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FISCAL YEAR '21-'22 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2021

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WELCOME TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL MEETING FOR FISCAL YEAR '21-'22 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS. TODAY IS MONDAY, JUNE 28TH, 2021. OUR MEETING TODAY IS BEING HELD REMOTELY DUE TO THE CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF ALL. I WILL NOW TAKE ROLL CALL TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE. PLEASE RESPOND WHEN YOUR NAME IS CALLED. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. MITCHELL: GOOD MORNING, PRESENT.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

SUP. KUEHL: HERE.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

SUP. HAHN: HERE.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

SUP. BARGER: HERE.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. FESIA DAVENPORT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. RODRIGO CASTRO SILVA, COUNTY COUNSEL.

ATTORNEY: HERE.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: CELIA ZAVALA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE BOARD.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: HERE.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. MEMBERS, BEFORE WE BEGIN, I WOULD LIKE TO HOLD A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE NINE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN FOUND DEAD AND THE MORE THAN 150 WHO ARE STILL MISSING AFTER A RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PARTIALLY COLLAPSED IN SURFSIDE, FLORIDA LAST THURSDAY. OUR THOUGHTS AND OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH THE FAMILIES AND THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THIS TRAGEDY. WE WILL NOW TAKE A MOMENT OF SILENCE. [SILENCE] THANK YOU. TODAY, WE WILL BEGIN WITH OPENING REMARKS FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AND THEN WE WILL TAKE UP PUBLIC COMMENT. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER WILL THEN

PRESENT EACH OF THE BUDGET ITEMS IN NUMERICAL ORDER. WE WILL NOW HEAR FROM OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, FESIA DAVENPORT..

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU, CHAIR, SOLIS AND GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. WHAT A YEAR -- WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES. WHEN THE FINAL CHANGES BUDGET WAS PRESENTED TO YOU AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR, WE WERE LOOKING AT THE VERY REAL POSSIBILITY OF LAYOFFS AND SIGNIFICANT CUT BACKS IN COUNTY SERVICES. AT THAT TIME, SOME OF THE PANDEMIC'S BIGGEST CHALLENGES, INCLUDING A DEVASTATING WINTER SURGE AND SKYROCKETING PUBLIC NEED FOR SAFETY NET SERVICES, WERE STILL AHEAD OF US. TODAY, OUR REVENUES ARE BEGINNING TO REBOUND. ALL SECTORS OF OUR ECONOMY HAVE REOPENED AS OF JUNE 15TH, AND MORE THAN 10 MILLION DOSES OF VACCINE HAVE BEEN ADMINISTERED TO OUR RESIDENTS SO FAR. OUR PLANNING TO REOPEN COUNTY BUILDINGS TO THE PUBLIC IS WELL UNDERWAY, AND SOME OF OUR FACILITIES, LIKE OUR LIBRARIES, MUSEUMS, AND PARKS, HAVE ALREADY RESUMED IN PERSON SERVICES. I AM PROUD TO SAY THAT WITH THE BOARD 'S LEADERSHIP, LOS ANGELES COUNTY ROSE TO MEET THE PUBLIC SERVICE CHALLENGES OF THE PAST 16 MONTHS, AND WE ARE NOW READY TO BUILD ON THE MOMENTUM OF SERVICE IN ACTION TO SUPPORT AN EQUITY FOCUSED RECOVERY FOR ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES. I WANT TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT FINAL CHANGES BUDGETS, WHICH SUPPORTS YOUR BOARD'S KEY PRIORITIES. THE $36.5 BILLION FINAL CHANGES BUDGET BEFORE YOU TODAY REFLECTS AN INCREASE OF $302.8 MILLION

SINCE THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET WAS ADOPTED IN APRIL, AND AN INCREASE OF 315 BUDGETED POSITIONS FOR A WORKFORCE TOTAL OF 110,814 POSITIONS. WE KNOW WE ARE STILL FACING CONSIDERABLE CHALLENGES AND UNCERTAINTIES, INCLUDING NEW VARIANTS AND LOW VACCINATION RATES IN SOME OF OUR MOST HEAVILY IMPACTED COMMUNITIES. FOR TOO MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE WITH COVID RELATED HARDSHIPS THAT HAVE FALLEN MOST HEAVILY ON HISTORICALLY DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES. SO AS WE EMERGE FROM THE PANDEMIC AND BUILD MOMENTUM FOR AN EQUITY FOCUSED RECOVERY, THIS BUDGET FOCUSES ON TARGETED INVESTMENTS TO SERVE THE PUBLIC AND ADVANCE THIS BOARD'S VISION AND PRIORITIES. TO NAME JUST A FEW, THESE INCLUDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO SUPPORT PROJECT HOME KEY FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING OR AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS, FURTHER EXPANSION OF THE PROMOTORES DE SALUD MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM TO BRING CULTURALLY COMPETENT OUTREACH TO OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITIES, SUPPORT FOR OUR VOTING SYSTEM, INCLUDING RESOURCES TO SUPPORT MAIL IN VOTING. I'D PARTICULARLY LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT SOME OF THE KEY INVESTMENTS TO SUPPORT THE BOARD'S CARE FIRST/ JAILS LAST VISION AND THEN TALK A LITTLE ABOUT OUR FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDING. I WILL START FIRST WITH YOUTH JUSTICE. OUR PROGRESS TOWARD ESTABLISHING A NEW DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSITIONING THE COUNTY'S YOUTH JUSTICE SYSTEM TO A CARE FIRST MODEL IS WELL UNDERWAY. THIS BUDGET RECOMMENDS FULL FUNDING OF THE $26.1 MILLION REQUESTED BY THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY FOR

ITS DIVISION OF YOUTH DIVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT, ALSO KNOWN AS Y.D.D. THIS FUNDING WILL ENABLE Y.D.D. TO EXPAND AND PROVIDE PRE-ARREST PREVENTION AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO ALL ELIGIBLE YOUTH COUNTY-WIDE. THAT MEANS THAT, IN THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1ST, 100% OF THE 6500 ELIGIBLE YOUTH FOR THESE SERVICES WILL RECEIVE THEM, INCREASING THESE SERVICES SHOULD LEAD TO FEWER YOUTH ENTERING THE PROBATION SYSTEM IN THE FIRST PLACE. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO PROVIDE SOME CLARITY ABOUT THE LEVEL OF FUNDING WE ARE RECOMMENDING AND THE TIMETABLE INVOLVED. THE $26.1 MILLION IN FUNDING RECOMMENDED REFLECTS O.D.AND R.'S IN DEPTH ASSESSMENT OF THE ACTUAL STAFFING AND COSTS INVOLVED. THIS FUNDING LEVEL ACHIEVES THE SAME LEVEL OF SERVICES, BUT AT A LOWER COST, THAN THOSE THAT WAS INITIALLY ESTIMATED IN 2020 BY A CONSULTANT WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF THIS IN DEPTH ANALYSIS. LET ME BE CLEAR, WE ARE ON TARGET AND MOVING FORWARD ON THE MULTI-YEAR TIMETABLE DIRECTED BY YOUR BOARD TO TRANSFER OUR JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM TO THE CARE FIRST MODEL BY 2025, PENDING RESOLUTION OF ALL THE NECESSARY LEGISLATIVE LABOR AND BUDGETARY ISSUES. IN ADDITION TO FUNDING, THE FUNDING I JUST MENTIONED, WE ARE ALSO LOOKING CLOSELY AT THE USE OF OUR A.B. 109 REVENUES AND EXPECT TO HAVE ADDITIONAL FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS ALIGNED WITH YOUR BOARD'S CARE FIRST VISION WHEN WE RETURN IN OCTOBER FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET PHASE. AT THE SAME TIME, WE ARE ANALYZING THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S JUVENILE STAFFING LEVELS TO

DETERMINE RESOURCES THAT CAN POTENTIALLY BE REDIRECTED TO Y.D.D. AND WE ARE ALSO EXPLORING THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A Y.D.D. PROJECT FUND, WHICH WILL BE SEEDED WITH FUNDING OVER MULTIPLE BUDGET YEARS AND DEPLOYED AS APPROPRIATE TO MAXIMIZE SERVICES TO SYSTEM-INVOLVED YOUTH. NEXT SUPERVISORS, I WOULD LIKE TO TURN A LITTLE BIT -- TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT MEASURE J CARE FIRST AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS BUDGET UNIT. AS YOU KNOW, A JUDGE SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE ON JUNE 17TH TENTATIVELY RULED THAT "MEASURE J EXCEEDS THE POWER OF THE ELECTORATE TO ENACT BY CHARTER AMENDMENT AND IS CONSTITUTIONALITY IN INVALID." THE JUDGE HAS SIGNALED HER INTENTION TO MAKE THAT RULING PERMANENT, AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AT THE DIRECTION OF YOUR BOARD, INTENDS TO APPEAL THAT RULING. IN THE MEANTIME, HOWEVER, IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE COURT'S DECISION HAS NO IMPACT ON THE BOARD'S AUTHORITY TO APPROVE FUNDING FOR THE TYPES OF PROGRAMS AND INVESTMENTS SPECIFIED IN THE MEASURE J ORDINANCE. IN FACT, THE $100 MILLION ALREADY APPROVED FOR MEASURE J PURPOSES IN THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET REMAINS VERY MUCH A PART OF THE COUNTY BUDGET. UNLESS THE BOARD DIRECTS OTHERWISE, OUR PLAN IS TO PLACE THESE FUNDS IN A NEW BUDGET UNIT CALLED CARE FIRST AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS, WHERE THEY WILL BE USED TO SUPPORT THE TYPES OF DIRECT COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS IN ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION PROGRAMS SPECIFIED IN MEASURE J. WE WILL RETURN TO YOUR BOARD LATER IN THE FISCAL YEAR WITH DETAILED PROPOSED

ALLOCATIONS FOR THIS FUNDING DEVELOPED WITH THE INPUT FROM THE MEASURE J ADVISORY COMMITTEE. NEXT, I'D LIKE TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT OUR FEDERAL STIMULUS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN. WE WILL ALSO BE RETURNING IN THE NEAR FUTURE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FIRST PHASE OF $1.9 BILLION IN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE BEING DEVELOPED IN CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND YOUR OFFICES. AND INCLUDE 1) CONTINUING THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19 WITH THE FOCUS ON OUR HARDEST HIT COMMUNITIES, 2) BUILDING A BRIDGE TO AN EQUITABLE RECOVERY BY DEPLOYING SUPPORTIVE SERVICES THROUGH AN EQUITY LENS, 3) EMERGING FROM THE PANDEMIC BETTER THAN BEFORE THROUGH INVESTMENTS THAT ADDRESS THE COUNTY'S MOST URGENT AND LONG STANDING INEQUITIES, INCLUDING POVERTY, ACCESS TO HOUSING, THE DIGITAL DIVIDE, AND UNEQUAL JUSTICE SYSTEM OUTCOMES, AND FINALLY, FISCAL STABILITY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TO PREPARE FOR FUTURE CHALLENGES, WHATEVER THEY MAY BE. THESE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ALLOCATIONS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET BEFORE YOU TODAY. ONCE ADOPTED BY YOUR BOARD, HOWEVER, THESE PROGRAMS WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO FUTURE BUDGET PHASES. SO WHAT IS NEXT? ALTHOUGH WE CALL THIS THE FINAL CHANGES BUDGET, IT IS PART TWO OF A THREE PART PROCESS. WE WILL RETURN FOR THE FINAL PHASE, THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, ON OCTOBER 5TH. WE REMAIN IN A HIGHLY DYNAMIC PERIOD AND EXPECT TO ADDRESS EMERGING ISSUES, REVENUE TRENDS, AND BUDGET NEEDS AT THAT TIME. IN CLOSING, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK

YOUR BOARD, ONCE AGAIN, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND FOR YOUR SUPPORT. YOUR LONG STANDING COMMITMENT TO SOUND BUDGETING PRINCIPLES HAS ENABLED THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAMILY, NOT JUST TO WEATHER THE PANDEMIC STORM, BUT TO SEIZE THE MOMENTUM AND PLACE US ON TRACK TO COME BACK BETTER THAN BEFORE. I'D BE HAPPY NOW TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE. IF NOT, MADAM CHAIR, I TURN THE FLOOR BACK OVER TO YOU.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH TO OUR C.E.O., FESIA DAVENPORT, AND ESPECIALLY TO ALL OF YOUR TEAM AND OUR BUDGET DEPUTIES AND ALL OF THE STAFF, INCLUDING THE COUNTY FAMILY. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEADS AND THEIR STAFFS AND EVERYONE FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND WORK ON THE BUDGET AS WE MAKE ADJUSTMENTS AND WHAT IS OUR NEW NOW IN TERMS OF OUR WORKPLACES. AS WE COME TO THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR IN 2021, I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE CHALLENGES THAT EACH DEPARTMENT FACED, GIVEN THE BUDGET CURTAILMENTS RESULTING FROM THE LOSS OF REVENUE FROM COVID-19 AS WELL AS THE ADDITIONAL DEMANDS THAT WERE PLACED ON EACH DEPARTMENT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR CONSTITUENTS. DURING COVID, WELL OVER 50,000 OF OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES WERE DEPLOYED AS DISASTER SERVICE WORKERS, WHICH MEANS THEY WERE REDIRECTED AND REASSIGNED TO SERVE AT TESTING AND VACCINATION SITES, FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS, OUR NOVEMBER'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, FIRST RESPONDERS, ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT, AND AT VARIOUS SHELTERS

THAT HOUSED PEOPLE EXPOSED TO THE PANDEMIC OR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU AND APPLAUD ALL OF OUR COUNTY WORKFORCE, THE DEDICATED PEOPLE WHO PUT THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE TO SERVE OUR VERY RESIDENTS DESPITE THE IMPACT COVID MAY HAVE HAD ON THEIR OWN PERSONAL LIVES. EACH ONE OF YOU GENEROUSLY AND COMPASSIONATELY SERVED OUR COUNTY IN THE WORST MOMENTS. AND I, AND I KNOW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, TRULY ARE THANKFUL TO YOU. AND NOW, JULY 1ST, WHICH IS COMING UP, MARKS THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW FISCAL YEAR. I AM VERY PLEASED THAT THE COUNTY IS HEADING INTO THE NEW YEAR IN A STRONG FISCAL POSITION. THE COUNTY'S REVENUES ARE STABILIZING AND ARE BETTER THAN WHAT WAS INITIALLY ESTIMATED. WE RECEIVED THE FIRST TRANCH OF THE FEDERAL RESCUE PLAN, $974 MILLION. AND I AM PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT THIS YEAR, AGAIN, THE COUNTY RECEIVED THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE SHORT TERM CREDIT RATINGS ON OUR CURRENT TASK AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES DESPITE THE IMPACT COVID HAD ECONOMY AND OUR BUDGET. AND THE SPENDING AND HIRING FREEZE THAT I COAUTHORED WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER LAST YEAR IN RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC, HAS HELPED US REMAIN WITHIN BUDGET AND AVOIDED LAY OFFS. ALL OF THESE MILESTONES GIVE US HOPE FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR, BUT THERE IS STILL MUCH LEFT TO DO. OUR ECONOMY, AS YOU KNOW, IS REOPENING. SO WE MUST CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON ENSURING AN EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF VACCINES SO THAT ANYONE WHO WANTS ONE CAN GET ONE. AS OF JUNE 10.2 MILLION DOSES HAVE BEEN ADMINISTERED WITH 67% OF RESIDENTS OVER 16

HAVE RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE, 58% OF THE SAME POPULATION BEING FULLY VACCINATED. WE LED BY BEING THE FIRST COUNTY IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TO ENTER THE STATE'S YELLOW TIER BY TWO WEEKS, AND IT IS NOW THE COUNTY WITH THE LOWEST POSITIVITY RATE IN THE STATE. THIS IS A TESTAMENT TO ALL OF OUR COLLECTIVE EFFORTS. AND FOR OUR RESIDENTS 65 AND OLDER, 87% HAVE RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE, AND 67% ARE FULLY VACCINATED. IN FACT, JUST AS AN EXAMPLE, IN THE DISTRICT THAT I REPRESENT, EAST LOS ANGELES, FOR EXAMPLE, 87.8% OF RESIDENTS 65 AND OLDER HAVE RECEIVED ONE DOSE. THAT DEMONSTRATES OUR HARD WORK IN REACHING OUR COMMUNITIES MOST IMPACTED BY COVID-19. HOWEVER, WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE MORE WORK TO DO. BLACK AND LATINX COMMUNITIES THAT ARE NOT VACCINATED REMAIN ESPECIALLY VULNERABLE TO THE VIRUS. WE HAVE ALREADY BEGUN SEEING THAT AS CASE AND POSITIVITY RATES HAVE INCREASED JUST IN THE LAST FEW DAYS. WE ALSO NEED TO MAKE SURE OUR FAMILIES AND RESIDENTS STAY HOUSED BECAUSE HOMELESSNESS CONTINUES TO BE OUR MOST PRESSING PROBLEM. SO I AM PLEASED THAT THE MOTION THAT I COAUTHORED WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL PASSED LAST WEEK THAT EXTENDED THE EVICTION MORATORIUM UNTIL THE END OF SEPTEMBER. I ALSO REMAIN COMMITTED TO CLOSING THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. AND BY PASSING THE MOTION I AUTHORED IN APRIL WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL AS MY COAUTHOR FUNDING IS SET ASIDE DEDICATED FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THIS FACILITY. THIS IS, AS YOU KNOW, A CRITICAL STEP TO ENSURING WE STOP USING OUR JAILS AS A PLACE TO PUT

PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOWHERE TO GO, SUCH AS PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS OR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. SIMULTANEOUSLY, WE MUST CONTINUE TO INVEST IN COMMUNITY PROGRAMS THAT WILL SUPPORT PEOPLE LEAVING OUR JAILS WHEN THEY RETURN TO THEIR COMMUNITIES. AND WE MUST SET UP AN INFRASTRUCTURE TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM GETTING INVOLVED IN THE CARCERAL SYSTEM TO BEGIN WITH. AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, WE HAVE TO BACK OUR WORDS OF EQUITY WITH REAL ACTIONS TO SERVE THE UNDERSERVED AND UNDER-INVESTED, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN OUR BLACK AND BROWN AND LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES. FISCAL YEAR '21-'22 FINAL CHANGES BUDGET IS $36.5 BILLION AND A TOTAL OF 110,814 BUDGETED POSITIONS. AND I AM PLEASED THAT THE BUDGET REFLECTS MANY OF OF MY OWN PRIORITIES AS CHAIR, SUCH AS 931,002 POSITIONS TO FUND THE ANTI-HATE PROGRAM IN RESPONSE TO MY MARCH MOTION, THREE POSITIONS IN THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, WHICH I AM PLEASED TO BE OVERSEEING AND KNOW THIS WILL HELP US WITH OUR COUNTY'S COOLING CENTERS, THREE POSITIONS IN THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S BUDGET TO ADDRESS INCREASED CASELOAD AS REQUESTED UNDER A LETTER I SUBMITTED, $17.3 MILLION FOR YOUTH DIVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT THAT REFLECTS THE FIRST INVESTMENT IN YOUTH TO THE BOARD'S COMMITMENT TO TRANSITION TO CARE FIRST. AS I HAVE ALSO ALLOCATED $192,000 OF MY OWN OFFICE DISCRETIONARY FUNDING TO FURTHER AUGMENT SOMETHING I BELIEVE IN, A PARKS AFTER DARK PROGRAM THROUGH THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE FOR

PARKS IN MY DISTRICT. IN CLOSING, I AM INDEBTED TO OUR CONSTITUENTS THAT WE REPRESENT IN THE COUNTY. I ALSO WANT THAT THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP AND LEADERSHIP EVERY STEP OF THE WAY AND INCLUDING AS WE MOVE FORWARD IN OUR BUDGET DELIBERATIONS TODAY. TOGETHER, I'M CONFIDENT THAT THE BUDGET WILL HELP US NOT ONLY MEET THE IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITIES AS WE EMERGE FROM THE PANDEMIC, WE HAVE TO CREATE A PATHWAY WITH CRITICAL RESOURCES THAT LEAD TO A HEALTHY AND VIBRANT COMMUNITY FOR ALL. WITH THAT, I ALSO DO HAVE A QUESTION FOR OUR C.E.O. AND I WILL DIRECT THIS. MS. DAVENPORT, EARLIER YOU MENTIONED THE YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED REPORT AND THE FACT THAT YOUR OFFICE HAS IDENTIFIED $26 MILLION TO EXPAND YOUTH DIVERSION SERVICES TO 100% OF ALL ELIGIBLE YOUTH COUNTY-WIDE. CAN YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW Y.D.D. WOULD BE ABLE TO SERVE 100% OF ELIGIBLE YOUTH COUNTY-WIDE WITH $26 MILLION AND SHARE WHAT OTHER WORK IS UNDERWAY TO IMPLEMENT THE YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED REPORT. THANK YOU.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE SOME CLARITY AND UNPACK THIS INFORMATION BECAUSE I REALIZE THAT THERE ARE DIFFERENT FIGURES FLOATING AROUND REGARDING WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO EXPAND YOUTH DIVERSION. IF PERMITTED TO DO SO, ALLOW ME TO PROVIDE A LITTLE BIT OF BACKGROUND BECAUSE I THINK IT WILL HELP PLACE THE

