



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

2 **TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2021, 9:30 AM**

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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 27TH, 2021. I WILL NOW TAKE ROLL CALL TO
9 CONFIRM ATTENDANCE. PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC AND RESPOND WHEN
10 YOUR NAME IS CALLED. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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

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

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16 **SUP. KUEHL:** HERE.

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

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20 **SUP. HAHN:** HERE.

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

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24 **SUP. BARGER:** HERE.

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

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

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

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7 **ATTORNEY:** HERE.

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

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

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14 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, WE WILL
15 BE TAKING TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENTS SEPARATELY FOR REGULAR
16 AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS DURING TODAY'S MEETING.
17 THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD RECEIVED OVER 1,900 WRITTEN
18 PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TODAY'S MEETING, AND AS THOSE WRITTEN
19 COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED, ALL OF THEM WERE AVAILABLE TO THE
20 SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION, CONSISTENT WITH THE BROWN
21 ACT REQUIREMENTS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE WRITTEN PUBLIC
22 COMMENTS THROUGHOUT THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE
23 OFFICIAL RECORD. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
24 AGENDA.

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
2 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE TWO SET MATTER
3 10:30 AM. ITEM S1 IS A DISCUSSION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER
4 RELATED TO COVID-19. THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION. ON
5 PAGE 3, THE SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDAS, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR
6 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ON PAGE 4, THIS
7 IS THE AGENDA FOR THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT.
8 ON PAGE 5, PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS 1-8. ON ITEM 5, THE
9 EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
10 TO AUGUST 31ST, 2021, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ON
11 ITEM 7, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO
12 AUGUST 31ST, 2021, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ON ITEM
13 8, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO AUGUST
14 31ST, 2021, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THE
15 REMAINING ITEMS WILL BE HELD FOR HEARING. ON PAGE 9, CONSENT
16 CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 9-38, ON ITEM 10,
17 SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 14,
18 SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, THIS
19 INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
20 ON ITEM 15, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.
21 ON ITEM 20, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS
22 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO SUPERVISOR BARGER SUBMITTED A
23 SUBSTITUTE MOTION WHICH BE POSTED ON THE AGENDA AND IS
24 ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM 22, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL
25 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 23, SUPERVISOR

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1 MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO THIS INCLUDES A
2 REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEMS 24-
3 32, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON
4 ITEM 36, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
5 PAGE 29, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 39-54, ON ITEM 39, THE
6 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO
7 SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2021, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ON
8 ITEM 42, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO
9 SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2021, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ALSO
10 SUPERVISOR KUEHL WOULD LIKE TO BE REFLECTED AS A NO VOTE ON
11 THE REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE. ON ITEM 43, THE CHIEF PROBATION
12 OFFICER REQUESTS THE ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO AUGUST
13 10TH, 2021. ON PAGE 36, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS
14 TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE
15 OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM
16 52B, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR HAHN WOULD LIKE TO REVISE
17 THE FIRST DIRECTIVE TO INSTRUCT THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT
18 OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES IN COLLABORATION WITH THE CHIEF
19 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S POVERTY ALLEVIATION INITIATIVE TO SUBMIT A
20 HIGH LEVEL PLAN TO THE BOARD WITHIN 45 DAYS FOR THE CREATION
21 OF A THREE-YEAR GUARANTEED INCOME DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM FOR
22 150 TRANSITION-AGED YOUTH INDIVIDUALS, AGES 18-24, WHO ARE
23 CURRENTLY RECEIVING GENERAL RELIEF BENEFITS, WHILE ENCOURAGING
24 THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEPARTMENT'S SAFER TO
25 (INDISCERNIBLE) PROGRAM. ON ITEM 52F, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL

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1 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES
2 THROUGH 52F ARE BEFORE YOU.

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4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY
5 SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. THAT WILL BE THE
6 ORDER.

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8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 37, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTIONS,
9 ITEMS 55-57, ON PAGE 39, SEPARATE MATTER, ITEM 58 IS A
10 RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE
11 AND SALE OF THE 2021-'22 TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATED NOTES
12 SERIES A ON BEHALF OF CERTAIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN AN
13 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30 MILLION. ON PAGE
14 40, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF
15 THE AGENDA, MADAM CHAIR.

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MEMBERS, NOW WE WILL HEAR FROM
18 SHERIFF VILLANUEVA, WHO HAS REQUESTED TIME TO ADDRESS THE
19 BOARD ON ITEM 14. SHERIFF, YOU HAVE THREE MINUTES, PLEASE
20 BEGIN.

21

22 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** YES, THANK YOU FOR THAT GENEROUS TIME YOU
23 GRANTED. I WANT TO ADDRESS SPECIFICALLY ITEM NUMBER 14 AND
24 JUST SOME OF THE LANGUAGE IN IT. FIRST OF ALL, THE GENESIS OF
25 THE ENTIRE THING WAS A FALSE REPORT GENERATED BY A CORRUPT

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1 INSPECTOR GENERAL BASED ON INFORMATION THAT HAS BEEN
2 THOROUGHLY DISPROVEN AND WITH THE PRESENCE OF BODY-WORN
3 CAMERAS NOW, THIS ENTIRE NOTION OF ONGOING HARASSMENT AND
4 INTIMIDATION SEEMS TO BE ABSOLUTELY ABSENT FROM ALL OF THE
5 BODY-WORN CAMERA VIDEOS WE HAVE IN OUR POSSESSION NOW. SO
6 THAT, IN AND OF ITSELF, IS PROBLEMATIC. THEN YOU WANT TO
7 REQUEST THE D.A. INVESTIGATE ALL ALLEGATIONS BY THE L.A.
8 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WELL, I THINK THAT IS THEIR JOB.
9 SO I DON'T THINK YOU NEED TO REQUEST THEM TO DO THEIR JOB. WE
10 ASSUME THAT THEY DO THEIR JOB. BUT THE INFERENCE THAT SOMEHOW
11 WE ARE ENGAGED IN SOME MASSIVE AMOUNT OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT,
12 WHICH AGAIN, I BELIEVE THAT IS PART OF YOUR POLITICAL AGENDA
13 TO DISPARAGE AND DELEGITIMIZE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE
14 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, PARTICULARLY IN THE EYES OF THE PUBLIC.
15 BUT THAT IS -- I AM NOT SURE WHAT EXACTLY IS THE PUBLIC'S
16 INTEREST IN DOING THAT. AND THE VERY END OF THIS, YOU REFER TO
17 VICTIMS OF DEPUTY-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS. AND DEPUTY-INVOLVED
18 SHOOTINGS, THE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTINGS,
19 AND THEIR DECEASE, THEY ARE SUSPECTS, AND THAT IS HOW THEY ARE
20 REFERRED TO LEGALLY, AND THE OVERWHELMINGLY MAJORITY OF ALL
21 THE CASES OF DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTINGS, THEY ARE SUSPECTS.
22 THEY ARE NOT VICTIMS. AND THAT IS OBSCENE IN LIGHT OF THE
23 FACT THAT SOME OF THESE PEOPLE -- IN FACT, THE OVERWHELMING
24 MAJORITY OF THE THESE PEOPLE ARE ATTEMPTING TO KILL EITHER THE
25 DEPUTY OR SOMEBODY ELSE. AND THAT IS UNACCEPTABLE. FROM THE

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1 LEGAL STANDPOINT, YOUR ENTIRE MOTION REEKS OF, I DON'T THINK
2 YOU QUITE UNDERSTAND THE LAW BECAUSE THE MOTION GATHERS A
3 VARIETY OF PARTIES TO SEEK ACCESS TO L.A.S.D. RECORDS. MOST,
4 IF NOT ALL, THESE RECORDS ARE LEGISLATIVE PROTECTED FOR A
5 VARIETY OF REASONS, AND WE HAVE 50 YEARS OF CASE LAW, PITCHES,
6 BRADY, S.B.1421, CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT AND CODE SECTION 6254,
7 HAVE ALL DETAILED HOW AND TO WHOM THESE RECORDS SHOULD BE
8 DISSEMINATED. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AS A QUASI-LEGISLATIVE
9 BODY, CANNOT PASS THE MOTION TO BYPASS THESE WELL-ESTABLISHED
10 LAWS. AND THEN YOU ARE TRYING TO ENGAGE, IT LOOKS LIKE SOME
11 KIND OF A LEGISLATIVE EXTORTION WHERE YOU ARE GOING TO FORCE A
12 PRIVATE PARTY TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION THAT IS CONTRACTUALLY
13 BOUND BY LAW NOT TO DISCLOSE TO A THIRD PARTY. THAT IS JUST
14 NOT PERMISSIBLE. SO WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO DO, THIS IS GOING TO
15 BE TIED UP IN COURT. IT IS GOING TO REQUIRE OBVIOUSLY A
16 DEFENSE, A LEGAL DEFENSE. YOU ARE GOING TO PAY IT BOTH SIDES,
17 AND THE TAXPAYER IS GOING TO PAY FOR EXACTLY WHAT PURPOSE? I
18 MEAN THIS IS UTTER NONSENSE. WE HAVE PROBLEMS WITH
19 HOMELESSNESS. WE HAVE A LOT OF PROBLEMS THAT WE NEED TO BE
20 ADDRESSING, AND THIS IS NOT CUTTING THE MUSTARD. WHY DON'T
21 YOU TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT NEXT TIME.

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23 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES OUR TIME. NOW, WE
24 WILL TAKE UP PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS, EXCLUDING
25 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 1-8. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ

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1 IN THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE
2 AGENDA AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE
3 PUBLIC WHO ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

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

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

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

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

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

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23 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS REGGIE CLARK. PLEASE STATE
24 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND

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

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

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6 **MODERATOR:** LOOKS LIKE NEXT, WE ARE GOING TO GO TO THE LINE OF
7 DENNIS SMEAL. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
8 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
9 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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11 **DENNIS SMEAL:** ITEM 34 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

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

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15 **SPEAKER:** I AM DENNIS SMEAL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LOS
16 ANGELES DEPENDENCY LAWYERS, ALSO KNOWN AS L.A.D.L. ON ANY
17 GIVEN DAY, L.A.D.L. PROVIDES VIGOROUS LEGAL ADVOCACY TO THE
18 MORE THAN 22,000 LOS ANGELES COUNTY PARENTS IN IN JUVENILE
19 DEPENDENCY COURT PROCEEDINGS, THAT IS PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN
20 HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THEIR HOME OR WHOSE CHILDREN ARE AT
21 RISK OF REMOVAL. IN ADDITION TO THE DEFENSE OF THESE FAMILIES,
22 L.A.D.L. IS VIGILANT IN ITS WORK TO ENSURE THE FAIRNESS OF
23 JUVENILE DEPENDENCY PROCEEDINGS AS A WHOLE. IT IS IN THE
24 FURTHERANCE OF THAT JUSTICE AND FAIRNESS I COME BEFORE YOU
25 TODAY. I WISH TO THANK THE BOARD AND ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR

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1 KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR SUPPORTING THIS MOTION,
2 WHICH WILL AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO IMMEDIATELY TERMINATE
3 THE PACIFIC TOXICOLOGY CONTRACT AND EXPEDITE THE PROCEEDINGS
4 TO PUT A NEW PROVIDER IN ITS PLACE. THE DEPARTMENT, THE BOARD
5 OF SUPERVISORS, THE CHILDREN, AND THEIR FAMILIES HAVE RECENTLY
6 GONE THROUGH A HORRIBLE EXPERIENCE IN WHICH A LACK OF
7 ACCOUNTABILITY OF TRANSPARENCY AND SIMPLE RULES ON THE PART OF
8 A PROVIDER HAS RESULTED IN A FAILURE OF TRUST IN EVIDENCE
9 PROVIDED BY D.C.F.S. TO THE COURT TO SUPPORT REMOVAL OF
10 CHILDREN FROM THEIR HOMES OR JUSTIFY REFUSAL TO RETURN
11 CHILDREN HOME TO THEIR PARENTS. FREE DRUG TESTING IS ONE OF
12 THE WOEFULLY FEW DIRECT SERVICES PROVIDED BY D.C.F.S. TO HELP
13 PARENTS REUNIFY THEIR CHILDREN. L.A.D.L. MAKES A SINGLE
14 REQUEST TODAY, THAT THEY BE INCLUDED -- IN THE PROCESS OF
15 REPLACING PAC-TOX BY BEING PERMITTED TO HAVE INPUT INTO THE
16 TESTING SYSTEM THAT WILL REPLACE PAC-TOX. L.A.D.L HOPES THAT
17 THE ULTIMATE CONTRACT WILL HAVE INPUT FROM THE PARENTS'
18 REPRESENTATIVES. AMONG OTHER SUGGESTIONS, L.A.D.L. HOPES THE
19 NEW CONTRACT WILL INCLUDE A STANDARD PROCESS FOR PARENTS TO
20 MAKE COMPLAINTS IF THEY FEEL THE WRONG NAME IS ON THEIR
21 PAPERWORK OR THEIR SAMPLE HAS BEEN LEFT UNATTENDED OR OUT OF
22 THEIR SIGHT. L.A.D.L. WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SUGGEST THE
23 STANDARDIZED CHAIN OF CUSTODY PROCESS AND STANDARDIZED
24 HANDLING WHEN A PARENT'S COUNSEL WISHES TO PERFORM ITS OWN
25 TESTING ON THE SAMPLE.

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

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6 **MODERATOR:** SORRY FOR THE DELAY. THANK YOU. NEXT, WE WILL GO TO
7 LINDA SCOTT. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

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9 **LINDA SCOTT:** I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 23 AND PUBLIC
10 COMMENT. IT IS GREAT TO HAVE ADVOCATES WITHIN THE BOARD OF
11 SUPERVISORS WHO AGREE THAT THE FEES IMPOSED BY THE L.A. COUNTY
12 PARKS AND RECREATION DO NOT COINCIDE WITH THE POVERTY
13 ALLEVIATION PILOT PROGRAM. AS A LONG TIME USER OF JESSE OWENS
14 POOL, I CAN TELL YOU THAT THE AQUATICS PROGRAMING OFFERS TOOLS
15 FOR SURVIVAL, EMOTIONAL SURVIVAL AND PHYSICAL SURVIVAL. THE
16 BONDS WE'VE CREATED THROUGH THESE PROGRAMS PROVIDE MANY OF US
17 WITH THE SOCIALIZATION THAT WE SORELY NEED THESE DAYS. THIS IS
18 THE QUESTION OF HEALTH EQUITY AND EQUAL ACCESS TO FACILITIES
19 OTHERWISE NOT ABLE TO AFFORD. WATER IS MEDICINAL, I HAVE SEEN
20 ACHES AND PAINS WASH AWAY FROM ACCESS TO THE POOL. I HAVE DONE
21 THE RESEARCH, AND L.A. COUNTY FEES ARE THE HIGHEST FEES IN THE
22 REGION FOR SENIORS AND FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. NOR DOES
23 L.A. COUNTY ALLOW FEES OR A DAILY ENTRANCE. I URGE ALL
24 SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION FROM SUPERVISORS MITCHELL
25 AND HAHN. I RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT, AS YOU DELIBERATE YOUR

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1 DECISION, TO SUSPEND THE CURRENT PRICING AND ALLOW US TO
2 CONTINUE TO UTILIZE THE BENEFITS OF JESSE OWENS POOL WITHOUT
3 FEES. I THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH.

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

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8 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF EMMANUEL
9 ESTRADA. GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

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11 **EMMANUEL ESTRADA:** HELLO, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS EMMANUEL
12 ESTRADA. I AM THE MAYOR OF BALDWIN PARK, AND I AM CALLING TO
13 SHOW SUPPORT FOR ITEM 10 AND I'M SPEAKING DURING GENERAL
14 COMMENT. I BELIEVE THAT PLANS TO REVIEW L.A.H.S.A. AND
15 HOMELESS GOVERNANCE, THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SAN
16 GABRIEL VALLEY TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION TO HOMELESSNESS. IN
17 BALDWIN PARK ALONE, WE HAVE SEEN OUR HOMELESS COUNT DOUBLE
18 OVER THE PAST YEARS. AND AFTER A GLOBAL PANDEMIC, WE CAN
19 SAFELY ASSUME THAT THE COUNT HAS GROWN. OUR CITY HAS TAKEN
20 INITIATIVES AND IS BOUND TO BE A LEADER IN OUR THE REGION. WE
21 HAVE WELCOMED A PROJECT ROOM KEY SITE. LAST MONTH, WE LAUNCHED
22 A THIRTEEN WEEK SHOWER PROGRAM, AND IN OCTOBER, OUR 12 MONTH
23 TINY HOME PILOT PROGRAM WILL BE READY TO SERVICE THOSE IN
24 NEED. WE HAVE TAKEN INITIATIVES AND ARE GAINING A BETTER
25 UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT WILL WORK AND WHAT WON'T. IT IS TIME FOR

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1 THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND THE CITIES IT IS COMPOSED OF HAVE A
2 SEAT AT THE TABLE. I BELIEVE THAT TOGETHER WE CAN CREATE AND
3 DEPLOY COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTIONS THROUGHOUT OUR DISTRICT. THANK
4 YOU.

5

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

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9 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE HAVE MEL TELEQUARANTE, GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

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11 **MEL TELEQUARANTE:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MEL
12 TELEQUARANTE. AND I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SHOWER OF
13 HOPE. I AM SPEAKING FOR GENERAL COMMENT AND ON THE TOPIC OF
14 AGENDA ITEM 10. AS A PROVIDER WHO PROVIDES SERVICES ALL
15 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, WE HAVE SEEN AN INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT
16 OF UNHOUSED PEOPLE ACROSS THE COUNTY, AND WE ALSO SEE THAT THE
17 88 CITIES THAT INCLUDED IN THE COUNTY ALL ARE GRAPPLING WITH
18 THE REALLY TOUGH TASK OF TRYING TO HOUSE THESE PEOPLE. I AM
19 SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF THIS ITEM, AS I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT
20 ALL THE 87 OTHER CITIES IN THE COUNTY OF L.A. SHOULD HAVE A
21 SEAT AT THE TABLE AND BE GIVEN A VOICE SO THEY CAN BE ACTIVELY
22 ENGAGED IN ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND
23 HOUSING AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.

24

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

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2 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE HAVE TED EGANS, GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

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4 **TED EGANS:** YES, THANK YOU. MY NAME IS TED EGANS, AND I AM
5 CALLING ON AGENDA ITEM 23 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I HAVE
6 USED THE SWIMMING POOL, THE JESSE OWENS POOL, FOR THE LAST 16
7 YEARS, ALMOST ON A DAILY BASIS DURING THE WEEK. I AM CALLING
8 TO SUPPORT THE MOTION THAT HAS BEEN FORWARDED BY SUPERVISOR
9 MITCHELL AND COHOSTED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. CENTRAL TO AQUATIC
10 ACCESS AND HEALTH EQUITY IS NOW BEING JEOPARDIZED BY THE FEES
11 WERE RECENTLY IMPOSED BY THE PARKS DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION.
12 NO CONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN TO THE IMPACT OF THE FEES, NOR THE
13 DIGITAL SYSTEM THAT WAS PLACED. THE POINT OF SERVICE IS NOW
14 MORE DIFFICULT FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS, WHO DO NOT POSSES
15 POSSES A DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD, WHO DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE
16 INTERNET. SIMILAR TO THE SITUATION WHICH RECENTLY AROSE
17 DURING THE PANDEMIC, WHERE REGISTRATION WAS REQUIRED VIA THE
18 INTERNET. SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND THOSE OF
19 LOW INCOME ARE ESPECIALLY IN NEED OF ACCESS TO THE POOL FOR
20 HEALTH AND WELLNESS. TWO VULNERABLE POPULATIONS IN THE COUNTY
21 OF LOS ANGELES, THAT IS SENIORS SUCH AS MYSELF, LOW INCOME
22 PERSONS, AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, NEED TO HAVE NEEDED
23 ACCESS TO THE JESSE OWENS POOL FOR THERAPEUTIC AND FOR
24 RECREATIONAL PURPOSES, AND WHILE THE STUDY OF HOW TO IMPLEMENT
25 A MORE FAIR PROGRAM IS PUT IN PLACE, I SUPPORT THE IDEAS THAT

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1 HAVE BEEN BROUGHT FORTH BY MS. SCOTT THAT YOU SHOULD SUSPEND
2 THE FEES DURING THIS PERIOD OF TIME BECAUSE I AM AGED 74,
3 HOPEFULLY TO BE 75. WE DON'T HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF TIME TO
4 WAIT. FOR 15 MONTHS, WE WERE NOT ALLOWED TO SWIM BECAUSE OF
5 THE PANDEMIC. AND WHEN WE RETURNED, THESE FEES HAS BEEN
6 IMPOSED. LAST YEAR, PRIOR TO THE PANDEMIC, THESE FEES WERE
7 BEING PROPOSED, AND WE VIGOROUSLY OPPOSED IT. WE COME BACK TO
8 FIND AFTER 15 MONTHS THAT NO ONE CHAMPIONED SENIOR CITIZENS
9 AND THE DISABLED. SO I ASK YOU TO NOT ONLY SUPPORT THIS
10 MOTION, BUT TO SEEK THE POSSIBILITY OF THE IMMEDIATE
11 SUSPENSION OF THESE FEES UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A MORE EQUITABLE
12 SYSTEM HAS BEEN PUT IN PLACE. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

13

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

15

16 **MODERATOR:** NEXT UP IS ROY HUMPHREYS, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

17

18 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON ITEM 16 AND PUBLIC
19 COMMENT. THIS IS ROY HUMPHREYS. AND ONE THING, I DIDN'T KNOW
20 THAT THE -- HAD TO GO THROUGH THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL ON THESE
21 MEASURES -- (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC). MY GENERAL COMMENT AS TO
22 THE STATING OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG, IT SAYS
23 ONE NATION, INDIVISIBLE. YOUR CONCEPT OF SANCTUARY STATE
24 COUNTY VIOLATES THAT OATH AND IS AS DIVISIVE AS ANYTHING THAT
25 PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP HAS EVER SAID OR DONE. YOU CONTINUE TO

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1 FAIL TO ESTABLISH A PLAN FOR COUNTY-WIDE PUBLIC TOILETS AND
2 TRANSIENT HOMELESS CAMPSITES AND HOSTELS ARE STILL LACKING,
3 BUT YOU PAT YOURSELVES ON THE BACK FOR THE HOTEL FRENZY.
4 SHERIFF VILLANUEVA HAS SHOWN 21ST CENTURY LEADERSHIP IN VENICE
5 BEACH. BUILD THOSE HOUSES AT WORLD VISTA GOLF COURSE, ROLAND
6 HEIGHTS. ROLAND HEIGHTS CONTINUES TO BE POORLY SERVED BY
7 ALLOWING HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS TO EXIST ON BATSON AND AUDOVINE
8 AND OTHER GHETTO CONDITIONS AS REPORTED PER THE L.A. WORKS
9 APP. THANK YOU.

10

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** NEXT UP IS LAUREEN WEST, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

14

15 **LAUREEN WEST:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR SOLIS AND MEMBERS OF THE
16 L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I AM LAUREEN WEST, MAYOR PRO
17 TEM FOR THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA. I APPRECIATE THE
18 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON ITEM 20 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
19 ON BEHALF OF THE SANTA CLARITA CITY COUNCIL, I ASK YOU TO NOT
20 CONSIDER THE D.J.J. PLAN UNTIL ALL REPORTS AND ASSESSMENTS,
21 INCLUDING AN E.I.R. REPORT CONSISTENT WITH C.E.Q.A. IS
22 COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED FOR YOUR REVIEW. IN ADDITION, I WANT
23 TO HIGHLIGHT THE DANGERS AND VULNERABILITIES IN THE SITE
24 LOCATION OF CAMPS SCOTT AND SCUDDER WITH RESPECT TO BOUQUET
25 DAM. CAMPS SCOTT AND SCUDDER ARE LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 12

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1 MILES DOWNSTREAM FROM BOUQUET DAM, WITHIN THE DAM'S BLUE LINE
2 STREAM. BUILT IN THE EARLY 1930S, THE DAM CAN HOLD ALMOST 12
3 BILLION GALLONS OF WATER. BOUQUET DAM WAS THE REPLACEMENT
4 STRUCTURE FOR THE SAINT FRANCIS DAM, WHICH COLLAPSED IN 1928,
5 KILLING OVER 400 PEOPLE WITHIN THE FLOOD WATER'S PATH AND
6 RESULTING IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN DAMAGE. RALPH PROCTOR WAS
7 THE LEAD ENGINEER FOR BOTH SAINT FRANCIS DAM AND BOUQUET DAM.
8 IN THE EVENT OF AN EARTHQUAKE NEAR THE ALMOST 100 YEAR OLD
9 BOUQUET DAM, IT IS LIKELY THAT THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF
10 THOSE INSIDE CAMPS SCUDDER AND SCOTT COULD BE IN SEVERE
11 DANGER. FURTHERMORE, DUE TO HISTORICAL MINING AND WILD FIRES
12 IN THE AREA, FAILURE OF THE DAM CAN RESULT IN AN ENORMOUS
13 AMOUNT OF DEBRIS FLOW CAUSING FURTHER DAMAGE WITHIN THE PATH.
14 IN COMPARISON, THE VAN NORMAN DAM, WHICH WAS BUILT
15 APPROXIMATELY 15 YEARS PRIOR TO BOUQUET DAM, EXPERIENCED
16 SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE DURING THE 1971 SAN FERNANDO EARTHQUAKE,
17 WHICH WAS A 6.7 MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKE, RESULTED IN THE
18 EVACUATION OF 80,000 RESIDENTS. IT WAS LATER ESTIMATED THAT
19 THE 1971 DAM FAILURE COULD HAVE KILLED OVER 123,000 PEOPLE. IT
20 IS CRITICAL THAT THE PROPER ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND PUBLIC
21 OUTREACH BE CONDUCTED AND INCORPORATED PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION
22 OF THE D.J.J. PLAN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF MY
23 COMMENTS, AND FOR THESE REASONS, I URGE YOU TO OPPOSE THAT
24 CAMPS SCOTT AND SCUDDER SERVE AS LONG TERM COUNTY FACILITIES
25 FOR THE D.J.J. POPULATION.

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

3

4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS SHARON SPRINGER, PLEASE GO
5 AHEAD.

6

7 **SHARON SPRINGER:** THANK YOU. ITEM 10, GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I
8 AM SHARON SPRINGER, BURBANK CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AND FORMER
9 MAYOR. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR
10 ITEM 10, CREATION OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON
11 HOMELESSNESS. WE SUPPORT THE R.C.H. AND WOULD LIKE A SEAT AT
12 THE TABLE. WE HAVE HAD MEASURABLE SUCCESS ASSISTING OUR
13 UNHOUSED AND PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS. WE CONTINUE TO FACE
14 CHALLENGES. WE WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE INPUT ON WHAT IS WORKING,
15 WHAT HASN'T WORKED, THE LESSONS WE'VE LEARNED, AND IDEAS FOR
16 MOVING FORWARD EFFECTIVELY AND SUCCESSFULLY. THANK YOU VERY
17 MUCH FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

18

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

20

21 **MODERATOR:** NEXT UP, WE HAVE GILBERT SALVADE. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

22

23 **GILBERT SALVADE:** YES, GOOD MORNING SUPERVISORS. I'M SPEAKING
24 ON ITEM 10. MY NAME IS GILBERT SALVADE. I HAVE BEEN A HOMELESS
25 ADVOCATE FOR ABOUT 30 YEARS. I WAS IN THE BEGINNING OF THE

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1 ESTABLISHMENT OF L.A.H.S.A. IN THE BEGINNING WHEN HOMELESSNESS
2 WAS NOT A VERY ASSISTED ITEM BY THE COUNTY. AND TODAY, I AM
3 VERY GRATEFUL THAT THE COUNTY HAS CREATED OPPORTUNITY TO
4 ADDRESS THE HOMELESS CRISIS AND FOR ALL THE YEARS THEY HAVE
5 BEEN INVOLVED AND SEEKING THE FUNDING. BUT I AM CONCERNED
6 REALLY ABOUT L.A.H.S.A. SINCE I HAVE BEEN AROUND SINCE THE
7 BEGINNING OF THE STRUCTURE, ALL THROUGH THE YEARS, I HAVE
8 DEFINITELY BEEN VOCAL ABOUT A FAILURE SYSTEM. I HAVE SEEN
9 HOMELESSNESS INCREASE, INCREASE, INCREASE IN MANY WAYS, AND
10 THAT HAS LED US TODAY TO THE HOMELESS CRISIS. AND A SYSTEM
11 THAT DOESN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO CONTINUES TO DO WHAT IT DOESN'T
12 KNOW WHAT TO DO. AND WE NEED TO HELP IT GET DIRECTION. WE NEED
13 TO FIX IT, AND PART OF THAT DIRECTION IN HELPING WOULD
14 ACTUALLY CREATE AND END HOMELESSNESS AND BRING HEALTH AND
15 DIRECTION TO OUR HOMELESS FRIENDS WHO ARE THE ONES THAT ARE
16 SUFFERING ON THE STREET.

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

20
21 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. ONCE AGAIN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IF YOU
22 WISH TO MAKE A STATEMENT, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 ON YOUR TOUCH
23 TONE PHONE IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO ALREADY. OUR NEXT
24 PARTICIPANT WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF EZEKIEL NISHIAMA.
25 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING

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

3

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

5

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

7

8 **EZEKIEL NISHIAMA:** MY NAME IS EZEKIEL NISHIAMA. I'M WITH THE
9 ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION. I'M IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 20. AS A
10 YOUNG PERSON, I EXPERIENCED BOTH THE L.A. COUNTY JUVENILE
11 HALLS AND THE CALIFORNIA DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE. WHEN I
12 SEEN THAT D.J.J., THE DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE, WAS
13 GETTING CLOSED DOWN, I WAS HAPPY TO KNOW THAT YOUNG PEOPLE
14 WOULDN'T HAVE TO BE IN THE SAME FACILITIES I EXPERIENCED. I
15 KNEW THAT WITH THE CLOSURE OF DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE, WE
16 WOULD HAVE TO CREATE A SYSTEM THAT BETTER SERVES AND SUPPORTS
17 OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. I LOOK FORWARD TO WHAT L.A. COUNTY WOULD
18 CREATE IN HOPES THAT WE WOULD NOT MAKE THE SAME MISTAKES IN
19 CREATING THE SAME SYSTEM THAT WE KNOW IS BROKEN. NO YOUNG
20 PERSON IS BORN BAD. ALL YOUNG PEOPLE MAKE MISTAKES, AND THAT
21 IS WHY WE COLLECTIVELY SUPPORT THEIR GROWTH. WE DON'T BECOME A
22 SERIOUS JUVENILE OFFENDER UNTIL YOU ARE TREATED LIKE ONE. WE
23 ALL START OFF IN THE SAME PLACE, AND THAT IS OUR COMMUNITY,
24 WHAT WE ARE SURROUNDED BY. MOST OF US COME FROM COMMUNITIES
25 THAT WE DON'T HAVE A FIRST CHANCE. THE CULTURE OF D.J.J.'S

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1 FACILITIES CONTRIBUTES TO THIS NARRATIVE THAT THESE YOUNG
2 POPULATION OF PEOPLE ARE VIOLENT AND DANGEROUS. THESE YOUNG
3 PEOPLE NEED THE SERVICES AND THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE GOING
4 TO NAVIGATE THEM OUT OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. YOUNG
5 PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE RELEASED AND BE A PART OF OUR
6 COMMUNITY, SO IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE FOCUS ON HOW WE ARE
7 GOING TO SUPPORT THESE YOUNG PEOPLE IN A WAY THERE THEY AREN'T
8 BEING TRAPPED IN THE CYCLE OF INCARCERATION. TO SUPPORT THE
9 REENTRY, WE NEED JOBS, EDUCATION, HOUSING, AND, MOST OF ALL,
10 THE SUPPORT FROM OUR OWN COMMUNITY. AS A YOUNG PERSON WHO WAS
11 INCARCERATED, I WAS ABLE TO REACH A FIRE CAMP FACILITY WHERE I
12 WAS ABLE TO BE CENTERED IN THE COMMUNITY AND TAKE ON NEW
13 SKILLS. I PARTICIPATED IN A HAND CREW WHERE I PUT IN MANY LONG
14 HOURS TO FIGHT THE CALIFORNIA WILD FIRES ALL ACROSS THE STATE,
15 WORKING TO SAVE LIVES AND HOMES ALL ACROSS CALIFORNIA. THIS IS
16 HOW YOU CREATE REAL --

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

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

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1

2 **EUNISSES HERNANDEZ:** HELLO, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS EUNISSES
3 HERNANDEZ. I AM A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF THE FIRST DISTRICT. I'M
4 ALSO THE COFOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF C4 NONPROFIT
5 CALLED LA (INDISCERNIBLE), AND I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON
6 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AND IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 14 AND SUPPORT
7 OF ITEM 15 AS WELL. THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND
8 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR PUTTING FORWARD ITEM 14 AND FOR
9 PROVIDING THESE FAMILIES SUPPORT. YOU KNOW, HEARING THESE
10 FAMILIES SPEAK AT THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION MEETINGS,
11 YOU CAN FEEL THE HEARTBREAK AND THE HARM THAT HAPPENED TO THEM
12 BECAUSE OF THIS HARASSMENT. THANK YOU FOR PUTTING THAT ON THE
13 AGENDA. I'M SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF 15, THE LEGAL
14 REPRESENTATION FOR {INDISCERNIBLE) FOR IMMIGRANTS. IN MEASURE
15 J, WE DO CALL FOR FUNDING TO GO TO PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT
16 IMMIGRANTS, ESPECIALLY AROUND THE LEGAL SERVICES. SO THIS IS A
17 REALLY GOOD MOTION AND FALLS IN LINE WITH A LOT OF THINGS THAT
18 WE ARE MOVING FORWARD. I DO WANT TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION TO
19 ITEM 19 PROCLAIMING PROBATION SERVICES WEEK. A LITTLE BIT OF
20 MY EXPERIENCE WITH PROBATION, I HAD A COUSIN, A YOUNG COUSIN,
21 21, WHO GOT CONVICTED OF AN OFFENSE, WAS PUT ON PROBATION, AND
22 THEN WITHIN A FEW WEEKS AFTER BEING CONVICTED, PROBATION
23 WORKED WITH L.A.P.D. TO REINCARCERATE MY COUSIN. AND SO, HE
24 ENDED UP IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO WEEKS
25 AFTER HE WAS ALREADY CONVICTED FOR A PROBATION VIOLATION THAT

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1 WAS THEN DISMISSED BECAUSE THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE. RIGHT? AND
2 SO, THIS IS NOT JUST A ONE-OFF. THIS IS A DAILY PRACTICE. AND
3 JUST TO HIGHLIGHT THAT IN L.A. COUNTY, WE DON'T HAVE THE BEST
4 PROBATION DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE A NEW CHIEF, WHICH IS GREAT, BUT
5 L.A. COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT HAS HAD OVER FIVE CHIEFS IN
6 THE LAST 10 YEARS, AND ALSO THERE HAS TO HAVE BEEN DIRECTIVES
7 TO TELL THEM TO STOP PEPPER SPRAYING YOUNG PEOPLE WITHIN THEIR
8 CUSTODY. SO, WHEN WE THINK ABOUT PROCLAIMING A WEEK UNDER
9 PROBATION, WHAT ARE WE SAYING WITH THAT IN L.A. COUNTY? I HOPE
10 YOU ALL REALLY THINK ABOUT THAT BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE A
11 DEPARTMENT RIGHT NOW WHERE THE CHANGE HAS BEEN SYSTEMATIC
12 WHERE OUR LOVED ONES AREN'T GETTING HARMED OR REINCARCERATED.
13 I ALSO SUPPORT ITEM 20, PREPARING THE CLOSURE OF DIVISION OF
14 DIVISION OF J.J.J., THE J.J.J. PLAN. WE HAVE A LOT OF FOLKS
15 THAT ARE GOING TO BE SEEKING A.R.C., YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION
16 HAVE BEEN LEADING THIS WORK, AND IT IS REALLY GREAT TO SEE
17 THIS AGENDA ITEM. I AM SPEAKING IN FULL SUPPORT OF IT AS
18 WELL. ALSO ON ITEM 22, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN GREAT TO SEE OTHER
19 AUTHORS ON THAT, IMPROVING HOW WE MEET THE NEEDS OF BLACK
20 IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, THANK YOU FOR
21 PUTTING THIS MOTION FORWARD. DURING THE MEASURE J PROCESS,
22 THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT WAS CALLED OUT WAS THAT THERE IS NOT
23 ENOUGH SUPPORT FOR OUR BLACK IMMIGRANTS THAT LIVE IN L.A.
24 COUNTY, SO THANK YOU FOR PUTTING THIS FORWARD. ALSO ITEM 43,
25 L.A. COUNTY GETS OVER \$470 MILLION OF A.B.109 FUNDS, AT LEAST

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1 THAT WAS THE LAST BUDGET THAT WAS PROJECTED LAST YEAR THAT
2 PASSED. AND SO, YOU ALL ARE LOOKING INTO THIS. I STRONGLY
3 SUPPORT THIS. WE HAVE BEEN ADVOCATING FOR OVER 50 PERCENT OF
4 A.B.109 FUNDS TO GO TO THE COMMUNITY SINCE 2014 WITH THE
5 REIMAGINE A.B.109 CAMPAIGN. SO THIS IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT,
6 ESPECIALLY TO HIGHLIGHT THE AUDIT THAT WAS DONE THAT WAS
7 SPEARHEADED BY NOW SENATORS SIDNEY (INDISCERNIBLE) DOVE THAT
8 SHOWED THE INEFFECTIVENESS OF HOW L.A. COUNTY IS SPENDING ITS
9 A.B.109 BUDGET. ESSENTIALLY, IT'S A BLANK CHECK WHERE OVER 80
10 PERCENT IS GOING TO PROBATION AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT --

11

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

14

15 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF LANA DEEB.
16 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING
17 TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC
18 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

19

20 **LANA DEEB:** HI, MY NAME IS LANA DEEB. I AM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
21 OFFICER AT SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER, AND I AM GOING
22 TO BE SPEAKING ON THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT, 52F, AND
23 REALLY IT IS ABOUT REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
24 SUPPORT THE TASK FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE L.A. HOSPITAL. AS
25 MANY OF YOU KNOW, WE HAVE AN INCREDIBLE STRAIN ON OUR

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1 HOSPITALS AND, YOU KNOW, THAT WE ARE ENDURING WHILE WE ARE
2 SERVING OUR COMMUNITY. AND WITH THIS UNPRECEDENTED TIME, THE
3 COSTS AND THE LIMITATION OF ANY SERVICES MAKING MONEY HAS BEEN
4 MINIMIZED, AND WE ARE IN NEED TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR
5 STAFF TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE THE PROPER P.P.E.S, WE HAVE THE
6 RIGHT MEDICATIONS, AND ONGOING CHANGING MEDICATIONS, AND EVEN
7 WHEN WE ARE VACCINATING, THESE ARE TIMES THAT WE ARE GIVING
8 TIME AND STAFF TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY. SO WE REALLY WOULD
9 APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT TO TASK IN ORDER TO ASSIST US WITH THE
10 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT. THANK YOU.

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

14
15 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF HENRY
16 BOUCHEAU. PLEASE STATE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE
17 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL
18 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

19
20 **HENRY BOUCHEAU:** HI, I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM 10 AND GENERAL PUBLIC
21 COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS HENRY
22 BOUCHEAU, AND I AM A WHITTIER CITY COUNCILMEMBER AND A MEMBER
23 OF THE CALIFORNIA CONTRACT CITIES ASSOCIATION. AS A
24 COUNCILMEMBER, ONE OF MY PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENTS IS THE
25 CREATION OF A 139 BED HOMELESSNESS NAVIGATION CENTER IN

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1 WHITTIER IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SALVATION ARMY. I'M CALLING
2 TODAY TO SUPPORT THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS.
3 WHILE I APPLAUD THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESSNESS SERVICES
4 AUTHORITY'S EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE UNHOUSED, LOS ANGELES
5 AREA RESIDENTS NEED A HOMELESSNESS SERVICES GOVERNANCE
6 STRUCTURE THAT WILL END, NOT MERELY MANAGE, HOMELESSNESS.
7 REFORM IS AN UNAVOIDABLE RESULT OF THE SCALE AND GRAVITY OF
8 THE HOMELESSNESS SITUATION. WHEN IT COMES TO HOUSING AND
9 CARING FOR THE HOMELESS, THERE ARE NO SACRED COWS. WHEN PEOPLE
10 ARE DYING IN THE STREETS BY THE HUNDREDS, WHEN A CRISIS SWELLS
11 TO EPIC PROPORTIONS DESPITE SPENDING HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF
12 TAXPAYER'S DOLLARS, NO ONE, NO AGENCY, NO JOINT POWERS
13 AUTHORITY, NO ELECTED OFFICIAL, NO ONE SHOULD BE ABOVE
14 ACCOUNTABILITY. I, THEREFORE, URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION
15 WHILE ALSO PROVIDING EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION TO THE REGION'S
16 88 CITIES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

17

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

20

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

25

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1 **SHAMING SHARE:** GOOD MORNING, I WILL BE SPEAKING AROUND ITEMS
2 15, 22, AND 52F. REGARDING ITEM 15, THIS WILL PROVIDE A
3 CRITICAL LOCAL SAFETY NET FOR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES IN LOS
4 ANGELES, AND I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS. THIS PROGRAM BUILDS
5 ON SUCCESS OF THE L.A. JUSTICE FUNDS, WHICH HAS BEEN A
6 LIFELINE TO IMMIGRANTS FACING PERMANENT SEPARATION FROM THEIR
7 LOVED ONES. THE PROGRAM WILL ENSURE A JUST RECOVERY FROM
8 COVID FOR ALL ANGELENOS AND ALSO COUNTER THE CRUEL DETENTION
9 AND DEPORTATION MACHINE. WE URGE YOU TO FUND THE PROGRAM AT AN
10 ANNUAL LEVEL OF \$5 MILLION. AS FOR ITEM 22, GIVEN THAT BLACK
11 MIGRANTS AND FAMILIES MAKE UP A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THE
12 OVERALL BLACK POPULATION IN THE COUNTY, IT IS CRUCIAL WE
13 ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF BLACK MIGRANTS AND FAMILIES AS A CALL FOR
14 RACIAL EQUITY IN ALL COUNTY POLICIES. AS FOR ITEM 52F, THE
15 SPENDING PLAN IS A GOOD START, BUT IT DOES NOT DO ENOUGH TO
16 ADDRESS THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY'S UNIQUE NEEDS AND CHALLENGES.
17 NON-CITIZENS ARE OFTEN EXCLUDED FROM ACCESS TO ECONOMIC AND
18 GOVERNMENT RELIEF PACKAGES, WORKER PROTECTIONS, AND RENT
19 MORATORIUMS BECAUSE OF THEIR STATUS. WE URGE THE COUNTY TO
20 LIFT UP NON-CITIZEN IMMIGRANTS AS A HIGH NEED COMMUNITY,
21 PROVIDE THEM WITH DIRECT FUNDING, AND ENSURE THAT NEW AND
22 EXISTING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES ARE ACCESSIBLE TO THEM. AND I
23 AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF MY ORGANIZATION, THE CALIFORNIA
24 IMMIGRANT POLICY CENTER, SO I'M VOICING MY SUPPORT FOR THESE
25 ITEMS 15, 22, AND 52F. THANK YOU.

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

4

5 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF
6 CAROLINA GOODMAN, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU
7 WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING
8 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **CAROLINA GOODMAN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M CAROLINA
11 GOODMAN WITH THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LOS ANGELES,
12 SPEAKING ON ITEM 15 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. WE WANT TO
13 THANK YOU FOR PRIORITIZING IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES BY FUNDING
14 THE L.A. IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY LEGAL DEFENSE PROGRAM AND
15 PROVIDING A LONG TERM LEGAL DEFENSE PROGRAM FOR OUR LOS
16 ANGELES IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION
17 AND URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO FUND IT AT THE LEVEL OF
18 \$5 MILLION ANNUALLY. THE U.S. IMMIGRATION SYSTEM CONTINUES TO
19 ATTACK OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY, AND L.A. COUNTY MUST RESPOND
20 BY DEFENDING INDIVIDUALS WHO CALL LOS ANGELES THEIR HOME.
21 IMMIGRANTS HAVE CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE ECONOMIC SUCCESS OF
22 OUR COUNTY IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT THEY EXPERIENCE THE
23 DOUBLE OPPRESSION FROM OVERPOLICING FROM BOTH LAW ENFORCEMENT
24 AND IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT. THIS LEGAL DEFENSE PROGRAM
25 DEMONSTRATES OUR COMMITMENT TO CREATE EQUITABLE OPPORTUNITY

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1 FOR ANGELENOS TO SUCCEED BY ENSURING DUE PROCESS FOR ALL.

2 THANK YOU.

3

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF KENZO SOLE.
8 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING
9 TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC
10 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

11

12 **KENZO SOLE:** CAN YOU HEAR ME?

13

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

15

16 **KENZO SOLE:** YES, SPEAKING ON -- AGENDA ITEM 20. GOOD MORNING,
17 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KENZO SOLE. I'M A YOUTH
18 ADVOCATE AND ADVISOR WITH THE ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION. I'M
19 SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 20. AS A YOUTH WHO WAS RAISED IN
20 DISTRICT 4, SAN PEDRO, CALIFORNIA, I HAVE BEEN INSIDE THE
21 SYSTEM SINCE THE AGE OF 14. IN 2016, AFTER 24 MONTHS OF
22 INCARCERATION, I WAS SENTENCED TO D.J.J. FOR TWO YEARS WITH
23 (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC) D.J.J. IN ADDITION, THE ENVIRONMENT
24 WAS -- (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC) -- VERY HARD AND DANGEROUS TO
25 STAY AWAY FROM. PUTTING OUR YOUTH IN THESE TYPE OF

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1 ENVIRONMENTS FORCES THEM TO LET GO OF HOPE THAT HAVE TO
2 REHABILITATE, BUT ALSO DISCOURAGE THEM FROM MAKING THE RIGHT
3 DECISIONS WHILE BEING LOCKED DOWN. HOW DO YOU EXPECT THE
4 COMPOUND TO HAVE ANY EFFECT ON OUR YOUTH WHEN THEY CONSTANTLY
5 HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT SURVIVING. YOU DON'T HAVE TO GANG BANG
6 TO GET INVOLVED OR JUST TO GET ATTACKED. ALL IT TAKES IS FOR
7 ANOTHER RACE THAT DOESN'T LIKE YOURS OR FOR A PROBATION
8 OFFICER THAT HAS NO CLUE ABOUT WHAT THE YOUTH IS REALLY GOING
9 THROUGH, BUT THEN LOSE THEIR MIND AND GET MORE TIME. WITHIN MY
10 TIME IN THE COMPOUND, THERE WAS SOMETHING REALLY HORRIBLE. IF
11 THE YOUTH ARE NOT READY TO BE INVOLVED WITH PROGRAMS, IT DOES
12 NOT HAVE ANY EXPOSURE TO CENTRAL LEARNING ACTIVITIES, DON'T
13 NOBODY CARE. WHY IS THAT? WE ARE AT A POINT IN TIME WHERE THE
14 MAJORITY OF OUR YOUTH IN THE COMPOUND DON'T HAVE NO IDEA WHAT
15 THEY WANT TO BE IN LIFE. THEY HAVE NO IDEA WHAT KIND OF GOALS
16 THEY SHOULD SET FOR THEMSELVES. THE COMPOUND IS A STRESSFUL
17 ENVIRONMENT THAT ALL YOU CAN THINK OF BEING LOCKED UP WITH
18 NOBODY TO HELP YOU, MAKE YOU, GUIDE YOU, OR ENCOURAGE YOU.
19 LET'S NOT FORGET, A LOT OF THESE YOUTH DON'T HAVE NO FAMILIES
20 TO DEPEND ON -- (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC).

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

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF IVETTE ALE,
2 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING
3 TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC
4 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **IVETTE ALE:** IVETTE ALE WITH DIGNITY AND POWER NOW, RESIDENT OF
7 DISTRICT 5. I WILL SPEAK ON ITEMS 14, 15, 17, 20, 22, 43, 52B,
8 52F, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. ON ITEM 14, THANK YOU
9 SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND MITCHELL FOR SUPPORTING SURVIVING
10 FAMILIES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT VIOLENCE AND MURDER. WE REPRESENT
11 THOSE FAMILIES WHO HAVE NOT ONLY SUFFERED GREAT LOSS BUT
12 CONTINUE TO BE HARASSED BY A MURDEROUS DEPARTMENT, AND WE
13 STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THE PERSISTENT INTIMIDATION
14 TACTICS BY L.A.S.D. DEPUTIES HAVE RANGED FROM MOCKING TO
15 SERIOUS AND OFTEN ILLEGAL FORMS OF HARASSMENT, INCLUDING
16 TARGETING FAMILY MEMBERS FOR ARREST AND DETENTION WITHOUT
17 PROBABLE CAUSE, FREQUENTLY PULLING OVER FAMILY MEMBERS AND
18 SEARCHING THEIR VEHICLES AND HARASSING FAMILY MEMBERS OF MINOR
19 AGE. THIS IS RETRAUMATIZING. IT IS ILLEGAL, AND IT MUST STOP
20 NOW. I STRONGLY SUPPORT ITEMS 15, 17, 22, AND WHOLEHEARTEDLY
21 THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS, HAHN, AND MITCHELL FOR STANDING UP
22 FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS. I CAME HERE AS A CHILD, GREW UP
23 UNDOCUMENTED IN THE '90S, AND STRUGGLED TO WORK AND SECURE
24 HOUSING. MY FAMILY SUFFERED THE WRATH OF THE LEGAL SYSTEM AND
25 WAS EXCLUDED FROM MOST SOCIAL SERVICES. ALTHOUGH I AM AN

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1 IMMIGRANT PERSON WHO WAS ABLE TO ESCAPE POVERTY THROUGH
2 ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION, LIKE MANY DREAMERS SEEK TO DO, AND
3 I SUPPORT THE D.A.C.A. PROGRAM, WE MUST BE CLEAR, A COLLEGE
4 DEGREE SHOULD NOT DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT YOU HAVE LEGAL
5 PROTECTION. ALL IMMIGRANTS SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO CARE. BLACK
6 IMMIGRANTS SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO CARE. TRANS IMMIGRANTS SHOULD
7 HAVE ACCESS TO CARE. I CAME HERE IN 1989. IT IS NOW 2021, AND
8 WE MUST DO BETTER. ON ITEM 20, I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION
9 TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE JUVENILE JUSTICE REALIGNMENT BLOCK
10 GRANT SUBCOMMITTEE'S PLAN FOR DOROTHY KIRBY AND CAMPS SCOTT
11 AND SCUDDER TO BE THE D.J.J. ALTERNATIVE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
12 UNTIL YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED IS FULLY IMPLEMENTED. CREATING
13 A DELAY IN MOVING WITH THIS PLAN RESULTS IN THE COMPOUND BEING
14 L.A. COUNTY'S D.J.J. ALTERNATIVE. THAT IS SIMPLY UNACCEPTABLE.
15 THE COMPOUND IS THE CLOSEST THING TO A PRISON AND THE COMPLETE
16 OPPOSITE OF YOUR COMMITMENT TO CARE FIRST/JAIL LAST. YOU HAVE
17 HEARD FROM YOUNG PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN IN THAT FACILITY.
18 PLEASE LISTEN TO THEM AND PASS THIS MOTION. I AM PROUD TO BE
19 SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S APPOINTMENT TO THE P.S.R.T. AND COMMEND THE
20 BOARD FOR INTENTIONALLY INCLUDING THE COMMUNITY IN THE
21 REALIGNMENT PROCESS. I STRONGLY SUPPORT AGENDA ITEM 43, THE
22 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN BEFORE YOU IS A STRONG REPRESENTATION OF
23 YOUR CARE FIRST VISION, PRIORITIZING COMMUNITY-BASED CARE,
24 DIVERSION AND ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, RATHER THAN
25 BUSINESS AS USUAL. WE ARE NOW DELIBERATING ON THE SPENDING

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1 PLAN, AND I HAVE DEEP CONCERNS ABOUT THE PROCESS. WE HAVE HAD
2 THREE MEETINGS, THREE, TO CREATE A SPENDING PLAN FOR NEARLY
3 HALF A BILLION DOLLARS, AND I HAVE ONLY HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO
4 WEIGH IN ON NEW A.B.109 FUNDING, NOT THE ENTIRETY OF BUDGET.
5 DESPITE REPEATED REQUESTS BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS ON THE
6 COMMISSION, WE HAVE YET TO REVIEW THE RESULTS OF A.B.109
7 AUDIT. I TRUST THAT YOU WILL TAKE IN THE FEEDBACK FROM THE
8 COMMUNITY MEMBERS YOU SELECTED AND IMPROVE THE PROCESS OF THE
9 P.S.R.T. REFLECTS YOUR VISION AND THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE. I
10 STRONGLY SUPPORT ITEM 52B AND THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HAHN
11 FOR YOUR MOTION ON GENERAL RELIEF. G.B.I. IS A POWERFUL TOOL
12 TO COMBAT POVERTY WHILE ALSO ADDRESSING RELATED ISSUES OF
13 HEALTH, EDUCATION, HOUSING STABILITY, AND EQUITY, PARTICULARLY
14 FOR BLACK COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND WOMEN. THE BOARD SHOULD
15 IMPLEMENT THE PILOT PROGRAM TO STUDY THE BENEFICIAL IMPACTS OF
16 G.B.I. IN LOS ANGELES. HOWEVER, WHEN WE LOOK AT THE
17 HOUSELESSNESS CRISIS, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE TIME FOR PILOT
18 PROGRAMS HAS LONG PASSED. THE COUNTY SHOULD BEGIN FUNDING FOR
19 EXPANSION NOW.

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21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. MAY WE
22 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

23
24 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE
25 LINE OF KENT MENDOZA, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

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

3

4 **KENT MENDOZA:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I WILL BE
5 SPEAKING ON ITEM NUMBER 14, 20, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. ON
6 ITEM NUMBER 14, I JUST WANTED TO SUPPORT THAT ITEM. WE HAVE TO
7 CONTINUE TO DO MORE THINGS FOR -- TO PROTECT OUR FAMILIES AND
8 COMMUNITIES FROM HARASSMENT FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND THEY ARE
9 JUST THERE TO HARASS THEM. I REALLY SUPPORT THAT MOTION AND
10 URGE THE BOARD TO PASS ITEM 14. ALSO, I AM HERE TO SUPPORT
11 ITEM NUMBER 20. I THINK THAT YOU ARE SEEING FROM THE YOUNG
12 PEOPLE, THESE COUNTIES ARE BEGINNING OF REIMAGINING JUSTICE
13 FOR ALL L.A. COUNTY YOUTH IN OUR COUNTY, AND I THINK THAT IT
14 IS DISAPPOINTING TO SEE THAT THE BOARD COME IN, I DON'T KNOW
15 WHERE IT CAME UP WITH A DIFFERENT MOTION TODAY TO REPLACE THIS
16 MOTION, AND I THINK IT IS JUST -- YOU KNOW, WHEN WE HAVE AN
17 OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOMETHING GREAT AND AMAZING, AND THE COUNTY
18 GOES BACKWARDS. AND TODAY, WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GO
19 FORWARD ON HOW WE TREAT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. AND I SAY THIS AS
20 SOMEONE WHO SPENT TIME IN THE COMPOUND. YOU HEARD FROM YOUNG
21 PEOPLE. AND YOU ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO HEAR FROM YOUNG
22 PEOPLE. AND AT SOME LEVEL OF WORKS, AND WITH ALL OF THESE
23 PEOPLE THAT SPENT TIME IN THIS PLACE AND D.J.J. AND EVEN
24 PRISON, I WILL TELL YOU, THE COMPOUND IS THE MAIN PLACE THAT
25 EXPOSES TO REAL TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCES FOR ALL OF US. THAT'S

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1 WHERE EVERYTHING BEGINS. WHEN I TELL MY STORY OF
2 INCARCERATION, I SPENT FIVE YEARS INCARCERATED FROM THE AGE OF
3 15 TO 20. WHEN I ALWAYS TELL MY STORY OF INCARCERATION TO A
4 UNIVERSITY, THE SCHOOL'S PANELIST YOUNG PEOPLE WERE --
5 WHEREVER I'M PRESENTING, THE MAIN THING I ALWAYS TELL THEM,
6 THE MOST GLOOMIEST EXPERIENCE I EXPERIENCED WAS IN THE
7 COMPOUND. IT WAS NOT IN THE COUNTY JAIL. IT WAS IN A MAIN
8 PRISON OR D.J.J. IT WAS IN THE COMPOUND BECAUSE, IN THAT
9 MOMENT, THAT IS WHEN I WAS A YOUNG KID THAT WAS 17 YEARS OF
10 AGE FACING A 25 TO LIFE WITHOUT NOT KNOWING MY OWN PURPOSE. SO
11 JUST IMAGINE WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO HERE. WHAT ARE WE DOING
12 WHEN WE ARE SAYING THAT WE WANT TO USE THE COMPOUND AS THE
13 TEMPORARY ALTERNATIVE TO D.J.J. IT SHOULD NOT EVEN BE A
14 TEMPORARY FOR ANYTHING. THIS OVERDOES ALL OF THE -- THAT'S WHY
15 I WANT TO URGE THE COUNTY NOT TO BE BOLD NOT TO BE AFRAID TO
16 DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY. WE HAD AN ISSUE IN VENTURA COUNTY WHEN
17 AT ONE POINT WE WANTED TO OPEN A FIRE CAMP FOR RETURNING
18 INDIVIDUALS FROM PRISON AND D.J.J., AND AT ONE POINT, THE
19 PEOPLE IN VENTURA COUNTY CITY COUNCIL AND EVERYBODY SHOWED UP
20 AND SAYING WE DON'T WANT NONE OF THESE MONSTERS, NONE OF THESE
21 MURDERERS AROUND IN OUR BACKYARDS. THE SAME NARRATIVE THAT WE
22 ARE HEARING IN SANTA CLARITA. GUESS WHAT? WE SHOWED UP, SHOWED
23 THEM THAT'S NOT THAT WAY. THESE ARE JUST REGULAR PEOPLE LIKE
24 ANYBODY ELSE. AND NOW, AFTER PROBABLY LIKE QUITE SOME TIME
25 SINCE HAVING THAT CAMP OPEN, THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANY CRIME

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1 OVER THERE FROM NONE OF OUR MEMBERS. WE HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING
2 ABOUT NOBODY RUNNING INTO VACANT HOUSES AND STEALING. IF
3 ANYTHING, OUR PEOPLE ARE COMING HOME FROM INCARCERATION ARE
4 NOT SERVING LIFE BECAUSE THEY'RE FIGHTING IN THE FIREFIGHTER
5 CAMPS. SO PLEASE DO NOT GET CAUGHT UP IN ALL OF THIS NONSENSE
6 THAT PEOPLE ARE BAD AND THAT SOMEHOW THEY ARE GOING TO START
7 ROBBING PEOPLE. THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN. IT DIDN'T HAPPEN IN
8 VENTURA. AND IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN IN SANTA CLARITA IF
9 SANTA CLARITA AND EVERYBODY SUPPORTS IT AN IS ABLE TO BE
10 WILLING TO BE BOLD AND TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT. SO LET US HELP
11 YOU.

12

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

15

16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF SAMANTHA
17 MATTHEWS. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE
18 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL
19 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

20

21 **SAMANTHA MATTHEWS:** HELLO I WILL BE COMMENTING ON ITEM 10 AND
22 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF
23 GOVERNMENTS URGES YOU TO ADOPT THE MOTION TO ESTABLISH A BLUE
24 RIBBON COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS. WE APPLAUD THIS EFFORT TO
25 TRULY BRING TOGETHER MUNICIPAL STAKEHOLDERS ACROSS THE COUNTY

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1 TO EXAMINE EXISTING EFFORTS TO ENSURE AN IDEAL GOVERNANCE
2 STRUCTURE IS IN PLACE TO ADDRESS THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS. THE
3 C.O.G.S AND OUR CITIES ARE COMMITTED TO BEING LEADERS IN THE
4 FIGHT TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS AND TO CREATE A MORE COORDINATED
5 EFFECTIVE SYSTEM. LAST FALL, WE DEVELOPED A WHITE PAPER
6 OUTLINING OUR CITY'S ASSESSMENT OF L.A.H.S.A.'S GOVERNANCE
7 AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A MORE EFFECTIVE SYSTEM. THE WHITE
8 IDENTIFIED SEVERAL PROBLEMS WITH THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING A LACK
9 OF COLLABORATION WITH SMALLER CITIES, POOR COMMUNICATION, AND
10 A LACK OF TRANSPARENCY, AND IDENTIFIED POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS,
11 NAMELY INCREASING REPRESENTATION WITHIN THE SYSTEM. THE WHITE
12 PAPER WAS ADOPTED BY OUR GOVERNING BOARD AND NINE CITY
13 COUNCILS AND WAS CITED AS A SOURCE IN THE REPORT A PLAN FOR
14 HOMELESSNESS GOVERNANCE IN LOS ANGELES, BY DR. (INDISCERNIBLE)
15 FOR CAL STATE L.A. TO CREATE A COMPREHENSIVE COORDINATED
16 STRATEGY THAT RESULTS IN MEANINGFUL AND LASTING CHANGE COUNTY-
17 WIDE, THERE MUST BE TRUE REPRESENTATION OF CITIES OUTSIDE THE
18 CITY OF L.A. ON ANY GOVERNMENTAL BODIES DEALING WITH HOMELESS
19 GOVERNANCE. SUCH REPRESENTATION IS EMPHASIZED IN BOTH THE
20 C.O.G.'S WHITE PAPER AND DR. (INDISCERNIBLE) REPORT, AND SO WE
21 SINCERELY APPRECIATE THAT THIS MOTION ACKNOWLEDGES AND
22 INCORPORATES THESE RECOMMENDATIONS. AND FOR THESE REASONS, YES
23 C.O.G.S RESPECTFULLY ASKS THAT YOU APPROVE THIS MOTION, AND WE
24 LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL PARTNERS

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1 TO LEAD A MORE EFFECTIVE COUNTY-WIDE STRATEGY TO COMBAT
2 HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU.

3

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** THE NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF ALEXANDRA
8 MORALES. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE
9 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL
10 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

11

12 **ALEXANDRA MORALES:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ALEXANDRA MORALES
13 CALLING IN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON BEHALF OF (INDISCERNIBLE) THE
14 CENTRAL AMERICAN RESOURCE CENTER AND COMMENTING ON ITEMS 15,
15 17, AND 22. THE LOS ANGELES JUSTICE FUND IS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT
16 THE COUNTY AND LOS ANGELES CAN AND MUST DO TO DEFEND THE
17 FAMILIES. DUE TO YOUR COMMITMENT OF THE LOS ANGELES JUSTICE
18 FUND, HUNDREDS OF FAMILIES FROM 32 DISTINCT NATIONALITIES HAVE
19 BEEN ABLE TO STAY TOGETHER. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP
20 THROUGHOUT THIS TIME TO ENSURE THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR THE
21 COMMUNITY. AND OUR IMMIGRANT FAMILIES HAVE BEEN TELLING US
22 THAT WE NEEDED TO CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN THE LOS ANGELES
23 JUSTICE FUND. TODAY, WE APPLAUD YOUR LEADERSHIP IN TAKING A
24 CRITICAL STEP TOWARD DOUBLING DOWN IN THE COUNTY'S COMMITMENT
25 IN DEFENDING OUR COMMUNITY. YOUR LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S MOTION

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1 RECOGNIZES THAT, WHILE SOME RELIEF FOR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES
2 CAN BE POSSIBLE, THE REALITY IS THAT THIS RELIEF IS NOT HERE
3 YET, AND MANY OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE READY AND CONTINUE
4 TO FACE DEPORTATION, OR THEY ARE IMMEDIATELY VULNERABLE TO
5 DEPORTATION, AND NEED RELIABLE RESOURCES, (INDISCERNIBLE)
6 RESOURCES NOW. WITH NEARLY 3.5 MILLION IMMIGRANTS LIVING IN
7 LOS ANGELES, A STRONGER LOS ANGELES JUSTICE FUND IS CRITICAL
8 FOR THE COUNTY TO TAKE STEPS NECESSARY TO MEANINGFULLY DEFEND
9 OUR IMMIGRANTS. WE THANK THE COAUTHORS OF MOTION ITEM 15,
10 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR HAHN, ON THIS NEXT STEP THAT
11 BUILDS ON THE SUCCESS OF THE LOS ANGELES JUSTICE FUND. WE ASK
12 FOR THE SUPPORT OF ALL SUPERVISORS ON THIS ITEM TO KEEP MORE
13 FAMILIES TOGETHER AND FREE. IN THE SAME BREATH, WE ASK FOR
14 YOUR VOTE OF SUPPORT FOR ITEMS 17 AND 22, THE IMPACT OF ANTI-
15 IMMIGRANT RHETORIC AND POLICIES DID NOT END WITH THE LAST
16 ADMINISTRATION. THE NEGATIVE COURT DECISION ON THE D.A.C.A.
17 PROGRAM CASE IS AN ILLUSTRATION OF THIS AND THE STILL HOSTILE
18 TIMES THAT OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES CONTINUE TO LIVE IN, DAY
19 IN AND DAY OUT. IT IS ALSO CRITICAL THAT WE CENTER BLACK
20 IMMIGRANTS AND FAMILIES AS WE CALL FOR RACIAL EQUITY IN ALL
21 COUNTY POLICIES, INCLUDING THOSE RELATING TO IMMIGRANTS.
22 THEREFORE, WE ASK THE COUNTY DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO
23 ELEVATE AND LISTEN TO THE VOICES OF THOSE DIRECTLY IMPACTED,
24 TO STAND WITH ALL IMMIGRANTS, AND TO DEFEND OUR IMMIGRANT
25 FAMILIES. ITEMS 15, 17, AND 22 ARE IN LINE WITH THESE VALUES

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1 AND ACTION STEPS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION THAT OUR COMMUNITY
2 NEEDS. AND WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON THESE MOTIONS. THANK YOU
3 FOR YOUR TIME.

