK, AND I
23 DIDN'T. AND AGAIN, THERE IS -- THE GOOD NEWS IS THERE IS THAT
24 SOME PEOPLE ACTUALLY HAD A LOT OF EXPOSURES AND DIDN'T GET
25 INFECTED, BUT THE BAD NEWS IS THAT THEY ARE STILL VERY

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1 SUSCEPTIBLE TO GETTING INFECTED, PARTICULARLY WITH THESE NEW
2 VARIANTS OF CONCERN. AND SO, SO WE ARE GOING PEOPLE TO PEOPLE
3 AT THIS POINT WITH INFORMATION, WORKING A LOT WITH OUR HOUSES
4 OF WORSHIP TO HELP US REALLY MAKE SURE PEOPLE HAVE ACCURATE
5 AND UP TO DATE INFORMATION ABOUT WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT TO
6 COME IN AND GET VACCINATED WHEN IT'S THEIR TURN. AND THAT
7 RIGHT NOW IT IS FOR EVERYBODY 12 AND OLDER.

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9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, DR. FERRER. WITH THAT,
10 I WILL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND THEN SUPERVISOR HAHN.
11 SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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13 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. LOOKING AT THE
14 CHART THAT YOU SHOWED US ABOUT THE PREVALENCE OF CERTAIN
15 VARIANTS IN THE POPULATION, I NOTICE THAT SOME OF THEM
16 DISAPPEAR. SO I WANTED TO ASK WHAT CAUSES THE DEMISE OF A
17 PARTICULAR VARIANT, LIKE EPSILON WAS -- I SAW SOME VERY HIGH
18 LINES FOR THAT AND THEN NOTHING CURRENTLY, AND THE SAME WITH
19 GAMMA. ALTHOUGH THE ONE SEEMS TO BE STICKING AROUND NO MATTER
20 WHAT. SO I WONDER IF THERE'S SOME SCIENCE TO THAT? --
21 UNVACCINATED PEOPLE PROVIDE HOSTS FOR VARIANTS, AND I JUST
22 WONDERED WHAT CAUSES THE OPPOSITE.

23

24 **DR. FERRER:** IT IS A GREAT QUESTION. AND I THINK IT IS A
25 SIMILAR STORY WE ARE GOING SEE OVER AND OVER AGAIN, WHICH IS

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1 THE MORE INFECTIOUS VARIANTS CROWD OUT EVERYTHING ELSE. AND
2 THAT'S WHY THEY ALSO CROWD OUT OTHER VARIANTS OF CONCERN THAT
3 WERE CIRCULATING MORE WIDELY. SO WE HAVE SEEN, OBVIOUSLY, THE
4 BIGGEST INCREASES NOW ARE WITH THE ALPHA VARIANT. AND NOW WE
5 ARE STARTING TO SEE A BIG INCREASE IN THE DELTA VARIANT. AND
6 THEY WILL START -- AND THEY ARE CROWDING OUT OTHER VARIANTS OF
7 CONCERN BECAUSE THEY ARE MORE INFECTIOUS, SO IT IS JUST KIND
8 OF -- THEY TAKE UP THE SPACE, AND THEY END UP BEING THE
9 VARIANT THAT IS CIRCULATING THE MOST, AND ONCE THAT HAPPENS,
10 THEN THEY ARE LIKELY TO CROWD OUT OTHER VARIANTS, LESS
11 INFECTIOUS VARIANTS IN PARTICULAR, WHICH IS WHAT WE ARE SEEING
12 RIGHT NOW AND WHAT EVERYONE WITNESSED IN THE U.K. OVER THE
13 LAST SIX WEEKS OR SO. SO IT IS A GREAT QUESTION. AND IT IS
14 REALLY WHAT THE STORY WILL BE AS WE CONTINUE TO MOVE THROUGH
15 THE PANDEMIC IS WE WILL HAVE MUTATIONS, AND SOME OF THOSE
16 MUTATIONS END UP BEING VARIANTS OF CONCERN. AND THOSE VARIANTS
17 THAT ARE MOST INFECTIOUS WILL CONTINUE TO DOMINATE. AND I KNOW
18 WE ALL REMEMBER WHEN THE C.D.C. TOLD US BACK IN MARCH AND
19 APRIL THAT WE WERE GOING TO SEE THE U.K. VARIANT REALLY
20 DOMINATE, AND THAT IS, IN FACT, WHAT HAPPENED. AND NOW THE
21 C.D.C. HAS NOTED THAT WITH ALMOST STATE ALREADY SEEING
22 SPECIMENS THAT ARE SEQUENCED FOR THE DELTA VARIANT, THAT THE
23 DELTA VARIANT, GIVEN THAT IT IS MORE INFECTIOUS THAN OUR OTHER
24 VARIANTS OF CONCERN, THE DELTA VARIANT WILL SOON DOMINANT AND
25 BE THE VARIANT THAT IS MOST IN CIRCULATION.

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

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4 **DR. FERRER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT.

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6 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT, WE WILL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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8 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. DR. FERRER, I AM INTERESTED
9 IN THE WORK PLACE. AND YOU KNOW THE STATE CAME OUT WITH THEIR
10 STANDARD SO WORKERS IN GROCERY STORES, RESTAURANTS, OTHER
11 BUSINESSES, NO LONGER HAVE TO WEAR MASKS IF THEY ARE
12 VACCINATED. AND I THINK -- I AGREE WITH YOU THAT IT REALLY
13 BECOMES CRITICAL FOR EMPLOYERS TO KNOW WHO IS VACCINATED AND
14 WHO ISN'T SO THAT WE CAN PROTECT THOSE IN THE WORK PLACE. ARE
15 YOU CONFIDENT THAT EMPLOYERS WILL KNOW THIS INFORMATION? I
16 KNOW IT'S CURRENTLY SORT OF SELF-ATTESTATION. DO THEY HAVE THE
17 TOOLS TO ACTUALLY TRACK AND VERIFY VACCINE STATUS? AND AT SOME
18 POINT, DO YOU THINK THE STATE MAYBE WOULD REQUIRE EMPLOYERS TO
19 REPORT VACCINE STATUS TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR WORKERS ARE
20 PROTECTED? THAT'S A QUESTION.

21

22 **DR. FERRER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND ALSO
23 THANKS A LOT FOR YOUR SUPPORT AS WELL. AND I AM -- YOU KNOW, I
24 AM PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT WORKERS. ESSENTIAL WORKERS
25 TOOK THE HARDEST HIT LAST YEAR. I WOULD HATE TO SEE A REPEAT.

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1 AND I AGREE WITH YOU THAT SELF- ATTESTATION IN A WORK PLACE
2 MIGHT NOT BE THE MOST SUITABLE WAY FOR US TO MAKE SURE THAT
3 ALL WORKERS ARE PROTECTED. AND I -- WE HAVE ISSUED A BEST
4 PRACTICE RECOMMENDATION FOR BUSINESSES TO TAKE THE TIME WITH
5 THEIR WORKERS BECAUSE YOU DO SEE YOUR WORKERS EVERY DAY. IT IS
6 NOT LIKE YOUR CUSTOMERS WHERE YOU HAVE DIFFERENT PEOPLE COMING
7 IN THE DOOR, SUPER HARD TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO DO A VERIFICATION
8 PROCESS, NOT IMPOSSIBLE, BUT MUCH HARDER. BUT WITH YOUR
9 WORKERS, YOU GENERALLY ALREADY HAVE A SYSTEM IN PLACE BY WHICH
10 YOU'RE FIGURED OUT HOW TO PAY THEM. SO YOU HAVE INFORMATION
11 ABOUT ALL YOUR WORKERS ALREADY. AS PART OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT
12 CONTRACT WITH YOU, YOU OFTEN HAVE SOME INFORMATION, AND WE'D
13 LIKE TO SEE INCLUDED IN THAT, THE ABILITY FOR EMPLOYERS TO DO
14 A VERIFICATION OF VACCINATION STATUS. AND I THINK IT HAS
15 GOTTEN EASIER. ONE THING FOR L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS IS WE HAVE
16 BEEN PARTNERING WITH HEALTH VANA FOR THE LAST FEW MONTHS TO
17 ISSUE EVERYONE THAT IS VACCINATED AS AN L.A. COUNTY RESIDENT
18 AN ELECTRONIC RECORD OF THEIR VACCINATION STATUS IN ADDITION
19 TO THE WHITE CARDS THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED. AND NOW THE STATE
20 IS OFFERING A SIMILAR SERVICE. THAT JUST, AGAIN, MAKES IT
21 POSSIBLE IF YOU LOST YOUR WHITE CARD TO HAVE AN ELECTRONIC
22 VERSION. OBVIOUSLY, SOME PEOPLE DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO THAT KIND
23 OF TECHNOLOGY, IN WHICH CASE THAT WHITE CARD BECOMES
24 ESSENTIAL. BUT I WANT TO POINT OUT THAT, UP UNTIL THE CAL-
25 O.S.H.A. NEW STANDARDS WENT INTO PLACE, AND BEFORE THE JUNE

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1 15TH REOPENING, WE HAVE LOTS OF EXAMPLES WITH OUR LARGE MEGA
2 EVENT VENUES WHERE THEY WERE, IN FACT, VERIFYING VACCINATION
3 AND/OR TESTING STATUS. AND THEY DID IT FOR THOUSANDS AND
4 THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE. SO I DO THINK THAT WE ARE HAPPY TO WORK,
5 AS I NOTED YESTERDAY. OUR INSPECTORS ARE OUT AND ABOUT TO HELP
6 WORK PLACES FIGURE OUT WAYS TO INCREASE SAFETY NOW THAT WE ARE
7 IN FULL REOPENING. AND WE ARE HAPPY TO HELP BUSINESSES FIGURE
8 OUT WHAT MAKES SENSE FOR THEIR BUSINESS, WHETHER THEY ARE A
9 SMALL BUSINESS OR A LARGE BUSINESS. I THINK IT IS POSSIBLE AT
10 THIS POINT IN TIME TO VERIFY VACCINATION STATUS.

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12 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. AND I DID HEAR ON THE NEWS THIS MORNING
13 THAT THE STATE PROGRAM WHERE YOU GET YOUR Q.R. CODE THAT SHOWS
14 YOUR STATUS, I GUESS THEY HAD A TON OF PROBLEM WITH IT. IT IS
15 BEING REPORTED. BUT THAT DOES SEEM -- IT ISN'T A PASSPORT, BUT
16 IT CLEARLY -- YOU HAVE A Q.R. CODE THAT SHOWS YOUR STATUS OF
17 VACCINATION, WHICH I THINK HELPS GOING FORWARD. BUT MY OTHER -
18 - I MEAN YOUR REPORT TALKS ABOUT THOSE WHO AREN'T GETTING
19 VACCINATED. IT LOOKS LIKE OUR YOUNG ADULTS ARE THE -- C.D.C.
20 EVEN SAID THE YOUNG ADULTS ARE THE BIGGEST HOLD OUTS FOR
21 GETTING VACCINATED, AND STILL SHOWED A LITTLE IN EQUITY IN OUR
22 POPULATION IN L.A. COUNTY OF THOSE WHO ARE STILL NOT GETTING
23 VACCINATED. SO I AM WORRIED ABOUT THESE VARIANTS. I AM WORRIED
24 ABOUT THE DELTA VARIANT BEING CONTAGIOUS, CAUSING
25 HOSPITALIZATION, PARTICULARLY FOR THOSE WHO AREN'T VACCINATED.

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1 AND THIS IS -- THIS IS A LOADED QUESTION, BUT YEAH WHAT IS OUR
2 -- WHAT ARE WE DOING TO ADDRESS THAT? WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO? I
3 AM REALLY WORRIED. LISTENING TO THE DELTA VARIANT CASES JUST
4 GIVES ME A FLASHBACK TO MARCH OF 2020 WHEN WE JUST HAD A FEW
5 CASES OF CORONAVIRUS, AND WE DIDN'T REALLY THINK IT WAS A BIG
6 DEAL. AND IT JUST REALLY WORRIES ME, PARTICULARLY FOR THOSE
7 THAT ARE STILL JUST NOT GETTING VACCINATED. I DON'T KNOW IF
8 THAT WAS A QUESTION OR JUST MY ANXIETY COMING THROUGH.

9

10 **DR. FERRER:** I SHARE THE ANXIETY, OBVIOUSLY, BECAUSE WE STILL
11 HAVE A LOT OF UNVACCINATED PEOPLE. AND WHILE THERE WILL BE
12 BREAKTHROUGH CASES, CASES AMONG VACCINATED PEOPLE WHO, IN
13 FACT, ARE GOING TO BE BECOME INFECTED WITH ANY OF OF OUR
14 VARIANTS OF CONCERN, INCLUDING THE DELTA VARIANT, BECAUSE
15 THAT'S WHAT A BREAKTHROUGH CASE IS, FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE FULLY
16 VACCINATED, AND FULLY VACCINATED INCLUDES THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAD
17 ONE DOSE OF THE JOHNSON & JOHNSON VACCINE, SO I JUST WANT TO
18 MAKE SURE EVERYBODY ISN'T RUSHING OUT NOW TO FEEL LIKE WE
19 NEED TWO DOSES. NO, YOUR ONE DOSE OF JOHNSON & JOHNSON GIVES
20 YOU A LOT OF PROTECTION. BUT SO FOR FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE,
21 THEY HAVE A SMALL CHANCE, A VERY SMALL CHANCE, THAT THEY
22 BECOME INFECTED WITH THE DELTA VARIANT, BUT FOR PEOPLE THAT
23 ARE UNVACCINATED, BECAUSE IT IS SO MANUFACTURE MORE
24 INFECTIOUS, IT CAN SPREAD MORE QUICKLY AMONG UNVACCINATED
25 PEOPLE. AND THAT IS THE WORRY. AND THAT'S WHY WE ARE WORRIED

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1 ABOUT WORK SITES. LET'S JUST -- WE CAN BE REAL. AND WE COULD
2 THINK ABOUT THE FACTORIES AND THE MANUFACTURING PLANTS. AND
3 WHEN WE LOOK AT OUR NUMBERS, WE KNOW THAT MANY OF THE WORKERS
4 IN THOSE PLANTS WILL NOT YET BE FULLY VACCINATED SO IT IS
5 GOING TO BE REALLY IMPORTANT THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO USE A
6 RESPIRATOR AND THAT EMPLOYERS ARE BEING UP FRONT ABOUT THE
7 FACT THAT THEY ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THEM WITH A RESPIRATOR
8 BECAUSE THAT RESPIRATOR PROTECTS YOU A LOT BETTER THAN A CLOTH
9 FACE COVERING, SO IF YOU'VE GOT A MORE INFECTIOUS VARIANT THAT
10 CAN CIRCULATE, THEN IN THE PLACES WHERE WE KNOW UNVACCINATED
11 PEOPLE ARE LIKELY TO BE, WE SHOULD REALLY WORK HARD WITH OUR
12 BUSINESSES TO RAMP UP THE EFFORTS TO PROVIDE THEM WITH AS MUCH
13 PROTECTION AS IS POSSIBLE. AND A RESPIRATOR IS GOING TO HELP
14 IN THOSE SITUATIONS. I ALSO AGREE WITH YOU THAT A LOT OF IT IS
15 ABOUT GETTING GOOD INFORMATION OUT ABOUT THE SAFETY AND THE
16 IMPORTANCE OF GETTING VACCINATED. AND I WANT TO SAY THAT WE
17 HAVE GOT A LOCAL INFLUENCER WHY I GOT VACCINATED CAMPAIGN THAT
18 REALLY IS TAPPING INTO YOUNGER PEOPLE, LOCAL LEADERS,
19 INFLUENCERS TALKING ABOUT THEIR OWN PERSONAL JOURNEYS. WE HAVE
20 HAD A HUGE PARTNERSHIP WITH HOME BOY INDUSTRIES. I ENCOURAGE
21 PEOPLE TO GO ON OUR WEBSITE AND TAKE A LOOK AT THE TERMS THEY
22 PRODUCED. WE ALSO HAVE A LOT OF MEMBERS IN OUR FAITH
23 COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY IN THE BLACK AND LATINX COMMUNITY,
24 THAT HAVE STEPPED UP AND ARE, AGAIN, PART OF THIS MASSIVE
25 CAMPAIGN, AS WELL AS SOME OF OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY BASED

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1 ORGANIZATIONS, REALLY TRYING TO GET PEOPLE WHO ARE ALREADY
2 KNOWN IN THE COMMUNITY AND ALREADY ARE CONSIDERED INFLUENCERS
3 TO TALK ABOUT THEIR OUR PERSONAL JOURNEY. WE FIND THAT HEARING
4 FROM SOMEBODY THAT YOU KNOW AND TRUST ABOUT THEIR PERSONAL
5 JOURNEY CAN REALLY HELP PEOPLE CHANGE THEIR MINDS AROUND THEIR
6 VACCINATION HESITANCY AND MAKE THEM FEEL MORE CONFIDENT THAT
7 THEY CAN MAKE A DECISION TO GO AHEAD AND GET VACCINATED.

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9 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. WE JUST HAVE TO REALLY KEEP PUSHING
10 THIS, PARTICULARLY WITH THESE VARIANTS CREEPING IN. THANK YOU,
11 MADAM CHAIR.

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13 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN. ARE
14 THERE ANY OTHER BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT WANT TO BE
15 RECOGNIZED? I DON'T SEE ANY OTHER HANDS GOING UP, SO TO SPEAK.
16 THIS, AS YOU, KNOW IS A REPORT. S1 IS A RECEIVE AND FILE. SO
17 IF THERE'S NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. THANK YOU.
18 THANK YOU BOTH, DR. FERRER AND DR. GHALY FOR YOUR
19 PRESENTATION. MEMBERS, NOW WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON TO ITEM
20 NUMBER NINE WILL BE SPEAKING ON UPDATING THE COUNTY'S EVICTION
21 MORATORIUM TO EXTEND, CLARIFY, AND GRADUALLY PHASE OUT TENANT
22 PROTECTIONS, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR
23 KUEHL, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU
2 VERY MUCH FOR COAUTHORING THIS MOTION TO CONTINUE OUR EVICTION
3 MORATORIUM. WE ARE ASKING TO CONTINUE IT THROUGH THE END OF
4 SEPTEMBER. AND IT IS ACTUALLY BEGINNING A THOUGHTFUL PHASE OUT
5 ON THE BAN ON EVICTIONS THAT WE WILL, OF COURSE, ENTER INTO AS
6 EVERYTHING IS OPENING UP AND WE ARE COMING HOPEFULLY TO THE
7 END OF THE WORST PART OF OUR COVID PANDEMIC, BUT THAT PANDEMIC
8 CREATED A PERFECT STORM FOR OUR STRUGGLING RENTERS. AND EVEN
9 THOUGH IT IS SUBSIDING, A LOT OF OUR RESIDENTS ARE STILL
10 EXPERIENCING A PRETTY SERIOUS HOUSING CRISIS. WE HAVE AGREED
11 FROM THE BEGINNING THAT NO ONE SHOULD BE MADE HOMELESS BY THIS
12 CRISIS IF THERE'S A WAY THAT WE CAN HELP. AND THIS BOARD HAS
13 TAKEN SOME PRETTY BOLD ACTION OVER THE PAST 15 MONTHS TO
14 ADOPT, EXPAND, AND EXTEND PROTECTIONS TO PROTECT OUR MOST
15 VULNERABLE RESIDENTS. AND I HONESTLY BELIEVE IN THIS WAY WE
16 HAVE SAVED LIVES AND CERTAINLY HELPED TO IMPROVE HEALTH AND
17 SAFETY NOT JUST FOR THOSE WHO REMAIN HOUSED BUT FOR MANY
18 OTHERS WITH WHOM THEY WOULD OTHERWISE COME IN CONTACT. THIS
19 MOTION TODAY, WITH OUR CHAIR, EXTENDS OUR PROTECTIONS. AND, AS
20 YOU REMEMBER, OUR L.A. COUNTY PROTECTIONS GO BEYOND CURRENT
21 STATE PROVISIONS. IF THE STATE RES UP, THEY WOULD SUPERSEDE
22 SOME OF OUR ADDITIONAL COVERAGES, BUT FOR NOW, THIS MOTION
23 INCLUDES THEM AS IT HAS SINCE THE BEGINNING. AND THROUGH THE
24 END OF SEPTEMBER, IT WOULD EXTEND OUR PROTECTIONS FOR
25 COMMERCIAL TENANTS. IT HAS BEEN A REALLY IMPORTANT THING

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1 BECAUSE MANY OF OUR CITIES DID NOT THINK TO INCLUDE COMMERCIAL
2 TENANTS IN THESE [INAUDIBLE] OUR MEASURES APPLY. IT ALSO
3 PROHIBITS NO FAULT EVICTIONS FOR JUST A VERY --

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5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** MADAM CHAIR, AM I THE ONLY ONE THAT IS
6 HAVING A HARD TIME HEARING SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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8 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** NO. I THINK WE HAVE A BAD CONNECTION ON --
9 SORRY ABOUT THIS, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, BUT I THINK THERE'S A BAD
10 CONNECTION ON YOUR PHONE LINE WITH OUR COUNTY LINE. AND I
11 THINK THAT'S WHAT IS BEING PICKED UP, UNFORTUNATELY.

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** SO YOU HAVE --

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, IT IS CRACKING UP. I CAN HEAR YOU
16 CLEARER NOW. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU JUST SWITCHED MAYBE, BUT I
17 CAN HEAR YOU. GO AHEAD AND PROCEED, BUT YOU MAY HAVE TO GO
18 BACK AND REITERATE THE LAST TWO MINUTES OF YOUR PRESENTATION.

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY, I AM REALLY SORRY. TELL ME IF IT IS CLEARER
21 NOW, SO THAT I WILL JUST DO.

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** I CAN HEAR YOU, BUT GO AHEAD AND START
24 AGAIN IF YOU NEED TO.

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY, THE MOTION TODAY EXTENDS OUR PROTECTIONS
2 THAT ACTUALLY GO BEYOND CURRENT STATE PROVISIONS AND EXTENDS
3 THEM TO THE END OF SEPTEMBER. IT EXTENDS IT FOR COMMERCIAL
4 TENANTS, WHICH IS VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE -- COVER OUR
5 BUSINESSES, AND THIS DOES AND REQUIRES THAT THEY DO AS WELL.
6 IT PROHIBITS NO FAULT EVICTIONS JUST IN THE CATEGORIES OF
7 UNAUTHORIZED OCCUPANTS, PETS, AND NUISANCES BECAUSE SO MANY OF
8 US HAVE BEEN FORCED TO MOVE IN TOGETHER DURING THIS TIME. IT
9 PROTECTS OUR TENANTS FROM EVICTIONS IF THEY HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE
10 TO PAY RENT DURING COVID AND ARE UNABLE TO PAY THE ENTIRE BACK
11 OWED RENT BY THE END OF 12 MONTHS REPAYMENT PERIOD. THEY MUST
12 MAKE A GOOD FAITH EFFORT TO PAY, BUT IF THEY FALL BEHIND ON
13 VOLUNTARY REPAYMENT PLANS, WE CONTINUE TO PROTECT THEM FROM
14 EVICTION, AT LEAST THROUGH THE END OF SEPTEMBER. IT CLARIFIES
15 THAT OUR TENANTS HAVE AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE IN UNLAWFUL
16 DETAINER AND OTHER CIVIL ACTIONS. AND IT ASKS FOR REPORT BACK
17 FROM COUNTY COUNSEL ON OUR ABILITY TO REQUIRE LANDLORDS TO
18 APPLY FOR RENT RELIEF BEFORE FILING AN EVICTION OR SEEKING
19 CIVIL DEBT COLLECTION. WE FOUND THAT THERE ACTUALLY WAS NOT A
20 GOOD DEAL OF KNOWLEDGE AMONG LANDLORDS THAT THEY COULD GET
21 RENT RELIEF DIRECTLY. THEY THOUGHT THEY HAD TO GET IT ONLY
22 THROUGH THEIR TENANTS. AND AS I SAID, THIS MOTION ALSO BEGINS
23 A PRETTY THOUGHTFUL PHASE OUT OF A BAN ON EVICTIONS IN A WAY
24 THAT DOESN'T JEOPARDIZE THE SUCCESS WE'VE HAD HELPING
25 THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE STAY IN THEIR HOMES. AND WE'VE HEARD A

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1 DEEP INTEREST FROM MY COLLEAGUES, IN ADDITION, FROM SUPERVISOR
2 BARGER, SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL IN ALLOWING
3 OWNER MOVE INS TO RESUME. SO, AS A FIRST STEP, WE WOULD
4 IMMEDIATELY CREATE A LIMITED CARVE OUT FOR OWNER MOVE INS OF
5 SINGLE FAMILY HOMES WHICH WERE BOUGHT BEFORE JUNE 30TH OF THIS
6 YEAR. LET ME SAY BY ADOPTING SOME DELIBERATE PROACTIVE
7 STRATEGIES, WE HAVE AVOIDED MASS EVICTIONS. OUR RESPONSIBILITY
8 NOW IS TO PHASE OUT THIS MORATORIUM IN A WAY THAT ENSURES THAT
9 WE DON'T JUST THROW AWAY OUR HARD WON SUCCESS KEEPING FAMILIES
10 IN THEIR HOMES, WHILE THOUGHTFULLY EASING THE RULES ON
11 PROPERTY OWNERS AND, EVENTUALLY, RETURNING TO NORMAL. THIS
12 SUCCESS WILL REQUIRE THAT OUR PHASE OUT BE TIED TO EXPANSION
13 OF RESOURCES TO HELP OUR ECONOMICALLY IMPACTED TENANTS AND
14 PROPERTY OWNERS. YOU KNOW, LAST YEAR, A U.C.L.A. STUDY
15 PROJECTED THAT 120,000 RESIDENTS WOULD BE AT RISK FOR EVICTION
16 THE MINUTE THE MORATORIUM WAS LIFTED. SO FAR, ONLY A FRACTION
17 OF TENANTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS IN L.A. WHO NEED STATE RENT
18 RELIEF ASSISTANCE HAVE RECEIVED IT. AND THE STATE HAS
19 EXPERIENCED A LOT OF CHALLENGES IN GETTING THEIR RENTAL
20 ASSISTANCE DOLLARS OUT THE DOOR. PARTLY, I HAVE TO SAY THEY
21 HAVEN'T DONE AS GREAT AN OUTREACH EFFORT AS I WOULD HAVE
22 HOPED. THEIR APPLICATIONS ARE VERY COMPLICATED, NOT VERY GOOD
23 LANGUAGE TRANSLATION CAPABILITIES. I KNOW THE STATE IS NOW
24 CONTEMPLATING SOME CHANGES, BUT THEY AREN'T GOING TO PUT THEM
25 IN TOMORROW OR TODAY. SO EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE DISCUSSING AN

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1 EXTENSION OF THE STATE MORATORIUM, EVEN A PROGRAM THAT WOULD
2 FULLY COVER BACK RENT, AS OPPOSED TO PAYING ONLY 80%,
3 L.A.C.D.A. IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH THEM, BUT IT IS NOT IN
4 PLACE YET. SO I HOPE WE WILL SEE CHANGES FROM THE STATE. I
5 HOPE WE SEE THEM QUICKLY. BUT UNTIL THE CHANGES ARE MADE, AND
6 WE SEE SOME RESULTS, WE NEED TO BE VERY CAUTIOUS IN PHASING
7 OUT OUR OWN PROTECTIONS. TENS OF THOUSANDS OF COUNTY RESIDENTS
8 HAVE BARELY HELD ON DURING THE CRISIS. SO IN OUR EAGERNESS TO
9 REOPEN, AND I AM WITH EVERYBODY ON THAT, WE REALLY HAVE TO BE
10 CAREFUL NOT TO OPEN THE DOOR TO MASS EVICTIONS. SO LET'S USE
11 THE NEXT THREE MONTHS, PLAN FOR A FULL RECOVERY, DO EVERYTHING
12 IN OUR POWER TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR TENANTS AND LANDLORDS AND
13 JUST EXTEND THIS POSSIBLY ONE LAST TIME. THANK YOU SO MUCH,
14 AND I WOULD ASK FOR AN AYE VOTE.

15
16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. AND I AM VERY
17 HAPPY TO JOIN YOU AS A COAUTHOR, AND THANK YOU FOR ASKING ME
18 TO BE A PART OF THIS. I THINK YOU LAID OUT BRILLIANTLY WHAT
19 THIS MOTION IS ATTEMPTING TO DO. AND I, TOO, HOPE THAT AFTER A
20 [INDISCERNIBLE] PERIOD THAT WON'T HAVE TO DO THIS AGAIN AND
21 THAT THE STATE WILL WORK MORE EFFICIENTLY. I KNOW THOSE
22 DISCUSSIONS ARE GOING ON RIGHT NOW AS WE SPEAK, BUT AS YOU
23 STATE, AND WE KNOW, THEY ARE NOT GOING TO MOVE ANYTHING BEFORE
24 THE END OF THE MONTH, IN MY OPINION. THEREFORE, THIS MOTION IS
25 VERY NECESSARY. AND I SAY THAT BECAUSE I KNOW THAT MANY OF MY

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1 COLLEAGUES AS WELL HAVE BEEN CONTACTED BY MANY TENANT ADVOCACY
2 GROUPS. AND I HAD THE PLEASURE OF MEETING WITH A WHOLE HOST OF
3 GROUPS, THE INNER CITY STRUGGLE, HEALTH L.A. COALITION, PUBLIC
4 COUNSEL, MANY, MANY ADVOCATES AS WELL PUBLIC COUNSEL ATTORNEYS
5 THAT WERE SHARING STORIES AND HEARING SOME VERY COMPELLING
6 STORIES FROM MOTHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES THAT
7 HAVE NOT HAD ANY RELIEF IN TERMS OF BEING ABLE TO PAY DOWN
8 THEIR RENT, NOT EVEN BE ABLE TO PUT IN 25 PERCENT BECAUSE
9 THEIR JOBS JUST DON'T ALLOW IT. IT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
10 PAYING THE RENT OR PUTTING FOOD ON THE TABLE OR PAYING AN
11 ELECTRIC BILL OR PAYING FOR GASOLINE SO YOU CAN GO TO THE
12 MAYBE JOB THAT YOU STILL HAVE. ALL OF THESE THINGS WERE SHARED
13 WITH ME, INCLUDING THE CONSTANT THREAT OF HARASSMENT AND
14 HARASSMENT THAT TOOK PLACE WITH MANY OF THE TENANTS THAT I
15 SPOKE TO REPRESENTING MY DISTRICT, THE FIRST DISTRICT IN EAST
16 LOS ANGELES, PARTS OF BOYLE HEIGHTS, AND OTHER AREAS OF THE
17 COUNTY. I KNOW WE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO WORK WITH THE STATE. IT
18 HASN'T BEEN AS SUCCESSFUL. I, TOO, HEARD THE CUMBERSOME
19 PROCESS, THE APPLICATION PROCESS THAT WAS MANY, MANY PAGES
20 THAT REALLY DIDN'T PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THOSE THAT WERE MOST
21 VULNERABLE. I THINK PEOPLE JUST GAVE UP OVERALL. AND I DO
22 THINK THERE WAS THIS OTHER ASSERTION MADE BY SOME INDIVIDUALS
23 THINKING THAT IF THEY APPLY FOR THIS, THAT THEY WERE SOMEHOW
24 GOING TO BE PENALIZED LATER ON BY THEIR LANDLORD. SO I HEAR
25 ALL THOSE VOICES. I EVEN HEAR FROM SOME SMALL MOM AND POP

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1 LANDLORDS, WHO ALSO NEED RELIEF. AND I AM HAPPY THAT THAT
2 CARVE OUT IS IN THIS MOTION TO HELP PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO
3 THEM. AND I HOPE THAT WE CAN MOVE FORWARD AND WORK WITH ALL
4 OF THE FOLKS THAT ARE LISTENING TO US THAT CARE ABOUT THIS
5 ISSUE SO MUCH AND HOPEFULLY FACE OFF THIS POTENTIAL TSUNAMI
6 THAT MAY BE RIGHT BEFORE OUR EYES. AND BELIEVE ME, I KNOW I AM
7 DEAD SERIOUS ABOUT THE FACT THAT THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE THAT
8 ARE REALLY PLEADING WITH US TO DO SOMETHING TODAY. WE CAN'T
9 AFFORD TO WAIT. SO I, TOO, ASK FOR THE MEMBERS INDULGENCE TO
10 PLEASE SUPPORT THIS MOTION. AND HOPEFULLY, WE CAN ALL WORK IT
11 OUT TOGETHER. SO THANK YOU. THANK YOU AGAIN, SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
12 AND WITH THAT, I HAVE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SUPERVISOR HAHN,
13 AND SUPERVISOR BARGER, WHO WANT TO SPEAK ON THE ITEM, IN THAT
14 ORDER, PLEASE. THANK YOU.

15
16 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I APPRECIATE
17 THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THIS ISSUE WITH REGARD TO THE
18 EVICTION MORATORIUM. AND I WANT TO JUST BRIEFLY BROADEN THE
19 CONVERSATION A LITTLE BIT BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT FOR
20 US TO DO AND TO PUT THE EVICTION MORATORIUM IN CONTEXT. IT WAS
21 ENACTED TO HELP US ADDRESS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS, THE COVID-
22 19 PANDEMIC, WHEN THE STATE WAS UNDER A SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER
23 ORDERED BY THE GOVERNOR. IT WAS OUR EFFORT, MUCH LIKE
24 OPERATION ROOM KEY, TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE HAD SAFE PLACES
25 TO KEEP THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES SAFE. AND THAT QUITE FRANKLY

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1 APPLIED TO TENANTS AND SHOULD APPLY TO MOM AND POP HOMEOWNERS
2 AS WELL. UNFORTUNATELY, I THINK, WE HAVE CONTINUED THIS
3 CONVERSATION IN THE CONTEXT OF HOUSING AFFORDABILITY. THAT
4 WAS A CRISIS IN OUR COUNTY BEFORE COVID AND WILL CONTINUE, AND
5 THAT'S THE BROADEST CONVERSATION WE MUST TALK ABOUT. ANYONE'S
6 ABILITY TO AFFORD TO CONTINUE TO CALL OUR COUNTY HOME. SO I
7 THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE THE EVICTION MORATORIUM
8 CONVERSATION IN THE CONTEXT OF THOSE EMERGENCY POWERS AND NOT
9 SIMPLY WALK AWAY FROM THE BROADER CONVERSATION OF HOUSING
10 AFFORDABILITY. ONCE THE MORATIUMS ULTIMATELY COME TO AN END,
11 WE KNOW THERE WILL BE SEGMENTS OF OUR COMMUNITY WHO FOR YEARS
12 WILL STRUGGLE WITH FULL ECONOMIC RECOVERY. WE HAVE SEEN IT IN
13 THE PAST WITH THE HOUSING CRISIS WHERE PEOPLE TEN YEARS LATER
14 STILL NEVER FULLY RECOVERED ECONOMICALLY. SO, WE SHOULD BE
15 THOUGHTFUL AN CLEAR ABOUT HOW MANY COMMUNITIES WILL FOR YEARS
16 CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE ECONOMICALLY, WHICH IS WHY WE HAVE TO
17 HAVE THE BROADER CONVERSATION AROUND AFFORDABILITY. WITH
18 REGARD TO EVICTION, YOU KNOW, FRANKLY, THE EVICTION POLICIES
19 PRE-COVID LEFT MUCH TO BE DESIRED FROM BOTH THE PERSPECTIVE OF
20 TENANTS WHO HAVE BEEN VICTIMIZED BY ABUSIVE LANDLORDS AND
21 LACKED COUNSEL DURING THE PROCEEDINGS, AS WELL AS LANDLORDS
22 WHO HAVE ALSO STRUGGLED WITH SOMETIMES BAD ACTOR TENANTS. WE
23 HEARD IN TODAY'S PUBLIC COMMENT THAT EVEN TODAY UNDER THE
24 EXISTING MORATORIUM, EVICTIONS CONTINUE, LOCK OUTS CONTINUE,
25 THAT THEY NEVER STOPPED. SO IT IS CLEAR THAT WE HAVE MUCH MORE

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1 WORK TO DO. OUR STATE RECEIVED A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF FEDERAL
2 FUNDING FOR CONSUMER RENT DEBT. BESIDES THE FEDERAL DOLLARS
3 DIRECTLY TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, H.U.D. RECEIVED
4 FUNDS. AND THERE WAS ALSO FUNDING FOR FACILITATORS AND
5 NAVIGATORS TO HELP WITH THE APPLICATION PROCESS. HOWEVER, THE
6 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROGRAM AT THE STATE HAS BEEN SLOW. AND
7 IT IS NOT REACHED OUR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES WHO NEED AID THE
8 MOST. WE HAVE GOT TO ENSURE THAT RELIEF GETS TO BOTH MOM AND
9 POP LANDLORDS AND TENANTS. WE STEPPED UP WHEN WE RECOGNIZED
10 THAT THE STATE'S POLICY AND PRACTICE AROUND COVID TESTING AND
11 COVID VACCINATIONS WASN'T GETTING TO THE PEOPLE WHO NEEDED IT.
12 WE UNDERSTOOD THAT WE HAD COMMUNITIES THAT WERE HARDLY
13 REACHED, NOT HARD TO REACH, BUT HARDLY REACHED. AND WE STEPPED
14 UP AS A COUNTY AND DID MORE. AND CLEARLY, WE NEED TO DO THE
15 SAME THING IN THIS PROGRAM. I LOOKED AT A SERIES OF POTENTIAL
16 AMENDMENTS TO THIS MOTION TO REALLY HELP US THINK THROUGH THE
17 TRUE CHALLENGE AT HAND. AND THAT CHALLENGE IS THE RENTAL DEBT
18 ACCUMULATED IN THE PAST 15 MONTHS. THE LANGUAGE WE CAME UP
19 WITH DIDN'T SOLVE FOR THE -- IT ONLY SOLVED FOR A PORTION OF
20 THE PROBLEM, NOT THE ENTIRE PROBLEM. BUT THE AMENDMENTS WOULD
21 HAVE REQUIRED THAT PEOPLE APPLYING FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE TO
22 ELIGIBLE FOR CONTINUED PROTECTION UNDER THE MORATORIUM. THAT
23 APPROACH WOULD HAVE HELPED THE SMALL MOM AND POP LANDLORDS
24 TOO, WHO ALSO DESPERATELY NEED THE RESOURCES TO COVER THEIR
25 CONTINUED OBLIGATIONS OF MORTGAGE, PROPERTY TAX, INSURANCE,

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1 WATER, TRASH COLLECTION, AND OTHER REPAIRS. THE PROPOSED
2 AMENDMENTS CLEARLY AS I HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED MAY NOT HAVE SOLVED
3 THE PROBLEM FOR EVERYONE, BUT THEY DID ATTEMPT TO STRIKE A
4 BALANCE, WHICH WAS OUR GOAL. I UNDERSTAND SUPERVISOR BARGER
5 INTENDS TO PUT FORWARD SOME AMENDMENTS TO ASK FOR COUNTY
6 COUNSEL TO LOOK AT THE ISSUE OF TRYING TO CREATE THIS BALANCE
7 BETWEEN THE COMPETING INTERESTS OF THE LANDLORD AND TENANTS
8 AND TO ASK FOR A REPORT BACK IN 30 DAYS. I THINK THAT IS A
9 REASONABLE QUESTION WE SHOULD ALL CONSIDER. NOW, LET ME BE
10 VERY CLEAR. I ABSOLUTELY AND WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT PEOPLE
11 KEEPING THEIR HOMES, BOTH RENTERS AND HOMEOWNERS AND SMALL MOM
12 AND POP PROPERTY OWNERS. FOR ME, THIS IS NOT EITHER/OR. THIS
13 IS AN AND, RENTERS AND HOMEOWNERS. WHY? BECAUSE YOU KNOW I
14 REPRESENT A DISTRICT AND KNOW FAR TOO MANY FAMILIES THAT ARE
15 CONSIDERED HOUSE RICH, PROPERTY RICH, AND CASH POOR. THERE WAS
16 A STUDY OF SEVERAL COMMUNITIES IN THE CRENSHAW DISTRICT THAT
17 REALLY TALKED ABOUT THE EXCESSIVE PERCENTAGE OF MONTHLY INCOME
18 THAT MANY PROPERTY OWNERS SPEND ON MAINTAINING THEIR
19 MORTGAGES, MORTGAGES OF PROPERTIES THAT MAY HAVE BEEN
20 INHERITED FROM MOM OR GRANDPARENTS, OR SENIORS WHO BOUGHT THAT
21 SMALL DUPLEX WHEN THEY WERE GOVERNMENT WORKERS 30/40 YEARS AGO
22 AS A WAY TO BUILD FAMILY WEALTH AND TO GUARANTEE A BASIC LEVEL
23 OF INCOME IN THEIR RETIREMENT. SO, FOR ME, THIS ISSUE ABOUT
24 BALANCE IS ABOUT STABILITY, WEALTH GENERATION. IT IS ABOUT
25 ELIMINATING THE DIFFERENT STARTING LINES FOR MY CONSTITUENTS.