ANSWER IN CONTEXT. SO ON OCTOBER 30TH, THE HAYWARD BURNS INSTITUTE, WHO WAS HIRED TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO TRANSITION THE COUNTY'S YOUTH JUSTICE SYSTEM ISSUED A RECORD. AND THE REPORT, AMONGST OTHER THINGS, PROPOSED ESTABLISHING A NEW DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, WHICH WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING COUNTY FACED PREVENTION AND DIVERSION, DETENTION AND ALTERNATIVES TO CUSTODY, AND POST RELIEF SUPPORT BY ASSUMING FUNCTIONS CURRENTLY PERFORMED BY PROBATION JUVENILE SERVICES THAT WOULD ULTIMATELY CONVERT THOSE SERVICES INTO A YOUTH CENTERED, TRAUMA INFORMED, AND RESTORATIVE MODEL. ULTIMATELY, THOSE SERVICES WOULD THEN BE TRANSFERRED TO THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. AND SO, IN NOVEMBER OF 2020, YOUR BOARD ADOPTED THE CORE VALUES OF THAT REPORT, AND YOU ALSO COMMITTED TO ESTABLISHING A CARE FIRST MODEL FOR OUR JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM BY 2025. THE CONSULTANTS REPORT WAS DIVIDED INTO THREE PHASES, PHASES ONE, TWO, AND THREE. THERE WERE ABOUT 18 MONTHS LONG, EACH ONE OF THEM, AND WE ARE CURRENTLY IN PHASE ONE. PHASE ONE IDENTIFIED FIVE SPECIFIC TASKS. AND I'D LIKE TO GO OVER EACH ONE OF THOSE INDIVIDUALLY. AND THE FIRST TASK ADDRESSES YOUR QUESTION DIRECTLY. THE FIRST TASK, AND I BELIEVE THE MOST FOUNDATIONAL TASK, WAS TO EXPAND THE EXISTING PRE-ARREST DIVERSION PROGRAMMING COUNTY-WIDE. SO AS MENTIONED IN MY PREVIOUS COMMENTS, WE WILL BE ABLE TO EXPAND YOUTH DIVERSION SERVICES TO ALL ELIGIBLE YOUTH. THE CONSULTANT ESTIMATED THAT THE COST FOR THE EXPANSION WOULD BE

APPROXIMATELY $60 MILLION. SINCE THAT TIME, WE HAVE WORKED DIRECTLY WITH THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND DIVERSION UNIT WITHIN O.D. AND R. TO IDENTIFY MORE ACCURATE COSTS AND TO REFINE THAT ESTIMATE. Y.D.D. WENT BACK AND DID REFINE THEIR NUMBERS AND DETERMINED THAT THE ACTUAL COST TO EXPAND, OR THE PRICE -- THE FUNDING NEEDED TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO 100% OF ALL ELIGIBLE YOUTH IS $26 MILLION. SO THIS IS THE FIGURE THAT WILL BE FUNDED IN FISCAL YEAR '21-'22 TO EXPAND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT DIVERSION SERVICES TO 100% OF ELIGIBLE YOUTH COUNTY-WIDE. THE NEXT RECOMMENDATION IN THAT REPORT UNDER PHASE ONE WAS TO INCREASE CAPACITY BUILDING AMONG YOUTH SERVING AGENCIES. ESSENTIALLY, THESE ARE OUR COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS WHICH ARE OFTENTIMES HELP TO FORM THE BACKBONE OF OUR SERVICE DELIVERY MODEL. HERE WE ARE LOOKING AT FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDING AS A POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE TO FOCUS ON YOUTH SERVING AGENCIES. WE KNOW THERE'S A NUMBER OF WAYS TO ENGAGE IN THIS WORK. 1) WE CAN INCREASE TECHNICAL CAPACITY, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, TO THESE ORGANIZATIONS, AND ANOTHER WAY IS TO INCREASE CAPACITY, THEIR OWN CAPACITY TO SERVE MORE YOUTH. AND SO THAT WORK AND PLANNING IS UNDERWAY. WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE OTHER EFFORTS UNDERWAY IN THE COUNTY TO INCREASE CAPACITY OF COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS, BUT A LOT OF THOSE EFFORTS ARE CURRENTLY DIRECTED AT THE ADULTS AND NOT YOUTH. AND SO WE ARE LOOKING AT THE FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDING IN ORDER TO EXPAND CAPACITY FOR THE YOUTH SERVING COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS.

THERE ARE THREE ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CONSULTANT'S REPORT IN PHASE ONE. THE THIRD RECOMMENDATION WAS TO WORK WITH PROBATION TO IMPROVE ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION. AND THIS IS ALSO A VERY IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATION. AND THIS WORK IS ALSO ALREADY UNDERWAY. THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION OFFICE HERE IN THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE HAS BEEN IN DISCUSSION WITH THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT ON THIS ISSUE. WE KNOW THAT ONE KEY QUESTION IS FUNDING. WE KNOW THAT THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT RECEIVES FUNDING THAT MUST BE USED FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES. FOR EXAMPLE, THEY HAVE FUNDING THAT MUST BE USED TO SERVE YOUTH WHO HAVE BEEN ADJUDGED WARDS OF THE COURT. THEY HAVE OTHER FUNDING THAT MUST BE USED SPECIFICALLY FOR HALLS AND CAMPS. HOWEVER, KNOWING THIS, THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING TODAY, AND SO THE QUESTION HERE IS HOW CAN WE WORK WITH PROBATION TO MODIFY THEIR EXISTING SERVICE DELIVERY MODEL TO IMPROVE THOSE ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION. AND AS I STATED EARLIER, THIS WORK IS UNDERWAY. THERE IS A FOURTH RECOMMENDATION VERY CLOSELY RELATED TO THE THIRD. THAT RECOMMENDATION WAS TO WORK CLOSELY WITH PROBATION AND COMMUNITY BASED PARTNERS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF REENTRY SERVICES AND SUPPORTS. AGAIN, THIS WORK REMAINS IN PROGRESS. A LOT OF THIS EFFORT WILL BE TIED TO THE WORK THAT I PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED IN RESPONSE TO THE THIRD RECOMMENDATION RELATING TO ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION. AND AGAIN, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE ARE FOCUSING ON IS WE REALIZE, AND IN THE CONSULTANT'S

REPORT THEY REALIZE, THAT SOME OF THIS FUND CANNOT NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO Y.D.D. OR TO A NEW DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AT THIS TIME AND THAT LEGISLATIVE CHANGES WILL BE NECESSARY. BUT, AGAIN, THE QUESTION IS WHAT ARE THOSE THINGS WE CAN DO TODAY, WHAT ARE THOSE CHANGES THAT CAN BE MADE WITHIN THE EXISTING SERVICE DELIVERY MODEL WITHIN PROBATION THAT WOULD ALIGN WITH THESE TWO RECOMMENDATIONS. AND THEN FINALLY, SUPERVISOR, THERE'S A FIFTH RECOMMENDATION. IT RELATES TO SUPPORT FOR FUNDING FOR ESTABLISHING THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT. THAT'S A PHASE ONE RECOMMENDATION. THE CONSULTANT'S REPORT ESTIMATED OR RECOMMENDED THAT AT LEAST $15 MILLION WOULD BE USED FOR THIS EFFORT. THIS IS, AGAIN, AN ONGOING PROCESS, AND IT HAS MULTIPLE MOVING PARTS. SO, FIRST, WE HAVE ASKED Y.D.D. TO WORK WITH THEIR CONSULTANT TO DEVELOP A STAFFING PLAN AND A BUDGET FOR THE NEW DEPARTMENT. SO THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS THAT ARE UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE THIS WILL BE A DEPARTMENT BUILT FROM SCRATCH. SO SOME OF THOSE QUESTIONS ARE WHAT IS THE SERVICE LEVEL, HOW MANY YOUTH WILL BE SERVED, WHAT ARE THE APPROPRIATE STAFF LEVELS AND THE POSITIONS, WHAT WILL BE THE SUPERVISOR TO STAFF RATIOS BE, WHAT WILL BE THE ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE OF THIS NEW DEPARTMENT, HOW MANY FOLKS AND PERSONNEL AND PAYROLL AND TRAINING. AND I KNOW THAT THESE SEEM LIKE VERY MUNDANE ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS, BUT THESE ARE THE FOUNDATIONAL ELEMENTS OF BUILDING OUT A BUDGET FOR A NEW DEPARTMENT. AND SO, WE ARE

-- WE HAVE BEEN IN DISCUSSIONS WITH Y.D.D., AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING BACK FROM THEM AS THEY WORK THROUGH THEIR CONSULTANT TO SUBMIT TO US THE PROPOSED BUILD OUT AND THE ESTIMATE FOR THE NEW DEPARTMENT. ANOTHER VERY IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF THAT IS ACTUALLY JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS THAT NEED TO BE CREATED. WE KNOW THAT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE DON'T WANT TO DO IS SIMPLY TAKE THE EXISTING JOB CLASSIFICATION, LET'S SAY FOR A PROBATION OFFICER, AND TRANSFER THAT TO THE NEW DEPARTMENT. THAT IS NOT THE DIRECTION THAT THE CONSULTANT'S REPORT SUGGESTED NOR WOULD IT BE SUPPORTIVE OF THE BOARD'S CARE FIRST VISION. WE KNOW THAT Y.D.D. WILL ALSO HAVE TO IDENTIFY AND COME UP WITH JOB DESCRIPTIONS, POSITION LEVELS, AND CLASSIFICATIONS. AND NEXT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO IDENTIFY FUNDING THAT MAY BE ABLE TO BE TRANSFERRED TO Y.D.D. IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND THEN WHICH FUNDING REQUIRES LEGISLATIVE CHANGES. I ALLUDED TO THAT A LITTLE BIT EARLIER. FINALLY, I WOULD SAY THAT IN TERMS OF THE FUNDING FOR THE NEW DEPARTMENT, ALTHOUGH THE CONSULTANT'S REPORT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT LEGISLATIVE CHANGES ARE REQUIRED TO AFFECT SOME OF THE SERVICE DELIVERY CHANGES, THERE'S ALSO A SLIGHT IMPLICATION THAT THE NEW DEPARTMENT OR EVEN Y.D.D. CAN SIMPLY ASSUME SOME OF THE FUNCTIONS OF PROBATION, AND THEREFORE THE FUNDING TO SUPPORT THOSE FUNCTIONS CAN ALSO BE TRANSFERRED TO Y.D.D. SO OUR RESEARCH UP TO THIS POINT HAS INDICATED THAT THAT'S NOT NECESSARILY THE CASE. TO THE EXTENT

THAT FUNDING IN PROBATION SUPPORTS A LEGISLATIVELY MANDATED SERVICE OR INTERVENTION OR FUNCTION IN THE DEPARTMENT, THEN THOSE FUNCTIONS CANNOT LITERALLY BE TRANSFERRED TO THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. FIRST, THERE NEEDS TO BE A LEGISLATIVE CHANGE THAT WOULD ALLOW THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND PERFORM THOSE FUNCTIONS THAT ARE CURRENTLY PERFORMED BY PROBATION STAFF. AND THEN SECOND, ONCE THAT LEGISLATIVE CHANGE IS MADE, THEN THE FUNDING THAT SUPPORTS THOSE POSITIONS THAT SUPPORT THOSE FUNCTIONS AND TASKS CAN ALSO BE TRANSFERRED. EVEN WITH THAT SAID, WE KNOW THERE IS STILL AN OPPORTUNITY TO IDENTIFY FUNDING WITHIN PROBATION THAT CAN BE TRANSFERRED TO Y.D.D. AND SOONER RATHER THAN LATER AND THEN ULTIMATELY TO THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. SO WE HAVEN'T START TO ANALYZE PROBATION'S FUNDING SOURCES. WE ARE TAKING A DEEPER DIVE, IF YOU WILL, TO IDENTIFY WHAT FUNDING MAY BE AVAILABLE TO TRANSFER WITHOUT THE NEED FOR LEGISLATIVE CHANGES. SO IN SUMMARY, AT THE END OF THE DAY, WORK IS PROGRESSING ON THOSE PHASE ONE RECOMMENDATIONS. THE MOST CONCRETE AND TANGIBLE RECOMMENDATION WE BELIEVE IS TO EXPAND YOUTH DIVERSION SERVICES TO 100% OF YOUTH COUNTY-WIDE, AND WE WILL BE ABLE TO DO THAT WITH THE BOARD'S ADOPTION OF THE FINAL CHANGES BUDGET. THANK YOU SUPERVISOR.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, FESIA, FOR THAT DETAILED ANALYSIS AND REPORT. AND IT LOOKS AS THOUGH IT IS A

WORK IN PROGRESS, BUT YET WE ARE MAKING A STRONG COMMITMENT HERE BY PLACING THE NECESSARY FUNDS TO AT LEAST SERVICE 100% OF THE POPULATION. SO I THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND IN ORDER, MEMBERS, JUST TO BE AWARE, WE GO THROUGH NUMERICAL NUMBERING IN ACKNOWLEDGING YOUR STATEMENTS. SO WITH THAT, I AM PROUD TO TURN IT OVER TO SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL.

SUP. MITCHELL: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET ME START BY EXPRESSING, QUITE FRANKLY, AS A [INDISCERNIBLE] AND A COUNTY RESIDENT HOW DEEPLY I, AND ALL OF US, ARE INDEBTED TO YOUR LEADERSHIP AND CHAIRWOMANSHIP AND THAT OF SUPERVISOR BARGER'S DURING REALLY PERILOUS TIMES FOR OUR COUNTY, OUR STATE, OUR NATION. I JUST WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT, FURTHER TO THANK THE COUNTY FAMILY AS A WHOLE. FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, IT IS TIMES LIKE THESE THAT GOVERNMENT IS REALLY DESIGNED TO MEET THE CORE NEEDS OF OUR RESIDENTS. AND CERTAINLY NOT IN MY LIFETIME OR RECENT HISTORY HAVE WE SEEN AN EXAMPLE WHERE GOVERNMENT, NOT ONLY HAD THE OBLIGATION, BUT STEPPED UP IN A PROFOUND AND MEANINGFUL WAY TO PROVIDE SUPPORT, RESOURCES, HELP THAT REALLY MADE THE DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF EVERY COUNTY RESIDENT. AND SO, I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE HARDWORKING MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY FAMILY FOR THEIR WORK AS WELL. I COULDN'T AGREE WITH THE C.E.O. MORE WHEN I THOUGHT BACK TO MY OWN LIFE A YEAR AGO. A YEAR AGO THIS MONTH, I WAS LEADING THE SENATE'S BUDGET

DELIBERATIONS RECOGNIZING THAT, IN JANUARY OF 2020, WE HAD RECORD HIGH RESOURCES IN THE GENERAL FUND. THE GOVERNOR PROPOSED A BUDGET THAT REFLECTED RECORD INVESTMENTS ACROSS CALIFORNIA. AND 69 DAYS LATER, WE LOOKED AT A VERY DIFFERENTIATE OUTCOME. AND YET STILL, CALIFORNIA AND THE COUNTY PERSEVERED. THE BUDGET ANALYST HAS BEEN ABLE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE FACT THAT THE DAYS WEREN'T AS DARK AS WE THOUGHT THEY WERE. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THE NEWLY ELECTED FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, CAME IN AND STEPPED IN TO PROVIDE THE C.A.R.E.S. ACT AND RESOURCES THAT ALL OF US NEEDED IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FULL LIFE SUSTAINING SERVICES. AND SO, I AM VERY APPRECIATIVE OF HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN THE COUNTY AT THIS INTERESTING INTERSECTION IN OUR HISTORY, A TIME OF GREAT NEED, BUT ALSO A TIME OF GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR INVESTMENT. AND WHILE I SPENT TEN YEARS, MY TEN YEARS IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE, SERVING IN LEADERSHIP AND BUDGET COMMITTEE, A SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR, AND MY LAST THREE AS CHAIR OF THE SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, THIS IS CLEARLY IS MY FIRST RODEO WITH THE COUNTY BUDGET PROCESS, BUT I BROUGHT A LOT OF WHAT I'VE LEARNED THOSE TEN YEARS WITH ME, QUITE FRANKLY, TO THE TABLE. I AM CLEAR THAT BUDGETS ARE A REFLECTION OF OUR VALUES. AND FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, COMMUNITY INPUT CAN AND MUST HAVE A LARGE INPUT ON THAT PROCESS. SO WE ENGAGED IN OUTREACH HERE IN MY OFFICE. AND THE PURPOSE OF THIS OUTREACH WAS REALLY TO ENCOURAGE MORE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, IN

FORUMS, AND CREATE SPACE FOR COMMUNITIES TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS PROCESS. THE PROCESS ALWAYS HELPS TO INFORM ME AND SHAPE HOW I RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF MY COMMUNITY. WE DID THAT A VARIETY OF WAYS. MY OFFICE ACTIVELY ENGAGED THE COMMUNITY IN DISCUSSIONS SURROUNDING THE BUDGET, INCLUDING A PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF THE COUNTY BUDGET, A COMMUNITY SURVEY OF BUDGET PRIORITIES. WE CONDUCTED MULTIPLE STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS AROUND EVERY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES, SUCH AS THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN. AND SO, I'D LIKE TO THANK THE HUNDREDS OF MEMBERS OF THE SECOND DISTRICT THAT PARTICIPATED IN THESE OPPORTUNITIES AND SHARED THEIR FEEDBACK, CONCERNS, IDEAS, AND INSIGHTS. I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK MY BRAND NEW TEAM FOR LEANING IN WITH ME AND ENGAGING IN THE PROCESS. SO WHAT DID WE HEAR? WE HEARD THAT EQUITY MUST BE AT THE FOREFRONT OF ALL ASPECTS OF OUR BUDGET PROCESS AS WE DETERMINE THE ALLOCATION OF THE COUNTY'S RESOURCES. AS YOU HEARD MADAM CHAIR TALK ABOUT OUR CASE POSITIVITY RATES, OUR HAVING IMPROVED SIGNIFICANTLY COUNTY-WIDE, BUT THEY REALLY DO REMAIN UNEQUAL ACROSS NEIGHBORHOODS, AS DO RATES OF POVERTY, HOUSING AND FOOD VULNERABILITY, ARRESTS, AND EVEN ACCESS TO DIGITAL SERVICES. DECADES OF INSTITUTIONAL INEQUITY HAVE LED TO NEGATIVE HEALTH, WEALTH, AND OPPORTUNITY OUTCOMES FOR MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. AS MANY L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS HAVE EXPERIENCED FIRSTHAND, THE PANDEMIC HAS ONLY EXACERBATED THESE INEQUITIES. THEREFORE, I BELIEVE WE MUST INVEST IN COMMUNITIES

THAT HAVE RECEIVED THE AT LEAST AMOUNT OF RESOURCES IN THE PAST AND FACED THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CONSEQUENCES AS A RESULT. BASED ON THAT EXPERIENCE, I AM PROUD OF THE FACT THAT WE HAVE AUTHORED AND PUT FORWARD MULTIPLE MOTIONS THAT ENCOMPASS EQUITY THROUGH THE ARTS, COUNTY CONTRACTING, AND THE DELIVERY OF COUNTY SERVICES. I AM PLEASED TO SEE THAT THE FINAL CHANGES BUDGET INCLUDES NEW ONGOING FUNDING FOR THE COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS PROGRAM AND INCREASED FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY AS WELL AS THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT DIVISION. I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF OUR CARE FIRST/ JAIL LAST PRIORITIES AND YOUTH JUSTICE BEING REIMAGINED. I WILL CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE AND PUSH FOR THE COUNTY TO USE AN EQUITY LENS TO ENSURE THE DISTRIBUTION OF BENEFITS ARE DELIVERED TO OUR COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORS WHO, AGAIN, HAVE THE GREATEST NEED. AS WE MOVE FORWARD IN ALLOCATING RESOURCES THROUGH THE COUNTY'S ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS OR THROUGH THE SPECIAL ALLOCATIONS LIKE THE AMERICAN RECOVERY PLAN FEDERAL STIMULUS AND OUR LOCAL CARE FIRST AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUNDS, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE ENSURE THAT RESOURCES ARE ALLOCATED TO WHERE THEY ARE NEEDED THE MOST. IN ADOPTING THIS BUDGET TODAY, I AM CLEAR THAT THE BOARD WILL NOT END THE COUNTY'S ANNUAL PROCESS. I WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH MY COLLEAGUES, THE C.E.O., COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, AND OUR STAKEHOLDERS ONCE AGAIN TO REFINE AND DEVELOP THE 2021 BUDGET AS WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGES, THE

AMERICAN RECOVERY ALLOCATIONS, AND THE CARE FIRST AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUNDS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE MY PERSPECTIVE ON THIS YEAR'S BUDGET DELIBERATION PROCESS.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, VERY GOOD. NEXT, WE WILL GO TO SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL REPRESENTING THE THIRD DISTRICT.