4

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

7

8 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF SAM LEWIS,
9 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING
10 TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC
11 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

12

13 **SAM LEWIS:** THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. I WILL BE ADDRESSING ITEMS
14 NUMBER 20. FIRST AND FOREMOST, I WANT TO THANK THIS MOTION
15 BROUGHT BY SUPERVISORS HOLLY MITCHELL AND SHEILA KUEHL.
16 INCREDIBLE, THANK YOU. I AM IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 20, THE CLOSURE
17 OF THE DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE PLAN, BUT I AM OPPOSED TO
18 THE USE OF BARRY J. NIDORF AS THE FACILITY THAT WILL REPLACE
19 THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE. I'M OPPOSED FOR A NUMBER
20 OF REASONS. FIRST AND FOREMOST, EVERY SATURDAY, I AM B.J.N.
21 MENTORING THE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ARE IN THE COMPOUND, WHAT I
22 CONSIDER A MINIATURE PRISON, WHERE TEENAGERS ARE HOUSED. I'M
23 OPPOSED BECAUSE, IF WE TRULY WANT TO SUPPORT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE,
24 WE HAVE TO GIVE THEM SOMETHING DIFFERENT THAN BARRY J. AND I
25 SAY THAT FROM BEING ABLE TO TRAVEL TO OTHER COUNTRIES LIKE

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1 NORWAY, AND THE NORWEGIAN MODEL. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THEY
2 SAY IN THE NORWEGIAN MODEL, WHAT MAKES IT SO SUCCESSFUL IS
3 THEY WORK ON AN ENVIRONMENT THAT IS MORE NORMAL, ONE THAT DOES
4 NOT OR AVOIDS INSTITUTIONALIZATION BY THE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE
5 INSIDE. SO I WOULD ASK THAT WE DO NOT CONSIDER BARRY J.
6 NIDORF, THE COMPOUND. AGAIN, I'M IN THERE EVERY SATURDAY. I
7 SPENT 24 YEARS IN PRISON, AND WHEN I WALKED INTO BARRY J.'S
8 COMPOUND, I FEEL LIKE I AM GOING INTO A MAXIMUM SECURITY
9 PRISON THAT I SPENT DECADES INSIDE. THIS IS NOT SOMETHING --

10

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

13

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

18

19 **STEPHANIE LUNA:** YES, I WILL BE SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
20 14 AND PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS STEPHANIE
21 LUNA, AND I'M SITTING HERE WITH VALERIE VARGAS. WE ARE THE
22 AUNTS OF ANTHONY DANIEL VARGAS, WHO WAS MURDERED IN 2018 BY
23 TWO EAST LOS ANGELES SHERIFF DEPUTIES. WHILE --
24 (INDISCERNIBLE) -- SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND MITCHELL FOR
25 RECOGNIZING THAT THERE IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM WITH SHERIFF

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1 DEPUTY GANGS STALKING, HARASSING, AND INTIMIDATING SURVIVING
2 FAMILIES. THE FACT THAT THIS MOTION WOULD HAVE TO EXIST IN THE
3 FIRST PLACE SHOWS THAT THERE IS A SYSTEMATIC PROBLEM WITHIN
4 L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE KNOW THAT FOLLOWING THIS
5 PHONE CONFERENCE WE WILL FACE THE DEPUTY HARASSMENT THAT WE
6 ARE HERE TO SPEAK ABOUT TODAY. WE ARE SITTING HERE SPEAKING TO
7 THE BOARD ON WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN ANTHONY'S 24TH BIRTHDAY.
8 INSTEAD OF CELEBRATING ANTHONY AND HIS TWIN TODAY, WE WILL BE
9 SITTING AT THE SPOT WHERE HE TOOK HIS LAST BREATH
10 MEMORIALIZING HIM. AND LATER EVEN CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF HIS
11 TWIN BROTHER. THINK ABOUT THAT FOR A SECOND. WE ARE FACING A
12 SITUATION WHERE WE ARE TRYING TO GRIEVE THE DEATH OF OUR
13 NEPHEW AND CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF HIS TWIN BROTHER. LOOK AT
14 WHAT WE ARE DOING RIGHT NOW. WE ARE ON A PHONE CALL TO ASK THE
15 BOARD TO PROTECT HIM FROM THE SAME DEPARTMENT THAT MURDERED
16 ANTHONY AND RESPONDS WITH VARIOUS FORM OF ABUSE ON US. THE --
17 (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC) -- ALEX VILLANUEVA CONSTANTLY BOSSES MY
18 FAMILY AND JEOPARDIZING THE SAFETY AND WELL BEING OF ANTHONY'S
19 SURVIVING FAMILY MEMBERS. -- REAL CONSEQUENCES. YOU ASK US TO
20 CONSTANTLY DOCUMENT OUR INTERACTIONS AS IF WE ARE RESPONSIBLE
21 FOR THEIR BEHAVIOR. AND THEY ARE THE ONES WHO YOU EMPLOY. THEY
22 ARE THE ONES WHO ARE UNDER THE SHERIFF'S WATCH, WE DESERVE A
23 RIGHT TO LIVE AND BREATHE -- THEY STOLE FORM US. WE SHOULD NOT
24 HAVE THE BURDEN TO ASK FOR PROTECTION FROM THE SHERIFF'S
25 DEPARTMENT ON ANTHONY'S BIRTHDAY, AND WE REALLY HOPE THAT YOU

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1 SIT AND THINK ABOUT THE LEVEL OF TRAUMA THE COUNTY ITSELF HAS
2 PLACED ON THE SHOULDERS BY ALLOWING THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S
3 DEPARTMENT TO FURTHER CONTRIBUTE TO OUR GRIEF AND ENABLE THEM
4 TO RETRAUMATIZE US. THE FACT THAT VILLANUEVA -- (SPEAKER FAR
5 FROM MIC) -- DISPLAYS A BLATANT DISREGARD FOR OUR RIGHT TO
6 ADVOCATE FOR OUR LOVED ONES. EVERYTHING HE JUST SAID IS
7 EXACTLY WHY WE MUST PASS THIS MOTION. MY NEPHEW IS NOT A
8 SUSPECT. HE IS A VICTIM. THE REAL SUSPECTS ARE L.A. COUNTY
9 SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES JONATHAN WALCOX AND NICHOLAS PEREZ.
10 VILLANUEVA SAID THAT THIS MOTION IS MEANT TO DELEGITIMIZE LAW
11 ENFORCEMENT, BUT HIS DEPARTMENT IS DOING THAT ALL ON THEIR
12 OWN.

13

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

16

17 **STEPHANIE LUNA:** HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ANTHONY.

18

19 **MODERATOR:** YES, OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF
20 LEAH GARCIA. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL
21 BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER OR NOT YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING
22 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN. YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

23

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

25

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1 **MODERATOR:** NEXT WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF NAKITA GONZALES.
2 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING
3 TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC
4 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **NAKITA GONZALES:** GOOD MORNING, I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM 36 AND
7 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE. AND MY NAME IS --

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

10

11 **NAKITA GONZALES:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS NAKITA GONZALES, AND
12 THANK YOU SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR SUPPORTING THAT WE GET -- THAT
13 WE HOLD ALL DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
14 AGENCIES INVOLVED WITH HYPERION SPILL. I AM A MOM, A RESIDENT
15 OF EL SEGUNDO, AND MY DAUGHTER WAS AT THE HYPERION SPILL THE
16 MORNING AFTER THE SPILL HAPPENED. SHE WAS ALLOWED TO SWIM IN
17 THE BEACH ALL MORNING LONG. SHE WAS -- THE CAMP WAS NEVER
18 NOTIFIED THERE WAS A SPILL UNTIL THEY ACTUALLY SAW SOMEONE
19 COMING OUT WITH -- THEY WERE NOT NOTIFIED TO BE REMOVED FROM
20 THE WATER. IT TOOK THE LEADERSHIP OF A CAMP COUNSELOR TO
21 REMOVE OUR KIDS. NO ONE ENFORCED THE RULE. I AM FINDING OUT
22 ALL OF THIS INFORMATION FROM MOTHERS OF OUR TOWN. WE ARE NOT
23 GETTING ANYTHING FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT. WE ARE
24 ASKING FOR HELP. HYPERION ALSO -- OFFERED US A.C.S AND
25 (INDISCERNIBLE) HOTEL STAYS, BUT THEY ARE NOT THINKING ABOUT

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1 THE FACT THAT WE HAVE TO WAIVE OUR RIGHTS AWAY TO RECEIVE
2 THESE THINGS. WE ALSO HAVE TO PAY UP FRONT. WHAT ABOUT THE
3 PEOPLE THAT CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY UP FRONT? AND WHY SHOULD WE
4 HAVE TO WAIVE OUR RIGHTS. OUR OWN MAYOR WAS NOT NOTIFIED OF
5 THE SPILL UNTIL 2:15PM. THAT IS TOO LATE WHEN THE SPILL
6 HAPPENED AT 7:00PM ON JULY 11TH. HE WASN'T NOTIFIED UNTIL JULY
7 12TH AT 2:15PM. LIKE I SAID, MY DAUGHTER WAS SWIMMING. SHE WAS
8 A MICRO PREMIE. SHE HAS RESPIRATORY ISSUES, AND I NEED TO KNOW
9 WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN. I NEED TO KNOW WHAT'S IN OUR AIR. OUR
10 AIR IS CONTAMINATED. WE ARE SMELLING SEWAGE. IT'S BACKED UP IN
11 OUR TOILETS. IT'S IN OUR HOUSE, AND SO I APPRECIATE
12 EVERYTHING YOU ARE DOING IN THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

13

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

16

17 **MODERATOR:** NEXT WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF VICTOR SANTANA.
18 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING
19 TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC
20 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** PLEASE BEGIN. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23

24 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF ANDRE BARIOS.
25 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY

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

3

4 **ANDRE BARIOS:** YES, I'M SPEAKING ON ITEMS 15, 22, AND 17. DEAR
5 SUPERVISORS, THIS COUNTRY'S HARSH AND UNJUST IMMIGRATION
6 SYSTEM CONTINUES TO UNFAIRLY TARGET OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES.
7 THIS IS A MATTER OF RACIAL JUSTICE AND IMMIGRANT RIGHTS.
8 THEREFORE, THE CALIFORNIA IMMIGRANT POLICY CENTER SUPPORTS
9 ITEMS 15, 22, AND 17. ON ITEM 15, WE SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT
10 OF A PERMANENT LEGAL DEFENSE PROGRAM FOR ANGELENOS FACING
11 DETENTION AND DEPORTATION, REGARDLESS OF MERIT OR PAST
12 CRIMINAL HISTORY. WE ALSO URGE YOU TO FUND THIS PROGRAM AT AN
13 ANNUAL LEVEL OF \$5 MILLION. IT IS A CRITICAL LOCAL SAFETY NET
14 FOR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES HERE IN LOS ANGELES. WE ALSO SUPPORT
15 ITEM 22, WHICH ADDRESSES RACIAL INJUSTICE, OR RACIAL JUSTICE
16 CONCERNS BY SPECIFICALLY FOCUSING ON BLACK IMMIGRANTS. GIVEN
17 THAT BLACK MIGRANTS AND FAMILIES MAKE UP A SIGNIFICANT
18 PORTION OF THE OVERALL BLACK POPULATION IN THE SECOND DISTRICT
19 AND IN THE COUNTY, IT IS CRUCIAL THAT WE CENTER BLACK
20 MIGRANTS AND FAMILIES AS WE CALL FOR RACIAL EQUITY IN ALL
21 COUNTY POLICIES, INCLUDING THOSE RELATING TO IMMIGRANTS. THANK
22 YOU SO MUCH.

23

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

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1

2 **MODERATOR:** NEXT WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF TAMARA KITASKI,
3 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON
4 TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC
5 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **TAMARA:** YES, THANK YOU. MY NAME IS TAMARA KITASKI. I WILL BE
8 SPEAKING ON ITEM 36 IN SUPPORT AS WELL AS PUBLIC COMMENT.
9 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR YOUR MOTION TODAY AND TO ALL
10 OF THE SUPERVISORS WILLING TO HOLD THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
11 HEALTH AND ALL RELEVANT AGENCIES INVOLVED WITH THE HYPERION
12 PLANT SEWAGE SPILL RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR DELAY IN NOTIFYING
13 WE, THE PUBLIC, ABOUT THE BEACH CLOSURES AND FOR PUTTING OUR
14 HEALTH AT RISK IN THE VERY COMMUNITY WE RESIDE, WHERE WE
15 SHOULD FEEL SAFE. AS AN 18 YEAR EL SEGUNDO RESIDENT WHO
16 RESIDES STEPS AWAY FROM THE PLANT, I AM TRULY GRATEFUL THAT
17 TODAY, WE WILL GET ANSWERS, AND HOPEFUL THAT YOUR MOTION WILL
18 FURTHER YIELD WHAT, EXACTLY, WE ARE BEING EXPOSED TO DURING
19 THIS CLEAN-UP PROCESS, AS WELL. PERSONALLY, MY STORY IS ONLY
20 A VERY SMALL GLIMPSE INTO WHAT MY NEIGHBORS ARE EXPERIENCING.
21 I AM EXPERIENCING THROAT IRRITATION, MORNING EYE SECRETION,
22 LEFT SINUS PAIN, AS WELL AS ONGOING HEADACHES, SOMETIMES
23 FEELING LIKE AN ICE PICK TO MY HEAD, EVEN MORE CONCERNING IS
24 THE DIFFICULTY I HAVE BREATHING AT TIMES. MY CHILD WITH
25 MULTIPLE MEDICAL ISSUES IS EXPERIENCING AN INCREASE IN

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1 HEADACHES, REQUIRING ADDITIONAL USE OF HER MEDICATION. I'M
2 DRUG FAILURE AND UNABLE TO TAKE PAIN MEDS BECAUSE THEY CAUSE
3 G.I. BLEEDS FROM AN AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE. NATURAL REMEDIES LIKE
4 HEAT AND ICE PACKS AND CAYENNE PEPPER CAN ONLY DO SO MUCH. ADD
5 IN THE LACK OF SLEEP CAUSED BY THE ODOR AND PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS,
6 COMPROMISE EVEN THE HEALTHIEST OF INDIVIDUALS. NOW IMAGINE
7 WHAT IT DOES TO PEOPLE LIKE US. AS YOU NOW, HYDROGEN SULFIDE
8 IS A HIGHLY TOXIC GAS THAT CAN PRODUCE EXTREMELY RAPID
9 RESPIRATORY DEPRESSION. LOW EXPOSURE FOR LENGTHY TIMES CAN
10 HAVE THE EXACT SAME EFFECT. AS A RESULT OF BREAST CANCER AND
11 WITH THE HOST OF MY UPCOMING THIRD SURGERIES FINALLY BEING
12 SCHEDULED AFTER A YEAR AND A HALF WAIT, I NEED MY LUNGS AND
13 HEART, WHICH ARE ALREADY SCARRED AND SICKENED FROM RADIATION,
14 TO NOT BECOME FURTHER COMPROMISED BY THIS ONGOING DAILY
15 EXPOSURE. THIS ISN'T A ONE-OFF EVENT. IT IS DAILY, AND IT IS A
16 NIGHTLY ASSAULT. SO I WOULD TRULY APPRECIATE ALL HANDS ON DECK
17 IN GETTING THIS CLEANED UP AND HOLDING HYPERION ACCOUNTABLE
18 AND MAKING SURE THE RESIDENTS OF EL SEGUNDO ARE ACTUALLY TAKEN
19 CARE OF. IT IS AFFECTING THE YOUNG, AND THE OLD, AND THE
20 ELDERLY HERE IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND IT IS COMPLETELY
21 UNACCEPTABLE.

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

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF
2 AQUALINA SERANO VERSOSA. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS
3 YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE
4 ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** I AM SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF ITEMS 22 AND 15 AND SHARING
7 THOUGHTS ON THE A.R.P. COVID RELIEF ALLOCATIONS LAID OUT ON
8 ITEM 52F. GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY
9 NAME IS AQUALINA SERANO VERSOSA. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
10 -- [MULTIPLE PEOPLE TALKING] -- LOCATED IN DISTRICT 1, AND I
11 AM ALSO ON THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE IMMIGRANTS ARE L.A.
12 COALITION. ON ITEM 22, FAR TOO OFTEN, SPEAKING IN SUPPORT, FAR
13 TOO OFTEN BLACK IMMIGRANTS REMAIN ON THE MARGINS OF THE
14 DISCOURSE SURROUNDING IMMIGRANTS AND RACIAL JUSTICE, EVEN
15 THOUGH THEY FACE A DISPROPORTIONATE AMOUNT OF HARM AND
16 BARRIERS BECAUSE OF THEIR BLACKNESS AND INTERSECTIONAL
17 IDENTITIES. THESE ISSUES NEED TO BE ADDRESSED THROUGH THE
18 IMPLEMENTATION OF ITEM 22 BY ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF THE
19 BLACK IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY. ITEM NUMBER 15, ALSO SPEAKING IN
20 FAVOR OF, AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES MUST REAFFIRM ITS
21 COMMITMENT TO PROTECT THE MILLIONS OF IMMIGRANTS ANGELENOS
22 THAT ARE PART OF OUR COUNTY'S SOCIAL FABRIC BY RENEWING AND
23 CREATING A PERMANENT VERSION OF THE LOS ANGELES JUSTICE FUND
24 AND FUNDING IT AT A MINIMUM ANNUAL LEVEL OF \$5 MILLION AS IT
25 IS CRITICAL LOCAL -- IT IS PART OF THE CRITICAL LOCAL SAFETY

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1 NET FOR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES IN LOS ANGELES. ON ITEM 52F, THE
2 PROPOSED SPENDING PLAN FOR THE ALLOCATION OF THE AMERICAN
3 RESCUE PLAN FUNDS IS A GOOD START FOR MANY CRITICAL ISSUES,
4 BUT IT FALLS FAR, FAR SHORT OF THE KIND OF SUBSTANTIAL AND
5 DIRECT INVESTMENTS THAT OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY NEEDS. THE
6 COVID-19 PANDEMIC EXPOSED THE WEAKNESSES AND INEQUALITIES
7 INHERENT IN OUR FEDERAL, STATE SYSTEMS AND INSTITUTIONS BY
8 EXACERBATING THE MANY BARRIERS IMMIGRANTS FACED. IMMIGRANTS
9 HAD BEEN EXCLUDED FROM FEDERAL AND STATE COVID RELIEF PROGRAMS
10 BECAUSE OF THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS, LANGUAGE BARRIERS, AND/OR
11 OTHER SOCIAL-ECONOMIC BARRIERS. IMMIGRANTS MAKE UP 35% OF THE
12 COUNTY'S POPULATION AND OUR COMMUNITY SUFFERED A
13 DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT FROM THE PANDEMIC, BOTH ECONOMICALLY
14 AND HEALTH-WISE.

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

18
19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF NICOLE
20 BROWN, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE
21 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL
22 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23
24 **NICOLE BROWN:** GOOD MORNING, I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT
25 OF AGENDA ITEM 20, 52F, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD

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1 MORNING, MY NAME IS NICOLE BROWN, WITH THE URBAN PEACE
2 INSTITUTE AND THE L.A. YOUTH UPRISING COALITION. I'M A
3 CONSTITUENT OF DISTRICT 4. I FIRST WANT TO BRIEFLY SPEAK ON
4 AGENDA ITEM 52, THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN SPENDING PLAN. I HAVE
5 NOT BEEN ABLE TO REVIEW THE PLAN IN GREAT DETAIL, AS IT WAS
6 ONLY MADE AVAILABLE RECENTLY. HOWEVER I DO REALLY WANT TO
7 EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR SECTIONS 1.6 OF THE PLAN AND THE \$20
8 MILLION INVESTMENT INTO THE TRAUMA PREVENTION PARTNERSHIPS
9 THAT GRANTS C.B.O.'S SUPPORT FOR CRISIS RESPONSE FOR
10 PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION, AND I ALSO JUST WANT TO EXPRESS
11 SUPPORT FOR ALL OF THE MOTIONS FOLKS ARE BRINGING UP, BOTH FOR
12 ACCOUNTABILITY AND ALSO TO SUPPORT OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES.
13 BUT I MOSTLY WANT TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEM 20, WE STRONGLY
14 SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK YOU SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND KUEHL
15 FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. WE MUST SUPPORT L.A. COUNTY YOUTH WHO
16 OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE GONE TO D.J.J. THROUGH STRATEGIES ROOTED
17 IN YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. THIS IS ABOUT PROVIDING CARE AND
18 REHABILITATION AS WE HAVE COLLECTIVELY FAILED THESE YOUNG
19 PEOPLE, AND ANY DELAY IN THIS PLAN THAT LEADS TO YOUTH BEING
20 HELD ANY LONGER AT BARRY J. WOULD BE UNCONSCIONABLE AND WOULD
21 BE IN DIRECT CONTRADICTION OF EVERYTHING WE SAY THAT WE STAND
22 FOR. THE J.J. R.B.G., WHICH INCLUDED PROBATION, THE D.A., THE
23 COURTS, PUBLIC DEFENDER, D.M.H., DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL
24 SERVICES, AND ALL OF YOUR APPOINTEES VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO USE
25 CAMPS SCOTT AND SCUDDER FOR YOUNG MEN AND DOROTHY KIRBY FOR

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1 YOUNG WOMEN. THE FACT THAT SUPERVISORS BARGER AND SOLIS
2 INTRODUCED A COUNTER MOTION TODAY IS VERY UNFAIR AND,
3 HONESTLY, DECEPTIVE. I AM CONFUSED HOW A MOTION CAN BE
4 INTRODUCED JUST TODAY IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE BROWN ACT. THE
5 J.J. R.B.G. PLAN HAS BEEN MADE PUBLIC, AND IF THE BOARD KNEW
6 ABOUT IT THE WHOLE TIME, AND THEN THIS MOTION HAS ALSO
7 CONTINUED AN EXTRA TWO WEEKS. IT IS VERY DISAPPOINTING TO SEE
8 THIS KIND OF CHANGE WHEN WE CANNOT HAVE TIME TO READ THE
9 MOTION. PLEASE VOTE NO ON THE COUNTER MOTION. I WILL MENTION A
10 COUPLE REASONS WHY. PROBATION SHOULD NOT BE IN CHARGE OF
11 COMMUNITY OUTREACH. AS A PERSON WHO SITS THROUGH MANY, MANY
12 MEETINGS RUN BY THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, DESPITE THEIR BEST
13 ATTEMPTS. I SEE A MENTION OF KILPATRICK, BUT NOTHING ABOUT
14 DOROTHY KIRBY. AND SO, I WONDER WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE YOUNG
15 WOMEN WHO WERE SUPPOSED TO BE THERE. ARE THEY TO LANGUISH IN
16 THE COMPOUND? SANTA CLARITA IS NOW MAKING IT SOUND LIKE THIS
17 IS ABOUT C.E.Q.A. C.E.Q.A. IS A CLASSIC MOVIE MOVE AND EXCUSE.
18 I WENT TO THEIR CITY COUNCIL MEETING. THIS IS NOT ABOUT
19 ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS. THIS IS ABOUT AN OUTDATED SUPER
20 PREDATOR MINDSET ABOUT OUR YOUTH OF COLOR AND THEIR FAMILIES,
21 AND IT IS ROOTED IN RACISM. RATHER THAN SENDING L.A.'S YOUTH
22 TO THESE HORRIBLE FACILITIES, WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
23 PROVIDE THEM WITH SUPPORT AND THE REHABILITATION THEY DESERVE
24 SO THEY ARE NOT FURTHER TRAUMATIZED. AND ANY TIME, AS OTHERS
25 HAVE SAID, THE COMPOUND WOULD BE HARMFUL TO YOUTH. NOT LONG

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1 AGO, THE COUNTY AND PROBATION WERE SUED BECAUSE THE ATTORNEY
2 GENERAL FOUND THE COUNTY HAD ENDANGERED YOUTH SAFETY AND
3 PROVIDED INSUFFICIENT PROTECTION FOR THEM IN HALLS, WHICH
4 INCLUDE BARRY J.

5

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

8

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

13

14 **MELINDA KAKANI:** HI, THIS IS MELINDA KAKANI WITH CHILDREN'S
15 DEFENSE FUND OF CALIFORNIA AND A RESIDENT OF THE 4TH DISTRICT.
16 I WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS 44, 20, AND
17 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. ITEM 44, I SUPPORT IT, AS A PUBLIC
18 DEFENDER WITH -- DEFENDERS FOR SEVEN YEARS, HOLISTIC ADVOCACY
19 AND DEFENSE THAT ALLOWS PEOPLE TO FIGHT FOR THEIR CHILDREN,
20 THEIR FREEDOM, THEIR HOME, THEIR STATUS FROM ONE OFFICE IS THE
21 TRUE AND CORRECT DEFINITION OF PUBLIC DEFENSE. ITEM 20, THIS
22 BOARD HAS CALLED FOR A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TRANSFORMATION,
23 HAS TAKEN SOME INCREDIBLY BOLD STEPS, AND LED THE RESIDENTS OF
24 L.A. COUNTY TO BELIEVE THAT SOMETHING BETTER IS POSSIBLE IN
25 THE NAME OF JUSTICE REFORM. WHILE SUPERVISOR BARGER'S LACK OF

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1 SUPPORT FOR THE D.J.J. MOTION IS NOT TERRIBLY SHOCKING, I
2 ASSUME THIS WOULD BE A NO-BRAINER FOR THE REST OF YOU. SURELY,
3 OUR CALLING AND COMPLAINING ABOUT A LACK OF NOTICE TO THE
4 PEOPLE IN THE CITY OF COMMERCE, TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY AND
5 SANTA CLARITA, AND YET, YOU PROPOSE A MOTION THE MORNING OF
6 THE BOARD MEETING WITHOUT ANY NOTICE TO THE PEOPLE OF L.A.
7 COUNTY. SOMETHING ABOUT THIS REEKS SHADINESS. YOU WILL BE
8 FAILING L.A. COUNTY YOUTH, ESPECIALLY YOUNG WOMEN AND THE
9 STAFF AT THESE FACILITIES IF YOU FAIL TO MOVE THIS PLAN
10 FORWARD, OR IF YOU SEEK TO DELAY AND REPLACE BECAUSE WHAT THAT
11 MEANS IS THAT YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE DOING THEIR TIME NOT
12 HEALING, NOT GROWING, NOT RECOVERING, BUT DOING THEIR TIME
13 IN A FACILITY THAT BREEDS RAGE, DISTRUST, AND HARM, A FACILITY
14 THAT WAS SUBJECT TO LITIGATION BECAUSE D.M.H. OFFICES SIT
15 EMPTY BECAUSE STAFF DO NOT FEEL SAFE TO SHOW UP AND SUPPORT
16 YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS, WHERE OUTDOOR
17 RECREATION IS A PRIVILEGE AND NOT A RIGHT, WHERE REQUESTS TO
18 USE THE RESTROOM ARE IGNORED AND YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE TO RESORT
19 TO HORDING EMPTY MILK CARTONS TO URINATE IN AT NIGHT, WHERE
20 STAYING CONNECTED WITH THEIR FAMILIES THROUGH PHONE CALLS IS
21 USED AS A CARROT. YOU MUST REALIZE THAT DELAYING THIS J.J.
22 R.G.B. PLAN MEANS THAT YOUNG PEOPLE REMAIN TRAPPED AT THE
23 COMPOUND AND BY BREEDING THAT RAGE, DISTRUST, AND HARM, YOU
24 EVADED PLACE OF SAFETY FOR YOUTH AND STAFF. IN FACT, YOU ARE
25 ACTIVELY PLACING THEM IN DANGER. YOU HAVE CHOSEN JAILS

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1 FIRST/CARE LAST. YOU HAVE PRIORITIZED PERPETUATING HARM OVER
2 HEALING. YOU HAVE FAILED EVERY YOUNG PERSON SUBJECT TO THIS
3 RACIST AND FUNDAMENTALLY FLAWED SYSTEM. I AM DESPERATELY
4 HOLDING ONTO AN OUNCE OF HOPE HERE THAT A MAJORITY OF YOU WILL
5 DO THE RIGHT THING AND VOTE YES ON ITEM 20, NOT NO, AND NOT
6 YES ON THIS RANDOM SUBSTITUTE PLAN. THE CALCULUS HERE IS NOT
7 TERRIBLY COMPLICATED. I TELL MY KIDS THAT GOOD PEOPLE, GOOD
8 KIDS, DO BAD THINGS, SOMETIMES REALLY BAD THINGS, BUT THAT
9 DOES NOT MEAN WE SHOULD ROB THEM OF THEIR CHILDHOOD, THAT
10 DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE ASSUME THEY ARE BAD PEOPLE, THAT DOESN'T
11 MEAN WE PUSH THEM FURTHER OUTSIDE OF THE MARGINS MAKING IT
12 MORE DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO MAKE THEIR WAY TO THEIR COMMUNITY,
13 SAFETY, AND LOVE, ALL OF THE THINGS THAT CHILDREN NEED AND
14 THAT BARRY J. IS NOT. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO REMEMBER THE NO VOTE
15 MEANS NOT ONLY A DELAY, BUT A DELAY IN IDENTIFYING A FACILITY,
16 BUT A DELAY IN SAFETY, MEANINGFUL PROGRAMMING, A DELAY IN
17 COMMUNITY, SAFETY, AND LOVE, AND A DELAY IN ANYTHING IN YOUTH
18 JUSTICE REIMAGINED. THANK YOU.

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

22
23 **MODERATOR:** NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF MARCEL RODARTE.
24 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING

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

3

4 **MARCEL RODARTE:** GOOD MORNING. I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM 10 AND
5 PUBLIC COMMENTS. FIRST OF ALL, GOOD MORNING SUPERVISORS, I AM
6 MARCEL RODARTE, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CALIFORNIA
7 CONTRACT CITIES ASSOCIATION. AS YOU ALL ARE VERY WELL AWARE,
8 L.A. COUNTY IS EXPERIENCING THE UNPRECEDENTED HOMELESS CRISIS
9 WHICH HAS ONLY BEEN EXACERBATED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.
10 WHILE THE REGION HAS EXISTING RESOURCES THAT CAN HELP COMBAT
11 THE CRISIS, IT'S CRITICAL THAT THOSE RESOURCES ARE EFFECTIVE
12 AND THAT THEIR PROCESSES ARE TRANSPARENT. FOR THIS REASON,
13 CONTRACT CITIES SUPPORT SUPERVISOR BARGER AND SOLIS'S MOTION
14 TO ESTABLISH A BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS, WHICH
15 WILL AIM TO IMPROVE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY'S
16 EFFICIENCY BY CONDUCTING A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ON THE
17 AGENCY'S GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES. EXCUSE ME. CREATION OF THIS
18 COMMISSION AND THE STUDY IT WILL PERFORM IS ESSENTIAL. ANY
19 AMBIGUITY AROUND THE TRANSPARENCY AND INCLUSIVITY AND
20 ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE OF L.A.H.S.A. WILL
21 ONLY HINDER THE REGION'S EFFORTS TO EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS THE
22 INCREASING HOMELESSNESS CRISIS. IT WILL ALSO BE ESSENTIAL TO
23 ENSURE EQUITABLE REGIONAL REPRESENTATION WITHIN THE COMMISSION
24 ITSELF SO THE INDEPENDENT BODY'S RECOMMENDATIONS TRULY REFLECT
25 THE DIVERSITY OF THE COUNTY'S ENTIRE 88 CITIES. AT CONTRACT

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1 CITIES, WE KNOW THERE IS NO TIME TO WASTE ON THIS MATTER. MORE
2 UNHOUSED PEOPLE STRUGGLING EACH DAY IN MANY CITIES ACROSS L.A.
3 COUNTY. THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE. THE CRISIS NEEDS TO BE
4 ADDRESSED EXPEDITIOUSLY, AND WE, AT CONTRACT CITIES, ARE
5 CONFIDENT THE COMMISSION'S WORK WILL GET US ONE STEP CLOSER
6 TO HELPING THOUSANDS OF HOMELESS PEOPLE AT A MUCH FASTER RATE.
7 THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR TIME.

8

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF RUBY
13 RIVERA, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE
14 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL
15 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

16

17 **RUBY RIVERA:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. I WILL SPEAK ON ITEMS
18 52B, 15, 22, 40, 55, 56, AND 57. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY
19 TO ADDRESS YOU ALL. MY NAME IS RUBY RIVERA, AND I AM THE
20 DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZING FOR INNER CITY STRUGGLE,
21 SERVING YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES IN SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1.
22 AND I AM ALSO A LINWOOD TENANT IN S.D. 2. I'M SPEAKING FIRST
23 IN FAVOR OF ITEM 52B. I HAVE WORKED IN THE AREA OF YOUTH
24 DEVELOPMENT FOR OVER 10 YEARS, WORKING WITH HIGH SCHOOL AND
25 TRANSITIONAL AGED YOUTH. THIS MOTION PROPOSES A PATHWAY FOR

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1 TRANSITIONAL AGED, OR T.A.Y., YOUTH TO ESCAPE THE POVERTY TRAP
2 ASSOCIATED WITH INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING IN SOCIAL SERVICE
3 PROGRAMS BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF INVESTMENT AND RESOURCES
4 NECESSARY TO RAISE FOLKS OUT OF POVERTY. GUARANTEED INCOME
5 HELPS ALLEVIATE THIS. T.A.Y. YOUTH ARE MOST AT RISK, WHICH IS
6 WHY PRIORITIZING INVESTMENT AND FOLKS TRANSITIONING INTO
7 ADULTHOOD IS NEEDED. THESE RISKS INCREASE IN MEMBERS OF THIS
8 AGE THAT HAVE AGED OUT OF FOSTER CARE OR ARE TRANSITIONING OUT
9 OF THE PROBATION SYSTEM. STATISTICS SHOW THAT APPROXIMATELY
10 31% OF T.A.Y. YOUTH ARE FACING HOMELESSNESS. GENERAL RELIEF IS
11 SUPPORTIVE, BUT A LONG TERM SOLUTION THAT EQUIPS THESE YOUNG
12 PEOPLE WITH THE TOOLS NEEDED FOR LONG TERM SUCCESS IS
13 NECESSARY. WHAT'S MOST BENEFICIAL ABOUT THE PROPOSAL SET
14 FORWARD BY SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HAHN IS THAT IT ENSURES LONG
15 TERM ECONOMIC STABILITY BECAUSE IT PROVIDES PARTICIPANTS WITH
16 WRAP AROUND SERVICES AND JOB PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE. THIS
17 PROPOSED STRUCTURE ALSO ALLOWS FOR A ROBUST EVALUATION THAT
18 CAN INFORM AND INFLUENCE FUTURE PROGRAMS AND POLICY DESIGN.
19 THIS IS WHY I, ALONG WITH INNER CITY STRUGGLE'S MEMBERS,
20 DEEPLY URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO VOTE IN SUPPORT OF
21 THIS MOTION. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO URGE THE BOARD TO VOTE IN
22 SUPPORT OF ITEMS 15, 22, 40, 55, 56, 57 AND APPRECIATE THE
23 SUPERVISORS' EFFORTS TO PROVIDE LEGAL PROTECTION TO
24 IMMIGRANTS, ADDRESS THE SPECIFIC SOCIO-ECONOMIC NEEDS OF BLACK
25 IMMIGRANTS AND STRENGTHEN THE PERMANENT TENANT PROTECTIONS

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1 PROVIDED TO UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS. THANK YOU
2 FOR YOUR TIME.

3

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF GENEVIEVE
8 CLAVREUL, PLEASE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING
9 TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC
10 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

11

12 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD MORNING. THIS IS DR.
13 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I AM SPEAKING ON ITEMS S1 AND 10. S1, YOU
14 NEED TO STOP THOSE MARKS BACK. IT'S INAPPROPRIATE. I MEAN YOU
15 NEED TO STOP. -- PEOPLE NOW ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT VACCINATED.
16 THERE'S ALMOST NOBODY GETTING THE VACCINE. ON ITEM 10, YOU
17 KNOW, THE (INDISCERNIBLE) COMMISSION IS BETTER THAN WHAT WE
18 HAVE HAD IN THE PAST, BUT IT IS STILL NOT THE BEST, BUT IT IS
19 BETTER THAN NOTHING. AND I JUST HOPE THAT THE SUPERVISORS KNOW
20 -- (INDISCERNIBLE). AND MAKE SURE -- ALSO, YOU NEED TO STOP
21 (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC). WE HAVE BEEN POSTPONED SINCE FEBRUARY
22 OF LAST YEAR. THIS IS WHY WE HAVE THE PROBLEM NOW. PLEASE DO
23 THE COMMISSION AND PLEASE REOPEN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND
24 HAVE MEETING EVERY WEEK, NOT EVERY OTHER WEEK. HAVE A GOOD
25 WEEKEND, BYE.

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1

2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, THAT COMPLETES THE
3 ONE HOUR OF PUBLIC COMMENT TESTIMONY.

4

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

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU: 1D,
15 1P, 2P, 9, 11-13, 16-19, 21, 33-35, 37, 38, 40, 41, 44-51,
16 52A, 52B AS REVISED, 52C-52E, 55-58.

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MYSELF, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
19 MITCHELL TO APPROVE THE ITEMS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
20 CALL THE ROLL.

21

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

23

24 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

25

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

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

9

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

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

13

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

15

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

17

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

19

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

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS
2 BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE
3 TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD? ITEM 1 IS
4 HEARING ON ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING INTERIM
5 EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NUMBER 2021-0031U WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF
6 THE EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY PLAN. A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL
7 STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM
8 TWO IS A HEARING ON CONFIRMATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2020-'21 OF
9 AGRICULTURE COMMISSION, WAYS AND MEASURES, AND THE
10 CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AS IT IS VEGETATION WEED
11 ABATEMENT CHARGES. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT, AND NO
12 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM THREE IS A HEARING ON THE
13 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH'S PROPOSED
14 FISCAL 2021-'22 PUBLISHED CHARGES. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENTAL
15 STATEMENT, AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM FOUR IS A
16 HEARING ON ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION TO AMEND A PROPRIETARY
17 PETROLEUM PIPELINE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO KINDER MORGAN'S
18 TERMINALS. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT, AND NO
19 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM SIX IS A HEARING ON PROJECT
20 NUMBER 2019-002670-1 FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CONDOMINIUMS UNITS
21 IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF LA PUENTE. A WRITTEN
22 DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS
23 RECEIVED.

24

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE WILL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON PUBLIC
2 HEARING ITEMS 1-8. PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT
3 WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES
4 TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS
5 THE BOARD.

6

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

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

10

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

15

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

18

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

21

22 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF ASHTON
23 LOCIANO. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING
24 AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

25

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1 **ASHTON LOCIANO:** HI, THERE. GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS ASHTON
2 LOCIANO. I'M CALLING REGARDING ITEM 1, GENERAL PUBLIC,
3 OPPOSING THESE MASK MANDATES AND THESE VACCINATION MANDATES
4 FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES. AND --

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME, MA'AM. YOU ARE OFF TOPIC. WE ARE
7 TALKING ON OUR SET ITEMS, ON PUBLIC HEARINGS. CAN YOU GO BACK
8 TO THAT, PLEASE. YOU ARE SPEAKING OFF TOPIC.

9

10 **ASHTON LOCIANO:** OKAY. SO ITEM 1S IS ABOUT COVID, CORRECT?

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** NO. WE ARE TALKING ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS.
13 THAT IS A SEPARATE SECTION, WHERE WE ARE TALKING ABOUT
14 DIFFERENT ITEMS IMPACTING COUNTY GOVERNMENT, AND WE ARE
15 REACHING OUT TO PEOPLE THAT WANT TO TALK ON THOSE SPECIFIC
16 ITEMS, SO IF YOU ARE NOT SPEAKING ON PUBLIC -- ON THE PUBLIC
17 HEARING, THAT IS FINE, BUT I HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT YOU ARE NOT
18 ON TOPIC AND UNLESS YOU IDENTIFY WHICH PUBLIC HEARING ITEM YOU
19 WANTS TO SPEAK ON, WE WILL GO TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. THANK YOU,
20 THOUGH.

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** CAN WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MA'AM.

25

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF ERIC
2 PREVEN, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR PUBLIC
3 HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **ERIC PREVEN:** YEAH, THANK YOU. I WILL ADDRESS THE MENTAL HEALTH
6 CHARGES ITEM, WHICH THESE ARE YOUR STATING RATE FOR NON-MEDI-
7 CAL AND ALSO MEDI-CAL RATES, AND, YOU KNOW, THINGS LIKE
8 MEDICATION SUPPORT, CRISIS INTERVENTION, MENTAL HEALTH
9 PROMOTION. NOW, MENTAL HEALTH PROMOTION IS \$274 A STAFF HOUR,
10 WHEREAS CRISIS STABILIZATION IS \$999.00 THE QUESTION IS THAT
11 NOW THAT THE BOARD ESTABLISHED THEY HAVE GONE AROUND THE BEND
12 ABOUT PUBLIC MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS, THAT PERSON HAD A
13 REASONABLE COMMENT, BUT YOU HAVE ISOLATED PEOPLE LIKE MYSELF
14 FROM ACTUALLY CRITICIZING ON WHATEVER SUBJECT THEY WANT. MAYBE
15 SOME MENTAL HEALTH WORK FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WHO
16 MUST FEEL TERRIBLE REDUCING AND LIMITING THEIR CONSTITUENT'S
17 ABILITY TO REDRESS GRIEVANCES. I THINK HOLLY MITCHELL RAN FOR
18 OFFICE ON THE SENSE THAT SHE WAS AN OPEN GOVERNMENT PERSON,
19 BUT IF SHE IS LISTENING NOW, WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON? YOU
20 HAVE CUT THE BOARD MEETINGS IN HALF AND YOU DON'T LET PEOPLE
21 SPEAK ON THE ITEMS IN FRONT OF THEM. THAT DOES REQUIRE SOME
22 PSYCHIATRIC INVESTIGATION, AND IT REALLY IS SHAMEFUL.

23

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

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1

2 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF SUMMER BAILEY, YOU
3 HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS
4 YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **SUMMER BAILEY:** HI, I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY THIS IS NOT IN
7 REGARDS TO S1.

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO, WE ARE ON PUBLIC HEARINGS RIGHT NOW.

10

11 **SUMMER BAILEY:** OKAY, SO THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS S1 WAS THE
12 PRIOR HEARING?

13

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

15

16 **SUMMER BAILEY:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT, WELL THEN THAT WAS WHAT I
17 WANTED TO ADDRESS. SO, THANK YOU.

18

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

21

22 **MODERATOR:** NEXT WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF ADRIANA VARGAS, YOU
23 HAVE ONE MINUTE, PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS
24 YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, YOU MAY BEGIN.

25

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1 **ADRIANA VARGAS:** HELLO, I'M ADDRESSING THE ITEM NUMBER 6, FOR
2 THE HOUSING. I AM FOR IT. AND I THINK IT WOULD BE GOOD. IT
3 PROVIDES NEW HOMES, AFFORDABLE HOMES, 300,000, WHICH IS GREAT
4 FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT, FOR NEWER COUPLES, OR FOR NEW HOME BUYERS,
5 AND IT INCREASES THE PROPERTY VALUE IN THE COMMUNITY, SO I AM
6 FOR THAT BECAUSE I AM A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY, AND I ALSO
7 HAVE A HOME NEARBY. I AM DONE, THANK YOU.

8

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS SHARON TUMAN, YOU HAVE ONE
13 MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
14 ADDRESSING TODAY, YOU MAY BEGIN.

15

16 **SHARON TUMAN:** HI, GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU. I AM SHARON TUMAN,
17 ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 6. THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE TIME. I
18 WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT. WE NEED MORE AFFORDABLE
19 HOUSING, ESPECIALLY NEW HOMES. I THINK IT WOULD BE A GREAT
20 VALUE FOR FIRST TIME HOME BUYERS AND WOULD BE A POSITIVE
21 BENEFIT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD. PLENTY OF OPEN SPACE, THERE WAS
22 SUPPOSED TO BE A LITTLE BIT OF A PARK THERE, ADDED TREES, AND
23 THEN ALL THE COMMON AREA WOULD BE MAINTAINED BY THE HOME
24 OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, KEEPING IT CLEAN AND PUT TOGETHER AND
25 WHATNOT. I THINK THERE WILL BE SOME INCREASED REVENUES FOR THE

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1 COUNTY, SOME LOCAL ECONOMIC BENEFIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION
2 REVENUE, AND THEN SOME LOCAL JOBS ASSOCIATED WITH ALL OF THAT
3 CONSTRUCTION. AND I URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO VOTE YES.
4 THANK YOU.

5

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

8

9 **MODERATOR:** THE NEXT SPEAKER IS VERONICA GUANA, YOU HAVE ONE
10 MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
11 ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

12

13 **VERONICA GUANA:** HELLO, MY NAME IS VERONICA GUANA. I AM
14 ADDRESSING THE PUBLIC HEARING 2019-002670, AND I URGE THE
15 BOARD TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE PROJECT. SOME OF THE REASONS
16 BEING IT HAS ALREADY BEEN SUPPORTED BY THE NEIGHBORHOOD, FROM
17 MY UNDERSTANDING, RECOMMENDED BY THE L.A. COUNTY REGIONAL
18 PLANNING COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. IT IS GOING TO PROVIDE A
19 NON-SUBSIDIZED AFFORDABLE HOUSING SIX UNIT AND ALSO THE
20 REGULAR SELLING PRICE, FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND, IS GOING TO BE
21 IN THE 400,000S, WHICH IS UNHEARD OF IN THE L.A. COUNTY AREA,
22 UNINCORPORATED AREA, WHICH I HAVE LIVED IN FOR 50 YEARS AND
23 HAVE ALWAYS SEEN THAT THESE PROJECTS ARE A GREAT SUPPORT FOR
24 THE COMMUNITY. AND IT IS A GREAT TRANSITION FROM THE
25 COMMERCIAL AREA ON VALLEY BOULEVARD INTO THE SINGLE FAMILY

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1 RESIDENTIAL. THIS FLOWS WELL WITH THE COUNTY AREA THERE, AND
2 IT IS GOING TO BE MAINTAINED WITH BEAUTIFUL TREES AND
3 LANDSCAPING AREAS. SO I URGE THE BOARD TO PLEASE APPROVE THIS
4 FOR MANY REASONS, AND THOSE ARE A FEW THAT I CAN THINK OF, NOT
5 TO MENTION THE PROPERTY VALUES ARE GOING TO --

6

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

9

10 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF TIFF
11 SANCHEZ, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING
12 AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

13

14 **TIFF SANCHEZ:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
15 TIFF SANCHEZ. I AM A YOUTH ORGANIZER WITH EASTERN COMMUNITIES
16 FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. I AM CALLING TODAY IN SUPPORT OF
17 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER ONE. WITH THIS ORDINANCE, IT WILL HELP US
18 PROTECT CENTRAL USE AREAS SUCH AS HOMES, DAY CARES, AND MOM
19 AND POP SHOPS FROM TOXIC EMISSIONS AND POLLUTION THAT WE
20 ALREADY ARE OVERBURDENED WITH. BY PASSING THIS ORDINANCE, WE
21 WILL BE COMPLYING AND STRENGTHENING THE PROPOSED GREEN ZONE'S
22 POLICY WORK THAT EASTERN MEMBERS HAVE BEEN WORKING ON ALREADY.
23 AS WE KNOW, GAS STATIONS ARE DANGEROUS FOR THE OBVIOUS -- DROP
24 IN AUDIO -- THEY ARE ALWAYS AT RISK OF BLOWING UP. THEY
25 GENERATE MORE EMISSIONS AND WORSEN BAD AIR QUALITY BECAUSE OF

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1 INCREASED TRAFFIC FROM CARS, DIESEL, AND FUELING TRUCKS, NOT
2 MENTION POLLUTION THAT ARE ONLY TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION BY
3 AFFLUENT AREAS, SUCH AS NOISE POLLUTION AND LIGHT POLLUTION.
4 BY HAVING THESE PERMITS GRANTED CASE BY CASE AND NOT JUST
5 STREAMLINED, IT ALLOWS US TO CONDUCT E.I.R.S AND GET COMMUNITY
6 FEEDBACK. SO I APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S OFFICE FOR
7 WORKING WITH US TO ENSURE DIGNITY AND A HEALTHFUL LIFE FOR OUR
8 COMMUNITIES AND FOR THE NEXT SEVEN GENERATIONS. THANK YOU SO
9 MUCH.

10

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

13

14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF GABRIEL
15 CROSS, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING
16 AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY MAY BEGIN

17

18 **GABRIEL CROSS:** HI, MY NAME IS GABRIEL CROSS. I HAVE BEEN AN
19 L.A. RESIDENT FOR OVER TEN YEARS. AND I AM CALLING IN SUPPORT
20 OF AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 6, PROJECT NUMBER 2019-002670 L.A. IS IN
21 BAD NEED OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND THIS PROJECT WOULD BRING
22 IN QUITE A FEW AFFORDABLE UNITS, NOT ONLY BRINGING AFFORDABLE
23 HOUSING BUT INCREASING THE PROPERTY VALUES IN THE
24 NEIGHBORHOOD, AND JUST MAKING THE NEIGHBORHOOD LOOK BETTER ALL

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1 AROUND. I JUST WANTED TO CALL IN AND PUT MY SUPPORT FOR THIS
2 PROJECT, AND HOPE THAT IT PROCEEDS GOING FORWARD.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

5

6 **MODERATOR:** THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM EILEEN ARAGON, YOU
7 HAVE ONE MINUTE PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS
8 YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **EILEEN ARAGON:** YES, MY NAME IS EILEEN ARAGON. AND I AM CALLING
11 ON ITEM NUMBER 6. I AM FOR THIS PROJECT WE DON'T NEED MORE
12 APARTMENTS. WE NEED HOMES AND TO BEAUTIFY THE NEIGHBORHOODS.
13 THERE'S JUST SO MANY REASONS WHY THIS PROJECT IS A POSITIVE
14 FORCE FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD. IT IS JUST -- IT IS PERFECT. I
15 JUST CAN'T SAY ENOUGH GOOD THINGS. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE
16 BEAUTIFUL TREES, AND, YOU KNOW, NEW LIGHTING IN THE STREETS.
17 AND IT IS JUST A GREAT ENFORCE. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HEARING
18 ME, AND I SAY YES ON NUMBER 6.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

21

22 **MODERATOR:** THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF VALERIE
23 WEISEL. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE, PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING
24 AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING. YOU MAY BEGIN.

25

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1 **VALERIE WEISEL:** HELLO, MY NAME IS VALERIE WEISEL. AND I AM
2 CALLING ON ITEM NUMBER 6, THE CONDOMINIUM PROJECT. AND I AM
3 FOR THIS COMMUNITY BECAUSE THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF MARKET RATE
4 AND AFFORDABLE HOMES, AND THIS COMMUNITY WILL SUPPLY THAT.
5 HELP SUPPLY THAT NEED. IT WILL HELP BEAUTIFY AND IMPROVE THE
6 NEIGHBORHOOD WITH COMMON AREAS, PARKS, GATHERING SPACES, AND
7 THE LANDSCAPING. SO PLEASE VOTE YES ON ITEM NUMBER 6. THANK
8 YOU.

9

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM MILANA ENRIQUES. PLEASE
14 STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING
15 TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

16

17 **MILANA ENRIQUES:** MY NAME IS MILANA ENRIQUES, AND I AM SPEAKING
18 ON NUMBER SIX. AS SOMEONE WHO LIVES IN THE COMMUNITY, I AM FOR
19 THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BEING ADDED. NOT ONLY WILL IT HELP
20 INCREASE THE PROPERTY VALUES OF SURROUNDING PROPERTIES BUT
21 WILL ASSIST THOSE WHO NEED AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND GIVE THE
22 CITY MORE VIBRANCE. AFTER A YEAR WHERE JOBS WERE LOST, THESE
23 HOMES WOULD ALLOW THOSE WHO HAD TO SELL THEIR HOMES A NEW
24 START. THANK YOU.

25

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

3

4 **MODERATOR:** THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF
5 ALEXANDRA ANTIGA. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC
6 HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **ALEXANDRA ANTIGA:** HELLO?

9

10 **SPEAKER:** YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU, PLEASE BEGIN.

11

12 **ALEXANDRA ANTIGA:** OKAY. ME AND A BUNCH OF THE RESIDENTS, WE
13 SENT IN A BUNCH OF EMAILS TO THE -- I GUESS THE ONE IN CHARGE
14 OF ALL THE EMAILS. I FORGOT HIS NAME AT THE MOMENT, BUT HE
15 NEVER RESPONDED TO ANY OF OUR CONCERNS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE
16 TREES AND LANDSCAPING AND EVERYTHING ELSE HAS OVER THE LAW
17 ENFORCEMENT AND THE PARKING ISSUES WE HAVE IN THAT OVER-
18 CONGESTED AREA. I MEAN, IT IS OVER-CONGESTED. THERE'S NO ROOM
19 FOR THESE CONDOS, AND I OPPOSE IT.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

22

23 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF STEVE ARMANINO. YOU
24 HAVE ONE MINUTE, PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS
25 YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, YOU MAY BEGIN.

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2 **STEVE ARMANINO:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR SOLIS, BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS, AND STAFF. MY NAME IS STEVE ARMANINO,
4 REPRESENTING THE OLSEN COMPANY. WE ARE ITEM NUMBER SIX ON THE
5 AGENDA, THE LA PUENTE TOWN HOMES. JOHN REESE WITH THE OLSEN
6 COMPANY IS HERE AS WELL. OVER THREE YEARS, WE CONDUCTED
7 EXTENSIVE COMMUNITY OUTREACH, WALKING THE NEIGHBORHOOD OVER
8 100 TIMES FINDING 243 RESIDENT IN SUPPORT AND RECEIVED 69
9 SIGNED LETTERS OF SUPPORT, WHICH WITH COPIES PROVIDED TO YOU.
10 TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE CONCERNS WE HEARD, PARKING -- THIS
11 COMMUNITY IS PARKED TO CODE AND OVERFLOW PARKING IN
12 NEIGHBORHOOD, WE WILL IMPLEMENT A PARKING MANAGEMENT PLAN TO
13 ENSURE THAT RESIDENTS DON'T PARK IN THE GUEST SPACES AND GUEST
14 SPARKING IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE FOR GUESTS. THE PROJECT ALSO
15 PROVIDES A VERY IMPORTANT BENEFIT TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
16 AND ITS RESIDENTS, INCLUDING SIX VOLUNTARY AFFORDABLE HOMES.
17 THIS COMMUNITY WILL BRING SIGNIFICANT LOCAL ECONOMIC BENEFITS
18 TO THE SOUTH SAN JOSE HILLS AREA, INCLUDING \$1.9 MILLION IN
19 COUNTY FEES, 200,000 TO THE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, 360,000
20 PER YEAR IN NEW PROPERTY TAX REVENUE, A ONE TIME LOCAL
21 ECONOMIC BENEFIT FROM CONSTRUCTION OF \$17,000,000 AND 200
22 LOCAL JOBS, AND A LOCAL ONGOING ANNUAL BENEFIT OF 3.1 MILLION
23 AND 35 JOBS.

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

3

4 **MODERATOR:** AND CHAIRPERSON, AT THIS TIME, WE HAVE NO ONE ELSE
5 IN QUEUE.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT, THANK YOU SO MUCH. OUR TIME FOR
8 PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS HAS ENDED. THANK
9 YOU TO ALL THAT CALLED IN TO SPEAK. IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO
10 PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS, YOU MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS AS
11 INDICATED ON THE AGENDA. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL
12 WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL
13 BECOME PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD. MEMBERS, TODAY WE WILL
14 BEGIN WITH PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, AND
15 SIX, FOLLOWED BY THE SET ITEM S1, THEN GOING ON TO ITEMS 10,
16 14, 15, 20, 22, 23, FOLLOWED BY ITEMS 24, THROUGH 32, WHICH
17 WILL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER, THEN ITEM 36, AND FINISHING OFF
18 WITH ITEM 52F. WE WILL NOW TAKE UP PUBLIC HEARING ITEM ONE,
19 HEARING ON INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE NUMBER 2021-0031U, WITHIN
20 THE BOUNDARIES OF EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY PLAN. AND I HAVE
21 AN AMENDMENT THAT I WOULD LIKE TO READ IN, ACTUALLY A MOTION
22 WHICH I'D LIKE TO READ IN. ON JUNE 22ND, 2021, OUR BOARD
23 ADOPTED AN INTERIM ORDINANCE THAT REQUIRED A CONDITIONAL USE
24 PERMIT FOR AUTOMOBILE SERVICE STATIONS AND DRIVE THROUGH
25 ESTABLISHMENTS SUBJECT TO SPECIFIC REGULATIONS IN

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1 UNINCORPORATED EAST LOS ANGELES, . AND OUR BOARD DIRECTED THE
2 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING TO INITIATE A ZONING STUDY,
3 WHICH MAY INCLUDE POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF A PERMANENT
4 ORDINANCE THAT WOULD REQUIRE A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND
5 ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR THESE USES. THE INTERIM
6 ORDINANCE WILL EXPIRE ON AUGUST THE 6TH, 2021 UNLESS OUR BOARD
7 TAKES ACTION TO EXTEND IT TODAY. I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE
8 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FIND THAT ADOPTION OF THE ORDINANCE
9 EXTENDING INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE NUMBER 21 -- 2021-0031U,
10 PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65858, IS EXEMPT FROM THE
11 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENT QUALITY ACT, C.E.Q.A., UNDER SECTIONS
12 15061B3, 15308, AND 15183 OF THE STATE C.E.Q.A. GUIDELINES,
13 AND ADOPTION OF THE ORDINANCE EXTENDING INTERIM URGENCY
14 ORDINANCE NUMBER 2021-0031U FOR A PERIOD OF 10 MONTHS AND 15
15 DAYS TO JULY 13TH, 2022. THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS
16 FROM MEMBERS ON THIS ITEM? OKAY. HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, IT
17 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON
18 THE ITEM. ITEM ONE IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE, SECONDED BY
19 SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
20 CAN YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

21
22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM ONE IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR
23 MITCHELL.

24
25 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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1

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

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

9

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

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

13

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

15

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

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MEMBERS. WE WILL NOW TAKE UP
19 PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NUMBER TWO, HEARING ON FISCAL YEAR '20-21'
20 HAZARD VEGETATION WEEK ABATEMENT CHANGES. ARE THERE ANY
21 SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS ON THIS ITEM?
22 SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC
23 HEARING AND VOTE ON THE ITEM. ITEM TWO IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
24 SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE
25 THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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1

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

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

6

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

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

10

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

12

13 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

18

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

20

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

22

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

24

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW TAKE UP PUBLIC ITEM
2 NUMBER THREE, HEARING ON THE ESTABLISHMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR
3 2021-'22 PUBLIC CHARGES. ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD
4 LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT OR REMARK ON THIS ITEM? SEEING NONE, IT
5 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON
6 THE ITEM. ITEM THREE IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER,
7 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM
8 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM THREE IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR
11 MITCHELL.

12

13 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR 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 5-0.

7

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

9 HEARING ITEM FOUR, HEARING ON ORDINANCE TO AMEND A PROPRIETY

10 PETROLEUM PIPELINE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO KINDER MORGAN LIQUIDS

11 TERMINAL. ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WISHING TO BE

12 RECOGNIZED ON THIS ITEM? SEEING NONE. IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE

13 TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THE ITEM. ITEM FOUR IS

14 BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY

15 SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,

16 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM FOUR IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR

19 MITCHELL.

20

21 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

22

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

24 KUEHL.

25

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

2

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

4

5 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

6

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

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

10

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

12

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

14

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

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW TAKE UP PUBLIC
18 HEARING ITEM SIX, HEARING ON PROJECT NUMBER 2019-002670 FOR
19 THE DEVELOPMENT OF CONDOMINIUM UNITS IN THE UNINCORPORATED
20 COMMUNITY OF LA PUENTE. ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD
21 LIKE TO MAKE ANY REMARKS ON THIS ITEM? SEEING NONE, IT WOULD
22 BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THE
23 ITEM. ITEM SIX IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE, SECONDED BY
24 SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
25 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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1

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

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

6

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

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

11

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

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

15

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

17

18 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

19

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

21

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

23

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

25

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MEMBERS. THAT CONCLUDES
2 OUR HEARING ITEMS. NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO SET MATTER ON THE
3 PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER. THIS IS THE PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY FOR THE
4 BOARD TO DISCUSS THE CLOSURES AND PANDEMIC TRENDS. WE HAVE
5 WITH US TODAY DR. BARBARA FERRER DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH,
6 AND DR. NINA PARK, DIRECTOR OF POPULATION HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF
7 HEALTH SERVICES. SO WITH THAT, WE WILL HEAR BOTH
8 PRESENTATIONS, AND THEN WE WILL TAKE QUESTIONS AFTERWARDS,
9 STARTING WITH DR. BARBARA FERRER.

10

11 **DR. FERRER:** GOOD MORNING. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND
12 TO THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AS ALWAYS, I WOULD LIKE TO
13 EXPRESS MY AND THE DEPARTMENT'S SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR YOUR
14 SUPPORT AND TIRELESS ADVOCACY AND LEADERSHIP. I AM GRATEFUL
15 FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT TO THE BOARD AND TO THE PUBLIC
16 THE LATEST ON THE STATUS OF THE ONGOING COVID-19 PANDEMIC HERE
17 IN L.A. COUNTY. THIS MORNING, I WILL BE TALKING ABOUT OUR
18 TRENDS IN CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND DEATHS. I WILL PROVIDE
19 A UPDATE ON CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND DEATHS BOTH BY AGE,
20 RACE, AND ETHNICITY AND BY VACCINATION STATUS. I WILL PROVIDE
21 A UPDATE ON SOME OF THE COMMUNITIES WITH VERY HIGH CASE RATES
22 AND OUR EFFORTS TO WORK TO BRING THOSE CASE RATES DOWN, AN
23 UPDATE ON VACCINE DELIVERY AND OUTREACH AND ALSO A PRELIMINARY
24 REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE NEW MASKING REQUIREMENT. BUT I
25 CAN TAKE THE FIRST SLIDE. WE ARE CONTINUING TO SEE A VERY

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1 RAPID RISE IN TRANSMISSION COUNTY-WIDE. YESTERDAY'S NUMBERS,
2 WHICH ARE ON THIS SLIDE, DO REPRESENT THE LAG IN WEEKEND
3 REPORTING. TODAY'S NUMBERS, WHICH JUST CAME IN HAVE US
4 REPORTING 2,067 NEW CASES, WHICH DOES BRING THE TOTAL NUMBER
5 OF CASES IN L.A. COUNTY TO 1,287,831. TO DATE, MORE THAN 7.2
6 MILLION PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TESTED AND HAVE TEST RESULTS REPORTED
7 IN L.A. COUNTY. OUR DAILY TEST POSITIVITY RATE IS NOW 5.7%.
8 THIS IS AN INCREASE FROM A RATE OF 1.2% ON JUNE 15TH WHEN WE
9 FULLY REOPENED. OUR DAILY AVERAGE CASE RATE WITHOUT THE USUAL
10 SEVEN DAY LAG IS NOW 16 CASES PER 100,000 PEOPLE. THIS IS AN
11 INCREASE FROM LAST WEEK'S RATE, OF 11.6 CASES PER 100,000
12 PEOPLE. THERE ARE 825 PEOPLE CURRENTLY HOSPITALIZED WITH
13 COVID-19. AGAIN, THIS IS AN INCREASE OF ALMOST 200 PEOPLE OVER
14 THE PAST WEEK. THERE ARE CURRENTLY 135 OPEN INVESTIGATIONS, 30
15 MORE THAN WE HAD LAST WEEK. AND THESE ARE INVESTIGATIONS OF
16 OUTBREAKS AT RESIDENTIAL CONGREGATE SETTINGS AND
17 NONRESIDENTIAL SETTINGS WITH AT LEAST ONE CONFIRMED CASE OF
18 COVID-19. I AM ALSO SAD TO REPORT 15 ADDITIONAL DEATHS TODAY.
19 12 OF THE PEOPLE WHO PASSED AWAY HAD UNDERLYING HEALTH
20 CONDITIONS. IT DOES BRING THE TOTAL DEATHS IN L.A. COUNTY TO
21 24,643. AND AS ALWAYS, OUR HEARTS AND OUR THOUGHTS GO OUT TO
22 EVERYONE WHO HAS LOST A LOVED ONE, A FRIEND, A NEIGHBOR, OR A
23 COWORKER DURING THIS MOST DIFFICULT TIME. YOU CAN GO ON TO THE
24 NEXT SLIDE WHICH SHOWS THE TRENDS IN CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS,
25 AND DEATHS IN L.A. COUNTY FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE PANDEMIC

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1 THROUGH JULY 25TH OF THIS YEAR. AND YOU CAN SEE IF YOU LOOK AT
2 THE RIGHT MOST PART OF THESE TREND LINES THAT CASES,
3 REPRESENTED BY THE GREEN LINE, HAVE BEEN REPORTED AT A RATE OF
4 ABOUT 2,000 TO 2,500 CASES A DAY FOR THE PAST WEEK. AT THIS
5 TIME ABOUT A YEAR AGO, WE WERE REPORTING ALMOST 500 TO 1000
6 MORE CASES EACH DAY THAN WE ARE NOW, AND THE NUMBER OF
7 HOSPITALIZED PATIENTS A YEAR AGO LOOKED MORE CLOSELY LIKE THE
8 NUMBER OF NEW CASES. WE REPORTED 2,117 HOSPITALIZED PATIENTS
9 AS YEAR AGO. AND THAT'S COMPARED WITH THE AVERAGE OF AGAIN
10 TODAY WE ARE AT ABOUT 800 HOSPITALIZATIONS TODAY. WE ARE
11 ACCUSTOMED TO SEEING HOSPITALIZATIONS RISE AS THE LAGGING
12 INDICATOR COMPARED WITH CASES, USUALLY INCREASING TWO TO THREE
13 WEEKS AFTER WE BEGIN TO SEE OUR CASE NUMBERS INCREASE. THIS IS
14 A TREND YOU CAN OBSERVE WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE TREAD LINES
15 DURING BOTH THE WINTERTIME SURGE AND OUR SUMMER 2020 SURGE.
16 BECAUSE OF THIS LAG, IT PROBABLY IS TOO EARLY TO SAY WITH
17 CERTAINTY WHETHER THE UPTICK WE ARE SEEING IN HOSPITALIZATIONS
18 IS THE BEGINNING OF A SMALL WAVE OF HOSPITALIZATIONS OR
19 WHETHER IT IS THE START OF A MORE DEVASTATING SURGE. WE ARE
20 HOPEFUL, HOWEVER, THAT WITH SO MANY OF OUR HIGHEST RISK
21 RESIDENTS FULLY VACCINATED, WE WILL NOT SEE THE SAME RATE OF
22 INCREASE IN HOSPITALIZATIONS THAT WE SAW LAST YEAR. CURRENTLY,
23 0.2% OF OUR POSITIVE CASES ARE HOSPITALIZED. THIS IS MUCH
24 LOWER THAN THE 6% OF CASES THAT WERE HOSPITALIZED DURING THE
25 WINTER SURGE. WE ARE ALSO AWARE THAT A CERTAIN PROPORTION OF

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1 PATIENTS IN THE HOSPITAL THAT ARE POSITIVE FOR COVID WERE NOT
2 HOSPITALIZED WITH COVID ILLNESS. INSTEAD THEY ARE HOSPITALIZED
3 FOR OTHER MEDICAL PROCEDURES AND CARE, AND ARE DISCOVERED TO
4 BE COVID POSITIVE THROUGH ROUTINE ADMISSION SCREENING.
5 EVIDENCE TO DATE SUGGESTS THAT MOST OF THE INCREASES SEEN
6 RECENTLY, ARE IN FACT, HOWEVER, FROM INDIVIDUALS WHO DO HAVE
7 SOME COVID ILLNESS AND CERTAINLY A RELATIVE SIGNIFICANT
8 PERCENTAGE OF THESE PATIENTS ARE REQUIRING I.C.U. CARE. WHILE
9 DEATHS, REPRESENTED HERE BY THE BLUE LINE, HAVE NOT YET BEGUN
10 TO SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE, THERE HAVE BEEN SMALL INCREASES
11 AMONG MEMBERS OF SOME POPULATIONS, PRIMARILY LATINX AND BLACK
12 COMMUNITIES. AND WE WILL NEED TO WATCH THIS CAREFULLY FOR
13 SEVERAL WEEKS TO ASSESS THE IMPACT OF INCREASED CASES AND
14 HOSPITALIZATIONS ON OUR DEATH RATES. WE CAN TAKE THE NEXT
15 SLIDE. AS WE GET READY TO REOPEN SCHOOLS, THERE ARE MANY
16 QUESTIONS THAT ARE BEING ASKED REGARDING INFECTIONS AMONG
17 CHILDREN. THIS SLIDE SHOWS CASE HOSPITALIZATION AND DEATH
18 RATES BY PEDIATRIC AGE GROUPS FOR A TWO WEEK PERIOD ENDING
19 FIRST ON JUNE 18TH, AND THEN WE LOOK ALONGSIDE THE SAME
20 METRICS A MONTH LATER FOR THE TWO WEEK PERIOD THAT ENDED ON
21 JULY 18TH. AS YOU CAN SEE, THE CASE RATE INCREASED ACROSS ALL
22 AGE GROUPS. AND IN CHILDREN 12 TO 17, IT'S INCREASED NEARLY
23 SIXFOLD OVER THIS MONTH LONG INTERVAL. MEANWHILE,
24 HOSPITALIZATION RATES HAVE DOUBLED IN CHILDREN ZERO TO FOUR
25 AND ALSO INCREASED AMONG TEENS. IF YOU GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE,

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1 YOU WILL SEE THE SAME RATES IN THE ADULT AGE GROUPS. YOU WILL
2 NOTE THAT WE SEE INCREASES ACROSS ALL ADULT GROUPS BETWEEN
3 THREE TO NINE TIMES THEIR BASELINE BACK IN JUNE. BUT YOU WILL
4 ALSO NOTICE THAT IT IS HIGHEST IN YOUNGER ADULTS. IN ADULTS 18
5 TO 29, THE CASE RATES INCREASED NEARLY NINEFOLD FROM 40 TO 350
6 CASES PER 100,000 OVER THE COURSE OF THE MONTH. AND RATES
7 INCREASED 7.5 TIMES FROM 33 TO 247 CASES PER 100,000 IN 33 TO
8 49-YEAR-OLDS OVER THE SAME INTERVAL. MEANWHILE,
9 HOSPITALIZATION RATES HAVE ONLY DOUBLED ACROSS THESE AGE
10 GROUPS. AGAIN, DIFFERENT THAN WHAT WE HAVE EXPERIENCED IN THE
11 PAST. AND ALTHOUGH YOU CAN SEE THAT THE DEATH RATES INCREASED
12 SLIGHTLY IN SEVERAL OF THE OLDER ADULT AGE GROUPS, WE NEED TO
13 INTERPRET THESE CHANGES WITH CAUTION BECAUSE THE NUMBERS
14 UNDERLINING THESE RATES ARE, AS YOU CAN SEE, VERY, VERY SMALL.

