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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2021, 9:30 AM

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WE'RE GOING TO GET STARTED WITH OUR MEETING. SO, GOOD MORNING. WELCOME TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WHICH IS BEING HELD REMOTELY. TODAY, AS YOU KNOW, IS TUESDAY OCTOBER 19TH 2021. WE WILL NOW TAKE ROLL CALL TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE. PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC AND RESPOND WHEN YOUR NAME IS CALLED. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. MITCHELL: GOOD MORNING, PRESENT.

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

SUP. KUEHL: GOOD MORNING, I AM HERE TOO.

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

SUP. HAHN: HERE.

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

SUP. BARGER: HERE.

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

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

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

ATTORNEY: I'M HERE.

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

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: HERE.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: NEXT, MEMBERS, I WOULD LIKE TO LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. PLEASE STAND AND PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART. AND WE WILL BEGIN. I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION, UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. THANK YOU, MEMBERS. AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, WE WILL BE TAKING TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENTS SEPARATELY FOR REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS AND FOR PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS DURING TODAY'S MEETING. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD RECEIVED OVER 1,100 WRITTEN

COMMENTS FOR TODAY'S MEETING. AND AS THOSE WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED, ALL OF THEM WERE AVAILABLE TO THE SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION, CONSISTENT WITH THE BROWN ACT'S REQUIREMENTS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS THROUGHOUT THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE TWO, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDAS. THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ITEM 2D IS AN ADDITION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM 3D IS AN ADDITION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE THREE, THE IS THE AGENDA FOR REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. ON PAGE FOUR, PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS 1-5. ON ITEM 5, THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO NOVEMBER 2ND, 2021, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THE REMAINING ITEMS WILL BE HELD FOR HEARING. ON PAGE SEVEN, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 6 THROUGH 26. ON ITEM 11, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 12, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 18, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS

THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 20, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 25, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 27-45. ON ITEM 27, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUE UNTIL DECEMBER 7, 2021, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ON ITEM 31, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS BE CONTINUED TO NOVEMBER 2ND, 2021. ON ITEM 35, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 36, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO NOVEMBER 16, 2021. HOWEVER, WE WILL NOT VOTE ON THE CONTINUANCE ITEM AT THIS TIME, AS SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 37, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 43C. SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 43E, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 43G IS A RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF MULTIFAMILY REVENUE BONDS BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $21 MILLION TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT IN THE CITY OF PASADENA. ON PAGE 38, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION. ON PAGE 38, NOTICE OF CLOSED SESSION. ITEM CS1, CS1, AND CS3, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THESE

ITEMS BE REFERRED BACK. THE REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES THROUGH 43G AND THE CLOSED SESSION ITEMS REFERRED BACK ARE BEFORE YOU.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: MOVED BY MYSELF AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS WITH THE EXCEPTIONS NOTED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER. THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MEMBERS, WE HAVE A MATTER OF URGENCY FOR THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION. AND I WOULD LIKE TO READ IN THE FOLLOWING MOTION. THIS IS WITH RESPECT TO THE ENHANCED CHILD TAX CREDIT THAT WAS INTRODUCED THIS YEAR AS PART OF THE RESQUEUE PLAN AND HAS HAS BEEN A GAME CHANGER IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CHILD POVERTY. MILLIONS OF CHILDREN ACROSS THE COUNTRY, INCLUDING MANY RIGHT HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, BENEFITED TREMENDOUSLY FROM THE E.C.T.C., WHICH PROVIDES UP TO $3,600 PER CHILD BETWEEN THE AGES OF 0 AND 17 AND IS EXEMPT FROM INCOME REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. BEFORE THE E.C.T.C. TAX CREDITS FOR CHILDREN WERE LIMITED TO THOSE FAMILIES WHO FILED TAXES AND HAD HIGHER INCOMES. THE E.C.T.C. WAS DESIGNED, AS YOU KNOW, TO SPECIFICALLY INCLUDE NON FILERS, FAMILIES AT THE VERY LOWEST INCOME LEVELS WHO DID NOT FILE TAXES BECAUSE OF THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS OR BECAUSE

THEY DID NOT EARN ENOUGH MONEY TO QUALIFY OR BOTH. THE NEW APPROACH TO SUPPORTING FAMILIES HAS BEEN TRANSFORMATIONAL WITH CHILD POVERTY REDUCED BY ALMOST 50% NATIONALLY, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT IMPACT IN DECADES. RECOGNIZING THIS, PRESIDENT BIDEN INCLUDED IN HIS AMERICAN FAMILIES PROPOSAL AN EXTENSION OF THE PROGRAM UNTIL 2025. UNFORTUNATELY, AS IT IS BEING CONSIDERED CURRENTLY IN CONGRESS, THE E.C.T.C. IS AT A HIGH RISK OF BEING WATERED DOWN. IT WAS REPORTED IN THE MEDIA THAT IN A THINLY DISGUISED EFFORT TO REDUCE THE COST, DEMANDS ARE BEING MADE THAT THE E.C.T.C. INCLUDE A WORK REQUIREMENT AND ALSO BE MEANS TESTED. SHOULD THIS OCCUR, E.C.T.C. WILL LIKELY RETAIN THE INCREASED TAX CREDIT BUT EXCLUDE MANY OF THE PEOPLE THAT WE KNOW NEED THIS THE MOST. IF FUNDING CUTS TO THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN OCCUR, OUR DELEGATION SHOULD URGE THEIR COLLEAGUES TO LOOK ELSEWHERE THAN A PROGRAM THAT HAS BEEN TRANSFORMATIONAL IN THE LIVES OF CHILDREN. SO, MEMBERS, I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS URGE THE COUNTY'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO ADVOCATE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE ENHANCED CHILD TAX CREDIT AS IS IN THE ONGOING DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THE PRESIDENT'S AMERICAN FAMILY PROPOSALS. I MOVE, THEREFORE, THAT PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2, THAT THERE IS A NEED TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION THAT CAME TO THE BOARD'S ATTENTION SUBSEQUENT TO POSTING OF THE AGENDA. THE URGENCY IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, MYSELF, AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. THE MOTION WILL BE VOTED ON

