



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF  
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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1                               **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON**  
2                               **TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2021 ON PAGE 227]**

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5   **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE, AND WELCOME TO THE  
6   REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF  
7   SUPERVISORS, WHICH IS BEING HELD REMOTELY. TODAY, AS YOU KNOW,  
8   IS TUESDAY, JULY 13TH, 2021. I WILL NOW TAKE ROLL CALL TO  
9   CONFIRM ATTENDANCE. WHEN YOUR NAME IS CALLED, PLEASE STATE  
10   YOUR RESPONSE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

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12   **SUP. MITCHELL:** PRESENT. GOOD MORNING!

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14   **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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16   **SUP. KUEHL:** HERE. GOOD MORNING.

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18   **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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20   **SUP. HAHN:** HERE.

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22   **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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24   **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY, OKAY. GOOD MORNING.

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1    **SUP. BARGER:** GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR. I AM  
2    HERE.

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4    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.    FESIA DAVENPORT, CHIEF  
5    EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

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7    **FESIA DAVENPORT:** PRESENT.

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

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11    **RODRIGO CASTRO-SILVA:** I'M HERE.

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13    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** CELIA ZAVALA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE  
14    BOARD?

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16    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** HERE.

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18    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA,  
19    WE WILL BE TAKING TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENTS DURING TODAY'S  
20    MEETING. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD RECEIVED WELL OVER  
21    2100 WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TODAY'S MEETING, AND AS THOSE  
22    WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED, ALL OF THEM WERE AVAILABLE TO  
23    THE SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION, CONSISTENT WITH THE  
24    BROWN ACT'S REQUIREMENTS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE WRITTEN  
25    PUBLIC COMMENTS THROUGHOUT THE MEETING WHICH WILL BECOME PART

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

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4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. GOOD MORNING,  
5 MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL  
6 BEGIN ON PAGE 2, SET MATTER, 10:30 A.M. ITEM S-1 IS A  
7 DISCUSSION ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER RELATED TO C.O.V.I.D.-  
8 19. THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION. ON PAGE THREE,  
9 SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA. THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS  
10 ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ON PAGE 5, THIS IS THE  
11 AGENDA FOR THE REGIONAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. ON PAGE  
12 6, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1 THROUGH 35.  
13 ON ITEM 1, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE  
14 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEMS 2, 3, AND 5, SUPERVISOR HAHN  
15 REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 10, SUPERVISOR  
16 BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, THIS INCLUDES A  
17 [INAUDIBLE] MOTION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.  
18 ON ITEM 14, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.  
19 ALSO, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE  
20 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 15, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS  
21 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 16, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS  
22 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 21, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL  
23 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 22, THIS INCLUDES A  
24 REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 23,  
25 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO

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1 WEEKS TO JULY 27TH, 2021. ON ITEM 24, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL  
2 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 27, SUPERVISOR  
3 MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, THIS  
4 INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.  
5 ON ITEM 29, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM IS  
6 HELD. ON ITEM 32, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON  
7 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ALSO, SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR  
8 SOLIS WOULD LIKE TO REVISE THE MOTION. DIRECTIVE ONE SHOULD  
9 READ, "THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ALTERNATIVES TO  
10 INCARCERATION INITIATIVES TO COLLABORATE WITH THE PUBLIC  
11 DEFENDER, ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AND  
12 THE INDIGENT CRIMINAL DEFENSE PROGRAM, IN CONSULT WITH THE  
13 DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC HEALTH, HEALTH SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH,  
14 AND THE A.T.I. COMMUNITY AD HOC PRETRIAL SUBCOMMITTEE.  
15 DIRECTIVE NUMBER TWO IS REVISED TO OBTAIN INPUT FROM RELEVANT  
16 DEPARTMENTS. DIRECTIVE NUMBER 4 WAS REVISED TO ALSO DIRECT THE  
17 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD WITHIN 90  
18 DAYS. ON ITEM 33, SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL  
19 WOULD LIKE TO REVISE DIRECTIVE NUMBER 3-A TO READ, "DIRECT  
20 COUNTY COUNSEL TO REPORT BACK IN 30 DAYS WITH THE PROPOSED  
21 PUBLIC BASIS SUMMARY FOR THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION OF THE  
22 LEGAL ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH IMPLEMENTING THE YOUTH JUSTICE  
23 REIMAGINE MODEL, DISTINGUISHING THOSE ISSUES THAT REQUIRE  
24 LEGISLATIVE CHANGE FROM THOSE THAT CAN BE IMPLEMENTED WITHOUT  
25 LEGISLATIVE CHANGE. ON PAGE 40, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS

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1 36 THROUGH 80. ON ITEM 36, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
2 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO AUGUST 10TH, 2021, AS  
3 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ON ITEM 37, SUPERVISOR HAHN  
4 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 50, THIS INCLUDES A  
5 REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THIS ITEM  
6 RELATES TO ITEM 81. ON ITEM 58, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS  
7 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JULY 27, 2021. ON  
8 ITEM 68, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE  
9 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PATE 66, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS  
10 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS  
11 IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
12 AGENDA. ON ITEM 78-C, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS TO BE  
13 RECORDED AS ABSTAIN. ON ITEM 78-D, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS  
14 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES THROUGH  
15 78-F ARE BEFORE YOU.

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17 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY  
18 SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. THAT WILL BE THE  
19 ORDER.

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21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 67, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION. ON  
22 ITEM 81, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE  
23 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 50. ON PAGE 69,  
24 SEPARATE MATTERS. ITEM 84 IS A RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A  
25 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE DUARTE

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1 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, ELECTION  
2 2020, SERIES "A," IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO  
3 EXCEED \$30 MILLION. ITEM 85 IS A RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT  
4 RESOLUTIONS TO LEVY THE 2021-22 SPECIAL TAXES FOR COMMUNITY  
5 FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 3, IMPROVEMENT AREAS B AND C, NO. 7,  
6 NO. 2021-01, IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 1 AND NO. 2021-02. ON PAGE  
7 70, NOTICE OF CLOSED SESSION. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF  
8 THE AGENDA, MADAM CHAIR.

9

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

15

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

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

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

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1 NOT PRESS 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM  
2 THE QUEUE.

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

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

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10 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS LINDSAY VERITY. PLEASE  
11 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND  
12 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE GO  
13 AHEAD.

14

15 **LINDSAY VERITY:** ITEM 14, THE SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS FOR  
16 YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE MOTION, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

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18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

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20 **LINDSAY VERITY:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE MEMBERS. THANK YOU. MY  
21 NAME IS LINDSAY VERITY, AND I AM AN ATTORNEY WITH THE  
22 CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER OF CALIFORNIA. WE ARE THE COURT  
23 APPOINTED ATTORNEYS FOR MORE THAN 30,000 CHILDREN IN LOS  
24 ANGELES COUNTY WHO ARE IN FOSTER CARE, OR WHO ARE ALLEGED TO  
25 COME WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COURT BECAUSE OF ABUSE OR

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1 NEGLECT. I WORK SPECIFICALLY WITH OUR NON-MINOR DEPENDENT  
2 CLIENTS, THE YOUTH WHO ARE 18 TO 21, WHO HAVE CHOSEN TO STAY  
3 IN EXTENDED FOSTER CARE. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR  
4 THIS TIMELY AND SIGNIFICANT MOTION. PRIOR TO WORKING AS A  
5 DEPENDENCY ATTORNEY, I WORKED AS A LEGAL AID LAWYER FOR MORE  
6 THAN 10 YEARS. WITH THAT EXPERIENCE, I NOTICED A NUMBER OF  
7 ISSUES ON MY CASES RELATING TO SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS,  
8 INCLUDING FAILURES TO SCREEN OR SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR  
9 BENEFITS FOR CLIENTS WHO LIKELY MEET THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA,  
10 OR INADEQUATE INFORMATION-SHARING WITH OUR CLIENTS ABOUT  
11 BENEFITS OR WHO THEY THEIR PAYEE COULD BE, FAILURE TO SET UP  
12 THE REQUISITE BANK ACCOUNTS OR PROPERLY HANDLE THE PAYMENTS,  
13 AND INSUFFICIENT SUPPORT WITH APPEALS WHEN THERE IS AN  
14 INAPPROPRIATE DENIAL. THESE ISSUES HAVE VERY REAL AND  
15 SOMETIMES DEVASTATING CONSEQUENCES FOR OUR CLIENTS, ESPECIALLY  
16 RIGHT NOW, WHERE THE CRISIS OF YOUTH EXPERIENCING OR FACING  
17 IMMINENT HOMELESSNESS HAS ONLY BEEN EXACERBATED BY THE RECENT  
18 PANDEMIC AND THE RESULTING ECONOMIC IMPACT. TAKE MY CLIENT  
19 STEVEN. HE'S A LIFELONG REGIONAL CENTER CONSUMER WHO BECAME  
20 HOMELESS. HAVING ACCESS TO HIS S.S.I. DISABILITY BENEFITS  
21 COULD HAVE HELPED TO FUND NEW HOUSING, OR AT LEAST PAY FOR  
22 TOILETRIES OR OTHER INCIDENTALS, AS NO D.C.F.S. FUNDING IS  
23 PROVIDED IF A YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE BECOMES HOMELESS. FOR  
24 STEVEN AND ALL OF THE CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE  
25 FOR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS, THIS FUNDING IS CRITICAL. FOR

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1 YOUTH STILL IN THE SYSTEM, IT CAN MEAN FUNDING TO PURCHASE  
2 CRITICAL ITEMS THAT ARE NOT OTHERWISE COVERED BY INSURANCE.  
3 AND FOR YOUTH EXITING THE SYSTEM, IT CAN MEAN FUNDING TO MEET  
4 BASIC NEEDS LIKE HOUSING AND FOOD AND--

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

8

9 **LINDSAY VERITY:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

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11 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MARIA BRENES. PLEASE STATE  
12 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER  
13 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

14

15 **MARIA BRENES:** GOOD MORNING. I AM SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA  
16 ITEM 24 AND 78-D, PLUS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING,  
17 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MARIA BRENES. I'M THE  
18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR INNERCITY STRUGGLE, BASED IN THE EAST  
19 SIDE OF L.A. ITEM 24, ON BEHALF OF THE ORGANIZATION I  
20 REPRESENT, I URGE THE BOARD TO LEVERAGE FUNDS FROM THE  
21 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT TO HELP L.A. COUNTY CONTINUE TO  
22 ADDRESS THE PANDEMIC'S DEVASTATING IMPACTS ON HIGHEST-NEED  
23 COMMUNITIES, TO ENSURE THERE IS A STRONG AND EQUITABLE  
24 RECOVERY FOR ALL. COMMUNITIES OF COLOR HAVE BEEN  
25 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR

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1 YOUR LEADERSHIP IN CENTERING EQUITY OVER THE LAST YEAR IN THE  
2 COUNTY'S RESPONSE TO THE HEALTH, HOUSING, AND ECONOMIC NEEDS  
3 OF L.A. COUNTY'S HIGHEST-NEED RESIDENTS. IT IS CRITICAL THAT  
4 THE COUNTY PLACE EQUITY IN THE CENTER OF HOW THE A.R.P.A.  
5 FUNDS ARE DISTRIBUTED. COMMUNITIES COMPRISED OF SYSTEM-  
6 IMPACTED YOUTH, IMMIGRANTS, AND ESSENTIAL WORKERS MUST BE  
7 ALLOCATED ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND SERVICES TO ADVANCE THEIR  
8 RECOVERY. THE PROPOSED MOTION WOULD CREATE AN EQUITY FORMULA  
9 TO GUIDE SPENDING TO ENSURE THE COUNTY'S MOST VULNERABLE  
10 RESIDENTS ARE BENEFITING. THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING THIS  
11 CRITICAL SOLUTION BROUGHT FORTH BY SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND  
12 BARGER. ON ITEM 78-D, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR  
13 BRINGING ATTENTION TO THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE RELATED TO RACIAL  
14 AND GENDER INJUSTICE. ON BEHALF OF INNERCITY STRUGGLE, I URGE  
15 THE BOARD TO SUPPORT REPARATIONS FOR THE OVER 240 WOMEN WHO  
16 WERE COERCED INTO STERILIZATION AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. BETWEEN THE  
17 YEARS OF 1968 THROUGH 1974. THERE MUST BE JUSTICE FOR THE  
18 WOMEN IMPACTED, AND THE SURVIVORS SHOULD BE COMPENSATED, AND  
19 THEIR EXPERIENCES VALIDATED. THE STATE MUST ALSO HELP L.A.  
20 COUNTY IN THIS EFFORT. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GOING TO BE LORETTA SMALL.  
2 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING  
3 TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.  
4 YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **LORETTA SMALL:** HELLO. I AM ADDRESSING ITEMS 2, 10, 15, AND 21.  
7 I SUPPORT ALL THOSE AGENDA ITEMS, ESPECIALLY IF IT MEANS MORE  
8 LAW ENFORCEMENT FUNDING TO PREVENT VIOLENCE, AND TO PREVENT  
9 OUR RESIDENTS OUT HERE. I ESPECIALLY WANT TO ADDRESS ITEM  
10 NUMBER 10, WITH PUBLIC COMMENT. I WANT TO THANK BARGER FOR  
11 PUTTING THIS OUT. I LIVE OUT HERE IN LAKE LOS ANGELES. WE HAVE  
12 A SERIOUS ISSUE OUT HERE WITH THE ILLEGAL GROWTH, AND THEY ARE  
13 ALL CARTEL-OPERATED. WE'VE HAD LAW ENFORCEMENT OUT HERE, AND  
14 ONCE ONE IS CLEARED OUT, 3 OR 4 MORE POP UP, SO WE CAN'T STOP.  
15 MY HUSBAND AND I HAVE BEEN CONFRONTED TWICE BY THESE CARTEL  
16 MEMBERS. AND THE MOST RECENT ONE, I WAS CERTAIN I WAS GOING TO  
17 WATCH MY HUSBAND GET GUNNED DOWN. WE CAN'T STOP. YOU KNOW, WE  
18 HAVE TO PROTECT OUR DESERT OUT HERE. AND WE HAVE TAKEN PHOTOS  
19 OF THE DAMAGE THAT HAS BEEN DONE, AND MASSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL  
20 DAMAGE. AND I HAVE SHARED THOSE PHOTOS WITH BARGER'S OFFICE,  
21 CONGRESSMAN GARCIA, AND EVEN SENATOR FEINSTEIN. AND THERE IS  
22 MUCH MORE PHOTOS TO COME. BUT THE DAMAGE IS MASSIVE OUT HERE,  
23 WHAT THEY ARE DOING TO THE DESERT. PLEASE SUPPORT BARGER ON  
24 THIS. IT IS A LOT MORE SERIOUS THAN YOU THINK. AND IF YOU  
25 DON'T BELIEVE BARGER, THEN COME OUT HERE FOR YOURSELVES. I

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1 CHALLENGE YOU GUYS TO COME OUT HERE AND SEE FOR YOURSELVES  
2 WHAT THEY HAVE DONE TO THIS DESERT. AND HOPEFULLY, YOU GUYS  
3 DON'T GET CONFRONTED BY THESE CARTELS, BECAUSE OUR RESIDENTS  
4 HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH THIS FOR A WHILE. AND THIS IS THE  
5 UNITED STATES. WE SHOULDN'T BE HELD HOSTAGE BY CARTELS FROM  
6 OTHER COUNTRIES. YOU KNOW, WE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE STEWARDS OF  
7 THIS ENVIRONMENT, OF THIS DESERT, AND WE ARE FAILING. BUT WE  
8 ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO TAKE PHOTOS AND SHARE THOSE PHOTOS  
9 WITH ANYBODY THAT WILL LISTEN. AND THANK YOU, BARGER, FOR  
10 TAKING US SERIOUSLY. PLEASE SUPPORT BARGER ON ESPECIALLY ITEM  
11 NUMBER 10. WE ARE IN TROUBLE OUT HERE. RESIDENTS ARE BEING  
12 THREATENED AT GUNPOINT ON A REGULAR BASIS, AND THEY ARE  
13 OCCUPYING PUBLIC LANDS. AND IF YOU LOOK AT MY PHOTOS--

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

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18 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE  
19 OF JACQUELINE GUERRERO. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS  
20 YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON  
21 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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23 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JACKIE GUERRERO.  
24 I WILL BE SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 24. I AM THE  
25 DIRECTOR WITH THE [INAUDIBLE], AND I AM ALSO WITH THE

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1 COALITION FOR [INAUDIBLE] IMPLEMENTATION. AND FIRST, I JUST  
2 WANT TO ALSO THANK SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL AND KATHRYN  
3 BARGER FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN THIS MOTION. THE C.O.V.I.D.-19  
4 PANDEMIC HAS DEVASTATED L.A. COUNTY'S LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES,  
5 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, AND IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES, AND WE KNOW  
6 THIS BY THE COUNTLESS STORIES WE HAVE HEARD OF THAT, THAT PUT  
7 A SPOTLIGHT ON THE ECONOMIC LOSSES EXPERIENCED BY THESE  
8 COMMUNITIES. THAT IS WHY THE A.R.P.A. FUNDS, THE AMERICAN  
9 RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS, REPRESENT AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COUNTY  
10 TO HELP ENSURE THAT THOSE MUST HURT BY THE PANDEMIC HAVE A  
11 STRONG RECOVERY. IT IS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT THAT THE COUNTY  
12 PLACE EQUITY IN THE CENTER OF HOW THESE FUNDS ARE DISTRIBUTED.  
13 THIS MEANS THAT THE HIGHEST-NEED COMMUNITIES GET THE RESOURCES  
14 AND THE SERVICES THAT THEY DESERVE. MORE IMPORTANTLY, AGENDA  
15 ITEM 24 BUILT ON YOUR LEADERSHIP, THE C.E.O.'S, AND COUNTY  
16 DEPARTMENT'S LEADERSHIP IN PRIORITIZING EQUITY IN THE PANDEMIC  
17 RESPONSE.

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

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22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE FROM THE LINE OF MONICA  
23 ALVAREZ. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE  
24 ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL  
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2 **SPEAKER:** HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MONICA ALVAREZ, AND I AM  
3 SPEAKING ON ITEM 78-D, IN SUPPORT OF IT. AS A PERSON THAT HAS  
4 KNOWN A SURVIVOR AND SEEN THE TRAUMA OF HAVING SOMEBODY NOT BE  
5 ABLE TO HAVE CHILDREN AND CAUSED THIS PERSON-- IT'S MY  
6 GODMOTHER. SHE WAS STERILIZED AT THE HOSPITAL, UNBEKNOWNST TO  
7 HER, AND SHE SUFFERED TRAUMA THROUGHOUT HER LIFE. AND I SAW. I  
8 DIDN'T UNDERSTAND IT AS A CHILD, BUT UNDERSTOOD AFTER, AS A  
9 GROWNUP. AND BEING PART OF THE PROJECT TO SUPPORT THOSE THAT  
10 ARE SURVIVORS, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE CONTINUE TO ACKNOWLEDGE  
11 THAT THIS HAPPENED TO THEM. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE  
12 ACKNOWLEDGE AND SUPPORT THAT THERE WAS TRAUMA. AND I JUST WANT  
13 TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR EVERYTHING THAT SHE HAS DONE TO  
14 SUPPORT THIS COMMUNITY, AND BRINGING THIS MOTION TO FRUITION,  
15 AND UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS STILL HAPPENING TO PEOPLE OF  
16 COLOR, AND IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE STOP IT. IT IS IMPORTANT  
17 THAT WE SUPPORT THOSE THAT ARE GOING THROUGH IT, AND I JUST  
18 WANT TO AGAIN THANK YOU FOR... AND HOPE THAT YOU APPROVE THIS  
19 MOTION.

20

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

23

24 **MODERATOR:** THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF SUSAN  
25 ZAHNTER. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE

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OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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

3

4 **SUSAN ZAHNTER:** I AM DIRECTOR OF THE ASSOCIATION OF RURAL TOWN  
5 COUNCILS, AND I WILL BE SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT,  
6 AND CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 2 AND 10. I WANT TO THANK  
7 SUPERVISOR BARGER, CONGRESSMAN MIKE GARCIA, SHERIFF  
8 VILLANUEVA, AND EVERYONE FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
9 DEPARTMENT WHO TOOK PART, AND ALL THE OTHER FEDERAL, STATE,  
10 AND LOCAL AGENCIES THAT ASSISTED IN THE RECENT ACTIONS TAKEN  
11 AGAINST ILLEGAL CANNABIS GROWING OPERATIONS IN THE ANTELOPE  
12 VALLEY. LESS THAN HALF OF THE GROW OPERATIONS ARE ERADICATED,  
13 TO DATE. THE SITUATION IN RURAL COMMUNITIES IS STILL OUT OF  
14 CONTROL, AND RESIDENTS CONTINUE TO FEEL THREATENED. THERE'S A  
15 STATEWIDE SERIOUS DROUGHT. WE ARE ASKED TO CONSERVE WATER, AND  
16 SEE RAMPANT THEFT FROM L.A. COUNTY WATERWORKS, FARMERS,  
17 PRIVATE CITIZENS, AND WATCH AS ILLEGAL WELLS ARE DRILLED AND  
18 LOCAL WATER RESOURCES DRAINED, OR PRIVATE WELL WATERS SOLD TO  
19 GROWERS. MULTINATIONAL CARTELS HAVE MOVED IN, OFTEN ON LAND  
20 BELONGING TO SOMEONE ELSE, AND NEXT TO RESIDENTS IN RURAL  
21 COMMUNITIES. WHEN ILLEGAL GROWERS ARE NOT SETTING UP  
22 GREENHOUSES, THEY ARE BUYING HOMES, GUTTING THEM, AND USING  
23 THEM FOR GROW-HOUSES, DESTROYING THEM IN THE PROCESS,  
24 SUBJECTING NEIGHBORS TO UNBEARABLE ODOR, THREATS, AND  
25 INTIMIDATION. THEY DON'T COME TO PARTICIPATE IN OR SUPPORT

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1 CLOSE-KNIT RURAL COMMUNITY LIVING, ORGANIZATIONS, OR  
2 BUSINESSES. WE HEAR "DEFUND THE POLICE" CONSTANTLY, AND SEE  
3 THE REAL EFFECT THIS HAS ON THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. RURAL  
4 RESIDENTS ARE TOLD THERE IS NOT ENOUGH MONEY TO FUND  
5 OPERATIONS TO ERADICATE ALL ILLEGAL GROWS. WE NEED MORE  
6 FUNDING, MORE LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND MORE PUNITIVE MEASURES FOR  
7 DRUG OFFENSES. THESE ARE NOT VICTIMLESS CRIMES. THEY THREATEN  
8 THE HEALTH, WELLBEING, AND SAFETY OF OUR RESIDENTS. FINALLY,  
9 THE A.R.T.C. IS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT LEGALIZATION OF  
10 COMMERCIAL GROWING, BECAUSE ILLEGAL GROWING GOING ON NOW  
11 PROVIDES INSIGHT INTO WHAT WE WILL EXPERIENCE IF REGULATIONS  
12 CHANGE TO ALLOW OUTDOOR CULTIVATION. WE HAVE SEEN THAT LOS  
13 ANGELES COUNTY HAS LITTLE DESIRE OR LACKS RESOURCES TO ENFORCE  
14 CURRENT VIOLATIONS OF COUNTY CODE AND LAWS THAT INVOLVE PUBLIC  
15 HEALTH, SAFETY, AND QUALITY OF LIFE. RURAL TOWN COUNCILS AND  
16 RESIDENTS MUST BE GUARANTEED A SEAT AT THE TABLE DURING  
17 DISCUSSION OF CANNABIS REGULATION, SINCE OUR RURAL RESIDENTIAL  
18 NEIGHBORHOODS ARE IN AGRICULTURALLY ZONED AREAS. THEY WILL BE  
19 AT THE EPICENTER OF ANY LEGALIZATION OF OUTDOOR GROWING OF  
20 CANNABIS, AS WELL AS ANY PREDICTABLE SPILLOVER OF THE ILLEGAL  
21 GROWS, MUCH LIKE WHAT IS HAPPENING HERE NOW, AND ACROSS  
22 CALIFORNIA AND COUNTIES THAT HAVE LEGALIZED GROWING. OTHER  
23 CALIFORNIA COUNTIES HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN PREVENTING  
24 ILLEGAL GROWING OPERATIONS. IT'S OBVIOUS THAT LICENSING AND  
25 REGULATORY FEES ARE EITHER NOT ADEQUATE, OR DIVERTED AWAY FROM

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1 FUNDING LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR COMMERCIAL GROWING OPERATIONS,  
2 LEGAL OR OTHERWISE. I SUGGEST THAT WE ARE VERY CAREFUL WHEN WE  
3 MOVE FORWARD WITH REGULATING COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES AND GROWING  
4 OPERATIONS, BECAUSE NO ONE HAS BEEN ABLE TO CONTAIN THOSE, AND  
5 CARTELS ARE NOT GOING TO ASK PERMISSION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

6

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

8

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

16

17 **SPEAKER:** MAY NAME IS KIMBERLY MORALES JOHNSON, AND ON BEHALF  
18 OF THE GABRIELINO-TONGVA BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, WE ARE  
19 SPEAKING ABOUT ITEM NUMBER 16. WE ARE IN SUPPORT AND GRATEFUL  
20 FOR THE APOLOGY FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF  
21 SUPERVISORS FOR THE ATROCITIES THAT HAVE HAPPENED TO OUR  
22 ANCESTORS, AND FOR THE HARM THAT CONTINUES TODAY. THIS IS AN  
23 IMPORTANT STEP IN HEALING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY AND  
24 COUNTY OF OUR ANCESTRAL LAND. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING  
25 TOGETHER AROUND CONCRETE ACTIONS THE CITY AND COUNTY CAN TAKE

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1 TO REPAIR THE HISTORIC AND CONTEMPORARY HARMS, INCLUDING THE  
2 RETURN OF OUR LAND, AND ANY OTHER WAYS TO SECURE AND PROTECT  
3 OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR ANCESTRAL HOMELANDS. THANK YOU.

4

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

6

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

11

12 **MARSHA MCLEAN:** YES, GOOD MORNING. I AM SPEAKING REGARDING ITEM  
13 23, AND PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM MARSHA MCLEAN, COUNCILWOMAN, CITY  
14 OF SANTA CLARITA. I AM ASKING THAT ITEM 23 BE CONTINUED. I  
15 WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT IN SANTA CLARITA, WE CARE VERY DEEPLY  
16 ABOUT CARING FOR OUR YOUTH BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER THEY MAY HAVE  
17 COMMITTED WRONGDOING. WE WELCOMED CAMP SCUDDER AND SCOTT WHEN  
18 THEY WERE PROBATION CAMPS USED TO REHABILITATE OUR YOUTH.  
19 HOWEVER, DUE TO THE TOPOGRAPHY MAKING THESE FACILITIES SECURE  
20 ENOUGH FOR BOTH THE INCARCERATED AND THE SURROUNDING  
21 COMMUNITY, IT WOULD BE COST PROHIBITIVE AND EXTREMELY  
22 DIFFICULT. ON YOUR AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 23, YOUR ITEM NUMBER 3,  
23 APPROPRIATE RENOVATIONS ARE CALLED FOR, AND I'D LIKE TO KNOW,  
24 ACCORDING TO WHOM? THERE HAS BEEN NO COLLABORATION AT ALL WITH  
25 THE CITY AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY THAT MAKE UP WITH THE

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1 FAMILIES AND THE POOLS SURROUNDING THE CAMP. AND I'M HOPING  
2 THAT THAT WOULD TAKE PLACE. REGARDING ITEM NUMBER 4 ON YOUR  
3 MOTION, "SECURE A SAFER, MORE THERAPEUTIC ENVIRONMENT AND  
4 SECURE YOUTH TREATMENT FACILITIES." AS I SAID, THE TOPOGRAPHY  
5 DOES NOT ALLOW FOR SECURING THESE CAMPS WITHOUT EXTENSIVE  
6 BUILDING, AND THERE HAS BEEN NO COLLABORATION OUT HERE. I  
7 DON'T KNOW IF ANY OF YOUR STAFF HAS COME OUT. I'VE HAD THE  
8 PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH MOST OF YOU, AND ALL OF YOU, ON THE  
9 LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES, AND TRANSPARENCY AND  
10 COLLABORATION HAS ALWAYS BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT OF ANY DEALINGS  
11 THAT OUR CITY HAS EVER HAD WITH YOU. HOWEVER, IN THIS ITEM,  
12 THAT HAS NOT OCCURRED. AND IF THIS ITEM DOES GO FORWARD WITHIN  
13 THE NEXT DAYS OR SO, WE ABSOLUTELY NEED TO HAVE COLLABORATION  
14 OUT HERE. CAMP SCOTT AND SCUDDER ARE NOT SECURE. THEY DON'T  
15 HAVE THE FACILITIES THAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR, IN ORDER TO  
16 PROVIDE CARE AND REHABILITATION FOR THE INMATES THAT WOULD BE  
17 HELD THERE.

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

21  
22 **MODERATOR:** THE NEXT SPEAKER IS GOING TO COME FROM THE LINE OF  
23 AUREA MONTES-RODRIGUEZ. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS  
24 YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON  
25 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1

2 **AUREA MONTES-RODRIGUEZ:** I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON ITEM 24 AND

3 PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS AUREA MONTES-

4 RODRIGUEZ. I'M EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AT COMMUNITY

5 COALITION, A SOCIAL JUSTICE ORGANIZATION BASED IN SOUTH L.A.

6 WE ARE HERE TODAY WITH PROJECT CALIFORNIA, INNERCITY STRUGGLE,

7 S.E.I.U. 2015, AND OVER 40 ORGANIZATIONS, TO APPLAUD AND

8 SUPPORT SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND BARGER FOR INTRODUCING AGENDA

9 ITEM 24, RECOVERING BETTER THAN BEFORE, WHICH IS CALLING ON

10 THE C.E.O. TO CREATE AN EQUITY INDEX FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE

11 PLAN ACT FUNDING. THE C.O.V.I.D. PANDEMIC EXPOSED DECADES OF

12 DISINVESTMENT AND STRUCTURAL RACISM THAT DEVASTATED HIGH-NEED

13 COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, ESPECIALLY COMMUNITIES LIKE

14 SOUTH L.A. PRESIDENT BIDEN EMPHASIZED THAT THE AMERICAN RESCUE

15 PLAN DOLLARS ARE INTENDED TO HELP US BUILD BACK BETTER,

16 LEADING AN OPPORTUNITY TO CENTER EQUITY AND MOVE US AWAY FROM

17 STATUS-QUO BUDGETING THAT HISTORICALLY HAS LEFT FAMILIES

18 BEHIND, SOLELY BASED ON THE ZIP CODES THAT THEY LIVE IN.

19 FAMILIES THAT WE WORK WITH AT COMMUNITY COALITION ARE HURTING.

20 THEY ARE FACING DIRE SITUATIONS, BECAUSE MANY OF THEM ARE

21 ESSENTIAL WORKERS, LIVE IN HOMES WITH MULTIGENERATIONAL FAMILY

22 MEMBERS OR IN HIGH-DENSITY SITUATIONS, OR THEY ARE STRUGGLING

23 WITH FOOD AND HOUSING INSECURITIES. TODAY THE BOARD HAS AN

24 OPPORTUNITY TO ACT DECISIVELY IN CENTERING HIGHEST-NEED

25 COMMUNITIES. WE CALL ON YOU TO USE THE 1.9 BILLION IN A.R.P.A.

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1 FUNDING TO RESTORE COMMUNITIES AND SUPPORT FAMILIES TO GET  
2 BACK ON THEIR FEET, SO THEY CAN RECEIVE CRITICAL SUPPORTS,  
3 INCLUDING FOOD AID, RENT RELIEF, SMALL-BUSINESS LOANS, SHELTER  
4 AND [INAUDIBLE], AND ALSO INTERNET-ENABLED DEVICES. THE MOTION  
5 ALSO CALLS FOR PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY, WHICH WE FULLY SUPPORT.  
6 SUPERVISORS SOLIS, HAHN, AND KUEHL, PLEASE VOTE IN SUPPORT OF  
7 THIS MOTION, SO WE CAN GET A UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR AN EQUITY  
8 FORMULA TO GUIDE THE A.R.P.A. SPENDING AND SUPPORT THE  
9 COUNTY'S MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

10

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

12

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

17

18 **NICOLE BROWN:** GOOD MORNING. I WOULD LIKE TO CALL IN SUPPORT OF  
19 AGENDA ITEMS 16, 21, 23, 33, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I'D  
20 ALSO LIKE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR ITEMS 15 AND 24, AMONG  
21 OTHERS. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS NICOLE BROWN, WITH THE URBAN  
22 PEACE INSTITUTE AND L.A. YOUTH UPRISING COALITION. ON AGENDA  
23 ITEMS 16 AND 21, THANK YOU TO SUPERVISORS SOLIS, HAHN,  
24 MITCHELL, AND BARGER FOR PUTTING FORTH THESE TWO IMPORTANT  
25 MOTIONS IN INVESTING IN VIOLENCE INTERVENTION. THESE MOTIONS

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1 BRING VITAL INVESTMENTS INTO AREAS OF THE COUNTY THAT NEED IT  
2 MOST. VIOLENCE INTERVENTION IS A COMMUNITY-LED SAFETY STRATEGY  
3 WHICH IS PROVEN EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE AT PREVENTING AND REDUCING  
4 VIOLENCE, AND THESE MOTIONS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BRING PEACE AND  
5 RELIEF TO COMMUNITIES IN THE COUNTY. THESE ARE IMPORTANT FIRST  
6 STEPS TOWARD BUILDING A COUNTYWIDE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR VIOLENCE  
7 PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION, AND WE ENCOURAGE EVEN FURTHER  
8 INVESTMENT TO INCREASE WAGES, BUILD A WORKFORCE, AND PROVIDE  
9 WRAPAROUND SERVICES FOR COMMUNITIES MOST IMPACTED BY VIOLENCE.  
10 WE HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE TO INVEST IN THESE STRATEGIES  
11 THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN AND OTHER ONGOING FUNDING  
12 [INAUDIBLE]. ON AGENDA ITEM 23, THE D.J.J. TRANSITION PLAN, WE  
13 STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION. WE MUST SUPPORT L.A. COUNTY'S  
14 YOUTH, WHO WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE GONE THROUGH D.J.J. THESE  
15 STRATEGIES ARE ROOTED IN YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. TO THE  
16 COUNCILWOMAN FROM SANTA CLARITA, I WANT TO CLARIFY: THIS IS  
17 ABOUT PROVIDING CARE AND REHABILITATION FOR OUR YOUTH. RATHER  
18 THAN SEND L.A. COUNTY YOUNG PEOPLE TO HORRIBLE STATE  
19 FACILITIES, WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE THEM WITH THE  
20 SUPPORT AND REHABILITATION THEY DESERVE HERE AT HOME, WHERE  
21 THEY ARE NOT FURTHER TRAUMATIZED BY THE SYSTEM, AND CAN  
22 SUCCESSFULLY TRANSITION BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY AND ADULthood.  
23 ENSURING PROGRAMMING, REENTRY SERVICES, AND A MIXED STAFFING  
24 MODEL ARE ESSENTIAL. THE D.J.J. TRANSITION IS OUR OPPORTUNITY  
25 TO BEGIN IMPLEMENTING YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, RATHER THAN

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1 PERPETUATE MORE TRAUMA BY HOLDING YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE  
2 COMPOUND, WHICH IS THE PLAN THAT THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT  
3 ORIGINALLY SENT TO THE STATE. LASTLY, ON AGENDA ITEM 33,  
4 MOVING FORWARD WITH YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, WE SUPPORT THIS  
5 MOTION, AS THIS SERIES OF REPORT-BACKS WILL BRING MUCH-NEEDED  
6 TRANSPARENCY FROM VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. WE HOPE THE  
7 BOARD WILL SHOW ITS ONGOING COMMITMENT TO YOUTH JUSTICE  
8 REIMAGINED BY FULLY FUNDING THE INITIATIVE IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
9 BUDGET. WHILE 17.3 MILLION ADDITIONAL DOLLARS IS A GOOD THING,  
10 WE NEED MORE FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO  
11 BUILD A NETWORK OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, AND FUND OTHER PARTS OF  
12 [INAUDIBLE], SUCH AS SCHOOL-BASED SUPPORTS, REENTRY, AND  
13 [INAUDIBLE]. IN THIS MOTION, WE THANK YOU FOR [INAUDIBLE] TO  
14 END THE INEFFECTIVE AND HARMFUL [INAUDIBLE] DIVERSION PROGRAM.  
15 THIS MUST INCLUDE AMNESTY FOR ALL CURRENT YOUNG PEOPLE  
16 [INAUDIBLE], [INAUDIBLE] YOUNG PEOPLE ARE UNABLE TO DRIVE AND  
17 OWN LARGE SUMS OF MONEY FOR LOW-LEVEL STATUS OFFENSES. LET'S  
18 LIVE OUR VALUES. END [INAUDIBLE] DIVERSION, AND FULLY FUND  
19 YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I YIELD MY  
20 TIME.

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

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1 **MODERATOR:** THE NEXT SPEAKER IS GOING TO COME FROM THE LINE OF  
2 RUDY ORTEGA. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE  
3 ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL  
4 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **RUDY ORTEGA:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY  
7 NAME IS RUBY ORTEGA, JR. I'M THE TRIBAL PRESIDENT OF THE  
8 FERNANDENO TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, AND I AM SPEAKING  
9 ON BEHALF OF ITEM 16 AND MY TRIBE, AND PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT,  
10 AS WELL. I JUST WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
11 ESPECIALLY SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HAHN, FOR BRINGING SUCH A  
12 MOTION TO RECOGNIZE THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND THE CONDITIONS  
13 THAT THE TRIBES HAVE BEEN FACED WITH HERE IN LOS ANGELES  
14 COUNTY, AND TO DO THE STUDY TO FURTHER ENHANCE THE  
15 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TRIBES AND THE COUNTY. SO I AM IN  
16 FAVOR OF ITEM 16, AND AGAIN, I THANK YOU ALL FOR BRINGING THIS  
17 FORWARD FOR DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL, AND LOOKING FORWARD TO  
18 WORKING WITH THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU.

19

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

22

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

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1 THE QUEUE. THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE BETTY AVILA. PLEASE STATE  
2 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER  
3 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I AM CALLING TO  
6 SPEAK ABOUT ITEM 78-D AND GENERAL COMMENT. I WANT TO EXPRESS  
7 MY SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION TO HAVE SOME SORT OF  
8 REPARATIONS GIVEN TO THE WOMEN WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED FORCED  
9 STERILIZATION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THIS WOULD SET AN  
10 INCREDIBLE PRECEDENT ABOUT JUST THE WAY THAT OUR OWN LOCAL  
11 GOVERNMENT VIEWS THIS TRAUMA THAT THESE WOMEN EXPERIENCED, AND  
12 I THINK IS REALLY GOING TO BE BOTH HEALING, BUT ALSO  
13 EMPOWERING, FOR OTHER WOMEN IN OUR COMMUNITY. I ALSO THINK IT  
14 IS INCREDIBLE TO KNOW THAT THIS IS HAPPENING AT A STATEWIDE  
15 LEVEL, BUT I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR OUR LOCAL BOARD OF  
16 SUPERVISORS TO BE BEHIND THIS, TO SUPPORT THE WOMEN, AND I  
17 THINK, REALLY, TO SUPPORT WOMEN'S BODILY AUTONOMY ON A VERY  
18 BROAD LEVEL. THIS IS AN INCREDIBLE PRECEDENT, AND I HOPE THAT  
19 YOU DO MOVE FORWARD AND PASS THIS MOTION. AND THANK YOU,  
20 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE. THANK  
21 YOU.

22

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

25

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1 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.  
2 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING  
3 TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.  
4 YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD MORNING. THIS IS DR.  
7 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I WILL SPEAK TO ITEMS 27 AND 12. ON ITEM  
8 27, I CANNOT BELIEVE THE ORIGINAL VERSION OF THAT ITEM. WHAT'S  
9 SO GREAT IS SOMEBODY GOT TO THEIR SENSES AND HAD A REVISED  
10 STATEMENT. THIS REVISED STATEMENT MAKES MUCH MORE SENSE.  
11 [INAUDIBLE] THAT SO-CALLED "NEW CONCEPT" FROM PAT BROWN  
12 INSTITUTE, AND SO ON. IT WAS ALL ABOUT THE MONEY, AND NOT  
13 ABOUT THE HOMELESS. PLEASE, ADD SOME PUBLIC HEARING ON THAT  
14 SUBJECT. IT NEEDS TO BE DEALT WITH THE PUBLIC HAVING INPUT ON  
15 WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE HOMELESS. IT IS ABOUT TIME YOU DO  
16 THAT. AND PLEASE REOPEN THE BOARD, SO PEOPLE CAN COME IN  
17 PERSON AND DEAL WITH THOSE ISSUES. HAVE A GOOD DAY. HAVE A  
18 GOOD WEEK.

19

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

22

23 **MODERATOR:** YES. NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF EMILY NORTH.  
24 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING

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

3

4 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS EMILY. I AM CALLING FOR AGENDA ITEMS  
5 2, 15, 16, 21, 23, 29, 32, 33, 34, AND 78-C. ON ITEM 24, I  
6 WOULD LIKE TO URGE THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD TO IMPLEMENT AN  
7 EQUITY FORMULA TO ALLOCATE RELIEF FUNDS. SINCE THE PANDEMIC  
8 BEGAN, PEOPLE OF COLOR IN LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES BORE THE  
9 BRUNT OF THE PANDEMIC, FACED WITH DISPROPORTIONATELY HIGH  
10 RATES OF INFECTION AND HOSPITALIZATION. THESE COMMUNITIES WERE  
11 HARDEST HIT BY THE VIRUS, DUE TO HISTORICAL DISINVESTMENT AND  
12 DISCRIMINATION. BUT NOW L.A. COUNTY HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
13 ADDRESS THESE INEQUITIES THAT ARE EXACERBATED BY THE PANDEMIC,  
14 AND HELP THESE COMMUNITIES RECOVER BY ASSISTING COMMUNITIES  
15 WITH A HIGHER NEED FOR SUPPORT. AS L.A. COUNTY IS EXPECTED TO  
16 RECEIVE 1.9 BILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDS, THE COUNTY HAS A  
17 RESPONSIBILITY TO ALLOW ANTIRACIST PRINCIPLES TO DRIVE  
18 ALLOCATION OF THESE RESOURCES, TO ENSURE THAT ALL OF THESE  
19 RESOURCES ARE DISTRIBUTED EQUITABLY. AS THE PANDEMIC OBVIOUSLY  
20 HAS NOT AFFECTED ALL OF L.A.'S COMMUNITIES EQUALLY, ALLOCATING  
21 THESE RESOURCES ACCORDING TO AN EQUITY FORMULA COULD HELP FUND  
22 PROGRAMS LIKE COMMUNITY-BASED PRETRIAL SERVICES, WHICH WOULD  
23 LESSEN THE FINANCIAL BURDEN THAT PRETRIAL RELIEF PLACES ON  
24 BLACK, LATINX, AND LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES. I ASK THE BOARD TO

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1 ENSURE THAT THE ANNUAL RESOURCES ARE GOING TO COMMUNITIES THAT  
2 NEED IT MOST. THANK YOU. I YIELD MY TIME.

3

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF ELIZABETH ANDREW.  
7 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING  
8 TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.  
9 YOU MAY BEGIN. ELIZABETH ANDREW, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** HELLO, ELIZABETH? PLEASE BEGIN.

12

13 **ELIZABETH ANDREW:** HELLO? CAN YOU HEAR ME?

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** HI, YES. YES, PLEASE BEGIN.

16

17 **ELIZABETH ANDREW:** HI. I AM GOING TO BE SPEAKING ON AGENDA  
18 ITEMS 2, 10, 15, AND 21. MY NAME IS ELIZABETH ANDREW. I AM A  
19 RESIDENT OF LAKE LOS ANGELES IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, AND I AM  
20 ALSO A MEMBER OF OUR TOWN COUNCIL. THE CANNABIS GROWS ARE  
21 HORRENDOUS. OUR CHILDREN CAN'T GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY. THEY CAN'T  
22 GO OUT INTO THE DESERT AND RIDE THEIR BIKES OR ANYTHING,  
23 BECAUSE THEY ARE BEING CONFRONTED BY ARMED PEOPLE. YOU CAN  
24 SMELL THINGS IN THE AIR. IT IS NOT GOOD FOR OUR SENIORS IN OUR  
25 COMMUNITY, AND WE HAVE A LOT OF THOSE. WE ARE A, FOR LACK OF A

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1 BETTER TERM, AN UNDERPRIVILEGED AREA. WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF  
2 HELP OUT HERE, AND TO TAKE AWAY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WOULD  
3 BE UNCONSCIONABLE. WE APPRECIATE ALL OF OUR SHERIFFS AND WHAT  
4 THEY DO. WE APPRECIATE SHERIFF VILLANUEVA FOR HIS ENDEAVORS TO  
5 ERADICATE THE CANNABIS GROWS, AND ALL OTHER AGENCIES THAT HAVE  
6 HELPED, BUT WE NEED MORE HELP. OUR DESERT FLOORS ARE JUST  
7 LITTERED WITH EVERYTHING. CHEMICALS ARE GOING INTO THE DIRT,  
8 INTO THE WATER TABLE, AND THEY ARE STEALING WATER TO WATER  
9 MARIJUANA PLANTS. AND THE THING THAT BOTHERS ME WITH THAT THE  
10 MOST IS, IF WE RUN OUT OF WATER HERE, IT WILL AFFECT EVERYONE,  
11 INCLUDING THOSE IN THE CITIES. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF THE  
12 OTHER SUPERVISORS WOULD BACK OUR SUPERVISOR BARGER ON HER  
13 MOTIONS. THANK YOU.

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

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

21  
22 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I AM CALLING IN REGARDS TO ITEM NUMBER  
23 23. I HAVE ALREADY LEFT EACH OF THE MEMBERS A PERSONAL E-MAIL,  
24 LETTING THEM KNOW THAT THEY SHOULD VOTE NO ON THIS MATTER. I  
25 AM A 28-YEAR RESIDENT OF SAUGUS, AND I LIVE VERY CLOSE TO YOUR

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1 PROPOSED PLAN OF MAKING CAMP SCOTT AND SCUDDER A LONG-TERM  
2 FACILITY FOR SERIOUS OFFENDERS. THIS FACILITY IS WITHIN 600  
3 FEET OF EXISTING HOMES, AND THIS IS NOT A REMOTE LOCATION TO  
4 PLACE THESE OFFENDERS. JUST CURIOUS HOW MANY OF YOU WOULD VOTE  
5 YES FOR THIS, IF IT WAS IN YOUR BACKYARD. SAUGUS IS A FAMILY  
6 COMMUNITY. IT IS NOT A PLACE FOR SERIOUS JUVENILE OFFENDERS.  
7 ALONG WITH THE JUVENILES COME FAMILY, FRIENDS, TRAFFIC, A  
8 HIGHER CRIME RATE FOR SAUGUS, DRUGS, THEFT, ET CETERA. BASED  
9 ON A YES VOTE, YOU WOULD BE FORCING THE RESIDENTS OF BEING  
10 AFRAID OF BECOMING A VICTIM OF A CRIME THEMSELF, AND I WOULD  
11 NO LONGER FEEL SAFE TO ALLOW MY CHILDREN OR MY GRANDCHILDREN  
12 TO GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY. I HAVE HEARD FROM LOTS OF OTHER  
13 PEOPLE, AND AT THE SANTA CLARITA CITY COUNCIL MEETING--

14

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

17

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

22

23 **JEFFREY HILLINGER:** YES. THIS WOULD BE IN REGARD TO AGENDA  
24 ITEMS 2 AND 10, AND ALSO PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS JEFFREY  
25 HILLINGER. I'M THE VICE PRESIDENT OF LITTLEROCK TOWN COUNCIL.

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1 I'M ALSO THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE A.R.T.C. ONE OF THE  
2 THINGS-- OBVIOUSLY, YOU HAVE HEARD FROM A COUPLE OF OTHER  
3 COMMUNITY MEMBERS, IN REGARD TO WHAT IS GOING ON UP HERE. I  
4 WOULD THINK THAT WHEN YOU ARE LOOKING AT MANDATING SOME OF  
5 THESE ITEMS THAT ALSO YOU TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT CODE ENFORCEMENT  
6 COULD POSSIBLY BE DOING, IN ORDER TO NIP THINGS IN THE BUD  
7 BEFORE THESE GROWS GET STARTED. ONE OF THESE THINGS WOULD BE  
8 IN CONSTRUCTION OF THESE HIGH TUNNELS. THEY ARE OVER 7 FEET  
9 TALL. FOR ANY TYPE OF HIGH TUNNEL IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, YOU  
10 NEED A PERMIT FOR ANYTHING OVER 7 FEET TALL, WHEN IT COMES TO  
11 A HIGH TUNNEL. ALSO, THESE HIGH TUNNELS ARE VERY CLOSE  
12 TOGETHER, WHICH MAKES A PROBLEM IF SOMETHING CATCHES ON FIRE.  
13 WHEN THESE PEOPLE ARE CLEARING AND LOWERING, THEY SUBMERGE  
14 THESE GROW AREAS. THEY ARE LEVELING THE LAND, AND THEY ARE  
15 PROBABLY EASILY TAKING OVER 18 INCHES OF TOPSOIL, WHICH YOU  
16 WOULD ALSO NEED A PERMIT FOR. AT THE SAME TIME, WHEN THEY ARE  
17 CLEARING THESE PROPERTIES, THEY ARE KILLING OUR PROTECTED  
18 JOSHUA TREES AND OTHER INDIGENOUS PLANT LIFE. I WOULD THINK  
19 THAT, YOU KNOW, JUST WITH A FEW OF THESE THINGS IN MIND THAT  
20 YOU COULD LITERALLY STOP THESE PEOPLE FROM EVEN STARTING THESE  
21 GROWS, JUST FROM THE NORMAL CODES THAT ARE ALREADY IN PLACE.  
22 ALSO, IN REGARD TO ANY FUTURE PERMITTED CULTIVATION, I WOULD  
23 THINK THAT YOU WOULD WANT TO DO IT INDOORS AND IN COMMERCIAL  
24 INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS, NOT IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS OR OUTDOORS,  
25 WHICH -- I MEAN, WE'RE LOADED WITH THEM OUT HERE. I'VE GOT

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1 FOUR GROWS ACROSS THE STREET FROM MY PLACE. THEY'VE LITERALLY  
2 CLOSED DOWN F-8, WHICH IS A DIRT ROAD THAT GOES OUT THERE, SO  
3 PEOPLE CAN'T EVEN RIDE THEIR HORSES. IN FACT, MY NEIGHBOR HAD  
4 TO MOVE THEIR HORSES TO A STABLE THAT HAD A RIDING AREA, IN  
5 ORDER TO EVEN ENJOY THEIR ANIMALS. THEY'VE GOT PLENTY OF  
6 PROPERTY RIGHT HERE, TO WHERE THEY COULD BE KEEPING THOSE  
7 HORSES. BUT INSTEAD, BECAUSE THEY CAN NO LONGER GO OUT INTO  
8 THAT FIELD, THEY HAD TO GO AND FIND A PLACE TO PUT THEIR  
9 HORSES. SO, ANYWAY, IT'S JUST RIDICULOUS OUT HERE. I WOULD  
10 URGE THE REST OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO COME OUT HERE,  
11 MAYBE GET IN THEIR HELICOPTER, TAKE A FLIGHT. TAKE A LOOK AT  
12 WHAT IS GOING ON WITH OUR DESERT OUT HERE, AND ALL THESE  
13 GROWS. ANYWAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME. I APPRECIATE  
14 IT.

15

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

18

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

23

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1   **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH  
2   INTERPRETATION OF THIS REMINDER. [SPANISH INTERPRETATION.]  
3   THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

4

5   **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE MIRNA ROMERO. PLEASE  
6   STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND  
7   WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY  
8   BEGIN.

9

10   **MIRNA ROMERO:** HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MIRNA ROMERO, AND  
11   I'M WITH SOLEDAD ENRICHMENT ACTION, AND I AM SPEAKING ON BOARD  
12   MOTION ITEM NUMBER 15. AND WE ARE IN GANG INTERVENTION AND  
13   GANG PREVENTION SERVICES IN L.A. COUNTY. IN ADDITION TO THESE  
14   SERVICES, WE PROVIDE YOUTH DIVERSION, YOUTH AND ADULT REENTRY,  
15   AS WELL AS [INAUDIBLE]. WE WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR  
16   AUTHORIZING THE MOTION, AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR CO-AUTHORING.  
17   S.E.A. DOES WORK IN THIS AREA, AND WE WORK IN THE OFFICE OF  
18   VIOLENCE PREVENTION, AND THIS FUNDING WOULD BE VERY IMPORTANT  
19   TO ALLOW US TO CONTINUE THE WORK THAT WE DO IN THE LOS  
20   ANGELES COUNTY AREA. AND IF O.B.T. IS FUNDED THROUGH THIS  
21   MOTION, IT WOULD ALLOW ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS OURSELVES TO  
22   CONTINUE TO DO THIS WORK, AND TO BETTER SERVE THE NEEDS OF THE  
23   COMMUNITY THAT WE SERVE. AGAIN, I URGE THE BOARD MEMBERS TO  
24   VOTE IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THANK YOU.

25

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

2

3 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF EZEKIEL NISHIYAMA.