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE SHOULD BE ON THE NEXT SLIDE, WITH THE
17 ADULT RATES.

18

19 **DR. FERRER:** YES, THANK YOU. OVERALL, WE ARE SEEING CASES RISE
20 FASTER THAN WE DID DURING THE EARLY DAYS OF THE WINTER SURGE.
21 BETWEEN JULY THIRD AND JULY 16TH OF THIS YEAR, OUR SEVEN DAY
22 AVERAGE CASE RATE INCREASED BY 135%. THE LAST TIME WE SAW CASE
23 RATES INCREASE THAT QUICKLY WAS IN LATE NOVEMBER AND EARLY
24 DECEMBER OF LAST YEAR. WE'LL GO ON TO THE NEXT SLIDE. SINCE
25 THE EARLY MONTHS OF THE PANDEMIC, WE HAVE NOTED

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1 DISPROPORTIONALITY BY RACE AND ETHNICITY, WITH BLACK AND
2 LATINX RESIDENTS FAIRING FAR WORSE THAN ALL OTHERS. THIS SLIDE
3 SHOWS CASE, HOSPITALIZATION, AND DEATH RATES BY RACE AND
4 ETHNICITY FOR THE TWO WEEK PERIOD ENDING JUNE 19TH ALONGSIDE,
5 AS WE JUST SAW WITH AGE GROUPS. THE SAME METRICS A MONTH LATER
6 FOR A TWO WEEK PERIOD THAT ENDED ON JULY 17TH. AS WE REPORTED
7 PREVIOUSLY, OVER THE MONTH PRECEDING JULY 17TH, ALL GROUPS SAW
8 AN INCREASE IN CASES WITH THE HIGHEST CASE RATE OBSERVED AMONG
9 BLACK RESIDENTS WHOSE CASE RATE INCREASED FROM 52 CASES PER
10 100,000 TO 309 CASES PER 100,000 PEOPLE. AND THAT'S NEARLY A
11 FIVEFOLD INCREASE. WE HAVE ALSO SEEN SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN
12 CASE RATES FOR ALL GROUPS. THE LARGEST INCREASES WERE
13 SEVENFOLD AMONG ASIAN AND WHITE RESIDENTS AND FOURFOLD
14 INCREASES IN LATINX RESIDENTS. WE CONTINUE TO NOTE THAT CASE
15 INCIDENT RATE INCREASES IN BLACK RESIDENT ARE MORE THAN TWICE
16 THAT IN WHITE RESIDENTS. HOWEVER, WHITE RESIDENTS ARE NOW THE
17 GROUP WITH THE SECOND HIGHEST CASE RATE. OVER THIS SAME
18 INTERVAL, HOSPITALIZATION RATES HAVE APPROXIMATELY DOUBLED
19 ACROSS ALL RACIAL AND ETHNIC GROUPS. AND DEATHS CONTINUE TO
20 TREND UPWARD AMONG BLACK RESIDENTS. FROM .8 TO 1.1% AND IN
21 LATINX RESIDENTS FROM .5 TO .6%. WE WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE.
22 THERE ARE SOME DIFFERENCES THAT IS WORTH NOTING IN THE
23 PANDEMIC'S DYNAMICS BETWEEN NOW AND THIS TIME LAST YEAR.
24 BETWEEN JUNE AND JULY OF THIS YEAR, WHILE CASE RATES IN
25 DIFFERENT AGE AND RACIAL AND ETHNIC GROUPS INCREASED BY UP TO

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1 NINE TIMES THEIR BASELINES, HOSPITALIZATION RATES ACROSS
2 THESE GROUPS DOUBLED AT MOST. MEANWHILE, OUR LARGEST INCREASES
3 IN CASES WERE IN YOUNG ADULTS, A GENERALLY HEALTHY POPULATION.
4 THIS IS DRAMATICALLY DIFFERENT FROM THE PATTERN WE SAW DURING
5 OUR WINTERTIME SURGE, WHERE WE SAW CASE RATES INCREASE FOUR TO
6 FIVE TIMES BETWEEN EARLY NOVEMBER AND EARLY NOVEMBER, AND
7 HOSPITALIZATION RATES MULTIPLYING IN DIRECT PROPORTION AT
8 ALMOST THE EXACT SAME RATE. OUR LARGEST INCREASES THEN WERE
9 TRAGICALLY IN ADULTS 65 AND OVER, A MORE MEDICALLY FRAGILE
10 POPULATION WITH HIGHER RATES OF COMORBIDITIES AND AND RISK
11 FACTORS FOR SEVERE DISEASE AS A CONSEQUENCE OF COVID
12 INFECTION. WHILE IT IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO PAY ATTENTION
13 TO THE RAPID ACCELERATION OF CASES WE ARE CURRENTLY SEEING,
14 AND OF COURSE TO TAKE ACTIONS, MOST OF THESE ARE A CONSEQUENCE
15 OF THE INFECTION WITH THE HIGHLY TRANSMISSIBLE DELTA VARIANT.
16 BUT WE DO NEED TO NOTE THAT THE PANDEMIC IS NOT NOW BEHAVING
17 THE SAME WAY IT WAS IN THE MONTH BEFORE VACCINES WERE WIDELY
18 AVAILABLE. IT IS BECAUSE OF THE DIFFERENCES IN TRENDS THAT WE
19 ARE HOPEFUL THAT OUR HOSPITALS AND OUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS
20 WILL NOT SUFFER THE SAME HORRIBLE STRAIN THEY ENDURED LAST
21 WINTER. THE EXPERIENCE OF OTHER COUNTRIES ALSO GIVES US SOME
22 HOPE. IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, WHERE ABOUT 55% OF THE POPULATION
23 IS FULLY VACCINATED, 700 CASES PER MILLION OF MOSTLY DELTA
24 VARIANT CASES ARE BEING DIAGNOSED DAILY. AND THAT'S NEARLY AS
25 HIGH AS A CASE -- AS HIGH A CASE RATE AS THE 800 PER MILLION

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1 DATA CASES THE NATION SAW AT THE PEEK OF THE WINTERTIME SURGE.
2 YET IN THE U.K., THE DEATH RATE IS NOW ALMOST ONE THIRTEENTH
3 OF WHAT IT WAS AT ITS PEAK. AND HOSPITALIZATIONS ALSO REMAIN
4 RELATIVELY LOW. IN ISRAEL, WHERE 61% OF THE POPULATION IS
5 FULLY VACCINATED AND DAILY CASES HAVE RISEN EXPONENTIALLY
6 SINCE MID JUNE, DAILY DEATHS RANGE BETWEEN ZERO AND TWO. THESE
7 COUNTRIES SERVE AS AN INDICATION TO US THAT WIDESPREAD VACCINE
8 MAY DISRUPT THE USUAL PATTERN DURING OUR SURGE. AND THAT'S WHY
9 WE CONTINUE TO BE SO FOCUSED ON VACCINATING ALL OF OUR
10 RESIDENTS. NEXT SLIDE. ON THIS SLIDE, YOU DO SEE SOME OF THE
11 COMMUNITIES WITH HIGH 14 DAY AGE ADJUSTED CASE RATES IN L.A.
12 COUNTY. WE HAVE VERY HIGH RATES OF TRANSMISSION IN DOWNTOWN
13 L.A., WEST HOLLYWOOD, BEVERLY HILLS, HOLLYWOOD HILLS, AND
14 STUDIO CITY. THESE ARE DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES FROM THOSE WITH
15 HIGH CASE RATES DURING OUR PREVIOUS SURGES. SO FAR IT APPEARS
16 TRANSMISSION IN THESE AREAS IS BEING DRIVEN MOSTLY BY
17 COMMUNITY SPREAD AMONG YOUNG ADULTS. IN A COUPLE OF
18 COMMUNITIES I WANT TO NOTE THAT THERE WERE SEVERAL SMALLER
19 OUTBREAKS AMONG PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THAT ALSO
20 MAY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE SLIGHTLY -- TO THE HIGHER RATES.
21 AND WE ALSO HAVE NOTED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN OUTBREAKS IN SOME
22 OF THESE COMMUNITIES AT FOOD AND BAR ESTABLISHMENTS THAT ALSO
23 ARE CONTRIBUTING TO THE HIGHER RATES. WE ARE CONTINUING TO
24 WORK TO UNDERSTAND HOW OUTBREAKS IN OTHER AREAS MAY BE
25 CONTRIBUTING TO HIGH TRANSMISSION IN THESE NOW HOT SPOTS WE

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1 WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. WE DO NEED TO FOCUS EFFORTS
2 OBVIOUSLY IN NEWLY HARD HIT AREAS WITH TARGETED OUTREACH THAT
3 ENCOURAGES VACCINATIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SAFETY
4 STRATEGIES OBVIOUSLY INCLUDING MASKING AND INFECTION CONTROL
5 WITH SPECIAL OUTREACH TO PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, AND
6 SOME OF THE ENCAMPMENTS ARE IN THESE COMMUNITIES. WE ARE
7 ADDING ADDITIONAL MOBILE VACCINATION TEAMS AT SOME OF THE
8 LARGE APARTMENT COMPLEXES AND BUSINESSES IN THESE COMMUNITIES,
9 AND WE ARE ALSO TARGETING SOCIAL MEDIA SO FOLKS ARE AWARE OF
10 THE HIGHER RATES OF TRANSMISSION IN THEIR COMMUNITY AND KNOW
11 WHERE THERE ARE AVAILABLE PLACES TO GET VACCINATED AND THE
12 RULES ABOUT MASKING. WE WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. I DO WANT
13 TO UPDATE YOU AS WELL ON WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT HOW PEOPLE OF
14 DIFFERENT VACCINATION STATUSES ARE EXPERIENCING THIS LATEST
15 SURGE. THIS BAR CHART SHOWS THE PROPORTION OF EACH MONTH'S
16 COVID CASES IN UNVACCINATED AND PARTIALLY VACCINATED PEOPLE,
17 THAT'S REPRESENTED BY THE ORANGE PORTIONS OF EACH BAR, AND THE
18 PROPORTION OF COVID CASES AMONG FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE.
19 THAT'S REPRESENTED BY THE MUCH SMALLER GREEN SLICES AT THE TOP
20 OF EACH BAR. SINCE FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR, WHEN FULLY
21 VACCINATED PEOPLE MADE UP FEWER THAN .5% OF THE CASES, THE
22 NUMBER OF TOTAL POSITIVE CASES, AS YOU CAN SEE, HAS DROPPED
23 SUBSTANTIALLY AS MILLIONS OF RESIDENTS WERE VACCINATED. THIS
24 IS CLEAR EVIDENCE OF THE POWER OF THESE VACCINES. MEANWHILE,
25 AS MORE PEOPLE HAVE GOTTEN VACCINATED, THE PROPORTION OF TOTAL

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1 CASES AMONG THOSE VACCINATED HAS ALSO INCREASED. THIS, IN
2 SOME WAYS, SHOULD BE EXPECTED BECAUSE, AS MORE PEOPLE ARE
3 VACCINATED, THE NUMBER OF FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE BECOMING
4 INFECTED WILL INCREASE, AND WITH THE DELTA VARIANT THAT'S BY
5 FAR MORE INFECTIOUS, EXPOSURES TO INFECTIONS HAVE ALSO
6 INCREASED. IN JUNE, FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE REPRESENTED 20% OF
7 ALL OF THE CASES DIAGNOSED AMONG L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS, WHILE
8 UNVACCINATED AND PARTIALLY VACCINATED PEOPLE ACCOUNTED FOR 80%
9 OF THE CASES. OVER THE PERIOD OF JULY 1ST THROUGH JULY 16TH,
10 WHICH IS NOT REPRESENTED ON THIS GRAPH BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE A
11 FULL MONTH'S WORTH OF DATA, THERE WERE 13,598 CASES DIAGNOSED
12 IN L.A. COUNTY. AND UNVACCINATED PEOPLE REPRESENTED 74% OF ALL
13 OF THE CASES. FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE REPRESENTED 26% OR
14 3,592 OF THE CASES. IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT I THINK FOR US TO
15 BE REMINDED THAT IF 50 -- IF THE 50% OF OUR RESIDENTS THAT
16 ARE FULLY VACCINATED WERE NOT VACCINATED, NOT ONLY WOULD THESE
17 GREEN SLICES NOT EXIST AT ALL, BUT THE ORANGE PORTIONS OF
18 THESE BARS WOULD BE MUCH LARGER. WE THINK THAT THEY WOULD
19 PERHAPS BE DOUBLE IN SIZE BECAUSE EVERYONE WOULD HAVE INSTEAD
20 HAVE HAD THE SAME RISK OF INFECTION AS UNVACCINATED PEOPLE DO.
21 SO INSTEAD OF AVERAGING 2400 DAILY CASES THIS PAST WEEK, OUR
22 DAILY CASE NUMBERS MIGHT HAVE INSTEAD BEEN CLOSER TO 5,000 NEW
23 CASES A DAY. NEXT SLIDE. THIS GRAPH SHOWS WHAT THESE NUMBERS
24 LOOK LIKE ON A POPULATION LEVEL BY CHARTING CASE RATES AMONG
25 VACCINATED AND UNVACCINATED OR PARTIALLY VACCINATED L.A.

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1 COUNTY RESIDENTS OVER MAY AND JUNE. AS YOU CAN SEE, OVER THE
2 LAST FEW WEEKS, CASE RATES HAVE RISEN PRECIPITOUSLY AMONG
3 UNVACCINATED PEOPLE AT A MUCH STEEPER RATE. SO WHILE CASES
4 ROSE SLIGHTLY AMONG VACCINATED PEOPLE, THIS INCREASE IS BOTH
5 SMALLER AND SLOWER THAN IT IS AMONG VACCINATED PEOPLE. SINCE
6 OUR COUNTY'S CASE RATE WOULD LIKELY BE MUCH HIGHER IF WE
7 DIDN'T HAVE SO MANY VACCINATED PEOPLE, I WANT TO NOTE HOW
8 EXTREMELY GRATEFUL WE ARE TO EVERYONE WHO HAS HELPED REDUCE
9 POTENTIAL TRANSMISSION BY GETTING VACCINATED. WE WILL TAKE THE
10 NEXT SLIDE. THIS IS A BAR CHART THAT SHOWS THE PROPORTION OF
11 EACH MONTH'S COVID HOSPITALIZATIONS IN UNVACCINATED AND
12 PARTIALLY VACCINATED CASES, AGAIN REPRESENTED BY THE ORANGE
13 SECTIONS OF EACH BAR, AND THE PROPORTION OF HOSPITALIZATIONS
14 IN FULLY VACCINATED CASES, AGAIN REPRESENTED BY THE GREEN
15 SECTIONS. AS YOU CAN SEE, THE NUMBER OF TOTAL HOSPITALIZATIONS
16 HAS ALSO DROPPED SUBSTANTIALLY SINCE FEBRUARY. AND THE
17 PROPORTION OF TOTAL HOSPITALIZATIONS THAT ARE AMONG THOSE
18 VACCINATED HAS INCREASED SLIGHTLY, AGAIN REFLECTING THE
19 INCREASED NUMBER OF PEOPLE FULLY VACCINATED. IN JUNE,
20 UNVACCINATED AND PARTIALLY VACCINATED PEOPLE ACCOUNTED FOR A
21 GOOD 92% PLUS OF HOSPITALIZATIONS, WHILE FULLY VACCINATED
22 PEOPLE REPRESENTED JUST ABOUT 8% OF ALL HOSPITALIZATIONS AMONG
23 L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS. WE LOOK AT THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1ST TO
24 JULY 10TH THIS YEAR, THERE WERE ABOUT 545 FULLY VACCINATED
25 PEOPLE HOSPITALIZED. AND THAT REPRESENTED SLIGHTLY MORE, WE

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1 ARE UP AT ABOUT 9%, OF ALL HOSPITALIZATIONS. AGAIN, WE WILL
2 WAIT FOR THE FULL MONTH BEFORE WE PUT UP THE PERCENT FOR THE
3 MONTH OF JULY. WE WILL GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE. THIS IS A GRAPH
4 THAT SHOWS THE TREND LINE OF HOSPITALIZATION RATES AMONG
5 UNVACCINATED OR PARTIALLY VACCINATED L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS.
6 AND AS YOU CAN SEE, OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS, HOSPITALIZATION
7 RATES HAVE INCREASED PRIMARILY AMONG UNVACCINATED PEOPLE. IT
8 IS BARELY PERCEPTIBLE THE INCREASES AMONGST THOSE THAT ARE
9 FULLY VACCINATED. AND WE ARE ALSO STARTING FROM A VERY LOW
10 BASELINE. AND WE REMAIN VERY CLOSE TO OUR BASELINES FOR PEOPLE
11 WHO ARE FULLY VACCINATED. THERE'S NOT EVEN ONE TENTH OF A
12 HOSPITALIZATION PER 100,000 PEOPLE FOR VACCINATED PEOPLE. THIS
13 DOES CONTRIBUTE TO OUR CERTAINTY THAT THE VACCINES ARE WORKING
14 AS INTENDED HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. AND ALTHOUGH VACCINATED
15 PEOPLE ARE SEEING A RISE IN NEW COVID DIAGNOSES, THEY ARE
16 PRIMARILY EXPERIENCING THEIR INFECTIONS, NOT AS SEVERE
17 ILLNESSES THAT BRING THEM TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM, BUT AS BAD
18 COLDS. AS THE DATA SHOWS, UNVACCINATED PEOPLE SIMPLY DO NOT
19 HAVE THE SAME LEVEL OF CONFIDENCE IF THEY GET INFECTED WITH
20 THIS VIRUS THAT IT WILL LEAD TO MILD ILLNESS. WE'LL GO ON TO
21 THE NEXT SLIDE. WE DID BEGIN AT OUTCOMES IN PEOPLE
22 HOSPITALIZED FOR COVID, AND WE'RE FINDING EVIDENT OF LESS
23 SEVERE COURSES OF HOSPITALIZATION IN FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE
24 WHEN COMPARED TO NON-FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE. LOOKING AT THOSE
25 HOSPITALIZED BETWEEN MAY 1ST AND JULY 18TH, 20% OF THE NON-

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1 FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE THAT WERE HOSPITALIZED WERE ADMITTED
2 TO THE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT, COMPARED WITH FEWER THAN 15% OF
3 FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE WHO WERE HOSPITALIZED. MEANWHILE, 3.8%
4 OF FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE NEEDED TO BE INTUBATED AND PLACED
5 ON MECHANICAL VENTILATION, AND THAT'S NEARLY DOUBLE THE RATE
6 FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT FULLY VACCINATED WHO ARE INTUBATED AT
7 ABOUT 7.7%. IT IS NOTABLE THAT THESE DIFFERENCES IN OUTCOMES
8 DO FAVOR FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE. AND THIS HAPPENED EVEN
9 THOUGH ON AVERAGE THE GROUP OF FOLKS WHO WERE HOSPITALIZED IN
10 THE I.C.U., WERE 13 YEARS OLDER THAN THE GROUP OF NON-FULLY
11 VACCINATED HOSPITALIZED PATIENTS. WE CAN GO ON TO THE NEXT
12 SLIDE. BECAUSE WE ARE VERY INTERESTED IN UNDERSTANDING HOW
13 WELL VACCINATION PROTECTS SEVERE OUTCOMES DUE TO COVID WE ARE
14 CLOSELY FOLLOWING DIFFERENCES IN DEATHS BETWEEN FULLY
15 VACCINATED AND NOT FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE. (INDISCERNIBLE)
16 DIE OF COVID IN L.A. COUNTY, ON AVERAGE 37 DAYS PASS BETWEEN
17 THE DATE OF DIAGNOSIS AND THE DATE OF DEATH. WHILE OUR CASE
18 INCREASE HAS BEGUN SO RECENTLY -- WITH OUR CASE INCREASE
19 HAVING BEGUN SO RECENTLY, IT IS REALLY TOO EARLY TO ASSESS THE
20 IMPACT OF THIS LATEST WAVE OF INFECTIONS ON COVID DEATHS, BUT
21 NONETHELESS, I WANT TO SHOW YOU WHAT WE DO KNOW ABOUT DEATHS
22 DUE TO COVID BY VACCINATION STATUS. ON THIS SLIDE WE ARE
23 LOOKING AT DEATHS BETWEEN JANUARY 1ST AND JUNE 30TH OF THIS
24 YEAR. AND YOU CAN SEE THAT 99.8% OF ALL COVID DEATHS AMONG
25 L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS TOOK PLACE AMONG UNVACCINATED AND

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1 PARTIALLY VACCINATED PEOPLE. I WANT TO NOTE, IF WE GO ON TO
2 THE NEXT SLIDE, THAT VACCINES WERE NOT WIDELY AVAILABLE FOR
3 MOST PEOPLE DURING THE FIRST FEW MONTHS OF THE YEAR, WHICH IS
4 WHY WE ALSO LOOKED AT THIS DATA JUST LOOKING AT THE EXPERIENCE
5 FROM APRIL 1ST TO JUNE 30TH. AND IN THESE THREE MONTHS, YOU
6 CAN SEE THAT 96% OF THE DEATHS FOR PEOPLE WITH COVID WERE
7 AMONG PEOPLE WHO WEREN'T FULLY VACCINATED, WHILE ABOUT 19
8 DEATHS, OR 4% OF THE DEATHS TOOK PLACE IN PEOPLE WHO AGAIN
9 WERE FULLY VACCINATED. THIS IS A HUGE DIFFERENCE, AND WHILE WE
10 ARE WORKING TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE HEALTH CONDITIONS OF
11 FULLY VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS WHO VERY SADLY DIED AT A
12 CONSEQUENCE OF THEIR INFECTIONS, WE WILL NEED TO GET THIS
13 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BETTER UNDERSTAND IF THERE WERE
14 CONDITIONS THAT MAY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO REDUCED VACCINE
15 EFFICACY. WE KNOW ONE OF THOSE CONDITIONS WOULD BE PEOPLE WHO
16 ARE IMMUNE COMPROMISED. WE'LL GO ON TO THE NEXT SLIDE. UP
17 UNTIL NOW, LIKE I HAVE BEEN FOCUSED ON THE UNIVERSE OF PEOPLE
18 WHO HAVE BEEN INFECTED WITH COVID AND IDENTIFYING THE
19 VACCINATION STATUS OF PEOPLE IN THAT UNIVERSE. AND THIS SLIDE,
20 WE ARE SWITCHING TO THE UNIVERSE OF PEOPLE THAT ARE FULLY
21 VACCINATED AND PRESENTING DATA ABOUT THE OUTCOMES WITHIN THIS
22 GROUP OF RESIDENTS ALONE. WE MONITOR CHANGES IN THIS DATA FROM
23 WEEK TO WEEK, AND WE USE THIS TO HELP UNDERSTAND RISKS FOR
24 FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE. THIS WEEK, WE ARE PRESENTING THESE
25 DATA TO SCALE. THE LARGE GREEN BOX REPRESENTS THE MORE THAN

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1 4.8 MILLION RESIDENTS WHO WERE FULLY VACCINATED AS OF A FEW
2 WEEKS AGO. THE TINY PURPLE BOX IN THE LEFT LOWER CORNER OF THE
3 SCREEN REPRESENTS THE 6,530 FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE WHO TESTED
4 POSITIVE FOR COVID AS OF JULY 30TH -- I MEAN JULY 20TH. I WANT
5 TO NOTE THIS NUMBER INCLUDES PEOPLE WHO TEST POSITIVE ON
6 SURVEILLANCE TESTING AND THAT IT MEANS IT INCLUDES PEOPLE THAT
7 HAVE NO SYMPTOMS AT ALL. OF THOSE WHO TESTED POSITIVE, 287
8 WERE HOSPITALIZED. THIS IS UP FROM 213 THE WEEK PRIOR. THIS
9 CORRESPONDS TO AN INCREASE OF 0.0005% TO 0.0006% OF ALL FULLY
10 VACCINATED% PEOPLE ENDING UP HOSPITALIZED. DEATHS IN THIS
11 GROUP OVER THIS INTERVAL ALSO INCREASED VERY SLIGHTLY FROM 26
12 TO NOW 30, AND THAT MEANS WE WENT FROM 0.00005%, TO 0.00006%. OF
13 PEOPLE FULLY VACCINATED WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY. WE'LL GO ON TO
14 THE NEXT SLIDE. WE HAVE ALSO GATHERED INFORMATION ABOUT POST-
15 VACCINATION INFECTIONS BY VACCINE MANUFACTURER THROUGH JULY
16 16TH FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO WERE VACCINATED WHO ARE RESIDENTS IN
17 L.A. COUNTY. .27% OF PEOPLE THAT WERE FULLY VACCINATED WITH
18 JOHNSON & JOHNSON VACCINE TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID COMPARED
19 TO.09% OF THOSE VACCINATED WITH MODERNA AND .15% OF THOSE
20 VACCINATED WITH PFIZER VACCINE. WHILE THERE ARE VERY SMALL
21 DIFFERENCES IN THESE NUMBERS, THEY MAY BE IN PART DUE TO
22 DIFFERENCES IN RISK OF PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED DIFFERENT VACCINES,
23 AND ALSO IN DIFFERENCES IN THE TIMING OF EACH VACCINE'S ROLL
24 OUT. AND BECAUSE THESE ARE ALL VERY SMALL NUMBERS, ALL OF THE
25 VACCINES SAFELY PROVIDE EXCELLENT PROTECTION AGAINST COVID

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1 INFECTIONS, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND DEATHS. WE'LL GO ON TO THE
2 NEXT SLIDE. WHILE THEY ARE STILL THE MOST POWERFUL PREVENTIVE
3 MEASURE AGAINST THE MOST SEVERE OUTCOMES OF COVID, INCREASING
4 CIRCULATION OF THE DELTA VARIANT DOES PRESENT A CHALLENGE TO
5 ITS EFFECTIVENESS, ESPECIALLY AMONG PEOPLE THAT ARE ONLY
6 PARTIALLY VACCINATED. IN A STUDY CONDUCTED IN THE UNITED
7 KINGDOM, PFIZER VACCINE EFFECTIVENESS AGAINST SYMPTOMATIC
8 ILLNESS AFTER TWO DOSES OF THE VACCINE WAS SLIGHTLY LOWER,
9 88%, AGAINST DELTA VARIANTS THEN IT HAD BEEN AGAINST THE ALPHA
10 VARIANTS, WHERE IT WAS 94% EFFECTIVE. MEANWHILE, THE
11 EFFECTIVENESS AFTER ONE DOSE IS MUCH LOWER. AFTER ONE DOSE,
12 VACCINE EFFECTIVENESS DROPS TO 31% AGAINST THE DELTA VARIANT,
13 AND 49% AGAINST THE ALPHA VARIANT. THE ALPHA VARIANT IS WHAT
14 WE FORMALLY CALLED THE U.K. VARIANT. ISRAEL HAS ALSO GATHERED
15 DATA ABOUT PFIZER VACCINE EFFECTIVENESS AND HAS FOUND THE
16 VACCINE TO BE 94% EFFECTIVE AGAINST HOSPITALIZATIONS AND
17 SEVERE ILLNESS DURING A TIME OF HIGH DELTA VARIANT
18 CIRCULATION. AND THIS ACTUALLY MATCHES THE DATA THAT I
19 PRESENTED TODAY. AND THE VACCINE IS 64% EFFECTIVE AGAINST
20 SYMPTOMATIC INFECTIONS AND INFECTIONS OVERALL, DATA THAT WE
21 DON'T YET HAVE FOR L.A. COUNTY, BUT AGAIN, ISRAEL HAS BEEN
22 EXPERIENCING THE SIGNIFICANT INCREASE FROM THE DELTA VARIANT
23 LONGER THAN WE HAVE. WE CAN GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE. WITH THIS
24 CONTINUED EVIDENCE THAT VACCINES ARE ENORMOUSLY POWERFUL TOOLS
25 FOR COMBATING COVID, WE ARE ABOUT TO SEE THAT, AS OF JULY

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1 23RD, WE HAVE ADMINISTERED NEARLY 11 MILLION TOTAL DOSES IN
2 L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS, 12 AND OLDER, INCLUDING MORE THAN SIX
3 MILLION FIRST DOSES AND NEARLY 4.9 MILLION SECOND DOSES. THIS
4 DOES MEAN THAT MORE THAN 6.1 MILLION L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS
5 HAVE RECEIVED ONE DOSE, AND MORE THAN 5.3 MILLION COUNTY
6 RESIDENTS ARE FULLY VACCINATED. AMONG L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS 12
7 AND OLDER, ALMOST 70% HAVE RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE OF THE
8 VACCINE, AND 61% ARE FULLY VACCINATED. WE CAN GO TO THE NEXT
9 SLIDE. WE DO CONTINUE TO VACCINATE ANGELENOS AT SLOW BUT
10 STEADY RATES. BETWEEN JULY 12TH AND 18TH AFTER MONTHS OF
11 STEADY DECLINING VACCINATION NUMBERS, WE DID SEE AN UPTICK IN
12 FIRST DOSE RECIPIENTS. OVER THIS SHORT INTERVAL, WE HAD
13 ADMINISTERED JUST ABOUT 57,000 DOSES ACROSS THE ENTIRE COUNTY
14 NETWORK. AND THAT WAS AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 2,000 FROM THE
15 PREVIOUS WEEK. WE WILL BE REPORTING OUT NEW NUMBERS FOR THIS
16 PAST WEEK ON THURSDAY. WE ARE IMMENSELY GRATEFUL TO EVERYONE
17 IN THE COUNTY WHO HAS DONE AND CONTINUES TO DO THIS PART OF
18 HELPING US STAY THE SPREAD BY GETTING VACCINATED AND BY
19 HELPING TO EDUCATE YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, AND
20 COWORKERS ABOUT THE VACCINE SAFETY AND PROTECTION. OBVIOUSLY,
21 OUR SENSE OF URGENCY TO INCREASE VACCINATION AMONGST RESIDENTS
22 REMAINS VERY HIGH. AND WE ARE GLAD FOR ANY SIGNS OF INCREASED
23 VACCINATION UPTICK. WE WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. NEVERTHELESS,
24 AS WE HAVE BEEN REPORTING FOR A LONG TIME NOW, WE CONTINUE TO
25 HAVE LARGE GAPS IN VACCINATION BETWEEN AGE GROUPS AND RACIAL

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1 AND ETHNIC SUBGROUPS. IF YOU LOOK AT THE TOTALS BY AGE GROUPS
2 RUNNING ACROSS THE BOTTOM OF THIS TABLE, YOU WILL NOTE THAT
3 VACCINATION RATES ARE GENERALLY HIGHER IN OLD AGE GROUPS. AND
4 WITH TRANSMISSION ON THE RISE, WE ARE PARTICULARLY GRATIFIED
5 THAT SO MANY OF OUR SENIORS ARE PROTECTED BY VACCINES. TO
6 REALLY BEAT BACK TRANSMISSION, HOWEVER, WE DO NEED TO SEE
7 OTHER AGE GROUPS REACH HIGH LEVELS OF VACCINATION. SO IT
8 REMAINS VERY CONCERNING TO SEE GAPS PERSIST AMONG THE YOUNG
9 AND MIDDLE AGED ADULT WHOSE ARE SUCH AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR
10 WORK FORCE. I DO WANT TO ALSO NOTE IF YOU LOOK AT THE TOTALS
11 IN THE RIGHT MOST COLUMN THAT WE ARE SEEING THE LOWEST LEVELS
12 OF VACCINATION AMONG GROUPS WHERE WE ARE SEEING VERY HIGH
13 RATES OF TRANSMISSION, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND NOW INCREASED
14 RATES OF DEATHS. WE ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THESE LOW LEVELS
15 OF VACCINATION AMONG OUR BLACK RESIDENTS AND AMONG TEENS AND
16 YOUNG ADULTS AS TRANSMISSION CONTINUES TO RISE. AND WE DO URGE
17 FULL COMPLIANT WITH THE INDOOR MASKING REQUIREMENT SO THAT WE
18 CAN GO BACK TO USING ALL OF OUR TOOLS TO REDUCE COMMUNITY
19 TRANSMISSION RATES. SLOWING THE SPREAD NOT ONLY PROTECTS
20 VULNERABLE UNVACCINATED RESIDENTS, IT ALSO REDUCES THE CHANCES
21 OF MORE MUTATIONS THAT CAN RESULT IN MORE INFECTIOUS VARIANTS
22 THAT EVADE OUR VACCINE PROTECTION. WE CAN GO ON TO THE NEXT
23 SLIDE. TO CLOSE THESE GAPS WE HAVE TO CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO
24 MAKE IT AS EASY AS POSSIBLE FOR ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS TO GET
25 VACCINATED. AS YOU CAN SEE ON THIS MAP, THIS WEEK THERE ARE

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1 772 SITES OFFERING VACCINATIONS ACROSS PHARMACIES, CLINICS,
2 COMMUNITY SITES, AND HOSPITALS. AS A REMINDER, IF YOU NEED TO
3 GET VACCINATED WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT, PLEASE GO TO A COUNTY
4 RUN SITE, ALL OF THE L.A. CITY RUN SITES, ALMOST EVERY SINGLE
5 MOBILE SITES, AND MOST OF THE COMMUNITY SITES, WHICH ARE HAPPY
6 TO SERVE YOU WITHOUT APPOINTMENTS. MANY SITES ARE OPEN ON
7 WEEKENDS AND HAVE EVENING HOURS. SO PLEASE CHECK
8 VACCINATELACOUNTY.COM TO FIND A SITE NEAR YOU I WANT TO NOTE
9 THAT BEGINNING THIS WEEKEND, WE WILL BE KEEPING OUR FIVE
10 COUNTY PODS OPEN ON SUNDAYS 11:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M. AT NORWALK
11 COMMERCE AND TED WATKINS AND WE'RE 8:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M. AT
12 BALBOA AND OVERVAHN PARK. WE ALSO HAVE OVER 322 MOBILE VACCINE
13 TEAMS VISITS THIS WEEK FOCUSED PARTICULARLY ON VACCINATING
14 RESIDENTS AND WORKERS AT WORK SITES AND COMMUNITY EVENTS, AT
15 OUR FAITH BASED -- AT OUR HOUSES OF WORSHIP, AND OUR PARKS. WE
16 CAN GO ON TO THE NEXT SLIDE. THROUGH OUR POD VACCINATION SITES
17 LIKE THESE AND OUR MOBILE EFFORTS WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS IN
18 GETTING VACCINES TO RESIDENTS IN THE ZIP CODES THAT HAVE THE
19 LOWEST SCORES ON THE HEALTHY PLACES INDEX AND WE CALL THIS OUR
20 H.P.I. PLUS ZIP CODES. THESE ARE COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE FEWER
21 RESOURCES NEEDED TO BE HEALTHY COMPARED WITH OTHER ZIP CODES.
22 AND MANY OF THEM WERE HIT HARDEST BY THE EARLIER WAVES OF THE
23 PANDEMIC. AS YOU CAN SEE IN THIS CHART, L.A. COUNTY IS
24 ADMINISTERING A LARGER PERCENT OF DOSES TO PEOPLE LIVING IN
25 COMMUNITIES WITH FEWER RESOURCES NEEDED TO BE HEALTHY COMPARED

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1 TO CALIFORNIA OVERALL. AND EVERY WEEK, WE CONTINUE TO MAKE
2 SOME PROGRESS. THE LIGHT BLUE BARS REPRESENT L.A. COUNTY'S
3 PERCENT OF ADMINISTERED DOSES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 12TH
4 THROUGH JULY 18TH. THE DARK BLUE BARS REPRESENT L.A. COUNTY'S
5 CUMULATIVE PERCENT OF ADMINISTERED DOSES, AND THE ORANGE BARS
6 REPRESENT CALIFORNIA'S PERCENT OF ADMINISTERED DOSES. ON THE
7 LEFT, YOU CAN SEE THE ALLOCATIONS OF DOSES TO THE LOWEST
8 SCORED COMMUNITIES IN L.A. COUNTY, LOWEST RESOURCE
9 COMMUNITIES. FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 12TH THROUGH JULY 18TH,
10 L.A. COUNTY ADMINISTERED 40% OF OUR DOSES TO PEOPLE LIVING IN
11 COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE THE FEWEST RESOURCES AND IN FACT HAVE
12 BEEN THE HARDEST HIT. WE REMAIN FOCUSED ON EQUITY BRINGING
13 VACCINES AND HIGH QUALITY HEALTH INFORMATION TO ALL OF OUR
14 L.A. COMMUNITIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO HAVE NOW INCREASED
15 RATES OF TRANSMISSION. WE'LL GO THE NEXT SLIDE. THE WEEK
16 BEFORE LAST, WE ISSUED A HEALTH OFFICER ORDER THAT REQUIRED
17 MASKING IN ALL INDOOR PUBLIC SETTINGS. THIS DECISION WAS BASED
18 NOT ONLY ON THE RAPID INCREASE IN CASES THAT WE SAW IN L.A.
19 COUNTY, BUT ALSO ON THE KNOWLEDGE THAT MOST OF THESE CASES ARE
20 CAUSED BY THE DELTA VARIANT. THE SCIENCE ON THIS VARIANT SHOWS
21 THAT IT IS DIFFERENT FROM EARLIER VARIANTS OF COVID. IT
22 REPLICATES FASTER AND MORE EFFICIENTLY IN RESPIRATORY TRACK
23 CELLS, WHICH MEANS THAT INFECTED PEOPLE MAY NOW SPREAD UP TO
24 1,000 TIMES MORE VIRUS PARTICLES WITH EVERY COUGH, SNEEZE, OR
25 SHOUT THAN THEY DID A YEAR AGO. THEY MAY ALSO SPREAD VIRUS

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1 EFFICIENTLY TWO DAYS EARLIER IN THE COURSE OF THEIR ILLNESS
2 THAN PEOPLE DID THAT WERE INFECTED A YEAR AGO. SUCH A VARIANT
3 INDICATES THAT INFECTED PEOPLE HAVE MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO
4 TRANSMIT THE VIRUS, AND THEY CAN DO SO MORE EFFICIENTLY BEFORE
5 THEY EVEN REALIZE THAT THEY WERE EXPOSED OR THAT THEY ARE
6 INFECTED. AND WHILE VACCINATED PEOPLE ARE EXTREMELY UNLIKELY,
7 AS WE HAVE SHOWN YOU, TO GET SEVERELY ILL FROM COVID, THERE IS
8 A RISK, A SMALL RISK, OF GETTING INFECTED AND POTENTIALLY
9 TRANSMITTING THE VIRUS. THIS IS WHY WE ASK EVERYONE TO WEAR A
10 MASK WHEN YOU ARE INDOORS, REGARDLESS OF YOUR VACCINATION
11 STATUS. SINCE THE HEALTH OFFICER ORDER REQUIRING INDOOR
12 MASKING WENT INTO EFFECT JULY 17TH, WE HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING UP
13 TO ENSURE THAT BUSINESSES ARE ABLE TO FOLLOW THE RULES.
14 BETWEEN JULY 17TH AND 23RD, WE VISITED OVER 1,000 RESTAURANTS,
15 NINE BARS, 222 FOOD MARKETS, 23 HOTELS, FIVE GYMS AND FITNESS
16 CENTERS, 11 HAIR SALONS OR BARBER SHOPS, 38 FOOD MANUFACTURING
17 PLANTS, 25 PERSONAL CARE BUSINESSES, AND TEN SHOPPING MALLS,
18 AMONG THE WHOLE RANGE OF OTHER BUSINESSES. AND OVERALL, WE ARE
19 VERY GRATEFUL THAT WE FOUND VERY GOOD COMPLIANCE WITH THE
20 HEALTH OFFICER ORDER, AND WE THANK ALL OF THE BUSINESSES WHO
21 ARE HELPING THEIR CONSUMERS AND THEIR EMPLOYEES PROTECT EACH
22 OTHER BY REQUIRING THEM TO MASK UP. NEXT SLIDE. YESTERDAY, AS
23 MANY ARE AWARE, THE STATE ISSUED A NEW HEALTH ORDER THAT IS IN
24 EFFECT ACROSS THE ENTIRE STATE AIMED AT PRESERVING THE SAFETY
25 WORKERS, RESIDENTS, AND PATIENTS IN A VARIETY OF SETTINGS. THE

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1 ORDER GOES INTO EFFECT ON AUGUST 9TH, AND IT REQUIRES ALL
2 ACUTE HEALTHCARE AND LONG TERM CARE SETTINGS, CONGREGATE
3 SETTINGS, THIS INCLUDES JAILS, HOMELESS SHELTERS, AND ADULT
4 AND SENIOR CARE FACILITIES, AND OTHER HEALTHCARE SETTINGS,
5 ALMOST ALL OTHER HEALTHCARE SETTINGS, TO VERIFY THE
6 VACCINATION STATUS OF ALL OF THEIR WORKERS. THIS DOES NOT
7 ALLOW FOR SELF- ATTESTATION. TO THEIR WORKERS WHO ARE
8 UNVACCINATED OR PARTIALLY VACCINATED, FACILITIES MUST PROVIDE
9 RESPIRATORS UPON REQUEST, AND MUST RECOMMEND RESPIRATOR USE IN
10 PATIENT CARE AREAS AND AREAS THAT PATIENTS ARE RESIDENTS CAN
11 ACCESS. IN ALL OTHER AREAS AND FACILITIES, UNVACCINATED
12 WORKERS MUST WEAR SURGICAL MASKS INDOORS WHEREVER THEY ARE
13 WORKING WITH ANOTHER PERSON. AS A REMINDER, IN ALL HEALTHCARE
14 FACILITIES, EVERYONE IS REQUIRED TO MASK UP, BUT THIS IS
15 REQUIRING A HIGHER GRADE MASK FOR THOSE WORKERS THAT ARE
16 UNVACCINATED. ADDITIONALLY, UNVACCINATED OR PARTIALLY
17 VACCINATED WORKERS MUST BE TESTED AT LEAST TWICE WEEKLY IN
18 ACUTE HEALTHCARE SETTINGS, SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES, AND
19 INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITIES, AND AT LEAST ONCE WEEKLY IN HIGH
20 RISK CONGREGATE SETTINGS AND ALL OTHER HEALTHCARE SETTING. GO
21 ON TO THE NEXT SLIDE. AS WE ALL WORK TO GET OUR RESIDENTS
22 VACCINATED, WE DO NEED TO KEEP IN MIND THAT, WHILE WE ARE SO
23 GRATEFUL FOR EVERY NEW VACCINATION DELIVERED, IT TAKES TWO
24 WEEKS FROM THE TIME A PERSON GETS A DOSE OF JOHNSON & JOHNSON
25 VACCINE AND SIX TO SEVEN WEEKS FROM THE TIME A PERSON GETS

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1 THEIR FIRST DOSE OF MODERNA OR PFIZER BEFORE THEY ARE
2 CONSIDERED FULLY PROTECTED. IN THE MEANTIME, IT IS STILL
3 CRITICALLY IMPORTANT FOR THOSE OF YOU COMING IN TO GET
4 VACCINATED TO WEAR YOUR MASK EVEN IF YOU ARE STILL SPORTING
5 YOUR JUST VACCINATED STICKER. THAT MEANS IN ADDITION TO
6 MASKING INDOORS AT PUBLIC PLACES, YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO TAKE
7 PRECAUTIONS TO AVOID CROWDED SITUATIONS AND WEAR YOUR MASK
8 WHEN YOU ARE AT GATHERINGS WITH PEOPLE OUTSIDE YOUR HOUSEHOLD
9 THAT ARE NOT FULLY VACCINATED. ALTHOUGH DIFFERENT PEOPLE ARE
10 MOTIVATED TO GET VACCINATED FOR DIFFERENT REASONS, WE DO KNOW
11 ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL STRATEGIES FOR INCREASING CONFIDENCE
12 IN THE VACCINE IS ALLOWING FOR THOSE WITH CONCERNS TO HEAR
13 FROM OTHERS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND IN THEIR FAMILIES WHO
14 MADE DECISIONS TO GET VACCINATED. SO I WANTED TODAY TO EXTEND
15 MY THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO THE HUNDREDS OF COMMUNITY HEALTH
16 WORKERS AND HEALTH EDUCATORS THAT ARE GOING DOOR TO DOOR AND
17 THAT ARE AVAILABLE AT PARKS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS TO ANSWER
18 QUESTIONS AND OFFER INFORMATION ABOUT THE VACCINES. THEIR
19 EFFORTS COMPLEMENT THE CONTINUED ACTIVITIES BUT HUNDREDS OF
20 PARTNERS TO ENSURE EASY ACCESS TO VACCINES. AND I KNOW THEY
21 ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE. THANK YOU, AND I AM AVAILABLE TO TAKE
22 YOUR QUESTIONS.

23

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, DR. FERRER. NOW WE
2 WILL HEAR FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, DR. NINA
3 PARK, DIRECTOR OF POPULATION HEALTH. GO AHEAD.

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5 **DR. PARK:** CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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7 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, GO A HEAD. IS THAT DR. PARK?

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9 **DR. PARK:** YES, I AM. THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. GO AHEAD.

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13 **DR. PARK:** I AM HERE TO PRESENT THE UPDATE ON D.H.S. EFFORTS
14 AND COVID VACCINATIONS, COUNTY TESTING, AND COVID
15 HOSPITALIZATIONS EXPERIENCED IN THE FOUR D.H.S. HOSPITALS ON
16 BEHALF OF DR. GHALY. IF I COULD GO TO THE SECOND SLIDE. THIS
17 SLIDE REPRESENTS THE VACCINATION EFFORTS IN D.H.S. TO DATE. WE
18 CONTINUE TO VACCINATE OUR STAFF AS WELL AS PATIENTS AND SOME
19 PUBLIC FOLKS ACROSS ALL VENUES. AND OUR TOTAL NUMBER OF
20 VACCINATIONS DELIVERED AS OF SUNDAY THE 25TH IS AROUND
21 213,000. OF NOTE, THE CURRENT VACCINATION RATE AMONG D.H.S.
22 WORKFORCE MEMBERS HAS STAYED AROUND 74 TO 75%. AND WE ARE
23 HAVING A HARD TIME SORT OF GETTING THAT TO BE HIGHER, BUT WE
24 ARE CONTINUING TO OUTREACH TO ALL OUR STAFF TO INCREASE THAT
25 RATE. IF I CAN GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE. THE NEXT SLIDE SHOWS OUR

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1 EFFORTS BEING MADE BY HOUSING FOR HEALTH UNIT, AND TO DATE, WE
2 HAVE DELIVERED OVER 13,000 DOSES TO CLIENTS THAT ARE SERVED BY
3 HOUSING FOR HEALTH. YOU CAN SEE BY THE PIE CHART THAT MOST OF
4 THE VACCINATIONS ARE OCCURRING IN THE ENCAMPMENTS AS WELL AS
5 SOME OF THE INTERIM HOUSING SITES. NEXT SLIDE. AND THIS SLIDE
6 SHOWS THE EFFORTS BEING CONDUCTED IN THE CORRECTIONAL HEALTH
7 SERVICES. TO DATE, WE HAVE VACCINATED 14 -- WE HAVE
8 ADMINISTERED 14,905 VACCINATIONS WITH AN ACCEPTANCE RATE OF
9 INMATES OF 4 TO 5% OF VACCINATION. THIS IS AN INCREASE OF
10 ADDITIONAL 800 DOSES FROM TWO WEEKS AGO. NEXT SLIDE. IN TERMS
11 OF COUNTY TESTING EFFORTS, BASICALLY THESE ARE THE NUMBERS
12 ONLY INCLUDING THE COMMUNITY SITES OVERSEEN BY D.H.S. IT DOES
13 NOT INCLUDE THE A.C.N. OR D.H.S. HOSPITAL BASED CLINIC AREAS
14 OR THE D.P.H. CLINICS. WE HAVE QUITE A FEW OF CAPACITY THAT
15 IS BEING NOT UTILIZED. WE HAVE UTILIZATION RATES RANGING FROM
16 17% TO 23%. WE DEFINITELY HAVE MUCH MORE CAPACITY THAT WE
17 COULD ACCOMMODATE ADDITIONAL TESTING. THE PERCENT POSITIVE
18 TESTS FOR THE TEST THAT HAVE BEEN ADMINISTERED IS RANGING
19 AROUND 7.3%. NEXT SLIDE. I'M NOT REALLY SURE IF YOU ARE SEEING
20 SORT OF A STRANGE SLIDE. HOPEFULLY, THAT'S JUST ME. THE NEXT
21 FEW SLIDES ARE WHAT WE HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCING AT THE FOUR
22 D.H.S. HOSPITALS OVER THIS PAST MONTH, AND JUST LIKE DR.
23 FERRER HAD ALREADY SPOKEN, OF WE ARE SEEING INCREASE
24 INCREMENTAL INCREASES IN OUR HOSPITALIZATIONS OF PATIENTS WHO
25 ARE TESTING POSITIVE FOR COVID. AS OF THIS MORNING, WE HAVE A

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1 TOTAL NUMBER OF 59 PATIENTS THAT ARE ADMITTED ACROSS OUR FOUR
2 HOSPITALS, WHICH IS BASICALLY DOUBLE THE NUMBER WE HAD ABOUT A
3 MONTH AGO. AND ABOUT 29% OF THOSE PATIENTS ARE CURRENTLY IN
4 THE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT. NEXT SLIDE. THE NEW ADMISSIONS EACH
5 DAY HAS BEEN RANGING FROM FOUR TO TEN OVER THE PAST WEEK
6 THROUGHOUT THE FOUR D.H.S. HOSPITALS. WE USUALLY HAVE A LOWER
7 NUMBER OF NEW ADMISSIONS BUT THE TRENDING IS THAT THE NUMBER
8 OF NEW ADMISSIONS EACH DAY IS CREEPING UP ALSO. NEXT SLIDE.
9 THIS SLIDE REPRESENTS SOME MEDICAL RECORD REVIEWS THAT WE HAD
10 DONE. AND THIS ALSO -- THESE NUMBERS ALSO MIRROR WHAT DR.
11 FERRER HAD ALREADY SPOKEN ABOUT THAT IS BEING EXPERIENCED
12 ACROSS THE COUNTY. SO THESE NUMBERS ARE FOR THE FOUR D.H.S.
13 HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS. AND WE HAVE BROKEN IT DOWN BY THE
14 VACCINATION STATUS. SO IF YOU TAKE A LOOK AT THE TABLE, WE DID
15 HAVE 139 INPATIENT ADMISSIONS OF PATIENTS THAT TESTED POSITIVE
16 FOR COVID IN THE NOT VACCINATED CATEGORY. AND THEY ARE THE
17 MAJORITY OF FOLKS THAT ARE ADMITTED COMPARED TO FULLY
18 VACCINATED OR THE PARTIALLY VACCINATED GROUP. AND IF YOU LOOK
19 AT THE ROW THAT'S LABELED FULLY VACCINATED, OUT OF THE 37 THAT
20 WE HAD OVER THE PAST FIVE WEEKS, ONLY FIVE OF THEM WERE
21 ACTUALLY DUE TO COVID DIAGNOSES WITH SYMPTOMATIC COVID,
22 WHEREAS THE REST WERE NOT DUE TO COVID. THEY WERE EITHER
23 INCIDENTAL DUE TO SURVEILLANCE TESTING OR ASYMPTOMATIC COVID
24 ADMISSIONS. SO YOU CAN SEE THIS MIRRORS WITH WHAT DR. FERRER
25 HAD ALREADY PRESENTED IN TERMS OF MANY OF OUR PATIENTS WHO ARE

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1 GETTING ADMITTED WITHIN THE GROUP THAT ARE NOT VACCINATED. I
2 THINK THAT IS THE LAST OF MY SLIDES. WE WILL CONTINUE TO
3 MONITOR THE COVID ADMISSIONS AT OUR HOSPITALS. WE ARE READY TO
4 IMPLEMENT ANY SURGE PLANS AS NECESSARY AS THE CASES CONTINUE
5 TO BE HOSPITALIZED. AND WE WILL CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS AROUND
6 VACCINATIONS AND SUPPORTING THE TESTING EFFORTS ACROSS THE
7 COUNTY. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I HAVE SEVERAL MEMBERS THAT WANT
10 TO ASK QUESTIONS, BUT I JUST WANT TO BEGIN BY ASKING DR.
11 FERRER, YOU WENT OVER THE GOVERNOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT YESTERDAY
12 STATING THAT HE IS GOING TO REQUIRE STATE EMPLOYEES AS WELL AS
13 OTHER WORKERS IN HEALTHCARE OR CONGREGATE SETTINGS TO EITHER
14 SHOW PROOF OF VACCINATION OR BE TESTED ONCE OR TWICE PER WEEK,
15 DEPENDING ON THE LOCATION, AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OBVIOUSLY THAT
16 SELF-ATTESTATION WAS NOT AN EFFECTIVE METHOD. WHAT STEPS CAN
17 WE TAKE HERE TO STRENGTHEN VACCINE VERIFICATION? AND WHAT
18 PRACTICES WOULD YOU ENCOURAGE FOR OUR BUSINESSES AND OTHER
19 EMPLOYERS HERE IN L.A. COUNTY?

20

21 **DR. FERRER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT QUESTION AND ALL YOUR
22 SUPPORT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT WE JUST GOT
23 WORD, I THINK THIS WILL BE OF INTEREST TO THE BOARD AND THE
24 PUBLIC, THAT C.D.C. HAS JUST ALTERED THEIR GUIDANCE AND IS
25 RECOMMENDING IN EVERYONE IN COMMUNITIES WHERE THERE'S

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1 SUBSTANTIAL AND HIGH TRANSMISSION, OBVIOUSLY THAT'S L.A.
2 COUNTY, THAT EVERYONE, INCLUDING FULLY VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS,
3 WEAR A MASK IN PUBLIC INDOOR SETTINGS TO HELP PREVENT SPREAD
4 OF DELTA AND PROTECT OTHERS. THEY ARE ALSO NOW RECOMMENDING
5 UNIVERSAL INDOOR MASKING FOR ALL TEACHERS, STAFF, STUDENTS,
6 AND VISITORS TO K TO 12 SCHOOLS REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION
7 STATUS. SO, I THINK AS THE EVIDENCE CONTINUES TO MOUNT, THAT
8 SOME VACCINATED PEOPLE DO GET INFECTED WITH THE DELTA VARIANT,
9 AND SOME OF THEM ARE LIKELY TO BE CONTAGIOUS. THIS IS, AS WE
10 NOTED A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO, A PRUDENT STEP TO TAKE WHILE WE
11 CONTINUE TO INCREASE VACCINATIONS AMONG EVERYONE BECAUSE THEY
12 REMAIN THE MOST POWERFUL TOOL WE HAVE. AND I WANT TO ALSO
13 APPLAUD THE GOVERNOR FOR AGAIN MOVING TO ALIGN ALL OF US WITH
14 ADDING THESE EXTRA LAYERS OF PROTECTION INTO PLACES WHERE
15 PEOPLE ARE CONGREGATING WITH LOTS OF OTHER PEOPLE. AND THOSE
16 ARE CERTAINLY, AS YOU NOTED, AT OUR WORK SITES. WHILE THE
17 HEALTH OFFICE ORDER JUST TALKED ABOUT WHAT WILL HAPPEN -- WHAT
18 NEEDS TO HAPPEN IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS AND AT RISK OR HIGH
19 RISK CONGREGATE LIVING SETTINGS, THE GOVERNOR ALSO DID
20 ANNOUNCE, AS YOU NOTED, SUPERVISOR, THAT ALL STATE EMPLOYEES
21 WILL NOW BE REQUIRED TO SHOW PROOF OF VACCINATION STATUS. IF
22 THEY ARE NOT FULLY VACCINATED, THEY WILL NEED TO GO AHEAD AND
23 GET TESTED WEEKLY. THAT WILL BE AN OBLIGATION FOR EMPLOYERS
24 BECAUSE OF THE CAL-O.S.H.A. RULES AROUND TESTING AT WORK
25 SITES, AND AGAIN, IT DOES IN FACT, FOR PEOPLE THAT ARE NOT

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1 VACCINATED, IT DOES IN FACT ALLOW THEM TO MONITOR MORE CLOSELY
2 THEIR OWN STATUS WHILE YOU HAVE THESE HIGH RATES, MUCH HIGHER
3 RATES OF COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION. I WANT TO APPLAUD BUSINESSES
4 THAT ARE ALREADY DOING THIS BECAUSE WE DEFINITELY, WHEN WE GO
5 AROUND, WE HAVE TALKED TO BUSINESSES THAT IS ARE REQUIRING
6 PROOF OF VACCINATION STATUS, BOTH FROM THEIR EMPLOYEES AND/OR
7 THEIR CUSTOMERS, AND MANY ARE ALSO REQUIRING CUSTOMERS WHO ARE
8 COMING INTO THEIR SETTINGS TO EITHER BE FULLY VACCINATED OR
9 SHOW THAT, IN FACT, THEY HAVE HAD A RECENT NEGATIVE TEST
10 RESULT BECAUSE I THINK THIS IS THE WAY WE PREVENT LARGE
11 NUMBERS OF OUTBREAKS FROM HAPPENING. AND WE ALL KNOW, BECAUSE
12 WE HAVE BEEN THERE, THAT WHEN LARGE NUMBER OF OUTBREAKS, SOME
13 OF OUR BUSINESSES HAVE ENDED UP HAVING TO CLOSE JUST TO REALLY
14 TRY TO GET BACK INTO CONTROL OF NOT HAVING A LOT OF SPREAD AT
15 A WORK SITE. SO I APPRECIATE ALL THE HELP THAT THE BUSINESSES
16 ARE GIVING US, WHO ARE IN FACT MOVING IN THEIR OWN DIRECTION
17 NOW TO CREATE AS MUCH SAFETY AS POSSIBLE KNOWING THAT SOME OF
18 THE OPERATIONS THAT THEY ARE PARTICIPATING IN, OR THE VERY
19 NATURE OF THEIR BUSINESS, CREATES ADDITIONAL RISK IF THERE ARE
20 A LOT OF UNVACCINATED PEOPLE THAT MAY BE PART OF THEIR
21 CUSTOMER BASE OR PART OF THEIR WORKFORCE.

22
23 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND DOCTOR, JUST ONE LAST QUESTION. SO TO
24 SPEAK. I READ WITH INTEREST THAT THE CITY OF L.A. IS
25 CONSIDERING ALSO VACCINATIONS OF THEIR EMPLOYEES, IN

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1 PARTICULAR THE PUBLIC SAFETY. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THE RATES
2 FOR VACCINATION IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE SECTOR FOR THE COUNTY,
3 THE SHERIFFS FOR EXAMPLE, AND MAYBE FIREFIGHTERS, IS NOT AS
4 HIGH AS IT SHOULD BE. WHAT WOULD YOU SUGGEST? WHAT IS YOUR
5 ADVICE?

6

7 **DR. FERRER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT THE
8 GOVERNOR SEPARATED THE ACTIONS THAT WERE IMPLEMENTED THROUGH
9 THE HEALTH OFFICER ORDER TO BE LIMITED TO THESE HIGH RISK
10 SETTINGS AND THEN ISSUED HIS OWN ORDER, AS THE GOVERNOR, ABOUT
11 THE WORKFORCE THAT WORKS FOR THE STATE. I APPLAUD CITIES,
12 BECAUSE THE CITY OF L.A. ISN'T THE ONLY CITY. PASADENA AS WELL
13 IS REQUIRING VACCINATION FOR CITY WORKERS, OBVIOUSLY WITH THE
14 EXEMPTIONS FOR PEOPLE THAT NEED IT FOR RELIGIOUS OR MEDICAL
15 REASONS. BUT THIS VARIANT THAT -- THIS DELTA VARIANT IS WAY
16 MORE INFECTIOUS THAN ANYTHING WE HAVE SEEN. AND IT IS WREAKING
17 HAVOC. AND VACCINATIONS ARE THE MOST POWERFUL TOOL WE HAVE. SO
18 I UNDERSTAND PARTICULARLY IN WORKFORCES THAT COME IN CLOSE
19 CONTACT WITH OTHER PEOPLE, OFTEN VULNERABLE PEOPLE, THE DESIRE
20 TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR THERE TO BE AS
21 MUCH PROTECTION LAYERED IN AS WE CAN HAVE. I DO THINK THAT'S A
22 CONVERSATION THAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN WITH OUR LABOR PARTNERS,
23 WITH THE BOARD, AND WITH THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, OBVIOUSLY, SO WE
24 ARE ALL MOVING TOGETHER.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SO WE HAVE
2 OTHER MEMBERS IN THE QUEUE HERE. I HAVE SUPERVISOR SHEILA
3 KUEHL AND THEN JANICE HAHN, THIRD KATHRYN BARGER, AND I AM
4 ASSUMING HOLLY MITCHELL WILL BE FOURTH. SO IN THAT ORDER, I
5 WILL RECOGNIZE SHEILA.

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, DR.
8 FERRER AND ALL THAT ARE WORKING OVERTIME TO TRY TO DEAL WITH
9 THE FOOLISHNESS OF THOSE WHO STILL REFUSE TO GET VACCINATED.
10 YOU CAN HEAR THE EXASPERATION I THINK IN MY VOICE. ALTHOUGH I
11 THINK I AM GOING TO NOMINATE THEM FOR THE DARWIN AWARD THIS
12 YEAR. AND YOU CAN LOOK THAT UP IF YOU WISH TO KNOW WHAT AN
13 INSULT THAT IS FROM ME. DR. FERRER, I WANTED TO ASK ABOUT THE
14 EXPONENTIAL GROWTH IN MY DISTRICT OF CASES BEING DIAGNOSED. WE
15 HOLLYWOOD, BEVERLY HILLS, VENICE, HOLLYWOOD HILLS, AND STUDIO
16 CITY ALL IN THE THIRD. IS THERE ANY WAY TO TRY TO FURTHER
17 UNDERSTAND THE AGE GROUP? I KNOW YOU SAID THAT CAUCASIANS WERE
18 NOW SECOND HIGHEST IN BECOMING INFECTED, AND ALTHOUGH AS I
19 THINK WE ALL KNOW, THE THIRD IS NOT PRIMARILY CAUCASIAN, IT
20 STILL CONTAINS LOT IN THESE COMMUNITIES. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER
21 MY L.G.B.T.Q. POPULATION IS REPRESENTED IN THIS GROWTH. IS
22 THERE ANY WAY FOR US TO KNOW SORT OF GEOGRAPHICALLY AND BY AGE
23 AND MAYBE EVEN IF THERE'S ANY SEXUAL ORIENTATION DATA TO HELP
24 US GET THE MESSAGE OUT TO PEOPLE WHO ARE ENGAGING IN WHAT WE
25 USED TO CALL IN THE OLD DAYS OF A.I.D.S., RISKY BEHAVIOR.

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2 **DR. FERRER:** YEAH, AND IT IS A GREAT QUESTION, SUPERVISOR. AND
3 I KNOW I HAD SHARED DATA WITH THE BOARD EARLIER THAT DID SHOW
4 THAT THE STEEPEST INCREASES IS IN FACT IN YOUR DISTRICT, AND
5 NOT SURPRISING YOU HAVE GOT COMMUNITIES NOW WITH VERY HIGH
6 CASE RATES. WITH THE INFORMATION THAT IS AVAILABLE TO US, WE
7 NOTED A FEW THINGS IN COMMON IN THESE COMMUNITIES. ONE IS, AS
8 IT IS ALMOST EVERYWHERE, YOU SEE MOST OF THIS INCREASE IS
9 HAPPENING AMONG YOUNGER PEOPLE. SO IT IS MOSTLY WITHIN 18 TO
10 49 YEAR OLDS, WITH 18 TO 29 YEAR OLDS OBVIOUSLY HAVING THE
11 BIGGEST IN INCREASE OF ALL. AND THAT'S CONSISTENT WITH WHAT
12 WHAT WE SEE BOTH ACROSS THE COUNTY, BUT THEN WHEN YOU HONE IN
13 IN AREAS WHERE WE HAVE SEEN SORT OF WHAT YOU CORRECTLY NOTED
14 AS EXPONENTIAL GROWTH, IT IS BEING FUELED BY YOUNGER PEOPLE.
15 THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME THAT YOUNGER PEOPLE FUEL THIS
16 PANDEMIC IN TERMS OF CASES. I THINK THE DIFFERENCE IS WE HAVE
17 A LOT OF PROTECTION FOR OLDER PEOPLE, SO IT ISN'T SPREADING
18 FROM YOUNGER PEOPLE TO OLDER PEOPLE IN ANYWHERE NEAR THE SAME
19 RATE THAT IT WAS BEFORE, BUT, AS I NOTED YOUNGER PEOPLE, TWO
20 THINGS. ONE IS THEY TEND TO INTERMINGLE SOCIALLY MORE, AND TWO
21 IS THEY ARE OUR WORKFORCE. SO THEY ARE, FOR THE MOST PART, ARE
22 GOING TO WORK A LOT. AND THAT'S WHERE ALSO, AS I NOTED, WE
23 HAVE SEEN A BIG INCREASE IN OUTBREAKS AT WORK, AND THIS IS
24 JUST THE START, RIGHT, OF US SEEING REPORTS ON OUTBREAKS. YOU
25 HAVE TO HAVE NOTED THREE OR MORE CASES OVER A 14 DAY PERIOD

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1 FOR YOU TO CALL US TO INVESTIGATE A CLUSTER. SO I THINK WE ARE
2 GOING TO CONTINUE TO SEE THOSE INCREASES. WE DO HAVE OUTBREAKS
3 AT BARS AND AT RESTAURANTS AND AT OUR FOOD MANUFACTURING
4 PLANTS. ALL PLACES WHERE, AGAIN, WITHOUT A LOT OF CARE, IT CAN
5 BE VERY EASY FOR THERE TO BE SPREAD. I WANT TO APPLAUD,
6 BECAUSE IT IS IN YOUR DISTRICT AS WELL, SUPERVISOR, THAT SOME
7 BARS ARE ALREADY REQUIRING FOLKS WHO WANT TO COME IN TO BE
8 EITHER VACCINATED OR HAVE A NEGATIVE TEST RESULT. SO I WANT TO
9 APPLAUD THOSE EFFORTS. AND AS YOU SAW, WE HAD VERY HIGH
10 COMPLIANCE AROUND MASKING INDOORS, PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR
11 THE EMPLOYEES, SOME OF WHOM MAY NOT BE VACCINATED THEMSELVES,
12 BUT ALSO FOR CUSTOMERS WHEN THEY ARE NOT EATING OR DRINKING.
13 THE SECOND FACT THAT WE DID NOTE IS IN A COUPLE OF THESE
14 COMMUNITIES WE HAD SOME SMALL OUTBREAKS, BUT OUTBREAKS
15 NONETHELESS, AMONGST PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. AND WE
16 TRACK VERY CAREFULLY SORT OF THE OUTBREAKS IN THE BARS IN YOUR
17 COMMUNITIES, THE OUTBREAKS THAT WE CAN SEE THAT ARE HAPPENING
18 IN RESTAURANTS OR IN BUSINESS SITES AT BUSINESS SITES, AS WELL
19 AS WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.
20 AND I REPORTED EARLIER THAT ONE OF THE PLACES WHERE WE HAVE
21 SEEN SOME OF THE LARGEST INCREASES HAVE BEEN AMONG PEOPLE
22 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. SO WE ARE WORKING HARD. I WANT TO
23 THANK D.H.S. IN PARTICULAR FOR ALL THEIR LEADERSHIP ON GETTING
24 MORE RE SOURCES OUT TO PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. SO
25 THAT WE CAN AGAIN CONTINUE TO INCREASE VACCINATION RATES THERE

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1 AS WELL. BUT THE SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN WILL BE A TARGETED
2 CAMPAIGN IN THESE COMMUNITIES. SO WE ARE ABLE TO ACTUALLY
3 TARGET RESIDENTS AND WORKERS IN THESE COMMUNITIES WITH OUR
4 SOCIAL MEDIA, AND THAT'S WHAT YOU WILL BE SEEING OVER THE NEXT
5 COUPLE OF WEEKS.