WITH THE REMAINING CONSENT ITEMS FOLLOWING PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU. THERE'S NO OBJECTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MEMBERS. WE WILL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS, EXCLUDING PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 1-4. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT SHOULD CALL 877- 226-8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 133-6503. TO REPEAT. PLEASE CALL 877-226-8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 133-6503. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL 877-873-8017 AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING IN, WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND WHICH AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. YOU WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE ON ONE AGENDA ITEM, OR TWO MINUTES ON TWO OR MORE AGENDA ITEMS. IN ADDITION, THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD WITH A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, WILL BE PROVIDED ONE ADDITIONAL MINUTE FOR A MAXIMUM TOTAL OF UP TO THREE MINUTES. WE WILL ALLOCATE 90 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL OF THE ITEMS EXCLUDING THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. WHEN SPEAKING ON THE

AGENDA, YOU MUST BE ON TOPIC. OUR GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE CAN. IF YOU ARE NOT SPEAKING ON TOPIC, OR IF WE CANNOT TELL IF YOU ARE SPEAKING ON AN AGENDA ITEM, YOU WILL GET ONE WARNING FROM COUNTY COUNSEL OR THE CHAIR. IF YOU DO NOT IMMEDIATELY OR CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC, OR IF YOU STRAY ALL TOPIC AGAIN, YOU WILL FORFEIT THE REST OF YOUR TIME AND THE CHAIR WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU ARE ALSO LISTENING TO THE BOARD MEETING ON A COMPUTER OR SPEAKER PHONE, YOU WILL NEED TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON THOSE DEVICES AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU. IF YOU DO NOT TURN DOWN THE VOLUME, THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER PLEASE.

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

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH INTERPRETATION OF THIS REMINDER.

[SPANISH INTERPRETATION]

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

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ELLEN GESE. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ELLEN GESE: HELLO, MY NAME IS ELLEN GESE. I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 5, AND I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEMS 7, 8, 9, 18, 20, 43E, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. REGARDING AGENDA ITEM 7, RENEWING OUR COMMITMENT TO THE DREAMERS. I BELIEVE VERY VERY STRONGLY IN D.A.C.A. I THINK CHILDREN THAT WERE BROUGHT HERE SHOULD NOT BE THEN KICKED OUT. THEY DID NOT CHOOSE TO COME HERE, BUT THEY HAVE MADE THEIR HOMES HERE. AND IT IS COMPLETELY UNFAIR TO THEM TO GO WELL, YOUR PARENTS BROUGHT YOU HERE, BUT WE'RE JUST GOING TO SEND YOU BACK EVEN THOUGH THIS IS POTENTIALLY THE ONLY HOME YOU HAVE EVER KNOWN. THIS HAS SO MANY PROBLEMS TO IT, I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO GET INTO IT. SO, ANYTHING, ANYTHING THAT HELPS DREAMERS, ANYTHING THAT SUPPORTS D.A.C.A. DEFINITELY MOVE IT FORWARD. REGARDING AGENDA ITEM 8, AND AGAIN, INCREASING SUPPORT FOR UNDOCUMENTED INDIVIDUALS, DEFINITELY IN FAVOR. I THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR PUTTING FORTH THIS MOTION. EVERYONE DESERVES SAFE HOUSING. I ENCOURAGE THE BOARD ALONG WITH THE RELEVANT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS IN THEIR OUTREACH EFFORTS TO CONSIDER HOW MANY UNDOCUMENTED COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE RELUCTANT TO SEEK SERVICES DUE TO THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS. OUTREACH FOR

THESE COMMUNITIES MUST BE DONE IN WAYS THAT GUARANTEE THEIR SAFETY AND COMPLETELY PRECLUDE ANY INVOLVEMENT WITH I.C.E. AND GENUINELY WORKS TOWARD PROVIDING SAFE AND STABLE HOUSING FOR ALL OF OUR HOUSELESS COMMUNITY MEMBERS. 9 IS SO STRAIGHTFORWARD I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO IMAGINE HOW THIS WOULD NOT BE SOMETHING YOU WILL BE IN FAVOR OF. LAW ENFORCEMENT HAS CAUSED SO MUCH HARM, AND THE IDEA THAT FUNDING TO HELP THE PEOPLE THAT THEY HAVE HARMED WOULD COME FROM ANYWHERE BUT THEIR OVERINFLATED BUDGET IS JUST UNIMAGINABLE. SO 100% SUPPORT 9. 18, I VERY WANT TO SPEAK MOSTLY ON THIS ONE. I COMMEND SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MITCHELL FOR PRESENTING THIS MOTION. THE GENDER-RESPONSIVE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE HAS AUTHORED A GROUNDBREAKING REPORT THAT LAYS OUT SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GUIDING THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO DECARCERATE CENTRAL REGIONAL DETENTION FACILITY AND CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. FIRST AND FOREMOST, LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUST TAKE SUBSTANSIVE EFFORTS TO RELEASE INCARCERATED PERSONS TO RETURN TO THEIR COMMUNITIES. THIS STRATEGY INCLUDES TARGETED DIVERSION STRATEGIES, REENTRY SUPPORT, AND C.B.O. CAPACITY BUILDING THAT FOCUS ON CIS GENDER WOMEN AND TWO SPIRIT L.G.B.Q.+ T.G.I. INDIVIDUALS. 42% OF THOSE IN L.A. COUNTY JAILS ARE AWAITING TRIAL, AND 76% OF THOSE IN C.R.D.F. HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO BE DIVERTED AWAY FROM JAIL AND INTO COMMUNITY-BASED CARE. THESE NUMBERS REVEAL THAT DECARCERATION IS FEASIBLE AND NECESSARY. THIS MOTION ALSO DEPICTS THE MUCH NEEDED COORDINATION BETWEEN