4 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING

5 TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

6 YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

9

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

11

12 **EZEKIEL NISHIYAMA:** HELLO, MY NAME IS EZEKIEL NISHIYAMA. I'M

13 WITH THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. I AM HERE TODAY TO SPEAK

14 ON BOTH ITEMS 23 AND 33, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. AS A

15 YOUNG PERSON, I EXPERIENCED BOTH L.A. COUNTY JUVENILE HALLS

16 AND THE CALIFORNIA DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE. WHEN I SAW

17 THAT D.J.J. WAS GETTING CLOSED DOWN, I WAS HAPPY TO KNOW THAT

18 YOUNG PEOPLE WOULDN'T HAVE TO BE IN THE SAME FACILITIES I

19 EXPERIENCED. I KNEW THAT WITH THE CLOSURE OF DIVISION OF

20 JUVENILE JUSTICE, WE WOULD HAVE TO CREATE A BETTER SYSTEM THAT

21 SERVES AND SUPPORTS OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, AND I LOOKED FORWARD TO

22 WHAT L.A. COUNTY WOULD CREATE, IN HOPES THAT WE WOULD NOT MAKE

23 THE SAME MISTAKES AND CREATE THE SAME SYSTEM THAT WE KNOW IS

24 BROKEN. NO YOUNG PERSON IS BORN BAD. ALL YOUNG PEOPLE MAKE

25 MISTAKES, AND THAT IS WHY WE COLLECTIVELY NEED TO SUPPORT

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1 THEIR GROWTH. YOU DON'T BECOME A SERIOUS JUVENILE OFFENDER  
2 UNTIL YOU'RE TREATED LIKE ONE. WE ALL START OFF IN THE SAME  
3 PLACE, AND THAT IS OUR COMMUNITY, WHERE WE ARE SURROUNDED BY.  
4 MOST OF US COME FROM COMMUNITIES WHERE WE DON'T HAVE A FIRST  
5 CHANCE. THE CULTURE OF THESE FACILITIES CONTRIBUTES TO THIS  
6 NARRATIVE THAT THIS YOUNG POPULATION OF PEOPLE ARE VIOLENT AND  
7 DANGEROUS. THESE YOUNG PEOPLE NEED THE SERVICES AND  
8 OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE GOING TO NAVIGATE THEM OUT OF THE  
9 JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. YOUNG PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE RELEASED  
10 AND BE A PART OF OUR COMMUNITIES, SO IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT  
11 WE FOCUS ON HOW WE ARE GOING TO SUPPORT THESE YOUNG PEOPLE,  
12 AND AWARE OF WHERE THEY ARE IN BEING TRAPPED IN THE CYCLE OF  
13 INCARCERATION. SUPPORT THEIR REENTRY. WE NEED JOBS, EDUCATION,  
14 HOUSING, AND MOST OF ALL, THE SUPPORT FROM OUR COMMUNITY. AS A  
15 YOUNG PERSON WHO WAS INCARCERATED, I WAS ABLE TO REACH A  
16 [INAUDIBLE] FACILITY WHERE I WAS ABLE TO BE CENTERED IN THE  
17 COMMUNITY AND TAKE ON NEW SKILLS. I PARTICIPATED IN A  
18 [INAUDIBLE]. I PUT IN MANY LONG HOURS TO FIGHT THE CALIFORNIA  
19 WILDFIRES ALL ACROSS THE STATE. GIVE YOUNG PEOPLE A JOB. GIVE  
20 YOUNG PEOPLE THE SUPPORT THEY NEED TO COME HOME AND HAVE A  
21 SUCCESSFUL REENTRY. THIS IS HOW YOU CREATE REAL PUBLIC SAFETY:  
22 GIVING YOUNG PEOPLE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BACK TO THE  
23 COMMUNITY THEY HAVE DONE HARM TO. LOOK PAST THE NARRATIVE AND  
24 DON'T JUDGE THESE PEOPLE BY THEIR WORST MISTAKES. SOME OF  
25 THESE YOUNG PEOPLE JUST NEVER HAD A ROLE MODEL TO LOOK UP TO,

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1 AND THE RIGHT SUPPORT FOR THEM. THEIR CONNECTION TO C.B.O.S IS  
2 SO IMPORTANT IN PROVIDING THAT SUPPORT. WE NEED TO BE LIFTING  
3 UP YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED AS A WHOLE, TO BE A ROLE MODEL  
4 ACROSS THE STATE. WHILE WE PUSH YOUNG PEOPLE AWAY, WHAT  
5 RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE? TREAT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AS IF THEY  
6 WERE YOUR OWN. SUPPORT THEIR REHABILITATION AND GIVE THEM THE  
7 FOOD THEY NEED TO GROW, BECAUSE, ULTIMATELY, THAT WILL RESULT  
8 IN LESS CRIME AND RECIDIVISM. THANK YOU.

9

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

11

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

16

17 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** OKAY, I AM ROY HUMPHREYS, ROWLAND HEIGHTS  
18 ADVOCATE, AND I WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM 32, AND A MULTITUDE  
19 ON THE CANNABIS SITUATION. ON ITEM 32M MY NAME IS SPELLED WITH  
20 AN "S" ON THE END. AS TO THE CANNABIS SITUATION, SOMETHING  
21 THAT I HAVE HEARD NO ONE TALK ABOUT, AND IT IS CALLED "POSSE  
22 COMITATUS." OKAY, YOU WANT TO TAKE CARE OF HELP WITH THE LAW  
23 ENFORCEMENT, THEN OBVIOUSLY YOU SHOULD HAVE MULTIPLE ASSETS  
24 FROM FEDERAL D.E.A., AND THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF. ALSO,  
25 THE BOARD HAS CONTINUED TO FAIL US ALL BY NOT INITIATING

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1 PROPOSAL-- NOW, THIS IS PUBLIC COMMENT-- REMOVAL OF THE JAILS  
2 FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT VIA CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE  
3 AMENDMENT, AND PHILLIP CHEN, ASSEMBLYMAN, AND JOSH NEWMAN,  
4 STATE SENATOR, ALL WAITING FOR YOUR CALLS. THE GANG OF FOUR,  
5 WITH THIS SANCTUARY SOCIALIST CULTURAL AGENDA, HAS DESTROYED  
6 THE COUNTY, THE STATE, AND THE COUNTRY. THE GOVERNOR OF  
7 CALIFORNIA, WITH CALIFORNIA VALUES, WILL BE REPLACED, AND WITH  
8 GASCON TO FOLLOW, GIVEN THE POSSIBILITY TO RECLAIM CALIFORNIA  
9 AND PUT AMERICA FIRST. SO THAT IS PROMOTING SUPERVISOR KATHRYN  
10 BARGER FOR GOVERNOR. AND, SUPERVISOR HAHN, I AM ASKING YOU TO  
11 PUT ROWLAND HEIGHTS ON THE BALLOT ONCE AGAIN FOR A CITY, IF WE  
12 CAN GET THAT SITUATION RESOLVED. AND ALSO, SUPERVISORS  
13 MOLINA, RIDLEY-THOMAS, KNABE, AND ANTONOVICH SHOULD HAVE GONE  
14 TO FEDERAL PRISON ALONG WITH TANAKA AND BACA, UNDER THE GANG  
15 OPERATIONS SUPPORTING THE LAWS THAT WERE APPLIED AT THE TIME.  
16 AND WE HAVE ONE MORE. I THINK I'LL JUST LEAVE THAT THERE FOR  
17 TODAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

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

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1    **JANICE WISE:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS JANICE WISE. I AM THE  
2    PRESIDENT OF THE JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL. JUNIPER HILLS IS  
3    IN THE UNINCORPORATED NORTHEAST AREA OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, IN  
4    THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. AND WE HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCING, AS YOU'VE  
5    HEARD FROM SEVERAL OTHER SPEAKERS, AN INCREASE-- I AM SPEAKING  
6    IN FAVOR OF ITEM NUMBER 2 AND ITEM NUMBER 10. SORRY. SO WE,  
7    TOO, HAVE EXPERIENCED THE INCREASE IN THE ILLEGAL CANNABIS  
8    GROWS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. OUR COMMUNITY, AS YOU KNOW, WAS  
9    DEVASTATED BY THE BOBCAT FIRE BACK IN SEPTEMBER. WE LOST CLOSE  
10    TO 80 HOMES IN THAT FIRE. IT HAS BEEN A TOUGH TIME AND REALITY  
11    FOR OUR COMMUNITY, AND OUR COMMUNITY IS VULNERABLE AND AT RISK  
12    AT THIS TIME. I'M JUST TRYING TO GET THROUGH THE RED TAPE OF  
13    THE REBUILDING. SOME PEOPLE ARE JUST KIND OF GIVING UP AND  
14    SELLING, AND WE ARE JUST RIPE FOR THESE CARTELS TO COME IN AND  
15    SWEEP UP THESE PROPERTIES AND THESE HOMES AT THIS TIME. AND AS  
16    WE ARE SEEING THIS INCREASE COME IN, WE ARE ALSO DEEPLY  
17    CONCERNED ABOUT OUR WATER SOURCE. WE RELY SOLELY ON GROUND  
18    WATER AND WELLS UP IN JUNIPER HILLS. WE DON'T HAVE A PUBLIC  
19    WATER SYSTEM. THESE ILLEGAL GROWS, AS YOU HAVE ALREADY HEARD,  
20    ARE PUTTING TOXINS INTO THE GROUND. IT IS A REAL DANGER FOR  
21    OUR GROUND WATER, NOT TO MENTION THE WATER-STEALING THAT YOU  
22    HAVE ALREADY HEARD ABOUT. THE WATER TABLE IN THE ANTELOPE  
23    VALLEY IS AT RISK, AND IF THAT HAPPENS, OUR COMMUNITIES ARE  
24    ALSO AT RISK. AND WE DON'T WANT TO JUST SURVIVE OUT HERE, BUT  
25    WE WANT TO THRIVE. WE ARE JUST DEVASTATED ABOUT THE AMOUNT OF

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1 TOXINS AND THE ILLEGAL DUMPING THAT GOES ALONG WITH ALL OF  
2 THIS CANNABIS GROW IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, SO I WOULD  
3 ENCOURAGE AND STRONGLY SUPPORT ALL OF YOU TO PLEASE VOTE IN  
4 FAVOR OF ITEM NUMBER 2 AND ITEM NUMBER 10 ON THE AGENDA TODAY.  
5 THANK YOU.

6

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

8

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

16

17 **GUY RANGLES:** YES, GOOD MORNING. I WILL BE ADDRESSING ITEMS 2  
18 AND 10, AND PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS GUY RANGLES, AND THANK  
19 YOU TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I AM A BOARD MEMBER OF THE  
20 GREEN VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL, AND ALSO A MEMBER OF THE  
21 ASSOCIATION OF RURAL TOWN COUNCILS. THANK YOU FOR THE  
22 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THIS ISSUE OF ILLEGAL CANNABIS GROWS,  
23 WATER THEFT, AND PUBLIC SAFETY. THIS IS NOT THE WILD WEST. OUR  
24 TAXPAYING CITIZENS SHOULD BE SAFE IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT, AND  
25 NOT BE INTIMIDATED BY CARTEL THUGS. OUR GROUND WATER IS BEING

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1 CONTAMINATED BY GROW CHEMICALS. OUR WATER SYSTEMS ARE  
2 COMPROMISED BY THEFT. OUR LAND IS BEING DECIMATED, ALONG WITH  
3 THE PROTECTED JOSHUA TREES. THIS IS AN UNFOLDING DISASTER, AND  
4 IT'S VERY SERIOUS. MAKE THE A.V. SAFE. [INAUDIBLE] THE  
5 SHERIFF. AMEND YOUR LAWS.

6

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

9

10 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS GOING TO COME FROM THE LINE OF  
11 BARBARA KAPPOS. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL  
12 BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER OR NOT YOU WILL ADDRESS ON  
13 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

14

15 **BARBARA KAPPOS:** GOOD MORNING. BARBARA KAPPOS, EXECUTIVE  
16 DIRECTOR WITH THE EAST LOS ANGELES WOMEN'S CENTER, CALLING ON  
17 ITEM 78-D AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THE EAST LOS ANGELES  
18 WOMEN'S CENTER HAS SERVED THE GREATER EAST LOS ANGELES FOR 45  
19 YEARS AS A LEADING VOICE AND ADVOCATE FOR LATINO SURVIVORS WHO  
20 HAVE ENDURED GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR  
21 SOLIS FOR THIS MOTION, AND FOR PROMOTING HUMAN DIGNITY AND  
22 JUSTICE. I AM IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION AND BRINGING JUSTICE  
23 TO OVER 200 WOMEN WHO WERE IMPACTED BY THIS TRAUMATIC  
24 OCCURRENCE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THESE WOMEN AND THEIR  
25 FAMILIES DESERVE RESTORATION. AND ALTHOUGH WE APPLAUD THE

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1 EFFORTS OF THE STATE TO PROVIDE REPARATIONS TO WOMEN WHO  
2 EXPERIENCED FORCED STERILIZATIONS THAT RESULTED FROM STATE  
3 LAW, THE SCOPE OF THE REPARATIONS IS LIMITED TO STATE-  
4 SPONSORED FACILITIES, AND DOES NOT INCLUDE THE SURVIVORS WHO  
5 WERE AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER. HERE IN LOS ANGELES  
6 COUNTY, THE THE LATINO WOMEN, MANY WHO WERE IMMIGRANTS,  
7 EXPERIENCED THESE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, AND MUST BE  
8 REMEMBERED AND PAID REPARATIONS. MOVING FORWARD, IN ADDITION  
9 TO THE REPARATIONS, IT IS IMPORTANT TO REFLECT ON THESE  
10 INEQUITIES AND PROTECT THE REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS OF ALL WOMEN.  
11 THANK YOU.

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

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

19  
20 **CHRISTOPHER MINSAL:** HELLO. I WILL BE ADDRESSING ITEMS NUMBER  
21 10 AND NUMBER 2, AND PUBLIC COMMENT. HELLO. MY NAME IS  
22 CHRISTOPHER MINSAL, FROM THE PEAR BLOSSOM RURAL TOWN COUNCIL,  
23 BUT I AM ALSO SPEAKING AS A FATHER AND A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF  
24 NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I HAVE WITNESSED A GREAT DISTURBANCE  
25 IN MY COMMUNITY. I DON'T NEED TO TELL ANY OF YOU THAT CRIME IS

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1 A VERY BIG ISSUE. NEVER IN MY LIFE HAVE I EVER SEEN  
2 LAWLESSNESS LIKE I'VE WITNESSED OVER THE LAST YEAR, WITH  
3 PEOPLE DOING WHATEVER THEY WANT, BECAUSE THEY ALL KNOW THERE'S  
4 ONLY ONE-- MAYBE TWO-- SHERIFFS AT ANY GIVEN TIME, COVERING  
5 THE AREA THE SIZE OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. IT IS EASY TO  
6 HIDE, THREATEN PEOPLE, TAKE OVER A TOWN, RUIN QUALITY OF LIFE  
7 FOR ITS RESIDENTS. MY LITTLE DESERT IS ONE OF LOS ANGELES  
8 COUNTY'S GEMS, AND IT IS BEING DESTROYED DUE TO LACK OF WELL-  
9 REGULATED PLANS. THE DEMAND IS THERE, AND NOW IT IS TIME TO  
10 START THINKING ABOUT A REGULATED INDUSTRY, WHICH MY COMMUNITY  
11 SUPPORTS. WITH A REGULATED INDUSTRY, FUNDS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT  
12 WOULD BE AVAILABLE THROUGH TAX DOLLARS, WHICH ARE SUCKED UP BY  
13 THE BLACK MARKET. PLEASE DON'T ALLOW MY DAUGHTERS TO GROW UP  
14 IN THIRD-WORLD-LIKE CONDITIONS. WE ARE TIRED OF LIVING IN FEAR  
15 OF REPERCUSSIONS FOR PROFIT OF THE BLACK MARKET, AND FORCED TO  
16 LIVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION. IT IS VERY UPSETTING, SO LET'S GET  
17 ON IT AND PROTECT THE PEOPLE OF PEAR BLOSSOM AND SURROUNDING  
18 COMMUNITIES. I HAVE WATCHED THE UNREGULATED MARKET TAKE OVER  
19 OUR COMMUNITIES, AND THE DEMAND IS THERE, SO LET'S GET  
20 COMPREHENSIVE REGULATIONS FOR NORTH COUNTY. THIS IS THE ONLY  
21 WAY THAT WE CAN DO THIS. WE HAVE WONDERFUL TOOL AT YOUR  
22 DISPOSAL, CALLED COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICTS. WE HAVE  
23 ESTABLISHED BORDERS, COUNCILS, AND COMMUNITIES SHOULD BE ABLE  
24 TO DECIDE IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THE BAN IN PLACE WITHIN  
25 THEIR BOUNDARIES, OR ALLOW REGULATED COMMERCIAL INDUSTRY TO

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1 ENTER IT. THESE COMMUNITIES KNOW THEIR LAND. THEY KNOW THEIR  
2 COMMUNITY'S LIMITS, AND SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO ALLOW OR DENY  
3 INDUSTRY IN THEIR AREA. A REGULATED MARKET WILL NOT ONLY  
4 PROVIDE MORE LAW ENFORCEMENT TO HELP CURB ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES,  
5 BUT ALSO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SAFETY MATTERS FOR THE COMMUNITY.  
6 MY TOWN SUPPORTS A REGULATED PLAN, SO WE WOULD LIKE TO FEEL  
7 SAFE HERE, AND THERE'S A PERFECT WAY TO ACCOMPLISH THAT. I  
8 ENCOURAGE YOU TO DIRECTLY ENGAGE WITH THE TOWN COUNCILS, AS  
9 THEY PUT IN HUNDREDS, IF NOT THOUSANDS, OF VOLUNTEER HOURS TO  
10 HELP KEEP THEIR COMMUNITIES THE WAY THEY KNOW FITS BEST. LOS  
11 ANGELES COUNTY IS VERY BIG, AND THERE'S NOT ONE SOLID PLAN  
12 THAT WILL WORK. YOU WILL NEED TO HAVE DIFFERENT PLANS FOR  
13 DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE COUNTY. THIS WILL BE THE ONLY WAY TO  
14 ACCOMPLISH THIS. SO LET'S INCLUDE COMMUNITIES AT A VERY LOCAL  
15 LEVEL, AND KEEP THE MONEY AT A LOCAL LEVEL. ANY ADDITIONAL  
16 MONEY THAT COMES THROUGH THIS SHOULD BE BY WAY OF PERMIT FEES,  
17 AND NO NEW TAXES IMPLEMENTED, AS THE INDUSTRY IS ALREADY--

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

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

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1

2 **MATTHEW GARLAND:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MATT GARLAND. I AM  
3 GOING TO SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER 2 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** PLEASE BEGIN. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

6

7 **MATTHEW GARLAND:** OKAY. I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND  
8 SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR BRINGING THE MOTION FORWARD. I AM  
9 SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION. REGULATION OF CANNABIS IS  
10 THE BEST WAY FOR COMMUNITIES TO MOVE FORWARD WITH REAL PUBLIC  
11 SAFETY. THE TIMING IS RIGHT FOR L.A. COUNTY TO MOVE THIS  
12 INDUSTRY OUT OF THE ILLICIT MARKET AND INTO A REGULATED ONE. I  
13 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, AND I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME.  
14 THANK YOU.

15

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

17

18 **MODERATOR:** AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE  
19 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME. DO  
20 NOT PRESS 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM  
21 THE QUEUE. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF MALAHAD  
22 RAFE. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING  
23 TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.  
24 YOU MAY BEGIN.

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I AM CALLING ON AGENDA NUMBER TWO, AND  
2 NO GENERAL COMMENTS. I'M A MEMBER OF THE CANNABIS ADVISORY  
3 WORKING GROUP, WHO WORK ON 64 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REGULATING  
4 CANNABIS, AND PROVIDE THEM TO THE COUNTY. THANK YOU TO  
5 SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR YOUR MOTION TODAY,  
6 WHICH ASKS THE COUNTY TO REVISIT THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE  
7 ALL WORKED SO HARD ON IN 2017. AS SUPERVISOR HAHN'S APPOINTEE,  
8 I COLLABORATED AMONG STAKEHOLDERS WITH MANY COMBINED YEARS OF  
9 EXPERIENCE, WORKING WITH YOUTH, WORKING IN EDUCATION, AND  
10 WORKING IN THE CANNABIS INDUSTRY. I AM PROUD TO SAY THAT WE  
11 WERE ABLE TO REACH CONSENSUS ON MATTERS RELATED TO PROTECTING  
12 THE PUBLIC HEALTH, YOUTH EXPOSURE TO CANNABIS, CONSUMER  
13 PROTECTIONS, AND MUCH MORE. WE CAN ACHIEVE HOW TO WORK  
14 TOGETHER IN THIS ENVIRONMENT, IF WE WORK TOGETHER AND BUILD IT  
15 ON CONSENSUS. I BELIEVE NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO TRY AND MOVE  
16 FORWARD TO IMPLEMENT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, AND I BELIEVE WE  
17 CAN BE SUCCESSFUL IF WE USE COMMON-SENSE APPROACHES AND  
18 STRATEGIES, MUCH OF WHICH WE WORKED ON FOR MANY WEEKS AND  
19 MONTHS IN 2017. [BEEPING.] THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN, COUNTY  
20 SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN, FOR YOUR MOTION. [BEEPING.]

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

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

5

6 **LYNNE LYMAN:** ITEMS 2 AND 10. GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE BOARD OF  
7 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS LYNNE LYMAN, RESIDENT OF VAN NUYS,  
8 DISTRICT THREE. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS HAHN AND SOLIS FOR  
9 SEEKING TO MOVE THE COUNTY TOWARDS LEGAL, REGULATED CANNABIS  
10 THROUGH THEIR ITEM 2 MOTION. I WAS CO-AUTHOR AND CO-CHAIR OF  
11 PROPOSITION 64, THE ADULT USE OF MARIJUANA ACT, AND I SERVED  
12 ON THE COUNTY ADVISORY WORKING GROUP, AND DEVELOPED THE 64  
13 RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REFERENCE REPORT. WE DEBATED,  
14 DELIBERATED, AND TRIED TO REACH CONSENSUS ON THE MANY COMPLEX  
15 ISSUES ENCOMPASSED IN ENDING OVER 80 YEARS OF CANNABIS  
16 PROHIBITION. WHILE I SUPPORT THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE  
17 RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT, I BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE UPDATED  
18 TO REFLECT CURRENT LEARNING. I'M ESPECIALLY PROUD OF  
19 RECOMMENDATION 64, THAT CALLS FOR ESTABLISHING A SOCIAL EQUITY  
20 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND OTHER EQUITY RECOMMENDATIONS,  
21 REQUIRING LOCAL HIRE THRESHOLDS, COMMUNITY BENEFIT AGREEMENTS,  
22 AND DEVELOPING A PATHWAY TO LEGALIZATION FOR EXISTING COUNTY  
23 OPERATORS. THE RECS ALSO INCLUDE GUIDANCE AROUND REVENUE  
24 ALLOCATION, AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR REAL COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT.  
25 IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOT REPLICATE THE MISTAKES THE CITY HAD

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1 ALREADY MADE, WITH ALL THEIR CANNABIS REVENUE GOING TO THE  
2 GENERAL FUND, THEREBY PRIMARILY INCREASING POLICE BUDGETS,  
3 RATHER THAN REPAIR FOR THE HARMS OF THE WAR ON DRUGS. I WOULD  
4 ALSO LIKE TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION TO ITEM 10, THE BARGER-KUEHL  
5 MOTION ON HOW TO DEAL WITH UNLICENSED CANNABIS GROWS. WHILE I  
6 SHARE CONCERNS AROUND WATER AND LOCAL RESOURCES USES, IT  
7 DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO REQUEST THE ENFORCEMENT IN 90 DAYS, AND  
8 YET WE SEE THE FULL PLAN FOR REGULATING AND LIFTING THE BAN IN  
9 120 DAYS. YOU SHOULD GIVE TIME FOR REGULATING AND LICENSING TO  
10 WORK BEFORE DRAFTING MORE WAYS TO CRIMINALIZE ANGELENOS. USE  
11 NORMAL CODES ALREADY IN PLACE, AS THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER  
12 ADVISED. AND THE SHERIFF HAS A \$36 BILLION BUDGET, AND REALLY  
13 DOESN'T NEED ANOTHER QUARTER MILLION TO BUST CANNABIS  
14 OPERATORS. ADDITIONALLY, I STRONGLY OPPOSE DIRECTING COUNTY  
15 AGENCIES TO COOPERATE WITH THE D.E.A. AND OTHER DESPISED  
16 FEDERAL AGENCIES. IT WILL ONLY SOW DISTRUST AND ANTAGONISM  
17 BETWEEN LOCAL OFFICIALS AND THE CANNABIS COMMUNITY. OVER 60%  
18 OF L.A. COUNTY VOTERS CAST A YES VOTE FOR PROP 64, AND YET  
19 FIVE YEARS LATER, THE COUNTY REMAINS ENTRENCHED IN FULL  
20 PROHIBITION.

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

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1 **MODERATOR:** NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF ERIC  
2 PREVEN. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE  
3 ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL  
4 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, I WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT,  
7 AND I'LL SPEAK ON SEVERAL OF THE ITEMS. WE COULD START WITH  
8 ITEM 40. YOUR AGENDA TODAY HAS 96 ITEMS, BUT ITEM 40 ALONE IS  
9 A BUNCH OF MINOR LEASES, WHERE YOU ARE GIVING AWAY-- PEOPLE  
10 DON'T HAVE TO PAY RENT, OR PAY LESS THAN \$10,000 A MONTH IN  
11 RENT. IT'S OVER \$12 MILLION IN RENT. BUT, IF YOU CAN BELIEVE  
12 IT, I BELIEVE THAT THERE'S SOMETHING LIKE 59 [INAUDIBLE]  
13 LEASES, AND OVER 101 INDIVIDUAL LEASES, ONE OF WHICH I LOOKED  
14 AT. ONE OF THE 101 WAS FOR AMERICAN GOLF CORPORATION, AND A  
15 COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, WE HAD SACHI HAMAI REVERSE IT, BECAUSE IT  
16 WAS OUTRAGEOUS THAT A CORPORATION ON WALL STREET WAS PAYING  
17 RENT. WE WERE PAYING THEM RENT. IT WAS JUST HORRIBLE. SO  
18 YOU'VE GOT TOO MUCH ON THIS AGENDA, AND IT IS REALLY  
19 DESTRUCTIVE. YOU'VE GOT ACQUISITION OF A \$547,000 DEBRIS BOAT.  
20 WE'RE GETTING RID OF TWO OTHER BOATS, AND WHAT IS A DEBRIS  
21 BOAT? WE'RE NOT EVEN QUITE CLEAR ABOUT THAT. ITEM 27, THE  
22 L.A.H.S.A. ITEM, IS ASTONISHING. YOU HAVE GOT IT WEDGED IN  
23 HERE WHERE THE MAXIMUM A PERSON COULD SPEAK FOR A MINUTE OR  
24 TWO. THE ENTIRE CITY AND STATE ARE FOCUSING ON THIS PROBLEM OF  
25 HOW THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE CITY ENSNARED ONE

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1 ANOTHER IN AN ABSOLUTELY INEFFECTIVE-- IT IS LIKE THE  
2 TRANSMISSION [INAUDIBLE]. AND WE JUST KEEP POURING MONEY AFTER  
3 MONEY AFTER MONEY INTO THE ENGINE THAT IS NOT RUNNING. MORE  
4 AND MORE PEOPLE ARE HOMELESS, AND WE NEED HELP. BUT WE DON'T  
5 NEED [INAUDIBLE] IDENTIFYING THAT-- HE HAS BEEN THERE FOR A  
6 VERY LONG TIME, WORKING TOGETHER, HAND-IN-HAND. WHAT WE DO  
7 NEED IS TRANSPARENCY, AND WE NEED REAL PUBLIC MEETINGS. AS I  
8 LOOK AT THIS AGENDA, THERE ARE SO MANY IMPORTANT THINGS. THE  
9 INDIGENOUS FOLKS WHO SPOKE. WHEN PEOPLE SPEAK UP, IT'S  
10 IMPORTANT FOR THE PUBLIC TO HEAR IT. BUT WHEN THEY CAN'T SPEAK  
11 UP, BECAUSE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS ADOPTED A WEIRD  
12 POLICY OF ONE HOUR PER FORTNIGHT, IT IS JUST INSULTING,  
13 SHEILA. YOU HAVE TO GET IT TOGETHER. YOU HAVE TO START OPENING  
14 THE DOORS TO REGULAR MEETINGS. THE STROBEL APPEAL IS BURIED ON  
15 THIS AGENDA. THE COUNTY BOARD IS NOW GOING TO APPEAL THE  
16 MEASURE J RULING AGAINST THE COUNTY. THERE'S ALSO ON HERE AN  
17 ITEM FROM ON MARCH 29TH, 2021. THE L.A. SUPERIOR COURT GRANTED  
18 A WRIT OF MANDATE AND ISSUED A JUDGMENT IN FAVOR OF SOMETHING  
19 CALLED "SAVE OUR RURAL TOWN" AGAINST THE COUNTY OF LOS  
20 ANGELES. AND YET, THIS IS ALL BEING WASHED BY WITHOUT ANY  
21 COMMENT, AS PEOPLE LINE UP TO SORT OF CHEER YOU ON FOR THE  
22 THINGS THAT YOU ARE TRYING ON, BUT NOT EFFECTIVELY. ALSO, ITEM  
23 36. THIS IS CRITICAL, BECAUSE IN THE PAST, YOU HAVE BURIED  
24 IMPORTANT POLICIES INSIDE WHAT'S CALLED THE "BOARD-ESTABLISHED  
25 PRIORITIES." THAT HAS NOT EVEN BEEN PUBLISHED THIS TIME, SO WE

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1 CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE CHANGING AND HOW YOU ARE  
2 CHANGING IT. IT'S BAD. YOU'VE GOT MULTIPLE ITEMS ABOUT  
3 VIOLENCE, AND VIOLENCE INTERRUPTION: PARTNER VIOLENCE,  
4 INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE. YOU'VE GOT FUNDING-- ABOUT \$5  
5 MILLION-- FLOATING AROUND, BUT YOU DON'T SPECIFY TO WHOM YOU  
6 WANT TO GIVE THE MONEY. IF YOU WANT TO GIVE IT TO PEACE OVER  
7 VIOLENCE, YOU SHOULD MAKE THAT OVERT. JIM NEWTON HAS A TAG OF  
8 ALINE CHIKBETIAN'S PIECE ABOUT THE SHERIFF, WHO IS A  
9 COMPLICATED GUY, WHO IS PLAYING BOTH SIDES OF THE COIN, BUT HE  
10 POINTED OUT THAT IF THERE'S NOT A CREDIBLE--

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

13

14 **ERIC PREVEN:** IT DOESN'T MATTER.

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** MADAM CHAIR, THAT CONCLUDES THE ONE HOUR  
17 OF PUBLIC COMMENT TESTIMONY.

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I APPRECIATE EVERYONE  
20 WHO HAS INDICATED THEIR COMMENTS DURING THIS PAST HOUR. AND  
21 PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT, IF YOU WEREN'T ABLE TO PROVIDE YOUR  
22 COMMENTS, THAT YOU COULD SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS, ALSO, AS  
23 INDICATED ON OUR AGENDA. AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL  
24 THOSE WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH  
25 WILL BECOME PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD. SO I THANK ALL OF YOU

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1 FOR ADDRESSING THE BOARD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MOVING ON NOW,  
2 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM  
3 NUMBERS ON WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING.

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE FOLLOWS ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU: ITEMS 1-  
6 D THROUGH 4-D, 1-P ONE, FOUR, SIX THROUGH NINE, 11 THROUGH 13,  
7 17 THROUGH 20, 22, 25 AND 26, 28, 30 AND 31, 32 AS REVISED, 33  
8 AS REVISED, 34 AND 35, 38 THROUGH 57, 59 THROUGH 77, 78-A AND  
9 78-B, 78-C (SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS TO BE RECORDED AS  
10 ABSTAIN), 78-E AND 78-F, 81 THROUGH 85.

11

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

15

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

17

18 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

19

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

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

24

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

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

3

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

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

7

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

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

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

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15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MEMBERS. NOW I WILL GO OVER THE  
16 MEETING ORDER FOR TODAY'S AGENDA. TODAY WE WILL BEGIN WITH THE  
17 SET ITEM, S-1, FOLLOWED BY ITEMS 2 AND 10, WHICH WILL BE TAKEN  
18 UP TOGETHER, AND THEN ITEMS 3, 5, 14, 16, THEN ITEMS 15 AND  
19 21, WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER, FOLLOWED BY ITEMS 24, 27,  
20 29, 37, AND FINISHING WITH ITEM 78-D. WITH THAT, MEMBERS, WE  
21 WILL TURN NOW TO A SET MATTER, ITEM S-1, PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER,  
22 AND THIS IS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BOARD TO DISCUSS THE  
23 CLOSURES AND THE PANDEMIC TRENDS, AS WE SEE THEM ON A WEEKLY  
24 BASIS. I'D LIKE TO ASK DR. DAVIS AND DR. GHALY IF THEY CAN

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1 PLEASE PROVIDE THEIR UPDATES, ACCORDINGLY. THANK YOU. DR.

2 DAVIS?

3

4 **DR. DAVIS:** THANK YOU, AND GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND  
5 TO THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AS ALWAYS, I'D LIKE TO  
6 EXPRESS DR. FERRER'S AND OUR DEPARTMENT'S SINCERE GRATITUDE  
7 FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND CONTINUED LEADERSHIP. THANKS FOR THE  
8 OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT TO YOU AND THE PUBLIC THE LATEST ON THE  
9 STATUS OF THE ONGOING C.O.V.I.D.-19 PANDEMIC HERE IN L.A.  
10 COUNTY. I UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR BOARD AGENDA IS PRETTY PACKED,  
11 AND I WILL SHORTEN MY COMMENTS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. BUT AS A  
12 TOP-LINE MESSAGE, OUR C.O.V.I.D.-19 METRICS HAVE CONTINUED TO  
13 INCREASE OVER THE LAST WEEK, AND THEN WE CAN MOVE TO THE NEXT  
14 SLIDE, PLEASE. SO I WILL GO THROUGH AND PROVIDE SOME UPDATES,  
15 IN TERMS OF THE CASE NUMBERS, AS WELL AS VACCINATION RATES,  
16 AND THEN SOME RECOMMENDATIONS, AS WE GET TO THE END. SO, WE  
17 ARE SAD TO REPORT AN ADDITIONAL 12 DEATHS TODAY. ALL THE  
18 PEOPLE THAT DIED HAD UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS, WHICH  
19 BRINGS OUR TOTAL DEATHS TO 24,554 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE  
20 SHARE OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES WITH THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE LOST  
21 FRIENDS, LOVED ONES, AND FAMILY DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. WE  
22 ARE ALSO REPORTING 1103 NEW CASES TODAY, A 165% INCREASE OVER  
23 THE LAST WEEK, WHICH BRINGS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES IN L.A.  
24 COUNTY TO 1,259,772. CURRENTLY, THERE ARE 376 PEOPLE CURRENTLY  
25 HOSPITALIZED WITH C.O.V.I.D.-19, AND THERE ARE CURRENTLY 48

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1 OPEN INVESTIGATIONS OF RESIDENTIAL CONGREGATE SETTINGS AND  
 2 NONRESIDENTIAL SETTINGS, WITH AT LEAST ONE CONFIRMED CASE OF  
 3 C.O.V.I.D.-19. TO DATE, MORE THAN 7 MILLION PEOPLE HAVE BEEN  
 4 TESTED AND HAD RESULTS REPORTED IN L.A. COUNTY IN OUR DAILY  
 5 TEST POSITIVITY, AND THIS IS AN UPDATE FROM THE SLIDE THAT WAS  
 6 SENT LAST NIGHT. IT WAS 2.8%, WHICH IS AN INCREASE OF WHAT WE  
 7 HAD OF LESS THAN 1% ON JUNE 15TH, WHEN WE DID THE REOPENING  
 8 AND LIFTED PHYSICAL DISTANCING RESTRICTIONS, AS WELL AS  
 9 CAPACITY LIMITS. OUR DAILY CASE RATE AVERAGE IS NOW AT ABOUT  
 10 4.8 CASES, WITH A WEEK LAG, WHICH IS ALSO AN INCREASE FROM  
 11 LAST WEEK'S CASE RATE, WHICH WAS AROUND 1.74 CASES PER  
 12 100,000. WE CAN GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. I'LL NOW SHARE  
 13 FAIRLY QUICKLY SOME GRAPHS RELATED TO OUR AGE-ADJUSTED CASE  
 14 RATE, WHICH IS A CASE RATE PER 100,000, LOOKING AT CASES,  
 15 HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND DEATHS BY RACE AND ETHNICITY. SINCE MAY,  
 16 LATE MAY, CASES HAVE BEEN RISING ACROSS ALL RACIAL AND ETHNIC  
 17 GROUPS, BUT LARGELY AMONG BLACK RESIDENTS, REPRESENTED BY THE  
 18 GREEN LINE, FOLLOWED BY WHITE RESIDENTS AND LATINX RESIDENTS,  
 19 REPRESENTED BY THE ORANGE AND YELLOW LINES, RESPECTIVELY, THEN  
 20 BY ASIAN RESIDENTS, REPRESENTED BY THE BLUE LINE. OUR CASE  
 21 RATE FOR BLACK RESIDENTS IS NOW 97 CASES PER 100,000, AND  
 22 ABOUT 39 PER 100,000 FOR WHITE AND LATINX RESIDENTS, AND ABOUT  
 23 17 PER 100,000 FOR ASIAN RESIDENTS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. AS A  
 24 REMINDER, HOSPITALIZATION RATES OFTEN LAG TWO TO THREE WEEKS  
 25 BEHIND CASE RATES. AS YOU CAN SEE ON THIS SLIDE, WE BEGIN

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1 SEEING INCREASES IN HOSPITALIZATION RATES IN SOME GROUPS  
 2 BEGINNING IN THE SECOND WEEK OF JUNE, AFTER CASES BEGAN TO  
 3 RISE DURING THE WEEK OF MAY 31ST TO JUNE 7TH. AGAIN, THESE  
 4 RATES ARE HIGHEST AMONG BLACK RESIDENTS, REPRESENTED BY THE  
 5 GREEN LINE, FOLLOWED BY LATINX RESIDENTS, REPRESENTED BY THE  
 6 YELLOW LINE. AND AMONG BLACK RESIDENTS, WE SAW ABOUT 13  
 7 HOSPITALIZATIONS PER 100,000 PEOPLE, AND AMONG LATINX  
 8 RESIDENTS, WE SAW SEVEN PER 100,000 PEOPLE. THE  
 9 HOSPITALIZATION RATES AMONG WHITE AND ASIAN RESIDENTS,  
 10 REPRESENTED BY THE ORANGE AND BLUE LINES RESPECTIVELY, ARE  
 11 LOWER, AND APPEAR TO BE STABLE AT AROUND THREE AND TWO PER  
 12 100,000 PEOPLE. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. HERE WE SEE DEATHS BY RACE  
 13 AND ETHNICITY. AS YOU CAN SEE, THE DEATH RATES REMAIN LOW IN  
 14 THE WAKE OF THESE INCREASING CASE RATES. AGAIN, THIS METRIC  
 15 GENERALLY LAGS EVEN FURTHER BEHIND CHANGES IN CASE RATES THAN  
 16 HOSPITALIZATIONS DO, AND THIS NUMBER MAY START TO INCREASE  
 17 OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THIS SLIDE  
 18 IS SHOWING OUR C.O.V.I.D.-19 VACCINATION RATES, WHICH, TO  
 19 DATE, WE HAVE CONTINUED TO INCREASE VACCINATIONS AMONGST ALL  
 20 GROUPS. BUT AS WE LOOK AT THIS, AS OF JULY 9TH, NEARLY 10.7  
 21 MILLION DOSES OF VACCINE IN THE COUNTY, INCLUDING MORE THAN  
 22 5.9 MILLION FIRST DOSES AND MORE THAN 4.7 MILLION SECOND  
 23 DOSES, HAVE BEEN ADMINISTERED. THIS MEANS THAT MORE THAN 5.7  
 24 MILLION L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS HAVE ONE DOSE, AND MORE THAN 5  
 25 MILLION ARE FULLY VACCINATED. AMONG L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS 16

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1 AND OVER, 69% HAVE RECEIVED ONE DOSE OF VACCINE, AND 61 ARE  
2 FULLY VACCINATED. AND AMONG OUR SENIORS 65 AND OVER, 88% HAVE  
3 RECEIVED ONE DOSE OF VACCINE, AND 77% ARE FULLY VACCINATED.  
4 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. WE THANK THE MILLIONS OF  
5 RESIDENTS THAT HAVE MADE THE DECISION TO BE VACCINATED AGAINST  
6 C.O.V.I.D.-19, AND WE CONTINUE TO SEE FEWER FOLKS THAN WE  
7 WOULD LIKE TO SEE GETTING THEIR FIRST DOSES OF VACCINE, ON A  
8 WEEK-TO-WEEK BASIS. AND AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THE TREND  
9 REPRESENTED ON THIS SLIDE, BETWEEN JULY 5TH AND JULY 9TH, THEY  
10 ADMINISTERED 40,836 FIRST DOSES ACROSS THE ENTIRE COUNTY. AND  
11 UNLIKE THE BARS REPRESENTING PREVIOUS WEEKS, THIS NUMBER DOES  
12 NOT INCLUDE VACCINES ADMINISTERED OVER THE WEEKEND, SO WE  
13 EXPECT THIS NUMBER WILL BE HIGHER. HOWEVER, ONCE THOSE  
14 VACCINES ARE ADDED IN, WE ARE NOT LIKELY TO REACH THE 100,000  
15 FIRST DOSES ADMINISTERED THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO HIT EACH WEEK.  
16 LET'S TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. IN GENERAL, AS I MENTIONED,  
17 MORE PEOPLE ARE GETTING VACCINATED ACROSS ALL GROUPS EVERY  
18 DAY, AND WE CONTINUE TO BE EXTRAORDINARILY GRATEFUL FOR ALL  
19 PARTNERSHIPS AND THE DEEP COMMITMENT ON THE PART OF SO MANY TO  
20 SUPPORT VACCINATION EFFORTS. AND AS WE LOOK AT AGE SUBGROUPS  
21 BY RACE AND ETHNICITY ON THIS SLIDE, WE CONTINUE TO SEE GAPS  
22 AMONG TEENS AND YOUNGER ADULTS THAT WE HAVE SEEN OVER THE PAST  
23 WEEKS. AND AMONG BOTH, THE 12-TO-15 AND THE 16-TO-17 AGE  
24 GROUPS, BETWEEN ONE-THIRD AND TWO-THIRDS AS MANY BLACK AND  
25 LATINX TEENS ARE GETTING VACCINATED AS THEIR AMERICAN INDIAN,

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1 ALASKA NATIVE, WHITE, AND ASIAN COUNTERPARTS. SO THEIR RATES  
2 ARE LOWER BY THAT FACTOR. I WANT TO NOTE THAT, WHILE WE HAVE  
3 SEEN HIGH PERCENTAGES OF VACCINATION RATES AMONG NATIVE  
4 HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER ADULTS, THE NUMBERS IN THIS GROUP AS  
5 LISTED AS VACCINATED ARE OVERESTIMATED, AND PERCENTAGES OF  
6 VACCINATED ARE THEREFORE ALSO OVERESTIMATES. THE DATA DOES  
7 SHOW SIGNIFICANT GAPS AMONG ADULTS 18 TO 29, WITH 29% OF BLACK  
8 ADULTS IN THIS CATEGORY, AND 43% OF LATINX ADULTS HAVE BEEN  
9 VACCINATED, COMPARED TO 59% OF THEIR WHITE AND 77% OF THEIR  
10 ASIAN COUNTERPARTS. THE DISPROPORTIONALITY ALSO PERSISTS  
11 AMONG OUR 30- TO 49-YEAR-OLDS, IN THIS GROUP. ABOUT HALF AS  
12 MANY BLACK ADULTS HAVE BEEN VACCINATED AS THEIR ASIAN AND  
13 WHITE COUNTERPARTS. IT IS PARTICULARLY WORRISOME TO SEE THESE  
14 PERSISTENT GAPS AMONG AND MIDDLE-AGED ADULTS, WHO ARE AN  
15 IMPORTANT PART OF OUR WORKFORCE AND VERY MUCH ACTIVE IN OUR  
16 COMMUNITIES. CONTINUING TO PROVIDE ACCURATE VACCINE  
17 INFORMATION AND ENSURING VACCINES ARE WIDELY AVAILABLE, AND  
18 CONTINUING TO RECOMMEND SENSIBLE ACTIONS TO PROTECT THOSE NOT  
19 VACCINATED REMAIN OUR HIGHEST PRIORITIES. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT  
20 SLIDE, PLEASE. AS WE LOOK AT THE COMPARISON RATES BY RACE AND  
21 ETHNICITY, LOOKING AT THE COMPARISON FOR A TWO-WEEK PERIOD  
22 FIRST ENDING ON JUNE 3RD, ALONGSIDE THE SAME METRICS A MONTH  
23 EARLIER, FOR THE TWO-WEEK PERIOD ENDING JULY 3RD, YOU ALSO SEE  
24 THAT THE PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION 16 YEARS AND OLDER, BY RACE  
25 AND ETHNICITY, WHO HAVE RECEIVED ONE DOSE THROUGH JULY 9TH--

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1 ACTUALLY, YOU DON'T HAVE THAT SLIDE. WHEN WE LOOK AT THESE  
2 RATES OF NEW CASES, WE CAN SEE THAT, OVER THE MONTH PRECEDING  
3 JULY 3RD, CASES BEGAN TO INCREASE AMONG ALL RACIAL AND ETHNIC  
4 GROUPS, ALTHOUGH THE HIGHEST CASE RATES WERE OBSERVED AMONG  
5 BLACK RESIDENTS, WHOSE CASE RATE INCREASED FROM 39 PER 100,000  
6 TO 97 PER 100,000, AN INCREASE OF 149%. WE ALSO SAW A CASE  
7 RATE INCREASE BY 81% IN LATINX RESIDENTS, 144% IN WHITE  
8 RESIDENTS, AND 183% IN ASIAN RESIDENTS. SO NO GROUP HAS BEEN  
9 SPARED, IN TERMS OF THE INCREASE IN CASES, AND WE SHOULD BE  
10 MINDFUL OF THIS. OVER THE SAME INTERVAL, HOSPITALIZATION RATES  
11 DECREASED BY 9% AMONG WHITE RESIDENTS, AND THESE RATES HAVE  
12 BEEN TRENDING UPWARD BY 30% TO 55% IN BLACK, WHITE, AND ASIAN  
13 RESIDENTS. AND AS MENTIONED, ON JUNE 15TH, THE RISK OF  
14 INFECTION AND SEVERE ILLNESS FROM C.O.V.I.D.-19 REMAINS  
15 HIGHEST AMONG THOSE WHO ARE NOT VACCINATED, AND WE ARE  
16 UNFORTUNATELY SEEING THIS PLAY OUT HERE IN OUR COUNTY, ACROSS  
17 BOTH THE STATE AND OUR NATION, AND IN OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE  
18 WORLD. WHEN WE LOOK AT THE GROUP WITH THE LOWEST VACCINATION  
19 POPULATION, VACCINATED WITH AT LEAST ONE DOSE OF VACCINE,  
20 WHICH WOULD BE OUR BLACK RESIDENTS, AGAIN, WE NOTE HERE THAT  
21 WE SEE THE HIGHEST CASE AND HOSPITALIZATION RATES. AND FOR THE  
22 GROUP WITH THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION, VACCINATED  
23 WITH AT LEAST ONE DOSE, OUR ASIAN GROUP, WE SEE THE LOWEST  
24 CASE AND HOSPITALIZATION RATES. AND EVEN WITHOUT THE SAME  
25 LEVEL OF THREAT TO THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM AS WE EXPERIENCED

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1 DURING THE SURGE, THESE RISE IN CASES AMONG ALL GROUPS, AND  
2 THE DISPROPORTIONATELY HIGHER RATES AMONG BLACK AND LATINX  
3 RESIDENTS, IS A LITTLE CONCERNING AND WILL REQUIRE CONTINUED  
4 ACTION TO PREVENT SPREAD AND POOR OUTCOMES AMONG THOSE WHO  
5 HAVE ALREADY SUFFERED THE MOST DURING THIS PANDEMIC. IT IS  
6 CLEAR THAT THE THREAT OF C.O.V.I.D.-19 IS STILL WITH US AND  
7 THAT WE ARE DEALING WITH A MORE INFECTIOUS VARIANT THAT CAUSES  
8 IT, AND THE BEST COLLECTIVE ACTION THAT EACH OF US CAN TAKE IS  
9 TO GET VACCINATED AGAINST C.O.V.I.D.-19 IF YOU'RE ELIGIBLE,  
10 AND TO TAKE SENSIBLE PRECAUTIONS IF YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE OR  
11 CHOOSE NOT TO BE VACCINATED. GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. AS  
12 WE SEE, THIS IS A MAP THAT SHOWS WHERE YOU CAN GET VACCINATED,  
13 AND AGAIN, MAKING SURE THAT IT IS EASY FOR ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS  
14 TO GET VACCINATED. MANY DIFFERENT SITES IN THE COUNTY. IT IS  
15 VERY IMPORTANT, IN ORDER TO MAKE IT AS EASY AS POSSIBLE. AS  
16 YOU CAN SEE FROM THIS MAP, THIS WEEK, THERE ARE 771 SITES  
17 OFFERING VACCINATIONS, INCLUDING PHARMACIES, CLINICS,  
18 COMMUNITY SITES, AND HOSPITALS. AND YOU CAN SEE THAT MANY OF  
19 OUR SITES ARE AGAIN CONCENTRATED IN AREAS THAT HAVE BEEN HARD-  
20 HIT BY THE PANDEMIC. AND AS A REMINDER, RESIDENTS CAN OBTAIN  
21 VACCINES AT MOST SITES WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT, MANY OF THOSE  
22 SITES ARE OPEN ON WEEKENDS AND HAVE EVENING HOURS. AND AGAIN,  
23 ALL OF THIS INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ABOUT THE VACCINES, AND  
24 YOU CAN SEARCH WHERE TO FIND A SITE ALL ONLINE AT  
25 VACCINATELACOUNTY.COM. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THIS MAP SHOWS BY

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1 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. THERE ARE ABOUT 165 SITES IN S.D. 1,  
2 137 IN S.D. 2, 177 IN S.D. 3, 134 IN S.D. 4, AND 157 IN S.D. 5.  
3 SITES ON THIS MAP INCLUDE CLINICS, PHARMACIES, IN ADDITION TO  
4 THE G.P.H. L.A. CITY AND HOSPITAL SITES, AS WELL AS FEDERAL  
5 SITES, AND DOES NOT INCLUDE THE MOBILE SITES. AND WE'LL GO TO  
6 THAT ON THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. WE HAVE CONTINUED OUR  
7 STRATEGY. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. WE HAVE CONTINUED OUR STRATEGY  
8 FOR IMPROVING ACCESS TO VACCINES BY HAVING MOBILE VACCINATION  
9 TEAMS: TAKE VACCINES INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD, AND TO  
10 NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE PEOPLE HAVE LIMITED ABILITY OR TIME TO GET  
11 VACCINATED AT ONE OF OUR SITES. AND THE MOBILE VACCINATION  
12 TEAMS CONTINUE TO WORK WITH EMPLOYERS AND COMMUNITY  
13 ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE VACCINES AND INFORMATION ABOUT THEM  
14 AT CONVENIENT LOCATIONS WHERE RESIDENTS GATHER. THERE'S A FORM  
15 ON OUR WEBSITE TO REQUEST A MOBILE TEAM, AND WE ENCOURAGE  
16 EMPLOYERS AND EVENT ORGANIZERS TO LET US KNOW WHEN THEY WANT  
17 TO HOST A TEAM TO PROVIDE VACCINATIONS AT THEIR SITE. WE HAVE  
18 BEEN SETTING UP SITES, CONTINUE TO SET UP SITES AT RETAIL  
19 STORES THAT WILL HAVE US, AS WELL PARKS, RECREATION CENTERS,  
20 AND MANY OTHER GATHERING PLACES ALL OVER THE COUNTY, AGAIN, TO  
21 MAKE IT EASY AS POSSIBLE FOR RESIDENTS TO GET VACCINATED. NEXT  
22 SLIDE, PLEASE. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. I WANT TO MAKE YOU AWARE OF  
23 A PILOT THAT WE ARE ROLLING OUT, AND ONE THAT WE'VE CONTINUED,  
24 IN ORDER TO GET VACCINES INTO THE NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE THEY ARE  
25 NEEDED MOST. FIRST, WE ARE PILOTING A PROJECT THAT, IN OUR

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1 CONTEXT, HAS BEEN CALLED A "RING" OR "HALO" VACCINATION  
2 STRATEGY. AND THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROJECT IS TO VACCINATE  
3 CLOSE CONTACTS OF C.O.V.I.D.-19 CASES. IT DOESN'T PREVENT THEM  
4 FROM GETTING C.O.V.I.D. IF THEY WERE ACTUALLY INFECTED, BUT IT  
5 DOES PROTECT THEM IN THE FUTURE, IF THEY DID NOT DEVELOP THE  
6 DISEASE. AND THIS HAPPENS ONCE THEY ARE IDENTIFIED, AND IF  
7 THEY ARE WILLING TO BE VACCINATED, AS WELL AS OFFERING TO  
8 VACCINATE THEIR CONTACTS AS WELL, IN ORDER TO CREATE A RING OF  
9 PEOPLE AROUND THEM THAT ARE FULLY VACCINATED. THE WAY THAT IT  
10 WORKS IS, ONCE THE CONTACTS ARE IDENTIFIED DURING THE CASE  
11 INVESTIGATION PROCESS, A MEMBER OF OUR TEAM REACHES OUT TO  
12 THEIR CONTACTS TO DO CONTACT TRACING AND PROVIDE INFORMATION,  
13 AS WELL AS TO OFFER THEM A HOME VISIT BY A NURSE, WHO CAN  
14 VACCINATE ON SITE AT THE CONTACT'S RESIDENT. WE BEGAN THIS  
15 PILOT EFFORT LAST FRIDAY IN EAST LOS ANGELES, IN SERVICE  
16 PLANNING AREA 4, WHERE, AS YOU KNOW, THERE ARE SEVERAL  
17 NEIGHBORHOODS THAT HAVE BEEN HARDEST HIT BY THE PANDEMIC. IF  
18 WE FIND THAT THIS STRATEGY WORKS, WE'D LIKELY EXPAND INTO  
19 S.P.A.S 6 AND 1, WHERE LOW VACCINATION RATES STILL REMAIN.  
20 WE'RE ALSO CONTINUING TO PROVIDE GIFT CARDS FOR PEOPLE WHO  
21 COMPLETE THE CASE INVESTIGATION INTERVIEWS, WHICH HELPS US  
22 IDENTIFY CONTACTS, AND HELPS US BEGIN OUR CONTACT TRACING  
23 EFFORTS, AND WE'RE ALSO GOING INTO THE FIELD TO INTERVIEW  
24 CASES IN THEIR HOMES, WHICH IS SOMETHING THAT WE WERE NOT ABLE  
25 TO DO EARLIER ON IN THE PANDEMIC. WE ALSO HAVE ONGOING