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1 IT IS ABOUT ACKNOWLEDGING THE POINT OF EVICTION PROTECTION WAS
2 COVID RELATED AND THAT IT HAS TO APPLY TO TENANTS AND MOM AND
3 POP PROPERTY OWNERS TOO. THESE NEIGHBORHOODS I AM REFERRING TO
4 HAVE SHARED THE BRUNT OF RED LINING FOR DECADES, ABUSIVE
5 BANKING POLICIES AND EXCESSIVE INTEREST RATES. WE ARE LIVING
6 IN A TIME WHERE THERE ARE FEWER BLACK PROPERTY OWNERS IN L.A.
7 COUNTY TODAY THAN BEFORE COVENANTS WERE ELIMINATED 50 YEARS
8 AGO. TENS OF THOUSANDS OF CONSTITUENTS WHO WERE VICTIMS OF THE
9 2008 FORECLOSURE CRISIS, AGAIN, WHO ARE STILL BARELY IN
10 RECOVERY, THOSE ARE THE RESIDENTS WITH WHOM ARE LOST IN THIS
11 CONVERSATION WHO WE JUST HAVE TO BRING INTO THE FOLD TO TALK
12 ABOUT ACKNOWLEDGING THEIR STRUGGLE TOO. THEY TOO HAVE BEEN
13 IMPACTED. THEIR INCOMES HAVE ALSO BEEN IMPACTED BY COVID.
14 JUST LAST WEEK, I WAS CONTACTED BY H.U.D. UNDER THE DIRECTION
15 OF SECRETARY MARCIA GREDGE TO HELP WITH OUTREACH FOR THE
16 AVAILABLE FORBEARANCE PROGRAMS. THEIR EMAIL WAS AN URGENT
17 REQUEST BECAUSE THERE ARE OVER 300,000 F.H.A. BORROWERS
18 NATIONWIDE WHO ARE AT LEAST 60 DAYS DELINQUENT. AND WITHIN THE
19 SECOND DISTRICT, IT'S OVER 2500 F.H.A. HOMEOWNERS IN THIS
20 SITUATION. I AM WELL AWARE THAT IT IS CRUCIAL TO REACH PEOPLE
21 WITH THE INFORMATION FOR THESE PROGRAMS, AND IT TAKE AS HANDS
22 ON EFFORT. SO AGAIN, LIKE WE DID FOR COVID TESTING AND
23 VACCINE, WE SHOULD DO JUST THAT. I DON'T THINK WE AS THE
24 COUNTY SHOULD WAIT FOR THE STATE TO FIGURE IT OUT. WE HAVE TO
25 MAKE SURE THAT TENANTS AND LANDLORDS UNDERSTAND, HAVE ACCESS

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1 TO, AND THAT ONLINE APPLICATIONS ALONE WON'T CUT IT. SO WE
2 HAVE TO FIGURE OUT PERHAPS HOW TO CONTINUE THE C.B.O.
3 CONTRACTS WE HAVE THAT ARE DOING OUTREACH ON COVID VACCINE TO
4 ALSO TALK ABOUT HOUSING INSTABILITY AND IF THOSE SAME FAMILIES
5 HAVE CONSIDERED APPLYING FOR THESE RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
6 AND IF THEY NEED OUR HELP IN DOING SOME. WE NOW TO SECRETARY
7 GREDGE'S CALL BY SHARING ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA AND DOING ROBO-
8 CALLS AND ENGAGING IN JUST THAT KIND OF OUTREACH THAT WE KNOW
9 WORKS FOR THE HARDLY REACHED COMMUNITIES WE ALL AIM TO
10 PROTECT. WE ARE AT A MOMENT WHERE WE CAN ALTER THE DIRECTION
11 OF OUR COUNTY RESIDENTS BY HAVING THE CONVERSATION, AND MORE
12 IMPORTANTLY DISCUSSING THE SOLUTIONS WHICH WILL GET AT THE
13 ISSUE OF PAYING OFF THE OUTSTANDING RENTAL DEBT. ACCORDING TO
14 THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION, FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS PROVIDED OVER
15 50 BILLION IN RENT RELIEF WITH CALIFORNIA RECEIVING MORE THAN
16 \$5.2 BILLION. RECENT NEWS REPORTS ARE SAYING THE STATE MAY PAY
17 NOT ONLY 80% BUT WHY DON'T WE TAKE IT UP TO THE FULL 100% OF
18 TENANT'S RENTAL DEBT. WHY WOULDN'T A TENANT WANT TO APPLY FOR
19 THAT KIND OF SUPPORT? A LANDLORD, AS WELL. SO LET'S TAKE IT UP
20 TO 100% GIVEN THE FEDERAL DOLLARS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE
21 AVAILABLE TO [INDISCERNIBLE]. NOW THERE ARE DIFFERING NUMBERS
22 ON HOW MUCH RENT DEBT THERE IS WITHIN OUR COUNTY. AND SO WE
23 HAVE TO ALSO COLLECT THAT DATA SO WE ARE CLEAR ABOUT THE REAL
24 NUMBER WE ARE DEALING WITH. AGAIN, THE STATE'S RENT RELIEF
25 PROGRAM OF 490 MILLION DOLLARS IN RELIEF REQUESTS, THE STATE

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1 HAS ONLY PROCESSED ABOUT 32 MILLION. AGAIN, A FAILURE OF
2 GOVERNMENT. WE MUST DO BETTER, AND I BELIEVE WE CAN. THE
3 MOTION WE PASSED AT THE PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING HAS A REPORT
4 BACK TO US WITH HOPEFULLY A BETTER SENSE OF HOW MUCH RENT
5 DEBT FOR OUR TENANTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS HERE IN L.A. COUNTY
6 THERE IS. BUT ONE THING IS FOR CERTAIN, WE MUST INSIST THAT
7 THE STATE EXPEDITE DELIVERY OF THAT PROGRAM. THAT MUST BE OUR
8 PREFERRED STRATEGY, NOT TO EXPECT SMALL MOM AND POP PROPERTY
9 OWNERS TO MERELY TAKE WHAT THEY WOULD GET FOR THEIR DEBT IF
10 THEY WOULD GO TO COLLECTIONS. THAT'S NOT EQUITY AT ALL. THERE
11 ARE SMALL PROPERTY OWNERS WHO HAVE INDEED COMPLIED AND
12 SHOULDERED THE BURDEN OF THE UNPAID RENTS OVER THE PAST 15
13 MONTHS. BY SOME SERIES OF MIRACLES, SOME OF THEM HAVE BEEN
14 ABLE TO KEEP THEIR PROPERTIES AFLOAT, BUT I AM HEARING MORE
15 AND MORE FROM CONSTITUENTS WHO AREN'T. SOME OF THEM, JUST LIKE
16 THEIR TENANTS TOOK ON ADDITIONAL JOBS, DEPLETED THEIR SAVINGS,
17 AND OTHERS BORROWED AGAINST THEIR RETIREMENT FUNDS TO TRY TO
18 KEEP THESE PROPERTIES, WHICH WE KNOW ACROSS THE COUNTY ARE THE
19 PROPERTIES THAT OFFER THE LOWEST AMOUNT OF RENT. WE CAN'T
20 AFFORD TO LET THESE MOM AND POP HOMEOWNERS FALL PREY TO THE
21 BLACKSTONES OF THIS STATE AND LOSE THESE PROPERTIES TO
22 CORPORATE INTERESTS THROUGH GENTRIFICATION. YOU KNOW, WE AS A
23 BOARD HAVE OFFERED HEROES PAY TO THOSE THAT STOOD ON THE
24 FRONTLINES DURING THIS CRISIS. SHOULD WE NOT RECOGNIZE THAT
25 BUT FOR LANDLORDS COMPLYING WITH THE MORATORIUM, OUR INFECTION

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1 RATES AND DEATHS COULD HAVE BEEN SO MUCH WORSE? THAT'S THE
2 CONVERSATION I THINK IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO HAVE. I AM
3 INTERESTED IN HAVING THIS DISCUSSION OF SUSTAINABLE LONG TERM
4 HEALTH FOR ALL OF OUR CONSTITUENTS BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO BE
5 HERE MONTHS LATER, PARTICULARLY HEARING FROM UNDER REPRESENTED
6 COMMUNITIES, PEOPLE WHO ARE ALREADY CHALLENGED TO MAINTAIN
7 THEIR PROPERTIES HAVING LOST THEIR PROPERTY BECAUSE WE
8 COULDN'T FIGURE OUT A BALANCED APPROACH. I WANT TO REITERATE
9 AND STATE CLEARLY THAT I AM SUPPORTING TODAY'S MOTION, THE
10 EVICTION MORATORIUM EXTENSION, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON FOCUSING ON
11 THE SOLUTIONS THAT WILL ELIMINATE THE RENT DEBT TO SUPPORT
12 BOTH TENANT AND PROPERTY OWNERS ALIKE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

13
14 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. NEXT, I
15 WILL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR HAHN AND THEN BARGER.

16
17 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND CERTAINLY THANKS TO ALL
18 OF US WHO HAVE TAKEN SO SERIOUSLY THE IMPACT THAT THIS
19 PANDEMIC HAS HAD ON PEOPLE'S LIVELIHOODS, JOBS, AND THEIR
20 ABILITY TO PAY THEIR RENT. WE HAVE NEVER WANTED MORE PEOPLE TO
21 BECOME HOMELESS BECAUSE OF THIS PANDEMIC. AND THIS IS AN
22 IMPORTANT POLICY THAT WE HAVE ENACTED, AND I AM SUPPORTIVE OF
23 US CONTINUING IT BECAUSE, EVEN THOUGH WE ARE EMERGING FROM
24 THIS CRISIS, AND HOPEFULLY WE ARE NOT GOING HAVE TO THIS IN
25 PLACE FOR MUCH LONGER AS PEOPLE RETURN TO WORK AND OUR ECONOMY

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1 RECOVERS, I KNOW WE AREN'T THERE YET. AND I DO THINK WE NEED
2 TO EXTEND THIS EVICTION MORATORIUM TO PROTECT PEOPLE THAT
3 STILL NEED IT, BUT I AM ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT HAVING A POLICY
4 THAT UNFORTUNATELY DOES ALLOW SOME PEOPLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF
5 IT AND AVOID PAYING RENT EVEN WHEN THEY ARE IN A POSITION TO
6 BE ABLE TO DO SO. OBVIOUSLY, IF SOMEONE IS UNABLE TO PAY THEIR
7 RENT, WE HAVE WORKED SO HARD TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY WILL NOT
8 BE EVICTED. AND WE PUT RENT RELIEF PROGRAMS IN PLACE TO MAKE
9 SURE THE LANDLORD GETS THE RENT THEY NEED TO PAY THEIR
10 MORTGAGE. THERE'S TWO SIDES TO THIS EQUATION. WE HAVE OUR
11 LANDLORDS OUR PROPERTY OWNERS, AND WE HAVE THE RENTERS. THEY
12 BOTH NEED EACH OTHER, AND ONE IS NOT MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE
13 OTHER, BUT WE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR WAYS TO BALANCE
14 THIS EQUATION AND MAKE SURE THAT OUR LANDLORDS, OUR MOM AND
15 POP LANDLORDS, DO GET THE RENT THEY ARE OWED. SUPERVISOR
16 MITCHELL WAS VERY ELOQUENT IN HOW SHE TALKED ABOUT THOSE WHO
17 ALSO ARE NOW REALLY SUFFERING AND HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO PAY
18 THEIR MORTGAGE PAYMENTS. AS YOU REMEMBER, WE FOUGHT LONG AND
19 HARD WORKING WITH BANKS TO TRY TO SEE IF WE COULD GET SOME
20 MORTGAGE RELIEF. THAT WAS A LONG TIME COMING. MY OFFICE HAS
21 BEEN FLOODED WITH CALLS FROM LANDLORDS, FROM PROPERTY OWNERS,
22 WHO REALLY NEED SOME HELP AND SOME RELIEF, PARTICULARLY
23 BECAUSE THEY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE RENTERS THAT THEY FEEL
24 COULD PAY THE RENT, BUT ARE SORT OF SKIRTING IT BECAUSE OF THE
25 POLICY THAT WE HAVE IN PLACE. I AM GLAD THAT IN THIS NEW

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1 POLICY WE DO ALLOW FOR OWNERS OF A PROPERTY TO BE ABLE TO MOVE
2 INTO THEIR OWN PLACES, THAT WE LAID OUT A NUMBER OF
3 RESTRICTIONS. AND I WAS GOING TO BRING UP THE FACT THAT
4 HOPEFULLY WE CAN FIGURE OUT THAT IF YOU ARE IN ANY OF THOSE
5 CATEGORIES, IT WILL WORK. FOR INSTANCE, IF ONE SIDE IS 62, BUT
6 THE OTHER SIDE HAPPENS TO BE SOMEBODY TERMINALLY ILL, DOES
7 THAT COUNT? OR IF THE LANDLORD IS DISABLED, BUT THE TENANT IS
8 62, IS IT REALLY GOING TO BE ONE FOR ONE? ARE WE GOING TO
9 FIGURE OUT A WAY TO BE A LITTLE MORE FLEXIBLE THAT IF YOU
10 FALL INTO ONE OF THOSE CATEGORIES, THEN MOVING INTO YOUR OWN
11 PROPERTY WILL WORK. THAT'S SOMETHING I FEEL LIKE WE STILL
12 NEED TO WORK OUT A LITTLE BIT. I WOULD LIKE -- TO BE HONEST
13 WITH YOU, I WAS READY TO INTRODUCE AN AMENDMENT, AND I THINK
14 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL HAD TALKED ABOUT IT IN HER REMARKS, THAT
15 WE EXTEND THIS EVICTION MORATORIUM TO TENANTS THAT HAVE
16 APPLIED FOR THE STATE, COUNTY, OR THEIR RESPECTIVE CITY'S RENT
17 RELIEF PROGRAM JUST TO SAY THAT IN GOOD FAITH, THEY UNDERSTAND
18 THE SITUATION, AND THEY ARE MAKING THE EFFORT TO APPLY FOR THE
19 RENT RELIEF SO THEIR LANDLORDS DO GET THE MONEY. I KNOW,
20 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU SAID LANDLORDS CAN APPLY THEMSELVES, BUT
21 WE KNOW THAT SOMETIMES THOSE PROGRAMS AREN'T 100 PERCENT. AND
22 THEN IF THE TENANT APPLIES, IT ALSO ADDS TO THE RELIEF THAT
23 THE PROPERTY OWNER AND THE LANDLORD IS GETTING, BUT IT KIND OF
24 FEELS LIKE THAT WOULD NOT PASS TODAY. SO I WOULD LIKE TO
25 INTRODUCE AN AMENDMENT THAT WE INSTRUCT THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO

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1 REPORT BACK TO US IN 30 DAYS ON THE FEASIBILITY OF REQUIRING
2 OWNERS TO APPLY FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE BEFORE FILING AN
3 UNLAWFUL DETAINER ACTION, REQUIRING TENANTS TO DOCUMENT A
4 FINANCIAL IMPACT DUE TO COVID-19 IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO BE
5 PROTECTED FROM EVICTION, AND REQUIRING TENANTS TO MAKE A GOOD
6 FAITH EFFORT TO APPLY FOR THE APPLICABLE LOCAL AND STATE RENT
7 RELIEF PROGRAMS IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO BE PROTECTED FROM
8 EVICTION FROM THE MORATORIUM. I THINK THIS IS BALANCED. IT
9 SHOWS THAT WE ARE PROTECTING THE TENANTS, BUT WE ARE REALLY
10 ALSO TRYING TO LOOK OUT FOR THE LANDLORDS AND THE PROPERTY
11 OWNERS. I BELIEVE THIS GOT CIRCULATED. IT'S SO WEIRD BEING
12 VIRTUAL. I THINK IF WE WERE IN PERSON, WE WOULD ALL BE PASSING
13 IT OUT, AND I COULD HEAR THE PAPER RATTLING AS YOU ARE ALL
14 READING. SO I HOPE IT GOT PASSED OUT. AND I HOPE YOU WOULD
15 SUPPORT THAT. I WILL SUPPORT THIS EVICTION MORATORIUM GOING
16 FORWARD FOR THREE MONTHS, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN 30 DAYS
17 IF WE COULD LOOK AT PUTTING A LITTLE BIT MORE EFFORT INTO
18 PROTECTING THE LANDLORDS AND THE PROPERTY OWNERS. SO I WOULD
19 ASK FOR YOU TO SUPPORT THAT AMENDMENT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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21 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT, I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR
22 BARGER.

23
24 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. YOU KNOW, I APPRECIATE EVERYTHING
25 THAT'S BEEN SAID, AND I ACTUALLY AGREE. AND IN MARCH 2020, AS

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1 CHAIR OF THE BOARD, I SIGNED AN EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING
2 THE COUNTY'S EVICTION MORATORIUM BECAUSE IT WAS THE RIGHT
3 THING TO DO. AND I APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TALKING
4 ABOUT THE PUBLIC HEALTH VERSUS THE COST OF HOUSING BECAUSE I
5 THINK THERE ARE TWO THINGS GOING ON HERE. THE MORATORIUM HAS
6 NOW BEEN IN PLACE FOR A YEAR AND A HALF. THROUGHOUT THAT TIME,
7 SMALL PROPERTY OWNERS, FOLK WHO HAVE SAVED THEIR WHOLE LIVES
8 TO BUY A RENTAL UNIT, ELDERLY PERSONS WHO USE RENTAL INCOME TO
9 PAY FOR THEIR CURRENT CARE, AND OTHERS UNABLE TO STAND RIGHT
10 NOW IN TERMS OF THE LOSS OF INCOME HAVE FACED A LOT OF
11 SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES. AND I KNOW THAT EACH OF OUR OFFICES
12 HAVE HAD PEOPLE CALLING IN HIGHLIGHT THE STRUGGLE THEY ARE
13 FACING. AS THE COUNTY FULLY REOPENS, AND AS BUSINESSES RESUME
14 NORMAL OPERATIONS, AND AS THE ECONOMY GETS BACK TO PRE-
15 PANDEMIC LEVELS, IT IS INCUMBENT THAT WE FIND A WAY TO PHASE
16 OUT THE EVICTION MORATORIUM, BUT BASED ON WHAT I AM HEARING,
17 NOW IS NOT THE TIME. SOME OF THE PRACTICES WE EMPLOYED THROUGH
18 THE PANDEMIC MAY NO LONGER BE NEEDED AND SHOULD BE REPLACED
19 WITH SOLUTIONS THAT MEET TODAY'S NEED. FOR THE PAST FEW
20 MONTHS, THE COUNTY HAS HELD RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS ROUND TABLE
21 MEETINGS, WHICH WERE CREATED BY A MOTION BY MY OFFICE IN
22 COORDINATION WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN. AT THE LAST MEETING IN
23 JUNE, 114 PARTICIPANTS ATTENDED, AND 17 PROPERTY OWNER GROUPS
24 WERE REPRESENTED. THEY NOTED CONCERNS THAT TENANTS ARE NOT
25 APPLYING FOR RENT RELIEF PROGRAMS THAT THEY HAVE BEEN ASKED TO

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1 APPLY. SOME ALSO SHARED THE SEVERE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP THEY
2 HAVE FACED, THE DEBT INCURRED, AND THAT MANY ARE POTENTIALLY
3 FACING SELLING THEIR PROPERTIES ALTOGETHER. THE COUNTY HAS
4 DISTRIBUTED NEARLY \$110 MILLION IN EMERGENCY RENT RELIEF.
5 ANOTHER \$330 MILLION IN STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING FOR RENT
6 RELIEF HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED UNDER THE SENATE BILL 91, AND
7 ADDITIONAL \$211 MILLION HAS BEEN SET ASIDE FROM THE AMERICAN
8 RELIEF PLAN FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THIS IS A
9 SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF FUNDING THAT CAN AND MUST BE USED TO
10 HELP REDUCE ARREARS AND DEBT BUT ALSO TO HELP LANDLORDS RECOUP
11 SOME RENTAL INCOME THAT THEY ARE OWED. THERE IS A NEED FOR
12 TENANTS AND LANDLORDS TO WORK TOGETHER TO APPLY FOR THIS
13 FUNDING AS WE MOVE FORWARD, WHICH IS WHY I WILL SUPPORT
14 SUPERVISOR HAHN'S AMENDMENT, ALTHOUGH IT IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT
15 THAN WHAT WE WERE GIVEN, SUPERVISOR HAHN, REGARDING THE 30 DAY
16 REPORT BACK, BUT I WILL SUPPORT THAT AMENDMENT. I WANT TO
17 VOICE MY FRUSTRATION WITH THE STATE AS WE CONTINUE TO WAIT FOR
18 CHANGES TO THE RENT RELIEF PROGRAM, WHICH HAS BEEN SLOW TO
19 MAKE A REAL IMPACT AND TAKE ACTION ON THE STATE'S EVICTION
20 MORATORIUM, WHICH ALONG THE WAY, HAS CONTINUED TO PREEMPT OUR
21 OWN. I SUPPORT THE COMMENTS OF MY COLLEAGUES THAT WE CANNOT
22 CONTINUE TO EXTEND THIS MORATORIUM BEYOND SEPTEMBER 30TH,
23 2021. I ALSO HAVE SOME GENERAL CONCERNS ABOUT CONTINUING TO
24 EXTEND THE MORATORIUM WITHOUT A MORE ROBUST PHASE OUT PLAN AND
25 A WAY TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF MOP AND POP LANDLORDS THAT ALSO

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1 NEED THE RELIEF. HOWEVER, I AM GLAD WE ARE TRYING TO FIND WAYS
2 FOR OWNERS AND THEIR PROPERTIES TO MOVE IN. WE MAY NEED TO
3 FURTHER REFINE THE PROVISION AS WE MOVE FORWARD AND ADDRESS
4 THESE SPECIFIC CASES WHERE OWNERS ARE STILL UNABLE TO RETAKE
5 POSSESSION OF THEIR HOMES, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY ARE
6 POTENTIALLY FACING HOMELESSNESS THEMSELVES. WE NEED TO FIND A
7 SOLUTION THAT DOESN'T KEEP US ON THE SAME PATH BUT ONE THAT
8 GETS US CLOSER TO SOLVING THE STRUCTURAL ISSUES WE HAVE IN THE
9 LANDLORD-TENANT RELATIONSHIP AND THE BROADER HOUSING MARKET.
10 SO WITH THAT, I WILL SUPPORT THIS WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN'S
11 AMENDMENT THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

12
13 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BEFORE I TAKE UP THE AMENDMENT,
14 WHICH NEEDS TO BE SECONDED -- IS THAT A SECOND SUPERVISOR
15 BARGER ON THE HAHN AMENDMENT?

16
17 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH, BUT CAN WE GET A CLARIFICATION. SUPERVISOR
18 HAHN, YOU -- WHAT I GOT WAS EXTEND THE EVICTION MORATORIUM
19 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 TO TENANTS THAT APPLIED FOR THE
20 STATE, COUNTY, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE CITY RENT RELIEF PROGRAM.
21 AND I THINK YOU CHANGED IT. SO COULD YOU REITERATE. I'LL
22 SECOND IT, BUT I NEED UNDERSTAND EXACTLY WHAT THE CHANGE IS.

23
24 **SUP. HAHN:** YES, IT WAS EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM REQUIRING
25 TENANTS TO MAKE A GOOD FAITH EFFORT TO APPLY FOR APPLICABLE

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1 LOCAL AND STATE RELIEF PROGRAMS IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO BE
2 PROTECTED FROM EVICTION UNDER THE MORATORIUM. AND ALSO --

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT'S NOT WHAT I HAVE BEFORE ME,
5 SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND I HAVE SOMETHING THAT YOU DID PASS OUT,
6 AND I HAVE IT AS NUMBER TWO. IT SAYS INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL
7 TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN 60 DAYS ON THE FEASIBILITY OF
8 REQUIRING OWNERS TO APPLY FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE BEFORE FILING
9 AN UNLAWFUL DETAINER ACTION OR AN ACTION TO RECOVER RENTAL
10 DEBT AGAINST A TENANT. THE REPORT SHOULD INCLUDE AN ANALYSIS
11 OF FINANCIAL IMPACTS DUE TO COVID-19, THE POSSIBILITY OF
12 REQUIRING TENANT TO MAKE GOOD FAITH EFFORT TO APPLY FOR LOCAL
13 AND STATE RENTAL RELIEF PROGRAMS IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR
14 EXTENSION OF TENANT PROTECTIONS.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** THAT'S THE ONE.

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO THAT IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENCE FROM WHAT
19 YOU JUST READ, SUPERVISOR BARGER.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER:** SO THE ONE THAT IS ON THE TABLE THEN, SUPERVISOR
22 HAHN, IS THE AMENDMENT DIRECTIVE NUMBER TWO THAT SUPERVISOR --

23

24 **SUP. HAHN:** YES.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, I WILL SECOND THAT.

2

3 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, IT'S BEEN SECONDED. NOW I WANT TO
4 RECOGNIZE THE AUTHOR OF THE MOTION ON THIS. SHE'D LIKE TO
5 SPEAK. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. THE CONNECTION
8 IS -- I WONDER -- FIRST OF ALL, LET ME SAY GENERALLY, I REALLY
9 APPRECIATE THE INPUT OF MY COLLEAGUES, AND THAT -- YOU CAN'T
10 SEE MY FACE SO YOU DON'T KNOW THAT I AM REALLY SINCERE. I MEAN
11 IT. I THINK WE WORK VERY WELL TOGETHER, ESPECIALLY WHERE WE
12 DON'T AGREE ON SOMETHING HERE AND THERE. I TOTALLY AGREE,
13 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, WITH YOUR CARING AND UNDERSTANDING ABOUT
14 THOSE IN THE COMMUNITY WHERE I GREW UP, AS YOU KNOW, AND
15 THROUGHOUT THE SECOND, WHERE PEOPLE HAD SUCH STRUGGLES EVEN
16 PUTTING TOGETHER THE KIND OF WHEREWITHAL TO BUY A HOUSE, AND
17 DURING THIS TIME HAVE RENTED THAT HOUSE. WE HAVE BEEN VERY
18 CONCERNED, EVEN BEFORE YOU JOINED US, ABOUT [INAUDIBLE] AND A
19 MOTION --

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY TO INTERRUPT, BUT YOU BROKE UP
22 AGAIN. SO GO BACK MAYBE THREE SECONDS THERE BECAUSE YOU BROKE
23 UP.

24

25 **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY, SORRY. CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

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1

2 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU ARE STILL CRACKLING.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** BREAKING UP IS HARD TO DO.

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** NOT REALLY ON THESE THINGS [LAUGHS]. SO WE BROUGHT
7 A MOTION QUITE AWHILE AGO, AS YOU RECALL, WHICH I WAS PROUD TO
8 AUTHOR, TO PUT \$100 MILLION A YEAR INTO BUILDING AFFORDABLE
9 HOUSING. AND IT IS KEY TO EVERYTHING. BUT THE PROBLEM WE ARE
10 FACING NOW IS WHO BEARS THE BRUNT OF [INAUDIBLE] THOSE
11 CONCERNS THAT OUR HOMEOWNERS HAVE HAD BECAUSE THE TENANTS
12 OFTEN ARE FROM THE SAME COMMUNITY THAT SUFFERED FROM REDLINING
13 DISCRIMINATION. AND I AM CONCERNED ABOUT PUTTING THE BURDEN ON
14 THEM. SO AS I UNDERSTAND THE AMENDMENT, IT IS A REPORT BACK. I
15 WANTED TO CLARIFY BECAUSE IT ORIGINALLY READ -- AND I THINK,
16 SUPERVISOR HAHN YOU SAID 30 DAYS. SO I KNOW THE COUNTY COUNSEL
17 -- WHAT THE TIME IS TO REPORT BACK. AND MY SECOND QUESTION
18 REALLY IS I WONDER IF YOU MIGHT BE WILLING TO ADD INSTRUCT
19 COUNTY COUNSEL AND ADD IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT --

20

21 **SUP. HAHN:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I CAN'T HEAR YOU.

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** REPEAT, SHEILA, REPEAT. IN COLLABORATION
24 WITH WHAT?

25

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** I WONDER IF -- THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND
2 BUSINESS AFFAIRS.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. AND YOU WOULD INSERT THAT RIGHT AFTER
5 COUNTY COUNSEL?

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES. CORRECT.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND IN COLLABORATION.

10

11 **SUP. KUEHL:** NOT AND, JUST COMMA IN COLLABORATION BECAUSE
12 BECAUSE THEY ARE THE ONES THAT ACTUALLY HAVE TO CARRY IT OUT.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** YES, I AM OKAY WITH THAT.

15

16 **SUP. KUEHL:** THEN I WONDER IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO ADD, JUST
17 FOLLOWING D.C.B.A., YOUR AMENDMENT SAYS TO REPORT BACK ON THE
18 FEASIBILITY, AND I WONDER IF YOU MIGHT BE WILLING TO ADD AND
19 IMPACT OF BECAUSE I THINK IT, AGAIN, IMPLIES IMPACT TO ALL OF
20 THE SUBUNITS THAT COME AFTER AND NOT JUST ONE. SO IT WOULD BE
21 INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL IN COLLABORATION WITH D.C.B.A. TO
22 REPORT BACK ON THE FEASIBILITY AND IMPACT OF AND THEN ALL THE
23 REST IS AS YOU READ IT.

24

25 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** IN 30 DAYS.

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1

2 **SUP. KUEHL:** DID YOU SAY IN 30 DAYS?

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** WELL THAT IS WHAT WAS WRITTEN. THAT'S IN
5 HER AMENDMENT --

6

7 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, WE WANT THE 30 DAYS BECAUSE WE WANT TO KNOW
8 IF THIS IS FEASIBLE TO EVEN BEGIN DOING MAYBE IN AUGUST OR
9 SEPTEMBER. THE FEASIBILITY AND THE IMPACT OF REQUIRING OWNERS,
10 I AM NOT SURE WHAT ARE WE TRYING TO FIND OUT THERE, SHEILA?

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** WELL WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO IT, BUT WE'D LIKE TO
13 KNOW WHAT EFFECT IT WOULD HAVE. FOR INSTANCE, IF WE SUDDENLY
14 REQUIRE ALL TENANTS -- I'M JUST SAYING THIS OFF THE TOP OF MY
15 HEAD. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE REPORT WILL SAY. IF SUDDENLY
16 REQUIRE ALL TENANTS TO HAVE APPLIED FOR RENTAL RELIEF, THEN
17 ABOUT TWO THIRDS OF OUR TENANTS COULD BE EVICTED IMMEDIATELY.
18 AND I WORRY ABOUT -- AT LEAST WE OUT TO KNOW THE IMPACT BEFORE
19 WE ENACT SUCH A THING. THAT'S WHAT I AM SAYING, PEOPLE WHO
20 DON'T SPEAK ENGLISH, UNDOCUMENTED PEOPLE WHO ARE AFRAID TO
21 APPLY, THAT KIND OF STUFF. OTHER THAN THAT, I WOULD SUGGEST WE
22 ACCEPT IT AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO ARE YOU OKAY WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR HAHN?
25 WITH COUNTY COUNSEL IN COLLABORATION WITH CONSUMER BUSINESS

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1 AFFAIRS, REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD AND 30 DAYS ON THE
2 FEASIBILITY AND IMPACT OF REQUIRING OWNERS TO APPLY FOR
3 ASSISTANCE BLAH BLAH BLAH AND THE REST REMAINS THE SAME? ARE
4 YOU OKAY WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR HAHN?

5

6 **SUP. HAHN:** I'M STILL ON MUTE. WHERE IS MY T-SHIRT THAT SAYS,
7 "YOU ARE ON MUTE!" YOU WOULD THINK AFTER ALL OF THIS TIME, WE
8 WOULD FIGURE THIS OUT! YES, I AM OKAY.

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY, GREAT.

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT IS GOOD WITH YOU, SHEILA. WE ARE GOOD.

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL:** YEAH, WE WILL TAKE IT AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, AND
15 I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO POINT OUT TO EVERYBODY LISTENING,
16 THE NOTION OF A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT IS IT IS MADE IN GOOD FAITH
17 IN ORDER TO IMPROVE A MOTION. YOU KNOW, THE PAPERS ALWAYS
18 PAINT EVERYTHING AS A WAR, YOU KNOW, LIKE WE ARE ALL FIGHTING
19 WITH EACH OTHER. AND WE'RE NOT. WE ARE TRYING TO GET THERE FOR
20 TENANTS AND OWNERS, AND WE ARE TRYING TO GET OUT OF THIS
21 PANDEMIC. I REALLY APPRECIATE THE LEADERSHIP, KATHRYN, THAT
22 YOU GAVE AT THE VERY BEGINNING OF THIS PANDEMIC. IT WAS REALLY
23 IMPORTANT. AND I THANK EVERYBODY WHO WORKED ON THIS. I THINK
24 WE ARE GETTING THERE OR GOT THERE. AND THAT AMENDMENT IS FINE
25 WITH ME.

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1

2 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. I WANT TO RECOGNIZE, THANK YOU. I
3 WANT TO RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, WHO RAISED HER HAND.
4 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, DO YOU WANT TO ADD --

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANTED TO,
7 AS I LISTENED TO THE DISCUSSION, IT CAME TO MY KNOWLEDGE THAT
8 OUR L.A. SUPERIOR COURTS, WHICH IS THE COURT -- WHICH IS
9 BASICALLY EVICTION COURT, YOU KNOW, HOUSING -- I.T. SOFTWARE
10 THAT ALERTS THEM KIND OF PRE-EVICTION. AND SO, I WAS GOING TO
11 SUGGEST THAT WE ADD NOT ONLY D.C.B.A. GIVEN THEIR ROLE, BUT
12 ALSO IN CONSULTATION WITH L.A. SUPERIOR COURT, GIVEN THE
13 CRITICAL ROLE THEY PLAY AND CAN PLAY THANKS TO THE SOFTWARE IN
14 AN EFFORT TO PREVENT EVICTIONS, WHICH SHOULD BE OUR COLLECTIVE
15 GOAL. SO IF THE MOTION AUTHOR AND THE AMENDMENT AUTHOR ARE
16 OPEN TO ADDING AND IN CONSULTATION WITH L.A. SUPERIOR COURT,
17 GIVEN THIS NEW TECHNOLOGY AND THE ROLE THEY PLAY IN THE
18 OVERALL PRACTICE.

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THINK IT IS A GOOD IDEA. IN ALL HONESTY, I DON'T
21 KNOW WHAT THAT DOES TO A 30 DAY DEADLINE, BUT I KNOW THAT THEY
22 WILL ALL REALLY TRY.

23

24 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AND AGAIN, THANK YOU, AND I MADE THE SUGGESTION
25 BECAUSE IT IS THE COURT THAT TRIGGERED THE INFORMATION TO

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1 D.C.B.A. ONCE IT IS -- SO THEY ARE IN THAT PROCESS, AND THAT
2 IS WHY I THOUGHT IT SHOULD BE IMPORTANT TO ADD.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** NO, I THINK THAT IS WISE AND A GOOD ADDITION.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN:** DO I HAVE TO RECUSE MYSELF BECAUSE MY BROTHER IS A
7 SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE, ALTHOUGH HE DOES TRAFFIC AND SMALL
8 CLAIMS?

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** WHAT DO YOU MEAN JUST DOES TRAFFIC AND SMALL
11 CLAIMS? THAT IS WHERE WE ALL SHOW UP. WHAT ARE YOU TALKING
12 ABOUT? IT IS IMPORTANT.

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO WHERE WOULD WE INSERT THAT?

15

16 **SUP. KUEHL:** AFTER D.C.B.A. ARE YOU THINKING?

17

18 **SUP. MITCHELL:** YES, RIGHT AFTER ADDITION OF D.C.B.A. WOULD
19 BE FINE.

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** CAN I READ IT?

24

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YEAH, I'LL HAVE -- IF YOU ARE FINE,
2 SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND HAHN, I WILL HAVE CELIA READ IT.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SO IT WILL READ, INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL
5 IN COLLABORATION WITH D.C.B.A. IN CONSULTATION WITH SUPERIOR
6 COURT TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN 30 DAYS ON THE
7 FEASIBILITY AND IMPACT OF REQUIRING OWNERS TO APPLY FOR RENTAL
8 ASSISTANCE BEFORE FILING AN UNLAWFUL DETAINER ACTION OR AN
9 ACTION TO RECOVER RENTAL DEBT AGAINST A TENANT. THE REPORT
10 SHOULD INCLUDE AN ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL IMPACT DUE TO COVID-
11 19, THE POSSIBILITY OF REQUIRING TENANTS TO MAKE GOOD FAITH
12 EFFORT TO APPLY FOR LOCAL AND STATE RENTAL RELIEF PROGRAMS IN
13 ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR EXTENSION OF TENANT PROTECTION.

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT IS SUITABLE, THEN.

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES, THAT COVERS WHAT I UNDERSTOOD IT TO SAY.

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, VERY GOOD, THEN WE CAN VOTE ON THE
20 AMENDMENT, AND THAT WAS MOVED BY HAHN, SECONDED BY BARGER.
21 WILL YOU TAKE THE ROLL.

22

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

25

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

2

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

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

7

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

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

11

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

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

15

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

17

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

19

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

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, VERY GOOD. THAT MOTION IS AMENDED.