THE RELEVANT L.A. COUNTY BODIES TASKED WITH DESIGNING AND IMPLEMENTING COUNTY DECARCERATION POLICIES.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: I JUST WANT TO CORRECT THE SPEAKER THAT THAT MOTION, ITEM 18, WAS INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND MITCHELL. BUT THANK YOU.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL COME FROM MICHELLE KING. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

MICHELLE KING: GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS MICHELLE KING. I LIVE IN DISTRICT 1. THIS MORNING I WILL BE SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEMS 7, 8, 9, 18, 20, 43E, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE. AND ITEM 20, I SUPPORT THE BOARD PRIORITIZING NEEDS FOR AN ALTERNATIVE TO L.A. COUNTY'S CURRENT LAW ENFORCEMENT (INDISCERNIBLE) CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEMS BY PRESENTING THIS MOTION TO INCREASE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTIONS TO ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE POSITIONS. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO ASK THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO PRIORITIZE THE HIRING OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN BUILDING OUT THESE RESPONSE TEAMS. I

ALSO ENCOURAGE THE COUNTY TO CREATE AND EXPAND DECENTRALIZED COORDINATED SERVICE HUBS IN STRATEGIC LOCATIONS, NOT STAFFED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT, WHERE FOLKS CAN SEEK REFERRAL OR IMMEDIATE ADMISSION 24 HOURS A DAY TO (INDISCERNIBLE) SERVICES THAT INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO MENTAL HEALTH, INCLUDING PSYCHIATRIC URGENT CARE CENTERS, SUPPORTING HOUSING VIA COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEMS, AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES, SUCH AS WITHDRAWAL MANAGEMENT, MEDICATED ASSISTED TREATMENT, AND RECOVERY INTAKE CENTERS. IN SEARCHING FOR FUNDING TO IMPROVE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, THE COUNTY SHOULD REALLOCATE MONEY AWAY FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND INTO COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH (INDISCERNIBLE). LACK OF FUNDING IS NO EXCUSE WHEN WE ARE CURRENTLY ALLOCATING $3 BILLION TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND A BILLION TO THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT THIS YEAR. ON ITEM 18, AS MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY, THE MOTION OUTLINES THE NUMBERS THAT SHOW THAT DECARCERATION IS FEASIBLE AND NECESSARY. I THINK IT IS CRITICAL THAT THERE'S OPEN AND TRANSPARENT COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE JAIL CLOSURE AND IMPLEMENTATION TEAM AND THE A.T.I. WORKING GROUP, THE O.D.R., AND THE G.R.A.C. ENSURE THAT THE AVAILABLE DIVERSION PROGRAMS ARE BEING UTILIZED AND DECARCERATION EFFORTS ARE SWIFT AND COORDINATED. ON ITEM 9, I THINK THIS IS AN IMPORTANT FIRST STEP IN RIGHTING WRONGS THAT FAMILIES HAVE FACED AT THE HANDS OF L.A.S.D. ALL THE FAMILIES AFFECTED BY THE DEATH OF LOVED

ONES AT THE HANDS OF L.A.S.D. DESERVE BOTH SUPPORT AND THE COMPLETE ERADICATION OF SANCTIONED MURDER. THE PROCESS FOR THEM TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT SHOULD BE AS SIMPLIFIED AS POSSIBLE. THE LAST THING THEY NEED TO BE IS RETRAUMATIZED BY A SYSTEM THAT DOESN'T CARE FOR THEM. THE COUNTY HAS NO PROBLEM FINDING ENOUGH FUNDING FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, SO LET'S USE SOME OF THEIR BUDGET TO FUND F.A.P. WHEN L.A.S.D. CAN'T DO THEIR JOB WITHOUT KILLING FOLKS, WE, TAXPAYERS, ARE BEARING THE BRUNT OF THEIR MISCONDUCT. IT IS UNCONSCIONABLE THAT WE (INDISCERNIBLE) THE COUNTY HAS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES OF PEOPLE KILLED DURING ENCOUNTERS WITH A COUNTY DEPARTMENT. THE ONLY WAY TO HOLD L.A.S.D. ACCOUNTABLE IS BY GIVING THEM LESS FUNDING AND SHIFTING COUNTY PRIORITIES TO COMMUNITY-BASED -- TO THE COMMUNITY, PRIORITIZING A CARE FIRST BUDGET LIKE ELIMINATE THIS VIOLENCE COMPLETELY. IF WE END THE VIOLENCE, WE DON'T NEED A FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. ON ITEM 8, EVERYONE DESERVES SAFE HOUSING. ON ITEM 7, ALL IMMIGRANTS SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO CARE. WE MUST SUPPORT ALL ANGELENOS AND SUPPORT THIS LITIGATION CHALLENGING THE END OF D.A.C.A. IT IS LONG OVERDUE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF MARIA BRENES. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

MARIA BRENES: GOOD MORNING. I AM SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF ITEM 43C. I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INNER CITY STRUGGLE. WE ARE A COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION IN THE EAST SIDE OF LOS ANGELES. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN BRINGING FORTH THIS IMPORTANT MOTION. I URGE THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THIS IMPORTANT ITEM IN THE SPIRIT OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY. AGAIN, PLEASE SUPPORT ITEM 43C. THANK YOU.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAK PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF ROY HUMPHREYS. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ROY HUMPHREYS: OKAY ITEMS 7, 8, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. ON 7 AND 8 AND OTHERS RELATED TO THAT, THE COUNTY DOESN'T HAVE THE RIGHT OR PRIVILEGE OF SUBVERTING THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WHICH THEY DID THIS PLEDGE AT THE BEGINNING

OF THE MEETING WITH THEIR SANCTUARY ASPECT AS FAR AS IMMIGRATION GOES AND THEN TO PLEAD THE CASE THAT THEY ARE LAW ABIDING CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. AND TO A GENERAL COMMENT, WE ARE SURROUNDED BY FAILED LEADERSHIP, WHICH I'VE JUST MENTIONED, FROM YOUR FAILURE TO WIDEN FULLERTON ROAD, ALLOWING THE FULLERTON AND FAIRWAY UNDERPASSES TO BE BUNGLED, TEARING DOWN THE TWIN TOWERS WITHOUT A REPLACEMENT, AND BEING IN DENIAL THAT THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND THE CROWN JEWEL, FAILURE TO FULLY AUTOMATE THE PORTS AT WARP SPEED WHILE THE REST OF CIVILIZED WORLD HAS FOLLOWED, AND BY FAILURE TO IMPLEMENT EMERGENCY INTERVENTION ON THE 100 SHIPS FLOATING IN LIMBO LAND. RESIGNATIONS ARE IN ORDER. THANK YOU.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAK PLEASE.