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1 PARTNERSHIPS WITH PARKS AFTER DARK. WE HAVE SOME WITH  
2 MCDONALD'S, Y.M.C.A.S, AND OTHER SITES, TO BRING VACCINES TO  
3 COMMUNITY EVENTS. THE PRIORITY, AGAIN, CONTINUES TO BE THOSE  
4 COMMUNITIES WITH LOWEST VACCINATION RATES, AND THOSE HARDEST  
5 HIT ARE THE ONES THAT ARE GETTING THIS ADDITIONAL SUPPORT.  
6 NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. JUST AS A REMINDER, THIS IS SOMETHING YOU  
7 HAVE SEEN BEFORE, JUST IN TERMS OF VACCINES AND WHETHER OR NOT  
8 THEY ARE EFFECTIVE AGAINST THE VARIOUS VARIANTS THAT ARE HERE.  
9 THIS, AGAIN, PRESENTS THE NUMBERS IN L.A. COUNTY, AND PLEASE  
10 NOTE THAT THIS IS OFTEN UPDATED AS WE GET NEW INFORMATION. BUT  
11 AGAIN, THIS IS WHAT WE HAVE SEEN IN THE PAST, RELATED TO THE  
12 VARIANTS AND FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE AND BREAKTHROUGH  
13 INFECTIONS. AS YOU CAN SEE FROM HERE, THOSE WHO ARE FULLY  
14 VACCINATED, IF YOU LOOK ACROSS THE VARIOUS VARIANTS THAT ARE  
15 CIRCULATING HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, THE RELATIVE PERCENTAGE OF  
16 FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE-- AND AGAIN, THIS IS A SMALL NUMBER IN  
17 TOTAL OF ALL THESE SPECIMENS-- ARE PRETTY SIMILAR ACROSS THE  
18 VARIANTS, AND SO THEY ARE SHOWING SIMILAR PROTECTION ACROSS  
19 ALL VARIANTS. AND AGAIN, THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE BEING INFECTED  
20 ARE THOSE WHO ARE NOT FULLY VACCINATED. TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE,  
21 PLEASE. AGAIN, YOU'VE SEEN THIS METRIC BEFORE. JUST AS A  
22 REMINDER, IN TERMS OF HOW EFFECTIVE THE VACCINES ARE, AND I'LL  
23 JUST REMIND YOU THAT 0.06% OF PEOPLE WHO ARE FULLY VACCINATED  
24 TESTED POSITIVE MORE THAN TWO WEEKS AFTER THEY WERE VACCINATED  
25 WITH THEIR LAST DOSE, 0.04% WERE HOSPITALIZED RELATED TO THEIR

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1 INFECTION, AND 0.0004% DIED. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. JUST AS A  
2 REMINDER, IN ORDER FOR ALL OF US TO KEEP OURSELVES SAFE DURING  
3 THIS TIME, AS WE CONTINUE TO SEE HOW THE VARIANTS AND THIS  
4 VIRUS CONTINUES TO CIRCULATE IN OUR COMMUNITY, WITH  
5 TRANSMISSION ON THE RISE, THE BEST PROTECTION FROM C.O.V.I.D.-  
6 19 IS TO BE FULLY VACCINATED. AND EVEN AFTER YOU HAVE BEEN  
7 INFECTED, OR HAD C.O.V.I.D. AND RECOVERED, IT IS STILL  
8 RECOMMENDED BY THE C.D.C., THEIR STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT  
9 VACCINATIONS PROVIDE A STRONG BOOST IN PROTECTION IN PEOPLE  
10 WHO HAVE RECOVERED FROM C.O.V.I.D.-19. THE VACCINES, AGAIN,  
11 ARE FREE, AND HAVE BEEN SHOWN TO BE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE. AND  
12 IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT NOT FEELING WELL AFTER GETTING  
13 VACCINATED, OR YOU OR YOUR FAMILY MEMBER ARE ILL WITH  
14 C.O.V.I.D., YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR PAID SICK LEAVE THROUGH  
15 EITHER THE COUNTY OR THE STATE. IF YOU DO GET A CALL, AND IT  
16 SHOWS UP AS L.A. PUBLIC HEALTH, OR 833-641-0305, PLEASE ANSWER  
17 THAT CALL. IT IS ONE OF OUR CASE INVESTIGATORS, OR CONTACT  
18 TRACERS, AND COMPLETING THESE INTERVIEWS ALSO PLAYS AN  
19 IMPORTANT ROLE IN REDUCING THE SPREAD OF INFECTION. AND IT IS  
20 THEIR JOB TO KEEP YOUR IDENTITY CONFIDENTIAL. THEY DO NOT  
21 SHARE YOUR NAME WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE POTENTIALLY EXPOSED. THEY  
22 DON'T ASK ABOUT YOUR IMMIGRATION STATUS, OR COOPERATE WITH ANY  
23 GROUPS THAT ARE CONCERNED WITH IMMIGRATION. AND ADDITIONALLY,  
24 A CALL FROM A CONTACT TRACER JUST ISN'T ABOUT GETTING  
25 INFORMATION FROM YOU; IT IS ALSO HELPING CONNECT YOU TO

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1 RESOURCES, IF YOU NEED TO BE TESTED OR GET VACCINATED; AND  
2 ALSO, IF NEEDED, TO PROVIDE RESOURCES TO QUARANTINE AND  
3 ISOLATE SAFELY, INCLUDING ACCESS TO FREEDOM HOUSING. AND SO,  
4 THANK YOU FOR HELPING US FOR ALL WHO HAVE RESPONDED TO THIS,  
5 AND THOSE WHO DO COMPLETE THE CASE INTERVIEWS, AGAIN, WE'LL  
6 SEND A \$20 GIFT CARD AFTER THE CALL. SO, AGAIN, IF YOU DO GET  
7 A CALL FROM A CONTACT TRACER, PLEASE ANSWER IT. AND AGAIN, THE  
8 NUMBER WILL SHOW UP AS L.A. PUBLIC HEALTH, OR 833-641-0305, IF  
9 YOU HAVE CALLER I.D. ON YOUR PHONE. I WANT TO ENCOURAGE  
10 EVERYONE TO CONTINUE TO MASK INDOORS, REGARDLESS OF  
11 VACCINATION STATUS, IF IT'S NOT BEING CHECKED WHEN YOU ARE  
12 GOING IN, AND MASKING INDOORS IN PUBLIC PLACES IS REQUIRED IF  
13 YOU ARE NOT FULLY VACCINATED AGAINST C.O.V.I.D.-19. AGAIN,  
14 MASKS ARE A GREAT WAY TO PREVENT YOU FROM BEING INFECTED; OR,  
15 IF YOU ARE UNKNOWINGLY ILL, PREVENT YOU FROM SPREADING IT TO  
16 OTHERS. AND LASTLY, IT'S NOT ON THE SLIDE, BUT I DO WANT TO  
17 RECOMMEND THAT, ESPECIALLY IF YOU ARE UNVACCINATED, RECONSIDER  
18 TRAVELING TO PLACES WHERE THE 7-DAY C.O.V.I.D.-19 CASE RATES  
19 ARE INCREASING OR HIGH, LIKE NEVADA, OUR NEIGHBOR, OR  
20 MISSOURI, FLORIDA, ARKANSAS, LOUISIANA, AMONG OTHERS. YOU CAN  
21 CHECK THE C.D.C. DATA TRACKER WEB PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON  
22 OTHER LOCATIONS. EVERY ACTION COUNTS, AND WE ARE ALL IN THIS  
23 TOGETHER. I'D LIKE TO END MY PRESENTATION BY THANKING OUR MANY  
24 COMMUNITY AND COUNTY PARTNERS FOR THEIR ONGOING EFFORTS TO  
25 INCREASE VACCINATION RATES ACROSS L.A. COUNTY, AND I ALSO WANT

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1 TO THANK THE MILLIONS OF COUNTY RESIDENTS-- OUR PARENTS,  
2 GRANDPARENTS, TEAMS, AND WORKERS-- WHO HAVE GOTTEN VACCINATED.  
3 THESE EFFORTS HAVE A DRAMATIC IMPACT ON OUR COLLECTIVE  
4 WELLBEING THROUGHOUT OUR RECOVERY, AND THERE CONTINUES TO BE  
5 WORK TO KEEP UP THIS PROGRESS, AND I THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR  
6 CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO THIS WORK. THANK YOU, AND I AM HAPPY  
7 TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AFTER DR. GHALY'S REMARKS.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DR. GHALY?

10

11 **DR. GHALY:** YEAH, GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU. I WILL  
12 GIVE A BRIEF UPDATE THIS MORNING ON VACCINATIONS, TESTING  
13 ACCESS, AND HOSPITALIZATIONS. FIRST, IF YOU CAN TURN TO THE  
14 QUICK SLIDES ON VACCINATIONS, SLIDE TWO-- THANK YOU-- SHOWS  
15 THE TOTAL VACCINATION EFFORT THAT'S BEEN PERFORMED BY D.H.S.  
16 CLINICS AND STAFF, TO DATE. AS YOU CAN SEE, SIMILAR TO THE  
17 TRENDS DR. DAVIS SHARED ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE HAVE  
18 EXPERIENCED A LEVELING-OFF OVER THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, AS  
19 ACCEPTANCE OF THE C.O.V.I.D. VACCINATIONS HAS SUBSTANTIALLY  
20 SLOWED. D.H.S. STILL OPERATES A NUMBER OF VACCINATION SITES AT  
21 ALL OF OUR CLINICS AND WORKPLACES, BUT WE HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY  
22 LESS UPTAKE OF THE VACCINE THAN WE HAD EARLIER IN THE  
23 PANDEMIC. WE ARE WORKING TO ADDRESS VACCINE HESITANCY THROUGH  
24 A VARIETY OF MODALITIES.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** I HOPE WE DIDN'T LOSE YOU. DR. GHALY? DID  
2 YOU MUTE YOURSELF? UNMUTE? OKAY, I THINK WE LOST HER. OKAY,  
3 SINCE WE ARE NOT ABLE TO SPEAK TO HER DIRECTLY, WHY DON'T WE  
4 JUST MOVE ON, AND THEN MEMBERS HAVE QUESTIONS, I THINK, FOR  
5 DR. DAVIS. SO WE'LL GO AHEAD AND START WITH SHEILA KUEHL,  
6 HOLLY MITCHELL, AND THEN JANICE HAHN, IN THAT ORDER.

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I  
9 REALLY, REALLY APPRECIATE IT. I THINK SOME OF THIS MAY BE FOR  
10 DR. GHALY, SO WE MAY ASK AGAIN, IF SHE GETS RECONNECTED. BUT  
11 MY QUESTION REALLY GOES TO REMEMBERING BACK TO WHEN WE HAD  
12 SEVERAL SURGES OVER THE PAST YEAR AND A HALF, AND THE CONCERNS  
13 THAT WE HAD ABOUT THE FATIGUE, THE SORT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL  
14 WELLBEING, AND THE PHYSICAL WELLBEING OF ALL OF OUR HEALTHCARE  
15 WORKERS. MY OWN OPINION ABOUT PEOPLE WHO STILL WILL NOT GET  
16 VACCINATED IS THAT THEY REALLY ARE NOT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE  
17 IMPACT THAT THEY MAY HAVE ON THESE HEALTHCARE WORKERS, WHO  
18 OFTEN ARE FROM THE SAME COMMUNITIES AND HAVE BEEN PUT AT RISK,  
19 AND NOW THAT THEY'RE VACCINATED, PERHAPS LESS AT RISK FOR  
20 GETTING C.O.V.I.D., BUT NOT LESS AT RISK FOR THEIR FATIGUE,  
21 AND OVERWORK, AND JUST THE BURDEN THAT WE PUT ON THEM. SO I  
22 WANTED TO ASK DR. DAVIS AND DR. GHALY, IF SHE GETS BACK ON,  
23 ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THIS GROWING NUMBER OF CASES ON OUR  
24 HEALTHCARE WORKERS; THE NUMBERS-- IF WE HAVE SUFFICIENT  
25 NUMBERS-- AND RESOURCES IN THE HOSPITALS, IN THE CLINICS, AND

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1 ALL THE PLACES WHERE THIS PLACE IS A NEW BURDEN ON OUR  
2 HEALTHCARE WORKERS.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. I THINK WE GOT RECONNECTED. DR.  
5 GHALY, DID YOU HEAR THE QUESTION? DR. GHALY?

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7 **DR. GHALY:** I'M SORRY, ARE YOU ABLE TO HEAR ME?

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9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, WE CAN.

10

11 **DR. GHALY:** OKAY, I AM SORRY. COULD YOU REPEAT THE QUESTION  
12 AGAIN? I WAS TRYING TO TROUBLESHOOT THE TECHNICAL ISSUES.

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL:** OF COURSE. AND I AM REMINDED THAT WE HAVE HAD  
15 COMPLAINTS IN THE PAST, AT OTHER MEETINGS, ABOUT PEOPLE WHO  
16 THOUGHT THEIR MICS WERE CUT OFF BECAUSE WE DIDN'T LIKE WHAT  
17 THEY WERE SAYING, AND NOW THEY SHOULD REALLY REALIZE THAT IT  
18 IS JUST ALL TECHNOLOGY. BECAUSE WE LIKE WHAT YOU WERE SAYING,  
19 ALTHOUGH IT WAS TROUBLING. MY QUESTION WENT TO THE IMPACT OF  
20 THE GROWING NUMBERS OF CASES AMONG UNVACCINATED PEOPLE,  
21 PRIMARILY. THE IMPACT ON OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS REMINDED THAT  
22 THEY WERE SO OVERWHELMED DURING THE TIME THAT SO MANY PEOPLE  
23 WERE SICK, COMING IN FOR TREATMENT, ET CETERA. AND I CAN'T  
24 IMAGINE THAT THEY HAVE REALLY RECOVERED, IN TERMS OF THEIR  
25 FATIGUE, IN TERMS OF THE IMPACT ON THEIR MENTAL HEALTH. SO I

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1 WANTED TO ASK ABOUT OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS, AND WHETHER WE  
2 HAVE ANY ASSESSMENT OF THEIR ABILITY TO MEET THIS NEW GROWING  
3 DEMAND.

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS:** DR. GHALY, DO YOU WANT TO RESPOND? WE MAY HAVE  
6 LOST HER AGAIN.

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8 **SUP. KUEHL:** YEAH, IT IS HARD THIS WAY, ISN'T IT?

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** MAYBE DR. DAVIS CAN CHIME IN. DR. DAVIS, IF  
11 HE FEELS HE CAN ADDRESS THIS. DR. DAVIS? DID WE LOSE HIM, TOO?

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** YEAH, I THINK WE ARE ALL ON, BUT HAVING TROUBLE  
14 WITH THEIR CONTINUING CONNECTION. WELL, I'LL HOLD MY QUESTION,  
15 OBVIOUSLY, UNTIL EITHER OF OUR DOCTORS OR BOTH CAN GET BACK ON  
16 THE LINE.

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT, LET'S MOVE ON. NEXT  
19 QUESTION IS FROM SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL? OH,  
20 IS THAT DR. DAVIS.

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22 **SUP. KUEHL:** THAT'S DR. DAVIS, YEAH.

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, DR. DAVIS?

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1 **DR. DAVIS:** SO, ARE YOU ABLE TO HEAR ME, OR DID I GET BROKEN  
2 UP, AS WELL?

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** NO, WE CAN HEAR YOU RIGHT NOW. DID YOU HEAR MY  
5 QUESTION, DR. DAVIS?

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7 **DR. DAVIS:** I DID, AND I WAS RESPONDING, SO I AM NOT SURE WHAT  
8 IS HAPPENING. IT IS GOING IN AND OUT, I GUESS.

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** YEAH, START OVER.

11

12 **DR. DAVIS:** OKAY. SO, I WAS SAYING THAT I BELIEVE DR. GHALY CAN  
13 PROVIDE A BETTER PERSPECTIVE, JUST IN TERMS OF HER WORKFORCE  
14 AND THEIR SENSE OF FATIGUE. I DO KNOW THAT HEALTHCARE  
15 PROVIDERS ARE CONCERNED AND ARE NOTING THAT THEY ARE  
16 STRIKINGLY SEEING YOUNGER GROUPS OF PEOPLE COMING INTO THE  
17 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT, OR BEING ADMITTED. PRELIMINARILY, WE ARE  
18 SEEING AN INCREASE, ESPECIALLY IN OUR 30- TO 49-YEAR-OLDS. SO  
19 THE THREAT OF HAVING MORE PEOPLE IN THE HOSPITAL, I THINK, IS  
20 DAUNTING TO CONSIDER FOR MANY HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS, ESPECIALLY  
21 THOSE IN THE HOSPITALS, AND WE DON'T WANT TO SEE THAT. BUT I  
22 WILL TURN IT OVER TO DR. GHALY, IF SHE'S ABLE TO PROVIDE  
23 COMMENTS RELATED TO HER STAFF AND HER PERSPECTIVE.

24

25 **DR GHALY:** ARE YOU ABLE TO HEAR ME?

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2 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES. GO AHEAD, DR. GHALY.

3

4 **DR. GHALY:** I'M SORRY. I AM NOT SURE WHAT IS GOING ON WITH I.T.  
5 PROBLEMS, BUT I WILL TRY TO ADDRESS-- IT IS AN EXCELLENT  
6 QUESTION, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND THANKS FOR MENTIONING THIS.  
7 IT'S BEEN A LOT OF TOLL AND A LOT OF STRESS ON THE HEALTHCARE  
8 WORKERS, OVER THE LAST 18 MONTHS. AND CERTAINLY, THE STRESS  
9 THAT THEY ARE EXPERIENCING NOW IS NOT ANYTHING CLOSE TO WHAT  
10 IT WAS IN THE MIDST OF THE SURGE, EARLIER THIS YEAR. BUT  
11 STILL, THE MONTHS ADD ON TOP OF ONE ANOTHER, AND I THINK IT IS  
12 REALLY CHALLENGING TO SEE PATIENTS COME IN SO SICK, ESPECIALLY  
13 WHEN VIRTUALLY ALL OF THEM, AND WE-- TO DATE, WE HAVE NOT HAD  
14 A PATIENT ADMITTED TO A D.H.S. HOSPITAL WHO HAS BEEN FULLY  
15 VACCINATED WITH EITHER THE J&J, PFIZER, OR MODERNA VACCINE.  
16 EVERY SINGLE PATIENT THAT WE HAVE ADMITTED FOR C.O.V.I.D. HAS  
17 BEEN NOT YET FULLY VACCINATED, AND THAT'S HARD FOR THE  
18 HEALTHCARE WORKERS TO SEE. THEY HAVE SPENT HOURS, EFFORT,  
19 ENERGY, TRYING TO CARE FOR PATIENTS. AND AT THIS POINT, THIS  
20 REALLY IS A PREVENTABLE ILLNESS, A PREVENTABLE INFECTION. AND  
21 THE HEALTHCARE WORKERS WILL CONTINUE DOING EVERYTHING THEY CAN  
22 TO SUPPORT THE LIVES AND HEALTH OF THE INDIVIDUALS THAT COME  
23 IN, BUT IT'S REALLY BEEN A VERY CHALLENGING YEAR, AND, I  
24 THINK, MADE ALL THE MORE CHALLENGING BECAUSE WE SEE THE

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1 SUFFERING THAT THESE PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE GOING  
2 THROUGH, AND IT'S VERY PREVENTABLE, AT THIS POINT IN TIME.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I REALLY WANT TO  
5 CONTINUE TO EXPRESS A PRAYER TO ALL OF THOSE WHO ARE NOT  
6 VACCINATED, TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPACT THAT THEY HAVE, NOT ONLY  
7 ON THEIR COMMUNITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES, BUT ON OTHER PEOPLE  
8 IN THEIR COMMUNITIES WHO ARE THE HEALTHCARE WORKERS, WHO ARE  
9 THE PEOPLE TOILING MORE THAN 14, 15, 16 HOURS A DAY TO TAKE  
10 CARE OF THEM WHEN THEY DON'T WANT TO TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES.  
11 AND I AM SORRY I SOUND A LITTLE ANGRY, BUT IT JUST STRIKES ME  
12 AS ENORMOUSLY SELFISH. WE CAN'T RELY ON HERD IMMUNITY IF THE  
13 HERD WON'T GET THEIR SHOTS. SO I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR  
14 ALLOWING ME TO ASK THE QUESTION.

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. VERY ON POINT. SUPERVISOR  
17 MITCHELL? SUPERVISOR, MITCHELL, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED. WE'LL GO  
18 NEXT TO SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND WE'LL COME BACK TO...

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU. I REALLY  
21 APPRECIATE, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOUR HEARTFELT ANGST OVER ALL  
22 THOSE WHO ARE NOT GETTING VACCINATED, AS WELL AS FOR OUR  
23 HEALTHCARE WORKERS. I BELIEVE THERE'S A MOTION ON OUR AGENDA  
24 TODAY ABOUT CREATING A WELLBEING OFFICER TO SPECIFICALLY HELP  
25 THOSE WHO ARE FRONTLINE HEALTHCARE WORKERS. BECAUSE YOU ARE

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1 RIGHT: THEY HAVE NOT GOTTEN OVER THE TRAUMA OF THE LAST SURGE,  
2 AND TO SEE OUR CASES GOING UP BY 1,000 EVERY DAY IS VERY  
3 UNNERVING, AND IT REALLY GIVES YOU A FEELING OF DEJA VU FOR  
4 MARCH OF 2020, AND HOW THEY JUST KEPT DOUBLING, TRIPLING,  
5 UNTIL THE NEXT THING YOU KNOW, WE HAD THE MERCY SHIP HERE. SO  
6 IT IS VERY UNNERVING. AND THE DIFFERENCE RIGHT NOW IS THAT WE  
7 HAVE VACCINES, SO THAT'S THE BIG DIFFERENCE. LAST YEAR AT THIS  
8 TIME, IT WAS A VERY DIFFERENT SITUATION. NOW WE HAVE VACCINES,  
9 AND IT IS SO TROUBLING THAT THAT LAST THIRD IS JUST NOT GOING  
10 TO GET VACCINATED. I WOULD ASK BOTH DR. GHALY AND DR. DAVIS:  
11 THEY DO SAY, RIGHT, THAT THE WORST MESSENGERS ARE GOVERNMENT  
12 OFFICIALS. IT IS LIKE REAGAN SAID, "I AM FROM THE GOVERNMENT,  
13 AND I AM HERE TO HELP YOU," RIGHT? AND THE BEST MESSENGERS ARE  
14 THOSE IN THE COMMUNITY. THEY'RE THE ONES THAT SHOULD BE GOING  
15 DOOR TO DOOR: THE PASTORS, THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS, THE BLOCK  
16 CAPTAINS, THE LITTLE LEAGUE COACH. THOSE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT  
17 SHOULD BE GOING DOOR TO DOOR, NOT PROFESSIONAL GOVERNMENT  
18 HEALTHCARE WORKERS. HAVE EITHER ONE OF YOU LOOKED AT THAT? AND  
19 WHO ARE WE ACTUALLY USING FOR THOSE DOOR-TO-DOOR MESSENGERS?  
20 FIRST QUESTION.

21

22 **DR. DAVIS:** I'M SORRY, I GUESS I CAN...

23

24 **DR. GHALY:** THANKS. I WILL START, BRIEFLY. CAN YOU HEAR ME  
25 OKAY?

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN:** YES.

3

4 **DR. GHALY:** OKAY, GREAT. THANKS, SUPERVISOR HAHN. IT IS A GREAT  
5 QUESTION, AND I THINK A POINT WELL TAKEN, AND YOU ARE  
6 ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. PEOPLE'S FIRST CHOICE ABOUT WHERE THEY GET  
7 THEIR MESSAGE FROM WOULDN'T NECESSARILY BE GOVERNMENT  
8 OFFICIALS. AND THAT'S WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT TO GET JUST  
9 PEOPLE'S COLLEAGUES AND PEERS AND TRUSTED SOURCES OF  
10 INFORMATION OUT THERE, GIVING THEM MESSAGES ABOUT C.O.V.I.D.,  
11 ABOUT THE NEED FOR QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION, AND TESTING, AND  
12 CRITICALLY, AT THIS POINT IN THE PANDEMIC, FOR VACCINATION.  
13 D.P.H. AND D.H.S. HAVE PARTNERED ON THE C.O.V.I.D. EQUITY  
14 FUND, AND WE USE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS AND VARIOUS  
15 COMMUNITY-BASED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO DO JUST WHAT YOU  
16 SAID: GET THE MESSAGE OUT BY GOING DOOR TO DOOR, BUT USING  
17 PEOPLE WHO KNOW THE COMMUNITIES, WHO ARE TRUSTED IN THE  
18 COMMUNITIES, AND HAVE EXISTING RELATIONSHIPS. I WOULD ALSO  
19 EXTEND YOUR POINT, JUST TO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE WHO IS LISTENING  
20 TO JUST USE THEIR FRIENDS, THEIR NETWORK, THEIR PEERS, PEOPLE  
21 THAT THEY INTERACT WITH, WHETHER IT IS ON THE LITTLE LEAGUE  
22 FIELD, OR AT WORK, OR AT CHURCH, OR TEMPLE, OR WHEREVER THEY  
23 INTERACT WITH OTHER PEOPLE, TO TELL THEIR STORIES ABOUT WHY  
24 THEY CHOSE TO GET VACCINATED. BECAUSE PEOPLE REALLY DO WANT TO  
25 HEAR FROM PEOPLE THEY KNOW IN THEIR PERSONAL LIVES, AND THEY

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1 LISTEN. AND YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN THAT STORY WILL MAKE A  
2 DIFFERENCE IN HELPING SOMEONE UNDERSTAND SOME OF THE  
3 ADVANTAGES OF VACCINATION, AND MAYBE MAKE A CHOICE TO BE  
4 VACCINATED.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN:** WELL, I JUST HOPE THAT WE CAN REALLY DRILL DOWN  
7 WITH THIS LAST GROUP THAT REALLY NEEDS TO GET VACCINATED. AND  
8 I KNOW WE HAVE TO TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT OUR VACCINES. I AM  
9 WORRIED THAT THE LATEST REVELATION ABOUT THE J&J SHOT, THAT IT  
10 MIGHT CAUSE AUTOIMMUNE ISSUES, IS SORT OF THE LAST THING THAT  
11 THOSE PEOPLE WILL PROBABLY WANT TO HEAR, AND WILL PROBABLY, IN  
12 MY OPINION, DRIVE THEM EVEN FURTHER INTO THEIR BUBBLE OF JUST  
13 FEELING LIKE THEY AREN'T F.D.A.-APPROVED, AND THEY ARE JUST  
14 GOING TO WAIT. SO I AM WORRIED ABOUT THAT. DR. DAVIS, I  
15 NOTICED ON ONE OF THE SLIDES YOU TALKED ABOUT, IF SOMEONE  
16 CALLS YOU, MAKE SURE YOU ANSWER. BUT LAST WEEK, DR. FERRER  
17 SAID YOU WERE NO LONGER GOING TO BE CALLING FOR CONTACT  
18 TRACING, BUT INSTEAD VISITING PERSONALLY EVERYONE WHO TESTED  
19 POSITIVE. AND I EVEN QUESTIONED THE REALITY OF THAT STATEMENT.  
20 LIKE, FOUR DAYS IN A ROW, IF THAT'S A THOUSAND, THAT'S FOUR  
21 THOUSAND PEOPLE ALL OVER L.A. COUNTY. I WASN'T QUITE SURE THAT  
22 WE HAD THE RESOURCES TO DO THAT, BUT I NOTICED YOU ARE GOING  
23 BACK TO TALKING ABOUT CALLING. WHAT ARE WE DOING?

24

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1 **DR. DAVIS:** YEAH, IT IS ACTUALLY BOTH. SO, IF OUR CASE  
2 INVESTIGATORS GO OUT, THEY CAN'T REACH THE PERSON, THEY WILL  
3 CALL TO DO FOLLOW-UP, AND LET THEM KNOW THAT THEY STOPPED BY  
4 AND THAT THEY'RE TRYING TO REACH THEM. THE SAME THING IN TERMS  
5 OF CLOSE CONTACTS. SO WE TRY TO USE EVERY MECHANISM TO GET TO  
6 PEOPLE. BUT AT THE MOMENT, THE FIRST MECHANISM IS TO GO OUT  
7 AND VISIT. BUT IN ORDER TO KIND OF HELP WITH TIME, AND MAKING  
8 SURE PEOPLE ARE AWARE AND KNOW TO ANSWER THE DOOR IF WE'RE  
9 COMING BACK, WE DO USE BOTH METHODS.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT. I WAS A LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT CONTACT  
12 TRACING THE LAST GO AROUND. I JUST NEVER FELT LIKE WE DID IT  
13 PROPERLY. AND WE DO KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T ANSWER THEIR  
14 PHONES. A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO SPEND ANY MINUTES ON  
15 FILLING OUT A SURVEY, EVEN IF IT IS ON THE PHONE. SO I DO  
16 THINK YOU SHOULD DRILL DOWN A LITTLE BIT AND COME UP WITH A  
17 VERY SUCCINCT INTERVIEW PROCESS, AND REALLY GET TO THE HEART  
18 OF WHAT YOU ARE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT, IN TERMS OF WHERE, WHEN,  
19 AND HOW SOMEONE WAS INFECTED, AND WHETHER OR NOT, AS DR.  
20 FERRER SAID LAST WEEK, WE NEED TO OFFER VACCINES TO OTHERS IN  
21 THE HOUSEHOLD. I AM CONCERNED ABOUT HOW WE QUARANTINE. I DON'T  
22 FEEL LIKE WE DID IT WELL LAST TIME AROUND. BUT AGAIN, MY  
23 ENCOURAGEMENT THAT YOU REALLY GET ON THIS. AND THE LAST  
24 QUESTION: IT LOOKS LIKE WE WILL BE REQUIRING BOOSTER SHOTS. I  
25 GUESS THE C.D.C. IS STILL TRYING TO DETERMINE THAT, BUT IT

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1 LOOKS LIKE THAT'S PROBABLY GOING TO HAPPEN, PARTICULARLY FOR  
2 THOSE WHO GOT VACCINATED MAYBE EARLY ON IN THE PROCESS, LAST  
3 DECEMBER OR JANUARY OF THIS YEAR, PARTICULARLY THE ELDERLY,  
4 MORE VULNERABLE, OR THOSE WHO ARE IN LONG-TERM CARE  
5 FACILITIES. ARE WE PLANNING-- WHAT IS YOUR THOUGHT? ARE WE  
6 GOING TO JUST KIND OF REDO THE WHOLE VACCINATION PROCESS, THE  
7 MASS SITES, THE GOING TO THESE FACILITIES? HOW ARE YOU  
8 ENVISIONING WE DO THE BOOSTER SHOT REGIME, WHEN WE REALIZE IT  
9 IS TIME TO DO THAT?

10

11 **DR. DAVIS:** YEAH, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. JUST TO COMMENT  
12 ON A COUPLE THINGS YOU ALSO SAID, IN TERMS OF CONTACT TRACING,  
13 THIS IS SOMETHING WE DO DAY IN AND DAY OUT, AND WE'VE  
14 CONTINUED TO TRY TO IMPROVE THE PROCESS AS WE SEE DIFFERENT  
15 OUTCOMES, IN TERMS OF PEOPLE RESPONDING. AND SO WE WILL ALWAYS  
16 CONTINUE TO TRY TO IMPROVE UPON THAT. IN TERMS OF THE BOOSTER  
17 SHOT, I THINK IT CAUSED A LOT OF QUESTIONS WHEN THE NEWS SAID-  
18 - WELL, I BELIEVE IT WAS PFIZER WHO SAID, "WE ARE GOING TO TRY  
19 TO GET APPROVAL FOR A BOOSTER." BUT THE C.D.C. AND THE F.D.A.  
20 BOTH COMMENTED THAT, BASED ON THEIR SCIENCE-BASED ANALYSIS,  
21 THERE'S NO RECOMMENDATION FOR A BOOSTER SHOT AT THIS TIME. SO  
22 I DO WANT PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THAT. I THINK, AS WE START TO  
23 GET BACK INTO BOOSTERS, IF WE EVER GET TO BOOSTERS BEING  
24 NEEDED, BASED ON THE DATA, IT PROBABLY WOULD BE A MIX OF  
25 THINGS. I THINK IT DEPENDS ON, ONE, HOW QUICKLY IS THAT

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1 NEEDED? BUT I AM SURE THERE WILL BE A MIX OF BOTH THE COUNTY  
2 PROVIDING SOME LOCATIONS FOR PEOPLE TO GO, BUT WE ALSO HAVE A  
3 PRETTY WIDE NETWORK OF PROVIDERS WHO ARE USED TO DOING THIS,  
4 AND ARE ABLE TO DO THIS. I REMIND YOU THAT OUR LARGE POD SITES  
5 GOT SMALLER, AND MORE SITES BECAME IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS, NOT  
6 NECESSARILY RUN BY US. AND SO I THINK THAT SAME NETWORK WOULD  
7 STILL BE USED TO DO IT. I THINK THE QUESTION AT THE TIME WOULD  
8 BE, WHAT'S THE DEMAND, AND IS THE BOOSTER, IF IT EVER GETS TO  
9 THAT POINT, SPECIFIED FOR A CERTAIN AGE GROUP OR A TIME PERIOD  
10 FROM THE LAST DOSE OF VACCINATION?

11  
12 **SUP. KUEHL:** AGAIN, I AM NOT A DOCTOR, I DON'T EVEN PLAY ONE ON  
13 T.V., BUT I FEEL LIKE WE WE'RE GOING TO END UP GETTING  
14 BOOSTERS. I ACTUALLY HAVE A FRIEND WHO GOT TWO PFIZER SHOTS,  
15 AND THEN, JUST ON HIS OWN, WENT AND GOT A THIRD SHOT, A J&J  
16 SHOT. DO YOU RECOMMEND THAT COURSE OF ACTION?

17  
18 **DR. DAVIS:** NO, IT HASN'T BEEN RECOMMENDED OR EVALUATED, IN  
19 TERMS OF WHETHER OR NOT IT REALLY DOES BOOST YOUR POTENTIAL  
20 PROTECTION. SO I THINK THAT REMAINS TO BE SEEN. AT THIS POINT,  
21 THEY'VE BEEN PRETTY STRONG, THE VACCINES THAT WE CURRENTLY  
22 HAVE, AND THE RECOMMENDED SCHEDULE OF DOSING FOR THOSE  
23 VACCINES IS STILL VERY EFFECTIVE, IN TERMS OF PREVENTING  
24 SERIOUS OUTCOMES, AND IN MANY INSTANCES IT DOES REDUCE YOUR  
25 RISK OF BEING INFECTED.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I YIELD MY  
3 TIME.

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DR. GHALY, YOU'RE STILL WITH US,  
6 I HOPE?

7

8 **DR. GHALY:** YES, I AM STILL HERE.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** DID YOU WANT TO JUST FINISH UP YOUR LAST  
11 COUPLE OF PAGES, AND THEN I WILL TURN IT OVER TO SUPERVISOR  
12 MITCHELL, WHO WE HAVE BACK?

13

14 **DR. GHALY:** SURE, I'D BE HAPPY TO DO THAT. I AM NOT SURE WHERE  
15 I CUT OUT BEFORE, BUT IF YOU COULD MAYBE GO TO SLIDE THREE?

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YEAH, THAT'S WHERE YOU LEFT OFF.

18

19 **DR. GHALY:** OKAY. THANK YOU. SO THIS SLIDE SHOWS PROGRESS IN  
20 VACCINATING D.H.S. PATIENT WHO ARE AGE 12 AND OLDER. THIS DATA  
21 WAS RECENTLY UPDATED TO INCLUDE DATA FROM THE CALIFORNIA  
22 IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY, THROUGH A QUERY THAT WAS COMPLETED AT  
23 THE END OF JUNE. I WILL REMIND YOU THAT THERE'S NOT AN  
24 AUTOMATIC INTERFACE BETWEEN THE CALIFORNIA IMMUNIZATION  
25 REGISTRY AND ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS, AS HELD BY PROVIDERS,

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1 SO IT IS A COMPLICATED QUERY TO BE ABLE TO PULL IN INFORMATION  
2 IN AN AGGREGATE FORM ABOUT WHICH PATIENTS HAVE BEEN  
3 VACCINATED, OUTSIDE OF THAT PROVIDER SYSTEM. BUT THIS DOES  
4 INCLUDE THE FULL WORLD OF DATA FOR OUR PATIENTS, AND WHETHER  
5 OR NOT THEY ARE VACCINATED OR NOT. NOTABLY, YOU WILL SEE THAT  
6 THE RATE IS HIGHEST AMONG ASIAN PATIENTS, AT APPROXIMATELY  
7 75%. AND SIMILAR TO THE DATA THAT DR. DAVIS PRESENTED A FEW  
8 MINUTES AGO, RATES ARE HALF THAT AMONG BLACK AND AFRICAN-  
9 AMERICAN PATIENTS, AT JUST UNDER 40%. AMONG ASIAN, BLACK, AND  
10 WHITE PATIENTS, THE RATES OF VACCINATION UPTAKE ARE SIMILAR  
11 AMONG MEN AND WOMEN, BUT RATES AMONG MEN ARE LOWER THAN THAT  
12 AMONG WOMEN, AMONG THOSE OF HISPANIC/LATINO OR NATIVE HAWAIIAN  
13 AND OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE. THE NEXT SLIDE, ON SLIDE  
14 4, SHOWS THAT SAME DATA, BUT FOR THE INDIVIDUALS WHOSE ARE AGE  
15 65 AND OVER. YOU'LL SEE, OBVIOUSLY, THE RATES ARE HIGHER, AND  
16 THEY ARE MORE SIMILAR ACROSS RACIAL AND ETHNIC GROUPS, BUT THE  
17 RATES ARE STILL LOWEST AMONG BLACK AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN, BOTH  
18 MEN AND WOMEN, AS WELL AS AMONG MALE NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND OTHER  
19 PACIFIC ISLANDERS, AND SLIGHTLY ALSO LOWER AMONG WHITE WOMEN.  
20 THE NEXT SLIDE, SLIDE 5, SUMMARIZES THE DATA AND PROGRESS FOR  
21 D.H.S. PATIENTS, INCLUDING TOTAL VACCINATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN  
22 GIVEN FROM ALL SOURCES. IN THE INTEREST OF TIME, I WILL SKIP  
23 JUST QUICKLY TO THE NEXT SLIDE, SLIDE 6, WHICH SHOWS PROGRESS  
24 IN VACCINATIONS PERFORMED BY THE HOUSING FOR HEALTH TEAM,  
25 AMONG PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. AS A REMINDER, OTHER

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1 ENTITIES BEYOND HOUSING FOR HEALTH ARE ALSO INVOLVED IN  
2 VACCINATING THIS VULNERABLE POPULATION, AND THAT DATA IS NOT  
3 KEPT BY D.H.S. AND IS NOT FURTHER SHARED HERE. THIS JUST  
4 INCLUDES THE VACCINATIONS PERFORMED BY THE HOUSING FOR HEALTH  
5 TEAMS. IN TOTAL, OVER 12,000 VACCINATIONS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO  
6 DATE, AMONG STAFF AND CLIENTS: OVER 6500 PERSONS EXPERIENCING  
7 HOMELESSNESS WHO HAVE BEEN FULLY VACCINATED BY HOUSING FOR  
8 HEALTH STAFF. THE PIE CHART IN THE CORNER SHOWS THE LOCATIONS  
9 OF WHERE THOSE VACCINATIONS, AMONG THE D.P.H. POPULATION,  
10 WHERE THEY'VE BEEN DELIVERED. ABOUT HALF HAVE BEEN PROVIDED  
11 AMONG INDIVIDUALS IN ENCAMPMENTS, ABOUT A THIRD IN INTERIM  
12 HOUSING AND SHELTER SITES, 12% IN PROJECT ROOMKEY AND PROJECT  
13 HOMEKEY SITES, AND THE SMALL REMAINDER IN PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE  
14 HOUSING AND Q.I. SITES. THE NEXT SLIDE, SLIDE 7, SHOWS  
15 PROGRESS IN THE JAIL. TO DATE, OVER 14,000 VACCINATIONS HAVE  
16 BEEN GIVEN IN THE JAIL, WITH OVER 8,000 INDIVIDUALS IN JAIL  
17 WHO ARE FULLY VACCINATED. ALL INDIVIDUALS ENTERING THE L.A.  
18 COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM ARE OFFERED THE C.O.V.I.D. VACCINE. IN  
19 ADDITION TO THE DATA THAT'S SHOWN HERE, AN ADDITIONAL 300 OR  
20 SO VACCINATIONS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO YOUTH IN THE JUVENILE HALLS  
21 AND CAMPS. AGAIN, ALL YOUTH ENTERING THE HALLS AND CAMPS ARE  
22 ALSO OFFERED THE VACCINE. HOWEVER, PARENTAL CONSENT IS  
23 REQUIRED, UNLESS THE MINOR IS EMANCIPATED. THE NEXT SLIDE  
24 SHOWS THE CURRENT STATUS OF WHERE INDIVIDUALS CAN ACCESS  
25 C.O.V.I.D. TESTING. THERE'S A LOT OF SITES THAT ARE SPREAD

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1 ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY. ESPECIALLY GIVEN THE RISE IN THE  
2 DELTA VARIANT, I WOULD CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE L.A. COUNTY  
3 RESIDENTS TO SEEK TESTING IF THEY HAVE ANY SYMPTOMS OF  
4 C.O.V.I.D., PARTICULARLY IF THEY ARE NOT FULLY VACCINATED.  
5 GIVEN THE UPTICK IN THE PERCENT POSITIVITY RATE, WE WILL BE  
6 PUTTING ON HOLD ANY FURTHER CLOSURES OF TESTING SITES UNTIL  
7 THE CASE RATES PLATEAU AND AGAIN DECLINE. AND THEN FINALLY,  
8 BEFORE I CLOSE, I'LL COMMENT JUST BRIEFLY ON THE STATUS OF  
9 HOSPITALIZATIONS WITHIN D.H.S. WE HAVE SEEN A SLIGHT UPTICK IN  
10 THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN HOSPITALIZED FROM  
11 C.O.V.I.D. HOWEVER, THE NUMBERS ARE ALSO STILL THANKFULLY  
12 QUITE LOW. AS OF THIS MORNING, WE ONLY HAD 23 PATIENTS WHO ARE  
13 HOSPITALIZED THIS MORNING ACROSS THE 4 D.H.S. HOSPITALS, WHO  
14 ARE HOSPITALIZED FOR C.O.V.I.D. ALL PATIENTS, AS I MENTIONED  
15 EARLIER, WHO HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO DATE IN D.H.S.'S 4  
16 HOSPITALS ARE NOT YET FULLY VACCINATED WITH U.S.-APPROVED  
17 VACCINES. SAID A BIT DIFFERENTLY, WE HAVE NOT ADMITTED ANY  
18 SINGLE PERSON FOR C.O.V.I.D. WHO IS FULLY VACCINATED WITH  
19 EITHER THE J&J, PFIZER, OR MODERNA VACCINE. THIS REALLY IS A  
20 VERY SERIOUS ILLNESS. DEATH CAN SADLY RESULT FROM A LARGE  
21 SHARE OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE HOSPITALIZED WITH C.O.V.I.D.  
22 BUT THAT IS A PREVENTABLE OUTCOME AT THIS POINT, GIVEN THAT  
23 THE VACCINE IS SO WIDELY AVAILABLE TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE AGED  
24 12 AND OVER. SO I WOULD REALLY STRONGLY ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO  
25 THINK ABOUT GETTING THE VACCINE, IF THEY HAVEN'T YET MADE A

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1 CHOICE TO DO SO. AND AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, IF YOU HAVE  
2 RECEIVED A VACCINE, PLEASE TELL YOUR STORY TO OTHERS, AND  
3 ENCOURAGE PEOPLE WITHIN YOUR SPHERE OF INFLUENCE TO MAKE A  
4 POTENTIAL CHOICE TO GET VACCINATED. AND HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY  
5 FURTHER QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.

6

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

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. LET ME START  
11 BY ACKNOWLEDGING THE HARD WORK OF THE I.T. PROFESSIONALS THAT  
12 HAVE SERVED THE BOARD. THEY GET INVOLVED WITH THE ENTIRE  
13 COUNTY. THEY HAVE STOOD UP SYSTEMS AND MAINTAINED SYSTEMS  
14 THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC. SO I THANK THEM, BECAUSE AS WE HAVE  
15 EXPERIENCED TODAY, WHEN IT FAILS US, IT CAN BE SO FRUSTRATING.  
16 SO I WANT TO THANK THE I.T. PROFESSIONALS FOR ALL THAT THEY  
17 DO, AND LEND MY VOICE TO SAY THAT I, TOO, LOOK FORWARD TO WHEN  
18 WE DON'T HAVE TO RELY ON THIS SYSTEM, AND WE CAN SAFELY AND  
19 APPROPRIATELY MEET IN PERSON AGAIN. I WAS SITTING HERE HITTING  
20 EVERY "UNMUTE" BUTTON, AND YOU ALL STILL COULDN'T HEAR ME, SO  
21 THANKS FOR COMING TO SAVE ME, TO THE FOLKS IN I.T. VERY  
22 QUICKLY, MADAM CHAIR, TO DR. GHALY, I WANT TO APPLAUD THE  
23 HOUSING FOR HEALTH TEAMS AND ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE TO MAKE  
24 SURE THAT OUR UNHOUSED FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS HAVE HAD  
25 ACCESS TO BOTH TESTING AND VACCINES. I KNOW YOUR COMMENT THAT

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1 THE COUNTY ISN'T THE ONLY SERVICE PROVIDER VACCINATING THAT  
2 POPULATION, AND SO I AM STRUCK BY, YOU KNOW, THE DATA WE HAVE  
3 SEEN, QUITE FRANKLY, IN THE PRESS, THE FRONT PAGE OF THE L.A.  
4 TIMES ARTICLE IN THE LAST COUPLE DAYS, THAT ATTRIBUTE A  
5 SIGNIFICANT PERCENTAGE OF OUR INCREASE IN OUR CASE INCIDENTS  
6 RATE TO THE UNHOUSED. SO MY QUESTION IS, YOU KNOW, WHAT MUST  
7 WE DO, NOT ONLY THROUGH YOUR HOUSING FOR HEALTH TEAMS, BUT  
8 BROADLY ACROSS THE COUNTY, IN COLLABORATION WITH OTHERS, TO  
9 INCREASE THE VACCINATION RATES AMONG THAT POPULATION? AND WE  
10 TALKED A LOT ABOUT OUTREACH EFFORTS, THE DOOR-TO-DOOR WORK,  
11 LOOKING AT THE, YOU KNOW, ETHNIC DISPARITIES. BUT WHAT ARE WE  
12 GOING TO DO TO REALLY INCREASE VACCINATION RATES AMONG OUR  
13 UNHOUSED? WHAT CAN WE DO?

14

15 **DR. GHALY:** THANKS, SUPERVISOR, FOR THAT QUESTION. I AM HAPPY  
16 TO START, AND THEN I DON'T KNOW IF DR. DAVIS WANTS TO ADD IN.  
17 I THINK THAT THE SOLUTIONS TO HOW TO GET HIGHER UPTAKE AMONG  
18 THE POPULATION THAT IS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IS REALLY  
19 QUITE SIMILAR TO WHAT WE NEED TO DO AMONG THE GENERAL  
20 POPULATION. THOSE RELATIONSHIPS REALLY MATTER. AND A LOT OF  
21 TIMES, INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ON THE STREETS OR LIVING IN  
22 SHELTERS HAVE TRUSTED RELATIONSHIPS WITH CASE MANAGERS, OR  
23 RELATIONSHIPS THAT CAN BE DEVELOPED THROUGH STREET OUTREACH  
24 WORKERS AND CASE MANAGERS, AND REALLY TRYING TO USE THOSE  
25 RELATIONSHIPS IN A WAY THAT CAN PRESENT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE

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1 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASK THEIR  
2 QUESTIONS, TO GET FACT-BASED INFORMATION ABOUT THE VACCINE, TO  
3 BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO JUST TALK THROUGH THEIR CONCERNS, EVEN  
4 OVER MULTIPLE CONVERSATIONS AND MULTIPLE ENCOUNTERS. THAT IS  
5 WHAT WE'VE FOUND, THROUGH OUR HOMELESS HOUSING FOR HEALTH  
6 STREET OUTREACH TEAMS, TO BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE, IS JUST THOSE  
7 ONE-ON-ONE CONVERSATIONS. IT IS VERY LABOR INTENSIVE. IT IS  
8 NOT ALWAYS VERY FAST. IT TAKES TIME. BUT THAT HAS BEEN THE  
9 BEST THING THAT HAS REALLY HELPED. YOU KNOW, WE ARE ALSO  
10 LOOKING AT OTHER THINGS, SUCH AS PROVIDING INCENTIVES,  
11 ADDITIONAL GIFT CARDS, AND OTHER THINGS, BUT I REALLY THINK A  
12 LOT OF IT COMES DOWN TO THOSE ONE-ON-ONE INDIVIDUAL  
13 RELATIONSHIPS.

14  
15 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. DR. DAVIS, ANYTHING YOU'D  
16 WANT TO ADD BEFORE I MOVE ON TO MY NEXT QUESTION?

17  
18 **DR. DAVIS:** JUST REALLY QUICKLY, I THINK YOUR COMMENT ABOUT  
19 PEOPLE FEELING LIKE THE CASES ARE LARGELY DRIVEN IN THAT  
20 GROUP, THEY ARE NOT. THE THOUSANDS CASES WE ARE TALKING ABOUT,  
21 THEY ARE REALLY NOWHERE NEAR HIGH, IN TERMS OF DRIVING THAT  
22 RATE. SO, JUST TO PUT THAT IN PERSPECTIVE.

23  
24 **SUP. MITCHELL:** OH, OKAY. THANK YOU, BECAUSE THAT WAS NOT THE  
25 IMPRESSION I GOT; AT LEAST, FROM ONE ARTICLE THAT I READ THIS

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1 WEEK. SECONDLY, THAT IS GOOD TO HEAR. IN RESPONSE TO  
2 SUPERVISOR HAHN'S QUESTION ABOUT THE DOOR-TO-DOOR, I COULDN'T  
3 AGREE MORE THAT THE INFLUENCERS AND OTHER TRUSTED SOURCES, I  
4 THINK, ARE REALLY IMPORTANT, AND I'M HOPING THAT THE COUNTY  
5 WILL DO WHAT THE STATE IS GOING TO DO. WHEN SECRETARY YOLANDA  
6 RICHARDSON WAS HERE ABOUT A MONTH OR SO AGO NOW, AND SPENT A  
7 DAY DOING DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS WITH SOME OF THE C.B.O.S THAT  
8 THE STATE HAD CONTRACTED WITH, HER TAKEAWAY AND "AHA" MOMENT  
9 WAS THAT IT'S THIS KIND OF COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZING THAT WE  
10 RELY ON, FOR A VARIETY OF ISSUES AND REASONS. AND SO SHE  
11 TALKED ABOUT THE STATE, THAT SHE WAS COMMITTING TO THOSE  
12 C.B.O.S, THAT SHE WOULD CONTINUE THEIR CONTRACTS. BECAUSE,  
13 YOU KNOW, A YEAR FROM NOW, WE MAY NEED TO CONTINUE TO DO DOOR-  
14 TO-DOOR EDUCATION AROUND, PERHAPS, THE NEXT VARIANT, OR EVEN  
15 THE IMPORTANCE OF FLU SHOTS. COMING UP ON FLU SEASON. SO I AM  
16 HOPING THAT THE COUNTY WILL CONTINUE TO FIGURE OUT A WAY THAT  
17 WE CAN CONTINUE TO PARTNER WITH THESE 400-PLUS C.B.O.S, WHERE  
18 WE ARE DOING THE POP-UP VACCINATION SITES AND THE DOOR-TO-DOOR  
19 OUTREACH. BECAUSE FOR THEM TO HIRE OUTREACH SPECIALISTS TO  
20 TRAIN, I THINK WE IN GOVERNMENT, COUNTY AND STATE LEVEL, WILL  
21 CONTINUE TO RELY ON AND NEED THAT KIND OF COMMUNITY-BASED  
22 INTERMEDIARY, IF YOU WILL, TO COMMUNICATE NECESSARY PUBLIC  
23 HEALTH MESSAGES. SO I'M REALLY HOPING THE COUNTY WILL CONSIDER  
24 CONTINUING, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, SPECIFICALLY, AND  
25 D.H.S., TO MAINTAIN THOSE CONTRACTS TO THOSE COMMUNITY-BASED

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1 ORGANIZATIONS, WHO WILL STILL HAVE OUR SUPPORT TO DO THAT  
2 WORK. MY LAST QUESTION, DR. DAVIS, IT'S FOR YOU. YOUR SCREEN  
3 ON THE CASE INCIDENCE RATE AND THE RATE OF INCREASE WAS  
4 REALLY VERY SOBERING. VERY SOBERING. AND SO WE KNOW WE'VE GOT  
5 TO DO ALL THAT WE CAN TO GET FOLKS VACCINATED. BUT PEOPLE  
6 SPEND A LOT OF TIME TALKING, FOLKS WHO CALL OUR OFFICES, IN  
7 THE PRESS, CONCERNED ABOUT THE BREAKTHROUGH RATES FOR THOSE  
8 WHO ARE VACCINATED, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO THE DELTA  
9 VARIANT. I AM WONDERING IF THE BREAKTHROUGH RATES ACTUALLY  
10 HAVE EXCEEDED WHAT YOU ANTICIPATED THE TYPICAL CORONA VACCINE  
11 FAILURE RATES TO BE. HAS IT EXCEEDED WHAT WE HEARD? I THINK  
12 THE VACCINE WAS 98 PERCENT, WHATEVER. SO, HAVE THE  
13 BREAKTHROUGH RATES EXCEEDED THAT 3 PERCENT, GIVE OR TAKE, THAT  
14 YOU WOULD HAVE ANTICIPATED, FAILURE, AS ALL VACCINES HAVE?