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU IS THE THEME OF ALL OF OUR OPENING REMARKS. I WANT TO ASSOCIATE MYSELF WITH THE COMMENTS SO FAR BY YOURSELF AND BY MY NEW AND VERY WELCOMED COLLEAGUE FROM THE SECOND. AND I AM CERTAIN I WILL ALSO HAVE DEEP AGREEMENT WITH THE REMARKS TO BE MADE BY SUPERVISORS HAHN AND BARGER. I FEEL PARTICULARLY FORTUNATE TO BE ABLE TO SERVE AT THIS PIVOT POINT IN TIME WITH FOUR TRULY WONDERFUL COLLEAGUES. AND I AM STRUCK EVERY DAY, HONESTLY, WITH HOW WE WORK THROUGH OUR DIFFERENCES, HOW WE BRING TOGETHER OUR AGREEMENTS, AND THEN HOW ALL WE TURN TO YOU, FESIA, AND SAY OKAY MAKE IT WORK. AND SO, MY DEEPEST THANKS ARE TO YOU, OUR C.E.O., AND YOUR STAFF, FOR YOUR TIRELESS WORK, AND I THINK IT IS NOT QUITE TRUE BECAUSE I AM SERVE THAT YOU GET TIRED, BUT YOU KEEP GOING ANYWAY, YOUR DEDICATION TO MAKING ALL OF THIS WORK, THE BOARD'S MANY PRIORITIES, WHICH I THINK AT THIS POINT IN HISTORY, REFLECT A REAL TURNING POINT

HOPEFULLY IN THE COUNTRY, EXEMPLIFIED IN OUR COUNTY. THE WORKLOAD OF THE C.E.O.'S STAFF HAS BEEN DEEPLY IMPACTED DUE TO THE PANDEMIC, IN MANY WAYS, NOT ONLY DOUBLED THE WORK, BUT TRIPLED IT BECAUSE, IN ADDITION TO BALANCING THE BUDGET, MANY OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES THROUGH THE 37 DEPARTMENTS, YOU AND YOUR TEAM ALSO WERE TASKED WITH ANALYZING AND DEVELOPING ALL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS, INCLUDING C.A.R.E.S. AND NOW A.R.P. ADDITIONALLY, OF COURSE, YOU HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR IDENTIFYING FUNDING, WHICH IS IN THE BUDGET, AND DEVELOPING A PROPOSAL FOR THE BOARD ON THE MEASURE J ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS. AND THANKS TO ALL OF THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITIES WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED ALL YEAR, PUT THEIR HEARTS AND SOULS INTO TRYING TO CARRY OUT A POLICY AND FUNDING SHIFT IN THE COUNTY TO CONTINUE THE IMPORTANT WORK TO ADDRESS SYSTEMIC AND SOCIAL JUSTICE INEQUITIES. I WOULD LIKE TO LIFT UP, JUST FOR A FEW MOMENTS, SOME OF THE PRIORITIES OF MYSELF AND MY STAFF INCLUDED IN THIS BUDGET AND ALSO TO HIGHLIGHT A FEW AREAS I WANT TO CONTINUE TO WORK TO SUPPORT AND FUND. FIRST OF ALL, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, TALK ABOUT A PANACEA, THE DEEPEST ANSWER, WHAT EVERYBODY IS TALKING ABOUT. THIS IS THE TOP PRIORITY WE HAVE IN EFFORTS TO CURB THE INFLOW HOMELESSNESS. OUR MARKETS ACROSS THE COUNTY ARE UNAFFORDABLE, OUR HOUSING MARKETS. AND WE NEED HALF A MILLION AFFORDABLE HOMES THAT SIMPLY DON'T YET EXIST. SO THAT IS WHY THE BOARD ADOPTED A MOTION I INTRODUCED MORE THAN FIVE

YEARS AGO TO ESTABLISH AND GROW THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND TO $100 MILLION A YEAR IN ONGOING FUNDING. THIS IS NOT THE $100 MILLION FOR MEASURE J. THIS IS OUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND. AND I AM VERY GRATEFUL THAT AGAIN WE HAVE THE FULL INVESTMENT OF THE $100 MILLION FOR '21-'22, AND WE ARE ON TRACK TO MAKE IT PERMANENT. I AM ALSO VERY PLEASED TO SEE THE ADDITION OF THE POSITION IN THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT TO ASSIST WITH OUR COMMITMENT TO GROW THE AVAILABILITY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. SECOND, I WANT TO RIGHT AWAY TALK ABOUT MEASURE J. IN RESPONSE TO YEARS AND YEARS OF COMMUNITY ADVOCACY, THE TESTIMONY OF PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE, SOLID SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, THIS BOARD MADE A COMMITMENT TO BUILDING A CARE FIRST/JAIL LAST SYSTEM IN L.A. COUNTY AND LIFTING UP COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND SERVICES TO HELP RESTORE THE HEALTH, THE SOUL, THE GOOD LIFE OF ALL THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE. AND WHEN WE VOTED TO PUT MEASURE J ON THE BALLOT LAST YEAR, WE HAD ALREADY MADE A DECISION TO EMBRACE THIS SYSTEMS CHANGE, BUT WE WANTED TO GIVE THE VOTER AS CHANCE TO RATIFY THAT DECISION. AND AS I EXPECTED, IT PASSED. THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT THE MAJORITY OF L. A. COUNTY RESIDENTS WANT TO SEE THIS SHIFT IN FUNDING SO THAT WE CAN MAKE THE NECESSARY INVESTMENTS. NOW, SINCE THE MEASURE PASSED, THERE HAS BEEN HUGE ENGAGEMENT FROM DIVERSE COMMUNITY MEMBERS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTY WHO COME TOGETHER FOR MEETING AFTER MEETING AFTER MEETING AFTER MEETING, BRAINSTORMED, DISCUSSED, AND CAREFULLY

PRIORITIZED RECOMMENDATIONS. THE SERIOUSNESS OF THEIR PURPOSE AND THEIR COMMITMENT IS IMPRESSIVE. WITH THE PRELIMINARY COURT RULING, WE LOOK TO HAVE HIT WHAT I HOPED MIGHT BE A TEMPORARY LEGAL ROADBLOCK, BUT THE ROAD BEFORE US STILL LOOKS MUCH AS IT DID BEFORE THE RULING. DO WE HAVE VOTER STRONG SUPPORT FOR THIS? YES. DO WE WANT OUR BUDGET TO REFLECT OUR VALUES AND PRIORITIES, AS SUPERVISOR MITCHELL SAID A BUDGET ALWAYS DOES? AND MEASURE J, OR WHAT IS CONTAINED IN MEASURE J, IS A MECHANISM TO HELP US DO THAT. I WANT TO SEE THE RULING APPEALED, BUT, YOU KNOW, IF WE LOSE THAT APPEAL, I WANT TO CONTINUE TO EMBRACE IT AS A GUIDING PRINCIPLE. THIS BUDGET ALLOCATES THE FIRST $100 MILLION IN ONGOING FUNDING FOR THE PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED IN MEASURE J. AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED, THESE INVESTMENTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO GROW JUST AS WAS ENVISIONED, AND NOTHING REALLY PREVENTS US FROM DOING THAT. THE SECOND PRIORITY, YOUNG PEOPLE. LONG DISCUSSION ABOUT Y.D.D., BUT, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE MANY, MANY YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE JUSTICE INVOLVED, BUT MANY WHO ARE NOT. AND I AM REALLY PLEASED TO SEE IN THIS BUDGET THE BOARD RENEWED OUR COMMITMENT TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH FROM BIRTH THROUGH 24. WE DON'T TAKE THIS COMMITMENT LIGHTLY BECAUSE, ALONG WITH OTHERS, BUT PRETTY CENTRALLY, WE ARE THEIR STEWARDS AND REALLY THEIR PROTECTORS. ENSURING WE TRANSITION TO A CARE FIRST MODEL IS ONE OF MY TOP PRIORITIES, AND MUCH WAS REPORTED ABOUT Y.D.D., AND I WON'T GO OVER IT AGAIN, ONLY TO PRAISE IT. IT IS A GREAT START. AND I

LOOK FORWARD TO MORE WORK ON THAT. THE DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE, THE STATE'S DOWN PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $8.3 MILLION IN THE FIRST YEAR FOR THE TRANSITION FROM STATE, SHALL WE CALL IT CARETAKING, IS ALSO REFLECTED IN THIS BUDGET. AND WE ARE THERE IN THE MIDST OF PLANNING FOR A TRANSITION, WORKING ON A PROMISING AND THOUGHTFUL REPORT TO THE BOARD NOT JUST WHERE DO WE STICK THESE KIDS BUT HOW DO WE TRULY HELP THEM IN A MORE HUMANE WAY. THE D.C.F.S. HOUSING PROGRAMS, I WANT TO LIFT THOSE UP AS WELL. I AM REALLY GLAD TO SEE ADDITIONAL STATE INVESTMENT OF ALMOST $3 MILLION IN THE D.C.F.S. TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM. WHAT DOES THAT DO? IT HELPS OUR YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 AND 25 STILL IN OUR CARE TO SECURE AND MAINTAIN HOUSING WITH PRIORITY GIVEN TO FORMER FOSTER YOUTH AND PROBATIONERS. PLUS, WE ARE PUTTING IN AN ADDITIONAL $1.7 MILLION FOR THE HOUSING NAVIGATOR PROGRAM, WHICH IS SO BASIC TO HELPING THESE YOUNG PEOPLE SECURE HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, ESPECIALLY TO YOUTH AND FOSTER CARE TO PREVENT THEIR HOMELESSNESS. NEXT, I WANT TALK ABOUT THE L.G.B.T.Q.+ COMMUNITY. AND EVERYONE SAYS WELL HOW COME WE HAVE NEW LETTERS EVERY COUPLE OF WEEKS IN THIS GROUP. AND THAT IS BECAUSE WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO RECOGNIZE THE VAST DIFFERENCES IN SEXUAL IDENTITY ACROSS OUR ENTIRE POPULATION AND HOW SOME OF THAT IDENTIFIES PEOPLE FOR NEGATIVE TREATMENT BY OTHERS. SO WE HAVE A BIG RESPONSIBILITY TO SUPPORT OUR L.G.B.Q.T.+ YOUTH, ESPECIALLY IN OUR FOSTER SYSTEM, AT LEAST

20% OF OUR FOSTER KIDS, AND MUST DOUBLE DOWN ON OUR COMMITMENT TO IMPROVE WELL BEING FOR L.G.B.T.Q.+ PEOPLE ACROSS THE BOARD. RECENTLY, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND I BROUGHT A MOTION TO FOCUS ON THE URGENCY FOR FUNDING SPECIFICALLY FOR THIS YOUTH. AND PEOPLE WHO ARE A PART OF THIS COMMUNITY ARE OVER-REPRESENTED IN BOTH THE CHILD WELFARE AND JUSTICE SYSTEMS, NOT A FACT THAT GETS A LOT OF ATTENTION. UP TO 40% OF YOUNG PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IDENTIFY AS QUEER. UNIQUE CHALLENGES LIKE FAMILY REJECTION AND BULLYING PUSH L.G.B.T.Q.+ PEOPLE INTO SITUATIONS THAT COMPROMISE THEIR MENTAL HEALTH, THEIR HOUSING STABILITY, AND THEIR FINANCIAL SECURITY. SO WE HAVE MADE A COMMITMENT. WE DON'T WANT THIS COMMUNITY JUST TO BARELY GET BY. WE WANT THEM TO THRIVE. AND THIS REQUIRES AN INVESTMENT. I AM VERY GRATEFUL THAT WE ARE SEEING THE BEGINNING OF THAT. SIMILARLY, OUR FOCUS ON WOMEN AND GIRLS HAS BEEN VERY, VERY IMPORTANT TO ME. ADDRESS THE BOARD, WOMEN HAVE BORNE A LARGER BRUNT OF THE PANDEMIC. IN MARCH, MORE THAN 1 MILLION WOMEN IN CALIFORNIA REMAINED UNEMPLOYED COMPARED TO 358,000 THE YEAR BEFORE, WITH WOMEN OF COLOR HIT THE HARDEST. BASED ON THE ANALYSIS FROM U.S. CENSUS AND THE BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS, THEY THINK IT WILL TAKE A YEAR AND A HALF LONGER FOR WOMEN TO BOUNCE BACK FROM UNEMPLOYMENT THAN IT WILL FOR MEN. SO IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE WORKFORCE INVESTMENTS TO ENSURE THAT WOMEN HAVE THE SUPPORT THEY NEED TO REENTER THE WORKFORCE. YEARS AGO, THERE USED TO BE A ONE DAY WOMEN'S

STRIKE, WHERE WE WOULD CALLED UPON TO RECOGNIZE A WORLD WITHOUT WOMEN WORKING IN IT. AND HAD IT BEEN TOTALLY PERFECT, I AM TELLING YOU EVERYTHING WOULD HAVE GROUND TO A HALT. CHILDCARE, HOME HEALTHCARE, DOMESTIC WORK, THINGS THAT PEOPLE DO NOT RECOGNIZE UNDERPIN OUR WHOLE WORK SYSTEM. AND SO NOT ONLY DO WOMEN MAKE UP THE WORKFORCE IN SERVICE ROLES BUT ALSO OWN BUSINESSES IN THOSE SECTORS. AND MANY OF THEM DID NOT BENEFIT FROM P.P.P. AND OTHER ECONOMIC RELIEF IN THE PAST YEAR. SO WE HAVE TO INCLUDE SUPPORT FOR WOMEN OWNED BUSINESSES IN THESE SECTORS, THE HELPING SECTORS, INCLUDING GRANTS, LOW INTEREST LOANS, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. IN PARTICULAR, CHILDCARE, CHILDCARE CHILDCARE WILL REQUIRE OUR ONGOING ATTENTION. IN ORDER FOR THIS SECTOR TO FULLY RECOVER, CHILDCARE MUST BE AVAILABLE. IT ALSO INCLUDES HOME VISITATION PROGRAMS BECAUSE, UNFORTUNATELY, THE BUDGET INCLUDES A REDUCTION OF $7 MILLION FOR HOME VISITATION PROGRAMS. AND WE ARE KEENLY AWARE THAT THIS KIND OF HOME VISITATION HAS LASTING BENEFITS, HEALTHIER MOMS, HEALTHIER BABIES, CHILDREN BETTER PREPARED FOR SCHOOL, SAFER CHILDREN, MORE SELF-SUFFICIENT FAMILIES. AND, FRANKLY, THESE PROGRAMS SAVE MONEY. SO I WANT TO LET MY COLLEAGUES KNOW, I AM PROBABLY GOING TO DO SOME CONTINUING PUSHING OVER THIS YEAR TO WORK TO STABILIZE AND PRIORITIZE HOME VISITATION SERVICES. ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT FUNDING SHORTFALLS THAT WAS UNDERSCORED DURING THE PANDEMIC ARE THE PROTECTIONS OFFERED TO SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC

VIOLENCE. WE DON'T KNOW YET PRECISELY HOW MUCH THE NEED INCREASED, BUT WE STILL FIND OURSELVES UNPREPARED TO SERVE THE TOTAL OF THIS NEEDY POPULATION. THE COUNTY HAD NOT ADEQUATELY SET ASIDE ONGOING FUNDING TO HELP STABILIZE THE 18 CONTRACTED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER-BASED CARE AGENCIES, AND I WANT TO CONTINUE WORKING TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN, IN ADDITION TO LOOKING TO A.R.P. AND STATE LEGISLATION TO LOOK AT OUR POTENTIAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES, EVEN HOMELESSNESS FUNDING BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT SHELTERS DO. FINALLY, I WANT TO UPLIFT FOR MY COLLEAGUES A PROJECT IN MY OWN DISTRICT, THAT I INTEND TO BEGIN AND CONTINUE TO WORK FOR. YOU KNOW, WE KNOW THAT THERE IS INEQUITABLE ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE IN SEVERAL AREAS IN L.A. COUNTY, ESPECIALLY IN THE FIRST AND THE SECOND, BUT NOT ONLY. THERE ARE FOUR HOSPITALS IN L.A. COUNTY, ONE IN EACH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, EXCEPT FOR DISTRICT THREE. AND MANY PEOPLE SAY WELL, DISTRICT THREE HAS GOT ALL THOSE RICH PEOPLE. THEY DON'T REALLY NEED IT, BUT IF YOU LOOK AT OUR MAPS, THE REALITY IS I HAVE SEVERAL AREAS IN MY DISTRICT AS WELL CONSIDERED HEALTH DESERTS AND COMMUNITIES OF HIGH NEED. NORTH HOLLYWOOD IS A FEDERALLY DESIGNATED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREA. AND SHORTAGE IS ABSOLUTELY THE RIGHT WORD. A RECENT STUDY BY H.M.A. AND D.H.S. DETERMINED THAT NORTH HOLLYWOOD IS ONE OF THE TOP 10 NEIGHBORHOODS IN WHICH OUR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES SHOULD EXPAND PRIMARY CARE SERVICES. SO I AM HOPING WE CAN LEVERAGE EXISTING COUNTY OWNED

PROPERTY AND SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORTH HOLLYWOOD INTEGRATED HEALTH CENTER CAPITAL PROJECT. IT WILL BE THE VERY FIRST COUNTY HEALTH CENTER BUILT FROM THE GROUND UP WITH A VISION OF PROVIDING TRULY INTEGRATED CARE ACROSS OF OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND OTHERS WITH AN UNPRECEDENTED TEAM CARE MODEL, PRIMARY CARE, MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE USE, HEALING COMMUNITIES SPACE. AND THIS TO A COMMUNITY THAT HAS LIMITED ACCESS TO ANY OF THESE SERVICES. SO, IN CONCLUSION, AND THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME ARTICULATE THESE POINTS, WE ARE REALLY AT A TURNING POINT, A PIVOT POINT, NOT ONLY IN HISTORY BUT IN THE COUNTY. AND I REALLY FEEL VERY, VERY PRIVILEGED TO BE PART OF A TEAM SO COMMITTED TO MAKING THIS WORK FOR OUR RESIDENTS. SO IF WE CAN CONTINUE TO PRIORITIZE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, CARE FIRST/JAIL LAST, OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, OUR L.G.B.T.Q. COMMUNITY, WOMEN AND GIRLS, AND MAKE REAL INVESTMENTS IN HEALTH DELIVERY IN ALL OF THE AREAS THAT ARE SO NEEDED, I WILL BE VERY GRATEFUL, AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR LETTING ME ARTICULATE THESE PRIORITIES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: WELL SAID. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. NEXT, I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR HAHN, REPRESENTING THE FOURTH DISTRICT.

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. BOOM. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, THAT WAS A MIC DROP SPEECH. [LAUGHTER] THAT WAS REMARKABLE

AND ARTICULATE AND WE SHOULD END NOW. YEAH, TOO BAD ABOUT GOING IN NUMERICAL ORDER. BY THE TIME YOU GET TO THE FOURTH DISTRICT AND THE FIFTH DISTRICT, OUR ESTEEMED COLLEAGUES HAVE SAID IT ALL AND SAID IT WELL. SHEILA USED TO ALWAYS SAY, EVERYTHING HAS BEEN SAID, BUT IT HASN'T BEEN SAID BY EVERYONE. SO I FIND MYSELF IN THAT FOURTH POSITION TODAY. MAYBE IN THE FUTURE, FOR EQUITY, WE COULD START AS FIVE AND GO DOWN TO ONE. JUST A THOUGHT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP DURING ALL OF THIS, AND I WILL ALSO ASSOCIATE MY REMARKS WITH MY COLLEAGUES IN TERMS OF THE BIG THANK YOU TO OUR C.E.O. AND TO HER BUDGET TEAM AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE INCREDIBLE TIME THEY HAVE SPENT DOING THIS AND HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO GET OUR BUDGET TO THIS PHASE. I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE WORKED LONG HOURS DURING "BUDGET SEASON," WHICH SOME SAY LASTS FOR SIX MONTHS FROM THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET IN APRIL THROUGH THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET IN OCTOBER, BUT I AM PRETTY SURE THEY WOULD AGREE THAT BUDGET SEASON GOES FROM JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER EVERY YEAR EVERY SINGLE SCHOOL YEAR. THIS BUDGET IS A MORAL DOCUMENT. AND IT DOES REFLECT WHO WE ARE AS A COUNTY AND WHAT WE TRULY VALUE. IN A YEAR THAT WAS PAINFUL AND STRESSFUL AND SEEMINGLY NEVER ENDING, WE HAVE HAD TIME TO WRESTLE AND BE REFLECTIVE WITH AND WAY THINGS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN AND THE WAY THINGS SHOULD BE GOING FORWARD. THIS PANDEMIC HAS HIGHLIGHTED SOME ALREADY GLARING INEQUITIES AND UNTRUTHS AND ALSO HELPED US UNDERSTAND THINGS THAT WORKED WELL DURING THE PANDEMIC THAT

MAYBE WE SHOULD HANG ON TO. I AM SO APPRECIATIVE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, WHO HAVE RAISED THEIR VOICES THROUGH THE COMMENTS WE HEARD BOTH ON MAY 19TH AND THE HUNDREDS THAT WROTE IN WITH SPECIFIC REQUESTS ABOUT HOW THEY WANT THEIR MONEY SPENT IN THE FUTURE. AND MUCH OF THE COMMENTS FROM THEM AND CERTAINLY FROM MY COLLEAGUES ON THIS BOARD OVER VARIOUS MEETINGS, OVER NOT JUST THIS YEAR BUT PAST YEARS, HAVE BEEN ABOUT THIS CARE FIRST/JAIL LAST STYLE OF MONETARY INVESTMENT. AND MANY OF YOU HAVE ALREADY TOUCHED ON THE FACT THAT THE COURTS HAVE TEMPORARILY OVERTURNED MEASURE J AND WHAT THIS EITHER MEANS OR DOESN'T MEAN, BUT I THINK IT IS CLEAR THAT THE VOTERS REALLY DID WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL FUTURE BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS WOULD CARRY THE SAME VISION OF CARE FIRST/JAILS LAST THAT THIS BOARD HAS SO DECLARED AS IMPORTANT TO US. AND IT IS CLEAR THAT THE FIVE OF US HAVE NEVER WAVERED FROM THIS VISION, HAVE NEVER WAVERED FROM THIS IDEA OF INVESTING IN THE FRONT END OF PEOPLE'S LIVES SO THAT THE BACK END DOESN'T END UP IN OUR JAILS WHERE WE KNOW THE OUTCOMES ARE NOT POSITIVE AT ALL. THIS BOARD IS PUTTING OUR MONEY WHERE OUR MOUTH IS. WE BELIEVE IN THIS, AND YOU CAN SEE THAT IN THIS BUDGET. AND I JUST HOPE -- I THINK ABOUT SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WE ARE GOING TO BE LOSING YOU AT THE END OF 2022. AND YOU HAVE BEEN A CHAMPION FOR THIS IDEA OF REDIRECTING THE COUNTY'S FOCUS, OUR VISION, AND OUR BUDGET TOWARDS INVESTING IN PEOPLE. I WOULD JUST URGE EVERYONE WHO IS LOOKING TO VOTE FRO A NEW BOARD OF SUPERVISOR

AT THE END OF NEXT YEAR GRILLS THE CANDIDATES ON IF THEY, INDEED, STILL BELIEVE THAT THIS IS THE RIGHT WAY TO GO FORWARD. NOW, I STILL WANT TO SAY THAT I AM LOOKING AT ADDING UP ALL THE DOLLARS WE ARE GOING TO BE SPENDING IN THESE INVESTMENTS, AND I HOPE WE CAN FIND $50 MILLION MORE SO WE THAT, AGAIN, CAN SUPPORT THE SPIRIT OF MEASURE J AND NOT JUST THE LAW OF MEASURE J. ON MAY 19TH, I REMEMBER SPEAKING ABOUT ONE OF THE POSITIVE GAINS I THINK WE SAW THROUGH THE PANDEMIC WAS TELEWORKING. AND IT BROUGHT ALL SORTS OF CHALLENGES, BUT IT ALSO BROUGHT ALL SORTS OF POSITIVE OUTCOMES. IT IS NOT ALL THAT GLAMOROUS ALL THE TIME TO WORK REMOTELY. I THINK THE PHRASE "YOU'RE ON MUTE" SHOULD BE ON T-SHIRTS AND COFFEE MUGS EVERYWHERE BECAUSE WE STILL CAN'T SEEM TO FIGURE THAT OUT, BUT I DO THINK IT BROUGHT FORTH A LOT OF POSITIVE CHANGES. AND I KNOW MANY DEPARTMENTS, I AM GLAD TO SAY, HAVE GONE BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD AND ELIMINATED COSTLY LEASED SPACES TO SAVE THE COUNTY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ANNUALLY. THEY'VE FIGURED OUT HOW TO LEVERAGE TECHNOLOGY TO REPLACE ANTIQUATED IDEAS OF REQUIRING EVERY PERSON TO BE IN A CERTAIN SEAT TO PERFORM A CERTAIN JOB. WE KNOW THAT NOT EVERY JOB ALLOWS FOR WORKING FROM HOME. SOME PEOPLE DO ACTUALLY HAVE TO SHOW UP IN A SPECIFIC PLACE TO DO A SPECIFIC JOB, BUT MANY OF OUR COUNTY WORKFORCE CAN BE FLEXIBLE. AND MY GOAL WAS NEVER FOR 100% TELEWORK, BUT RATHER TO EXPLORE WHAT OTHER MODELS OF WORKING EXIST OUT THERE AND COULD WORK TO THE BENEFIT OF ALL L.A.