MODERATOR: AND AS A REMINDER, IF YOU WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD PLEASE 1 AND THEN 0 ON YOUR TOUCH TONE PHONE. DO NOT PRESS 1 AND 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE QUEUE. THE NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE HANS JOHNSON. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

HANS JOHNSON: GOOD MORNING, BOARD MEMBERS, AND I AM HAHN JOHNSON PRESIDENT OF THE EAST AREA PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS, THE

LARGEST DEMOCRATIC CLUB IN LOS ANGELES AND IN CALIFORNIA. I AM HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 43C AND COMMEND SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND BARGER FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD IN SUCH A TIMELY AND IMPORTANT WAY. THIS RESOLUTION AIMS TO FERRET OUT ANY ADDITIONAL WRONGDOING FOR MOTIONS OR ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS OR STAFF FOR SELF-ENRICHMENT PURPOSES. AND IT IS AIMED AT RESTORING TRUST AND FAITH IN OUR DEMOCRACY AND IN PUBLIC SERVICE HERE AT THE COUNTY LEVEL. WHETHER UNFOUNDED CLAIMS THAT GOVERNMENT CANNOT WORK IN A DEMOCRATIC FASHION COME FROM A ROGUE COUNTY OFFICIAL WITH A BADGE OR WITH MISINFORMED OR DELUDED COUNTY RESIDENTS MAKING UNFOUNDED CLAIMS THAT BORDER ON OR PARTICIPATE IN INSURRECTION, WE NEED TO RESTORE FAITH IN OUR DEMOCRACY. THIS IMPORTANT RESOLUTION HELPS ESTABLISH PUBLIC TRUST AND GOES A LONG WAY TOWARDS REBUILDING FAITH IN THE VALUE OF OUR PARTICIPATION IN SELF-GOVERNANCE. I COMMEND THIS RESOLUTION ON BEHALF HALF OF OUR MEMBERS FOR THE SUPERVISORS' CONSIDERATION AND PASSAGE TODAY, AND ONCE AGAIN, WISH TO THANK THE TIMELY ACTION OF SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND BARGER FOR BRINGING IT FORWARD. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE JULIE MARTINEZ. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY

AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

JULIE MARTINEZ: GOOD MORNING. I WILL BE ADDRESSING ITEMS 7 AND ITEMS 9. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR THIS MOTION TO SHOW THE COUNTY'S SUPPORT FOR DREAMERS. I WISH THERE WOULD BE MORE AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL. BUT THE FOCUS ON MY COMMENTS WILL BE ON ITEM 9. MY FAMILY WAS -- WAS A VICTIM OF A POLICE KILLING. MY GRANDSON IS PAUL REYA. AND HE WAS SHOT AT A ROUTINE TRAFFIC STOP. THE HORROR AND THE SADNESS AND THE TERROR OF UNDERSTANDING SUCH AN UNTIMELY DEATH IN SUCH A CRIMINAL MANNER IS BAD ENOUGH, BUT WHAT HAPPENS AFTER TO THE FAMILIES IT JUST COMPOUNDS THE PAIN THAT THE FAMILY DOES EXPERIENCE. SO THIS MOTION, I BELIEVE, WILL ADDRESS MOST OF THE CONCERNS THE FAMILIES THAT ARE VICTIMS OF POLICE MURDERS AND POLICE VIOLENCE. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HOLDS AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF POWER. HE IS THE LARGEST SHERIFF IN THE NATION, AND UNFORTUNATELY YOU, AS A BOARD, CONTINUE TO FUND AND GIVE THEM UNFETTERED ACCESS TO WHAT I CALL ARE POLICE TOYS AND THINGS THAT ARE ULTIMATELY USED AGAINST THE COMMUNITY. BUT HIS POWER DID NOT STOP AFTER THE UNLAWFUL SHOOTING. AS WE KNOW, THE FORMER D.A. REFUSED TO PROSECUTE ANY TYPE OF SHERIFF VIOLENCE OR MURDERS. BUT WHAT WAS WORSE IS THE HARASSMENT THAT CONTINUED. THE WEEKLY AND SOMETIMES DAILY VISITS BY THE SHERIFF PARKING OUTSIDE, DRIVING BY, MAKING COMMENTS,

LAUGHING, SHOWING UP AT THE MEMORIAL SITE, SHOWING UP AT THE FUNERAL, LAUGHING, SLOWLY DRIVING LIKE THEY ARE GANG MEMBERS AND MAKING COMMENTS AND GESTURES WITH BOTH OF THEIR HANDS AND THEIR FACES. WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS THESE FAMILIES DO NEED -- THEY DO NEED COUNSELING, AND THEY DO NEED SOME FINANCIAL SUPPORT. SO I AM VERY VERY GRATEFUL, SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS, FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR FAMILY'S HEART. WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL. AND WE ARE HOPING THAT THE ENTIRE BOARD WILL PLEASE VOTE FOR THIS. SHERIFF VILLANUEVA IDENTIFIED US AS GANG MEMBERS WHO GO TO THE MEMORIAL SITE. I HOLD A MASTER'S DEGREE FROM U.C.L.A. I CAN ATTEST THAT WE ARE NOT GANG MEMBERS.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE DAVID STRICKS. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