15

16 **DR. DAVIS:** I APPRECIATE THAT QUESTION, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.  
17 EACH OF THE VACCINES HAVE DIFFERENT EFFECTIVENESS IN THE  
18 CLINICAL TRIALS, AND WHAT WE REALLY WANTED TO SEE WAS WHAT  
19 HAPPENS IN REAL-LIFE SITUATIONS, WHERE PEOPLE ARE OUT AND  
20 ABOUT AND GOING ABOUT THEIR LIVES IN THE SAME WAY. AND I WOULD  
21 SAY THAT NO VACCINE IS 100-PERCENT EFFECTIVE. I THINK WHAT WE  
22 ARE SEEING, EVEN AS WE LOOKED AT THE SLIDE AMONG OUR FULLY  
23 VACCINATED PEOPLE, IT'S STILL MUCH BETTER THAN WHAT WE SAW, IN  
24 TERMS OF THE STUDIES, AT LEAST FOR OUR GROUP OF FOLKS. I KNOW  
25 THE STATE IS DOING AN ANALYSIS, AS WELL, BUT NOTHING, EVEN

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1 FROM THE C.D.C., HAS SAID THAT THE BREAKTHROUGH CASES ARE  
2 ANYTHING THAT IS BEYOND WHAT THEY EXPECTED, OR THAT THEY WOULD  
3 THINK MIGHT HAPPEN. AND SO THEY CONTINUE TO-- AND WE CONTINUE  
4 TO SEE SUPPORT IN THE DATA, PROMOTE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE  
5 VACCINES, AUTHORIZED FOR WHAT THEY WERE AUTHORIZED FOR. AND I  
6 WILL NOTE THAT WHEN THE EMERGENCY USE WAS AUTHORIZED, IT WAS  
7 REALLY ABOUT PREVENTING HOSPITALIZATIONS AND DEATH. AND THEN  
8 THERE WERE SUBSEQUENT STUDIES BY THE C.D.C. LOOKING BACK, AND  
9 SHOWED THAT THEY DID ALSO PROVIDE SOME SIGNIFICANT PROTECTION  
10 AGAINST GETTING INFECTED; ALTHOUGH, AGAIN, THAT IS NOT 100  
11 PERCENT, BUT THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT WASN'T IDENTIFIED IN THE  
12 STUDIES.

13  
14 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. I THINK THAT IS IMPORTANT TO  
15 COMMUNICATE, BECAUSE WE ATTEMPT TO RESPOND TO THE ISSUES  
16 PEOPLE RAISE AND THEIR REASONS FOR CHOOSING NOT TO BE  
17 VACCINATED. I THINK ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE BREAKTHROUGH, EVEN  
18 FOR THE DELTA VARIANT, IS WHAT HAS BEEN EXPECTED, BASED ON THE  
19 RESEARCH, AND THAT WAS VERY HELPFUL. MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU.

20  
21 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WANT TO THANK BOTH  
22 DR. GHALY AND DR. DAVIS. DR. DAVIS, THANK YOU FOR A GREAT  
23 PRESENTATION, AND I WANT TO THANK BOTH STAFFS, YOUR AGENCIES,  
24 FOR ALL YOU DO, AND JUST WANT TO CALL ATTENTION TO SOME OF THE  
25 UNIQUE THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING ON THE GROUND THAT MAY NOT BE

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1 GETTING A LOT OF PRESS COVERAGE, BUT HAVING MOBILE UNITS WITH  
2 VACCINE IN HAND, GOING OUT TO PLACES AS FAR AWAY AS POMONA IN  
3 MY DISTRICT, ON THE VERY FAR EAST END, AND SPENDING TIME OVER  
4 THE WEEKEND VACCINATING ALMOST 300 PEOPLE AT A SWAP MEET.  
5 UNBELIEVABLE. AND GIVING PEOPLE GIFT CARDS THAT WANTED IT. I  
6 CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO TELL YOU THE WORK THAT THE PROMOTORES DID  
7 TO HELP GET PEOPLE THERE, AS WELL. MOST WERE SPANISH SPEAKERS,  
8 IMMIGRANTS, AND FOLKS THAT JUST REALLY HAD A DIFFERENT IDEA  
9 ABOUT WHAT THE VACCINE WAS ABOUT. AND HAVING GONE BACK TWICE  
10 AND THREE TIMES NOW, PEOPLE WERE COMING AROUND, AND I WAS VERY  
11 HAPPY AND PLEASED TO HEAR THAT WE HAD CLOSE TO 300 PEOPLE SHOW  
12 UP IN POMONA. BUT THOSE KINDS OF EFFORTS ARE WORKING. WE ALSO  
13 HAD A MOBILE UNIT GO OUT TO ONE OF OUR LOCAL CHURCHES IN THE  
14 UNION-PACIFIC AREA, WHICH HAS A VERY LOW VACCINATION RATE.  
15 THAT IS THE SAME AREA THAT IS IMPACTED BY THE EXIDE BATTERY  
16 RECYCLING PLANT. AND I CAN TELL YOU THAT WE HAD ABOUT 63  
17 PEOPLE WHO CAME OUT, MOST OF WHOM CAME IN THE LATE AFTERNOON.  
18 AND I JUST WANT TO ENCOURAGE OUR STAFF IF WE COULD THINK MORE  
19 ABOUT THE ESSENTIAL WORKERS THAT CAN'T MAKE IT BETWEEN 8:00 TO  
20 5:00, AND THAT WE ALLOW FOR STAFF TO WORK AT DIFFERENT HOURS,  
21 MAYBE 5:00 TO 8:00 IN THE EVENING, ON WEEKNIGHTS OR FRIDAY,  
22 AND THEN PERHAPS ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. I KNOW THAT IS ASKING  
23 A LOT, BUT PERHAPS SHIFTING OUR FOCUS ALSO ON SUNDAYS, WHEN  
24 PEOPLE ARE OUT ATTENDING MASS, OR ATTENDING SOCCER GAMES, OR  
25 JUST OUT AT OUR PARKS AFTER DARK EVENTS. I REALLY DO THINK WE

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1 COULD BE UTILIZING OUR STAFF. AND IF THERE'S A SHORTAGE IN  
2 SOME WAY, PERHAPS WE CAN FOCUS IN ON OUR DISASTER WORKER TEAMS  
3 THAT HAVE BEEN SO GREAT AND HELPFUL IN PROVIDING FOOD  
4 DISTRIBUTION, AS WELL AS C.O.V.I.D. TESTING, THAT COULD  
5 POSSIBLY BE UTILIZED IN THAT MANNER. I KNOW I'VE HAD A  
6 DISCUSSION WITH THE C.E.O. ABOUT IT, AND I HOPE THAT WE CAN  
7 LOOK FORWARD TO THIS, BECAUSE I DO BELIEVE WE ARE GOING TO SEE  
8 A CONTINUED INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF THE DELTA VARIANT IN OUR  
9 LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, AS YOU HAVE ALREADY STATED.  
10 BUT I WANT TO THANK BOTH OF YOU, AND HOPE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE  
11 TO TRY TO GET THE INFORMATION AS CLEARLY AS WE CAN; THAT THE  
12 BEST WAY TO NOT END UP IN THE HOSPITAL AND GETTING ILL OR SICK  
13 OR LOSING YOUR LIFE IS BY BEING ONE OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS  
14 THAT'S VACCINATED. SO THANK YOU, BOTH. AND IF THERE AREN'T ANY  
15 OTHER QUESTIONS, IF THERE ARE ANY OTHER MEMBERS-- KATHRYN  
16 BARGER, I WANT TO RESPECT YOU, IF YOU WANTED TO ASK A  
17 QUESTION, AND IF NOT, THAT IS FINE.

18  
19 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. ACTUALLY, I HAVE ONE QUESTION. I THINK  
20 SHEILA HAD MENTIONED IT, AND I GUESS MAYBE TO DR. DAVIS. IN  
21 TERMS OF THE DELTA VARIANTS, AND YOU MAY HAVE SAID THIS, BUT  
22 THE NUMBER OF CASES GOING UP-- AND I THINK YOU SAID IT WAS OUT  
23 OF FIVE CASES, FOUR ARE THE DELTA VARIANTS. I SAW IT IN ONE OF  
24 DR. FERRER'S MEMOS. ISN'T IT THE UNVACCINATED THAT ARE

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1 CONTINUING THE MOMENTUM, IN TERMS OF THE NUMBERS INCREASING,  
2 EVEN TO THOSE THAT ARE VACCINATED?

3

4 **DR. DAVIS:** YEAH. I MEAN, THIS IS LARGELY UNVACCINATED PEOPLE.  
5 THE BREAKTHROUGH CASES, WHEN WE LOOK AT THE SPECIMENS FROM  
6 OVER 7,000 PEOPLE WHO HAVE INFECTIONS AND HAD THEIR SAMPLES  
7 SEQUENCED TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF THE VIRUS THEY HAD, OVER 90  
8 PERCENT OF THOSE CASES ARE UNVACCINATED PEOPLE OR NOT FULLY  
9 VACCINATED PEOPLE. SO THE VACCINES, AGAIN, HAVE BEEN VERY  
10 PROTECTIVE IN THIS REGARD. WE DO HAVE TO TAKE THIS UNDER  
11 CONSIDERATION, THAT NOT EVERY CASE GETS TO BE SEQUENCED. BUT  
12 BY FAR, WHAT WE ARE HEARING, IN TERMS OF PEOPLE ENDING UP IN  
13 THE HOSPITAL, WHAT WE'RE SEEING IN TERMS OF THIS DATA, AND  
14 WHAT WE'RE HEARING FROM ACROSS THE NATION IN TERMS OF THE  
15 C.D.C. DATA, THIS IS LARGELY DRIVEN BY UNVACCINATED PEOPLE.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER:** SO THE LONGER THAT WE DON'T GET PEOPLE VACCINATED  
18 AND THE NUMBERS INCREASE, WHAT IS THE PROBABILITY OF MORE OF A  
19 MUTATION WITHIN L.A. COUNTY, OR JUST ACROSS THE BOARD?

20

21 **DR. DAVIS:** YEAH, I APPRECIATE THAT. THAT'S ALWAYS BEEN A  
22 CONCERN. EVERY INFECTION COULD LEAD TO A MUTATION OR A CHANGE  
23 IN THE VIRUS. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT MUTATION WILL ULTIMATELY  
24 BE, IF IT IS MORE INFECTIOUS, MEANING IT'S SPREAD MORE EASILY,  
25 OR IF IT WILL CAUSE MORE SEVERE DISEASE. SO THE GOAL IS TO TRY

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1 TO STOP AS MANY INFECTIONS AS POSSIBLE, TO REDUCE THAT RISK  
2 THAT WE HAVE SOMETHING THAT IS MORE SEVERE THAN WHAT WE'RE  
3 SEEING NOW, EVEN WITH THE DELTA VARIANT. AND BEFORE, IT WAS  
4 WITH THE ALPHA VARIANT, OR THE U.K. VARIANT. AND SO THE DELTA  
5 VARIANT HAS BEATEN OUT THIS ONE. WE DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO  
6 BEAT OUT THE DELTA VARIANT.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU BOTH, DR.  
11 GHALY AND DR. DAVIS, FOR YOUR PRESENTATIONS. MEMBERS, THIS IS  
12 A RECEIVE-AND-FILE. SO, HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE  
13 THE ORDER. OKAY, MEMBERS, HOW WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON TO ITEM  
14 NUMBER TWO, WHICH IS REVISITING THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON  
15 CANNABIS REGULATION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHICH WAS HELD BY  
16 SUPERVISOR HAHN; AND THEN ITEM 10, ENHANCED ENFORCEMENT  
17 AGAINST WATER THEFT AND ILLEGAL CANNABIS GROWS IN THE ANTELOPE  
18 VALLEY, AND ILLEGAL CANNABIS DISPENSARIES IN UNINCORPORATED  
19 AREAS, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. SO WE WILL BEGIN  
20 WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN, WITH ITEM NUMBER TWO.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
23 SOLIS, FOR CO-AUTHORING THIS ITEM 2 WITH ME. 4 AND A HALF  
24 YEARS AGO, THE VOTERS OF CALIFORNIA APPROVED PROP 64,  
25 LEGALIZING RECREATIONAL CANNABIS IN CALIFORNIA. PROP 64 PASSED

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1 WITH A PRETTY SIGNIFICANT MARGIN, ESPECIALLY HERE IN L.A.  
2 COUNTY, WHERE ALMOST 60 PERCENT OF THE VOTERS APPROVED THE  
3 MEASURE. BUT WHILE PROP 64 DECRIMINALIZED THE USE OF CANNABIS  
4 STATEWIDE, IT LEFT IT UP TO LOCAL JURISDICTIONS TO ALLOW  
5 PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION IN THEIR OWN AREAS. SO IN 2017,  
6 THIS BOARD ENACTED A BAN ON COMMERCIAL CANNABIS IN THE  
7 UNINCORPORATED AREAS, TO BUY US SOME TIME TO FIGURE OUT ALL  
8 THE DETAILS. WE CREATED THE OFFICE OF CANNABIS MANAGEMENT, WHO  
9 THEN PUT TOGETHER THE CANNABIS ADVISORY WORKING GROUP, AND WE  
10 HEARD FROM SOME OF THOSE PEOPLE DURING PUBLIC COMMENT. THIS  
11 ADVISORY GROUP WORKED REALLY HARD AND PUT TOGETHER A DETAILED  
12 REPORT WITH 64 RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHAT THE LEGALIZATION  
13 PROCESS COULD LOOK LIKE. BUT WHEN THE REPORT WAS PRESENTED TO  
14 THE BOARD, MANY OF US, INCLUDING MYSELF, STILL DIDN'T FEEL  
15 READY TO REMOVE THE BAN. AND I ADMIT, THERE WERE JUST STILL  
16 TOO MANY QUESTIONS AND TOO MANY UNCERTAINTIES, AND I DIDN'T  
17 WANT TO RUSH THE PROCESS BEFORE WE WERE READY. AND I HAD HEARD  
18 FROM MANY OF MY CONSTITUENTS, WHO ALSO WEREN'T READY FOR US TO  
19 TAKE ANY ACTION. SO WE PUT THAT REPORT ON THE SHELF, AND IT  
20 STAYED THERE, COLLECTING DUST, SINCE 2017. BUT I THINK, NOW,  
21 IT'S BEEN ENOUGH TIME. WE HAVE SEEN HOW LEGALIZATION PLAYS  
22 OUT, AND WE'VE SEEN THE REST OF THE COUNTRY MOVE IN THE  
23 DIRECTION OF LEGALIZING, TAXING, AND REGULATING CANNABIS. AND  
24 SO MAYBE IT IS TIME FOR US TO JOIN THEM. AND, OF COURSE,  
25 PROVIDING A LEGAL PATHWAY FOR PEOPLE TO GROW, PRODUCE, AND

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1 SELL CANNABIS CAN HELP US TACKLE THE ILLEGAL MARKET, BY GIVING  
2 THEM A LEGAL OPTION INSTEAD OF SIMPLY INCREASING CRIMINAL  
3 PENALTIES, LIKE WAS DONE IN THE PAST; AND BECAUSE, AS  
4 SUPERVISOR BARGER SAID AT THE LAST BOARD MEETING, THAT ILLEGAL  
5 GROWS AND THE ILLEGAL DISPENSARIES ARE STILL A SERIOUS ISSUE,  
6 AND THAT IS WHY WE'RE VOTING ON HER AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S  
7 MOTION TO TACKLE THE ISSUE OF ILLEGAL CANNABIS, PARTICULARLY  
8 GROWING IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU,  
9 SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR WORKING WITH US ON THAT MOTION TO GET  
10 IT TO A PLACE THAT I CAN FULLY SUPPORT. AT THE LAST BOARD  
11 MEETING, I TALKED ABOUT MY CONCERN THAT PURSUING AN INCREASE  
12 IN CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR CANNABIS OFFENSES WOULD BE A STEP  
13 BACKWARDS, TOWARDS THE ERA OF OVERLY CRIMINALIZING CANNABIS  
14 CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION, ESPECIALLY WHEN THIS BOARD HASN'T  
15 ALLOWED FOR A LEGAL PATHWAY. SO I THINK THE REVISED MOTION IN  
16 FRONT OF US RIGHT NOW IS MUCH BETTER, BECAUSE IT FOCUSES ON  
17 ENFORCEMENT OF EXISTING LAWS AND REGULATIONS, ESPECIALLY WHEN  
18 IT COMES TO WATER THEFT AND WATER POLLUTION. AND I THINK IT  
19 GOES HAND-IN-HAND WITH THIS MOTION, BECAUSE PROVIDING A LEGAL  
20 PATHWAY FOR CANNABIS GROWING, PRODUCTION, AND DISTRIBUTION  
21 MIGHT ALLOW US TO BETTER REGULATE THE COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY, AND  
22 COULD EVEN PROVIDE US WITH NEW ENFORCEMENT TOOLS. SO I THINK  
23 IT IS TIME FOR US TO TAKE THAT REPORT OFF THE SHELF. IT WAS  
24 AMAZING TO LISTEN TO-- I KNOW MY COMMISSIONER, MALLAHAT,  
25 CALLED IN AND SAID THAT IT WAS INCREDIBLE THAT THEY CAME TO

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1 CONSENSUS ON 64 RECOMMENDATIONS, BECAUSE IT WAS A VERY DIVERSE  
2 WORKING GROUP. THEY CAME FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE, AND THE FACT  
3 THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO FIND CONSENSUS ON 64 RECOMMENDATIONS IS  
4 SOMETHING I THINK WE SHOULD TAKE NOTE OF. AND SO MY MOTION  
5 TODAY, ALONG WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WILL DIRECT THE  
6 OFFICE OF CANNABIS MANAGEMENT TO RECONVENE A GROUP OF ALL THE  
7 RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS, LIKE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH,  
8 THE TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR, AND THE NEW ANTIRACISM,  
9 DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION INITIATIVE, TO REVISIT THAT  
10 RECOMMENDATION REPORT. WE ARE ASKING THAT THEY SPEND TIME  
11 REVIEWING THE REPORT, AND THEN REPORT BACK TO US WITH UPDATED  
12 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CANNABIS RETAIL, MANUFACTURING,  
13 DISTRIBUTION, GROWTH, TESTING, REGULATION, AND ENFORCEMENT.  
14 THE UPDATED RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD BE ROOTED IN AN EQUITY  
15 FRAMEWORK, AND SHOULD REVIEW BEST PRACTICES AND TAKE INTO  
16 ACCOUNT LESSONS LEARNED OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS. I KNOW MANY  
17 OF US WERE UNEASY BACK IN 2018 WHEN WE DECLINED TO REMOVE THE  
18 COMMERCIAL CANNABIS BAN, BUT I THINK IT IS AT LEAST TIME TO  
19 REVISIT THAT CONVERSATION AND THINK HOW WE CAN SAFELY  
20 IMPLEMENT THE WILL OF THE VOTERS WHEN THEY APPROVED PROP 64.  
21 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

22  
23 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. JUST AS A REMINDER TO THE  
24 MEMBERS, WE ARE GOING TO HEAR THE TWO ITEMS, AND WE'LL HEAR  
25 FROM THE AUTHOR AND CO-AUTHORS, AND THEN WE WILL GO INTO

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1 QUESTIONS. SO WITH THAT, I WANT TO RECOGNIZE MYSELF, AND WANT  
2 TO ALSO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR BRINGING THIS VERY TIMELY  
3 MOTION FORWARD, AND I WANT TO THANK HER FOR ALLOWING ME TO  
4 JOIN HER AS CO-AUTHOR. I ALSO WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS BARGER  
5 AND KUEHL FOR THEIR MOTION REGARDING ILLEGAL CANNABIS  
6 ENFORCEMENT. WITH BOTH OF THESE MOTIONS IN FRONT OF THE BOARD,  
7 IN MY OPINION, IT IS EVIDENT THAT THE BOARD IS ALIGNED TO  
8 ADDRESS THE GROWING NUMBER OF ILLEGAL CANNABIS DISPENSARIES  
9 AND GROWERS. THEY ARE PRESENTING CHALLENGES, PARTICULARLY TO  
10 OUR RESIDENTS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. AND ESPECIALLY IN  
11 MY DISTRICT, THE ILLEGAL CANNABIS OPERATIONS HAVE CAUSED MUCH  
12 NUISANCE, AND CLOSE TO 50 OPERATIONS JUST IN EAST L.A. ALONE,  
13 THAT ARE BEING MONITORED. BUT WE HAVE A PROBLEM THERE, BECAUSE  
14 ONCE WE DO GO IN AND IDENTIFY ONE AREA, WE SEE THAT, AS SOON  
15 AS WE TRY TO CLOSE THAT DOWN IN SOME MANNER, THEY POP UP  
16 SOMEWHERE ELSE. SO, AGAIN, IT IS THAT REVOLVING DOOR, THE  
17 WHACK-A-MOLE PROBLEM THAT WE'VE TALKED ABOUT FOR MANY YEARS.  
18 SO I THINK THAT THE COUNTY DOES NEED ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE  
19 POWERS TO KEEP OUR CONSTITUENTS, AND ESPECIALLY OUR YOUTH  
20 PROTECTED. IT IS A PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY MATTER. AND WE  
21 ALSO NEED TO LOOK AT HOW WE REGULATE CANNABIS. SINCE THE  
22 PASSAGE OF PROP 64 IN 2016, LEGALIZING RECREATIONAL CANNABIS  
23 IN CALIFORNIA, THERE HAS BEEN A CONTINUED SHIFT AGAINST  
24 CRIMINALIZING, AND TOWARD HOW JURISDICTIONS REGULATE THE USE  
25 OF CANNABIS. I KNOW THAT IS TRUE EVEN IN THE SAN GABRIEL

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1 VALLEY, IN CITIES THAT I REPRESENT. IN L.A. COUNTY, THE BOARD  
2 ESTABLISHED, AS YOU KNOW, THE OFFICE OF CANNABIS MANAGEMENT  
3 ADVISORY WORKING GROUP ON CANNABIS REGULATION TO LOOK AT HOW  
4 CANNABIS REGULATION COULD WORK IN UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY.  
5 AND THOUGH THE BOARD DID NOT MOVE FORWARD, AS YOU KNOW, ON 64  
6 RECOMMENDATIONS LAID OUT BY THE WORK GROUP, GIVEN THE  
7 OBSTACLES AROUND ILLEGAL CANNABIS GROWERS AND DISPENSARIES, IT  
8 IS HIGH TIME THAT THE COUNTY REVIEWS THE REPORT AGAIN AND DUST  
9 IT OFF. THE CITIES OF L.A. AND LONG BEACH ALLOW FOR COMMERCIAL  
10 CANNABIS, WHICH APPEARS TO BE SUCCESSFUL. AND AS WE LOOK AT  
11 OTHER FORMS OF ENFORCEMENT AND ADDRESS THE MOUNTING WATER  
12 THEFT, IT IS CRITICAL TO HAVE OUR COUNTY STAKEHOLDERS,  
13 INCLUDING OUR NEW ANTIRACISM, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION  
14 INITIATIVE, REVIEW THE REPORT AND UPDATE THE PRIOR 64  
15 RECOMMENDATIONS, AND/OR PRESENT NEW ONES TO THE BOARD FOR  
16 FURTHER REVIEW. WE DEFINITELY NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS IS A  
17 FAIR AND EQUITABLE PROCESS, SO I WANT TO UPLIFT THE MOTION,  
18 AUTHORED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND I WOULD REQUIRE  
19 RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE ROOTED IN EQUITY. WE NEED TO STRIKE A  
20 BALANCE BETWEEN PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, AND WE CANNOT ARREST  
21 OUR WAY THROUGH ALL OF THIS. BUT WE CAN ENFORCE, WHEN  
22 NECESSARY, AND FIND WAYS TO REGULATE. SO THANK YOU. NEXT,  
23 UNLESS SUPERVISOR MITCHELL WANTS TO SPEAK ON ITEM 2, OR WAIT  
24 UNTIL WE HEAR FROM THE AUTHORS OF ITEM 10. OKAY, LET'S GO  
25 AHEAD AND HEAR FROM SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND ALSO FROM, THEN,

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1 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WHO IS THE CO-AUTHOR, AND THEN I WILL TURN  
2 IT OVER FOR QUESTIONS THAT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL MAY HAVE. THANK  
3 YOU.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN  
6 AND YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR BRINGING THIS ISSUE FORWARD TODAY. I  
7 THINK THAT WE WERE ON TRACK UPON THE PASSING OF THE  
8 PROPOSITION TO BEGIN TO PUT SOMETHING IN PLACE, AS IT RELATES  
9 TO LEGAL CANNABIS DISPENSARIES, AND THE COLE MEMORANDUM WAS  
10 PULLED BY... I THINK IT WAS SESSIONS, WHICH REALLY WOULD HAVE  
11 INDEMNIFIED ALL LOCAL JURISDICTIONS, BECAUSE IT IS STILL  
12 CONSIDERED A FEDERAL SCHEDULE-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE. AND SO I  
13 AM ASSUMING-- AND I'M GUESSING COUNTY COUNSEL, THAT THAT HAS  
14 BEEN LIFTED OR REINSTATED, THAT MEMORANDUM, INDEMNIFYING? ROD?

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16 **RODRIGO CASTRO-SILVA:** SO, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. SO, THE  
17 MEMORANDUM DID NOT INDEMNIFY LOCAL JURISDICTIONS, BUT IT MADE  
18 IT CLEAR THAT LOCAL U.S. ATTORNEYS' OFFICES--

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** WOULDN'T PROSECUTE.

21

22 **RODRIGO CASTRO-SILVA:** IT DIDN'T MAKE IT ABSOLUTELY CLEAR, BUT  
23 YES, THAT WAS THE INTENT OF THAT MEMORANDUM.

24

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, HAS THAT BEEN REINSTATED? BECAUSE THAT'S WHY  
2 I THINK WE PUT IT ON HOLD, BECAUSE I AM ALL FOR MOVING  
3 FORWARD. IT'S NOT GOING TO ADDRESS THE ILLEGAL GROWERS, BUT I  
4 THINK, FOR ALL OF US THAT HAVE ILLEGAL CANNABIS DISPENSARIES  
5 UP, IT WILL AT LEAST ALLOW US TO HAVE A ROADMAP, MOVING  
6 FORWARD. DO WE KNOW IF THAT MEMORANDUM HAS BEEN REINSTATED?

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8 **RODRIGO CASTRO-SILVA:** I DON'T KNOW IF THE COLE MEMORANDUM HAS  
9 BEEN REINSTATED, BUT I'M PRETTY CERTAIN THAT THE SESSIONS MEMO  
10 HAS BEEN RESCINDED. I WILL TAKE A LOOK AT THAT, SUPERVISOR,  
11 AND REPORT BACK ON THAT, AND LET YOUR OFFICE KNOW.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** PERFECT, BECAUSE I BELIEVE WE DO NEED TO MOVE  
14 FORWARD. WITH THAT SAID, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE A FRIENDLY  
15 AMENDMENT TO MODIFY THE DIRECTIVE SLIGHTLY, THAT THE UPDATED  
16 RECOMMENDATION SHOULD BE ROOTED IN AN EQUITY FRAMEWORK, AND  
17 SHOULD REVIEW BEST PRACTICES TO CONSIDER LESSONS LEARNED FROM  
18 JURISDICTIONS THAT HAVE LEGALIZED COMMERCIAL CANNABIS, BECAUSE  
19 OF WHAT I'VE I LEARNED IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, INCLUDING  
20 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS TO BIOLOGICAL, ECOLOGICAL, AND WATER  
21 RESOURCES. SO I WOULD ASK THAT, AT THE END OF YOUR MOTION  
22 UNDER THE [INAUDIBLE], THAT IT INCLUDE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS  
23 TO BIOLOGICAL, ECOLOGICAL, AND WATER RESOURCES, IF YOU WOULD  
24 ACCEPT THAT.

25

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1    **SUP. HAHN:** I WOULD ACCEPT THAT, SUPERVISOR BARGER.

2

3    **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY. AND THEN, AS IT RELATES TO ITEM NUMBER 10,  
4    AGAIN, THE WHACK-A-MOLE PROBLEM OF THE ILLEGAL CANNABIS  
5    DISPENSARIES, AND NOW ILLEGAL CANNABIS GROWS POPPING UP  
6    THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, HAS BEEN EXACERBATED BY THE LACK OF  
7    REGULATING AND HAVING AN ORDINANCE IN PLAY. THE COUNTY SHOULD  
8    REVISIT PREVIOUS REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, AND WE HOPE THAT  
9    WE CAN COME UP WITH A FRAMEWORK THAT MEETS THE WILL OF THE  
10    VOTERS WITHOUT DISRUPTING THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF OUR  
11    COMMUNITIES. SPECIFICALLY, I WANT TO ENSURE THAT THE REVISED  
12    RECOMMENDATIONS [INAUDIBLE] CANNABIS FARMS AND GROWS IN  
13    SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREAS, BETTER KNOWN AS S.E.A.S. IN  
14    ADDITION, AS THE STATE ENTERS ANOTHER POTENTIAL DROUGHT  
15    EMERGENCY, WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT THE NEW ACTIVITY DOES NOT  
16    FURTHER EXACERBATE WATER SCARCITY. THE NEW LAND USE USES  
17    SHOULD ONLY BE ALLOWED IN AREAS OF THE COUNTY WHERE IDENTIFIED  
18    WATER SUPPLY INFRASTRUCTURE IS CURRENTLY BUILT OUT, OR WHERE  
19    WATER RIGHTS ARE IDENTIFIED. IN MANY AREAS OF THE COUNTY, NEW  
20    RESIDENTIAL USES CANNOT BE BUILT, BECAUSE OF THE STATE OF  
21    CALIFORNIA, WHICH HAS RESTRICTED THE USE OF TRUCKING OR  
22    HAULING WATER FOR NEW USES. FINALLY, AS WE REVISIT THE  
23    RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS REPORT AND APPLY AN EQUITY  
24    LENS, WE MUST ENSURE THAT WE PRESENT ANY POTENTIAL  
25    OVERCONCENTRATION OF CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS AND GROWS,

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1 COUNTYWIDE. SPECIFICALLY, I HOPE THAT THIS REVIEW LOOKS AT THE  
2 RECOMMENDED BUFFERS FOR SENSITIVE USES, AND ADAPTS THEM TO THE  
3 WAY WE CURRENTLY DEFINE SENSITIVE USES. THIS IS ESPECIALLY  
4 RELEVANT IN THE MORE RURAL COMMUNITIES OF THE 5TH DISTRICT,  
5 WHERE DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS CAN DIFFER FROM THE DENSER PATTERNS  
6 IN URBAN AREAS. WITH RESPECT TO ITEM NUMBER 10, THE  
7 CONVERSATION IS BROUGHT FORTH ON THE HEELS OF MULTIPLE  
8 NATIONAL MEDIA REPORTS HIGHLIGHTING THE ILLEGAL MARIJUANA  
9 CRISIS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, AND QUITE FRANKLY IN THE SAN  
10 BERNARDINO AND KERN COUNTIES, AS WELL. AND THOSE THIS MOTION  
11 DOES FOCUS ON THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, MAKE NO MISTAKE-- AND I  
12 SAID THIS TWO WEEKS AGO-- ILLEGAL MARIJUANA GROWS ARE  
13 SOMETHING THAT IMPACTS THE ENTIRE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.  
14 ILLEGAL GROWERS ARE USING UNREGULATED CHEMICALS TO PROCESS  
15 MARIJUANA, SELLING PRODUCTS TO LEGAL AND ILLEGAL DISPENSARIES  
16 AND OUTSIDE THE L.A. BASIN, ENDANGERING CANNABIS USERS.  
17 FURTHER, WHEN EXAMINING THE IMPACT OF ILLEGAL GROWERS OUTSIDE  
18 OF CONSUMER HEALTH, WE CANNOT OVERLOOK THE IMPACT THIS THREAT  
19 HAD ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING, IN ADDITION TO THE REAL-ESTATE  
20 MARKET. ILLEGAL GROWERS TRAFFIC IN LABORERS WHO ASSIST IN THE  
21 CANNABIS CULTIVATION IN BOTH OUTDOOR AND INDOOR GROWS. OUTDOOR  
22 GROWS EXPAND OVER MULTIPLE AREAS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE VALLEY,  
23 SURROUNDED BY DEBRIS AND TRASH, WHILE INDOOR GROWS HAVE TAKEN  
24 OVER HOMES IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS, CONVERTING FAMILY HOMES INTO  
25 SUBURBAN CANNABIS FARMS. WHILE MY OFFICE HAS MADE ATTEMPTS

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1 ENHANCING THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS MATTER THROUGH OUR PARTNERS  
2 WITH THE VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, THIS MOTION TAKES  
3 DEFINITIVE STEPS AT ENABLING THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM TO TAKE  
4 ACTION. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR JOINING ME IN  
5 RECOGNIZING THIS SIGNIFICANT THREAT AND THE NEED TO TAKE  
6 ACTION TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS, AND  
7 ENSURING BASIC WATER NECESSITIES. I'LL JUST CLOSE WITH SAYING,  
8 BEYOND THAT, I HAVE SEEN PICTURES AND ACTUALLY HAD PEOPLE  
9 REPORT ABOUT THE DEATH OF WILDLIFE THAT HAS COME IN CONTACT  
10 WITH THE ILLEGAL TOXINS BEING USED-- THE PESTICIDES. AND AT  
11 LEAST TWO BEARS WERE FOUND DEAD ADJACENT TO A MARIJUANA GROW,  
12 BECAUSE THEY CAME IN CONTACT WITH ILLEGAL PESTICIDES THAT WERE  
13 BEING USED TO GROW THE MARIJUANA. SO IF IT'S KILLING OUR  
14 WILDLIFE, IMAGINE WHAT IT'S DOING TO THOSE THAT ARE COMING IN  
15 CONTACT WITH IT, ONCE IT'S PUT ON THE MARKET, UP FOR SALE. SO  
16 WITH THAT, AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR BRINGING BOTH OF  
17 THESE ISSUES TO THE FOREFRONT. THE TIME HAS COME FOR US TO  
18 TAKE A STANCE, BOTH ON A PATHWAY FOR THE LEGAL SALE, BUT ALSO  
19 ADDRESSING THE ILLEGAL GROWS THAT ARE TAKING PLACE. THANK YOU,  
20 MADAM CHAIR.

21  
22 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR CO-AUTHOR IS RECOGNIZED.  
23 SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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1    **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO THANK  
2    SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR ALLOWING ME TO CO-AUTHOR THIS REWRITTEN  
3    MOTION, AND EVEN MORE FOR WORKING COLLABORATIVELY TO ADDRESS A  
4    NUMBER OF CONCERNS RAISED BY ALL OF HER COLLEAGUES WHEN THE  
5    MOTION FIRST CAME ON THE I AGENDA. I WAS THE ORIGINAL CO-  
6    AUTHOR, WITH JOHN VASCONCELLOS, OF THE ITEM THAT WENT ON THE  
7    BALLOT TO LEGALIZE THE USE AND SALE OF MARIJUANA IN  
8    CALIFORNIA. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN IMPORTANT TO ME,  
9    IN TERMS OF NOT DEMONIZING CANNABIS MORE THAN WE DEMONIZE  
10   ALCOHOL, BUT RATHER REGULATING IT. HOWEVER, AT THE SAME TIME,  
11   I THINK IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT ORGANIZED  
12   CRIME IS STILL ALIVE AND WELL IN THE UNITED STATES, IN  
13   CALIFORNIA, AND IN WANTING TO REALLY CORNER THIS MARKET. AND  
14   THE ACTIONS, ESPECIALLY A LITTLE BIT NORTH OF US, IN COUNTIES  
15   NORTH OF US, WHICH WE JUST READ ABOUT TWICE, ACTUALLY, LAST  
16   WEEK IN OUR PAPER, AND THE KIND OF WATER THEFT AND BULLYING  
17   AND, FRANKLY, FEARMONGERING AMONG PEOPLE WHO WANT TO CONTROL  
18   THIS MARKET ALSO HAD TO BE RECOGNIZED. SO THE SUBSTANTIVE  
19   MOTION TODAY WAS NARROWLY TAILORED TO ADDRESS A PRESSING  
20   PROBLEM, WHICH IS REALLY NOT ONLY THE NUISANCE OF THESE CROPS-  
21   - BECAUSE THEY ARE AND CAN BE A NUISANCE, EVEN GROWING  
22   LEGALLY, WHICH IS ABOUT REGULATION, AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE  
23   FOR SOME COUNTY RESIDENTS-- BUT PRIMARILY FROM ILLEGAL  
24   CANNABIS GROWS AND ILLEGAL DISPENSARIES. SO, OBVIOUSLY,  
25   TRADITIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT APPROACHES ARE ONLY ONE PART OF A

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1 COHESIVE APPROACH TO A PROBLEM, WHERE WE WANT TO REGULATE  
2 WISELY AND REASONABLY. SO BY ASKING SEVERAL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS  
3 TO PARTNER ON LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY, ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT  
4 ACTIONS, AND REASONABLE STEPS TO DISTINGUISH ILLEGAL CANNABIS  
5 OPERATIONS AND DISPENSARIES FROM, FOR INSTANCE, LAWFUL HEMP  
6 CULTIVATION, WE REALLY, I THINK, ARE TAKING A MUCH MORE  
7 NUANCED AND USEFUL APPROACH. SO I THINK THESE TWO MOTIONS  
8 OPERATE VERY WELL TOGETHER. IT IS NOT ONLY GOING TO BE CROPS  
9 GROWN IN THE OPEN, BUT INDOORS. WE'VE SEEN IN OTHER COUNTIES  
10 WAREHOUSES TAKEN OVER. THE USE OF WATER IS A BIG CONCERN TO US  
11 IN OUR DROUGHT SITUATION, BECAUSE WE ARE ALREADY SEEING-- NOT  
12 ONLY ARE WE POSSIBLY SUFFERING FROM A LOSS OF WATER, BUT AS  
13 THE LAKES GET LOWER AND LOWER, AND THE WATER TABLE GETS LOWER  
14 AND LOWER, WE MAY NOT EVEN HAVE THE ELECTRICITY THAT IS  
15 NORMALLY GENERATED IN OUR LARGE WATER BODIES. IT IS ALL  
16 CONNECTED. SO I STRONGLY SUPPORT NUMBER 2, AS AMENDED, AND  
17 THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER AND THE AUTHOR AND CO-AUTHOR OF ITEM 2  
18 FOR ACCEPTING THAT AMENDMENT. AND WE WILL BE INTERESTED IN  
19 SEEING WHAT GROWS FROM THIS, AS WE GO ALONG. THANK YOU SO  
20 MUCH.

21  
22 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU ARE  
23 RECOGNIZED.

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1    **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND I JUST  
2    WANT TO APPLAUD THE EFFORTS BY ALL OF YOU TO BRING BOTH OF  
3    THESE MOTIONS FORWARD TODAY, AND I WILL BE SUPPORTING THEM  
4    BOTH. CANNABIS IS CLEARLY A COMPLEX PUBLIC POLICY ISSUE, AND  
5    IT MERITS THE FULL AND CAREFUL DELIBERATION OF THIS BOARD,  
6    WITH INPUT FROM LOCAL LAND USE, ENVIRONMENT ENFORCEMENT,  
7    PUBLIC HEALTH, RETAIL TAX, LICENSING EXPERTS, ALL DONE, AGAIN,  
8    WITH AN EQUITY LENS. IF ANYONE WOULD QUESTION THE COMPLEXITY  
9    OF THIS POLICY, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS LOOK AT INTERESTING  
10   COMMENTS MADE BY SUPREME COURT JUSTICE CLARENCE THOMAS, JUST  
11   THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS, WHERE EVEN HE OPINES ABOUT HOW  
12   CONFUSING IT MUST BE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE ATTEMPTING TO FOLLOW  
13   CANNABIS RULES IN THEIR HOME STATES, COMPARED TO TRYING TO  
14   STAY IN ALIGNMENT WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT I.R.S. RULES, NOT TO  
15   MENTION IF YOU LIVE IN A CITY THAT HAS OPINED ON LICENSING,  
16   AND YET A COUNTY THAT HASN'T. SO THIS IS A COMPLEX PUBLIC  
17   POLICY ISSUE, AND I'M GLAD TO NOW BE THE NEW MEMBER OF THE  
18   BOARD, WHO WASN'T HERE IN 2017, [INAUDIBLE] STAKEHOLDER  
19   ENGAGEMENT, BUT HAVE READ THAT REPORT, AND I AM LOOKING  
20   FORWARD TO THE UPDATE AND OUR ABILITY TO NOW TAKE ACTION. I'D  
21   SHARED THIS IN A BUDGET COMMITTEE WITH THE STATE INITIATIVE  
22   PATH, AND BECAUSE OF THE TIMEFRAME UPON WHICH THE NEW LAW WAS  
23   TO TAKE EFFECT, THE STATE LEGISLATURE DIDN'T HAVE TIME, USING  
24   THE TYPICAL LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR, TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO  
25   DEAL WITH SOME OF THE REGULATORY ISSUES WE NEEDED TO ADDRESS,

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1 SO WE DID IT THROUGH THE BUDGET PROCESS. BECAUSE ONCE A BUDGET  
2 IS PASSED, IT BECOMES LAW, YOU KNOW, JULY 1. SO THAT REALLY  
3 CATAPULTED ME INTO THIS PUBLIC POLICY CONVERSATION, AND  
4 DEEPENED MY APPRECIATION FOR ALL THE THINGS WE HAVE TO  
5 CONSIDER IN TRANSITIONING THIS, ONCE AN ILLEGAL PRODUCT AN  
6 ACTIVITY, INTO A LEGAL, ACCEPTABLE ONE. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO  
7 BEING ENGAGED IN THE CONVERSATION AT THE COUNTY LEVEL. I'M  
8 CLEAR THE STAKES ARE VERY HIGH. LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES TEND TO  
9 MOST ACUTELY EXPERIENCE THE HARM WITHOUT EXPERIENCING ANY OF  
10 THE PROMISED NEW ECONOMIC OR IMPROVED WELLBEING OPPORTUNITIES  
11 THAT LEGALIZATION CLAIMED. I AM ALSO CLEAR THAT WE HAVE NOT  
12 YET EXPERIENCED WHAT WE ASSUME THE PROMISED MULTIMILLIONS IN  
13 NEW STATEWIDE OR LOCAL REVENUE WAS GOING TO BE, AND I THINK IN  
14 CLAMPING DOWN, ADDRESSING THE ISSUES THAT DISTRICT 5 IS  
15 EXPERIENCING, WILL CERTAINLY BRING, HOPEFULLY, CLOSE TO THE  
16 PROJECTED REVENUE INTO THE PUBLIC COFFERS. SO I LOOK FORWARD  
17 TO THIS DATA-DRIVEN ANALYSIS THAT WILL HELP INFORM OUR  
18 DECISION-MAKING PROCESS ON BEHALF OF L.A. COUNTY.  
19 CONGRATULATIONS, AND I APPRECIATE THE WORK OF ALL OF THE  
20 MEMBERS WHO BROUGHT THESE TWO MOTIONS TO THE TABLE TODAY, AND  
21 I'LL BE HAPPY TO SUPPORT THEM. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

22  
23 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** WOULD ANY MEMBERS LIKE TO MAKE ANY COMMENTS  
24 BEFORE WE VOTE ON THESE ITEMS? OKAY. HEARING NO OTHER  
25 COMMENTS, THEN LET'S START WITH ITEM 2, AS AMENDED, BEFORE US.

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1    MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND I WILL SECOND TO APPROVE THE  
2    ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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4    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 2, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE YOU.  
5    SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

6

7    **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

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12    **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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16    **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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20    **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

23

24    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

25

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

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4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. WE WILL NOW VOTE ON ITEM NUMBER 10,  
5 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO  
6 APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE  
7 ROLL.

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 10 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR  
10 MITCHELL?

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

13

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

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

18

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

20

21 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

22

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

24

25 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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1

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

3

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

5

6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-  
7 0.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. MEMBERS, NOW WE'LL MOVE ON  
10 TO ITEM NUMBER THREE, THE NEXT STEP IN RETURNING BRUCE'S BEACH  
11 TO ITS RIGHTFUL OWNERS, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN.  
12 SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** THANKS, MADAM CHAIR. I HOPE THAT BY NOW MORE PEOPLE  
15 ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE STORY OF WILLA AND CHARLES BRUCE, AND  
16 WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM OVER 100 YEARS AGO, OR ALMOST A HUNDRED  
17 YEARS AGO. THE LAND KNOWN AS BRUCE'S BEACH SHOULD NEVER HAVE  
18 BEEN TAKEN FROM THIS FAMILY IN A RACIST ATTEMPT TO DRIVE OUT  
19 BLACK FAMILIES AND BLACK BEACHGOERS. AND WHEN I REALIZED THAT  
20 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ACTUALLY OWNS THE LAND THAT USED TO  
21 BE BRUCE'S BEACH RESORT, I KNEW IMMEDIATELY THAT WE HAD TO  
22 GIVE THAT LAND BACK. BUT IT'S SOMETHING THAT'S NEVER BEEN DONE  
23 BEFORE, AND I KNOW I HAD A LOT OF QUESTIONS, AND OTHER PEOPLE  
24 HAD A LOT OF QUESTIONS ON HOW THAT WE MOVED FORWARD. SO BACK  
25 IN APRIL, THIS BOARD PASSED A MOTION THAT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL

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1 AND I AUTHORED, THAT ASKED OUR COUNTY COUNSEL AND C.E.O. TO  
2 REPORT BACK WITH A PLAN ON HOW TO DO IT. WE ASKED THEM TO LOOK  
3 INTO ALL THE DETAILS, AND TO LAY OUT A CLEAR PATHWAY WITH THE  
4 NEXT STEPS. AND THEY DID. THEY GAVE US A REPORT BACK THAT  
5 REALLY LAYS OUT EVERYTHING CLEARLY, AND TELLS US EXACTLY WHAT  
6 WE NEED TO DO, IN ORDER TO TRANSFER BRUCE'S BEACH BACK TO THE  
7 DESCENDANTS OF WILLA AND CHARLES BRUCE. FOR EXAMPLE, ONE OF  
8 THE THINGS WE FOUND OUT IS THAT THE COUNTY ACTUALLY DOESN'T  
9 HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER THE LAND, BECAUSE WHEN THE SATE  
10 GAVE US THE LAND IN 1995, IT CAME WITH STRINGS ATTACHED. SO  
11 SENATOR STEVE BRADFORD INTRODUCED SENATE BILL 796, THAT WILL  
12 REMOVE THOSE STRINGS AND ALLOW US TO GIVE THE LAND BACK TO THE  
13 BRUCES. AND THAT BILL HAS PASSED THE SENATE UNANIMOUSLY, AND  
14 IT IS MAKING ITS WAY THROUGH THE ASSEMBLY WITH BIPARTISAN  
15 SUPPORT. AND WHILE WE WAIT FOR S.B. 796 TO PASS, AND THE  
16 GOVERNOR TO SIGN IT, THERE ARE SOME OTHER QUESTIONS WE NEED TO  
17 ADDRESS LOCALLY, LIKE HOW WE ARE GOING TO MAKE SURE WE  
18 IDENTIFY THE CORRECT DESCENDANTS OF WILLA AND CHARLES BRUCE.  
19 AND THIS REPORT EXPLAINS THAT OUR COUNTY TREASURER AND TAX  
20 COLLECTOR ARE CONDUCTING AN INITIAL LINEAGE ASSESSMENT, AND  
21 THEN THE COUNTY IS GOING TO BRING ON A THIRD-PARTY LAW FIRM TO  
22 CONFIRM THE LEGAL HEIRS THROUGH A TRANSPARENT AND UNBIASED  
23 PROCESS. AND SINCE THE LAND HAS NOT ACTUALLY BEEN APPRAISED,  
24 EVER, THE REPORT INCLUDES A PROCESS FOR HOW TO CONDUCT AN  
25 ACCURATE APPRAISAL, AND TO ESTIMATE THE VALUE OF THE LAND

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1 PARCELS. AND, OF COURSE, THIS REPORT EXPLORES THE OPTIONS FOR  
2 THE LIFEGUARD FACILITY THAT IS CURRENTLY ON THE LAND, THAT  
3 ONCE BELONGED TO THE BRUCES. IT EXPLORES THE OPTIONS FOR  
4 RELOCATION OR CONTINUED USE OF THE FACILITY. ALL IN ALL, THIS  
5 REPORT HAS ANSWERS TO ALL OF THE QUESTIONS, AND SHOWS THAT IT  
6 IS POSSIBLE AND LEGAL TO TRANSFER THIS LAND BACK TO ITS  
7 RIGHTFUL OWNERS. BUT THERE'S A LOT THAT WE STILL NEED TO DO,  
8 SO THIS MOTION WILL DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO BEGIN IMPLEMENTING  
9 THE PLAN THAT WAS LAID OUT IN THIS REPORT BACK TO US. AND I  
10 WANT TO GIVE A HUGE THANK-YOU TO THE WHOLE TEAM WHO IS WORKING  
11 ON THIS, ESPECIALLY OUR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF EQUITY, DR. SCORZA,  
12 ALL OF OUR LAWYERS FROM COUNTY COUNSEL, WHO HAVE TACKLED THIS  
13 UNUSUAL REQUEST AND COME UP WITH A PLAN FOR US TO MOVE FORWARD  
14 TOGETHER. AND, OF COURSE, A BIG THANK-YOU TO SUPERVISOR HOLLY  
15 MITCHELL FOR CO-AUTHORING THIS MOTION WITH ME. I RESPECTFULLY  
16 ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT IT, SO WE CAN MOVE FORWARD TO  
17 RIGHT THIS HISTORIC WRONG. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

18  
19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR  
20 MITCHELL, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

21  
22 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND AGAIN, THANKS TO  
23 SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR YOUR VISION AND COURAGE TO TALK ABOUT  
24 RETURNING PROPERTY THAT WAS WRONGFULLY ABSCONDED AWAY WITH BY  
25 GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS SOMETHING GOVERNMENT IS NOT ALWAYS

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1 WILLING TO TALK ABOUT, BUT WE HAVE. WE HAVE STEPPED UP AND  
2 TALKED ABOUT IT, AND I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT. AS SUPERVISOR  
3 HAHN MENTIONED, YES, I THINK THIS STORY HAS PIQUED THE  
4 CURIOSITY OF PEOPLE ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. BUT I HOPE IT HAS  
5 ALSO PIQUED THE CURIOSITY OF PEOPLE TO DIG DEEP AND UNDERSTAND  
6 THAT THE BRUCES WERE NOT A UNIQUE SITUATION; THAT THERE ARE  
7 DOZENS OF OTHER DESCENDANTS OF FORMERLY ENSLAVED PEOPLE, WHO  
8 NOT ONLY EARNED THEIR RIGHT TO FREEDOM, BUT EARNED THEIR RIGHT  
9 TO BUY PARCELS ACTUALLY SURROUNDING THE BRUCE PARCELS OF LAND.  
10 THOSE PARCELS ARE CURRENTLY PRIVATELY OWNED. THEY AREN'T OWNED  
11 BY THE GOVERNMENT, SO WE'RE NOT IN THE SAME POSITION TO  
12 ADDRESS IT, AS WE ARE THE BRUCE PROPERTY, BUT I HOPE IT'S  
13 PIQUED CURIOSITY TO GO ABOVE AND BEYOND THIS PARCEL BECAUSE,  
14 UNFORTUNATELY, THE BRUCES' EXPERIENCE WAS NOT UNIQUE. I THINK  
15 THAT WE AT THE COUNTY ARE ON AN IMPORTANT ROAD TO SET A  
16 PRECEDENT THAT COULD BE REPLICATED ACROSS THE COUNTRY, AS WE  
17 WORK TO PUT ACTIONS BEHIND OUR COMMITMENT TO AN ANTIRACIST  
18 AGENDA AND AN ANTIRACIST COUNTY. THIS IS A STRONG STEP FORWARD  
19 ON THAT ROAD. AND AGAIN, MOST MEANINGFUL IS THE BEGINNING OF A  
20 DEBT OWED TO THE BRUCE FAMILY TO RETURN PROPERTY THAT WAS  
21 RIGHTFULLY THEIRS. WE CANNOT ACHIEVE RACIAL EQUITY UNTIL WE  
22 CONFRONT OUR PAST AND MAKE IT RIGHT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
23 HAHN, FOR ALLOWING ME TO SHARE IN THIS PIECE OF L.A. COUNTY  
24 HISTORY. THANK YOU TO MY FORMER COLLEAGUE SENATOR BRADFORD,  
25 WHO'S CHAIR OF THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS, FOR

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1 HIS VALIANT EFFORTS AROUND S.B. 796, AND I ASK MY COLLEAGUES  
2 FOR AN AYE VOTE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS THAT WISH  
5 TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THIS ITEM? OKAY. SEEING NONE, HEARING  
6 NONE, ITEM 3 IS BEFORE US. IT IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN,  
7 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM  
8 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

9

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

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

13

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

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

18

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

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21 **SUP. HAHN:** I PROUDLY CAST MY VOTE, AYE.

22

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

24

25 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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1

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

3

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

5

6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-  
7 0.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM  
10 NUMBER 5, ASSESSING THE SAFETY OF HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS IN LOS  
11 ANGELES COUNTY, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR  
12 HAHN, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** ME AGAIN? OKAY.