23 OKAY. VERY GOOD. I GUESS WE CAN SETTLE. OKAY, MOVING ON, WE

24 ARE GOING ON TO ITEM NUMBER 10. THIS IS TAILORING SERVICES AND

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1 PROGRAMS FOR L.G.B.T.Q. AND FOSTER YOUTH, WHICH WAS HELD BY
2 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU ARE ON.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I APPRECIATE THE
5 SUPPORT THAT THIS BOARD HAS GIVEN OUR L.G.B.T.Q.+ YOUTH OVER
6 THE YEARS BECAUSE THEY ARE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE, AS YOU
7 KNOW, NOT ONLY BECAUSE AS FOSTER YOUTH, THEY ARE SYSTEM-
8 INVOLVED, BUT BECAUSE THEY FACE COMPOUNDING ISSUES AROUND
9 DISCRIMINATION AND REJECTION. MANY OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE
10 BECOME OUR FOSTER YOUTH BECAUSE OF ABUSE BY THEIR PARENTS OR
11 THEIR GUARDIANS, WHO REALLY DON'T LIKE THEIR GENDER
12 NONCONFORMITY AND WHO BECOME VIOLENT WITH THEM ABOUT IT. MANY
13 OF THEM ARE WHAT WE USED TO CALL THROW-AWAY YOUTH, WHICH IS
14 GET OUT OF MY HOUSE, I DON'T WANT YOU HERE ANYMORE. AND SO,
15 THEY HAVE SUFFERED NOT MORE THAN, BUT PERHAPS IN MANY
16 DIFFERENT WAYS, THAN OTHERS IN OUR FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. AND
17 INTERESTINGLY, THEY ARE OVERREPRESENTED IN THE FOSTER CARE
18 SYSTEM. WE KNOW ABOUT OUR BLACK AND BROWN YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE
19 WAY OVERREPRESENTED IN THE SYSTEM, BUT IT CAME TO LIGHT JUST A
20 SHORT TIME AGO THAT OUR KIDS IN THE L.G.B.T.Q. COMMUNITY WHO
21 EVEN IDENTIFY AND HAVE ADMITTED, AS WE WOULD SAY, THEIR SEXUAL
22 ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY, THEY COMPRISE 20 PERCENT OF
23 OUR FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. AND THAT IS A VERY HIGH PERCENTAGE FOR
24 THESE KIDS, AT LEAST TWICE THEIR REPRESENTATION IN SOCIETY. SO
25 THERE IS AN URGENT NEED FOR D.C.F.S. TO IDENTIFY FUNDING AND

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1 DEVELOP SPECIALIZED SERVICES FOR THESE FOSTER YOUTH AND THEIR
2 FOSTER FAMILIES, AND THE DEPARTMENT HAS TAKEN INITIATIVE WITH
3 TRAINING TO BOLSTER STAFF COMPETENCY IN WORKING WITH THESE
4 YOUTH. THEY HAVE A REQUIRED TRAINING FOR CAREGIVERS, BUT MORE
5 HAS TO BE DONE. WE HAVE DONE SEVERAL MOTIONS IN THE PAST TO
6 DIRECT THIS AND WANT TO AUGMENT THOSE MOTIONS AND INSIST THAT
7 THEY REALLY NEED TO BE CARRIED OUT. SO WE ARE DIRECTING
8 D.C.F.S. TO IMPLEMENT SPECIALLY-DESIGNED SERVICE PROVISIONS
9 THAT WILL LEAD TO BETTER OUTCOMES FOR THIS POPULATION. THEY
10 EXPERIENCE UNIQUE CHALLENGES AS I INDICATED. AND MANY OF THE
11 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES HAVE BEEN PUT ON PAUSE DURING COVID,
12 INCLUDING FACE TO FACE VISITS BY SOCIAL WORKERS, AND THIS HAS
13 IMPACTED THE YOUTH AND WORKERS' ABILITY TO HAVE PRIVATE,
14 SENSITIVE, AND HONEST CONVERSATIONS ABOUT PLACEMENTS AND CARE.
15 THIS IS A PRIORITY, AND I WANT TO ENSURE THAT OUR BOARD'S
16 COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING RESPONSIVE AND TAILORED SUPPORT TO OUR
17 L.G.B.T.Q.+ FOSTER YOUTH IS BEING FOLLOWED THROUGH WITH
18 CONCRETE ACTIONS. AND WHAT BETTER TIME THAN THIS MONTH, WHICH
19 IS PRIDE MONTH, FOR OUR COMMUNITY? SO, AS WE GET BACK ON TRACK
20 AND CONTINUE TO RECOVER FROM THE ONGOING EFFECTS OF THIS
21 PANDEMIC, WE ARE ASKING THE DEPARTMENT TO GIVE US REGULAR
22 REPORT-BACKS ON THE PROGRESS OF THIS WORK, AND WE WANT TO HELP
23 HOLD OURSELVES ACCOUNTABLE AS A COUNTY IN DOING WHAT WE CAN TO
24 MAXIMIZE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING AND THE ABILITY TO THRIVE AMONG

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1 THE YOUNG PEOPLE WE SERVE IN THIS COMMUNITY. I ASK FOR YOUR
2 AYE VOTE.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. AND I WANT TO
5 THANK YOU, ALSO, FOR INVITING ME TO COAUTHOR THE MOTION. I
6 THINK THAT EVERYTHING YOU HAVE STATED IS ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL,
7 AND MANY OF US WORKING TOGETHER OVER THE YEARS HAVE REALLY
8 TRIED TO WORK HARD TO PROVIDE BETTER PROTECTIONS, BUT, FOR
9 SOME REASON, WE CONTINUE, I GUESS, NOT TO FULLY UNDERSTAND
10 THAT THERE'S SUCH A GREAT CRISIS GOING ON IN OUR COMMUNITY
11 WITH THE L.G.B.T. FOSTER YOUTH AND L.G.B.T. COMMUNITY,
12 PARTICULARLY, IN MY OPINION, SOME OF THE AREAS THAT I SERVE.
13 IT IS DISHEARTENING TO HEAR WHEN YOUNG L.G.B.T.Q. LATINX ARE
14 COMMITTING SUICIDE BECAUSE THERE'S A LACK OF SUPPORT FOR THEM
15 AT HOME. THEY ARE RUNAWAYS, OR THEY HAVE TO REVERT TO OTHER
16 TYPES OF, HOW COULD I SAY, ACTIVITIES THAT ARE NOT CONDUCTIVE
17 FOR THEIR HEALTH AND THEIR WELL-BEING. AND I WANT TO JUST CALL
18 OUT A YOUNG MAN THAT NOT TOO LONG AGO NAMED ANDREW, HE WAS A
19 TRANSGENDER FOSTER, DIED OF SUICIDE IN THE COMMUNITY I
20 REPRESENT IN POMONA. AND AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH, I KNOW WE
21 TALKED ABOUT, THIS BOARD, ALL OF US COMING TOGETHER TO DO
22 EVERYTHING TO ENSURE THAT L.G.B.T.Q. AND FOSTER YOUTH ARE
23 SUPPORTED BECAUSE OF THESE KINDS OF INCIDENTS THAT WE HEAR
24 ABOUT. AND WE HAVE KNOWN FOR A LONG TIME AND HAVE INSTRUCTED
25 IT D.C.F.S. AS SUCH ABOUT THE NEED TO ENSURE TAILORED SERVICES

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1 TO THIS POPULATION. AND YET, THESE -- THESE THINGS KEEP COMING
2 UP. SO WE CAN'T WAIT, WE HAVE TO MOVE QUICKLY, WHETHER IT IS
3 PROVIDING THEM A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE AS THEY TRANSITION OUT OF
4 FOSTER CARE, THEY NEED THE SUPPORT NOW MORE THAN EVER. SO I AM
5 JUST REALLY MOVED BY YOUR EFFORTS AND THE EFFORTS OF THIS
6 BOARD OVER THE LAST, ALMOST 7 YEARS THAT I HAVE BEEN SERVING
7 AND HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO LIFT UP THESE VOICES OF OUR FOSTER
8 YOUTH, AND, AS YOU STATED, THERE IS A REPORT ACCORDING TO
9 U.C.L.A. WILLIAMS INSTITUTE STUDY OF YOUTH BETWEEN THE AGES OF
10 12 AND 21 THAT OUR YOUTH ARE OVERREPRESENTED, AS YOU STATED,
11 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. AND, THUS, THEY
12 DO DESERVE A BETTER WAY OF LIFE AND ASSISTANCE FROM US, THE
13 COUNTY. SO I EXPECT AND WILL HOLD, AS MUCH AS WE CAN,
14 ACCOUNTABLE D.C.F.S. TO DO WHAT IT TAKES TO ENSURE THAT ALL OF
15 OUR YOUTH THAT IDENTIFY AS L.G.B.T.Q. AND IN FOSTER CARE HAVE
16 THE SERVICES AND SUPPORTS THAT THEY DESERVE, MONETARY,
17 PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY, AND, OF COURSE, IN SAFE PLACES WHERE
18 THEY CAN LIVE, WORK, AND THRIVE. AND I ESPECIALLY WANT TO GIVE
19 A SHOUT-OUT FOR THE L.A. L.G.B.T. CENTER AND THEIR TIRELESS
20 ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF THESE YOUTH AND THESE ISSUES. SO THANK
21 YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR ALLOWING ME TO JOIN YOU ON THIS. I
22 NOW WANT TO RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR BARGER AND THEN SUPERVISOR
23 MITCHELL, WHO HAVE INDICATED THEY WANT TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.
24 GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I JUST HAVE TO SAY,
2 THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE THAT I'D LIKE TO URGE D.C.F.S. AND
3 THEIR OFFICE OF EQUITY TO ADDRESS AND ENGAGE WITH THE
4 L.G.B.T.Q.+ COMMUNITY. HEARING THAT MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY
5 WHO VOLUNTEER AND DONATE THEIR TIME AND EFFORTS IN ASSISTING
6 OUR YOUTH WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM AND WHO
7 DO NOT FEEL HEARD OR TREATED AS EQUAL PARTNERS REALLY IS
8 INDEED TROUBLING. I WANT TO URGE D.C.F.S. TO TAKE THIS TIME
9 TO REVIEW HOW IT ENGAGES WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND HOW IT CAN
10 LISTEN TO THEIR CONCERNS IN A TRANSPARENT AND MEANINGFUL
11 FASHION. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE OFFER ALL NEEDED SUPPORTS FOR
12 ALL OUR D.C.F.S.-INVOLVED YOUTH IN A VARIETY OF WAYS WITH
13 THE APPROPRIATE COMMUNITIES THE YOUTH FEELS COMFORTABLE WITH.
14 I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE AUTHORS FOR TODAY'S IMPORTANT MOTION
15 THAT COULD ASSIST IN PREVENTING CHILD FATALITIES IN THE
16 FUTURE. I AM 100 PERCENT ON BOARD. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

17
18 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT, WE WILL HEAR FROM SUPERVISOR
19 MITCHELL.

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21 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANTED TO, OF
22 COURSE, LEND MY SUPPORT TO THIS AND JUST ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS
23 IS INDICATIVE OF OUR NEED REALLY TO BUILD SYSTEMS THAT MEET
24 THE CURRENT AND EVOLVING NEEDS OF CHILDREN LIVING IN FOSTER
25 CARE AS OPPOSED TO THE NOTION THAT CHILDREN, "FAIL"

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1 PLACEMENTS. NO, OUR PLACEMENT DESIGN IS FAILING OUR CHILDREN.
2 SO THIS IS AN EXAMPLE I THINK WHERE GOVERNMENT HAS TO BE
3 NIMBLE AND NOT SIMPLY REACTIONARY, BUT GET AHEAD OF THE CURVE
4 IN BUILDING SYSTEMS THAT MEET THE NEED OF EVERY CHILD IN OUR
5 CARE. SO I AM PROUD TO STAND IN SUPPORT OF ACKNOWLEDGING THAT
6 ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT MUST BE MADE TO PROTECT A DANGEROUSLY
7 GROWING NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUR FOSTER CARE THAT IDENTIFY AS
8 L.G.B.T.Q.+. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** NOW, I WILL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR HAHN.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANKS SO MUCH TO BOTH
13 OF YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND SOLIS, FOR LEADING ON THIS EFFORT
14 TO SUPPORT OUR L.G.B.T.Q.+ YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE. AND I KNOW
15 THAT, OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, WE HAVE BEEN ASKED FOR
16 DEDICATED SERVICES FOR L.G.B.T.Q.+ YOUTH THAT ARE PART OF THE
17 CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM IN ORDER TO IMPROVE OUR SERVICES AND, OF
18 COURSE, THE OUTCOMES ARE WHAT ARE SO IMPORTANT. THERE'S A HIGH
19 PERCENTAGE OF OUR YOUTH WHO IDENTIFY AS QUEER IN FOSTER CARE.
20 I THINK SOME HAVE SAID IT IS NEARLY 20 PERCENT OF OUR KIDS, OR
21 MORE, IDENTIFY AS PART OF THIS COMMUNITY, AND THEY CONTINUE TO
22 EXPERIENCE HIGH RATES OF PHYSICAL, VERBAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL
23 HARASSMENT, INCREASED NEGATIVE HEALTH OUTCOMES, AND SUICIDAL
24 INTENTIONS. WE REALLY HAVE TO WORK TO MAKE THIS BETTER TO
25 SERVE OUR YOUTH, TO BREAK THAT CYCLE, AND I AM SO HOPEFUL

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1 THAT, FINALLY, MAYBE THIS MOTION TODAY WILL BE THE ONE THAT
2 FINALLY MAKES IT HAPPEN. I REALLY AM WITH ALL OF YOU THAT WE
3 REALLY HOLD D.C.F.S. ACCOUNTABLE THAT THEY WILL PRIORITIZE
4 THIS. AND I AM IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE WORK MOVING FORWARD.
5 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU ALL. SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
8 DO YOU WANT TO MAKE ANY LAST STATEMENT ON THIS ITEM?

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** I AM GRATEFUL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. OKAY, VERY GOOD. THEN, WITH THAT,
13 MEMBERS, THIS HAS BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY
14 ME TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL
15 THE ROLL.

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 10 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR
18 MITCHELL.

19

20 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

21

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

24

25 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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1

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

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5 **SUP. HAHN:** YES, AYE.

6

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

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

10

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

12

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

14

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

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT, CONGRATULATIONS. AND NOW MEMBERS, WE
19 WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM 13, THIS IS A 5 SIGNATURE LETTER TO
20 SUPPORT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 3744, WHICH WAS HELD BY
21 SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU ARE ON.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THE MOTION I PUT BEFORE US
24 TODAY ASKS OUR BOARD TO SUPPORT THE STRONGER COMMUNITIES
25 THROUGH BETTER TRANSIT ACT. IT WAS INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS BY

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1 GEORGIA REPRESENTATIVE HANK JOHNSON THAT WOULD PROVIDE FEDERAL
2 FUNDING TO INCREASE AND IMPROVE TRANSIT SERVICE IN COMMUNITIES
3 ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THIS BILL WOULD CREATE A NEW PROGRAM THAT
4 WOULD BE FUNDING EFFORTS TO BOOST THE FREQUENCY OF BUS AND
5 RAIL TRANSIT SERVICE. IT WOULD ALSO INCREASE TRANSIT COVERAGE
6 IN UNDERSERVED AREAS, WITH FOCUS ON EQUITY AND AREAS WITH
7 PERSISTENT POVERTY. IT WOULD PROVIDE \$20 BILLION FOR THESE
8 EFFORTS EVERY YEAR FOR FOUR YEARS, STARTING IN 2023. AND, AS
9 WE ARE EMERGING FROM THE PANDEMIC AND ALL OF US SIT ON THE
10 METRO BOARD, WE KNOW THAT RESTORING TRANSIT SERVICE ACROSS
11 L.A. COUNTY IS A PRIORITY, BUT WE SHOULD ALSO TRY TO MAKE IT
12 BETTER, AND THE STRONGER COMMUNITIES THROUGH BETTER TRANSIT
13 ACT WILL MAKE THAT POSSIBLE. HIGH FREQUENCY, QUALITY TRANSIT,
14 IT IS ESSENTIAL TO OUR RECOVERY FROM THIS PANDEMIC, AND, AS WE
15 KNOW, IT IS A MUST FOR ALL ESSENTIAL WORKERS. AND IN L.A.
16 WHERE TRANSPORTATION IS 40 PERCENT OF OUR GREENHOUSE GAS
17 EMISSIONS, THIS FEDERAL BILL IS GOOD FOR OUR CLIMATE BECAUSE
18 IT INVESTS IN MAKING TRANSIT A MORE CONVENIENT ALTERNATIVE TO
19 DRIVING CARS. AND, WHILE WE HAVE INVESTED OUR OWN LOCAL SALES
20 TAX TO IMPROVE TRANSIT IN L.A. COUNTY, THE STRONGER
21 COMMUNITIES THROUGH BETTER TRANSIT ACT COULD BE A GAME
22 CHANGER, BRINGING SIGNIFICANT FEDERAL DOLLARS FOR TRANSIT
23 SERVICE IMPROVEMENT. THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU
24 COAUTHORED THIS WITH ME, AND I ASK THE SUPPORT OF ALL OF MY

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1 COLLEAGUES TO ASK OUR COUNTY CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO BACK
2 THIS IMPORTANT MEASURE. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR ALLOWING ME
5 TO JOIN YOU. IT IS FITTING THAT, AS YOURSELF, A FORMER MEMBER
6 AND COLLEAGUE IN THE HOUSE, PUTTING FORWARD THIS EFFORT, AND I
7 AM HAPPY TO JOIN YOU, ALSO, AS A FORMER COLLEAGUE IN THE HOUSE
8 AND KNOWING HOW IMPORTANT OUR TRANSPORTATION DOLLARS AND
9 INFRASTRUCTURE ARE, ESPECIALLY AT THIS MOMENT. YOU AND I KNOW,
10 WE WENT THROUGH -- AND ALL OF THE BOARD MEMBERS UNDERSTAND HOW
11 WE HAVE BEEN THROUGH THIS PANDEMIC, AND WE LOST SO MANY,
12 HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF RIDERS, DURING THE PANDEMIC. AND NOW,
13 WE ARE SLOWLY TRYING TO CREEP BACK UP. AND MANY OF THOSE
14 INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE IMPACTED THAT NEED TO HAVE THESE VERY
15 ESSENTIAL SERVICES MAKE LESS THAN \$18,000 A YEAR, MANY WITHIN
16 MY DISTRICT ALONE. THEY CAN'T EVEN MAKE RENT SOMETIMES. THEY
17 HAVE TO USE EVERY SINGLE EFFORT TO RIDE OUR BUS OR OUR RAIL
18 SYSTEM. SO I AM HOPING THAT WE CAN MOVE FORWARD AND REALLY
19 BUILD A BETTER, ROBUST TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM KNOWING THAT WE
20 HAVE BETTER LEADERSHIP NOW, ALSO, IN WASHINGTON AND IN
21 SACRAMENTO THAT UNDERSTANDS THE URGENCY OF IMPROVING THE LIVES
22 OF OUR RIDERS AND ALSO PROVIDING EFFICIENT, SAFE, MEANS OF
23 TRANSPORTATION FOR ALL, FOR OUR SENIORS, FOR OUR TEENAGERS,
24 FOR OUR YOUNG COLLEGE STUDENTS, AND FOR THOSE ESSENTIAL
25 WORKERS THAT STILL HAVE TO GET BACK INTO THE MODE OF GETTING

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1 BACK INTO WORK AND BACK AT SCHOOL. SO I HOPE THAT WE CAN DO
2 THE VERY BEST TO GET THIS MOVING, AND I JOIN YOU IN THIS
3 EFFORT AND HOPE THAT EVERYONE WILL PLEASE SUPPORT THIS. AND,
4 AS I BECOME CHAIR NEXT MONTH OF THE METRO BOARD, I KNOW WE ARE
5 ALL GOING TO WORK TOGETHER TO SEE THAT MOBILITY IS MADE
6 AVAILABLE FOR EVERYONE, REGARDLESS OF WHAT ZIP CODE AND WHERE
7 YOU LIVE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS
8 THAT WANT TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THIS ITEM? SEEING NONE, THEN
9 THIS ITEM, 13, IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN,
10 SECONDED BY ME. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

11

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

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

16

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

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

21

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

23

24 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

25

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

2

3 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

4

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

6

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

8

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

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT, MEMBERS, WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON TO
12 ITEM 21, ADDRESSING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WORK PLACE TRAUMA OF
13 POTENTIAL AND WORK PLACE -- AND POTENTIAL WORKPLACE TRAUMA,
14 WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU
15 ARE ON.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO THANK DAVE
18 GILLOTTE, THE PRESIDENT OF 1014, WHO CALLED IN ON BEHALF OF
19 OVER 3,300 MEMBERS TO TESTIFY TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION.
20 THE TRAGIC EVENTS OF JUNE 1ST, 2021 REALLY HIT ME HARD, AND I
21 THINK IT -- IT TOOK A TOLL, NOT ONLY ON MY DISTRICT, BUT I
22 THINK ON ALL FIREFIGHTERS ACROSS L.A. COUNTY AND ACROSS THE
23 STATE. THE SELFLESS EFFORTS OF OUR FIRST RESPONDERS TAKES AN
24 EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL TOLL NOT ONLY ON THOSE PLACING THEMSELVES
25 ON THE FRONTLINES BUT ALSO ON THEIR FAMILIES. COVID

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1 RESTRICTIONS HAVE CAUSED OUR FIRST RESPONDERS TO BE SEPARATED
2 FROM THEIR FAMILIES WORKING INCREASED HOURS AND MULTIPLE
3 SHIFTS, OFTEN GOING WEEKS WITHOUT REST. I PERSONALLY ATTENDED
4 SOMETHING UP IN SANTA CLARITA AND HEARD FROM FIREFIGHTER
5 PARAMEDICS THAT TALKED ABOUT BEING RECALLED OVER AND OVER AND
6 OVER AGAIN AND NOT BEING ABLE TO SEE THEIR FAMILIES. AS THE
7 COUNTY BEGINS TO REOPEN AND THE TRAUMA OUR FIRST RESPONDERS
8 HAVE EXPERIENCED OVER THE PAST 18 MONTHS WILL BE REALIZED, IT
9 IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE TAKE ACTION NOW TO PROVIDE THEM WITH THE
10 SUPPORT AND CARE THEY NEED JUST AS THEY PROVIDED US WITH THE
11 SUPPORT AND CARE WE NEEDED DURING THIS PANDEMIC. THIS MOTION
12 IS A RESULT OF A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT BETWEEN THIS BOARD, L.A.
13 COUNTY FIRE, 1014, THE UNION, AND INPUT FROM THE
14 [INDISCERNIBLE] STAFF TO IMMEDIATELY PROVIDE WHAT HAS BEEN
15 REQUESTED AND NEEDED. FOR EXAMPLE, SPORTS FOR CAMARADERIE,
16 THIS IS SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN REQUESTED, AND CHIEF OSBY, IN
17 FRONT OF A GROUP OF ABOUT 100, PROMISED IT WOULD BE DONE. AND
18 I AM HOPING THAT HE FULFILLS THAT PROMISE. IN ADDITION,
19 FAMILIES IN THE STATION POST-COVID. RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE WE'VE
20 GOT THE RECALL GOING ON, MANY OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS CANNOT SEE
21 THEIR LOVED ONES. NOW THAT WE ARE OPENING UP, I ENCOURAGE
22 CHIEF OSBY AND HIS STAFF TO RECOGNIZE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR
23 FAMILIES TO BE ALLOWED TO GO AND VISIT AND HAVE MEALS WITH
24 THEIR LOVED ONE. ALSO, THE ONLINE TRAINING. IN ADDITION TO
25 BEING SPREAD THIN, THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUIRING THEM TO DO

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1 ONLINE TRAINING THAT, QUITE FRANKLY, CHIEF OSBY ACKNOWLEDGED
2 COULD BE PUT ASIDE. AGAIN, I HOPE THE PROMISES THAT WERE MADE
3 TO THE INDIVIDUALS UP IN SANTA CLARITA ARE RECOGNIZED, AND
4 THAT THERE'S FOLLOW THROUGH BY CHIEF OSBY AND HIS
5 ADMINISTRATION. I ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE FACT THAT THERE
6 IS AN ISSUE AS IT RELATES TO EXAMS. THESE ARE ALL THINGS THAT
7 SHOULD BE DONE WITHIN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT NOT VIA MOTION. SO
8 TODAY'S MOTION BEGINS THE PROCESS AS IT RELATES TO THE MENTAL
9 HEALTH NEEDS, BUT WHAT I HEARD UP IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY
10 FROM OUR FIREFIGHTERS, ALL OF US, WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO.
11 AND WHILE THIS IS -- DAVE GILLOTTE ASKED FOR A 30 DAY REPORT
12 BACK. I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH MAKING IT A 30 DAY REPORT, BUT I
13 AM GOING TO BE WORKING WEEK AFTER WEEK AFTER WEEK TO MAKE SURE
14 THIS IS FOLLOWED THROUGH BECAUSE, ON MY WATCH, I AM NOT GOING
15 TO HAVE SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAPPEN AGAIN. SO WITH THAT, I
16 WOULD ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION TODAY, AND I
17 WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR COAUTHORING IT WITH ME. THIS
18 ONE HITS VERY, VERY CLOSE TO MY HEART, AND IT IS SOMETHING
19 THAT I BELIEVE IS GOING TO BENEFIT FOR GENERATIONS TO COME IF
20 WE FOLLOW THROUGH AND MAKE SURE THAT WE PROVIDE SUPPORT TO OUR
21 FIRST RESPONDERS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

22
23 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, DID YOU WANT TO MAKE
24 THAT CHANGE TO 30 DAYS REPORT BACK?

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, YES, PLEASE.

2

3 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE'LL DO THAT. YES, I'LL RECOGNIZE THE
4 COAUTHOR, JANICE HAHN.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOUR
7 WORDS ARE SO POWERFUL AND SO REALLY CONVINCING. I KNOW HOW
8 CLOSE THIS LAST INCIDENT WAS TO YOU AND HEARING IN YOUR VOICE
9 I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT YOU INDEED WILL FOLLOW-UP, FOLLOW-
10 THROUGH, TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS HAPPENS. THIS TRAGIC, JUNE 1ST
11 SHOOTING AT ONE OF OUR L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT STATIONS IN
12 YOUR DISTRICT REALLY SHOOK THIS DEPARTMENT TO ITS CORE. I WAS
13 THERE WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, LAST WEEK AT MEMORIAL
14 SERVICE FOR FIREFIGHTER SPECIALIST TORY CARLON, AND IT WAS
15 DEVASTATING TO SEE SUCH A BEAUTIFUL LIFE CUT SO SHORT, AND,
16 THROUGHOUT THAT SERVICE, I KNOW WE WERE CONSTANTLY REMINDED
17 THAT, ALTHOUGH TORY CARLON LOVED BEING A FIREFIGHTER, THERE
18 WAS SO MUCH MORE TO HIM THAN JUST HIS JOB. HE WAS A HUSBAND.
19 HE WAS A BROTHER. HE WAS A FATHER TO THOSE THREE BEAUTIFUL
20 GIRLS. HE LOVED COUNTRY MUSIC. HE LOVED EXPLORING OLD STORAGE
21 UNITS WITH HIS BEST FRIEND. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT OUR
22 FIREFIGHTERS ARE OUR HEROES, BUT IT IS CLEAR THAT THEY ARE
23 ALSO HUMAN, AND WE CANNOT KEEP PILING MORE ON THEIR PLATE AND
24 DEMANDING MORE OF THEM WHEN THEY ALREADY DO SO MUCH. THE
25 TRAUMA THAT OUR FIRST RESPONDERS GO THROUGH CAN HAVE A

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1 DEVASTATING IMPACT ON THEIR MENTAL HEALTH, AND THE DEMANDS OF
2 THE JOB, AS YOU SAID, CAN KEEP THEM AWAY FROM THEIR FAMILIES
3 FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIMES. AND IT SEEMS LIKE IN THE PAST FEW
4 YEARS, THE DEMANDS ON OUR FIREFIGHTERS HAVE GROWN, BUT THE
5 SUPPORT OF THEM HAS NOT. AND I THINK THAT IS WHAT WE ARE
6 FINDING UNACCEPTABLE. SO, TODAY, I'M PROUD TO SUPPORT YOU AS
7 WE ASK OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT TO LOOK INTO IMPLEMENTING SPECIFIC
8 SUPPORTS THAT WE HAVE IDENTIFIED THROUGH DISCUSSIONS WITH OUR
9 FIRE EMPLOYEES, OUR FIRE RETIREES, AND THE UNION IN THE
10 AFTERMATH OF THIS HORRIFIC SHOOTING. OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT
11 EMPLOYEES HAVE HOLD US THAT THEY NEED SUPPORT FROM PEERS, AND
12 THEY NEED MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIANS WHO UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY
13 ARE GOING THROUGH. SO WE ARE ASKING DR. SHERIN AND OUR
14 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO WORK WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
15 TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. OUR FIRE EMPLOYEES ALSO
16 NEED AN EFFICIENT WAY TO SUBMIT COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES AND
17 TO HAVE THEM ADDRESSED QUICKLY. AND THEY NEED TO HAVE THE TIME
18 OFF THEY DESERVE TO SPEND WITH THEIR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES
19 WITHOUT CONSTANTLY BEING RECALLED. I CAN'T IMAGINE THE STRAIN
20 THAT MUST PUT ON THEIR PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS AND THUS THEIR
21 MENTAL HEALTH. THANK YOU, SO MUCH, TO DAVE GILLOTTE AND LOCAL
22 1014 FOR ALL YOUR HELP WITH THIS MOTION, THANK YOU FOR BEING
23 SO STRONG DURING THIS TRAGIC TIME AND BEING THERE FOR ALL OF
24 YOUR RANK AND FILE FIREFIGHTERS, AND TO ALL OUR FIREFIGHTERS,
25 AND ALL OF OUR FIRST RESPONDERS, WHO DEDICATE THEIR LIVES TO

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1 PROTECTING US. I AM SUPPORTIVE OF GETTING THIS REPORT BACK IN
2 30 DAYS AS WELL. AND I WILL JOIN YOU, AND MY STAFF WILL JOIN
3 YOUR STAFF, SUPERVISOR BARGER, IN MAKING SURE THAT WE FOLLOW
4 THROUGH ON THIS AND THAT IT HAPPENS. I, TOO, DON'T EVER WANT
5 TO SEE THIS HAPPEN AGAIN IN ANY OF OUR STATIONS. THANK YOU,
6 MADAM CHAIR.

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT, I WILL RECOGNIZE
9 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND I
12 WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THE MOTION. YOU KNOW, AS A STATE
13 LEGISLATOR, I SERVED ON THE LABOR COMMITTEE MY ENTIRE 10 YEARS
14 THERE. THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME THIS ISSUE HAS COME FORWARD,
15 NOT ONLY THROUGH 1014 WHO I HAD LEGISLATION BEFORE THE
16 LEGISLATURE, BUT CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND
17 FIREFIGHTERS UP AND DOWN THE ENTIRE STATE WHO HAVE REALLY
18 BEGUN TO COME FORWARD AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE TRAUMA THEY
19 EXPERIENCE IN DOING THEIR DAY-TO-DAY JOBS AND HOW WE, AS
20 GOVERNMENT, THEIR EMPLOYERS, MUST ACKNOWLEDGE THAT AND PROVIDE
21 THEM WITH PROTECTION AND SAFE OPTIONS TO CONFIDENTIALLY SEEK
22 HELP AND SERVICE. SO I CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THAT. I DO HAVE A
23 QUESTION. WELL, FIRST OF ALL, LET ME SAY I APPRECIATE THE WORK
24 THAT CHIEF OSBY AND THE LEADERSHIP OF 1014 HAVE REALLY LED IN
25 THE MIDDLE OF THIS PANDEMIC. WE COULD NOT HAVE STOOD UP OUR

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1 MEGA VACCINE SITES WITHOUT THEIR STRATEGIC SUPPORT. AND SO, I
2 KNOW THAT ADDED TO THEIR WORKLOAD, AND THAT MUST BE
3 ACKNOWLEDGED. MY QUESTION IS, AS I READ THE MOTION, IT
4 REFERENCES A REPORT BACK OF THREE YEARS AGO ON A SUMMARY OF
5 EFFORTS IN ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF SUICIDE AMONG FIRST
6 RESPONDERS. AND I AM -- I AM HOPING, WHILE THIS MOTION IS VERY
7 PRESCRIPTIVE IN TERMS OF THE SPECIFIC ISSUES THAT IT WANTS
8 ADDRESSED, YOU KNOW, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE NOT NOT
9 TAKING ADVANTAGE OF REPORT BACKS ALREADY RECEIVED. THE JUNE
10 1ST CRISIS THAT IMPACTED THE FIREFIGHTERS COMMUNITY COULD
11 CERTAINLY BE SEEN AGAIN AMONG OTHER FIRST RESPONDERS, AND SO
12 IF THERE IS A REPORT BACK THAT INCLUDED ACTIONS THAT THE
13 COUNTY SHOULD TAKE, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IS NOT LOST AND
14 THAT WE NOT ONLY ENCOURAGE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO LOOK AT THE
15 ITEMS IDENTIFIED IN THIS MOTION, BUT THAT WE GO BACK TO THAT
16 REPORT BACK AND FIGURE OUT WHAT THE COUNTY MUST DO ON BEHALF
17 OF ALL FIRST RESPONDERS, WHO, TOO, SUFFER FROM WORK-RELATED
18 TRAUMA. I'M HAPPY TO SUPPORT TODAY'S MOTION.

19
20 **SUP. BARGER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, THAT REPORT DID NOT HAVE
21 ACTIONABLE ITEMS, BUT I WILL SAY TO THE CREDIT OF DAVE
22 GILLOTTE AND 1014, THEY HAVE BEEN PUSHING THIS NARRATIVE QUITE
23 HARD, AND, IN FACT, I BELIEVE HIRED A PEER, A PSYCHOLOGIST AND
24 ACTUALLY THE DEPARTMENT CAME ON BOARD, BUT THE UNION ACTUALLY
25 WAS THE FIRST TO MOVE ON HIRING SOMEONE BECAUSE IT WAS NOT

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1 MOVING QUICK ENOUGH. SO THAT IS WHY THE MOTION TODAY I FELT
2 WAS LONG OVERDUE. AND I -- I HEAR YOU LOUD AND CLEAR IN TERMS
3 OF NOT REPEATING IF THERE'S SOMETHING ALREADY IN PLAY. BUT, IN
4 FACT, IT DID NOT HAVE SPECIFICS IN THAT REPORT.

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU FOR THAT CLARIFICATION. I WILL BE
7 MINDFUL, MYSELF, WHEN I ASK FOR A REPORT BACKS TO MAKE SURE
8 THEY DO HAVE ACTIONABLE STEPS AND REPORTS SO, ONCE WE GET THE
9 REPORT BACK, WE CAN ACTUALLY TAKE ACTION ON THESE ITEMS TO
10 PROTECT OUR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY FAMILY. SO THANKS FOR THAT
11 CLARIFICATION. I APPRECIATE THAT.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** AMEN ON THAT, THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I JUST ALSO WANT TO CHIME IN AND
16 CONGRATULATE YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER AND HAHN, AND ALSO DAVE
17 GILLOTTE WHO WE HEARD FROM EARLIER, LOCAL 1014. NO ONE CAN
18 UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF THESE INDIVIDUALS, OUR FIREFIGHTERS
19 AS WELL AS OUR LIFEGUARDS, BECAUSE THEY ARE ALL TOGETHER,
20 WORKING SO HARD, DAY IN AND DAY OUT. I KNOW WE HAVE SEEN THEIR
21 WORK OVER THE COURSE OF THE LAST FEW YEARS, AND I DO RECALL
22 THAT STUDY, SUPERVISOR BARGER, THAT I BELIEVE -- AT THAT TIME,
23 IT WAS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH THAT WAS HERE, BUT THERE WAS AN
24 ATTEMPT TO TRY TO GET SOMETHING MORE, HOW CAN I SAY, MORE
25 PERMANENT IN PLACE TO HELP OUR FIREFIGHTERS THAT WERE GOING

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1 THROUGH POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS AS WELL AS DEPRESSION AS WELL AS
2 KNOWING THAT THERE WAS A LOT OF INCIDENTS OF D.V., DOMESTIC
3 VIOLENCE, AMONG FAMILIES OF FIREFIGHTERS AND WHAT WAS THAT
4 ATTRIBUTED TO, AND OBVIOUSLY IT IS THE STRESS THAT GOES ON AND
5 HAVING TO HAVE THE RIGHT TYPE OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
6 AVAILABLE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT WAS VERY CRUCIAL, AND I
7 REMEMBER VERY PARTICULARLY, DAVE GILLOTTE WORKING VERY HARD TO
8 SEE THAT CONCESSIONS COULD BE MADE. OF COURSE, WE NEED TO DO
9 MORE, THAT -- THAT FELL SHORT AND WE NEED TO DO MORE. SO THIS
10 IS A GOOD START FOR US TO GET BACK INTO IT AND HELP PROVIDE
11 THE BEST SERVICES IN PLACE FOR THOSE THAT PROTECT US. THEY
12 DON'T RUN AWAY WHEN THERE'S TRAUMA. THEY DON'T RUN AWAY FROM
13 FIRES OR WHEN THERE ARE PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HEART ATTACKS.
14 THEY RUN TO THOSE PLACES TO HELP INDIVIDUALS. LET US NOT
15 FORGET THAT. SO THANK YOU BOTH, SUPERVISOR BARGER AND HAHN,
16 FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD -- THESE ITEMS. IS THERE ANY OTHER
17 MEMBERS THAT WISH TO BE RECOGNIZED? AND IF NOT, THIS ITEM AS
18 AMENDED IS BEFORE US. ITEM 22 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER AND
19 SECONDED BY HAHN --

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21 **SUP. KUEHL:** 21.

22
23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 21.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY. ITEM 21, WHAT DID I SAY? ITEM
2 21, YES, AS AMENDED. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
3 ROLL.

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 21 AS AMENDED TO REFLECT A 30 DAY
6 REPORT BACK. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

7

8 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

9

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

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

18

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

20

21 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

22

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

24 SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

25

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

2

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

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. NOW MEMBERS, WE MOVE TO ITEM NUMBER
6 27, JAILS LAST, CREATION OF THE JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION
7 TEAM, WHICH I HELD AND AFTER WHICH I WILL RECOGNIZE MY
8 COAUTHOR, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SO, FIRST, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU
9 TO THOSE WHO HAVE CALLED IN TO SUPPORT THE CLOSURE OF M.C.J. I
10 WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT WE HEAR YOU. AND WE NEED TO MAKE
11 THIS HAPPEN. WE NEED TO ALSO MAKE SURE THAT WE DO CLOSE M.C.J.
12 AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR NOT JUST BEING
13 THE COAUTHOR BUT A TRUE PARTNER THROUGHOUT ALL OF THIS TO GET
14 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL CLOSED. COLLEAGUES, AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE
15 LONG TALKED ABOUT WHY WE NEED TO CLOSE THIS JAIL, AND THE JAIL
16 HAS BEEN TAINTED BY MISMANAGEMENT, CORRUPTION, MISTREATMENT OF
17 PEOPLE INCARCERATED IN ITS CELLS, AS EVIDENCED BY LAWSUITS
18 PAID BY TAXPAYERS AND CONSENT DECREES ABOUT HOW THE DEPARTMENT
19 MISHANDLES PEOPLE WITH MOBILITY IMPAIRMENTS AND PEOPLE WITH
20 SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS AND UTILIZES TIME AND TIME AGAIN
21 EXCESSIVE FORCE AGAINST INCARCERATED PEOPLE. IN FACT, EARLIER
22 IN THE YEAR, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ALSO OPENED UP A CIVIL
23 RIGHTS INVESTIGATION ON WHETHER THERE IS A PATTERN OF PRACTICE
24 OF UNCONSTITUTIONAL POLICING BOTH ON THE STREETS AND IN THE
25 JAILS. AND AS A RESULT OVER THE YEARS, WE HAVE CANCELED PLANS

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1 THAT WOULD HAVE BUILT A REPLACEMENT JAIL FOR M.C.J. THE
2 STAGING AREA, AS YOU KNOW, IS NOW HOME TO THE CARE FIRST
3 VILLAGE THAT PROVIDES INTERIM HOUSING FOR 232 POTENTIAL
4 INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. WE CANCELED THE NEW
5 WOMEN'S JAIL, AND WE HAVE SAID NO TO MIRA LOMA AS A
6 REPLACEMENT FOR A JAIL FOR WOMEN AND CREATED BODIES LIKE THE
7 O.D.R. AND A.T.I. TO GET THE NECESSARY SYSTEMS AND STRUCTURES
8 IN PLACE TO HELP DIVERT THOSE WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN AND SHRINK
9 THE PIPELINE THAT FEEDS OUR MASS INCARCERATION SYSTEM. AND WE
10 ALSO WHOLEHEARTEDLY ADOPTED AND PRIORITIZED A CARE FIRST/JAILS
11 LAST VISION FOR THE COUNTY BECAUSE WE COLLECTIVELY RECOGNIZE
12 THAT WE CANNOT CONTINUE INCARCERATING OUR WAY OUT OF
13 HOMELESSNESS, MENTAL ILLNESS, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
14 DEPENDENCIES. IF THAT WAS NOT ENOUGH, L.A. COUNTY VOTERS
15 OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORTED MEASURE J, A MEASURE THAT WOULD
16 REDIRECT MONIES TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITIES AND ALTERNATIVES TO
17 INCARCERATION. DESPITE, AS YOU KNOW, LAST THURSDAY'S TENTATIVE
18 RULING DECLARING MEASURE J UNCONSTITUTIONAL, IT DOES NOT AND
19 WILL NOT DETER OUR CURRENT AND FUTURE EFFORTS. THE BOARD AND
20 THE OVERWHELMING VOTER SUPPORT OF MEASURE J HAS MADE IT VERY
21 CLEAR THAT WE ARE IN FULL ALIGNMENT WITH CARE FIRST AND THE
22 JAIL LAST APPROACH IN WHICH WE PRIORITIZE CARE AND SERVICES
23 OVER INCARCERATION BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT OVER INCARCERATION
24 DOES NOT WORK, AND WE KNOW THAT JAILS ARE VERY EXPENSIVE. AND
25 JAILS CAUSE, IN SOME WAYS, MORE HARM THAN GOOD. COLLEAGUES, I

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1 CALL UPON YOU TO LET US MAKE THIS COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE CARE
2 FIRST TODAY. THIS MOTION BEFORE YOU FINDS THAT IT IS NECESSARY
3 TO DEPOPULATE AND DEMOLISH M.C.J. M.C.J.. HAS BEEN A SYMBOL
4 AND A STAIN ON L.A. COUNTY THAT HAS CAUSED GENERATIONS OF
5 TRAUMA, ESPECIALLY FOR LATINX AND AFRICAN AMERICAN ANGELENOS.
6 OUR JAILS REFLECT A SAD, INEQUITABLE, AND RACIST STRUCTURE
7 THAT INCARCERATES ALMOST 15,000 PEOPLE IN OUR JAILS. OVER 80
8 PERCENT ARE BLACK AND LATINX PEOPLE, AND OVER 40 PERCENT ARE
9 HELD PRE-TRIAL, PEOPLE WHO ARE TECHNICALLY AND LEGALLY
10 INNOCENT. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN PROVEN GUILTY. AND TRAGICALLY, IT
11 HAS DONE VERY LITTLE TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE AND HEALTHY,
12 RATHER, IT HAS TORN FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES APART.
13 ADDITIONALLY, THE MOTION ASKS THAT THE BOARD FIND IT
14 UNNECESSARY TO BUILD ANY NEW COUNTY JAIL OR CUSTODY FACILITY.
15 THIS SHOULD COME AS NO SURPRISE TO ANYONE. IT IS HIGH TIME
16 THAT WE MOVE DEFINITELY AWAY FROM JAILS FIRST MENTALITY, AND I
17 AM PROUD OF ALL THE CARE FIRST ORIENTED WORK THAT WE HAVE
18 CARRIED OUT HERE ON THE BOARD THROUGHOUT OUR DISTRICTS. WE CAN
19 DO MORE, AND I BELIEVE WE MUST DO MORE. THIS IS A NECESSARY
20 PIECE TO BEGIN THAT ESTABLISHMENT. AND WE ARE BOLDLY LETTING
21 RESIDENTS KNOW THAT WE WANT TO INVEST IN YOU, OUR COMMUNITIES,
22 OUR FAMILIES, BY PROVIDING MORE SERVICE ORIENTED
23 REHABILITATIVE AND RESTORATIVE PROGRAMS RATHER THAN INVESTING
24 ONLY IN PRIORITIZING PUNISHMENT. WE ARE ASKING THAT THE COUNTY
25 DEPARTMENTS CONTINUE TO BE PARTNERS IN THIS ENDEAVOR TO CLOSE

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1 THESE JAILS AND BUILD OUT THE NECESSARY SYSTEM OF CARE IN
2 COMMUNITY, RELYING ON DATA SUPPORTED EVIDENCE BASED MECHANISMS
3 TO DIVERT PEOPLE WHO IN OUR SYSTEM AND EVEN BEFORE THEY ENTER.
4 IT IS ONE THING TO DECARCERATE M.C.J., BUT WE NEED TO MAKE
5 SURE THAT WE DON'T FILL WHAT IS EMPTY. FINALLY, WE NEED THIS
6 JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM. WE HAVE TAKEN MORE THAN
7 AMPLE TIME TO EXPLORE, ANALYZE, AND STUDY. WE HAVE IDENTIFIED
8 ALL THE COMPONENTS OF WHAT WE NEED TO CLOSE M.C.J., AND WE
9 NEED NOW NOT TO BE DIVERTED. WE HAVE A WEALTH OF INFORMATION
10 THAT OUR COMMUNITIES, OUR ADVOCACY GROUPS, OUR SERVICE
11 PROVIDERS, OUR COUNTY STAKEHOLDERS, AND SURVIVORS OF HARM HAVE
12 SHARED OVER THE YEARS. WE HAVE THE DATA, THE CHARTS, THE
13 REPORTS, THE RECOMMENDATIONS, AND ANALYSIS TO MOVE FORWARD.
14 AND IT IS HIGH TIME WE ROLL UP OUR SLEEVES AND GET IT DONE, AND
15 THE JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM WILL HELP US GET THERE.
16 WE KNOW, IN ORDER TO CLOSE M.C.J., WE NEED TO BUILD OUT THE
17 SYSTEM OF CARE, AND WE NEED TO BUILD OUT THE THE WORKFORCE
18 THAT WILL PROVIDE THAT CARE, AND WE NEED TO WORK WITH OUR
19 COMMUNITIES THAT START ENGAGING WHERE THE CARE FIRST
20 INFRASTRUCTURES CAN BE BASED. WE NEED TO BUILD UP, SUPPORT,
21 AND EXPAND OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROVIDERS. WE ALSO NEED TO
22 ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THOSE WHO WILL UNFORTUNATELY REMAIN IN
23 JAILS, FOR THE TIME BEING, AS WE CONCURRENTLY EXPAND AND
24 ENHANCE DIVERSION PROGRAMS, REFORM OUR COURT PROCESSES TO
25 LOWER THE LENGTH OF STAY, AND BRING IN MORE WORK AND EDUCATION

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1 RELATED PROGRAMMING IN OUR JAILS. THERE ARE, HOWEVER, ACTIONS
2 WE CAN TAKE RIGHT NOW, RATHER THAN PASSIVELY WAIT. IF WE WANT
3 TO REACH THE GOAL OF JAIL CLOSURE, WE NEED TO GET THESE PIECES
4 MOVING NOW. WE ARE ALSO CREATING AN EVEN MORE INCLUSIVE
5 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORK THAT WILL CONTINUE THE
6 MEANINGFUL AND ROBUST EXCHANGE OF THOUGHTS AND IDEAS WE HAVE
7 BEEN HAVING WITH OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND SURVIVORS OF HARM.
8 THROUGH OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THESE SURVIVORS, WE WILL BE
9 BETTER TO IMPROVE BUILDING OUT THE SYSTEM OF CARE SO IT DOES
10 REFLECT THE HOLISTIC NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY, AND ALSO
11 SOMETHING THAT IS UNIQUELY DIFFERENT IS WE WILL ALSO ENGAGE
12 THOSE WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN OUR JAILS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND HOW
13 WE CAN TRANSFORM THE SYSTEMS THAT THEY ARE ENTANGLED IN AND
14 LEARN HOW WE CAN INTERVENE EARLY TO SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THE
15 HARM OCCURRING IN OUR COMMUNITIES. WE KNOW IT IS GOING TO TAKE
16 A LOT OF WORK, BUT, IN MY OPINION, IT IS WORTH IT. THE CLOSURE
17 ISN'T JUST GOING TO AFFECT THIS GENERATION, BUT FUTURE
18 GENERATIONS. AND WHERE M.C.J. CURRENTLY SITS AND LOOMS WILL
19 SOON BECOME A BEACON OF HOPE AND CARE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR L.A.
20 COUNTY AND FOR THOSE WHO CALL IT HOME. COLLEAGUES, I ASK YOU
21 TO HUMBL Y SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK YOU. AND, WITH THAT, I
22 WILL TURN IT OVER TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL, MY COAUTHOR.