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** WE WILL BE DOING THAT AS WELL BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN
8 VERY STRONG ABOUT ENCOURAGING VACCINATION, AND WE WILL WORK TO
9 SPECIFICALLY FIND INCREASING WAYS TO TARGET THE YOUNGER
10 COMMUNITY AND FIND THE RIGHT ARGUMENTS. ON THE SECOND POINT
11 THAT WAS RAISED BY THE CHAIR, I WANT TO INDICATE THAT I
12 PERSONALLY, STRONGLY FAVOR REQUIRING VACCINATIONS OF ALL
13 112,000 OF OUR COUNTY WORKERS. AND, YOU KNOW, WITH A VERY,
14 VERY FOCUSED EXEMPTION OF ANY KIND, I SUPPOSE TESTING CAN
15 SUBSTITUTE, BUT WE CAN TALK ABOUT IT. BUT I AGREE WITH YOU,
16 DR. FERRER, THAT IS SOMETHING THAT THE BOARD ITSELF WILL NEED
17 TO DECIDE AS THE ULTIMATE SUPERVISORS OF ALL THOSE EMPLOYEES.
18 I WAS SHOCKED TO HEAR THAT OUR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS IN THE
19 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WERE NOT 100%
20 VACCINATED. I DON'T GET THAT AT ALL AND WOULD LIKE TO PERHAPS,
21 AND I WILL ASK MY COLLEAGUES, IF WE MIGHT THINK ABOUT ASKING
22 BOTH THE SHERIFF AND THE FIRE CHIEF TO COME IN AND TELL US WHY
23 THAT IS. THAT COULD BE FUN. AND I THANK YOU AGAIN VERY MUCH IF
24 YOUR WORK. I APOLOGIZE ON BEHALF OF THE UNVACCINATED IDIOTS,
25 WHO ARE RAISING THE NUMBER OF CASES BY THEIR BEHAVIOR AND

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1 THEIR CHOICES BECAUSE I DON'T THINK THEY THINK FOR A MINUTE
2 ABOUT THE PRESSURE THEY ARE PUTTING ON OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS
3 AGAIN, WHO ARE ALREADY EXHAUSTED AFTER A YEAR AND A HALF OF
4 THIS PANDEMIC. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK, AND, YOU KNOW,
5 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HANGING IN THERE. I KNOW IT'S BEEN
6 TOUGH, AND I KNOW YOU HAVE TAKEN ABUSE FOR IT, BUT WE ARE ALL
7 VERY GRATEFUL. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I TEND TO
10 AGREE WITH YOU THAT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA AT SOME POINT TO
11 HAVE THE SHERIFF AS WELL AS THE CHIEF OF OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT
12 TO COME IN AND TALK TO US ABOUT WHY WE ARE EXPERIENCING THIS
13 WITH OUR EMPLOYEES BECAUSE THEY DO HAVE CONTACT, I BELIEVE,
14 EVERY SINGLE DAY WITH THE PUBLIC. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THAT
15 DISCUSSION. THANK YOU. NEXT, I WILL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR
16 JANICE HAHN.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK WE ARE ALL JUST SO
19 -- DISAPPOINTED IS TOO SMALL OF A WORD TO USE AS IT RELATES
20 TO THE INCREASE IN THESE CASES AND HOSPITALIZATIONS. IT IS
21 STILL PRIMARILY A PANDEMIC OF THE UNVACCINATED, BUT CLEARLY IT
22 HAS CREPT -- THIS DELTA VARIANT HAS CREPT INTO THE LIVES OF
23 PEOPLE WHO ARE VACCINATED. IT WAS SHOCKING TO SEE THE DEATHS
24 OF PEOPLE WHO ARE FULLY VACCINATED. AND YET WE DO KNOW THAT
25 THE VACCINES ARE HIGHLY EFFECTIVE AGAINST THIS VARIANT. YOU

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1 KNOW, DR. FERRER, HERE IS WHAT I AM GOING TO ASK YOU. AND THIS
2 IS -- AS IT RELATES TO THE INDOOR MASKING MANDATE THAT WE
3 INSTITUTED I THINK IT WAS TEN DAYS AGO. AND I DEFINITELY THINK
4 IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO, BUT I AM GOING TO BRING UP SOME
5 CONCERNS AND QUESTIONS THAT I HEARD FROM MY CONSTITUENTS. AND,
6 YOU KNOW, THIS IS WHAT WE DO AS SUPERVISORS. WE REPRESENT TWO
7 MILLION PEOPLE EACH, AND IT IS OUR OBLIGATION TO RAISE THEIR
8 VOICES AND HAVE OUR EXPERTS ANSWER THEIR VOICES PUBLICLY. SO
9 LET ME TELL YOU THE CONCERNS OF -- THERE WAS ABOUT 11 CITIES
10 THAT SENT ME A LETTER THAT DIDN'T THINK -- WELL, THOUGHT THAT
11 THE INDOOR MASKING REQUIREMENT WAS A LITTLE A BIT OF AN
12 OVERREACH AND A REACTION TO THE CASES. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY,
13 THEY FELT LIKE THEY HAD HIGH VACCINATION RATES IN THESE
14 PARTICULAR CITIES. SOME OF THEM WERE 80% OF THEIR POPULATION
15 HAD BEEN VACCINATED. THEY HAD VERY LOW CASES. THEY EVEN
16 THOUGHT THEY WERE AT HERD IMMUNITY. AND THEY WANTED TO KNOW,
17 IS THERE ANY SCENARIO THAT YOU WOULD RECOMMEND THAT WOULD
18 EXEMPT CITIES WITH HIGH VACCINATION RATES FROM THIS INDOOR
19 MASKING ORDER? IT IS REALLY KIND OF A HOLD OVER, AND KATHRYN
20 WILL REMEMBER, WE HAD CERTAIN PARTS OF THE COUNTY THAT WANTED
21 TO BE CARVED OUT REGIONALLY, AND I THINK WE EVEN PETITIONED
22 THE GOVERNOR, TO TREAT US DIFFERENTLY WHEN WE WERE GOING
23 THROUGH THE TIERS OF HOW WE WERE RESPONDING TO COVID CASES.
24 AND, OF COURSE, THE GOVERNOR WAS NOT INTERESTED IN CARVING OUT
25 REGIONS AND WERE TREATING US AS A COUNTY. SO, DR. FERRER, DO

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1 YOU THINK THAT'S ANYTHING THAT IN THE FUTURE WOULD HAPPEN? I
2 KNOW I WOULD SAY CITIES DON'T HAVE CLOSED BORDERS. OTHER
3 PEOPLE COME INTO YOUR CITY. THEY EAT IN YOUR RESTAURANTS, BUT
4 THEY REALLY FEEL LIKE BECAUSE THEY ARE AT HERD IMMUNITY, THEY
5 HAVE HIGH VACCINATION RATES AND LOW CASES, THEY SHOULD NOT
6 HAVE TO ABIDE BY THIS COUNTY-WIDE INDOOR MASK MANDATE.

7

8 **DR. FERRER:** THANKS SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR. AND OBVIOUSLY, THIS
9 HAS BEEN A QUESTION REALLY SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE PANDEMIC
10 IS HOW DO YOU BEST MITIGATE AGAINST SPREAD, AND KNOWING THAT
11 SPREAD, AS YOU HAVE NOTED AND AS I KNOW YOUR CITIES KNOW AS
12 WELL, THERE'S NO BORDERS FOR THIS VIRUS. IT GOES WHERE IT CAN.
13 THE CHANGE HERE IS THE DELTA VARIANT. SO IF OUR REPORTING THAT
14 SO FAR IT LOOKS LIKE IN JULY, 26% OF OUR NEW CASES ARE
15 OCCURRING AMONG FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE, AND NOW THE C.D.C. IS
16 CONFIRMING THIS AS WELL, THAT WE ARE NOWHERE NEAR HERD IMMUNITY
17 BECAUSE HERD IMMUNITY IS WHEN THERE'S VERY LOW RATES OF
18 TRANSMISSION THAT'S HAPPENING. AND WHEN YOU HAVE A VARIANT
19 THAT'S BOTH MORE SIGNIFICANTLY MORE INFECTIOUS, AND BECAUSE
20 OF THAT IT IS ALSO ABLE TO EVADE SOME OF THE PROTECTIONS THAT
21 WE GET FROM THE VACCINE --

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** SO MAYBE WE HAD HAD HERD IMMUNITY FOR THE ORIGINAL
24 COVID-19, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE HERD IMMUNITY TOWARDS THE DELTA
25 VARIANT?

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1

2 **DR. FERRER:** I WOULD HAVE TO GO BACK, BUT WHEN I LAST LOOKED I
3 DIDN'T REALLY SEE ANY PLACES -- ANY LARGE COMMUNITIES. I MEAN
4 OBVIOUSLY THE SMALL COMMUNITIES ARE VERY TINY IN THEIR
5 NUMBERS, BUT IN MOSTLY LARGE COMMUNITIES, THEY ARE --
6 EVERYBODY'S NUMBERS ARE GOING UP. SO WHEN NUMBERS START GO UP,
7 THAT'S THE TIME TO TAKE ACTION. THAT'S WHY WE TOOK ACTION TEN
8 DAYS AGO. IT BECAME CLEARER AND CLEARER TO US BASED ON
9 EVIDENCE ACROSS THE WORLD, AND WHAT WE ARE SEEING RIGHT HERE,
10 THE DELTA VARIANT IS A GAME CHANGER. AND WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO
11 WASTE TO TRY TO GET BACK TO SLOWING TRANSMISSION. AND I DO
12 APPRECIATE THAT MANY COMMUNITIES WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO HAVE
13 A LOT MORE FLEXIBILITY, BUT, AS YOU NOTED, WE HAVE WORKERS
14 THAT MOVE FROM ONE COMMUNITY TO ANOTHER. THEY LIVE IN ONE
15 PLACE. THEY WORK IN ANOTHER PLACE. WE HAVE CERTAINLY VISITORS
16 IN MANY OF THE CITIES THAT COME FROM ALL OTHER THE WORLD. IT
17 IS REALLY I THINK HAS WORKED BEST FOR US AS A COUNTY WHEN WE
18 HAVE ALL JUST BEEN COMMITTED TO TAKING ACTIONS. AND IN THIS
19 CASE, TO BE HONEST, WEARING A MASK DOES NOT REALLY DISRUPT
20 CUSTOMARY BUSINESS PRACTICES. AND IT PROVIDES A VERY POWERFUL
21 LAYER OF PROTECTION. SO THIS IS REALLY BEING DONE TO GET US
22 BACK AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO SLOWING THE SPREAD BECAUSE AT
23 THIS POINT, THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE TO DO. WE HAVE TO GET THE
24 TRANSMISSION DOWN AS LOW AS POSSIBLE. THIS IS ESSENTIAL AS WE
25 ARE REOPENING SCHOOLS AND WANT TO BE SUCCESSFULLY REOPENING.

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1 SO I WOULD JUST URGE FOLKS TO ALLOW US TO WORK TOGETHER. AND
2 WE ARE ALWAYS, AS YOU KNOW, I TALK WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS ONCE
3 A WEEK ON A TELEBRIEFING. I AM ALWAYS ANXIOUS TO HEAR HOW WE
4 CAN MOST APPROPRIATELY BE SUPPORTIVE, BUT I THINK THE SCIENCE
5 ON THIS DELTA VARIANT IN PARTICULAR, REALLY DOES ASK US ALL TO
6 WORK TOGETHER AGAIN, MOVE THIS COUNTY FORWARD AS A COUNTY. AND
7 I THINK THAT'S POSSIBLE.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH. DO YOU SEE US -- DO WE HAVE A GOAL THAT WE
10 WANT TO REACH IF -- TO LIFT THIS INDOOR MASK MANDATE? AND I
11 AGREE WITH YOU, BY THE WAY. THIS IS HOW I HAVE COMMUNICATED
12 THIS. THIS IS A STOP GAP INTERIM MEASURE TO SLOW THE SPREAD SO
13 THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE VERY RESTRICTIVE
14 ENVIRONMENT WE HAD WHERE WE WERE REGULATING HOURS AND CAPACITY
15 AND YOU COULD ONLY PICK YOUR FOOD UP AT THE CURVE. WE DON'T
16 WANT TO GO BACK TO THAT. THAT IS TRULY A DISRUPTION TO OUR
17 BUSINESSES. BUT DO WE HAVE A GOAL LIKE SO MANY PEOPLE NEED TO
18 BE -- A PERCENTAGE NEED TO BE VACCINATED OR CASES NEED TO BE
19 AT A NUMBER BEFORE WE WOULD CONSIDER LIFTING IT? WOULD IT JUST
20 BE GOING BACK TO PRE TEN DAYS AGO? BACK WHERE WE WERE THEN? DO
21 YOU SEE US EVER LIFTING THIS MASK MANDATE, I GUESS IS WHAT I
22 AM ASKING.

23

24 **DR. FERRER:** YES. AND OF COURSE I SEE US LIFTING THIS MASK
25 MANDATE ONCE WE GET TRANSMISSION BACK UNDER CONTROL. WE

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1 IMPLEMENTED THE MASK MANDATE WHEN WE MOVED FROM MODERATE
2 TRANSFORMATION TO SUBSTANTIAL TRANSMISSION. AND NOW OF COURSE,
3 UNFORTUNATELY, WE ARE AT WIDESPREAD TRANSMISSION, SO RAPID
4 ACCELERATION WHICH WE HAVE PREDICTED WOULD HAPPEN --

5

6 **SUP. HAHN:** IS THAT STILL LIKE THE EIGHT PER 100,000?

7

8 **DR. FERRER:** YES. YOU GET INTO SUBSTANTIAL TRANSMISSION AT
9 EIGHT NEW CASES PER 100,000 OR BELOW THAT, BUT I WILL SAY,
10 PARTICULARLY NOW THAT THE C.D.C. IS ALIGNED WITH, AND REALLY
11 RECOGNIZING, AS I THINK EVERYONE IS, THE DANGER BY THE DELTA
12 VARIANT, WE WILL HAVE TO LOOK AT THE SPREAD OF THE DELTA
13 VARIANT. IT SHOWS UP MOST EASILY IN OUR CASE RATES, WHICH IS
14 WHY I THINK THAT'S A GOOD PLACE FOR US TO BE LOOKING NOW. I
15 AGREE WITH EVERYONE THAT WE WANT TO GET BACK TO THE TIME WHERE
16 WE DIDN'T NEED AN EXTRA LAYER OF PROTECTION. BUT WE NEED THAT
17 EXTRA LAYER NOW THAT MASKS GIVE US. WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO GET
18 A DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THE DELTA VARIANT IS INTERACTING
19 WITH THOSE OF US WHO ARE VACCINATED AND THOSE OF US WHO ARE
20 NOT VACCINATED AND WHAT KIND OF RISKS FOR CONTINUED
21 TRANSMISSION THERE ARE, PARTICULARLY AMONG THOSE WHO ARE
22 VACCINATED. SO WE STILL HAVE A LOT OF CHILDREN THAT CANNOT GET
23 VACCINATED. AND AGAIN, THE WAY YOU DO THIS IS CREATE A BUBBLE
24 OF SAFETY FOR THOSE NOT ABLE TO GET VACCINATED, AND THAT
25 BUBBLE OF SAFETY WORKS BEST WHEN COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION IS AT

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1 AS LOW A RATE AS POSSIBLE. SO WE'VE GOT TO FACTOR THAT IN. WE
2 REALLY HAVE TO DO OUR VERY BEST TO GET THOSE RATES DOWN LOW.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT, BECAUSE AS LONG AS OUR KIDS 12 UNDER AND ARE
5 STILL NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE VACCINATED, I THINK THEY ARE AT RISK,
6 AND I DO THINK A LOT OF PARENTS ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THAT.
7 I THINK OUR EYE ON THE PRIZE SHOULD BE REOPENING OUR SCHOOLS.
8 AND I THINK EVERYTHING WE ARE DOING SHOULD LEAD TO SAFE
9 REOPENING OF OUR SCHOOLS. I AM GOING TO END BY SAYING I AM
10 ALREADY ON THE SIDE OF BELIEVING THAT WE SHOULD, IN FACT,
11 VACCINATE OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES. YOU SHOULD EITHER GET A
12 VACCINATION OR I THINK, LIKE THE STATE HAS SAID, OR BE TESTING
13 WEEKLY. SO I AM ALREADY THERE, COLLEAGUES, AND I WILL BE
14 SUPPORTING THAT IF WE MOVE TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN. THANK YOU DR.
15 FERRER.

16

17 **DR. FERRER:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT, THANK YOU JANICE FOR THOSE
20 QUESTIONS. NEXT, WE WILL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR KATHRYN BARGER.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, DR. FERRER
23 AND DR. PARK, FOR YOUR WORK AND YOUR TESTIMONY THIS MORNING.
24 AND DR. FERRER, I WANT TO THANK YOU. I HAVE BEEN GETTING A LOT
25 OF QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EFFICACY OF ALL THE VACCINES. AND

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1 WHAT I TELL PEOPLE ALL THREE WORK. AND I KNOW THAT WE ARE
2 LOOKING AT WHAT THE BREAKDOWN IS OF THOSE THAT ARE VACCINATED
3 THAT HAVE HAD THE BREAK THROUGH. BUT YOU KNOW I TELL PEOPLE I
4 DON'T WANT TO GET CAUGHT UP IN THAT BECAUSE AT THE END OF THE
5 DAY THE VACCINE, WE KNOW GETTING VACCINATED WILL PREVENT YOU
6 FROM GOING TO THE HOSPITAL. WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT OF THE I THINK
7 IT'S 195 IN OUR COUNTY AT THE HOSPITAL, 37 ARE FULLY
8 VACCINATED. AND OF THOSE 37, FIVE WERE ADMITTED STRICTLY FOR
9 COVID. THE OTHERS WERE ACTUALLY IN THE HOSPITAL FOR SOMETHING
10 ELSE. SO WE KNOW IT WORKS. AND SO I APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT
11 YOU ALL ARE DOING. I, TOO -- I AM BE MY COLLEAGUES AS WELL. I
12 THINK WE NEED TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF PREPARING TO REQUIRE ALL
13 COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO BE VACCINATED. AND I THINK, AS A BOARD,
14 WE HAVE THAT RESPONSIBILITY. WE ARE PREACHING, AND I THINK WE
15 NEED TO PRACTICE IN TERMS OF MOVING FORWARD WITH OUR COUNTY
16 WORKFORCE. AND SO, I, TOO, AM IN SUPPORT OF MOVING FORWARD
17 WITH THAT. DR. FERRER, I JUST HAVE ONE QUESTION REGARDING THE
18 DELTA. AND I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS TRUE AT ALL, SO PLEASE
19 CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE U.K.
20 IS ABOUT FOUR TO FIVE WEEKS AHEAD OF US IN THEIR FIGHT AGAINST
21 THE DELTA VARIANT AND ALSO HAS A SIMILAR VACCINATION RATE AS
22 WE DO. WHAT -- OR IF YOU KNOW, IF ANY OF YOUR TEAMS HAVE
23 OBSERVED ANY OF THE TRENDS OF THE VARIANT IN THE U.K., AND IS
24 THERE ANYTHING WE CAN GLEAN FROM THAT THAT WILL HELP US MOVING
25 FORWARD?

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2 **DR. FERRER:** YES, IT IS A GREAT QUESTION. OBVIOUSLY, WE FOLLOW
3 THE LITERATURE. SO WHEN WE HAVE PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS, WE
4 FEEL FAIRLY CONFIDENT. WE DO GET A DAILY REPORT THAT INCLUDES
5 INFORMATION FROM THE U.K. AND INCLUDES INFORMATION FROM
6 ISRAEL. THOSE ARE REALLY THE TWO COUNTRIES THAT HAVE VERY HIGH
7 VACCINATION RATES SIMILAR TO OURS. IF YOU LOOK AT WHAT HAS
8 HAPPENED ACROSS THE GLOBE, WE ARE DEFINITELY A COUNTY WITH A
9 VERY HIGH VACCINATION RATE COMPARED TO MANY OTHERS. AND WHAT
10 EVERYONE IS NOTING IS WHAT I PRESENTED TODAY. THERE ARE
11 SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE THAT ARE
12 TESTING POSITIVE FOR COVID. THE DELTA VARIANT IS RESPONSIBLE
13 FOR MOST OF THOSE CASES. SO WHERE THEY ARE SEQUENCING LIKE WE
14 DO HERE, THE VAST MAJORITY OF FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE ARE
15 ENDING UP INFECTED WITH THE DELTA VARIANT. THE DELTA VARIANT
16 IS ALSO THE PREDOMINANT STRAIN THAT IS CIRCULATING. SO THAT
17 WOULD MAKE A LOT OF SENSE. BUT THE DELTA VARIANT IS IN MANY
18 WAYS A GAME CHANGER. ISRAEL ALREADY MANDATED THAT EVERYBODY
19 MASK. THEY LIFTED THEIR MASKING REQUIREMENT, AND THEN A WEEK
20 LATER, WHEN THEY LOOKED AT THEIR NUMBERS, THEY RE-INSTITUTED
21 IT. AND I -- IN THE U.K. AS WELL, THEY HAVE -- I DON'T THINK
22 IT IS UNIVERSAL MASKING, BUT THEY HAVE MASKING REQUIREMENTS IN
23 DIFFERENT INDOOR SETTINGS. YOU NOTICE ALL ACROSS EUROPE, NOW
24 THEY ARE MOVING TOWARD UNIVERSAL MASKING AND, AS WAS NOTED
25 EARLIER, REQUIREMENTS TO DO SOME ACTIVITIES PEOPLE NEED TO BE

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1 FULLY VACCINATED. AND THAT IS BOTH IN EUROPE AND ASIA AT THIS
2 POINT. SO EVERYONE IS GRAPPLING WITH THE IMPACT OF THE DELTA
3 VARIANT AND ALSO WITH THE REALITY THAT THE MORE TRANSMISSION
4 THERE IS, THE MORE MUTATIONS THERE ARE. AND THERE ARE ALREADY
5 OTHER VARIANTS OF INTEREST THAT SCIENTISTS ARE HAVING TO LOOK
6 AT TO SEE WHAT THE IMPACT IS OF THESE ADDITIONAL VARIANTS
7 GOING TO BE ON THE TRANSMISSION OF COVID, NOT JUST HERE IN THE
8 U.S., BUT ACROSS THE WORLD BECAUSE THIS VIRUS AGAIN MOVES FROM
9 ONE COUNTRY TO ANOTHER WITH A LOT OF EASE. SO I THINK YOU ARE
10 RIGHT IN NOTING THAT WE SHOULD PAY A LOT OF ATTENTION TO WHAT
11 IS GOING ON IN THE U.K. BECAUSE THEY AND ISRAEL ARE AHEAD OF
12 US IN THIS TRAJECTORY. THE MOST PROMISING NEWS WE HAVE FROM
13 BOTH COUNTRIES IS THAT THE VACCINES ARE STILL HOLDING UP
14 REALLY, REALLY WELL ON PREVENTING SERIOUS ILLNESS,
15 HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND DEATHS, WHICH IS WHAT THESE VACCINES
16 PROMISED US AT THE START THAT THEY WOULD DO. AND THEY ARE
17 STILL VERY POWERFUL AT DOING THAT. GREAT, THANK YOU. I AM TOLD
18 THE STATE REPORTED THE VACCINATION RATE WENT UP 16% LAST WEEK,
19 SO I APPRECIATED WHAT YOU PUT IN THE PRESENTATION, WHAT YOU
20 INCLUDE IN THE PRESENTATION REGARDING HOW LONG IT TAKES TO BE
21 FULLY INOCULATED AFTER YOU GET THAT SECOND SHOT. AND I THINK
22 PEOPLE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT GETTING YOUR SECOND SHOT, YOU
23 STILL HAVE TO WAIT TWO WEEKS FOR IT TO BE FULLY IN PLACE AS IT
24 RELATES TO PROTECTION, AND SO I APPRECIATE YOU HIGHLIGHTING
25 THAT. AND THEN LAST BUT NOT LEAST, ON THE C.D.C., THE C.D.C.

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1 IS MANDATING THE MASKS IN HIGH TRANSMISSION AREAS. I
2 WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THAT RECOMMENDATION, AND I AM
3 ASSUMING THAT L.A. COUNTY WILL BE CONSIDERED A HIGH
4 TRANSMISSION AREA, CORRECT?

5

6 **DR. FERRER:** YES.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER:** BASED ON C.D.C. GUIDELINES?

9

10 **DR. FERRER:** THEIR RECOMMENDATION IS IN SUBSTANTIAL AND HIGH
11 TRANSMISSION. AND FOR THEM, HIGH TRANSMISSION AREAS ARE WHERE
12 THE CASE RATE IS OVER 14, AND AS I SHOWED YOU EARLIER TODAY,
13 WE ARE OVER 17 NEW CASES. SO BUT THEY ALSO RECOMMEND FOR
14 SUBSTANTIAL, ANY COMMUNITIES THAT ARE AT SUBSTANTIAL, WHICH IS
15 THAT EIGHT TO 14 RANGE

16

17 **SUP. BARGER:** I WANT TO SAY THERE ARE THOSE THAT SAY IF YOU ARE
18 FULLY VACCINATED, WE WERE TOLD YOU DON'T NEED IT, BUT THAT WAS
19 BEFORE THE DELTA VARIANT?

20

21 **DR. FERRER:** EXACTLY.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER:** IT WAS ALLOWED TO COMPLETELY CONSUME --

24

25 **DR. FERRER:** EXACTLY.

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2 **SUP. BARGER:** THE STATE -- I MEAN THE UNITED STATES, AND SO,
3 FOR ME, I BELIEVE THAT I HOPE THE STATE ANNOUNCES SOMETHING SO
4 THAT WE CAN BE ALIGNED WITH THE STATE IN ORDER TO ENSURE
5 CLARITY AND CONSISTENCY. AND SO, YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT -- I
6 AM TOLD THEY ARE GOING TO. SO I WILL STAND BY FOR THAT. BUT I
7 WANT TO THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU ARE DOING, AND I HAVE TO
8 SAY, AND I KNOW MY COLLEAGUES WOULD AGREE, WHEN WE HAVE
9 QUESTIONS, YOU KNOW, I'VE EMAILED YOU AT 8:00 AT NIGHT, AND
10 YOU RESPOND IMMEDIATELY. AND I GREATLY APPRECIATE EVERYTHING
11 THAT YOU ARE DOING AS WE ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. SO THANK YOU.

12

13 **DR. FERRER:** AND I THANK YOU. AND AGAIN, I JUST WANT TO
14 REITERATE MY GRATITUDE FOR WORKING FOR ALL FIVE OF THE
15 SUPERVISORS. YOU HAVE BEEN -- YOU KNOW, JUST LEADERS AND
16 PARTNERS. AND I FEEL THE SAME WAY. WHEN I NEED TO TALK TO
17 SOMEBODY ABOUT A PARTICULAR CONCERN AND IT IS OFF HOURS, YOU
18 HAVE ALL MADE YOURSELVES, AS HAVE YOUR STAFF, REALLY
19 ACCESSIBLE FOR HELPING US, YOU KNOW, AGAIN, FIGURE OUT HOW TO
20 MOVE FORWARD IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES. SO THANKS FOR YOUR
21 LEADERSHIP.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU.

24

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND WITH THAT, WE WILL RECOGNIZE
2 HOLLY MITCHELL.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I WOULD JUST
5 LIKE TO ECHO AND ADD MY THANKS TO YOU, DR. FERRER, FOR YOUR
6 COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP. THERE WERE THOSE IN THE PUBLIC AND
7 OTHERS THAT HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN WHEN THE HEALTH ORDER CAME
8 OUT, AND YET YOU WERE THE FIRST OUT OF THE BLOCK, IF YOU WILL.
9 AND AGAIN, NOW THAT THE C.D.C. AND OTHERS HAVE FOLLOWED, IT
10 REINFORCES THAT YOU WERE RIGHT, ONCE AGAIN. AND FOR THAT, I
11 DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOU DOING WHAT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF
12 L.A. COUNTY, FIRST AND FOREMOST. AND, AS HAS BEEN OUR
13 EXPERIENCE, OTHERS WILL VERY LIKELY FOLLOW. LET ME SAY THAT I
14 AM DEEPLY AFRAID. I AM AFRAID FOR SMALL BUSINESSES. I AM
15 AFRAID FOR SCHOOLS. I AM AFRAID FOR OUR OVERALL ECONOMIC
16 RECOVERY IF WE DON'T DO BETTER. THIS IS A PUBLIC HEALTH
17 CRISIS. I AM NOT SURE WHAT MORE IT TAKES FOR PEOPLE TO
18 UNDERSTAND THE GRAVITY OF THIS CRISIS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR DATA
19 TODAY THAT VERY CLEARLY ARTICULATED THE LEVELS OF RISK, NOT
20 ONLY FOR THE UNVACCINATED BUT EVEN FOR THOSE OF US THAT HAVE
21 CHOSEN TO BE VACCINATED AS A RESULT OF THIS VARIANT. IT IS
22 CLEAR THAT EVERY TIME THIS VIRUS FINDS A HOST, AS IN A BODY,
23 TO INFECT, IT INCREASES THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE VIRUS CAN
24 MUTATE, AND WE'LL NOT ONLY HAVE DELTA, BUT WE WILL HAVE A WHO-
25 KNOWS-WHAT-COMES-NEXT IN TERMS OF A VARIATION OR A MUTATION OF

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1 THIS VIRUS THAT WILL MAKE IT ALL THE MORE DIFFICULT TO
2 CONTROL. BUT WE CANNOT DENY THE POSSIBILITY OF A RETURN TO THE
3 CLOSURES IF WE DON'T DO BETTER. AND, AT THAT POINT, YOU KNOW,
4 THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO POINT TO GOVERNMENT, POINT TO LEADERS
5 IN GOVERNMENT, AS IF WE WAKE UP IN THE MORNING TO TRY TO
6 FIGURE OUT WAYS WE COULD CLOSE SCHOOLS OR HARM SMALL
7 BUSINESSES, IT IS NOT ON US. THIS IS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS,
8 AND THE PUBLIC HAS TO DECIDE WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO
9 INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY TO HELP GUARANTEE OUR TRANSITION
10 INTO FULL RECOVERY. BUT I JUST HAVE TO SAY, AS I LOOK AT YOUR
11 DATA WEEK AFTER WEEK AFTER WEEK AFTER WEEK, MY FEAR, MY BASIC
12 HUMAN RESPONSE OF FEAR INTENSIFIES AND GROWS. I BELIEVE YOU
13 AND WE HAVE DONE A YEOMAN'S JOB IN TERMS OF EXPANDING ACCESS.
14 AND SO, THAT'S NO LONGER THE ISSUE. THE ISSUE IS INDIVIDUAL
15 DECISIONS ABOUT GETTING THE VIRUS. WITH THAT, I WOULD ASK -- I
16 HEARD YOU AND AGREE AND SUPPORT YOUR ACCOLADES TOWARDS THE
17 OUTREACH WORKERS WHO ARE GOING DOOR TO DOOR DOING THAT WORK
18 EVERY DAY. AND MY QUESTION IS HOW ARE WE INCORPORATING WHAT WE
19 LEARN FROM OUTREACH WORKERS INTO ANY NEW STRATEGIES OR
20 ACTIONS? IS THERE A WAY WE CAN LOOP BACK AND GLEAN INFORMATION
21 FROM THEM IN REAL-TIME AND MAKE ADJUSTMENTS ACCORDINGLY?

22
23 **DR. FERRER:** YEAH, THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION. AND ACTUALLY, AND
24 THANKS FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT, SUPERVISOR. I ACTUALLY MET
25 WITH -- I WAS OUT, YOU KNOW, DOING DOOR KNOCKING ON SATURDAY

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1 WITH ONE OF OUR OUTREACH TEAMS. I HAVE DONE THIS A COUPLE OF
2 TIMES, SO IMPRESSIVE THE WORK THAT THEY ARE ALL DOING. BUT
3 YOU'RE RIGHT. IT'S -- WE HAVE OUTREACH -- WE HAVE HUNDREDS OF
4 OUTREACH WORKERS. WE ARE PARTNERING WITH, I THINK NOW, IT IS
5 17 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL AS WE HAVE OUR OWN
6 OUTREACH WORKERS. AND THERE ARE OUTREACH WORKERS THAT ARE, YOU
7 KNOW, BEING TRAINED BY US. BUT REALLY, ALIGNED WITH A HOUSE
8 OF WORSHIP OR ANOTHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION. YOU KNOW, WE
9 HAD, FROM -- WE HAD OUTREACH WORKERS JOINING US, FOR EXAMPLE,
10 WHO CAME FROM ST. JOHN'S CLINICS, WHO WERE WALKING WITH US.
11 THEY WAS AWESOME. YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. IT IS THAT
12 FEEDBACK LOOP. I DO KNOW THAT MEGAN MCLARE, WHO IS LEADING OUR
13 EQUITY INITIATIVE HERE AT THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE COUNTY IS
14 TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE GET, IN MORE REAL-TIME, BECAUSE WE
15 DO GET INFORMATION BACK FROM THEM, BUT IT IS NOT IN REAL-TIME,
16 HOW DO WE GET FROM THEM IN REAL-TIME WHERE DO THEY THINK THEY
17 SHOULD BE PUTTING MORE EFFORT AND MORE ENERGY. LIKE, FOR
18 EXAMPLE, WE HAVE BEEN GOING DOOR TO DOOR. WE WERE DOOR TO DOOR
19 IN WATTS THIS WEEKEND. WHEN YOU GO DOOR TO DOOR, PROBABLY 50
20 PERCENT OF THE FOLKS AREN'T ANSWERING. THEY AREN'T HOME. YOU
21 LEAVE THEM INFORMATION. AND I WAS, LIKE, THIS IS A LOT OF
22 WORK. AND WE ARE ONLY REACHING ABOUT 50 PERCENT OF THE FOLKS.
23 BUT THE TEAM WAS SUPER CLEAR WITH ME THAT THEY ACTUALLY, WHEN
24 THEY REACH FOLKS AT HOME, THEY HAVE THESE AMAZING
25 OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE PEOPLE GOOD INFORMATION, TO ANSWER THEIR

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1 QUESTIONS. AND, IN FACT, IT HAS LED TO DOZENS AND DOZENS OF
2 PEOPLE COMING IN, YOU KNOW, IN THAT CASE, WHERE WE HAVE WALK-
3 INS, COMING INTO THE PARK. WE OFFER TRANSPORTATION, ETC. BUT
4 THE TEAM FEELS LIKE THE DOOR TO DOOR WORK IS VERY, VERY
5 EFFECTIVE BECAUSE THE TALKING TO PEOPLE WHEN THEY ARE IN THEIR
6 HOMES SEEMS TO REALLY ALLOW PEOPLE TO ASK US QUESTIONS THAT
7 THEY MIGHT NOT ASK US AT A TOWN HALL OR A COMMUNITY MEETING,
8 BUT THEY -- THEY WILL ASK US, YOU KNOW, ONE-ON-ONE. AND THEN
9 WHEN THEY GET THE RESPONSES AND ARE ABLE TO ENGAGE WITH OUR
10 OUTREACH WORKERS, WHICH ARE JUST AMAZING PEOPLE, ALL OF THEM,
11 THEY ARE BUILDING THEIR CONFIDENCE AND THEIR TRUST. AND
12 HONESTLY, YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE THEMES HAS BEEN, LIKE, WE DON'T
13 REALLY TRUST GOVERNMENT. SO WE DON'T REALLY TRUST, YOU KNOW,
14 SORT OF WHAT THE GOVERNMENT IS TELLING US. BUT THE OUTREACH
15 WORKERS ARE NOT GOVERNMENT. AND SO, THEY ARE MAKING REALLY
16 GOOD IN-ROADS, AND ESPECIALLY FROM THEIR PERSPECTIVE IN THE
17 ONE-ON-ONE THAT THEY'RE DOING. SO I KNOW IT IS LABOR
18 INTENSIVE, BUT I THINK IT IS WORKING. AND WE'RE GOING TO
19 CONTINUE IT.

20
21 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AND I APPRECIATE THAT. THE STATE ALSO HAS
22 FUNDED I BELIEVE IT'S AN ADDITIONAL 15 ORGANIZATIONS. SO IF WE
23 CAN FIGURE OUT A WAY WITH TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION
24 BETWEEN THE VARIOUS GROUPS DOING OUTREACH, IF THEY LEARN FROM
25 EACH OTHER, AND LEARN BEST PRACTICES AND BEST ANSWERS AND

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1 STRATEGIES TO HELP ENCOURAGE, AS WELL AS MAKE THAT FEEDBACK
2 LOOP IN REAL-TIME, I THINK THAT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL. I AGREE
3 IT IS LABOR INTENSIVE BUT, FOR MANY OF OUR, AS SECRETARY
4 (INDISCERNIBLE) RICHARDSON SAID, HARDLY-SERVED COMMUNITIES, IT
5 IS THE BEST PRACTICE. WE CERTAINLY REALIZE, HAVING LOST THAT
6 OPPORTUNITY IN THE CENSUS THIS PAST YEAR, IN OUR INABILITY TO
7 DO DOOR TO DOOR IN A MEANINGFUL WAY, SINCE IT WAS NOT FUNDED
8 THROUGH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. AND WE NOW KNOW THE SEVERITY
9 OF OUR UNDERCOUNT IN CALIFORNIA. DOOR TO DOOR, BE IT LABOR
10 INTENSIVE, IT IS THE BEST STRATEGY TO REACH HARDLY REACHED
11 COMMUNITIES. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT IN CONTINUING
12 THAT. ONE FINAL CLARIFYING QUESTION FOR ME. I LOOK FORWARD TO
13 THE OPPORTUNITY AS A BOARD FOR US TO DISCUSS THE OPTIONS
14 AROUND VACCINATION FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES. I HOPE THAT IS
15 AGENDIZED SOON SO WE CAN HEAR FROM COUNTY COUNSEL, AND THE
16 C.E.O., AND ALL OF THOSE WHO WOULD GIVE US INFORMATION TO HELP
17 INFORM OUR DISCUSSION AND OUR DECISION. I REALLY LOOK FORWARD
18 TO THAT. AND WHAT I HAVE HEARD TODAY I THINK EXPRESSED BY
19 MEMBERS, I DON'T KNOW IF WE ARE ALL SAYING THE SAME THING. I
20 REALLY WANTED TO CLARIFY WHAT THE STATE DID BECAUSE I AM
21 HEARING TWO THINGS. I AM HEARING, YES, LET'S MANDATE VACCINE
22 FOR ALL EMPLOYEES. THE SECOND PIECE I AM HEARING, WHICH IS
23 WHAT I THINK THE STATE DID, SO PLEASE CLARIFY, AS I READ WHAT
24 THE STATE DID WAS TO SAY THAT STATE EMPLOYEES HAVE TO SHOW
25 THAT THEY HAVE BEEN VACCINATED OR BE TESTED AT LEAST ONCE A

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1 WEEK. THAT DOESN'T READ TO ME AS A MANDATORY VACCINE TO BE
2 ABLE TO CONTINUE TO BE A STATE EMPLOYEE. CAN YOU CLARIFY WHAT
3 THE STATE DID BECAUSE I THINK THAT THERE ARE TWO -- I WANT TO
4 MAKE SURE OUR LANGUAGE IS CONSISTENT, AND WE ARE ALL CLEAR,
5 WHEN WE GET TO THE POINT, WHEN WE'RE GOING TO MAKE A DECISION,
6 THAT WE ARE ALL SPEAKING APPLES TO APPLES. SO WHAT DID THE
7 STATE ACTUALLY DO?

8

9 **DR. FERRER:** SO I AM VERY CLEAR ABOUT WHAT IS IN THE HEALTH
10 OFFICER ORDER BECAUSE THEY ISSUED A HEALTH OFFICER ORDER. MY
11 SENSE OF WHAT THE GOVERNOR ANNOUNCED, AND IT IS REALLY BASED
12 ON WHAT WAS SAID, IS FOR STATE WORKERS, HE DID NOT MANDATE
13 VACCINATIONS. SO I THINK YOU ARE RIGHT ON THAT, SUPERVISOR.
14 WHAT HE DID IS HE MANDATED THAT EVERY STATE EMPLOYEE HAVE TO
15 SHOW PROOF OF VACCINATION IN ORDER TO NOT HAVE TO UNDERGO
16 REQUIRED WEEKLY TESTING AND THAT THERE WASN'T A SELF
17 ATTESTATION ANY LONGER, EITHER, IT WAS REALLY A PROOF OF
18 VACCINATION STATUS. AND IF YOU DIDN'T WANT TO SHOW THAT, OR
19 DIDN'T HAVE THAT TO SHOW, THEN YOU WOULD, AS A STATE WORKER,
20 BE SUBJECTED TO WEEKLY TESTING. BUT, AS FAR AS I KNOW, AND AS
21 FAR AS I HEARD WITH YESTERDAY'S PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT, THE
22 GOVERNOR DID NOT, IN FACT, MANDATE VACCINATIONS FOR STATE
23 WORKERS. OTHER PLACES, OTHER MUNICIPALITIES HAVE, IN FACT,
24 DONE THAT AS WELL. THEY HAVE GONE FORWARD AND ARE MANDATING,
25 GIVING FOLKS, YOU KNOW, UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF SEPTEMBER, FOR

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1 EXAMPLE, TO GET VACCINATED. I KNOW THE V.A. ANNOUNCED
2 YESTERDAY, THEY ARE THE FIRST FEDERAL DEPARTMENT TO ANNOUNCE
3 THAT THEY ARE MANDATING THAT THAT EIGHT WEEKS, OR 12 WEEKS
4 FROM NOW, ALL OF THEIR EMPLOYEES THAT HAVE PATIENT CONTACT BE
5 VACCINATED AS WELL. SO I THINK YOU'RE STARTING TO SEE MORE AND
6 MORE FOLKS SAY, YOU KNOW, A) TESTING, WHILE BETTER THAN NOT
7 TESTING, IS LIMITED IN TERMS OF THE PROTECTION THAT IT
8 AFFORDS. VACCINATION IS MUCH MORE POWERFUL PROTECTION. AND
9 THEREFORE, IT PROBABLY PAYS TO, YOU KNOW, TALK WITH THE LABOR
10 PARTNERS AND TRY TO GET AGREEMENT ON MOVING TOWARDS GETTING
11 PEOPLE FULLY VACCINATED.

12

13 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT CLARIFICATION.
14 THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I APPRECIATE IT.

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTIONS FROM ALL THE
17 MEMBERS, I THINK WE WILL HAVE A LOT OF DISCUSSION AS WE MOVE
18 FORWARD NOW, GIVEN THE RECENT INFORMATION THAT THE GOVERNOR
19 HAS PROVIDED US WITH AND ALSO THE C.D.C. SO I'M SURE WE WILL
20 GET BACK TO EVERYONE ON THAT. SO THIS IS A RECEIVE-AND-FILE,
21 IF THERE IS NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. MEMBERS,
22 NOW WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER 10, WHICH IS
23 ESTABLISHING A BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS, WHICH
24 WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. SUPERVISOR BARGER, PLEASE
25 UNMUTE YOUR MIC TO MAKE YOUR REMARKS.

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2 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUE,
3 SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR COAUTHORING THIS MOTION WITH ME
4 TODAY. HOMELESSNESS, AS WE ALL AGREE, IS A MAJOR CRISIS
5 AFFECTING OUR COMMUNITIES AT ALL LEVELS. AND I BELIEVE IT'S
6 TIME FOR SWEEPING CHANGES TO THE SYSTEM. THE STATUS QUO, AS IT
7 STANDS, IS NO LONGER WORKING AND THE ONE-SIZE-FITS-ALL
8 APPROACH HAS FAILED MANY COMMUNITIES, AND IT'S FAILED THOSE
9 LANGUISHING OUT ON THE STREETS. THIS BOARD HAS RECOGNIZED THE
10 NEED TO REASSESS WHAT WE ARE DOING AND HAS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED
11 SEVERAL MOTIONS TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE KEY GOVERNMENT'S
12 CONCERNS. THESE PAST MOTIONS HAVE LED TO SOME SUBSTANTIVE
13 REPORTS BACK TO THE BOARD THAT IDENTIFY AND OUTLINE PATHWAYS
14 THAT THE COUNTY CAN TAKE TOWARDS REFORMING OUR GOVERNMENT
15 STRUCTURE WITH THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF IMPROVING OUR HOMELESS
16 SERVICES SYSTEM AND HELPING INDIVIDUALS TRANSITION TO HOUSING.
17 WITH THIS INFORMATION IN HAND, WE NEED TO COME TOGETHER WITH
18 OUR PARTNERS AT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, WHILE ALSO BRINGING
19 IN NEW PARTNERS FROM THE 87 OTHER CITIES AND THEIR
20 REPRESENTATIVES, SUCH AS THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT AND
21 CALIFORNIA CONTRACT CITIES, TO DEVELOP SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR
22 THE BOARD TO CONSIDER. THE PROPOSED BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION
23 WILL BE CRITICAL TO FINALLY ADDRESS THIS ISSUE AND ESTABLISH
24 PROPOSALS IN A BOTTOM UP FASHION THAT CAN LEAD THE BOARD TO
25 FOLLOW UP WITH ACTIONS AND REFORMS AND PUT ANY GOVERNANCE

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1 CONCERNS TO REST. THE COMMISSION WILL ALSO PROVIDE THE
2 OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE ACCOUNTABILITY, TRANSPARENCY, AND
3 INCLUSIVITY FOR ALL THOSE INVOLVED. IT WILL ENSURE THAT WE
4 ENGAGE AND COLLABORATE WITH SERVICE PROVIDERS, GOVERNMENT
5 AGENCIES, AND ALL OF OUR 88 CITY REPRESENTATIVES TO COME UP
6 WITH NEW STRATEGIES AND SOLUTIONS. WE CANNOT WAIT ANOTHER DAY
7 BECAUSE INDIVIDUALS ARE LITERALLY DYING ON OUR STREETS.
8 APPROXIMATELY 740 UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS HAVE ALREADY DIED THIS
9 YEAR. THAT REPRESENTS MORE THAN 100 ADDITIONAL DEATHS THAN
10 THIS SAME TIME LAST YEAR. THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION IS
11 PRESCRIBED TO ACT WITH URGENCY BY APPOINTING MEMBERS BEFORE
12 AUGUST 10TH, SO THEY CAN BEGIN WORK SHORTLY THEREAFTER IN
13 EARLY SEPTEMBER. MEMBERS OF THIS COMMISSION IS DESIGNED TO
14 BRING TOGETHER INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL LEADERS TO BE
15 COLLABORATIVE THOUGHT PARTNERS. AS OF NOW, THE MAKE UP OF THE
16 COMMISSION INCLUDES NINE MEMBERS, ONE APPOINTEE BY EACH
17 SUPERVISOR, WHICH WILL OFFER A BALANCE WITH THE CITY OF LOS
18 ANGELES AND OUR INDEPENDENT CITIES, ONE APPOINTEE NOMINATED BY
19 THE MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES, ONE APPOINTEE NOMINATED BY THE LOS
20 ANGELES CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT, ONE APPOINTEE NOMINATED BY THE
21 CALIFORNIA CITY CONTRACTS ASSOCIATION, AND LAST, ONE APPOINTEE
22 NOMINATED BY THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS. THIS COMPOSITION
23 ALLOWS THE COMMISSION TO BE SIZABLE AND DIVERSE ENOUGH TO
24 OFFER THE UNIQUE PERSPECTIVES OF EACH STAKEHOLDER, YET, AT THE
25 SAME TIME, SMALL AND NIMBLE ENOUGH TO ACCOMPLISH ITS TASK WITH

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1 A TIMELY MANNER THAT MAY NOT, BY NOT BECOMING AN OVERLY
2 BUREAUCRATIC BODY. IT IS MY ARDENT HOPE THAT WITH AN ALL HANDS
3 ON DECK APPROACH, THIS WILL PROVIDE THE DEEP ANALYSIS WE NEED
4 AND CRITICAL SOLUTIONS THAT WILL WORK FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY OF
5 LOS ANGELES. ONCE ESTABLISHED, THE COMMISSION WILL LOOK AT THE
6 WAY THE COUNTY AND OUR CITIES RESPOND TO HOMELESSNESS AND ACTS
7 AS EXISTING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, SUCH AS MENTAL HEALTH CARE
8 AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AS WELL AS WAYS TO INCREASE
9 AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THE COMMISSION WILL BEGIN TO REVIEW THE
10 EXISTING L.A.H.S.A. GOVERNANCE REPORTS AND WILL RESEARCH
11 GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES FROM ACROSS THE NATION. PART OF THE
12 REVIEW WILL INCLUDE OUR COUNTY COUNSEL AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE
13 OFFICE TO EXAMINE THE J.P.A. AGREEMENT THAT GOVERNS L.A.H.S.A.
14 I AM ASKING THAT WE DEPLOY OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO WORK WITH
15 L.A. CITY DEPARTMENTS AND PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THIS COMMISSION
16 THAT WILL INCLUDE BRIEFINGS ON EXISTING L.A.H.S.A. GOVERNANCE
17 REPORTS AND EXAMINATIONS OF THE BEST PRACTICES TO IMPLEMENT,
18 BRIEFINGS ON EXISTING STRATEGIES FUNDED THROUGH MEASURE H, AN
19 UPDATE BRIEFING REGARDING THE REEVALUATION OF THE COUNTY
20 FUNDED STRATEGIES, BRIEFING BY THE DEPARTMENTS OF REGIONAL
21 PLANNING, PUBLIC WORKS, AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT
22 AUTHORITY ON WAYS THAT WE CAN DO BETTER TO INCREASE AFFORDABLE
23 HOUSING, BRIEFINGS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, HEALTH
24 SERVICES, AND PUBLIC HEALTH, ON THE EFFECTIVENESS EXISTING
25 MENTAL HEALTH CARE AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, DISCUSSIONS

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1 WITH SERVICE PROVIDERS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE
2 FOR THEIR INPUT ON STRATEGIES TO ADOPT THAT WILL IMPROVE ALL
3 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR THE UNHOUSED. THIS COMMISSION IS
4 INTENDED TO ACT WITH URGENCY AND WITH A DEFINED SIX MONTH
5 TIMELINE TO PROVIDE AN ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THIS
6 BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION. AND I BELIEVE THAT THIS PROPOSED BLUE
7 RIBBON COMMISSION IS AN EXCELLENT WAY TO ESTABLISH AND PROVIDE
8 MEANINGFUL IMPACT AND REFORM. WE'VE ALL SEEN THIS TO THROUGH
9 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE
10 AND ON THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON CHILD PROTECTION, BOTH
11 WHICH LED TO SWEEPING CHANGES WITHIN EXISTING COUNTY SYSTEMS.
12 I ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION TODAY SO THIS
13 COMMISSION CAN HELP THE BOARD RESTORE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THE
14 WAY WE ADDRESS THE HOMELESS CRISIS AND LEAD TO MEANINGFUL
15 REFORM. THIS IS GOING TO BE ESSENTIAL IF WE ARE ACTIVELY GOING
16 TO ASK OUR RESIDENTS TO SUPPORT A SECOND ROUND OF MEASURE H IN
17 THE FUTURE. THANK YOU, AGAIN, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR
18 COAUTHORING THIS MOTION WITH ME AND FOR JOINING ME IN
19 PROPOSING THIS MOTION TO THE COLLEAGUES. AND I THANK MY
20 COLLEAGUES FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

21
22 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR BARGER. AND
23 THANK YOU FOR ALSO INCLUDING ME AS COAUTHOR ON THIS. WE HAD A
24 VERY LENGTHY DISCUSSION IN OUR LAST BOARD MEETING ON THIS ITEM
25 WITH RESPECT TO INCREASING THE REPRESENTATION OF OUR LOCAL

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1 CITIES THAT MANY OF US REPRESENT. SO I DO THINK THIS IS AN
2 IMPORTANT MOTION, ONE THAT PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE HAPPENED
3 SEVERAL YEARS AGO. BUT WE'RE NOT -- WE'RE NOT THERE. WE ARE
4 MOVING ON NOW. AND I BELIEVE THAT THE COUNTY HAS MADE
5 SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS IN BUILDING OUT OUR HOMELESS REHOUSING
6 AND PREVENTION SYSTEM. BUT IT HASN'T COME WITHOUT A HEAVY
7 PRICE, IN PART, SOME OF US WHO REPRESENT SEVERAL CITIES
8 OUTSIDE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HAVE HAD TO WORK VERY
9 DILIGENTLY AND USE OUR OWN DISCRETIONARY MONEY TO ALSO HELP
10 EXPAND SERVICES WHILE MANY OF OUR CITIES WERE HELPLESS,
11 THINKING, WELL, WHERE IS THE HELP FROM THE COUNTY, WHY ARE WE
12 NOT RECEIVING AT LEAST A PORTION OF SUPPORT FOR SOME OF THE
13 THINGS THEY WANTED TO DO? AND MANY OF THEM, I KNOW THAT I
14 REPRESENT, WEREN'T ALWAYS OPEN TO ALLOWING FOR THE KINDS OF
15 SHELTER THAT WERE NEEDED AT THE BEGINNING, MANY YEARS AGO, ON
16 THIS SUBJECT MATTER. AND IT TOOK A WHILE, BUT I THINK ENGAGING
17 WITH THEM, SHOWING THEM THAT WE COULD WORK TOGETHER AND
18 PARTNER AS WE DID, AND I BELIEVE THAT HAS TAKEN US TO A PLACE
19 NOW, WHERE WE DO NEED TO HAVE THEIR VOICES HEARD. IT IS REALLY
20 ABOUT MAKING SURE WE ARE TAKING CARE OF THE UNHOUSED. UNHOUSED
21 INDIVIDUALS THAT GO BEYOND JUST THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES OR
22 DOWNTOWN L.A. AND THAT WE LOOK AT OUR OTHER CITIES THAT WE
23 ALSO REPRESENT. A WHILE BACK, MANY WOULD NOT BELIEVE THERE
24 WERE HOMELESS PEOPLE THAT LIVED IN THE WATERSHEDS IN THE SAN
25 GABRIEL VALLEY, IN THE CITY OF AZUSA, AND THOSE OUTER LYING

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1 AREAS, BUT THEY ARE THERE, THE NUMBERS CONTINUE TO GROW. AND
2 WE FOUND THAT THERE REMAIN GAPS IN THE SERVICE DELIVERY THERE.
3 PRETTY MUCH, THE GAPS IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WE SEE HERE
4 IN L.A. DOWNTOWN IS NOT THE SAME, AND THAT IS BECAUSE THERE
5 HAVE BEEN YEARS AND DECADES OF SUPPORT HERE VESTED IN THE CITY
6 OF LOS ANGELES, WHICH I'M NOT -- NOT CRITICIZING, BUT I WILL
7 TELL YOU, WHEN WE PASSED MEASURE H, THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE --
8 AND IT WAS SUPPORTED BY MANY OF OUR CITIES, THEY WERE ALSO
9 GOING TO RECEIVE A PORTION OF THAT FUND AND SUPPORT FROM US.
10 AND I AGREE THAT WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. I AM NOT
11 FOR JUST HAVING ANOTHER COMMISSION OR BODY OVERSEE AND EXTEND
12 SOMETHING THAT IS NOT GOING TO HAVE RESULTS. I LIKE THIS
13 PROPOSAL BEFORE US BECAUSE IT DOES GIVE US A TIME LIMIT. WE
14 ARE TALKING ABOUT SIX MONTHS AND WE ARE ASSIGNING A SMALLER
15 GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS THAT I DO BELIEVE WILL REPRESENT OUR
16 COUNTY AND THE CITY AND THOSE INVOLVED AND ENGAGED IN THE
17 SUBJECT MATTER AT A MORE APPROPRIATE LEVEL. SO I WANT TO -- I
18 WANT TO GIVE THIS A CHANCE. I'VE HEARD FROM MY COLLEAGUES WHO
19 DON'T THINK WE NEED THIS, BUT I HAVE ALSO HEARD FROM MANY
20 PEOPLE, AND YOU HEARD FROM MANY OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT
21 CALLED IN TODAY IN THE QUEUE SAYING THAT THEY SUPPORT THIS
22 MEASURE. AND IT IS THE WAY TO GO. I ALONE, IN MY OWN DISTRICT,
23 REPRESENT 24 DIFFERENT CITIES AND THEY ARE NOT ALL OF THEM
24 FULLY AWARE OF THE POTENTIAL TO BE ABLE TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP
25 WITH US. MANY HAVE BEEN EXPLORING. MANY OF THOSE CITIES YOU

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1 HEARD CALL IN TODAY, THE CITY OF BALDWIN PARK, THE MAYOR
2 CALLED IN. THEY HAVE BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE OF HELPING US HOUSE
3 A PROJECT HOME KEY SITE WHICH MANY OTHER CITIES WERE VERY
4 RELUCTANT TO DO. AND NOW THEY ARE ALSO TALKING ABOUT EXTENDING
5 HOMELESS SHELTERS IN THE TINY HOMELESS PROJECT THEY WANT TO
6 BRING. THE CITY OF EL MONTE PURCHASED TWO HOTELS TO SERVE AS
7 PROJECT HOME KEY. WE GRADUATED FROM ROOM KEY TO HOME KEY, BUT
8 THEY DON'T HAVE IN A PARTICULAR VOICE AMONGST OUR
9 DELIBERATIONS IN TERMS OF HOW WE ACTUALLY GET TO OTHER CITIES
10 AND HELP THEM ENGAGE. AND I THINK EL MONTE, BALDWIN PARK, AND
11 EVEN THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, AND ROSEMEAD THAT WORKED WITH
12 US TO STAND UP PROJECT ROOM KEY SITES. SO WHEN PEOPLE TELL ME
13 THAT CITIES OUTSIDE OF L.A. ARE NOT INTERESTED AND THEY ARE
14 NOT PUTTING SKIN IN THE GAME, I HAVE TO SAY THAT IS NOT THE
15 CASE IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. AT LEAST I KNOW THAT THESE
16 INDIVIDUALS, NOT ALL OF THEM, BUT I WOULD SAY A GOOD MOVEMENT
17 IS OCCURRING. AND THAT IS WHAT I WANT TO SEE THAT WE CONTINUE
18 TO MOVE DOWN IN THAT PATH. SO I AM ASKING MY COLLEAGUES AS
19 WELL TO SUPPORT THIS MEASURE. I KNOW THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN HAS
20 HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH US, TOO, WITH RESPECT TO HAVING CITIES
21 THAT SHE REPRESENTS THAT ALSO WERE IN NEED OF SUPPORT AND
22 ADDITIONAL FUNDING. AND WE DID COME THROUGH WITH SOME PORTION
23 OF FUNDING. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR WORKING
24 TOGETHER AND ALL OF US TO SEE THAT WE CAN GET MONEY TO OUR
25 C.O.G.S, INITIALLY, JUST AS A START STARTING POINT. I BELIEVE

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1 IT HAS PAID OFF, BUT WE NEED TO DO MORE. NOW IF WE HAVE MORE
2 VOICES INCLUDED, HOPEFULLY WE WILL GET ABLE TO GET MORE
3 SUPPORT, NOT JUST FROM OURSELVES AND THE COUNTY, BUT ALSO
4 STATE GOVERNMENT, THE ASSEMBLY IN THE SENATE, AND ALSO
5 WASHINGTON, D.C., THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. SO MEMBERS, PLEASE.
6 I ASK YOU TO AFFORD US THAT COURTESY TO SUPPORT THIS IN A WAY
7 THAT IS MEANINGFUL, IN A WAY THAT, AGAIN, IS OPENING UP OUR
8 VOICES AND ALLOWING FOR US TO HAVE THESE DISCUSSIONS. SO THANK
9 YOU VERY MUCH, MEMBERS. I BELIEVE THAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL HAS --
10 WOULD LIKE TO ASK A QUESTION.

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. IT IS NOT REALLY
13 A QUESTION, IT IS A SET OF COMMENTS. I APOLOGIZE TO YOU AND TO
14 SUPERVISOR BARGER. I WILL NOT BE SUPPORTING THIS MOTION, AND I
15 WANTED TO SAY A FEW THINGS ABOUT WHY. I AGREE WITH BOTH OF
16 YOU, VERY WELL-STATED, WE CANNOT WAIT ANOTHER DAY FOR A
17 SOLUTION. WE CANNOT -- WE NEED ALL HANDS ON DECK, BUT I DON'T
18 THINK THE END OF THAT SENTENCE SAYS WE CANNOT WAIT AN ANOTHER
19 DAY FOR A 5TH STUDY ABOUT HOMELESSNESS AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT
20 IT, OR WE HAVE ALL HANDS ON DECK TO HAVE A BLUE RIBBON
21 COMMISSION. THE POINT, I THINK, WAS MADE LAST WEEK WHEN -- OR
22 TWO WEEKS AGO, WHEN WE BROUGHT A MOTION WITH SOME OF THE
23 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ONE OF THE LAST FOUR SEPARATE REPORTS
24 MADE ABOUT HOMELESS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY OVER THE LAST 12
25 MONTHS ALONE, BUT THE RECOMMENDATION WAS NOT ADOPTED. SO, WITH

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1 RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, STUDIES,
2 ETC., LET ME SAY VERY DIRECTLY, THERE IS NO SILVER BULLET
3 ABOUT HOMELESSNESS. THERE IS NO SUDDEN NEW, SOMETHING WE
4 HAVEN'T EVEN THOUGHT OF THAT IS GOING TO COME OUT OF THIS.
5 THIS, I THINK, WILL ACTUALLY SIMPLY TAKE UP A LOT OF TIME,
6 COME UP WITH MANY OF THE SAME RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE'VE HEARD
7 FROM THE BOARD REPORTS WE GOT IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS ABOUT
8 L.A.H.S.A. AND HOMELESSNESS, AND THEN WE WILL BE FACED WITH
9 THE SAME QUESTION ABOUT ACTION, OR LACK OF ACTION, THAT WE
10 HAVE BEEN FACING IN TRYING TO GET ANYTHING DONE HERE, RATHER
11 THAN HAVE ONE MORE STUDY. YOU KNOW, L.A.H.S.A.'S CHIEF
12 FUNCTION IS TO RE-HOUSE, TO HELP PEOPLE WHO HAVE FALLEN INTO
13 HOMELESSNESS, AND THEY HAVE ACTUALLY ACCOMPLISHED A LOT. I DO
14 NOT AGREE, IN ANY WAY, SUPERVISOR BARGER, WITH YOUR
15 CHARACTERIZATION THAT WE HAVE FAILED BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT
16 FAILED THE 66,000 PEOPLE THAT WE GOT BACK INTO HOUSING IN THE
17 LAST THREE YEARS. WHERE WE HAVE FAILED IS IN NOT BEING ABLE TO
18 STOP ALL THE NEW PEOPLE FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS, AND YOU
19 KNOW THE NUMBERS. NO MATTER HOW MANY WE HOUSE EACH DAY, OVER
20 200, ALMOST 300 FALL INTO HOMELESSNESS. AND WE DO NOT GIVE
21 L.A.H.S.A. ANY POWER TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT THAT. INDEED, MUCH
22 OF THAT LIES WITH THE CITIES THAT YOU HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT
23 IN THIS MOTION AND THAT BOTH OF YOU HAVE BEEN LAUDING FOR
24 THEIR EFFORTS. I HAVE TO SAY, I LOVE MY CITIES, TOO. I LOVE
25 THE EFFORTS THAT THEY MAKE, BUT HOW MANY OF THEM, FOR

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1 INSTANCE, HAS A RENT CONTROL ORDINANCE OR A RENT STABILIZATION
2 ORDINANCE? HOW MANY OF THEM? HOW MANY OF THEM ARE MEANINGFULLY
3 INVESTING IN PERMANENT HOUSING AND NOT FIGHTING OVER WHOSE
4 BLOCK IT IS GOING TO BE IN OR WHOSE NEIGHBORHOOD IT IS GOING
5 TO ALLEGEDLY RUIN? YOU KNOW, L.A.H.S.A. HAS ACTUALLY DONE AN
6 AMAZING JOB. IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS ALONE, THEY PUT ALMOST
7 2500 PEOPLE INTO INTERIM HOUSING, SERVED 9,000 IN NEW
8 INTERVENTIONS, CURTAILED THEIR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS TO 5% OR
9 LESS OF THE TOTAL BUDGET, AND THE FEDS THEY ARE REALLY
10 VIRTUOUS IN SAYING THAT IT JUST CAN'T BE MORE THAN 10%. THAT
11 IS HALF IN TERMS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE RATE. AND L.A.H.S.A.
12 WAS THE PUBLIC HEALTH LEAD FOR THE UNHOUSED POPULATION ALL
13 DURING COVID, PREVENTING TENS OF THOUSANDS OF INFECTIONS AND
14 HUNDREDS OF DEATHS. ESTIMATES FROM RESEARCHERS, DENNIS COHANE,
15 RAMBLE COON, ESTIMATED THAT WITHOUT THEIR CONCERTED ACTION,
16 MAYBE 27,000 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN THE COUNTY
17 COULD HAVE BECOME INFECTED WITH COVID. BUT L.A.H.S.A.
18 RESPONDED QUICKLY, AND THEY PUT A LOT OF ENERGY INTO THAT.
19 L.A.H.S.A.'S CONTINUOUSLY INNOVATED TO REDUCE THE TIMES TO
20 PUT PEOPLE IN HOUSING. SO I UNDERSTAND WHY CITIES WHO,
21 HONESTLY, WHO CAN SAY, MADAM CHAIR, THEY HAVE SKIN IN THE
22 GAME BECAUSE THEY BOUGHT A HOTEL. BUT THEY HAVEN'T BEEN
23 PUTTING MONEY INTO THIS. THIS HAS BEEN THE COUNTY AND THE CITY
24 OF L.A. AND I APPRECIATE THAT THE CITIES WANT A SEAT AT THE
25 TABLE, BUT I AM NOT REALLY SURE WHAT IS SERVED, EXCEPT TO

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1 AMELIORATE THEIR CONCERN THAT THEY ARE NOT AT THE TABLE. IF
2 YOU THINK THEY WILL DO MORE BECAUSE WE HAVE ANOTHER STUDY,
3 GREAT. BUT THE INCREASES IN HOMELESSNESS ARE DRIVEN BY IN-
4 FLOW. AND THAT IS NOTHING THAT THIS BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION IS
5 GOING TO RECOMMEND ANYTHING ABOUT. I WILL BET YOU \$10 RIGHT
6 NOW BECAUSE WE NEED TO DOUBLE DOWN ON UPSTREAM SOLUTIONS, AND
7 IT IS NOT GOING TO FIND ANYTHING NEW. I FIND IT LIKE WE'RE
8 GOING TO SEE, I THINK IN A MOTION LATER TODAY, IT IS JUST
9 KICKING THE CAN DOWN THE ROAD. IT LOOKS GOOD TO HAVE A BLUE
10 RIBBON COMMISSION. ON THE CHILD PROTECTION PIECE, YES, WE DID
11 ADOPT THE MAJOR RECOMMENDATION TO HAVE AN OFFICE OF CHILD
12 PROTECTION, BUT IT WAS NOT ENGAGING EVERY ONE OF OUR
13 DEPARTMENTS TO DO EVERYTHING THEY CAN. WE NEED ACTION. ACTION.
14 NOT MORE COMMISSIONS. NOT MORE REPORTS. ACTION. SO I AM SORRY,
15 BUT I DON'T THINK THIS IS THE RIGHT MOTION FOR OUR TIME. I
16 APPRECIATE YOUR SINCERITY IN BRINGING IT, BUT I APOLOGIZE THAT
17 I WON'T BE ABLE TO SUPPORT IT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I SEE JANICE HAHN WOULD LIKE TO
20 SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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22 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND, YOU KNOW, EVERYTHING
23 I'M GOING TO SAY IS LACED A LITTLE BIT WITH FRUSTRATION, NOT
24 NECESSARILY BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD KEEP
25 TRYING, BUT IT IS A LITTLE BIT FRUSTRATING TO CONTINUE TO SEE

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1 HOW MANY UNHOUSED, HOMELESS, WE CAME UP WITH A NEW DESCRIPTION
2 REGULARLY, BUT THESE ARE NEW PEOPLE THAT ARE SLEEPING ON OUR
3 STREETS. AND EVERYONE I KNOW THINKS THE PROBLEM IS GETTING
4 WORSE. EVERYONE I KNOW STILL IS SHOCKED WHEN THEY DRIVE ON OUR
5 FREEWAYS, AND SEE THE NUMBER OF TENTS ON OUR UNDERPASSES,
6 OVERPASSES, BY THE RIVERBED. I KNOW IN SAN PEDRO, WE HAVE A
7 SERIOUS PROBLEM. MOST PEOPLE THINK WE HAVEN'T EXACTLY GOTTEN A
8 HANDLE ON IT. I HAVE QUIT USING THE TERM SOLVE HOMELESSNESS. I
9 DON'T BELIEVE IT IS A SOLVABLE ISSUE. I BELIEVE WE WILL ALWAYS
10 HAVE PEOPLE WHO, FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER, ARE NOT HOUSED,
11 BUT WE HAVE TO DO A BETTER JOB OF REALLY MANAGING THIS CRISIS
12 AND DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO GET MORE PEOPLE INSIDE AND KEEP
13 MORE PEOPLE FROM FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS, BUT I AM NOT READY
14 TO GIVE AN A, AT THIS POINT, TO L.A.H.S.A. OR KIND OF ANYONE
15 ELSE BECAUSE THE PROBLEM IS TOO COMPLEX AND TOO DEEP. AND I'LL
16 HAVE TO SAY WHEN I HEARD OF THE PROPOSAL TO CREATE THIS
17 INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODY AT OUR LAST BOARD MEETING, I WAS
18 RELUCTANT TO CREATE ANOTHER GROUP TO DEBATE AND DISCUSS
19 L.A.H.S.A.'S GOVERNANCE WHEN WE'VE DONE THAT A LOT. AND NOW WE
20 ARE HERE DISCUSSING ANOTHER PROPOSAL TO CREATE ANOTHER BLUE
21 RIBBON COMMISSION TO DISCUSS L.A.H.S.A. GOVERNANCE AND MAYBE
22 BRING FORTH IDEAS THAT NOBODY HAS THOUGHT ABOUT BEFORE. AND I
23 AM RELUCTANT ON CREATING ANOTHER COMMISSION, BUT I DO THINK I
24 SHARE THE FEELING THAT MANY OF MY CITIES, MANY OF MY
25 RESIDENTS, HAVE TOLD ME THAT WE NEED TO CHANGE SOMETHING.