15

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

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** I KNOW. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. LET ME TALK ABOUT  
19 THESE HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE HORRIBLE  
20 TRAGEDY THAT UNFOLDED IN SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, LAST MONTH WAS A  
21 WAKE-UP CALL FOR ALL OF US. WHEN THE WORD GOT OUT ABOUT WHAT  
22 HAPPENED, THE FIRST THOUGHT ON PEOPLE'S MINDS WAS, COULD THIS  
23 HAPPEN HERE IN L.A. COUNTY? IN THE DAYS FOLLOWING THE  
24 DISASTER, I HEARD FROM MANY CONCERNED RESIDENTS OF THE MARINA  
25 CITY TOWER CLUB IN MARINA DEL REY, WHO EXPRESSED FEARS ABOUT

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1 THE STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY OF THEIR OWN BUILDING, BECAUSE IT SO  
2 RESEMBLED THE CONDOMINIUM COMPLEX THAT COLLAPSED IN FLORIDA.  
3 TO GIVE THESE RESIDENTS PEACE OF MIND, AND TO MAKE SURE THEY  
4 WEREN'T IN ANY DANGER, I DIRECTED OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
5 WORKS' BUILDING AND SAFETY TEAM TO CONDUCT AN INITIAL  
6 INSPECTION TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THIS BUILDING. AND WHILE  
7 THEY DID NOT FIND ANYTHING THAT WOULD REQUIRE EMERGENCY  
8 ACTION, OUR INSPECTORS DID SAY THAT REPAIRS ARE NEEDED, AND  
9 THAT BUILDING MANAGEMENT NEEDS TO MAKE THOSE REPAIRS HAPPEN.  
10 WE'VE ALSO DIRECTED THE OWNER OF THE TOWERS TO PROVIDE AN  
11 ENGINEER'S REPORT OF THE BUILDING TO FURTHER ASSESS ITS NEEDS.  
12 AND WHAT I'VE DISCOVERED THROUGHOUT THIS WHOLE PROCESS IS THAT  
13 MOST COUNTIES IN THE COUNTRY, INCLUDING OUR OWN, DON'T HAVE  
14 RECERTIFICATION PROCESSES TO MAKE SURE THAT THEIR HIGH-RISES  
15 ARE SAFE AS THEY AGE. CURRENTLY, AFTER WE GRANT THE  
16 CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY, THERE IS NO OTHER REEVALUATION STEP  
17 IN PLACE TO MAKE SURE THESE RESIDENCES ARE COMPLETELY SAFE FOR  
18 PEOPLE TO LIVE IN. IF WE'RE GOING TO REALLY MAKE SURE THAT THE  
19 SURFSIDE DISASTER WON'T HAPPEN HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, WE NEED TO  
20 TAKE STEPS TO FIX THAT ISSUE. THAT IS WHY THIS MOTION BEFORE  
21 US TODAY WILL DIRECT OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO GIVE AN  
22 INVENTORY OF HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS IN OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS,  
23 THEN REQUIRE AN ENGINEER'S ASSESSMENT OF EACH OF THESE  
24 BUILDINGS. IMPORTANTLY, THIS MOTION ALSO DIRECTS PUBLIC WORKS  
25 TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF REQUIRING A REGULAR

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1    RECERTIFICATION INSPECTION PROGRAM FOR THESE HIGH-RISES. IN  
2    ADDITION, WE'RE GOING TO BE SENDING A DELEGATION OF COUNTY  
3    STAFF TO FLORIDA TO LEARN FROM THEIR EXPERIENCES AND ADOPT ANY  
4    RELEVANT BUILDING CODE CHANGES FOR OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS.  
5    THIS WAY, NO BUILDING WILL-- NO PUN INTENDED-- FALL THROUGH  
6    THE CRACKS, AND NO ONE WILL BE PUT IN DANGER. WHEN PEOPLE  
7    ASKED, "COULD WHAT HAPPEN IN SURFSIDE HAPPEN IN L.A. COUNTY?"  
8    WE NEED TO BE 100-PERCENT SURE THAT OUR ANSWER IS A RESOUNDING  
9    "NO." I HOPE YOU'LL ALL GIVE THIS MOTION YOUR SUPPORT. THANK  
10    YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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12    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS  
13    THAT WISH TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THIS ITEM? SEEING AND HEARING  
14    NONE, ITEM 5 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED  
15    BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE  
16    OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

17

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

19

20    **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

21

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

24

25    **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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1

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

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

9

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

11

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

13

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

15 0.

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER

18 14. THIS IS WITH RESPECT TO SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS FOR YOUTH

19 IN FOSTER CARE, WHICH I HELD. AND I WILL THEN NOTICE

20 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WHO'S MY CO-AUTHOR, TO SPEAK. FIRST OF ALL,

21 I WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR CO-AUTHORING THIS

22 MOTION WITH ME. YOU, I KNOW VERY WELL, IN MANY WAYS, THE

23 FOSTER CARE SYSTEM REALLY HASN'T DONE AS MUCH AS IT CAN TO

24 REALLY PROTECT OUR FOSTER YOUTH, AND THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE

25 WHEN YOU AND I KNOW OUR CHILDREN LEAVING FOSTER CARE OFTEN

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1 LEAVE WITHOUT A ROBUST SAFETY NET TO EASE THAT TRANSITION. AND  
2 ACCORDING TO A RECENT REPORT, ROUGHLY 10 PERCENT OF FOSTER  
3 YOUTH NATIONWIDE ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS.  
4 UNFORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, MY GUESS IS, THAT IS AN UNDERESTIMATE.  
5 THE POINT OF SOCIAL SECURITY IS TO PROVIDE INDIVIDUALS WHO  
6 HAVE A PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITY, WHO CANNOT WORK, WITH  
7 BENEFITS SO THEY DO NOT FALL INTO POVERTY OR, WORSE,  
8 HOMELESSNESS. FOR FOSTER YOUTH, ACCESS TO HOUSING HAS BEEN A  
9 HIGH AREA OF NEED FOR MANY YEARS. AND HOWEVER, THE C.O.V.I.D.-  
10 19 PANDEMIC SIGNIFICANTLY EXACERBATED THAT ISSUE. SOCIAL  
11 SECURITY BENEFITS CAN HELP MEET THESE VERY BASIC NEEDS,  
12 BECAUSE THEY USUALLY EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT  
13 PROVIDED THROUGH OTHER SAFETY-NET PROGRAMS; AND, IN THE CASE  
14 OF S.S.I. AND S.S.P., COME WITH AUTOMATIC LINKAGES TO MEDI-CAL  
15 AND VOCATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES. YET, AS A RECENT  
16 INVESTIGATIVE REPORT FROM N.P.R. AND THE MARSHALL PROJECT  
17 INDICATES, CHILD WELFARE AGENCIES OFTEN DO NOT ENSURE YOUTH  
18 RECEIVE THESE BENEFITS. I WAS ALARMED, ACTUALLY, TO LEARN THE  
19 EXTENT TO WHICH CHILD WELFARE AGENCIES NATIONWIDE USE THIS  
20 FUNDING TO REIMBURSE THEMSELVES FOR THE COST OF THE YOUTH  
21 BEING IN FOSTER CARE. AND ALTHOUGH I KNOW THIS PRACTICE IS  
22 PERMITTED, I JUST DON'T THINK IT IS RIGHT. IN FACT, WE HAVE A  
23 RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE EVERY YOUTH WHO'S ENTITLED TO SOCIAL  
24 SECURITY IS GETTING THAT FUNDING WHILE THEY ARE IN FOSTER  
25 CARE, AND UPON THEIR EXIT. AND THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT THE MOTION

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1 SEEKS TO ADDRESS. SPECIFICALLY, THE MOTION DIRECTS OUR  
2 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, AND OUR PROBATION  
3 DEPARTMENT, WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES,  
4 COUNTYWIDE, BENEFITS ENTITLEMENT SERVICES TEAM, TO COLLECT THE  
5 NECESSARY DATA TO ENSURE THAT OUR YOUTH ARE GETTING THE  
6 BENEFITS THEY ARE ENTITLED TO THROUGH ANY SOCIAL SECURITY  
7 ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM. AND IT ALSO DIRECTS THE DEPARTMENTS TO  
8 CONSIDER CHANGES IN POLICY AND FUNDING TO ENSURE THEY MAXIMIZE  
9 ELIGIBILITY FOR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS FOR YOUTH IN FOSTER  
10 CARE, AND CONSERVE THE ENTIRETY OF THE YOUTH'S SOCIAL SECURITY  
11 BENEFIT IN AN ACCOUNT FOR THE YOUTH, PROVIDED TO THE YOUTH  
12 WHEN THEY EXIT CARE, RATHER THAN UTILIZING THE FUNDS FOR  
13 REIMBURSEMENT OF FOSTER CARE EXPENDITURES. IN FACT, THIS  
14 MOTION DIRECTS THE DEPARTMENTS TO GO A STEP FURTHER, AND  
15 ENSURE A NO-COST, INTEREST-BEARING BANK ACCOUNT IS CREATED FOR  
16 EACH ELIGIBLE YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE, TO DEPOSIT THESE BENEFITS.  
17 CALA.B.L.E., A SAVINGS PLAN OFFERED BY THE STATE OF  
18 CALIFORNIA, IS EXACTLY WHAT WE SHOULD BE LOOKING TO LEVERAGE,  
19 AS IT ALLOWS ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS TO CONTRIBUTE UP TO \$15,000  
20 A YEAR, WITHOUT AFFECTING THEIR PUBLIC DISABILITY BENEFITS. IN  
21 FACT, IF YOUTH RECEIVE S.S.I. BENEFITS, A CALA.B.L.E. ACCOUNT  
22 ALLOWS THEM TO SAVE AS MUCH AS \$100,000, WITH NO EFFECT ON  
23 FEDERAL AND CALIFORNIA STATE BENEFITS. I KNOW OUR DEPARTMENTS  
24 WILL WORK TO ENSURE THIS IS PROVIDED TO EVERY ELIGIBLE YOUTH,  
25 AND IT IS OUR COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY, AND MY BELIEF, TO DO

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1 EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT OUR YOUTH ARE  
2 SUPPORTED, EVEN AFTER THEY LEAVE OUR CARE. THANK YOU SO MUCH.  
3 I WOULD ALSO ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE ON THIS, AND WOULD  
4 RECOGNIZE NOW MY CO-AUTHOR, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU  
7 FOR BRINGING THIS IMPORTANT MOTION TO FISCALLY SUPPORT OUR  
8 FOSTER YOUTH. I DON'T THINK WE HAVE EVER FULLY GRASPED THE  
9 DIFFICULTY FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY AFTER THEY AGE OUT  
10 OF THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM, AND THE FACT THERE ARE SO MANY  
11 FEWER CONNECTIONS FOR THEM, IN TERMS OF FAMILY, OR THE KIND OF  
12 PEOPLE THAT HELP YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH THE EARLIEST TIMES OF  
13 THEIR BEING COMPLETELY ON THEIR OWN. I WAS TROUBLED, AS YOU  
14 WERE, TO LEARN THAT SOME OTHER CHILD WELFARE JURISDICTIONS DID  
15 OBTAIN THESE BENEFITS FOR THEIR FOSTER YOUTH, BUT THEN USED IT  
16 TO PAY FOR THEIR CARE, WHICH IS A WAY OF BACKING OUT WITH THAT  
17 COUNTY'S OWN MONEY AND, YOU KNOW, ASKING THE FEDS TO FILL IT  
18 IN, WHICH, IN BOTH OF OUR OPINION, IS JUST WRONG. SO THIS  
19 REALLY INSTRUCTS OUR DEPARTMENT AND PROBATION TO, FIRST OF  
20 ALL, ASSESS THEIR ELIGIBILITY FOR THESE SOCIAL SECURITY  
21 BENEFITS. I THINK PEOPLE THINK, "OH, SOCIAL SECURITY, BUT THEY  
22 ARE NOT OVER 62." NO, NOT THOSE KIND, BUT S.S.I., TO WHICH  
23 MANY OF OUR FOSTER YOUTH ARE ENTITLED, BUT NOBODY EVER HELPS  
24 THEM TO APPLY, AND IT CAN BE A VERY, VERY HELPFUL ADDITION TO  
25 THEIR FISCAL SECURITY. SO THE MOTION DOES A COUPLE OF THINGS:

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1 DIRECTS THE DEPARTMENTS TO ASSESS EACH YOUTH'S ELIGIBILITY,  
2 AND IDENTIFY HOW MANY, IN THE AGGREGATE OF APPLICATIONS, EACH  
3 DEPARTMENT HAS FILED AND APPROVED. AND PERHAPS THE MOST  
4 IMPORTANT PART IS, THE DEPARTMENT DOESN'T KEEP THE S.S.I.  
5 MONEY, BUT THEY ARE REQUIRED TO OPEN NO-COST, INTEREST-BEARING  
6 BANK ACCOUNTS IN THE NAME OF EACH ELIGIBLE FOSTER YOUTH. THIS  
7 HELPS FULFILL THE PLEDGE THAT WE MAKE TO OUR YOUTH WHO ARE  
8 EXITING OUR CARE, THAT WE WILL ASSIST WITH HOUSING SECURITY,  
9 WITH EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT, AND IN THIS CASE, A REAL BANK ACCOUNT  
10 CONTAINING SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS, IF ACCRUED, SO THEY CAN  
11 LEAVE WITH A LITTLE MORE SOLID FOOTING AND, I THINK, A BETTER  
12 CHANCE IN LIFE. I THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO CO-AUTHOR, AND  
13 I, TOO, ASK FOR AN AYE VOTE.

14  
15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. ARE THERE ANY  
16 MEMBERS THAT WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THIS ITEM?

17  
18 **SUP. MITCHELL:** MADAM CHAIR, IF I MAY?

19  
20 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

21  
22 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BRINGING THIS ITEM  
23 FORWARD. IT IS A WONDERFUL MOTION. AS I LISTENED TO YOU BOTH,  
24 I JUST HAD A RED FLAG GO OFF IN MY MIND. I WANT TO MAKE SURE  
25 THAT WHEN THESE ACCOUNTS ARE OPENED THAT THOSE RESOURCES, THAT

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1 SAVINGS, WON'T BE HELD AGAINST OUR YOUTH LIVING IN FOSTER CARE  
2 AGAINST ANY OTHER SCHOLARSHIP OR ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM. I DON'T  
3 WANT IT TO BE COUNTED AGAINST THEM AS AN ASSET. WE WANT THIS  
4 TO BE VALUE ADDED. SO JUST AS YOU DO THE WORK, IF WE COULD  
5 JUST MAKE SURE THAT WE PROTECT THOSE RESOURCES IN THAT WAY, I  
6 THINK THAT WILL GET US TO OUR SHARED GOAL FOR OUR YOUTH. THANK  
7 YOU.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU. VERY GOOD. SEEING NO  
10 OTHER MEMBERS WISHING TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE ITEM, ITEM 14 IS  
11 BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO  
12 APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE  
13 ROLL.

14

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

17

18 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

19

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

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

24

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

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

3

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

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

7

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

9

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

11

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

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MEMBERS. NEXT, WE WILL MOVE ON  
16 TO ITEM 16: ACKNOWLEDGE AND APOLOGIZE FOR THE HISTORIC  
17 MISTREATMENT OF CALIFORNIA NATIVE AMERICANS BY LOS ANGELES  
18 COUNTY, WHICH I HELD. AND SUPERVISOR HAHN WILL BE RECOGNIZED  
19 AS MY CO-AUTHOR AFTER I MAKE AN OPENING STATEMENT. THANK YOU,  
20 ALSO, TO THE MEMBERS, AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR JOINING ME AS MY  
21 CO-AUTHOR. COLLEAGUES, I BELIEVE THE FIRST STEP TO HEALING IS  
22 TRUTH-TELLING, AND IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT I BROUGHT THE  
23 MOTION FORWARD TODAY TO FORMALLY APOLOGIZE ON BEHALF OF THE  
24 COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO THE NATIVE PEOPLE OF THIS LAND WHICH WE  
25 ARE ON. THE FIRST PEOPLE OF THIS LAND FACED VIOLENCE,

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1 EXPLOITATION, AND DISPOSSESSION AT THE HANDS OF MANY  
2 GOVERNMENT ENTITIES, INCLUDING ACTIONS SANCTIONED OR DIRECTLY  
3 CARRIED OUT BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY. LET'S BEGIN WITH THE FACT  
4 THAT, PRIOR TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL MISSION,  
5 LOCAL TRIBES HELD 100 PERCENT OF THE LAND. TODAY, THEY HOLD  
6 ZERO PERCENT OF THE LAND. THIS DID NOT HAPPEN BY ACCIDENT.  
7 THEY DID NOT VOLUNTARILY RELOCATE. ACTIONS WERE TAKEN BY  
8 GOVERNMENT TO FORCIBLY REMOVE NATIVE PEOPLE, AND WE KNOW THAT  
9 THIS HAPPENED. SO WITH THAT FACT ALONE, AN OFFICIAL APOLOGY,  
10 IN MY OPINION, IS WARRANTED. BUT THE EXTENT OF THE HARM  
11 INFLICTED UPON NATIVE PEOPLE GOES WAY BEYOND THE LAND. FOR  
12 EXAMPLE, CALIFORNIA NATIVE PEOPLE, DESPITE GUARANTEES IN THE  
13 TREATY OF GUADALUPE HIDALGO, WERE DENIED STATE CITIZENSHIP,  
14 VOTING RIGHTS, AND THE RIGHT TO TESTIFY IN COURT. THESE ACTS  
15 REMOVED ALL LEGAL REDRESS FOR NATIVE PEOPLES, AND LEFT THEM TO  
16 THE MERCY OF ANYONE WHO HARMED THEM. BACK IN 1850, CALIFORNIA  
17 ENTERED INTO THE UNION AS A FREE STATE. HOWEVER, THE  
18 CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE QUICKLY ENACTED A SERIES OF LAWS  
19 LEGALIZING INDIAN SLAVERY, WHICH WAS THEN ENFORCED BY L.A.  
20 COUNTY ENTITIES. THE STATE LEGISLATURE PASSED A BILL CALLED  
21 THE ACT FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND PROTECTION OF INDIANS, WHICH  
22 MADE LOITERING AND VAGRANCY CRIMINAL OFFENSES PUNISHABLE BY  
23 INDENTURED SERVITUDE. ANY WHITE PERSON COULD PAY A NATIVE  
24 PERSON'S BAIL, THEN COMPEL THEM TO WORK OFF THE DEBT. IN 1860,  
25 AMENDMENTS WERE PASSED THAT LEGALIZED FORCED SERVITUDE FOR A

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1 PERIOD OF TEN YEARS FOR NATIVE PEOPLE ACCUSED OF VAGRANCY. THE  
2 LAWS ALSO ALLOWED WHITE SETTLERS TO GAIN CONTROL OF NATIVE  
3 CHILDREN, AND FORCE THEM INTO INDENTURED SERVITUDE, AS WELL. A  
4 WHITE PERSON ONLY HAD TO FILE A COURT PETITION CLAIMING THAT A  
5 CHILD WAS AN ORPHAN, OR THAT THE PARENTS HAS AGREED TO  
6 CUSTODIAL ARRANGEMENT. AT ALMOST EVERY STEP OF THE WAY, COUNTY  
7 ENTITIES HAD A ROLE TO PLAY IN THE HARM INFLICTED UPON NATIVE  
8 PEOPLE AT THAT TIME, AND IT SHOULD NOT COME AS A SURPRISE THAT  
9 THESE ACTIONS ARE JUST THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG. WE ACTUALLY DO  
10 NOT KNOW THE FULL EXTENT OF THE HARM, BECAUSE, QUITE FRANKLY,  
11 THERE HASN'T BEEN ANY PROPER ACCOUNTING OR DOCUMENTATION OF  
12 THESE HISTORICAL WRONGS. THIS MOTION WILL SET FORTH A  
13 COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND LOCAL TRIBE GOVERNMENTS  
14 TO EXPLORE AND EXAMINE THE TRUE HISTORIES OF THIS LAND, AND  
15 OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN IT. AND WE WANT THIS PROCESS TO BE AS  
16 INCLUSIVE AS POSSIBLE, AND THAT'S WHY I WANT TO SLIGHTLY  
17 REVISE THE MOTION TO ADD THE SAN MANUEL BAND OF MISSION  
18 INDIANS, AND THE [INAUDIBLE], CHUMASH THROUGHOUT THE MOTION.  
19 WE WILL WORK TOGETHER TO DEVELOP A PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT  
20 ACKNOWLEDGES, CORRECTS, AND DISSEMINATES THE TRUE HISTORICAL  
21 RECORD OF THE COUNTY'S RELATIONSHIP WITH NATIVE PEOPLE. WE  
22 MUST UNDERSTAND THE EXTENT OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY, SO THAT WE  
23 CAN WORK TO UNDO THE HARM THAT HAS RESULTED IN SO MANY  
24 TRAUMAS. LET'S BE CLEAR: THE MOTION IS AN ATTEMPT TO FORCE OUR  
25 COUNTY TO RECKON WITH ITS PAST ACTIONS, BECAUSE ONLY THEN CAN

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1 WE HEAL AND MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER. I ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE,  
2 AND I WILL NOW RECOGNIZE MY CO-AUTHOR, SUPERVISOR HAHN.  
3 SUPERVISOR HAHN?

4

5 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU FOR ASKING ME TO  
6 BE YOUR CO-AUTHOR ON THIS MOTION, AND THANK YOU TO OUR NATIVE  
7 AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN GETTING US  
8 TO THIS POINT. THE CRIMES AND ATROCITIES COMMITTED AGAINST THE  
9 NATIVE AMERICAN PEOPLE HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, IN CALIFORNIA, AND  
10 ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE A DARK STAIN ON OUR NATION'S HISTORY.  
11 AN APOLOGY IS QUITE LITERALLY THE LEAST WE CAN DO, BUT IT IS  
12 AN IMPORTANT STEP TO BEGIN TO HEAL THE WOUNDS OF THE PAST.  
13 PRESIDENT REAGAN AND CONGRESS APOLOGIZED AND PROVIDED SOME  
14 RESTITUTION FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE JAPANESE DESCENT, WHO WERE  
15 INCARCERATED IN INTERNMENT CAMPS, SO WE HAVE SEEN APOLOGIES  
16 HAPPEN BEFORE. GOVERNOR NEWSOM HAS FORMALLY ISSUED AN APOLOGY  
17 TO NATIVE AMERICANS IN 2019. AND NOW IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE,  
18 AS A COUNTY, APOLOGIZE. WE WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO MAKE UP FOR  
19 THE PAIN AND SUFFERING NATIVE AMERICANS WERE SUBJECTED TO, BUT  
20 I HOPE THAT THIS MARKS A NEW BEGINNING FOR US, AND A RENEWED  
21 COMMITMENT TO WORKING TOWARD A MORE JUST FUTURE. THANK YOU,  
22 MADAM CHAIR.

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24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. NEXT, I WILL  
25 RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AND THEN SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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2 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, AND TO  
3 SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR BRINGING THIS IMPORTANT MOTION FORWARD  
4 TODAY. I JUST WANTED TO PAUSE BRIEFLY AND ACKNOWLEDGE WHOSE  
5 LAND WE STAND ON TODAY. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE TONGVA, THE  
6 CHUMASH, AND THE [INAUDIBLE] TRIBES, AS WE APOLOGIZE THAT IT  
7 IS THEIR LAND UPON WHICH WE CURRENTLY GOVERN. THANK YOU, MADAM  
8 CHAIR. I WILL BE SUPPORTING THE MOTION.

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10 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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12 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO YOURSELF, MADAM CHAIR, AND  
13 MY COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR BRINGING THE MOTION. I AM  
14 PRETTY SURE, IT SOUNDS LIKE WE ALL AGREE, THIS KIND OF  
15 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IS LONG OVERDUE. I KNOW THAT THERE HAS BEEN  
16 QUITE A DISCUSSION LATELY ACROSS THE COUNTRY ABOUT TRUTH-  
17 TELLING, AND WHETHER, IN TELLING THE TRUTH, WE SOMEHOW DAMAGE  
18 OUR ABILITY TO LOVE OUR COUNTRY. I WOULD POSIT, HOWEVER, JUST  
19 THE OPPOSITE: THAT WHEN WE ACKNOWLEDGE THOSE THINGS THAT WE  
20 HAVE DONE, TAKE RESPONSIBILITY, AND MOVE FORWARD TO REALLY  
21 MAKE REPARATIONS, TO RESTORE, TO RECOGNIZE, TO APOLOGIZE, TO  
22 DO EVERYTHING WE CAN, WE ACTUALLY ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE  
23 KIND OF HEALING THAT MAKES FOR A GREAT COUNTRY; AND IN THIS  
24 CASE, OUR GREAT COUNTY. WE COULD NEVER UNDO ALL THE HARM-- I'M  
25 NOT SAYING WE COULD EVER UNDO IT-- THAT'S BEEN INFLICTED ON

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1 OUR NATIVE AMERICANS BY OUR VERY OWN GOVERNMENT, AT ALL  
2 LEVELS, BUT WE CAN TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT HISTORY, AND DO WHAT  
3 IS IN OUR POWER NOW TO SUPPORT THE WELLBEING AND PRESERVATION  
4 OF CULTURAL HERITAGE OF THE NATIVE COMMUNITIES IN L.A. COUNTY.  
5 WE HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE WE'RE NOT ALL THAT FAR AWAY FROM THE  
6 POLICIES AND PRACTICES THAT DEVASTATED CALIFORNIA TRIBES. THE  
7 IMPACTS OF THAT INTERGENERATIONAL TRAUMA ARE STILL FELT TODAY:  
8 HEALTH DISPARITIES, POVERTY, LOWER HIGH-SCHOOL GRADUATION  
9 RATES. THESE FIRST STEWARDS OF OUR LAND-- I WANT TO ALSO  
10 MENTION THE GABRIELINO-- WE'RE ON THEIR LAND, AND IT WAS  
11 STOLEN. AND IT WAS TAKEN FOR PROFIT. SO WE NEED TO REALLY  
12 UNDERSTAND THAT IMPACT, AND WHOSE SHOULDERS WE ACTUALLY STAND  
13 ON. IF WE STAND ON THE SHOULDERS OF THOSE WHO ROBBED, WE NEED  
14 TO GET DOWN OFF THOSE SHOULDERS AND DO WHAT WE CAN. WE  
15 ACTUALLY STAND ON THE SHOULDERS OF THESE FIRST PEOPLE, AND WE  
16 ALSO HAVE TO REMEMBER EVERYTHING ELSE THAT WAS TAKEN FROM  
17 THEM. SO, IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR NATIVE AMERICAN RESIDENTS,  
18 THIS IS A COMMITMENT TO WORKING TOWARD HEALING AND HONORING  
19 THE TRIBES THAT HAVE CALLED THIS THEIR HOME FOR MUCH, MUCH  
20 LONGER THAN ANY OF OUR OWN FORBEARERS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH,  
21 MADAM CHAIR.

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23 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. ARE  
24 THERE ANY OTHER MEMBERS THAT WISH TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THIS  
25 ITEM? OKAY, I DON'T BELIEVE I SEE ANY. BY HEARING NO OTHER

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1 COMMENTS, THEN ITEM 16, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE,  
2 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM  
3 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLE.

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5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 16, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE YOU.  
6 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

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8 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

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13 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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17 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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21 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

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

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5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. MEMBERS, WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM  
6 NUMBER 15, REDUCING VIOLENCE COUNTYWIDE; AND ITEM 21,  
7 COMMUNITY-BASED CRISIS RESPONSE AND VIOLENCE INTERRUPTION  
8 PILOT PROGRAM, WHICH WERE HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.  
9 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC TO MAKE YOUR  
10 REMARKS.

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12 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I'D LIKE TO  
13 THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR YOUR CO-AUTHORSHIP IN THIS  
14 MOTION. I ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HAHN  
15 FOR THEIR MOTION TO SUPPORT THESE OVERALL EFFORTS OF VIOLENCE  
16 PREVENTION AND INTERRUPTION, AND THANK THEIR STAFF FOR WORKING  
17 CLOSELY WITH MINE TO RECONCILE THESE TWO MOTIONS. YOU'LL  
18 RECALL AT THE LAST MEETING, I CONTINUED THIS ITEM, SO WE COULD  
19 ADD ANY REVISIONS REQUESTED BY THE BOARD OFFICERS, AND TO DO  
20 OUR DUE DILIGENCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT. AT THE END OF THAT SAME  
21 MEETING, SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HAHN READ IN ANOTHER MOTION ON  
22 THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER, TO INVEST \$5 MILLION IN T.P.I.  
23 EFFORTS. I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE ACT IN CONJUNCTION  
24 WITH RECOMMENDATIONS AND BEST PRACTICES TO SUPPORT THE  
25 IMPORTANT TRAUMA PREVENTION EFFORTS TO REDUCE VIOLENCE. THIS

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1 ISSUE IS COMPLEX AND DATA-DRIVEN, AND I THINK THE HUGE LIFT BY  
2 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, O.V.P., AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS  
3 TO COLLECT AND ANALYZE THIS DATA, AND PRODUCE THE  
4 RECOMMENDATIONS IN A NUMBER OF PREVIOUS REPORTS. I REFER TO  
5 THESE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN MY MOTION TO ENSURE THAT  
6 WE MOVE IN ALIGNMENT WITH THIS RESEARCH, WHICH INCLUDED THE  
7 IMPORTANT INPUT OF OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS ON THE GROUND. I AM  
8 PLEASED THAT WE WERE ABLE TO COME TO A RESOLUTION WITH THE  
9 FIRST DISTRICT TO ALLOCATE A TOTAL OF 5 MILLION TO THE  
10 COMMUNITIES MOST IMPACTED BY VIOLENCE. IN ADDITION, VIA OUR  
11 MOTION, WE ARE ALSO INVESTING \$1.3 MILLION TO START THE  
12 VIOLENCE INTERRUPTION PILOT PROGRAM, WHICH WILL BUILD UPON THE  
13 PREVIOUS T.P.I. WORK, FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE COMMUNITY-  
14 BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION RESPONSE, FOR A TOTAL OF \$6.3  
15 MILLION. THIS PILOT WILL BE TRACKED AND ANALYZED, VIA ANNUAL  
16 EVALUATIONS, TO ENSURE IT IS HAVING THE RIGHT IMPACT, AND CAN  
17 BE SCALED UP ACROSS THE ENTIRE COUNTY. FINALLY, I THINK WE  
18 NEED TO IDENTIFY SUSTAINABLE AND CONTINUED FUNDING FOR THIS  
19 WORK. THAT'S WHY I AM ALSO ASKING THE C.E.O. TO WORK CLOSELY  
20 WITH THE DEPARTMENTS AND MY STAFF TO IDENTIFY ONGOING FUNDING  
21 FOR O.D.T.'S WORK. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR YOUR  
22 TENACIOUS WORK AROUND VIOLENCE PREVENTION, AND ITS ONGOING  
23 EFFORTS TO FIND WAYS WE CAN SUSTAIN THIS WORK. BECAUSE SO MUCH  
24 WORK OCCURRED BEHIND THE SCENES TO CONFIRM ITEM 21, TO  
25 SATISFACTORILY ADDRESS THE BOARD'S INTENTIONS AND CONCERNS,

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1 I'M GOING TO RESPECTFULLY ABSTAIN FROM VOTING ON ITEM 15. THIS  
2 IS JUST THE BEGINNING OF FURTHER INVESTMENTS TO CREATE MORE  
3 PEACE IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO MUCH-NEEDED  
4 PROGRESS ON THIS ISSUE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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6 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT, I WILL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR BARGER,  
7 WHO IS YOUR CO-AUTHOR.

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9 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR  
10 MITCHELL FOR ALLOWING ME TO CO-AUTHOR THIS MOTION. AS I  
11 STATED, EARLY ENGAGEMENT IN OUR UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY IS  
12 CRITICAL TO EMPOWERING OUR YOUTH, AND KEEPING THEM OUT OF THE  
13 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. REGARDING THE USE OF INTERVENTION IN  
14 THIS OUTREACH, I JUST WANT TO NOTE THAT IT REQUIRES  
15 SIGNIFICANT VETTING TO ENSURE THAT METHODS ARE, IN FACT,  
16 DIRECTED TOWARD GANG INTERVENTION, RATHER THAN GANG  
17 RECRUITMENT. AND I KNOW THAT THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE'VE  
18 WORKED CLOSELY IN MY DISTRICT TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE BRINGING  
19 IN PEOPLE THAT HAVE THE ABILITY TO DO OUTREACH AND REALLY WORK  
20 TOWARD GANG INTERVENTION. FROM BRINGING THIS FORWARD, I  
21 BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY, AND I THINK THAT  
22 PARTNERING WITH OUR PRIORITIZED CITIES AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS  
23 IN BETTER ENGAGING WITH OUR AT-RISK RESIDENTS WILL SERVE THE  
24 ENTIRE COUNTY. SO WITH THAT, I AM PROUD TO BE A PART OF THIS  
25 MOTION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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2   **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER MEMBERS ON  
3   THIS ITEM? IF NOT, I WILL WAIT, AND WE'LL MOVE ON TO MY ITEM,  
4   AND THAT'S ITEM 15. YOU KNOW, I REGRET TO HEAR, SUPERVISOR  
5   MITCHELL, THAT YOU WON'T BE SUPPORTING THIS, BECAUSE I DON'T  
6   THINK THAT WE ARE REALLY ON TWO DIFFERENT TRACKS HERE, AND I  
7   THINK THAT, OFTENTIMES, PEOPLE MAY MISUNDERSTAND HOW WE GET  
8   THINGS DONE HERE IN THE COUNTY. BUT BELIEVE ME, I IN NO WAY  
9   WANTED TO HARM YOUR DISTRICT, KNOWING FULL WELL THAT THERE ARE  
10   EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCES THAT ARE FACED THERE, WITH RESPECT TO  
11   THESE ISSUES OF GANG VIOLENCE AND THINGS THAT HAVE TO BE  
12   ADDRESSED, AND I REALIZE THAT. AND I AM DEEPLY MOVED BY WHAT I  
13   SEE HAPPENING AROUND THE COUNTY, MOSTLY IN A WAY OF BEING  
14   ALARMED, BECAUSE IN THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF, I HAVE SEEN SO  
15   MUCH VIOLENCE IN MY COMMUNITY. NOT JUST IN EAST L.A., WHERE IT  
16   TYPICALLY HAS ALWAYS, HISTORICALLY, BEEN BROUGHT UP, BUT NOW  
17   TO SEE IT SPLINTERING AND GOING INTO OTHER PARTS OF THE SAN  
18   GABRIEL VALLEY, IN VALINDA, IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS:  
19   VALINDA, BASSETT, AZUSA, WEST COVINA; AND I BELIEVE, ALSO, IN  
20   AREAS IMPACTING SUPERVISOR HAHN, IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS, AS WELL  
21   AS HAWAIIAN GARDENS, AND EVEN IN ANTELOPE VALLEY, IN THE FIFTH  
22   DISTRICT. SO I THINK THIS ISSUE IS ONE OF ALL OF US, AND  
23   THAT'S WHY I HAD MY STAFF WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
24   PUBLIC HEALTH, THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION, TO TALK  
25   ABOUT HOW WE COULD EXPAND THE POOL OF MONEY FROM THE ORIGINAL

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1 AMOUNT THAT YOU HAD BROUGHT UP IN YOUR MOTION, THAT WAS  
2 DIRECTED TOWARDS YOUR DISTRICT, WHICH WAS FOR \$1.32 MILLION  
3 FOR THE SECOND DISTRICT. WHEN MY STAFF SPOKE TO PUBLIC HEALTH,  
4 THEY DID TELL US THAT THERE WAS ACTUALLY ABOUT \$5 MILLION THAT  
5 WAS AVAILABLE. SO WITH THAT THINKING, I FELT IT WAS IMPORTANT  
6 FOR US, THEN, TO WORK AROUND THE WHOLE COUNTY, TO SEE HOW WE  
7 COULD PROVIDE AND FOSTER THE TYPE OF SUPPORT THAT'S SO MUCH  
8 NEEDED, IN TERMS OF GANG INTERVENTION. AND WE HEARD SOME OF  
9 THAT TODAY, WHEN PEOPLE CALLED IN EARLIER. THIS IS A REAL  
10 PROBLEM, AND IT IS A PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM, AND IT'S ONE THAT  
11 I THINK ALL OF US HAVE TO PUT OUR ARMS AROUND IN A CERTAIN  
12 MANNER. I HAVE BEEN EXPENDING SOME OF MY OWN DISCRETIONARY  
13 MONEY, FOR THE LAST THREE AND FOUR YEARS, TO PAY FOR  
14 INTERVENTION GROUPS TO COME IN AND SERVICE THE SAN GABRIEL  
15 VALLEY AND OTHER PARTS OF EAST L.A., WHICH LITERALLY HAD NO  
16 BOOTS ON THE GROUND. WE DIDN'T FIND ANY SUPPORT FROM OUR LAW  
17 ENFORCEMENT TRADITIONAL GROUPS THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO DO  
18 THIS. AND PERHAPS IT IS JUST NOT SOMETHING THAT PEOPLE THINK  
19 TWICE ABOUT. BUT FOR ME, IT'S BEEN A LIVING EXISTENCE FOR THE  
20 LAST FEW YEARS, ESPECIALLY THROUGH THE PANDEMIC. AND I KNOW  
21 THAT MY RESIDENTS THAT I REPRESENT, AND IN OTHER PARTS OF THE  
22 COUNTY, FEEL VERY DISTRESSED, KNOWING THAT LOVED ONES ARE  
23 BATTLING IT OUT IN THE STREET, AND ESPECIALLY IN THE LAST FEW  
24 MONTHS, WHERE WE HAVE HAD UNPRECEDENTED NUMBERS OF VIOLENT  
25 DEATHS BECAUSE OF GANG-RELATED ACTIVITIES. I WANT TO SEE THIS

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1 COME TO AN END, JUST AS MUCH AS ANYONE. AND THEREFORE, I AM  
2 ASKING FOR SUPPORT FOR ITEM 15, REDUCING VIOLENCE COUNTYWIDE,  
3 BECAUSE IT IS A PROBLEM THAT ALL OF US FACE. SO I HOPE THAT  
4 YOU WILL CONSIDER NUMBERS SUPPORTING THIS MOTION. I DON'T  
5 THINK IT DOES ANY HARM. I THINK WE ARE ALL GOING IN THE SAME  
6 DIRECTION. I WOULD ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE. WITH THAT, I WOULD  
7 LIKE TO RECOGNIZE MY CO-AUTHOR, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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9 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I AM JUST GOING TO SAY UP  
10 FRONT, I AM GOING TO SUPPORT BOTH OF THESE MOTIONS, RIGHT? I'M  
11 GOING TO VOTE YES ON 15, I'M GOING TO VOTE YES ON 21, BECAUSE  
12 CLEARLY VIOLENCE PREVENTION IS PROBABLY MORE IMPORTANT THAN  
13 EVER. RIGHT? I FEEL LIKE WE HAVE BEEN FOCUSING FOR THE LAST  
14 YEAR AND A HALF ON THIS PANDEMIC, AND ACTUALLY, CRIME WAS DOWN  
15 FOR A WHILE, AND IT JUST WASN'T ON OUR RADAR FOR A WHILE. AND  
16 NOW WE SEE CRIME ON THE UPTICK. WE SEE VULNERABLE POPULATIONS  
17 BEING EXPOSED TO CRIME. HOMELESS PEOPLE, WE KNOW, PARTICULARLY  
18 WOMEN WHO ARE IN SOME OF THESE ENCAMPMENTS, ARE VICTIMS OF  
19 CRIMES. SO VIOLENCE PREVENTION IS REALLY WHERE WE WANT TO BE.  
20 EVERY DOLLAR FOR PREVENTION SAVES US MONEY ON THE BACK END, IN  
21 TERMS OF WHAT IT DOES TO DEVASTATE FAMILIES, WHAT IT DOES TO  
22 OUR JAILS, TO OUR WHOLE SYSTEM. I WAS TOLD ONCE, WHEN I WAS A  
23 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, THAT EVERY MURDER COST A MILLION DOLLARS  
24 IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, WHEN YOU WENT THROUGH THE IMPACT  
25 ON THE FAMILY, WHAT IT TOOK TO INVESTIGATE THE MURDER, WHAT IT

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1 TOOK TO BRING THE PERPETRATOR TO JUSTICE. SO, CLEARLY, EVERY  
2 DOLLAR FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION IS IMPORTANT. I THINK CERTAIN  
3 COMMUNITIES ARE PROBABLY IMPACTED MORE, BUT I THINK THE ISSUE  
4 HERE THAT I'VE FOUND WAS, I WAS CONCERNED, FOR INSTANCE, TO  
5 SEE HAWAIIAN GARDENS IS ONE OF THE AREAS WITH THE HIGHEST  
6 LEVELS OF VIOLENCE IN L.A. COUNTY. SO I THINK WE JUST HAVE TO  
7 MAKE SURE WE ARE LOOKING ACROSS THE BOARD AT COMMUNITIES THAT  
8 MAYBE PEOPLE DIDN'T THINK ABOUT, THAT WERE VICTIMS OF VIOLENT  
9 CRIME, SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THIS. AND I THINK, HOLLY, ONE OF  
10 THE BEST THINGS YOU SAID WAS, WE NEED TO FIND A DEDICATED  
11 REVENUE STREAM TO SUPPORT VIOLENCE PREVENTION, BECAUSE WHAT WE  
12 ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT TODAY-- AND I DON'T THINK WE ARE GOING  
13 TO-- IS THAT WE ARE USING MEASURE B FUNDS FOR THIS INITIATIVE.  
14 AND WE KNOW THAT WHEN THE VOTERS APPROVED MEASURE B, IT WAS  
15 ABOUT EMERGENCY ROOMS, TRAUMA CENTERS. WE KNOW THAT THE COUNTY  
16 COUNSEL HAS SAID WE CAN USE MEASURE B FUNDS FOR THIS, BUT I  
17 THINK PART OF THE, MAYBE, ISSUE THAT WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO  
18 RELOOK AT IS HOW WE DIRECT MEASURE B FUNDS. AND AGAIN, I AM  
19 TOTALLY IN FAVOR OF THIS. I'M GOING TO VOTE FOR THIS. BUT I  
20 KNOW FOR A FACT, YOU KNOW, I WAS TOLD BEFORE THAT I COULDN'T  
21 DIRECT MEASURE B FUNDS, FOR INSTANCE, TO THE CITY OF LONG  
22 BEACH, WHO HAS AN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WAREHOUSE THAT THEY  
23 FELT REALLY CAME UNDER THE CRITERIA OF MEASURE B, BUT THEY HAD  
24 TO GO THROUGH THE PROCESS. AND IN FACT THEY WERE FRUSTRATED  
25 WHEN THEY SAW THIS MOTION, THAT, "OH, IT JUST TAKES A MOTION

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1 TO DIRECT MEASURE B." SO THAT'S A BIGGER ISSUE. I AM REALLY  
2 NOT GOING TO BICKER ABOUT THAT TODAY. I THINK THIS IS RIGHT  
3 AND GOOD THAT WE ARE SPENDING MONEY ON VIOLENCE PREVENTION. I  
4 AM VOTING FOR BOTH OF THEM. BUT MAYBE GOING FORWARD, C.E.O.,  
5 WE COULD HAVE A BIGGER DISCUSSION ON MEASURE B FUNDS, HOW WE  
6 ALLOCATE THE UNALLOCATED MEASURE B FUNDS: WHEN DO WE COUNT  
7 THEM, WHEN ARE THEY UNALLOCATED, AND THEN HOW EACH SUPERVISOR  
8 COULD BENEFIT FROM DIRECTING SOME MEASURE B FUNDS INTO THEIR  
9 OWN DISTRICT FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION, FOR EMERGENCY  
10 PREPAREDNESS, FOR THEIR OWN HOSPITALS AND TRAUMA CENTERS IN  
11 THEIR OWN DISTRICTS. SO THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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13 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN. WELL  
14 SAID. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU WISH TO BE RECOGNIZED.

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16 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AS THE ONLY MEMBER  
17 WHO IS NOT AN AUTHOR OR CO-AUTHOR OF EITHER ONE OF THESE, I  
18 FEEL PARTICULARLY QUALIFIED TO APPROVE BOTH OF THEM, AND TO  
19 SPEAK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE MAYBE LARGER ISSUES IN WHICH WE  
20 ARE ENGAGED WITH THESE TWO MOTIONS. I THINK IT IS REALLY  
21 IMPORTANT TO EXPAND OUR EFFORTS TO PREVENT VIOLENCE WITHIN THE  
22 COMMUNITIES, TO PREVENT HARM TO OUR RESIDENTS. AND I AGREE  
23 WITH MY COLLEAGUES THAT MEASURE B IS AN APPROPRIATE FUNDING  
24 SOURCE-- AND I WILL SAY JUST A MINUTE LATER WHY-- BUT ALSO NOT  
25 THE ONLY APPROPRIATE FUNDING SOURCE. I AGREE WITH THOSE WHO

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1 HAVE INDICATED THAT WE NEED SOME IDEAS FROM OUR VERY ESTEEMED  
2 C.E.O. ABOUT HOW WE MIGHT ESTABLISH A SUSTAINABLE AND ONGOING  
3 FUNDING STREAM TO SUPPORT OPERATING COSTS AND THESE PROGRAM  
4 COSTS IN ADDITION TO MEASURE B FUNDS. YOU KNOW, WE PUT O.V.P.  
5 IN PUBLIC HEALTH FOR A COUPLE OF REASONS. ONE IS, THERE HAS  
6 LONG BEEN THE RECOGNITION THAT VIOLENCE IN THE SOCIETY IS A  
7 PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIC. AND AS SUPERVISOR HAHN AND OTHERS HAVE  
8 POINTED OUT, THROUGH THE PANDEMIC, WE HAVE SEEN A RISE IN  
9 ANGER, IN VIOLENCE. THE ISSUES OF PEOPLE ON PLANES. THE  
10 SHOOTING ON THE FREEWAYS. THE UPTICK IN CRIME, ROAD RAGE.  
11 PEOPLE ARE REALLY FRUSTRATED. BUT WE HAVE ALSO SUSPECTED AND  
12 ARE BEGINNING TO SEE AN UPTICK IN THE KIND OF VIOLENCE THAT  
13 OUR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT ALSO DEALS WITH IN O.V.P., AND  
14 THAT GOES ACROSS ALL FIVE DISTRICTS: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, ELDER  
15 ABUSE, CHILD ABUSE. ALL OF THESE THINGS ARE PART OF OUR PUBLIC  
16 HEALTH PROGRAM, IN THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION. BUT WHY  
17 PREVENTION, AND WHY MEASURE B? PRETTY MUCH MOST OF THE TIME,  
18 OUR SOCIETY PUTS THE RESOURCES AND ENERGIES INTO ADDRESSING  
19 THE HARMS CAUSED BY VIOLENCE AFTER IT'S ALREADY OCCURRED. WE  
20 SPEND ENORMOUS SUMS OF MONEY ON TRAUMA CENTERS, LAW  
21 ENFORCEMENT. WHY? BECAUSE WE HOPE THAT THESE INVESTMENTS WILL  
22 HELP HOPE BOTH HEAL PHYSICAL HARM CAUSED BY VIOLENCE, AND  
23 MAYBE MAKE IT LESS LIKELY THAT PEOPLE WILL COMMIT VIOLENCE IN  
24 THE FUTURE. BUT IT IS REALLY CLEAR THAT THERE IS A REAL VALUE  
25 IN ALLOCATING MORE RESOURCES TO PREVENTING VIOLENCE. WHY?

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1 BECAUSE EVERY PERSON WHO IS NOT HARMED WILL NOT BE COMING INTO  
2 A TRAUMA CENTER, WILL NOT BE GOING TO A HOSPITAL, WILL NOT BE  
3 NEEDING THE KIND OF HEALING THAT THE COUNTY CAN HELP WITH, AND  
4 THAT, IN AND OF ITSELF, IS A SAVINGS, AND THEREFORE, I THINK,  
5 AN APPROPRIATE USE OF OUR MEASURE B MONEY, AND A SMART USE. SO  
6 I AM HAPPY TO SUPPORT THE MOTIONS TODAY. HOPEFULLY, O.V.P.  
7 WILL GET THE RESOURCES IT NEEDS, AND HELP US ACHIEVE OUR GOAL  
8 OF PREVENTING VIOLENCE IN ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES BEFORE IT  
9 OCCURS, BECAUSE ONLY THEN, I THINK, CAN WE REALLY SEE  
10 HEALTHIER, AND CERTAINLY SAFER, COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU, MADAM  
11 CHAIR.

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13 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR  
14 THAT VERY ELOQUENT DESCRIPTION OF THE NEED FOR THIS FUNDING,  
15 AND IT DOES MAKE SENSE TO USE MEASURE B, BUT OBVIOUSLY LOOKING  
16 AT OTHER RESOURCES THAT HOPEFULLY MAY COME OUR WAY THROUGH THE  
17 STATE GOVERNMENT, AS WELL AS FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND IT MAY BE  
18 PHILANTHROPIC, AS WELL. MEMBERS, HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS,  
19 THEN - -

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21 **SUP. BARGER:** MADAM CHAIR, MAY I ASK ONE QUESTION REGARDING  
22 YOUR MOTION? IT'S JUST A MINOR THING, BUT IN YOUR MOTION,  
23 THERE IS NO REPORT BACK OR ANY TIME, IN TERMS OF PROVIDING THE  
24 BOARD WITH AN UPDATE. ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT IN TERMS OF HOW  
25 WE'RE GOING TO BE NOTIFIED? BECAUSE I KNOW THAT IN THE MOTION

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1 THAT WE'VE GOT, IT DOES TALK ABOUT A 120-DAY REPORT-BACK IN  
2 WRITING, SO WE GET A RESPONSE. IS THAT SOMETHING YOU'D BE OKAY  
3 INCORPORATING? BECAUSE I THINK WE WOULD ALL LIKE TO GET A  
4 REPORT BACK, IN TERMS OF HOW IT'S ALL BEING WORKED OUT.

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6 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YEAH. I DON'T THINK THAT'S A PROBLEM. I  
7 THINK, IN FACT, BOTH ITEMS. I AGREE.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY.

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11 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** IT'S FINE, AS AMENDED.

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13 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. IT IS NOT AN AMENDMENT.

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15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE CAN REPORT BACK, YES, ON THAT.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, PERFECT.

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** NO PROBLEM. GREAT, OKAY. SO ITEM 15 IS  
20 BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE  
21 THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLE.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 15, AS AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE REPORT-  
24 BACK, IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

25

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1    **SUP. MITCHELL:** ABSTAINING.

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

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6    **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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10   **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

13

14   **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

17

18   **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

19

20   **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 4-  
21   0, WITH 1 ABSTENTION.

22

23   **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 21.

24   MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO

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

3

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

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

8

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

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

13

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

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

21

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

23

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

25

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

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** NOW, MEMBERS, WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM  
5 NUMBER 24, RECOVERING BETTER THAN BEFORE, ENSURING EQUITABLE  
6 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN, WHICH WAS HELD BY  
7 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, APPRECIATE  
10 THAT. AS WE ALL ARE PAINFULLY AWARE, C.O.V.I.D.-19 HAS REALLY  
11 ATTEMPTED-- I WON'T GIVE IN AND SAY THAT IT DEVASTATED OUR  
12 COUNTY, BUT IT HAS ISSUED A REALLY TOUGH BLOW, AND IT HAS HIT  
13 OUR LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR THE  
14 HARDEST, AND QUITE FRANKLY THE CRUELEST. MANY OF OUR FAMILIES  
15 WHO WERE ALREADY ON THE FINANCIAL EDGE WERE STRIPPED OF THEIR  
16 ONLY WAGE EARNER. ANXIETY LEVELS AMONG CHILDREN INCREASED, AND  
17 EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT LEVELS DROPPED. BUSINESSES CLOSED, AND  
18 WE FOLLOWED NEEDED BUT HARD RULES AROUND SOCIAL DISTANCING.  
19 OUR HEALTH SYSTEM AND FRONTLINE HEALTH WORKERS WERE STRETCHED  
20 TO THEIR ABSOLUTE LIMIT. PRESIDENT BIDEN AND CONGRESS'S  
21 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT PROVIDES A HISTORIC ONE-TIME INFUSION  
22 OF FEDERAL FUNDS TO HELP L.A. COUNTY AND ANGELENOS RECOVER. SO  
23 I AM REALLY HOPING THAT WE ALL COMMIT TO GET THIS RIGHT,  
24 BECAUSE THIS FUNDING IS TRULY UNPRECEDENTED. THESE FUNDS ARE  
25 NOT A HANDOUT. THEY ARE INTENDED TO HELP US STEP UP AND STEP

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1 FORWARD. THE RECENT EXPONENTIAL RISE IN BOTH C.O.V.I.D.-19  
2 CASES AND POSITIVE TEST RATES REMINDS US THAT WE ARE NOT OUT  
3 OF THE WOODS YET, AND WE MUST DEMONSTRATE THAT WE CAN DO THIS  
4 RIGHT. SO I WANT TO THANK THE C.E.O. AND THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT  
5 HEADS AND THE COUNTY'S WORKFORCE FOR THEIR TIRELESS AND  
6 COURAGEOUS WORK IN RESPONDING TO THE CRISIS CAUSED BY THIS  
7 PANDEMIC. I SPECIFICALLY WANT TO THANK THE C.E.O. AND HER TEAM  
8 FOR CLOSELY WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT HEADS TO DEVELOP  
9 INNOVATIVE PROJECTS THAT WILL WISELY USE THESE RESCUE ACT  
10 FUNDS. THIS MOTION, COLLEAGUES, DIRECTS THE C.E.O., WITH INPUT  
11 FROM KEY STAKEHOLDERS, TO DEVELOP EQUITY PRINCIPLES AND  
12 FORMULAS WHICH OUR DEPARTMENTS APPLY TO ENSURE WE CAREFULLY  
13 TARGET THOSE HARD-TO-REACH OR HARDLY REACHED POPULATIONS MOST  
14 NEEDING RECOVERY HELP. GROUPS LIKE THE COALITION FOR EQUITABLE  
15 RESCUE ACT IMPLEMENTATION, THE ADVANCEMENT PROJECT, AND OTHER  
16 PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS SUGGEST DATABASE MODELS THAT SHOULD BE  
17 CONSIDERED. I AM SURE THERE ARE MANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS DOING  
18 SIMILAR WORK, AS WELL, SO WE WANT THEM AT THE TABLE. THIS  
19 MOTION ALSO CALLS FOR TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY. RESULTS  
20 TRULY MATTER, AND IT DIRECTS THAT WE SHARE EFFORTS, OUTCOMES,  
21 AND PERFORMANCE WITH THE PUBLIC FOR ALL TO SEE. THE MOTION  
22 ALSO DIRECTS THAT WE POST ANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR  
23 COMMUNITIES TO COMPETE FOR GRANTS OR CONTRACTS FUNDED WITH  
24 RESCUE ACT FUNDS. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT OUR IMPACTED SMALL  
25 BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS AND RESIDENTS GET THE INFORMATION

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1 THEY NEED TO BENEFIT FROM THESE RESOURCES. TOO MANY TIMES, THE  
2 MOST IN NEED FIND THEMSELVES AT THE BACK OF THE LINE. AND SO I  
3 LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO TO CHANGE THAT  
4 PARADIGM, AND SHOW HOW WE WILL USE THESE DOLLARS IN THE BEST  
5 POSSIBLE WAY TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF PEOPLE WHO NEED IT AND  
6 DESERVE IT THE MOST. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND I  
7 ASK FOR AN AYE VOTE.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED AS  
10 CO-AUTHOR.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK  
13 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR INVITING ME TO CO-AUTHOR THIS MOTION.  
14 IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT FOR THOSE COMMUNITIES HARDEST HIT BY  
15 C.O.V.I.D. TO GET THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING IN ORDER TO  
16 ENSURE THE QUICKEST POSSIBLE RECOVERY. WE MUST ENSURE AN  
17 EQUITABLE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO PROVIDE THE CRUCIAL SUPPORT  
18 AND RESOURCES THAT OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT  
19 THE REGION DESERVE. TODAY'S MOTION IS AN IMPORTANT  
20 OPPORTUNITY, NOT ONLY TO DISTRIBUTE THIS FUNDING WHERE IT IS  
21 NEEDED THE MOST, BUT TO DO SO WITH TRANSPARENCY AND, MORE  
22 IMPORTANTLY, WITH ACCOUNTABILITY. IN ADDITION, THE  
23 ESTABLISHMENT OF A PUBLIC WEBSITE REPORTING ON OUR  
24 EXPENDITURES IS ESSENTIAL IN MAINTAINING TRANSPARENCY AND  
25 ACCOUNTABILITY TO THIS IMPORTANT FUNDING. SO AGAIN, I WANT TO

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1 EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR INCLUDING  
2 ME ON THIS MOTION. I BELIEVE THIS IS GOING TO BE SOMETHING  
3 THAT WILL DEFINITELY BENEFIT ALL OF THE HARDEST HIT  
4 COMMUNITIES, BUT ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES AS A WHOLE, MOVING  
5 FORWARD. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT, I WILL RECOGNIZE  
8 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WHO WANTS TO SPEAK ON THE ITEM.