23
24 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I REALLY WANT TO
25 THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO COAUTHOR THE MOTION, AND FOR THE

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1 OPPORTUNITY I'VE HAD TO WORK SO CLOSELY WITH YOU ON THE
2 CLOSURE OF THIS JAIL. I ALSO WANT TO GIVE MY DEEPEST
3 APPRECIATION TO ALL OF THOSE WHO HAVE INVESTED THOUSANDS OF
4 HOURS AND ALL OF THEIR ENERGY TO ADVOCATE AND WORK TOWARD THE
5 CLOSURE OF THIS JAIL. THAT'S COUNTY PERSONNEL, COMMUNITY-
6 BASED PROVIDERS, MEMBERS OF SEVERAL BOARD-CREATED ADVISORY
7 BODIES, WORK GROUPS, COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS, ADVOCATES,
8 EVERYONE THAT HAS WORKED ON THIS. BEYOND EVEN YOUR STRONG
9 ADVOCACY, YOU ALL ANSWERED THE CALL WHEN WE ASKED YOU TO DO
10 THE WORK. SO NOW WE HAVE A MULTITUDE OF RECOMMENDATIONS
11 RELATED TO CLOSING THE JAIL, MORE THAN 100 RECOMMENDATIONS
12 FROM THE A.T.I. WORK GROUPS, DETAILED ANALYSIS AND
13 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE M.C.J. WORK GROUP, REPORTS, AND WE
14 ARE GOING TO GET MORE REPORTS FROM THE JAIL POPULATION REVIEW
15 COUNCIL, FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MEASURE J ALLOCATION
16 COMMITTEE, WHICH I AM SPEAKING ONLY FOR MYSELF, BUT LET ME
17 SAY, I AM STILL GOING TO BE LISTENING TO THOSE WHEN WE LOOK AT
18 THE BUDGET, AND I WANT TO MAKE SOME ASSURANCES ABOUT THAT, IN
19 THE TIME WHEN IT LOOKS LIKE THINGS ARE GOING AWAY. THEY ARE
20 NOT. BUT MANY OF THEM WERE TIED TO THE CLOSURE OF M.C.J. AND
21 IN COMING WEEKS WE ARE GOING TO GET RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE
22 GENDER REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND AN ANALYSIS FROM THE
23 J.F.A. INSTITUTE FOCUSING ON WHAT WE HAVE TO DO TO ENSURE
24 THAT THE JAIL SYSTEM CAN ABSORB THE LOSS OF FUNCTIONS NOW
25 HOUSED AT M.C.J. SO NOBODY IS GOING TO BE ABLE TO SAY WE

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1 HAVEN'T GIVEN THIS ENOUGH THOUGHT. CLEARLY, THE COUNTY AND THE
2 COMMUNITY HAVE GIVEN THIS ISSUE A LOT OF CONSIDERATION, A LOT
3 OF ANALYSIS. SO NOW, IT IS TIME TO MOVE PAST THE THINKING AND
4 START DOING THE WORK TO CLOSE M.C.J. THIS IS AN
5 IMPLEMENTATION MOTION. FIRST THE MOTION SAYS, ABSOLUTELY
6 WITHOUT EQUIVOCATION, WE ARE GOING TO DEPOPULATE AND DEMOLISH
7 THIS JAIL. SECONDLY, THE MOTION TASKS AND EMPOWERS A DIRECTOR
8 OF A JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM TO WORK WITH A SINGULAR
9 FOCUS, AND THAT IS CLOSING M.C.J. THAT'S THE DIRECTOR'S ONLY
10 JOB. NOW HE OR SHE WILL NOT BE ALONE IN THIS TASK. WE ARE
11 GOING TO ASK THE DIRECTOR TO INTERACT WITH COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
12 AND PARTNERS THE C.E.O. IS TO COME BACK AND TELL US FAIRLY
13 QUICKLY HOW THAT IS HAPPENING. 30 DAYS LATER, THE DIRECTOR
14 WILL COME BACK TO US WITH A PROPOSED PLAN ON COMMUNITY
15 ENGAGEMENT, AND THAT IS NOT SUBSTANCE -- FORM OVER SUBSTANCE.
16 WE REALLY MEAN IT, A COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORK THAT IS
17 ABOUT MEANINGFUL INTERACTION, BACK AND FORTH DIALOGUE, NOT
18 JUST UPDATES. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS AND REALLY
19 GETTING IT RIGHT, INCLUDING, AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS SAID,
20 CURRENTLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS. LOOK, I KNOW HOW HARD
21 EVERYBODY HAS WORKED TO GET US TO THIS POINT. AND IT IS NEVER
22 LOST ON ME THAT, WITHOUT THE CONSTANT PUSHING FROM COMMUNITY
23 ADVOCATES, THE CARE FIRST/JAILS LAST VISION WOULD JUST STILL
24 BE A VISION. AND WE WANT TO DO IT, BUT YOUR ADVOCACY MAKES IT
25 HAPPEN. SO, TODAY'S MOTION BRINGS US JUST ONE STEP CLOSER TO

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1 MAKING IT A REALITY, AND I KNOW, WHOLEHEARTEDLY, WE WOULDN'T
2 BE HERE WITHOUT OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND ADVOCATES, BUT WE
3 ALSO WOULDN'T BE HERE WITHOUT THE HARD WORK OF COUNTY
4 PERSONNEL THAT ARE ALSO COMMITTED TO THE CARE FIRST/JAILS LAST
5 VISION. SO WE ARE READY IN A WAY WE HAVE NEVER BEEN BEFORE TO
6 DO THIS WORK. SO PLEASE, HAVE FAITH IN US. WE ARE ALL ON THE
7 SAME PAGE. WE ARE GOING TO GET THIS JAIL CLOSED. I AM HAPPY TO
8 COAUTHOR THIS. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR
11 ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK, YOUR STAFF, AND THANK YOU FOR JOINING
12 ME. I FEEL WE HAVE CONTINUALLY PUSHED THE ENVELOPE HERE WITH
13 ALL OF THE BOARD AND WITH OUR ADVOCATES. SO I THANK YOU FOR
14 THAT. NEXT, I WILL LIKE TO RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR HOLLY
15 MITCHELL.

16

17 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. LET ME BEGIN
18 BY SAYING THAT I THINK IT'S NAIVE AT BEST FOR OUR SHERIFF, OR
19 ANYONE, TO SUGGEST THAT THE DISPROPORTIONATE NUMBER OF BLACK
20 AND BROWN MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN IN OUR CARCERAL SYSTEM IS
21 INFLUENCED DIRECTLY BY HUNDREDS OF YEARS OF SYSTEMIC RACISM,
22 POVERTY, BIAS, HISTORIC LACK OF INVESTMENT AND INTERVENTION,
23 IN PREVENTION OR TREATMENT. AND SO, WITH THAT, TODAY,
24 FOLLOWING YEARS OF TRAUMATIZING VIOLENCE, CONSTITUTIONAL AND
25 HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES, INDICTMENTS OF PAST SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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1 OFFICIALS, FEDERAL MONITORING, AND MANY LAWSUITS, COUNTLESS
2 LAWSUITS, THIS BOARD, AGAIN, RECOGNIZES THE NEED AND MAKES THE
3 DECLARATIVE STATEMENT THAT WE SHOULD CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL.
4 AS MUCH AS THIS RECOGNITION HAS BEEN A LONG TIME COMING, IT
5 IS IMPORTANT THAT WE ARE ALL VERY CLEAR ABOUT THE DIRECTION
6 THE COUNTY WILL NOW TAKE WITH RESPECT TO THIS ISSUE. I AM
7 PROUD TO JOIN A BOARD THAT IS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO CLOSING THIS
8 FACILITY. AGAIN, THE ONLY QUESTION I BELIEVE THAT IS BEFORE US
9 IS HOW WE WILL SHIFT AWAY FROM THE OLD PUNITIVE SYSTEM THAT
10 WAS FILLED WITH INHUMANITY, AND I AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
11 WE CLEARLY ARE READY. GOING BACK TO JULY 7TH OF 2020, THE
12 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECTED THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND
13 REENTRY AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO CONVENE A WORK GROUP
14 TO PROVIDE A PLAN ON CLOSING THE JAIL WITHIN ONE YEAR, WHILE
15 CONTINUING TO ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY AND PROVIDING APPROPRIATE
16 SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS RELEASED EARLY OR DIVERTED FROM
17 INCARCERATION. WE CLEARLY HAVE A ROAD MAP FROM THE M.C.J.
18 CLOSURE WORK GROUP, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION
19 WORK THE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM WILL DO TO FINALLY CLOSE THIS
20 FACILITY AS WE CONTINUE TO INVEST IN ALTERNATIVES TO
21 INCARCERATION, JAIL BASED DIVERSION, AND HEALTH SERVICES FOR
22 OUR PEOPLE THAT ARE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS AND
23 SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS. PRIOR SHERIFFS HAVE OFTEN STATED
24 THAT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WAS THE LARGEST MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY
25 IN THE COUNTRY. WHAT A TRAGEDY THAT REALITY IS. I ALSO THINK

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1 IT IS IMPORTANT WE CONTINUE THIS MOMENTUM AND BELIEVE IT IS
2 IMPORTANT TO MEANINGFULLY INCLUDE THE COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY
3 THOSE WHO WILL BE MOST IMPACTED BY THIS WORK. I BELIEVE WE
4 MUST INVEST IN INITIATIVES THAT WE KNOW WILL DECREASE THE JAIL
5 POPULATION, AND WE HAVE GOT TO AVOID DELAYS AS MUCH AS
6 POSSIBLE. MANY OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN SEVERAL REPORTS THAT
7 HAVE BEEN WRITTEN ON THIS ISSUE, MOST NOTABLY THE A.T.I. AND
8 M.C.J. CLOSURE REPORTS CAN BE IMPLEMENTED WITHOUT THE
9 EXPERTISE OF ANOTHER CONSULTANT. I -- MUST BE THOUGHTFUL IN
10 ITS APPROACH AND MOVE WITH APPROPRIATE URGENCY AT THE SAME
11 TIME. RATHER THAN RELYING ON DELEGATED AUTHORITY, I BELIEVE IT
12 IS IMPORTANT THAT THIS BOARD REMAINS ENGAGED IN THIS WORK AND
13 PROVIDES THE VERY NECESSARY OVERSIGHT IT DESERVES. THAT IS WHY
14 I AM SUGGESTING THAT WE AMEND THE MOTION TO STRIKE DIRECTIVE
15 8. CRITICAL ISSUES OF EQUITY ARE AT STAKE, AND WE MUST ENSURE
16 THAT THE EVOLVING AND DYNAMIC IMPLEMENTATION OF ALTERNATIVES
17 TO INCARCERATION INITIATIVES IS GIVEN ITS DUE CONSIDERATION AS
18 WE APPROACH KEY DECISION POINTS. REGARDLESS OF WHO HAS WHAT
19 AUTHORITY, THE BOARD IS ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING
20 THIS RIGHT. IN ADDITION, OUR COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS REALLY
21 NEED TO BE A VALUED PART OF THE PROCESS, AND THEY OFTEN DEPEND
22 ON US, THEIR ELECTED SUPERVISORS, TO ENSURE THAT THIS HAPPENS.
23 AS I HAVE SAID BEFORE, EVERY DAY THIS JAIL REMAINS OPEN, WE
24 FAIL IN OUR OBLIGATIONS TO THOSE WHO LIVE AND WORK THERE. IN
25 ADDITION, BASED ON THE FEEDBACK WE RECEIVED REGARDING THE

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1 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PIECE OF MY GREEN SHEET AMENDMENT, I
2 WOULD LIKE TO READ IN THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THAT AMENDMENT,
3 AND THERE ARE THREE OF THEM. FOR DIRECTIVE NUMBER TWO, I AM
4 STRIKING THE LANGUAGE, "INCLUDING COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS."
5 FOR DIRECTIVE NUMBER 3B, AFTER "OF RELEVANT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
6 AND," WE ARE STRIKING COMMUNITY AND COUNTY. THEN FOR DIRECTIVE
7 3B, AFTER "AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT COUNTY," WE ARE STROKING
8 "AND COMMUNITY." AGAIN, I HAVE ADDED SECTIONS 4B AND 5 THAT
9 AGAIN WILL ALLOW US TO BUILD IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AT THE
10 APPROPRIATE TIME IN THE PROCESS. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU,
11 MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR YOUR LONG TERM CONSISTENT
12 COMMITMENT TO THIS ISSUE. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH
13 THE JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM.

14
15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. I DON'T
16 HAVE ANY OBJECTION TO RECEIVING THESE AMENDMENTS, AND I AM
17 HAPPY THAT WE WERE ABLE TO WORK WITH YOU AND YOUR STAFF AND
18 WITH ALL OF THOSE PARTIES INTERESTED. SO I WILL SECOND THAT.
19 IF IT IS MOVED BY YOU, I WILL SECOND IT. WE WILL HOLD ON THAT
20 RIGHT NOW BECAUSE I WANT TO TURN RIGHT NOW TO SUPERVISOR
21 BARGER WHO WANTS TO BE RECOGNIZED.

22
23 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND MAKE NO MISTAKE, WE
24 ALL AGREE THAT THE CURRENT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL NEEDS TO BE
25 CLOSED. KEEPING IT OPEN IS NOT AN EFFECTIVE, LONG TERM

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1 SOLUTION FOR L.A. COUNTY. WHAT IS IN QUESTION TODAY IS HOW WE
2 DO THIS. AND I BELIEVE THE CURRENT MOTION FAILS TO ADDRESS THE
3 FUNDAMENTAL NEED IN CLOSING M.C.J., WHICH IS GETTING OUR
4 MENTAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENTS TO THE POINT
5 WHERE THEY CAN EFFECTIVELY AND SUCCESSFULLY CARE FOR THESE
6 INDIVIDUALS. UPON DECIDING TO CLOSE THE JAIL ORIGINALLY, AND
7 SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU WILL REMEMBER THIS, THIS BOARD
8 COMMISSIONED H.M.A. TO ANALYZE THE NEED OF CLOSING THE JAIL
9 AND PROJECTING THE FEASIBILITY OF SCALING UP DIVERSION AND
10 REENTRY BEDS. THE REPORT CONCLUDED THAT EVEN WITH THE MOST
11 OPTIMISTIC O.D.R. BED PROJECTIONS, WE WOULD STILL NEED A NEW
12 FACILITY TO HOUSE AND TREAT SIGNIFICANTLY MENTALLY ILL
13 INMATES. AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, IN RELATION TO THE J.F.A. I
14 AM TOLD THAT THE REPORT IS ACTUALLY OUT THERE IN DRAFT, AND
15 THAT SOME OF THE BOARD OFFICES HAVE SEEN THIS, AND THE
16 CONCLUSION IS THE SAME AS THE H.M.A. REPORT. IN THE LAST YEAR,
17 THE STATE GRANTED \$6 MILLION IN THE COUNTY TO INVEST IN
18 ADDITIONAL O.D.R. BEDS, MONEY WHICH HAD TO BE SPENT OR SENT
19 BACK TO THE STATE BECAUSE WE WERE UNABLE TO FIND A WAY TO
20 SPEND IT. \$6 MILLION THAT WAS PROVIDED WAS SENT BACK TO THE
21 STATE BECAUSE WE DID NOT FIND A WAY TO SPEND IT. IF WE CANNOT
22 SPEND MONEY BEING HANDED TO US FOR THESE SERVICES, HOW CAN WE
23 EXPECT TO BUILD UP THE BEDS NEEDED? FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS,
24 WE HAVE BEEN SAYING WE ARE GOING TO BUILD 4,000 MORE BEDS,
25 AND YET WE HAVEN'T. HOW ARE WE GOING TO DO THIS IN THE NEXT 24

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1 MONTHS? AS WAS STATED, YOU KNOW, I HEARD THE ESTIMATE IS 96
2 PERCENT OF THE INMATES CURRENTLY AT M.C.J. HAVE BEEN
3 INCARCERATED FOR A FELONY CRIME, WITH THE MAJORITY OF THOSE
4 HAVING COMMITTED A VIOLENT CRIME AGAINST AN INDIVIDUAL.
5 MEANWHILE, THE PERCENTAGE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS IS ESTIMATED TO
6 BE AROUND 50 PERCENT BEING MENTALLY ILL. THESE ARE INMATES
7 THAT NEED A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF RESOURCES TO ENSURE THEY ARE
8 NOT A DANGER TO THEMSELVES OR TO OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY.
9 ADDITIONALLY, THIS MOTION DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE
10 IMMEDIATE AND DIRE NEED FOR L.P.S. BEDS AS WELL AS BEDS FOR
11 HUNDREDS OF FELONY INCOMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL PATIENTS BEING
12 ADDED TO OUR SYSTEM BY THE STATE, SOMETHING THAT MY COLLEAGUES
13 HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT AS WELL. WE HAVE A CONSTITUTIONAL
14 DUTY TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THOSE IN OUR JAIL. WE ARE
15 CURRENTLY IN A CONSENT DECREE WITH D.O.J. IN RESPONSE TO OUR
16 ABILITY TO CARE FOR THIS POPULATION. PROVISION 63 OF THE
17 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
18 JUSTICE INSTRUCTS THE COUNTY AND THE SHERIFF TO MAINTAIN
19 ADEQUATE HIGH OBSERVATION HOUSING AND MODERATE OBSERVATION
20 HOUSING SUFFICIENT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE JAIL POPULATION
21 WITH MENTAL ILLNESS AS ASSESSED BY THE COUNTY AND THE SHERIFF
22 ON AN ONGOING BASIS. THE UPCOMING DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REPORT
23 BACK NOT ONLY OUTLINES THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF THE CURRENT
24 POPULATION, BUT WHERE WE AS A COUNTY ARE NON-COMPLIANT. THIS
25 REPORT BACK IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED IN THE SUMMER AND

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1 PROVIDES THE FRAMEWORK THAT IS NEEDED. I ANTICIPATE THE
2 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WILL BE CRITICAL OF THE DECISION TODAY
3 BECAUSE WE CONTINUE TO FAIL OUR CONSTITUTIONAL OBLIGATION TO
4 CARE FOR THIS POPULATION. THIS CONTINUED FAILURE COULD RESULT
5 IN A CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT AGAINST THE COUNTY AND THE
6 APPOINTMENT OF A RECEIVER WHO BUILDS A REPLACEMENT JAIL ON
7 BEHALF OF THE COUNTY, SIMILAR TO WHAT HAPPENED AT THE STATE
8 LEVEL WHEN THEY WERE SUED BY THE PRISON LAW OFFICE AND BUILT A
9 VERY COSTLY TREATMENT FACILITY IN STOCKTON. PRIOR TO THIS
10 MOTION, THE DISCUSSION OF A JAIL, NOT M.C.J., WOULD BE NEEDED
11 TO ACCOMMODATE LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THIS PROSPECTIVE FACILITY,
12 FACILITY THAT MANY DEPARTMENTS IN THE COUNTY WERE RELYING ON
13 TO ADDRESS CRITICAL HOUSING NEEDS, WAS GOING TO RESOLVE MANY
14 OF OUR CONSENT DECREE ISSUES WITH THE D.O.J. NOW, WE HAVE NO
15 SOLUTIONS THAT ARE -- FOR THAT CONSENT DECREE. THIS MOTION
16 SETS FORWARD A CLOCK OF 24 MONTHS THAT WILL REQUIRE COMPLETE
17 OVERHAUL OF THE COUNTY'S MENTAL HEALTH, SOCIAL, AND DIVERSION
18 SERVICES TO ACCOMMODATE A POPULATION WE CANNOT ACCOMMODATE AS
19 IS. THE FACT IS, WE CANNOT DO ANYTHING PERMANENT UNTIL WE ARE
20 ABLE TO BUILD UP THE BEDS NEEDED. WE ARE NOT ONLY SETTING
21 OURSELVES UP FOR FAILURE, BUT WE ARE SETTING UP INDIVIDUALS,
22 WHO, THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN BECAUSE OF MENTAL HEALTH
23 CHALLENGES, ARE GOING TO BE SET UP FOR FAILURE AS WELL. SO I
24 WOULD ASK, AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, THAT I, THEREFORE MOVE,
25 THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INSTRUCT THE C.E.O. TO WORK

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1 WITH D.M.H., A.T.I., D.H.S., CORRECTIONAL HEALTH, AND OTHERS
2 AS APPROPRIATE TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN 60 DAYS WITH A
3 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN THAT IDENTIFIES THE LOCATIONS, TIMELINE,
4 AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES NECESSARY TO BUILD THE COMMUNITY
5 CAPACITY BEFORE THE BOARD TAKES FURTHER ACTION ON THE CLOSURE
6 OF M.C.J. THE PLAN SHOULD INCLUDE THE SEQUENCING OF THE
7 DIVERSION OF INMATES FROM M.C.J. TO THE APPROPRIATE FACILITY
8 IN THE COMMUNITY TO A TO PROVIDE QUALITY, EFFECTIVE, AND SAFE
9 AS THE BEDS BECOME AVAILABLE. AND I AM DOING THAT BECAUSE I
10 TRULY DO BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE TO BUILD UP THE CAPACITY, AND
11 HAVE TO DO IT. AND I DON'T BELIEVE THE TIMEFRAME PROVIDED IN
12 THIS MOTION WILL ADEQUATELY DO THAT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

13
14 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT, I WILL RECOGNIZE
15 SUPERVISOR HAHN AND THEN SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

16
17 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU TO BOTH
18 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND KUEHL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN THIS AREA.
19 AND IT IS CLEAR THAT WE HAVE -- THIS BOARD HAS TAKEN A LOT OF
20 STEPS TOWARDS THIS MOMENT OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS. WE HAVE HAD
21 REPORTS BACK. WE HAVE CANCELED PREVIOUS CONTRACTS TO REDO THE
22 JAIL. WE TALKED FOR A LITTLE BIT ABOUT REPLACING THE JAIL
23 WITH A MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT CENTER. SO CLEARLY, SINCE THE
24 TIME I HAVE BEEN ON THIS BOARD, WE HAVE KNOWN THAT THE MEN'S
25 CENTRAL JAIL IS AN ABOMINATION. IT IS ARCHAIC, AND IT IS NOT A

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1 GOOD PLACE BOTH FOR THOSE WHO ARE INCARCERATED AND ALSO OUR
2 DEPUTIES THAT HAVE TO WORK THERE. SO WE HAVE BEEN HEADING THIS
3 WAY, BUT WE HAVE NEVER ACTUALLY MADE THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT
4 TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, AND THAT'S WHAT WE ARE DOING
5 TODAY. AND I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE ARE ALSO COMMITTING
6 TO DEPOPULATE THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WITHOUT REPLACING IT
7 WITH ANOTHER JAIL. I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT THAT THAT'S OUR
8 FIRST COMMITMENT IS TO DEPOPULATE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL BECAUSE
9 WE DO NEED TO REDUCE THE JAIL POPULATION TO A POINT WHERE WE
10 ARE ABLE TO TEAR DOWN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WITHOUT CAUSING
11 OVERCROWDING IN OTHER JAILS OR RELEASING PEOPLE WITH NO LONG
12 TERM PLAN. ONCE THE JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM IS
13 FORMED, I HOPE IT LOOKS AT HOW TO SPEED UP TRANSFERS TO STATE
14 PRISONS TO MAKE UP FOR THE BACKLOG THAT WAS CREATED DURING THE
15 PANDEMIC. ACCORDING TO THE NEW DECARCERATION DATA DASHBOARD,
16 THERE'S ALMOST 3500 PEOPLE IN OUR JAILS AWAITING TRANSFER TO
17 THE STATE PRISON. BEFORE THE PANDEMIC, THIS NUMBER WAS USUALLY
18 AROUND 500. SO THAT'S 3,000 PEOPLE THAT SHOULD NOT BE IN OUR
19 JAILS. IF WE CAN GET BACK TOWN TO PRE-PANDEMIC NUMBERS, I KNOW
20 THAT WOULD GET US MUCH CLOSER TO THE NUMBER WE NEED IN ORDER
21 TO SAFELY DEMOLISH MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. AND WE ALSO KNOW, AND
22 SUPERVISOR BARGER YOU REALLY TOUCHED ON IT, THAT THE MAIN
23 FOCUS ON THIS WORK WILL BE ON MENTAL HEALTH DIVERSION. AS WE
24 KNOW, THERE'S JUST WAY TOO MANY PEOPLE THAT HAVE MENTAL HEALTH
25 CHALLENGES THAT ARE IN OUR JAILS AND NOT GETTING THE REAL

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1 TREATMENT AND HELP WE NEED. THAT HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PROBLEM.
2 THAT IS NEVER A PLACE TO INCARCERATE PEOPLE WHO REALLY NEED
3 OUR HELP IN OTHER WAYS, AND SO TO BE LOCKED UP, THEY NEVER
4 WERE ABLE TO GET THE KIND OF HELP AND TREATMENT THAT THEY
5 NEEDED AND DESERVED. SO I HOPE OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
6 AND OUR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES WILL WORK TO IDENTIFY
7 THE TYPES OF MENTAL HEALTH BEDS THAT WILL BE NEEDED THROUGHOUT
8 THE COUNTY. WE KNOW THERE'S ALMOST 6,000 PEOPLE IN OUR JAIL
9 RIGHT NOW WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, BUT THERE ARE DIFFERENT LEVELS
10 OF ACUITY WITHIN THAT POPULATION THAT WILL REQUIRE DIFFERENT
11 SERVICES AND SUPPORTS. SO IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE BUILD THE
12 VARIETY OF BEDS NEEDED TO ADDRESS THESE DIFFERENT NEEDS. AND I
13 SHARE YOUR CONCERN, SUPERVISOR BARGER, A LITTLE BIT ON OUR
14 CAPACITY BECAUSE, AS MUCH AS WE HAVE BEEN YELLING TO CLOSE
15 THIS JAIL, WE HAVE ALSO HAD THE SAME LEVEL OF YELLING TO BUILD
16 UP OR CAPACITY FOR MENTAL HEALTH BEDS THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY.
17 AND THAT JUST HASN'T BEEN GOING AS QUICKLY AS I WOULD HAVE
18 LIKED TO HAVE SEEN IT. I KNOW DR. JON SHERIN TALKS ABOUT
19 BUILDING UP CAPACITY, AND THAT HAS REALLY NOT GONE AS FAST AS
20 I WOULD HOPE IT WOULD, SO NOW MAYBE WE CAN REALLY BEGIN TO
21 FOCUS AND LOOK AT HOW WE CAN BUILD THAT CAPACITY UP ELSEWHERE.
22 I WOULD SECOND YOUR AMENDMENT, SUPERVISOR BARGER, ON THE
23 TIMELINE AND THE HOW YOUR AMENDMENT LAYS OUT THE PLAN TO
24 ACTUALLY GET TO THIS. I AM PRETTY SURE THE JAIL CLOSURE
25 IMPLEMENTATION TEAM WILL BE COMING BACK, BUT I THINK YOUR

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1 CONCERN WAS THERE WASN'T ENOUGH SPECIFICITY IN TERMS OF WHAT
2 IT WAS CALLING OUT IN TERMS OF THE TIMELINE, SO I WOULD
3 SUPPORT THAT. I THINK THAT HELPS THE PROCESS GO SMOOTHER. SO I
4 WOULD BE HAPPY TO SECOND THAT AMENDMENT. SO THANK YOU, MADAM
5 CHAIR. I AM REALLY HAPPY TODAY TO JOIN MY COLLEAGUES IN
6 COMMITTING TO REDUCING OUR JAIL POPULATION AND DEMOLISHING IT
7 IN A SAFE AND EFFECTIVE WAY. THAT WILL BE A GREAT DAY FOR THIS
8 COUNTY. AND ONCE AGAIN, I BELIEVE WE WILL BE A MODEL FOR
9 OTHER COUNTIES WHO ARE LOOKING TO REALLY REFORM THEIR CRIMINAL
10 JUSTICE SYSTEM. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BEFORE I RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR
13 KUEHL, I DO WANT TO SAY THAT, WHILE I AM HAPPY TO ACCEPT THE
14 FRIENDLY AMENDMENT PROVIDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AND WE AND
15 OUR STAFF WORKED VERY CLOSELY ALONG WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO
16 FIGURE ALL THIS OUT, I AM HAPPY THAT WE HAVE REACHED A GOOD
17 PLACE THERE. HOWEVER, WITH THIS SECOND AMENDMENT, BY
18 SUPERVISOR BARGER, WHICH I DEEPLY DEEPLY RESPECT YOU, FEEL
19 THAT THIS REALLY DOESN'T DO WHAT WE NEED DONE. AND THAT'S WHY
20 MY MOTION IS BEING PUT FORWARD BECAUSE WE'VE WAITED ENOUGH.
21 WE'VE WAITED ENOUGH TIME. WE HAVE THE DATA. WE HAVE THE
22 URGENCY. WE KNOW THAT WE CAN BEGIN TO MAKE THESE DECISIONS
23 NOW. AND WE KNOW THAT WE ARE ALREADY BEGINNING TO BUILD OUT
24 RECUPERATIVE SPACES. AND WE KNOW THAT O.D.R. IS UNDERWAY IN
25 DOING MUCH OF THAT. AND THANK GOODNESS FOR THE FUNDING AND

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1 RELIEF THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE RECEIVING FROM THE STATE AS
2 WELL AS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, ESPECIALLY OUR STATE ARE
3 HELPING US HERE. AND I DON'T BELIEVE THAT WE NEED TO HOLD OFF
4 ANY MORE. SO I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU PUT THIS FORWARD
5 AND THAT YOU HAVE BEEN WORKING ALONGSIDE WITH US TO HELP BUILD
6 OUT MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT SYSTEMS AND FACILITIES. BUT I THINK
7 THE URGENCY OF MOVING ON THIS NOW THAT WE HAVE SPOKEN FOR SO
8 LONG, MORE THAN TWO YEARS, ON THE CLOSURE OF THE JAIL THAT IT
9 IS TIME. AND I WOULD JUST INFORM MY COLLEAGUES THAT I AM NOT
10 SUPPORTIVE OF THE BARGER AMENDMENT. SO WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR
11 KUEHL, I WILL RECOGNIZE YOU.

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I, TOO, HAVE A
14 DEEP UNDERSTANDING FOR BOTH SUPERVISOR BARGER AND SUPERVISOR
15 HAHN WANTING TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT THIS HAPPENS, BUT I AGREE
16 WITH YOU. I THINK -- WELL, I KNOW THAT THE AMENDMENT IS NOT
17 MEANT TO SLOW DOWN THE PROCESS, BUT MY ANALYSIS OF THE
18 PROPOSED AMENDMENT, SUPERVISOR BARGER, I THINK WOULD ACTUALLY
19 SLOW IT DOWN BECAUSE IT SAYS WE NEED TO DO ALL OF THESE THINGS
20 BEFORE THE BOARD TAKES FURTHER ACTION ON THE CLOSURE, BUT I
21 THINK THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT THE J.C.I.T. IS DOING, AND,
22 FRANKLY, WHAT A.T.I. HAS BEEN DOING AND O.D.R. HAS BEEN DOING,
23 AND I DON'T WANT TO SLOW ANYTHING DOWN, WHERE EVEN WHERE
24 SONDHAI HAS INSTITUTED INCUBATORS TO HELP COMMUNITY-BASED
25 ORGANIZATIONS BUILD UP THEIR CAPACITY TO DO THIS, AND I KNOW

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1 THAT JON IS ALREADY DEEPLY ENGAGED. SO I KNOW YOUR INTENT IS
2 TO GET AN ORGANIZED REPORT BACK ON WHERE ALL OF THESE SERVICES
3 WILL BE, BUT I THINK IT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO DO JUST THE
4 OPPOSITE. I WOULD RATHER SEE THE J.C.I.T. PUT IN PLACE AND
5 TOLD GO FOR IT, DO IT NOW. AND THEREFORE, I, TOO, WILL NOT BE
6 ABLE TO SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER,
7 BUT WITH MY THANKS AND UNDERSTANDING. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** MADAM CHAIR, CAN I ASK ONE QUESTION THOUGH JUST
10 OUT OF CURIOSITY? THE MOTION THAT YOU ALL BROUGHT IN ON JULY
11 7TH, BOTH SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL, ASKING FOR
12 DEVELOPING A PLAN FOR CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, THAT'S A
13 DRAFT REPORT, WHICH I THINK WE HAVE ALL -- AT LEAST MY
14 UNDERSTANDING IS MY OFFICE HAS SEEN A DRAFT COPY OR MAY HAVE
15 IT. IS YOUR INTENT TO IGNORE IF THERE'S ANYTHING IN THERE THAT
16 COMES AS A RESULT OF THE MOTION YOU BROUGHT IN THAT YOU DON'T
17 AGREE WITH? IS THE MOTION TODAY GOING TO SUPER -- IS THAT
18 GOING TO SUPERSEDE WHAT THE REPORT IS GOING TO HAVE THAT YOU
19 ASKED FOR ALMOST A YEAR AGO?

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** WELL, I WOULD SAY THAT THERE ARE THINGS IN
22 THAT REPORT THAT I HAVE SEEN THAT I DON'T AGREE WITH AND DON'T
23 WANT TO SEE ANYTHING IMPEDED. I REALLY DO THINK THAT THE BOARD
24 DOES HAVE THE FINAL AUTHORITY. AND I DO BELIEVE ALL THE THINGS
25 WE HAVE BEEN DOING WITH THE DIFFERENT REPORTS THAT HAVE ALL

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1 BEEN COMING THROUGH SHOULD COLLECTIVELY BE NOW ALL IN ONE
2 PLACE, THE DATA, THE BACKUP INFORMATION, ALL OF THE CREDIBLE
3 INFORMATION THAT WE HAVE BEEN ASKING DIFFERENT GROUPS TO DO
4 THAT OUR C.E.O. AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS -- ALL OF OUR
5 STAKEHOLDERS IS READY TO MOVE. SO I CERTAINLY DON'T WANT TO
6 WAIT AND WOULD US TO MOVE FORWARD. THERE ARE SOME ELEMENTS
7 THERE THAT ARE PROBABLY GOOD, WHICH I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM
8 WITH, BUT I THINK WE WILL BE ABLE TO WORK THOSE OUT. I DON'T
9 THINK THAT SHOULD BE A HINDRANCE, AS WELL. I HOPE THAT ANSWERS
10 YOUR QUESTION SOMEWHAT. AND WITH THAT, THEN IF THERE'S NO
11 FURTHER QUESTIONS, WE HAVE THE BARGER AMENDMENT BEFORE US.
12 IT'S BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER SECONDED BY HAHN.
13 SECRETARY, PLEASE CALL THE ROLE.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. MITCHELL:** MADAM CHAIR, I AM SORRY, IS THIS THE BARGER
18 AMENDMENT WE ARE VOTING ON OR THE MOTION IN CHIEF?

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THE BARGER AMENDMENT FIRST, YES.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** COULD I HAVE CLARIFICATION. I THOUGHT THE AUTHOR
23 AND THE COAUTHOR DIDN'T ACCEPT IT?

24

25 **SUP. BARGER:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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2 **SUP. HAHN:** SO IT IS NOT A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** YOU ARE CORRECT.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN:** SO I WOULDN'T THINK WE NEED TO VOTE ON IT.

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL:** NO, WE DIDN'T ACCEPT IT AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT, SO --

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** IT NEEDS TO BE VOTED ON.

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL:** BE IMPOSED IF IT'S BEEN --

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** I THOUGHT IF YOU WERE OFFERING A FRIENDLY
17 AMENDMENT, AND IT WASN'T ACCEPTED, YOU JUST WENT THANK YOU
18 VERY MUCH. I WILL GO HOME.

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** NO, BUT YOU SECONDED IT. SO THAT REQUIRES
21 US --

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL:** YEAH, SO IT MAKES IT MORE OFFICIAL. IF YOU WANT TO
24 WITHDRAW IT BECAUSE WE DIDN'T ACCEPT IT AS A FRIENDLY
25 AMENDMENT --

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2 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT WOULD BE FINE, YEAH.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** THAT'S UP TO SUPERVISOR BARGER.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** RIGHT. SUPERVISOR BARGER, DO YOU WANT TO
7 MOVE FORWARD OR WITHDRAW?

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** I AM WHOLEHEARTEDLY IN SUPPORT OF MY FRIENDLY
10 AMENDMENT. SO, YEAH.

11

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

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL:** MITCHELL, NO.

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** I'LL DO THE ROLL CALL. SUPERVISOR BARGER'S
17 ITEM IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

18

19 **SUP. MITCHELL:** NO.

20

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

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL:** NO.

24

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

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN:** A FRIENDLY YES.

3

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

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** A GRATEFUL THANK YOU YES.

7

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

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SORRY, BUT NO.

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO. MOTION FAILS 2-3.

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, NEXT WE WILL MOVE ON TO SUPERVISOR
15 MITCHELL'S AMENDMENT.

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL:** BUT I THINK WE ACCEPTED THOSE AS A FRIENDLY
18 AMENDMENT.

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** RIGHT. SO NOW WE WILL GO BACK TO THE ITEM.
21 ITEM 27 IS BEFORE US AS AMENDED. MOVED BY ME, SECONDED BY
22 SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THE ITEM. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 27 AS AMENDED IS BEFORE YOU.
25 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

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1

2 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

3

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

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

7

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

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

11

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

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** NO.