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1 SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE DIFFERENTLY GOING FORWARD. SOME
2 ACTION MUST BE TAKEN AND I DO LIKE THAT THIS PROPOSAL HAS
3 REPRESENTATION THAT I THINK HAS BEEN LACKING IN L.A.H.S.A.
4 GOVERNANCE. I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT WE HEAR FROM OUR CONTRACT
5 CITIES. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT OUR COUNCIL OF
6 GOVERNMENTS, WE HEARD MANY OF THEM CALL IN TODAY, THEY DO FELT
7 IGNORED AND NEGLECTED BY L.A.H.S.A. I ALSO DO FEEL A LITTLE
8 BIT BETTER THAT THIS HAS A SPECIFIC LENGTH OF TIME. IT IS SIX
9 MONTHS. IT HAS A SUNSET DATE OF SIX MONTHS TO COME UP WITH
10 SOME RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE HAVEN'T THOUGHT ABOUT BEFORE THAT
11 MAYBE COULD PUT US ON A DIFFERENT COURSE GOING FORWARD THAT
12 WILL MAKE THE CHANGES THAT I THINK EVERYONE IS REALLY LOOKING
13 FOR, MOST IMPORTANTLY, THOSE WHO ARE ON THE STREETS AND ARE
14 LOOKING FOR A WAY TO GET THEIR LIVES BACK. I ALSO THINK IT IS
15 IMPORTANT THIS COMMISSION WILL BE CAST IN THE REPORT BACK,
16 LISTENING, PAYING ATTENTION TO, AND SUPPORTING THE
17 UNINCORPORATED AREAS IN THE COUNTY. MANY OF US ALSO REPRESENT
18 UNINCORPORATED AREAS, WHO SOMETIMES FEEL A LITTLE OUT OF THE
19 LOOP AND NOT AT THE TABLE. AND I -- I AM SO -- I AM FRUSTRATED
20 SO MUCH SO THAT I AM WILLING TO DO ONE MORE THING, ONE MORE
21 THING TO JUST TRY AND SEE IF WE CAN'T CRACK THAT NUT, OPEN THE
22 IDEAS OF INNOVATION, BE EXTRAORDINARY IN GOING FORWARD IN HOW
23 WE CAN CHANGE THE COURSE FOR SO MANY LIVES IN L.A. COUNTY. SO,
24 ON THAT NOTE, I AM GOING TO INTRODUCE A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO
25 INCREASE THE SEATS OF THIS COMMISSION. SO, CLEARLY, IF YOU ARE

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1 NOT GOING TO VOTE -- IF YOU DON'T LIKE THIS COMMISSION TO
2 START WITH, YOU ARE REALLY NOT GOING TO LIKE THE FACT THAT I
3 AM ADDING MORE SEATS. HERE IT GOES. AND I HAVE BEEN TOLD I
4 NEED TO READ THIS WORD FOR WORD BY OUR COUNTY COUNSEL. SO HERE
5 WE GO. ESTABLISH A BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS THAT
6 SHALL BE DIRECTED TO RESEARCH AND ANALYZE VARIOUS HOMELESSNESS
7 GOVERNANCE REPORTS, STUDY MODELS FROM ACROSS THE NATION, AND
8 PROVIDING FEEDBACK TO THE BOARD REGARDING THE MOST RELEVANT
9 AND EFFECTIVE MODELS WITH THE INTENTION OF IMPLEMENTING REFORM
10 TO HELP SOLVE THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS, EVEN THOUGH I DON'T SAY
11 THAT ANYMORE, IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE B.R.C.H. SHALL
12 PROVIDE A REPORT THAT INCLUDES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A NEW
13 GOVERNANCE MODEL THAT IS APPROPRIATE FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY,
14 INCORPORATING THE DIVERSE NEEDS OF THE REGION, ITS 88 CITIES,
15 THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES, WHICH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
16 DIRECTLY REPRESENTS, AND THIS REPORT SHOULD REFLECT THE
17 VARIOUS LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE ISSUES THAT ARE IMPACTING
18 HOMELESS POLICIES. THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD SEEK
19 TO ENHANCE ACCOUNTABILITY, TRANSPARENCY, AND INCLUSIVITY. THE
20 REPORT SHOULD INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW CITIES, COUNCIL
21 OF GOVERNMENTS, REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES, COULD BE
22 INCORPORATED INTO AN EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND
23 ADDRESS THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS. HERE COMES MY AMENDMENT AND
24 LET ME JUST TELL YOU, COLLEAGUES, THIS WAS BASED ON THE CITY
25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT, MARY MARTINEZ, WHO LOOKED AT THIS AND SAID

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1 SHE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE TWO ADDITIONAL SEATS ON THE COMMISSION
2 FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, AND OUR C.O.G.S WOULD LIKE AN
3 EXTRA ONE SEAT. SO THAT'S WHAT MY AMENDMENT IS. MY AMENDMENT
4 IS SAYING: IT SHALL GO FROM NINE SEATS TO 12, TWO MORE FOR
5 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, ONE MORE FOR OUR C.O.G., AND I HAVE
6 TO READ THIS, TOO. I AM SORRY. PLEASE INDULGE ME. THE B.R.C.H.
7 SHALL BE COMPRISED OF 12 MEMBERS, 5 MEMBERS OF THE B.R.C.H.
8 SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
9 SUPERVISORS WITH ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BE EACH SUPERVISOR, ONE
10 MEMBER SHALL BE NOMINATED BY THE MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES, THREE
11 MEMBERS SHALL BE NOMINATED BY THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL
12 PRESIDENT, THERE YOU GO, MARY, ONE MEMBER SHALL BE NOMINATED
13 BY THE CONTRACT CITIES ASSOCIATION, AND TWO SHALL BE NOMINATED
14 BY THE COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT. GIVEN THE URGENCY OF THIS
15 SITUATION, NOMINATIONS TO THIS B.R.C.H. SHALL BE SUBMITTED FOR
16 FINAL APPROVAL AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING OF AUGUST
17 10TH. IF YOU LIKE THIS, SETTING UP THIS BLUE RIBBON
18 COMMISSION, I THINK MY AMENDMENTS WILL MAKE IT EVEN MORE
19 EFFECTIVE. IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, YOU WILL PROBABLY HATE IT
20 EVEN MORE. SO THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR LETTING ME SUBMIT
21 THOSE AMENDMENTS. AND I HOPE THEY ARE ACCEPTED. I HOPE THEY
22 ARE FRIENDLY ENOUGH THAT YOU WILL ACCEPT THEM.

23
24 **SUP. BARGER:** I ACCEPT THEM, YEAH, ABSOLUTELY.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, THAT IS GREAT. WE ALSO HAVE A
2 QUESTION FROM SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL.

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. NOT SO MUCH A
5 QUESTION BUT A SERIES OF COMMENTS. FIRST OF ALL, LET ME JUST
6 ACKNOWLEDGE, I HEARD YOU LOUD AND CLEAR WHEN YOU ASKED FOR THE
7 COURTESY OF A VOTE, AND I WANT TO SAY CLEARLY THAT IT IS NOT
8 MY INTENTION TO BE DISCOURTEOUS IN MY OPPOSITION TO THIS
9 POLICY. I CERTAINLY HOPE IT IS NOT INTERPRETED THAT WAY. MY
10 OPPOSITION TODAY IS BASED SOLELY ON POLICY AND APPROACH.
11 SECONDLY, I SHARE YOUR APPRECIATION FOR THE PUBLIC CALLING IN,
12 AND I LISTENED VERY CLOSELY. HOWEVER, I DO THINK IT SHOULD BE
13 ACKNOWLEDGED THAT OUR PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO A TIME
14 PERIOD, NOT BASED ON THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE QUEUE. SO,
15 YOU KNOW, IT IS DIFFICULT FOR US TO SUGGEST THAT, BASED ON THE
16 PEOPLE WHO WERE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO CALL IN EARLY ENOUGH TO
17 GET IN THE QUEUE, THAT WE HAVE THE FULL COMPLEMENT OF PUBLIC
18 COMMENT AND PERCEPTION ABOUT AN ISSUE BASED ON THOSE IN THE
19 QUEUE. WE ARE CUTTING OUR PUBLIC COMMENT OFF BASED ON A TIME
20 LIMITED AMOUNT. SO I ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO THE TIME WHEN WE ARE
21 ABLE TO CONVENE DIFFERENTLY, IN PERSON, HOPEFULLY, RELATIVELY
22 SOON, TO ALLOW FULL TRANSPARENT PUBLIC COMMENT AND FEEDBACK ON
23 THE POLICIES THAT WE ARE TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION. THIRDLY,
24 BEFORE I MOVE INTO MY COMMENTS, I JUST WANT TO, AGAIN, I THINK
25 IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE ARE CLEAR ABOUT WHAT IS BEFORE

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1 US, AND THAT WE FOCUS OUR STATEMENTS ON FACT. YOU KNOW, THE
2 QUESTION OFTEN COMES UP ON MEASURE H AND HOW THOSE DOLLARS ARE
3 BEING SPENT AND THE TERM EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION IS OFTEN USED.
4 AND I HOPE, WELL, LET ME JUST SAY THAT. WHEN I HEAR EQUITABLE
5 DISTRIBUTION, BY SOME, I THINK IT IS THE PERCEPTION THAT IT
6 SHOULD BE DIVIDED EQUALLY BY 88. WELL, I DON'T KNOW THAT
7 THAT'S FAIR BECAUSE NOT ALL 88 CITIES IN THE COUNTY EXPERIENCE
8 OUR FAMILIES, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS WHO ARE UNHOUSED AT THE
9 SAME NUMBERS AND RATES. AND SO WHAT EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION
10 CURRENTLY MEANS IS DIVIDING MEASURE H FUNDS BASED ON THE
11 GREATEST NEED, AND THAT IS HOW IT IS DONE NOW WITH OUR CURRENT
12 S.P.A. SYSTEM. IT IS DONE REGIONALLY, SO I JUST WANT TO
13 CLARIFY THAT THAT'S THE CURRENT SYSTEM IN TERMS OF HOW MEASURE
14 H DOLLARS ARE DISTRIBUTED. AND, AS I READ AND CONSIDER THE
15 MOTION BEFORE US TODAY ON ESTABLISHING A BLUE RIBBON
16 COMMISSION, I JUST CANNOT SEE HOW THIS ADDRESSES THE CONCERNS
17 THAT WERE RAISED, YOU KNOW, FROM PREVIOUS -- OUR BOARD MEETING
18 TWO WEEKS AGO, ISSUES THAT EDUCATED ME IN TERMS OF THE SHEER
19 NUMBER OF MOTIONS THIS BODY HAS BROUGHT FORWARD TO ADDRESS THE
20 ISSUE OF OUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS WHO ARE UNHOUSED.
21 I BELIEVE I HEARD A NUMBER TO THE TUNE OF 239 SOME ODD
22 MOTIONS. AND YET, WE HAVE ANOTHER. I HAVE TO SAY IF THIS
23 WERE, PERHAPS, 2004 OR 2005, IN THE MIDDLE OF BOTH OUR HOUSING
24 CRISIS IN CALIFORNIA, OUR ECONOMIC CRISIS IN THE STATE WHERE
25 WE HAD HAD TO CUT BACK THE STATE AND COUNTY LEVEL ON

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1 ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS AND SUPPORTS, WHERE BUDGETS WERE CUT TO
2 SUPPORT PEOPLE WHO CURRENTLY FIND THEMSELVES UNHOUSED, A BLUE
3 RIBBON COMMISSION WITH THE MANDATE THAT THIS MOTION LAYS OUT
4 MIGHT HAVE MADE SENSE, BUT THIS IS 2021. AND WE ARE HUNDREDS
5 OF MOTIONS, THOUSANDS OF ACTIONS, THOUSANDS OF HOURS THAT THIS
6 COUNTY BOARD INITIATED THROUGH TOWN HALL MEETINGS THAT I
7 PARTICIPATED ON AS AN ASSEMBLYMEMBER TO IDENTIFY PRIORITIES
8 AND WAYS IN WHICH L.A. COUNTY COULD BEGIN TO SUPPORT OUR
9 UNHOUSED POPULATION. SO THAT'S A LOT OF WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE
10 TO COME FORWARD NOW IN 2021 TO TALK ABOUT A BLUE RIBBON
11 COMMISSION AS IF ALL OF THAT WORK AND RESOURCES AND TIME HAD
12 NOT BEEN SPENT. SO THAT'S WHY I HAVE, YOU KNOW, THESE ARE SOME
13 OF THE ISSUES THAT CONCERN ME ABOUT THIS MOTION. IT
14 ESTABLISHES A COMMISSION TO PROVIDE YET ANOTHER REPORT, WHICH,
15 AGAIN, AS BOARD MEMBERS SAID TWO MEETINGS AGO IS NOT WHAT THEY
16 FELT THEY NEEDED. WE NEEDED ACTION. JUST BECAUSE WE'RE GOING
17 TO APPOINT, NOW BASED ON THE READ-IN MOTION, MORE PEOPLE WITH
18 A SHORTENED TIMEFRAME, DOESN'T FOR ME NECESSARILY CONNOTE
19 DIRECT ACTION. IT IS ANOTHER REPORT BACK THAT WILL COME FROM
20 MORE PEOPLE IN A SHORTER TIMEFRAME. THIS MOTION DOES NOT
21 ADDRESS THE ACTIONABLE STEPS INCLUDED IN PREVIOUS REPORTS THAT
22 L.A.H.S.A. HAS ALREADY PROVIDED AROUND ORGANIZATIONAL
23 STRUCTURE, ON CONTRACTING, EVEN ON GOVERNANCE FROM THE AD HOC
24 COMMITTEE. AGAIN, WE, AS THE COUNTY, HAVE AN EXISTING JOINT
25 POWERS AUTHORITY AGREEMENT FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS, AND

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1 GEOGRAPHIES, AND CITIES, AS WELL AS HAVE JOINT POWER
2 AUTHORITY AGREEMENTS FOR OTHER PROJECTS. THESE ARE AGREEMENTS
3 TO ALLOW FOR COOPERATION AND COHESIVENESS ACROSS
4 JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES. WE DON'T NEED A BLUE RIBBON
5 COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH THAT. THAT EXISTS. AND SO WHAT
6 PRECEDENT WOULD WE BE SETTING BY DICTATING SEATS AT THE TABLE
7 FOR PARTIES NOT LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE IN A J.P.A.? BECAUSE THE
8 J.P.A. AGREEMENT WHICH ESTABLISHES L.A.H.S.A. IS A LEGAL
9 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY, THE BOARD HAS THE
10 RIGHT IN CLOSED BOARD SESSIONS WITH LEGAL COUNSEL ON THE
11 DIRECTION THE J.P.A. SHOULD MOVE IN AND WHAT IS AND WHAT IS
12 NOT LEGALLY ALLOWED. IN FACT, IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS
13 BOARD HAS IN PREVIOUS YEARS HAD CLOSED SESSIONS WITH LEGAL
14 COUNSEL ON THE J.P.A. AND MADE RECOMMENDATIONS. SO I AM NOT
15 SURE WHAT RAMIFICATIONS WE ARE PROVIDING THE BLUE RIBBON
16 COMMISSION DIRECTION TO TO EXPLORE THE EXISTING J.P.A. AS I
17 MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY, I SUPPORTED C.O.G.S IN GETTING
18 RESOURCES. THAT IS ON RECORD, AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
19 INCLUDED C.O.G.S IN RESOURCE ALLOCATION IN SEVERAL BUDGETS.
20 AND THOSE ACTIONS WERE OPPOSED BY MANY COUNTIES, INCLUDING
21 THIS ONE. I STRONGLY BELIEVE IN AUTHENTIC ENGAGEMENT AND
22 INVOLVEMENT IN OUR GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS WHY WE AMENDED OUR
23 MOTION TWO WEEKS AGO AND CREATED A PROCESS FOR INVOLVING THE
24 C.O.G.S IN REFINING THE VISION AND OUTCOMES OF L.A.H.S.A. AND
25 THAT WAS A REQUEST OF BOARD MEMBERS, BUT AGAIN THAT MEASURE

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1 WAS DEFEATED. WE HAVE CURRENTLY HAVE FIVE APPOINTED L.A.H.S.A.
2 COMMISSIONERS. THERE ARE VARIOUS BODIES AND COMMITTEES THAT
3 CONTRIBUTE TO L.A.H.S.A. WE COULD CHARGE THE COMMISSION TO
4 UPDATE THE PROCESS AND THE FLOW OF INPUT TO STRENGTHEN
5 COMMUNICATION WITH THE C.O.G.S AND CONTRACT CITY REPS. WE ALL
6 KNOW THE SHEER NUMBERS OF ANGELENOS WHO FIND THEMSELVES
7 UNHOUSED EVERY DAY. WE ARE ALSO CLEAR HOW ALL OF OUR
8 INDIVIDUAL DISTRICTS ARE IMPACTED. IT SADDENS ME DEEPLY TO
9 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT 34 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL UNHOUSED POPULATION
10 IN THE COUNTY CALL THE DISTRICT COUNT, WITH A 23 PERCENT
11 INCREASE SINCE THE PRIOR YEAR. SO I AM CONCERNED THIS MOTION
12 COULD HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON OUR PROGRESS TO CONTINUE TO
13 WORK TOGETHER. ANY DELAY IS UNACCEPTABLE. AND ON IMPROVING
14 L.A.H.S.A.'S PERFORMANCE, THIS MOTION ADDRESSES THE GOVERNANCE
15 AT THE TOP. ALL OF THE REPORT BACKS AND STUDIES CONCLUDED THAT
16 IS NOT THE ISSUE WITH L.A.H.S.A. IT IS THE STRUCTURE THAT'S
17 THE PROBLEM, AND THIS MOTION AND THIS BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION
18 WOULD DO NOTHING TO ADDRESS THE REAL ISSUE. WILL THIS MOTION
19 AND THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION BEEN ABLE TO ESTABLISH
20 ALLEVIATE THOSE PARTS OF L.A.H.S.A. THAT SLOW IT DOWN AND KEEP
21 IT FROM BEING AN EFFECTIVE CHANGE AGENT? NOT ACCORDING TO WHAT
22 I'M READING IN THIS LANGUAGE. OR WILL IT MAKE IT WORSE AND ADD
23 ANOTHER LAYER OF DELAYS AND PERHAPS DYSFUNCTION IN THE HEIGHT
24 OF OUR COVID PANDEMIC AND THE IMPACT THAT'S HAD ON INCREASING
25 OUR HOMELESS NUMBERS. I HAVE SERVED ON ANY NUMBER OF BLUE

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1 RIBBON COMMISSIONS, AND AT NO POINT PRIOR TO BEING AN ELECTED
2 OFFICIAL DID I THINK THE WORK OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION
3 SHOULD REPLACE THAT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS. AND SO, I DON'T
4 THINK OUR CONSTITUENTS WILL THINK, BY PASSAGE OF THIS MOTION,
5 WE HAVE MADE ANY GREAT STRIDES TOWARDS SOLVING THIS PROBLEM.
6 ONE COULD ARGUE THAT WE APPOINTED AND DELEGATED OUR AUTHORITY
7 TO ANOTHER ENTITY, YET ANOTHER BUREAUCRATIC LAYER, TO FURTHER
8 DELAY ACTION. I DON'T THINK THAT IS THE APPROPRIATE TACTIC FOR
9 US TO TAKE IN 2021 IN THE MIDDLE OF A PUBLIC HEALTH PANDEMIC
10 HAVING SPENT THOUSANDS OF WOMAN POWER, MANPOWER HOURS AND
11 MEETINGS AND MEETINGS ACROSS ALL OF OUR DISTRICTS TO FIGURE
12 OUT WHAT IS THE BEST SOLUTION IS FOR L.A. COUNTY. WITH EVERY
13 FINGER WE USED TO POINT AT L.A.H.S.A. AND OTHER ENTITIES,
14 THERE ARE THREE FINGERS POINTING BACK AT US AS AN ELECTED
15 BODY. AND I BELIEVE THIS BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION SIMPLY IS NOT
16 THE APPROPRIATE ACTION FOR US TO TAKE AT THIS TIME. AND SO, I
17 WILL BE VOTING NO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

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19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I JUST WANT TO LET THE AUDIENCE
20 KNOW THAT, ACCORDING TO OUR CLERK, THERE WERE 67 REGISTERED
21 WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT WERE IN SUPPORT OF THIS ITEM AND 10 THAT
22 WERE OPPOSED. WHILE EVERYBODY WAS NOT ABLE TO GET IN THE
23 QUEUE, OBVIOUSLY, THERE WAS SUPPORT, AND I CANNOT IMAGINE WHAT
24 THE OTHER OFFICES, WHAT THEY MAY HAVE RECEIVED, BUT I KNOW WE,
25 OUTSIDE OF THIS NUMBER, RECEIVED SUPPORT AS WELL. I JUST WANT

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1 TO CLARIFY THAT FOR THE RECORD. SO MEMBERS, WE HAVE A MOTION
2 THAT HAS BEEN AMENDED BEFORE US. SEEING NO OTHER DISCUSSION OR
3 DEBATE ON THIS MATTER, THEN I'D LIKE TO CALL THIS UP FOR A
4 VOTE AS AMENDED. ITEM 10 IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER AND
5 SECONDED BY ME TO PASS THIS MOTION AS AMENDED. MADAM EXECUTIVE
6 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

7

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

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11 **SUP. MITCHELL:** NO.

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

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15 **SUP. KUEHL:** NO.

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

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19 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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23 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

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

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7 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MEMBERS. OKAY. MOVING ON NOW TO
8 ITEM NUMBER 14. THIS IS TAKING ACTION, FURTHER PROTECTIONS FOR
9 SURVIVING FAMILIES FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT HARASSMENT AND
10 RETALIATION, WHICH I HELD. AND, AFTER I SPEAK, I WILL TURN TO
11 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL IF SHE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MAKE SOME
12 REMARKS. I WANT TO BEGIN BY THANKING YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,
13 AND FOR YOUR CONCERN ON THIS ITEM AND THESE ACTIVITIES THAT
14 HAVE BEEN OCCURRING IN OUR DISTRICTS. I WANT TO ALSO THANK MY
15 COLLEAGUES, AS MY FIRST MOTION ON THIS TOPIC WAS SUPPORTED
16 UNANIMOUSLY. IT IS PRETTY EVIDENT WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO STAND
17 BY OUR FAMILIES WHO ARE TRYING TO HEAL AFTER THEIR LOVED ONES
18 WERE TAKEN AWAY BY LAW ENFORCEMENT. AND IT REALLY PAINS ME
19 THAT WE EVEN HAVE TO HAVE A MOTION FOR THIS. BUT GIVEN THE
20 TRAUMATIC STORIES WE'VE HEARD TODAY AND IN THE PAST YEARS, IT
21 IS EVIDENT TO ME THAT WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THESE
22 FAMILIES WHO CONSISTENTLY GET HARASSED AND INTIMIDATED,
23 UNFORTUNATELY, BY SOME L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF DEPUTIES. TO THOSE
24 FAMILIES WHO CALLED IN TODAY AND SHARED THEIR STORIES AT THE
25 SHERIFF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSIONS AND OTHER PUBLIC

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1 PLATFORMS, I'M SORRY FOR YOUR GRIEF, AND I HEARD YOUR GRIEF
2 WHEN WE ALSO HAD A CALL WITH YOU AND HEARD THAT SEVERAL WEEKS
3 AGO. I'M GRATEFUL FOR YOUR BRAVERY AND YOUR COURAGE TO SHARE
4 THESE STORIES THAT ARE PAINFUL WITH US AND WITH OTHER MEMBERS
5 OF THE PUBLIC. THE SHERIFF CONTINUOUSLY BASHES ANY FORM OF
6 OVERSIGHT AND IN THE SAME THREAD, ATTEMPTS TO INTIMIDATE AND
7 RETALIATE AGAINST THOSE WHO RAISE CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS OF
8 MISCONDUCT THAT SOME MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT ENGAGE IN. THE
9 DEPARTMENT'S HISTORY, EVEN DURING THE SHERIFF'S TENURE, OF
10 MISCONDUCT HAS RESULTED IN THE STATE'S A.G. OPENING A CIVIL
11 RIGHTS INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE DEPARTMENT HAS
12 ENGAGED IN A PATTERN OR PRACTICE OF UNCONSTITUTIONAL POLICING.
13 ADDITIONALLY, THOUGH THE COUNTY HAS PAID FOR DEPUTIES TO HAVE
14 BODY WORN CAMERAS, WE KNOW THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS POLICIES
15 THAT STILL NEED REFORM AND REFINEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT. CURRENT
16 POLICIES DO NOT ALLOW RANDOM AUDITS BY AN INDEPENDENT BODY TO
17 REVIEW CAMERA FOOTAGE, TO ENSURE THAT DEPUTIES ARE NOT
18 ENGAGING IN MISCONDUCT, AND THIS ALSO INCLUDES THE INABILITY
19 TO CHECK FOOTAGE TO SEE IF DEPUTIES ARE ACTUALLY TURNING ON
20 AND KEEPING ON, PER POLICY, THEIR BODY WORN CAMERAS WHEN
21 ENGAGED WITH THE COMMUNITY. LASTLY, THE SHERIFF IN HIS
22 COMMENTS DISPARAGE THE VICTIMS OF DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTINGS,
23 CALLING THEM SUSPECTS. SOME OF THESE INDIVIDUALS HAD MENTAL
24 HEALTH NEEDS, A HEARING IMPAIRMENT, AND WAS AUTISTIC, LIKE
25 ISAIAH CERVANTES. MIND YOU, THE BOARD IS HAVING TO PUT THIS

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1 MOTION FORWARD BECAUSE WE HAVE FAMILIES WHO CAN'T MOURN FOR
2 THEIR LOVED ONES IN PEACE. OUR FAMILIES HAVE A RIGHT TO MOURN
3 IN PEACE. AND A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO, I DIRECTED THE O.I.G. TO
4 REPORT BACK ON HOW TO STRENGTHEN OVERSIGHT OF THE SHERIFF'S
5 DEPARTMENT AS WELL RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW WE CAN SUPPORT AND
6 PROTECT OUR FAMILIES FROM FUTURE HARM. THE MOTION IS TO
7 CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR FAMILIES AND ENGAGE IN OVERSIGHT OF
8 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE NECESSARY
9 STEPS TO DO SO. ASIDE FROM PROVIDING TECHNOLOGICAL SUPPORT AND
10 FRANKLY ACCESS TO DATABASES AND EVEN BODY WORN CAMERA COVERAGE
11 FOR THE O.I.G. AND OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS IN THE
12 COUNTY, I'M ALSO QUITE FRANKLY ASKING THAT THE C.E.O. FIND
13 SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR A FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. THIS
14 PROGRAM HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BE A LIFELINE FOR THOSE FAMILIES
15 AFTER TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCES WITH THE SHERIFF, IN WHICH THEIR
16 LOVED ONE IS EITHER KILLED OR HURT BY LAW ENFORCEMENT,
17 MISCONDUCT, AND USE OF FORCE. WE KNOW IT HAS BEEN HELPFUL TO
18 THOSE FAMILIES WHO HAVE USED IT. HOWEVER, WE NEED TO BUILD THE
19 PROGRAM UP AND FIND SUSTAINABLE FUNDING TO PROVIDE ROBUST
20 SERVICES OUR FAMILIES NEED TO HEAL WHILE THEY SEEK JUSTICE.
21 COLLEAGUES, AND THE SURVIVING FAMILIES, I AGAIN ASK FOR YOUR
22 AYE VOTE AND MAKE IT COUNT. THIS JUST CAN'T CONTINUE. AND I
23 ALSO WANT TO THANK THE MANY INDIVIDUALS WHO CALLED IN THIS
24 MORNING TO INFORM US ABOUT THEIR SUPPORT ON THE MOTION AND
25 SOME FAMILIES THAT HAVE BEEN PERSONALLY IMPACTED. AND WITH

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1 THAT, I THANK YOU, AND I RECOGNIZE MY COAUTHOR, SUPERVISOR
2 MITCHELL.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M GOING JUST TO USE MY
5 BRIEF TIME THIS AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR, TO RESPOND TO THE
6 COMMENTS MADE AT THE TOP OF OUR MEETING BY THE SHERIFF WHERE
7 HE SUGGESTED THAT OUR INSPECTOR GENERAL WAS, QUOTE, CORRUPT,
8 BASED ON WHAT? I DON'T KNOW. WHERE HE INSISTED ON USING,
9 REFERRING TO THE VICTIMS OF THESE MURDERS AS, QUOTE, SUSPECTS,
10 WHICH SUGGESTED TO ME A JUSTIFICATION IN THE LOSS OF LIFE
11 BECAUSE THEY WERE, QUOTE, SUSPECTS. I WONDER IF THAT, THEN,
12 MAKES THE OFFICERS WHO TOOK THEIR LIVES EQUIVALENT TO JUDGE
13 AND JURY, THAT BECAUSE THEY WERE SUSPECTED THAT THEIR MURDERS
14 WERE JUSTIFIED. THAT THE OFFICER MOVED THEM FROM SUSPECT TO
15 GUILTY, AND, THEREFORE, IN THEIR MINDS AND IN THE MINDS OF
16 THEIR SHERIFF, THEIR ACTIONS WERE JUSTIFIED. THEY ARE VICTIMS
17 BECAUSE THEY WERE KILLED. THAT'S WHAT CONSTITUTES THE TERM
18 BEING USED VICTIM. IN SOME INSTANCES, THEY WERE IN PURSUIT. WE
19 DON'T KNOW ALL THE INDIVIDUAL CASES, BUT TO MAKE THE GLOBAL
20 STATEMENT THEY WERE SUSPECTS AND THEREFORE DESERVED LESS THAN
21 HUMANE TREATMENT BY OFFICERS WHO TAKE AN OATH TO PROTECT AND
22 SERVE ALL EQUALLY, I FOUND DEEPLY OFFENSIVE, PARTICULARLY
23 COMING FROM AN INDIVIDUAL AND A DEPARTMENT CURRENTLY UNDER
24 INVESTIGATION BY OUR STATE'S ATTORNEY GENERAL. I DON'T KNOW
25 THAT THE INSPECTOR GENERAL IS -- HENCE THE INAPPROPRIATENESS

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1 OF HIM BEING REFERRED TO AS CORRUPT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR,
2 FOR YOUR CONSISTENCY IN BRINGING THE ISSUES AND CHALLENGES AND
3 FEARS THESE FAMILIES EXPERIENCE EVERY DAY, LEADING UP TO THE
4 MURDER OF THEIR LOVED ONE, DURING, AND AFTER, AND I AM PROUD
5 TO STAND WITH YOU AS COAUTHOR, AND VOTE IN SUPPORT OF THIS
6 MOTION.

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. I
9 WILL NOW RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR BARGER.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND ACTUALLY, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, I
12 AGREE WITH YOU. THE COMMENTS MADE BY THE SHERIFF WERE TOTALLY
13 INAPPROPRIATE AND, QUITE FRANKLY, NOT CONSTRUCTIVE AS IT
14 RELATES TO THIS ITEM. AND IT TRULY IS UNFORTUNATE BECAUSE,
15 ONCE AGAIN, DON'T LET FACTS GET IN THE WAY OF A GOOD STORY. IN
16 THIS CASE, HE DIDN'T HAVE THE FACTS TO BACK UP WHAT HIS CLAIMS
17 WERE, AND IT REALLY IS UNFORTUNATE, AND I SAY THIS HAS SOMEONE
18 WHO HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MOTION, AND I AM ACTUALLY
19 LITTLE DISGUSTED WITH ON HOW HE BROUGHT THIS TO THE BOARD
20 TODAY. AND HE DID NOTHING TO HELP THOSE MEN AND WOMEN THAT
21 WEAR THE UNIFORM THAT ACTUALLY GENUINELY DO WANT
22 ACCOUNTABILITY ACROSS THE BOARD. BUT I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS FOR
23 COUNTY COUNSEL, AND I WILL MAKE THEM AS BRIEF AS POSSIBLE. MY
24 UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE O.I.G. ALREADY HAS THE AUTHORITY TO
25 REQUEST ACCESS TO MONITORING AND INVESTIGATE REQUESTS TO

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1 INCLUDE THE (INDISCERNIBLE) AND BODY WORN CAMERA VIDEOS. WHAT
2 IS THE SUBPOENA POWER OF THE O.I.G. AND IS THAT INSUFFICIENT
3 AND IS THAT WHY COUNTY COUNSEL NEEDS TO BE INVOLVED? I AM JUST
4 TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THAT.

5

6 **ATTORNEY:** SO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. YES, UNDER THE COUNTY CODE
7 PURSUANT TO THE BOARD'S AUTHORITY UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE
8 SECTION 25303, THE O.I.G. HAS FULL ACCESS. TO THE SHERIFF'S
9 RECORDS. THE ONLY LIMITATION THAT EXISTS IS THAT THE O.I.G.
10 CANNOT OBSTRUCT THE SHERIFF'S CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE FUNCTION
11 UNDER 25303. OTHERWISE, HE HAS -- NOT HE, BUT THE O.I.G. AND
12 THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, HAS FULL ACCESS TO THE SHERIFF'S
13 RECORDS. SHOULD UNDER THE LAW.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY. DOES OBSTRUCTION GO THE OTHER WAY? IN TERMS
16 OF IF THE O.I.G. IS INVESTIGATING SOMETHING, OBSTRUCTION BY
17 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, BY THE SHERIFF? I PROBABLY KNOW THE
18 ANSWER TO THAT, BUT I WAS BEING A LITTLE SARCASTIC.

19

20 **ATTORNEY:** YES. OKAY.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER:** ON DIRECTIVE NUMBER 2, THE GUARANTEE AND NEED TO
23 KNOW, IN OTHER WORDS, WHAT MECHANISMS ARE THERE TO STOP
24 SOMEONE FROM USING INFORMATION ATTAINED BY A SHERIFF'S
25 DEPARTMENT INTERNAL DATABASE TO SUBSTANTIATE AN ALLEGATION OF

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1 UNLAWFUL FORCE VERSES SEARCHING FOR AN ALLEGATION OF UNLAWFUL
2 FORCE? CAN YOU ANSWER THAT?

3

4 **ATTORNEY:** IF I UNDERSTAND YOUR QUESTION CORRECTLY, SUPERVISOR,
5 THE LIMITATION IN THE DIRECTIVE FOR ALL THE ENTITIES OTHER
6 THAN THE INSPECTOR GENERAL IS AS PERMITTED BY LAW. SO THE
7 MOTION DOES NOT REQUIRE A CHANGE AND CANNOT OBVIOUSLY REQUIRE
8 A CHANGE IN STATE LAW. SO, THEREFORE, THERE IS A STATE LAW
9 THAT LIMITS ACCESS TO CERTAIN INFORMATION. THAT REMAINS. SO
10 THE CLAUSE AS PERMITTED BY LAW MAKES THAT CLEAR. EXCUSE ME?

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** IS THAT PITCHES.

13

14 **ATTORNEY:** YES, THERE ARE VARIOUS LAWS THAT PROTECT
15 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION. PITCHES IS ONE, AND THERE ARE
16 OTHERS.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY. SO ON NUMBER 4, IF I UNDERSTAND DIRECTIVE
19 FOUR CORRECTLY, THIS DIRECTIVE IS EXPLORING THE IDEA OF
20 CREATING AN INDEPENDENT OFFICE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS,
21 WHICH APPEARS REMOVED FROM THE ACTIONS OF L.A.S.D. AND PLACES
22 IT WITH THE O.I.G., P.D., AND A.P.D. WHAT ARE THE POTENTIAL
23 CONSEQUENCES OF SETTING UP THIS KIND OF PRECEDENT TO LAW
24 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY? IS THERE?

25

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1 **ATTORNEY:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, SO THAT DIRECTIVE ASKS FOR A
2 REPORT BACK IN 60 DAYS. THOSE ARE THE VERY ISSUES THAT WE WILL
3 OBVIOUSLY RESEARCH AND THEN REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON.
4 CERTAINLY, THAT IS AN ISSUE, AND THERE ARE OTHER ISSUES, THE
5 OBVIOUSLY WE NEED TO LOOK AT. AND I BELIEVE THAT'S WHY THE
6 DIRECTIVE IS FOR THE A REPORT BACK IN 60 DAYS. WE WILL
7 CERTAINLY PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION TO THE BOARD.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** AND THEN ON NUMBER 5, IS THAT DIRECTION ALREADY A
10 FUNCTION OF THE O.I.G.? NUMBER 5?

11

12 **ATTORNEY:** YES. LIKE I SAID, THE O.I.G. UNDER THE COUNTY CODE
13 IS ENTITLED TO SEE -- TO HAVE ACCESS TO AS PART OF THE
14 OVERSIGHT FUNCTION OF THE O.I.G. IS ENTITLED TO SEE
15 EVERYTHING. AND THE STATE LEGISLATURE ALSO MADE THAT CLEAR
16 THROUGH A.B.1185. AND NOT ONLY MADE THAT CLEAR BUT ALSO
17 GRANTED THE O.I.G. INDEPENDENT SUBPOENA AUTHORITY. SO, YES,
18 THE O.I.G. IS ENTITLED UNDER THE COUNTY CODE TO HAVE ACCESS
19 AND TO SEE EVERYTHING.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, AGAIN, I AM JUST GOING TO SAY I THINK IT IS
22 TRULY UNFORTUNATE THAT WE ARE DELIBERATING ON MOTIONS LIKE
23 THIS BASED ON ONE INDIVIDUAL -- ONE INDIVIDUAL, THAT
24 INDIVIDUAL REFLECTS I BELIEVE TO YOUR POINT, SUPERVISOR
25 MITCHELL, WHAT IS PERCEIVED TO BE THE SENTIMENT OF THE RANK

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1 AND FILE. AND I KNOW THAT MAX HUNTSMAN IS A MAN OF INTEGRITY.
2 HE IS SOMEONE WHO HAS HELD THIS POSITION AS O.I.G FOR A LONG
3 TIME. AND TO IMPLY THAT HE IS CROOKED IN ANY WAY, IS ONCE
4 AGAIN COMPLETELY DISTORTING THE FACTS AND IN FACT AN OUTRIGHT
5 LIE. AND, YOU KNOW, I WAS PREPARED TO VOTE NO ON THIS MOTION.
6 I STILL DON'T FEEL THIS MOTION IS THE WAY I WOULD GO ABOUT IT,
7 BUT I HAVE A HARD TIME HEARING WHAT THE SHERIFF SAID IN HIS
8 OPENING COMMENTS FROM BEING CONVINCED THAT WE DON'T NEED TO
9 BE A LITTLE MORE AGGRESSIVE AS IT RELATES TO WHAT IS TAKING
10 PLACE. SO I HAVE TO REALLY WEIGH THIS AS WE -- HAVE MORE
11 DISCUSSION ON THIS ITEM. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** I THINK ONE OF THE QUESTIONS FOR ME IS THE
14 REASON WHY WE ARE ASKING FOR THESE DIFFERENT PROVISIONS IS
15 BECAUSE, QUITE FRANKLY, THE O.I.G. HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO ACCESS
16 THESE FILES AND INFORMATION. THERE'S BEEN OBSTRUCTION ON THE
17 OTHER HAND TO PREVENT US FROM GETTING AT THE INFORMATION WE
18 HAVE REQUESTED AND EVEN THROUGH THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
19 COMMISSION. SO THIS IS ANOTHER MATTER OF PUTTING IT ON THE
20 RECORD. AND I GET IT. WE ARE GETTING A REPORT BACK AND SEE HOW
21 FEASIBLE THIS IS AND HOW IT COMPARES TO OTHER PARTS OF THE
22 COUNTY AND OTHER COUNTIES. BUT I DO THINK THAT ARE SOME GOOD
23 THING HERE THAT SHOULD BE TAKING A SERIOUS LOOK AT. WE TALK
24 ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE HAVE SUSPECTS THAT ARE BEING TREATED
25 AND POINTED OUT IN A MATTER THAT TO ME IS NOT CORRECT. I HAVE

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1 ISSUES WITH THAT, ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO THE FAMILIES,
2 THE FAMILIES THAT RIGHT NOW ARE STILL IN MOURNING, CONTINUE TO
3 MOURN, AND ARE CONTINUALLY BEING HARASSED, UNFORTUNATELY, AND
4 AS YOU HEARD EARLIER, THERE WAS A YOUNG LADY THAT SAID AFTER
5 THIS TESTIMONY I AM GIVING TODAY, THIS MORNING, I AM PROBABLY
6 GOING TO BE HARASSED AGAIN. HOW DOES THAT SOUND? HOW ARE WE
7 ABLE TO ALLOW THOSE THINGS TO GO ON? I THINK THAT -- I AM ALSO
8 REMINDED THAT THE SHERIFF MAY NOT FULLY APPRECIATE WHAT THE
9 ROLE OF OUR OFFICES ARE AND WHAT WE DO. WE GET MANY CALLS AND
10 COMPLAINTS FROM PEOPLE NOT JUST ON ITEMS LIKE THIS, BUT THE
11 FACT THAT SOMETIMES WE DON'T EVEN HAVE ENOUGH SHERIFFS OUT
12 THERE THAT ARE REALLY AVAILABLE AND ON CALL TO DO THE THINGS
13 THAT THEY WOULD NORMALLY BE DOING. AND THAT IS DISTURBS ME.
14 THE OTHER THING THAT DISTURBS ME IS THAT WE HAVE A HIGH NUMBER
15 OF CASES THAT ARE STILL NOT RESOLVED AND THAT WE HAVE LITTLE
16 INFORMATION. AND THERE ARE MANY, UNFORTUNATELY, PENDING
17 LITIGATION, LAWSUITS, THAT ARE GOING TO COST THE COUNTY A LOT
18 OF MONEY. SO WHILE THE SHERIFF IS BLAMING US FOR NOT DOING
19 ANYTHING, HE IS CREATING PROBLEMS HIMSELF. AND QUITE FRANKLY,
20 I AM EMBARRASSED FOR HIM. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, I AM SPEAKING
21 OUT BECAUSE I THINK THESE FAMILIES NEED TO HAVE JUSTICE DONE
22 AND INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE BLOCKED FOR THEM AND FOR US AS A
23 BODY SEEKING JUSTICE. SO I WOULD JUST ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.
24 IF THERE AREN'T ANY QUESTIONS FROM ANY OTHER BOARD OFFICES,
25 THEN I WILL GO AHEAD AND MOVE THIS ITEM. IT'S BEEN SECONDED

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1 BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AND MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CAN YOU
2 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?

3

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

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

8

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

10

11 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** SORRY, THE UNMUTE BUTTON IS VERY STUBBORN, BUT I
14 VOTE AYE.

15

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

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

19

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

21

22 **SUP. BARGER:** I AM GOING TO ABSTAIN ON THIS ONE.

23

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

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

3

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

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MEMBERS. NOW LET'S TURN TO ITEM
8 NUMBER 15, WHICH IS LEGAL REPRESENTATION AND WRAPAROUND
9 SERVICES LINKAGE FOR IMMIGRANTS, WHICH I HELD. AND SUPERVISOR
10 HAHN I WILL RECOGNIZE YOU SHORTLY AFTER. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT
11 TO THANK MY COAUTHOR ON THE MOTION, SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND OTHER
12 MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD FOR THE MANY ACTIONS WE HAVE TAKEN
13 COLLECTIVELY TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF IMMIGRANT FAMILIES AND
14 CHILDREN. WE HEARD A WHOLE LOT THIS MORNING FROM SOME PEOPLE
15 THAT HAD CALLED IN ABOUT THESE ITEMS. GIVEN THE PAST FOUR
16 YEARS OF CRUEL AND INHUMANE IMMIGRATION POLICIES COMING FROM
17 THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION, I AM PROUD OF THE WORK THAT WE
18 HAVE DONE TO PROTECT THE 3.5 MILLION IMMIGRANTS THAT CALL L.A.
19 COUNTY THEIR HOME. ONE OF THOSE CRITICAL ACTIONS WAS TO CREATE
20 THE L.A. JUSTICE FUND BACK IN 2017, A PILOT PROGRAM OFFERING
21 FREE LEGAL AID TO IMMIGRANTS FACING DEPORTATION, WHO COULD NOT
22 AFFORD AN ATTORNEY OTHERWISE. AND FROM THE BEGINNING, WE KNEW
23 THAT THIS WAS A CRITICAL NEED BECAUSE PEOPLE THAT HAVE
24 ADEQUATE REPRESENTATION IN COURT ARE TEN TIMES MORE LIKELY TO
25 WIN THEIR CASES THAN PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE AN ATTORNEY. WHEN

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1 AN INDIVIDUAL IS DETAINED BY FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES,
2 THEY ARE CRUELLY SEPARATED FROM THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR
3 COMMUNITIES AND FACE THE HARSH POSSIBILITY OF BEING DEPORTED
4 TO THEIR NATION OF ORIGIN WHERE THEY LEFT FOR A BETTER LIFE,
5 AND WHERE THEY MAY NOT HAVE KNOWN FOR MANY YEARS. AS SUCH, THE
6 L.A. JUSTICE FUND HAS BEEN PROVIDING AN IMPORTANT AND I
7 BELIEVE NECESSARY SERVICE FOR THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY HERE IN
8 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SINCE ITS VERY INCEPTION, OUR NON PROFIT
9 LEGAL SERVICES PROVIDERS HAVE EXCEEDED THE INITIAL GOALS OF
10 THE L.A. JUSTICE FUND PILOT PROGRAM. AS A REFERENCE, THEY HAVE
11 CONDUCTED 1,737 LEGAL CONSULTATIONS AND REFERRALS. THEY HAVE
12 REPRESENTED OVER 528 INDIVIDUALS, A THIRD OF WHOM WERE
13 CHILDREN. REPRESENTED THE PARENTS OF 75 U.S. BORN CHILDREN IN
14 ORDER TO KEEP THESE FAMILIES TOGETHER, AND COMPLETED 63% OF
15 CASES WITH A POSITIVE OUTCOME, WHICH ALLOWED THE CLIENTS TO
16 REMAIN IN THE UNITED STATES LAWFULLY. IN MY MIND, THIS IS A
17 HUGELY SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM, AND WE SHOULD EXPAND IT BECAUSE THE
18 NEED HAS NOT GONE AWAY. IN FACT, GIVEN THE RECENT FEDERAL
19 COURT RULING, WHICH JEOPARDIZES D.A.C.A. ONCE AGAIN,
20 IMMIGRATION SERVICES ARE NOW MORE CRITICAL THAN EVER. WE NOW
21 HAVE A FRAMEWORK TO BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS NEWLY
22 EXPANDED PROGRAM. WHICH NOT ONLY INCLUDES REMOVAL DEFENSE FOR
23 DETAINED IMMIGRANTS, BUT ALSO FOR NON-DETAINED IMMIGRANTS. WE
24 AIM TO PROVIDE LEGAL AID TO LOW INCOME, VULNERABLE IMMIGRANTS
25 FACING DEPORTATION, BEFORE THEY ARE DETAINED TO PREVENT THE

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1 CONSEQUENCES OF DETENTION ON THEM, THEIR FAMILIES AND OUR
2 COMMUNITY. ANOTHER CRITICAL COMPONENT OF THE PROGRAM, WHICH I
3 AM VERY EXCITED ABOUT, IS PRIORITIZING AND PROVIDING LEGAL AID
4 TO THE VERY VULNERABLE GROUPS SUCH AS UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN,
5 IMMIGRANTS AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS, T.P.S. HOLDERS, ASYLUM
6 SEEKERS, HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND VIOLENT CRIME SURVIVORS, AND
7 D.A.C.A. RECIPIENTS AND THEIR APPLICANTS. THE PROGRAM WILL
8 HAVE A ROBUST CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO WRAP SERVICES AROUND
9 THESE FAMILIES AND GRASS ROOTS ORGANIZATIONS WILL PLAY A KEY
10 ROLE TO INCREASE THE OUTREACH AND PREVENT IMMIGRATION FRAUD.
11 OUR SERVICE PROVIDERS, PHILANTHROPIC ENTITIES, AND THE CITY OF
12 LOS ANGELES ARE ALL IMPORTANT PARTNERS IN THIS PROGRAM. AND I
13 WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK ALL OF THEM FOR THEIR COLLABORATION
14 AND WORK OVER THE PAST YEARS. I ALSO WANT TO POINT OUT THAT
15 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WILL BE KEY TO ALL OF THIS, ENSURING THAT
16 THE BLACK AND A.P.I. AND INDIGENOUS IMMIGRANT VOICES ARE
17 INCLUDED BECAUSE IT IS JUST NOT A LATINX ONLY ISSUE. AND I
18 KNOW THAT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL HAS A MOTION TO ADDRESS THE
19 NEEDS OF BLACK IMMIGRANTS IN L.A. COUNTY, WHICH I FULLY
20 SUPPORT AND BELIEVE THAT THIS PROGRAM CAN ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF
21 LEGAL SERVICES FOR BLACK IMMIGRANTS AS WELL. IN REGARDS TO
22 FUNDING THE CITY OF L.A., THEY HAVE ALREADY COMMITTED TWO
23 MILLION TO THE PROGRAM, AND OUR PHILANTHROPY PARTNERS AIM TO
24 THE SAME, BUT GIVEN THE SIZE AND THE TREMENDOUS NEEDS OF OUR
25 COUNTY, I BELIEVE WE NEED TO AT LEAST MATCH OR EXCEED THE

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1 AMOUNT WITH ONGOING FUNDING SO THERE IS STABILITY FOR THIS
2 PROGRAM. VERY VULNERABLE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE RELYING ON
3 THESE SERVICES TO PROTECT THEM FROM DEPORTATION. SO WE CANNOT
4 HAVE A DISRUPTION IN THE SERVICES DUE TO A LACK OF FUNDING.
5 COLLEAGUES, OUR BOARD HAS BEEN MEETING ON THIS ISSUE FOR A
6 LONG TIME. NOW WE HAVE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO HELP THE
7 VULNERABLE SEGMENT OF OUR POPULATION, THE VERY PEOPLE WHO HAVE
8 BEEN ON THE FRONTLINE WORKERS DURING PANDEMIC, WHO PICKED AND
9 COOKED AND DELIVERED OUR FOOD, WHO STALKED OUR GROCERY STORES
10 AND MUCH MUCH MORE. IT'S TIME TO PROVIDE THEM WITH LEGAL
11 SERVICES THEY NEED AND THEY DESERVE. I RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR
12 YOUR AYE VOTE. AND NOW, I HAVE THE HONOR OF RECOGNIZING MY
13 COAUTHOR, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

14
15 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AND YOU AND I HAVE
16 WORKED ON THIS SINCE THE VERY BEGINNING. WE ACTUALLY AUTHORED
17 THE ORIGINAL MOTION TO START THIS L.A. JUSTICE FUND PILOT
18 PROGRAM BACK IN 2016 TO PROVIDE LEGAL COUNSEL TO IMMIGRANTS
19 FACING REMOVAL. SO I APPRECIATE YOU KEEPING ME ON YOUR TEAM
20 ON THIS ONE. AND IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE'RE TAKING WHAT WE
21 LEARNED FROM THAT PILOT AND CREATING A A PERMANENT IMMIGRANT
22 LEGAL DEFENSE PROGRAM HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. THIS IS A BIG DEAL.
23 THE UNIVERSAL RIGHT TO LEGAL REPRESENTATION IS A CORNERSTONE
24 OF THE AMERICAN LEGAL SYSTEM. IT'S ENSHRINED IN THE UNITED
25 STATES CONSTITUTION THAT EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL IN

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1 CRIMINAL CASES, BUT THAT RIGHT DOES NOT EXTEND IMMIGRANTS
2 FACING DEPORTATION. SO, L.A. COUNTY STEPPED IN AND WE CREATED
3 THE L.A. JUSTICE FUND PILOT PROGRAM. WE KNEW IT WAS GOING TO
4 BE IMPORTANT TO PROVIDE FREE LEGAL COUNSEL TO IMMIGRANTS
5 FACING REMOVAL, BUT TO BE HONEST, I DON'T THINK WE HAD ANY
6 IDEA JUST HOW IMPORTANT IT REALLY WOULD BE. AND THE RESULTS
7 SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. THE L.A. JUSTICE FUND CLIENTS WERE 12
8 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE ALLOWED TO STAY IN THE UNITED STATES
9 THAN THOSE WHO DIDN'T HAVE REPRESENTATION. AND MOST OF THE
10 CLIENTS HAD BEEN IN THE UNITED STATES FOR MORE THAN A DECADE.
11 THEY HAD BUILT THEIR LIVES HERE. THEY HAD FAMILIES HERE. THEY
12 WORKED ESSENTIAL JOBS. THEY PAID TAXES. SO, SUCCESSFUL
13 OUTCOMES MEANS THAT THEIR LIVES WERE NOT UPENDED AND FAMILIES
14 WERE NOT TORN APART. AND THAT'S WHAT THE PILOT PROGRAMS WERE
15 SUPPOSED TO DO, SHOW US WHETHER OR NOT SOMETHING WORKS. AND
16 SINCE THIS PROGRAM WAS CLEARLY A SUCCESS, THIS BOARD IS VOTING
17 TODAY, HOPEFULLY, TO MAKE IT PERMANENT. WE ARE CHANGING AND
18 UPGRADING THE PROGRAM MODEL A BIT BASED ON WHAT WE LEARNED.
19 FOR EXAMPLE, THIS PERMANENT PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE UNIVERSAL
20 REPRESENTATION WITH NO CARVE OUTS. AND JUST LIKE OUR COUNTY
21 PUBLIC DEFENDERS ARE ABLE TO REPRESENT PEOPLE ACCUSED OF
22 CRIMES WHO CANNOT AFFORD COUNSEL, OUR IMMIGRANT LAWYERS WILL
23 NOW BE ABLE TO -- WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY
24 FACING DEPORTATION WHO CAN'T AFFORD REPRESENTATION. YOU KNOW,
25 I SAID THIS FOR A WHILE, I'M STILL GOING TO ASK A COUPLE OF

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1 QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS TO RIGO, BUT I THINK IT WOULD MAKE SENSE
2 TO DIRECT A PORTION OF THIS JUSTICE FUND MONEY TO OUR OWN
3 PUBLIC DEFENDERS SO THAT THEY COULD REPRESENT IMMIGRANTS AT
4 RISK FOR REMOVAL. I'M NOT REALLY CLEAR WHY WE ARE NOT DOING
5 THAT. I KNOW OUR PUBLIC DEFENDER, RICARDO GARCIA, HAS
6 REFERENCED SAN FRANCISCO, CITY COUNTY AS AN EXAMPLE OF THIS
7 KIND OF PUBLIC DEFENSE FOR IMMIGRANTS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. SO
8 RIGO, I THINK YOU ARE AVAILABLE. WOULD YOU JUST EXPLAIN AGAIN
9 -- AND YOUR FROM OUR OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS, CAN YOU
10 EXPLAIN AGAIN WHY WE CAN'T APPROPRIATE SOME OF THIS JUSTICE
11 FUND MONEY TO OUR VERY OWN COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDERS FOR THIS
12 PROGRAM?

13

14 **SPEAKER:** ABSOLUTELY, THANK YOU FOR THIS VERY IMPORTANT
15 QUESTION, SUPERVISOR HAHN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND OTHER
16 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FOR CONSIDERING THIS PROPOSED FRAMEWORK.
17 AS MENTIONED, THE PROGRAM IS THE SAME PROVIDER OF DUE PROCESS
18 AND EQUITABLE IMMIGRATION LEGAL REPRESENTATION AND WRAPAROUND
19 SERVICES FOR IMMIGRANTS AND THE FAMILIES. I AM RODRIGO
20 (INDISCERNIBLE), THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF
21 IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS
22 AFFAIRS. SUPERVISOR, THE PROPOSED PROGRAM FRAMEWORK BEFORE YOU
23 IS BASED ON LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE L.A. JUSTICE FUND PILOT
24 AND A REPORT YOUR BOARD ASKED OUR OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS
25 TO DEVELOP WITH A CONSULTANT. AND INCLUDING THAT CONSULTANT WE

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1 WORKED WITH OUR PARTNERS, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, THE
2 WEINGART FOUNDATION, AND THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
3 TO CREATE THE REPORT WHICH WAS PREPARED BY GRANT MAKERS
4 CONCERNED ABOUT IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES RECOMMENDING THE FOUR
5 PILLAR MODEL AND THAT IT BE LED BY A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.
6 (INDISCERNIBLE) CREATED THE REPORT BASED ON INPUT FROM THE
7 NEARLY 100 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE STAKEHOLDERS, WHICH INCLUDED THE
8 SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE AND OUR OWN PUBLIC
9 DEFENDERS REPRESENTATIVES. THE PROPOSED PROGRAM THAT THEY
10 ENDED UP RECOMMENDING AS MENTIONED IS A MUCH MORE
11 COMPREHENSIVE MODEL THAN THE L.A. JUSTICE FUND PILOT. IT
12 INCLUDES THE IMMIGRATION LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR THE
13 (INDISCERNIBLE) AND NINE TO TEN IMMIGRANTS, COMPREHENSIVE
14 SUPPORT FOR AFFIRMATIVE IMMIGRATION BENEFITS FOR VULNERABLE
15 POPULATIONS, AS WAS MENTIONED, UNACCOMPANIED MINORS, D.A.C.A.
16 RECIPIENTS, ESSENTIAL WORKERS, AND THOSE HOW ARE VICTIMS OF
17 VIOLENT CRIMES. IT'S ALSO VERY IMPORTANT, IT RECOMMENDS
18 WRAPAROUND SERVICES FOR PROGRAM CLIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES
19 BECAUSE THE REPORT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT DEPORTATION IMPACT
20 DOESN'T HAPPEN IN ISOLATION. IT OBVIOUSLY BADLY IMPACTS THE
21 FAMILY HOUSEHOLD AT LARGE. SO, THE COMPREHENSIVE MODEL AS
22 PROPOSED WAS DONE SO BECAUSE IT WILL NEVER BE NONPROFIT
23 SECTORS AND EXPERTISE IN CAPACITY TO PROVIDE SERVICES UNDER
24 ALL FOUR PILLARS. IT WILL CAPITALIZE ON THE SECTOR'S TRUST
25 WITH IMMIGRANTS WHO ARE AFRAID TO INTERACT WITH AGENCIES THAT

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1 REPRESENT CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS. IT WILL BENEFIT FROM THE
2 SECTOR'S COMPETENCIES TO REACH AND LINK IMMIGRANTS AND THEIR
3 FAMILIES TO PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SUPPORT SERVICES. AND IT WILL
4 MAKE THE MOST OUT OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FROM OTHER
5 PHILANTHROPIC AND PUBLIC SOURCES. BUT I HAVE TO EMPHASIZE
6 THAT THE PROGRAM WILL ALSO BENEFIT TREMENDOUSLY FROM ADVICE,
7 FROM TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM OUR PUBLIC
8 DEFENDER, INCLUDING POST CONVICTIONS, CONVICTION RELIEF,
9 REPRESENTATION FROM CLIENTS TO VACATE CONVICTIONS AND REDUCE
10 THE IMMIGRATION CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR CRIMES. AND SO, WE
11 BASICALLY PROPOSED THE FRAMEWORK UNDER WHAT THE CONSULTANT AND
12 OUR PARTNERS WORKED THROUGH. SO WITH THE CONSULTANT -- BY
13 GETTING INPUT AS I SAID FROM OVER 100 STAKEHOLDERS. AND THIS
14 IS THE PROGRAM THAT THEY FELT WOULD MAKE THIS MODEL BEST AND
15 TO BE LED BY A NONPROFIT LEAD ORGANIZATIONS OR ORGANIZATIONS
16 THAT WOULD HAVE THE CAPACITY TO PROVIDE ALL FOUR PILLARS AND
17 THE BENEFITS THEREUNDER.

18
19 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, RIGO. I MEAN YOU REALLY DESCRIBED THE
20 PROGRAM EXTENSIVELY. BUT IT SOUNDS TO ME LIKE THE CONSULTANTS
21 AND ALL THOSE THAT WERE WORKING ON THIS, AND AGAIN, THANKS TO
22 THE THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, THE WEINGART
23 FOUNDATION, THE CITY OF L.A. DECIDED TO GO WITH THE MODEL OF
24 NONPROFIT LEGAL AID, BUT IT DIDN'T SOUND LIKE WE WERE
25 PROHIBITED FROM APPROPRIATING ANY OF THESE DOLLARS TO OUR OWN

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1 PUBLIC DEFENDER AND, MADAM CHAIR, THAT'S JUST SOMETHING I
2 THINK IN THE FUTURE, NOW THAT THIS IS A PERMANENT FUND. I DO
3 KNOW OUR PUBLIC DEFENDERS ARE ALWAYS ASKING FOR MORE
4 IMMIGRATION LAWYERS. AND IT IS ALWAYS A BUDGET ISSUE. IT IS
5 SOMETHING THAT MAYBE, MADAM CHAIR, WE CAN THINK ABOUT GOING
6 FORWARD ON HOW SOME OF THIS CAN BE APPROPRIATED TO OUR OWN
7 PUBLIC DEFENDERS. BUT WITH THAT, THANKS TO EVERYBODY, MADAM
8 CHAIR, YOU NUMBER ONE OF THOSE WHO FIGHT FOR OUR IMMIGRANTS
9 WHO CALL L.A. COUNTY THEIR HOME. AND I REALLY BELIEVE THAT
10 THIS PERMANENT JUSTICE FUND IS SO IMPORTANT GOING FORWARD AND
11 IT WILL SAVE A LOT OF LIVES, KEEP A LOT OF LIVES TOGETHER, AND
12 REALLY CREATE A QUALITY OF LIFE FOR PEOPLE THAT THEY'VE COME
13 TO BELIEVE, NOT JUST IN THIS COUNTRY, BUT SPECIFICALLY ABOUT
14 L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU.

15
16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND THANK YOU ALSO FOR
17 FIGHTING ALONGSIDE WITH ME AND THE OTHER BOARD MEMBERS THAT
18 HAVE ALSO BEEN THERE. WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE
19 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

20
21 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANKS TO
22 YOU AND TO SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION. AND
23 ESPECIALLY THANKS TO RIGO AND THE O.I.A. FOR ALL THE HARD WORK
24 IN STANDING UP THIS PROGRAM. I WANT TO ALSO THANK ALL OF THE
25 LEGAL SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR THE DEDICATION THAT THEY HAVE

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1 SHOWN TO SERVING OUR UNDOCUMENTED COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY DURING
2 THE HARDSHIPS CREATED BY THE PANDEMIC. AND THE L.A. JUSTICE
3 FUND PILOT HAS BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL. YOU POINTED TO A NUMBER
4 OF THE SUCCESSES, BUT I ALSO WANTED TO ADD THAT MANY OF THE
5 CLIENTS REPRESENTED WERE ADULTS WHO LIVED IN THIS COUNTRY
6 ALREADY FOR 14 YEARS AND THEN WERE FACING DEPORTATION. ALMOST
7 ALL OF THE CLIENTS HAVE SERIOUS VULNERABILITIES. THEY WERE
8 ASYLUM SEEKERS OR CRIME VICTIMS. AND ALSO WHAT HASN'T BEEN
9 MENTIONED IS THAT 5% OF ALL THE CLIENTS IDENTIFIED AS GENDER
10 EXPANSIVE, INCLUDING ALMOST 20% OF ALL THE CLIENTS AGED 22 TO
11 29. AND WHY IS THAT IMPORTANT? BECAUSE I THINK THAT THERE IS
12 OFTEN LITTLE RECOGNITION ABOUT THE DANGERS OF VIOLENCE AND
13 DEATH FACED BY THE L.G.B.T.Q. COMMUNITIES IN MANY OF OUR OTHER
14 COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD. AND THIS VULNERABILITY MAKES THEM
15 REALLY FEEL THEY HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO LEAVE, TO TRY TO SEEK
16 OUT HELP IN THE UNITED STATES, AND IT'S AMAZING TO ME WHAT A
17 HIGH PERCENTAGE OF THE CLIENTS IN THAT YOUNG AGE GROUP
18 IDENTIFIED AS GENDER EXPANSIVE OR GENDER FLUID. SO I AM
19 EXCITED THAT THE NEW PROGRAM WILL EXPAND PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY,
20 EXPAND THE SERVICES OFFERED. I AM REALLY PROUD THAT THE COUNTY
21 IS WORKING WITH PHILANTHROPY AND THE CITY OF L.A. TO BUILD
22 SUCH A ROBUST PROGRAM. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM
25 THE BOARD? ALL RIGHT. HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 15 IS

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1 BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO
2 APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
3 ROLL.

4

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

7

8 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

9

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

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

18

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

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21 **SUP. BARGER:** NO.

22

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

24

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

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2 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY MEMBERS -- YES, 4-1. OKAY,
3 THAT MEASURE PASSES. MEMBERS, NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM
4 NUMBER 20, PREPARING FOR THE CLOSURE OF THE DIVISION OF
5 JUVENILE JUSTICE PLAN, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISORS MITCHELL
6 AND BARGER. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC, AND
7 PLEASE PROCEED.