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I STRONGLY  
11 SUPPORT THE ITEM AND ALL OF THE APPROPRIATE ISSUES OF EQUITY.  
12 I THINK WE HAVE BEEN CLEARLY AND CERTAINLY WITH THIS BOARD,  
13 HISTORICALLY, DEVOTED TO BEING REALISTIC ABOUT THE IMPACTS OF  
14 C.O.V.I.D., AND HOW WE CAN RECOVER, HOPEFULLY, WITH THE HELP  
15 OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THE REASON I WANT TO SPEAK VERY  
16 BRIEFLY IS, I DON'T WANT US TO FORGET THE DEVASTATING IMPACTS  
17 ON WOMEN AND GIRLS IN EVERY COMMUNITY. THERE'S THE CONCEPT OF  
18 PROPOSITION 209, WHICH I FOUND EXTREMELY DESTRUCTIVE FROM THE  
19 MINUTE IT WAS PASSED. THE EQUITY INDEX WILL NOT INCLUDE  
20 GENDER. IT WILL NOT INCLUDE RACE AS COUNTING, IN TERMS OF, I  
21 GUESS YOU WOULD SAY, WHERE [INAUDIBLE]. BUT IN ALLOCATING THIS  
22 MONEY, I REALLY, REALLY, REALLY WANT US TO REMEMBER HOW HARD  
23 HIT WOMEN WERE IN THIS PANDEMIC, IN TERMS OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT.  
24 THEY LOST MORE JOBS. THEY ARE STILL MORE OUT OF WORK. THE  
25 INDUSTRIES IN WHICH THEY OPERATE ARE HAVING THE HARDEST TIME

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1 COMING BACK. AND SO I WANT US TO ALWAYS PAY ATTENTION, BECAUSE  
2 IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT COMMUNITY YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. IF YOU  
3 DIVIDE IT BETWEEN HOW MEN ARE DOING-- REALLY BAD-- AND HOW  
4 WOMEN ARE DOING-- REALLY, REALLY, BAD-- IT IS ALWAYS JUST A  
5 LITTLE WORSE FOR THE WOMEN AND GIRLS. IT DOESN'T MEAN THEY  
6 NEED TO BE PREFERRED. IT SIMPLY MEANS THEY NEED TO BE  
7 REMEMBERED, CONSIDERED, AND CARED FOR. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY OTHER MEMBERS THAT WANT TO BE  
10 RECOGNIZED ON THIS MOTION? OKAY, SEEING NONE, HEARING NO OTHER  
11 COMMENTS, ITEM 24 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,  
12 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM  
13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 24 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR  
16 MITCHELL?

17

18 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

19

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

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

24

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

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

3

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

5

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

7

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

9

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

11 0.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER

14 27, MODERNIZE THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICE AUTHORITY'S

15 (L.A.H.S.A.'S) EXISTING GOVERNANCE AND STRUCTURE, IN

16 PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, WHICH WAS HELD BY

17 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

18

19 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I APPRECIATE

20 YOU. THANKS TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP IN CO-

21 AUTHORIZING THIS MUCH-NEEDED AND TIMELY MOTION TO MODERNIZE THE

22 STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE OF L.A.H.S.A. SINCE ITS CREATION IN

23 1993, L.A.H.S.A., AS A JOINT [INAUDIBLE] AUTHORITY BETWEEN THE

24 COUNTY OF L.A. AND THE CITY OF L.A. HAS BEEN THE TARGET OF

25 CRITICISM AND BLAME FOR THE GROWING SOCIAL AND HUMANITARIAN

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1 CRISIS WHICH HAS LEFT HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE STRANDED  
2 ON OUR STREETS, IN OUR SHELTERS. AS GOVERNMENT, AS POLICY-  
3 MAKERS, AND AS THE PROGRESSIVE LEADERS OF OUR TIME, WE KNOW  
4 VERY WELL THAT HOMELESSNESS DOES NOT HAPPEN IN A VACUUM, IN  
5 WHICH OUR NONPROFITS AND THIRD-PARTY JOINT POWERS CAN SIMPLY  
6 SOLVE ON THEIR OWN. HOMELESSNESS IN L.A. COUNTY IS AND HAS  
7 BEEN, SINCE THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY, A BYPRODUCT OF ALL THE  
8 ISMS: RACISM, CLASSISM, SEXISM, DELIBERATE HOUSING POLICIES,  
9 AND REDLINING, WHICH HAVE CREATED GENERATIONAL GAPS BETWEEN  
10 THOSE WHO OWN LAND AND HOUSING, AND THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN FORCED  
11 TO SIT ON THE MARGINS OF SOCIETY AND WAIT TO BE FORCED OUT OF  
12 WHICHEVER AND WHATEVER PARTS OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS THEY WERE  
13 TEMPORARILY ALLOWED TO RENT. HOMELESSNESS IS AND HAS BEEN A  
14 DIRECT BYPRODUCT OF OUR DEEPLY RACIST JUSTICE SYSTEM AND MASS  
15 INCARCERATION, WHICH HAS NO COUNTERPART IN ANY OTHER PART OF  
16 THE WORLD, AND IS ALSO A BYPRODUCT OF INEQUITY IN OUR MENTAL  
17 HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE DELIVERY SYSTEMS. RECENTLY, H.O.M.E. -  
18 H.O.P.E., A STUDY BY U.C. SAN FRANCISCO, SHOWED THAT 84% OF  
19 UNHOUSED OLDER ADULTS FROM THE SECOND HALF OF THE BABY BOOMER  
20 GENERATION HAD A HISTORY OF INCARCERATION THROUGHOUT THEIR  
21 LIFETIME; AGAIN, A RESULT OF MASS INCARCERATION AND THE WAR ON  
22 DRUGS AGAINST OUR UNDER-REPRESENTED COMMUNITIES AND POOR  
23 PEOPLE, WHO HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED AND ABUSED BY OUR SYSTEM  
24 SINCE THE '80S AND '90S. SO, TIME AND TIME AGAIN, RATHER THAN  
25 TRYING TO GET TO THE ROOT OF THE CAUSES OF SOCIAL AND RACIAL

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1 DISPARITIES WE SEE AROUND US, WE CREATE INSTITUTIONS DESIGNED  
2 TO SOLVE THE EFFECTS OF THE PROBLEM, RATHER THAN THE ROOT  
3 CAUSE. I THINK IT IS TIME THAT WE ALL ARE INTENTIONAL ABOUT  
4 FORMING AND TRANSFORMING AGENCIES TO BE CULTURALLY SENSITIVE  
5 AND RELEVANT, AND WE HAVE DONE THIS. THIS BOARD HAS DONE THIS,  
6 TIME AND TIME AGAIN. OUR INSTITUTIONS NEED TO BE GROUNDED ON  
7 HISTORIC KNOWLEDGE THAT PROVIDES TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE, TO GIVE  
8 EACH AND EVERY INDIVIDUAL THE TOOLS THEY NEED TO BE  
9 SUCCESSFUL. AND LASTLY, IT'S HELD ACCOUNTABLE AND OFTEN BLAMED  
10 FOR THE HOMELESS CRISIS, EVEN THOUGH IT DOES NOT INHERENTLY,  
11 BY DESIGN, HAVE THE POWER, AUTHORITY, OR CAPACITY TO SOLVE THE  
12 CRISIS BY ITSELF. AND AGAIN, SINCE ITS FOUNGING, L.A.H.S.A.'S  
13 ROLE HAS EVOLVED FROM A SIMPLE GRANT ADMINISTRATOR TO A  
14 PROVIDER OF SERVICES, AS WELL AS A FULL SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR  
15 AND POLICY ADVISOR. HOWEVER, L.A.H.S.A. DOES NOT HAVE CONTROL  
16 OVER ITS FUNDING, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS, AND RECEIVES  
17 DIRECTION FROM OVERLAPPING OVERSIGHT BODIES, WHICH HAS MADE IT  
18 EVEN MORE DIFFICULT WITH EACH YEAR, BRINGING ABOUT GREATER  
19 NUMBERS OF INFLOW INTO THE SYSTEM. IF L.A.H.S.A. HASN'T  
20 RESOLVED THE HOMELESS CRISIS IN L.A. COUNTY, IT'S NOT BECAUSE  
21 IT'S NOT THEIRS TO SOLVE ALONE. L.A.H.S.A. WAS NEVER DESIGNED  
22 TO SOLVE HOMELESSNESS, BECAUSE IT DOESN'T HAVE JURISDICTION  
23 OVER THE PRODUCTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING, THE NUMBERS OF  
24 MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES AND NUMBER OF MENTAL HEALTH BEDS  
25 AVAILABLE. IT HAS NO OVERSIGHT OVER OUR SECTION 8 SYSTEM,

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1 PUBLIC HEALTH, OR THE REFORMING OF OUR JAIL SYSTEM, ALL ISSUES  
2 THAT DIRECTLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE NUMBER OF UNHOUSED ON OUR  
3 STREETS AND IN OUR FACILITIES EVERY DAY. ALL OF THESE NEED TO  
4 WORK IN CONCERT TO CLOSE THE FRONT DOOR OF THE INFLOW INTO  
5 HOMELESSNESS. I RECENTLY MET WITH LEADERSHIP AT L.A.H.S.A. AS  
6 A PART OF MY OWN ONBOARDING PROCESS JOINING THE BOARD, AND I  
7 KNEW THAT THERE WERE MANY KIND OF BOSSES, IF YOU WILL, OR  
8 VESTED INTERESTS AROUND THE TABLE, BUT I AM NOT SURE THAT I  
9 EVEN UNDERSTOOD, OR OTHERS REALLY FULLY ACKNOWLEDGED THE FACT,  
10 THAT L.A.H.S.A. HAS 31 KEY DECISION-MAKERS, BETWEEN THE  
11 COUNTY, THE CITY OF L.A., AND THE COMMISSION. I HEARD  
12 REPEATEDLY THE DESIRE TO EXPAND THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE AROUND  
13 THE TABLE BEYOND THE 31. I INCLUDED IN THE MOTION, AS PART OF  
14 DIRECTIVE ONE, AN INPUT AND ENGAGEMENT PROCESS FOR ONE  
15 CRITICAL CONTRIBUTING ENTITY, THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, AS  
16 WELL AS A STAKEHOLDER PROCESS TO HAVE UNIFIED OUTREACH  
17 ENGAGEMENT AND A HOUSING PLACEMENT APPROACH TO ENCAMPMENTS.  
18 AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE SOME THAT THINK THAT THE 31  
19 ISN'T ENOUGH, AND HAVING MORE WILL SOLVE THE CHALLENGE, BUT I  
20 DON'T BELIEVE THAT TO BE THE CASE. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT ADDING  
21 MORE PEOPLE TO THE PROVERBIAL TABLE WILL RESOLVE THE  
22 CHALLENGES I HAVE JUST MENTIONED. AND THERE ARE THOSE WHO HAVE  
23 CALLED THE GOVERNANCE OF L.A.H.S.A. CHAOS, BECAUSE EVERYONE IS  
24 IN CHARGE, AND YET NO ONE IS IN CHARGE OR CAN BE HELD  
25 ACCOUNTABLE. I BELIEVE THAT WE NEED INTENTIONAL LEADERSHIP, AS

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1 WELL AS MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENT, AND THAT'S WHY THE MOTION  
2 BEFORE US TODAY IS INCLUSIVE OF AMENDMENTS CRAFTED AFTER  
3 DISCUSSIONS WITH MY COLLEAGUES, DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP, AND  
4 COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS. OUR GOAL WITH THIS MOTION IS TO BRING  
5 OUR COUNTY AND CITY TOGETHER, TO HAVE AN OPEN AND HONEST AND  
6 CONSISTENT CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT L.A.H.S.A. IS, AND WHAT IT  
7 IS NOT. AND AS OPPOSED TO GETTING INVOLVED IN THE BLAME GAME  
8 ABOUT WHOSE INABILITY TO SOLVE THE CRISIS IT IS, IT'S TO  
9 REALLY GIVE IT A JOB DESCRIPTION THAT IT WILL ACTUALLY BE ABLE  
10 TO PERFORM AND SUCCEED AT. AND SO THIS MOTION IS INTRODUCED IN  
11 AN EFFORT TO CREATE A BODY BY THE GOVERNMENT THAT ACTUALLY  
12 WORKS AND IS SET UP TO SUCCEED RATHER THAN FAIL, AND TO CREATE  
13 LASTING, EFFECTIVE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE CITY, THE COUNTY,  
14 AND L.A.H.S.A., TO SOLVE PROBLEMS TOGETHER, WHICH SERVE OUR  
15 COMMUNITIES, RATHER THAN DIVIDE THEM. I WOULD LIKE OTHER  
16 DEPARTMENTS, ALONG WITH OUR OWN BOARD AND THE CITY OF L.A., TO  
17 WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODY OF  
18 GOVERNANCE, AND TO FINALLY ALIGN OUR VISION, MISSION, TO SET  
19 REALISTIC GOALS AND TIMELINES TO MEET THOSE GOALS. SO I AM  
20 ASKING FOR A REPORT BACK WITHIN 90 DAYS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION  
21 OF A MODERNIZED L.A.H.S.A. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE THAT IS  
22 APPROPRIATE TO THE TIMES IN WHICH WE LIVE, AND TO THE  
23 ABILITIES OF L.A.H.S.A. AS A JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY. I ASK FOR  
24 YOUR AYE VOTE.

25

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

2

3 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANKS TO  
4 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO CO-AUTHOR  
5 THE MOTION. IT IS ALSO TIMELY, AS WE'RE ALSO CONSIDERING THE  
6 FIFTH YEAR OF MEASURE H BUDGET THIS AFTERNOON. AS YOU  
7 MENTIONED, SINCE ITS CREATION, L.A.H.S.A. HAS MOVED FROM  
8 SIMPLY BEING A GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR TO A SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR  
9 AND POLICY ADVISER. TREMENDOUS GROWTH OVER THE LAST FIVE  
10 YEARS, WHICH BRINGS OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO EVALUATE  
11 THE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE, AND TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS. THERE HAVE  
12 BEEN A LOT OF DISCUSSIONS ABOUT GOVERNANCE OVER THE LAST 12  
13 MONTHS; FOUR DIFFERENT REPORTS BY THE COUNTY, BY THE CITY, BY  
14 L.A.H.S.A., BY WEINGART, WITH A VARIETY OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO  
15 APPROVE L.A.H.S.A. BUT ONE RECOMMENDATION UPLIFTED IN MULTIPLE  
16 REPORTS IS THE NEED TO ESTABLISH A SYSTEMWIDE VISION, GOALS,  
17 AND OUTCOME MEASUREMENT. SO LAST MONTH, AS YOU MENTIONED, SOME  
18 OF OUR COLLEAGUES, LED BY OUR FORMER COLLEAGUE ON THIS BOARD,  
19 MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, TOOK ACTION TO ADVANCE SOME IMPROVEMENT IN  
20 THE SYSTEM. SO IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO COLLABORATE MORE  
21 EFFECTIVELY WITH OUR CITY COLLEAGUES THAT HAVE ENTERED  
22 GOVERNMENTAL TABLE. THE MOTION ASKS FOR AN ANALYSIS ON HOW TO  
23 DO THIS. I LIKE THE FACT THAT IT'S A REPORT BACK. I ALSO VERY  
24 STRONGLY AGREE WITH HOW DIFFICULT IT IS FOR L.A.H.S.A. WHEN IT  
25 HAS NO WAY AT ALL TO CONTROL HOW MUCH INFLUX INTO HOMELESSNESS

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1    THERE IS IN THE COUNTY. MORE PEOPLE ARE BECOMING HOMELESS  
2    EVERY DAY THAN WE CAN HOUSE, EVEN THOUGH WE ARE HOUSING  
3    THOUSANDS EVERY YEAR. IT IS KIND OF LIKE SOMEBODY, WE DON'T  
4    KNOW WHO, IS THROWING A BUNCH OF PEOPLE OFF OF A BRIDGE, AND  
5    WE'RE STANDING AT THE BOTTOM OF THE BRIDGE, COMPLAINING THAT  
6    L.A.H.S.A. 'S NOT CLEANING UP THE BODIES FAST ENOUGH. I HATE TO  
7    BE SO GRAPHIC, BUT IT REALLY IS A LOT LIKE THAT. WE KIND OF  
8    KNOW THE ISSUES THAT ARE MAKING PEOPLE HOMELESS. THAT'S WHY WE  
9    ARE TRYING TO LOOK AT CONTROLLING RENT, WHICH WE HAVE A  
10    TERRIBLE HARD TIME DOING. WE ARE LOOKING AT CONTROLLING  
11    EVICTION, WHICH WE ARE ABLE TO DO DURING THE PANDEMIC ONLY,  
12    PROBABLY. WE'LL SEE. IT IS PEOPLE RAISING THE RENT AS MUCH AS  
13    THEY LIKE, NO LIMITS, AND SAYING TO A FAMILY, "IF YOU CAN'T  
14    MAKE IT, GET OUT." AND THAT'S ONE MORE HOMELESS FAMILY. SO WE  
15    ARE DOING WHAT WE CAN ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING, DOING WHAT WE CAN  
16    ON CREATING MORE UNITS, DOING WHAT WE CAN ON MASTER LEASING,  
17    AND EVEN BUYING HOTELS AND MOTELS. BUT WITH L.A.H.S.A., I  
18    THINK, SINCE THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MOVING PEOPLE OFF THE  
19    STREET, THIS KIND OF ARRANGEMENT, I THINK, AT LEAST HELPS  
20    SOMEWHAT HAVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL TABLE TO DO THE WORK MORE  
21    EFFICIENTLY, AND I HOPE EFFECTIVELY. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR  
22    CONTINUED EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE HOMELESS SERVICES SYSTEM, AS  
23    ALWAYS, AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR LETTING ME CO-AUTHOR, AND  
24    ASK FOR AN AYE VOTE.

25

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1    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU ARE  
2    RECOGNIZED.

3

4    **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. SO, I THINK WE CAN ALL  
5    AGREE THAT HOMELESSNESS CONTINUES TO BE ONE OF THE MOST  
6    IMMEDIATE CHALLENGES FACING THIS COUNTY. THIS IS EVIDENT IN  
7    OUR COMMUNITIES, WHERE HOMELESSNESS IS ON THE RISE. HOUSING  
8    HAS BECOME LESS AFFORDABLE. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES NEED TO BE  
9    REFORMED, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE CASES AND DEATHS ASSOCIATED WITH  
10   OVERDOSES ARE COMPLETELY OUT OF CONTROL. TODAY'S MOTION  
11   INCLUDES COLLABORATION WITH OUR PARTNERS IN THE CITY OF LOS  
12   ANGELES, WHICH CLEARLY IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR EFFORTS.  
13   HOWEVER, I WILL CONTINUE TO VOICE MY CONCERN ABOUT THE FACT  
14   THAT WE NEED TO ADVOCATE FOR THE INCLUSION OF MORE REGIONAL  
15   INPUT FROM OUR 88 CITIES AND OUR LOCAL COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT.  
16   THERE IS SIMPLY NOT ENOUGH LOCAL AND REGIONAL COLLABORATION  
17   WITHIN THE EXISTING GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE TO PROVIDE THE MUCH-  
18   NEEDED FEEDBACK ON FUNDING AND SERVICES TO THESE COMMUNITIES  
19   THAT EXIST OUTSIDE OF THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF LOS  
20   ANGELES. WHEN WE WERE LOOKING TO PASS MEASURE H, WE WANTED ALL  
21   OF THEM TO SUPPORT IT, THEREFORE WE MADE PROMISES THAT ARE NOT  
22   BEING KEPT. BY FOLKS SEEING MUCH OF THIS MOTION ON THE CITY OF  
23   L.A., I TRULY DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IT FOSTERS A SPIRIT OF  
24   COLLABORATION OR A PARTNERED APPROACH WITH OUR DIVERSE  
25   COMMUNITIES AND WITHIN OUR CITIES. SADLY, WE ARE ALMOST

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1 HALFWAY THROUGH THE LIFETIME OF MEASURE H, AND I BELIEVE THAT  
2 THE CURRENT SYSTEM AND STRUCTURE THAT WE ARE USING TO ADDRESS  
3 THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS IS SIMPLY NOT WORKING. WHEN I GO OUT  
4 AND TALK TO MY CITIES, I HAVE YET TO HEAR ONE CITY MANAGER  
5 AND/OR ELECTED OFFICIAL OUTSIDE OF THE CITY OF L.A. HAVE  
6 ANYTHING POSITIVE TO SAY ABOUT THE WORK THAT L.A.H.S.A. HAS  
7 BEEN DOING, EVEN IN TERMS OF EVEN GETTING REIMBURSEMENT FOR  
8 THE NONPROFITS. THERE ARE MANY, INCLUDING MYSELF, THOUGH, WHO  
9 BELIEVE THAT THIS IS DUE TO THE FUNDAMENTAL FAILURES OF  
10 L.A.H.S.A.'S EXISTING STRUCTURE. THIS BOARD HAS PREVIOUSLY  
11 TRIED TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES WITHIN THE L.A.H.S.A. GOVERNANCE  
12 STRUCTURE IN INCREMENTAL WAYS. IN FEBRUARY OF 2020, I AUTHORED  
13 A MOTION WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO REVISIT L.A.H.S.A.'S  
14 STRUCTURE, AND THE FUNCTION. IN SEPTEMBER OF 2020, FORMER  
15 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR HAHN INTRODUCED A  
16 MOTION TO EXPLORE NEW GOVERNANCE MODELS TO IMPROVE  
17 ACCOUNTABILITY AND OVERSIGHT OF HOMELESS SERVICE FUNDS. I  
18 APPRECIATE THE INTENT OF TODAY'S MOTION AND ITS EFFORTS TO  
19 EXAMINE L.A.H.S.A.'S GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE ONCE AGAIN. AND  
20 WHILE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
21 COMMITTEE TO ASSESS THESE ISSUES IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT  
22 DIRECTION, I BELIEVE WE NEED TO ACT WITH EVEN MORE URGENCY  
23 THAN WHAT IS PRESCRIBED, AND I WOULD HOPE THAT THE DEVELOPMENT  
24 OF THIS COMMITTEE AND THE TURNAROUND OF THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS  
25 CAN HAPPEN QUICKLY. WE MUST ALSO BE OPEN TO ANALYSIS AND

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1 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT EXPLORE THE COMPLETE-- COMPLETE--  
2 OVERHAUL OF THE J.P.A. THAT ESTABLISHED L.A.H.S.A. NEARLY 30  
3 YEARS AGO. NEVER WAS IT ENVISIONED TO BE A COUNTYWIDE GROUP TO  
4 LOOK AT THE EXPENDITURE OF HOMELESS FUNDS. I WILL REMIND MY  
5 COLLEAGUES, THIS IS A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH. JUST THIS  
6 YEAR, FROM JANUARY TO JULY, THE CORONER'S DATA SHOWS THAT 739  
7 UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS TRAGICALLY PASSED AWAY WHILE LIVING ON  
8 OUR STREETS. EVEN MORE CONCERNING IS THAT THIS REPRESENTS A  
9 20% INCREASE, COMPARED TO THE 616 UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS WHO  
10 DIED DURING THE SAME TIME PERIOD LAST YEAR. I AM NOT BLAMING  
11 L.A.H.S.A., BUT THE ACCOUNTABILITY STARTS WITH THIS BOARD. I  
12 BELIEVE IT IS BROKEN, AND I BELIEVE THAT WE NEED TO SERIOUSLY  
13 CONSIDER THE STRUCTURE OF THIS AGENCY. WE PROVIDED THEM WITH  
14 AN INFUSE OF FUNDING. THEY GREW RAPIDLY. THEY HAVE A LOT OF  
15 EMPLOYEES. AND WHILE I AGREE WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,  
16 THAT THEY CAN'T FIX IT ALONE, THEY SHOULD BE RECOGNIZING THEIR  
17 DEFICIENCIES AND LOOKING AT WHAT THEY CAN DO BETTER OUTSIDE  
18 THE CITY OF L.A., WHICH TO DATE THEY HAVE NOT DONE. SO I WOULD  
19 URGE MY COLLEAGUES TO BE MINDFUL OF THESE DEVASTATING  
20 CONSEQUENCES RELATED TO THE DEATHS THAT ARE CURRENTLY  
21 HAPPENING ON OUR STREETS, AND EXPLORE SOLUTIONS WITH A SENSE  
22 OF URGENCY. THE PASSAGE OF PREVIOUS MOTIONS SHOWS THAT THIS  
23 BOARD HAS BEEN WILLING TO ACT WITH URGENCY WHEN NEEDED. I  
24 WOULD ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO THINK ABOUT WHETHER THIS MOTION  
25 WILL MOVE US ANY CLOSER TOWARD THE GOAL OF HOUSING THE

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1 UNHOUSED, PROVIDING MUCH-NEEDED WRAPAROUND SERVICES,  
2 SUPPORTIVE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND IMPLEMENTING A  
3 HOMELESS SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM THAT DELIVERS MEASURABLE  
4 OUTCOMES. AND LASTLY, I WILL JUST SAY THAT THE HOMELESS CRISIS  
5 IS A CHALLENGE FACING US ALL, NOT JUST THE CITY OF L.A. IT IS  
6 GOING TO TAKE AN INTENTIONAL, PARTNERED APPROACH TOWARD  
7 IDENTIFYING SOLUTIONS AND WORKING ON PROGRAMS AND THE SERVICES  
8 THAT HELP PREVENT HOMELESSNESS. I WANT TO PERSONALLY SAY I AM  
9 GRATEFUL TO OUR MANY CITY SERVICE PROVIDERS AND COMMUNITY  
10 PARTNERS WHO HAVE JOINED WITH THE COUNTY IN OUR EFFORTS TO END  
11 THIS CRISIS, AND THEY HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERNS IN  
12 WRITING, PARTICULARLY THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY C.O.G., WHO SENT  
13 A LETTER TO ALL OF US, PROVIDING SPECIFICS IN TERMS OF WHAT  
14 THEIR CONCERNS ARE. AND IF WE TURN OUR BACK ON THEM, IF WE ARE  
15 GOING TO SEEK AN EXTENSION ON MEASURE H, I WILL GUARANTEE YOU  
16 THAT 87 CITIES ARE GOING TO QUESTION WHETHER OR NOT THEY WANT  
17 TO BE A PART OF THAT ARRANGEMENT, AND I THINK YOU WILL HAVE  
18 MANY THAT WILL SAY, "NO, THANK YOU." THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

19  
20 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR BARGER. I  
21 WANT TO ALSO MAKE A STATEMENT, AND KNOW THAT THIS IS, YES, A  
22 VERY IMPORTANT ITEM BEFORE US. AND I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
23 MEET WITH THE INDIVIDUALS THAT CAME UP WITH THIS REPORT, AND I  
24 BELIEVE TALKED TO DIFFERENT MEMBERS ON THE 8TH FLOOR, SO TO  
25 SPEAK, ABOUT THE NEED TO TRY TO PROVIDE A DIFFERENT MODEL OF

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1 GOVERNANCE. AND ONE OF MY QUESTIONS TO THEM WAS THAT THERE HAD  
2 TO BE ROOM FOR OUR C.O.G.S, FOR THE CITIES THAT WE REPRESENT,  
3 BEYOND JUST THE CITY OF L.A. AND WHILE I REPRESENT THE CITY OF  
4 L.A., I DON'T REPRESENT ALL OF IT, BUT I DO REPRESENT 23 OTHER  
5 CITIES, ALONG WITH THAT 24 OTHER UNINCORPORATED AREAS IN THE  
6 COUNTY. AND I AM CONSTANTLY REMINDED BY PEOPLE IN MY DISTRICT,  
7 OUTSIDE OF THE CITY, THAT THEY RECALL THAT WE WENT OUT AND  
8 TOLD THEM THAT WE WERE GOING TO EXTEND HOMELESS SERVICES TO  
9 THEM, AND THEREFORE WE NEEDED THEIR SUPPORT ON MEASURE H. MANY  
10 OF THEM WENT OUT OF THEIR WAY, AND WE HAD TO BEG, BORROW, AND  
11 JUST REALLY DO A LOT OF OUTREACH TO MANY OF OUR CITIES. AND  
12 THERE WAS A BELIEF THAT THEY, TOO, WOULD BE ABLE TO REAP THE  
13 BENEFITS OF MEASURE H. AND WHAT WE FOUND, UNFORTUNATELY, IS  
14 THAT L.A.H.S.A., IN THE WAY THE FORMULAS WERE IDENTIFIED, AND  
15 THE MAKEUP OF THE DIFFERENT GOVERNING MEMBERS, DIDN'T REALLY  
16 EXTEND BEYOND CERTAIN, HOW COULD I SAY, AREAS. AND I THINK  
17 THAT, SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU HIT IT RIGHT ON THE NOSE WHEN YOU  
18 SAID THAT WE DID WORK TOGETHER TO TRY TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR  
19 OUR C.O.G.S; IN FACT, \$5 MILLION THAT WE MADE AVAILABLE TO OUR  
20 C.O.G. IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. I, TOO, RECEIVED A LETTER  
21 FROM THEM. I REPRESENT THE SAN GABRIEL C.O.G., AS WELL AS YOU,  
22 AS WELL AS SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND I RESPECT THE WORK THAT SOME  
23 OF OUR CITIES HAVE BEEN DOING. IT TOOK A LOT FOR US TO SEE  
24 COMMUNITIES LIKE EL MONTE, BALDWIN PARK, MONTEREY PARK, AND  
25 OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY THAT ACTUALLY STOOD UP AND WORKED

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1 WITH US, BECAUSE WE EXTENDED AN OLIVE BRANCH AND DID WHAT WE  
2 COULD, STANDING UP ROOMKEY, AND NOW HOMEKEY, AND BRINGING  
3 SUPPORT SERVICES THAT WE SAW FLOURISH HERE IN THE DOWNTOWN  
4 AREA OUT TO THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, LIKE SHOWER OF HOPE, AND  
5 EVEN SERVICES FOR LAUNDRY, TAKING OUT THOSE SERVICES ALL THE  
6 WAY TO THE SAN GABRIEL WATERSHED IN THE CANYON, AND WORKING  
7 VERY HARD AND DILIGENTLY WITH MANY PROVIDERS OUT THERE THAT  
8 DON'T GET SUFFICIENT FUNDING, OR SOME THAT DID ENGAGE WITH  
9 L.A.H.S.A., BUT ALSO HAD QUALMS BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT  
10 APPROPRIATELY PAID WHEN THEIR CONTRACT WAS DUE. PAYMENT COULD  
11 REALLY UNDERMINE MANY OF THESE VERY FRAGILE C.B.O.S THAT  
12 PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SERVICES FOR MANY HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF  
13 RESIDENTS IN NOT JUST THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, BUT IN SOUTHEAST  
14 L.A. AND OTHER PARTS OF THE DISTRICT THAT I REPRESENT. SO I  
15 WAS HOPING THAT WE COULD HAVE AN AMENDMENT THAT WOULD INCLUDE  
16 A SEAT AT THE TABLE FOR A MEMBER OF THE C.O.G., TO TRY TO  
17 PROVIDE THAT INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODY SUPPORT THEY NEED AT THE  
18 TABLE, NOT JUST AS AN ADVISORY ROLE, BECAUSE THEY HAVE MADE,  
19 IN MANY WAYS, A STATEMENT BY PUTTING FUNDING IN FROM THEIR OWN  
20 CITIES, FROM THEIR OWN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
21 PROGRAMS, AND SOME HAVE MADE IT AN EFFORT TO EVEN HIRE UP  
22 PEOPLE, NAVIGATORS, WORKING WITH US. I KNOW IT'S NOT ENOUGH.  
23 THERE HAS TO BE MORE. BUT IF WE DON'T CHANGE THE GOVERNANCE SO  
24 THAT IT REALLY IS REFLECTIVE OF THE ENTIRE COUNTY, THEN I  
25 DON'T THINK WE ARE ADDING ANYTHING NEW HERE. SO THAT'S WHERE I

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1 AM COMING FROM. THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY. THANK YOU. ANY OTHER  
2 MEMBERS WISHING TO BE RECOGNIZED?

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. IF NO ONE ELSE, I WOULD LIKE TO  
5 ADD ON, FOR A MINUTE. I HAVE A QUESTION.

6

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

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** ARE YOU THERE?

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YEAH, I'M HERE.

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY. YOU SAID YOU HAD WANTED TO ADD C.O.G.S TO  
14 THIS, BUT YOU DIDN'T SAY THAT WAS AN AMENDMENT. FORGIVE ME IF  
15 I AM OUT OF THE LOOP HERE, BUT THERE'S LOTS OF LOOPS, AS YOU  
16 KNOW.

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YEAH. I WAS TOLD THAT IF I PRESENTED AN  
19 AMENDMENT, IT WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED BY THE AUTHORS. THAT'S WHY  
20 I AM NOT PRESENTING ANYTHING.

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL:** I UNDERSTAND, BUT... WELL, YOU KNOW, I THINK IT IS  
23 KIND OF FUN TO HAVE THESE CONVERSATIONS IN PUBLIC. MAYBE NOT.  
24 I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN KIND OF AMBIVALENT ABOUT C.O.G.S. LET ME  
25 GIVE EVERYBODY A MINUTE TO THINK ABOUT THIS, AND HOW WE WANT

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1 TO KIND OF WORK OUR WAY THROUGH IT. I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT  
2 FOR US TO KIND OF TAKE A BREATH AND FIGURE OUT, NEVER MIND THE  
3 PROCESS AND WHETHER WE AGREE WITH EVERY MINUTE OF IT, BUT WHAT  
4 IS IT, EXACTLY, WE WANT TO DO. I HAVE NEVER REALLY FELT  
5 SUPPORTIVE OF MANY OF YOUR-- NOT YOUR, MADAM CHAIR, BUT  
6 EVERYBODY, ALL MY COLLEAGUES' CRITIQUES OF L.A.H.S.A., BECAUSE  
7 IT IS KIND OF LIKE NOBODY WAS DEALING WITH WHAT WAS ADDING ALL  
8 THESE HOMELESS PEOPLE. THEY WERE ONLY SAYING L.A.H.S.A. WASN'T  
9 DOING IT RIGHT, WASN'T DOING ENOUGH. AND CITIES SAY, "I WANT  
10 MORE OF THE PIE. HOW COME I AM NOT GETTING MORE OF THE PIE?"  
11 SOME C.O.G.S ARE GREAT; SOME C.O.G.S ARE COMPLETELY USELESS.  
12 SO I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN KIND OF AMBIVALENT ABOUT IT. AND  
13 FRANKLY, JUST CHANGING WHO IS ON THE BOARD, OR WHATEVER, IT  
14 DOESN'T ACTUALLY GET TO THE ROOT PROBLEM: WHAT CITIES ARE  
15 CONTRIBUTING TO KEEPING PEOPLE OUT OF HOMELESSNESS. MOST OF  
16 THEM DON'T EVEN HAVE RENT CONTROL ORDINANCES, OR ANYTHING THAT  
17 HELPS. SO I GUESS, IF WE CAN CREATE A STRUCTURE THAT SATISFIES  
18 ALL FIVE OF US, THEN FINE. I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO ADDING  
19 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ENTIRE GROUP OF C.O.G.S, ONE OR TWO, OR  
20 WHATEVER, IF THAT WAS THE AMENDMENT. BUT I THINK IT IS  
21 IMPORTANT TO JOIN INTO THIS EFFORT, AND NOT JUST KIND OF LET  
22 IT FALL APART AND KEEP THROWING BRICKBATS AT L.A.H.S.A. SO I  
23 AM NOT QUITE SURE, BECAUSE I AM NOT PRIVY IF THERE'S BEEN A  
24 FLURRY OF TEXTS, BUT I WAS HOPING WE COULD WORK SOMETHING OUT  
25 HERE. AND OFTEN, WE DON'T DO IT IN REAL TIME, BUT MAYBE THIS

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1 TIME, WE CAN. SO YOU WANTED TO PROPOSE ADDING TWO  
2 REPRESENTATIVES, OR WHAT WAS THE AMENDMENT?

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL:** IF I COULD CLARIFY, IN TERMS OF WHAT THE MOTION  
5 DOES INCLUDE? BECAUSE I HEARD FROM THE CHAIR LOUD AND CLEAR,  
6 AND WE DID MAKE AN AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION TO INCLUDE THE  
7 C.O.G.S IN AN ADVISORY ROLE. BUT IF I COULD JUST GO ON TO SAY  
8 THAT IT IS NOT THAT I DON'T SUPPORT THE C.O.G.S. I HAVE. IN  
9 FACT, WHEN THE C.O.G.S AND THE CITIES LOBBIED SACRAMENTO FOR  
10 MORE MONEY, AND THE COUNTIES WERE NOT SUPPORTIVE OF THE  
11 C.O.G.S, I STOOD IN THE GAP AND PROTECTED C.O.G.S. AND SO I  
12 DON'T WANT TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT I DON'T SUPPORT  
13 C.O.G.S. BUT I AM ALSO CLEAR ABOUT THE WAY L.A.H.S.A. HAS BEEN  
14 BASHED. AND I'M ALSO CLEAR ABOUT, IF WE ARE TRYING TO GET TO A  
15 POINT OF A GOVERNING ENTITY THAT CAN BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE, THAT  
16 WE ARE CLEAR ABOUT WHO SHOULD BE AT THE TABLE, THE ADVISORY  
17 CAPACITY COULD BE MORE EXPANSIVE. AND THERE'S NO RULE THAT  
18 SAYS THAT THERE CAN'T BE ADDITIONAL JOINT POWERS AUTHORITIES.  
19 WHAT DEFINES THE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY IS WHO CONTRIBUTES  
20 FINANCIALLY. I WANT TO BE CLEAR THAT IT'S NOT THAT I AM ANTI-  
21 C.O.G. AT ALL. I AM WORKING VERY HARD, COLLABORATIVELY, TO  
22 CREATE A FRAMEWORK BY WHICH WE CAN HEAR A REPORT-BACK TO  
23 NARROW THE FOCUS AND SCOPE, TO CLEARLY DEFINE WHO SHOULD BE AT  
24 THE TABLE. AND I THINK IT IS THE CITY OF L.A. AND THE COUNTIES  
25 THAT ARE TAKING THE BRUNT OF THE MEDIA AND PUBLIC HIT ABOUT

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1 WHAT THESE TWO LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT ARE DOING TO IMPROVE THE  
2 PLIGHT OF OUR UNHOUSED SHARED CONSTITUENTS. AGAIN, NOTHING IN  
3 THIS MOTION WOULD PRESENT ADDITIONAL JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY,  
4 AND IT IS A REPORT-BACK. AND AGAIN, THE C.O.G.S WERE INCLUDED  
5 IN AN ADVISORY ROLE. THEY ARE NOT CURRENTLY INCLUDED IN THE  
6 J.P.A. THAT CREATED L.A.S.A., EITHER.

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL:** I UNDERSTAND, AND I THINK IT IS A VERY GOOD POINT.  
9 THE GOVERNING BODY OF ANY J.P.A. SHOULD BE THOSE WHO ARE  
10 MEMBERS OF... PARTICIPANTS AND PARTNERS IN THE J.P.A. SO, AS I  
11 UNDERSTAND IT, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU WOULD WELCOME THE  
12 PARTICIPATION OF THE MANY, MANY C.O.G.S IN AN ADVISORY  
13 POSITION, BUT DO NOT CONSIDER IT APPROPRIATE THAT THEY GOVERN  
14 AN ENTITY TO WHICH THEY DO NOT CONTRIBUTE.

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THAT IS CORRECT, AND THAT AMENDMENT IS  
17 CURRENTLY IN THE MOTION BEFORE US: THAT THEY COULD SERVE IN AN  
18 ADVISORY ROLE, ABSOLUTELY.

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** AND MY UNDERSTANDING, THEN, IS THAT OTHERS OF MY  
21 COLLEAGUES WANT THEM TO, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THEY DON'T  
22 CONTRIBUTE DIRECTLY TO THIS PARTICULAR ENTITY, TO L.A.H.S.A.,  
23 TO BE ON A GOVERNING BODY, BUT IT IS A REPORT-BACK ABOUT  
24 WHETHER... WELL, I DON'T THINK A REPORT-BACK WOULD SAY WHETHER  
25 THEY THOUGHT IT WAS APPROPRIATE OR NOT, SO IT IS KIND OF HARD

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1 TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THE REPORT-BACK WOULD SAY ABOUT THE  
2 C.O.G.S. SO, YEAH, I THINK I AGREE THAT IT IS MORE APPROPRIATE  
3 TO HAVE THEM IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY, AND TO TRY TO BUILD IN  
4 THE ABILITY THAT THEIR FEEDBACK BE CONSIDERED, BECAUSE IT IS  
5 NOT JUST ABOUT ONE CITY OR ANOTHER. WE'VE ALL GOT CITIES IN  
6 OUR DISTRICT, AND C.O.G.S, AND, YOU KNOW, THEY ARE VERY  
7 DIFFERENT FROM EACH OTHER. SO I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THERE BE  
8 SOME KIND OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL ENTITY LIKE THIS, AND I ASSUME  
9 THAT IF THE MOTION DOESN'T PASS, L.A.H.S.A. JUST STAYS THE  
10 SAME, WHICH DOESN'T SOUND TO ME LIKE WHAT EVERYBODY WANTS,  
11 EITHER. ALSO, YOU KNOW, CHANGING GOVERNANCE OF BODY AND  
12 THINKING THAT IS GOING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM IS LIKE, I HATE TO  
13 SAY IT, MOVING DECK CHAIRS ON THE TITANIC. IT IS NOT THE THING  
14 THAT IS NEEDED. WHAT IS NEEDED IS PREVENTION, REAL PREVENTION,  
15 AND I DON'T SEE ANY OF IT HERE.

16  
17 **SUP. MITCHELL:** I COMPLETELY AGREE WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.  
18 AND I THINK IN MY OPENING REMARKS, I TALKED ABOUT THE FACT  
19 THAT WE POINT THE FINGER AT L.A.H.S.A., AND FAIL TO  
20 ACKNOWLEDGE ALL OF THE POLICIES, SOME OF WHICH BROUGHT TO BEAR  
21 BY GOVERNMENT, THAT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE CURRENT MORAL  
22 CRISIS THAT WE ARE FACING. I AGREE. THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO A  
23 DESIRE THAT I HEARD FROM BOTH CITY LEADERSHIP AND COUNTY  
24 LEADERSHIP, WHERE WE COME TOGETHER AND STEP UP TO THE PLATE IN  
25 A MEANINGFUL WAY TO TRY TO IMPROVE THIS ONE ELEMENT. AGAIN, IN

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1 HEARING FROM BOARD OFFICES, WE INCLUDED THE C.O.G.S IN AN  
2 ADVISORY ROLE. AGAIN, TO CLARIFY, I TOO REPRESENT C.O.G.S, AND  
3 HAVE FOUGHT FOR THEM TO GET RESOURCES TO THE TABLE, EVEN  
4 DURING THE TIMES WHEN THE COUNTY DIDN'T SUPPORT THAT. AND SO I  
5 DON'T WANT TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT I DON'T SUPPORT THE  
6 C.O.G.S, BECAUSE THAT IS NOT THE CASE. AND AGAIN, IN RESPONSE  
7 TO BOARD OFFICE DESIRES, WE INCLUDED THEM IN AN ADVISORY  
8 CAPACITY. BUT AGAIN, IF WE WANT TO, YOU KNOW, REDEFINE OR  
9 REIMAGINE HOW L.A.H.S.A. CAN TRULY BE A MORE EFFECTIVE  
10 ENTITY... YOU KNOW, THE J.P.A. WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1993, WITH  
11 CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS. WE STARTED THERE TO NARROW WHO IS AT THE  
12 TABLE, AND REALLY TRY TO HELP IDENTIFY AND DEFINE ULTIMATE  
13 ACCOUNTABILITY TO L.A.H.S.A.'S SUCCESS. THAT IS THE SPIRIT IN  
14 WHICH THE MOTION WAS BROUGHT FORWARD. AND WITH THAT, I ASK FOR  
15 AN AYE VOTE.

16  
17 **SUP. KUEHL:** WELL, LET ME SAY, I WOULD CONCUR WITH MY  
18 COLLEAGUES WHO SUPPORT THIS, SINCE IT'S ONLY A REPORT-BACK,  
19 BECAUSE IT OF COURSE GIVES EVERYONE THE ABILITY TO BRING THEIR  
20 OWN MOTIONS LATER, TO AMEND LATER, AND MAYBE WE CAN WORK  
21 THROUGH SO THAT IT WORKS--

22  
23 **SUP. HAHN:** MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SPEAK.

24  
25 **SUP. BARGER:** I WAS WAITING, TOO.

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1

2 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. KUEHL, ARE YOU DONE? I CAN RECOGNIZE  
3 THE OTHER TWO MEMBERS THAT HAVEN'T SPOKEN.

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL:** I WOULD BE SO HAPPY TO HEAR FROM THE FOURTH AND  
6 THE FIFTH. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I REALLY WAS LISTENING TO  
11 THIS DEBATE, AND THE POINT THAT REALLY DID RESONATE WITH ME,  
12 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WAS THE REFERENCE TO THE TITANIC, BECAUSE  
13 THAT IS A LITTLE BIT WHAT I AM FEELING ABOUT SORT OF  
14 EVERYTHING WE'VE DONE SINCE MEASURE H WAS PASSED, IN REGARDS  
15 TO L.A.H.S.A. AND, YOU KNOW, EVEN TALKING ABOUT THE C.O.G.S, I  
16 MEAN, IN THAT SAME REFERENCE, SHEILA, YOU WERE LIKE, "OKAY, AS  
17 AN ADVISORY GROUP, DO YOU GUYS WANT TO BE ON THE PROMENADE  
18 DECK, OR YOU WANT TO BE ON THE MAIN DECK AS THE SHIP GOES  
19 DOWN?" I MEAN, THIS IS HOW I AM FEELING A LITTLE BIT,  
20 COLLEAGUES, TODAY, IS THAT I TOTALLY-- SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, I  
21 TOTALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE TRYING TO DO. I FEEL THE SAME  
22 ANXIOUSNESS AND FRUSTRATION THAT I HEAR IN YOUR VOICE, AND  
23 PARTICULARLY SINCE YOU HAVE TALKED TO OTHER BOARD OFFICES, I  
24 AM FRUSTRATED BEYOND BELIEF ABOUT-- AND I'LL SAY IT-- ABOUT  
25 L.A.H.S.A. I HAVE BEEN ONE OF THOSE THAT HAS CRITICIZED IT. I

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1 KNOW, SHEILA, YOU HAVE PUSHED BACK ON ME A LITTLE BIT ON THAT  
2 OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS SINCE I HAVE BEEN A SUPERVISOR. BUT  
3 JUST IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS, COLLEAGUES, WE HAVE PASSED OVER  
4 200 MOTIONS SPECIFICALLY ON THE TOPIC OF THIS HOMELESS CRISIS.  
5 I'M AT THE POINT, LITERALLY, THAT I DON'T SEE ANYTHING IN THIS  
6 THAT WILL ACTUALLY SOLVE THIS PROBLEM, WILL HOUSE MORE  
7 UNHOUSED, WILL GET TO THE ROOT PROBLEMS. I'M NOT CONVINCED  
8 THAT CREATING ANOTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODY, MADE UP OF  
9 ELECTED OFFICIALS FROM THE CITY AND THE COUNTY, DOES ANYTHING  
10 TO MOVE THIS FORWARD. WE ARE ALREADY ACCOUNTABLE. I'VE GOT  
11 NEWS FOR YOU: I AM ACCOUNTABLE. WHEN PEOPLE WANT TO TALK ABOUT  
12 HOMELESSNESS, THEY ARE GOING TO POINT THEIR FINGERS AT US,  
13 BECAUSE WE CONVINCED THE VOTERS TO GIVE US THEIR MONEY! WE  
14 CONVINCED THEM TO PAY A QUARTER-CENT SALES TAX ON EVERYTHING  
15 THEY BUY, GIVE IT US, AND THEN WE WILL WORK WITH L.A.H.S.A. TO  
16 TRY AND SOLVE THIS PROBLEM. WE CAME UP WITH 47 STRATEGIES TO  
17 DO THIS. I RESPECT OUR ATTEMPT TO VISIT L.A.H.S.A.'S  
18 ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE, BUT I HONESTLY DON'T THINK I CAN  
19 VOTE FOR ANOTHER MOTION THAT TALKS ABOUT THIS, BECAUSE IT JUST  
20 IS NOT GETTING TO WHAT IS WRONG ABOUT OUR APPROACH. ONE OF THE  
21 THINGS I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IS OUR C.E.O., AND MAYBE OUR NEW  
22 INTERIM DIRECTOR OF HOMELESSNESS, CHERI, GO BACK OVER ALL OUR  
23 OVER 200 AND-- I THINK IT'S 237 MOTIONS THAT WE HAVE PASSED  
24 ABOUT THIS HOMELESS CRISIS. GO BACK OVER THEM. WHAT WERE THEY?  
25 WHAT WORKED? WHAT DIDN'T WORK? AND BRING BACK TO US SOMETHING

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1 A LITTLE MORE SUBSTANTIVE ABOUT WHAT DIRECTION WE SHOULD GO  
2 IN. AND THE OTHER THING: I JUST WANT A CLARIFICATION. YOU KEEP  
3 TALKING ABOUT THIS BEING A REPORT-BACK. I LOOK AT THE FIRST  
4 DIRECTIVE AS ESTABLISHING A STANDING INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODY  
5 COMPRISED OF ELECTED OFFICIALS FROM BOTH THE COUNTY AND THE  
6 CITY. AND AGAIN, I DON'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT WHAT THAT WOULD  
7 LOOK LIKE. IS THIS ANOTHER-- YOU KNOW, DO WE MEET REGULARLY?  
8 IS IT BROWN-ACTED? DO WE TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT? HOW DOES THAT  
9 GROUP OF ELECTED OFFICIALS WEIGH IN WITH OUR APPOINTEES ON  
10 L.A.H.S.A.? THERE'S TOO MANY QUESTIONS, SHEILA AND HOLLY, FOR  
11 ME, PERSONALLY, TO SUPPORT THIS TODAY. I WOULDN'T MIND, YOU  
12 KNOW, LOOKING AT SOMETHING A LITTLE MORE CONCRETE, AND  
13 UNDERSTANDING HOW MORE ELECTED OFFICIALS THROWN INTO THE MIX  
14 IS GOING TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM. BUT AT THIS POINT, I JUST  
15 DON'T SEE IT, AND I JUST DON'T THINK I CAN SUPPORT THIS TODAY.  
16 BUT WE HAVE MEETINGS ALL THE TIME. WE CAN MOTION MORE STUFF. I  
17 JUST AM FRUSTRATED, BECAUSE I DON'T THINK ANYTHING WE'RE DOING  
18 YET IS ACTUALLY FIXING THIS PROBLEM. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

19  
20 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BARGER?