15

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

17

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

19

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

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, VERY GOOD. THANK YOU, MEMBERS. NOW WE

23 WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER 31, CARE WITH PRIDE, ENSURING

24 APPROPRIATE L.G.B.T.Q.+ AND GENDER AFFIRMING CARE IN LOS

25 ANGELES COUNTY. AND I HELD THIS ITEM, AND AFTER, I WILL

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1 RECOGNIZE MY COAUTHOR SUPERVISOR KUEHL. FIRST OF ALL, HAPPY
2 PRIDE MONTH TO EVERYBODY IN L.A. COUNTY. AND I WANT TO THANK
3 SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR JOINING ME ON THIS MOTION, AND FOR YOUR
4 AMENDMENTS AND THOUGHTFUL PARTNERSHIP ON THE MOTION. I WILL
5 GLADLY ACCEPT THEM. AND I HELD THIS ITEM TO HELP LIFT UP
6 ANOTHER IMPORTANT BUT OFTENTIMES OVERLOOKED COMMUNITY, AS YOU
7 KNOW, IN THE COUNTY. AND THAT'S OUR L.G.B.T.Q.+ COMMUNITY, BUT
8 SPECIFICALLY TRANSGENDER AND GENDER NONCONFORMING PEOPLE.
9 ACCORDING TO NATIONAL DATA WE HAVE, THERE ARE ROUGH ESTIMATES
10 THAT MORE THAN 1.5 MILLION ADULTS AND CHILDREN WHOSE GENDER
11 IDENTITY IS DIFFERENT FROM CULTURAL EXPECTATIONS BASED ON SEX
12 THEY WERE ASSIGNED AT BIRTH. THIS IS NATIONAL DATA THAT TELLS
13 US THIS. THEY FACE UNIQUE AND UNFAIR STRESSORS BECAUSE OF
14 THEIR IDENTITY, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEIR IDENTITY IS NOT
15 AFFIRMED. AND ON TOP OF THAT, TRANS PEOPLE EXPERIENCE HIGHER
16 RATES OF DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT, AND VIOLENCE. AND ALL OF
17 THESE FACTORS LEAD TO POOR HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH OUTCOMES.
18 AND EVEN WITHIN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS, TRANS AND GENDER
19 NONCONFORMING PEOPLE FACE HURDLES IN ACCESSING MEDICALLY
20 NECESSARY AND LIFE SAVING HEALTHCARE SERVICES. A NATIONAL
21 SURVEY OF TRANS PEOPLE FOUND THAT ONE IN THREE RESPONDENTS WHO
22 SOUGHT HELP FROM A HEALTHCARE PROVIDER EXPERIENCED VERBAL
23 HARASSMENT OR OUTRIGHT REFUSAL OF TREATMENT DUE TO THEIR
24 GENDER IDENTITY. THIS DISCRIMINATION LEADS MANY TO NOT SEEK
25 CARE ALTOGETHER. AND MORE DISTURBINGLY AND UNSURPRISINGLY,

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1 TRANS PEOPLE OF COLOR FACE EVEN MORE HURDLES DEEPER PATTERNS
2 OF DISCRIMINATION WHEN COMPARED TO THEIR WHITE COUNTERPARTS.
3 ALL THESE FACTORS ARE THEN COMPOUNDED BY THE EFFORTS BY SOME
4 STATES FURTHER MARGINALIZE TRANS ADULTS AND YOUTH IN OUR
5 HEALTHCARE SETTINGS BY OUTLAWING HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS FROM
6 PROVIDING GENDER AFFIRMING CARE TO THEIR TRANS PATIENTS. OUR
7 COUNTY, AS YOU KNOW, HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO COMBAT THESE
8 EFFORTS BY PROVIDING CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE AND GENDER
9 AFFIRMING CARE TO OUR COMMUNITIES. THERE ARE LOCAL SERVICE
10 PROVIDERS WHO HAVE BEEN DOING A FANTASTIC JOB PROVIDING A
11 RANGE OF GENDER AFFIRMING SERVICES, INCLUDING HORMONE AND
12 PUBERTAL SUPPRESSION THERAPY. AND ALSO WITHIN OUR COUNTY
13 SYSTEMS, THE ALEXIS PROJECT AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. OFFERS A WIDE
14 VARIETY OF MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS TO SERVE L.G.B.T.Q.+ TEENS,
15 TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH, AND YOUNG ADULTS, INCLUDING ASSESSMENT
16 OF GENDER AFFIRMING SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS, INDIVIDUAL,
17 GROUP THERAPY, AND CRISIS INTERVENTION. AND I WANT TO
18 SPECIFICALLY GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO ONE OF MY DEAR FRIENDS AND
19 COLLEAGUES, DR. ASTRID HEGER, WHO RUNS THE CLINIC AND HAS BEEN
20 INSTRUMENTAL IN PROVIDING THESE CRITICAL SERVICES. I AM GLAD
21 THESE PROGRAMS AND CLINICS EXIST, AND WE HAVE TO EXPLORE AND
22 EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE THESE PROGRAMS COUNTY WIDE.
23 ACCORDING TO THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, EXPANDING ACCESS
24 TO GENDER AFFIRMING CARE IS AN IMPORTANT MEANS OF IMPROVING
25 HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR TRANS PEOPLE. RECEIPT OF GENDER AFFIRMING

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1 CARE HAS BEEN LINKED TO DRAMATIC REDUCTIONS IN THE RATE OF
2 SUICIDE ATTEMPTS, DECREASED RATES OF DEPRESSION, ANXIETY, AND
3 DECREASED SUBSTANCE ABUSE, IMPROVED H.I.V. MEDICATION
4 ADHERENCE. POSITIVE HEALTH EFFECTS FROM GENDER AFFIRMING CARE
5 CAN EXTEND TO OUR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS. THE MOTION, IN MY
6 OPINION, IS A FIRST STEP IN THAT DIRECTION. AND WE WANT TO
7 TAKE A LOOK AT THE GREAT WORK THAT'S HAPPENING ALL OVER THE
8 COUNTY BY BOTH COUNTY-RUN AND PRIVATE CLINICS BY OUR COMMUNITY
9 ORGANIZATIONS AND EVENTUALLY REPLICATING THOSE MODELS TO
10 EXPAND ACCESS TO CARE. THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PIECE WILL BE
11 KEY AS WELL AS CONSULTING WITH SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS ON THE
12 CURRENT REFORM PROCESS AT COUNTY CLINICS TO ENSURE THAT PEOPLE
13 RECEIVE THE APPROPRIATE CARE THAT THEY NEED AND DESERVE.
14 COLLEAGUES, LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMBRACES OUR DIVERSITY, AND I
15 HOPE WE CAN CONTINUE TO LEAD THE FIGHT TO EXPAND CARE TO OUR
16 TRANS AND GENDER NONCONFORMING COMMUNITIES. THEY DESERVE NO
17 LESS. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU AND ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT. WITH
18 THAT, I'LL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR KUEHL, MY COAUTHOR.

19
20 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO THANK
21 YOU FOR INVITING ME TO JOIN YOU. THIS IS A REALLY IMPORTANT
22 MOTION, AND IT ACKNOWLEDGES AND WORKS TO ADDRESS THE DIFFERENT
23 KINDS OF BARRIERS FACED BY L.G.B.T.Q.+ PEOPLE IN GETTING
24 ACCESS TO CULTURALLY COMPETENT AND AFFIRMING HEALTHCARE. IT'S
25 INTERESTING. YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT THE HIGH RATE OF SUICIDE

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1 IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE TALKED ABOUT IN
2 THE VERY EARLIEST DAYS WAS THE FACT THAT, ALTHOUGH IN
3 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR THERE WERE SO MANY HORRIBLE FORMS OF
4 DISCRIMINATION, AT LEAST IN A FAMILY, YOU WERE WITH PEOPLE
5 LIKE YOU. AND SOMETIMES, THAT WAS INSTRUCTIVE AND LOVING AND
6 HELPFUL. AND THE WEIRD THING ABOUT OUR KIDS IS THEY WERE
7 GROWING UP IN A FAMILY THAT WAS NOT LIKE THEM AND DIDN'T GET
8 THEM AT ALL. AND IT'S BEEN EVEN MORE DIFFICULT, IN MANY WAYS,
9 FOR OUR TRANSGENDER YOUNG PEOPLE, WHO ARE STRUGGLING WITH
10 THEIR OWN IDENTITIES AND GETTING REALLY NO HELP, NO
11 AFFIRMATION ANYWHERE. AND SO, MEDICAL INEQUITIES ARE
12 HEIGHTENED AMONG TRANSGENDER AND GENDER NONCONFORMING PEOPLE,
13 AND THEY WILL BENEFIT GREATLY FROM THESE EXPANDED RESOURCES
14 BECAUSE THE MOTION DIRECTS OUR CURRENT LOCALIZED CARE TO BE
15 EXPANDED ACROSS THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE REGIONAL ACCESS. AND AS
16 THE EXPANSION IS CONTEMPLATED THE ALEXIS PROJECT, WHICH
17 SPECIALIZES IN CARE FOR THE L.G.B.T.Q. POPULATION, WILL SERVE
18 AS ONE OF THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO ACT AS A SUBJECT MATTER
19 EXPERT AS THE CLINICS ARE DEVELOPED AND ROLLED OUT. I AM ALSO
20 GLAD THAT WE HAVE REFERENCED THE ABILITY TO USE OTHERS WHO
21 HAVE ALSO BEEN ENGAGED IN THIS STRUGGLE FOR A LONG TIME. I
22 MEAN THE L.A. CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL DID SOME EXTRAORDINARY EARLY
23 WORK WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WERE CONTEMPLATING
24 TRANSITIONING. CEDARS, ST. JOHN'S, OTHER PLACES THAT CAN ALSO
25 BE HELPFUL, NOT TO MENTION THE L.G.B.T. CENTER. AND IT IS

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1 REALLY HELPFUL ALSO FOR SOCIAL WORKERS AND OTHER REFERRAL
2 SOURCES TO HAVE ACCESS TO REGIONAL CLINICS, TO HAVE A TOOL KIT
3 AND A REALLY STANDARDIZED REFERRAL PROCESS. SO THIS VERY, VERY
4 VULNERABLE POPULATION THANKS YOU FOR THINKING OF THEM AND
5 WORKING TO IMPROVE THEIR ACCESS TO SERVICES, AND I AM HAPPY TO
6 JOIN YOU IN THIS MOTION AND ASK FOR AN AYE VOTE.

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. NEXT,
9 I WILL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR HAHN.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANKS TO YOU AND
12 SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR LEADING THE EFFORT TO SUPPORT THE WORK
13 FOR US TO REALLY ADDRESS WHAT GENDER AFFIRMING CARE CAN AND
14 SHOULD LOOK LIKE FOR OUR COUNTY. I WAS RECENTLY INTRODUCED TO
15 IZZY BUCKARAYO IN MY DISTRICT, WHO WAS INSPIRED TO ENGAGE
16 WITH ME AND ADVOCATE FOR A LIFEGUARD TOWER IN HERMOSA BEACH TO
17 BE PAINTED FOR PRIDE AFTER THE LONG BEACH PRIDE TOWER WAS
18 BURNED TO THE GROUND. I WAS HAPPY TO INITIATE THAT PROJECT,
19 AND LAST WEEK I MET WITH IZZY. THEY SHARED A LITTLE BIT OF
20 THEIR STORY WITH ME. I WAS IMPRESSED WITH THEIR ACTIVISM AND
21 DEDICATION TO SOCIAL JUSTICE AND SO THANKFUL FOR MY TIME WITH
22 THEM. AND THE PAINTING OF THAT LIFEGUARD TOWER WAS AN
23 IMPORTANT IN MY DISTRICT. IT DEMONSTRATED LOUD AND CLEAR THAT
24 THIS IS A SAFE SPACE AND THAT OUR QUEER COMMUNITY IS LOVED AND
25 ACCEPTED AND THAT THEY BELONG RIGHT HERE IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND

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1 A LOT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS CAME TOGETHER IN THAT REGION. TO
2 SUPPORT IZZY AND WORK FOR A POSITIVE IMPACT IN OUR COMMUNITY,
3 BUT WE KNOW, IN REALITY, THAT THE STATISTICS FOR OUR
4 TRANSGENDER YOUTH, ESPECIALLY OUR TRANSGENDER YOUTH OF COLOR,
5 ARE ABYSMAL. TRANS PEOPLE FACE UNIQUE STRESSORS, ESPECIALLY
6 WHEN THEIR GENDER IDENTITY IS NOT AFFIRMED AND ACCESS TO
7 HEALTHCARE AND MENTAL HEALTH BECOME A HUGE ISSUE. SO
8 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE ALEXIS PROJECT AND
9 OTHERS ARE SO IMPORTANT. AND OUR OWN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
10 SERVICES HAS A CLINIC THAT PROVIDES ESSENTIAL HEALTHCARE
11 SERVICE FOR TRANSGENDER INDIVIDUAL AS WELL. I LOOK FORWARD TO
12 THIS REPORT BACK BECAUSE WE SHOULD BE MAKING A CONCERTED
13 EFFORT TO SERVICE MORE YOUTH WITH GENDER AFFIRMING SERVICES
14 THAT ARE CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE AND CONTINUE TO EXPAND THIS
15 WORK. I LOOK FORWARD TO HOW WE CAN EXPAND THIS IN ALL OF OUR
16 DISTRICTS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

17
18 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN.
19 SEEING NO OTHER INQUIRIES FROM BOARD MEMBERS THAT WANT TO
20 SPEAK ON THE ITEM, ITEM 31 IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE, SECONDED
21 BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE
22 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

23
24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 31 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR
25 MITCHELL.

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1

2 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

3

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

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

7

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

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

11

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

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

15

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

17

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

19

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

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM

23 NUMBER 32, ESTABLISH A PATHWAY TO ECONOMIC RESILIENCY FOR

24 SMALL AND MICRO EMPLOYERS, AND ITEM 34, PATHWAYS TO ECONOMIC

25 RECOVERY FOR WOMEN, COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, AND THE CARE

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1 ECONOMY, WHICH WERE HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. SUPERVISOR
2 MITCHELL, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU
5 FOR COAUTHORING THIS MOTION TO PROVIDE RELIEF TO OUR SMALL
6 EMPLOYERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK
7 SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR COAUTHORING THE MOTION ON ECONOMIC
8 RECOVERY FOR WOMEN AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. AS YOU SAID,
9 WE'RE GOING TO TAKE BOTH OF THESE UP TOGETHER. I WOULD LIKE TO
10 ADDRESS EACH MOTION AND SHARE HOW THEY COMPLEMENT ONE ANOTHER.
11 THEY WERE BOTH INTENTIONALLY PUT ON THE BOARD AGENDA TOGETHER
12 WITH THE GOAL TO HELP OUR COMMUNITIES RECOVER AND BUILD FROM
13 THIS DUAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND ECONOMIC PANDEMIC. THE FIRST
14 MOTION IS FOCUSED ON RECOVERY AND STABILIZATION OF SMALL
15 BUSINESSES. OVER 93 PERCENT OF THE BUSINESSES IN OUR COUNTY
16 HAVE 20 EMPLOYEES OR FEWER. SO THIS DEMOGRAPHIC DESERVES
17 CAREFUL ATTENTION AS WE CONSIDER WHERE TO INVEST DOLLARS TO
18 ENSURE THEY STAY AFLOAT. THE MOTION SETS UP STRONGER
19 PROTECTIONS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES THAT HAVE BEEN FINANCIALLY
20 IMPACTED TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE NOT EVICTED DUE TO INABILITY
21 TO PAY THEIR COMMERCIAL RENT. I BELIEVE SUPERVISOR KUEHL READ
22 THE STAT EARLIER IN THE DISCUSSION AROUND AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
23 NINE. THIS IS NOT A POPULATION THAT HAS BEEN PROTECTED UNDER
24 PREVIOUS EVICTION MORATORIUMS. AGAIN, THE MOTION DIRECTS THE
25 COUNTY THE ALLOCATE AT LEAST 10 MILLION FOR SMALL BUSINESS

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1 RENT RELIEF. A FOCAL POINT FOR CALIFORNIA LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
2 HAS BEEN THE ECONOMIC TOLL THAT THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HAS
3 TAKEN ON RESIDENTIAL TENANTS. HOWEVER, MORE MUST BE DONE TO
4 ADDRESS THE FINANCIAL BURDENS FACED BY SMALL BUSINESSES,
5 PARTICULARLY THOSE BUSINESSES OF COLOR THAT MAY HAVE PUT UP
6 PERSONAL GUARANTEES FOR THEIR BUSINESS. THEY ARE THEN
7 PERSONALLY LIABLE SHOULD THERE BUSINESSES HAVE TO CLOSE
8 PERMANENTLY. THIS MOTION SPECIFICALLY TARGETS RELIEF FOR THE
9 MOST VULNERABLE MARGINALIZED SMALL BUSINESSES, WHO, NUMBER
10 ONE, HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED AND ARE UNDERSERVED BY EXISTING SMALL
11 BUSINESS PROGRAMS, AND SECONDLY, ARE AT THE GREATEST RISK OF
12 PERSONAL FINANCIAL DEVASTATION. THE FAILURES OF P.P.P. TO
13 PROVIDE TIMELY AND ADEQUATE RELIEF TO BUSINESSES IN
14 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR HAS BEEN WELL DOCUMENTED. THE SMALL
15 BUSINESS ALLIANCE FOR EQUITABLE COMMUNITIES, I WOULD LIKE TO
16 THANK THEM FOR WORKS WITH US TO ENSURE PROTECTIONS FOR OUR
17 MOST VULNERABLE EMPLOYERS. THIS EFFORT IS ALIGNED WITH THE
18 ECONOMIC MOBILITY INITIATIVE OUTLINED IN OUR SECOND MOTION ON
19 ECONOMIC RECOVERY FOR WOMEN, COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, AND THE
20 CARE ECONOMY. MORE SPECIFICALLY, THIS MOTION PAVES AN
21 INTENTIONAL PATHWAY FORWARD FOR COMMUNITIES THAT WERE MOST
22 HEAVILY IMPACTED BY THIS RECESSION THAT DISPROPORTIONATELY
23 IMPACTED WOMEN. YOU WILL BE HEARING THE TERM MORE AND MORE
24 THE "SHE-CESSION," RECOGNIZING THAT DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT.
25 THE ECONOMIC MOBILITY INITIATIVE OUTLINED IN THIS MOTION NOT

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1 ONLY ENCOMPASSES HOW WE RECOVER, BUT ALSO HOW WE EMPOWER OUR
2 COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN IMPACTED. THAT'S WHY I AM ASKING
3 THE COUNTY TO REPORT BACK ON A PLAN TO IMPLEMENT A COMMUNITY
4 IMPACT ENTREPRENEURSHIP ACADEMY TO PROVIDE RESOURCES AND TOOLS
5 TO BUSINESSES, SUCH AS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND DIGITAL
6 LITERACY TO INCREASE THEIR RESILIENCY TO SHOCKS AND
7 DISRUPTIONS IN OUR ECONOMY. ADDITIONALLY, THE MOTION
8 HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPORTANCE OF DIRECTING AID TO FEMALE DOMINATED
9 INDUSTRIES WHICH WERE SOME OF THE HARDEST HIT, INDUSTRIES LIKE
10 EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION AND IN-HOME SUPPORT SERVICES. THE
11 MOTION DIRECTS THE COUNTY TO CREATE A COMPREHENSIVE WORKFORCE
12 DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY MEANT TO REACH NEW AND CURRENT CHILD CARE
13 WORKERS TO ENSURE THEY HAVE ACCESS TO GRANTS, EDUCATIONAL AND
14 JOB TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES, AND RESOURCES MEANT TO STRENGTHEN
15 THEIR BUSINESSES AND INCREASE THEIR COMPENSATION. THIS IS
16 IMPORTANT WHEN WE RECOGNIZE THAT FAR TOO MANY CHILDCARE
17 FACILITIES CLOSED THEIR DOORS PRE-COVID AND DURING COVID. WE
18 HAVE NOT SEEN AN EQUITABLE RECOVERY IN THAT INDUSTRY. AND WE
19 ALL KNOW THAT WORKING FAMILIES NEED RELIABLE, AFFORDABLE
20 CHILDCARE IN ORDER TO RETURN TO THE WORKFORCE CONFIDENTLY. THE
21 MOTION ALSO CALLS FOR A LEGISLATIVE STRATEGY TO MAKE SURE THE
22 COUNTY IS DOING ALL IT CAN TO ADVOCATE FOR SYSTEMIC CHANGE AT
23 ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT. THIS IS NEEDED IF WE ARE GOING TO
24 CREATE THOUGHTFUL AND MEANINGFUL CHANGE FOR THE CARE ECONOMY.
25 AGAIN, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR BEING A COAUTHOR AND

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1 THANK YOU TO ALL THE STAFF OF THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, D.C.B.A.,
2 OUR OFFICE OF EARLY CARE AND ADVANCEMENT, AND OF COURSE THE
3 WOMEN AND GIRLS INITIATIVE, WHO HELPED US ENVISION AND CRAFT
4 THIS PATHWAY FORWARD FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS. THANK YOU, MADAM
5 CHAIR. AND I ASK FOR AN AYE VOTE FROM ALL.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL, FOR
8 INVITING ME TO JOIN YOU AS COAUTHOR ON ITEM 32 AND HAPPY TO
9 ALSO SUPPORT ITEM 34. I THINK YOU ELOQUENTLY SPOKE ABOUT THE
10 ISSUES THAT OUR SMALL BUSINESSES HAVE FACED, PARTICULARLY
11 DURING THIS PANDEMIC WHICH HAS CAUSED SO MUCH HAVOC FOR
12 THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE. IN THE COUNTY ALONE, WE
13 HAVE SEEN THAT WE HAVE LOST ABOUT 9.8 PERCENT OF JOBS, AND
14 NEARLY 29 PERCENT FEWER SMALL BUSINESSES NOW EXIST. PARTLY
15 BECAUSE OF OUR COUNTY'S LABOR MARKET, A RELIANCE ON SMALL
16 BUSINESS, UNEMPLOYMENT REMAINS AT A VERY HIGH RATE OF ABOUT 11
17 PERCENT. SO WE KNOW THAT MORE HAS TO BE DONE TO HELP SUSTAIN
18 THEM. I HEARD RECENTLY TODAY ON THE NEWS AS WELL THAT MANY OF
19 OUR SMALL MOM AND POP RESTAURANTS IN SOME OF OUR KEY AREAS IN
20 THE COMMUNITY, IN KOREATOWN, IN EAST L.A., AND OTHER PARTS,
21 WILL NOT BE COMING BACK. SO WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE TO STEP UP
22 AND SO MUCH MORE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO OUR SMALL
23 BUSINESSES, AND ESPECIALLY BECAUSE MANY WERE NOT ABLE TO
24 RECEIVE P.P.P., WHETHER THEY KNEW ABOUT HOW TO GO ABOUT
25 APPLYING FOR IT, OR WHETHER THEY JUST DID NOT QUALIFY BECAUSE,

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1 IN MANY INSTANCES, MANY OF THESE MOM AND POP BUSINESSES DON'T
2 EVEN HAVE APPROPRIATE ASSETS, FINANCIAL ASSETS, OR EVEN, HOW
3 COULD I SAY, APPROPRIATE INSURANCE TO HELP PROVIDE TO BUILD
4 OUT FOR THEIR OWN BUSINESSES AND SECURITY. SO IT IS REALLY
5 AMAZING WHAT WE SAW HAPPEN IN THE PANDEMIC. WE SAW ALL THE
6 GAPS AND THE FLAWS THAT EXIST, AND WE NEED TO DO MORE TO HELP
7 PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THEM. SO I BELIEVE THAT MOVING FORWARD
8 YOUR MOTION WILL DEFINITELY PROVIDE THE ASSISTANCE THAT WE ARE
9 FIGHTING FOR IN OUR COMMUNITIES. SO I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT
10 THAT. AND ALSO JUST BRIEFLY ON ITEM 34, ALSO SUPPORT YOU AND
11 THE FACT THAT WE KNOW THAT WOMEN ARE THE BACKBONE OF OUR
12 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES, AND WE ALSO BEAR A DISPROPORTIONATE
13 SHARE OF ADVERSITIES BECAUSE OF THEIR CAREGIVING
14 RESPONSIBILITIES. WE NEED TO DO BETTER TO CREATE BETTER
15 PATHWAYS FOR THEM AND WELL PAYING JOBS FOR THEM AND GOOD
16 CAREERS. SO WITH THAT, THANK YOU. NEXT, I WILL RECOGNIZE
17 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU TO
20 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR INVITING ME TO COAUTHOR ITEM 34. I, OF
21 COURSE, ALSO SUPPORT ITEM 32. IT WAS INTERESTING TO ME. ABOUT
22 A MONTH AGO, WHEN THERE WAS A NATIONAL REPORT ON JOBS LOST
23 ACROSS THE UNITED STATES, OF THE TOTAL, WOMEN REPRESENTED
24 VIRTUALLY 100 PERCENT OF ALL THE JOBS LOSS IN TOTAL BECAUSE
25 THERE WAS AN INCREASE, OVER THAT SAME TIME, IN JOBS GAINED BY

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1 MEN. IT WAS SMALL, BUT STILL. WOMEN WERE SO HARD HIT AND ARE
2 ALWAYS WHEN JOBS ARE CUT. THEY FIND THAT THEIR'S ARE
3 CONSIDERED THE NONESSENTIAL JOBS, THE CARING JOBS, BUT WE
4 FOUND OUT DURING THE PANDEMIC THAT IT IS JUST THE CARING JOBS
5 THAT ACTUALLY ARE GETTING US THROUGH. SO THIS HELP THAT WE CAN
6 GIVE, HOPEFULLY, THROUGH ITEM 34, TO OUR -- ALL THE WOMEN WHO
7 HAVE LOST SO MUCH IN THE COUNTY TO TRY TO UNDERSTAND HOW WE
8 CAN HELP THEM RECOVER, HOW WE CAN HELP THEM DO BETTER, HOW WE
9 CAN HELP THEM INCREASE THEIR OPPORTUNITY IN LIFE, AND I THINK
10 ESPECIALLY CALLING OUT THE ISSUE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
11 AND THE UNDERLYING THE BUSINESS THAT SUPPORTS IT, IN TURNS --
12 WELL, SO MANY OF THEM RUN BY WOMEN, STAFFED BY WOMEN. IT IS A
13 GOOD PLACE TO START. AND I REALLY THANK YOU FOR DOING THIS.
14 IT'S BEEN A HARD TIME FOR EVERYBODY, BUT, AS YOU KNOW VERY
15 WELL, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SOME HAVE SUFFERED MORE THAN
16 OTHERS. AND ACROSS THE BOARD, IN ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES, WOMEN
17 HAVE BEEN VERY HARD HIT. SO THANK YOU FOR THIS MOTION, AND I
18 AM HAPPY TO COAUTHOR IT.

19
20 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. ARE
21 THERE ANY OTHER MEMBERS THAT WANT TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THESE
22 TWO ITEMS? SEEING NONE, THEN IT IS APPROPRIATE TO TAKE ITEM
23 NUMBER 32, WHICH IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL
24 AND I WILL SECOND TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE
25 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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1

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

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

6

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

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

11

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

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

15

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

17

18 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

19

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

21

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

23

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

25

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT, NOW WE WILL VOTE ON ITEM NUMBER 34.
2 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO
3 APPROVE THE ITEM AS AMENDED. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
4 CALL THE ROLL.

5

6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 34 AS AMENDED IS BEFORE YOU.
7 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

10

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

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

18

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

20

21 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

22

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

24

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

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1

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

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW MEMBERS WE WILL MOVE ON TO
5 ITEM NUMBER 33, SUSTAINING JAIL-BASED DIVERSION, WHICH WAS
6 HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU ARE
7 RECOGNIZED. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I WAS TRYING TO
10 GET A BITE OF FOOD AND -- THE ITEM NUMBER. NOW, I'M BACK, AND
11 I'M CLEAR. ITEM NUMBER 33. ALL RIGHT. HOW ABOUT THAT FOR A
12 STALL TACTIC SO I COULD SWALLOW? THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM
13 CHAIR, AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR YOUR COAUTHORSHIP AND
14 LEADERSHIP IN ENVISIONING AND CREATING THE COUNTY'S CARE
15 FIRST SYSTEM. TODAY, THIS BOARD CONTINUES THE WORK OF
16 TRANSFORMING ONE OF THE LARGEST LOCAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS
17 IN THE COUNTRY. O.D.R.'S JAIL-BASED DIVERSION PROGRAM HAS
18 PROVIDED A MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITY TO GET THESE INDIVIDUALS THE
19 HELP THEY NEED AND SUBSTANTIALLY DEPOPULATE OUR JAILS. SINCE
20 ITS CREATION IN 2015, THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION HAS REMOVED MORE
21 THAN 6,100 INDIVIDUALS FROM THE COUNTY JAILS AND CONNECTED
22 THEM TO COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT AND VARIOUS TYPES OF
23 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. THIS PROGRAM PROVIDES SUPPORTIVE SERVICES,
24 INCLUDING HOUSING, WRAPAROUND SERVICES, AND MENTAL HEALTH
25 TREATMENT TO INDIVIDUALS WITH SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS. IN

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1 ADDITION, THE AVERAGE COST OF O.D.R.'S PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE
2 HOUSING JAIL-BAILED DIVERSION PROGRAM IS SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER
3 THAN THE COST OF INCARCERATION, AND PRIMARILY INCLUDES
4 INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, CLINICAL SERVICES FOR
5 THOSE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL DISORDERS, AND HOUSING FUNDED BY
6 O.D.R. THIS WORK IS ONE OF THE PILLARS OF THE CARE FIRST/JAILS
7 LAST VISION. THE CARE FIRST VISION WILL ONLY BE MEANINGFUL WE
8 FUND IT. IT REMAINS DEEPLY CONCERNING THAT SEVERAL YEARS AFTER
9 ITS CREATION, AND IN SPITE OF THE BOARD'S COMMITMENT TO CREATE
10 AS STABLE AND ONGOING FUNDING SOURCE FOR IT WHEN IT WAS FIRST
11 CREATED, O.D.R. CONTINUES TO FACE A FISCAL CLIFF WITH ITS ONE
12 TIME FUNDING DUE TO RUN OUT IN 12 TO 18 MONTHS. AND AGAIN, THE
13 FUNDING NEEDS TO FIT THE DESIGN OF THE PROGRAM. ON A PREVIOUS
14 MOTION, SUPERVISOR BARGER TALKED ABOUT O.D.R. HAVING TO RETURN
15 \$6 MILLION TO THE STATE. HAVING A RUN PROGRAMS IN NONPROFIT
16 ORGANIZATIONS IN MY PAST LIFE, WE OFTEN FIND OURSELVES DOING
17 SOMETHING CALLED MISSION CREEP, WHERE THOSE DOLLARS ARE
18 AVAILABLE BUT YOU LITERALLY CAN'T USE THEM BECAUSE THEY DON'T
19 ACTUALLY FIT THE NATURE OF THE WORK WE DO. AND I FEAR THAT MAY
20 HAVE INDEED BEEN THE CASE WITH THE DOLLARS THAT HAD TO BE
21 RETURNED TO THE STATE. THAT'S WHY WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE
22 IDENTIFY AN APPROPRIATE FUNDING SOURCE TO MEET THE DESIGN AND
23 NEEDS OF THE WORK OF O.D.R. THE BOARD HAS ATTEMPTED TO SOLVE
24 THIS PROBLEM THROUGH FOUR PREVIOUS MOTIONS SINCE ITS CREATION.
25 WE REALLY MUST IDENTIFY A SUSTAINABLE SOURCE OF FUNDING, WHICH

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1 IS WHAT THIS MOTION SEEKS TO ACCOMPLISH, AND WE MUST KEEP AN
2 EYE ON EXPANDING THIS WORK IN THE FUTURE. THE MOTION, I
3 BELIEVE, IS ONLY A FIRST STEP IN A SERIES OF MANY THAT ARE
4 NEEDED TO DO RIGHT BY THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY'S CARE. IT IS
5 IMPERATIVE THAT OUR APPROACH BE THOUGHTFUL, AND IT IS CRITICAL
6 THAT WE CONTINUE TO MAKE CONCRETE PROGRESS EVERY DAY IN THE
7 CREATION AND EXPANSION OF REHABILITATIVE SERVICES AND THE
8 DEPOPULATION OF OUR JAILS. IT IS A MORAL IMPERATIVE THAT WE
9 NOT LET THIS CRISIS CONTINUE, THAT WE NOT GET COMFORTABLE,
10 ESPECIALLY WHEN WE HAVE MODELS THAT WORK THAT WE SIMPLY HAVE
11 TO MAKE SURE WE FUND THEM APPROPRIATELY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
12 MADAM CHAIR.

13
14 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** NOW, WE WILL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
15 YOUR COAUTHOR.

16
17 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I AM GOING FOR
18 THE COAUTHOR AWARD TODAY. I HOPE I GET THERE AND THAT THERE'S
19 LIKE A BIG CUP THAT I CAN PUT IT ON A SHELF SOMEWHERE. I
20 WANTED TO SPECIFICALLY COAUTHOR THIS MOTION WITH SUPERVISOR
21 MITCHELL, AND I THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR ALLOWING
22 ME TO DO IT BECAUSE, AS THE AUTHOR OF THE ALTERNATIVES TO
23 INCARCERATION MOTION, THE ORIGINAL ONE AND A COUPLE THAT
24 FOLLOWED UP, I WANTED TO PUT A KIBOSH ON ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO
25 ARE TRYING TO PIT THE ONE AGAINST THE OTHER, LIKE IF ONE GETS

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1 IT THE OTHER DOESN'T GET IT, IF ONE IS DOING IT, THE OTHER
2 DOESN'T DO IT. ALL OF THAT IS NOT RIGHT. SINCE O.D.R. WAS
3 ESTABLISHED IN 2015, I THINK, THE BOARD HAS CONSISTENTLY PUT
4 FORTH AND SUPPORTED MOTIONS TO ENSURE ITS SUSTAINABILITY, BUT
5 THE EFFORTS HAVE YIELDED MIXED RESULTS, PARTLY, I THINK,
6 BECAUSE OF O.D.R. FUNDING NEEDS ARE COMPLEX, BUT ALSO BECAUSE
7 WE HAVE DIRECTED A SERIES OF ONE TIME REPORTS RATHER THAN
8 ENGAGING IN KIND OF AN ONGOING DIALOG THAT INCLUDES REGULAR
9 UPDATES. SO THIS MOTION ADDRESSES BOTH ISSUES. THE COMPLEXITY
10 OF O.D.R.'S FUNDING NEEDS IS ADDRESSED BY LOOKING TO MULTIPLE
11 DEPARTMENTS TO ANALYZE FUNDING STREAMS UNIQUE TO THEM TO
12 SUPPORT WITH AN EYE TOWARD SUSTAINING O.D.R.'S JAIL-BASED
13 DIVERSION WORK, AND THE NEED FOR ONGOING DIALOGUE IS ADDRESSED
14 BY CALLING FOR REGULAR UPDATES. THE WORK OF O.D.R.'S JAIL-
15 BASED DIVERSION TEAM IS REALLY CRITICAL TO MUCH OF THE
16 JUSTICE REFORM WORK THAT WE ARE MOVING FORWARD AS A BOARD. THE
17 JAIL-BASED DIVERSION PROGRAM IS CURRENTLY THE CENTRAL
18 INITIATIVE WORKING TO DECARCERATE INDIVIDUALS WITH SERIOUS
19 MENTAL ILLNESS. AND WE WON'T BE ABLE TO CLOSE M.C.J. WITHOUT
20 SUSTAINING THIS TEAM. BUT AT THE SAME TIME AS WE LOOK TO
21 MAINTAIN O.D.R.'S SUSTAINABILITY, WE HAVE TO KEEP SIGHT OF THE
22 FACT THAT EXPANDING A COMMUNITY-BASED SYSTEM OF CARE IN ORDER
23 TO MEET THE CARE FIRST/JAILS LAST MISSION, WILL DEMAND
24 SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES AT ALL JUNCTURES OF THE SEQUENTIAL
25 INTERCEPT MODEL. THAT'S THE MODEL THAT INCLUDES A.T.I. IT

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1 INCLUDES O.D.R. IT IS WHERE ARE WE INTERCEPTING A PERSON'S
2 LIFE, WHERE THEY ARE COMING IN CONNECTION INTO THE SYSTEM. SO
3 THE DEPARTMENTS NAMED IN THIS MOTION WILL CONDUCT THEIR
4 RESPECTIVE ANALYSES. I HOPE THEY WILL DO SO IN SPIRIT OF
5 COLLABORATION, UNDERSTANDING THIS IS A SHARED MISSION. THE
6 WORK CALLED FOR IN THE MOTION CANNOT BE DONE IN SILOS. SO
7 WHILE EVERY DEPARTMENT STEPS UP AND LOOKS AT ITS OWN FUNDING
8 STREAMS, WE GET THE BEST RESULT IF THE DEPARTMENTS CAN ALSO
9 VIEW THIS AS A KIND OF POOLING OF RESOURCES. SO I AM CALLING
10 ON OUR DEPARTMENTS TO APPROACH THE WORK WITH A WILLINGNESS TO
11 EXPLORE HOW TO BEST LEVERAGE RESOURCES, NOT WITH A SENSE OF
12 TERRITORIALISM, BUT RATHER WITH A COMMON PURPOSE OF SUSTAINING
13 O.D.R.'S JAIL-BASED DIVERSION PROGRAM BECAUSE, AS SUPERVISOR
14 MITCHELL SAID TO ME NOT TOO LONG AGO OVER A COLD NONALCOHOLIC
15 DRINK, WE'VE GOT TO GET THESE PEOPLE OUT OF JAIL. THEY ARE NOT
16 GETTING THEIR HELP IN JAIL, AND THEY MUST GET CARE, CARE
17 FIRST/JAILS LAST. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH AND ASK IF YOUR AYE
18 VOTE.

19
20 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT, I'LL RECOGNIZE
21 SUPERVISOR HAHN.

22
23 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU SUPERVISOR
24 MITCHELL AND COAUTHOR OF THE DAY, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR THIS
25 MOTION. WE HAVE BEEN TALKING A LONG TIME ABOUT HOW TO FIND

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1 SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR OUR OFFICE OF DIVERSION OF REENTRY.
2 AND I HOPE THIS TIME WE CAN FINALLY FIGURE OUT HOW TO FILL IN
3 THE GAPS BECAUSE, WHILE WE HAVE BEEN SEARCHING FOR FUNDING,
4 THE PERCENTAGE OF THE JAIL POPULATION WITH MENTAL ILLNESS HAS
5 CONTINUED TO GROW. AND I KNOW THAT MEASURE J ADVISORY
6 COMMITTEE RECENTLY VOTED TO RECOMMEND THAT A SIGNIFICANT
7 AMOUNT OF OUR MEASURE J FUNDING GO TOWARD O.D.R. HOUSING, BUT
8 IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THIS FUNDING IS MEANT TO EXPAND O.D.R.
9 HOUSING, NOT SUSTAIN IT. SO WE STILL NEED TO FIND FUNDS TO
10 SUSTAIN O.D.R. SO THAT THE MEASURE J FUNDS CAN BE USED FOR
11 EXPANSION. AND THE MOTION MENTIONS EXPLORING WAYS TO LEVERAGE
12 AVAILABLE FEDERAL MEDICAID FUNDS, AND I THINK THIS IS A GREAT
13 IDEA. I ALSO THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE COUNTY
14 COUNSEL HAS SAID THAT IF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND
15 THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH ENTER INTO AN M.O.U., THAT
16 WILL ALLOW OUR OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY TO TAP INTO
17 FEDERAL MEDICAID MATCH FUNDS. THAT WILL ALLOW -- IF THEY ENTER
18 INTO THE M.O.U., THAT WILL ALLOW THEM TO TAP INTO FEDERAL
19 MEDICAID MATCH FUNDS, WHICH COULD HELP SUSTAIN THEIR PROGRAM
20 IN THE LONG RUN. SO I DO HOPE THIS REPORT BACK INCLUDES
21 ENTERING INTO AN M.O.U. AS AN OPTION BECAUSE ACCESSING FEDERAL
22 MATCH FUNDS TO SUSTAIN O.D.R. WILL ALLOW US TO USE OUR OWN
23 COUNTY DOLLARS LIKE THOSE FROM MEASURE J, WHATEVER WE CALL IT,
24 TO EXPAND IN THE FUTURE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

25

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND THANK YOU,
2 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND KUEHL FOR THE MOTION. AND I WANT TO
3 ASSOCIATE MY COMMENTS WITH THAT THAT WERE MADE BY SUPERVISOR
4 KUEHL BECAUSE I, TOO, HAVE FELT IN THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS OR
5 MONTHS THAT SOMETIMES OUR FRIENDS, OUR STAKE HOLDERS AND
6 OTHERS, MAY NOT SEE ALL THE INNER WORKINGS OF WHAT EACH BOARD
7 OFFICE IS ENGAGED IN. AND I WILL SAY THAT IT HAS BEEN MY
8 PLEASURE TO WORK WITH ALL OF THOSE GROUPS TO THE EXTENT THAT
9 WE ARE ALL WORKING TO PUT CARE FIRST, AND JAILS LAST. AND I
10 WILL CONTINUE TO DO THAT AND WOULD REALLY LIKE TO SEE THAT WE
11 UP THE ANTE AND PROVIDE MORE ASSISTANCE FOR OBVIOUSLY THE KIND
12 OF COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES THAT ARE SO MUCH NEEDED,
13 ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO HOUSING OR INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE IN
14 OUR CARE AND THAT CAN BE PLACED BACK IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES.
15 SO, I, FOR ONE, AM READY TO SUPPORT ALL THOSE THAT WANT TO
16 STEP UP AND PUT CARE FIRST/JAILS LAST. AND O.D.R. IS ONE OF
17 THE MANY THAT I SEE MOVING FORWARD. WE HAVE MANY DEPARTMENTS
18 THAT ARE ALREADY WORKING ON MANY INITIATIVES AS WELL. AND I
19 LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM. THEY
20 ARE ALL AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS MISSION. SO I TOO SUPPORT THE
21 MOTION. THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER MEMBERS THAT WANT TO BE
22 RECOGNIZED? SEEING NONE, THEN THIS ITEM, NUMBER 33, IS BEFORE
23 US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL
24 TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
25 ROLL.

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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 33 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR
3 MITCHELL.