DAVID STRICKS: HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DAVID STRICKS. I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS 3D AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY MAIN COMMENT IS REGARDING THE FACT THAT BUSINESSES NEED MORE RELIEF PROGRAMS. I AM AN ATTORNEY THAT REPRESENTS COMMERCIAL LANDLORDS AND MYSELF AM A COMMERCIAL LANDLORD. THE MAIN

PROBLEM THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT TODAY IS THE COMMERCIAL PROTECTION RESOLUTION THAT WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD ON THE 28TH. AND WE ALL UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE EXPERIENCING A PANDEMIC AND THAT WE ALL ARE REQUIRED TO HELP SHARE THE BURDEN, BUT COMMERCIAL LANDLORDS ARE CARRYING A MAJOR PORTION OF THE BURDEN ALONE. THERE ARE MANY COMMERCIAL TENANTS THAT ARE SUFFERING A LOSS OF INCOME, AND THEY NEED HELP WITH THEIR RENT PAYMENTS, AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT THERE ARE OTHER TENANTS THAT ARE DOING WELL. THEY ARE NOT PAYING RENT BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT REQUIRED TO. LANDLORDS, PURSUANT TO THE PROTECTION PROGRAM, THAT RESOLUTION THAT WAS ADOPTED LAST MONTH, ARE REQUIRED TO ACCEPT THE TENANTS SELF-CERTIFICATION THAT THEY ARE UNABLE TO PAY RENT. MANY TENANTS QUALIFY TO RECEIVE P.P.P. FUNDS. RESTAURANTS RECEIVED REVITALIZATION FUNDS. COMMERCIAL LANDLORDS DON'T QUALIFY FOR P.P.P. AND HAVEN'T RECEIVED ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT FUNDS. RESIDENTIAL LANDLORDS HAVE A STATE PROGRAM WHEREBY THEY WAIVE 20% OF THEIR RENT, THE STATE WILL PAY 80% OF THE RENT. COMMERCIAL LANDLORDS HAVE NO SUCH PROGRAMS AVAILABLE. THE COUNTY MORATORIUM ALLOWS TENANTS NOT TO PAY RENT, BUT LAST DECEMBER 10TH -- LAST APRIL 10TH AND THIS COMING DECEMBER 10TH, THE COUNTY STILL REQUIRES LANDLORDS TO PAY PROPERTY TAXES. THE BURDEN PLACED ON COMMERCIAL LANDLORDS IS UNFAIR. COMMERCIAL LANDLORDS ARE NOT SHARING THE BURDEN. THEY ARE CARRYING AN UNFAIR SHARE OF THE BURDEN. THEY NEED PROGRAMS TO HELP THEM

ALSO. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK WITH YOU, AND THANK YOU FOR DOING A WONDERFUL JOB RUNNING THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAK PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANTS WILL BE GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF ERIC PREVEN. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ERIC PREVEN: YES. IT IS ERIC PREVEN FROM STUDIO CITY. CAN YOU HEAR ME? I WILL SPEAK ON SEVERAL ITEMS INCLUDING 43C AND A VARIETY OF ITEMS. OKAY?

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: YES, PLEASE BEGIN.

ERIC PREVEN: THANK YOU. FIRST OF ALL, CONGRATULATIONS ON THE CLOSED SESSION THAT YOU WILL BE HAVING. I CAN IMAGINE IT WILL BE AN INTERESTING CONVERSATION. AND OBVIOUSLY, IT WAS A BIT OF A SHOCKER TO A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF THE 11 MILLION RESIDENTS IN THE COUNTY THAT THERE WAS POTENTIALLY WRONGDOING AT THE COUNTY LEVEL WHEREIN A SUPERVISOR WAS KIND OF SQUEEZING AN ACADEMIC INSTITUTION, U.S.C., TO GET FAVORS FOR HIS LAD, WHO IS A FAIRLY TARNISHED STATE ASSEMBLYMAN LOOKING FOR A COMFY PLACE TO LAND. AND YOU KNOW, IT IS SHOCKING. IT IS SHOCKING BEYOND BELIEF TO MANY PEOPLE. TO ME, IT IS NOT SHOCKING AT ALL. I AM A CLOSE WATCHER OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND I HAVE SEEN A LOT OF BENEFITING OF PEOPLE WHO YOU ARE CONNECTED TO ON THE OUTSIDE ALTHOUGH YOU ARE NOT OVERTLY IN BUSINESS WITH. BUT THAT'S WHERE THE OVERT ACTS IN A FEDERAL INDICTMENT ARE SO RELEVANT AND HOW THEY WERE ABLE TO SEE THE KIND OF QUID PRO QUO THAT TAKES PLACE ALL THE TIME, WHICH IS WHY IT IS SO UNFAIR, IN A WAY, YOU TALK ABOUT THE COUNTY POLICY OF EQUITY. WHY SHOULD MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS FACE THE MUSIC WHEN SHEILA KUEHL AND HER FRIENDS AT LIBERTY HILL, AND HILDA SOLIS, AND THERE'S JUST A MYRIAD OF TREASURED PARTNERS, MANY OF WHOM WALK SEAMLESSLY RIGHT IN AND OUT THE DOOR. SO IT DOESN'T SEEM FAIR, BUT WE HAVE TO REMEMBER THE WHY. WE HAVE TO REMEMBER WHY THIS HAPPENED. AND THE REASON I THINK IS BECAUSE PEOPLE WHO STAY FOR A LONG TIME, LIKE SHEILA AND MARK, BECOME