21  
22 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WELL, FIRST OF ALL, I  
23 HAVE TO SAY-- AND I CAN ONLY SPEAK FOR MYSELF-- THE SAN  
24 GABRIEL VALLEY C.O.G. HAS BEEN PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST OPEN  
25 AND USEFUL GROUPS THAT I'VE WORKED WITH, AS IT RELATES TO

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1 HOMELESSNESS, TO THE POINT OF WHERE THEY SPEARHEADED US  
2 GETTING MONEY INTO THE CITIES, BECAUSE THEY ALL HAVE THE  
3 KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT THEY NEED TO DO IN THEIR CITIES, AND HAVE  
4 BEEN VERY RESPONSIVE. SO THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY C.O.G. HAS  
5 BEEN AN INCREDIBLE PARTNER, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE ARE DEALING  
6 WITH THE HOMELESS ISSUE. AND I THINK THAT AN EXAMPLE,  
7 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, IS WITH AZUSA AND DUARTE WORKING TO TRY TO  
8 CLEAN OUT THE RIVERBEDS, WHICH, OH, BY THE WAY, WHEN WE PUT  
9 TOGETHER THAT PROPOSAL AND THE CITIES WENT FORWARD, THEY WERE  
10 HOLD BY L.A.H.S.A. THAT THEY DIDN'T HAVE ANY VOUCHERS OR ROOMS  
11 AVAILABLE WHEN THEY WERE GOING IN TO CLEAN OUT THE RIVERBEDS.  
12 BUT HAVING SAID THAT, YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. I AM NOT GOING  
13 TO BLAME L.A.H.S.A. FOR NOT GETTING RID OF THE HOMELESS ISSUE,  
14 BECAUSE THE REALITY IS THE BUCK STOPS WITH US, AS THE  
15 ELECTEDS. BUT WHAT I WILL TELL YOU IS THAT WHEN I LOOK AT THE  
16 NUMBER OF MOTIONS THAT WE BROUGHT IN, WE HAVE TRIED TO  
17 SUPPORT-- WE'VE THROWN MONEY AT THE SITUATION TO NO AVAIL. I  
18 FEEL THAT MOVING FORWARD WITH SOMETHING THAT IS LITERALLY  
19 PUTTING A BAND-AID ON SOMETHING THAT, QUITE FRANKLY, I THINK  
20 NEEDS TO GO IN FOR MAJOR SURGERY IS A DISSERVICE, NOT ONLY TO  
21 OUR CITIES, BUT ALSO TO THE HOMELESS POPULATION AS A WHOLE. I  
22 THINK WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY. WHEN I LOOK AT THIS J.P.A., THE  
23 J.P.A. WAS SPECIFICALLY CREATED FOR THE CITY OF L.A. AND THE  
24 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BECAUSE OF A LAWSUIT. IT WAS NEVER  
25 ENVISIONED TO BE A COUNTYWIDE MECHANISM TO ALLOCATE HOMELESS

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1 DOLLARS, HOMELESS SERVICES DOLLARS. AND SO I THINK THIS IS AN  
2 OPPORTUNITY FOR US, AS A BOARD, TO BE LEADERS AND REALLY TAKE  
3 A LOOK AT THE FACT THAT WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY  
4 REANALYZE. OH, AND BY THE WAY, THE CITY OF L.A., THE CITY  
5 COUNCIL FEELS THE SAME WAY. AND, YOU KNOW, I THINK THE IRONY  
6 IS THAT I THINK THE CITY MAYOR HAS THE ABILITY TO APPOINT ON  
7 L.A.H.S.A., AND THE CITY COUNCIL, I THINK, IS, FROM MY  
8 UNDERSTANDING, HAS EXPRESSED SOME CONCERNS, AS WELL. SO WHY  
9 WOULDN'T WE USE THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO GET TOGETHER  
10 WITH OUR CITIES, OF WHICH L.A. CITY, THE BIGGEST, BUT ALSO  
11 ONLY ONE OF 88, AND REALLY LOOK AT HOW WE CAN, AS A BOARD,  
12 REPRESENT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND BE THE PEACEMAKER  
13 BRINGING TOGETHER ALL PARTIES TO REALLY ADDRESS THIS ISSUE? SO  
14 I CANNOT VOTE FOR THIS MOTION, BASED ON THE CONCERNS THAT I  
15 HAVE, AND I HOPE THAT WE WILL VIEW THIS DISCUSSION AS AN  
16 OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY TAKE A STEP BACK AND FIGURE OUT HOW WE  
17 CAN, AS A BOARD, LEAD THE REGION WITH A SOLUTION THAT IS NOT  
18 GOING TO CURE HOMELESSNESS, BUT IS GOING TO AT LEAST PROVIDE A  
19 ROADMAP MOVING FORWARD INCLUDING OUR CITIES, WHO ARE REALLY AT  
20 THE FRONT AND CENTER OF THE HOMELESS ISSUE IN EACH ONE OF  
21 THEIR BOUNDARIES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

22  
23 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER?  
24

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1   **SUP. MITCHELL:** MADAM CHAIR, IF I COULD JUST ADD ONE MORE  
2   COMMENT, AND THEN I'LL BE DONE.

3

4   **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SURE.

5

6   **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THIS HARDY DEBATE. THIS  
7   IS WHAT I HAVE BEEN MISSING, HAVING ONBOARDED DURING  
8   C.O.V.I.D., WHEN WE DON'T HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY  
9   CONVENE IN PERSON. SO I THINK THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT TO  
10   THE CREATION OF PUBLIC POLICY. IT REALLY IS. I, TOO,  
11   SUPERVISOR HAHN, WOULD LOVE TO BE ABLE TO REVIEW THE 200-PLUS  
12   MOTIONS THAT THE BOARD HAS PASSED ON THIS ISSUE. AS A NEW  
13   BOARD MEMBER, THAT WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR ME TO REVIEW-- ACTIN  
14   THE BOARD HAS TAKEN. BUT I HAVE TO SAY, I DON'T THINK IT IS  
15   FAIR THAT WE CONTINUE TO SAY THAT, YOU KNOW, QUOTE, "WE'VE  
16   DONE NOTHING." IT IS A HUGE CHALLENGE. I WILL BE THE FIRST TO  
17   ADMIT THAT. BUT ACTIONS THIS BOARD, THE CITY COUNCIL, AND  
18   OTHER CITIES AND C.O.G.S HAVE TAKEN, REALLY HAVE CREATED A  
19   SITUATION WHERE WE'RE HOUSING 200-PLUS A DAY. THE CHALLENGE IS  
20   WHERE 200-PLUS A DAY NEW ANGELENOS FIND THEMSELVES UNHOUSED.  
21   AND SO I AM CLEAR THAT THIS IS NOT A COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION,  
22   NO ONE ACTION BY THIS BOARD COULD BE. WE HAVE SYSTEMIC ISSUES  
23   THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE REASONS WHY PEOPLE FIND THEMSELVES  
24   UNHOUSED EVERY DAY. AND SO ONE MOTION IS NOT GOING TO SOLVE  
25   FOR ALL OF THAT. WE HAVE TO BUILD HOUSING. WE HAVE TO BUILD

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1 MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WE HAVE TO EXPAND ACCESS TO MENTAL  
2 HEALTH SERVICES, AND TREATMENT BEDS, AND DRUG TREATMENT  
3 SERVICES, AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS. WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE  
4 THAT PEOPLE ARE EARNING A LIVABLE WAGE, SO THEY CAN AFFORD TO  
5 MAKE L.A. COUNTY HOME. WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE VOUCHERS  
6 WE DO RECEIVE, SECTION 8 AND OTHERS, ARE ACTUALLY ACKNOWLEDGED  
7 AND ACCEPTED BY LANDLORDS. WE ARE WORKING AND HAVE BEEN  
8 SUCCESSFUL IN SECURING MORE VOUCHERS FROM THE FEDERAL  
9 GOVERNMENT. ALL OF THOSE THINGS WILL HELP CONTRIBUTE TO THOSE  
10 200 PEOPLE EVERY DAY BEING ABLE TO STAY HOUSED WHERE THEY ARE.  
11 MADAM CHAIR, I WAS INVITED, I BELIEVE BY YOU, TO PARTICIPATE  
12 IN THIS MEETING WITH CITY COUNCIL LEADERSHIP, AND HEARD LOUD  
13 AND CLEAR THIS DESIRE FOR THE TWO LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT TO WORK  
14 COLLABORATIVELY. WE ASKED THE C.E.O. OF THE CITY AND THE  
15 COUNTY TO COME TOGETHER AND TALK ABOUT RESOURCES, AND WHO  
16 BRINGS WHAT TO THE TABLE. SO THIS MOTION WAS IN THAT VEIN, IN  
17 AN EFFORT TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE TWO ENTITIES ARE PREPARED IN  
18 A MEANINGFUL WAY TO TALK ABOUT SOLUTIONS WE CAN BRING TO THE  
19 TABLE. SO LET ME BE CLEAR WITH REGARD TO MEASURE H: A HUGE  
20 CHUNK OF THE MEASURE H DOLLARS GO TO RAPID REHOUSING, AND GO  
21 TO PEOPLE IN ALL 88 CITIES. AND WITHOUT THAT, THE C.O.G.S  
22 WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO HOUSE THEM. AND SO I DON'T WANT TO  
23 PRETEND AS IF THE C.O.G.S DO NOT PLAY A VALUABLE ROLE AND  
24 AREN'T VALUABLE. THE ISSUE HERE IS AN EFFORT TO TRY TO FIGURE  
25 OUT WHAT WE CAN DO TO MAKE L.A.H.S.A. MORE RELEVANT, AND

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1 FUNCTION BETTER, GIVEN ITS LIMITED ROLE WITHIN THE JOINT  
2 POWERS AUTHORITY, TO BE MORE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE AND CLEAR  
3 ABOUT OUR EXPECTATIONS OF THEM, AS OPPOSED TO CONTINUING TO  
4 POINT TO THEM AND SAY, "THEY HAVE FAILED US BY NOT SOLVING THE  
5 HOMELESS PROBLEM." SO I APPRECIATE THERE BEING NORTH OF 200  
6 OTHER MOTIONS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT ALL OF THEM ARE. THIS MOTION  
7 CERTAINLY WON'T PUT US BACK IN OUR EFFORT TO COME UP WITH A  
8 STRATEGIC, COLLABORATIVE APPROACH TO HELPING REDUCE THE NUMBER  
9 OF UNHOUSED IN L.A. COUNTY. THIS ALONE WON'T DO IT. WE HAVE TO  
10 ADDRESS THE MYRIAD OF ISSUES THAT EVERYONE HAS REFERENCED.  
11 THIS IS THE ONE STEP TO TALK ABOUT AND AMPLIFY THE ROLE THE  
12 CITY AND THE COUNTY CAN PLAY, MORE CLOSELY ALIGNED IN A  
13 COLLABORATIVE WAY, TO BRING OUR INDIVIDUAL RESOURCES TO THE  
14 TABLE TO ASSIST THOSE IN NEED. THAT'S THE GOAL OF THE MOTION.  
15 THANK YOU.

16  
17 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE'VE HEARD EVERYONE, THEN. MAYBE WE CAN  
18 JUST CALL FOR THE QUESTION AND HAVE A VOTE ON THIS, OKAY? SO  
19 WHY DON'T WE GO AHEAD AND CALL THE ROLL ON THIS ITEM, 27?  
20 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO  
21 APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE  
22 ROLL.

23  
24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 27 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR  
25 MITCHELL?

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1

2 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

3

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

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

8

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

10

11 **SUP. HAHN:** I'M GOING TO ABSTAIN.

12

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

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** I'M GOING TO ABSTAIN.

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER ABSTAINS. SUPERVISOR  
19 SOLIS?

20

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

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS ABSTAINS. 2 TO 0, WITH  
24 THREE ABSTENTIONS. THE MOTION FAILS TO PASS.

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

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3    **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

4

5    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, MEMBERS, LET'S MOVE ON NOW TO ITEM  
6    NUMBER 29, TOWARD A COLOR-BLIND CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM: PILOT  
7    PROGRAM FOR SAFEGUARDING AGAINST RACIAL BIAS, WHICH WAS HELD  
8    BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. PLEASE BEGIN, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

9

10    **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'D LIKE TO START BY  
11    THANKING U.C.L.A.'S PRITZKER CENTER FOR THEIR WORK ON THIS  
12    PROJECT, AS WELL AS THE CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER OF CALIFORNIA,  
13    FOR THEIR ADVOCACY AT THE STATE LEVEL ON THIS IMPORTANT PIECE  
14    OF LEGISLATION. WHEN I LEFT NONPROFIT EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT AND  
15    RAN FOR PUBLIC OFFICE, I WAS CLEAR THAT THE REASON I DID THAT,  
16    MY INTENTION WAS, TO REALLY SEEK BOLD, TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE  
17    OF OUR SYSTEMS, PARTICULARLY SYSTEMS THAT CRIMINALIZE POVERTY,  
18    THAT WERE STEEPED IN BIAS, AND THOSE THAT ARE ROOTED IN  
19    INSTITUTIONAL RACISM. BECAUSE IN THIS INSTANCE, COLLEAGUES,  
20    FOR DECADES, BLACK AND BROWN CHILDREN HAVE BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY  
21    OVERREPRESENTED IN L.A. COUNTY'S CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM, AND IT  
22    IS PAST TIME FOR US TO CHANGE THAT. AND SO I AM REALLY PROUD  
23    THIS AFTERNOON TO INTRODUCE A MOTION THAT I BELIEVE WILL SERVE  
24    AS A TOOL TO HELP US DISMANTLE THAT BIAS. BLIND REMOVAL IS A  
25    CHILD WELFARE PRACTICE WHICH CENTERS A REMOVAL DECISION ON THE

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1 FACTS OF THE CASE, RATHER THAN A FAMILY'S RACE, ETHNICITY, OR  
2 NEIGHBORHOOD IN WHICH THEY LIVE. REMOVING A CHILD FROM A HOME  
3 CAN CREATE IRREVERSIBLE DAMAGE, IF THE REMOVAL IS PROVEN TO BE  
4 UNWARRANTED. IN PILOTING BLIND REMOVALS, I AM HOPEFUL THAT THE  
5 RESEARCH WILL TEACH US ABOUT THE ROLE IMPLICIT BIAS CAN PLAY  
6 IN THOSE DECISIONS. AND WE SHOULD ALL BE CLEAR AND HONEST. WE  
7 KNOW THAT EVERY HUMAN BEING HAS BIAS IN OUR SYSTEMS, NO MATTER  
8 WHO WE ARE, OR OUR LIFE EXPERIENCES. AND SO I THINK THAT THIS  
9 PILOT GIVES US A CHANCE TO ACHIEVE MEANINGFUL SYSTEMIC CHANGE  
10 IN ONE OF OUR COUNTY'S MOST IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS: PROTECTING  
11 THE MOST VULNERABLE AMONG US, OUR KIDS. IT OCCURRED TO ME  
12 RECENTLY THAT, IN A NUMBER OF OUR OTHER SYSTEMS, WE GUARD  
13 AGAINST THE IMPACT OF RACIAL BIAS, MOST NOTABLY IN OUR  
14 EMPLOYMENT SYSTEMS, WHERE WE CONSIDER RACE AS A PROTECTED  
15 CLASS. SO, SURELY IN THE NATION'S LARGEST CHILD WELFARE  
16 SYSTEM, WE MUST EMPLOY THE SAME KIND OF PROTECTIONS TO BENEFIT  
17 CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES. THIS PILOT AND THIS WHOLE  
18 CONVERSATION MAY BE UNCOMFORTABLE FOR SOME. HOWEVER, FROM MY  
19 PERSPECTIVE, THE DATA COMPELS US TO SEEK OUT EVERY PRACTICE  
20 THAT WILL HELP US GUARD AGAINST BIAS, AND ULTIMATELY THE  
21 OVERREPRESENTATION OF CHILDREN OF COLOR IN OUR CHILD WELFARE  
22 SYSTEM. IN ACHIEVING FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE, WE HAVE TO DO WHAT  
23 WE'VE NEVER DONE BEFORE, TO ACHIEVE RESULTS WE'VE NEVER  
24 EXPERIENCED. SO I ENCOURAGE YOUR AYE VOTE, AND WOULD HOPE WE

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1 LOOK FORWARD TO THE RESULTS OF THIS RESEARCH STUDY. THANK YOU,  
2 MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL, YOU ARE  
5 RECOGNIZED.

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I DON'T KNOW  
8 WHETHER WE'VE ALL HAD EXPERIENCE WITH THESE KINDS OF BLIND  
9 STUDIES, BUT I DID WHEN I WAS AT U.C.L.A., AND I WANT TO SAY  
10 IT IS A REAL THING. I MEAN, PEOPLE ARE NOT AWARE-- HONESTLY,  
11 NOT AWARE-- OF THEIR BIASES. AND WHEN THERE WERE TENURE  
12 CONSIDERATIONS, IT WAS REALLY ABOUT GENDER WHEN I WAS AT  
13 U.C.L.A., OF COURSE, BUT IF YOU DID NOT IDENTIFY THE GENDER OF  
14 SOMEONE WHO WROTE A PAPER OR HAD PROPOSED SOME KIND OF NEW  
15 PROGRAM, IT WAS MUCH MORE POSITIVELY RECEIVED THAN IF THE  
16 GENDER OF THE WRITER WAS IDENTIFIED AS FEMALE. AND THE STUDY  
17 SHOCKED A WHOLE LOT OF PEOPLE. NOT ME, OF COURSE, BUT A WHOLE  
18 LOT OF PEOPLE. AND SO I THINK IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT TO DO  
19 THIS, TO REALLY UNDERSTAND HOW UNCONSCIOUS BIAS MAY SORT OF  
20 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACT OUR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. NO  
21 QUESTION ABOUT IT. AND I AM STRONGLY IN SUPPORT OF THIS  
22 MOTION, AND I HOPE OTHERS WILL BE, AS WELL. THANK YOU, MADAM  
23 CHAIR.

24

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1    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER MEMBERS THAT  
2    WANT TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THIS ITEM? SEEING NONE, AND HEARING  
3    NO COMMENTS, ITEM 29 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
4    MITCHELL, SECONDED BY KUEHL TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM  
5    EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CALL THE ROLL, PLEASE.

6

7    **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 29 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR  
8    MITCHELL?

9

10   **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

11

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

14

15   **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

16

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

18

19   **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

20

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

22

23   **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

24

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

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1

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

3

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

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER  
8 37, FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 HOMELESS INITIATIVE FUNDING  
9 RECOMMENDATIONS, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR  
10 HAHN, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THIS IS 37, RIGHT? WHAT A  
13 DAY THIS HAS BEEN SO FAR, COLLEAGUES. YOU KNOW, MADAM CHAIR,  
14 THANK YOU. YOU KNOW, THIS IS PART OF, I THINK, OUR  
15 FRUSTRATIONS ARE GOING TO COME BACK UP ON THIS ITEM, MEASURE H  
16 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS. I AM FRUSTRATED, AS I THINK I HAVE  
17 HEARD MY COLLEAGUES, SORT OF AT WHERE WE ARE AT. AND I THINK  
18 ONE OF YOU MENTIONED-- MAYBE IT WAS SUPERVISOR BARGER-- THAT  
19 THIS IS THE 5TH YEAR OF MEASURE H FUNDING, MARKING THE HALFWAY  
20 POINT OF THE LIFESPAN OF MEASURE H. AND I THINK WE CAN ALL  
21 AGREE THAT WE ARE NOT WHERE WE HAD HOPED WE WOULD BE AT THIS  
22 POINT, IN TACKLING THIS CRISIS. ENCAMPMENTS HAVE GROWN, TENS  
23 OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE STILL SUFFERING, AND WE GOT THE  
24 RECENT CORONER'S REPORT ABOUT HOW MANY ARE DYING ON OUR  
25 STREETS. AND WE'VE BEEN POURING MONEY INTO THIS PROBLEM, AND

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1 THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE WHO WE ARE STILL SO FAR AWAY FROM  
2 HELPING. PEOPLE ARE AT THEIR WITS' ENDS. AND I UNDERSTAND THE  
3 CHALLENGES. I KNOW THAT PLENTY OF PEOPLE WHO ARE UNHOUSED  
4 SUFFER FROM VERY SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES THAT ARE NOT  
5 EASY TO TREAT. I UNDERSTAND THAT BUILDING PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE  
6 HOUSING TAKES YEARS. AND I KNOW THAT EVEN FINDING A SITE FOR A  
7 SHELTER THAT A COMMUNITY WILL ACCEPT CAN BE NEXT TO  
8 IMPOSSIBLE. AND I KNOW THAT WE DO HAVE MANY MORE PEOPLE  
9 BECOMING HOMELESS. AND YES, WE ARE HOUSING MORE THAN WE'VE  
10 EVER HOUSED BEFORE, BUT MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE BECOMING  
11 HOMELESS. YET, THIS PAST YEAR, WE INSTITUTED A COUNTYWIDE  
12 EVICTION MORATORIUM, AND WE INVESTED AN UNPRECEDENTED AMOUNT  
13 OF RESOURCES INTO SHELTER AND HOUSING, DUE TO THE PANDEMIC.  
14 2020 SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE YEAR WHEN WE SAW A DRAMATIC DECREASE  
15 IN OUR HOMELESS POPULATION. YET, THAT WAS NOT THE CASE. AND  
16 THE LONGER WE TAKE TO MAKE A REAL DENT IN THIS PROBLEM, THE  
17 MORE PROBLEMS WE FACE. I AM PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT MORE  
18 AND MORE CITIES ARE MOVING TO ENFORCE THEIR ANTI-CAMPING LAWS,  
19 AND THERE ARE MORE CALLS TO CRIMINALIZE OUR HOMELESS. WE HAVE  
20 AN L.A. CITY COUNCILMEMBER THAT IS TRYING TO WITHDRAW THE  
21 WHOLE CITY FROM THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT OF L.A.H.S.A. JUDGE  
22 CARTER IS QUESTIONING OUR RESPONSE TO SKID ROW. AND OUR OWN  
23 SHERIFF IS THREATENING TO CLEAR ENCAMPMENTS, A STRATEGY THAT I  
24 DO NOT BELIEVE GETS US ANY CLOSER TO SOLVING THIS PROBLEM. AND  
25 THE LONGER WE TAKE TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM HUMANELY AND

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1 COMPASSIONATELY, THE MORE LIKELY PEOPLE ARE GOING TO TURN TO  
2 INHUMANE STRATEGIES. THIS YEAR'S MEASURE H BUDGET COMES IN AT  
3 OVER \$500 MILLION. THAT'S A LOT OF MONEY. IT'S A HALF A  
4 BILLION DOLLARS. BUT IT DOESN'T MAKE ME FEEL ANY MORE HOPEFUL,  
5 BECAUSE I KNOW ALL TOO WELL THAT MONEY ALONE IS NOT GOING TO  
6 SOLVE THIS PROBLEM AND GET PEOPLE HOUSED, ESPECIALLY IF WE  
7 KEEP PUTTING OUR MONEY INTO THE SAME STRATEGIES THAT HAVE NOT  
8 WORKED THE PAST FOUR YEARS. SO, BEFORE I VOTE TO APPROVE THESE  
9 FUNDING MECHANISMS, THE RECOMMENDATIONS, CHERI, I WAS  
10 WONDERING, I KNOW YOU'RE AVAILABLE. MADAM CHAIR, I DIDN'T KNOW  
11 IF IT WAS OKAY FOR ME TO ASK HER SOME QUESTIONS NOW, OR DID  
12 YOU WANT TO...

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** I THINK YOU CAN. I THINK THAT'S FINE.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** CHERI, SO YOU ARE THE NEW INTERIM DIRECTOR OF  
17 HOMELESS INITIATIVE. YOU'RE BASICALLY OUR HEAD OF OUR HOMELESS  
18 DEPARTMENT. TELL ME, KIND OF BEFORE I APPROVE THESE, WHAT IS  
19 THE PROCESS THAT YOU ARE GOING TO BE TAKING IN EVALUATING  
20 THESE STRATEGIES, AND WHERE MONEY IS ATTACHED TO EACH OF THESE  
21 STRATEGIES.

22

23 **CHERI TODOROFF:** HI, SUPERVISOR, AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
24 AND THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION. AND WE ARE WORKING ON THE  
25 MOTION TO REEVALUATE THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE STRATEGY. SO, SO

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1 FAR, WE HAVE ENGAGED SOME OF THE CORE PARTNERS, INCLUDING  
2 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND C.O.G.S AND SERVICE PROVIDERS AND  
3 L.A.H.S.A., JUST TO TALK ABOUT AN APPROACH TO REEVALUATING THE  
4 STRATEGIES. AND WE HAVE ALSO DONE A SIGNIFICANT REVIEW OF ALL  
5 OF OUR EXISTING PERFORMANCE DATA AND RESEARCH AND COMMUNITY  
6 FEEDBACK, AND INCLUDING SOME OF OUR C.E.S. REFINEMENT REPORTS,  
7 AS WELL AS LOOKING AT PRIOR [INAUDIBLE] RECEIVED FROM CITIES,  
8 SO THEIR HOMELESS PLANS, AND FROM THE C.O.G.S' REPORTS, AND  
9 ALSO FROM CITY-FOCUSED POLICY SUMMITS. SO WE ARE TAKING ALL OF  
10 THAT, AND THEN OUR NEXT STAGE IS ACTUALLY GOING TO BE GO OUT  
11 AND START HAVING A SERIES OF MEETINGS AND CONVENINGS WITH  
12 PEOPLE. WE WANT TO SHARE WITH THEM THE STRATEGIES TO DATE,  
13 WHAT THEY HAVE DONE, WHAT RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE  
14 ALREADY FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THEM, AND THE TYPE OF FEEDBACK  
15 THAT WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED, AND SHARE THAT WITH EVERYBODY,  
16 AND THEN GO AHEAD AND INCORPORATE THEIR ADDITIONAL FEEDBACK.  
17 SO WE WILL BE HAVING CONVENINGS WITH HOMELESS SERVICES  
18 PROVIDERS, WITH CITIES AND C.O.G.S, WITH PEOPLE WITH LIVED  
19 EXPERTISE, WITH OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND L.A.H.S.A., AND  
20 OTHER ADVOCATES. WE'LL THEN BE COMING BACK TO THE DEPUTIES TO  
21 SHARE ALL OF THOSE FINDINGS AND INITIAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO GET  
22 THEIR INPUT, AS WELL. AND, OF COURSE, THE OFFICES ARE  
23 ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THE OTHER CONVENINGS. ONCE  
24 WE HAVE ALL OF THE INPUT, WE WILL BE COMING BACK TO THE BOARD  
25 OF SUPERVISORS WITH THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN:** HOW LONG DO YOU THINK THAT IS GOING TO TAKE, CHERI?

3

4 **CHERI TODOROFF:** WELL, SO OUR GOAL WAS TO DO THAT... LET'S SEE.

5 WE'RE LOOKING AT THROUGH OCTOBER. WE ARE TRYING TO GET THE

6 SCHEDULING OF THE CONVENINGS, AND ONE THING THAT'S VERY

7 IMPORTANT TO ME IS TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

8 STAKEHOLDERS TO PARTICIPATE. SO WE ARE TRYING TO LEVERAGE

9 EXISTING CONVENINGS, BUT ALSO SETTING UP NEW ONES. AND WE'RE

10 ALSO TRYING TO DO IT AT DIFFERENT TIMES OF THE DAY, INCLUDING

11 EVENINGS, TO MAXIMIZE SUPPORT. AND SO I DO WANT TO BE

12 TRANSPARENT THAT I THINK, IN ORDER TO GET ALL OF THE FEEDBACK

13 WE WANT, IT MIGHT TAKE US A LITTLE BIT MORE TIME TO SCHEDULE

14 ALL OF THOSE MEETINGS, SO IT MIGHT EXTEND A LITTLE BIT PAST

15 OCTOBER. BUT OUR PLAN WOULD BE TO DEBUT THE PRELIMINARY REPORT

16 AT THE ORIGINAL DUE DATE.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH. I APPRECIATE THAT, AND I LIKE WHAT YOU ARE

19 DOING. AND AGAIN, IT SEEMS A LITTLE BACKWARDS THAT WE ARE

20 APPROVING MEASURE H FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS, AND THEN YOU'RE

21 GOING TO REALLY BEGIN TO DO A DEEP DIVE INTO OUR STRATEGIES,

22 AND WHETHER THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF MONEY IS ATTACHED TO THE RIGHT

23 STRATEGY. BECAUSE I DO KNOW A COUPLE YEARS AGO, COLLEAGUES, WE

24 FOUND OUT CLEARLY THAT WE NEEDED TO PUT MORE MONEY INTO

25 PREVENTION, BECAUSE WE HAD MORE PEOPLE FALLING INTO

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1 HOMELESSNESS. SO I AM CONCERNED THAT WE ARE APPROVING THESE  
2 BEFORE, CHERI, YOU DO A DEEP DIVE ON WHETHER OR NOT WE ARE  
3 PUTTING THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF MONEY TO THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF  
4 STRATEGY. DO YOU THINK, CHERI-- I KNOW THIS IS A LOADED  
5 QUESTION, BUT DO YOU THINK THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO  
6 REALLY TAKE A LOOK AT THIS AND GIVE US SOMETHING CONCRETE ON  
7 HOW WE MIGHT GET TO THE CORE OF ACTUALLY BEGINNING TO BRING  
8 THESE NUMBERS DOWN ON OUR STREETS?

9

10 **CHERI TODOROFF:** I THINK THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO DO THAT, BUT I  
11 ALSO WANT TO BE TRANSPARENT THAT I THINK THE CHALLENGES THAT  
12 WE ARE FACING ARE MUCH LARGER THAN WHAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO  
13 SOLVE WITH THE MEASURE H BUDGET. WE CAN TAKE OUR DOLLARS, AND  
14 WE CAN USE THEM IN A MOST EFFICIENT WAY, AND WE CAN USE THEM  
15 IN PROVEN STRATEGIES. BUT ULTIMATELY, WITH THE SIZE OF  
16 HOMELESSNESS THAT WE HAVE IN L.A. COUNTY, AND WITH SOME OF THE  
17 CHALLENGES THAT WE ARE FACING, WHICH ALL OF YOU HAVE TALKED  
18 ABOUT SO WELL TODAY DURING THE MEETING, WE ARE GOING TO NEED  
19 ADDITIONAL SUPPORTS, AS WELL. THE STATE HAS A NEW BUDGET  
20 THAT HAS A NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL SUPPORTS THAT WILL IMPACT THE  
21 COUNTY. IN PARTICULAR, THERE IS SOME FLEXIBLE FUNDING THAT  
22 WILL BE VERY HELPFUL FOR US TO HELP PROGRAM INTO PARK  
23 SERVICES, WHERE WE NEED IT THE MOST. THERE'S ALSO SOME  
24 OPPORTUNITIES WITH CALA.B.L.E., WHICH IS A REIMAGINING OF  
25 MEDI-CAL, THAT CAN HELP PAY FOR SOME OF THE SERVICES THAT WE

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1 NEED HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, AS WELL; IN PARTICULAR, SOME OF THE  
2 RECUPERATIVE CARE, SOME OF THE WRAPAROUND CASE MANAGEMENT  
3 SERVICES THAT SUPPORT SOME OF THE HIGHER-ACUITY CLIENTS. AND  
4 ULTIMATELY, WE'RE GOING TO NEED SUPPORT FROM THE FEDERAL  
5 GOVERNMENT, AS WELL, WITH INVESTMENTS IN FEDERAL RENTAL  
6 SUBSIDIES. ONE OF OUR BIGGEST CHALLENGES HERE IS EXITING  
7 PEOPLE OUT OF OUR HOMELESS SYSTEM INTO PERMANENT HOUSING. WE  
8 HAVE A VERY LARGE NUMBER OF INTERIM HOUSING BEDS THAT WE'RE  
9 OPERATING. WE CLEARLY NEED MORE, BECAUSE WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO  
10 ARE UNSHELTERED, BUT WE ARE OPERATING A VERY LARGE NUMBER OF  
11 INTERIM HOUSING BEDS, AND WE HAVE CLIENTS WHO ARE STAYING IN  
12 THEM FOR A LONG TIME, BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE A RENTAL SUBSIDY  
13 MATCHED TO THEM SO THEY CAN EXIT INTO PERMANENT HOUSING. SO I  
14 THINK THAT THOSE ARE GOING TO BE IMPORTANT PARTS OF OUR  
15 STRATEGY, AS WELL, IS TO LEVERAGE THOSE STATE AND FEDERAL  
16 RESOURCES.

17  
18 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, THANK YOU. I MEAN, A LOT OF PEOPLE WOULD BE  
19 SURPRISED TO THINK THAT A HALF A BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR, EVERY  
20 YEAR, FOR 10 YEARS, IS NOT GOING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM, BUT IT  
21 IS NOT ABOUT MONEY. COLLEAGUES, THAT IS FINE, CHERI. THANK YOU  
22 FOR THOSE ANSWERS. I WILL VOTE TO APPROVE THESE, BUT I WILL  
23 SAY I AM HOPEFUL THAT WE WON'T BE STUCK. AND MAYBE IT IS A  
24 CHANCE, AND I DON'T KNOW HOW THAT WOULD WORK, LOGISTICALLY, IF  
25 WE BROUGHT THIS BACK UP AFTER CHERI BRINGS FORWARD HER REPORT

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1 ON EACH OF THE STRATEGIES, AND HOW MUCH MONEY SHOULD BE  
2 ATTACHED TO THEM, THAT WE MIGHT, MID-YEAR, MAYBE MAKE SOME  
3 ADJUSTMENTS. BECAUSE THIS IS A LOT OF MONEY, AND I WANT TO  
4 MAKE SURE WE ARE ATTACHING THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF MONEY TO THE  
5 RIGHT STRATEGY, IF THINGS CHANGE, OR IF CHERI HAS FOUND  
6 SOMETHING OUT THAT MAYBE HER PREDECESSOR DID NOT FIND OUT. SO  
7 I WILL VOTE FOR THESE TODAY, BUT I REALLY WANT US TO BE-- HAVE  
8 THE CHANCE TO BE FLEXIBLE, MADAM CHAIR; THAT IF WE NEED TO  
9 MAKE SOME CHANGES, THAT WE CAN SORT OF LEGALLY DO THAT. THANK  
10 YOU.

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I AGREE WITH YOU. I AGREE  
13 THAT, WHILE WE HAVE THIS BUDGET BEFORE US NOW, AS YOU AND I  
14 KNOW, FUNDS HAVE TO BE AT LEAST ENCUMBERED IN A CERTAIN WAY,  
15 BUT IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE CAN'T CHANGE THEM AND PRIORITIZE.  
16 SO I AGREE THAT WE SHOULD HAVE, PERHAPS, A MIDTERM OR A  
17 QUARTER REPORT COMING BACK TO TELL US IF ANYTHING NEW HAS  
18 CHANGED. SO MAYBE THAT IS SOMETHING THAT OUR C.E.O., AS WELL  
19 AS CHERI, YOU CAN BOTH BRING BACK TO THE BOARD AS PART OF THIS  
20 ITEM, AS KIND OF A REPORT-BACK. BUT I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR  
21 HOLDING THE ITEM, SUPERVISOR HAHN, BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE  
22 ALL FELT OUR FRUSTRATIONS WITH HOW MEASURE H AND L.A.H.S.A.  
23 AND ALL KINDS OF THINGS HAVE BEEN HAPPENING. IT DIDN'T HAPPEN  
24 THE WAY WE THOUGHT, AND, TO BE HONEST, WE CAN'T ALWAYS USE A  
25 COOKIE-CUTTER APPROACH. I THINK WE'VE SAID THAT MANY TIMES, ON

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1 MANY OCCASIONS, AND I THINK THAT IS WHY THIS PARTICULAR BUDGET  
2 IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT. I'M FINDING THAT, IN LOOKING AT IT,  
3 BECAUSE WE MAY NOT HAVE HAD ENOUGH MONEY IN MEASURE H TO MEET  
4 ALL OF OUR STRATEGIES, AT LEAST WE HAVE FOUND \$72.3 MILLION IN  
5 NON-MEASURE H FUNDING TO HELP SUPPLEMENT THE TOTAL BUDGET. SO  
6 OUR C.E.O. AND OUR STAFF ARE LOOKING TO SEE HOW WE CAN  
7 AUGMENT, BECAUSE CLEARLY EVEN MEASURE H DOESN'T GO FAR ENOUGH.  
8 THAT IS ONE THING. THE OTHER THING IS THAT WE KNOW, IN THIS  
9 BUDGET, WHICH I AM HAPPY TO SEE-- WE JUST HAD A DISCUSSION ON  
10 THIS-- \$5 MILLION WILL BE ALLOCATED TO THE COUNCIL OF  
11 GOVERNMENTS AND CITIES, IN SUPPORT OF EFFORTS TO PREVENT AND  
12 COMBAT HOMELESSNESS. AND THIS IS A PART OF A LARGER \$15  
13 MILLION ALLOCATION TO SUPPORT CITIES' HOMELESS INITIATIVES  
14 THROUGH THE END OF FISCAL YEAR '22-'23, WHICH IS GREAT. I AM  
15 ALSO LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING THE HOMELESS SERVICE SYSTEM  
16 EXPAND ITS REACH THROUGH CITY-LED HOMELESS INITIATIVES. ALSO,  
17 HAPPY TO SEE THAT \$220,000 WILL FUND A COUNTYWIDE STUDY ON  
18 WOMEN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. THIS STUDY WILL RECOGNIZE  
19 UNACCOMPANIED WOMEN AS A HOMELESS SUBPOPULATION IN L.A.  
20 COUNTY, SO THAT WE MAY BETTER UNDERSTAND AND ADDRESS THEIR  
21 UNIQUE NEEDS. THE ALLOCATION IS TIMELY, SINCE WE KNOW THAT  
22 WOMEN HAVE BEEN, AS BEEN STATED BY MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES,  
23 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY C.O.V.I.D.-19. THE STUDY, I  
24 BELIEVE, WILL HELP US BUILD OUT A STRONGER SYSTEM OF SUPPORT  
25 AND PROGRAMS TO HELP UNACCOMPANIED WOMEN FIND SUCCESS ON THEIR

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1 PATH TOWARDS PERMANENT AND STABLE HOUSING. AND THEN LASTLY,  
2 FUNDING HAS BEEN ALLOCATED TO HELP BUILD OUT FAITH-BASED  
3 PARTNERSHIPS THROUGH OUR HOMELESS SYSTEM, AND THAT IS  
4 SOMETHING THAT I KNOW MY COLLEAGUES AND I HAVE BEEN TALKING  
5 ABOUT FOR A LONG TIME. HELPING PEOPLE EXPERIENCING  
6 HOMELESSNESS IS PART OF THEIR MISSION, AND IT'S A PART OF  
7 THEIR MORAL OBLIGATION. AND I KNOW THAT, FOR MANY OF OUR  
8 RESIDENTS AND FOLKS THAT FIND THEMSELVES IN HOMELESSNESS, THIS  
9 IS A CRITICAL PART OF THE ROLE THAT FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS  
10 CAN PROVIDE, OFFERING EMERGENCY SHELTER, MEALS, SUPPORTING THE  
11 VACCINATIONS, PROVIDING BASIC NEEDS AS CLOTHING, SHOES,  
12 HYGIENE ITEMS. I'VE SEEN IT FIRSTHAND DURING THE PANDEMIC, AND  
13 I SAW SO MANY OF OUR FAITH GROUP ORGANIZATIONS REALLY STEP UP  
14 TO THE PLATE. SO I KNOW THAT WE HAVE MUCH TO DO, IN TERMS OF  
15 PROVIDING BETTER LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE, BUT I THINK THAT  
16 THERE ARE SOME STRATEGIES THAT DO WORK, SO I PLAN ON  
17 SUPPORTING THIS BUDGET. WITH THAT, I WANT TO RECOGNIZE  
18 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND THEN SUPERVISOR BARGER.

19  
20 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANTED TO  
21 MAKE SURE THAT, AS WE, I THINK APPROPRIATELY, CRITIQUE SOME OF  
22 THE ASPECTS OF OUR HOMELESS SERVICES PROGRAMS, THAT WE ALSO  
23 NOT IGNORE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS. BECAUSE WHEN WE USE LANGUAGE  
24 LIKE, YOU KNOW, "WE SPEND ALL OF THIS MONEY TO NO AVAIL," OR,  
25 "EVERYTHING KEEPS GETTING WORSE," IT MAKES IT SOUNDS LIKE ALL

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1 HOMELESS PEOPLE ARE FUNGIBLE, BUT THEY ARE NOT. I WANT TO  
2 REMIND US THAT IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS, WE HAVE REHOUSED OVER  
3 75,000 INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN INTERIM AND PERMANENT  
4 HOUSING. AND THE FACT THAT THERE ARE A NEW 75,000 AND MORE  
5 DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE FAILED, OR THAT WE DID NOT SPEND OUR  
6 RESOURCES APPROPRIATELY. IF YOU SEE THEIR FACES-- AND I HAVE--  
7 WHEN THEY ARE HANDED A KEY, OR WHEN THEY MOVE INTO EVEN A TINY  
8 PLACE, TO FEEL SAFE, TO BE ABLE TO LOCK A DOOR BEHIND THEM, TO  
9 HAVE A ROOF OVER THEIR HEAD WHEN IT RAINS, IT IS SIGNIFICANT.  
10 AND IT IS NOT CHEAP. REMEMBER THAT MEASURE H WAS PRIMARILY  
11 ABOUT SERVICES. WE ARE NOT BUILDING WITH MEASURE H. THAT WAS  
12 NOT A BIG PART OF IT. AND IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE GIVE THEM  
13 THE KIND OF SUPPORT THEY NEED TO GET THEM OFF THE STREET, TO  
14 GET THEM INTO HOUSING, AND TO KEEP THEM HOUSED. AND I WOULD  
15 SAY, HONESTLY, IT HAS BEEN A WILD SUCCESS. SO I DON'T WANT  
16 PEOPLE TO GET THE IMPRESSION, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY ARE GOING  
17 TO BE ASKED, AS MY COLLEAGUES HAVE SAID, TO RE-UP ON MEASURE  
18 H, THAT IT WAS USELESS. I THINK IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT FOR US,  
19 AS A UNIT, TO CONTINUE TO EMPHASIZE THE FACT THAT THERE ARE  
20 THINGS FORCING PEOPLE, DROPPING PEOPLE, LOSING PEOPLE, INTO  
21 HOMELESSNESS; BUT THAT PROBABLY, BY THE TIME THIS COMES UP  
22 AGAIN, OVER 100,000 OF THEM WERE HELPED BY MEASURE H. THERE'S  
23 JUST SUCH A MAGNITUDE OF INFLOW. AND KNOW THAT IF WE HANG  
24 TOGETHER AND CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER ON THIS, HELP THE  
25 PEOPLE THAT WE HAVE TASKED TO DO THE WORK, LIKE CHERI AND HER

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1 ENTIRE STAFF, I THINK, BETWEEN HER AND FESIA, I BET ON THEM.  
2 AND FRANKLY, COLLEAGUES, I BET ON US. SO LET'S SEE IF WE CAN'T  
3 HANG TOGETHER, APPRECIATE WHERE WE HAVE HAD SOME VICTORIES,  
4 THE LIVES THAT WE PROBABLY HAVE SAVED, AND JUST KEEP GOING  
5 UNTIL WE GET THROUGH THIS ENORMOUS CRISIS. THANK YOU, MADAM  
6 CHAIR.

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

9

10 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I WANT TO THANK FESIA FOR  
11 PREPARING THESE FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BOARD, AND I  
12 APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT YOU AND YOUR ENTIRE TEAM HAVE DONE TO  
13 GET THESE RECOMMENDATIONS READY IN A TIMELY MANNER. I AGREE  
14 WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WE HAVE MADE GREAT STRIDES. AND AS  
15 I'VE SAID IN THE PAST, I THINK THAT IN AREAS THAT WE NEED TO  
16 RETHINK OUR STRATEGY, WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO PIVOT. AND I THINK  
17 THAT, WITH THIS RECOMMENDATION, WE ARE LOOKING AT ISSUES THAT  
18 WE NEED TO REALLY HAVE A BETTER FOCUS ON. BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT  
19 HOMELESSNESS IS A DYNAMIC, COMPLEX CHALLENGE THAT WE, AS A  
20 BOARD, MUST CONTINUE TO FACE. OBVIOUSLY, WE ARE ALL PASSIONATE  
21 ABOUT IT, WHICH IS WHY I THINK WE HAVE SOME VERY PASSIONATE  
22 DISCUSSIONS SURROUNDING THIS ISSUE. WE ALL KNOW IT IS NOT A  
23 ONE-SIZE-FITS-ALL STRATEGY AND APPROACH, AND IT WILL SIMPLY  
24 NOT WORK, CANNOT BE APPLIED, IF IT'S DONE THAT WAY. WE MUST BE  
25 STRATEGIC AND EXAMINE THE NEEDS OF EVERY COMMUNITY AND ITS

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1 UNHOUSED POPULATION, WHETHER THESE NEEDS ARE AFFORDABLE  
2 HOUSING; EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS, SOMETHING THAT  
3 SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS CHAMPIONED, AS IT RELATES TO W.D.A.C.S.;  
4 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, A PASSION OF MINE; OR ANY OF THOSE  
5 COMBINATIONS. THE VARIOUS HOMELESS STRATEGIES EMPLOYED MUST BE  
6 ADAPTABLE AND FLUID TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR COUNTY, AND THE  
7 FUNDING PRIORITIES WE APPROVE SHOULD MIRROR THIS. EXCEPT FOR A  
8 FEW ITEMS, THESE FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN  
9 PROVIDED REMAIN LARGELY UNCHANGED FROM PREVIOUS YEARS. I  
10 UNDERSTAND THE VERY REAL CHALLENGES THAT C.O.V.I.D.-19 HAS  
11 BROUGHT TO THIS COUNTY, AND ESPECIALLY TO OUR DEPARTMENTS AND  
12 SERVICE PROVIDERS WORKING WITH THE HOMELESS. WE ARE STILL IN  
13 THE RECOVERY PROCESS, AND SOME OF THE FISCAL IMPACTS OF THE  
14 PANDEMIC HAVE YET TO TRULY BE FELT. THEREFORE, IT IS MY DESIRE  
15 TO DESTABILIZE THE FLOW OF SERVICES THAT ARE CURRENTLY BEING  
16 FUNDED. I'M SORRY, IT IS NOT MY DESIRE TO DESTABILIZE THE FLOW  
17 OF SERVICES THAT ARE CURRENTLY BEING FUNDED, AND I WANT TO  
18 MAKE SURE THAT WE CONTINUALLY ANALYZE AND EVALUATE OUR  
19 HOMELESS SERVICE SYSTEM AND THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITIES TO  
20 ADDRESS FUNDING PRIORITIES TO ALIGN WITH OUR FINDINGS, AND  
21 HOPEFULLY THAT CAN BE DONE IN REAL TIME. UNLESS WE BECOME  
22 AWARE OF THESE CHANGES AND MAKE A GOOD, CONSCIOUS EFFORT TO  
23 INVEST OUR RESOURCES ACCORDINGLY, WE ARE ONLY GOING TO  
24 CONTINUE TO SEE MORE OF THE SAME ON OUR STREETS, AND WHAT I  
25 SEE ON THE STREETS RIGHT NOW IS UNACCEPTABLE. BUT I DO ACCEPT,

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1 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, THE FACT THAT WE HAVE MADE GREAT STRIDES,  
2 BUT I THINK WE'VE GOT A LONG WAY TO GO. AND TRULY, TO YOUR  
3 ANALOGY ABOUT THROWING PEOPLE OFF A BRIDGE, WE NEED TO FIND  
4 OUT WHAT THE ROOT CAUSE IS, AND IT IS NOT SIMPLY HOUSING  
5 COSTS. AND WE NEED TO INVEST IN, I BELIEVE, DRUG TREATMENT  
6 BEDS, AS WELL AS MENTAL HEALTH BEDS, IN ORDER TO STABILIZE AND  
7 SUPPORT AND PROVIDE PEOPLE WITH HOPE THAT THEY CAN, WHEN THEY  
8 GET OFF THE STREET, LIVE ON THEIR OWN, AND HOPEFULLY HOLD A  
9 JOB AND GROW. SO WITH THAT, I SUPPORT TODAY'S ITEM. AND I  
10 APPRECIATE, AGAIN, FESIA, THE JOB THAT YOU AND YOUR TEAM,  
11 CHERI, YOU HAVE DONE TO PUT THIS TOGETHER. THANK YOU, MADAM  
12 CHAIR.

13  
14 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. ANY OTHER MEMBERS WISHING TO BE  
15 RECOGNIZED ON THIS ITEM? OKAY. HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM  
16 37 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY ME TO  
17 APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE  
18 ROLL.

19  
20 **SUP. HAHN:** MADAM CHAIR, CAN I JUST SAY SO? I THINK YOU HAD A  
21 GREAT SUGGESTION ABOUT MAYBE, AGAIN, GIVING US A LITTLE BIT OF  
22 FLEXIBILITY AS WE APPROVE THESE. AND IS THAT PART OF THIS,  
23 THAT WE WILL GET, MAYBE, A MIDYEAR UPDATE, IF WE NEED TO  
24 CHANGE THE NUMBERS?

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** I THINK SO. I MEAN, CHERI, ARE YOU-- AND I  
2 KNOW FESIA IS HERE ON BOARD. DO YOU WANT TO...

3

4 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YES. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, AND THANK YOU  
5 FOR THE DISCUSSION ON THE HOMELESS BUDGET MOTION. THE BOARD  
6 LETTER, IT'S ACTUALLY BEEN VERY HELPFUL AND VERY INSTRUCTIVE.  
7 PURSUANT TO SUPERVISOR HAHN'S PRIOR MOTION, WHERE SHE WANTS  
8 THE C.E.O. AND THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE TO BASICALLY REASSESS  
9 ALL OF THE 51 HOMELESS INITIATIVE STRATEGIES, TO MAKE SURE  
10 THAT WE ARE NOT DOING THINGS JUST BECAUSE WE STARTED OUT THAT  
11 WAY 5 YEARS AGO, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY TO MAKE SURE THAT THE  
12 STRATEGIES ARE ACTUALLY WHAT WE NEED AT THIS POINT IN THE  
13 JOURNEY, I BELIEVE THAT THAT REPORT-BACK IS COMING BACK IN  
14 NOVEMBER. AND, CHERI TODOROFF, CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG. I  
15 BELIEVE THAT THAT MIGHT BE AN APPROPRIATE TIME FOR US TO  
16 REVISIT. ONCE WE PRESENT THE INFORMATION TO THE BOARD,  
17 WHICHEVER PROPOSED CHANGES THE BOARD ADOPTS, I THINK THAT  
18 WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE TIME FOR US TO--

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY, THAT WOULD BE GREAT. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE  
21 THAT THAT'S PART OF HOW I AM VOTING FOR THESE RECOMMENDATIONS,  
22 IS KNOWING THAT.

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** WELL, IT IS GOING TO HAPPEN, APPARENTLY,  
25 THROUGH YOUR MOTION, SO THAT IS GOOD. I THINK WE ARE JUST

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1 GETTING UPDATED. BUT I THINK IT FITS PERFECTLY, IN TERMS OF  
2 TIMING. ARE YOU OKAY WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR?

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH. THANKS, MADAM CHAIR, YES.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. OKAY. SO, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
7 HAHN, AS NOTED. SO WE WILL GET A REPORT. SECONDED BY  
8 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, MYSELF, TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE  
9 OFFICER, CALL THE ROLL, PLEASE.

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 37 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR  
12 MITCHELL?

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

15

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

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

20

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

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

24

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

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2 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

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

9 0.

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11 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND NOW WE'LL MOVE ON TO ITEM

12 78-D, REPARATIONS FOR FORCED STERILIZATION AT L.A.C.+U.S.C.

13 MEDICAL CENTER, WHICH I HELD. MEMBERS, I KNOW YOU ARE

14 PAINFULLY AWARE THAT OUR STATE AND OUR COUNTY HAVE A DARK

15 HISTORY WHEN IT COMES TO FORCED STERILIZATIONS. FROM THE FIRST

16 TIME THE LAW WAS INSTITUTED, IN 1909, TO ITS REPEAL IN 1979,

17 OVER 20,000 PEOPLE WERE COERCED INTO STERILIZATION, IN AN

18 EFFORT TO PREVENT PEOPLE WITH SO-CALLED "UNDESIRABLE TRAITS"

19 FROM PASSING ON THEIR GENES. THIS INCLUDED WOMEN AND MEN WITH

20 MENTAL ILLNESS, DISABILITIES, AND EVEN PEOPLE WHO WERE

21 SEXUALLY PROMISCUOUS. AND OFTEN, IMMIGRANTS, PEOPLE OF COLOR,

22 OR POOR PEOPLE WERE THE TARGETS. UNSURPRISINGLY, A

23 DISPROPORTIONATE NUMBER OF THOSE TARGETED WERE LATINX, WHO

24 WERE 59 PERCENT MORE LIKELY TO BE STERILIZED THAN NON-LANTINX

25 RESIDENTS. AND UNFORTUNATELY, THOSE PRACTICES OCCURRED RIGHT

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1 HERE, AS WELL. BETWEEN 1968 AND 1974, OVER 240 WOMEN WERE  
2 STERILIZED AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER.  
3 I'VE OFTEN DISCUSSED THE NEED TO BUILD A MORE COMPREHENSIVE  
4 AND EQUITABLE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF THE  
5 PANDEMIC. HOWEVER, WE CANNOT TRULY MOVE FORWARD AND ADDRESS  
6 SYSTEMIC ISSUES WITHOUT FULLY CONFRONTING OUR MOST EGREGIOUS  
7 SINS OF THE PAST, INCLUDING WHAT HAPPENED TO THESE SURVIVORS.  
8 WE HEARD SOME STORIES EARLIER TODAY DURING PUBLIC COMMENT. WE  
9 TOOK THE FIRST STEP IN THE PROCESS, BACK IN 2018, WHEN  
10 SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND I INTRODUCED A MOTION TO ISSUE AN  
11 OFFICIAL APOLOGY TO THESE WOMEN. AND AT L.A.C.+U.S.C., WE HAVE  
12 COMMISSIONED A LARGE-SCALE WORK OF ART, INSTALLED ON A PLAQUE  
13 ON THE CAMPUS, TO EXPRESS THE COUNTY'S SINCERE APOLOGIES TO  
14 THESE WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES. AND LAST YEAR, AS WE MARKED  
15 THE TEAR-DOWN OF THE OLD WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, TO  
16 BUILD OUR RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGE AT L.A.C.+U.S.C., WE HELD A  
17 CEREMONY WITH THE TONGVA AND OTHER INDIGENOUS LEADERS TO BLESS  
18 AND CLEANSE THE LAND, AND WE FORMALLY APOLOGIZED ONCE MORE.  
19 BUT WE NEED TO DO MORE. THE STATE IS BEGINNING TO ACT, AS YOU  
20 KNOW, IN THIS FISCAL YEAR, 2021-22. THE BUDGET PROVIDES  
21 \$25,000 IN REPARATIONS TO THOSE HARMED BY THE STATE LAW. AND  
22 ALTHOUGH THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT STEP FOR SURVIVORS OF THE  
23 PRACTICE ACROSS THE STATE, IT ONLY APPLIES TO VICTIMS AT  
24 STATE-RUN FACILITIES, AND DOES NOT INCLUDE COUNTY-RUN  
25 FACILITIES LIKE L.A.C.+U.S.C. WE HAVE A MORAL OBLIGATION TO

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1 ENSURE THAT THESE SURVIVORS AREN'T LEFT OUT OF THIS CORRECTIVE  
2 ACTION PLAN, AND THAT WE TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO MAKE THEM  
3 WHOLE. THAT IS WHY I AM INTRODUCING THE MOTION TODAY. WE MUST  
4 USE OUR COLLECTIVE VOICE AS A COUNTY, AND COMMUNICATE TO OUR  
5 GOVERNOR, OUR STATE LEADERS, THAT THE SURVIVORS AT  
6 L.A.C.+U.S.C. BE INCLUDED IN NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET. BUT WE SHOULD  
7 NOT WAIT ON THE STATE TO ACT BEFORE WE DO. THAT'S WHY THE  
8 MOTION ALSO DIRECTS THE C.E.O., WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
9 SERVICES AND COMMUNITY, TO WORK TO IDENTIFY THESE PATIENTS,  
10 AND POTENTIALLY USE COUNTY FUNDING TO PROVIDE THEM WITH SOME  
11 MEASURE OF FINANCIAL RELIEF. THIS WILL BY NO MEANS MAKE UP FOR  
12 THE HORRIBLE ATROCITIES THAT WERE COMMITTED AGAINST THEM, BUT  
13 I BELIEVE IT IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, AND SHOWS A  
14 COMMITMENT FROM THE COUNTY THAT WE WANT TO TURN OUR WORDS INTO  
15 ACTION. TO ANY SURVIVOR OUT THERE THAT MAY BE HEARING THIS  
16 TODAY, I WANT TO SAY ONCE MORE AN APOLOGY FROM US, FOR THE  
17 TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE THEY WENT THROUGH HERE AT THE COUNTY OF  
18 LOS ANGELES. PLEASE KNOW THAT WE ARE COMMITTED TO MAKING THIS  
19 RIGHT, HOWEVER WE CAN. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE COMMUNITY  
20 FOR THEIR UNWAVERING ADVOCACY, BOTH LOCALLY AND STATEWIDE, ON  
21 THIS MATTER. I URGE MY COLLEAGUES TO VOTE AYE. ARE THERE ANY  
22 OTHER MEMBERS THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM? SEEING  
23 NONE, THEN I WILL CALL THIS ITEM UP. 78-D IS BEFORE US. I WILL  
24 MOVE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM  
25 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 78-D IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR  
3 MITCHELL?