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

6

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

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

10

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

12

13 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

18

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

20

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

22

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

24 VERY GOOD. MEMBERS, NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM 55, A REPORT

25 BY THE INSPECTOR GENERAL ON REFORMS AND OVERSIGHT EFFORTS,

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1 WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,
2 YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, FOR ALLOWING
5 ME TO HOLD THIS ITEM AND I AM HOPING THAT SOMEONE FROM THE
6 DEPARTMENT IS AVAILABLE WHO CAN GIVE US A REPORT, THEN I WILL
7 HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS.

8

9 **MAX HUNTSMAN, I.G.:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISIONS AND
10 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. MAX HUNTSMAN, INSPECTOR GENERAL HERE. THE
11 REPORT IN QUESTION IS OUR QUARTERLY REPORT FROM LAST QUARTER.
12 IT HAS A NUMBER OF STATISTICAL PIECES OF INFORMATION IN IT.
13 MOST SIGNIFICANTLY, IT HAS A DISCUSSION OF OUR EFFORTS TO LOOK
14 INTO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT COVERING OF BADGE NUMBERS AND
15 NAMES DURING PROTESTS AT THE JAILS. AND AS YOU KNOW, FROM BOTH
16 THAT REPORT AND OUR RECENT LETTER WE DELIVERED TO THE
17 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WE DID NOT RECEIVE COOPERATION IN THAT
18 REGARD, BUT WE WERE ABLE TO LEARN FROM LOOKING WHAT THE
19 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DID AS WELL AS EXTERNAL SOURCES, BUT, IN
20 FACT, IT APPEARS NUMEROUS DEPUTIES COVERED THEIR NAMES IN
21 VIOLATION OF LAW AND POLICY, AND IT APPEARS THAT THEY WERE AT
22 LEAST GIVEN PASSIVE PERMISSION TO DO SO. I DON'T BELIEVE
23 ANYBODY HAS BEEN DISCIPLINED EITHER AT THE DEPUTY LEVEL OR AT
24 THE SUPERVISORY LEVEL FOR ALLOWING THAT TO HAPPEN, AS IT,
25 AGAIN, I THINK IT WAS AN INTENTIONAL DECISION ON THE PART OF

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1 THE DEPARTMENT. HAVING SAID THAT, I AM HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY
2 QUESTIONS ANYONE HAS.

3

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

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. HUNTSMAN AND MADAM
7 CHAIR. MR. HUNTSMAN, YOU PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED WAYS IN WHICH
8 THE SHERIFF HAS FAILED TO COOPERATE WITH THE OFFICE. CAN YOU
9 PLEASE DESCRIBE -- AND TO COMPLY WITH LAWFUL ORDERS, FOR THAT
10 MATTER. CAN YOU PLEASE DESCRIBE WHAT, IF ANY, PROGRESS HAS
11 BEEN MADE IN THIS AREA? I REMAIN HOPEFUL.

12

13 **MAX HUNTSMAN, I.G.:** UNFORTUNATELY, THE ANSWER IS NONE. THE
14 LIST OF LAWFUL ORDERS THAT THE SHERIFF DISOBEYS GROWS LONGER
15 EVERY DAY. AND HIS MISUSE OF HIS CRIMINAL ENFORCEMENT DUTIES
16 TO TARGET ANYONE THAT QUESTIONS HIM HAS GROWN MORE BOLD SINCE
17 THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AT THE STATE LEVEL BEGAN ITS CIVIL
18 RIGHTS INVESTIGATION OF L.A.S.D.

19

20 **SUP. MITCHELL:** YOU ALMOST RENDERED ME SPEECHLESS. THAT IS VERY
21 TROUBLING TO HEAR. YOU'VE ALSO REPORTED THAT THE SHERIFF'S
22 DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PERMIT THE MONITORING OF ITS
23 INVESTIGATIONS OF DEPUTY-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS AND DOES NOT
24 COMPLY WITH LAWFUL REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTATION OF THESE

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1 INVESTIGATIONS. WHAT PARTS OF THE INVESTIGATIONS HAS THE
2 DEPARTMENT NOT ALLOWED O.I.G. TO MONITOR?

3

4 **MAX HUNTSMAN, I.G.:** THE ONLY THING WE ARE ALLOWED TO MONITOR,
5 WE ARE GIVEN A QUICK AND PARTIAL VIEW OF THE CRIME SCENE AND
6 AN INITIAL SUMMARY OF THE FACTS AS THEY ARE PARTIALLY KNOWN
7 THE EVENING OF THE SHOOTING OR AFTERNOON. DESPITE THE STATE
8 LAW, WHICH MAKES IT CLEAR THAT THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
9 INVESTIGATION SUPPORTS CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AND ISN'T AN
10 INTERFERENCE, WE ARE NOT PERMITTED TO VERIFY THE INTEGRITY OF
11 L.A.S.D.'S INVESTIGATION OF ITSELF. EITHER BY OBSERVING THE
12 GATHERING OF EVIDENCE OR EVEN BY RECEIVING CONTEMPORANEOUS
13 COPIES OF THE EVIDENCE ITSELF. WE HAVEN'T BEEN EVEN GIVEN
14 DIRECT ACCESS TO BODY CAMERA FOOTAGE OR RELEVANT DOCUMENTS
15 FROM PRIOR CASES THAT RELATE TO THE CURRENT CASE. AND THAT
16 MEANS THAT, LIKE EVERYONE ELSE, WE HAVE TO TAKE L.A.S.D.'S
17 WORD FOR THE INCREDIBLE CLAIM THAT THEY ARE BEING OBJECTIVE
18 AND THOROUGH WHEN THEY INVESTIGATE THEMSELVES.

19

20 **SUP. MITCHELL:** IS IT YOUR UNDERSTANDING OR EXPERIENCE THAT ANY
21 OTHER COUNTY THAT HAS AN OFFICE LIKE -- [INAUDIBLE] SEES THE
22 SAME KIND OF PUSH BACK OR LACK OF COOPERATION FROM THEIR
23 SHERIFF BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, I AM WONDERING IF STATE LAW IS
24 CLEARLY ARTICULATED ENOUGH FOR SHERIFFS ACROSS THE STATE TO

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1 UNDERSTAND THE EXPECTATION? HAVE YOU HEARD OF OTHER SUCH
2 FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE LAW?

3

4 **MAX HUNTSMAN, I.G.:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, THE LAW WE ARE TALKING
5 ABOUT, THE CLARIFICATION OF IT, WAS PASSED IN PART BECAUSE OF
6 SHERIFF VILLANUEVA. SO IT IS A NEW LAW CREATED ESPECIALLY FOR
7 HIM. AND SO, THERE'S NO OTHER PLACE WHERE IT HAS APPLIED IN
8 THE SAME WAY. I DON'T THINK IT IS A PRACTICE THAT EXISTED
9 PRIOR. AND SO, I THINK WE ARE FACING A UNIQUE PROBLEM HERE.
10 AND IT IS ALSO UNIQUE THE WAY THE SHERIFF HAS WEAPONIZED
11 CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION TO THREATEN PEOPLE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE
12 FOR OVERSIGHT. SO I DON'T BELIEVE THERE'S ANY ANALOG ANYWHERE
13 IN CALIFORNIA OR IN THE COUNTRY.

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AND IF YOU COULD REMIND ME IF THERE'S ANY OTHER
16 COUNTY THAT HAS AN OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL THAT IS
17 PROVIDING THE SAME TYPE OF OVERSIGHT THAT YOU ARE OVER OUR
18 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT?

19

20 **MAX HUNTSMAN, I.G.:** NONE EXACTLY IDENTICAL. THERE CERTAINLY
21 ARE OTHER COUNTIES THAT HAVE INSPECTOR GENERALS. SACRAMENTO
22 HAD ONE UNTIL THEY WERE SHUT OUT FROM THE JAILS BY THE SHERIFF
23 THERE. THAT'S ANOTHER REASON WHY THAT LAW PASSED. AND DOWN IN
24 SAN DIEGO, THEY HAVE A VERY ROBUST [INDISCERNIBLE], A
25 CITIZENS' BOARD THAT OVERSEES, BUT THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

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1 MODEL, WHICH IS USED IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR GETTING
2 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS BY AGENCIES, IS SOMETHING THAT L.A. HAS
3 BEEN ON THE FOREFRONT OF. SO I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY OTHER
4 COUNTY THAT FUNCTIONS IN THE SAME WAY WE DO.

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AND MY LAST QUESTION, MADAM CHAIR, IF YOU WILL
7 ALLOW?

8

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

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL:** MR. HUNTSMAN, YOU REFERENCED IN YOUR OPENING
12 REMARKS ABOUT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S REFUSAL TO PROVIDE
13 REPORTS REGARDING THE DEPUTIES COVERING THEIR NAMES AND BADGES
14 DURING THE TWIN TOWERS CORRECTIONAL FACILITY PROTEST THIS PAST
15 FALL. SO WHAT POLICY IS VIOLATED BY DEPUTIES TIES COVERING
16 THEIR BADGES? I AM ASSUMING THERE IS A POLICY, OR NO?

17

18 **MAX HUNTSMAN, I.G.:** YES. YES, THERE'S NOT ONLY A POLICY.
19 THERE'S A STATE LAW. UNDER 830.10 OF THE PENAL CODE, THEY
20 CAN'T COVER THEIR NAME AND BADGE WITHOUT PLACING AT LEAST SOME
21 NUMBER ON THERE. AND SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT POLICY AND THE
22 MANUAL OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES SPECIFICALLY SAYS THEY HAVE
23 TO HAVE THEIR NAME OR BADGE NUMBER VISIBLE.

24

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AND SO, FROM MY UNDERSTANDING THAT OUR SHERIFF
2 STATED THAT THESE ACTIONS WERE JUSTIFIABLE, AGAIN, VIOLATING
3 STATE LAW BASED ON WHAT YOU JUST SAID, TO PREVENT -- IS THE
4 TERM PRONOUNCED DOXING?

5

6 **MAX HUNTSMAN, I.G.:** DOXING. IT IS A MODERNIZATION OF A
7 REFERENCE TO THE TERM DOC, FOR DOCUMENTS.

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL:** OKAY, SO IT WAS TO PREVENT -- SO THEN HE STATED
10 THAT IT WAS AN ACTION TAKEN TO PREVENT INDIVIDUALS FROM BEING
11 ABLE TO DOCUMENT THEIR INTERACTIONS WITH A MEMBER OF HIS
12 DEPARTMENT.

13

14 **MAX HUNTSMAN, I.G.:** YEAH, HE DID MAKE THAT CLAIM. AND WE HAVE
15 ASKED FOR DOCUMENTATION. AND HE HAS GIVEN US NOTHING. I THINK
16 WHAT HE IS DOING IS CONFLATING THE TERM DOXING WITH PROTEST
17 AT PEOPLE'S HOUSES. THERE'S BEEN SOME OF THAT. THERE HAS BEEN
18 A SMALL AMOUNT OF CLASSIC DOXING, ALTHOUGH WE HAVEN'T BEEN
19 ABLE TO RECEIVE ANY DOCUMENTATION OTHER THAN, IF YOU LOOK ON
20 THE INTERNET, YOU CAN SEE A VIDEO OF THE SHERIFF DOXING
21 MEMBERS OF THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION BY RELEASING
22 PERSONAL INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET ABOUT THEM REGARDING THE
23 VALUE OF THEIR HOMES. SO THE ONLY DOXING I KNOW FOR SURE HAS
24 HAPPENED HAS BEEN COMMITTED BY SHERIFF VILLANUEVA.

25

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AND THAT KIND OF DOXING COULDN'T NECESSARILY
2 OCCUR JUST BY LOOKING AT SOMEONE'S LAST NAME ON THEIR NAME
3 BADGE, ON THEIR BADGE AND AN I.D. NUMBER, AS OPPOSED TO THE
4 WILLFUL SHARING OF PRIVATE INFORMATION LIKE ONE'S HOME
5 ADDRESS?

6

7 **MAX HUNTSMAN, I.G.:** RIGHT. IT IS CERTAINLY A STEP YOU WOULD
8 NEED IF YOU WANTED TO TARGET SOMEBODY. YOU WOULD HAVE TO KNOW
9 WHO THEY ARE, BUT OF COURSE THAT STEP IS ESSENTIAL IN A
10 DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT THAT THE PUBLIC KNOWS WHO THE THE POLICE
11 OFFICERS ARE WHO ARE USING FORCE AGAINST THEM, BUT YOU ARE
12 RIGHT. IT WOULD TAKE ANOTHER STEP. IT HAS OCCURRED I THINK IN
13 SOME INSTANCES. WE ARE AWARE OF DR. FERRER BEING APPROACHED AT
14 -- HER HOME BEING APPROACHED IN PROTEST BY ANTI-MASKERS, FOR
15 INSTANCE. SO THERE'S CERTAINLY A PUBLIC DESIRE SOMETIMES TO
16 PROTEST, WHICH IS CONSTITUTIONALLY PROTECTED, AGAINST
17 INDIVIDUALS, EVEN THOUGH WE DON'T LIKE IT. IT IS NOT A
18 PLEASANT WAY TO PROTEST, BUT IT IS PROTECTED BY THE
19 CONSTITUTION.

20

21 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AS ALWAYS, MR. HUNTSMAN,
22 WHEN YOU PROVIDE THESE REPORTS, I LEARN A GREAT DEAL. MADAM
23 CHAIR, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

24

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT, I WILL RECOGNIZE
2 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, THEN SUPERVISOR HAHN.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE JUST ONE QUESTION.
5 DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION OR [AUDIO BREAK UP]

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SHEILA, WE CAN'T HEAR YOU. WE CAN'T HEAR
8 YOU. YOU'RE BREAKING UP AGAIN. CAN YOU START ALL OVER?

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY. YES, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO, AS I MOVE MAYBE TO
11 A BETTER PART OF MY HUGE FACILITY HERE. JUST ONE QUESTION, DO
12 YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION, OR ARE YOU ABLE TO GET ANY, MAX,
13 ABOUT HOW OFTEN DEPUTIES TURN OFF THEIR BODY WORN CAMERAS WHEN
14 THEY INTERACT WITH INDIVIDUALS?

15

16 **MAX HUNTSMAN, I.G.:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, THANK YOU FOR THE
17 QUESTION. AS YOU KNOW, THE BOARD ASKED ME TO INVESTIGATE
18 HARASSMENT CLAIMS, AND THE FIRST THING WE DID WAS ASK FOR
19 ACCESS BODY WORN CAMERA FOOTAGE BECAUSE IT IS IMPORTANT BOTH
20 FOR US TO LOOK AT THE FOOTAGE TO ASSESS SITUATIONS BUT ALSO TO
21 KNOW THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION YOU ARE ASKING. AND THE
22 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS REFUSED TO GIVE THAT TO US. WE ARE
23 TALKING ABOUT COUNTY COUNSEL ABOUT GETTING ACCESS SO WE CAN DO
24 THAT. SIMILARLY, THEIR POLICIES DON'T PROVIDE FOR AUDITING BY
25 US OF HOW OFTEN THAT OCCURS. I THINK WE ARE STILL IN THE

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1 LEARNING PHASES. SO I AM HOPING THAT EVENTUALLY, WHEN WE HAVE
2 A DEPARTMENT THAT IS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT ENFORCING THE RULES
3 AND THE LAW, THAT WE WILL GET FULL COMPLIANCE OR AT LEAST
4 CLOSE TO IT, BUT I CAN'T TELL YOU WHAT WE ARE AT NOW.

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** KIND OF UNDOES THE WHOLE INVESTMENT THAT WE'RE
7 MAKING IN BODY WORN CAMERAS, DOESN'T IT?

8

9 **MAX HUNTSMAN, I.G.:** IN A WAY IT DOES. AND I DON'T BLAME YOU
10 FOR FEELING THAT WAY, ALTHOUGH I WILL REPEAT WHAT I HAVE
11 SAID, THAT EVEN WITH BAD POLICY, BODY WORN CAMERAS ARE A PLUS
12 FOR THE PUBLIC BECAUSE THEY CREATE A RECORD, EVEN WHEN THEY
13 ARE SOMETIMES TURNED OFF. THERE ARE INSTANCES WHERE IT IS
14 PRESENT, AND THEN PEOPLE WHO SUE CAN GET ACCESS TO IT. PEOPLE
15 WHO PROTEST CAN FORCE THEIR ELECTED OFFICIALS, LIKE THE
16 SHERIFF, TO PROVIDE IT. SO I THINK IT IS A PLUS ANYWAY, BUT I
17 SHARE YOUR FRUSTRATION THAT THE BOARD HAS FRONTED THE MONEY
18 FOR THIS, AND THEN SOMETIMES WE DON'T GET WHAT WE PAID FOR.

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. THANKS, MAX.

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT, I WILL RECOGNIZE
23 SUPERVISOR HAHN.

24

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, MAX, FOR
2 THIS REPORT. ONE OF THE THINGS I PICKED UP ON WAS THAT THE
3 REPORT RECOMMENDS THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ADOPT AN
4 ACTIVE BYSTANDER FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING, OTHERWISE KNOWN
5 AS A.B.L.E. TRAINING, FOR ALL OF ITS DEPUTIES, AND LAST YEAR
6 AFTER THE MURDER OF GEORGE FLOYD, I CALLED ON MANY OF OUR
7 LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO
8 RELOOK AT THEIR USE OF FORCE POLICIES AND ADOPT THAT EIGHT
9 CAN'T WAIT POLICIES. AND ONE OF THOSE EIGHT CAN'T WAIT
10 POLICIES WAS TO REQUIRE A DUTY TO INTERVENE IN THE OFFICIAL
11 USE OF FORCE POLICY. I JUST WANT TO KNOW IF YOU COULD
12 ELABORATE A LITTLE BIT ON WHY YOU THINK IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO
13 JUST HAVE A POLICY IN PLACE THAT REQUIRE A DUTY TO INTERVENE
14 AND WHY YOU THINK THIS A.B.L.E. TRAINING PROGRAM IS NECESSARY?

15

16 **MAX HUNTSMAN, I.G.:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THE ANSWER TO THAT
17 I WOULD SAY IS TO LOOK AT THE MET PROGRAM THAT THIS BOARD HAS
18 SUPPORTED AND THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION HAS SUPPORTED.
19 THAT'S AN INSTANCE OF DEPUTIES BEING EXTENSIVELY TRAINED,
20 BEYOND CRITICAL INCIDENT TRAINING THAT HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY THE
21 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, SO THAT THEY HAVE A LOT OF TOOLS TO
22 DEESCALATE, A LOT OF TOOLS TO TAKE A SITUATIONS AND MAKE IT
23 NONLETHAL, AS WELL AS BEING PAIRED WITH A MENTAL HEALTH
24 PROFESSIONAL IS A BIG BONUS, BUT THAT TRAINING MEANS THAT THE
25 MET TEAM, WHEN THEY ROLL, THEY VERY RARELY HAVE A SITUATION

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1 GET OUT OF THEIR CONTROL BECAUSE OF THEIR INCREASED SKILLS.
2 THE IDEA BEHIND A.B.L.E. IS THAT YOU START TRAINING DEPUTIES
3 FOR WHAT YOU ARE ASKING THEM TO DO, TO ASK THEM AFFIRMATIVELY
4 PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF CITIZENS RATHER THAN JUST BACKING UP
5 THEIR PARTNER IN A WAY THAT ANY DEPUTY IS GOING TO FEEL HE
6 NEEDS TO BUT THAT THEY'VE ACTUALLY RECEIVED TOOLS FOR WHAT
7 THEY CAN DO IN A SITUATION WHERE A PARTNER MAYBE IS THROWING
8 TOO MANY PUNCHES OR IS TOO EMOTIONALLY INVOLVED IN SITUATION,
9 SO THAT THEY CAN REALLY EFFECTIVELY DEESCALATE. AND I THINK
10 THAT THE MORE TOOLS YOU GIVE TO A DEPUTY, THE MORE CHANCE YOU
11 ARE GOING TO GET A POSITIVE OUTCOME. SO THAT'S WHY I THINK
12 JUST HAVING A POLICY IS A GOOD THING, BUT IF YOU JUST SAY TO
13 PEOPLE, WE DEMAND A HIGHER LEVEL OF YOU, BUT YOU DON'T GIVE
14 THEM THE TOOLS TO DO IT, YOU ARE NOT GOING TO GET THE RESULTS
15 THAT YOU LIKE.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** THAT WAS A REALLY GOOD ANSWER, MAX. THAT MADE A LOT
18 OF SENSE. I HOPE WE DO THIS. AND TO BE HONEST WITH YOU, I
19 THINK THIS IS A POINT OF COMMON GROUND WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT
20 BECAUSE THEY ALSO HAVE BEEN -- I MEAN THEY PUT IT KIND OF IN
21 THE CONTEXT OF THIS SO CALLED DEFUNDING IDEA, BUT THEY PUT IT
22 IN THAT CONTEXT BY WE NEED MORE TRAINING IF YOU REALLY WANT US
23 TO EMBODY A LOT OF THESE REFORM POLICIES, WE NEED THE MONEY TO
24 DO THE TRAINING. SO I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING WE CAN AGREE ON.

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1 AND I HOPE WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS, BUT THANKS, THAT WAS A
2 REALLY GOOD ANSWER.

3

4 **MAX HUNTSMAN, I.G.:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, AND THANK YOU, ALL
5 OF YOU SUPERVISORS, FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN:** THANKS, MADAM CHAIR.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** MAX, THANK YOU FOR YOUR REPORT. I READ IT
10 WITH GREAT INTEREST, ESPECIALLY THE FACT WHERE, IN SOME OF OUR
11 OFFICES WHERE THE SHERIFF IS IN OUR DISTRICTS, WE RECEIVED
12 MORE COMPLAINTS IN CERTAIN AREAS THAT I NOTICED, FOR EXAMPLE,
13 IN EAST LOS ANGELES, AND I KNOW I BELIEVE UP SUPERVISOR
14 BARGER'S DISTRICT, AS WELL FROM THE PALMDALE STATION. AND I
15 KNOW A HIGH NUMBER OF SERVICE COMPLAINTS CAME FROM THE CIVIL
16 MANAGEMENT BUREAU AND NORWALK STATION, AND NINE PERSONAL
17 COMPLAINTS IN EAST L. A. I AM JUST WORRYING ABOUT THAT, AGAIN,
18 THE KIND OF RESPONSE WE ARE SEEING FROM THE SHERIFFS OUT IN
19 OUR COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY WHEN OUR COMMUNITIES ARE BEING,
20 HOW COULD I SAY, NOT TOTALLY RESPECTED IN A MANNER THAT I
21 THINK IS CONDUCIVE, AND I THINK THAT CONTINUES TO BE VERY
22 TROUBLING. I WANTED TO ASK YOU A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THAT.

23

24 **MAX HUNTSMAN, I.G.:** I SHARE YOUR CONCERN, SUPERVISOR. I
25 ALWAYS CAUTION AGAINST RELYING ON SMALL NUMBERS TO DRAW TOO

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1 MANY CONCLUSIONS, BUT I WILL SAY THAT, OVER TIME, THERE'S NO
2 DOUBT THAT SOME AREAS GET MORE COMPLAINTS THAN OTHERS. AS YOU
3 WILL ALWAYS BE TOLD CORRECTLY BY LAW ENFORCEMENT THAT PART OF
4 THAT IS THE AMOUNT OF INTERACTION, NEGATIVE INTERACTION, WHEN
5 ARRESTS ARE BEING MADE. AND THERE WILL BE COMPLAINTS, AND THEY
6 ARE NOT ALWAYS VALID, BUT IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THAT TOPIC,
7 OR ANYBODY IS, I HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE REPORT THAT CAME OUT OF
8 LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL REGARDING DEPUTY GANGS. AND THEY VERY
9 CLOSELY LOOKED AT THOSE COMPLAINT LEVELS AND COMPARED THEM TO
10 THE PRESENCE OF DEPUTY GANGS AND SAW THAT IT APPEARS THAT THE
11 PLACES WHERE THERE ARE DEPUTY GANGS, THERE ARE HIGHER LEVELS
12 OF COMPLAINTS AND DISSATISFACTIONS IN THE COMMUNITY. I THINK
13 THAT'S MORE THAN JUST COINCIDENCE. I THINK THERE REALLY IS A
14 CONNECTION BETWEEN COMPLAINTS AND THE WAY IN WHICH POLICING IS
15 DONE, AND THE DEPUTIES GANGS ARE DISTURBING BECAUSE THEY
16 ENCOURAGE EXTREMISM IN LAW ENFORCEMENT. SO ANYTHING THAT WE
17 CAN DO TO GET RID OF THEM IS A POSITIVE, AND ANYTHING ON TOP
18 OF THAT WE CAN DO, SUCH AS THE A.B.L.E. TRAINING, TO ENCOURAGE
19 DEPUTIES TO TREAT THE PUBLIC AS THEIR CUSTOMERS MORE THAN AS
20 THEIR PREY IS CRITICAL. AND IT SEEMS SO OBVIOUS, BUT IT IS A
21 VERY HARD THING IN LAW ENFORCEMENT WHEN YOU ARE ASKED TO
22 ENFORCE LAWS, CRIMINAL LAWS AND SERIOUS CASES, AND AT THE SAME
23 TIME, BE KIND AND GENTLE TO PEOPLE, BUT THAT REALLY IS
24 NECESSARY IN AN URBAN ENVIRONMENT. SO I SHARE YOUR CONCERN.

25

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND JUST LAST, I KNOW I AM CONCERNED ALSO
2 ABOUT THE HARASSMENT OF INDIVIDUALS THAT MAY HAVE LOST A
3 FAMILY MEMBER BECAUSE OF THE SHERIFFS' USE OF FORCE, AND THEIR
4 CONTINUED HARASSMENT OF FAMILIES. WE HAVE HEARD THAT TIME AND
5 TIME AGAIN. AND AGAIN, IT IS JUST SO DISTURBING THAT I DON'T
6 KNOW OF ANY OTHER PLACES WHERE THIS REALLY EXISTS HERE IN THE
7 STATE OF CALIFORNIA. CAN YOU SLED SOME LIGHT ON THIS?

8

9 **MAX HUNTSMAN, I.G.:** I CAN'T SAY THAT I HAVE DONE A STUDY, BUT
10 THIS ONE I WOULD THINK WE WOULD FIND OTHER PLACES. CERTAINLY,
11 WE HAVE A LARGE NUMBER OF SHOOTING IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA, SO
12 YOU WOULD HAVE TO LOOK AT A METRO ENVIRONMENT, SUCH AS SAN
13 FRANCISCO, WHERE IT IS VERY DENSE AND WHERE THERE ARE FATAL
14 USES OF FORCE. AND I THINK YOU WOULD PROBABLY FIND THE SAME
15 PROBLEM. I THINK IT IS MADE WORSE HERE BY THE FACT THAT WE
16 HAVE A SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AS OPPOSED TO A CITY POLICE FORCE
17 THAT HAS MORE ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE ELECTORATE THROUGH THE
18 POLITICAL PROCESS, AS WE SEE OVER AT L.A.P.D., NOT A PERFECT
19 PROCESS, BUT THERE'S MORE CONTROL. AND THE HARASSMENT AFTER
20 THE FACT, AS WE'VE REPORTED ON, THE BIGGEST PROBLEM I THINK IS
21 THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS REFUSED TO PUT IN PLACE
22 EFFECTIVE POLICIES TO MAKE SURE THEY MONITOR AND CONTROL THIS
23 BEHAVIOR. AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE STRUGGLING TO TRY TO GET THEM TO
24 COMPLY WITH STATE LAW IN TERMS OF GETTING US ACCESS SO THAT WE

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1 CAN INVESTIGATE. AND THAT'S SOMETHING I THINK WE WILL HAVE
2 TAKE LEGAL ACTION ON TO GET COMPLIANCE WITH.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** RIGHT. RIGHT. WELL, THANK YOU SO MUCH, MAX,
5 FOR YOUR TIME. AND THANK YOU SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR BRINGING
6 THE INSPECTOR GENERAL HERE BEFORE US TODAY. SO IF THERE ARE NO
7 FURTHER QUESTIONS, THIS IS A RECEIVE AND FILE. SO IF THERE'S
8 NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. THANK YOU. THANK YOU
9 AGAIN. MEMBERS, NOW MOVING ON TO ITEM NUMBER 61A, PROCLAIM
10 JUNE 25, 2021 AS THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF LOS ANGELES CITY AND
11 COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION AND ENVISION THE
12 COMMISSION'S FUTURE, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. IN 1976, MAYOR TOM BRADLEY
15 AND MY FATHER, KENNY HAHN, ESTABLISHED THE LOS ANGELES CITY
16 COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION. AND JUNE 25TH MARKS
17 ITS 45TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY. JUST TO PUT THIS INTO CONTEXT,
18 THERE WAS A HUGE PUSH IN THE 1970'S BY THE NATIVE COMMUNITY TO
19 SHIFT TOWARD SELF- DETERMINATION, A MOVEMENT THAT NATIVE
20 AMERICANS SOUGHT TO ACHIEVE RESTORATION OF TRIBAL COMMUNITY,
21 SELF-GOVERNMENT, CULTURAL RENEWAL, AND SO MUCH MORE. IT WAS
22 THE LOCAL COMMUNITY THAT PUSHED FOR AND ADVOCATED FOR THE
23 CREATION OF THIS BODY. AND THEY HAD TWO SUPPORTIVE PEOPLE IN
24 MAYOR BRADLEY AND KENNY HAHN. AND HERE WE ARE 45 YEARS LATER
25 HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THIS COMMISSION. AND THIS ISN'T ONLY

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1 ABOUT RECOGNIZING THE 45 YEARS AND THE TREMENDOUS WORK OF THIS
2 COMMISSION. THIS IS OUR OPPORTUNITY TO CHECK IN TO SEE HOW WE
3 CAN BEST SUPPORT AND STRENGTHEN THEIR ABILITY TO MEET THE EVER
4 GROWING NEEDS OF THE NATIVE COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY AFTER A
5 GLOBAL PANDEMIC THAT HAS TRULY IMPACTED SO MANY. AS THE COUNTY
6 INCREASING PRIORITIZING INCLUSIVITY AND THE CENTERING OF
7 UNDERREPRESENTED VOICES IN ITS WORK, THE NEED FOR CONSIST
8 COUNTY-WIDE GUIDANCE ON TRIBAL RELATIONS GROWS MORE URGENT.
9 WITH MUCH PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE, THERE STILL REMAIN AS LOT OF
10 WORK AHEAD. THIS ANNIVERSARY PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO
11 REIMAGINE THE STRUCTURE AND MISSION OF THE COMMISSION TO
12 BETTER ALIGN WITH THE COUNTY'S ANTI-RACIST AND CULTURE EQUITY
13 INITIATIVES AND FOR US TO HELP ENSURE THAT THE NATIVE AMERICAN
14 INDIAN COMMISSION IS NOT LOST AS WE REIMAGINE W.D.A.C.S.
15 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. AND THANK YOU
18 ALSO FOR INVITING ME TO JOIN YOU ON THIS IMPORTANT MOTION. I
19 THINK THE THEME OF THE DAY, AS OFTEN THE CASE, IS TO UPLIFT
20 HISTORICALLY MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES IN OUR COUNTY. SO IT'S
21 APPROPRIATE FOR US TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE TONGVA PEOPLE AS
22 THE TRADITIONAL LAND CARETAKERS OF LOS ANGELES NATION WHERE WE
23 ARE CURRENTLY LIVING. AND IN RECENT YEARS, THE COUNTY HAS BEEN
24 ACTIVE IN THE REMOVAL OF FALSE NARRATIVES AND UPLIFTING THE
25 TRUE HISTORIES OF OUR L.A. BASIN. WE SET A NATIONAL STANDARD

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1 THROUGH ACTIONS SUCH AS THE REPLACEMENT OF COLUMBUS DAY WITH
2 INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY, THE REMOVAL OF THE COLUMBUS STATUE
3 IN GRAND PARK, AND THE ADOPTION OF THE COUNTY-WIDE CULTURE
4 POLICY, WHICH INCLUDES A SECTION REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT AND
5 USE OF LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AT COUNTY PUBLIC EVENTS AND
6 CEREMONIAL FUNCTIONS. AT EVERY STEP OF THE WAY, WE HAVE BEEN
7 WORKING WITH NATIVE THE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION. AND I
8 BELIEVE THAT THE COMMISSION'S WORK ON BEHALF OF NATIVE
9 COMMUNITIES HAVE LED TO MANY, MANY POSITIVE RESULTS, SO WE
10 HAVE TO EXPAND THEIR ABILITY TO DO THIS WORK. SO I
11 WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THE MOTION, LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING
12 WITH ALL OF OUR NATIVE COMMUNITIES, AND TO CONTINUE TO PUSH
13 AHEAD SO THAT AN OFFICE IS DEDICATED, THE OFFICE OF TRIBAL
14 RELATIONS, WITH ADEQUATE FUNDING, AND WE CAN BEGIN TO CHART A
15 PATH TOWARD THE RECOVERY OF NATIVE COMMUNITIES. AGAIN, IT IS A
16 SERIOUS ISSUE. IT IS ABOUT EQUITY, AND NATIVE COMMUNITIES MUST
17 ALSO BE FRONT AND CENTER IN OUR APPROACH TO THESE POLICYMAKING
18 AND RESOURCE ALLOCATIONS. SO THANK YOU. ARE ANY OTHER MEMBERS
19 THAT WISH TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THIS ITEM? SEEING NONE, ITEM 61A
20 IS BEFORE US. THIS IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY ME
21 TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
22 ROLE.

23
24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 61A IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR
25 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 5-0.

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT, NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER
24 61C, ENHANCE ENFORCEMENT AGAINST ILLEGAL CANNABIS DISPENSARIES
25 IN UNINCORPORATED ARES AND ILLEGAL CANNABIS GROWS IN ANTELOPE

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1 VALLEY, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. SUPERVISOR
2 BARGER, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. FIRST OF ALL, I JUST
5 WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT THE GROWING SCOURGE OF ILLEGAL CANNABIS
6 GROWERS IN THE EAST ANTELOPE VALLEY IS ONE OF A REGIONAL
7 SIGNIFICANCE, BUT ALSO A STORY OF IMPACTS TO SMALL COMMUNITIES
8 FAR REMOVED FROM VIEW AND A STORY THAT HIGHLIGHTS THE
9 IMPORTANCE OF EQUITY IN THE WAY WE PRIORITIZE SOLUTIONS TO
10 THEIR NEEDS. AT THE HEART OF THIS QUESTION IS WHETHER THE
11 COUNTY WILL GO WHAT IT TAKES TO REGULATE ILLEGAL CANNABIS
12 GROWS WHICH ARE POPPING UP IN MULTIPLE COUNTIES IN SOUTHERN
13 CALIFORNIA. IT IS NOT UNIQUE TO L.A. COUNTY. IT'S HAPPENING IN
14 KERN AS WELL AS SAN BERNARDINO. THESE BAD ACTORS ARE SEIZING
15 PRIVATE PROPERTY, OPERATING HUNDREDS OF ILLEGAL GROWS,
16 STEALING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN WATER FROM THE
17 FIFTH DISTRICT COMMUNITIES, SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGING LOCAL
18 ECOSYSTEMS, AND HABITATS, AND STEAMROLLING ANYONE WHO GETS IN
19 THEIR WAY. MANY PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE HAD THEIR LAND
20 STOLEN OUT FROM UNDER THEM WITH THREATS OF VIOLENCE LEVIED IF
21 THEY DARE TO PUSH BACK. THIS IS NOT ABOUT THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET
22 OR ANY POLICY VIEWS ON THE FUTURE OF LEGAL CANNABIS OPERATIONS
23 COUNTY-WIDE. PURE AND SIMPLE, THIS IS LAWLESSNESS AND THE
24 INABILITY OF EXISTING LAWS TO DETER THE DISRUPTION OF OUR
25 COMMUNITIES. THIS IS ABOUT ORGANIZED TRANSNATIONAL CRIME

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1 HAVING A DEVASTATING IMPACT TO A COMMUNITY IN NEED. I CANNOT
2 STRESS ENOUGH THE ISSUE OF RAMPANT WATER THREAT IS IMMINENT
3 HEALTH AND SAFETY RISK TO MY CONSTITUENTS AND THEIR
4 COMMUNITIES. IF THIS ISSUE WERE TAKING PLACE IN YOUR
5 DISTRICTS, I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOU WOULD TAKE DECISIVE ACTION.
6 [INAUDIBLE] WAS NOT DESIGNED FOR THE DEMAND FROM THE HUNDREDS
7 OF ILLEGAL GROWS WHICH WILL ONLY BE COMPOUNDED AS WE REACH THE
8 SUMMER MONTHS AND REGULAR CUSTOMERS DEMAND INCREASES. THE
9 FUNDING IDENTIFIED IN THIS MOTION COMES DIRECTLY FROM THE
10 FIFTH DISTRICT DISCRETIONARY FUNDS, AND IT IS SIMPLY FOR
11 CONTINUITY AND ENFORCEMENT TO PROTECT THE WATER SYSTEM AND TO
12 ENSURE THAT THE CONSTITUENTS OF MY COMMUNITIES DO NOT LOSE
13 ACCESS TO POTABLE WATER WHILE WE FIGURE OUT LONG TERM CHANGES
14 TO DETER THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITY. IF YOU BELIEVE WHAT IS
15 HAPPENING NOW IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY DOESN'T HAVE AN IMPACT TO
16 THE REST OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, YOU ARE WRONG. ILLEGAL GROWERS
17 ARE NOT ONLY SELLING POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS UNREGULATED
18 CANNABIS PRODUCT TO DISPENSARIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THEY
19 ARE UNDERMINING THOSE DISPENSARY OWNERS WHO FOLLOW THE
20 REGULATIONS SET FORTH TO ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE
21 CONSUMPTION OF CANNABIS PRODUCTS. I RESPECT THAT WE MAY HAVE
22 SOME WORK TO DO TO GET MORE CONSENSUS ON HOW TO MOVE FORWARD,
23 BUT I WOULD URGE YOU NOT TO FORGET THE PEOPLE ON THE GROUND
24 WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN UPENDED WHO FACE DAILY THREATS TO THEIR
25 LIVES AND HEALTH AND SAFETY WHILE WE IRON OUT THE DETAILS. I,

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1 THEREFORE, MOVE WE CONTINUE THIS ITEM UNTIL THE NEXT BOARD
2 MEETING, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO ASK MARK PESTRELLA A FEW
3 QUESTIONS. IS MARK PESTRELLA ON, PLEASE?

4

5 **MARK PESTRELLA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISOR BARGER.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MARK. MARK, YOUR LATEST REPORT NOTED
8 THAT PUBLIC WORKS HAS DONE ALL IT CAN DO TO HARDEN THE WATER
9 WORKS DISTRICT SYSTEM IN THE HIGH VISTA AREA FROM THE IMPACTS
10 OF THEFT. HAS INCREASED ENFORCEMENT FROM THE SHERIFF'S
11 DEPARTMENT HELPED WITH REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF THEFT?

12

13 **MARK PESTRELLA:** YES, SUPERVISOR BARGER. THANKS FOR ALLOWING
14 MANY ME TO COMMENT ON THIS. THE INCREASED PATROLS AND
15 COORDINATION WITH SHERIFF HAS SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED THE THEFT
16 AND THE TOTAL WATER DEMAND ON THE SYSTEM, AND THIS HAS ALLOWED
17 OUR WATER WORKS DISTRICT 40 TO OPERATE THE SYSTEM WITHIN
18 NORMAL OPERATING LIMITS, KEEPING THE WATER QUALITY PROPER, AND
19 SUPERVISORS TO ALSO NOTE, KEEP IN MIND, OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES
20 SAFE FROM THREATS FROM THESE GROWERS AND THEIR CONDUITS WHO
21 ARE STEALING WATER AND DELIVERING IT TO THESE FARMS.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER:** HOW MUCH MONEY HAS PUBLIC WORKS SPENT THROUGH
24 DISTRICT 40 ON THE INCREASED PATROLS?

25

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1 **MARK PESTRELLA:** WE ORIGINALLY BUDGETED ABOUT \$350,000, AND WE
2 ARE SPENDING SOMETHING IN THE ORDER OF, ON AN AVERAGE, \$25,000
3 A WEEK, SUPERVISOR, TO MAINTAIN THE LEVEL OF ENFORCEMENT AND
4 PATROL.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** I UNDERSTAND YOU DISCONTINUED THE FUNDING OF THIS
7 EFFORT. WHY DID YOU HAVE TO DISCONTINUE IT?

8

9 **MARK PESTRELLA:** WE SIMPLY CANNOT AFFORD TO CONTINUE THE
10 FUNDING AT THAT LEVEL, GIVEN THE BUDGET OF THE WATER WORKS
11 DISTRICT. THIS IS A RURAL WATER WORKS DISTRICT WITH RESIDENTS
12 WITH MIDDLE TO LOW INCOME, SUPERVISOR, WHO CANNOT AFFORD ANY
13 KIND OF INCREASE TO THEIR WATER FEES AT THIS TIME, AND THAT IS
14 WHAT WE WOULD EVENTUALLY HAVE TO DO IS START RAISE FEES, AND
15 THIS YEAR'S PHYSICALLY, LITERALLY, THE CASH ON HAND DOES NOT
16 ALLOW FOR US TO KEEP THAT AMOUNT OF FUNDING GOING TOWARD
17 PATROLS. SO WE SPENT THE MONEY ON HARDENING THE SYSTEM, AND
18 WE'VE EFFECTIVELY HARDENED THE SYSTEM AS BEST AS WE COULD IN
19 THE AREA.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER:** SO GIVEN WHAT'S TAKING PLACE, HOW LONG CAN YOU
22 OPERATE UNDER THESE CONDITIONS, AND WHAT WILL BE THE
23 RAMIFICATIONS FOR OUR COMMUNITIES IF THIS CONTINUES TO GET
24 WORSE?