COUNTY EMPLOYEES. YOU KNOW, WE ARE STILL RECOVERING FROM THIS PANDEMIC. WE ARE STILL EMERGING FROM THIS PANDEMIC. WE ARE NOT 100% ON THE OTHER SIDE YET. AND THERE ARE STILL CHILDCARE ISSUES WITH MANY OF OUR EMPLOYEES. MANY SUMMER CAMPS DIDN'T REOPEN COMPLETELY FOR IN PERSON LEARNING. SOME SCHOOLS STILL AREN'T REOPENING FOR IN PERSON LEARNING. AND OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES HAD TO FIGURE OUT WHO TO JUGGLE HAVING KIDS GO TO SCHOOL FROM HOME. AND I THINK OUR TELEWORKING MODEL REALLY EMBRACED AND UNDERSTOOD THE NEEDS THAT FAMILIES HAVE AS WE ARE COMING OUT OF THIS PANDEMIC. SO I REALLY WANT TO CONTINUE TO URGE ALL DEPARTMENTS TO FIGURE OUT HOW THEY CAN SUPPORT THEIR EMPLOYEES TO CONTINUE TO TELEWORK, AND LET'S MAKE SURE THAT ALL EMPLOYEES HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY THEY NEED TO DO THEIR JOBS FROM HOME AND DO IT WELL. I DON'T THINK THIS IS THE LAST LARGE SCALE DISASTER OR EMERGENCY THAT THE COUNTY WILL SEE IN ITS FUTURE. AND THIS WAS A GOOD LESSON ON HOW PEOPLE DON'T HAVE TO COME INTO A SPECIFIC BUILDING TO DO THEIR WORK. AND I REALLY WANTED TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO ALL OF OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU DID SUCH A GOOD JOB OF THAT IN YOUR OPENING REMARKS. THEY HAVE ALL WORKED HARD UNDER THESE DIFFICULT CONDITIONS, AND THEY KEPT OUR COUNTY GOING, AND THEY KEPT OUR SERVICES BEING DELIVERED TO THOSE WHO MOST NEEDED THEM. AND THEY BECAME DISASTER SERVICE WORKERS. AND LIFEGUARDS WERE CHECKING IN SOME UNHOUSED SENIOR INTO OUR PROJECT ROOM KEYS. AND THEY REALLY STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE. I

JUST REALLY WANTED TO THANK ALL OF OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR REALLY DOING THEIR JOBS UNDER VERY DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES. YOU KNOW, MANY OF OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES TOOK INVOLUNTARY CUTS TO THEIR RETIREMENT. AND I AM GLAD THAT IN THIS BUDGET, THAT'S BEING RESTORED STARTING THIS WEEK, AND I APPRECIATE THAT. A COUPLE OF OTHER THINGS I WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT, I AM HAPPY WE ARE RESTORING 147 WORKERS TO OUR PARKS DEPARTMENT. OUR PARKS ARE SO IMPORTANT, AND NOW THAT PEOPLE ARE GETTING BACK OUT AND DOING THINGS, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR PARKS HAVE THE STAFF AND CAN REALLY UP THE PROGRAMS AGAIN AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. AND THESE EMPLOYEES WILL HELP US DO THAT. THESE EMPLOYEES WILL BE GOOD FOR OUR LAKES, OUR POOLS, THE THINGS THAT OUR RESIDENTS RELY ON. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR MONEY TO OFFER FREE SWIMMING LESSONS FOR EVERY PERSON, EVERY CHILD, EVERY YOUNG ADULT, WHO WANTS TO LEARN TO SWIM IN THE COUNTY. THERE'S NO GREATER ANTIDOTE FOR DROWNING THAN LEARNING TO SWIM. AND THAT'S A PROGRAM THAT I HOPE WE CAN REALLY LOOK TO FULLY FUND. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR PARKS ARE SAFE, THOUGH, AND WE KNOW THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAD WORKED OUT ON AN M.O.U. WITH OUR PARKS DEPARTMENT TO CONTINUE TO BE THE PARKS BUREAU. AND IT IS VERY DISTRESSING TO ME THAT THERE WAS AN INCIDENT RECENTLY IN ONE OF MY COUNTY PARKS, THE DON KNABE REGIONAL PARK, WHERE AN OLDER ASIAN MAN WAS ATTACKED BECAUSE OF HIS RACE, AND I WAS THERE AT A RALLY SATURDAY SUPPORTING HIM AND SUPPORTING THE

A.A.P.I. COMMUNITY. SO WE WANT TO MAKE SURE OUR PARKS ARE SAFE. AND I AM GLAD THAT WE ARE GOING TO INVEST A MILLION DOLLARS INTO THE L.A. VERSUS HATE CAMPAIGN AS WELL AS THE 211 SYSTEM BECAUSE I BELIEVE, IF THERE WAS ONE THING WE UNDERSTOOD WAS IF IT IS SO TRUE, PARTICULARLY AMONG OUR A.A.P.I. COMMUNITY, THAT STANDING UP AND SAYING SOMETHING AND SPEAKING OUT WHEN THERE IS AN INCIDENT OF HATE OR WHEN THEY CAN SEE BULLYING OR HARASSMENT BECAUSE OF A PERSON'S RACE THAT THEY NEED TO SAY SOMETHING. AND 211 IS THAT NUMBER, AND I AM GLAD TO SEE THAT WE ARE PUTTING MONEY INTO THAT TO SHOW THAT, AGAIN, WE'RE READY TO SUPPORT THERE IS NO ROOM FOR HATE IN L.A. COUNTY. AND I -- I KNOW SUPERVISOR MITCHELL MENTIONED IT, BUT I ALSO WANTED TO SAY IT IS GREAT TO SEE THAT OUR NEWEST DEPARTMENT, ARTS AND CULTURE, IS RECEIVING FUNDS TO CONTINUE THE COMMUNITY IMPACT ARTS PROGRAM. THIS WAS A HUGELY SUCCESSFUL PILOT PROGRAM OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS. AND I KNOW LOCAL ART ORGANIZATIONS ALL OVER THE COUNTY WILL BENEFIT FROM THIS. I HEAR FROM THEM DIRECTLY IN MY DISTRICT THAT THIS WAS A MUCH APPRECIATED GRANT PROGRAM. I AM HAPPY THAT, FESIA, YOU TALKED ABOUT, WE ARE GOING TO GET A LITTLE OVER A BILLION DOLLARS IN THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO MAKING SURE THAT WE CONTINUE TO INVEST IN OUR CARE FIRST/JAIL LAST ALLOCATIONS WITH THAT AND WE ALSO INVEST IN BUILDING MORE HOMES AND MAKING SURE WE ARE REALLY WORKING TO GET OUR HOMELESS RESIDENTS OFF THE STREETS AND INTO PERMANENT

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. IT IS GREAT THAT PROJECT HOME KEY IS GOING TO GET MONEY FOR ANOTHER 450 BEDS. I STILL BELIEVE THAT MASTER LEASING MOTELS AND HOTELS IS SUCH A GREAT MODEL THAT REALLY SEEMS TO BE MUCH MORE COST EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT IN IMMEDIATELY GETTING OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS OFF THE STREETS AND INTO SAFE, CLEAN HOUSING, THREE MEALS A DAY. THEY ALL HAVE SECURITY. THEY REALLY ARE THE MODEL THAT I THINK MAKES THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE. AND I HOPE WE CAN MAKE A HUGE STEP FORWARD THIS NEXT YEAR WITH REALLY GETTING TO THE ROOT OF WHY SO MANY PEOPLE ARE STILL BECOMING HOMELESS ON OUR STREETS AND HOW WE CAN DO A BETTER JOB OF DETECTING THAT BEFORE IT HAPPENS AND KEEPING PEOPLE FROM FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS. YOU KNOW, I JUST WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT AS I END, L.A. FOUND, WHICH IS THE GREAT INNOVATIVE PROGRAM THAT HELPS FAMILIES WHO HAVE A LOVED ONE, A CHILD, A SENIOR, WHO IS SUBJECT TO WANDERING THROUGH DEMENTIA AND ALZHEIMER'S OR THROUGH AUTISM. AND IT HAS BEEN A VERY SUCCESSFUL PILOT PROGRAM SO FAR. AND I THINK THE STANDALONE AGING DISABILITY DEPARTMENT IS THE PERFECT PLACE TO PUT L.A. FOUND NOW BECAUSE THEY WILL BE SPOTLIGHT IT AND TAKE IT FROM A PILOT TO A PERMANENT PROGRAM, WHICH I THINK IS SO IMPORTANT AS, UNFORTUNATELY, WE SEE MORE AND MORE SENIORS WHO HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA, AND WE DO KNOW THAT WE ALSO HAVE A LARGE SEGMENT OF OUR POPULATION, MOSTLY CHILDREN, BUT ALSO ADULTS WHO ARE ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM AND ARE ALSO PRONE TO WANDERING. SO THIS IS REALLY

IMPORTANT, AND I APPRECIATE IT. I WILL BE PAYING A LOT OF ATTENTION TO THIS NEW AGING AND DISABILITY DEPARTMENT. WHEN I TALK ABOUT IT OUT THERE IN PUBLIC, THE SENIORS ARE SO EXCITED ABOUT THIS AND SO HAPPY WE ARE FINALLY REALLY GIVING THEM THE DEPARTMENT THAT THEY DESERVE THAT WE CAN NOW FOCUS ALL OF THE RESOURCES ON OUR AGING AND CERTAINLY THOSE WITH DISABILITIES IN ONE PLACE. AND I THINK THAT WILL HELP US LEVERAGE MORE FUNDING, MORE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES, AND WILL REALLY BEGIN TO KNOW IF YOU ARE SENIOR, OR SOMEONE WHO HAS A DISABILITY, L.A. COUNTY IS THE PLACE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO AGE GRACEFULLY. THANKS AGAIN FOR THIS BALANCED BUDGET, FESIA AND YOUR TEAM. AND WITH THAT, I WILL TURN IT BACK TO YOU, MADAM CHAIR!

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT, WE WILL LISTEN -- WE WILL HEAR FROM SUPERVISOR BARGER, REPRESENTING THE FIFTH DISTRICT.

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU. AND I WILL BE BRIEF BECAUSE I THINK THAT EVERYONE HAS TOUCHED ON REALLY THE BUDGET AND EXACTLY WHAT OUR PRIORITIES ARE AS A COUNTY. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK FESIA DAVENPORT, OUR C.E.O., MATT LEBLANC AND OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS AND ALL OF THE BUDGET STAFF WHO WORKED SO HARD TO PRESENT US WITH THIS BUDGET. THIS IS REALLY, TO ME, ONE OF THE REASONS WHY I THINK L.A. COUNTY IS SO GREAT IS WORKING TOGETHER COLLABORATIVELY TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF OUR

RESIDENTS, AT THE SAME TIME BEING COGNIZANT OF BEING FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE. OUR BUDGET IS VITALLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE SO MANY PEOPLE DEPEND UPON COUNTY SERVICES. WE HAVE SEEN DEMANDS INCREASE, BUT HOPEFULLY AS WE ENTER OUR RECOVERY, WE WILL SEE OUR ECONOMY GROW ONCE AGAIN, ALONG WITH OUR REVENUES. DURING COVID-19, WE SAW UNPARALLELED REDUCTIONS IN REVENUE THAT WE DEPEND UPON TO PROVIDE THESE VITAL SERVICES IN AREAS OF PUBLIC SAFETY, CHILD WELFARE, HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND SO MANY OTHER AREAS. I AM GRATEFUL THAT, THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN, WE RECEIVED ONE-TIME REVENUES TO ADDRESS THESE REVENUE LOSSES AND WILL ASSIST US IN TRANSITIONING BACK TO A RECOVERED ECONOMY. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THE FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN IN JULY. AND, YOU KNOW, COVID HIGHLIGHTED HOW STRONG OUR SAFETY NET SYSTEM IS BUT ALSO HIGHLIGHTED HOW MUCH WORK WE HAVE TO DO AS IT RELATES TO INEQUITIES IN DIFFERENT AREAS, AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL TOUCHED ON IT, AS IT RELATES TO HEALTHCARE. I SAW IT FIRST HAND UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, MANY RURAL AREAS THAT WERE DISCONNECTED FROM BEING ABLE TO GET THE TESTING AND THE VACCINE. AND I THINK THAT HIGHLIGHTED FOR US A NEED TO TAKE A LOOK AT AREAS WITHIN THE COUNTY THAT ARE STILL FACING THE NEED TO INCREASE SERVICES BOTH ON THE HEALTH AND THE MENTAL HEALTH SIDES. WE MUST CONTINUE OUR FISCAL PRUDENCE TO WEATHER DIFFICULT TIMES AND MEET DEMANDS OF THE PUBLIC FOR ESSENTIAL SERVICES. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE BOARD'S FISCAL PRUDENCE WITH A HIRING

FREEZE AND THE EXISTENCE OF A RAINY DAY FUND WHICH PROVIDED A NEEDED CUSHION TO ENSURE WE COULD CARRY OUT ALL OF OUR RESPONSIBILITIES WHEN THE PUBLIC NEEDED IT MOST, AND WE SAW THAT LAST YEAR. AND, AGAIN, THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT THE RAINY DAY FUND WAS PUT INTO PLAY FOR, TO HELP US BRIDGE THROUGH THOSE DIFFICULT TIMES, WHICH WE WERE ABLE TO DO. AND I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK OUR C.E.O. FOR ALLOCATING $13.9 MILLION TO THIS RAINY DAY FUND. THIS WILL BRING US UP TO OUR FULL 10% SET ASIDE FOR THE FIRST TIME, AND WE WILL HAVE $731 MILLION IN THIS FUND TO PROVIDE US WITH FISCAL SUPPORT IN THE FUTURE IF WE NEED IT. AND, AGAIN, I THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THAT. AND SUPERVISOR, CHAIR, BOARD MEMBER SOLIS, TOUCHED ON THE GRADING THAT WE GET IN NEW YORK. THIS IS ONE OF THE AREAS THEY LOOK AT, AND THAT IS WHY WE HAVE SUCH A FISCAL -- STRONG RATING BASED ON OUR FISCAL PROJECTIONS. WHILE THE BOARD WILL BE DELIBERATING ON THIS BUDGET, WE MUST COME BACK IN OCTOBER TO PROVIDE THE PUBLIC WITH AN UPDATED BUDGET. WE WILL RECALIBRATE BASED ON THE STATE ADOPTED BUDGET. I'M HOPEFUL THAT, AT THE TIME, WE WILL BE ABLE TO ALLOCATE AN ADDITIONAL $5 MILLION TO THE PARKS AND REC DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED PROGRAMS AT OUR PARKS, SWIMMING POOLS, AND LAKES, AND, OF COURSE, OUR PARKS AFTER DARK PROGRAM. IN ADDITION, I'M HOPEFUL THAT REVENUES WILL BE THERE TO EXPAND OUR MENTAL EVALUATION TEAMS. PUBLIC SAFETY IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO ME. THE SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITIES IS CRUCIAL,

ESPECIALLY DURING A TIME OF RISING CRIME RATES. I SUPPORT PROGRAMS SUCH AS THE MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION TEAM AND OTHER SPECIALIZED RESOURCES THAT PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT WITH THE TOOLS NEEDED TO KEEP BOTH THEM AND OUR PUBLIC SAFE. I WOULD LIKE TO ALSO HIGHLIGHT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU MENTIONED THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I AGREE, WE NEED TO BE FOCUSED ON THAT BUT ESPECIALLY AS IT RELATES TO OUR TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO PROVIDE FUNDS AND HOUSING FOR THOSE LEAVING OUR SYSTEM, AND WE NEED TO SUPPORT THEM TO ALLOW THEM TO GET ON THEIR FEET, WHETHER IT BE THROUGH EDUCATION OR THROUGH JOB TRAINING. I ALSO WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE CARE FIRST/JAIL LAST. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE CAPACITY WITHIN OUR -- WITHIN MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT, ESPECIALLY AS IT RELATES TO DRUG TREATMENT. SO I HOPE WE CAN EVENTUALLY WORK TOWARD BUILDING A SYSTEM THAT WILL SUPPORT THE CARE FIRST/JAIL LAST. OTHERWISE, WE WILL BE SETTING NOT ONLY THE SYSTEM UP FOR FAILURE, BUT INDIVIDUALS COMING IN TOUCH WITH OUR SYSTEM. I WANT TO ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE, AND SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU TOUCHED ON THIS, OUR EMPLOYEES. DURING COVID, I HAVE TO SAY THAT WE SAW THE BEST OF THE BEST COME FORWARD. I AM GOING TO CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE FOR A COVID APPRECIATION PAY FOR OUR FRONTLINE WORKERS THAT SHOWED UP DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES OVER THE LAST YEAR. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM, MANY OF WHOM HAD TO GO HOME EACH EVENING AFTER A VERY, VERY DIFFICULT DAY AND WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE FACT

THAT THEY MAY HAVE EXPOSED THEIR FAMILY TO COVID, BUT YET, THEY SHOWED UP AND DID THE JOB, AND WE WILL FOREVER BE GRATEFUL FOR THESE INCREDIBLE L.A. COUNTY WORKFORCE THAT SHOWED UP AND REALLY STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE. SO, WITH THAT, I JUST HAVE TO SAY, BECAUSE, AGAIN, EVERYTHING HAS BEEN SAID, COLLABORATION IS THE KEY. THIS BUDGET AND OUR COUNTY WILL ONLY BE SUCCESSFUL WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE RESIDENTS WE ARE ALL ELECTED TO SERVE AND FOR EACH OF YOUR PRIORITIES, AND, IF ANYONE HAS TAKEN NOTE, YOU WILL FIND THAT WE ARE ALL ON THE SAME PAGE AS IT RELATES TO PROVIDING QUALITY SERVICES FOR OUR CONSTITUENTS AND PROVIDING THE RESOURCES NECESSARY BOTH WITHIN THE COUNTY BUT ALSO IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE A SYSTEM THAT TRULY DOES SUPPORT AND PROTECT OUR RESIDENTS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND THANK YOU ALSO FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP WHEN YOU WERE SERVING AS CHAIR DURING THE PANDEMIC AND THE START. YOU TOOK US THROUGH MANY HURDLES AND CHALLENGES. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR VALOR AND YOUR STAFF, TOO, BECAUSE I DON'T THINK THAT PEOPLE FULLY REALIZE THAT EVEN THOUGH MANY OF US WERE NOT HERE AT H.O.A., SOME OF US WERE, AND I KNOW YOU WERE. AND YOU CONTINUED TO BE AS WELL AS YOUR STAFF AND SOME OF THE OTHERS. SO, WE WANT TO THANK YOU. AND I WOULD JUST ENCOURAGE EVERYONE THAT IS

LISTENING IF THEY CAN TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE VIDEO RELEASED REGARDING OUR OPENING ON JUNE THE 15TH, AND IT SHOWCASES ALL THE WONDERFUL EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY THAT STEPPED UP AND DID AN YEOMAN'S JOB IN JUST MAKING SURE THAT THE COUNTY CONTINUED TO FUNCTION. I THINK YOU WOULD FIND IT VERY PLEASING BUT ALSO A WAY TO SAY THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU. SO, WITH THAT, MEMBERS, WE ARE NOW GOING TO TURN TO PUBLIC COMMENTS. SO LET ME READ THE FOLLOWING: AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, WE WILL BE TAKING TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENTS DURING TODAY'S MEETING. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD RECEIVED OVER 40 WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TODAY'S MEETING, AND AS THOSE WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED, ALL OF THEM WERE AVAILABLE TO THE SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION, CONSISTENT WITH THE BROWN ACT'S REQUIREMENTS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT WRITTEN COMMENTS THROUGHOUT THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT SHOULD CALL 877-226-8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 3658810. TO REPEAT, PLEASE CALL 877-226-8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 3658810. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF

YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL 877-873-8017 AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. EACH PERSON WILL HAVE A MINUTE TO SPEAK ON THE AGENDA ITEMS. OUR GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE CAN. WHEN SPEAKING ON THE AGENDA ITEMS, YOU MUST BE ON TOPIC. IF YOU ARE NOT SPEAKING ON A TOPIC OR IF WE CANNOT TELL IF YOU ARE SPEAKING ON AN AGENDA ITEM, YOU WILL GET ONE WARNING FROM COUNTY COUNSEL OR THE CHAIR. IF YOU DO NOT IMMEDIATELY OR CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC OR STRAY OFF TOPIC AGAIN, YOU WILL FORFEIT THE REST OF YOUR TIME, AND THE CHAIR WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE, IF YOU ARE LISTENING TO THE BOARD MEETING ON A COMPUTER OR SPEAKER PHONE YOU WILL NEED TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON THOSE DEVICES AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU OR THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER PLEASE.