MAD WITH POWER. THEY BECOME SO POWERFUL AND INFLUENTIAL THAT THEY CAN'T SEE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT IS RIGHT AND WHAT IS POSSIBLE. AND ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE WHEN YOU RUN SUCH A LARGE OPERATION. AND WHEN YOU REALIZE THAT ONLY A FEW PEOPLE CAN POINT TO THE PROBLEMS AND SHOW WHAT IS WRONG, THE ONLY POSSIBLE CHOICE IS THE ONE THAT YOU HAVE WORKED ON IN A CONSPIRATORIAL MANNER, APPARENTLY WITH GEORGE CASTRON AND SHERIFF WOO WHO WON'T EVEN COME TO THE PHONE, THE D.A., BY DENYING PUBLIC ACCESS TO THESE MEETING, BY SAYING MR. PREVEN, AND DR. CLAVREUL, AND THE OTHER PEOPLE WHO TAKE THE TIME OUT OF THEIR OWN LIVES TO PAY ATTENTION TO SPEAK UP AND SAY HEY, TAKE A LOOK AT THAT PROCUREMENT FOR RENTAL CARS. THAT'S NOT APPROPRIATE TO BE GOING TO THE SUPERVISOR'S SON. THAT WAS NOT SEBASTIAN. THAT WAS MATT KANABE WHO WAS THE LOBBYIST FOR ENGLANDER-KANABE NOW AND STILL IS. AND THERE'S ITEMS ON YOUR AGENDA EVEN TODAY THAT REFLECT THE KIND OF LEGACY OF DEALING. DIAMOND BAR GOLF COURSE TODAY, YOU HAVE A HEARING ON THAT. WE WILL TALK ABOUT IT DURING PUBLIC HEARING. THE GOLF CONTRACTS WERE EFFECTIVELY STOLEN BY LACK OF R.F.P. AND SO THIS GOES ON NIGHT AND DAY.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF HANNA CARR. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

HANNAH CARR: HELLO. I AM DR. HANNAH CARR FROM HARBOR U.C.L.A. I AM SPEAKING ON PUBLIC COMMENT. AS A DELEGATE FROM OUR COMMITTEE OF INTERNS AND RESIDENTS UNION, I'M AGAIN ASKING THE COUNTY TO NEGOTIATE OUR SALARIES AND NOT ASK US TO ROLL OVER OUR CONTRACTS FOR SIX MONTHS. WE ARE ACTIVELY RECRUITING OUR NEXT CLASS OF RESIDENT PHYSICIANS, AND WE NEED TO SHOW THESE POTENTIAL FUTURE COLLEAGUES WHY WORKING FOR THE COUNTY IS WORTH IT. CURRENTLY, OFFERING TEN TO $15,000 LESS THAN NEIGHBORING PROGRAMS IN THE SAME CITY IS A HARD SELL TO OUR TOP APPLICANTS. WE ARE A VACCINATED GROUP OF HARDWORKING DOCTORS READY TO CONTINUE WORKING DESPITE STAFFING SHORTAGES ROLLING OUT THIS WEEK DUE TO THE VACCINE MANDATE, WHICH, FOR THE RECORD, WE DO SUPPORT. PLEASE TAKE CARE OF US SO WE CAN CONTINUE TO TAKE CARE OF THE COUNTY'S MOST VULNERABLE PATIENTS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAK PLEASE.

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

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH INTERPRETATION OF THIS REMINDER.

[SPANISH INSTRUCTIONS]

>>MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE LORENZO GONZALES. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

LORENZO GONZALES: HI, MY NAME IS DR. LORENZO ANTONIO GONZALES. I AM A FAMILY MEDICINE PHYSICIAN AT HARBOR U.C.L.A., A MEMBER OF C.A.R. S.E.I.U. AND I WILL BE ADDRESSING PUBLIC COMMENT. TWO WEEKS AGO, WE CAME TO GARNER SUPPORT TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF FRONTLINE RESIDENT PHYSICIANS OF L.A. COUNTY. AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR AGREEING TO MEET WITH US. AS WE START TO SEE THE IMPACTS OF THE VACCINE MANDATE, RESIDENT PHYSICIANS ARE CALLED UP AGAIN TO MEET THE DEFICITS FROM THOSE REASSIGNED. THAT MEANS INCREASED URGENT CARE LOADS, POTENTIALLY UNSAFE WAITING

ROOMS, 12 E.R. WAIT TIMES AND POSSIBLE DIVERSION. THIS IS ALL TOO SIMILAR. LAST YEAR, WE RISKED OUR LIVES DURING THE PANDEMIC. WE MET THE NEEDS ASKED TO US BY OUR COUNTY. WE DID OUR PART. NOW WE ASK FOR THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE TO SHOW US RESPECT THROUGH OUR CONTRACT. THEY DON'T. NOW WE ASK D.H.S. TO SHOW US RESPECT THROUGH OUR CONTRACT. THEY DON'T. THESE ARE THE ACTIONS THAT MAKE COUNTY-TRAINED PHYSICIANS WANT TO LEAVE OUR SYSTEM, A SYSTEM THAT IS A BEACON FOR HOPE FOR ALL ANGELENOS, FOR ALL THOSE MARGINALIZED. BUT FOR HOW LONG? OUR MESSAGE IS NOT NEW. OUR FRONTLINE PHYSICIANS ARE EXHAUSTED AND FRUSTRATED, BUT WE ARE HERE AGAIN TODAY TO REINFORCE THE MESSAGE THAT WE NEED A FAIR CONTRACT NOW. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT, SUPERVISORS HAHN, KUEHL, AND BARGER. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT NOW MORE THAN EVER. THANK YOU.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAK PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE TROUTE WINTERS. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO ADDRESS TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