25

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1 **MARK PESTRELLA:** BASICALLY, WHAT WE'RE DOING IS AVOIDING A LIFE
2 SAFETY ISSUE, AN EMERGENCY UP HERE. AND WE'VE DONE THIS --
3 IT'S ACTUALLY PHYSICALLY OCCURRED TWICE NOW WHERE WE WERE
4 RUNNING OUT OF WATER, COULD NOT KEEP UP WITH DEMAND BASED ON
5 THE AMOUNT OF WATER BEING STOLEN, AND THAT RESULTS IN US
6 POTENTIALLY HAVING A LIFE SAFETY EMERGENCY IN THAT WE WOULD
7 HAVE TO BOIL WATER TO KEEP THE WATER QUALITY PROPER IN THE
8 AREA. SO WITHOUT THE MODIFICATIONS THAT WE MADE AND WITHOUT
9 THE PATROLS, WE ESSENTIALLY HAVE A SITUATION WHERE PEOPLE DO
10 NOT HAVE WATER IN THEIR HOMES, SUPERVISOR, THAT THEY CAN
11 DRINK, USE, AND, AS YOU KNOW, WATER IS LIFE. SO IT IS A LIFE
12 SAFETY ISSUE IF WE KEEP GOING AT THE RATE THAT WE ARE GOING
13 AT, AND IT IS NOT JUST THE WATER WORKS DISTRICT, THE DISTRICT
14 I'M TALKING ABOUT. IT IS THROUGHOUT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY THAT
15 WE HAVE THESE CONCERNS.

16
17 **SUP. BARGER:** IT IS NOT JUST HITTING HIGH VISTA AREAS WITHIN
18 WATER WORKS DISTRICT 40. IT IS THROUGHOUT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY.

19
20 **MARK PESTRELLA:** YEAH, NO. UNFORTUNATELY, THE SIZE AND SCALE OF
21 THESE OPERATIONS ARE AFFECTING THE ENTIRE ANTELOPE VALLEY, THE
22 REMOTE AREAS SPECIFICALLY, PLACES LIKE PEAR BLOSSOM, LITTLE
23 ROCK, AND ACTON ARE ALL SUFFERING, AND THE RESIDENTS ARE
24 SUFFERING FROM THESE ACTIVITIES, THESE ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES,

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1 AND, AGAIN, WHICH COULD ULTIMATELY END UP IN LIFE SAFETY
2 SCENARIO WHERE WE ESSENTIALLY RUN OUT OF WATER.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** SO HAVE WE SEEN LOW PRESSURE SITUATIONS ELSEWHERE
5 IN TERMS OF DRAWING THE WATER AND NOTING HAVING THE WATER
6 PRESSURE?

7

8 **MARK PESTRELLA:** YEAH, THAT IS TYPICALLY THE RESULT,
9 SUPERVISOR, AND WE HAVE SEEN IT THROUGHOUT THE VALLEY. AND
10 WHAT THE LOW PRESSURE IS DUE, AGAIN, TO US NOT BEING ABLE TO
11 KEEP UP WITH DEMAND, SO OUR STORAGE GETS DEPLETED, AND WE
12 CANNOT DELIVER THE WATER AT THE RIGHT PRESSURE. AND THEN
13 BECAUSE THE PRESSURE IS NOT KEPT, IT RESULTS IN POOR WATER
14 QUALITY.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY OTHER SOLUTIONS PUBLIC WORKS
17 COULD IMPLEMENT IN THE SHORT TERM, WE TALKED ABOUT IT, PUTTING
18 UP DRONES AND EVEN LOCKING THE HYDRANTS? HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF
19 OTHER SOLUTIONS?

20

21 **MARK PESTRELLA:** WELL, I THINK THE -- THE DISTRICTS, WATER
22 WORKS DISTRICT 40, HAS DONE A GOOD JOB AT BASICALLY HITTING
23 ALL OF THE SOLUTIONS WE COULD. WE CUT OFF THE HYDRANTS' ACCESS
24 FROM STEALING, WE HAVE BEEN MONITORING OURSELVES THE SYSTEM,
25 WE HAVE INCREASED PRESSURE THROUGH ENLARGING OUR STORAGE, MADE

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1 SOME PRETTY LARGE INVESTMENTS IN THE SHORT RUN, BUT THE LONG
2 TERM ANSWER IS JUST WHAT YOUR MOTION IS CALLING FOR, AND THAT
3 IS TO ADDRESS THE CAUSE OF THE SITUATION, AND THAT IS THE
4 THEFT OF THESE -- THIS WATER FROM THE RIGHTFUL OWNERS, WHICH
5 IS THE PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND THOSE LEGAL
6 BUSINESSES THAT HAVE APPLIED FOR AND ARE RECEIVING WATER FROM
7 OUR SYSTEM PROPERLY AND PAYING INTO IT. OTHER THAN CHANGING
8 THE LAW, WHICH NEEDS TO BE DONE TO CREATE MORE ENFORCEMENT,
9 AND IN SUPPORTING MORE -- THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS
10 OUR LOCAL SHERIFF IN TERMS OF THE PATROL AND ENFORCEMENT, I
11 DON'T SEE OTHER SOLUTIONS, SUPERVISOR.

12
13 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, AND HOW ARE THE EFFORTS OF THE MULTI-
14 DEPARTMENTAL TASK FORCE HELPING REDUCE THE IMPACTS TO THE
15 SYSTEM? HAVE YOU SEEN IT HELP?

16
17 **MARK PESTRELLA:** YES, WE HAVE. WE ACTUALLY HAVE BROUGHT THE
18 PROBLEM TO THE PUBLIC'S ATTENTION, FIRST OF ALL, THERE HAS
19 BEEN A GOOD COORDINATION ACROSS THE TASK FORCE THAT YOU
20 CREATED. OUR DEPARTMENT IS INVOLVED IN THAT AS WELL AS
21 REGIONAL PLANNING, THE AG COMMISSIONER, SHERIFF, COUNTY
22 COUNSEL, AND D.C.B.A. THE GROUP HAS DONE AN ASSESSMENT AND IS
23 AWARE OF THE SCALE OF THE PROBLEM AND HAS NOW PROPOSED A
24 NUMBER OF SOLUTIONS GOING FORWARD THAT AGAIN ARE RELATED TO

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1 ALTERING THE LAW AND ALSO BETTER CODE ENFORCEMENT IN THE
2 ANTELOPE VALLEY ON THIS ISSUE.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** WELL, CAN I WANT TO THANK YOU, MARK, AND YOUR
5 TEAM FOR THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE. WHEN I GOT A CALL ABOUT
6 A MONTH AGO, OVER THE WEEKEND FROM YOU, PANICKING WE MAY HAVE
7 TO ISSUE A BOIL WATER BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT SO MUCH WATER
8 HAS BEEN DRAWN OUT OF THIS -- OUT OF THE SYSTEM, I KNEW, AT
9 THAT POINT, WE NEEDED TO DO SOMETHING, AND YOU DEFINITELY DID
10 THAT. AND I WANT TO ALSO THANK SARI WITH COUNTY COUNSEL, WHO
11 PUT TOGETHER THE -- I AM GOING TO CONTINUE THIS, BUT I KNOW
12 QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ASKED REGARDING THE MOTION THAT I BROUGHT
13 IN. ALL THE ANSWERS ARE WITHIN THE REPORT THAT WAS WORKED ON
14 BY SARI AT COUNTY COUNSEL. AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE MY COLLEAGUES
15 AND THEIR STAFF TO CLOSELY READ IT BECAUSE MY INTENTION IS NOT
16 TO GO AFTER HEMP, TO GO AFTER LEGAL GROWERS. THESE ARE ILLEGAL
17 GROWERS. AND WHILE THEY'RE HAPPENING IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY,
18 IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THEY POP UP IN INDUSTRIAL
19 CENTERS, AND THESE ARE NOT INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE USING APPROVED
20 PESTICIDES. THESE ARE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE USING ILLEGAL
21 PESTICIDES, WHICH ARE GOING BACK INTO OUR WATER SYSTEM, THAT
22 ARE BEING SOLD ON THE MARKET, AND SO THIS IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL
23 JUSTICE ISSUE AS WELL. AND I HOPE THAT YOU ALL WILL READ THAT
24 CLOSELY AND THAT WE CAN MOVE FORWARD WITH SOME SORT OF LONG
25 TERM SOLUTION BECAUSE THIS IS NOT GOING TO GO AWAY. FOR EVERY

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1 TIME WE SHUT THEM DOWN, THERE ARE FOUR THAT ARE OPENING UP UP
2 THERE IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. I HAVE HAD CONSTITUENTS THAT
3 CALL ME THAT HAVE BEEN THREATENED AND ARE AFRAID TO COME TO
4 LAW ENFORCEMENT BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN THREATENED WITH THEIR
5 LIVES AND THEIR FAMILY'S LIVES. SO THIS IS A SERIOUS SITUATION
6 IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AS WELL AS PEOPLE BEING BROUGHT ACROSS
7 THE BORDER AND KEPT UP THERE FOR MONTHS TO PAY OFF THEIR DEBT
8 FOR BEING BROUGHT ACROSS THE BORDER. AND I THINK THAT THERE
9 IS A LOT OF ISSUES GOING ON AS IT RELATES TO NOT ONLY
10 ENVIRONMENTAL BUT ALSO IN TERMS OF SOCIAL JUSTICE, HOW THE
11 EMPLOYEE, OR THE WORKERS ARE BEING TREATED UP THERE AS
12 INDENTURED WORKERS, AND IT IS A PROBLEM. SO, WITH THAT, I WILL
13 CONTINUE IT A WEEK, MADAM CHAIR, BUT, AGAIN, I WOULD ASK THAT
14 THE REPORT BE READ BECAUSE A LOT OF TIME WAS PUT INTO THIS BY
15 COUNTY COUNSEL, AND I WANT TO THANK THEM AS WELL. THANK YOU,
16 MADAM CHAIR.

17
18 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU WANT TO PUSH THIS OFF UNTIL WHEN?

19
20 **SUP. BARGER:** MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL
21 WANTED TIME TO BETTER UNDERSTAND IT. I KNOW SUPERVISOR KUEHL
22 HAS SOME CONCERNS. AGAIN, THEY ARE ANSWERED IN THIS REPORT. I
23 KNOW SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT WERE ASKED WERE ACTUALLY
24 SPECIFICALLY ANSWERED IN THE REPORT THAT WAS PREPARED BY MS.
25 STEEL WITH COUNTY COUNSEL. AND SO I WOULD ASK THAT I AM GOING

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1 TO CONTINUE IT. I AM STILL GOING TO CONTINUE TO FIND FINANCIAL
2 MEANS TO HELP WATER WORKS DISTRICT 40 AND AS IT RELATES TO THE
3 STEALING OF WATER BECAUSE THAT IS TIME SENSITIVE MOVING
4 FORWARD. IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE WE HAVE TO DO A
5 BOIL WATER. AND BY THE WAY, THAT DOESN'T JUST IMPACT THE 5TH,
6 THAT'S GOING TO IMPACT THE ENTIRE BOARD BECAUSE THAT REFLECTS
7 ON ALL OF US AS IT RELATES TO WHAT IS GOING ON IN THIS COUNTY.
8 AND SO I AM WILLING TO CONTINUE THE ITEM TO FLESH OUT AND GET
9 YOUR SUPPORT, BUT SHORT TERM, YOU KNOW, MARK, I WILL CONTINUE
10 TO WORK WITH YOU AND WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT UP THERE TO PROTECT
11 MY RESIDENTS THAT ARE GOING TO BE NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY THIS.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** DO YOU HAVE A SPECIFIC DATE TO BRING THIS
14 BACK?

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** I WOULD LOVE TO MEET NEXT WEEK AS A BOARD BECAUSE
17 I THINK IT'S TIME --

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** JULY 13TH? THAT'S WHEN OUR NEXT --

20

21 **SUP. BARGER:** THAT'S OUR NEXT BOARD MEETING, BUT BELIEVE ME, I
22 THINK I CAN SPEAK FOR A COUPLE OF MY COLLEAGUES THAT I AM
23 READY TO MEET EVERY WEEK, BUT ON THIS ISSUE, FOR ME, THIS IS A
24 CRITICAL ISSUE.

25

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND.

2

3 **SUP. BARGER:** SO JULY 13TH.

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OKAY, WE WILL
6 RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL.

7

8 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND I APPRECIATE
9 SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR CONTINUING IT, AND LET ME JUST SAY TO
10 YOU AND FOR THE RECORD, I SHARE YOUR CONCERNS DEEPLY ABOUT THE
11 COMMITTING OF WATER THEFT AND POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL HARM IN
12 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, AND AGREE WITH YOU THAT IF YOU HAVE TO GO
13 TO A FALL BACK EMERGENCY MEASURE WHERE PEOPLE HAVE TO BOIL
14 THEIR WATER, YOU ARE RIGHT, IT DOES IMPACT THE COUNTY AS A
15 WHOLE. I COMPLETELY GET THAT. I JUST ASK THAT IN THIS TIME
16 SINCE IT IS BEING DELAYED THAT WE ALSO LOOK AT, YOU KNOW, THE
17 FACT THAT IT IS A STATE-WIDE APPROACH YOU ARE PROPOSING, YOU
18 KNOW, FOR WHAT APPEARS TO ME TO BE A LOCAL ISSUE. I AM NOT
19 SURE THAT THIS HAS STATE-WIDE IMPLICATIONS, AND THAT ACCORDING
20 TO YOUR MOTION WE ARE SEEKING SIX STATE LAW CHANGES AND
21 MULTIPLE ORDINANCE CHANGES. I JUST REALLY WANTED TO HAVE SOME
22 TIME TO LOOK AT THAT, FIGURE OUT IF THERE ARE -- IF, AT THIS
23 POINT IN THE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR THAT THAT IS EVEN FEASIBLE.
24 THOSE ARE THE QUESTIONS I HAD, AGAIN, BECAUSE IT REALLY FELT
25 LIKE A STATE-WIDE APPROACH, OR RESPONSE, TO A LOCAL ISSUE. I

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1 WOULD LIKE TO ALSO MAKE SURE WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY IN THIS
2 ADDITIONAL TIME YOU HAVE GRANTED US TO CONSIDER THOSE ISSUES.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, I HEAR YOU LOUD AND CLEAR,
5 AND WHILE IT IS HAPPENING IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, IT IS ONLY A
6 MATTER OF TIME BEFORE YOU HAVE THESE TYPE OF ILLEGAL GROWS
7 HAPPENING IN INDUSTRIAL AREAS IN DISTRICTS RIGHT NOW THAT ARE
8 NOT IN THE 5TH DISTRICT, AND SO WHILE IT IS SPECIFIC TO MY
9 DISTRICT, AND ACTUALLY, THE OTHER COUNTIES AS WELL, KERN AND
10 SAN BERNARDINO, I AM WILLING TO WAIT BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO
11 DO SOMETHING THAT IS GOING TO HAVE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES
12 LONG TERM. IT SHOULD BE FULLY BAKED, BUT THAT IS WHY I
13 REFERENCED THE COUNTY COUNSEL REPORT THAT MS. STEEL PUT THIS
14 TOGETHER BECAUSE SHE RESEARCHED THIS AND MADE THE
15 RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON A MOTION, BUT, AGAIN, I AM WILLING TO
16 WAIT AND LET IT BE FLESHED OUT SO THAT THERE ARE NOT
17 UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES.

18

19 **SUP. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE THAT. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT, THANK YOU. MOVING ON, I HAVE JANICE
22 HAHN AND THEN SHEILA KUEHL. JANICE?

23

24 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND YOU ARE RIGHT. I ECHO,
25 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, HOW SHE ADDRESSED SUPERVISOR BARGER. AND

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1 IT IS TRUE, I HEAR YOU, AND I HEAR THE FRUSTRATION AND ANGER
2 THAT YOU HAVE ABOUT THIS ISSUE IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, AND
3 CERTAINLY, YOU KNOW, IMPACTING THE WATER SUPPLY IS A BIG DEAL.
4 AND I -- PART OF THIS, I TOTALLY SUPPORT YOU ON. AND I SUPPORT
5 YOU IN USING YOUR OWN DISCRETIONARY FUNDS TO ENHANCE
6 ENFORCEMENT IN YOUR DISTRICT. I MEAN, THOSE ARE THE THINGS
7 THAT I SUPPORT ABOUT THIS. I AM GLAD YOU ARE CONTINUING IT
8 BECAUSE I DO THINK THERE ARE SOME MORE QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS,
9 AND I HOPE THAT WHEN IT COMES BACK THAT YOU WOULD CONSIDER
10 TAKING OUT THE FIRST DIRECTIVE BECAUSE THAT IS ONE I REALLY
11 DID HAVE A PROBLEM WITH, PURSUING AN INCREASE OF PENALTIES FOR
12 CANNABIS OFFENSES. AND I KNOW IT SEEMED VAGUE. I THINK MAYBE
13 YOU WERE GOING TO SPELL OUT EXACTLY WHAT THAT MEANT, BUT I
14 DIDN'T LIKE BEING ON RECORD ASKING THE STATE TO CHANGE THE LAW
15 TO INCREASE THE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR CANNABIS OFFENSES. I
16 THINK DOING EVERYTHING THAT WE'RE DOING, ON THIS BOARD, IT
17 FEELS LIKE THAT WOULD BE THE WRONG DIRECTION. AND I KNOW OUR
18 HISTORY IS THAT WE'VE SEEN WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE OVERLY
19 CRIMINALIZE CANNABIS CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION, AND THAT
20 WAS, BY AND LARGE, A STRATEGY IN CALIFORNIA AND THE REST OF
21 THE COUNTRY REALLY FOR THE LAST FEW DECADES, A WAR ON DRUGS,
22 AND WE KNOW IT FUELED MASS INCARCERATION. IT DESTROYED
23 COMMUNITIES, MOSTLY LOW INCOME, MINORITY COMMUNITIES, AND THE
24 ILLEGAL MARKETS STILL THRIVED. I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK TO
25 THAT. I DON'T THINK ANY OF US DO. AND DON'T THINK THAT IS

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1 WHAT YOU ARE INTENDING TO, BUT I THINK IT IS WRONG ALSO TO
2 STRENGTHEN CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR CANNABIS OFFENSES FOR WHEN
3 THIS BOARD HAS NOT PROVIDED A LEGAL PATHWAY FOR PRODUCERS, AND
4 THE FACT THAT WE HAVE NOT YET REMOVED THE BAN ON COMMERCIAL
5 CANNABIS IN OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS, I THINK IT IS -- I KNOW
6 WE ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT IT TODAY, BUT I THOUGHT IT WAS AN
7 OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO AT LEAST BRING UP THIS CONVERSATION
8 WITH ALL OF YOU THAT I THINK IT IS TIME THAT WE REVISIT THAT
9 CONVERSATION. LET'S REMEMBER CALIFORNIA VOTERS CHOSE TO
10 LEGALIZE CANNABIS IN 2016. WE PUT TOGETHER THE CANNABIS
11 ADVISORY WORKING GROUP TO LOOK AT WHAT THAT PROCESS WOULD LOOK
12 LIKE IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS, AND WE DID EXTENSIVE
13 COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT, AND THE ADVISORY GROUP PUT
14 TOGETHER A REALLY DETAILED REPORT ON WHAT THE LEGALIZATION
15 PROCESS WOULD LOOK LIKE, HOW WE COULD REGULATE IT, HOW WE
16 COULD DISTANCE IT, HOW WE COULD TAX IT, BUT THAT REPORT HAS
17 BEEN ON THE SHELF SINCE 2018, AND WE BASICALLY KICKED THE CAN
18 DOWN THE ROAD BY VOTING TO NOT -- TO KEEP THE BAN IN OUR
19 UNINCORPORATED AREAS. I EVEN VOTED FOR THAT, AT THAT TIME,
20 BECAUSE I DIDN'T FEEL LIKE I WANTED TO RUSH INTO THAT PROCESS.
21 A LOT OF MY COMMUNITIES WERE OPPOSED TO THAT, BUT I DO THINK
22 IT IS TIME TO LOOK AT IT AGAIN, AND WE'VE SEEN HOW IT HAS
23 PLAYED OUT AND SEEN THE REST OF THE COUNTRY AND EVEN THE REST
24 OF THE WORLD MOVE IN THE DIRECTION OF LEGALIZING, TAXING,
25 REGULATING CANNABIS, AND I JUST THINK IT IS TIME FOR US TO AT

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1 LEAST HAVE THAT CONVERSATION AGAIN. IF WE REMOVE THAT BAN, WE
2 COULD PROVIDE A LEGAL PATHWAY FOR ALL THESE ILLEGAL
3 DISPENSARIES THAT ARE CURRENTLY OPERATING THERE TO CONDUCT
4 THEIR BUSINESS. AND, JUST AS MARK TALKED ABOUT, BEING UNDER-
5 RESOURCED IN DEALING WITH THE WATER ISSUE, I KNOW OUR SHERIFF
6 HAS SAID THEY ARE TOTALLY, YOU KNOW, UNDER-RESOURCED IN TERMS
7 OF CRACKING DOWN ON THESE ILLEGAL DISPENSARIES. I HAVE A LOT
8 IN MINE, AND IT TAKES A LOT OF EFFORT. PEOPLE CALL OUR OFFICE,
9 WE CALL THE SHERIFF, AND WE JUST KEEP -- WE ARE KIND OF GOING
10 IN THIS CIRCLE. AND I AM PRETTY SURE MOST OF THESE BUSINESSES
11 WOULD CONTINUE TO DO THEIR BUSINESS IN A LEGAL WAY AND
12 REGISTER AND, YOU KNOW, BE TAXED. I KNOW WE ARE NOT VOTING ON
13 THIS, AND I DON'T WANT YOU TO THINK I AM DISRESPECTFUL,
14 KATHRYN, BY EVEN BRINGING THIS UP BECAUSE I KNOW YOU ARE SO
15 FRUSTRATED WITH YOUR PARTICULAR ISSUE IN YOUR DISTRICT, BUT
16 INSTEAD OF DEEPENING CRIMINAL PENALTIES, I JUST WOULD LIKE TO
17 HAVE THE CONVERSATION TO MOVE TOWARDS MORE REGULATION AND
18 LEGALIZATION LIKE THE VOTERS TOLD US THEY WANTED. BUT IN THE
19 MEANTIME, I SUPPORT THIS MOTION, KATHRYN. I HOPE YOU TAKE OUT
20 THAT FIRST DIRECTIVE OF INCREASING CRIMINAL PENALTIES WHEN IT
21 COMES BACK. THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK, AND I FEEL YOU.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER:** AND I APPRECIATE THAT, SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND
24 ACTUALLY I WILL BE GLAD ON JULY 13TH TO BRING IN A MOTION AND
25 MOVE FORWARD THE ISSUE REGARDING LEGALIZATION BECAUSE YOU ARE

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1 RIGHT. WE HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING, BUT I AM TELLING YOU ALL,
2 TAKE OUT THE CANNABIS AND PUT IN WATER, AND SATIVA IS AN
3 EXAMPLE OF WHERE IT WAS IN ONE DISTRICT, BUT JANICE, YOU AND
4 I, TOGETHER ON L.A.P.C.O. AND WITH PUBLIC WORKS, USED COUNTY
5 RESOURCES TO ADDRESS THE FACT THAT IT WAS IMPACTING PEOPLE'S
6 LIVES IN A -- IN A COMMUNITY THAT TRULY WAS BEING TAKEN
7 ADVANTAGE OF. SO, AGAIN, IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE
8 THIS BLEEDS OUT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND INTO YOUR
9 DISTRICTS, AND I THINK THAT, UNTIL IT HAPPENS, YOU HAVE NO
10 IDEA THE IMPACT IT HAS ON YOUR COMMUNITY, AND UP THERE, WE'RE
11 TALKING ABOUT DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES, COMMUNITIES WHERE THE
12 -- DEFINITELY LOW INCOME, AND I -- I HOPE THAT, COME JULY
13 13TH, WE CAN COME TO SOME SORT OF RESOLUTION.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. OKAY, NOW, I WILL RECOGNIZE
18 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. SUPERVISOR
21 BARGER, IT -- MAYBE IT FEELS LIKE WE ARE ALL PILING ON, BUT I
22 THINK WE ARE TRYING TO PILE IN A SUPPORTIVE WAY SO THAT WE CAN
23 ALL GET TO SUPPORT THE PARTS THAT YOU ARE MOST CONCERNED
24 ABOUT. AS YOU KNOW, THE NORTH AREA PLAN BANNED HAVING ANY NEW
25 VINEYARDS BECAUSE IT WAS DEPLETING THE WATER TABLE. AND IT

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1 WAS, YOU KNOW, IT MAKES SENSE TO PEOPLE WHEN WE'RE TALKING
2 ABOUT SORT OF THE UNDERLYING PROBLEM WITHOUT KIND OF DRAGGING
3 IN THE LONGSTANDING FIGHT THAT WE HAVE BEEN HAVING ABOUT
4 WHETHER, YOU KNOW, POT IS A REALLY BAD THING OR A REALLY GOOD
5 THING. AND I THINK THAT'S PART OF WHAT CONFUSED SOME OF THE
6 ISSUES FOR TODAY. SO I AM VERY HAPPY TO CONTINUE WITH YOU TO
7 WORK THIS THROUGH BECAUSE I AGREE WITH YOU. THIS IS -- IT IS A
8 PROBLEM ABOUT WATER THEFT. IT IS A PROBLEM ABOUT INTIMIDATION
9 AND OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT ARE ALREADY ILLEGAL. SO I GUESS FOR
10 MY PART, I DIDN'T SEE ANY REASON TO KIND OF BRING IN HEMP,
11 WHICH, YOU DON'T KNOW MY HISTORY WITH HEMP IN THE LEGISLATURE,
12 BUT WE WERE CONSTANTLY TRYING TO SEPARATE OUT, YOU KNOW, A
13 LEGAL CROP FROM WHICH MANY THINGS COULD BE MADE SUSTAINABLY
14 FROM EVERYBODY'S PREJUDICE AGAINST CANNABIS. SO I THINK WE'LL
15 GET THERE, AND I THINK ALL OF US WANT TO WORK TOGETHER TO GET
16 THERE. SO DON'T FEEL UNHEARD, PLEASE, BECAUSE I KNOW IT IS A
17 REALLY SERIOUS PROBLEM. AND YOU'RE RIGHT, NOT JUST IN YOUR
18 DISTRICT. SO THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING THIS. THANK YOU, MADAM
19 CHAIR.

20
21 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I
22 APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS.

23
24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR GIVING US
25 THE OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT ON WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AND THAT

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1 YOU ARE GOING TO BRING THIS BACK ON JULY 13TH BECAUSE, AS YOU
2 KNOW, WE HAVE HAD THESE ISSUES IN JUST ABOUT ALL OF OUR
3 DISTRICTS. I KNOW WHEN I FIRST GOT TO THE BOARD, I REALIZED
4 IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS WE SAW MANY ILLEGAL DISPENSARIES,
5 PARTICULARLY IN EAST L.A., AND WE HAD A WAREHOUSE. IN FACT, I
6 SHOWED SLIDES AT THE TIME, PHOTOS OF WHAT WAS BEING DONE AT A
7 WAREHOUSE WHERE THEY WERE ILLEGALLY BRINGING IN ELECTRICITY
8 AND WATER AND ACTUALLY BRINGING WATER IN THROUGH THE TOILET,
9 THE PLUMBING SYSTEM. IT WAS SO GROSS. I WILL NEVER FORGET
10 THAT, AND I KNOW WE HAVE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THAT. SO I, TOO, LOOK
11 FORWARD TO PROVIDING THE KIND OF PROCEDURE AND FRAMEWORK SO WE
12 CAN LEGALIZE THE INDUSTRY, DO IT THE WAY THE VOTERS WANTED US
13 TO DO IT, AND GET RID OF THE BAD ACTORS AND STOP WITH THIS
14 WHACK-A-MOLE THAT WE HAVE BEEN GOING THROUGH, AND I KNOW OUR
15 CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS HAS BEEN DEEPLY INVOLVED,
16 FORMERLY JOE NIKITA WAS VERY MUCH INVOLVED, AND HIS OFFICE
17 WAS. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING YOUR FEEDBACK. I REALLY DO.
18 SO I THANK YOU.

19
20 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I APPRECIATE THAT. AND
21 AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK SARI STEEL FOR PUTTING TOGETHER THE
22 REPORT. SHE PUT A LOT OF TIME INTO THIS. AND I KNOW YOU'VE
23 WORKED WITH HER ON THE ILLEGAL DISPENSARIES, AND SHE IS TRULY
24 SOMEONE WHO I AM JUST SO GRATEFUL TO HAVE ON OUR TEAM.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** RIGHT. RIGHT. WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR BARGER,
2 THEN WITH YOUR REQUEST TO CONTINUE THIS ITEM, 61C IS BEFORE
3 US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER AND I WILL SECOND IT. MADAM
4 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

5

6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** REQUEST TO CONTINUE ITEM 61C TO JULY 13TH,
7 2021 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

15

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

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

19

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

21

22 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

23

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

25

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

2

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

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. OKAY, NOW MEMBERS, WE WILL MOVE ON
6 TO ITEM 61E, STREAMLINING AND EXPEDITING THE COUNTY'S
7 PERMITTING AND DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES TO SUPPORT SMALL
8 BUSINESSES AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW HOUSING, WHICH WAS HELD
9 BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. AND --

10

11 **SUP. BARGER:** I RELEASE MY HOLD. SO LET'S JUST GO AHEAD AND
12 VOTE ON IT, MADAM CHAIR. IT HAS BEEN A LONG DAY.

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION, THE
15 ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY
16 HAHN TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL
17 THE ROLL.

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** 61E IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

20

21 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

22

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

25

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

2

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

4

5 **SUP. HAHN:** I HAD SUCH GOOD TALKING POINTS, BUT AYE.

6

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

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

10

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

12

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

14

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

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR, CAN I MAKE A CLARIFYING
18 STATEMENT?

19

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

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON ITEM 34, WE ARE MAKING A CLARIFYING
23 STATEMENT. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S REVISIONS INCLUDE REVISING
24 DIRECTIVE NUMBER 4C TO INCLUDE SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL

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1 UNION LOCAL 999. THERE IS NO NEED TO TAKE A VOTE SINCE ITEM 34
2 WAS APPROVED AS AMENDED.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR THAT CLARIFICATION. AT THIS
5 TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM SUPERVISORS ON
6 ITEMS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA. AND I DO HAVE TWO ITEMS. AND
7 THE FIRST ONE I WOULD LIKE TO BRING FORWARD WITH RESPECT TO
8 SAFELY ACCESSING THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS, I KNOW SUPERVISOR
9 BARGER AND I HAVE HAD DISCUSSIONS ON THIS, AND I AM HAPPY SHE
10 IS JOINING ME ON THIS. SO I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE A MOTION
11 TO BE VOTED ON TODAY, ACTUALLY, DUE TO ITS URGENT NATURE, AND
12 SINCE IT IS A REPORT BACK, I UNDERSTAND WE CAN VOTE ON THIS.
13 THE ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST OFFERS A WEALTH OF RECREATIONAL
14 RESOURCES TO MANY COMMUNITIES IN L.A. COUNTY. LOCATED
15 PRIMARILY IN THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS JUST NORTH OF THE SAN
16 GABRIEL VALLEY, THE FOREST IS JUST MINUTES AWAY FROM MANY PARK
17 POOR COMMUNITIES, MAKING IT A PRECIOUS RESOURCE FOR
18 UNDERSERVED RESIDENTS. IN 2020, THE COUNTRY'S NATIONAL PARKS
19 SAW 237 MILLION VISITORS, DOWN 28 PERCENT FROM THE PREVIOUS
20 YEAR. HOWEVER, WHILE THE OVERALL NUMBER OF VISITORS DROPPED,
21 15 NATIONAL PARKS ACTUALLY SAW RECREATION VISITATIONS RECORDS
22 DURING THE PANDEMIC, AND THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH THE USAGE OF
23 MANY PARKS, OPEN SPACES, AND TRAILS IN L.A. COUNTY, INCLUDING
24 THE ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST, WHICH SAW SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN
25 THE PAST YEAR. THIS INCREASED USAGE DEMONSTRATES THAT ACCESS

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1 TO PARKS DURING THE PANDEMIC HAD BEEN CRITICAL, AND LOS
2 ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO TRAVEL TO AND FROM
3 THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS SAFELY AND WITHOUT INCIDENT. EVEN
4 WITH THE 13.2 PERCENT IN REDUCTION IN VEHICLE MILES DRIVEN,
5 2020 WAS THE DEADLIEST YEAR FOR TRAFFIC CRASHES IN THE UNITED
6 STATES IN OVER A DECADE WITH 38,680 FATALITIES ACCORDING TO
7 THE NATIONAL TRAFFIC HIGHWAY SAFETY ADMINISTRATION. DRIVERS
8 HAVE BECOME MORE NEGLIGENT. AND THE COUNTY HAS TO RESPOND
9 ACCORDINGLY. THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SHOULD EXPLORE
10 WAYS TO MITIGATE THE DANGERS OF RECKLESS DRIVING, ESPECIALLY
11 FOR THOSE THAT ARE ACCESSING THE ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST
12 THROUGH THE WINDING ROADS OF THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS AND
13 CANYONS. WE, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
14 DIRECT THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO COLLABORATE WITH OTHER
15 DEPARTMENTS AS NECESSARY AND PROVIDE A REPORT BACK IN 60 DAYS
16 THAT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING, ONE, DATA ON USAGE OF THE
17 RECREATION AREAS LOCATED IN THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS BOTH
18 BEFORE AND DURING THE PANDEMIC, INCLUDING DATA ON WEEKEND
19 USAGE AND ADVENTURE PARK USAGE IN ORDER TO SUPPORT TRAFFIC
20 ESTIMATES. PUBLIC WORKS SHOULD PARTNER DIRECTLY WITH THE U.S.
21 FOREST SERVICE AND OTHER AGENCIES AS NEEDED TO OBTAIN THIS
22 DATA. RECENT TRAFFIC AND COLLISION DATA AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE
23 INCIDENTS ON ROADS IN THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS AND ON MAJOR
24 ROADS THAT CONNECT THE FOOTHILL CITIES WITH RECREATIONAL
25 RESOURCES LOCATED IN THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS. PUBLIC WORKS

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1 SHOULD SEEK COLLABORATION WITH THE CITIES, THE CALIFORNIA
2 HIGHWAY PATROL, THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE, THE LOS ANGELES
3 COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
4 DEPARTMENT, AND LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS, AND OTHER PARTIES AS
5 APPROPRIATE TO ENSURE A COMPREHENSIVE DATASET IS CALCULATED.
6 AND RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS TO ENHANCE THE SAFETY AND
7 CLEANLINESS OF THE ROADWAYS IDENTIFIED IN THE ABOVE DIRECTIVE
8 IN ORDER TO ADDRESS INCREASED TRAFFIC, SPEEDING, RACING,
9 RECKLESS DRIVING, AND OTHER UNSAFE ACTIVITIES TAKING PLACE IN
10 THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS. PUBLIC WORKS SHOULD CONSIDER A
11 RANGE OF IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING STRIPPING MODIFICATIONS,
12 RUMBLE STRIPS, PERMANENT CHANGEABLE SIGNS IN APPROPRIATE
13 LOCATIONS, AND OTHER TRAFFIC SAFETY DEVICES AND
14 RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENHANCE ACCESS TO EMERGENCY RESPONSE
15 SERVICES AND TOWING SERVICES IN THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS IN
16 CONSIDERATION OF THE RURAL NATURE OF THE MOUNTAIN ROADS AND
17 LIMITED MOBILE PHONE SIGNAL. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER
18 FOR AGREEING TO COAUTHOR THIS MOTION. IT IS UNFORTUNATE, BUT
19 RECENTLY, I HAD A VISIT UP TO THE MOUNTAINS AND WAS QUITE
20 TAKEN ABACK TO SEE THE RECKLESS BEHAVIOR OF MANY PATRONS WHO
21 WERE VISITING THE MOUNTAINS AND SPEEDING AS THOUGH THERE WAS
22 NO TOMORROW. AND IT WASN'T JUST ONE AGE GROUP. IT VARIED. YOU
23 HAD PEOPLE ON MOTORCYCLES. YOU HAD FAMILY MEMBERS THAT WERE
24 CAUGHT IN THE WAY BECAUSE THEY WERE OVERRUN BY YOUNG
25 INDIVIDUALS THAT WERE SPEEDING IN THEIR CARS, TAKING

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1 PHOTOGRAPHS, AND THEN SHARING, I UNDERSTAND THEY SHARE THESE
2 PHOTOS ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM. AND IT IS -- IT IS VERY
3 UNFORTUNATE BECAUSE PEOPLE HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES, AND AS I WAS
4 TOLD BY THE HIGHWAY PATROL, THERE AS WELL AS THE NATIONAL PARK
5 SERVICE, AS WELL AS OUR COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, THAT IT IS
6 RECKLESS BEHAVIOR. AND I CANNOT BEGIN TO TELL YOU THE
7 THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF INNOCENT PEOPLE THAT GO UP THERE TO
8 RECREATE NOT KNOWING THEIR LIFE MIGHT BE TAKEN OR SOMEONE
9 MIGHT BE INJURED. SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE, AND THAT IS WHY I
10 ASK FOR YOUR APPROVAL ON THIS MOTION. ANYONE WANT TO SPEAK ON
11 THIS? SUPERVISOR BARGER? I KNOW THIS -- THIS IMPACTS BOTH OF
12 OUR AREAS.

13
14 **SUP. BARGER:** NO, I THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME COAUTHOR THIS. I
15 HAVE SEEN FIRSTHAND, AND I KNOW THAT ON SOME OF THE ROADS UP
16 ABOVE GLENDORA, WE WILL SHUT IT DOWN BECAUSE OF THE CONCERN
17 AND THE FACT THAT PEOPLE GO UP THERE AND DRIVE RECKLESSLY AND
18 ARE RACING. SO I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION, AND I
19 THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE COLLABORATE TO MAKE IT SAFE FOR
20 EVERYONE THAT GOES UP TO RECREATE.

21
22 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** IF THERE ARE NO OTHER MEMBERS THAT WANT TO
23 BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM, THIS IS BEFORE US. THIS IS THE REDUCING
24 THE VIOLENCE -- I'M SORRY. READING MOTION, SAFELY ACCESSING

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1 THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS. MADAM SECRETARY, CAN YOU PLEASE
2 CALL THE ROLL?