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

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

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

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ADARI SHARECAR. PLEASE STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEM YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY.

ADARI SHARECAR: GOOD MORNING, I HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS 1,, 2A, 2B, 3G, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THIS IS ADARI SHARECAR FROM CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND CALIFORNIA. I'M CALLING TO URGE THE BOARD TO FULLY FUND YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED AT THE $75 MILLION. IT IS UNCONSCIONABLE THAT THE PROPOSED BUDGET GIVES PROBATION MORE MONEY THAN WAS ALLOCATED LAST YEAR DESPITE THE REDUCED NUMBER OF YOUTH SUPERVISED AND INCARCERATED BY PROHIBITION AND DESPITE THE COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO TRANSITION TO A CARE FIRST MODEL. THE BUDGET GIVES ALMOST $410 MILLION TO JUVENILE INSTITUTIONS, AN INCREASE OF OVER $10 MILLION FROM LAST YEAR. THIS SIGNALS A COMMITMENT TO CAGING AND INCARCERATING YOUTH OVER INVESTING IN THEIR FUTURE. INCREASING THE JUVENILE INSTITUTIONS BUDGET WHILE WOEFULLY UNDERFUNDING Y.J.R. IS, IN FACT, A JAILS FIRST/CARE LAST MODEL. THE COUNTY MUST DOWNSIZE THE PROBATION AND JUVENILE INSTITUTIONS BUDGET IN ORDER TO MOVE TOWARD NO MORE PROBATION STAFF, NO MORE PROBATION DOLLARS, AND NO MORE CAMPS OR HALLS. PLEASE FULLY FUND YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED AT $75 MILLION. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE CARUTI PARET. PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEM THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY.

CARUTI PARET: HI, GREETINGS. MY NAME IS CARUTI PARET, AND I'M WITH THE LOS ANGELES YOUTH UPRISING COALITION. AND I'LL BE SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM 1, 2A, 2B, 3G, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU, BOARD, AND C.E.O. FOR ALL THE COMMENTS YOU HAVE MADE UP UNTIL NOW. I THINK THERE'S A HUGE MISSING PIECE, AND I AM HOPING THAT TODAY WHEN YOU LISTEN TO YOUR CONSTITUENTS YOU WILL UNDERSTAND FULLY THAT, WITHOUT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, WE WILL NOT GET THE CARE FIRST/JAILS LAST. WE -- COUNTLESS MEMBERS OF OUR COALITION PARTICIPATED IN YOUTH JUSTICE WORKGROUPS TO ACTUALLY HELP TO CREATE THE YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. BUT NO ONE WAS REACHED OUT TO WHEN THIS BUDGET CONVERSATION HAPPENED. WE REALLY ONLY INVESTED [INDISCERNIBLE] TO $17 MILLION AND THE YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED? DO YOU UNDERSTAND HOW OVERDUE THIS IS. THERE SO MUCH HURT AND HARM THAT THE COUNTY HAS CAUSED YOUNG PEOPLE, AND AS A YOUTH WORKER FOR THE LAST 16 YEARS, I HAVE LOST SO MANY YOUNG PEOPLE, SO MUCH PREVENTABLE VIOLENCE, SO MUCH PREVENTABLE MENTAL HEALTH, HELICOPTERS AT EVERY BLOCK, LAW ENFORCEMENT ON EVERY STREET, PROBATION NOT SUPPORTING, NOT

GIVING YOUNG PEOPLE ACCESS TO RESOURCES. SO IT WAS NOT A MATTER OF ARE WE READY FOR $75 MILLION. WE HAVE BEEN READY FOR $75 MILLION 10 YEARS AGO, 20 YEARS AGO, GENERATIONS AGO. SO IT IS WAY OVERDUE. I THINK THAT IF THERE'S THE WILL OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO HAVE TRUE YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, YOU NEED TO ASK THE C.E.O. TO BRING $75 MILLION INTO THE BUDGET TODAY, TODAY, NOT YESTERDAY, NOT THREE MONTHS FROM NOW, NOT TWO YEARS FROM NOW, NOT FIVE YEARS FROM NOW, TODAY. AND PLEASE, WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, YOU HAVE PLENTY OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO TAP. PLEASE CALL ON US TO SUPPORT YOU, AS WE REALLY, TRULY CREATE A YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

MODERATOR: GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, PLEASE STATE YOUR ITEM THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY.

DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL: GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I JUST WANT TO TELL YOU THAT YOU HAVE DONE A FANTASTIC JOB ON THE BUDGET, AND I'M GLAD I AM NOT THE ONE DOING IT, BUT MAKE SURE YOU FOCUS ON SOME OF THE ESOTERIC ITEMS YOU ARE PUTTING IN THE BUDGET. SO I HOPE THAT YOU REMAIN FISCALLY SOUND LIKE YOU HAVE BEEN IN THE PAST. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GOOD WORK AND PLEASE REOPEN THE MEETINGS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I THINK RIGHT NOW THAT THEY ARE REALLY IMPORTANT

ISSUE THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN PART OF THE BUDGET, THE COST TO REOPEN AND SO ON. AND I AM NOT FINISHED SO I THOUGHT THAT MAYBE I OVERLOOKED IT, BUT THAT SHOULD BE PART OF IT. HAVE A GOOD DAY. TALK TO YOU LATER, BYE.

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

MODERATOR: ROY HUMPREYS, STATE YOUR ITEMS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ROY HUMPHREYS: ITEMS 1-8. I AM ROY HUMPHREYS. AND SOMETHING THAT WAS BROUGHT UP BY THE C.E.O. AND THAT IS THE DEMOLISHING THE MEN'S JAIL, WHICH IS, AS THEY SAY, THROWING THE BABY OUT WITH THE BATH WATER. IT HAS ALL THE FACILITIES TO [INDISCERNIBLE] IT OR REPURPOSE IT, AS YOU LIKE TO SAY, TO FACILITIES FOR THE HOMELESS AND TRANSITIONAL SO FORTH. SO THAT WOULD JUST BE A PATHETIC WASTE OF RESOURCES AND $117 MILLION. AND FURTHER, WE HAVE OTHER ISSUES THAT, YOU KNOW, EITHER PUT ON THE BUDGET OR ON THE BALLOT TO DEFUND THE SHERIFF. HOW ABOUT PUTTING A BALLOT MEASURE OUT THERE FOR PEOPLE TO RAISE TAXES BECAUSE HOW ARE YOU GOING TO -- YOU ARE GOING TO CUT SERVICES AS YOU HAVE HERE IN ROLAND HEIGHTS, SO FORTH. HOW ABOUT GIVING PEOPLE THE OPTION, DO YOU WANT TO GO THIRD WORLD OR FIRST CAB AND GET THIS STUFF DONE PROPERLY? ALSO WE HAVE AN ISSUE WITH THE REGIONAL PLANNING. THAT IS AN ENTIRE OUTFIT THAT SHOULD BE SACKED, AND I WILL REPURPOSE ON IT, AS

WITNESSED BY ONE OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES STATING THAT ON THE FULLERTON ROAD CHANGED FROM CALIMA TO THE 60 FREEWAY, THEY WANT TO MAKE IT AS PAINFUL AS POSSIBLE SO PERSONS WILL NOT USE IT. THANK YOU FOR THE GREAT THINGS YOU DO, AND I WAS GOING TO MENTION THE COMPLICITY OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE BOARD IN THE BURNING OF THE MARTINAS OUT THERE IN ROLAND HEIGHTS, BUT WE WILL SAVE THAT FOR THE WRITE IN SITUATION.

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

MODERATOR: OLIVIA SHIELDS, PLEASE STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEMS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

OLIVIA SHIELDS: CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

OLIVIA SHIELDS: OKAY, GOOD MORNING, I'M OLIVIA SHIELDS FROM THE URBAN PEACE INSTITUTE. AND I'M GIVING PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS 1, 2A, 2B, 3G, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. AS WE KNOW, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY PASSED A MOTION TO FUND YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED STARTING THIS YEAR. SO I'M URGING YOU ALL TO KEEP YOUR COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. PROBATION'S JUVENILE BUDGET IS OVER $500 MILLION. Y.J.R. GOT

LESS THAN 3% OF THAT, ONLY $17 MILLION. CHOOSING TO CONTINUE TO GROW PROBATION'S BUDGET BY UP TO AN ADDITIONAL $10.3 MILLION IN THIS PROPOSED BUDGET, WHILE FUNDING Y.J.R. AT LESS THAN 1/3 OF WHAT WAS PROMISED IS ANTITHETICAL TO THE VISION THE BOARD HAS SUPPORTED FOR THE FUTURE OF YOUTH JUSTICE. BY CUTTING ALL 186 VACANT AND FROZEN POSITIONS FROM THE JUVENILE PROBATION BUDGET, WE COULD ALLOCATE MILLIONS OF ADDITIONAL DOLLARS TOWARDS FUNDING Y.J.R., FUNDING HEALING, FUNDING THE GROWTH OF YOUNG PEOPLE, FUNDING TRUE COMMUNITY SAFETY. THE C.E.O. CLAIMS THEY'VE ALLOCATED $26.1 MILLION TO YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, BUT ALL OF THAT MONEY IS GOING DIRECTLY TO THE YOUTH DIVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT BUDGET FOCUSING ON EXPANDING DIVERSION COUNTY-WIDE. THIS IS NOT THE SAME AS FUNDING Y.J.R. WE SUPPORT Y.D.D., BUT Y.J.R. IS MUCH MORE THAN EXPANDING DIVERSION. WE URGENTLY NEED FUNDING FOR 24 HOUR YOUTH COMMUNITY CENTERS, FOR SAFE AND SECURE HEALING CENTERS, FOR SERVICE AND INFRASTRUCTURE THAT CENTERS COMMUNITY AND ARE DEDICATED TO SERVING THE NEEDS OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. PLEASE FULLY FUND YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED AT $75 MILLION. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: ANEESHA HARINGORATI, PLEASE STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEM, YOU MAY BEGIN.

ANEESHA HARINGORATI: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ANEESHA HARINGORATI WITH ADVANCEMENT PROJECT CALIFORNIA. I'M A MEMBER OF THE PARKS EQUITY ALLIANCE, AND I AM SPEAKING ON ITEMS 2A, 3F, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THE PARK EQUITY ALLIANCE IS A COALITION OF COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ADVOCATES ACROSS L.A. COUNTY FOCUSED ON HIGH QUALITY AND EQUITABLE INVESTMENTS OF MEASURE A DOLLARS AND COUNTY RESOURCES TO ELIMINATE RACIALIZED PARK DISPARITIES. I'D THANK THE BOARD FOR PARTIALLY RESTORING PARKS FUNDING INCLUDING PARKS AFTER DARK'S PROGRAMMING AND 147 POSITIONS. I URGED THE BOARD TO RESTORE THE REMAINING $6.8 MILLION IN CUTS TO THE DEPARTMENT AND INVEST EXISTING AND FEDERAL FEDERAL RESOURCES TO PUT THE DEPARTMENT BACK ON TRACK TO PROVIDING LOW INCOME YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES OF COLOR WITH ROBUST, SAFE, AND HEALTHY PLACES AND PROGRAMMING IN A WAY THAT PRIORITIZES AREAS OF HIGH AND VERY HIGH NEED, WHERE PARK PRESSURE IS ALREADY FAR ABOVE THE COUNTY AVERAGE. AND ADDITION, THE PARK EQUITY ALLIANCE SUPPORTS THE URGENT MANDATE OF MEASURE J, WHICH PASSED WITH 57 PERCENT OF THE VOTE LAST YEAR BECAUSE ANGELENOS RECOGNIZE THAT THE JAIL FIRST APPROACH LONG CHAMPIONED BY THE SHERIFF HAS FUNDAMENTALLY FAILED. I URGE THE COUNTY TO PRIORITIZE AND FULLY FUND THE 10 PERCENT OF UNRESTRICTED BUDGET FROM MEASURE J TO COMMUNITY GENERATED RECOMMENDATIONS AND INVESTMENTS DEFINED BY BLACK AND INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY MEMBERS. FINALLY, THE COUNTY SHOULD CONTINUE TO ACTIVELY ENGAGE COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN SHAPING

ALTERNATIVES TO THE SHERIFFS PARK BUREAU SO EVERY COMMUNITY MEMBER CAN ACCESS PARKS WITHOUT FEAR OF PROFILING, CRIMINALIZATION, AND POLICE HARASSMENT. OUR COUNTY'S BUDGET MUST INVEST FUNDS TOWARD PROGRAMMING AND PERSONNEL IN HIGH AND VERY HIGH NEED COMMUNITIES, COMMUNITIES SAFETY, PARK ALTERNATIVES, AND IN REPARATIVE INVESTMENTS TO ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSES OF RACIAL INJUSTICE. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: ABI MADRID, PLEASE STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEMS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ABI MADRID: HI, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

ABI MADRID: HI, GOOD MORNING TO EVERYONE IN ATTENDANCE. MY NAME ABI MADRID. I AM A YOUTH ADVOCATE WITH THE ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION. I AM HERE TO COMMENT ON ITEMS 1, 2A, 2B, 3G, AND A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. [INDISCERNIBLE] TO FULLY FUND MEASURE J AND [AUDIO UNCLEAR]. AT THE AGE OF 18, I WAS FOUND UNSUITABLE TO BE TRIED AS A JUVENILE [INDISCERNIBLE] MY LIFE WAS RUINED, AND I SPENT ALMOST 13 YEARS OF MY LIFE IN A SYSTEM THAT DIDN'T OFFER ME HELP. I WAS DISCARDED TO A SYSTEM

THAT TRAUMATIZED ME. NO KID SHOULD HAVE HIS LIFE RUINED BECAUSE OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM WOULD RATHER DEBATE OVER MONEY. WE NEED TO FULLY FUND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND OUR C.B.O.S AND NOT PROBATION. THE COUNTY'S BUDGET PUTS PROBATION AND THE SHERIFF FIRST AND THE YOUTH LAST. WE NEED TO INVEST IN A BRIGHTER FOR FUTURE FOR OUR YOUTH RATHER THAN THEIR INCARCERATION. $17 MILLION FOR Y.J.R. IS LESS THAN A THIRD OF WHAT WAS PROMISED, ONLY 3% OF -- (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC). THE C.E.O. CLAIMS THAT THEY ARE GIVING $26 MILLION TO Y.J.R. BUT IT'S ENTIRELY GOING TO Y.D.D.'S BUDGET WITH THE GOAL OF EXPANDING DIVERSION COUNTY-WIDE. THIS IS NOT THE SAME AS Y.J.R. WE SUPPORT Y.D.D. BUT Y.J.R. IS ABOUT MUCH MORE THAN JUST EXPANDING DIVERSION. WE DON'T NEED MORE PROBATION, SHERIFFS, OR INSTITUTIONS THAT CONTINUE TO BRING HARM TO OUR YOUTH AND OUR COMMUNITIES. WE NEED REAL CHANGE. AND THAT CHANGE STARTS WITH YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. WE CANNOT STAND FOR JAILS FIRST AND CARE LAST. WE NEED TO FUND OUR COMMUNITIES AND THE FUTURE OF OUR YOUTH. OUR YOUTH ARE NOT DOLLAR SIGNS. THEY ARE OUR FUTURE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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

MODERATOR: AS A REMINDER, IF YOU WANT TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, PLEASE PRESS 1 FOLLOWED BY 0. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE ELLEN GEISEY, PLEASE STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEM. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ELLEN GEISEY: HELLO. MY NAME IS ELLEN GEISEY, AND I AM CALLING TO SPEAK ON ALL OF THE AGENDA ITEMS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MEASURE J IS INTENDED TO CORRECT THE HISTORIC WRONGDOINGS OF THE DECADES LONG CARCERAL INFRASTRUCTURE THAT FAILS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF SYSTEM IMPACTED COMMUNITIES. INSTEAD, MEASURE J SEEKS TO ESTABLISH A CARE FIRST VISION FOR ALL ANGELENOS. WITH MORE THAN 2 MILLION VOTERS SAYING YES ON MEASURE J, THE INITIATIVE SET A MINIMUM 10% SET ASIDE FOR LOCALLY GENERATED UNRESTRICTED REVENUES FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S OVER POPULATED AND DEHUMANIZING CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS THE AUTHORITY TO FUND DIRECT COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS AND ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION WITHOUT THE MANDATE OF MEASURE J. MEASURE J WAS MEANT TO SET A BASELINE FOR INVESTMENT, AND THE BOARD MAINTAINS THE AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT THE COMMUNITY BASED SOLUTIONS THAT WERE MADE THROUGH THE MEASURE J COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS. LAW ENFORCEMENT SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS LIKE THE A.L.A.D.S. ARE TRYING TO UNDERMINE THE WILL OF L.A. COUNTY VOTERS. AGAIN, MORE THAN 2 MILLION OF US SAID YES TO MEASURE J, TO PRIORITIZE INVESTMENT IN SERVICES, NOT INCARCERATION. L.A. COUNTY SPENDS 42% OF TAXPAYER MONEY ON LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE LEGAL SYSTEM. LAW ENFORCEMENT SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS ARE PROTECTING A STATUS QUO BUDGET BECAUSE THEY BENEFIT AND PROFIT FROM A

CARCERAL SYSTEM THAT CRIMINALIZES AND DEHUMANIZES OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITY.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: MICHELLE ALGERMENTI, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

MICHELLE ALGERMENTI: I AM ALSO SPEAKING ON ALL ITEMS, INCLUDING PUBLIC COMMENT. AND I AM GOING TO PICK UP JUST WHERE ELLEN LEFT OFF BECAUSE WE WERE RIGHT ON THE SAME PAGE. AND MEASURE J BELIES THE MANDATE BY VOTERS TO BE FULLY FUNDED. THAT MEANS 10% OF LOCALLY GENERATED UNRESTRICTED FUNDS FROM THE NET COUNTY COSTS, WHICH IS UPWARDS OF APPROXIMATELY $900 MILLION. IN THE LAST VERSION OF THE BUDGET, THE C.E.O. AGAIN ONLY ALLOCATED $100 MILLION FOR YEAR ONE, AN AMOUNT GROSSLY BELOW WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR THE TYPE OF NEED THAT IS FELT ACROSS COMMUNITIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THIS IS EVEN AFTER THE COUNTY IS PROJECTING REVENUE INCREASES AND DECREASING NET COSTS FUNDING GAP. ADDITIONALLY, OUR YOUNG PEOPLE NEED COMMUNITY CARE, NOT INCARCERATION. THE COUNTY'S FINAL BUDGET GIVES ALMOST $410 MILLION TO THE JUVENILE INSTITUTIONS UNIT OF THE PROBATION BUDGET, AN INCREASES OVER $10 MILLION FROM LAST YEAR. ON JUNE 17TH, 2021 THE TOTAL POPULATION OF CAMPS AND

HALLS IS 391 YOUTH, A TREND WHICH IS SUSTAINED OVER MANY MONTHS. L.A. COUNTY WILL NOW SPEND OVER ONE MILLION TO INCARCERATE JUST ONE YOUNG PERSON FOR A YEAR. THIS IS TRULY SHAMEFUL AND IS A COMPLETE CONTRADICTION TO CARE FIRST/ JAILS LAST. WHEN THE BUDGET DOES NOT ALIGN WITH YOUR MOTIONS, IT BECOMES VERY CLEAR WHAT YOUR PRIORITIES ARE, LAW ENFORCEMENT FIRST AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT LAST. IN NOVEMBER 2020, AS PART OF THE YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED AND CARE FIRST/JAILS LAST, THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COMMITTED TO $750 MILLION TO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND BEGAN THE PROCESS OF DEFUNDING PROBATION IN THE BUDGET TO BE PASSED TODAY. AND INSTEAD, C.E.O. GAVE $17.3 MILLION FOR YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED AFTER PUBLICLY SAYING THAT ANY FUNDING WOULD BE PREMATURE AND GIVE JUVENILE PROBATION EVEN MORE MONEY.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

MODERATOR: PHYLLIS WILLIS, PLEASE STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEMS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

PHYLLIS WILLIS: MY AGENDA ITEM IS 2B AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS PHYLLIS WILLIS. I AM THE SENIOR DIRECTOR OF THE W.L.C.A.C. OLDER ADULT PROGRAM AND SENIOR PROGRAM AND A RESIDENT AND A PROVIDER OF DISTRICT TWO SERVICES. I WANT TO

THANK, FIRST OF ALL, MADAM CHAIR AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I AM HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT THE ADOPTION AND FUNDING OF THE NEW AGING AND DISABILITY. MYSELF AND STAKEHOLDERS HAVE BEEN CLOSELY MONITORING THE DEVELOPMENTS OVER SEVERAL YEARS, SO WE ARE EXCITED TO HEAR THE PROGRESS TODAY. WE ARE ASKING, ALSO, THAT CASE MANAGERS RECEIVE HELP IN THIS DISTRICT. I DON'T HAVE TIME TO GO THROUGH THE STORIES THEY DEAL WITH DAILY. $300, $600 IS WHAT THEIR CLIENTS ACTUALLY MAKE. SO WE BRIDGE A LOT OF GAPS IN ASSESSING THIS COVID LANDSCAPE. AS YOU KNOW, THE NUMBER OF OLDER ADULTS HAS GROWN DURING IN THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF. THE DISABILITIES, CHRONIC DISEASE, FOOD INSECURITY HAS CONTINUED TO GROW AS WE'VE LOST MANY LIVES THROUGH COVID. TO ADDRESSING THESE GROWING INEQUITIES, WE ARE ALSO ASKING THE RESCUE PLAN TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR NUTRITION, CASE MANAGEMENT, AND TO NARROW THE DIGITAL DIVIDE, ESPECIALLY FOR OLDER ADULTS THAT ARE BLACK AND LATINX LIVING BELOW THE POVERTY LINE. THE NEW AGING AND DISABILITY DEPARTMENT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO MEET THESE CHALLENGES. AS YOU KNOW, BY 2030, OLDER ADULTS WILL DOUBLE, THAT ARE 65 AND OLDER, TO 2.1 MILLION. RIGHT NOW, IT IS THE TIME IN HISTORY TO MEET THAT CHALLENGE, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OLDER ADULTS DESERVE AN AMBITIOUS EQUITY PLAN STARTING WITH RACIAL EQUITY, SOCIAL JUSTICE, AND HEALTH EQUITY.