TROUTE WINTERS: GOOD MORNING. I'M TROUTE WINTERS, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS

GREATER L.A. COUNTY. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEMS 20, 43E, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. ON BEHALF OF N.A.M.I. GREATER L.A. COUNTY, WE SUPPORT AGENDA ITEM 20, ENHANCING RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION FOR MENTAL HEALTH FIELD POSITIONS. THERE IS A NEED FOR INCREASED FIELD-BASED MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT AND LESS RELIANCE ON LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS AND PEOPLE EXPERIENCING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. TO ADDRESS D.M.H. HAVING DIFFICULTY RECRUITING AND RETAINING THE FIELD-BASED MENTAL HEALTH WORKFORCE, N.A.M.I. G.L.A.C. SUPPORTS LOOKING AT OPTIONS TO IMPROVE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF FIELD-BASED MENTAL HEALTH POSITIONS, INCLUDING RECLASSIFYING POSITIONS OR DEVELOPING NEW CLASSIFICATIONS FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND PARAPROFESSIONALS ON P.M.R.T., M.E.T., H.O.M.E., AND F.S.P. TEAMS. WE SUPPORT RELAXING BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR PEER SPECIALIST POSITIONS FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOW READY AND WILLING TO USE THEIR LIVED EXPERIENCE TO MAKE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO OUR COMMUNITIES. N.A.M.I. G.L.A.C. SUPPORTS PEER CERTIFICATION AS SPECIALISTS AND BELIEVES THAT THEY CAN SERVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE FOR TREATMENT AND RECOVERY. AND WE SUPPORT INCENTIVES TO ADDRESS THE SHORTAGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS WILLING TO WORK IN FIELD-BASED PUBLIC SECTOR POSITIONS AND INCENTIVES FOR POSITIONS ON P.M.R.T., M.E.T., H.O.M.E., AND F.S.P. TEAMS AND FEEL IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE CLINICAL RESPONSE AVAILABLE 24/7. WE ARE ALSO CALLING TO SUPPORT AGENDA ITEM 43E, PURSUE AN AGREEMENT WITH METRO TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE.

N.A.M.I. G.L.A.C. SUPPORTS THE DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH IN COORDINATION WITH COUNTY COUNSEL TO WORK WITH METRO IN NEGOTIATING AN AGREEMENT FOR D.M.H. AND METRO FOR THE EXECUTION AND OPERATION OF CO-RESPONSE TEAMS AND PSYCHIATRIC RESPONSE TEAM SERVICES. WE SUPPORT MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS UTILIZING DEESCALATION TACTICS AND SHIFTING RESPONSIBILITY TO D.M.H., INCLUDING USING MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAMS AND AWAY FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT WHERE APPROPRIATE. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE BREA FISHER. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

BREA FISHER: HI, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS DR. BREA FISHER. AND I AM A RESIDENT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY AT L.A.C+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER. I AM ALSO A MEMBER OF C.I.R. S.E.I.U., AND I'M CALLING TO PROVIDE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT FOR SUPPORT OF C.I.R. BARGAINING EFFORTS. I CAME TO LOS ANGELES FROM THE MIDWEST FOR MEDICAL SCHOOL. WHEN IT CAME TIME TO CHOOSE WHERE I WOULD TRAIN FOR MY RESIDENCY, L.A.C.+U.S.C. WAS MY NUMBER ONE CHOICE. IT WASN'T BECAUSE OF THE SALARY.

MANY PLACES OFFERED BETTER PAY, AND CHEAPER MARKETS, OR FOR THE PRESTIGE. IT WAS ABOUT THE PATIENTS I WOULD GET TO SERVE AND THE COLLEAGUES I WANTED BY MY SIDE ALONG THE WAY. THE ANGELENOS WE TAKE CARE OF, REGARDLESS OF INCOME, INSURANCE, OR IMMIGRATION STATUS, HAVE BEEN SOME OF MY GREATEST TEACHERS AND CONTINUE TO BRING JOY TO EVEN MY HARDEST DAYS. THE RESIDENTS I ASPIRED TO BE AS A MEDICAL STUDENT, AND WHO I AM NOW HONORED TO CALL CO-RESIDENTS, ARE SOME OF THE MOST BRILLIANT, DEDICATED, AND ALTRUISTIC PEOPLE I HAVE EVER MET. TO CONTINUE TO DELIVER WORLD CLASS MEDICAL CARE WITH WHAT I'VE COME TO KNOW AS A COUNTY HEART, WE NEED A CONTRACT THAT ADEQUATELY VALUES OUR SERVICE, EXPERTISE, AND THE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF HOURS WE HAVE SPENT TRAINING TO CARE FOR OUR PATIENTS THE WAY WE DO EVERY SINGLE DAY. THUS FAR IN NEGOTIATIONS, I'VE BEEN SORELY DISAPPOINTED BY THE LACK OF PREPAREDNESS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY'S BARGAINING TEAM AND THEIR UNWILLINGNESS TO EVEN DISCUSS COMPENSATING US AT LEVELS COMPARABLE TO OTHER PROGRAMS IN THE SAME CITY. THIS HAS MADE ME SERIOUSLY QUESTION WHETHER THE COUNTY UNDERSTANDS JUST HOW MUCH IT RELIES ON C.I.R.'S RESIDENTS AND FELLOWS TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEDICAL NEEDS FOR THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF KRISIKA SANTHANAM. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

KRISIKA SANTHANAM: THANK SO MUCH. GOOD MORNING, THIS IS KRISIKA SANTHANAM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD OF LOS ANGELES, CALLING IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM 9. THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD RELEASED A REPORT EARLIER THIS YEAR IN COLLABORATION WITH OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS DETAILING L.A.S.D.'S TARGETED HARASSMENT OF GRIEVING FAMILY MEMBERS WHOSE LOVED ONES WERE MURDERED BY SHERIFF DEPUTIES. IN THIS REPORT, WE EMPHASIZE THE NEED TO SUPPORT FAMILIES EXPERIENCING THE SUDDEN AND VIOLENT LOSS OF A LOVED ONE THROUGH THE FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. THIS PROGRAM NEEDS TO BE ADEQUATELY FUNDED AND REIMAGINE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND TRUSTED COMMUNITY-BASED RESOURCES SO THAT GRIEVING FAMILIES CAN RECEIVE THE FINANCIAL, LEGAL, AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT THEY JUSTIFIABLY DESERVE. THE GUILD WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR PRIORITIZING THE F.A.P. AND INTRODUCING THIS CRITICAL MOTION TO ENSURE THAT THIS PROGRAM RECEIVES SUSTAINABLE FUNDING AND BECOME AS PERMANENT ESTABLISHED COUNTY PROGRAM THAT CAN EFFECTIVELY SERVE THE FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN TERRORIZED BY L.A.S.D.'S ONGOING VIOLENCE AND CORRUPTION. THANKS SO MUCH.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAK PLEASE.