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK
10 YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR YOUR COAUTHORSHIP AND LEADERSHIP IN
11 REIMAGINING YOUTH JUSTICE. I'D LIKE TO ALSO THANK THE MEMBERS
12 OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE REALIGNMENT BLOCK GRANT SUBCOMMITTEE
13 AS WELL AS PARTICIPATING COMMUNITY MEMBERS FOR THEIR HARD WORK
14 IN DEVELOPING THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT HAVE HELP US PREPARE
15 FOR THIS TRANSITION. THIS SUBSTITUTE MOTION TAKES THE NEXT
16 STEPS IN MAKING THE APPROPRIATE PREPARATIONS FOR ASSUMING
17 RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE YOUTH WHO WOULD HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN
18 COMMITTED TO THE CARE OF D.J.J., THE DIVISION OF JUVENILE
19 JUSTICE. IT IS A SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARDS REIMAGINING JUSTICE
20 FOR ALL OF OUR YOUTH WHO FIND THEMSELVES SYSTEMS INVOLVED.
21 TIME AND TIME AGAIN, WE HAVE FOUND THAT THE PUNITIVE APPROACH
22 TO JUSTICE NOT ONLY LEADS TO POORER OUTCOMES FOR JUSTICE
23 INVOLVED YOUTH BUT DOES NOT MAKE OUR COMMUNITY SAFER. THE
24 COUNTY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY HAS CONVENED MANY
25 CONVERSATIONS ON HOW TO MOVE TOWARD THE DEVELOPMENTALLY

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1 APPROPRIATE REHABILITATIVE PARADIGM FOR YOUTH JUSTICE. WE MUST
2 CONTINUE TO TAKE STEPS TO MAKE THE VISION OF YOUTH JUSTICE
3 REIMAGINED A TRUE REALITY. MANY OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE SOME
4 OF THE MOST VULNERABLE AND MOST IN NEED OF AN ALTERNATIVE
5 ROOTED IN HARM REPAIR AND HEALING. WHILE THE OFFENSES OF THESE
6 YOUTH MAY STOKE THE FEARS OF SOME, I HOPE THAT WE REMEMBER
7 THAT THEY ARE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE SEEN, EXPERIENCED, AND
8 ENDURED GREAT TRAUMA. THEIR REHABILITATION IS CRITICAL TO NOT
9 JUST PUTTING THEM ON A DIFFERENT PATH IN LIFE BUT MAKING OUR
10 COMMUNITY SAFER AND MORE HUMANE. THE CURRENT SYSTEMS OF
11 INCARCERATION ONLY PERPETUATE THE HARMS THAT THEY HAVE
12 EXPERIENCED BECAUSE THEY ARE BUILT OUT OF PUNISHMENT AND
13 ISOLATION. ONE SUCH FACILITY THAT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED FOR THE
14 BOARD'S CONSIDERATION IS BARRY J. NIDORF JUVENILE HALL. I HAVE
15 GOT SERIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT THIS FACILITY EVEN BEING PART OF
16 THE DISCUSSION NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF THE PRISON LIKE SETTING
17 THAT UNDERMINES OUR REHABILITATIVE OBJECTS BUT THE VERY REAL
18 SAFETY CONCERNS THAT MAKE YOUTH AND STAFF FEEL UNSAFE AND
19 DISTRUSTFUL OF EACH OTHER. WE CANNOT HELP THESE YOUTH FOCUS ON
20 HEALING AND REPAIRING HARM, WHEN THEY FEEL UNSAFE. I BELIEVE
21 IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THIS BOARD REMAIN COMMITTED, AND I KNOW
22 WE WILL, TO IMPLEMENTING AN ALTERNATIVE MODEL THAT COMPORTS
23 WITH YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, SO WE CAN WORK TOWARDS ENDING
24 SYSTEMS INVOLVEMENT FOR THESE YOUTH. THE COUNTY HAS A LIMITED
25 AMOUNT OF TIME TO MAKE THE NECESSARY PREPARATIONS FOR THIS

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1 TRANSITION GIVEN THAT FUNDING FROM THE STATE COMES TO THE
2 COUNTY ON SEPTEMBER 1ST, AND THE D.J.J. PLAN MUST BE SUBMITTED
3 BY JANUARY 1ST. MORE IMPORTANTLY, ANY CRITICAL INSTALLMENT ON
4 THE QUESTION OF THE FACILITIES CAN RESULT IN A SERIOUS DELAY
5 IN THE PLANNING FOR STAFFING AND SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS. AND
6 THESE YOUTH NEED AND ARE CRITICAL TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF
7 OUR YOUTH. WE SIMPLY CAN'T AFFORD NEEDLESS DELAYS, AND SO WITH
8 HAVE GOT TO BE PREPARED TO TAKE ACTION. GIVEN THE COMPLEXITY
9 AND SERIOUSNESS OF ITS CHARGE THE J.J.R.B.J. ENGAGING IN A
10 ROBUST AND VERY THOUGHTFUL DISCUSSION ON WHICH FACILITIES
11 WOULD BOTH SERVE THESE YOUNG PEOPLE. FIVE PUBLIC MEETINGS WERE
12 CONDUCTED ON THE TOPIC OF FACILITIES BY THE JUVENILE JUSTICE
13 COORDINATING COMMITTEE AND THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
14 IN ADDITION TO SEVERAL OTHER PUBLIC MEETINGS ON RELATED
15 ISSUES. THE SUBCOMMITTEE WAS COMPRISED OF A RANGE OF
16 STAKEHOLDERS INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS
17 AND APPOINTEES FROM ALL FIVE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS. AND I
18 WAS THRILLED TO NOTE THAT ALL APPOINTEES VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE
19 FACILITY RECOMMENDATION. THE J.J.R.B.G.'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
20 THE CLOSE TWO SECURE TREATMENT FACILITIES WERE THOUGHTFUL,
21 DELIBERATE, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY BEST ALIGNED WITH THIS
22 COUNTY'S CARE FIRST VISION. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT CAMPS
23 SCOTT AND SCUDDER DID HOUSE YOUTH UP UNTIL ABOUT A YEAR AGO
24 WHEN THEY WERE MOVED OUT TEMPORARILY DUE TO REASONS RELATED TO
25 THE PANDEMIC. WITH THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE MY APPRECIATION

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1 FOR ALL OF THE COMMUNITY FEEDBACK THAT WE RECEIVED. WE HEAR
2 YOU. BASED ON THIS, SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND I REVISED OUR MOTION
3 THAT WE HELD TWO WEEKS AGO AT THE REQUEST OF A BOARD MEMBER'S
4 OFFICE TO PAUSE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RENOVATIONS TO CAMPS
5 SCOTT AND SCUDDER WHILE COUNTY STAKEHOLDERS CONDUCT COMMUNITY
6 ENGAGEMENT AND EXPLAIN THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS AND REPORT
7 BACK. THIS HAS BEEN AN INTENSELY DEBATED ISSUE, AND I
8 SINCERELY HOPE MY COLLEAGUES CAN STRIKE A BALANCE TODAY
9 BETWEEN ADDRESSING COMMUNITY CONCERNS, MOVING FORWARD WITH THE
10 URGENCY THAT IS NEEDED, IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE YOUTH THAT
11 WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING DECISIONS FOR, AND CENTERING THE
12 YOUTH IN OUR CARE. I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS MOTION.

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I WILL RECOGNIZE NOW SUPERVISOR
15 KUEHL AS YOUR COAUTHOR.

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, BUT I AM A LITTLE CONFUSED
18 BECAUSE MY STAFF INDICATED TO ME THAT THERE WAS GOING TO BE A
19 SUBSTITUTE MOTION PRESENTED TO THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION. SO I AM
20 NOT EXACTLY SURE WHAT WE ARE DISCUSSING. IF I SPEAK ON THE
21 MOTION THAT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND I ARE PRESENTING, SHALL I
22 THEN SPEAK AGAIN IF THERE IS A SUBSTITUTE PROPOSED?

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, YOU HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO DO THAT. YES.

25

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** WELL, LET ME SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THIS MOTION, AND I
2 WANT TO KEEP A FEW OF MY COMMENTS BACK FOR THE SECOND
3 DISCUSSION BECAUSE I AM -- I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE DELAY AND
4 SORT OF A NEW PROCESS BEING BROUGHT IN WHERE, AS THE AUTHOR OF
5 THIS MOTION INDICATED, THE J.J.R.B.G. ENGAGED IN QUITE A FEW
6 PUBLIC MEETINGS. AND IT WAS DEEPLY REPRESENTATIONAL. MORE
7 IMPORTANTLY, I THINK IT IS, AS IMAGINED BY THE STATE, AS THE
8 OFFICIAL BODY THAT IS SUPPOSED TO COME UP A PLAN TO PRESENT TO
9 THE STATE, NOT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISES. IT IS INTERESTING IF
10 YOU READ THE LEGISLATION FROM THE STATE, THAT IT DID NOT IN
11 ANY WAY REFERENCE THAT THIS NEEDED TO BE PUT FORTH BY THE
12 BOARD OR REVIEWED BY THE BOARD. THAT HAS BEEN I THINK BECAUSE
13 OF SOME PRESSURE FROM VARIOUS OF OUR DISTRICTS KIND OF DRAGGED
14 US INTO IT. I THINK THAT THE ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE
15 BEEN THOUGHTFUL. I KNOW THERE HAVE BEEN SOME CONCERNED RAISED
16 BY SOME OF THE RESIDENTIAL PEOPLE AROUND CAMP SCOTT AND CAMP
17 SCUDDER. AS A MATTER OF FACT, I KNOW THAT ONE OF OUR UNIONS IN
18 OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT THAT REPRESENTS SUPERVISORS IN THAT
19 DEPARTMENT, ACTUALLY SENT A LETTER TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF
20 SANTA CLARITA TALKING ABOUT HOW HORRIBLE THESE YOUNG PEOPLE
21 ARE AND HOW THEY SHOULD BE VERY, VERY AFRAID OF THEM. LET ME
22 GIVE A LITTLE HISTORY ABOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THESE YOUNG
23 PEOPLE. THERE WAS A VERY INTERESTING ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN THE
24 NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES MAGAZINE
25 JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO ABOUT THE HISTORICAL IMPACT OF MEDIA

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1 FRENZY ABOUT CHARACTERIZING YOUNG PEOPLE AS PREDATORS, AS BAD
2 SEEDS, AS MORE DANGEROUS THAN EVER AND THE IMPACT THAT IT HAS
3 HAD ON THE FEARS OF PEOPLE, AND THEREFORE ON PUBLIC POLICY.
4 THERE WERE NOT A WHOLE LOT OF CAMPS OR HALLS IN THE '50S IN
5 L.A. COUNTY UNTIL THERE WAS A WHOLE WAVE OF OUTCRY ABOUT WHAT
6 WERE THEN CALLED JUVENILE DELINQUENTS. AND YOU ONLY HAVE TO
7 LOOK AT "BLACKBOARD JUNGLE," "REBEL WITHOUT A CAUSE," "THE
8 WILD ONES," A WHOLE SERIES OF FILMS ABOUT THESE HORRIBLE YOUNG
9 PEOPLE WHO WERE, IN PETE WILSON'S WORDS, THEY ARE COMING. AND
10 THE FEARS RAISED WERE THAT THESE WERE A WHOLE NEW KIND OF
11 HORRIBLE YOUNG PERSON. AND I AM APPALLED THAT OUR -- ONE OF
12 OUR UNIONS IN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT WOULD DARE TO WRITE A
13 LETTER A CITY COUNCIL RAISING THESE SAME KIND OF FEARS ABOUT
14 THE VERY YOUNG PEOPLE THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE PROTECTING. AND
15 THEY DID THE SAME THING TO THE CITY COUNCIL IN MALIBU TO TRY
16 TO RAISE THEIR FEARS ABOUT USING CAMPUS KILPATRICK. AND THEN
17 AGAIN IN THE '90S, AFTER WE HAD KIND OF A CHANGE ABOUT HOW WE
18 WERE TREATING THESE YOUNG PEOPLE AND WE WERE HEADED FOR A MORE
19 CREATIVE, MORE AND RESTORATIVE AREA FOR THEM, AGAIN IN THE
20 '90S THIS KIND OF HATRED AND MEDIA HYPE RAISED ITS UGLY HEAD
21 AGAIN. AND IT RESULTED IN STATEWIDE INITIATIVES TO TRY YOUNG
22 PEOPLE AS YOUNG AS 14 YEARS OLD AS ADULTS, TO CHARACTERIZE
23 THESE YOUNG PEOPLE AS DANGEROUS CRIMINALS, WHO NEEDED TO BE
24 LOCKED UP FOREVER, EXTENDING THEIR -- THE SENTENCES ETC. AND
25 WE SAW A WHOLE SPATE OF THIS IN THE '90S. AND THEN WE STARTED

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1 TO RECOVER FROM IT AND THINK ABOUT WELL, MAYBE WE WOULD DO
2 BETTER IF WE HELPED THESE YOUNG PEOPLE, AND DIDN'T TREAT THEM
3 LIKE OUTCASTS THAT NEEDED TO BE LOCKED UP AND THROWN AWAY
4 FOREVER. AND THAT THIS LED TO THE STATE TO THINK THAT MAYBE
5 THEY WOULD DO BETTER IN A COUNTY SETTING, NEARER TO THEIR
6 FAMILIES, NEARER TO THEIR SCHOOLS, BETTER PROGRAMMING THAT
7 COUNTIES COULD DO SPECIFICALLY FOR THEM. AND SO THAT'S WHERE
8 WE ARE AT THE MOMENT. AND WHAT DO WE SEE AGAIN? WE SEE THIS
9 SAME KIND OF MYTH BUILDING THAT SOME OF THE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS
10 ARE HYPING AGAIN ABOUT THESE HORRIBLE BAD CHILDREN. LET ME
11 TELL YOU THE YOUNG PEOPLE SENTENCED TO D.J.J. DO NOT HAVE THAT
12 DIFFERENT A SERIES OF CRIMES ON THEIR RECORD THAN MANY OF THE
13 YOUNG PEOPLE NOT SENTENCED TO D.J.J. IT IS THE LUCK OF THE
14 DRAW ON THE JUDGE, ON YOUR DEFENSE, ON PEOPLE WHO SHOW UP FOR
15 YOU, IF YOU HAVE ANY. AND SO -- I MEAN IT IS INTERESTING TO ME
16 SINCE CAMP SCOTT AND CAMP SCUDDER WERE BUILT IN 1958, I CAN'T
17 IMAGINE THERE'S A HOMEOWNER NEARBY THAT DIDN'T BUY THE
18 PROPERTY ALREADY KNOWING THAT THERE WERE CAMPS THERE. AND WHEN
19 SCUDDER WAS BUILT, IT WAS FOR 16 TO 18 YEAR OLD BOYS WHO HAD
20 THE HIGHEST DEGREE OF CRIMINALITY, ACCORDING TO THE WAY THEY
21 PUT IT THEN. AND THEN WHEN IT WAS CHANGED OVER TO YOUNG WOMEN
22 LIVING THERE, THEY WERE ALSO THE YOUNG WOMEN WHO HAD COMMITTED
23 THE MOST SERIOUS CRIMES. DON'T BELIEVE ME, READ IT IN
24 WIKIPEDIA. AND SO, IS IT POSSIBLE TO SAY THEY WOKE UP ONE
25 MORNING AND JUST DISCOVERED THAT THERE WERE CAMPS THERE WITH

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1 YOUNG PEOPLE IN THEM WHO COMMITTED CRIMES? I THINK IT IS THE
2 CHARACTERIZATION OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE AS BEING MUCH MORE
3 SERIOUSLY HORRIBLE THAT IS SCARING EVERYBODY, BUT LET'S GET
4 THIS STRAIGHT. THE STATE IS NOT SENDING ANYBODY BACK TO US.
5 THESE ARE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE BEING SENTENCED EVERY DAY
6 BY THE COURTS. WE HAVE NOT SENT ANY OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE TO
7 THE STATE SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE PANDEMIC. AND NOW WE WILL
8 NOT BE SENDING THEM EITHER. SO WE ARE ALREADY HOUSING THESE
9 YOUNG PEOPLE. AND AS MY COLLEAGUE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL
10 INDICATED, WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF TRYING TO TRANSITION TO A
11 BETTER WAY TO DEAL WITH THEM. SO IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE SHOULD
12 SIMPLY SAY THIS WAS THE PROCESS. THIS WAS WHAT THE STATE HAD
13 IN MIND. THE J.J.R.B.G. MADE THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS. WE HAVE
14 REALLY, I THINK, TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT EVERY KIND OF CONCERN THE
15 SUBSTITUTE MOTION HAS SOME LIMITS IN IT. SO THERE WOULDN'T BE
16 TOO MANY OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE IN EACH PLACE. AND I THINK THIS
17 IS THE WAY TO GO. SO IF THERE IS A SUBSTITUTE TO OUR
18 SUBSTITUTE, I WOULD BE VERY HAPPY TO SPEAK BRIEFLY AGAIN, BUT
19 I HOPE THAT MY COLLEAGUES, AT LEAST ONE OTHER COLLEAGUE, CAN
20 SEE THEIR WAY TO APPROVE THIS SUBSTITUTE MOTION FROM
21 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND MYSELF. THANK YOU.

22
23 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, WITH THAT, I WILL NOW RECOGNIZE
24 SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
2 DISCUSS WHAT I BELIEVE IS PROBABLY ANOTHER VERY, VERY
3 IMPORTANT ISSUE BEFORE THIS BOARD. TODAY, I WILL BE
4 INTRODUCING A SUBSTITUTE MOTION WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND I
5 WANT TO BE CLEAR THAT THIS SUBSTITUTE MOTION IS NOT REQUESTING
6 THE SUBCOMMITTEE TO START OVER. INSTEAD, I AM REQUESTING THE
7 SUBCOMMITTEE CONSIDER THE OPERATIONAL NEEDS TO EFFECTIVELY
8 CARE FOR D.J.J. YOUTH IN ORDER TO HELP IDENTIFY THE MOST
9 EFFECTIVE HOUSING LOCATION. AND LET ME MAKE CLEAR TO EVERYONE
10 OUT THERE, ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT CALLED IN THAT BELIEVE THAT
11 THE CHARACTERIZATION COMING OUT OF THIS OFFICE IS THAT I AM
12 ABSOLUTELY ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO PLACEMENT IN MY DISTRICT.
13 NOTHING CAN BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH. AND QUITE FRANKLY,
14 ALMOST ALL OF THE CAMPS ARE IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT. SO I WANT
15 TO BE A PART OF THE DISCUSSION. AND IN FACT, I RECOGNIZE THAT
16 THE NEED TO CREATE WHAT THE LEGISLATURE HAS PUT IN PLAY AS IT
17 RELATES TO THE TYPE OF ENVIRONMENT THAT WE ARE GOING TO NEED
18 TO BUILD HAS TO BE COMPLIED WITH, WHETHER IT IS AT ANY OF OUR
19 FACILITIES. AND I AM PREPARED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH DOING THAT.
20 I AM REQUESTING THE SUBCOMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE OPERATIONAL
21 NEEDS AND TO EFFECTIVELY CARE FOR D.J.J. YOUTH IN ORDER TO
22 HELP IDENTIFY THE MOST EFFECTIVE HOUSING LOCATION. I
23 UNDERSTAND THE SHORT DEADLINE TO PROVIDE THE ANSWER TO THE
24 STATE WAS DIFFICULT TO MEET. HAD THE SUBCOMMITTEE NOT MET THAT
25 DEADLINE, THE COUNTY WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE

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1 THE CRITICAL SEED FUNDING FROM THE STATE NEEDED TO BEGIN THE
2 EFFECTIVE CARE OF THIS POPULATION. UNDERSTANDING THIS
3 DIFFICULT JOB, THE SUBCOMMITTEE HAD IN ITS MEETING THIS
4 DEADLINE. I RECOGNIZE THEY DID THE BEST THEY COULD IN THE
5 SHORT TIMEFRAME ALLOTTED, AND I TRULY DO THANK THEM ALL FOR
6 THEIR HARD WORK. WE NOW NEED, WHILE WE HAVE THE TIME, TO
7 FIGURE OUT HOW TO ACCOMPLISH THIS GOAL OR TO IDENTIFY WHERE
8 THESE YOUTH SHOULD BE HOUSED. THE STAFFING CAPABILITY,
9 NECESSARY RENOVATIONS TO PROVIDE WHAT IS NEEDED, SECURITY
10 FEATURES FOR BOTH THE D.J.J. POPULATION, AND YES, FOR THE
11 SURROUNDING COMMUNITY, TO NAME A FEW. WITH THAT SAID, THE NEXT
12 STATE MANDATED THE DEADLINE IS NOT UNTIL JANUARY 1ST, 2022, A
13 TIMEFRAME WE MUST TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IN ORDER TO THOUGHTFULLY
14 DEVELOP AN OPERATIONAL PLAN THAT SEAMLESSLY FITS WITH THE
15 LOGISTICS OF IDENTIFYING WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO PROVIDE
16 HOLISTIC THERAPEUTIC AND TRAUMA INFORMED CARE. THIS MOTION
17 ALSO CONSIDERS AND RANKS OTHER VIABLE OPTIONS WITHIN THE
18 COUNTY. WE LIVE IN AN AREA THAT IS PRONE TO NATURAL DISASTERS
19 SUCH AS FIRES AND EARTHQUAKES. MANY OF THE LICENSED FACILITIES
20 NOT ONLY FACE THESE POSSIBLE THREATS BUT ARE NOW FACING AGING
21 INFRASTRUCTURE AS WELL. HAVING MULTIPLE OPTIONS FOR
22 CONSIDERATION IS KEY TO ENSURING THE BEST POSSIBLE FOUNDATION
23 FOR SUCCESS FOR THE D.J.J. YOUTH, SOMETHING I BELIEVE THIS
24 BOARD AS A WHOLE WANTS TO DO. THE TIMEFRAME PROPOSED IN THIS
25 MOTION ALLOWS FOR COMMUNITY AND BOARD FEEDBACK. IT ALSO BRINGS

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1 ALL PARTNERS WITH EQUITIES TO THE TABLE TO MAKE THIS A FULLY
2 TRANSPARENT AND COOPERATIVE PROCESS, WHICH IS THE FOUNDATION
3 OF CARES FIRST/JAILS LAST. WITH THAT I WOULD LIKE TO READ THE
4 DIRECTION OF OUR SUBSTITUTE MOTION TODAY. IT READS WE,
5 THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, 1) FIND THE
6 FOLLOWING THAT GOES BACK TO THE JUVENILE JUSTICE REALIGNMENT
7 BLOCK GRANT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CAMPUS KILPATRICK
8 TO BE THE TEMPORARY SECURE YOUTH TREATMENT FACILITY LOCATION
9 FOR MALE YOUTH, FIND THAT THE TEMPORARY USE OF CAMPUS
10 KILPATRICK AS THE SECURE YOUTH TREATMENT FACILITY FOR UP TO 45
11 MALE YOUTH DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A PROJECT UNDER C.E.Q.A.
12 BECAUSE IT IS AN ORGANIZATION OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITY OF
13 GOVERNMENT THAT IS EXCLUDED FROM THE DEFINITION OF A PROJECT
14 BY SECTION 21065 OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE, AND
15 SECTION 15378(B)(5) OF THE STATE C.E.Q.A. GUIDELINES, THE
16 PROPOSED ACTIONS WILL NOT RESULT IN DIRECT OR INDIRECT
17 PHYSICAL DAMAGE TO THE ENVIRONMENT. ADDITIONALLY, WE FIND THAT
18 PROPOSED MINOR ACTIONS DESCRIBED HEREIN TO IMPROVE CAMPUS
19 KILPATRICK ARE CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA
20 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15301(A)(F),
21 15303(E), AND 15311 OF THE STATE C.E.Q.A. GUIDELINES, CLASS
22 1(D)(I) AND (B) AND CLASS 11 OF THE COUNTY'S ENVIRONMENTAL --
23 REPORTING PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES APPENDIX G BECAUSE THEY
24 ARE WITHIN CERTAIN CLASSES OF PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN
25 DETERMINED NOT TO HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE

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1 ENVIRONMENT. THIS EXEMPTION APPLIES TO THE OPERATION AND
2 REPAIR AND MINOR ALTERATION OF THE INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR OF
3 EXISTING PUBLIC FACILITIES AND STRUCTURES, INSTALLATION OF
4 SAFETY DEVICES IN CONJUNCTION WITH EXISTING FACILITIES,
5 INSTALLATION OF SMALL NEW EQUIPMENT AND SMALL STRUCTURES AND
6 ACCESSORY STRUCTURES. THERE WOULD NO OR NEGLIGIBLE EXPANSION
7 OF EXISTING AND FORMER USE OF THE FACILITIES WHICH SERVE YOUTH
8 IN THE CARE OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. IN ADDITION, BASED ON
9 THE PROPOSED PROJECT RECORDS AS PROPOSED WILL COMPLY WITH ALL
10 APPLICABLE REGULATIONS, THEY ARE NOT LOCATED IN A SENSITIVE
11 ENVIRONMENT, AND THERE ARE NO COMMUNITY IMPACTS, UNUSUAL
12 CIRCUMSTANCES, DAMAGE TO SCENIC HIGHWAYS, ON HAZARDOUS WASTE
13 SITE RISKS, COMPILED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION
14 65962.5 OR INDICATIONS THAT THEIR USE MAY CAUSE A SUBSTANTIAL
15 AVERSE CHANGE IN THE SIGNIFICANCE OF A HISTORICAL RESOURCE
16 THAT WOULD MAKE THE EXEMPTION IN APPLICABLE. UPON THE BOARD'S
17 APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT AND RELATED ACTIONS, THE
18 PROBATION DEPARTMENT WILL FILE A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR THE
19 RECOMMENDED ACTION OF THE REGISTRAR OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF
20 SECTION 21152 OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE. NUMBER
21 2) ADOPT THE J.J.R.B.G. SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR CAMPUS
22 KILPATRICK TO BE A TEMPORARY S.Y.T.F. LOCATION UNTIL A
23 PERMANENT LOCATION IS IDENTIFIED, 3) RECOGNIZE THAT ANY AND
24 ALL ALTERNATIVES TO THE DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE SHALL BE
25 ALIGNED WITH THE DIVISION OF YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. 4)

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1 INSTRUCT THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION AND
2 COORDINATION WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND
3 J.J.R.G.B. SUBCOMMITTEE TO A) WORK WITH COUNTY COUNSEL, THE
4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND THE
5 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO INITIATE AN ASSESSMENT OF ALL
6 LICENSED PROBATION FACILITIES TO IDENTIFY AND RANK THE
7 FEASIBILITY OF THE USE OF EACH CAMPUS TO HOUSE D.J.J. YOUTH
8 AND REPORT BACK FINDINGS TO THE BOARD IN 60 DAYS. THIS
9 ASSESSMENT SHOULD INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO EXISTING SITE
10 CONDITIONS AND IDENTIFICATION OF NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS TO
11 BRING EACH FACILITY UP TO RELEVANT STANDARDS, INCLUDING THE
12 CARE FIRST VISION IN TERMS OF LIVABILITY, PROGRAMMING, AND
13 SECURITY AS WELL AS ANY IMPROVEMENTS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO
14 ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS OR STUDIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE STATE
15 LEGISLATIVE CHANGE. THE ASSESSMENT SHALL INCLUDE OPERATIONAL
16 AND PROGRAMMATIC FLEXIBILITY FOR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND
17 COMMUNITY SERVICE PROVIDERS. B) THE ABOVE REPORTS SHALL
18 INCLUDE THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH PLAN WHICH WILL GUIDE THREE OF
19 THE MEETINGS THAT WILL FOLLOW UPON THE SELECTION OF THE SITE
20 BY THE BOARD. C) REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD WITH THE RESULTS OF
21 THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETINGS 30 DAYS THEREAFTER. 5) DIRECT
22 THE J.J.R.B.G. YOUTH JUSTICE TRANSITION ADVISORY GROUP, THE
23 Y.D.D., J. C.H.S., AND D.M.H. TO DEVELOP A PLAN AND REPORT
24 BACK TO THE BOARD IN WRITING 60 DAYS ON HOW YOUTH THAT ARE
25 TEMPORARILY PLACED AT ANY TEMPORARY S.Y.T.F.S WILL BE PLACED

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1 WITH EXPEDIENCY IN AN IDENTIFIED PERMANENT S.Y.T.F. UPON A
2 ROBUST, COMPREHENSIVE, EVIDENCE BASED, TRAUMA INFORMED
3 ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION BY MEDICAL STAFF AND MENTAL HEALTH
4 STAFF ALIGNING WITH Y.J.R. VALUES AND J.J.R.B.G.'S
5 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WILL BE SENSITIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE
6 YOUTH. 6) INSTRUCT THE J.J.R.G.B. SUBCOMMITTEE TO DEVISE A
7 PLAN WITH INPUT FROM THE YOUTH JUSTICE TRANSITION ADVISORY
8 GROUP, COMMUNITY SERVICE PROVIDERS, AND PROBATION DEPARTMENT
9 LABOR PARTNERS THAT INCLUDE SUPPORTIVE PROGRAMMING INCLUDING,
10 AMONG OTHER NEEDS, COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAMMING INSIDE
11 FACILITIES TO LINK YOUTH TO REENTRY SERVICES, A TRANSFORMATIVE
12 STAFFING MODEL, FOR EXAMPLE, CO-STAFFING MODEL AND EMPLOYMENT
13 OF CREDIBLE MESSENGERS FROM OUTSIDE THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
14 THAT FACILITATES A SAFER, MORE THERAPEUTIC ENVIRONMENT AT ALL
15 S.Y.T.F.S AS WELL AS A PLAN TO ENSURE THAT A CONTINUUM OF
16 LESS RESTRICTIVE OPTIONS, INCLUDING DIVERSION WILL BE
17 AVAILABLE AND REPORT BACK IN WRITING IN 45 DAYS WITH AN UPDATE
18 ON PROGRESS AND REPORT TO THE BOARD EVERY 60 DAYS THEREAFTER
19 TO KEEP THE BOARD INFORMED OF THE STATUS OF PROGRESS OF THE
20 D.J.J. TRANSITION INCLUDING ONGOING COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER
21 FEEDBACK IN ALIGNMENT OF THE VALUES OF Y.J.R. UNTIL SUCH TIME
22 AS THE SELECTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A PERMANENT S.Y.T.F. IS
23 FINALIZED. 7) INSTRUCT THE J.J.R.B.G. SUBCOMMITTEE TO WORK
24 WITH THE C.E.O. TO DEVELOP AND SUBMIT FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS
25 FOR THE FIRST ALLOCATION OF THE J.J.R.B.G. FUNDS TO THE BOARD

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1 IN 75 DAYS, AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, 8) INSTRUCT THE J.J.R.B.G.
2 SUBCOMMITTEE TO FURTHER DEVELOP AND SUBMIT THE D.J.J.
3 TRANSITION PLAN TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR APPROVAL
4 WITHIN 90 DAYS. THAT IS OUR SUBSTITUTE MOTION, MADAM CHAIR.
5 AND I WOULD ASK FOR AN AYE VOTE ON THIS, AND AGAIN. I AM GOING
6 TO EMPHASIZE THAT OUR JOB IS TO PUT TOGETHER A PLAN THAT IS
7 GOING TO MEET THE NEEDS, NOT ONLY WHAT THE STATE IS ASKING US
8 TO DO, BUT ALSO THAT YOUTH ARE GOING TO BE PUT INTO OUR CARE.
9 AND I THINK TOGETHER, WE AS A BOARD, WILL COME TO AN AGREEMENT
10 ON WHAT THAT WILL LOOK LIKE. AND I AM NOT -- I HAVE NO PRE
11 CONCEIVED NOTION AS TO WHERE OR WHAT IT WILL LOOK LIKE AS IT
12 RELATES TO LOCATION, BUT I CAN TELL YOU THAT I THINK WE HAVE
13 TO EXHAUST ALL AVENUES BEFORE WE COME TO ONE SIMPLE DECISION
14 BASED ON WHAT I BELIEVE WERE NOT ALL THE INFORMATION THAT WAS
15 NECESSARY TO COME UP WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THAT WAS BROUGHT
16 FORWARD. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR BARGER. AND
19 I DO WANT TO RECOGNIZE MYSELF BECAUSE I DID SIGN ON AS YOUR
20 COAUTHOR. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR OUTLINING THE ESSENCE OF
21 WHAT THIS SUBSTITUTE MOTION WOULD BRING. AND I WANT TO BE VERY
22 CLEAR THAT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I AM CONCERNED ABOUT IS JUST
23 MAKING SURE, NUMBER ONE, THAT WE DO HAVE ADEQUATE SPACES AND
24 PLACES FOR THESE YOUTH AND THAT WE DO THE UTMOST TO THE UTMOST
25 OF OUR ABILITY AND MAKE SURE THAT THE FACILITIES ARE THERE,

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1 CAPABLE OF HANDLING THE UNIQUE SITUATIONS OF EACH YOUTH, AND I
2 KNOW THAT RIGHT NOW OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT IS GOING THROUGH
3 A LOT OF CHANGES. WE HAVE A NEW CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER THAT
4 IS THERE. HE IS ALSO REORGANIZING, REIMAGINING, AND HE NEEDS A
5 LOT OF OUR SUPPORT. BUT I ALSO WANT TO SAY THERE'S A LOT
6 HAPPENING. AND THE GOOD THING IS THAT WE HAVE TIME. I BELIEVE
7 THAT SENATE BILL 92 WAS ENACTED WHICH DECLARED JUNE 30TH, 2023
8 AS THE ACTUAL CLOSURE DATE OF D.J.J. SO I KNOW THAT THINGS
9 MOVE SLOW. BUT SOMETIMES, WE ALSO NEED TO STEP BACK A BIT AND
10 THINK ABOUT HOW WE ARE GOING FORWARD IN OUR PLAN. AND I AS ONE
11 WHO HAS BEEN VERY CONCERNED ABOUT OUR PROBATION YOUTH IN OUR
12 CAMPS FOR A LONG TIME, SINCE I ARRIVED AT THE BOARD, AND FELT
13 THAT I HAVE TAKEN THE TIME TO GO OUT AND VISIT JUST ABOUT ALL
14 OF THE CAMPS, INCLUDING A MAJOR FACILITY, EAST LAKE JUVENILE
15 HALL, AND SEEING WHAT THESE FACILITIES LOOK LIKE. MIND YOU, I
16 WOULDN'T WANT TO -- I WOULDN'T WANT TO KEEP OUR YOUNG PEOPLE
17 IN SITUATIONS LIKE THAT THAT I KNOW CAN BE MORE HARMFUL. AND I
18 WILL BE THE FIRST ONE TO HAVE THAT AND HAVE BEEN FIGHTING ON
19 THEIR BEHALF. BUT I DO WANT TO SAY THAT I THINK WE HAVE TO BE
20 VERY RESPONSIBLE. WE HAVE TO BE RESPONSIBLE, NOT JUST FOR
21 THESE YOUNG PEOPLE AND MANY OF THEM COME FROM OUR OWN COUNTIES
22 AND COME FROM OUR OWN DISTRICTS. A GOOD MAJORITY, THE LATINX
23 AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN YOUTH THAT ARE IN OUR CARE, REPRESENT I
24 WOULD SAY BY AND LARGE THE FIRST AND THE SECOND DISTRICT.
25 THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. I DON'T HAVE AS MANY CAMPS AS THE

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1 FIFTH, BUT I DO HAVE CAMP KIRBY, AND WE DO HAVE EAST LAKE, AND
2 THOSE ARE OLD INSTITUTIONS. AND I KNOW THAT MANY OF OUR CAMPS
3 ARE IN NEED OF A FACILITIES UPDATE AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE.
4 AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, WE NEED TO HAVE AN UPDATE IN TERMS OF
5 OUR STAFFING TO MAKE SURE OUR CHILDREN ARE NOT HARMED AND THAT
6 THEY GET THE BEST DETENTION THEY CAN POSSIBLY GET. SO I AM
7 COMMITTED, AND I UNDERSTAND WHAT THE J.J.R.B.G. SUBCOMMITTEE
8 IS TASKED WITH. I KNOW WE HAVE ALL APPOINTEES THAT SIT THERE,
9 BUT I WOULD SAY TO YOU THAT IT IS IMPORTANT EQUALLY FOR US TO
10 BE ABLE TO HAVE VOICES HEARD FROM THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES.
11 SO ALL I AM SAYING IS WE NEED TO PERHAPS MAKE A BETTER
12 ASSESSMENT AND ALLOW FOR THAT EVALUATION TO GO ON AND TO HEAR
13 FROM STAKEHOLDERS, TO HEAR FROM THEM, BUT TO ALSO NOT DROWN
14 OUT THE VOICES OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE EITHER AND NOT TO DEMONIZE
15 THEM. NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH FOR ME TO THINK
16 WE SHOULD DEMONIZE THESE YOUNG PEOPLE. WE HAVE BEEN THROUGH A
17 LOT. THERE'S NO DOUBT. NOT ALL OF THEM ARE HARDENED CRIMINALS,
18 AS SOME PEOPLE WOULD SAY. I KNOW MANY OF THEM COME FROM
19 TRAUMATIZED FAMILIES, FROM BROKEN FAMILIES, SOME THAT ARE
20 WARDS OF THE COURT AND HAVE BEEN FOR MANY YEARS IN FOSTER CARE
21 AND PROBATION, IN AND OUT, AND FAMILIES ALSO GOING THROUGH
22 DIFFERENT GENERATIONS OF HAVING TO DEAL WITH THE PROBATION
23 DEPARTMENT. WE NEED TO DO MUCH BETTER. WE NEED TO PROVIDE MORE
24 TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE. AND WE HAVE TO
25 IMPROVE THE EDUCATION THAT THEY RECEIVE AND ALSO MAKE SURE

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1 THAT WE UPGRADE SERVICES SO THAT WHILE THEY ARE IN OUR HANDS,
2 WHILE THEY ARE IN OUR CARE, THAT WE PROVIDE THEM WITH
3 TRAINING, EDUCATION, TRAUMA INFORMED CARE, MENTAL HEALTH, AND
4 ALSO ALLOW FOR OUR FAMILIES TO COME AND VISIT THEM AND ALLOW
5 FOR A WHOLE NEW WAY OF DEALING WITH THIS ISSUE. I EMBRACE
6 THAT. AND I WANT TO MAKE VERY CLEAR THAT I AM SUPPORTIVE OF
7 THESE YOUNG PEOPLE, AND HAVE BEEN, AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO
8 THAT. BUT I KNOW WE NEED SERVICES, AND WE NEED TO HAVE GOOD
9 CONSTRUCTED FACILITIES THAT WILL BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN AND KEEP
10 THESE INDIVIDUAL IN A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT THIS RESPONSIVE TO
11 THEIR NEEDS AS WELL. SO I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH
12 MY COLLEAGUES, WITH ALL OF YOU. I DON'T THINK ANY ONE OF YOU
13 THINKS THAT FOR ONE IOTA THAT WE ARE JUST DOING THIS BECAUSE
14 WE WANT TO CREATE A HAVOC OR DELAY SOMETHING THAT WE KNOW IS
15 INEVITABLE. IT IS GOING TO HAPPEN. SO LET'S MAKE SURE WE GET
16 THESE YOUNGSTERS IN THE RIGHT INSTITUTIONS. WE JUST SPENT
17 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO BUILD OUT A NEW CAMP IN MALIBU. MANY OF
18 OUR FACILITIES HAD TO FORGO NOT IMPROVEMENTS BECAUSE MONIES
19 WENT THERE TO TRY TO BEGIN THIS NEW EFFORT OF REIMAGINING HOW
20 WE DEAL WITH YOUNG PEOPLE. NOW, WE HAVE THAT FACILITY
21 AVAILABLE. HOPEFULLY, WE'LL BE ABLE TO PLACE SOME YOUNGSTERS
22 THERE WHILE WE MAKE FURTHER DECISIONS WHERE MORE PERMANENT
23 PLACEMENT WILL BE. BUT BY GOLLY THAT IS A STAND UP FACILITY.
24 CAN WE MAKE IT HAPPEN? CAN WE REALLY REIMAGINE AND START BY
25 UTILIZING SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE MADE A BIG DOWN PAYMENT ON? I

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1 SAY YES. I SAY YES. AND I ALSO SAY THAT, IN THE END, IF WE ALL
2 CAN AGREE THAT IF THE UPGRADES AT OUR CAMPS AND EVEN CAMP
3 KIRBY IS FEASIBLE FOR YOUNG WOMEN, THEN I SAY YES. BUT I WANT
4 TO MAKE SURE THAT ASSESSMENT IS GIVEN THE APPROPRIATE
5 EVALUATION THAT IT NEEDS. AND I WANT TO BE ABLE TO MAKE SURE
6 THAT MY CONSTITUENTS AND I ARE FEELING TRULY COMFORTABLE THAT
7 THIS IS THE BEST DECISION THAT WE CAN MAKE FOR OUR YOUNG
8 PEOPLE. SO THAT'S WHY I SIGNED ON AS COAUTHOR. I KNOW THIS IS
9 DIFFICULT FOR SOME OF US ON THE BOARD. BUT YOU KNOW AT THE END
10 OF THE DAY, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO PICK YOURSELVES UP AND
11 KEEP WORKING BECAUSE THIS ISN'T THE END OF THIS DISCUSSION.
12 AND IT IS GOING TO CONTINUE AS WE CONTINUE TO MOVE ALONG AND
13 TRY TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. SO I
14 WHOLEHEARTEDLY ASK FOR YOU ALL TO CONSIDER WHAT IS BEFORE US
15 TODAY. IT IS NOT THE END, AND IT IS, TO ME, THE BEGINNING.
16 THANK YOU. I WILL NOW RECOGNIZE --

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR, BEFORE WE MOVE ON, CAN WE GO
19 TO CONSIDER SUPERVISOR BARGER AND YOUR MOTION, YOUR SUBSTITUTE
20 MOTION?

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES. SO SUPERVISOR BARGER, THIS MOTION IS
23 BEFORE US.

24

25 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY.

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2 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND I WILL SECOND IT.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL:** BEFORE WE DO THAT, WOULD I BE ABLE, LIKE
5 SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO SPEAK TO THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION?

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, BUT FIRST WE HAVE TO APPROVE THAT WE
8 CAN DISCUSS IT. THAT'S WHY. SO IT IS A COURTESY.

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL:** SO THIS IS A VOTE JUST TO APPROVE DISCUSSING
11 THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION?

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** RIGHT. THAT IS CORRECT.

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL:** GOT IT.

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, SO IT'S BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
18 BARGER. I SECOND IT. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL
19 THE ROLL.

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O:** OKAY, THE MOTION IS TO CONSIDER SUPERVISORS
22 BARGER AND SOLIS'S SUBSTITUTE MOTION. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

23

24 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

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4 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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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 --

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** I AM SORRY. I AM SORRY I THOUGHT I HAD MY MIC ON.

13 I WOULD LIKE TO ABSTAIN FROM CONSIDERING THE SUBSTITUTE.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL ABSTAINS. SUPERVISOR

16 SOLIS.

17

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

19

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

21 WITH 1 ABSTENTION.

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO NOW WHAT WE WILL DO IS OPEN IT UP

24 FOR DISCUSSION, AND SUPERVISOR HAHN, I WANT TO RECOGNIZE YOU

25 AND THEN SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND THEN SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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2 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. FIRST OF ALL, LET ME SAY
3 IT STILL IS AMAZING THERE'S FIVE WOMEN WHO ARE GOVERNING THE
4 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND ARE SO COMPASSIONATE AND SO INTENSE
5 ON HOW WE BELIEVE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE -- OUR D.J.J. YOUTH
6 ARE BEING TREATED, ABOUT THEIR FUTURES. I REALLY -- I
7 APPRECIATE THIS MOMENT A LOT. ALTHOUGH, EVEN THOUGH THIS IS A
8 SENSITIVE TOPIC, I DO FEEL LIKE AT THE END OF THE DAY, BECAUSE
9 OF THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION, THERE MIGHT BE SOME DISAGREEMENT,
10 AND MAYBE EVEN SOME DISAPPOINTMENT IN HOW WE ULTIMATELY MOVE
11 FORWARD. I WAS HOPING THAT WE WOULD GET A COMPROMISE, LIKE
12 SOMETIMES WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO IN THE PAST. I EVEN
13 SUGGESTED A CONTINUANCE TO SEE IF SOME OF THESE DIFFERENCES
14 COULD BE WORKED OUT. I DON'T THINK THAT HAD ANY TAKERS. AND I
15 WILL BE HONEST, SINCE NONE OF THE FACILITIES BEING CONSIDERED
16 TO HOUSE THE D.J.J. YOUTH ARE IN MY DISTRICT, I DO FEEL LIKE I
17 NEED TO RESPECT MY COLLEAGUES WHO WANT TO DO A LITTLE MORE
18 RESEARCH BEFORE VOTING TO PERMANENTLY LOCATE THESE YOUTH IN
19 THESE LOCATIONS. IT IS CLEAR THEY WANT TO MAKE SURE WHEN WE
20 MAKE THE DECISION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A PERMANENT LOCATION
21 THAT WE HAVE REALLY LOOKED INTO ALL THE POSSIBLE OPTIONS AND
22 ARE MAKING THE BEST CHOICE. AND I HAVE TO RESPECT THAT. I
23 THINK THERE WAS A FEELING THAT THIS PROCESS WAS RUSHED. NOT
24 ALL THE OPTIONS WERE FULLY LOOKED INTO, AND THERE WASN'T
25 ENOUGH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT BECAUSE OF THE TIMELINE. AND THIS

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1 WAS NOT THE FAULT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE AT ALL. I THINK WE WERE
2 ALL CLEAR THEY DID A GREAT JOB, AND WE THANK THEM FOR WHAT
3 THEY DID UNDER A VERY STRICT TIMELINE IMPOSED BY THE STATE.
4 BUT THIS BOARD DOESN'T HAVE THAT SAME TIMELINE. WE ACTUALLY
5 HAVE A LITTLE MORE TIME. SO I BELIEVE THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION
6 TAKES ADVANTAGE OF THAT EXTRA TIME AND ASKS THE SUBCOMMITTEE
7 AND RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS TO DIG A LITTLE DEEPER AND COME BACK
8 TO US WITH A REPORT ON THE BEST LOCATION FOR THE D.J.J. YOUTH.
9 AND IT IS VERY POSSIBLE THAT THE REPORT MAY COME BACK AND SAY
10 THAT ACTUALLY CAMPS SCOTT AND SCUDDER ARE THE BEST LOCATION
11 FOR D.J.J. AND THEN WE'LL MOVE FORWARD WITH THE
12 IMPLEMENTATION, BUT AT LEAST WE WILL KNOW WE DID OUR DUE
13 DILIGENCE. AND WHILE WE WAIT FOR THAT REPORT, THE YOUTH WILL
14 BE ASSESSED TO FIND THE MOST SUITABLE LOCATION AMONG ALL THE
15 CAMPS AND HALLS. I THINK IT IS A GOOD IDEA, AND IT IS IN LINE
16 WITH OUR CARE FIRST VISION OF THIS BOARD. I ALREADY SUPPORTED
17 THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION TODAY, AND I HOPE THE FULL MOTION WILL
18 PASS. I KNOW THAT SOME PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE DISAPPOINTED
19 THAT IT MIGHT BE SLOWING THINGS DOWN A BIT. BUT I THINK IT
20 WILL BE WORTH IT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE CHOOSING THE RIGHT
21 LOCATION FOR ALL OF OUR YOUTH'S NEEDS WHILE WE ARE RESPECTING
22 THE CONCERNS OF OUR CONSTITUENTS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT, I WILL RECOGNIZE
25 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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2 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I AGREE WITH
3 SUPERVISOR HAHN IN RECOGNIZING THAT EVERYONE ON THIS BOARD
4 ALWAYS THINKS THAT WHAT THEY ARE DOING IS COMPASSIONATE. AND
5 THEY COME FROM THE HEART. BUT LET ME SUGGEST THAT THIS
6 SUBSTITUTE MOTION IS NOT IN MANY WAYS ACTUALLY COMPASSIONATE.
7 I THINK A VERY SMART MAN, OFTEN REFERRED TO AS A GENIUS, ONCE
8 SAID INSANITY IS DOING THE SAME THING AGAIN AND HOPING FOR A
9 DIFFERENT RESULT. LET'S BE VERY HONEST. THE ONLY REASON THAT
10 THIS SUBSTITUTE MOTION IS BEFORE US IS BECAUSE THERE ARE THOSE
11 ON THE BOARD WHO DIDN'T LIKE WHAT THE J.J.R.B.J. RECOMMENDED.
12 AND THERE WAS A OUTCRY ABOUT IT. BUT I HAVE TO SAY YOUR
13 THINKING THAT WE HAVE LOTS OF TIME IS ACTUALLY IN MY OWN
14 HUMBLE OPINION IS ERRONEOUS BECAUSE WE NEED EVERY MINUTE
15 BETWEEN NOW AND JANUARY TO MAKE RENOVATIONS, TO INSTITUTE
16 PROGRAMMING, TO REASSIGN STAFF, TO CONTRACT WITH SERVICE
17 PROVIDERS, TO GET EDUCATION PROVIDERS ON BOARD BECAUSE
18 L.A.C.O. DOES NOT TEACH THOSE THAT ARE OLDER THAN 18, TO MEET
19 AND CONFER WITH THE UNIONS. SECONDLY, WE HAVE HAVE HAVE NOT
20 SENT ANY D.J.J. KIDS TO THE STATE FACILITIES SINCE THE
21 BEGINNING OF THE PANDEMIC, AND NOW THEY ARE CLOSED TO US. SO
22 THESE KIDS ARE OURS NOW AS OF JULY 1, NOT JANUARY 1. IN
23 ADDITION, THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION ESSENTIALLY MAKES IT NECESSARY
24 FOR ALL OF THE YOUNG WOMEN TO STAY IN BARRY J. WITH NO
25 PROGRAMMING. IN HOLLY AND MY MOTION, WE WANTED TO SEND A

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1 LIMITED NUMBER, BECAUSE THERE ARE REALLY NOT HAVE MANY, TO
2 DOROTHY KIRBY ACCORDING TO WHAT THE J.J.R.B.G. RECOMMENDED SO
3 THAT THEY COULD HAVE SOME PROGRAMMING. BUT SINCE THERE'S NO
4 MENTION IN THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION ABOUT WHERE THE GIRLS ARE
5 GOING TO GO, THEY ARE GOING TO STAY AT BARRY J. ALSO TALKING
6 ABOUT ALL THE TIME WE HAVE, FORGIVE ME, COLLEAGUES IT IS
7 ERRONEOUS. 2023 IS THE DATE THAT THE STATE IS GOING TO CLOSE
8 ITS FACILITIES, BUT THEY ARE ALREADY CLOSED TO US. WE ARE
9 SENDING NO LOS ANGELES COUNTY YOUNG PEOPLE TO THE STATE. NONE.
10 SO THEY ARE ALREADY OURS. AND YOU KNOW, I AM VERY, VERY PROUD
11 OF CAMPUS KILPATRICK. AND I ALWAYS HAVE BEEN. AND THE
12 RECOMMENDATION FROM THE J.J.R.B.G. THAT IS REFLECTED IN THE
13 SUBSTITUTE MOTION AND THE ORIGINAL MOTION, THAT THIS WOULD BE
14 THE PLACE WHERE THESE KIDS WOULD START OUT AND HOPEFULLY GET
15 GOOD PROGRAMMING, DID NOT CREATE AN OUTCRY FROM MY
16 CONSTITUENTS, DID NOT CREATE A OUTCRY, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE THE
17 SAME KIDS, FROM MY RESIDENTS, OR MY CITY COUNCIL, EVEN THOUGH
18 THEY GOT THE SAME LETTER FROM THE UNION. I JUST DON'T THINK
19 THAT GOING THROUGH THE PROCESS OVER AGAIN REALLY GETS US
20 ANYWHERE. THE PROCESS WAS FOLLOWED. NOW, I CAN MAKE A GOOD
21 SPEECH AND LOSE. I DID IT A LOT IN THE ASSEMBLY. I DID IT A
22 LOT IN THE SENATE. I HAVE DONE IT BEFORE. BUT I HAVE TO SAY I
23 DON'T FEEL THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION IN ANY WAY HELPS OUR YOUNG
24 PEOPLE. IT SIMPLY PUTS OFF AGAIN DECISIONS ABOUT WHERE THEY
25 WOULD GO. AND EVEN THE VERY HARMLESS BOARD LETTER TO DO SOME

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1 REPAIRS ON THE LIGHTING ON THE ROADS THAT LEAD UP TO CAMPS
2 SCOTT AND SCUDDER WAS CONTINUED BECAUSE IT IS SO DANGEROUS TO
3 TRY TO PUT SOME LIGHTING ON THOSE ROADS BECAUSE IT MIGHT LET
4 PEOPLE THINK THAT WE WERE THINKING THAT PEOPLE MIGHT ALLOW
5 THESE YOUNG PEOPLE TO GO TO THOSE CAMPS. I MEAN -- IT IS JUST
6 CRAZY. SO I HEAR YOU SAYING YOU ARE DOING THIS ALL FOR THE
7 KIDS, FOR THE KIDS, FOR THE KIDS. BUT I HAVE TO SAY THIS DOES
8 NOT LOOK IN ANY WAY LIKE ANYTHING THAT HELPS THESE YOUNG
9 PEOPLE BECAUSE WE WERE ALREADY GOING TO HAVE PROGRAMMING. WE
10 ALREADY WERE GOING TO DO ALL THE THINGS YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT
11 UNDER YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. AND PUTTING THE VERBIAGE IN
12 THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION DOESN'T DO ANYTHING. IT SIMPLY SAYS YOU
13 HAVE TO START ALL OVER AGAIN, AND WE CERTAINLY HOPE THEY WILL
14 END UP IN A DIFFERENT PLACE. SO FORGIVE ME IF I AM A LITTLE
15 HOT UNDER THE COLLAR, BY I REALLY DON'T SEE THAT THIS SERVES
16 THE YOUNG PEOPLE AT ALL. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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18 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. NEXT
19 SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL?

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21 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND AS I
22 UNDERSTOOD THE MOTION THAT WAS PRESENTED, AND AS YOU ASKED FOR
23 A VOTE WOULD BE A COURTESY, I WAS HAPPY TO AFFORD THAT. I MUST
24 SAY, MYSELF AND QUITE FRANKLY THE GENERAL PUBLIC, WEREN'T
25 AFFORDED A SIMILAR COURTESY BY HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO

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1 REALLY SEE THIS SUBSTITUTE OF THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION BEFORE 30
2 MINUTES BEFORE TODAY'S BOARD MEETING STARTED. THE ORIGINAL
3 MOTION, I HELD AT THE REQUEST OF A FELLOW BOARD MEMBER IN GOOD
4 FAITH TWO WEEKS AGO. IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS, WE AMENDED THE
5 MOTION WHICH IS WHY ITEM 20 BEFORE US TODAY IS INDEED A
6 SUBSTITUTE MOTION BECAUSE WE TOOK IN LANGUAGE BROUGHT FORWARD
7 TO US BY THAT BOARD OFFICE WITH REGARD TO ROBUST OUTREACH TO
8 THE IMPACTED COMMUNITIES. THE IRONY IS NOT LOST ON ME THAT BY
9 VIRTUE OF THIS MOTION THAT WE ARE NOW DISCUSSING, THAT THE
10 SAME COURTESY WASN'T AFFORDED THE GENERAL PUBLIC. I APPRECIATE
11 IT WAS POSTED ON THE AGENDA ON THE BOARD AGENDA THIS MORNING.
12 THE READ IN DID NOT INCLUDE THE PREAMBLE, WHICH IN ITS TONE,
13 IN AND OF ITSELF, IS VERY DIFFERENT THAN THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION
14 BEFORE US IN AGENDA ITEM 20. SO WHILE I APPRECIATE COUNTY
15 COUNSEL HAS OPINED THAT THERE WASN'T ENOUGH DIFFERENCE IN THE
16 NEW LANGUAGE TO INSTITUTE ANY BROWN ACT VIOLATION OR ANYTHING
17 ELSE. THE TONE AND TENOR AND I WOULD AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR
18 KUEHL THAT THE MOTIVATION BEHIND THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION IS
19 VERY, VERY DIFFERENT. AND WITH REGARD TO PROCESS, THE PROCESS
20 THAT THE AMENDMENTS AFFORDED THE IMPACTED COMMUNITIES ARE NOT
21 BEING AFFORDED THE GENERAL PUBLIC, TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
22 READ THE PREAMBLE, TO READ AS OPPOSED TO LISTENING TO A READ
23 IN. AND AS A SUBSTITUTE, THE EXPECTATION IS THAT WE VOTE
24 TODAY. I THINK THAT IT IS PROBLEMATIC AND COMPLETELY UNFAIR.
25 WITH REGARD TO TIME, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR PROVIDING

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1 THAT CLARIFICATION. THE PLAN HAS TO BE SUBMITTED BY JANUARY 1,
2 2022. WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, AS I QUICKLY
3 REVIEW THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION HAVING RECEIVED IT THIS MORNING?
4 THE PLAN IS SILENT WITH REGARD TO GIRLS. AND AS SUPERVISOR
5 HAHN SAID, COMING FROM A BOARD OF ALL FEMALES, I THINK THAT'S
6 -- PERHAPS AN OVERSIGHT, BUT A VERY UNFORTUNATE ONE. IT ALLOWS
7 PROBATION TO BE IN THE LEAD ON FACILITY ASSESSMENT AND
8 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. I WAS IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE WHEN THIS
9 WAS DEBATED WHEN THE GOVERNOR'S INITIAL PROPOSAL PUT IT FULLY
10 IN THE HANDS OF FOLKS OTHER THAN PROBATION. A COUNTER PROPOSAL
11 CAME BACK, AND HEARD THE DEBATE BACK AND FORTH. AND SO, I
12 THINK THE STATE LEGISLATURE WAS VERY CLEAR IN TERMS OF WHO
13 SHOULD LEAD IN MAKING THESE DECISIONS. PROBATION HAS A ROLE,
14 HAS A SEAT AT THE TABLE, BUT WAS NOT INTENDED BY STATE LAW TO
15 GOVERN THE DECISION PROCESS. AGAIN, NO MENTION OF DOROTHY
16 KEARNS, SCOTT OR SCUDDER IN THE DIRECTIVES. AND AGAIN, I
17 THINK DIRECTIVE FOUR IS A COMPLETE WORK AROUND OF SENATE BILL
18 823, WHICH CHARGES THE J.J.R.B.G. WITH MAKING FACILITY
19 RECOMMENDATIONS. RANKING THE FEASIBILITY OF THE USE OF THE
20 FACILITIES SOUNDS A LOT LIKE ASKING FOR NEW RECOMMENDATIONS.
21 ALSO OF NOTE, THERE'S NO REPORT BACK ON AVAILABILITY OF MENTAL
22 HEALTH BEDS. SO FOR ALL OF THOSE REASONS, PROCESS, CONTENT, I
23 AM IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL. TRAGICALLY, IN
24 TERMS OF THE IMPLICIT BIAS THAT I THINK HAS DRIVEN THE
25 RENEGOTIATION OF WHAT WE THINK IS BEST FOR IMPACTED YOUTH, I

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1 WILL NOT BE SUPPORTING THE SUBSTITUTE OF THE SUBSTITUTE
2 MOTION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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6 **SUP. BARGER:** JUST A POINT OF CLARIFICATION. AND THIS IS A
7 QUESTION FOR COUNTY COUNSEL. WE HAVE TO FOLLOW STATE
8 RECOMMENDATIONS, CORRECT? IT IS VERY CLEAR. IT IS STATE LAW.

9

10 **ATTORNEY:** I AM UNCLEAR, SUPERVISOR, ON WHAT RECOMMENDATION YOU
11 ARE REFERRING TO. WHAT I CAN TELL YOU IS THAT UNDER THE
12 WELFARE --

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** THE USE OF THE COMMISSION.

15

16 **ATTORNEY:** SO THE BOARD HAS TO CONSIDER THE J.J.R.B.G. PLAN,
17 BUT IT CAN CHOOSE NOT TO FOLLOW THE PLAN WHEN MAKING ITS
18 BUDGETARY ALLOCATIONS.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** SO WE ARE FOLLOWING THE PROCESS BASED ON STATE
21 LAW?

22

23 **ATTORNEY:** THE BOARD IS REQUIRED TO CONSIDER, AND THAT'S THE
24 ONLY REQUIREMENT.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU.

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3 **SUP. HAHN:** AND MADAM CHAIR, I JUST ALSO WANT TO CLARIFY
4 BECAUSE IT SEEMS LIKE SOME OF THE COMMENT ACTED LIKE THIS WAS
5 AN INCREDIBLE DELAY FOR COMING TO OUR FINAL CONCLUSION. AND
6 AGAIN, YOU KNOW, FOR ME, I HAVE TO JUST REMEMBER THIS IS
7 ULTIMATELY WILL BE A PERMANENT LOCATION FOR THIS -- THESE
8 YOUTH. AND THIS IS, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, A TWO MONTH DELAY FOR
9 DECIDING PERMANENT LOCATIONS FOR THESE YOUTH. AND IN MY MIND,
10 THAT IS I THINK ALSO A HALLMARK OF THIS BOARD IS THAT WE LIKE
11 TO GET THINGS RIGHT. WE LIKE TO DO OUR DUE DILIGENCE, AND
12 ESPECIALLY FOR SOMETHING THAT IS SO PERMANENT AND HAS SO MANY
13 LASTING CONSEQUENCES, I THINK TWO MONTHS IF I AM CORRECT,
14 SOMEBODY COULD CLARIFY THAT FOR ME, THAT WE ARE ASKING FOR
15 THEM TO COME BACK TO US IN TWO MONTHS WITH A RECOMMENDATION ON
16 PERMANENT LOCATIONS, IS THAT CORRECT?

17

18 **SUP. BARGER:** CORRECT. CORRECT.

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20 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, MEMBERS -- SO SEEING THAT WE HAVE NOW
23 DEBATED BOTH ITEMS.

24

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL:** MADAM CHAIR, MAY I MAKE A CLARIFICATION ON THE
2 ORIGINAL ITEM 20 PLEASE?

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4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, GO AHEAD.

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, I APPRECIATE IT. I JUST WANT TO BE
7 CLEAR THAT THE WHOLE POINT OF THE ORIGINAL AGENDA ITEM 20 WAS
8 TO CREATE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BOARD TO APPROVE THE PLAN.
9 THAT IS THE POINT OF ITEM 20. SECONDLY, I ITEM 20 IS ALSO
10 ACKNOWLEDGING TEMPORARY PLACEMENT IN THESE FACILITIES. SO ITEM
11 20, DOES NOT SAY PERMANENT PLACEMENT. IT DOES NOT SAY THAT.
12 IT, TOO, SAYS TEMPORARY. SO I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY. THAT'S
13 THE ORIGINAL MOTION, THE ORIGINAL SUBSTITUTE MOTION BEFORE US
14 TODAY DOES BOTH OF THOSE THINGS. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WITH THAT, MEMBERS, I WOULD JUST
17 ASK THAT WE CONTINUE OUR WORK ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT ITEM AS I
18 THINK WE ALL FULLY CAN APPRECIATE AND OBVIOUSLY HOPE THAT WE
19 CAN ALL COME TOGETHER AND UNDERSTAND AND RESPECT EACH OTHER AS
20 WE DO ALL THE TIME AT OUR MEETINGS AND CONTINUE TO WORK
21 TOWARDS PROGRESS. AND NO WAY DO WE WANT TO HARM OUR YOUNG
22 PEOPLE. THAT IS SOMETHING THAT I KNOW IS FIRST AND FOREMOST IN
23 MY MIND. AND I HOPE THAT WE CAN HAVE THE SUPPORT OF PROBATION
24 DEPARTMENT, OUR CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER THERE, TO HELP MAKE
25 RECOMMENDATIONS WHERE THESE YOUTH CAN ALSO BE PLACED GIVEN HIS

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1 ASSESSMENT AND HIS PROFOUND WORK IN THE PAST FROM THE CITY HE
2 COMES FROM IN SAN DIEGO, WHERE HE MADE MAJOR STRIDES AND WAS
3 ABLE TO DO THIS IN A MANNER THAT HAS BROUGHT HIM TO US HERE IN
4 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO WITH THAT, MEMBERS, I WOULD LIKE TO
5 BRING UP THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION. SUPERVISOR BARGER AND I HAVE
6 THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION TO REPLACE THE MOTION ON THE AGENDA THAT
7 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, I SECOND IT TO
8 APPROVE THIS ITEM, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
9 ROLL.

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11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS
12 SUBSTITUTE MOTION IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

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14 **SUP. MITCHELL:** NO.

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

17

18 **SUP. KUEHL:** NO.

19

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

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** YES.

23

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

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

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7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. THE SUBSTITUTE
8 MOTION CARRIES 3-2.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MEMBERS. MOVING ON NOW TO ITEM
11 NUMBER 22, IMPROVING HOW WE MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR BLACK
12 IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES. THIS WAS BROUGHT TO US AND HELD BY
13 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU ARE ON.

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I WOULD LIKE TO
16 THANK THIS BOARD FOR THEIR ONGOING WORK TO SUPPORT OUR
17 IMMIGRANT RESIDENTS AS EVIDENCED BY THE MOTION EARLIER THAT I
18 WAS PROUD TO VOTE FOR. TODAY IS AN IMPORTANT DAY FOR
19 IMMIGRATION POLICY IN L.A. COUNTY. ITEM 15 AS PASSED EARLIER
20 IS A CRITICAL STEP TOWARD SOLIDIFYING OUR COMMITMENT TO
21 SERVICES THAT ARE DIRELY NEEDED AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
22 HOWEVER, I BELIEVE IT IS EQUALLY CRITICAL TO EXPAND OUR
23 IMMIGRATION DISCOURSE. WE MUST ACKNOWLEDGE THE DIVERSITY OF
24 OUR IMMIGRANT POPULATION AND, BY EXTENSION, HOW INTERSECTIONAL
25 IMMIGRATION ISSUES ARE WITH GENDER, CLASS, DISABILITY, SEXUAL

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1 ORIENTATION, AND RACE. ACCORDING TO THE BLACK ALLIANCE FOR
2 JUST IMMIGRATION, BLACK IMMIGRANTS ARE ONE OF THE FASTEST
3 GROWING DEMOGRAPHICS IN THE COUNTRY. IN L.A. COUNTY, OVER 70%
4 OF BLACK RESIDENTS ARE IMMIGRANTS. THESE IMMIGRANTS COME FROM
5 EAST AND WEST AFRICA, THE CARIBBEAN, CENTRAL AMERICA, AND
6 MEXICO, PRESENTING A HUGE CULTURAL AND LANGUAGE DIVERSITY.
7 JUST AS AFRICAN AMERICAN RESIDENTS FACE DISPROPORTIONATE
8 CRIMINALIZATION WITHIN OUR JUVENILE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
9 SYSTEM, BLACK IMMIGRANTS FACE DISPROPORTIONATE DETENTION AND
10 DEPORTATION WITHIN OUR IMMIGRATION SYSTEM, AS WELL. THEREFORE,
11 WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS MOTION, WHICH ASKS THE
12 OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS TO ASSESS, DEVELOP, AND IMPLEMENT
13 BETTER OUTREACH AND SERVICES FOR OUR BLACK IMMIGRANT
14 RESIDENTS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.

15
16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS THAT WISH TO BE
17 RECOGNIZED ON THIS ITEM? SEEING NONE, THIS MOTION IS BEFORE
18 US. IT IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECOND BY SUPERVISOR
19 KUEHL. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

20
21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 22 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR
22 MITCHELL.

23
24 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

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4 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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8 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

15

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

17

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

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20 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT, MOVING ON NOW TO ITEM NUMBER 23,
21 REMOVING BARRIERS TO AQUATICS PROGRAMMING FOR SENIORS AND
22 INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AT COUNTY SWIMMING POOLS, WHICH
23 WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND COAUTHORED BY SUPERVISOR
24 HAHN. SO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

25

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. ONCE AGAIN,
2 AS I HAVE SPOKEN ABOUT MANY YEARS PUBLIC SWIMMING SPACES IN
3 L.A. COUNTY EXCLUDED THE BLACK COMMUNITY BOTH INTENTIONALLY
4 AND AT TIMES UNINTENTIONALLY. AND AS A RESULT, GENERATIONS OF
5 BLACK RESIDENTS NEVER LEARNED TO SWIM. THAT'S NOT UNIQUE TO
6 L.A. COUNTY. THAT'S NATIONWIDE. BUT OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF
7 DECADES WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF PREVIOUS COUNTY SUPERVISORS,
8 THE COUNTY HAS SOUGHT TO CHANGE ITS COURSE AND PRIORITIZE
9 STRATEGIES FOR INCREASING ACCESS TO BLACK, BROWN, AND LOW
10 INCOME RESIDENTS AT COUNTY SWIMMING POOLS, PARTICULARLY IN THE
11 SECOND DISTRICT. BUT OUR AQUATICS PROGRAM STILL HAVE ROOM TO
12 GROW IN TERMS OF INCLUSIVITY, EQUITY, AND THE FULL FUNDING
13 NEEDED TO PROVIDE ACCESS FOR ALL. SO TODAY'S MOTION SEEKS TO
14 BUILD UPON THE COUNTY'S IMPORTANT WORK TO INCREASE ACCESS AND
15 AFFORDABILITY AT OUR POOLS, THIS TIME FOR SENIORS AND
16 INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES. EARLIER THIS YEAR, WE MADE SOME
17 CHANGES TO OUR AQUATICS PROGRAM FEES, AND THIS MOTION SEEKS TO
18 BUILD UPON THIS UPDATE WITH STRATEGIES TO ENSURE OUR PROGRAMS
19 REMAIN ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE FOR SENIORS ON FIXED INCOMES,
20 INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, AND THOSE WITH LIMITED INTERNET
21 ACCESS. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE VERY ACTIVE, TIGHT KNIT SENIOR
22 COMMUNITY AT JESSE OWENS POOL FOR RAISING THESE ISSUES AND FOR
23 WAVING AT ME WHEN I WENT TO VISIT THEM AT THEIR 6:00 A.M. AQUA
24 AEROBICS CLASS LAST WEEK BECAUSE THEY UNDERSTAND THAT ACCESS
25 TO THE SWIMMING POOL AND EQUITY IS IMPORTANT FOR EVERY

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1 COMMUNITY, INCLUDING THEIR OWN. I APPRECIATE YOU TAKING THE
2 TIME TO ENGAGE WITH MY STAFF AND THE PARK AND REC DEPARTMENT
3 TO HELP US FIND A SOLUTION THAT WILL OUTLAST ANY ONE BUDGET
4 CYCLE OR SUPERVISOR. I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR
5 JOINING IN, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE PARTNERSHIP TO CONTINUE
6 TO FIGURE OUT WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR AQUATICS AND RECREATIONS
7 PROGRAMS AND TO CONTINUE TO REMOVE BARRIERS FOR THOSE THAT
8 HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE HEALTH,
9 WELLNESS, AND RECREATION BENEFITS THAT THESE PROGRAMS PROVIDE,
10 THANK YOU.