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

MODERATOR: MELINDA KAKANI, PLEASE STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEMS, AND YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

MELINDA KAKANI: HI, I WILL BE SPEAKING ON 1, 2A, 2B, 3G, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THIS IS MELINDA KAKANI WITH CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND CALIFORNIA. THE IMPRESSION THAT COUNTY AND ITS LEADERS HAVE GIVEN IS THAT THERE NO WAY YOU ARE INVESTED IN WANTING PEOPLE TO KNOW AND HAVE A SAY IN WHERE THIS $36 BILLION BUDGET IS BECAUSE, IF YOU DID, YOU WOULD NEVER STRUCTURE BUDGET HEARINGS, AND THAT'S IN QUOTES, LIKE THIS. TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY DO NOT COME FROM AN HOUR AND A HALF OF PATTING EACH OTHER ON THE BACK. IT COMES FROM ASKING HARD QUESTIONS, NONE OF WHICH I HEARD TODAY. SECOND, PRE-ARREST PREVENTION, THAT THING THAT YOU CLAIM YOU'RE FUNDING IN NAME OF YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, WHAT IS THAT? IT APPEARS NOWHERE IN THE YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED REPORT. AND IF YOU ARE REFERENCING DIVERSION, THEN THAT ALLEGED $17 MILLION IS ACTUALLY GOING TO Y.D.D.'S BUDGET, NOT TO YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED VISION. WHAT THIS IS IS GAMESMANSHIP. AND PEOPLE SEE IT AS THAT. THESE DOLLARS ARE OUR DOLLARS, THE COMMUNITY'S DOLLARS, OUR CHILDREN'S DOLLARS. FINALLY, MOTIONS FOCUSED ON TRANSFORMING SYSTEMS THAT HAVE HISTORICALLY PREYED UPON

COMMUNITIES OF COLOR SOUNDS WONDERFUL IN THE MOMENT, BUT WE ALL KNOW THAT BUDGETS ARE THE TRUE REFLECTION OF OUR PRIORITIES. WHEN WE SPEND OVER $400 MILLION OF THE INCARCERATION OF CHILDREN AND 17.3 TO UNDO THE RESULTING HARM BY INVESTING IN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, THE BOARD HAS INDICATED THEIR PRIORITY IS MAINTAINING THE STATUS QUO AND CARE FIRST/JAILS LAST IS A CATCHY SLOGAN. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: NICK GARCIA, PLEASE STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEMS, AND YOU MAY BEGIN.

NICK GARCIA: HI, NICK GARCIA WITH THE HOSPICE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON ITEM 2 AND GENERAL COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR PRIORITIZING MENTAL HEALTH IN TERMS OF INCREASING BEDS AND EXPANDING THE MENTAL HEALTH URGENT CARE CENTER NETWORK. ON AVERAGE FIVE TO SEVEN PATIENTS ARE DETAINED IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS EVERY 24 HOURS. IN A RANDOM SURVEY, 28 HOSPITALS COLLECTIVELY ADMITTED 180 ON 5150 OVER A 24 HOUR PERIOD. OF THIS TOTAL, 103 WERE LATER DETAINED BEYOND 24 HOURS DUE TO AN INABILITY TO PLACE. LET'S ALSO NOT IGNORE THAT ACCESS MUST BE CONVENIENT AND ENABLE ADULT MEDI-CAL PATIENTS TO CONTINUE TO

ACCESS CARE AT ACUTE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS. THE URGENCY TO BUILD ON EXISTING ACCESS AND CAPACITIES IS FURTHER NECESSITATED AS THE COUNTY EXPANDS [INDISCERNIBLE] AND LOOKS TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. FINALLY, WHILE COVID NUMBERS IN OUR COUNTY HAVE EDGED UPWARDS SLIGHTLY, I RESPECTFULLY ASK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT HOSPITALS VIA THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN. L.A. COUNTY IS THE COUNTY FOR 35 PERCENT OF THE HOSPITALIZED COVID PATIENTS IN CALIFORNIA, AND HOSPITALS ARE TRULY ALTRUISTIC IN THEIR RESPONSE AND HELP CONTEND WITH THE COSTLY LONG TERM FINANCIAL REPERCUSSIONS THAT UNDERMINE OUR PUBLIC/PRIVATE HEALTH DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR FUTURE EMERGENCIES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

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

MODERATOR: AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, PLEASE PRESS 1 0 1 0 TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. OUR NEXT QUESTION COMES FROM THE LINE OF EMILIO ZEPPIAN. PLEASE STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEM. YOU MAY BEGIN.

EMILIO ZEPPIAN: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS EMILIO WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I'M SPEAKING ON ALL AGENDA ITEMS AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. ALSO WITH THE L.A. YOUTH UPRISING, AND I'M URGING YOU ALL TO FULLY FUND MEASURE J AND YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. Y.J.C. HAS BEEN REORGANIZING FOR OVER 18 YEARS TO

CREATE A ROBUST YOUTH DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, SPECIFICALLY BY MOVING OUR TAX DOLLARS AWAY FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SYSTEMS OF HARM. THIS IS NOT A NEW CONCEPT. PLEASE DO NOT BREAK YOUR PROMISE TO YOUNG PEOPLE IMPACTED BY THIS -- IN NOVEMBER, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY PASSED THE YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED TO SPECIFICALLY MOVE $75 MIL AWAY FROM JUVENILE PROBATION AND INTO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. WE NEED YOU ALL TO PUT OUR MONEY WHERE OUR MOTIONS ARE AS A COUNTY. AND $17.3 MILLION TO EXPAND Y.D.D. DOES NOT MATCH WHAT WE CELEBRATED AS A MASSIVE COMMUNITY VICTORY IN THE FALL. PHASE ONE OF THE PLAN CALLS FOR $55 MIL FOR COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS ALREADY DOING THE WORK IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS EVERY SINGLE DAY FOR PRE-ARREST DIVERSION, SCHOOL-BASED SUPPORT, REENTRY, AND PEACE BUILDING. IN ADDITION, THE C.E.O.'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATION ALSO INCLUDES AN INCREASE OF $10 MILLION TO JUVENILE PROBATION. THIS MEANS THAT --

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

MODERATOR: NICOLE BROWN, PLEASE STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEMS, YOU MAY BEGIN.

NICOLE BROWN: HI, I'D LIKE TO COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS 1, 2A, 2B, 3G AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS

NICOLE BROWN WITH THE URBAN PEACE INSTITUTE AND THE LOS ANGELES YOUTH UPRISING COALITION. I AM CALLING TODAY TO ASK YOU TO CHALLENGE THE STATUS QUO AND FULLY FUND MEASURE J, THE CARE FIRST BUDGET, AND YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. AS THE COUNTY STRUGGLES TO SUSTAINABLY FUND EFFORTS TO REDUCE INCARCERATION, IT IS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND HOW THIS YEAR'S BUDGET GRANTING SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES TO LAW ENFORCEMENT, ESPECIALLY AS VOTERS HAVE CONSISTENTLY SHOWN HOW WE WANT OUR TAX DOLLARS SPENT THROUGH MEASURE J, MEASURE H, AND MEASURE R. ON AGENDA ITEM 3G, LET'S BE CLEAR. YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED IS GETTING $17 MILLION, NOT $26 MILLION. THE YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED MOTION, WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY IN NOVEMBER, DIRECTED THE C.E.O. TO IDENTIFY $75 MILLION BY WINDING DOWN JUVENILE PROBATION TO FUND THE NEW VISION. YET PROBATION'S BUDGET HAS GROWN. $17.3 MILLION TO EXPAND Y.D.D. AND RESTART THE PLANNING PROCESS IS LESS THAN A THIRD OF WHAT WAS PROMISED, AND WHILE WE ARE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS, YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED IS ABOUT MUCH MORE THAN SIMPLY EXPANDING WHAT THE COUNTY IS ALREADY DOING. THE C.E.O.'S MEMO FAILED TO EVEN ACKNOWLEDGE MANY RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT. FOR INSTANCE, PHASE ONE OF THE PLAN CALLS FOR $55 MILLION TO C.B.O.S TO FUND NOT ONLY COUNTY WIDE DIVERSION BUT SCHOOL BASED SUPPORTS, REENTRY, CREDIBLE MESSENGERS AND PEACE BUILDERS. $17 MILLION WILL NOT MEANINGFULLY FUND ANY OF THESE URGENTLY NEEDED SERVICES. THERE ARE MANY FUNDING STREAMS THAT CAN BE LEVERAGED TO FULLY FUND

YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINE, AND WE NEED TO CUT ALL VACANT POSITIONS IN JUVENILE PROBATION AND LOOK AT A.B. 109 DOLLARS, JUVENILE PROBATION FUNDS, AND A YOUTH CENTERED BLOCK GRANT. LASTLY, I WOULD BE REMISS NOT TO TALK ABOUT THE FACT THAT JUVENILE PROBATION'S BUDGET HAS GROWN. THE JUVENILE INSTITUTIONS BUDGET IS SET TO SPEND $410 MILLION TO INCARCERATE LESS THAN 400 YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE CAMPS AND HALLS. THIS IS --

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

MODERATOR: REGALE TASAR, PLEASE STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEM. YOU MAY BEGIN.

REGALE TASAR: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS REGALE TASAR. I WORK AT CENTER FOR TRANSMISSION IN SCHOOLS AT U.C.L.A.. I'M SPEAKING TO ITEMS 1, 2A, 2B, 3G, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I SPEAK RESPECTFULLY AND KINDLY, AND I'M ALSO SPEAKING WITH FRUSTRATION ABOUT HAVING TO SHOW UP AGAIN AND AGAIN TO ASK YOU ALL TO DO WHAT IS REASONABLE, WHAT IS ALIGNED TO WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT JUSTICE, AND WHAT THE COMMUNITY HAS ASKED YOU TO DO. EVERYTHING I HEARD TODAY FELT LIKE DAMAGE CONTROL. THE TONE HAS CHANGED. THAT IS CLEAR. AND INSTEAD OF THE RESTRICTION OF PEOPLE HOLDING YOU ALL ACCOUNTABLE. YOU SAID TODAY THE BUDGET

IS A MORAL DOCUMENT. I THINK IT IS AN IMMORAL DOCUMENT. YOU THINK OF THIS AS A TESTAMENT TO OUR VALUES? IT IS A TESTAMENT TO THE STRUCTURAL RACISM AND INJUSTICE THAT WAS BAKED INTO THIS COUNTRY'S INSTITUTIONS FROM THE BEGINNING. AND BEING OKAY WITH THE CONTINUOUS HEMORRHAGING OF PUBLIC MONEY TO INSTITUTIONS THAT WE KNOW CONTINUE TO HARM OUR COMMUNITIES IS EGREGIOUS. YOU ASK US TO BE OKAY WITH PLATITUDES AND ALSO SEEM TO BE HAPPY AND PROUD OF THIS STAT OF AFFAIRS WHEN WE ARE ACTUALLY WRAPPED IN A GROWING CRISIS. FOR THOSE OF US WHO ARE ON THE GROUND EVERY DAY, WE ARE NOT OKAY WITH THOSE. FOR US, AND FOR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND MARGINALIZED PEOPLES IN THE CITY, WE ARE REMINDED EVERY DAY THAT THE NORM IS VIOLENCE. THE NORM IS OPPRESSION. AND THE NORMAL "BUDGET," INCLUDING THESE INCREMENTAL AND PERFORMATIVE BUDGETS, IS ENDORSING NORMALITY THAT IS VIOLENCE. WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR EXTRAS. WE ARE ASKING YOU TO PASS A BUDGET THAT DOES NOT ENDORSE INSTITUTIONS THAT INFRINGE UPON THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE. CARE FIRST CANNOT HAPPEN UNTIL YOU RECOGNIZE AND PERMANENTLY ABOLISH THE HARM THAT IS BEING DONE EVERY DAY.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED, MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

MODERATOR: AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME. DO

NOT PRESS 1 AND 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE QUEUE. CARLO BENEVIDES, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

CARLO BENEVIDES: HI, I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM NUMBER 2, 2B. MY NAME IS CARLO BENEVIDES. I AM HONORED TO SIT ON THE L.A.C.C.O.V. BUT I ALSO CHAIR THE PATIENT ADVISORY COUNCIL OF [INDISCERNIBLE]. I REPRESENT THE DISABLED PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND CAREGIVERS. SO I UNDERSTAND THE CHALLENGES THAT WE FACE BEING DISABLED. I'M ALSO A WHEELCHAIR USER, BUT TODAY I SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF OLDER ADULTS AND DEPENDENT ADULTS WHO HAVE BEEN WAITING TOO LONG TO HAVE A DEPARTMENT THAT MEETS THE NEEDS OF OUR GROWING COMMUNITY, OF THIS GROWING POPULATION. THERE ARE MANY COMMISSIONS THAT INCLUDE OLDER ADULTS, BUT I FEEL THAT A PROGRAM THAT SPECIFICALLY TARGETS OUR OLDER ADULTS IS WHAT IS NEEDED. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND THE WORKING PROGRAM THAT YOU, AS A BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DO.

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

MODERATOR: BECKY MONTAYES. PLEASE STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEMS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

BECKY MONTAYES: HI, I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS 1, 2A, 2B, 3G, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M WITH THE CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE FOR EQUALITY AND JUSTICE AND LOS ANGELES YOUTH UPRISING. THE BOARD'S DECISION LAST NOVEMBER TO INVEST $75 MILLION INTO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND BEGIN THE PROCESS OF DEFUNDING PROBATION MARKED YOUR COMMITMENT TO A LONG OVERDUE TRANSFORMATION OF WHAT ACCOUNTABILITY, SAFETY, AND YOUTH JUSTICE IN L.A. COUNTY CAN LOOK LIKE, FROM A HARMFUL AND INEFFECTIVE SYSTEM BASED ON PUNISHMENT TO ONE ROOTED IN CARE, YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, AND THE HEALING OF OUR YOUTH, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES. WE KNOW THAT POLICING AND PROBATION DISPROPORTIONATELY TARGET BLACK YOUTH AND YOUTH OF COLOR, AND WE KNOW THE HARM AND GENERATIONALLY ENDURING PAIN EXPERIENCED BY OUR YOUTH WHO HAVE AND CONTINUE TO BE IMPACTED BY THESE SYSTEMS. IF YOU TRULY BELIEVE IN CARE FIRST/ JAILS LAST, THEN THIS IS A CRUCIAL OPPORTUNITY THAT YOU CANNOT MISS TO ALIGN THE COUNTY'S MOTIONS AND VALUES YOU CLAIMED IN NOVEMBER 2020. OUR YOUTH, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES CANNOT WAIT ANYMORE AND DESERVE FOR YOU TO DO ALL THAT YOU CAN TO INVEST IN YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED AND DIVEST FROM HARMFUL PUNITIVE SYSTEMS LIKE PROBATION AND POLICING. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: MARTEL REED, PLEASE STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEMS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

MARTEL REED: GOOD MORNING, BOARD. MY NAME IS MARTEL REED. I'LL BE ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEMS 1, 2A, 2B, 3G, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I WANT TO ISSUE A QUESTION TO MADAM CHAIR AND THE ENTIRE BOARD. ARE WE BEING REACTIONARY OR REALLY TRANSFORMATIVE BECAUSE, WHEN C.E.O. DAVENPORT DECIDED TO FULLY FUND AND MAKE A COMMITMENT TO YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED WITH THE $75 MILLION, OUR EXPECTATION WAS THAT WE WERE MOVING AWAY FROM PUNITIVE SYSTEMS? HOWEVER, TO DO SO, OUR DISCONTENT O F SEEING THE SHERIFF GETTING AN INCREASE OF $34 MILLION AND THEN PROBATION GETTING AN INCREASE OF $800,000, THAT SHOWS US THAT WE'RE STILL BEING REACTIONARY AND FOCUSING ON DIVERSION. OUR QUESTION IS WHY ONLY GIVE $17.3 MILLION WHEN WE ASKED FOR $75 MILLION. WE CAN DO BETTER THAN THIS. AND WE OWE IT TO THE YOUTH OF L.A. TO DO BETTER. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: BLACK JACKSON, PLEASE STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEMS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

BLACK JACKSON: I AM GOING TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEM 1, 2, AND 3. AND I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY. BUT GOOD AFTERNOON, OR GOOD

MORNING. MY NAME IS BLACK JACKSON. I'M WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION, BROTHERS [INDISCERNIBLE] LOS ANGELES YOUTH UPRISING COALITION. [INDISCERNIBLE] I GOT INTO THIS WORK AFTER BEING PUSHED OUT OF TRADITIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND GETTING CAUGHT UP INTO THE SYSTEM AND BEING PUT ON PROBATION. THIS IS WHEN I FOUND [INDISCERNIBLE] ENDED UP GRADUATING ON TIME FROM Y.J.C. FREE L.A. HIGH SCHOOL IN 2020. THIS ISSUE THAT IS AFFECTING A PERSON, MY WHOLE LIFE, DUE TO THE FACT MY BROTHER WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY A LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT 77TH PRECINCT IN 1994. THE POLICE DOES NOT -- (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC) -- MY BROTHER NEEDED HELP AFTER THEY SHOT HIM, WHEREAS MY MOM WATCHED MY BROTHER -- (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC) THE PEOPLE WATCHED GEORGE FLOYD DIE RIGHT IN FRONT OF THEIR EYES, WHICH IN MY OPINION SPARKED THE OUTRAGE -- YOU SEE TODAY. BOTH MY BROTHER AND GEORGE FLOYD SHOULD BE ALIVE TODAY. TO THIS DAY, MY MOM IS HIGHLY VIGILANT -- MY BROTHER DIED BEFORE MAKING IT TO 20 YEARS OLD. I WILL BE TURNING 20 THIS FALL. AND I WILL GO THROUGH THESE EXPERIENCES ARE SIMILAR TO THESE SITUATIONS ARE HORRIFYING AND HAUNTING ABOUT -- (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC) AGAIN GEORGE FLOYD AND MY BROTHER ARE TWO OF THE SAME STORIES, EVEN THOUGH THEY DIED 26 YEARS APART. TODAY, WE STILL INVEST BILLIONS TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ZERO DOLLARS IN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. THE LAST -- TO CONTINUE TO KILL ABOUT THREE AMERICANS PER DAY ON AVERAGE, VIRTUALLY THE SAME AS BEFORE GEORGE FLOYD WAS MURDERED.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

MODERATOR: THE NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF JARED O'BRIAN, AND PLEASE ADDRESS YOUR AGENDA ITEMS.

JARED O'BRIAN: 2A, 2B, 3G, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JARED WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I AM HERE TO URGE THE L.A. COUNTY B.O.S. TO FULLY FUND YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. $17 MILLION FOR Y.J.R. IS LESS THAN A THIRD OF WHAT WAS PROMISED AND REPRESENTS ONLY 3 PERCENT OF THE JUVENILE PROBATION BUDGET. IT HAS BEEN TOO LONG THAT YOUTH HAVE BEEN NEGLECTED, TORMENTED, AND VICTIMIZED BY THE SYSTEM, NOW TO HEAR THAT WE ARE NOT GETTING ANY FUNDING, OR LITTLE TO NO FUNDING, ACTUALLY. I HAVE BEEN FIGHTING FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FOR YEARS AND YEARS. YEAR AFTER YEAR, WE ARE DISAPPOINTED BY THE PATTERNS OF HYPOCRISY AND LACK OF EMPATHY FOR YOUTH THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHOW. WE NEED ROBUST YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, AND WE NEED YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ALL ACROSS L.A. COUNTY. WE DEMAND THE FUNDING OF Y.J.R. WE DEMAND THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FUND -- FULLY FUND YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: ONCE AGAIN, IF YOU DO HAVE A QUESTION, IT IS 1 0 AT THIS TIME. AND WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF MELLO ZEPHRID. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: PLEASE BEGIN.

MODERATOR: WE WILL GO TO LINE OF JILL BELOW. PLEASE ADDRESS YOUR AGENDA ITEM.