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5 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

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10 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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14 **SUP. HAHN:** AND THANKS FOR BRINGING THIS UP, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.  
15 I VOTE AYE.

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

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19 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

22

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

24

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

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4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MEMBERS. AT THIS  
5 TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM SUPERVISORS ON  
6 ITEMS NOT HELD ON THE POSTED AGENDA, TO BE PRESENTED OR  
7 REFERRED TO STAFF OR PLACED ON FUTURE AGENDAS. THE FOLLOWING  
8 ORDER IS, WE WILL BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND I BELIEVE  
9 SHE WOULD LIKE TO READ IN TWO REPORT-BACK MOTIONS TO BE  
10 APPROVED TODAY. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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12 **SUP. HAHN:** YES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THE FIRST ONE I WANTED  
13 TO READ IN IS ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL.  
14 THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC, WE ALL SPENT MORE TIME AT HOME, WHICH  
15 LED TO MANY OF THE DOGS AND CATS FROM OUR CARE CENTERS FINDING  
16 THEIR FOREVER HOMES. AS WE COME OUT OF THE PANDEMIC, I'VE  
17 HEARD FROM SOME RESIDENTS THAT FEEL LIKE THE APPOINTMENT-BASED  
18 SYSTEM WHICH IS CURRENTLY IN PLACE MAKES IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR  
19 THEM TO ADOPT THE DOG OR CAT OF THEIR CHOICE. SO I THEREFORE  
20 MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF  
21 ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN 15 DAYS  
22 ABOUT THE FEASIBILITY OF GIVING THE PUBLIC FULL ACCESS TO THE  
23 CARE CENTER TO VIEW ADOPTABLE ANIMALS, AND ON WAYS TO INCREASE  
24 ADOPTION RATES, AND WAYS TO DECREASE THE EUTHANASIA OF CARE  
25 CENTER ANIMALS. THAT'S THE FIRST ONE. THE SECOND ONE, MADAM

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1 CHAIR, IS ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY THAT CREATED A HUGE  
2 PUBLIC SAFETY-- POTENTIAL ISSUE AT OUR BEACHES. YESTERDAY, THE  
3 HYPERION RECLAMATION PLANT DISCHARGED APPROXIMATELY 17 MILLION  
4 GALLONS OF UNTREATED SEWAGE OFF THE COURSE OF DOCKWEILER STATE  
5 BEACH. THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH POSTED BEACH CLOSURE  
6 SIGNS IN THE AREA AROUND DOCKWEILER, BUT MANY BEACHGOERS AND  
7 LOCAL RESIDENTS WERE NOT AWARE OF THE CLOSURE, AND IT WAS NOT  
8 CLEAR WHICH AREAS OF THE OCEAN WATER WERE IMPACTED, BECAUSE  
9 PUBLIC HEALTH RELEASED AN ALERT LATE YESTERDAY EVENING. THE  
10 DELAY IN PUBLIC NOTIFICATION FOR A SEWAGE RELEASE THAT POSES A  
11 PUBLIC HEALTH RISK IS UNACCEPTABLE, AND THE NOTIFICATION  
12 PROCESS MUST BE CORRECTED. THAT IS WHY TODAY I AM INTRODUCING  
13 THIS MOTION TO IMPROVE EMERGENCY SEWAGE SPILL NOTIFICATION  
14 PROTOCOLS. AND AFTER I FINISH READING IT, DR. DAVIS, I JUST  
15 WANTED TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS, BECAUSE THE PUBLIC, NOT  
16 SURPRISINGLY, IS VERY CONCERNED. SO, ON JULY 11TH, 2021, THE  
17 HYPERION RECLAMATION PLANT DISCHARGED APPROXIMATELY 17 MILLION  
18 GALLONS OF UNTREATED SEWAGE THROUGH THE ONE-MILE OUTFALL INTO  
19 THE SANTA MONICA BAY, OFF THE COAST OF DOCKWEILER STATE BEACH.  
20 PLANT CREWS WORKED OVERNIGHT TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE, AND THE  
21 LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH POSTED BEACH  
22 CLOSURE SIGNS IN THE AREA AROUND DOCKWEILER STATE BEACH.  
23 HOWEVER, MANY BEACHGOERS AND LOCAL RESIDENTS WERE NOT AWARE OF  
24 THE CLOSURE, AND IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHICH AREAS OF THE OCEAN  
25 WERE IMPACTED, UNTIL HEALTH OFFICIALS ISSUED A NEWS RELEASE

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1 LATER IN THE EVENING. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
2 PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR  
3 MONITORING OCEAN WATER QUALITY, AND IS CHARGED WITH TAKING  
4 APPROPRIATE ACTION WHEN UNTREATED SEWAGE ENTERS AN AREA WHERE  
5 PUBLIC HEALTH MAY BE JEOPARDIZED. IF BEACHES BECOME  
6 CONTAMINATED DUE TO UNTREATED SEWAGE, PUBLIC HEALTH'S  
7 REPORTING PROTOCOL REQUIRES THE DEPARTMENT TO IMMEDIATELY POST  
8 BEACH CLOSURE SIGNS AND ISSUE A PUBLIC ADVISORY EXPLAINING THE  
9 REASON FOR ANY BEACH CLOSURES. EFFECTIVE MONITORING AND PUBLIC  
10 NOTIFICATION OF OCEAN WATER QUALITY REQUIRES OPEN  
11 COMMUNICATION AND SITUATIONAL AWARENESS OF THE SEWAGE  
12 DISCHARGE INCIDENT AMONG ALL COORDINATING AGENCIES WITHIN L.A.  
13 COUNTY, AS WELL AS THE SANITATION DISTRICTS AND SEWAGE  
14 TREATMENT FACILITIES. DURING A SEWAGE DISCHARGE EVENT WHERE  
15 PUBLIC HEALTH MAY BE JEOPARDIZED, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT PUBLIC  
16 HEALTH IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF HEALTH RISKS,  
17 AND SWIFTLY COORDINATE WITH PARTNER AGENCIES TO ENSURE HEALTH  
18 PROTECTIVE ACTION IS TAKEN. IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION SHOULD BE  
19 DEFINED AS 15 MINUTES FROM THE TIME THAT PUBLIC HEALTH IS  
20 AWARE OF THE SERIOUS ADVERSE EVENT THAT POSES A PUBLIC HEALTH  
21 RISK, NOT HOURS. WITH APPROPRIATE COORDINATION AND  
22 COMMUNICATION AMONG AGENCIES WITHIN L.A. COUNTY, WE CAN  
23 PROTECT THE OCEAN WATER QUALITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH OF L.A.  
24 COUNTY COUNTY RESIDENTS. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THIS BOARD OF  
25 SUPERVISORS DIRECTS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IN CONCERT

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1 WITH THE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND  
2 HARBORS, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
3 HEALTH, AND IN CONSULTATION WITH LOS ANGELES CITY SANITATION  
4 AND ENVIRONMENT, TO REPORT BACK WITHIN 7 DAYS ON THE  
5 FOLLOWING: NUMBER ONE, ANY AND ALL ISSUES INCLUDING BUT NOT  
6 LIMITED TO THE CAUSE AND EXTENT OF IMPACTS RELATED TO THE  
7 SEWAGE SPILL AND/OR DISCHARGE THAT OCCURRED THE EVENING OF  
8 JULY 11TH OFF THE COAST OF DOCKWEILER STATE BEACH; NUMBER TWO,  
9 ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF L.A.  
10 COUNTY RESIDENTS, AND PROVIDE TIMELY PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF  
11 ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO  
12 DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION, SIGNAGE, AND CLOSURES; AND  
13 THREE, A REPORT BACK ON THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN THAT WOULD  
14 RESULTS IN FASTER RESPONSE, COORDINATION, REPORTING, AND  
15 COMMUNICATION ABOUT FUTURE SEWAGE DISCHARGES THAT MAY REQUIRE  
16 TIMELY BEACH CLOSURES, TO PREVENT PUBLIC EXPOSURE. THAT'S THE  
17 MOTION, COLLEAGUES, AND THAT IS IN 7 DAYS. I WANT TO GET A  
18 REPORT BACK ON THESE, BUT OUR OFFICE HAS BEEN INUNDATED WITH  
19 CALLS FROM WORRIED PEOPLE. WE GOT A CALL FROM A MOTHER WHOSE  
20 CHILD WAS AT SWIM CAMP IN THAT VERY AREA ALL DAY YESTERDAY.  
21 SO, DR. DAVIS, CAN YOU JUST SPEAK BRIEFLY TO THOSE WHO ARE  
22 CONCERNED? IF THEY WERE IN THE WATER AROUND THOSE BEACHES  
23 YESTERDAY, SHOULD THEY BE WORRIED ABOUT EXPOSURE TO THE  
24 BACTERIA, AND WHAT HEALTH ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR THEM?

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1 **DR. DAVIS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER  
2 THESE QUESTIONS. AS WE LOOK AT SEWAGE BEING DISCHARGED, OFTEN  
3 ONE OR 5 MILES FROM SHORE, THE BACTERIA LEVELS SHOULD BE  
4 SIGNIFICANTLY DILUTED IN BEACHES AND SWIM AREAS. HOWEVER, WE  
5 DO GO THROUGH TESTING TO CONFIRM THAT THAT IS ACTUALLY THE  
6 CASE. IF SOMEONE WAS IN WATER THAT WAS POLLUTED WITH SEWAGE,  
7 TYPICALLY, THEY MIGHT HAVE A SORT OF STOMACH-RELATED ILLNESS,  
8 DEPENDING ON WHAT THEY MAY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO, WHICH COULD  
9 INCLUDE NAUSEA, VOMITING, STOMACHACHE, DIARRHEA, HEADACHE, OR  
10 FEVER. SOMETIMES THEY MAY HAVE A MINOR ILLNESS RELATED TO AN  
11 EAR, NOSE, OR THROAT INFECTION. AND IF IT IS SOMETHING THAT'S  
12 MORE HIGHLY POLLUTED, THEN IT COULD BE SOMETHING MORE SERIOUS.  
13 HOWEVER, IN THIS INSTANCE, AS FAR AS I KNOW AT THE MOMENT, THE  
14 PROCESS IS TO DO TWO TEST RESULTS ABOUT 24 HOURS APART, IN  
15 ORDER TO CONFIRM THAT THE WATER IS CLEAR, IN TERMS OF ANY  
16 LEVELS THAT WOULD BE HAZARDOUS, AND I BELIEVE WE HAVE AN  
17 INITIAL RESULT THAT SHOWS THAT THERE ISN'T ANY CONCERN AT THE  
18 MOMENT. HOWEVER, WE NEED A SECOND EXAMPLE IN ORDER TO CONFIRM  
19 THAT, SO THE BEACH WILL STILL STAY CLOSED.

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21 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY. YEAH, THANK YOU. AND THEN, HOW WILL YOU  
22 NOTIFY THE PUBLIC THAT WILL BE-- THE BEACHES ARE STILL CLOSED  
23 AT THIS POINT, RIGHT? DOCKWEILER, EL SEGUNDO, THOSE ARE STILL  
24 CLOSED, SO HOW ARE YOU GOING TO NOTIFY THE PUBLIC, ONCE YOU'VE  
25 GOT TWO CONSECUTIVE SAMPLES, THAT IS SAFE TO SWIM IN?

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2 **DR. DAVIS:** THERE ARE TWO WAYS. ONE, WE WILL DO A PRESS  
3 RELEASE. THE OTHER IS, THE SIGNS THAT ARE POSTED, THAT ARE  
4 CLOSING THE AREAS OF CONCERN, WILL BE REMOVED AS WELL.

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6 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. WELL, IT SOUNDS LIKE THE INITIAL  
7 SAMPLES, MAYBE, ARE SAYING THAT WE DON'T HAVE HIGH LEVELS OF  
8 BACTERIA. I THINK WE KIND OF ARE LUCKY THIS TIME, HOPEFULLY.  
9 WE ARE WAITING TO GET THE SECOND SAMPLE. BUT I GOT TO TELL  
10 YOU, IT WAS VERY DISTURBING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
11 HEALTH DID NOT GET A PRESS RELEASE OUT TILL FIVE HOURS LATER,  
12 WARNING THE PUBLIC. SO THAT'S PART OF WHAT I WANT TO DO BETTER  
13 IN THE FUTURE, DR. DAVIS, AND I KNOW YOU WILL WORK WITH US ON  
14 THAT. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OH, I'M SORRY. MEMBERS, DID YOU HEAR THAT?  
17 I'M SORRY. WE ARE TAKING UP THESE TWO ITEMS. THEY ARE BOTH  
18 REPORT-BACKS, SO WE CAN TAKE ACTION ON THEM. THE FIRST ONE IS  
19 A REPORT BACK ON THE MANAGED INTAKE AND BEST PRACTICES WITHIN  
20 THE D.A.C.C. CARE CENTERS. THIS IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN,  
21 SECONDED BY ME. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 79-A IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR  
24 MITCHELL?

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1    **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

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6    **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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10    **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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14    **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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18    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

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

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23    **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. THE SECOND MOTION BEFORE US IS THE  
24    PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF SEWAGE DISCHARGE, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR

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1 HAHN, SECONDED BY KUEHL. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL  
2 THE ROLL.

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4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 79-B IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR  
5 MITCHELL?

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7 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

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12 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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16 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

23

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

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

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. THANK YOU, MEMBERS. AT THIS TIME, IT  
5 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR ADJOURNMENTS, AND WE WILL BEGIN  
6 WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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8 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN  
9 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ROBERT "BOB" BUSH, WHO WAS  
10 A RESIDENT OF PALOS VERDES PENINSULA. HE WAS ONLY 77 WHEN HE  
11 PASSED AWAY. BOB WAS A LONGTIME FRIEND OF MINE, MY FAMILY. HE  
12 WAS MY APPOINTMENT TO THE L.A. COUNTY CAPITAL ASSET LEASING  
13 CORPORATION COMMISSION. BOB WAS A FOUNDING DIRECTOR AND PAST  
14 CHAIR, AND A 40-YEAR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
15 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. HE RECEIVED NUMEROUS  
16 COMMENDATIONS FOR HIS WORK WITH L.A.E.D.C., AND IS ONE OF FOUR  
17 PERSONS TO RECEIVE ITS LIFETIME STEWARDSHIP AWARD. HE WAS A  
18 MEMBER OF THE LIBRARY FOUNDATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WHERE  
19 HE WAS DEDICATED TO PROMOTING LITERACY AND LIFELONG LEARNING  
20 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S DIVERSE COMMUNITIES. FOR TEN YEARS,  
21 FROM 1969 TO 1979, BOB SERVED AS A SENIOR DEPUTY TO MY FATHER,  
22 AND WAS HIS PRESS DEPUTY FOR A WHILE. HE ALSO SERVED AS  
23 PRESIDENT CARTER'S CALIFORNIA PRESS SECRETARY DURING THE 1976  
24 PRIMARY ELECTION. AND BEFORE THAT, BOB WAS THE EDITOR OF PLANE  
25 & PILOT MAGAZINE, AND A JOURNALIST FOR THE LOS ANGELES HERALD

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1 EXAMINER, THE UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL, SOUTH BAY DAILY  
2 BREEZE, AND THE LOS ANGELES TIMES. BOB IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
3 WONDERFUL WIFE JUDY, HIS CHILDREN RENEE, MELISA, AND HOWARD,  
4 SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN, FOUR GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, AND HE WILL BE  
5 DEEPLY MISSED BY SO MANY PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY, SO MANY  
6 PEOPLE THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THIS IS A SAD  
7 ADJOURNMENT FOR ME. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE  
8 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF BRUCE THOMSON, WHO WAS 61 WHEN HE  
9 PASSED AWAY. BRUCE WAS A SAN PEDRO LEGEND. HE STARTED TEACHING  
10 AND COACHING AT SAN PEDRO HIGH SCHOOL IN 1998. UNDER HIS  
11 LEADERSHIP, THE SCHOOL'S CROSS-COUNTRY TEAMS WON 50 TITLES AND  
12 CHAMPIONSHIPS. HE WAS NAMED THE C.I.F. STATE MODEL COACH OF  
13 THE YEAR IN 2017, AND WAS INDUCTED INTO THE SAN PEDRO ATHLETIC  
14 HALL OF FAME IN 2019. HE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY HIS BROTHER  
15 DOUG, AND THE ENTIRE SAN PEDRO COMMUNITY. I ALSO MOVE THAT  
16 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF LORRAINE  
17 DYDA, WHO WAS A RESIDENT OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES. SHE WAS 90  
18 WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY. LORRAINE AND HER HUSBAND KEN, WHO WAS A  
19 COUNCILMEMBER FOR THE CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES FOR MANY,  
20 MANY YEARS, MOVED TO THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA IN 1961.  
21 LORRAINE WAS VERY INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY. SHE WAS A MEMBER  
22 OF THE PENINSULA WOMEN'S CLUB, ST. JOHN FISHER'S PRAYER GROUP,  
23 AND GUILD 3. LORRAINE LOVED TO NEEDLEPOINT AND SEW. SHE USED  
24 HER SKILLS TO MAKE HUNDREDS OF BLANKETS FOR NEWBORNS AND  
25 CHILDREN WITH SEVERE ILLNESSES. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER

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1 HUSBAND, THE HONORABLE KEN DYDA. I KNOW HE WILL MISS HER. THEY  
2 REALLY WERE JUST A COUPLE, AND THEY SUPPORTED EACH OTHER  
3 THROUGHOUT THEIR LIVES AND THEIR INDIVIDUAL ENDEAVORS; AND  
4 THEIR CHILDREN, BEVERLY AND BRUCE, AND TWO GRANDDAUGHTERS. I  
5 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF  
6 ROSE-MARIE DEETER, WHO WAS A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO.  
7 SHE WAS 91 WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY. ROSE-MARIE AND HER HUSBAND  
8 RAY WERE FIXTURES IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND SHE WILL BE MISSED  
9 DEEPLY. SHE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER HUSBAND RAY. SHE IS  
10 SURVIVED BY HER SIX CHILDREN, 22 GRANDCHILDREN, AND 31 GREAT-  
11 GRANDCHILDREN. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE  
12 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF NANCY LEE SCOGNAMILLO, WHO WAS 83 AND  
13 A RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY. DEVOTED MOTHER,  
14 COMMUNITY MEMBER, SHE SERVED FOR MANY YEARS AS A LECTOR AND  
15 EUCHARIST MINISTER AT BOTH HOLY TRINITY AND MARY STAR OF THE  
16 SEA. SHE IS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER DAUGHTER ANDREA, AND SON  
17 MARK. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND ROSARIO, HER FIVE  
18 CHILDREN, 20 GRANDCHILDREN, AND SEVEN GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. AND  
19 I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE  
20 MEMORY OF SHIRLEY SNOW, WHO WAS 90 WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY, ALSO  
21 A RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO. SHIRLEY ATTENDED THE SAME CHURCH THAT  
22 I ATTEND IN DOWNTOWN SAN PEDRO, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. SHE  
23 WAS A WOMAN WHO SERVED THE LORD, HER FAMILY, HER CHURCH, HER  
24 COMMUNITY. SHE WAS AN OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR FOR FIRST  
25 PRESBYTERIAN FOR 42 YEARS. SHE HAD A SPECIAL GIFT OF

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1 LISTENING. SHE KNEW EVERY MEMBER'S NAME, AND WELCOMED WITH  
2 OPEN ARMS ANYONE WHO WALKED THROUGH THE CHURCH DOORS. SHE ALSO  
3 SERVED AS THE CHURCH'S HISTORIAN. SHIRLEY WAS ALSO AN ACTIVE  
4 MEMBER OF THE SAN PEDRO JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB AND SHORELINE  
5 WOMEN'S CLUB FOR OVER 50 YEARS. IN 2006, WHEN I WAS ON THE  
6 CITY COUNCIL, I PRESENTED SHIRLEY WITH A CERTIFICATE OF  
7 COMMENDATION FOR HER DEDICATION TO HER COMMUNITY. SHE WAS A  
8 TALENTED WRITER. SHE WROTE AND ACTED IN PLAYS, BOTH AT CHURCH  
9 AND THE SAN PEDRO JR. WOMEN'S CLUB. SHIRLEY WAS PRECEDED IN  
10 DEATH BY HER HUSBAND BERT, AND HER DAUGHTER DIANE. SHE IS  
11 SURVIVED BY HER SON DON, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN, AND THREE GREAT-  
12 GRANDCHILDREN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THOSE ARE MY  
13 ADJOURNMENTS.

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15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANKS, SUPERVISOR HAHN. NEXT, WE WILL GO  
16 TO SUPERVISOR BARGER.

17  
18 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE  
19 DO SO IN MEMORY OF RETIRED LANCASTER PASTOR REXFORD FURMAN,  
20 WHO DIED ON JUNE 12TH AT THE AGE OF 77. REX PASTORED BETHEL  
21 BAPTIST CHURCH IN LANCASTER FOR 28 YEARS, AND IN 1979 OPENED  
22 BETHEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL. HE THEN PASTORED IN EVERETT,  
23 WASHINGTON, FOR SEVEN YEARS, BEFORE TRAVELING GLOBALLY WITH  
24 HIS WIFE ANDREA AS FIELD DIRECTORS FOR INTERNATIONAL GLOBAL  
25 MISSION. REX AND ANDREA RETIRED IN 2014. RAISED IN ITHACA, NEW

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1 YORK, REX GRADUATED FROM BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE, AND EARNED A  
2 MASTER OF DIVINITY DEGREE AT LOS ANGELES BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL  
3 SEMINARY. REX IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 53 YEARS; CHILDREN  
4 DANA, JON, AND LORI; SIBLINGS DANA AND MARGARET; FOUR  
5 GRANDCHILDREN; AND A GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER. ALSO, THAT WE  
6 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GLENN GRADE, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF  
7 VALENCIA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 94. HE WAS BORN AND  
8 RAISED IN WISCONSIN. AFTER HIGH SCHOOL, HE JOINED THE U.S.  
9 NAVY AND WORKED IN THE MEDIC PROGRAM WHILE STATIONED IN  
10 SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. AFTER DISCHARGE, HE BROUGHT HIS PARENTS  
11 OUT WEST, AND THEY SETTLED IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA. HE  
12 ATTENDED U.S.C. ON THE G.I. BILL, AND ENTERED THE INSURANCE  
13 BUSINESS, ULTIMATELY BECOMING A PARTNER IN HIS AGENCY. HE  
14 MARRIED DOROTHY BRINKMEYER IN 1951, AND THEY ENJOYED 69 YEARS  
15 OF MARRIAGE TOGETHER. AFTER LIVING IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY  
16 FOR 20 YEARS, GLENN RELOCATED HIS FAMILY TO THE SANTA CLARITA  
17 VALLEY IN 1970, WHERE HE AND DOROTHY RESIDED IN THE SAME HOUSE  
18 IN VALENCIA HILLS FOR 50 YEARS. HE SERVED HIS COMMUNITY FOR  
19 YEARS BY VOLUNTEERING AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, THE SENIOR CENTER,  
20 THE HOMELESS SHELTER, AND KIWANIS. GLENN IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
21 TWO SONS, BRIAN AND CAMERON. ALSO, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
22 FORMER LANCASTER MAYOR ELSWORTH "ELS" GROVES, WHO PASSED AWAY  
23 ON JUNE 13TH, AT THE AGE OF 87. ELS SERVED IN THE CALIFORNIA  
24 HIGHWAY PATROL FROM 1958 TO 1987. HIS LAST POST WAS AS  
25 COMMANDER OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY C.H.P. STATION, UNTIL HE WAS

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1 FORCED TO RETIRE AS A RESULT OF A HEAD-ON, ON-DUTY COLLISION.  
2 IN 1986, ELS RAN FOR THE LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL. HE REMAINED  
3 ON THE COUNCIL UNTIL 1990, SERVING AS THE MAYOR OF LANCASTER  
4 IN 1988. BORN IN HINDSVILLE, ARKANSAS, ELS GREW UP IN  
5 COLORADO, WASHINGTON, NEVADA, IDAHO, AND CALIFORNIA, HELPING  
6 WITH HIS FAMILY BUSINESS. IN 1951, DURING THE KOREAN WAR, ELS  
7 JOINED THE U.S. NAVY WITH HIS BROTHER ERNIE, AND BOTH WERE  
8 ASSIGNED TO THE DESTROYER U.S.S. CHAUNCEY. ELS BEGAN HIS LAW  
9 ENFORCEMENT CAREER IN 1955 WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
10 CORRECTIONS, WORKING AT CALIFORNIA MEN'S COLONY IN SAN LUIS  
11 OBISPO. IN 1957, HE WAS ACCEPTED INTO THE C.H.P. ACADEMY. WITH  
12 THE C.H.P., ELS SERVED IN VENTURA COUNTY, SAN FRANCISCO, WEST  
13 LOS ANGELES, OCEANSIDE, AND SAN DIEGO, BEFORE BEING ASSIGNED  
14 TO LEAD THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STATION. HIS POST-RETIREMENT  
15 CAREERS INCLUDED WORKING AS A REAL-ESTATE BROKER, AND SERVING  
16 AS A HEARING OFFICER AND HOUSING INSPECTOR FOR LOS ANGELES  
17 COUNTY. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, PHILENE, OF 56 YEARS; HIS  
18 CHILDREN BARBARA, DAN, AND SANDY; HIS BROTHER ERNEST; 12  
19 GRANDCHILDREN; AND NUMEROUS GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO, WE  
20 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DAVID HORNBERGER, A FORMER RESIDENT OF  
21 THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, WHO PASSED AWAY ON JULY 5TH. BORN AND  
22 RAISED IN PENNSYLVANIA, HE GRADUATED FROM SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT  
23 HIGH SCHOOL, AND THEN SERVED HIS COUNTRY IN THE AIR FORCE  
24 DURING THE KOREAN WAR, IN OKINAWA, JAPAN. AFTER HIS MILITARY  
25 SERVICE, HE ATTENDED RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, AND LATER COMPLETED

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1 HIS M.B.A. AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN. DAVID HAD A  
2 SUCCESSFUL CAREER AS A BANKER AND BUSINESS OWNER IN  
3 PENNSYLVANIA AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. IN 1972, HE AND HIS WIFE  
4 MOVED THE FAMILY TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TO SERVE ON STAFF WITH  
5 CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST. HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE ROLLOUT  
6 OF THE "I FOUND IT" CAMPAIGN IN THE MID 1970S. AFTER THE  
7 PASSING OF HIS BELOVED WIFE, JAN, IN 2009, DAVID COMMITTED THE  
8 REST OF HIS LIFE TO MINISTRY WORK, WHICH TOOK HIM TO  
9 AUSTRALIA, PENNSYLVANIA, AND GEORGIA. HE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER  
10 OF THE CHRISTIAN BUSINESS MEN'S CONNECTION, PASADENA KIWANIS  
11 CLUB, GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH IN SUN VALLEY, THE MASTER'S  
12 COLLEGE, SAN GABRIEL UNION CHURCH, AND FINALLY THE CHURCH OF  
13 THE APOSTLES. HE LEAVES BEHIND HIS THREE CHILDREN, BARBARA,  
14 STEPHEN, AND J.D., AND FIVE GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO, JANE LYNCH, A  
15 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA. KNOWN AFFECTIONATELY AS  
16 "JANIE," SHE WAS BORN AND RAISED IN PENNSYLVANIA, AND MOVED TO  
17 CALIFORNIA IN 1964. SHE EARNED HER REGISTERED NURSING DEGREE  
18 IN 1980 FROM THE COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS, AND A BACHELOR OF  
19 SCIENCE IN HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF LA  
20 VERNE. DURING HER 38 YEARS IN NURSING, SHE WORKED AT HENRY  
21 MAYO NEWHALL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, WHERE HER CAREER SPANNED FROM  
22 FLOOR NURSE TO HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR, AND FINALLY DIRECTOR OF  
23 PATIENT REGISTRATION. AFTER LEAVING HENRY MAYO, SHE CONTINUED  
24 HER CAREER HAS A NURSE CASE MANAGER, AND RETIRED IN 2015.  
25 JANIE WAS PASSIONATE ABOUT MUSIC, AND WAS A TALENTED PIANIST.

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1 SHE TOOK MUSIC THEORY AND COMPOSITION CLASSES AT COLLEGE OF  
2 THE CANYONS, AND COMPOSED MANY SONGS FOR HER LOVED ONES. JANIE  
3 IS SURVIVED BY HER BROTHERS WILLIAM AND JOHN; HER CHILDREN  
4 JOHN, JEAN, BILL, AND KATIE; THREE GRANDCHILDREN; SIX GREAT-  
5 GRANDCHILDREN; AS WELL AS MANY STEPCHILDREN AND STEP-  
6 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO, GEORGE MURRELL, A FORMER CLINICAL  
7 PROFESSOR OF RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
8 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY, WHO PASSED AWAY ON  
9 JUNE 19TH. GEORGE WAS PRESIDENT OF HIS CHAFFEY HIGH SCHOOL  
10 CLASS OF 1942, AND CAPTAIN OF THE SWIMMING TEAM. AFTER  
11 GRADUATION, HE IMMEDIATELY ENLISTED IN THE NAVY, AND SERVED  
12 FROM 1943 TO 1945 IN WORLD WAR II. HE RECEIVED HIS MASTER'S IN  
13 SCIENCE AND DOCTORATE OF DENTAL SURGERY DEGREES FROM U.S.C.,  
14 AND LATER OPENED A DENTAL PRACTICE IN THE SOUTH BAY. HE HELD  
15 MEMBERSHIPS IN NUMEROUS DENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND RECEIVED MANY  
16 AWARDS IN HIS LIFETIME, INCLUDING THE H. GALE ATWATER AWARD  
17 FOR EXCELLENCE IN OPERATIVE DENTISTRY. HIS EXPERTISE TOOK HIM  
18 THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, MEXICO, CENTRAL AMERICA,  
19 AND EUROPE ON LECTURES. GEORGE AND HIS WIFE OF 72 YEARS, ANNE-  
20 MERELIE, ESTABLISHED A SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR THE U.S.C. SCHOOL  
21 OF DENTISTRY. IN LIFE, HE HAD SOME WONDERFUL FRIENDS,  
22 PATIENTS, AND COLLEAGUES. BUT MOST OF ALL, HE LOVED HIS  
23 FAMILY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, ANNE-MERELIE; HIS TWO  
24 CHILDREN, MERELIE AND JOHN; FIVE GRANDCHILDREN; AND FIVE  
25 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO, STEVE SARRO, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF

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1 SANTA CLARITA. HE WAS BORN IN NEW YORK CITY, AND MOVED TO  
2 CALIFORNIA IN HIS YOUTH. HE ATTENDED HART HIGH SCHOOL IN  
3 NEWHALL, AND GRADUATED FROM IONA COLLEGE. HE SERVED IN THE  
4 U.S. NAVY ON THE U.S.S. SYLVANIA. IN CIVILIAN LIFE, HE HAD A  
5 SUCCESSFUL 44-YEAR CAREER IN THE FINANCIAL SECTOR. STEVE WAS  
6 VERY ACTIVE IN HIS COMMUNITY, VOLUNTEERING WITH PET ORPHANS OF  
7 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, CANYON THEATRE GUILD, MOMENTUM KUNG FU,  
8 AND HUMANE ANIMAL RESCUE GROUP, AMONG OTHERS. STEVE TAUGHT  
9 KUNG FU AND TAI CHI TO LOCAL YOUTH, AND FINANCIAL PROFICIENCY  
10 TO HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENTS THROUGH JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT. STEVE WILL  
11 ALSO BE REMEMBERED AS A TALENTED PERFORMER, WHETHER ON THE  
12 STAGE WITH THE CANYON THEATRE GUILD, OR IN THE BALLROOM WITH  
13 HIS WIFE TONI AND THE BEVERLY HILLS FORMATION DANCERS. HE IS  
14 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE TONI, HIS SISTER CHRISTINE, AND HIS  
15 BROTHER DAVID. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JEANNE  
16 HOWLETT SCHMID, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 96, ON JUNE 6TH.  
17 JEANNE WAS RAISED IN HOLLYWOOD, AND ATTENDED HOLLYWOOD HIGH  
18 SCHOOL. SHE MARRIED FELLOW CLASSMATE AND CHILDHOOD SWEETHEART  
19 BEN SCHMID IN 1947 AT THE STANFORD UNIVERSITY CHAPEL. ALWAYS  
20 STUNNING, JEANNE MODELED FROM AN EARLY AGE IN PRINT, ON  
21 RUNWAYS, AND LATER AS A BULLOCK'S "TEA ROOM" MODEL. FOR 30  
22 YEARS, JEANNE WAS A TIRELESSLY JOYFUL VOLUNTEER IN THE SAN  
23 MARINO SCHOOLS, AND LOVED VOLUNTEERING FOR HUNTINGTON MEMORIAL  
24 HOSPITAL, CHAIRING THE AUXILIARY GUILD LUNCHEON EVENTS AND  
25 ELEGANT GALAS. A CHARMING, VIVACIOUS PERSONALITY, SHE WAS A

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1 LOVER OF PEOPLE AND PARTIES, AND BROUGHT JOY AND DELIGHT TO  
2 EVERY GATHERING. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER THREE CHILDREN, NANCY,  
3 PEGGY, AND JOHN; SIX GRANDCHILDREN; AND SIX GREAT-  
4 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO, BARBARA JEAN SUMNER, A LONGTIME RESIDENT  
5 OF VALENCIA. SHE WAS BORN IN CHICAGO AND MOVED FIRST TO NORTH  
6 HOLLYWOOD, THEN TO VALENCIA IN 1973. SHE WORKED FOR YEARS AS A  
7 TEACHER'S AIDE AT MEADOWS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. SHE WAS ALSO A  
8 CERTIFIED TRAVEL AGENT. SHE PROVIDED SUPPORT IN MANY WAYS TO  
9 OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC CHURCH, AND WILL BE  
10 REMEMBERED BY COUNTLESS COUPLES IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY AS  
11 THEIR WEDDING COORDINATOR. BARBARA IS SURVIVED BY HER FIVE  
12 CHILDREN, TOM, PATTI, RICK, ROB, AND JIM; EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN;  
13 AND THREE GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. AND LAST, BUT CERTAINLY NOT  
14 LEAST, I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DR. RITA THOMAS, A  
15 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE  
16 OF 67. SHE WAS BORN IN COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI, AND WAS RAISED  
17 IN LOS ANGELES, WHERE SHE ATTENDED CRENSHAW HIGH SCHOOL. SHE  
18 EARNED HER BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY AND A MASTER'S  
19 DEGREE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON.  
20 SHE EARNED A PH.D. IN INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY FROM U.S.C. IN  
21 1998. SHE SPENT MORE THAN 20 YEARS AS A TEACHER AND  
22 ADMINISTRATOR IN GRADES K-12 AND HIGHER EDUCATION. SHE TAUGHT  
23 AT AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, FOR L.A.U.S.D., LOS ANGELES  
24 COMMUNITY COLLEGE, AND SEATTLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE. SHE JOINED  
25 WILLIAM HART UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT IN 1994, SERVING AS A

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1 PROGRAM SPECIALIST, ADMINISTRATOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION,  
2 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, AND ADMINISTRATOR OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT  
3 AND WORKFORCE PREPARATION. SHE WAS ALSO AN ACCOMPLISHED  
4 MUSICIAN WHO ARRANGED AND PRODUCED MUSIC FOR SEVERAL RENOWNED  
5 GROUPS AND SINGERS. RITA IS SURVIVED BY HER MOTHER, SARAH; HER  
6 HUSBAND OF 32 YEARS, PHILLIP; HER STEPCHILDREN, PHILLIP JR.  
7 AND IMANI; HER SISTER, CONSTANCE; HER BROTHER, RICHARD; AND  
8 FIVE GRANDCHILDREN. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, MADAM CHAIR.

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10 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WILL GO NEXT. I MOVE  
11 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MYRIAM  
12 CASCELLA. MYRIAM CASCELLA WAS BORN ON DECEMBER THE 2ND, 1940,  
13 IN BOGOTA, COLOMBIA, AND DIED ON TUESDAY, JUNE THE 1ST, 2021.  
14 SHE IMMIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1961, AND LIVED IN THE  
15 LOS ANGELES COUNTY AREA THE REMAINDER OF HER LIFE. MYRIAM WAS  
16 AN AVID VOLUNTEER, INCLUDING AT SALAZAR PARK, IN HER VERY OWN  
17 EAST L.A. SHE LOVED TO TRAVEL PLACES LIKE AFRICA, GALAPAGOS  
18 ISLANDS, ICELAND, AND CHINA. SHE DONATED HER TIME TO MANY  
19 CAUSES, SPECIFICALLY FOR THE DISABLED COMMUNITY AND VETERANS,  
20 DISABLED ORPHANS IN MEXICO, AND AT INDIAN RESERVATIONS, AS  
21 WELL AS FINANCIALLY ASSISTING MANY SINGLE MOTHERS AND YOUNG  
22 ADULTS IN COLLEGE. MYRIAM WAS A STRONG PROPONENT OF EDUCATION,  
23 AND A DEVOUT CATHOLIC. SHE WAS LOVED BY HER COMMUNITY AND HER  
24 FAMILY. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. SECONDLY, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE  
25 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MYCKALE THOMAS. MYCKALE

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1 WAS A VERY TALENTED MUSICIAN, WHO UNFORTUNATELY SUFFERED A  
2 HEART ATTACK ON SATURDAY, JULY 3RD, AT RIMGROVE PARK WHILE  
3 SETTING UP TO PLAY A CONCERT AT THE PARKS AFTER DARK FREE  
4 CONCERT SERIES IN MY DISTRICT. MYCKALE WAS A SPIRITUAL PERSON  
5 WHO LOVED EVERYONE, AND WAS LOVED BY EVERYONE. HE HAD AN  
6 INCREDIBLE SMILE, BUT WHAT MADE HIM STAND OUT IS THAT HE WOULD  
7 GIVE YOU THE SHIRT OFF HIS BACK, AND ALL YOU HAD TO DO WAS  
8 ASK. MYCKALE WAS A DRUMMER FOR OVER 34 YEARS WITH YOLANDA  
9 JOHNSON AND HER ALL STAR BAND. MYCKALE HAD THE PLEASURE OF  
10 WORKING WITH GRAMMY AWARD-WINNING GROUPS, SUCH AS THE  
11 COMMODORES, KOOL & THE GANG, THE SUPREMES, BILLY PAUL, ROY  
12 AYERS, AND DID MANY PROJECTS WITH HIS COUSIN, DENNIS NELSON,  
13 SERVING AS ASSISTANT MUSICAL DIRECTOR UNDER DENNIS AT BOTH  
14 EPIC RECORDS AND WARNER BROTHERS. MYCKALE IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
15 MOTHER, ANDRETTA THOMAS; HIS WIFE, LEOLA THOMAS; HIS DAUGHTER,  
16 ANGELISA THOMAS; HIS GRANDDAUGHTER, MORGAN THOMAS; AND HIS NEW  
17 BABY GREAT-GRANDSON, CARSON; ALONG WITH HIS EXTENSIVE BAND  
18 FAMILY THAT HE HAS GROWN OTHER THE DECADES. MAY HE REST IN  
19 PEACE. THANK YOU. NEXT, WE WILL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

20  
21 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I ASK THAT WE  
22 ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY OF DR. EMMA DANIELS MCFARLIN. DR.  
23 MCFARLIN PASSED AWAY THIS PAST JUNE 17TH AT THE TENDER, YOUNG  
24 AGE OF 99. SHE WAS BORN IN CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, WHERE SHE GREW  
25 UP. A FIRM BELIEVER AND ADVOCATE FOR EDUCATION, SHE RECEIVED

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1 HER BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN HOME ECONOMICS FROM PHILANDER  
2 SMITH COLLEGE IN LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, IN 1950; TWO MASTERS  
3 OF SCIENCE DEGREES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, MADISON,  
4 IN 1960; AND HER DOCTORATE IN HUMAN BEHAVIOR FROM THE U.S.  
5 INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY IN SAN DIEGO, IN 1976. IT IS AT THAT  
6 POINT SHE MOVED TO LOS ANGELES AND PURCHASED WHAT SHE CALLED  
7 HER DREAM HOME, IN VIEW PARK-WINDSOR HILLS, LOCATED IN MY  
8 DISTRICT. DR. MCFARLIN WILL BE REMEMBERED AS AN EXPERT IN THE  
9 FIELD OF URBAN PLANNING, AND A TRAILBLAZER TO IMPROVE THE  
10 QUALITY OF LIFE FOR URBAN DWELLERS. SHE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER  
11 OF THE LOS ANGELES ALUMNI CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA  
12 SORORITY, INC.; SHE SERVED AS A COUNCIL AIDE TO CITY  
13 COUNCILMAN GIL LINDSAY; AND WAS ALSO AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF  
14 URBAN PLANNING AT THE U.C.L.A. SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND  
15 URBAN PLANNING. MAYOR BRADLEY RECRUITED DR. MCFARLIN AS A  
16 SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR HUMAN RESOURCES DURING HIS TENURE, WHERE  
17 SHE DEVELOPED HUMAN RESOURCES PROGRAMS FOR THE CITY. IN 1977,  
18 SHE BECAME THE FIRST BLACK WOMAN TO HEAD THE WESTERN REGION OF  
19 THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT,  
20 SERVING UNDER PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER. IN 1981, SHE WAS  
21 APPOINTED TO THE POSITION OF GOVERNMENT LIAISON FOR THE L.A.  
22 OLYMPIC ORGANIZING COMMITTEE. DR. MCFARLIN IS PRECEDED IN  
23 DEATH BY HER PARENTS, FRED AND BESSIE DANIELS; HER BROTHERS,  
24 FRED JR. AND SHELTON; AND HER NEPHEW, RUBEN. SHE LEAVES TO  
25 CHERISH HER MEMORY NUMEROUS NIECES AND NEPHEWS, AND MANY

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1 BELOVED GRANDNIECES AND GRANDNEPHEWS AND OTHER EXTENDED FAMILY  
2 AND FRIENDS, WHO WILL ALL MISS HER DEARLY. THANK YOU.

3

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

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN  
8 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RICHARD DONNER, A HOLLYWOOD  
9 DIRECTOR AND PRODUCER, WHOSE CAREER IN FILM AND TELEVISION  
10 SPANNED SIX DECADES. AMONG HIS NOTABLE DIRECTING PROJECTS WERE  
11 1978'S "SUPERMAN"; 1985'S "LADYHAWKE," WITH RUTGERS HAUSER AND  
12 MICHELLE PFEIFFER; AND 1988'S "SCROOGED," STARRING BILL  
13 MURRAY; THE "LETHAL WEAPON" FILM FRANCHISE; AND THE 1985 FILM  
14 "THE GOONIES," WHICH WE MAY FORGET WAS PRODUCED BY STEVEN  
15 SPIELBERG. DONNER AND HIS WIFE, PRODUCER LAUREN SCHULER  
16 DONNER, PRODUCED DOZENS OF FILMS UNDER THEIR "THE DONNERS'  
17 COMPANY" PRODUCTION BANNER, INCLUDING THE X-MEN FRANCHISE,  
18 THAT HAS SPAWNED A REMARKABLE 13 FILMS OVER A TWO-DECADE SPAN.  
19 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, LAUREN. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE  
20 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BUNNY HERTZBERG, WHO  
21 DIED ON JUNE 1ST. SHE WAS SO PROUD OF HER SERVICE AS A RED  
22 CROSS-TRAINED CANDY STRIPER DURING WORLD WAR II, A ROLE SHE  
23 REPEATED IN HER 60S AT U.C.L.A. RAISING FIVE CHILDREN IN  
24 BEVERLY HILLS, SHE ESCHEWED THE COUNTRY CLUB LIFESTYLE, AND  
25 INSTEAD EMBRACED COUNTRY SQUIRE STATION WAGON DUTY, BUILDING A

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1 LARGE CIRCLE OF FRIENDS ALONG THE WAY. LATER IN LIFE, SHE  
2 DECIDED TO PURSUE A LONG-DELAYED COLLEGE EXPERIENCE AT L.A.  
3 CITY COLLEGE, AND WAS VERY PROUD OF HER DEGREE. SHE IS  
4 SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND TONY, AND HER FIVE SONS, LYLE,  
5 WILLIAM, ROBERT, GERRY, AND STEVEN. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE  
6 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF KORDULA POLENEK, WHOSE  
7 CAREER READS LIKE A SCREENPLAY. IN 1944, SHE HEARD THE SIREN  
8 CALL OF CALIFORNIA. SHE WAS HIRED BY TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX,  
9 AND STAYED AT THE STUDIO FOR THE NEXT 58 YEARS-- THE LONGEST-  
10 TENURED EMPLOYEE IN STUDIO HISTORY. FROM HER FIRST ASSIGNMENT  
11 IN THE SCREENTEST DEPARTMENT, SHE MOVED TO THE MAKEUP AND  
12 HAIRSTYLING DEPARTMENT, AND LATER BECAME THE HEAD OF THE  
13 WARDROBE DEPARTMENT, WORKING WITH SUCH NOTED COSTUMERS AS BILL  
14 TRAVILLA, THE DESIGNER OF MARILYN MONROE'S FAMOUS PLEATED  
15 DRESS IN "THE SEVEN YEAR ITCH." SHE HELD THE TITLES OF  
16 PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD DURING HER 25 YEARS AS A  
17 VOLUNTEER ON THE BOARD OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX FEDERAL  
18 CREDIT UNION, AND SHE WAS THE FIRST WOMAN TO EVER HOLD THOSE  
19 TITLES. AND, COLLEAGUES, I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE  
20 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF NORMAN POWELL, VETERAN HOLLYWOOD  
21 PRODUCER, DIRECTOR, AND NETWORK EXECUTIVE. DURING HIS 13-YEAR  
22 TENURE AS AN EXECUTIVE WITH C.B.S. TELEVISION, HE ADVANCED TO  
23 SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF C.B.S. ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTIONS, AND  
24 SUPERVISED DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION OF MORE THAN 80 MOVIES  
25 FOR TELEVISION, AND 11 T.V. SERIES. HE CHanneled A PASSION FOR

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1 THE U.S. ARMED FORCES, AMERICAN LIFE, AND AMERICAN HISTORY,  
2 THROUGH DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKING. NORMAN WAS MOST PROUD TO  
3 RECEIVE A TELLY AWARD FOR "AMERICAN VALOR," AN EMMY AND  
4 PRODUCERS GUILD AWARD NOMINATION FOR "24," A PEOPLE CHOICE'S  
5 AWARD FOR "RESCUE 9-1-1," AN EMMY NOMINATION FOR "WASHINGTON:  
6 BEHIND CLOSED DOORS," TELLY AWARDS FOR "POLITICS AND WARRIORS"  
7 AND "THE WAR ON BOYS," AND A BEST PICTURE AWARD FROM THE G.I.  
8 FILM FESTIVAL FOR "BROTHERS AT WAR." HE WAS A LONGTIME MEMBER  
9 OF THE DIRECTORS GUILD OF AMERICA, AND AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE  
10 CAUCUS FOR PRODUCERS, WRITERS, AND DIRECTORS, AND A RECIPIENT  
11 OF THE CAUCUS'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD AND LIFETIME  
12 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE ELLEN, AND HIS  
13 CHILDREN MATTHEW, SANDRA, AND SCOTT. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE  
14 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SPORTS AGENT THOMAS  
15 REICH, A PIONEERING BASEBALL AGENT WITH AN EBULLIENT,  
16 OVERSIZED PERSONALITY, WHO HELPED PLAYERS GAIN MULTIMILLION-  
17 DOLLAR SALARIES IN THE EARLY YEARS OF FREE AGENCY. IN FEBRUARY  
18 OF 1982, HE NEGOTIATED THE VERY FIRST CONTRACT WITH A \$2  
19 MILLION AVERAGE SALARY. HE NEGOTIATED GEORGE FOSTER'S 10.2  
20 MILLION FIVE-YEAR DEAL WITH THE METS. AMONG HIS OTHER CLIENTS  
21 WERE JACK CLARK, SAMMY SOSA, MO VAUGHN, AND JOHN WETTELAND,  
22 WHO PITCHED FOR THE DODGERS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE P.K.,  
23 HIS DAUGHTER SHANNON, AND HIS BROTHER SAM. AND I ASK THAT WHEN  
24 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DONALD SCHWARZ, A  
25 SUCCESSFUL FINANCIAL ADVISOR AND PORTFOLIO MANAGER WITH R.B.C.

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1 WEALTH MANAGEMENT IN BEVERLY HILLS, AS WELL AS A NOTED  
2 PHILANTHROPIST. HE SERVED ON MANY BOARDS, INCLUDING THE BOARD  
3 OF OVERSEERS OF THE LOS ANGELES CAMPUS OF HEBREW UNION  
4 COLLEGE-JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION, THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
5 OF THE CITY OF HOPE COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER, AND VISTA DEL  
6 MAR CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES. ADDITIONALLY, DON WAS A FORMER  
7 PRESIDENT OF THE WILSHIRE BOULEVARD TEMPLE IN LOS ANGELES, AND  
8 MOST RECENTLY FOUNDED AND CHAIRED THE MILITARY AND VETERANS  
9 APPRECIATION TRUST FOUNDATION, WHOSE MISSION IT IS TO SUPPORT  
10 VETERANS OF THE U.S. ARMED FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES, WITH A  
11 FOCUS ON POST-SERVICE CAREER-BUILDING THROUGH THE HEROES  
12 LINKED PROGRAM. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE KATHLEEN, HIS  
13 BROTHER ROBERT, HIS SONS JOSH AND ANDREW, AND HIS STEPSON  
14 TODD. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN TODAY IN  
15 MEMORY OF JOAN SEFF. JOANIE LOVED DANCING. SHE WAS ACTIVE IN  
16 UNITED SYNAGOGUE YOUTH. SHE MOVED TO L.A. AT THE AGE OF 19,  
17 WAS MARRIED TO LIONEL FICHMAN, AND THEN TO ZACHARY SEFF FOR  
18 CLOSE TO 50 YEARS. UPON MOVING TO L.A., JOANIE BECAME A  
19 BELOVED RELIGIOUS SCHOOLTEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR AT  
20 UNIVERSITY SYNAGOGUE, AND TEMPLES BETH AM AND STEPHEN WISE.  
21 SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND ZACHARY, HER SON DAVID, AND HER  
22 BROTHER NYLES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO ALL MEMBERS. WE WILL  
25 TAKE ALL THE MOTIONS AS SECONDED. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION TO A

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1 UNANIMOUS, VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ACTION. AT THIS TIME,  
2 MEMBERS, I WILL ASK THE MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PLEASE READ  
3 US INTO CLOSED SESSION.

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

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## CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR JULY 13, 2021

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5 CS-1. DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS  
6 (Government Code Section 54957)

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8 Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

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10 **No reportable action was taken.**  
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13 CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS  
14 (Government Code Section 54957.6)

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

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

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

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28 **No reportable action was taken.**  
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1 I, JENNIFER A. HINES, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number  
2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do  
3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los  
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors July 13, 2021, were  
6 thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my direction and  
7 supervision;

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

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

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this  
16 23rd day of July 2021, for the County records to be used only  
17 for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts as  
18 on file of the office of the reporter.

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20 JENNIFER A. HINES

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