11
12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU ARE
13 RECOGNIZED

14
15 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
16 MITCHELL. I HAVE GOT TO SAY FOR THIS ITEM, SECOND DISTRICT IS
17 THE BEST DISTRICT EVER TO BE TALKING ABOUT THESE ISSUES.
18 THAT'S THE DISTRICT I GREW UP IN. THAT'S IS THE DISTRICT MY
19 DAD REPRESENTED. AND YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT TO SET THE STAGE
20 HISTORICALLY THAT SO MANY AFRICAN AMERICANS WERE BANNED FROM
21 SWIMMING IN ALL WHITE SWIMMING POOLS. AND THAT WAS MY DAD'S
22 MISSION WAS TO BUILD MORE POOLS IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. I
23 THINK I PERSONALLY VISITED EVERY POOL THAT WAS BUILT THERE. I
24 WENT TO MANY OPENINGS OF POOLS IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, WHERE
25 MY DAD WOULD LET ALL THE KIDS JUMP IN AT THE OPENING OF THE

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1 POOL. IT WAS VERY MUCH SOMETHING THAT HE BELIEVED IN. BUT HE
2 ALSO BELIEVED IN, AND THAT'S WHAT I THINK YOU ARE DOING TODAY
3 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, IS WE'VE GOT TO MAKE THESE PROGRAMS
4 AFFORDABLE AND FREE, IF POSSIBLE. MY DAD BELIEVED THAT EVERY
5 KID GROWING UP IN L.A. COUNTY SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO FREE
6 SWIMMING LESSONS. AND I HAVE MET PEOPLE OVER THE YEARS WHO
7 HAVE COME UP TO ME AND SAID THEY LEARNED TO SWIM FOR FREE IN
8 ONE OF THE POOLS IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. AND THEY ARE MUCH
9 MORE THAT JUST PLACES TO COOL OFF, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE THAT TOO.
10 BUT THEY ARE PLACES FOR PEOPLE OF ALL DIFFERENT AGES, RACES,
11 AND ABILITIES, TO LEARN SWIMMING SCHOOLS, SOCIALIZE WITH THEIR
12 PEERS, AND GET IN SOME GOOD EXERCISE. AND THAT'S REALLY TRUE
13 FOR OUR SENIORS AND OUR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, MANY OF
14 WHOM ARE ALREADY TAKING PART IN THE YEAR ROUND PROGRAMS OUR
15 COUNTY POOLS OFFER, SUCH AS LAP SWIMS AND AQUA AEROBICS, BUT
16 I AIN'T GOING TO BE OUT THERE AT 6:00 A.M. WAVING AT ANYBODY.
17 BUT WITH THE MOTION THAT WE HAVE TODAY, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S
18 MOTION AND MY MOTION, IS TO MAKE SURE THAT THESE GROUPS CAN
19 KEEP ENJOYING THESE PROGRAMS, REGARDLESS OF THE THEIR
20 FINANCIAL STATUS. SO THE MOTION CALLS FOR CREATION OF A
21 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO READ IN THE FOLLOWING
22 AMENDMENT, I BELIEVE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL IS OKAY WITH THIS, IS
23 TO PUSH A LITTLE BIT FURTHER AND FIND OUT IF WE CAN MAKE THESE
24 PROGRAMS FREE. AND THE AMENDMENT READS: INSTRUCT THE C.E.O. TO
25 IDENTIFY FUNDING TO INCLUDE FREE OR DISCOUNTED WATER AEROBICS

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1 AND LAP SWIM AS AN AQUATIC CORE PROGRAM AT OUR YEAR ROUND AND
2 SEASONAL POOLS FOR SENIORS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. AND
3 THE GOAL IS TO CREATE A PROGRAM TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL OF OUR
4 SENIORS AND ALL OF OUR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES WILL BE
5 ABLE TO ENJOY OUR POOLS FOR FREE. AND I JUST FEEL LIKE IF WE
6 PUT THAT IN THIS MOTION, WE CAN REALLY GET FESIA, OUR C.E.O.,
7 TO JUST BEGIN LOOKING LONG TERM TO SEE IF SHE CAN IDENTIFY
8 FUNDING THAT WOULD MAKE THAT HAPPEN. AND I LIKE THE OTHER
9 THING IS WE'RE GOING TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO SIGN UP
10 FOR A SWIM CLASS. SOMETIMES, RIGHT NOW, IT IS NOT EASY FOR
11 SOME OF OUR SENIORS TO JUST HOP ONLINE AND BOOK A SWIM CLASS.
12 SO WE'RE GOING TO REALLY -- SO WE'RE GOING TO REEVALUATE THIS
13 ONLINE ONLY RESERVATION SYSTEM AND FIND A SOLUTION THAT GIVES
14 ACCESS TO EVERYONE EASIER. I REALLY WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT
15 TO OUR DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION. THANK YOU, NORMA.
16 WE KNOW YOU STRETCHED THIN FINANCIALLY. SO, AGAIN, I THINK OUR
17 AMENDMENT WILL RELY ON OUR C.E.O. TO HELP US IDENTIFY NEW AND
18 ONGOING FUNDING FOR THIS MOTION'S PROVISIONS IF IT PASSES.
19 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR CARRYING THIS FORWARD. IT
20 IS SO IMPORTANT, AND IT WILL MEAN A LOT TO SO MANY, NOT ONLY
21 ALL THE GREAT RESIDENTS OF THE SECOND DISTRICT, BUT TO ALL THE
22 COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

23
24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY COMMENTS FROM ANY MEMBERS?
25 ANY FURTHER COMMENTS?

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1

2 **SUP. MITCHELL:** MADAM CHAIR, IF I MAY. SINCE THIS IS CLEARLY
3 LET'S CHANGE SECOND DISTRICT MOTION DAY, I DO ACCEPT THIS
4 AMENDMENT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. I WOULD JUST SAY, I
5 THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE C.E.O. AND PARKS AND RECS TO BE
6 CLEAR, OF THE 60 POOLS IN L.A. COUNTY, THREE WERE INITIALLY
7 SLATED TO BE CLOSED AND HAVE SEVERE REDUCTION IN HOURS DUE TO
8 LACK OF FUNDING AND REDUCTION OF FUNDING IN PARKS AND REC. ALL
9 THREE OF THE POOLS WERE IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. SO WHILE I
10 COULD FULLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION, AND I -- AND, SUPERVISOR
11 HAHN'S AMENDMENT, I CANNOT AFFORD FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT
12 TO, YOU KNOW, TRUMP ALL OF OUR EFFORTS TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE
13 THREE POOLS IN THE SECOND DISTRICT DON'T CLOSE. I KNOW IT WAS
14 AN ISSUE OF FINDING LIFEGUARDS AND RESOURCES. SO I AM HOPING
15 THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO DO BOTH. AND SO I ASK THAT YOU
16 ALL SUPPORT THE MOTION AND THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. AND I WILL FIGHT FOR ANY POOL IN THE
19 SECOND DISTRICT AS LONG AS I LIVE.

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THE AMENDMENT IS ACCEPTED.
22 HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 23 AS AMENDED IS BEFORE US.
23 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. AND
24 SUPERVISOR HAHN, I JUST WANTED TO SAY, YOU CAN ALSO HELP ME
25 WITH ONE OF OUR AQUATIC POOLS IN MY DISTRICT.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY. I JUST DIDN'T GROW UP IN YOUR DISTRICT, BUT
3 OKAY. I WILL FIGHT FOR THOSE, TOO.

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, VERY GOOD. LET'S CALL THE ROLL, MADAM
6 EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

7

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

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

12

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

15

16 **SUP. KUEHL:** WHO ALSO GREW UP IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, AYE.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

21

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

23

24 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

25

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

2

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

4

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

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. MEMBERS, NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO
8 ITEMS 24-32. THESE ARE VARIOUS SECOND DISTRICT REWARD MOTIONS
9 THAT WERE HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,
10 YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK
13 YOU, COLLEAGUES, FOR INDULGING ME AND ALLOWING ME A MOMENT TO
14 SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT THESE REWARD MOTIONS. I KNOW THERE WAS
15 SOME QUESTION ABOUT WHY I WAS HOLDING THESE ITEMS, SO I HOPE
16 TO PROVIDE CLARIFICATION. I AM SADDENED TO ONCE AGAIN BRING
17 FORWARD SEVERAL REWARD MOTIONS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. AND OF
18 COURSE, I AM CLEAR, AND YOU ALL KNOW THAT I'M NOT THE ONLY
19 MEMBER TO BE PLACING A REWARD MOTION ON TODAY'S AGENDA BECAUSE
20 WE DO THIS ROUTINELY, AND ROUTINELY, THEY PASS ON CONSENT.
21 EACH OF OUR OFFICES HAS DONE SIGNIFICANT WORK TO HELP BRING
22 JUSTICE TO THESE VICTIMS AND THEIR LOVED ONES BY DRAWING MUCH-
23 NEEDED ATTENTION TO THEIR CASES, THEIR UNSOLVED CASES. I HAVE
24 CHOSE TO SPEAK ON THIS TODAY TO ASSURE THE FAMILIES THAT HAVE
25 LOST LOVED ONES TO SUCH SENSELESS VIOLENCE THAT THEY ARE NOT

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1 ALONE, AND WE SEE THEM, AND WE HEAR THEM. SOME OF THESE CASES
2 ARE SEVERAL YEARS OLD AND OTHERS REMAIN UNSOLVED DECADES AFTER
3 THE OPENING OF AN INVESTIGATION. THE PAIN OF WAITING SO LONG
4 FOR JUSTICE CAN BE IMMENSE AND UNBEARABLE. WHILE SO MUCH WORK
5 REMAINS TO BE DONE, FOR NOW, I SIMPLY WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE
6 PAIN AND GRIEF THESE FAMILIES HAVE SUFFERED. IT IS VERY
7 IMPORTANT THAT WE NOT BECOME DESENSITIZED TO THIS TRAGIC AND
8 HORRIFIC LOSS OF LIFE. SO AS IT HAS BECOME COMMON PRACTICE IN
9 MY COMMUNITY WHEN THERE'S A LOSS OF LIFE, YOU KNOW, AT THE
10 HANDS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT THAT WE WANT TO REMEMBER THOSE
11 PEOPLE, AND WE SAY, SAY THEIR NAME. I THINK IT IS ALSO GERMANE
12 TO THE PEOPLE AND FAMILY MEMBERS IN THIS INSTANCE, FAMILY
13 MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN LOST AT THE HANDS OF HORRIFIC VIOLENCE.
14 SO BRIEFLY, I WILL SAY THEIR NAME. KEJON WAYNE ATKINS, BOSTON
15 FARLEY, RICHARD WILLIAMS, ESTEPHAN HERNANDEZ, JUDY LAUVAI,
16 ERIN LAVENDAR, DALELAJA HEARN, CEDRIC HURD, DANAH ROJO-RIVAS,
17 JAMES HALEY, AND RICHARD ALLEN JEFFERSON, SR. THANK YOU VERY
18 MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

19
20 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ARE THERE ANY OTHER
21 MEMBERS THAT WISH TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THIS MATTER? HEARING NO
22 OTHER COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS, ITEMS 24-32 ARE BEFORE US. MOVED
23 BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO
24 APPROVE THE ITEMS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
25 ROLL.

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1

2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEMS 24-32 ARE BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR
3 MITCHELL?

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

6

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

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

11

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

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

15

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

17

18 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

19

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

21

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

23

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

25

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MEMBERS, NOW WE ARE GOING TO
2 TURN TO ITEM 36, ENSURING COORDINATED RESPONSE AND
3 NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY SEWAGE DISCHARGES, WHICH WAS HELD BY
4 SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I KNOW THE DAY IS LATE. BUT
7 THIS IS REALLY AN IMPORTANT ISSUE, AND I APPRECIATE US BEING
8 ABLE TO DISCUSS WHAT HAPPENED, AND I KNOW WE HAVE KEVIN
9 MCGOWEN, DR. FERRER, CHIEF BOITEUX, AND GARY JONES WILL BE ON
10 STANDBY. BOITEUX, I ALWAYS GET HIS NAME WRONG, CHIEF BOITEUX.
11 COLLEAGUES, WE HAVE A REPORT IN FRONT OF US TODAY, PREPARED AT
12 THE BOARD'S REQUEST BY CITYGATE ASSOCIATES. AND CITYGATE
13 ASSOCIATES IS THE SAME TEAM WHO PREPARED THE WOOLSEY AFTER
14 ACTION REPORT AND PROVIDED US WITH SUCH IMPORTANT INSIGHT
15 ABOUT HOW WE CAN IMPROVE OUR OWN RESPONSE AFTER THAT DISASTER.
16 AND THE REPORT IN FRONT OF US TODAY IS ABOUT THE DISASTROUS
17 SEWAGE RELEASE OUT OF THE HYPERION WATER TREATMENT PLANT THAT
18 STARTED THE AFTERNOON OF SUNDAY JULY 11TH AND CONTINUED INTO
19 THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF MONDAY JULY 12TH. DURING THAT TIME,
20 17 MILLION GALLONS OF RAW SEWAGE WERE RELEASED INTO THE OCEAN
21 RIGHT OFF THE COAST OF DOCKWEILER BEACH. AS THIS REPORT STATES
22 VERY CLEARLY, THIS INCIDENT WAS CONSIDERED BY OUR OWN L.A.
23 COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TEAM TO BE AN IMMEDIATE, QUOTE, AN
24 IMMEDIATE BEACH CLOSURE EVENT, CLOSE QUOTE. IMMEDIATE, IN THIS
25 CASE SHOULD HAVE MEANT 9:00 PM THE NIGHT OF SUNDAY JULY 11TH

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1 WHEN TWO ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH INSPECTORS ARRIVED ON THE SCENE
2 AT THE HYPERION PLANT. THE INSPECTORS WITNESSED HALF THE PLANT
3 BEING FLOODED WITH SEWAGE AND WERE TOLD DIRECTLY BY STAFF ON
4 SITE THAT THE PLANT WAS RELEASING SEWAGE INTO THE OCEAN. AND
5 YET, IT WAS NOT UNTIL MID-DAY ON JULY 12TH THAT THE FIRST
6 BEACH CLOSURE SIGNS WENT UP, AND IT WAS NOT UNTIL AFTER 5:30
7 PM THAT NEXT DAY, AFTER SUNDAY, THAT A PUBLIC ADVISORY WAS
8 RELEASED ABOUT THE INCIDENT. I'VE HEARD FROM SURFERS WHO WERE
9 IN THE WATER AT DOCKWEILER AND EL SEGUNDO THAT DAY THAT THEY
10 SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN. I HEARD FROM PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN WERE
11 AT A SWIM CAMP THAT MORNING AND SPENT THE DAY IN WHAT COULD
12 HAVE BEEN HARMFUL CONDITIONS. AND I DO SAY COULD HAVE BEEN
13 BECAUSE WE DID GET LUCKY, THE OCEAN WATER SAMPLES THAT PUBLIC
14 HEALTH HAS TESTED SINCE THE SPILL HAVE COME BACK WITHIN NORMAL
15 LEVELS. BUT EVEN NOW, THE SERIOUS FLOODING THAT OCCURRED AT
16 THE PLANT HAS RESULTED IN NEED OF MAJOR REPAIR AND
17 CONSTRUCTION. AND WHILE THESE REPAIRS ARE BEING MADE, FOUL
18 ODORS ARE EMITTED FROM THE HYPERION PLANT AND ARE MAKING LIFE
19 FOR THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORS IN EL SEGUNDO MISERABLE. THE
20 SMELL MANY DESCRIBE DESCRIBED AS PAINT PEALING, AND THEY HAVE
21 CALLED MY OFFICE, AND IT IS MAKING PEOPLE SICK, TERRIBLE
22 HEADACHES, CONTINUOUS VOMITING. I JUST WANT PEOPLE TO KNOW AT
23 THIS POINT THAT RESIDENTS IN EL SEGUNDO ARE BEING ALLOWED TO
24 BE RELOCATED TO HOTELS AND ARE BEING PROVIDED AIR CONDITIONING
25 THAT WILL BE REIMBURSED BY THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, AND JUST

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1 FOR EVERYBODY LISTENING, THIS HYPERION PLANT IS A CITY OF LOS
2 ANGELES FACILITY. AND WE DON'T EXACTLY HAVE CONTROL OVER THE
3 PLANT, BUT WE DO HAVE CONTROL OVER OUR OWN DEPARTMENT OF
4 PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, AND THAT IS GOING TO
5 BE WHAT I MOSTLY TALK ABOUT. THIS PLANT IS STILL NOT BACK TO
6 NORMAL. IT SUFFERED SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE DURING THE FLOODING, AS
7 THIS REPORT TALKS ABOUT. THAT MEANS OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
8 HEALTH NEEDS TO CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE SITUATION BY TESTING
9 THE WATER TO ENSURE IT IS STILL SAFE FOR SWIMMERS AND
10 MONITORING THE ODOR ISSUE SO THAT RESIDENTS CAN RETURN HOME.
11 WE NEED TO KNOW HOW THIS HAPPENED. L.A. SANITATION NEEDS TO
12 FIGURE OUT WHY THERE WAS SO MUCH DEBRIS ON A DRY DAY THAT IT
13 WAS ABLE TO OVERWHELM THIS PLANT. BUT WHAT WAS AT ISSUE TODAY
14 FOR ME IS THE FAILURE OF OUR OWN COUNTY DURING THIS EMERGENCY
15 TO CLOSE THE BEACHES AND KEEP THE PUBLIC SAFE FROM POTENTIALLY
16 DANGEROUS WATER. OUR FAILURE TO GET THAT DONE RAISED A LOT OF
17 QUESTIONS FOR ME, AND THE PUBLIC REALLY NEEDS TO KNOW SOME OF
18 OUR ANSWERS AND WHAT WE'RE DOING TO FIX THAT IN THE FUTURE.
19 THAT IS WHY I WANTED OUR BOARD TO DISCUSS THIS REPORT,
20 PUBLICLY, AND I'VE ASKED OUR DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF
21 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, KEVIN MCGOWEN AND CITYGATE'S PUBLIC
22 SAFETY PRINCIPAL, STEWART GARY, TO PRESENT THE FINDINGS AND
23 RECOMMENDATIONS. ONE OF THE REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS IS TO
24 PUBLISH A MORE DETAILED AFTER ACTION REPORT IN 30 DAYS. SO
25 TODAY, I AM FURTHER DIRECTING O.E.M. TO WORK WITH CITYGATE AND

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1 COMPLETE THAT REPORT. AFTER THEIR BRIEF PRESENTATION,
2 COLLEAGUES, I WILL BE POSING A FEW QUESTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT
3 HEADS WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THE RESPONSE, OUR PUBLIC HEALTH
4 DIRECTOR, OUR CHIEF LIFEGUARD, AND THE BEACHES AND HARBOR
5 DIRECTOR. SO I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS PRESENTATION WILL BE FIVE
6 MINUTES, SO IF AND MR. MR. MCGOWEN AND MR. GARY WANT TO DO THE
7 PRESENTATION NOW, THAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.

8

9 **KEVIN MCGOWAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. THIS IS KEVIN
10 MCGOWAN, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. THANK
11 YOU ALL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT TODAY. IN THE ASPECT OF
12 TIME MANAGEMENT, I AM JUST GOING TO CUT RIGHT TO AN
13 INTRODUCTION TO STEWART GARY. HE'S THE PUBLIC SAFETY PRINCIPAL
14 FOR CITYGATE ASSOCIATES. CITYGATE ASSOCIATES HAS AN EXTENSIVE
15 HISTORY WITH THE COUNTY ON CONDUCTING AFTER ACTION REPORTS,
16 SPECIFICALLY EMERGENCY AND INCIDENT-RELATED AFTER ACTION
17 REPORTS. WITH THAT, I WILL HAND IT OVER TO STEWART TO PRESENT
18 ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND FINDINGS THEY FOUND FROM THE SEVEN
19 DAY REPORT AND THEN PROVIDE A BRIEF UPDATE ON THE ROAD MAP
20 MOVING FORWARD ON THE NEXT 30 DAYS. SO WITH THAT, STU, THE
21 FLOOR IS YOURS.

22

23 **STEWART GARY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
24 IN BRIEF, IN THE FIRST WEEK AND A HALF SINCE THE INCIDENT, WE
25 WERE ABLE TO COLLECT INFORMATION AND INTERVIEW THE SIX

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1 PRINCIPAL PARTICIPANT AGENCIES. WE'RE PLEASED TO SAY EVEN
2 UNLIKE OTHER AFTER ACTION REVIEWS, THIS TIME WE WERE PROVIDED
3 TRANSPARENT FULL DISCLOSURE WITHOUT THE HESITATION OR THE NEED
4 TO GET BACK TO US. THAT'S BOTH COUNTY AGENCIES AND THE PLANT.
5 THERE WAS NOTHING OTHER THAN AN ADMISSION AND AN APOLOGY THAT
6 THE SYSTEM DID NOT WORK AND MEET THE PUBLIC'S NEEDS IN THIS
7 SITUATION. OUR KEY FINDINGS WERE THAT THE DELAYS TO THE PUBLIC
8 AND THE BEACH FRONTAGE SYSTEM, SUNDAY EVENING AND INTO EARLY
9 MORNING, WHEN THE COUNTY'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM WAS
10 NOT EFFECTIVE DUE TO MULTIPLE COINCIDENCES, MANAGER
11 RETIREMENTS LACKING SUCCESSION PLANNING, TRAINING, UPDATED
12 S.O.P.S AND BACKUP CHECKLISTS. EARLY MONDAY MORNING THROUGH
13 MID-AFTERNOON, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MANAGERS WERE PLAYING
14 CATCH UP TO VERIFY THE FRAGMENTED INFORMATION THEY DID HAVE.
15 IN FOLLOW UP INTERVIEWS, AS THE SUPERVISORS ALREADY STATED,
16 EVERYONE KNEW A SPILL OF THAT SIZE WAS AN IMMEDIATE CLOSURE
17 EVENT, AND THE PUBLIC MAY NOT REALIZE THAT IT TAKES 24 HOURS
18 TO GET BIOLOGY TEST SAMPLES BACK. WE CONCLUDED, MUCH LIKE
19 WOOLSEY, THE LESSONS LEARNED ARE GOING TO INCLUDE SILOED
20 OPERATIONS, SINGLE POINTS OF FAILURE DEPENDENT UPON ONE HUMAN
21 WITH THE PRIOR TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE BEING TECHNICALLY
22 AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND TO COME UP WITH DIRECTIONS
23 TO STAFF, NO USE OF THE INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM. WE BELIEVE
24 THE PLANT NOTIFICATION PROCESS, WHILE IT MET REGULATORY
25 REQUIREMENTS TO NOTIFY CALIFORNIA O.E.S., WHO NOTIFIED THE

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1 COUNTY'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH SERVICES
2 AGENCIES, THE PROCESS SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE AN IMMEDIATE
3 PARALLEL NOTIFICATION TO THE LOCAL CITY AND COUNTY
4 STAKEHOLDERS, AND WE WILL HAVE SEVERAL RECOMMENDATIONS ON
5 EXACTLY WHAT THE PROCESS COULD LOOK LIKE BETWEEN THE PLANT AND
6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT. ONCE THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ARE ENGAGED,
7 THEY SHOULD USE THE INCIDENT RESPONSE SYSTEM AND PRINCIPALS
8 WITH THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AS WELL AS THE HEALTH
9 DEPARTMENT BEING AT THE HUB. FOUR KEY RECOMMENDATIONS, THE
10 NOTIFICATIONS PROCESS IN OUR OPINION NEEDS A TIERED ALERT
11 SYSTEM TO DENOTE SEVERITY FROM VERY MINOR TO WE ARE NOW
12 RELEASING, WE ARE IN THE MOST SEVERE STATE POSSIBLE. THAT
13 NEEDS TO INCLUDE ACTIVE COMMUNICATIONS AND JOINT PUBLIC
14 INFORMATION RELEASES THROUGH THE UNIFIED INCIDENT MANAGEMENT
15 TEAM, PROCEDURES IN THE HEALTH AGENCY NEEDS TO BE UPDATED TO
16 PREVENT SINGLE POINT OF FAILURE BY ONE PERSON OR TECHNOLOGY
17 NOTIFICATION FAILURE. IN THE NEXT FOUR WEEKS, WE WILL BE
18 WORKING WITH BOTH THE AGENCIES AND THE PLANT TO ESTABLISH SOME
19 NEW INTER-AGENCY STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES AND TO
20 ENCOURAGE THE WHOLE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INCIDENT COMMAND
21 SYSTEM AND THE USE OF THE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNIT AS
22 THE HUB OF THE WHEEL. WE ARE STILL CONDUCTING FOLLOW UP
23 INTERVIEWS THIS WEEK AND NEXT YEAR. WE ARE STILL OBTAINING
24 ELECTRONIC INCIDENT RECORDS FROM ALL OF THE PARTICIPANTS, SO
25 IT WILL BE A FEW MORE WEEKS BEFORE WE CAN WRITE A DETAILED

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1 TIMELINE AND TAKE THESE BROAD RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTIONABLE
2 SPECIFICS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

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

5

6 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY, THANK YOU FOR THAT OVERVIEW OF THE REPORT. SO
7 THE FIRST QUESTIONS I'M GOING TO HAVE ARE FOR DR. FERRER. DR.
8 FERRER, I READ THE REPORT, AND I URGE MY BOARD MEMBERS TO READ
9 A REPORT. WE HAVE SO MUCH READING, BUT THE REPORT IS REALLY
10 VERY DETAILED ON SORT OF WHAT WENT WRONG. I HAVE READ IT. MY
11 STAFF HAS READ IT, AND MY QUESTIONS ARE BASED CLEARLY ON THE
12 ASSUMPTION THAT YOU HAVE READ THE REPORT, TOO, DR. FERRER. THE
13 FIRST THING, IN READING THIS REPORT, I LEARNED THAT AT 8:11 PM
14 ON SUNDAY JULY 11TH, YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TEAM RECEIVED
15 AN EMERGENCY SPILL ALERT FROM THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF
16 EMERGENCY SERVICE THAT A MASSIVE DISCHARGE HAD OCCURRED. THIS
17 EMAIL WAS FORWARDED TO THE ON-CALL STRIKE TEAM AT 8:24 PM, AND
18 TWO INSPECTORS ARRIVED AT THE PLANT AT APPROXIMATELY 9:30 PM.
19 THE INSPECTORS WERE AWARE THAT A MAJOR INCIDENT WAS UNDER WAY,
20 SAW SIGNIFICANT FLOODING IN THE PLANT AND REPORTED WHAT THEY
21 SAW TO THEIR TEAM'S SUPERVISOR AND ANOTHER INSPECTOR IN THE
22 RECREATION WATERS PROGRAM. ONE OF THE KEY FINDINGS OF THIS
23 REPORT IS THAT THE PERSON RECEIVING THOSE AFTER-HOURS CALL
24 FROM THE FIELD INSPECTORS, AS THE REPORT SAID, A SECOND OR
25 THIRD LEVEL CHOICE, NOT TRAINED ENOUGH FOR THE ROLE, AND THEN

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1 WAS ABSENT FOR CRITICAL HOURS, ALL LATE NOTIFICATIONS THEY
2 DETERMINED STEM FROM THIS SINGLE POINT OF FAILURE. SO MY
3 QUESTION IS WHY WAS THIS, AS THEY REFERRED TO IT, SECOND OR
4 THIRD LEVEL CHOICE PERSON ON DUTY AS THE SUPERVISOR THAT
5 NIGHT?

6

7 **DR. FERRER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR, AND I WANT TO START
8 BY APOLOGIZING, BOTH TO THE BOARD AND TO THE PUBLIC FOR OUR
9 FAILURES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN RESPONDING
10 APPROPRIATELY TO THIS REALLY DISASTROUS INCIDENT. THERE AREN'T
11 ANY EXCUSES. THERE WERE MULTIPLE FAILURES. MOST OF THEM HAVE
12 ALREADY BEEN FIXED. I ALSO WANT TO THANK CITYGATE ASSOCIATES,
13 THEIR COUNSEL AND ADVICE ON IMMEDIATELY MAKING SOME
14 CORRECTIONS WE'VE TAKEN AND WILL CONSIDER. I MEAN, WE WILL
15 CONTINUE TO IMPLEMENT ALL OF THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS. THERE WERE
16 LOTS OF FAILURES, INCLUDING THE ONE YOU NOTED, WHERE THE
17 PERSON WHO WAS RESPONDING AFTER HOURS, AND THIS IS AN ON-CALL
18 SCHEDULE ASSIGNMENT, FAILED TO PROCESS THIS CONCERN THAT WAS
19 RAISED APPROPRIATELY. SO THERE ARE TRAINING ISSUES THAT WE ARE
20 IMPROVING. WE ARE ALSO CREATING A DIFFERENT LEVEL OF ON-CALL
21 SUPERVISION AND SUPPORT, MAKING SURE THAT NOW OUR FULL BRANCH
22 DIRECTORS ARE ROTATING ON CALL, SO THERE IS REDUNDANCY, AND
23 THERE CAN NEVER BE A FAILURE LIKE THIS AGAIN. I DON'T THINK IT
24 HELPS THE PEOPLE WHO POTENTIALLY COULD HAVE BEEN VERY HURT BY
25 THIS FAILURE, EXCEPT FOR US TO APOLOGIZE SINCERELY FOR THE

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1 FAILURES AND TO NOTE THAT WE HAVE A LONG LIST OF -- BASED ON
2 THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CITYGATE AND FROM OUR OWN INTERNAL
3 REVIEW ABOUT CHANGES THAT ARE BEING MADE. THESE INCLUDE
4 IMPROVING THE TRAINING FOR THE STRIKE TEAM, SO THEY ARE ALSO
5 ABLE TO STAY ON TOP OF THE ISSUE. HERE, WE HAD THE STRIKE TEAM
6 REFERRING TO THE RECREATIONAL WATERS PROGRAM, BUT IN FACT OUR
7 STRIKE TEAM ARE OUR MOST WELL-TRAINED FOLKS, CROSS-TRAINED ON
8 ALL KINDS OF ISSUES, AND THIS WEEK THEY ARE ALSO CROSS-TRAINED
9 ON ADDRESSING WATER SAFETY, REQUIRING THE LEVEL OF
10 COMMUNICATION WITH THE DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE
11 PROGRAM AS NOTED BY CITYGATE THAT LEVELS ALL URGENT RESPONSE
12 NEEDS SO THAT THERE IS NO LONGER ANY POSSIBILITY THAT THIS
13 GETS STUCK SOMEWHERE IN OUR VERY LARGE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
14 TEAM WITHOUT IT IMMEDIATELY GETTING ELEVATED TO THE MANAGEMENT
15 LEVEL FOR SCRUTINY AND TO ENSURE AN APPROPRIATE RESPONSE. WE
16 ARE ALSO WORKING, AGAIN, THE SECOND ISSUE THAT YOU DIDN'T YET
17 POINT OUT, BUT I KNOW THAT CITYGATE DID, IS THE TIME -- FROM
18 THE TIME OUR MANAGERS DID KNOW THAT SOMETHING WAS SERIOUSLY
19 WRONG AND THAT THE BEACHES NEEDED TO BE CLOSED, IT TOOK US
20 FIVE HOURS TO ACTUALLY EXECUTE ON THAT CLOSURE. THAT IS
21 COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE AS WELL. IT WON'T EVER HAPPEN AGAIN.
22 RETRAINING BOTH OUR COMMUNICATIONS TEAM AND OUR ENVIRONMENTAL
23 TEAM ON WHAT THE APPROPRIATE OPERATING PROCEDURES ARE. AND --
24

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** DR. FERRER, MAYBE YOU COULD LET ME JUST ASK A
2 QUESTION. I DID WANT YOU TO HAVE MY QUESTIONS BEFOREHAND TO
3 MAKE SURE YOU WERE PREPARED. AND LET ME JUST SAY, THANK YOU
4 FOR THE APOLOGY. I THINK THAT JUST GOES A LONG WAY TO THE
5 PUBLIC. AND LET ME ALSO SAY, I MEANT TO SAY IN MY OPEN
6 REMARKS, THAT CITYGATE ALSO MENTION IN THEIR REPORT THAT THEY
7 FOUND OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH COMPLETELY COOPERATIVE,
8 YOU KNOW, NOT DEFENSIVE, AND RETURNED PHONE CALLS, EMAILS.
9 THEY EVEN SAID NOT ONCE DID YOU SAY LET ME GET BACK TO YOU. SO
10 THEY REALLY PRAISED YOU FOR BEING COOPERATIVE, BUT IF YOU WILL
11 JUST LET ME ASK THESE QUESTIONS, JUST SO I CAN KEEP -- KEEP,
12 KIND OF, STRAIGHT.

13

14 **DR. FERRER:** SURE.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THEY POINTED OUT WAS THAT
17 THE INSPECTORS, RIGHT, THAT GOT A HOLD OF THE TEAM'S
18 SUPERVISORS ASSURED THAT NOTHING MORE FROM THE PLANT WAS
19 NEEDED FROM THEM. AND AT THIS POINT, IT WAS A MAJOR INCIDENT.
20 I THINK ANYBODY COULD HAVE BEEN STANDING IN LIKE KNEE-DEEP
21 WASTE AND SEWAGE AND WATER IN THE PLANT AND NOT RECOGNIZE THAT
22 SOMETHING BAD WAS HAPPENING. DO YOU THINK THE FRONTLINE
23 INSPECTORS WERE TRAINED TO RECOGNIZE AND RESPOND TO AN
24 EMERGENCY LIKE THIS ONE? DO YOU THINK THEY WERE TRAINED TO

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1 RECOGNIZE IMMEDIATE BEACH CLOSURE EVENT, WHICH, AFTER THE
2 FACT, YOU ALL SAID IT CLEARLY WAS?

3

4 **DR. FERRER:** YEAH, AGAIN, I AM NOT SURE THAT OUR STRIKE TEAM,
5 WHICH REALLY IS ONE OF THE BEST I THINK IN THE COUNTRY AT
6 RESPONDING TO THE MYRIAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH THREATS HAS
7 THE ADEQUATE TRAINING, AND THAT'S WHY THEY ARE ALL GETTING
8 TRAINED NOW IN UNDERSTANDING BETTER WATER EMERGENCIES. THIS
9 IS THE ONE AREA WHERE THEY RELIED VERY HEAVILY ON THE STAFF AT
10 THE RECREATION WATERS PROGRAM. IT IS REALLY THE ONLY AREA, BUT
11 THIS WEEK THEY WERE CROSS-TRAINED, INCLUDING BEING ABLE TO
12 TAKE SAMPLES THEMSELVES AND NOT WAIT FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO SHOW
13 UP TO TAKE WATER SAMPLES.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT, EXCELLENT. AND IT ALSO SHOWED THAT THEY HAD
16 A TROUBLE OF GETTING A HOLD OF SOMEONE AT THE RECREATIONAL
17 WATER QUALITY PROGRAM, WHO WOULD HAVE BEEN THE ONES TO CLOSE,
18 TO DECIDE TO CLOSE THAT BEACH. WHY DO YOU THINK THEY HAD
19 TROUBLE GETTING A HOLD OF SOMEONE IN THE RECREATIONAL WATER
20 PROGRAM THAT NIGHT?

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** I THINK AS CITYGATE NOTED, WE DIDN'T HAVE
23 REDUNDANCY BUILT INTO THE SYSTEM, AND WE DIDN'T HAVE OUR TEAM
24 APPROPRIATELY TRAINED TO ELEVATE. SO REALLY IN ANY KIND OF
25 EMERGENCY, IF YOU DON'T GET A HOLD OF THE FIRST PERSON YOU ARE

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1 SUPPOSED TO CONTACT, YOU GOT TO GO TO THE SECOND PERSON AND
2 THEN TO THE THIRD PERSON EVEN. I MEAN, AND THAT IS WHY I AM
3 SAYING, FROM NOW ON, THE BRANCH DIRECTORS ARE ROTATING 24 HOUR
4 ON-CALL, SO THAT IT IS NEVER LIKE THERE IS NOBODY PREPARED TO
5 TAKE THAT CALL, THERE'S NOBODY AWARE THAT THEY ARE ON CALL AT
6 A HIGHER LEVEL. WE NEED. AT OUR HIGHEST LEVELS, TO HAVE
7 PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, THAT CAN MANAGE
8 THESE EMERGENCIES, SO THAT IF THERE'S A FAILURE WITH THE
9 FIRST RESPONDER, YOU'RE NOT JUST WAITING FOR SOMEONE TO CALL
10 YOU BACK, OR NOT HAVING ANYBODY CALL YOU BACK AT ALL. SO WE
11 WANT THE TEAM BOTH TRAINED ABOUT HOW TO ESCALATE ON THE CALLS
12 TO MAKE SURE YOU REACH SOMEBODY BOTH ON THE CALLS AND, YOU
13 KNOW, I THINK IT WAS NOTED BY CITYGATE AS WELL, BEING RELYING
14 A LOT ON AN EMAIL SYSTEM, THAT IS ANOTHER FAILURE. THERE ARE
15 OPERATING PROCEDURES THAT NEEDED TO GET FIXED. WE HAVE TO --
16 PEOPLE HAVE TO BE ABLE TO CALL, BUT IN ORDER FOR THE CALLS TO
17 WORK, YOU ACTUALLY HAVE TO HAVE A CALL SYSTEM THAT IS SET UP
18 WHERE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND, THEY KNOW THEY
19 ARE ON FOR THAT, YOU KNOW, OVERNIGHT SHIFT IN PARTICULAR. AND
20 THEN YOU, AS THE PERSON DOING THE REPORTING, OR AS THE FIRST
21 RESPONDER ON THE SCENE, CAN ESCALATE IF YOU ARE NOT GETTING A
22 RESPONSE FROM THE FIRST PERSON YOU HAVE BEEN TOLD TO CONNECT
23 TO.

24

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I THINK ONE OF THE OTHER BIG ISSUES WAS ONCE
2 THE DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP FOUND OUT ABOUT THIS INCIDENT KIND
3 OF MID-DAY MONDAY, THERE WAS I'M SURE A SCRAMBLE FOR
4 INFORMATION. A LOT OF AGENCIES BEGAN TO GET INVOLVED,
5 DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS, COUNTY LIFEGUARDS, L.A.
6 CITY SANITATION, THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO ALL WITH DIFFERENT
7 PIECES OF INFORMATION. I KNOW I WAS HAVING A VERY DIFFICULT
8 TIME GETTING TO THE TRUTH OF WHAT HAPPENED. AND I AM WONDERING
9 WHY THE INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM WASN'T ACTIVATED, WHICH WOULD
10 HAVE INITIATED THE COUNTY-WIDE COORDINATION AND RESPONSE
11 SYSTEMS FOR AN INCIDENT LIKE THIS.

12

13 **DR. FERRER:** I THINK, AGAIN, HERE IS SOMETHING WE HAVE TO
14 CHANGE IN THE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES, BUT BECAUSE WE
15 USUALLY DO BEACH CLOSURES AS PART OF THE NORMAL RESPONSE
16 PROCESS, AND WE'VE NEVER HAD AN INCIDENT, FRANKLY, OF THIS
17 MAGNITUDE IN THE COUNTY, WE DIDN'T HAVE THE RIGHT OPERATING
18 PROCEDURE THERE THAT WOULD INSIST THAT THIS GET ELEVATED SO
19 THAT YOU COULD HAVE ACTIVATION OF THE INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM.
20 AND IN THIS SITUATION, IF WE HAD BEEN BETTER ABOUT MAKING SURE
21 WE WERE APPROPRIATELY NOTIFYING PEOPLE EARLY ON, I THINK THE
22 CITY OF L.A. WOULD HAVE INITIATED I.C.S. AS PART OF THEIR
23 RESPONSE, SINCE IT REALLY DID INVOLVE, AS YOU NOTED, MULTIPLE
24 CITY, COUNTY, AND STATE AGENCIES, BUT AGAIN, THE FAILURE IS ON
25 OUR PART HERE. I DON'T WANT ANYBODY TO READ THIS AS SOME OTHER

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1 DEPARTMENT SHOULD HAVE STOOD UP I.C.S. IN THE ABSENCE OF US
2 ELEVATING THIS IN A TIMELY WAY. THAT IS WHY I.C.S. DIDN'T GET
3 STOOD UP BY THE CITY OR THE COUNTY. IT WASN'T LIKE THOSE
4 DEPARTMENTS WERE SOMEHOW NEGLIGENT. IT WAS OUR INABILITY TO
5 ACTUALLY RESPOND APPROPRIATELY FROM THE GET-GO THAT REALLY
6 AGAIN CONTRIBUTED TO THE FAILURE THEN ON THE COORDINATED
7 RESPONSE.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** UH-HUH. I KNOW WE ARE ALL OBVIOUSLY SYMPATHETIC TO
10 PEOPLE WHO GET ILL. EMPLOYEES ARE ALLOWED TO GET ILL AND NOT
11 SHOW UP TO WORK, BUT IT WAS INTERESTING THAT THIS REPORT
12 POINTED OUT THAT ONE OF THE PEOPLE THAT THE INSPECTORS
13 REPORTED TO ON SUNDAY NIGHT ACTUALLY FELL ILL AND DID NOT END
14 UP REPORTING TO WORK MONDAY MORNING. AND ON MONDAY MORNING,
15 THIS 17 MILLION GALLON SEWAGE SPILL WAS SURPRISINGLY NOT THE
16 FOCUS OF THE LEADERSHIP OF TEAMS IN YOUR DEPARTMENT, ALL THE
17 MEETINGS, ALL THE EMAILS, IT WAS BARELY MENTIONED. DO YOU
18 THINK THERE IS ANY CONNECTION WITH THAT SUPERVISOR NOT SHOWING
19 UP FOR WORK, OR BEING ILL, AND, YOU KNOW --

20

21 **DR. FERRER:** I TOTALLY THINK THERE'S A CONNECTION, BUT I THINK
22 MORE APPROPRIATELY, IS AN INCIDENT OF THIS MAGNITUDE SHOULD
23 HAVE GONE TO A BRANCH DIRECTOR IMMEDIATELY. LIKE IN OTHER
24 WORDS, THE STRIKE TEAM SHOULD NOT HAVE LEFT WITHOUT REACHING
25 ONE OF OUR BRANCH DIRECTORS, WHICH MEANS THAT IT WOULD

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1 AUTOMATICALLY HAVE BEEN RAISED AT THE EARLY MORNING MEETING,
2 THE DAILY EARLY MORNING MEETINGS. SO AGAIN, WE DIDN'T HAVE THE
3 RIGHT REDUNDANCY BUILT IN, AND WE ALSO DIDN'T HAVE THE RIGHT
4 PEOPLE NOTIFIED OF A, YOU KNOW, OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER
5 EVENT.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN:** DO YOU REMEMBER OR DO YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHAT TIME
8 YOUR DEPARTMENT DECIDED TO CLOSE THE BEACHES?

9

10 **DR. FERRER:** WHAT I HAVE BEEN TOLD IS THE BEACHES BEGAN TO BE
11 CLOSED BY OUR TEAM AT AROUND NOON THAT DAY. BUT IT WASN'T -- I
12 THINK AT ABOUT 11:00 WE STARTED POSTING THE BEACH CLOSURE
13 SIGNS. AT 1:00, THE NOTIFICATION WENT TO THE LIFEGUARDS AND TO
14 BEACHES AND HARBOR, BUT EVERYONE NOTED APPROPRIATELY THAT IT
15 WASN'T UNTIL 5:30 THAT THERE ACTUALLY WAS THE ADVISORY SENT
16 OUT TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH OUR MEDIA CHANNELS. AND AGAIN, THERE
17 IS NO EXCUSE FOR THIS. IT WAS JUST MULTIPLE FAILURE ON TOP OF
18 MULTIPLE FAILURE THAT IT TOOK US THAT LONG. AND AS I NOTED
19 EARLIER, THERE ARE TWO AREAS, BIG AREAS, WHERE THERE WERE
20 FAILURES, AND ONE OF THEM WAS THIS COMMUNICATION TO THE
21 PUBLIC. WE NEEDED TO CLOSE THE BEACH RIGHT AWAY, THOSE
22 BEACHES, BUT IF YOU CLOSE THEM, NOBODY KNOWS YOU CLOSED THEM
23 UNLESS YOU DO THE APPROPRIATE COMMUNICATION. SO IN BOTH AREAS,
24 THERE WAS A FAILURE ON THE PART OF THIS DEPARTMENT.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** YES, I APPRECIATE YOU ADMITTING THAT BECAUSE WE
2 WERE FRUSTRATED. I BELIEVE IT WAS MY TWEET AT 2:30 OR
3 SOMETHING THAT FINALLY WAS NOTIFYING THE PUBLIC THAT THERE HAD
4 BEEN A MAJOR SPILL AND THAT WE KNEW THIS MANY GALLONS WERE IN
5 THE OCEAN. BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE -- ONE OF MY QUESTIONS WAS GOING
6 TO BE WHAT ACTIONS ARE YOU UNDERTAKING TO IMPROVE THIS. IT
7 SOUNDS LIKE YOU ARE TAKING A PRETTY DEEP DIVE AND REALLY
8 LOOKING AT THIS INCIDENT AND ALREADY IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU ARE
9 PUTTING IN CORRECTIVE ACTIONS WITHIN YOUR DEPARTMENT, AND I
10 AGREE. HOPEFULLY, THIS IS A ONCE IN A LIFETIME EVENT. AGAIN, I
11 THINK WE DODGED THE BULLET A LITTLE BIT AS, SO FAR, THE
12 TESTINGS FOR THE BEACH HAVE COME BACK WITHIN NORMAL LEVELS BUT
13 REALLY THE THOUGHT OF 17 MILLION GALLONS OF RAW SEWAGE GOING
14 OUT IN THAT ONE MILE PIPE, NOT EVEN THE FIVE MILE PIPE REALLY
15 CAUSED ME GREAT ALARM. AND I DO KNOW THE AFTER EFFECTS FOR THE
16 CITY OF EL SEGUNDO HAVE BEEN HORRENDOUS, AND I AM HOPING YOUR
17 DEPARTMENT WILL WORK WITH THE RESIDENTS JUST IN TERMS OF THE
18 ODOR AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS THAT SOMETHING MIGHT JUST
19 VERY, VERY STRONG ODOR CAN HAVE ON SOMEONE'S WELL BEING. AND I
20 WILL SAY I ALSO APPRECIATE YOU, I KNOW YOU WERE THERE. YOU
21 WERE GOING DOOR TO DOOR ON SATURDAY TRYING TO GET PEOPLE
22 VACCINATED WHEN I TRIED TO REACH YOU, YOU KNOW, TO SAY COULD
23 YOU CONTINUE TO TEST THE WATERS BECAUSE I HAVE HEARD FROM THE
24 MAYOR OF EL SEGUNDO THAT THAT TERTIARY UNIT, WHICH IS THAT
25 FINAL UNIT BEFORE THE WATER IS RELEASED INTO THE OCEAN DIDN'T

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1 LOOK AS CLEAR AS IT WAS. AND WE ARE ALL CONCERNED, DR. FERRER,
2 THAT THE EQUIPMENT HAS NOT BEEN BACK UP AND RUNNING. THAT
3 PLANT IS NOT AT 100 PERCENT, AND WE ARE WORRIED AT THE ABILITY
4 OF IT TO TREAT SEWAGE IN A WAY, AND CLEARLY ITS ODOR
5 SUPPRESSORS HAVE BEEN BROKEN. THE WHOLE PLANT WAS FLOODED. THE
6 EQUIPMENT WAS COMPROMISED, SO I AM STILL REALLY CONCERNED
7 ABOUT OUR PUBLIC'S HEALTH IN THE WATER AND IN SURROUNDING
8 COMMUNITY OF EL SEGUNDO. SO I APPRECIATED YOU SAYING
9 ABSOLUTELY YOUR TEAM WILL CONTINUE TO TEST, AND I GUESS I
10 WOULD JUST ASK AND MAKE SURE WE KNOW THE RESULTS OF THOSE
11 TESTS AND SO NOT ONLY THE CITY BUT ANY OF THOSE WHO WILL BE
12 VISITING OUR BEACHES WILL KNOW THE RESULTS OF YOUR TESTS.

13

14 **DR. FERRER:** THAT'S A GREAT SUGGESTION, SUPERVISOR. WE DO
15 RELEASE THOSE TEST RESULTS PUBLICLY, BUT WE DON'T TARGET THE
16 BEACH COMMUNITY. SO I WILL WORK WITH OUR TEAM TO MAKE SURE WE
17 ARE DOING THAT. I HAVE ALSO ASKED OUR TEAM TO GO DO SOME DOOR
18 TO DOOR OUTREACH STARTING TOMORROW, JUST TO LET RESIDENTS KNOW
19 WHERE THEY CAN REPORT CONTINUED BAD ODORS, THE OFFERING FROM
20 THE CITY OF L.A. TO HELP WITH THE MITIGATION AGAINST THAT, AND
21 ALSO JUST TO KNOW HOW TO GET A HOLD OF OUR TEAM TO REPORT
22 COMPLAINTS AND PROBLEMS. SO THEY ARE ALREADY STARTING TOMORROW
23 WITH THAT DOOR TO DOOR TO THE RESIDENTS IN THE SURROUNDING
24 AREAS, AGAIN, WITH OUR APOLOGIES FOR REALLY INADEQUATE
25 RESPONSE. AND NO EXCUSES.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, DR. FERRER. I APPRECIATE THAT, AND THIS
3 WILL BE GOOD FOR ALL OF US GOING FORWARD ON SHORING UP OUR --
4 ALL OF OUR SYSTEMS IN EACH AND EVERY ONE OF OUR DEPARTMENTS TO
5 RESPOND TO A MAJOR DISASTER. SO THANK YOU FOR THAT. I
6 APPRECIATE YOUR RESPONSE TO THIS, DR. FERRER. I THINK THAT
7 MEANS A LOT TO THE PUBLIC. LET ME JUST QUICKLY GO TO GARY
8 JONES AND THEN QUICKLY GO TO CHIEF BOITEUX. GARY, THE REPORT
9 SAYS THE DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS WAS NOTIFIED ABOUT
10 A SEWAGE SPILL AT ABOUT 7:00 PM ON SUNDAY EVENING, WHERE
11 SEWAGE WAS SPILLING INTO THE PARKING LOT AND DID NOT REACH THE
12 BEACH. CAN YOU TELL ME A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT YOUR DEPARTMENT
13 KNEW ABOUT THE PROBLEM AT THAT POINT AND WHY YOU DIDN'T NOTIFY
14 THE LIFEGUARDS?

15

16 **GARY JONES:** YES, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. WE BECAME AWARE
17 THAT SUNDAY EVENING AROUND 7:00 THAT SEWAGE WAS BEING
18 DISCHARGED AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE DOCKWEILER PARKING LOT ON
19 THE IMPERIAL HIGHWAY ENTRANCE, COMING TO THE GATE IN THE
20 MEDIAN AT THE FRONTAGE. THE DISCHARGE WAS PLUMMETING IN AND
21 AROUND THAT AREA, AND ALSO SOME OF IT WAS FLOWING DOWN TOWARDS
22 THE PARKING ENTRANCE KIOSK AND DOWN ALONG THE CURB TOWARDS THE
23 BEACH PARKING LOT. WE WERE ABLE, THROUGH OUR CONTRACTOR, AND
24 ALSO WORKING WITH THE CITY CONTRACTED TO CONTAIN THAT
25 DISCHARGE BEFORE IT REACHED THE BEACH. AND BY EARLY MORNING OF

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1 THE MONDAY, IT HAD BEEN FULLY CONTAINED AND CLEANED. WE DID
2 NOT NOTIFY THE LIFEGUARDS BECAUSE IT HADN'T TOUCHED ANY AREA
3 OF THE BEACH, AND WE FELT THAT WE HAD DEALT WITH AN ISOLATED
4 INCIDENT.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, I KNOW BECAUSE THAT IS ONE OF THE FIRST
7 REPORTS I GOT WAS SORT OF LIKE, FOR LACK OF A BETTER WORD, YOU
8 GUYS KIND OF USED A SHOP VAC DOWN THERE RIGHT TO LIKE GET IT
9 UP. AND YOU WERE -- THE GOOD NEWS YOU WERE REPORTING WAS IT
10 HADN'T REACHED THE BEACH, RIGHT, YOU CONTAINED IT IN THE
11 PARKING LOT. WHEN DID BEACHES AND HARBORS BECOME AWARE THAT 17
12 MILLION GALLONS OF SEWAGE HAD BEEN DISCHARGED?

13

14 **GARY JONES:** THAT WAS ON THE MONDAY EARLY AFTERNOON I THINK IN
15 THE ONGOING CONVERSATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS THAT WERE TAKING
16 PLACE WITH US AND LIFEGUARDS AND ALSO WITH YOUR OFFICE,
17 SUPERVISOR. SO THAT IS WHEN WE BECAME AWARE OF THE 17 MILLION
18 GALLON NUMBER.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** SO IN YOUR MIND, YOU THOUGHT IT WAS JUST SORT OF A
21 SMALL SPILL. WOULD THERE HAVE BEEN ANYTHING THAT HAD TRIGGERED
22 FOR BEACH AND HARBORS AT THAT POINT TO THINK MAYBE IT COULD
23 HAVE BEEN BIGGER AND FIGURE IT OUT FROM THE PLANT IF THERE HAD
24 BEEN MORE, OR DID YOU REALLY BELIEVE THIS WAS JUST A LITTLE
25 SMALL SPILL?

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2 **GARY JONES:** WE BELIEVED THAT IT WAS. WE CERTAINLY DID NOT, IN
3 ANY WAY, IMAGINE THE SIZE OF IT. WE BELIEVED THAT WE HAD DEALT
4 WITH THIS VILLAGE IN AN ISOLATED WAY. WE DID, OUR STAFF THAT
5 ATTENDED THAT SUNDAY EVENING AND WERE WORKING WITH OUR VENDOR,
6 DID HEAR ANECDOTAL INFORMATION COMING THROUGH THAT WAS
7 FLOODING IN THE PARKING AREA AT THE PLANT, AND WE KNEW THERE
8 WAS SOME ISSUE, BUT WE DIDN'T KNOW THE LEVEL OF THAT INCIDENT
9 UNTIL IT BECAME -- MORE INFORMATION BECAME AVAILABLE AS MONDAY
10 PROGRESSED.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN:** ANYTHING YOU WOULD PUT IN PLACE GOING FORWARD THAT
13 MAYBE WOULD -- SHORT OF, WHICH SHOULD HAVE HAPPENED WITHIN A
14 COUNTY-WIDE INCIDENT COMMAND CENTER, SHORT OF THAT, GOING
15 FORWARD, IS THAT SOMETHING THAT MAYBE YOU ARE GOING TO
16 REEVALUATE WHEN YOU SEE WHAT YOU CONSIDER A SMALL SPILL IN A
17 PARKING LOT THAT IT COULD HAVE MUCH GREATER CONSEQUENCES?

18

19 **GARY JONES:** YES, WE WILL CERTAINLY CONTINUE TO WORK WITH
20 O.E.M. AND CITYGATE AND COLLABORATE WITH THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS
21 INVOLVED. WE DO BELIEVE THERE ARE CERTAINLY ADDITIONAL
22 MEASURES WE CAN PUT IN PLACE, CERTAINLY COMMUNICATION-WISE,
23 AND OUR PARKING LOTS, IN THE MAIN, ARE STAFFED THROUGH A
24 VENDOR CONTRACT, AND ENSURING THAT THE STAFF THAT IS ON SITE

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1 IS FULLY AWARE OF HOW IMMEDIATELY TO NOTIFY OUR DEPARTMENT OF
2 ANY FUTURE INCIDENT SUCH AS THIS.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, GARY.

5

6 **GARY JONES:** YOU'RE WELCOME.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** MY LAST QUESTION IS FOR CHIEF BOITEUX. HOW DID YOU
9 FIRST LEARN OF THIS POTENTIAL SPILL?

10

11 **CHIEF BOITEUX:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISOR HAHN. SO WE
12 INITIALLY FOUND OUT FROM A LIFEGUARD -- THROUGH PERSONNEL,
13 THEY SAW THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PUTTING A SIGN IN TWO
14 OF THE LIFEGUARD STATIONS, ONE, A LIFEGUARD STATION, DELLA 60,
15 JUST BY EL SEGUNDO AND ANOTHER ONE, TOWER 47, AT DOCKWEILER
16 BEACH. AND AS SOON AS I WAS NOTIFIED, I ASKED THE LIFEGUARDS
17 TO ENSURE THE PUBLIC WOULD STAY OUT OF THE WATER, SO THAT WAS
18 ABOUT AROUND AROUND 12:10 PM ON --

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** SO THE FIRST WAY YOU HEARD ABOUT IT WAS YOUR
21 LIFEGUARD SAID HEY, SOMEBODY HAS PUT THESE BEACH CLOSURE SIGNS
22 ON OUR TOWERS.

23

24 **CHIEF BOITEUX:** CORRECT.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** DID YOU HAVE TROUBLE AT THAT POINT GETTING MORE
2 INFORMATION FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT?

3

4 **CHIEF BOITEUX:** YES. WE DID TRY TO CONTACT THE PHONE NUMBERS
5 THAT WE HAVE, AND WE DIDN'T -- WE MADE A CONTACT WITH PUBLIC
6 HEALTH, AND THEY SAID THEY WERE GOING TO GET BACK TO US AND
7 GET US MORE INFORMATION, AND IT WASN'T UNTIL PROBABLY 1:00
8 THAT ONE OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS SAID HEY, THERE HAS
9 BEEN A -- THERE HAS BEEN A MAJOR SPILL. AND THERE WAS JUST --
10 WE CAN'T CONFIRM FROM PUBLIC HEALTH, OKAY, WHAT IS THE BARRIER
11 WE WERE GOING TO HAVE TO CLOSE THE BEACH. THAT DID NOT COME
12 OFFICIALLY UNTIL LATER IN THE DAY, ABOUT 5:30 IN THE
13 AFTERNOON.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, THAT IS SO DISTURBING. AND WHEN YOU AND I
16 TALKED A COUPLE WEEKS AGO IN THE PARKING LOT BY THE TRAINING
17 FACILITY, YOU TOLD ME HOW IT IS SUPPOSED TO GO DOWN WHEN THE
18 BEACHES NEED TO BE CLOSED. CAN JUST YOU TELL -- YOU EXPLAINED
19 TO ME IN THREE EASY STEPS, HOW SHOULD IT WORK IF WE -- IF
20 PUBLIC HEALTH NEEDS TO CLOSE A BEACH FOR AN EMERGENCY
21 SITUATION? HOW DOES IT USUALLY WORK? HOW IS IT SUPPOSED TO
22 WORK?

23

24 **CHIEF BOITEUX:** THERE ARE TWO WAYS, RIGHT? ONE IS THE
25 LIFEGUARDS' AT BEACH, THEY WITNESS A SPILL OR SOME KIND OF A

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1 STRANGE SMELL, WE GENERALLY WOULD CONTACT PUBLIC HEALTH AND
2 SAY THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED, YOU KNOW, AND THEN WOULD CLOSE THE
3 AREA OF THE SPILL. IF SOMETHING LIKE THIS INCIDENT ON JULY
4 12TH, WE NORMALLY RECEIVE A PHONE CALL FROM PUBLIC HEALTH
5 SAYING THERE HAS BEEN A SPILL, AND THEY WOULD RECOMMEND THE
6 BEACH CLOSURE AREA. AND THIS HAS HAPPENED BEFORE BECAUSE THERE
7 HAS BEEN DISCHARGE IN THE PAST INTO THE BOLOGNA CREEK, AND I
8 REMEMBER RECEIVING CALLS FROM THEM AND SAYING WE HAVE SO MANY
9 THOUSAND GALLONS OF UNTREATED SPILL INTO THE BOLOGNA CREEK.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN:** AND THEN WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU GET THE
12 NOTIFICATION, CLOSE THE BEACH NOW, HOW DO YOU GO INTO ACTION?

13

14 **GARY JONES:** WHAT WE DO IS WE WILL POST THE BEACH CLOSURE SIGNS
15 ALONG THE AREA THAT IS RECOMMENDED, AND THEN WE WOULD NOTIFY
16 BEACHES AND HARBORS, AND THEN WE POST SIGNS IN THE PARKING LOT
17 SO THE PUBLIC WOULDN'T COME IN.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT. THANK YOU, AND I APPRECIATE, AGAIN, ALL OF
20 OUR LIFEGUARDS, WHO ARE READY TO SPRING INTO ACTION WHEN BE
21 NEED TO CLOSE THE BEACHES FOR AN EMERGENCY. IT DIDN'T GO DOWN
22 PROPERLY THIS TIME, BUT I KNOW, WORKING TOGETHER, WE WILL GET
23 THIS RIGHT, AND OUR PUBLIC'S HEALTH DEPENDS ON THAT, SO THANK
24 YOU TO EVERYONE FOR ANSWERING MY QUESTIONS. THANK YOU TO MY
25 COLLEAGUES FOR LETTING ME DO THIS. THIS WAS JUST SUCH AN

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1 IMPORTANT ISSUE AND, YOU KNOW, NOT JUST FOR MY RESIDENTS, WE
2 HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTY THAT USE OUR
3 BEACHES. IN THE SUMMER, WE HAVE VISITORS FROM ALL OVER THE
4 COUNTRY VISITING OUR BEACHES. SO THANK YOU, DR. FERRER,
5 PARTICULARLY FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO ADMIT FAILURE BUT ALSO,
6 MORE IMPORTANTLY, FOR REALLY COMMITTED TO CHANGING WHAT WENT
7 WRONG AND MAKING IT BETTER AND CAN ESPECIALLY CONTINUE TO TEST
8 THIS WATER. THANK YOU SO MUCH AND ALSO FOR WERE WORK WITH MY
9 CITY, EL SEGUNDO, THEY REALLY ARE DESPERATE FOR EVEN MORE
10 INFORMATION AND MORE CONFIRMATION ABOUT THEIR HEALTH IMPACTS.
11 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE REPORT, THE
12 AFTER ACTION REPORT BACK. I THINK THAT ALSO WILL BE GREAT.
13 WE'RE GOING TO GET THAT IN 30 DAYS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. A LOT OF
16 GOOD QUESTIONS, AND OBVIOUSLY IT IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE MANY OF
17 OUR PUBLIC DO UTILIZE YOUR BEACHES OUT THERE, AND THIS IS NOT
18 THE FIRST TIME IT HAS HAPPENED. SO OBVIOUSLY WE NEED A GOOD
19 CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN AND NOTIFY THE PUBLIC AS SOON AS
20 POSSIBLE. THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS,
21 ITEM -- ON ITEM 36, THIS REPORT IS RECEIVED AND FILED. SO THAT
22 WILL BE THE ORDER. OKAY, MEMBERS, WE ARE ON ONE OF OUR LAST
23 ITEMS HERE. AND IT IS ITEM 52F, THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN
24 FISCAL RECOVERY FUND SPENDING PLAN. THIS HAS BEEN HELD BY
25 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. I WOULD LIKE TO, I BELIEVE, FESIA

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1 DAVENPORT, OUR C.E.O., WILL ALSO PROVIDE US WITH AN OVERVIEW.
2 SHE HAS A PRESENTATION TO MAKE. SO, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, DO
3 YOU WANT TO BEGIN? OR CAN WE HAVE FESIA GO AHEAD AND MAKE HER
4 PRESENTATION?

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6 **SUP. MITCHELL:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. IF SHE COULD PRESENT FIRST,
7 THEN BASED ON HER PRESENTATION, I MAY HAVE QUESTIONS. NOT SURE
8 YET, BUT IF SHE COULD PRESENT, THAT WOULD BE GREAT. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. FESIA DAVENPORT, YOU
11 ARE ON.