JILL BELOW: I'M GOING TO MAKE COMMENT ON ALL OF THEM. I AM CALLING FROM WHITE PEOPLE FOR BLACK LIVES, AND I AM A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER WITH THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. MEASURE J IS INTENDED TO CORRECT THE HISTORICAL WRONGDOINGS OF A DECADES LONG CARCERAL INFRASTRUCTURE THAT FAILS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF SYSTEM IMPACTED COMMUNITIES LIKE MY STUDENTS AND THOSE COMMUNITIES THAT THEY LIVE IN. INSTEAD, MEASURE J SEEKS TO ESTABLISH A CARE FIRST VISION FOR ALL ANGELENOS. OUR YOUNG PEOPLE NEED COMMUNITY CARE, NOT INCARCERATION. MY STUDENTS DON'T NEED TO GO TO JAIL FOR ANY REASON. THEY SHOULD NOT GO TO JAIL FOR ANY REASON. WE HAVE THE SUPPORTS IN PLACE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. WE NEED TO REMOVE POLICE FROM ANSWERING SOCIAL AND HEALTH CRISES WHEN THEY ARE NOT NEEDED AND OFTEN CAUSE MORE HARM THAN GOOD. IF THEY ARE JUST GOING TO TAKE A GUN OUT AND SHOOT PEOPLE AND SHOOT MY

STUDENTS, THEN I DON'T WANT THEM AROUND. THEY ARE UNNECESSARY. WE NEED TO REINVEST THE $35 MILLION ANNUALLY SPENT ON THE LOS ANGELES SHERIFF DEPARTMENT SUBSTATIONS AT OUR COUNTRY -- COUNTY HOSPITALS TOWARDS HOSPITAL-BASED COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGIES. THEY ARE NOT DOCTORS. THEY ARE NOT E.M.T.S, AND THEY ARE NOT TRAINED TO DO ANY OF THOSE CALLS, SO THEY DON'T NEED TO BE THERE. MEANINGFUL AND -- MEANINGFULLY INVEST IN BOLSTERING SERVICES ROOTED IN ARE NOT HARM BY ENSURING ORGANIZATIONS HAVE THE FUNDING NECESSARY TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITIES, OF MY COMMUNITIES WHERE MY STUDENTS LIVE AND WHERE I LIVE. AND --

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

MODERATOR: YES, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF ALEX.

ERIC PREVEN: HELLO, IT IS ERIC PREVEN CALLING FROM STUDIO CITY. AND I'VE LOOKED AT THE -- AND I HAVE TO TELL YOU, THE L.A.H.S.A. COMPONENT PRIOR FROM THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES THERE, YESTERDAY, OR A COUPLE DAYS AGO. AND JOHN WICCAM FROM THE C.L.A.'S OFFICE OUTLINING HOW THE CITY COULD DIVEST FROM L.A.H.S.A. AND THE VARIOUS GOVERNANCE PROBLEMS WITH L.A.H.S.A., WHICH, AS YOU KNOW, THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE LARGELY, THE COUNTY AND THE CITY IN PARTNERSHIP IN L.A.H.S.A.

THE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY. PARTS OF L.A.H.S.A. HAVE AUTHORITY WITH NO ACCOUNTABILITY. PARTS OF L.A.H.S.A. ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE BUT HAVE NO AUTHORITY. IT IS A HORNET'S NEST, AND THE ONLY WAY OUT OF IT IS TRANSPARENCY AND HONORING THE RULES AND THE LAWS, WHICH THE CITY FEELS THE COUNTY DOES NOT DO. THE COUNTY HAS BEEN A TERRIBLE PARTNER ACCORDING TO THE CITY, AND L.A.H.S.A. -- POOR HEIDI HAS DONE ALL SHE CAN DO. YOU ARE CONGRATULATING YOURSELVES WHEN THE COUNTY IS BEING ATTACKED BY ALL OF ITS HEALTH MEMBERS TRYING TO GET PEOPLE OFF THE STREET FOR JESS CARTER. SO IT'S A TERRIBLE PROBLEM. AND YOU ARE FIGHTING YOUR OWN SHERIFF ENDLESSLY, WHO WAS APPLAUDED IT SEEMS IN THE L.A. TIMES THE OTHER DAY FOR ACTUALLY MOVING THINGS FORWARD. WE JUST WANT TO HAVE REGULAR MEETINGS, NOT SPECIAL OR CANCELED MEETINGS FROM MEMORIAL TO LABOR DAY, RESULTING IN A PROHIBITION OF CRITICISM AGAINST YOU.

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

MODERATOR: WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF MONICA ALMADA, YOU HAVE A MINUTE, PLEASE STATE WHICH ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING.

MONICA ALMADA: HI, THIS IS MONICA ALMADA, AND THIS IS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOUR BUDGET IS A DISASTER, DAY OLD RECIPE THAT MANY OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD FOLLOW TO THEIR DESTRUCTION.

IT IS IN COMPLETE DISCONNECTION WITH HUMANITY AND REALITY. THE AGENDA YOU ARE PUSHING DOES NOT REPRESENT THE PUBLIC. YOUR MAIL IN AND WIFI VOTING SYSTEMS ARE NOT SECURE AND FRAUDULENT, AND YOU WANT TO FUNNEL MORE MONEY ONTO IT. CONSIDERING DEMOLISHING A JAIL BUILDING TO MAKE SURE IT WILL NOT USED AGAIN, YOU WILL BE DEMOLISHING OUR TAXPAYERS MONEY, AND IT DIDN'T OCCUR TO YOU TO REPURPOSE THE BUILDING? THE INSTITUTION IS PART OF THE [INDISCERNIBLE] AGENDA, YOU ARE PUSHING TO DESTROY CALIFORNIA FURTHER. WHAT YOU CALL JUSTICE REIMAGINED IS ABOUT RELEASING CRIMINALS, GETTING THEM HOUSING AND FOOD. YOU NEGLECTED TO TELL US THAT YOU ARE REIMAGINING JUSTICE DESTROYED. ALL YOUR EFFORTS ARE TO HELP CRIMINALS TO HELP THEM OUT OF JAIL AND GIVING THEM FREE HOUSING AND FOOD. HOW IS THIS NOT A RECIPE FOR MORE CRIMES, LESS WORKFORCE, MORE ABUSE, RAPE, ENTITLEMENT. ALL OF YOU KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING VERY WELL. AND YOU WILL BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE SOONER THAN LATER. THE BEST IS YET TO COME.

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

MODERATOR: YES, AND ONCE AGAIN, AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME. DO NOT PRESS 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE QUEUE. WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF YOLANDA NABRATI. PLEASE ADDRESS YOUR QUESTION.

YOLANDA NABRATI: HI, YES, I'M SPEAKING ON ALL ITEMS. PLANNING ON INCREASES IN THE JAIL POPULATION RUNS COUNTER TO THE SPIRIT OF MEASURE J AND A CARE FIRST APPROACH. WE NEED TO PLAN AND INVEST IN THE FUTURE ROOTED IN CARE AND TO CLOSE ALL PRISONS, AND DURING THE HEIGHT OF COVID-19, THE SHERIFF [INDISCERNIBLE] MAINTAINING A REDUCED JAIL POPULATION WORKGROUP CONCLUDED THEY WERE ABLE TO DROP THE JAIL POPULATION TO APPROXIMATELY 12,000 PEOPLE. AND YES, THIS FISCAL YEAR, THE OFFICE IS PROJECTED TO HOLD POPULATIONS OF AROUND 16,700, AN INCREASE TO 4700 PEOPLE. THIS TASK MAKES THE JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM WAS CREATE, WHICH WAS NOT MENTIONED IN THE NEW VERSION OF THE BUDGET. THE PLAN IS TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WAS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN MARCH OF 2021 AND ARTICULATED A VISION TO REDUCE THE JAIL POPULATION BY AT LEAST 4500. AND THE PRESUMPTIONS OF THE DIVERSION AND THE RELIEF JAIL CUSTODY THIS PLAN ALSO ENCOMPASSED A NON DISPLACEMENT PRINCIPLE TO ENSURE THOUSANDS OF BEDS WOULD BE BUILT IN THE COMMUNITY SO THAT INDIVIDUALS EXITING THE JAIL WOULD HAVE A SAFE PLACE TO REBUILD THEIR LIVES.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

YOLANDA NABRATI: THANK YOU.

MODERATOR: WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF ALEX DOBBS. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE, PLEASE STATE WHICH ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING.

ALEX DOBBS: HI, MY NAME IS ALEX DOBBS. I WILL BE ADDRESSING 1, 2A, 2B, 3G, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM A YOUTH PASTOR IN EAST L.A. WITH HOPE COMMUNITY [INDISCERNIBLE] AND I'M ALSO A CONSTITUENT OF THE FIRST DISTRICT, AND I WOULD LIKE MY COMMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED INTO THE PUBLIC RECORD. OUR CHURCH BELIEVES THAT THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF EAST L.A., NOW CALLED EAST L.A. RISING [INDISCERNIBLE], WHICH IS A HISTORIC COMMUNITY INSTITUTION THAT SERVES YOUTH, AND YET IT HAS, EVEN FOR YEARS BEFORE THE PANDEMIC, BEEN SEVERELY UNDERFUNDED. [INDISCERNIBLE] OR PROGRAMS GET CUT DUE TO LACK OF FUNDING. WHEN I FIRST HEARD ABOUT MEASURE J, I GOT REALLY EXCITED ABOUT IT NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF ITS TRANSFORMATIONAL VISION FOR FUNDING ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, BUT BECAUSE I SAW POTENTIAL TO FUND MUCH NEEDED RESOURCES FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES IN EAST L.A. WHEN I TALKED TO ADULTS IN EAST L.A. ABOUT WHERE THEY WOULD WANT COMMUNITY RESOURCES TO GO IF THEY HAD THE POWER TO CHOOSE WHERE $10 MILLION GOES, OVER 80% SAID THEY WANT TO FUND YOUTH RESOURCES. SINGLE MOMS WANT TO SAY -- WANT TO FUND SPORTS PROGRAMS SO YOUTH WHO CAN'T AFFORD IT CAN BE INVOLVED IN SPORTS. EX-GANGSTERS WANT AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS, SO THAT THE NEXT GENERATION HAS WHAT THEY WISH THEY HAD, AN

AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITY THAT WOULD INVEST IN THEM AND KEEP THEM OUT OF TROUBLE. TEACHERS AND PARENTS WANT HOUSING TO BE MORE AFFORDABLE SO THAT PARENTS DON'T HAVE TO WORK TWO TO THREE JOBS TO PAY THE RENT, AND THUS CAN BE MORE PRESENT AND AVAILABLE TO THEIR CHILDREN. I URGE YOU TO FULLY FUND THE YOUTH JUSTICE INITIATIVE AT $75 MILLION AS PROMISED IN NOVEMBER 2020, AND TO FULLY FUND MEASURE J AT $900 MILLION. I AM CURIOUS WHY WE ARE RELYING ON FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS TO FUND COMMUNITY YOUTH SERVICES WHEN THE PURPOSE TO MEASURE J IS TO CREATE A FUNDING SOURCE FOR SUCH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND RESOURCES. THE COUNTY AUDITOR CONTROLLER FOR 2020 TO 2021 SAID THAT THERE IS OVER $4 BILLION IN PROPERTY TAX REVENUES THAT WERE ALLOCATED TO UNINCORPORATED AREAS. 10% OF THAT WOULD BE $400 MILLION FOR MEASURE J. AND THAT IS JUST PROPERTY TAXES, NOT INCLUDING OTHER LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUES. YOU HAVE THE POWER --

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

MODERATOR: WE'LL GO TO THE LINE OF HEIDI HONG. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE, PLEASE STATE WHICH ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: PLEASE BEGIN.

HEIDI HONG: HELLO? MY NAME IS HEIDI HONG, AND I AM SPEAKING ON ITEMS 1, 2, 3B, 4B, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM REPRESENTING THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN COMMUNITY L.A. WE ARE HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE HOUSING BUDGET PRIORITIES, INCLUDING FULLY FUNDING THE TENANT PROTECTION STRATEGIES TO ENSURE OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES ARE NOT DISPLACED AND GREATLY EXPANDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. IN ORDER TO ENSURE A JUST RECOVERY THAT PUTS US ON A BETTER FOOTING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRODUCTION, WE MUST PRIORITIZE CREATIVE SOLUTIONS TO THAT, NOT ACQUISITION. WE URGE YOU TO FUND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY LAND BANK PILOT PROJECT. THE LAND BANK REDUCED SPECULATION AND LOWERED DEVELOPMENT COSTS BY ACQUIRING PROPERTIES QUICKLY AND WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY, THE LAND TRUST, TO HELP MAKE THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROCESS FASTER AND MORE AFFORDABLE AND MORE PREDICTABLE FOR C.L.T.S. THE COUNTY BUDGET MUST REFLECT THE URGENCY FACED BY FAMILIES LIVING ON THE EDGE. PLEASE FUND THE HEALTHY L.A. BUDGET PRIORITIES, INCLUDING THE LAND BANK PILOT PROJECT AS WELL AS MEASURE J. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: WE WILL GO TO OSCAR CORALES. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE, PLEASE STATE WHICH ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING.

OSCAR CORALES: HI. MY NAME IS OSCAR CORALES. I AM WITH THE YOUTH -- THE ITEMS I WILL BE ADDRESSING IS ITEMS 1, 2A, 2B, 3G, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. HI. MY NAME IS OSCAR CORALES. I AM A YOUTH ADVOCATE WITH THE ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION AS WELL AS THE LOS ANGELES YOUTH UPRISING COLLATION. MY PRONOUNS ARE HE AND HIS. I AM -- I AM HERE TO ASK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO FULLY FUND MEASURE J AND TO FULLY FUND YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. WE HAVE BEEN FOR TOO LONG HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO PUNITIVE TREATMENTS AND (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC) -- OF RACIAL DISPARITY AND SOCIOECONOMIC RACIAL SEPARATION TO OUR YOUTH. THE BOARD IS UNDERFUNDING YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED WHILE GROWING PROBATION'S BUDGET. $32 MILLION FOR Y.J.R. IS LESS THAN A THIRD OF WHAT WAS PROMISED AND REPRESENTS ONLY 3% OF PROBATION'S JUVENILE BUDGET, WHICH IS OVER $500 MILLION. THE C.E.O. CLAIMS THEY ARE GIVING $26 MILLION TO Y.J.R., BUT IT IS ENTIRELY GOING TO Y.D.D.'S BUDGET WITH THE GOAL OF EXPANDING DIVERSION COUNTY-WIDE. THAT IS NOT THE SAME AS Y.J.R. THE C.E.O. WOULD HAVE GIVEN ZERO DOLLARS TO Y.J.R. IF WE, EVERYBODY ON THIS CALL, HAD NOT BEEN PUSHING. IN THE BUDGET THE BOARD IS TRACKING TODAY, PROBATION WILL RECEIVE 9.5 MORE THAN LAST YEAR, INCLUDING AN ADDITIONAL 10.3 MILLION FOR JUVENILE INSTITUTIONS. I EXPERIENCED FIRSTHAND BEING LABELED AND SUBJECTED TO TOTAL INHUMANE CONDITIONS WHILE BEING "REHABILITATED" BY THE SYSTEM THAT IS CURRENTLY DESIGNED FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO FAIL AND TO GET INCARCERATED. ONCE AGAIN, WE

CONTINUE THE PATTERN OF NOT HEARING THE VOICES OF THE PEOPLE FROM THE COMMUNITY. I ASK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO LISTEN TO EVERYBODY ON THIS CALL AND TO FULLY FUND Y.J.R. AND MEASURE J. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

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

MODERATOR: WE WILL GO TO ALAINA BELZER. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE WHICH ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING.

ALAINA BELZER: CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

ALAINA BELZER: MY NAME IS ALAINA BELZER. AND I'M SPEAKING ON ITEMS, 1, 2, 3B, 4B, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE AND THE LOW INCOME REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT YOUTH AND FAMILIES THAT WE REPRESENT. OUR COMMUNITY OF CHINATOWN HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MOST HARDEST HIT BY THE EFFECTS OF COVID PANDEMIC AND THE ENSUING ECONOMIC CRISIS. OUR COUNTY BUDGET NEEDS TO MEET THEM MOMENT AND ADDRESS SYSTEMIC REASONS FOR COVID'S DEVASTATING EFFECTS ON ESSENTIAL WORKERS, IMMIGRANTS, AND LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS. WE ASK YOU TO FULLY FUND THE HEALTHY L.A. BUDGET PRIORITIES. AMONG THEM I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THE NEED FOR SEED FUNDING FOR

LAND BANK PILOT PROJECT. WE NEED A LOS ANGELES COUNTY LAND BANK IN ORDER TO STABILIZE OUR MARKET FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, PROTECT PROPERTIES FROM PREDATORY DEVELOPMENT, AND WORK WITH COMMUNITY LAND TRUST TO COME OUT OF THIS CRISIS WITH A ROBUST ABILITY TO HOUSE OUR MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS. WE URGE YOU TO FUND HEALTHY L.A. BUDGET PRIORITIES, INCLUDING THE LAND BANK PILOT PROJECT. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME. DO NOT PRESS 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM QUEUE. WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF VERONICA ORTIZ, AND YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE WHICH ITEM YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING.

VERONICA ORTIZ: I WILL BE ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEM 1, 2A, 2B, 3G, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM A CLINICAL CASE MANAGER WITH U.S. ORGANIZATION. I WANT TO URGE THE BOARD TO FULLY FUND YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED IN THE JUNE BUDGET FOR THE FULL $75 MILLION, INCLUDING $55 MILLION FOR COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS AS OUTLINED IN THE Y.J.R. REPORT AND KEEP YOUR COMMITMENT TO CARE FIRST AND JAILS LAST. AS A CLINICAL CASE MANAGER WORKING WITHIN JUVENILE DETENTION CENTERS FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS, I HAVE DEALT WITH COUNTLESS LOSSES OF YOUTH AND

LACK OF PROGRAMMING AND COMMUNITY INSIGHT THAT IS NEEDED TO FULLY REHABILITATE OUR YOUTH. CARE FIRST AND JAILS LAST IS JUST A SLOGAN AT THIS POINT. THE COUNTY'S BUDGET PUTS PROBATION AND THE SHERIFF FIRST AND YOUTH LAST. WE MUST INVEST IN A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR OUR YOUTH RATHER THAN INCARCERATION. THE BUDGET FAILS THE COMMITMENTS THAT THE BOARD HAS MADE THROUGH THEIR MOTIONS AND VARIOUS EFFORTS WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE WORKGROUP AND THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. AS A REMINDER, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY PASSED A MOTION TO FIX OUR Y.J.R. THIS YEAR, AND WE ARE ASKING THAT YOU KEEP THAT COMMITMENT. WE SHOULD REDUCE PROBATION'S BUDGET, PARTICULARLY FOR JUVENILE PROBATION, IN ORDER TO FUND YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. WE MUST CUT ALL VACANT AND FROZEN POSITIONS FROM THE JUVENILE PROBATION BUDGET. THE C.E.O. RECOMMENDS $409 MILLION TO INCARCERATE 400 YOUNG PEOPLE. THAT WOULD BE SPENDING OVER $1 MILLION PER YEAR PER YOUTH. THIS BUDGET NEEDS TRANSPARENCY AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING. TOO OFTEN YOUR PUBLIC BUDGETS ARE TREATED AS SOMETHING TOP SECRET. WE DESERVE TO BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE BUDGET, HOW THE C.E.O. MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS, AND TO WEIGH IN ON IT.

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

MODERATOR: YES, AND THAT IS FROM THE LINE OF KENT MENDOZA. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE WHICH ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING.

KENT MENDOZA: HELLO, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

KENT MENDOZA: I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM -- HELLO, EVERYBODY, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS KENT MENDOZA. I'M WITH THE ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION AND ALSO WITH THE L.A. YOUTH UPRISING COALITION. I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM NUMBER 1, 2A, 2B, 3G, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I WANT TO REITERATE WHAT EVERYBODY HAS BEEN TALKING ABOUT. WE REALLY NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE COUNTY FULLY FUNDS YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE IDENTIFY ALL THE MONEY THAT IS NECESSARY TO CREATE THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DIVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT AND ALSO ENSURE THAT WE ARE NOT CREATING ANOTHER SYSTEM THAT IS JUST GOING TO BE THE OLD ONE, TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE NOT DUPLICATING THE SAME SYSTEM OF INCARCERATION FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. I THINK MY MAIN MESSAGE THAT I WANT TO GET ACROSS IS THAT OUR JOBS AS A SOCIETY, AND YOUR JOB AS THE ELECTED OFFICIALS IN THE AGENCIES THAT RUN THIS COUNTY, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL YOUNG PEOPLE, FROM THE DAY THEY ARE BORN, THEY ARE RECEIVING ALL OF THE OPPORTUNITIES, RESOURCES, AND CHANCES AND EXPOSURES TO

BECOME THE BEST VERSION OF THEMSELVES. SO THAT MEANS INVESTING IN THEM FROM AN EARLY AGE ALL THE WAY UNTIL THEY REACH THE AGE OF 25 BECAUSE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE DO NOT FULLY DEVELOP ALL THE WAY UNTIL THE AGE OF 25. SO IF WE GIVE THEM THE RIGHT TOOLS FROM A YOUNG AGE, FROM ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL, BY THE TIME THEY ARE 25 YEARS OF AGE, ALL OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD BE READY TO ENTER SOCIETY AND IN THE WORLD AND CONTRIBUTE TO IT. BUT WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, MEASURE J, ALL OF THESE THINGS THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT, CARE FIRST, WE ARE REIMAGINING ALL THESE SYSTEMS. IT IS THE GOAL TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL HUMAN BEINGS, FROM THE DAY THEY ARE BORN, THEY DEVELOP TO BECOME THE BEST VERSIONS OF THEMSELVES, AND THAT MEANS IMPLEMENTING THINGS LIKE THE YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED AND EVERYTHING THAT IS AROUND IT. SO I JUST WANT REALLY URGE THE BOARD TO REALLY HOLD THE C.E.O. OFFICE ACCOUNTABLE AND REALLY BE BOLD ABOUT TAKING NEW STEPS AND NEW DIRECTIONS ON WHAT WE WANT TO END UP IN THE COUNTY WHEN WE TALK ABOUT YOUTH.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

MODERATOR: WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF MELLO ZEPHRID. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE, PLEASE STATE WHICH ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING.