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 62A, ACCESSING THE SAN GABRIEL
5 MOUNTAINS, IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

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7 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

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12 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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16 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

23

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

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

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3 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MEMBERS. I APPRECIATE
4 THAT. AND LASTLY, I HAVE A READ IN MOTION FOR THE NEXT TIME
5 THAT WE MEET. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR COAUTHORING
6 THE MOTION FOR THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT REGULARLY
7 SCHEDULED MEETING. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMUNITIES, AS YOU
8 KNOW, HAVE SEEN INCREASES IN VIOLENCE IN RECENT MONTHS.
9 THROUGHOUT EACH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS THE NUMBER OF
10 SHOOTINGS AND RESULTING IMPACT IS TEARING APART MANY OF OUR
11 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES. IN FACT, GUN AND GANG RELATED
12 VIOLENCE AND HOMICIDES HAVE INCREASED 20 TO 48 PERCENT IN L.A.
13 COUNTY ACCORDING TO SEVERAL SOURCES. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
14 CREATED THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION, O.V.P., TO ADDRESS
15 AND PREVENT THIS VIOLENCE, BUT THE FINAL FINANCIAL INVESTMENT
16 NECESSARY TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN
17 FOLLOWED. IN FACT, WITHOUT ADDITIONAL FUNDING, THE O.V.P. MAY
18 NOT BE ABLE TO CONTINUE, AND ALTHOUGH SUSTAINED FUNDING MUST
19 BE IDENTIFIED, WE MUST LEVERAGE EXISTING FUNDING TO ADDRESS
20 TRAUMA, HARM, AND VIOLENCE OCCURRING IN OUR COUNTY. IN SPITE
21 OF FINANCIAL BARRIERS, THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION HAS
22 NOT BEEN DETERRED. THEY DEVELOPED THEIR TRAUMA PREVENTION
23 INITIATIVE WHICH SUPPORTS A COMMUNITY DRIVEN APPROACH TO
24 PUBLIC SAFETY. T.P.I. WAS INITIALLY FOCUSED ON SOUTH LOS
25 ANGELES. HOWEVER, O.V.P. -- AFTER O.V.P. WAS DIRECTED TO

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1 DEVELOP A PILOT IN MY DISTRICT, THE FIRST DISTRICT, IT
2 PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS ON CREATING THE SURVIVOR CENTER
3 APPROACH THAT WOULD COORDINATE WITH BOTH COUNTY AND COMMUNITY
4 STAKEHOLDERS TO ADDRESS COMMUNITY VIOLENCE IN THE REGION. IN
5 ADDITION TO ITS CONTINUED WORK IN THE SECOND DISTRICT,
6 O.V.P.'S EXPANSION INTO THE FIRST, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
7 MUST ENSURE THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO WORK IN OTHER AREAS AS WELL
8 THAT HAVE ALSO OBSERVED AN INCREASE IN VIOLENCE. WE,
9 THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECTS THE
10 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO TRANSFER \$5 MILLION IN OBLIGATED
11 FUNDING FROM THE MEASURE B SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TO SUPPORT THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S OFFICE OF VIOLENT PREVENTION. IT
13 SHOULD INCLUDE EXPANSION OF SERVICES IN SUPERVISORIAL
14 DISTRICTS IN ADDITION TO THE SECOND DISTRICT WITH A PARTICULAR
15 FOCUS ON TRAUMA PREVENTION INITIATIVE COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING
16 EAST LOS ANGELES, COMMERCE, HAWAIIAN GARDENS, LA PUENTE,
17 [INDISCERNIBLE] VALLEY, AND ANTELOPE VALLEY. THIS SHOULD
18 INCLUDE SUPPORT FROM COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS CONDUCTING
19 GANG INTERVENTION WORK. MEMBERS, I WOULD JUST TELL YOU IN THE
20 PAST YEAR AND A HALF I HAVE SEEN AN INCREASE IN GANG VIOLENCE
21 AND HAD TO PAY OUT OF MY OWN DISCRETIONARY FUNDING GROUPS TO
22 COME OUT TO PROVIDE GANG INTERVENTION BECAUSE THERE WAS NONE
23 AVAILABLE, AND IT IS HIGH TIME THAT WE BEGIN TO USE THIS
24 OFFICE, O.V.P., OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION, TO BE ABLE TO
25 ASSIST US AS THEY SHOULD, BUT BECAUSE OF LACK OF FUNDING

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1 AVAILABLE TO THEM, THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO. SO AND I WOULD URGE
2 MEMBERS TO CONSIDER THIS, AND I'LL BRING IT BACK AT OUR NEXT
3 MEETING. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST HAVE A
6 PROCEDURAL QUESTION. I'M HOPING YOU CAN HELP ME UNDERSTAND. I
7 UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY, AS I LOOK ON THE
8 SCREEN, THE CRITERIA IN WHICH WE CAN DO READ IN MOTIONS. I
9 UNDERSTOOD THE VOTE WE JUST TOOK ON THE LAST ONE WITH REGARD
10 TO FIRE BECAUSE IT WAS A VERY TIMELY ISSUE, BUT I AM JUST
11 CURIOUS ABOUT WHY THIS IS A READ IN VERSUS PLACING IT ON THE
12 AGENDA SINCE WE DON'T MEET UNTIL JULY 3RD, EXCUSE ME, JULY
13 13TH, IT IS PLENTY OF TIME TO HAVE IT AGENDIZED. SO IT IS TWO
14 QUESTIONS. IT IS REALLY PROCESS, I WANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT,
15 AND IN TERMS OF CONTENT. I COULDN'T AGREE WITH YOU MORE IN
16 TERMS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING FUNDING TO THAT OFFICE,
17 WHICH IS WHY I TOO HAD A MOTION, ITEM 35 TODAY, THAT WE PUT
18 OVER TO 13TH JUST SO WE COULD WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH OTHER
19 OFFICES. SO IF YOU COULD HELP ME UNDERSTAND WHY A READ IN
20 VERSUS GOING THE REGULAR AGENDIZING, TO MAKE UP A WORD,
21 PROCESS.

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** WELL, FOR MY ITEM THAT I READ IN ON THE SAN
24 GABRIEL MOUNTAINS, THAT'S A REPORT BACK. SO YOU CAN VOTE ON
25 THAT THE SAME DAY. WHEN IT IS DEALING WITH BUDGET MATTERS,

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1 OBVIOUSLY, YOU HAVE TO BRING IT BACK. SO IT WAS A MATTER OF
2 POSTING IT. I KNOW OUR OFFICES HAVE BEEN WORKING ON IT, AND I
3 BELIEVE MY OFFICE HAD REACHED OUT TO YOURS TO TELL YOU THAT WE
4 HAD BEEN WORKING ON SOMETHING LIKE THIS, AND ESPECIALLY WITH
5 O.V.P., OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS. AND OUR CONCERN WAS
6 THAT WE WANTED TO BROADEN IT, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT, AT THE
7 TIME, WE DIDN'T GET A RESPONSE BACK FROM YOUR STAFF ON THAT.
8 SO WE WANTED TO MOVE FORWARD BECAUSE IT IS PENDING. WE'VE
9 ALREADY SPENT A LOT OF MONEY FROM MY OWN DISCRETIONARY FUNDS
10 TO HIRE ON MORE INDIVIDUALS TO HELP US WITH GANG INTERVENTION,
11 SO IT IS A TIMELY MANNER FOR US, AND IN NO WAY IS IT
12 DISRESPECTFUL BECAUSE I INTEND TO WORK WITH YOU. AND WE BOTH
13 HAVE AREAS THAT ARE PLAGUED WITH, UNFORTUNATELY, THESE HIGH
14 GANG AFFILIATIONS AND INCIDENTS, AND WE DO WANT TO DO
15 EVERYTHING TO PREVENT THEM. AND WE KNOW WE HAVE BEEN WORKING
16 WITH O.V.P. ON THIS MATTER FOR SOME TIME, AND WE DID LEARN
17 THERE WAS SUPPORT FOR THIS MOTION AND TO BE ABLE TO UTILIZE
18 THE MONEY AND SPREAD IT IN AREAS THAT NEED IT AS WELL I THINK
19 WAS VERY IMPORTANT.

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21 **SUP. MITCHELL:** SO, MADAM CHAIR, I AM NOT QUESTIONING CONTENT.
22 I COMPLETELY AGREE. MY QUESTION IS PROCESS. I'M TRYING TO
23 UNDERSTAND, IF WE HAVE THREE WEEKS BEFORE OUR NEXT MEETING, AT
24 WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES DO WE READ IN A MOTION AS OPPOSED TO SIMPLY
25 HAVING THE MOTION AGENDIZED. THAT IS MY QUESTION. THE LAST

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1 ITEM WE VOTED ON, I UNDERSTAND IT WAS URGENT WITH REGARD TO
2 THE FIRES. IT WAS A TIMELINESS ISSUE. SO MY QUESTION IS,
3 AGAIN, PROCESS, READING IN A MOTION AS OPPOSED TO HAVING IT
4 AGENDIZED, NOT THE CONTENT. I COMPLETELY SUPPORT THE CONTENT.
5 MY QUESTION IS AROUND PROCESS.

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7 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** PART OF IT IS --

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9 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR, CAN I HELP EXPLAIN?

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11 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** PLEASE, SURE.

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13 **SUP. KUEHL:** AFTER YOU, OF COURSE.

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15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** NO, I WOULD JUST SAY THAT PART OF THE
16 ABILITY TO PRESENT MOTIONS BEFOREHAND IS TO LET PEOPLE KNOW WE
17 ARE BRINGING MOTIONS FORWARD THAT THEY THEN WOULD BE MADE
18 PUBLICLY AWARE OF WHAT IT IS THAT WE ARE DOING. AND THAT, FOR
19 ME, IS VERY IMPORTANT, ESPECIALLY IN THE AREAS THAT I
20 REPRESENT BECAUSE SOME OF US, SOME MEMBERS, I KNOW I HAVE BEEN
21 CRITICIZED BY THE SHERIFFS AND OTHERS AND CITIES FOR NOT DOING
22 ENOUGH. AND WE HAVE, UNFORTUNATELY, THIS IS SOMETHING FOR ME
23 THAT IS -- THAT HAS BEEN OF HIGH PRIORITY FOR THE LAST YEAR
24 AND A HALF. SO IT IS -- IT IS MOSTLY MORE GIVING OUR

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1 COMMUNITIES, MY COMMUNITY, THE RIGHT TO KNOW THAT I AM WORKING
2 ON THEIR BEHALF. THANK YOU. SHEILA, SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** I WAS JUST GOING TO SAY IN ADDITION, AS TO THE
5 MOTION THAT WE VOTED ON TODAY, IT WASN'T REALLY THE URGENCY OF
6 IT. WE ARE ALLOWED TO VOTE ON MOTIONS IF IT IS JUST FOR A
7 REPORT BACK BECAUSE WE ARE NOT ACTUALLY TAKING AN ACTION. WE
8 ARE NOT SPENDING MONEY. WE ARE JUST SAYING WE WANT A REPORT
9 BACK, AND AT THAT TIME, WHEN EVERYBODY HAS HAD A CHANCE TO
10 READ IT, MAYBE THERE WILL BE A MOTION. SO THOSE ARE ALLOWED TO
11 BE VOTED ON THE SAME DAY, NOT -- WHETHER THEY ARE URGENT OR
12 NOT, JUST A REPORT BACK. IN TERMS OF THE ONE THAT HILDA READ
13 IN TODAY, WE ACTUALLY HAVE TWO DIFFERENT ROUTES TO PUT AN ITEM
14 ON THE AGENDA. ONE OF THEM IS WE CAN READ IT IN AT A PRIOR
15 BOARD MEETING, AS HILDA JUST DID. AND THE SECOND, AS YOU KNOW,
16 IS TO FILE IT, LIKE JULY 7TH, WHICH IS THE DAY WE WILL FILE
17 ALL OF OUR MOTIONS FOR THE 13TH, BUT SOMETIMES WE USE IT AS
18 HILDA SAID TO KIND OF SIGNAL SOMETHING AND TO GIVE PEOPLE A
19 LOT MORE TIME TO KNOW THAT IT IS COMING AND WORK ON IT. AND I,
20 YOU KNOW, I, OBVIOUSLY, I NEVER KNOW WHAT ANYONE'S MOTIVE IS
21 ENTIRELY ON STUFF, BUT I HAVE SEEN IT BOTH WAYS. SOMETIMES, I
22 DO IT TO GET PRESS, NOT SAYING ANYBODY ELSE DOES, BUT I DO,
23 AHEAD OF TIME.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN:** ME TOO.

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2 **SUP. KUEHL:** VARIOUS WAYS TO -- BUT, WE HAVE TWO WAYS TO GET
3 SOMETHING ON THE AGENDA. THIS IS ONE. THE OTHER IS TO FILE THE
4 WEDNESDAY BEFORE. I HOPE THAT HELPS.

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6 **SUP. MITCHELL:** WELL, I APPRECIATE THE EXPLANATION FROM
7 MULTIPLE SUPERVISORS. I GET THE STRATEGY AND WHY IT WOULD BE
8 BENEFICIAL, AND I THINK THE OTHER WAY IS ALSO TO PUT THINGS ON
9 THE AGENDA AS I DID WITH ITEM 35, AND AGAIN, OFFERED THE
10 CONTINUANCE SO WE COULD WORK COLLABORATIVELY TOGETHER, BUT
11 THANK YOU ALL FOR THE EXPLANATION, GREATLY APPRECIATE IT.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, LOOK FORWARD TO
14 WORKING WITH YOU ON THIS. THANK YOU. OKAY, NEXT, MEMBERS, IT
15 IS TIME FOR ADJOURNMENTS. SO, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR
16 FROM EACH MEMBER. WE WILL BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

17

18 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I WILL BE
19 ADJOURNING FOR FOUR INDIVIDUALS TODAY. I ASK THAT WHEN WE
20 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DOUG CRAMER, PRODUCER
21 AND ART COLLECTOR, AND IN AN ERA OF KIND OF FAMILY-FRIENDLY
22 PROGRAMMING, WHICH, AS YOU KNOW, MEANS THE PAST, DOUG WAS A
23 DOMINANT PLAYER IN THE '60S AND '70S AT A.B.C., AT FOX, AT
24 PARAMOUNT, AND BEFORE HE TEAMED UP WITH AARON SPELLING AND
25 KIND OF RULED THE RATING WARS FOR A WHILE WITH SHOWS LIKE

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1 "THE LOVE BOAT," "HART TO HART," AND "DYNASTY." HE WAS ALSO A
2 VORACIOUS ART COLLECTOR AND DONATED GENEROUSLY A PORTION OF
3 HIS VAST COLLECTION TO M.O.C.A., THE WHITNEY MUSEUM OF
4 AMERICAN ART, AND THE CINCINNATI ART MUSEUM. HE IS SURVIVED BY
5 HIS HUSBAND, HUBERT, AND HIS BROTHER, PEYTON. AND I ASK THAT
6 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FRED DEWEY, THE
7 FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF VENICE'S VENERABLE LITERARY ARTS
8 CENTER, BEYOND BAROQUE. HE WAS THE FOUNDER OF ITS IMPRINT,
9 BEYOND BAROQUE BOOKS, AND THE CURATOR OF THE VENICE BEACH
10 POET'S MONUMENT. FOUNDED IN 1968, AS AN EXPERIMENTAL LITERARY
11 MAGAZINE, BEYOND BAROQUE CEMENTED ITSELF AS AN INCUBATOR FOR
12 WRITERS AND ALSO SEDUCED SCHOLARS, PUNK ROCKERS, VENICE BEAT
13 WRITERS INTO VENICE'S ORIGINAL CITY HALL, THE CENTER'S HOME.
14 MUSICIAN, TOM WAITS, WRITER, DENNIS COOPER, X SINGER, EXENE
15 CERVENKA, AND POETS, AMY GERSTLER AND WANDA COLEMAN WERE AMONG
16 THE ALUMNI OF THE WEEKLY POETRY WORKSHOPS. AMANDA GORMAN, WHO
17 CAPTURED THE WORLD WITH HER POEM "THE HILL WE CLIMB," DURING
18 PRESIDENT BIDEN'S INAUGURATION, TOOK THE CENTER'S YOUTH POETRY
19 CLASSES AS A TEENAGER. FRED IS SURVIVED BY HIS SISTER,
20 FRANCES, AND A BROTHER. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY,
21 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL WOMAN, RHONDA
22 MEISTER, THE FORMER ST. JOSEPH CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WHO
23 DIED JUNE 15TH. SHE ARRIVED TO ST. JOE'S AS A CASE MANAGER AND
24 LESS THAN A YEAR LATER WAS ASKED TO TAKE OVER THE LEADERSHIP
25 WHEN COFOUNDER, SISTER MARILYN RUDY, DECIDED TO STEP DOWN. FOR

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1 25 YEARS, SHE HELPED TO GROW ST. JOSEPH CENTER FROM 12 STAFF
2 AND TWO SMALL STOREFRONTS IN VENICE TO 100 EMPLOYEES AT EIGHT
3 LOCATIONS SPREAD OUT ACROSS THE WEST SIDE. RHONDA SERVED ON A
4 NUMBER OF REGIONAL BOARDS AND BLUE RIBBON PANELS THAT WORKED
5 TO ADDRESS THE IMMENSE CHALLENGES OF POVERTY, HOUSING, AND
6 HOMELESSNESS IN L.A. IN 2007, THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
7 SOCIAL WORKERS RECOGNIZED HER LONGTIME SERVICE BY NAMING HER
8 THEIR PUBLIC CITIZEN OF THE YEAR FOR HER "ADVOCACY ON BEHALF
9 OF LOW INCOME CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AND THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO
10 ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS OR AT RISK FOR HOMELESSNESS."
11 OVERSAW THE CREATION OF THE BREAD AND ROSES CAFE, WHICH HAS
12 SERVED OVER 600,000 MEALS TO PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS
13 SINCE IT OPENED IN 1989. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
14 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JEFFREY SANKER, WHO DIED ON MAY
15 28TH. HE WAS HAILED AS THE P.T. BARNUM OF THE GAY WORLD
16 BECAUSE HE OWNED THE L.A. WHITE PARTY ENTERTAINMENT COMPANY,
17 WHICH PRODUCED EVENTS ACROSS THE WORLD, MOST NOTABLY THE WHITE
18 PARTY IN PALM SPRINGS, WHICH WAS NAMED FOR WHAT YOU WERE
19 EXPECTED TO WEAR, A MULTI-DAY MUSIC FESTIVAL AND A HAVEN FOR
20 GENERATIONS OF GAY MEN, WHICH FEATURED ARTISTS LIKE LADY GAGA
21 AND JENNIFER LOPEZ, OFTEN EARLY IN THEIR CAREERS. SANKER OFTEN
22 USED THE MONEY HE EARNED TO ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF THE GAY
23 COMMUNITY, SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE DESERT A.I.D.S.
24 PROJECT, THE TREVOR PROJECT, AND GAY AND LESBIAN ELDER
25 HOUSING. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER, RENEE, AND HIS SISTER,

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1 DIANE. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
2 MEMORY OF JOHN SACRET YOUNG, WHO DIED ON JUNE 3RD, A SKILLED
3 AND PROLIFIC WRITER OF BOOKS, TELEVISION SCREEN PLAYS, MOVIE
4 SCRIPTS, OPINION PIECES, AND BOOK REVIEWS, HE WROTE DIRECTED
5 OR PRODUCED A RUN OF PRIME TIME T.V. SHOWS, INCLUDING "WEST
6 WING" AND "CHINA BEACH," THE LATTER A PORTRAIT OF WARFARE AND
7 ITS LIFE-ALTERING CONSEQUENCES. DURING THE LENGTH OF HIS
8 CAREER HE RECEIVED SEVEN EMMY NOMINATIONS AND TWICE WON A
9 WRITER'S GUILD AWARD. HE ALSO WROTE AND PRODUCED SEVERAL
10 FEATURE FILMS INCLUDING "TESTAMENT," WHICH WAS NOMINATED FOR
11 AN OSCAR. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, CLAUDIA, HIS BROTHER,
12 MASON, AND HIS CHILDREN JACY, JAKE, JULIA, AND RILEY. THANK
13 YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

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15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVING ON TO SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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17 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
18 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF PASTOR REGINALD
19 POPE, AND I KNOW PASTOR POPE AND HIS CHURCH ARE IN THE SECOND
20 DISTRICT, BUT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL HAS ALLOWED ME TO DO THIS.
21 PASTOR POPE AND I HAVE BEEN DEAR, DEAR FRIENDS FOR REALLY AS
22 LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER. HE WAS A BOLD AND COURAGEOUS LEADER OF
23 THE WATTS COMMUNITY FOR MANY YEARS. IN 1975, HE BECAME THE
24 PASTOR OF BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH. PASTOR POPE DIDN'T
25 WANT TO JUST BE A SUNDAY RESIDENT OF THE WATTS COMMUNITY, SO

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1 HE QUICKLY SET TO WORK MAKING HIS PRESENCE KNOWN. HE CAME WITH
2 A DREAM IN HIS HEART TO TEACH, ENCOURAGE, LOVE, ADMONISH, AND
3 BROADEN THE CHARACTER OF HIS CONGREGATION'S KNOWLEDGE OF GOD.
4 HE BELIEVED HE WAS NOT JUST PLACED ON THE CORNER OF 109TH AND
5 COMPTON TO LEAD A CHURCH BUT A COMMUNITY. BEYOND HIS SUNDAY
6 MORNING SERMONS, PASTOR POPE WANTED TO PROVIDE THE COMMUNITY
7 WITH AN OPEN DOOR AND A SECOND CHANCE BECAUSE HE KNEW
8 FIRSTHAND THAT WE DON'T ALWAYS GET IT RIGHT ON THE FIRST TRY.
9 HE CREATED AN ARRAY OF PROGRAMS FOR HOMELESS SERVICES, WEEKLY
10 FOOD AND CLOTHING DISTRIBUTIONS, EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, ALCOHOL
11 AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE CLASSES, TO HOLISTIC SERVE THE COMMUNITY
12 WITH WHATEVER THEIR SPECIFIC NEED MAY BE. TO DATE, MOST OF
13 THESE PROGRAMS ARE STILL IN PLACE AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN
14 THE LIVES OF THE WATTS RESIDENTS. HIS WORK EXTENDED WELL
15 BEYOND THE WALLS OF THE CHURCH. HE WAS INVOLVED IN THE
16 REDEVELOPMENT OF THE JORDAN DOWNS PROJECTS AND, MOST
17 IMPORTANTLY, IN THE REBUILDING OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
18 HOSPITAL. AND IN ALL OF THESE PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES, IT
19 WAS IMPORTANT TO PASTOR POPE THAT THE CHURCH'S CONGREGATION
20 BE INVOLVED NOT FOR ANY GLORY OR RECOGNITION BUT BECAUSE HE
21 WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF
22 WATTS. FOR MORE THAN 44 YEARS, PASTOR POPE SAW MANY PEOPLE
23 COME AND GO IN THE WATTS COMMUNITY, BUT WHAT KEPT HIM ROOTED
24 ON THE CORNER OF 109TH AND COMPTON WAS HIS DEEP FAITH IN GOD
25 AND HIS LOVE FOR PEOPLE, HIS NEED TO HELP PEOPLE, AND HE NEVER

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1 PASSED UP AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO. THAT'S REALLY WHAT SET HIM
2 APART NOT ONLY AS A PASTOR BUT AS A LEADER IN THE WATTS
3 COMMUNITY. PASTOR POPE WAS A DEAR FRIEND OF MY FATHER'S, AND
4 THEN HE WAS A DEAR FRIEND OF MINE WHEN I REPRESENTED WATTS ON
5 THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL FOR 10 YEARS, AND I SPENT MANY,
6 MANY AFTERNOONS AND EVENINGS IN HIS CHURCH. HE, MANY TIMES,
7 WOULD TURN OVER HIS PULPIT TO ME AND ALLOW ME TO ADDRESS HIS
8 CONGREGATION. HE WAS JUST SUCH A GIVING, HOSPITABLE PERSON. I
9 REMEMBER ONE OF THE DARKEST TIMES FOR HIS CHURCH, IT WAS IN
10 2003, WHEN WE HAD THAT 100-YEAR STORM WITH TERRIBLE HAIL,
11 VIOLENT STORM CELL THAT JUST STAYED OVER THE WATTS COMMUNITY
12 FOR HOURS AND DID NOT MOVE. MANY OF THE HOMES WERE FLOODED,
13 AND HIS CHURCH WAS FLOODED, AND THE WHOLE BASEMENT WAS
14 FLOODED, AND ALTHOUGH HE NEVER LOST HIS POSITIVITY, AND HE WAS
15 GOING TO MAKE SURE THAT BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH WAS
16 RESTORED, AND I KNOW I WORKED WITH HIM TO HELPED GET THE
17 RESOURCES TO CLEAN UP THE CHURCH AND RESTORE IT TO ITS PROPER
18 PLACE AT 109TH AND COMPTON. HE IS GOING TO BE DEEPLY, DEEPLY
19 MISSED BY ME, BY HIS WIFE, JUANITA, HIS CHILDREN, SHARON AND
20 ROBIN, HIS WHOLE CONGREGATION, AND REALLY THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY
21 OF WATTS. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
22 MEMORY OF MICHAEL DINSMORE, WHO WAS ONLY 31 AND A RESIDENT OF
23 PALOS VERDES ESTATES WHEN HE PASSED AWAY. HE ATTENDED L.A.
24 HARBOR COLLEGE, WHERE HE MAJORED IN SOCIOLOGY SO THAT HE COULD
25 HELP OTHERS RECOVER FROM CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY. MICHAEL HIMSELF

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1 HAD BEEN STRUGGLING WITH DRUG DEPENDENCY AND FOUND RECOVERY
2 THROUGH THE PROGRAMS OFFERED AT THE BEACON HOUSE IN SAN PEDRO.
3 DURING HIS TENURE THERE, HE GENEROUSLY ENGAGED IN VOLUNTEER
4 WORK AND BECAME A MAN OF FAITH. HE SUCCESSFULLY GRADUATED FROM
5 THE PROGRAM AND CONTINUED TO GIVE BACK TO THE BEACON HOUSE BY
6 BECOMING A COUNSELOR, HELPING MANY OF THE MEN IN THE PROGRAM
7 GET THROUGH THEIR VARIOUS ADDICTIONS. LATER, HE WORKED AS A
8 CASE MANAGER AT HARBOR INTERFAITH SERVICES, GOING OUT ON THE
9 STREETS TO HELP OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS FIND HOUSING AND TO
10 CONNECT THEM TO PROGRAMS. HE WANTED TO MAKE OUR WORLD JUST A
11 LITTLE BETTER. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, STEPHEN AND
12 DEBORAH, HIS SISTERS, ELIZABETH AND SARA, AND HIS BROTHER,
13 ANDREW. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
14 THE MEMORY OF PATRICIA O'SULLIVAN SRAMEK, WHO WAS 79 WHEN SHE
15 PASSED AWAY. PATTI WAS BORN IN WEST LONG BEACH, WHERE SHE
16 RESIDED HER ENTIRE LIFE. PATTI ATTENDED POLY HIGH SCHOOL,
17 LATER MARRIED HER NEIGHBORHOOD SWEETHEART, NICK SRAMEK, WHOSE
18 FAMILY LIVED HALF A MILE AWAY. SHE AND NICK MOVED TO NORTH
19 CAROLINA, WHERE HE WAS STATIONED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AT
20 FORT BRAGG. PATTI HELD MANY JOBS IN HER LIFE, BUT WAS MOST
21 BELOVED AS A CHAMPION FOR THE COMMUNITIES OF THE WEST SIDE
22 NEIGHBORHOOD IN LONG BEACH. SHE SERVED AS A FIELD DEPUTY FOR
23 THE CITY OF LONG BEACH'S SEVENTH COUNCIL DISTRICT FOR MANY
24 YEARS AND WAS KNOWN FOR DRIVING THE NEIGHBORHOOD DAILY TO
25 SPOT SIDEWALKS AND STREETS THAT NEEDED REPAIRS, VISIT WITH

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1 NEIGHBORS, AND ALONG WITH HER BROTHER, BURKE, PATTI HELPED
2 CARE FOR HER AGING PARENTS, PAT AND MARGIE, PRIOR TO THEIR
3 PASSING. SHE LATER RETIRED AND WELCOMED HER FOUR GRANDCHILDREN
4 IN SUCCESSION, ELLA, ABE, INGRID, AND LEVI. SHE WAS A DEVOTED
5 AND BELOVED GRANDMOTHER MOTHER, WHO WAS KNOWN SIMPLY AS G.G.
6 PATTI WAS A TOWERING BEAUTY, A ONE IN A MILLION WOMAN, A FORCE
7 OF NATURE. SHE LOVED A GOOD MARTINI, BIG SUNGLASSES, FRANK
8 SINATRA, ART MUSEUMS, AND BEAUTIFUL GARDENS. PATTI WOULD SAY
9 THAT IN HER LIFE, SHE WAS MOST PROUD OF HER 52 YEAR MARRIAGE,
10 MOTHERHOOD, AND THE FIERCE LOVE SHE HELD FOR HER FAMILY. SHE
11 IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, NICHOLAS, HER CHILDREN, DAVID AND
12 BRIDGET, HER DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, MARY, HER GRANDCHILDREN, AND
13 BROTHER, PATRICK BURKE. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
14 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF HOWARD CHAMBERS, WHO WAS 76 WHEN HE
15 PASSED AWAY. HE WAS BORN IN LAKEWOOD, BORN AND RAISED IN
16 LAKEWOOD. HE WAS ONE OF THE COMMUNITY'S ORIGINAL KIDS, WHO
17 GREW UP IN LAKEWOOD AT THE TIME OF THE CITY'S FOUNDING AND
18 HISTORIC GROWTH IN THE 1950S. HE RECEIVED A BACHELOR OF
19 SCIENCE DEGREE FROM CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LONG BEACH, A
20 MASTER OF ARTS IN PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION FROM PEPPERDINE
21 UNIVERSITY IN 1976, AND AND A MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
22 FROM U.S.C. IN 1981. HE WORKED FOR THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AS A
23 PART TIME AND FULL TIME RECREATION ASSISTANT AND LATER AS THE
24 ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER OF ROSEMEAD PRIOR TO BECOMING EXECUTIVE
25 ASSISTANT TO THE LAKEWOOD CITY MANAGER. HE WAS APPOINTED

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1 LAKEWOOD'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE IN JUNE 1976, AND THAT IS WHERE HE
2 RETIRED. HE HAD WORKED A TOTAL OF 50 YEARS FOR LAKEWOOD, AND
3 WITH 41 YEARS, CHAMBERS HOLDS THE RECORD AS THE LONGEST
4 SERVING CITY MANAGER WITH ANY SINGLE CITY IN CALIFORNIA. THE
5 CITY COUNCIL NAMED HIM A LEGEND OF LAKEWOOD IN 2020 FOR A VERY
6 GOOD REASON, AND HIS LEGACY WAS LAST HERE FOREVER. HIS
7 COMMITMENT TO LAKEWOOD INCLUDED MORE THAN 40 YEARS OF
8 VOLUNTEER SERVICE WITH THE ROTARY CLUB, THE LAKEWOOD FAMILY
9 Y.M.C.A., ST. TIMOTHY SCHOOL, THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION,
10 SU CASA - ENDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND THE LAKEWOOD YOUTH
11 HALL OF FAME. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, MARY, BROTHER, JIM
12 CHAMBERS, SISTER-IN-LAW, WANDA SWENSON, SON, TODD TOLER, AND
13 DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, JENNIFER DIFIGLIA, DAUGHTER, SHANIE
14 CHAMBERS, AND SON-IN-LAW, ERIC MORROW, GRANDDAUGHTER, LOLA
15 MOXIE MORROW, AND DAUGHTER, SAMANTHA CHAMBERS. I ALSO MOVE --
16 I JUST HAVE TWO MORE. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
17 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JOANNE MARTIN, WHO WAS 76 WHEN SHE
18 PASSED AWAY IN SAN PEDRO. SHE WORKED ALONGSIDE HER HUSBAND AT
19 HIS DENTAL PRACTICE, MAKING IT A SPECIAL PLACE WITH HER UNIQUE
20 ARTISTIC AND DECORATIVE SKILLS. ALONG WITH BEING PASSIONATE
21 ABOUT WORK AND FAMILY, SHE ALSO SPENT TIME VOLUNTEERING WITH
22 VARIOUS COMMUNITY GROUPS. JOANNE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER
23 SON, KYLE. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, DAVID, SON, JAMES,
24 AND HER DAUGHTER, MEGAN. AND THE LAST ONE, COLLEAGUES, IS THAT
25 I HOPE THAT WE CAN ADJOURN TODAY IN THE MEMORY OF ROSEMARY

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1 SARDISCO, WHO WAS 84 WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY. SHE WAS A LIFETIME
2 RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO. ROSEMARY WAS A BOOKKEEPER. SHE ENJOYED
3 PLAYING SPORTS, LOVED MUSIC, AND WAS AN AVID READER, BUT, MOST
4 OF ALL, SHE LOVED SPENDING TIME WITH HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS.
5 SHE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER HUSBAND, FRANK, AND HER
6 DAUGHTERS, ANETT AND LISA. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER,
7 DOMINIQUE, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN, AND HER NIECE, THERESA, WHO IS
8 A VERY GOOD FRIEND OF MINE, AND I HAVE KNOWN FOR MANY YEARS.
9 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THOSE ARE MINE.

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11 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW, WE WILL RECOGNIZE
12 SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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14 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
15 ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF SHARON GIRDNER, WHO WAS
16 BORN ON MAY 22ND, 1929 IN PASADENA, WHERE SHE REMAINED FOR
17 MOST OF HER LIFE. SHE ATTENDED PASADENA PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND
18 STANFORD UNIVERSITY. SHARON WAS KNOWN FOR INTELLIGENCE, HUMOR,
19 AND GENEROSITY, AND SHE SPENT HER LIFE DEDICATED TO MAKING HER
20 COMMUNITY BETTER. SHE WAS RECOGNIZED AS A FORCE OF NATURE IN
21 HER POLITICAL WORK AT ALL LEVELS, INCLUDING LOCAL, STATE, AND
22 NATIONAL. WHEN THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS RECOGNIZED HER FOR
23 HER 50 YEARS OF SERVICE, SHE RECALLED HER FIRST ACTIVISM WAS
24 AS A SCHOOL GIRL ARGUING AGAINST THE INCARCERATION OF JAPANESE
25 AMERICANS DURING WORLD WAR II. SHE REMAINED PASSIONATE

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1 THROUGHOUT HER LIFE DEVOTING HERSELF TO ISSUES INCLUDING
2 WOMEN'S RIGHTS, ELECTORAL POLITICS, AND GAY RIGHTS. AS DEVOTED
3 AS SHARON WAS TO POLITICS, SHE WAS EVEN MORE SO TO HER FAMILY.
4 SOME OF HER MOST TREASURED TIMES WERE SPENT AT THE BEACH,
5 SHARING MEALS WITH OTHERS, TRAVELING WITH FAMILY, AND PLAYING
6 LIVELY GAMES OF PING PONG. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER
7 PASSIONATE HEART AND ADVENTUROUS SPIRIT. SHE IS SURVIVED BY
8 HER FOUR CHILDREN, MARTHA, SUSAN, CATHERINE, AND PETER, TWO
9 GRANDCHILDREN AND TWO GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE
10 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARY HARRIS, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF
11 MONROVIA, WHO PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 3RD AT THE AGE OF 104. SHE
12 WAS BORN AND RAISED IN BLACKLEY, A SUBURB OF MANCHESTER,
13 ENGLAND. AFTER GRADUATION, MARY BEGAN WORKING AT MANCHESTER
14 GUARDIAN NEWSPAPER. WHEN WORLD WAR II BEGAN, SHE JOINED THE
15 TOWN HALL CIVIL DEFENSE CASUALTY SERVICE. NIGHTLY GERMAN AIR
16 SQUAD RAIDS KEPT HER BUSY. THROUGH HER JOB, SHE MET HER
17 HUSBAND, A POLISH SOLDIER NAMED JOHN HARRIS. AFTER THE WAR,
18 THE FAMILY MOVED TO AMERICA TO JOIN HER SISTER. THE LOS
19 ANGELES BRANCH OF THE BANK OF MONTREAL HIRED HER AS A
20 STENOGRAPHER, AND SHE WORKED THERE UNTIL HER RETIREMENT AT THE
21 AGE OF 60. SHE WAS A LONGSTANDING MEMBER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF
22 THE BRITISH EMPIRE, LOVED TO GARDEN, AND LATER IN LIFE,
23 SUPERVISED THE GARDENING OF HER GRANDCHILDREN. SHE WAS A
24 LONGSTANDING MEMBER OF SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND
25 FOUND GREAT COMFORT FROM THE CHURCH VISITING CARE TEAM ONCE

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1 HOMEBOUND. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SON, VALDERMAR, SEVEN
2 GRANDCHILDREN, AND THREE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE
3 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CONNIE HUMBERGER, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF
4 GLENDALE, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91. BORN TO SPANISH
5 IMMIGRANTS, SHE WAS RAISED IN LOS ANGELES, GRADUATED FROM
6 MANUAL ARTS HIGH SCHOOL IN 1947 AND ATTENDED LOS ANGELES CITY
7 COLLEGE. IN THE LATE 1940S AND 1950S, SHE WORKED FOR THE
8 PACIFIC TELEPHONE, AND IN 1951, SHE MARRIED WILLIAM HUMBERGER
9 AND MOVED TO GLENDALE. CONNIE BEGAN WORKING FOR THE GLENDALE
10 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE LATE '60S. SHE FIRST TAUGHT
11 ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE AT HORACE MANN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
12 THEN WENT ON TO WORK ON COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING
13 AND BILINGUAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS. AFTER LEAVING GLENDALE
14 UNIFIED, SHE SPENT MORE THAN 20 YEARS WORKING FOR THE LOS
15 ANGELES CONSERVANCY. DURING HER TENURE THERE, SHE SERVED AS A
16 VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR, MANAGED A DOWNTOWN WALKING TOUR
17 PROGRAM, AND WAS FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE LAST REMAINING SEATS
18 COMMITTEE. CONNIE WAS PASSIONATE ABOUT LIFE AND HAD MANY
19 INTERESTS, INCLUDING ART, ARCHITECTURE, THEATER, TRAVELING,
20 COOKING, AND GOOD CAUSES. SHE WAS INVOLVED WITH A VARIETY OF
21 HISTORICAL AND ARTS ORGANIZATIONS. HER WARM, POSITIVE,
22 GENEROUS, AND ENTHUSIASTIC ENDEARED HER TO MANY FRIENDS AND
23 FAMILY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER, ANDREA. ALSO THAT WE
24 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CONSUELO SAHAGUN, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF
25 SAN GABRIEL. CONSUELO WAS BORN IN ILLINOIS IN 1925. SHE WAS

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1 RAISED IN GUADALAJARA, MEXICO BEFORE RETURNING TO WISCONSIN
2 AND THEN ULTIMATELY COMING TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO RAISE HER
3 CHILDREN. SHE ENJOYED SPENDING TIME WITH HER FAMILY AND
4 FRIENDS AND WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
5 DAUGHTERS, ELBA, WHO RECENTLY RETIRED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
6 PUBLIC WORKS, AND GLORIA, TWO GRANDCHILDREN, AND ONE GREAT
7 GRANDSON. ALSO EMILIO URIOSTE, JR., WHO WAS BORN ON CHRISTMAS
8 DAY IN 1960 AND PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 4TH AT THE AGE OF 60. HE
9 WAS A LONGTIME TEACHER, PRINCIPAL, AND ADMINISTRATOR. EMILIO
10 BEGAN HIS TEACHING CAREER IN THE MID 1980S BEFORE JOINING THE
11 BURBANK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT IN 1991 TO TEACH SPANISH AND
12 HISTORY AT JOHN BURROUGHS HIGH SCHOOL. IN 1998, HE BECAME THE
13 SCHOOL'S ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AND WAS QUICKLY PROMOTED TO
14 PRINCIPAL, A POSITION HE HELD UNTIL 2012 WHEN HE JOINED THE
15 DISTRICT OFFICE TO SERVE AS DIRECTOR OF SECONDARY EDUCATION.
16 IN 2014, HE BECAME THE DIRECTOR OF BURBANK ADULT SCHOOL,
17 OVERSEEING THE CREATION OF THE INDEPENDENT LEARNING ACADEMY
18 AND PROVIDED LEADERSHIP TO THE ADULT TRANSITION PROGRAM. MR.
19 U, AS MANY OF HIS STUDENTS CALLED HIM, NEVER FAILED TO
20 INSPIRE, UPLIFT, AND ENCOURAGE THOSE AROUND HIM. HE WILL BE
21 DEEPLY MISSED BY FAMILY, FRIENDS, STUDENTS, AND ALL WHO KNEW
22 HIM. AND LAST, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADJOURN IN
23 THE MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE IDENTIFIED AS
24 INDIGENT VETERANS BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER
25 AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY BURIED WITH DIGNITY AND HONOR AT

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1 RIVERSIDE NATIONAL CEMETERY IN THE LAST MONTH. RICHARD ERNEST
2 ARMOR, ARMY, JAMES BREWER, ARMY, GODFREY DE LAFAYETTE DAVIS,
3 JR. MARINE CORPS, HERIBERTO AGOSTO DELGADO, ARMY, EDWARD
4 JAMES DOBLOG, AIR FORCE, HOWARD DOSS, NAVY, GORDON MERRITT
5 GATZ, AIR FORCE, TERRY WAYNE GRIFFIN, NAVY, ANTHONY LANE
6 HARGIS, NAVY, RUSSELL HAMILTON JOHNSON IV, ARMY, DAVID BRITT
7 JOHNSON, MARINE CORPS, ISAIAH LEE, ARMY, ROBERT HOWARD LUND,
8 ARMY, RICHARD SCOTT MCKENNA, ARMY, EDWARD CARLTON MILLER,
9 ARMY, ELLIOT JAN PENZINER, ARMY, ALAN ROBERT STEIN, AIR FORCE,
10 JAY CARL STREIM, ARMY, JAMES ANDREW SUTTON,, MARINE CORPS, AND
11 JOSE ZEPADA, ARMY. MAY THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AND SACRIFICES IN
12 SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. THANK YOU, MADAM
13 CHAIR.

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15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. I DON'T HAVE
16 ANY ADJOURNMENTS. SO I WILL ASK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL IF YOU
17 HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL? I DON'T BELIEVE
18 SHE HAS ANY ADJOURNMENTS. OKAY. WITH THAT, WE WILL TAKE ALL
19 THE MOTIONS AS SECONDED. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A
20 UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ACTION. MADAM EXECUTIVE
21 OFFICER, PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION.

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23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
24 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
25 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS CS1, CONFERENCE WITH

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1 LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, ITEM CS2,
2 DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, ITEM CS3, CONFERENCE
3 WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, FESIA DAVENPORT AND DESIGNATED STAFF,
4 AND ITEM CS4, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
5 EXISTING LITIGATION AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AND
6 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDAS.

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

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5 CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED
6 LITIGATION

7 (Paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section
8 54956.9)

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10 Significant exposure to litigation (three cases). (20-2580)

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12 **No reportable action was taken.**
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15 CS-2. DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS
16 (Government Code Section 54957)

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18 Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

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20 **No reportable action was taken.**
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23 CS-3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
24 (Government Code Section 54957.6)

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

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

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37 Unrepresented employees (all). (17-0363)

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No reportable action was taken.

CS-4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

(Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

Coalition of County Unions, et al. v. Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 20STCP04019 (21-2596)

The Board authorized County Counsel to file an appeal of the ruling finding Measure J constitutionally invalid in the case entitled Coalition of County Unions, et al. v. Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, et al.

The vote of the Board was 4 to 1, with Supervisors Mitchell, Kuehl, Hahn, and Solis voting aye and Supervisor Barger voting no.

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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 22, 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 30th 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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