12

13 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND GOOD
14 AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I HAVE PREPARED A SHORT POWERPOINT
15 THAT I WILL MOVE THROUGH QUICKLY, AND THE POWERPOINT SHOULD BE
16 DISPLAYED ON YOUR SCREENS. AND THIS IS RELATED, AS THE MADAM
17 CHAIR SAID, REGARDING PHASE ONE OF OUR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN.
18 AS MANY OF YOU ALREADY KNOW, THE COUNTY WILL RECEIVE
19 APPROXIMATELY \$1.9 BILLION IN TWO EQUAL INSTALLMENTS UNDER THE
20 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN, \$975 MILLION WE RECEIVED THIS PAST MAY
21 AND WILL RECEIVE ANOTHER \$975 MILLION IN MAY OF 2022. OUR
22 FOCUS ON THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN IS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT THAN
23 THE FOCUS UNDER THE C.A.R.E.S. ACT. YOU MAY RECALL THAT UNDER
24 C.A.R.E.S., A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF OUR FUNDING WAS DEDICATED
25 TO TRYING TO GET TO THE HEALTH EMERGENCY, KEEPING AS MANY

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1 PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE. AND UNDER A.R.P., WE
2 SEEK TO SUPPORT RESIDENTS, FAMILY, AND SMALL BUSINESSES, AND
3 NONPROFITS AS THEY TRAVERSE THE BRIDGE TO RECOVERY, WHILE
4 STILL KEEPING AN ACTIVE EYE ON THE HEALTH RESPONSE. CAN WE GO
5 TO THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE? THE NEXT SLIDE SHOWS YOU BASICALLY
6 HOW WE HAVE ARRANGED AND DEVELOPED OUR A.R.P. PLAN. IT IS
7 DEVELOPED INTO THREE PILLARS. THE THE FIRST IS EQUITY-FOCUSED
8 INVESTMENTS. THERE'S A DESCRIPTION UNDER EACH ONE I WILL NOT
9 READ. THE SECOND IS BUILDING A BRIDGE TO AN EQUITABLE
10 RECOVERY, AND THEN THE THIRD IS FISCAL STABILITY AND SOCIAL
11 SAFETY NET. CAN WE GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE? THIS SLIDE
12 TALKS ABOUT OUR FIRST TIER. THE POPULATION, THE TARGET
13 POPULATION, FOR THE FIRST TIER IS IDENTIFIED ON THE SCREEN.
14 AND IN THIS PILLAR IN OUR PLAN, WE PROPOSE TO FUND
15 APPROXIMATELY 37 PROGRAMS TOTALING ABOUT \$568 MILLION. THOSE
16 TYPES OF INVESTMENTS WE HAVE IDENTIFIED IN THIS SLIDE, BUT I
17 WOULD JUST LIKE TO CALL OUT A FEW OF THEM, AND SOME OF THEM
18 YOU TALKED ABOUT TODAY, AND ONE OF THEM IS THE GUARANTEED
19 BASIC INCOME PILOT, AND THE OTHER IS OUR DIGITAL DIVIDE WORK,
20 WORK THAT WE STARTED UNDER C.A.R.E.S. AND WE WOULD LIKE TO
21 FINISH UP UNDER A.R.P., AND THEN OTHER PROGRAMS ARE PROGRAMS
22 THAT YOU ALSO TALKED ABOUT EARLIER TODAY SUCH AS LEGAL
23 ASSISTANCE FOR IMMIGRANTS AT RISK OF REMOVAL. ALSO, MANY OF
24 THE PROGRAMS FUNDED IN THIS PILLAR INCLUDE OUR CARE FIRST
25 INVESTMENTS, WHICH ARE SUPPORTED BY THE ALTERNATIVES TO

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1 INCARCERATION WORKGROUP THAT THE BOARD ADOPTED LAST MARCH OF
2 2020. THOSE INCLUDE THINGS SUCH AS ALTERNATIVE CRISIS
3 RESPONSE, JOB PROGRAMS FOR THE REENTRY POPULATION, ARTS
4 PROGRAMMING FOR JUSTICE INVOLVED YOUTH, AND FINANCIAL WELL
5 BEING AND WEALTH BUILDING IN LOW-INCOME AND IMMIGRANT
6 COMMUNITIES. I WILL GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE. SLIDE FOUR, BUILDING
7 A BRIDGE TO AN EQUITABLE RECOVERY. AGAIN, THE TARGET
8 POPULATION IS IDENTIFIED ON THE SCREEN AND INCLUDES SMALL
9 BUSINESSES AND THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN HARDEST HIT BY THE
10 ECONOMIC FALL OUT FROM THE PANDEMIC. IN THIS PILLAR, WE
11 PROPOSE TO FUND APPROXIMATELY 37 PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT EQUITY
12 FOCUSED INVESTMENT AT A COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$240 MILLION.
13 HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS PART -- IN THIS PILLAR INCLUDES SUPPORT FOR
14 TENANTS AND HOMEOWNERS, CHILD CARE RELIEF FOR PROVIDERS, FOOD
15 ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES, AND SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC
16 VIOLENCE. I WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. SLIDE, THAT IS PAGE
17 NUMBER 5, STRATEGIC PILLAR NUMBER THREE, FISCAL STABILITY AND
18 THE SOCIAL SAFETY NET. THE TARGET POPULATION AGAIN IS
19 IDENTIFIED ON THE SCREEN AND IN THIS PILLAR OF OUR PLAN, WE
20 PROPOSE TO FUND NINE PROGRAMS TOTALING ABOUT \$167 MILLION. FOR
21 THIS THIRD AND FINAL PILLAR, HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDES EMERGENCY
22 FUNDING FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE AND FUNDING FOR
23 DISASTER SERVICE WORKERS. WE ALSO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR
24 HYPERLOCAL MEDIA, WHICH INCLUDES PROMOTORES AS WELL AS OTHER
25 COMMUNITY-BASED OUTREACH EFFORTS. TURNING TO THE NEXT SLIDE,

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1 SLIDE NUMBER SIX, I WILL NOT REVIEW, SUPERVISORS, ALL OF THE
2 INFORMATION ON THE SLIDE, BUT BASICALLY IT SHOWS YOU THAT
3 THREE PILLARS THAT I JUST DISCUSSED, PILLARS 1, 2, AND 3, AS
4 WELL AS THE AMOUNTS ALLOCATED UNDER EACH AND THE PROGRAMS, THE
5 PROGRAMS THAT ARE HIGHLIGHTED UNDER EACH PILLAR BASED ON
6 CATEGORICAL LEVELS. I WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. PAGE
7 SEVEN, THIS SLIDE BASICALLY SHOWS YOU HOW MUCH OF THE FUNDING
8 CATEGORIES FOR EACH PILLAR, HOW THEY RELATE TO EACH OTHER. AND
9 AS YOU CAN SEE, THE EQUITY AND -- THE EQUITY-BASED INVESTMENTS
10 AT THE AMOUNT OF \$568 MILLION REPRESENTS THE LION'S SHARE OF
11 OUR ROUND ONE FUNDING. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE, COMMUNITY
12 INVESTMENT HIGH LIGHTS, PAGE EIGHT. ALTHOUGH I WON'T SPEND A
13 LOT OF TIME ON THIS SLIDE, THE SLIDE ESSENTIALLY SHOWS YOU HOW
14 THE A.R.P. PLAN INVESTMENTS ARE IN COMMUNITY-BASED
15 ORGANIZATIONS AND IN OUR CARE FIRST INITIATIVE AS WELL AS OUR
16 HYPERLOCAL AND COMMUNITY-BASED OUTREACH. AND THEN MOVING ON TO
17 THE LAST TWO SLIDES, SUPERVISORS, PAGE NINE. NEXT SLIDE.
18 PUTTING OUR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN DOLLARS TO WORK. THE NEXT TWO
19 SLIDES SPEAKS TO THE NEXT STEPS. FOR THIS PARTICULAR SLIDE, WE
20 HAVE A LOT OF FUNDING THAT NEEDS TO BE DEPLOYED TO THOSE IN
21 NEED, AND WE CAN DO THAT IN A WAY THAT ACKNOWLEDGES THE
22 EXPERTISE OF THOSE BOOTS ON THE GROUND ORGANIZATIONS
23 INSTRUMENTAL TO HELPING US MAINTAIN OUR SAFETY NET SERVICES
24 AND OUR COVID RELATED INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS. COUNTY
25 DEPARTMENTS WILL PUSH OUT APPROXIMATELY \$300 MILLION TO

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1 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS OR THROUGH
2 DIRECT FUNDING. WE ALSO INTEND TO USE THIRD PARTY
3 ADMINISTRATORS TO ALSO HELP US PUSH OUT FUNDING DIRECTLY TO
4 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS. AND LASTLY, THE C.E.O. WILL
5 PULL TOGETHER A MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM WITH COUNTY COUNSEL,
6 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, AND MEMBERS OF THE BUDGET TEAM TO MAKE
7 SURE WE ARE ON TRACK WITH TRACKING THE EXPENDITURE IN THE
8 SPEND DOWN OF THESE FUNDS. AND ON -- TURNING TO THE LAST
9 SLIDE, WHAT IS NEXT? SO THIS SLIDE TALKS ABOUT OUR
10 ACCOUNTABILITY DASHBOARD AND THEN OUR SECOND PHASE OF A.R.P.
11 FUNDING, WHICH WE EXPECTED IN MAY OF 2022. IN TERMS OF WHAT IS
12 NEXT, ON APRIL 20TH AND AGAIN ON JULY 31ST OF THIS YEAR, YOUR
13 BOARD DIRECTED THE C.E.O. AND COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO EMPLOY AN
14 EQUITY LENS TO DEPLOY PANDEMIC RECOVERY FUNDING AND SERVICES.
15 OUR ANTIRACISM, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION INITIATIVE UNDER THE
16 LEADERSHIP OF DR. SCORZA IN CONSULTATION WITH DEPARTMENTS AND
17 STAKEHOLDERS HAS BEEN WORKING ON A DATA-DRIVEN TOOL THAT CAN
18 HELP DEPARTMENTS DEVELOP, DESIGN, AND IMPLEMENT PLANS FOR
19 THEIR A.R.P. FUNDED PROGRAMS USING AN EQUITY LENS. THIS IS A
20 COMPLEX ENDEAVOR, AND IT WILL NOT BE A ONE-METRIC-FITS-ALL
21 APPROACH. RATHER, WE KNOW WE WILL NEED A DEEPER AND RICHER AND
22 MORE NUANCED APPROACH TO OUR DATASETS. IN DEVELOPING THIS
23 TOOL, WE KNOW THAT THE TOOL WILL NEED TO BE MULTI-LAYERED.
24 AND, THEREFORE, THE ANTIRACISM, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION
25 INITIATIVE WILL ESTABLISH CERTAIN BASELINE INDICATORS, SUCH AS

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1 POVERTY LEVELS, RENT BURDENED AREAS, AVAILABILITY OF FINANCIAL
2 SERVICES IN COMMUNITIES, OR LACK THEREOF, ALONG WITH OTHER
3 INDICATORS, SOME OF WHICH WE HAVE HAD THE DATA FOR A VERY LONG
4 TIME HERE IN THE COUNTY. AND SO, THE ANTIRACISM INITIATIVE
5 INTENDS TO TAKE THOSE DATA FACTORS AND USE THEM AS A BASELINE.
6 HOWEVER, WE WILL ALSO LOOK TO THE DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE
7 DEPLOYING THESE FUNDS TO HELP REFINE THE METRICS THAT ARE
8 NECESSARY THAT ARE RELEVANT AND HAVE A CLOSE CONNECTION TO THE
9 PROGRAM OR SERVICES TO BE DELIVERED. WE SEE THE APPROACH TO
10 IMPLEMENTING USING AN EQUITY LENS AS A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
11 DEPARTMENT. AS WE EAGERLY AWAIT THE NEXT TRAUNCH OF OUR A.R.P.
12 FUNDING IN MAY OF 2022, AND TO CONTINUE BUILDING THE NEXT
13 PHASE OF OUR RECOVERY, WE WILL ALSO BE BUILDING, DEVELOPING,
14 REFINING OUR OWN A.R.P. EQUITY TOOL THAT WE HOPE WILL GET
15 BETTER OVER TIME AS WE DEPLOY THESE RESOURCES. THAT CONCLUDES
16 MY PRESENTATION, SUPERVISORS, AND I WILL BE HAPPY TO TAKE ANY
17 QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

18
19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, FESIA, FOR THAT FINE
20 PRESENTATION. I WILL TURN NOW TO SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL,
21 WHO HELD THE ITEM.

22
23 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR, AND YES, THANK YOU MADAM
24 C.E.O., THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE POWERPOINT WAS GRATIFYING TO
25 SEE. I JUST HAVE TO SAY, INITIALLY, THAT I AM VERY PROUD TO BE

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1 OF A BOARD OF A COUNTY THAT IS COMMITTED TO PUTTING FEDERAL
2 DOLLARS INTO THE HANDS OF PEOPLE THAT WERE DIRECTLY IMPACTED
3 BY COVID, AND THAT WE'RE NOT DOING WHAT SOME OTHER LOCAL
4 GOVERNMENTS ARE DOING, WHICH IS BACKFILLING THE GENERAL FUND,
5 BUT WE ARE PUSHING THESE DOLLARS OUT AND WORKING
6 COLLABORATIVELY WITH COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND COMMUNITY-BASED
7 ORGANIZATIONS. SO I THANK YOU FOR THAT. I THINK YOU REALLY
8 ANSWERED MY TWO QUESTIONS BECAUSE THE POINT I WAS GOING TO
9 RAISE IS, YES, WE MADE THE COMMITMENT THAT FUNDING WOULD
10 FOLLOW AN EQUITY LENS, BUT THAT IS KIND OF THE TIP OF THE
11 ICEBERG. YOU KNOW, BELOW SEA LEVEL, WHERE WE GET DOWN TO THE
12 REAL NITTY-GRITTY IS MAKING SURE THAT WHEN THE DEPARTMENTS GET
13 THE MONIES THAT THE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT THEIR PROGRAM
14 DESIGNED AND THEIR DELIVERY OF SERVICE IS DONE WITH AN EQUITY
15 LENS AND EQUITY WITH METRICS. YOU MENTIONED THAT. THAT IS
16 GREAT. THE ONLY PIECE I WOULD ADD IS YOUR LAST SLIDE THAT
17 TALKS ABOUT YOUR ACCOUNTABILITY DASHBOARD, I WANT TO MAKE SURE
18 THAT THE ACCOUNTABILITY DASHBOARD REFLECTS OUR EQUITY GOALS,
19 TOO. SO EVEN ACCOUNTABILITY IS MEASURED WITH OUR COMMITMENT
20 AND THESE METRICS THAT THE DEPARTMENTS WILL BE DEVELOPING
21 AROUND EQUITY. IT IS NOT JUST WE'RE GOING TO FUND BASED ON
22 THAT PRIORITY, BUT PROGRAM DESIGN, SERVICE DELIVERY, AND OUR
23 ACCOUNTABILITY METRICS WILL FOLLOW THAT SAME LINE OF THINKING.
24

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1 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR THE
2 COMMENTS. AND YES, WE ARE WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENTS. SOME
3 OF THE PROGRAMS I THINK WILL BE PROBABLY A LITTLE EASIER TO
4 DESIGN THAN OTHERS. SOME OF THE PROGRAMS, WE WILL BE READILY
5 ABLE TO IDENTIFY NOT ONLY WHERE THE NORTH STAR IS BUT WHAT THE
6 RELEVANT METRICS ARE THAT WE NEED TO SHOW AS WE PROGRESS
7 TOWARDS -- ON THAT JOURNEY. THE OTHER PROGRAMS THAT MAYBE ARE
8 A LITTLE MORE NUANCED WILL PROBABLY REQUIRE A LITTLE MORE
9 TIME, DR. SCORZA FROM THE ANTIRACISM AND DIVERSITY INITIATIVE
10 AS WELL AS SUPPORT FROM A CONSULTANTS AND SOME OF THE PARTNERS
11 HE IS PARTNERING WITH TO HELP BUILD OUT THIS TOOL. AS I
12 MENTIONED EARLIER, IT IS NOT A ONE-METRIC-FITS-ALL APPROACH,
13 AND IT IS ITERATIVE, AND WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO ADD IN LAYERS
14 BASED ON THE NEEDS ARTICULATED BY DEPARTMENTS, AND THAT GOES
15 FOR THE ACCOUNTABILITY PIECE AS WELL.

16
17 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND THANKS, MADAM CHAIR.

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19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, FESIA, FOR THE PRESENTATION. I
20 WAS GOING TO ASK A LOT OF QUESTIONS, BUT I JUST HAVE A FEW
21 THAT I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT TO YOU. AND ONE IS TO HELP
22 CLARIFY, PERHAPS -- GIVEN THAT WE KNOW THAT A.R.P. IS
23 DIFFERENT FROM LAST YEAR'S C.A.R.E.S. ACT FUNDING. THE MAJOR
24 DIFFERENCE IS THAT NOT EVERY CITY RECEIVED C.A.R.E.S. FUNDING.
25 AND THE COUNTY, AS YOU KNOW, RECEIVED C.A.R.E.S. FUNDING AS

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1 WELL AS THE CITIES OF LOS ANGELES AND LONG BEACH. AND BECAUSE
2 OF THAT, THE COUNTY WAS CALLED ON, IN MY OPINION, TO SUPPORT
3 RESIDENTS, NOT ONLY IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS, BUT
4 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WITH LITTLE REGARD TO
5 JURISDICTIONAL BORDERS FOCUSING ON THE AREAS IN NEED. WE
6 DISTRIBUTED FOOD. WE GAVE OUT MILLIONS IN GRANTS TO SMALL
7 BUSINESSES, TO RESTAURANTS, TO LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS. WITH THIS
8 FUNDING, A.R.P., HOWEVER, EVERY CITY IN THE COUNTY IS
9 RECEIVING AN ALLOCATION OF FUNDING SO, FOR EXAMPLE, THE CITY
10 OF L.A. WILL RECEIVE ABOUT \$1.3 BILLION. HOW WILL WE ENSURE
11 THAT OUR A.R.P. FUNDS ARE DEPLOYED STRATEGICALLY IN LINE WITH
12 WHAT CITIES ARE OFFERING THEIR RESIDENTS?

13
14 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** YES, THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND AS YOU
15 CORRECTLY POINTED OUT, UNDER A.R.P. ALL CITIES IN THE COUNTY
16 OF LOS ANGELES HAS RECEIVED A.R.P. FUNDING, AND THE CITY OF
17 LOS ANGELES DID RECEIVE APPROXIMATELY \$1.3 BILLION. NOW, WHAT
18 WE HAVE DONE IN THE PAST UNDER C.R.F. IS WHEN WE WERE USING
19 C.A.R.E.S. ACT FUNDING, WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR
20 SERVICE DELIVERY LEVEL WAS ALIGNED AND COMPLEMENTARY TO
21 SERVICES THAT WERE PROVIDED IN THE CITY. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, THE
22 CITY OF LOS ANGELES HAD A RENT RELIEF PROGRAM, AND WE ALSO HAD
23 A RENT RELIEF PROGRAM. AND THEREFORE, IN IMPLEMENTING OUR RENT
24 RELIEF PROGRAM, IT WAS NOT OPEN TO RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF
25 LOS ANGELES BECAUSE THEY HAD THEIR OWN RENT RELIEF PROGRAM. WE

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1 HOPE TO BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THAT PRACTICE WHERE IT MAKES
2 SENSE. SO WHAT WE WILL HAVE TO DO IS WORK WITH DEPARTMENTS AND
3 LOOK AT WHAT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND SOME OF THE OTHER
4 CITIES TO SEE WHAT PROGRAMMING HER OFFERING, SO THAT THERE
5 ISN'T WHOLLY REDUNDANT CROSS OVER BETWEEN WHAT WE ARE OFFERING
6 AND WHAT THEY ARE OFFERING.

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. AND I HAVE A COUPLE OF OTHER
9 QUESTIONS, FESIA. ONE IS HOW WILL THE COUNTY ENSURE THAT
10 WHATEVER DATA WE USE WILL, IN FACT, HELP US IDENTIFY THE
11 POPULATIONS THAT ARE MOST IN NEED?

12

13 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU FOR THAT, SUPERVISOR. SO
14 THAT GOES BACK TO MY EARLIER COMMENTS REGARDING THE DATA AND
15 THE METRICS. SO WE HAVE FOR A VERY LONG TIME IN THE COUNTY HAD
16 DATA REPRESENTED TO POVERTY LEVELS, DEMOGRAPHICS, AGE, FAMILY
17 SIZE, INCOME LEVELS, ETC. I THINK AT THIS POINT, WE NEED TO GO
18 DEEPER. AND SO, WHAT WE WILL NEED TO DO IS TO MAKE SURE THAT,
19 ONE, THE METRICS THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT, AND THE DATA THAT WE
20 ARE LOOKING AT IS APPROPRIATE AND HAS A CLOSE NEXUS TO THE
21 PROGRAM. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, IF WE ARE PROVIDING A PROGRAM
22 RELATED TO LET'S SAY TENANT EVICTION, THEN WE WOULD WANT TO
23 ALSO NOT JUST LOOK AT POVERTY LEVELS AND HOUSEHOLD, WE WOULD
24 ALSO WANT TO LOOK AT OUR EVICTION HOT SPOTS IN THE COUNTY. WE
25 KNOW THAT WE HAVE THEM AND THAT THEY EXIST. THE SECOND THING

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1 WE WOULD ALSO WANT TO LOOK AT, SUPERVISOR, IS THE OTHER THINGS
2 THAT MADE IT MORE -- MADE IT AND IS MAKING IT MORE DIFFICULT
3 FOR SOME OF OUR COMMUNITIES TO RECOVER FROM THE PANDEMIC
4 BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT THEY SUFFERED FROM CONCENTRATED
5 DISADVANTAGE EVEN BEFORE THE PANDEMIC. AND SO, WE WANT TO LOOK
6 AT THINGS LIKE JOB INSECURITY, COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE A LOT OF
7 ESSENTIAL WORKERS, COMMUNITIES WHERE THERE IS A VERY CLOSE
8 LIVING DENSITY, VERY HIGH DENSITY IN TERMS OF LIVING QUARTERS.
9 NOW, I KNOW ALL OF THOSE METRICS SEEM RANDOM, BUT THEY WILL BE
10 APPLICABLE TO PROBABLY ONE OF THE OTHER 80 PROGRAMS THAT WE
11 WILL BE DEPLOYING UNDER A.R.P. SO IT IS INCUMBENT UPON THE
12 ANTIRACISM, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION INITIATIVE TO MAKE SURE
13 THAT HE IS WORKING WITH THOSE DEPARTMENTS TO ENSURE THAT WE
14 ARE HONING IN ON THE RELEVANT AND THE APPLICABLE METRICS.

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, JUST TWO MORE QUESTIONS. ONE IS HOW
17 WILL THE A.R.P. SPENDING PLAN THAT INCLUDES 100 MILLION TO
18 CREATE PERMANENT AND INTERIM HOUSING BE UTILIZED? ARE WE
19 LOOKING AT IDENTIFYING SHOVEL READY PROJECTS, GIVEN THE
20 INCREDIBLE URGENCY TO HOUSE PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS,
21 AND CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT THE FUNDING WILL BE USED FOR SHOVEL
22 READY PROJECTS THAT GET RESIDENTS HOUSED QUICKLY?

23

24 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION
25 SUPERVISOR. SO YOU ARE CORRECT. WE HAVE TWO -- BESIDES ALL OF

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1 THE A.R.P. FUNDING THAT WE PUT INTO THE PLAN, OR WE ARE
2 PROPOSING IN THE PLAN, FOR HOMELESSNESS, WE HAVE TWO SPECIFIC
3 PROPOSED ALLOCATIONS, ONE TO CREATE INTERIM AND PERMANENT
4 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. THAT'S ABOUT 100 MILLION. AND THEN THERE'S
5 ABOUT ANOTHER 50 MILLION IN ONE TIME CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION
6 COSTS BASICALLY RELATED TO HOUSING AS WELL FOR -- IN THE
7 HEALTHCARE AREA, IN ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, AND OTHER
8 SAFETY NET SERVICES. SO WE HAVE NOT IDENTIFIED A SPECIFIC
9 ALLOCATION FOR THOSE FUNDS AS OF YET. AND WHAT OUR PLAN IS IS
10 TO DO THE FOLLOWING. IN THIS REGARD WE WANT TO TAKE A HOLISTIC
11 APPROACH, AND WE WANT TO LOOK AT THE FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM
12 TRAUNCH ONE AS WELL AS TRAUNCH TWO. WHAT THAT MEANS IS WE WILL
13 BE WORKING WITH EACH OF YOUR OFFICES TO IDENTIFY WHAT IS THE
14 TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING THAT THE BOARD WILL WANT TO PUT INTO
15 THESE TWO BUCKETS OF FUNDING. ONCE WE'VE DONE THAT, WE ARE
16 ALSO WORKING WITH EACH OF YOUR OFFICES TO IDENTIFY PROJECTS
17 THAT ARE IN THE WORKS. BUT BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT THIS IS ONE
18 TIME FUNDING, BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT IT IS TIME LIMITED AND IT
19 MUST AT LEAST BE ENCUMBERED BY A CERTAIN DATE, ONE OF THE
20 WEIGHTIER CONSIDERATIONS THAT WE WILL HAVE TO LOOK AT ARE
21 PROJECTS THAT ARE SHOVEL READY, OR PUT ANOTHER WAY, PROJECTS
22 THAT ARE READY FOR IMPLEMENTATION BUT FOR THE LACK OF FUNDING.
23 AND SO WE WILL BE WORKING WITH EACH YOUR OFFICES TO COMPILE
24 THAT LIST. WE HAVE ALSO ENLISTED THE AID OF OUR ASSET
25 MANAGEMENT BRANCH, AND WE HAVE ASKED THEM TO BASICALLY COME UP

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1 WITH A MATRIX FOR US FOR THINGS THAT WE SHOULD BE LOOKING AT
2 WHEN WE REVIEW THE LIST OF PROJECTS THAT WE RECEIVE FROM EACH
3 OF YOUR OFFICES. BUT TO REEMPHASIZE, WHETHER A PROJECT IS
4 SHOVEL READY, THAT'S ONE OF THE WEIGHTIER CONCERNS THAT WE
5 WILL WEIGH AGAINST SEVERAL OTHER FACTORS.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. AND THEN JUST LASTLY, FESIA, WOULD
8 YOU PLEASE CONFIRM WHETHER UNDOCUMENTED RESIDENTS WILL BE
9 ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VARIOUS GRANT OPPORTUNITIES
10 FUNDED BY A.R.P.?

11

12 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THAT IS THAT'S
13 CORRECT. THAT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING VERY
14 CLOSELY WITH COUNTY COUNSEL, AND, UP TO THIS POINT, WE HAVE
15 NOT SEEN ANYTHING IN A.R.P., THE A.R.P. LANGUAGE OR THE
16 INTERIM FINAL RULES THAT REFERENCES IN ANY WAY UNDOCUMENTED
17 RESIDENTS. AND TO THE EXTENT THAT WE DON'T SEE THAT
18 PROHIBITION, THE ONLY THING THAT WOULD BE IN PLAY IS FOR A
19 PERSON TO APPLY FOR A PARTICULAR PROGRAM AND THEN MEET THE
20 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** RIGHT, OKAY, VERY GOOD. WE DID HAVE A LOT
23 OF QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT TODAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR
24 PRESENTATION. I HAVE IN THE QUEUE KATHRYN BARGER AND THEN
25 JANICE HAHN. SO KATHRYN GO AHEAD.

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2 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU, FESIA,
3 AND YOUR C.O.O., JOE NICCHITTA, FOR -- AND ACTUALLY THE ENTIRE
4 BUDGET STAFF FROM THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE AND COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
5 THAT WORKED HARD TO PUT TOGETHER THIS REALLY VITALLY IMPORTANT
6 SPENDING PLAN. I AM NOT GOING TO GO THROUGH ALL THE PRIORITIES
7 THAT I SEE IN HERE THAT I THINK ARE REALLY GOING TO BE
8 BENEFICIAL TO THE CONSTITUENTS OF L.A. COUNTY AND THE USE OF
9 THIS MONEY, I THINK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL SAID IT, WE ARE
10 ACTUALLY REINVESTING IN THE COMMUNITY TO THE VERY PEOPLE WHO
11 HAVE BEEN SO GREATLY IMPACTED BY COVID. SO I AM REALLY PROUD
12 OF THIS DOCUMENT. I THINK THIS REFLECTS THE PRIORITIES AND THE
13 VISION OF THIS BOARD. AND I AM REALLY HONORED TO VOTE TODAY IN
14 SUPPORT OF THE PLAN MOVING FORWARD. SO I JUST WANTED TO
15 PERSONALLY THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT WE'LL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR
18 HAHN.

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20 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. YES, THANKS TO OUR C.E.O.
21 AND TO HER TEAM, JOE NICCHITTA, MATTHEW MCGOWAN, FOR WORKING
22 SO DILIGENTLY WITH MY STAFF, MY OFFICE, TO TALK ABOUT THESE
23 FUNDS AND WHERE WE NEED TO PUT THEM MOST. THANK YOU FOR THIS
24 OVERVIEW. THIS IS ABOUT \$1 BILLION THAT L.A. COUNTY IS SET TO
25 RECEIVE FROM THE RESCUE PLAN. AND IT IS REALLY TO HELP US

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1 OFFSET SOME OF THE CONSEQUENCES THAT WE FACED AS A RESULT OF
2 THIS PANDEMIC, WHICH WE ARE STILL IN. AND WE REALLY CONTINUE
3 TO NEED TO ACKNOWLEDGE WHAT A BIG BLOW THIS VIRUS HAS BEEN TO
4 OUR COUNTY, ITS RESIDENTS, AND THE CONTINUING FALL OUT HAS
5 JUST DEALT A BAD DECK OF CARDS TO SO MANY RESIDENTS IN THIS
6 COUNTY. WORKERS HAVE LOST THEIR JOBS. SMALL BUSINESSES HAVE
7 BEEN SHUTTERED, MANY FOR GOOD. A LOT OF PEOPLE KNOW THAT IN
8 THEIR OWN DISTRICTS THERE ARE BUSINESSES THAT JUST DIDN'T MAKE
9 IT. THEY COULD NOT SURVIVE. TENANTS AND MOM AND POP LANDLORDS
10 HAVE STRUGGLED TO MAKE RENT AND PAY MORTGAGES. FOOD, BUILDING
11 SUPPLIES, UTILITIES ALL CONTINUE TO RISE. AND PEOPLE ARE STILL
12 STRUGGLING AND STILL HAVING A HARD TIME MAKING ENDS MEET. AND
13 THESE FUNDS ARE MEANT TO HELP THESE STRUGGLING BUSINESSES,
14 INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES. WE ARE GOING TO BE PROVIDING RELIEF,
15 FROM HOUSING ASSISTANCE, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, INCREASED
16 INTERNET ACCESS FOR CHILDREN IN OUR DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES.
17 THESE FUNDS WILL ALSO JUMP START OUR ECONOMIC RECOVERY BY
18 HELPING OUR BUSINESSES REOPEN THEIR DOORS TO THE PUBLIC AND DO
19 IT SAFELY. I AM REALLY HAPPY TO SEE THAT ALL OF OUR COUNTY
20 DEPARTMENTS HAVE COME TOGETHER TO DEVELOP A FRAMEWORK FOR
21 GETTING THIS BILLION DOLLAR AID PACKAGE ROLLED OUT IN THE
22 SMARTEST AND FAIREST WAY POSSIBLE. I KNOW WE ARE GOING TO BE
23 EVEN PLANNING FOR THE NEXT PHASE, THE SECOND TRAUNCH OF THE
24 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN, WHICH IS DESIGNED TO HELP IMPROVE OUR
25 HEALTHCARE INFRASTRUCTURE AND PREPARE US FOR FUTURE PANDEMICS,

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1 WHICH I FEAR WE WILL PROBABLY FACE. AND I JUST WANTED TO THROW
2 OUT AT THAT POINT, FESIA, I KNOW I TALKED TO YOU, AND WE HAVE
3 A PUBLIC HEALTH LAB THAT CLEARLY I THINK HAS BEEN SORT OF THE
4 EPICENTER OF THIS PANDEMIC. I THINK THAT LAB IS MORE IMPORTANT
5 GOING FORWARD, AND IT NEEDS EXPANSION. IT NEEDS A LOT OF WORK.
6 OUR PUBLIC HEALTH EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN TALKING TO US ABOUT THAT
7 PARTICULAR LAB AND HOW IMPORTANT IT WOULD BE FOR THE COUNTY TO
8 MAKE IT CUTTING EDGE AND BEING ABLE TO ACCESS THE NEWEST
9 TECHNOLOGY TO HELP US AS WE FACE OUR ONGOING PUBLIC HEALTH
10 CHALLENGES. SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER THAT, FESIA. I TALKED
11 TO YOU ABOUT THAT BEFORE, BUT I DO HOPE THAT SPECIFICALLY THAT
12 NEXT TRAUNCH WE CAN LOOK AT THAT TYPE OF INFRASTRUCTURE, WHICH
13 I THINK WILL BE CRITICAL FOR THE COUNTY MOVING FORWARD FOR
14 YEARS TO COME IS TO HAVE OUR OWN LAB REALLY CUTTING EDGE AND
15 MODERN. SO THANK YOU ALL FOR WORKING ON THIS. I APPRECIATE US,
16 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, REALLY DOING THIS FOR ALL OF US AND
17 TAKING INTO ACCOUNT HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE SUFFERED, THROUGH NO
18 FAULT OF THEIR OWN, THROUGH THIS HORRENDOUS PANDEMIC. THANK
19 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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21 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT, WE WILL RECOGNIZE
22 SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL.

23
24 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I'LL BAT CLEAN
25 UP HERE. FIRST, I'D LIKE TO PRAISE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR

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1 GETTING THIS MONEY OUT THE DOOR. WHAT A BREATH OF FRESH AIR TO
2 ACTUALLY USE TAX DOLLARS TO HELP PEOPLE WHO NEED IT. BUT,
3 FESIA, THANK YOU AND YOUR STAFF FOR THE TRULY COLLABORATIVE
4 PROCESS TO ENSURE THAT THE A.R.P. DOLLARS WILL BE ALLOCATED
5 FAIRLY AND EQUITABLY. WE HAVE A LOT OF DEMANDS THAT CLEARLY
6 SURPASS OUR NEEDS. AND I KNOW IT WASN'T AN EASY TASK. BUT I
7 WANTED TO COMMEND YOU AND YOUR STAFF FOR TAKING IT ON AND
8 REALLY LOOKING TO SEE THAT THE AREAS OF NEED ARE FUNDED. I AM
9 VERY PLEASED TO SEE THAT MORE THAN \$290 MILLION IS BEING
10 INVESTED IN DIRECT COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS AND PARTNERSHIPS WITH
11 COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS. THESE ARE THE HEARTS OF OUR
12 COMMUNITY IN TERMS OF TAKING CARE OF THE VERY PEOPLE THAT THE
13 COUNTY IS TASKED WITH PROTECTING. AND ADDITIONALLY, ANOTHER
14 \$468 MILLION PROPOSED FOR HOUSING AND RELATED PREVENTION AND
15 INTERVENTION SERVICES FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.
16 THAT IS PUTTING OUR MONEY WHERE OUR MOUTH IS. I ALSO OF COURSE
17 I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT A FEW OF MY KEY PRIORITIES THAT I AM
18 DELIGHTED TO SEE FUNDED IN THE PROPOSED PLAN, OVER \$21 MILLION
19 FOR ARTS AND THE CREATIVE ECONOMY, WHICH IS CRITICAL BECAUSE
20 OFTENTIMES WE DO NOT RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF ARTS AS A WAY
21 OF HEALING. AND THAT IS AN ASPECT OF IT NOT ONLY BECAUSE
22 THERE'S SO MANY JOBS IN THE COUNTY RELATED TO THE CREATIVE
23 ECONOMY, BUT THE GOOD THAT IT DOES IN TERMS OF WHAT IS
24 CREATED. ALSO CHILDCARE A TOP PRIORITY, PLEASED TO SEE \$16
25 MILLION COMMITTED TO CHILDCARE PROVIDER GRANTS AND A CHILDCARE

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1 INCUBATOR PROGRAM, VERY IMPORTANT TO HAVE A TRAINING INSTITUTE
2 FOR INDIVIDUALS, PRIMARILY WOMEN AND DISADVANTAGED GROUPS, TO
3 LAUNCH CHILDCARE PROVIDER BUSINESSES. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, WE'VE
4 TALKED ABOUT A LOT, IMPACTS WOMEN DISPROPORTIONATELY, AND WITH
5 COVID REQUIRING QUARANTINE, MANY WOMEN HAD LITTLE OPPORTUNITY
6 TO ESCAPE THEIR ABUSERS. SO I AM PLEASED TO SEE AN ALLOCATION
7 TO SUPPORT C.B.O.S THAT PROVIDE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER-
8 BASED AND SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS AND ALSO FOR D.V. EXPERTS
9 FROM C.B.O.S TO BE STATIONED AT OUR D.C.F.S. HOTLINE TO
10 PROVIDE SUPPORT IN CASES INVOLVING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. 12
11 MILLION FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF EVICTION DEFENSE, WHICH WE ARE
12 NOW CALLING STAY HOUSED L.A. GREAT, A GREAT PARTNERSHIP
13 BETWEEN THE COUNTY, LOCAL C.B.O.S, AND LEGAL SERVICES
14 PROVIDERS TO ENSURE THAT TENANTS GET LEGAL SERVICES. YOU KNOW,
15 WE'RE STARTING TO SEE THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL A
16 LITTLE BIT, BUT FOOD INSECURITY WAS A GREAT AREA OF NEED,
17 UNRECOGNIZED, BEFORE THE PANDEMIC AND CONTINUES TO BE AN AREA
18 OF NEED. SO, THE PROPOSED SPENDING OF ALMOST \$41 MILLION FOR
19 FOOD SECURITY, FOOD DELIVERY SERVICES TO SENIORS, GROCERY FOOD
20 VOUCHER, COMMUNITY FOOD RESOURCE GRANT, VERY, VERY IMPORTANT.
21 THE GUARANTEED INCOME PILOT PROGRAM, A GREAT INVESTMENT FOR
22 THE FIRST YEAR. AS YOU KNOW, WE'VE DISCUSSED THIS A COUPLE
23 TIMES, IN THE BOARD MEETINGS, THE PROGRAM TO SUPPORT
24 EMANCIPATED FOSTER YOUTH, BLACK SINGLE MOTHERS LIVING IN
25 POVERTY, ESSENTIAL WORKERS IN LOW WAGE JOBS, THIS IS SUCH AN

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1 IMPORTANT NEW PROGRAM. AND I AM REALLY EXCITED TO SEE IT KICK
2 OFF HERE IN THE COUNTY. ALSO, YOU KNOW, OUR COMMUNITY BASED
3 ORGANIZATIONS ARE THE SAFETY NET FOR SO MANY OF OUR COMMUNITY
4 MEMBERS, BUT THEY ARE STRUGGLING TO KEEP THEIR DOORS OPEN. SO
5 I AM GLAD TO SEE AN INVESTMENT OF \$15 MILLION TO PROVIDE
6 GRANTS TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO ASSIST IN THEIR RECOVERY.
7 I ALSO WANT TO PUT IN A PLUG AS SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE FOR
8 SOME THINGS I HOPE WE WILL CONSIDER IDENTIFYING FUNDING FOR AS
9 WE GO ALONG. FIRST, AS YOU KNOW, THERE IS A COUNTY HOSPITAL IN
10 EACH OF THE OTHER FOUR DISTRICTS BUT NOT IN THE THIRD. AND WE
11 ARE HOPING THAT THE NORTH HOLLYWOOD INTEGRATED HEALTH CENTER
12 CAPITAL PROJECT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED TO BE FUNDED WITH CAPITAL
13 PROGRAMS DESIGNATED A.R.P. DOLLARS. IT WOULD BE THE FIRST
14 COUNTY HEALTH CENTER BUILT FROM THE GROUND UP WITH A VISION OF
15 PROVIDING REALLY INTEGRATED CARE MODEL WITH STAFF FROM ALL
16 THREE OF OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, ALSO LOCATED IN A HIGH NEEDS
17 COMMUNITY WITH LIMITED ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE. SECONDLY, I
18 REALLY HOPE THAT A.R.P. FUNDS CAN BE IDENTIFIED FOR THE WEST
19 L.A. ARMORY CAPITOL PROJECT, WHICH CREATES 167 NEW INTERIM
20 HOUSING BEDS FOR ADULTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN S.P.A.
21 FIVE. YOU KNOW THE 2020 HOMELESS COUNT IDENTIFIED S.P.A. FIVE
22 AS HAVING THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE OF UNSHELTERED INDIVIDUALS IN
23 THE COUNTY. SO I HOPE WE CAN ENSURE THAT WE SUPPORT THOSE MOST
24 VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS AND SEE IF WE CAN GET THAT CAPITAL
25 PROJECT OFF THE GROUND OR, AS WE MIGHT, SAY ON THE GROUND.

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1 CERTAINLY DON'T WANT TO FORGET ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR
2 ENVIRONMENT, THE COUNTY SUSTAINABILITY PLAN. SO I DO HOPE
3 THAT FUNDING OUR CLEAN GREEN ECONOMY JOB TRAINING AND
4 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT WILL BE CONSIDERED IN THE SECOND ROUND.
5 LASTLY, BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST, THE WORK THAT THE
6 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION INITIATIVE IS ACCOMPLISHING IS
7 CRITICAL NOT ONLY IN TERMS OF SOCIAL JUSTICE BUT ALSO AS WE
8 RECOVER FROM THE PANDEMIC. SO I URGE OUR TALENTED C.E.O. TO
9 FIND ANY OTHER FUNDING OPTIONS, RECONSIDER A.R.P. IN THE
10 SECOND ROUND, FOR THE EXPANSION OF PRE-FILING AND PRE-ARREST
11 DIVERSION THE EXPANSION OF THE INCUBATION ACADEMY. SO I AM
12 REALLY HAPPY TO SEE THE FIRST ROUND OF A.R.P. DOLLARS READY TO
13 GO OUT THE DOOR, BE INVESTED IN OUR COMMUNITIES THROUGH AN
14 EQUITY FORMULA THAT DOES TARGET THE AREAS OF MOST NEED. I KNOW
15 WE HAVE MORE NEEDS THAN WE DO DOLLARS BUT THESE WILL MAKE A
16 HUGE DENT, AND I THINK THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY
17 TO BE A PART OF IT AND TO SHARE MY THOUGHTS ABOUT IT. THANK
18 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

19
20 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.
21 HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 52F IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
22 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY MYSELF TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
23 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 52F IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR
2 MITCHELL.

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

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9 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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13 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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17 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

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

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE
2 PRESENTATION TO OUR C.E.O. AND HER STAFF AND ALL THE
3 DEPARTMENT HEADS. THANK YOU. MEMBERS -- WE DON'T HAVE ANY
4 SPECIALS TODAY, I UNDERSTAND, SO WE ARE GOING TO MOVE RIGHT
5 ALONG. WE ARE GOING TO GO TO ADJOURNMENTS. IT WOULD BE
6 APPROPRIATE TO HEAR ADJOURNMENTS NOW. WE WILL BEGIN WITH
7 SUPERVISOR BARGER. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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9 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
10 ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF THOMAS ALBERT, A LONGTIME
11 RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 79.
12 TOM WAS BORN IN NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA, AND WAS RAISED IN
13 MAINE. TOM MOVED TO CALIFORNIA AFTER HIGH SCHOOL TO ATTEND
14 COLLEGE. HE PROUDLY SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY FOR TWO
15 YEARS, AFTER WHICH, HE HAD A LONG CAREER WORKING AS A REAL
16 ESTATE APPRAISER. TOM VOLUNTEERED IN SOCCER AND SCOUTING AND
17 WAS A DEVOTED PARISHIONER OF SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH AND
18 A MEMBER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. TOM IS SURVIVED BY HIS
19 WIFE, DIANE, HIS DAUGHTER, ANDREA, AND HIS SON, JEFFREY. ALSO
20 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LARRY LEONARD CASH, WHO PASSED
21 AWAY ON JULY 2ND AT THE AGE OF 80. LARRY SERVED IN THE UNITED
22 STATES ARMY AS A COMPUTER ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN FOR FOUR
23 YEARS WITH HONORABLE DISCHARGE IN 1970. THE CASH FAMILY LATER
24 RELOCATED TO PASADENA IN 1970, WHERE LARRY EMBARKED ON HIS
25 TEACHING CAREER AT JOHN MUIR HIGH SCHOOL. DURING HIS

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1 DISTINGUISHED 30 PLUS YEARS IN EDUCATION, LARRY INSTRUCTED
2 STUDENTS IN THE AREAS OF ELECTRONICS, DRAFTING, AUTO
3 MECHANICS, MATH, AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION. HIS HIGHLIGHT OF THE
4 JOHN MUIR EXPERIENCE WAS HIS LOVE OF BEING A COACH AND A
5 NOMINEE FOR THE LOS ANGELES COACH OF THE YEAR. NUMEROUS YOUNG
6 INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS AND HIS OWN FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE BEEN
7 INSPIRED, ENCOURAGED, AND TOUCHED BY LARRY'S CARE AND CONCERN
8 FOR MAKING A SIGNIFICANT POSITIVE IMPACT IN THEIR LIVES. HE
9 WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE PASADENA CHURCH OF CHRIST WHERE HE
10 LOVED READING HIS SUNDAY MORNING DEVOTIONS AND ATTENDING
11 WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY. LARRY CASH IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 53
12 YEARS, NANCY, HIS FOUR CHILDREN, AND SIX GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO
13 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ANN CROISSANT, AN ENVIRONMENTAL
14 ACTIVIST, EDUCATOR, AND PRESERVATIONIST, WHO RECENTLY PASSED
15 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 81. THE DAUGHTER OF TWO TEACHERS, ANN GREW
16 UP IN EASTERN KENTUCKY. SHE EARNED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM
17 NORTHERN COLORADO UNIVERSITY IN BIOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCE, AND
18 A MASTER'S IN BOTANY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, AND A
19 P.H.D. FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. SHE SPENT
20 MOST OF HER TIME IN GLENDORA CLOSE TO HER BELOVED SAN GABRIEL
21 MOUNTAINS. SHE TAUGHT AT CAL POLY POMONA, MOUNT SAN ANTONIO
22 COLLEGE, AND AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, AND SERVED AS A SCIENCE
23 CURRICULUM CONSULTANT IN LOCAL SCHOOLS. ANN DISCOVERED A RARE,
24 BLUE VIOLET WILDFLOWER KNOWN AS THE THREADLEAF BRODIAEA IN THE
25 FOOTHILLS OF GLENDORA. IT BECAME THE OFFICIAL FLOWER OF THE

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1 CITY OF GLENDORA, AND ANN FORMED THE GLENDORA COMMUNITY
2 CONSERVANCY AND THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS REGIONAL
3 CONSERVANCY. HER EFFORTS LED TO THE CONSERVATION OF 700
4 HILLSIDE ACRES. SHE ALSO DEVELOPED MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR THE
5 SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS NATIONAL MONUMENT, ESTABLISHED BY
6 PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA IN 2014. SHE RECEIVED NUMEROUS
7 ACCOLADES, INCLUDING THE HUMANITARIAN AWARD FOR THE GLENDORA
8 COMMUNITY COORDINATING COUNCIL IN 2012. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
9 HUSBAND, GERALD, HER DAUGHTERS, POLLY AND CAROL, AND HER SON,
10 BRIAN. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LARRY HULL, WHO
11 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91. HE WAS RAISED IN NEWPORT, OREGON
12 AND GRADUATED FROM NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL AND THEN ATTENDED THE
13 UNIVERSITY OF OREGON. HE PLAYED FOOTBALL AND COMPETED IN THE
14 1949 COTTON BOWL. HE GRADUATED WITH A DEGREE IN BUSINESS
15 ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE. AFTER COLLEGE, HE JOINED THE AIR
16 FORCE AND FLEW COMBAT MISSIONS DURING THE KOREAN WAR. LARRY
17 REMAINED IN THE AIR FORCE RESERVES FOLLOWING ACTIVE DUTY AND
18 FLEW MISSIONS IN VIETNAM AS WELL. HE RETIRED FROM THE AIR
19 FORCE AT THE RANK OF COLONEL AND WAS WESTERN REGIONAL
20 COMMANDER FOR THE AIR FORCE RESERVES. LARRY WENT ON TO HAVE A
21 SUCCESSFUL CAREER IN THE SECURITIES INDUSTRY AND HELPED
22 DEVELOP REAL ESTATE AS AN ASSET CLASS FOR THE PUBLIC PENSION
23 INDUSTRY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SON, HOWARD, III, AND HIS
24 DAUGHTERS, ADRIENNE AND ANGELA, HIS TWO SISTERS, AND FOUR
25 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FRANK PONNET,

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1 AN LONGTIME RESIDENT OF ALHAMBRA. HE WAS BORN IN 1954 AND
2 TAUGHT AT OUR LADY OF LORETTO, MAYFIELD SENIOR SCHOOL, AND A
3 FEW LOCAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS. HE DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO
4 EDUCATING AND SERVING OTHERS. FRANK AND HIS WIFE, DAWN, WERE
5 LONGTIME CONGREGANTS OF SOUTH PASADENA'S HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC
6 CHURCH. HE COMMITTED HIMSELF FULLY TO THE MINISTRY IN 1984,
7 WHEN HE TOOK THE ROLE OF HOLY FAMILY'S DIRECTOR OF LITURGY AND
8 ADULT EDUCATION. HE BECAME AN INVALUABLE TEACHER TO THOSE IN
9 THE COMMUNITY AND TO THE CONGREGATION. FRANK EMBODIED A
10 CHRIST-LIKE SPIRIT OF GRACE AND COMPASSION TOWARD EVERYONE. HE
11 EXEMPLIFIED SERVANT LEADERSHIP AND HAD A KIND AND GENTLE
12 HEART. HE SERVED HIS FAMILY AND HIS CHURCH WITH DEDICATION AND
13 HUMILITY THROUGHOUT HIS YEARS, AND HE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED.
14 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, DAWN, AND THEIR TWO CHILDREN, LUKE
15 AND STACEY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CHARLIE
16 ROBINSON, A CASTAIC RESIDENT AND A VETERAN ACTOR, WHO IS BEST
17 KNOWN FOR HIS ROLE AS MAC ON THE LONG RUNNING N.B.C. SITCOM
18 "NIGHT COURT," WHO PASSED AWAY ON SUNDAY. HE WAS 75. BORN IN
19 HOUSTON, CHARLIE SERVED IN THE ARMY AND BRIEFLY ATTENDED THE
20 UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON BEFORE LEAVING TO PURSUE AN ACTING
21 CAREER. HE EVENTUALLY MOVED TO LOS ANGELES, WHERE HE STUDIED
22 AT THE ACTORS STUDIO AND MARK TAPER FORUM AND THE INNER CITY
23 CULTURAL CENTER. HIS ACTING CAREER SPANS SIX DECADES AND
24 INCLUDED ROLES IN TELEVISION AND FILM AND ON STAGE. IN 1984,
25 HE WAS CAST IN HIS MOST WELL-KNOWN, MAC ROBINSON, THE GOOD-

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1 NATURED AND PRAGMATIC COURT CLERK ON "NIGHT COURT." IN
2 ADDITION, TO "NIGHT COURT," CHARLIE WAS SEEN IN MANY T.V.
3 SHOWS, INCLUDING "THE FRESH PRINCE OF BEL-AIR," "KEY AND
4 PEELE," "THIS IS US," "MALCOLM & EDDIE," "GREY'S ANATOMY," AND
5 "HOW I MET YOUR MOTHER," AND "N.C.I.S." CHARLIE WON THE 2006
6 OVATION AWARD FOR BEST ACTOR IN A PLAY FOR HIS PERFORMANCE AS
7 TROY MAXSON IN A PRODUCTION OF AUGUST WILSON'S "FENCES" AT THE
8 OREGON SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,
9 DOLORITA, HIS CHILDREN, LUCA, CHARLIE, CHRISTIAN, AND BYRON,
10 HIS BROTHER, VIRGIL, AND SEVERAL GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT
11 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DORA ZAVALA, A
12 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF STEVENSON RANCH. SHE WAS BORN AND RAISED
13 IN BARSTOW, TO AND AFTER A SHORT TIME IN ORANGE COUNTY, SHE
14 MOVED TO STEVENSON RANCH IN 1998. SHE WAS A BELOVED COMMUNITY
15 VOLUNTEER, AND SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE SOROPTIMIST OF GREATER
16 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY AND A DISTRICT DIRECTOR IN SOROPTIMIST
17 INTERNATIONAL. SHE SPENT 35 YEARS IN THE GROCERY INDUSTRY AND
18 WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE SANTA CLARITY VALLEY CHAMBER OF
19 COMMERCE AND ITS LATINO BUSINESS ALLIANCE. DORA IS SURVIVED BY
20 HER PARENTS, CARLOS AND SALLY, AND HER TWO DAUGHTERS, NICOLE
21 AND NOELLE. AND LAST, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
22 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS, WHO WERE
23 IDENTIFIED AS INDIGENT VETERANS BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
24 MEDICAL EXAMINER AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY BURIED WITH DIGNITY AND
25 HONOR AT RIVERSIDE NATIONAL CEMETERY IN THE LAST MONTH.

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1 KASANDRA LUCILLE BANKS, ARMY. MICHAEL BLACKWOOD, NAVY. STEPHEN
2 RANDELL FOX, ARMY. RICHARD ALLEN GELLERSEN, NAVY. JAMES
3 GOODMAN, ARMY. NATHANIEL HANNAH, MARINE CORPS. VERONICA YVETTE
4 HURT, AIR FORCE. SHIEGO KAWASAKI, ARMY. MYLES PHILIP LIBERMAN,
5 AIR FORCE. DON WILLIAM LYNCH, NAVY. THOMAS A. NOBLE, MARINE
6 CORPS. FRANK JOSEPH ORTO, NAVY. LAWRENCE OWENS, AIR FORCE.
7 DANIEL MARTIN PEESO, NAVY. GERALD WAYNE THOMKINS, ARMY. RALPH
8 RICHARD WIERZELEWSKI, II, ARMY. JOSEPH ZAPALA, ARMY. MAY THEIR
9 CONTRIBUTION AND SACRIFICES IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY NEVER BE
10 FORGOTTEN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

11
12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OKAY, I WILL GO NEXT.
13 I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
14 ADAM ROBERT MORALES. HE RESIDED IN THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK
15 AND GRADUATED FROM LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL IN 2019. HE PURSUED
16 HIGHER EDUCATION AND WAS ATTENDING LOYOLA MARYMOUNT
17 UNIVERSITY, WHILE ALSO WORKING PART-TIME AS A PACKAGE SORTER
18 AT U.P.S. ADAM WAS A DEDICATED STUDENT BUT STILL FOUND TIME TO
19 VOLUNTEER IN HIS COMMUNITY. HE VOLUNTEERED AT FOOD BANKS, AT
20 TOY DRIVES TO PROVIDE CHILDREN WITH TOYS DURING THE HOLIDAYS,
21 AND EVEN SHAVED HIS HAIR OFF TO SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH CANCER.
22 ADAM WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS MATURITY, GENEROSITY,
23 AND INTEGRITY. HE WAS A YOUNG MAN OF MANY VIRTUES, WHOSE
24 RESPECT FOR HIS FAMILY, COMMUNITY, SCHOOL, AND WORK TRANSCENDS
25 HIS OWN LIFE AND CAN SERVE AS A MODEL FOR MANY OTHER YOUTH.

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1 ADAM WAS A BELOVED SON, GRANDSON, NEPHEW, AND COUSIN. HE IS
2 SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER, ELAINE, HIS GRANDPARENTS, ROBERT AND
3 FRANCES, AND A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS AND PETS, WHO
4 WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. SECONDLY, I MOVE
5 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ROSEMARY
6 SOLIS. SHE WAS MY HIGH SCHOOL CLASSMATE AT LA PUENTE HIGH
7 SCHOOL AND SERVED FOR OVER 20 YEARS WITH THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT
8 OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. ROSEMARY WAS A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF
9 LA PUENTE AND LOVED SPENDING TIME WITH HER FAMILY AND
10 GRANDCHILDREN. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER KINDNESS AND
11 COMMITMENT TO HER COMMUNITY AND FAMILY. ROSEMARY IS SURVIVED
12 BY HER PARTNER, JOSE, HER SONS, ART, NICHOLAS, CHRISTIAN, AND
13 ALEX, AND HER THREE GRANDCHILDREN. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE.
14 NEXT, I WILL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR HER
15 ADJOURNMENTS.

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17 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. COLLEAGUES, I
18 AM GOING TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY TODAY OF TWO SECOND
19 DISTRICT RESIDENTS. AND IRONICALLY, BOTH OF THEM WERE A PART
20 OF WHAT HAS COME TO BE KNOWN AS THE GREAT MIGRATION WHEN
21 AFRICAN-AMERICANS MIGRATED FROM SOUTHERN STATES WEST TO LOS
22 ANGELES IN THE MID '50S. AND BOTH OF THESE GENTLEMAN THAT WE
23 WILL BE ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF TODAY WERE A PART OF THAT.
24 FIRST, IS MR. ALFRED CARSON, WHO PASSED AWAY JUNE 27TH AT THE
25 AGE OF 82. HE WAS BORN IN '38 IN HOOKS, TEXAS, WHERE HE

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1 GRADUATED AS SALUTATORIAN OF HIS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS. HE MOVED
2 TO L.A. IN 1958, WHERE HE RESIDED IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. MR.
3 CARSON WORKED FOR DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT COMPANY IN SANTA MONICA AND
4 LATER BECAME A BUS DRIVER FOR L.A. UNIFIED AND RETIRED AFTER
5 35 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO OUR KIDS. HE WILL BE
6 REMEMBERED AS BEING A MENTOR TO MANY IN HIS COMMUNITY. HE WAS
7 KNOWN AS J.P. TO MANY WHO KNEW AND LOVED HIM. HE LOVED TAKING
8 CARE OF HIS HOME, GOING TO THE CASINO, AND SHOOTING DICE, ALL
9 RIGHT, NOW, HUNTING, FISHING, AND PLAYING DOMINOES. HE SPOKE
10 THE TRUTH WHETHER PEOPLE LIKED IT OR NOT, AND HE WAS
11 CONSIDERED A GENTLE GIANT. MR. CARSON WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY
12 HIS PARENTS, HIS SISTER AND TWO SONS-IN-LAW. HE IS SURVIVED BY
13 HIS DAUGHTERS, HELEN AND ALMA, . HIS SON, EMMANUEL, HIS SON-IN-
14 LAW, MARION BAINES, SEVERAL GRANDCHILDREN, AS WELL AS FIVE
15 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, IN ADDITION TO EXTENDED FAMILY AND
16 FRIENDS, WHO WILL ALL CHERISH HIS MEMORY. SECONDLY, I ASK THAT
17 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF PASTOR MARVIN EDWIN DEAN, SR., WHO
18 PASSED AWAY ON INDEPENDENCE DAY, THE 4TH OF JULY, AT THE AGE
19 OF 77. HE GREW UP IN TYLER, TEXAS, THE THIRD OLDEST OF 11
20 SIBLINGS, AND THE FIRST OF TWO SETS OF TWIN BROTHERS. HE MOVED
21 TO THE CITY OF COMPTON WITH HIS FAMILY IN 1955, WHERE HE
22 ATTENDED ENTERPRISE JUNIOR HIGH AND COMPTON HIGH SCHOOL. HE
23 RECEIVED HIS BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN THEOLOGY FROM BIBLE
24 BELIEVER'S COLLEGE AND SEMINARY IN 2012. PASTOR DEAN WILL BE
25 REMEMBERED FOREMOST FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO CHRIST. AT THE YOUNG

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1 AGE OF 17, HE ACCEPTED HIS CALLING TO PREACH THE GOSPEL. A
2 NATURAL, HE WAS INVITED TO BE THE YOUTH SPEAKER TO THE
3 NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION THE SAME YEAR THAT THE REVEREND
4 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. GAVE THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS. PASTOR
5 DEAN MARRIED THE LOVE OF HIS LIFE, ELLA JEAN OLIVER, IN 1965,
6 AND THEY RAISED TOGETHER FIVE CHILDREN. HE HAD MULTIPLE JOBS,
7 INCLUDING A GARDENING COMPANY THAT HE RAN WITH HIS SONS TO
8 PROVIDE LANDSCAPING SERVICES TO MANY COMPTON RESIDENTS. HE WAS
9 A FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CONGRESS OF
10 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND THE FORMER DEAN OF THE CONGRESS OF
11 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR THE TRI-COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.
12 UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM PASTORING, HE AND HIS WIFE JOINED MT.
13 SINAI MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, WHERE HE SERVED AS THE PASTOR
14 OF EDUCATION. AT THE TIME OF HIS PASSING, HE WAS SERVING AS
15 THE CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY AND MINISTERIAL ETHICS ADVISOR
16 FOR THE BAPTIST MINISTER'S CONFERENCE OF LOS ANGELES AND
17 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. A POSITION HE HELD FOR ALMOST 20 YEARS.
18 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS DEVOTED WIFE OF 55 YEARS, MRS. ELLA J.
19 DEAN, THREE SONS, TWO DAUGHTERS, ONE DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, ONE
20 SON-IN-LAW, AS WELL AS 15 GRANDCHILDREN, AND FIVE GREAT
21 GRANDCHILDREN, IN ADDITION TO EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS, WHO
22 WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

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24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT, SUPERVISOR
25 SHEILA KUEHL.

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2 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE TWO
3 ADJOURNMENTS TODAY. I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
4 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DONALD MARTIN, WHO DIED ON JULY 4TH. HE
5 WAS A DANCER WITH THE LESTER HORTON AND ALVIN AILEY DANCE
6 THEATERS AND TAUGHT DANCE AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HIGH
7 SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS FOR OVER 15 YEARS, WELL INTO HIS 80S. DON
8 BECAME THE HEAD BUYER FOR MR. GUY'S MEN'S STORE IN BEVERLY
9 HILLS AND STYLED THE MOST DISTINGUISHED MEN. HE LOVED WEST
10 HOLLYWOOD, THE PLACE HE CALLED HOME FOR OVER 50 YEARS. AND I
11 ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ROBERT
12 STEINBERG, ATTORNEY, WHO DIED ON APRIL 12TH. OVER THE COURSE
13 OF A 60 YEAR LEGAL CAREER, BOB BECAME A TOWERING FIGURE IN
14 CALIFORNIA CIVIL LITIGATION AND A LIFE LONG ADVOCATE FOR
15 WORKING PEOPLE. HE PRACTICED EXCLUSIVELY ON BEHALF OF THOSE
16 INJURED OR MADE ILL AT WORK BY DANGEROUS CONDITIONS OR TOXIC
17 SUBSTANCES. THROUGHOUT HIS WORKING LIFE, BOB USED HIS
18 INTELLECTUAL GIFTS TO ESTABLISH LANDMARK LAW IN THE AREA OF
19 WORKER SAFETY. HE EARNED A WIDESPREAD REPUTATION AS A CLEAR
20 AND INNOVATIVE THINKER AND AN HONEST BROKER IN COURTROOMS
21 THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND IN THE HALLS OF THE LEGISLATURE. HE
22 HELPED TO DRAFT AND ADVOCATED FOR MANY IMPORTANT PIECES OF
23 CALIFORNIA LEGISLATION IN THE AREAS OF WORKER SAFETY, TORT
24 LIABILITY, AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION. HE SERVED AS PRESIDENT
25 OF THE CALIFORNIA TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION FROM 1983 TO '85.

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1 AND REMAINED ON THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR YEARS THEREAFTER.
2 HE WAS AN ACTIVE AND RESPECTED MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
3 GOVERNORS OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE, A MEMBER OF
4 THE AMERICAN BOARD OF TRIAL ADVOCATES, A FELLOW OF THE
5 AMERICAN COLLEGE OF TRIAL LAWYERS, AND ON THE BOARD OF
6 GOVERNORS OF THE L.A. COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION FOR SEVERAL YEARS
7 DURING THE '90S. HE ALSO SERVED WITH DISTINCTION ON THE
8 CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON HEALTH AND SAFETY AND WORKERS'
9 COMPENSATION, HAVING ORIGINALLY BEEN APPOINTED IN 1993 BY THEN
10 SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, WILLIE BROWN, AND RENEWED SEVERAL
11 TIMES BY WILLIE'S SUCCESSORS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,
12 LENNY, AND HIS DAUGHTERS, ROXANNE, MORLEIGH, AND ELIZA. THANK
13 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.
16 NEXT, SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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18 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
19 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ALVIN AUSTIN, SR. ALVIN IS
20 THE FATHER OF OUR LONG BEACH CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AL AUSTIN,
21 JR., AND HE HAS PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 73. ALVIN WAS KNOWN
22 FOR HIS DILIGENT, STRONG WORK ETHIC AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.
23 AFTER GRADUATING WITH A MASTER'S DEGREE IN MANAGEMENT FROM
24 CLAREMONT GRADUATE SCHOOL, ALVIN ACCEPTED A POSITION AT THE
25 MCDONNELL DOUGLAS/BOEING. ALVIN WAS A VALUED LEADER WITHIN THE

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1 COMPANY AND RETIRED AFTER 35 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE. IN
2 HIS RETIREMENT, HE VOLUNTEERED HIS TIME AT NONPROFIT
3 ORGANIZATIONS AND SOCIAL CLUBS, WHERE HE COACHED AND MENTORED
4 YOUNG LEADERS. HE ALSO SERVED ON THE BOARDS OF THE AMERICAN
5 RED CROSS. FAMILY WAS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO ALVIN, AND HE
6 TOOK EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO BRING EVERYONE TOGETHER. HE WAS A
7 ROLE MODEL, MOTIVATOR, PROVIDER, PROTECTOR, AND TEACHER. HE IS
8 SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN -- HIS WIFE -- HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
9 WIFE, SUSANNE, HIS CHILDREN, THE HONORABLE AL AUSTIN, II,
10 JEANINE, AND AARON, 11 GRANDCHILDREN AND ONE GREAT
11 GRANDDAUGHTER. I ALSO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN
12 IN THE MEMORY OF FRANCESCA KOSTRENCICH, WHO WAS A RESIDENT OF
13 SAN PEDRO, AND SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 63. AFTER
14 GRADUATING FROM L.A. HARBOR COLLEGE WITH A NURSING DEGREE,
15 FRAN WAS IMMEDIATELY RECRUITED TO WORK AT LITTLE COMPANY OF
16 MARY HOSPITAL TORRANCE. THERE SHE WORKED ON THE MEDICAL
17 ONCOLOGY UNIT. AS AN ONCOLOGY NURSE, FRAN BECAME CLOSE FRIENDS
18 WITH MANY PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES. SOME PATIENTS EVEN
19 MADE HER A GODMOTHER TO THEIR CHILDREN. IN THE MID '90S, FRAN
20 LEFT BEDSIDE NURSING TO BECOME A SENIOR COMPUTER ANALYST. SHE
21 WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN DEVELOPING AND TRANSITIONING HOSPITALS
22 AWAY FROM PAPER NURSING FORMS, BRINGING THEM INTO THE DIGITAL
23 AGE. AS A TESTAMENT TO HER WORK, FRAN WAS RECOGNIZED IN THE
24 "WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN NURSING" PUBLICATION. FRAN WAS PRECEDED
25 IN DEATH BY HER PARENTS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY SIBLINGS, TERI,

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1 SUZANNE, AND FRANK, AND MANY NIECES AND NEPHEWS. I MOVE THAT
2 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF BARRY
3 DUNGY, WHO WAS A RESIDENT OF TORRANCE, AND HE WAS ONLY 67 WHEN
4 HE PASSED AWAY. I HAVE KNOWN BARRY FOR YEARS. BEYOND BEING MY
5 TAX ACCOUNTANT, I CONSIDERED HIM A FRIEND. BARRY WAS A MEMBER
6 OF NOVA COMMUNITY CHURCH. HE SERVED THE CHURCH IN MANY WAYS,
7 BUT HIS FAVORITE WAS GREETING THE SUNDAY ATTENDEES AT THE
8 FRONT DOOR WITH A WARM WELCOME, A SMILE, AND A HUG BEFORE HE
9 WOULD HAND THEM THEIR BULLETIN. HE WAS A MAN OF GOD AND
10 EXEMPLIFIED HIS LOVE FOR CHRIST BY BEING A GENTLE, KIND,
11 PATIENT, AND LOVING MAN. BARRY WAS ALSO INVOLVED WITH THE
12 REDONDO BEACH LIONS CLUB AND THE NORTH TORRANCE LIONS CLUB,
13 WHERE HE SERVED AS PRESIDENT AND TREASURER. I WILL ALWAYS
14 REMEMBER HIM ALSO BEING PATIENT WITH ME. THERE WERE MANY
15 YEARS BASED ON MY BUSY LIFESTYLE THAT SOMETIMES I MISSED
16 DEADLINES FOR GETTING MY INFORMATION TO HIM, BUT HE ALWAYS
17 KNEW AND WOULD APPLY FOR AN EXTENSION EVEN BEFORE I ASKED FROM
18 HIM. AND THEN HE WAS VERY PATIENT WITH ME MAKING SURE THAT HE
19 GOT ALL OF THE INFORMATION THAT HE NEEDED TO FILE MY TAXES. I
20 WILL MISS HIM VERY MUCH. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTERS,
21 JENNIFER AND ELIZABETH, AND GRANDSON, JAMES. AND I MOVE THAT
22 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JOSEPH
23 BEHAR, WHO WAS A MANHATTAN BEACH RESIDENT, WHO PASSED AWAY AT
24 THE AGE OF 94. JOSEPH SPENT MOST OF HIS LIFE IN THE TELEVISION
25 INDUSTRY. EARLY IN HIS CAREER, HE WORKED ON GROUNDBREAKING

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1 SHOWS LIKE THE "ERNIE KOVACS SHOW," "WIDE WIDE WORLD," AND
2 "ATOM SQUAD." HE WENT ON TO DIRECT SHOWS LIKE "LET'S MAKE A
3 DEAL," "DAYS OF OUR LIVE," AND "GENERAL HOSPITAL." THROUGHOUT
4 HIS TIME IN TELEVISION, HE WAS HONORED WITH SIX EMMY AWARDS.
5 HE RETIRED FROM THE INDUSTRY IN 2005. JOSEPH IS SURVIVED BY
6 HIS WIFE, CAROLYN, SONS JEFFREY, STEVEN, AND GREG,
7 GRANDCHILDREN, ALEX, MALLORY, NIKO, AND LYDIA, GREAT
8 GRANDDAUGHTER, BROOKLYN, AND NUMEROUS COUSINS. AND I ALSO MOVE
9 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF CAROL
10 BRESHEARS, WHO WAS A RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO AND PASSED AWAY AT
11 THE AGE OF 85. CAROL WAS THE LONGTIME ASSIGNMENT MANAGER AND
12 PLANNING EDITOR FOR K.T.T.V.-FOX 11. BEFORE HER TIME AT FOX
13 11, SHE WAS EXECUTIVE PRODUCER AT K.F.W.B. AND NEWS DIRECTOR
14 AT K.E.Y.T.-CHANNEL 3-SANTA BARBARA. SHE SPENT MORE THAN 30
15 YEARS IN LOS ANGELES TELEVISION, WAS A TRUE NEWS INDUSTRY
16 LEADER. JOURNALISM'S HIGHEST STANDARDS, EXCEPTIONAL
17 STORYTELLING, COMPASSION, AND KINDNESS ARE CAROL'S LEGACY. SHE
18 IS SURVIVED BY HER THREE CHILDREN, HER SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN,
19 AND HER TWO GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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21 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MEMBERS, JUST TO GIVE
22 YOU A REMINDER, CLOSED SESSION ITEMS CS1 AND 2 ARE BEING
23 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO TUESDAY, AUGUST THE 3RD, 2021. IF THERE
24 ARE NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ACTION. AND MEMBERS,
25 FINALLY, THIS CONCLUDES TODAY'S MEETING. PLEASE NOTE, THAT THE

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1 NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL BE A SPECIAL
2 CLOSED SESSION ON TUESDAY, AUGUST THE 3RD, 2021, AND THE NEXT
3 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST
4 10TH, 2021.

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6 **SUP. KUEHL:** DO WE NEED MOTION ON ADJOURNMENTS?

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8 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, I'M SORRY. THANK YOU. WE WILL TAKE
9 THOSE AS SECONDED. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS
10 VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ACTION. THANK YOU. OKAY, MEMBERS WE ARE
11 ADJOURNED. SEE YOU NEXT TIME. THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. HAHN:** BYE.

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15 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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17 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU.

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

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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 27, 2021, were
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8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived
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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 3rd
16 day of August 2021, for the County records to be used only for
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