MELLO ZEPHRID: SORRY, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

MELLO ZEPHRID: HELLO? OKAY. SO WHERE IS THIS -- I AM ADDRESSING AGENDA NUMBER 1, 2A, 2B, 3G, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. CONCERNING YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, WHERE IS THE $61 MILLION GOING? WE HAVE A SERIOUS RACIAL PROFILING WITH YOUR LEAD DEPUTY, JEFF DEITRICH, AND WE HAVE SOME ISSUES WITH LOW FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS. YET, YOU HAVE ORGANIZERS THAT ARE COMING ON, YEAR AFTER YEAR, STATING WHERE IS THE FUNDING. YOU HAVE SOME GREAT PEOPLE THAT CAME TO ISAAC BRIAN'S INAUGURATION ON SATURDAY, AND HE'S THE COAUTHOR OF MEASURE J. SO THE VERY SAME POLITICIANS, WHO ARE SUPPORTING ISAAC BRIAN, WE SHOULD HAVE $61 MILLION FOR YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED ALREADY, RATHER THAN ASKING FOR DIVERSION FUNDING. THIS IS THE SAME SONG AND DANCE. THERE IS MORE PROFIT THAT YOU MAKE IN KEEPING OUR BLACK AND BROWN BABIES LOCKED UP. WE UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT THIS IS THE YEAR THAT YOU'VE GOT TO STOP THE B.S., PLEASE. WE'RE GOING TO ASK YOU KINDLY TO PLEASE DO YOUR MATH, PUT THE $61 MILLION TO MAKE IT THE $75 MILLION IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN SINCE IT WAS AGREED UPON SINCE LAST YEAR, AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE THAT THE HOMELESS INCARCERATION, THAT THE HOUSING ENTITIES THAT YOU GUYS ARE NOT FUNDING GET FUNDED THE WAY IT SHOULD BE AND JEFF DEITRICH TO BE PUT IN JAIL. THAT IS A

PERSONAL REQUEST BECAUSE YOU CANNOT KEEP GIVING THESE SHERIFFS FUNDING FOR THEM TO CONTINUE TO RACIALLY PROFILE WHILE YOU TAKE AWAY FUNDING FOR OUR YOUTH FOR OUR DIVERSION PROGRAMS.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC SPEAKERS HAS ENDED. THANK YOU TO ALL THAT CALLED IN TO SPEAK. IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS, YOU CAN STILL SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA. AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD. NOW, MEMBERS, WE ARE GOING TO TURN TO FISCAL YEAR 2020-'21 BUDGET ISSUES, AND WE WILL HEAR FROM OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, FESIA DAVENPORT, ON ITEM NUMBER ONE.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER ONE, FISCAL YEAR '20-'21 BUDGET ISSUES. SO THIS ITEM IS THE MIDYEAR APPROPRIATION AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT BOARD LETTER, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE MIDYEAR B.A. IT MAKES A VARIETY OF ADJUSTMENTS TO FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 FINAL ADOPTED BUDGET TO

ACCOUNT FOR CHANGES SINCE THE BUDGET WAS ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 29, 2020. THESE CHANGES ARE NECESSARY TO ALIGN THE FISCAL YEAR '20-'21 FINAL ADOPTED BUDGET WITH POST-ADOPTION TRANSACTIONS THAT MAKE SURE THAT THE BUDGET IS ALIGNED. I AM HAPPY TO ADDRESS ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ON THIS ITEM. IF THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS, HOWEVER, I RECOMMEND THAT YOUR BOARD MOVE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS FROM THE BOARD THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT ON THIS ITEM BEFORE US? ITEM NUMBER ONE IS BEFORE US. IT IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM ONE IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR BARGER.

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW HEAR FROM OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, FESIA DAVENPORT, ON ITEM NUMBER TWO.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER TWO IS COMPRISED OF THREE RECOMMENDATIONS. THE FIRST AGENDA ITEM 2A IS A REPORT COMPRISED OF A COMPILATION OF ISSUES RAISED AT PUBLIC BUDGET HEARINGS BY ORAL AND WRITTEN TESTIMONY, INCLUDING EACH INDIVIDUAL SUPERVISOR'S REQUESTS AS WELL AS DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR VARIOUS PROGRAMS. THE RECOMMENDATION HERE IS THAT YOUR BOARD RECEIVE AND FILE THIS REPORT. NEXT, IS AGENDA ITEM 2B. AGENDA ITEM 2B IS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE'S BOARD LETTER

RECOMMENDING ADJUSTMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR '21-'22 RECOMMENDED COUNTY BUDGET. THE AGENDA ITEM IS COMPRISED OF FIVE RECOMMENDATIONS. THE FIRST RECOMMENDATION SEEKS FINDING THAT THE PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT ACTIONS REFERENCED IN THIS BOARD LETTER ARE NOT A PROJECT WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BASED ON THE RECORD OF PROPOSED ACTIVITIES. THE NEXT RECOMMENDATION REQUESTS THAT YOUR BOARD ADOPT THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE FISCAL YEAR '21-'22 RECOMMENDED COUNTY BUDGET AS SET FORTH IN THE ATTACHMENTS TO THIS BOARD LETTER. ITEM NUMBER THREE SEEKS AUTHORIZATION FOR THE C.E.O., OR MY DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE, AMEND, OR TERMINATE, AS NECESSARY, A FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE L.A. COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ITEM NUMBER FOUR SEEKS AUTHORIZATION FOR THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AGING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE, AMEND, OR TERMINATE, AS NECESSARY, A FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. AND FINALLY, ITEM NUMBER FIVE SEEKS AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO EXECUTE, AMEND, OR TERMINATE, AS NECESSARY, FUNDING AGREEMENTS WITH THE L.A. OPERA AND THE L.A. COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS, AS SET FORTH IN THE LETTER. THE LAST AGENDA ITEM IS ITEM NUMBER 2C, AND THIS IS A REQUEST THAT YOUR BOARD ORDER SUCH REVISIONS, ADDITIONS, AND CHANGES TO THE C.E.O.'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS AS DEEMED NECESSARY. THIS CONCLUDES ALL ITEMS FOR AGENDA ITEM NUMBER

TWO. HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE. IF THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS, I RECOMMEND THAT YOUR BOARD MOVE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: YES. I BELIEVE I SEE HOLLY, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, WHO HAS A QUESTION.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. IT IS ACTUALLY NOT A QUESTION. IT IS REALLY MORE OF A STATEMENT. IN HEARING MUCH OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY WITH REGARD TO MEASURE J AND SEEING AS I PULLED INTO THE HAHN ADMINISTRATION TODAY THE SIGNS AND THE PROTESTERS OUTSIDE, I JUST WANTED TO MAKE A QUICK COMMENT ABOUT MEASURE J, AND I THOUGHT, BEFORE WE VOTED ON THIS ITEM TWO, IT WAS PROBABLY THE MOST APPROPRIATE TIME. I WANT TO MAKE SURE, MY COLLEAGUES IN THEIR OPENING STATEMENTS, SEVERAL OF THEM, WE RE-ASSERTED, IF YOU WILL, OUR COMMITMENT TO THE SPIRIT OF MEASURE J ACKNOWLEDGING THE NUMBER OF L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS THAT VOTED TO SUPPORT IT, AND I STAND BY THAT. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO AT THIS POINT IS HIGHLIGHT A FEW AREAS THAT I THINK WARRANT A CLOSER LOOK AS WE CONSIDER THE FUTURE FUNDING THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR CARE FIRST AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT. I THINK THE NEW APPROACH TO CALCULATING THE APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION AND DIRECT COMMUNITY INVESTMENT, WE SHOULD CONSIDER WHAT FUNDS WOULD BE "RESTRICTED" FROM THAT CATEGORY. I KNOW THERE HAS

BEEN LOTS OF CONVERSATIONS AROUND KIND OF SEMANTICS IN TERMS OF WHAT CATEGORY OF FUNDING IS COUNTED TOWARD THE 10% AS STIPULATED IN MEASURE J, FORCING DECISIONS THAT THE BOARD MAKES NOW ABOUT BUILDING LEASES SHOULD NOT BE USED TO LIMIT THE POTENTIAL POOL OF AVAILABLE FUNDS. IN MOST CASES, THERE ARE OPTIONS FOR REDUCING OR ELIMINATING THESE -- (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC) -- OVER TIME. IN CALCULATING AVAILABLE FUNDS, JUDGMENTS, DAMAGES, AND SETTLEMENTS FOR THE CARCERAL DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING THE D.A., SHERIFF, AND PROBATION, I DON'T FEEL SHOULD BE USED TO LIMIT THE TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS. WHILE IT IS CLEAR THESE ARE COSTS THAT THE COUNTY IS OBLIGATED TO PAY, IT GOES AGAINST THE SPIRIT OF OUR EFFORTS AND THE WILL OF THE VOTERS THAT LOSSES AGAINST THESE CARCERAL DEPARTMENTS SHOULD REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF MONEY AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY INVESTMENT. FURTHER, I BELIEVE CONSIDERATIONS OF CHANGES LIKE THESE TO OUR PROCESS FOR CALCULATING AVAILABLE FUNDS COULD INCREASE OUR INVESTMENT IN ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT BY TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS EACH YEAR. THAT, INCLUDING IDENTIFIED ONE-TIME FUNDING IN THE CARE FIRST AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT BUDGET, WILL ALSO ALLOW THE COUNTY TO INCREASE THE IMPACT OF THIS FUNDING. ONGOING FUNDING FOR THESE INITIATIVES IS KEY TO SUSTAINED SUCCESS, BUT ONE-TIME FUNDING CAN ALSO BE A VALUABLE BUDGETING TOOL TO SUPPORT ONE-TIME COSTS. I JUST WANTED TO SHARE THAT, AS WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE FACT THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO FUND, ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF THE

VOTERS, BUT I WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE DO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK MORE CLOSELY AT HOW WE DEFINE THE POTS OF MONEY WE WILL IDENTIFY AS AVAILABLE AND SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THIS RECALCULATION. AND I WANTED TO JUST MAKE THAT STATEMENT BEFORE WE CAST OUR VOTE ON ITEM TWO. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD?

SUP. HAHN: MADAM CHAIR, THIS IS SUPERVISOR HAHN. FESIA, COULD YOU JUST -- I UNDERSTAND THAT ITEM TWO IS BROKEN UP INTO THESE SUB ITEMS. AND I WAS FOLLOWING YOU UNTIL YOU GOT TO 2C. COULD YOU REITERATE WHAT WE'RE VOTING ON UNDER 2C?

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. SO ITEM 2C IS A STANDARD CLEAN-UP PROVISION, AND BASICALLY, WE ARE ASKING THAT THE BOARD ORDER ANY REVISIONS OR CHANGES TO THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET AS DEEMED NECESSARY. SO, I DON'T ANTICIPATE THAT THERE IS ANYTHING THAT WE WOULD NECESSARILY HAVE TO DO TODAY, BUT IF THERE WAS SOMETHING THAT WE NEEDED TO CHANGE TO ALIGN THE BUDGET FIGURES TO WHAT THE BOARD ACTUALLY ADOPTS TODAY, THIS IS A CATCH-ALL PROVISION THAT ALLOWS US TO DO THAT.

SUP. HAHN: SO IT IS JUST KIND OF GIVING YOU A BLANK CHECK, SO TO SPEAK?

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: NO, I WOULD NOT CALL IT A BLANK CHECK, SUPERVISOR. I WOULD SAY IT PROVIDES ME WITH THE TOOL TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS BUDGET IS ALIGNED WITH THE BOARD'S ORDER AND ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET.

SUP. HAHN: OKAY, BECAUSE IT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THAT WAS FOR A SUPERVISOR IF THEY SPECIFICALLY BROUGHT FORWARD A MONEY MOTION, SO TO SPEAK. AND SINCE WE DIDN'T SPECIFICALLY DO THAT TODAY, I WAS STILL CURIOUS ON WHAT WE WERE -- HOW WE WERE INCLUDING 2C.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: SUPERVISOR, ACTUALLY, THAT IS CORRECT. IT DOES ALSO INCLUDE THE ABILITY, IF THERE WERE A MONEY MOTION THAT WAS INTRODUCED TODAY, IT WOULD ALLOW THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE TO ALIGN THE BUDGET AS ADOPTED, INCLUDING ANY NEW MOTIONS.

SUP. HAHN: RIGHT, BUT WE DIDN'T BRING ANY NEW MOTIONS FORWARD, CORRECT?

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: THAT IS MY UNDERSTANDING, SUPERVISOR, CORRECT.

SUP. HAHN: SO, OKAY. STILL A LITTLE CONFUSING ON 2C, BUT I THINK I GET IT.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION, SUPERVISOR HAHN. I WOULD JUST SAY THAT, PERHAPS FOR THE PUBLIC WHO MAY NOT BE AWARE, TYPICALLY, IF THERE ARE MOTIONS, THEY COULD HAVE IMPACTS ON THE BUDGET IN TERMS OF PERSONNEL, AND THAT COULD IMPACT OUR LABOR AGREEMENTS, WHICH WE DON'T WANT TO DO, HAPHAZARDLY. WE NEED TO BE VERY CAREFUL ABOUT ALL OF THAT. SO THAT IS JUST AN F.Y.I. ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? IF NOT, MEMBERS, I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT THE ITEM. ITEMS 2A-2C ARE BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY ME. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEMS 2A-2C ARE BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MEMBERS. NOW, WE WILL HEAR FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, FESIA DAVENPORT, ON ITEM NUMBER THREE.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER THREE IS ACTUALLY COMPOSED OF SEVEN REPORTS BACK, WHICH WERE ALL DEFERRED TO BUDGET DELIBERATIONS. I WILL NOT GO THROUGH EACH OF THE REPORTS IN DETAIL, BUT I WILL OUTLINE THE REPORT TOPICS. THE FIRST REPORT RELATES TO ANNUAL REVENUE FROM MARINA LEASEHOLD EXTENSIONS. IT LOOKS LIKE A REPORT WE HAVE BEEN DOING FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS NOW. THE NEXT REPORT RELATES

TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BUDGET UNIT, WHICH WE ARE FUNDING AT $100 MILLION. THE THIRD REPORT BACK RELATES TO THE L.A. V. HATE PROGRAM, WHICH WE HAVE HEARD COMMENTS ABOUT DURING THE HEARING. THE REPORT IDENTIFIES $931,000 IN FUNDING. THE NEXT REPORT RELATES TO THE COMMUNITY IMPACT ARTS PROGRAM, WHICH WE ALSO TALKED ABOUT EARLIER, IDENTIFIES $750,000 IN FUNDING TO SUSTAIN THIS PROGRAM. THE NEXT REPORT ALSO RELATES TO A PROGRAM IN ARTS DEPARTMENT. IT IS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COUNTY-WIDE CULTURAL POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM. THE REPORT IDENTIFIES $250,000 FOR CONSULTING SERVICES, AND DEFERS TO THE NEXT BUDGET STATE, PHASE, REQUESTS FOR PERMANENT STAFFING, AND THEN THE FINAL REPORT, SORRY, THE SIXTH REPORT RELATES TO THE RESTORATION OF THE PARKS AND RECS AQUATICS, LAKES, AND RECREATION PROGRAM. THIS REPORT IDENTIFIES FUNDING FOR THOSE PROGRAMS AS WELL AS FUNDING FOR PARKS AFTER DARK, AND WE WILL, OF COURSE, CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE PARKS DEPARTMENT TO ENSURE THAT ALL OF THE ASSUMPTIONS THAT WE MADE IN PUTTING TOGETHER THIS FUNDING PLAN ARE ACCURATE. AND WE WILL BE REVISITING THAT IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGES BUDGET. AND THEN THE LAST REPORT BACK, WHICH IS THE SEVENTH ONE, RELATES TO YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED REPORT. THE REPORT INDICATES THAT THE PROGRAM WILL, FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND DIVERSION PROGRAMS, RUN BY Y.D.D., WILL BE FULLY FUNDED THIS YEAR. THAT IS -- THAT CONSTITUTES THE SEVEN REPORT BACKS IN THIS SECTION. THAT CONCLUDES ALL THE ITEMS FOR AGENDA ITEM

NUMBER THREE. HAPPY TO ADDRESS ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE, AND IF NOT, I RECOMMEND THAT YOUR BOARD MOVE TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE SEVEN REPORTS AND APPROVE ITEMS 3A-3G.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS FROM BOARD MEMBERS? SEEING NONE, ITEMS 3A-3G ARE BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEMS 3A-3G ARE BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU, MEMBERS. NOW, WE WILL HEAR FROM OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, FESIA DAVENPORT, ON ITEM NUMBER FOUR.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER FOUR IS COMPRISED OF THREE RECOMMENDATIONS, ITEMS 4A-4C. ITEM 4A IS A STANDARD RECOMMENDATION TO YOUR BOARD TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT, KNOWN AS THE G.A.N. .LIMIT, AND THE APPROPRIATIONS SUBJECT TO LIMIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR '21-'22 BUDGET. ITEM 4B IS A RECOMMENDATION THAT YOUR BOARD APPROVE THE REVISED FIGURES AS THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR '21-'22 AND INSTRUCT THE AUDITOR CONTROLLER TO PREPARE AND PRESENT THE FINAL BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR BOARD ADOPTION. AND FINALLY, ITEM 4C IS A RECOMMENDATION YOUR BOARD APPROVE 12 MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS, WHICH INCLUDE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE AGREEMENTS ON THE TERMS SET FORTH IN THIS BOARD LETTER, APPROVAL OF COUNTY AND BUDGETARY

POLICIES, AS SET FORTH IN THE BOARD LETTER, APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATION, AS SET FORTH IN THE BOARD LETTER, AND FINALLY, APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY TRANSFERS OF POSITIONS BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS, BASED ON THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THIS BOARD LETTER. THIS CONCLUDES ALL THE ITEMS IN AGENDA ITEM NUMBER FOUR. HAPPY TO ADDRESS ANY QUESTIONS. IF THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS, I RECOMMEND THAT YOUR BOARD MOVE TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS? SEEING NONE, AT THIS TIME, ITEMS 4A-4C ARE BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEMS 4A-4C IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I UNDERSTAND OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER, FESIA DAVENPORT, WANTED TO MAKE A STATEMENT.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: YES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND JUST TO CLOSE OUT MY PORTION OF TODAY'S AGENDA, FIRST OF ALL, I WANTED TO THANK YOU, AGAIN, THE BOARD, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, THROUGH WHAT HAS BEEN A VERY DIFFICULT YEAR FOR THE COUNTY AND FOR THOSE WHO RELY ON US. I ALSO WANTED TO THANK THE BUDGET BOARD DEPUTIES FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND COLLABORATION IN DEVELOPING THIS BUDGET, TAMI AMOTO FREYES FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT, KIRK SHELTON FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT, AND HELICA AIELLA FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT, MARK BOCKAM FROM THE FOURTH

DISTRICT, AND RICK VALASQUEZ FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT. AND FINALLY, I ALSO WANT TO THANK ALL OF THE DEPARTMENT HEADS AND THEIR BUDGET AND FISCAL STAFF FOR ALL OF THE HARD WORK IN DEVELOPING THE BUDGET AS WELL AS THE THOUSANDS OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO STOOD UP DURING A VERY DIFFICULT YEAR TO ENSURE THAT WE CONTINUED TO PROVIDE SERVICES. THANK YOU.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO OUR C.E.O. AND YOUR STAFF, AND EVERYONE WHO HELPED TO MAKE THIS DAY POSSIBLE. I KNOW IT IS TIRELESS WORK, AND SOMETIMES WE DON'T ALL GET THE RECOGNITION, YOUR STAFFS AND OTHERS THAT WORK AND BELABOR LATE INTO THE EVENING AND ON WEEKENDS JUST TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN FOR THE 10 MILLION RESIDENTS THAT WE REPRESENT. SO, THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD. I APPRECIATE THAT. MEMBERS, NOW WE WILL NOW GO TO ITEM NUMBER FIVE, WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED BY OUR AUDITOR CONTROLLER, ARLENE BARRERA.

ARLENE BARRERA: GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. ARLENE BARRERA, AUDITOR CONTROLLER. ON APRIL 20TH, YOUR BOARD APPROVED THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-'22 RECOMMENDED BUDGET. THIS AFTERNOON, WE HAVE UPDATED ALL THE ADJUSTMENTS THAT YOUR BOARD APPROVED IN YOUR DISCUSSION EARLIER TODAY. THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-'22 FINAL BUDGET IS BALANCED AND READY FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. THANK YOU.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS ON THIS ITEM? SEEING NONE, ITEM FIVE IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY ME. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM FIVE IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: MEMBERS, THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S VERY IMPORTANT BUDGET MEETING. I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HAS JOINED US TODAY, THOSE THAT CALLED IN, THOSE THAT HAVE VOICED THEIR OPINIONS AND HAVE SPENT TIME COLLABORATING AND TALKING TO OUR STAFFS, AND EACH AND EVERY ONE OF OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES THAT HAS WORKED SO HARD THIS PAST YEAR. I LOOK FORWARD TO A BETTER YEAR COMING STARTING JULY 1ST, AND WITH THAT, I'D JUST LIKE TO ANNOUNCE OUR NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL BE A SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION ON TUESDAY JUNE 29TH, 2021 AND TUESDAY JULY 6TH, 2021. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY JULY 13TH, 2021 AT 9:30 A.M. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND AGAIN, THANK YOU ALL FOR JOINING US TODAY AND HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY 4TH OF JULY. THANK YOU, ALL. THANK YOU, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND OUR C.E.O.

SUP. HAHN: BYE, THANK YOU.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: BYE.

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU, ALL.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: BYE BYE.

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

That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors June 28, 2021, were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my direction and supervision;

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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 7th day of July 2021, for the County records to be used only for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts as on file of the office of the reporter.

JENNIFER A. HINES

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