MODERATOR: AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE NOTE ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND 0 AT THIS TIME. DO NOT PRESS 1 AND 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE QUEUE. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE JODY CORRADA. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

JODY CORRADA: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JODY CORRADA, AND I'M CALLING IN TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 20, THE MOTION RELATED TO ENHANCING RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION FOR MENTAL HEALTH FIELD POSITIONS AND TO PROVIDE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M THE NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICE AGENCIES, OR A.C.H.S.A. THIS MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES 89 PRIVATE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING HUMAN SERVICES IN L.A. COUNTY. I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR BARGER AS WELL AS SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, THROUGH HER SEPARATE MOTION, FOR RECOGNIZING AND ADDRESSING THE UNPRECEDENTED WORKFORCE CRISIS IMPACTING THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM TODAY RESULTING IN SERIOUS ACCESS ISSUES FOR CLIENTS AND COMMUNITIES WITH NO CLEAR END IN SIGHT. FOR

PROVIDERS TO MAKE IT THROUGH THE CURRENT CRISIS, WE BELIEVE THERE ARE TWO PATHWAYS THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED, THE ABILITY OF PROVIDERS TO PAY COMPETITIVE SALARIES TO THEIR STAFF, AND TO FOSTER FULFILLING EXPERIENCES FOR THEM. THERE ARE SEVERAL COMPOUNDING STRESSORS ON PROVIDER WORKFORCE FORCE SALARIES TODAY, AS WE SEE SCHOOL DISTRICTS, H.M.O.S, PRIVATE PRACTICE, AND ONLINE TELEHEALTH NETWORKS INCREASINGLY AND AGGRESSIVELY DRAW STAFF AWAY FROM THE PUBLIC MENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM AT ALARMING RATES AS THE DEMAND FOR SERVICES IN THE SYSTEM CONTINUES TO GROW. WHILE COMPETITIVE SALARIES ATTRACT QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS TO PROVIDERS AND SUPPORT THEIR RETENTION, WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT THAT MENTAL HEALTH STAFF HAVE POSITIVE AND FULFILLING EXPERIENCES THAT LEAD TO THEIR LONGEVITY IN POSITIONS AND ALLOW THEM TO ENGAGE IN THE MISSION DRIVEN WORK THAT BRINGS THEM INTO THE C.B.O. COMMUNITY. THIS INCLUDES THE REDUCTION OF THE MASSIVE AND CUMULATIVE CLINICIAN PAPERWORK BURDEN, LARGELY DRIVEN BY THE STATE, DRAMATICALLY DRAWING CLINICIANS AWAY FROM DIRECT CLIENT CARE, AS WELL AS THE EXPLORATION OF OTHER FLEXIBLE AND INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR RETENTION. IT IS OUR SINCERE BELIEF THAT THE COMPETITIVENESS OF SALARIES AND THE JOB SATISFACTION OF FRONTLINE STAFF MUST BE ADDRESSED IN ORDER TO RECALIBRATE THE SYSTEM, TO RESPOND TO THE CURRENT WORKFORCE CRISIS, AND TO ALLOW CLIENTS TO RECEIVE THE HIGH QUALITY AND ACCESSIBLE

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES THEY DESERVE. ON BEHALF OF A.C.H.S.A., I SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF FRANCISCO JUAREZ. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

FRANCISCO JUAREZ: THIS IS A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT OF AN URGENT NATURE. PLEASE TAKE THIS MATTER SERIOUSLY. THANK YOU CHAIRWOMAN SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR THE RECOGNITION OF OUR N.H.D.V.S. COALITION AT THE EAST L.A. CLASS WELLNESS DAY EVENT. THIS IS A CONTINUATION OF THAT TRUTH MOVE. IN THE NEWS THIS MORNING, TO QUOTE ENCAMPMENT UPDATE, THE (INDISCERNIBLE) CLEAN UP IS PROGRESSING AS PLANNED THROUGH THE L.A.S.D. H.O.S.T. PROCESS AND THE FULL CLEAN UP IS SET FOR NOVEMBER 1. MULTIPLE HOUSING AND SHELTER OPTIONS ARE OFFERED. THE EFFORT IS BEING MANAGED IN A COMPASSIONATE MANNER AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH VARIOUS COURT RULINGS. AS A SOCIETY, WE CELEBRATED HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH AND BLACK HISTORY MONTH. DID YOU KNOW SUPERVISORS THAT NOVEMBER IS REMEMBERED TO AS VETERANS MONTH? YOUR SERIOUS RECOMMENDATION AS A BODY TO THE D.V.A., THAT'S

THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, THAT IT, TOO, BE COMPASSIONATE IN THIS MATTER WILL HELP HERE. WE ARE CERTAIN THAT MEMBERS OF THE SHERIFF VILLANUEVA'S H.O.S.T. EFFORT CASE WORKING WITH THE RESIDENTS OF VETERAN ROW OUTSIDE OF THE FENCE LINE AT V.A. WEST L.A. KNOW THAT. THEIR WORK IS NOT COMPLETE. WE KNOW THAT THE MEAN-SPIRITED VETERAN SPECIAL INTEREST HAVE INFLUENCE USING COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS TO DISINGENUOUSLY CLEAR OUT VETERAN ROW ON NOVEMBER 1ST, 2021, WHETHER H.O.S.T. WORK IS CORRECTLY DONE OR NOT -- COMPLETE -- CORRECTLY DONE OR NOT. D.V.A. WON'T ADMIT IT, BUT THE VETERAN ROW'S FACILITATED SHELTERED ENTITLEMENTS FOR HUNDREDS OF VETERANS FROM THE ACROSS THE NATION WHO MIGRATE --

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF DR. MICHAEL ZELMAN. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

DR. MICHAEL ZELMAN: HI, YES. THIS IS DR. MICHAEL ZELMAN. I'M SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF AGENDA ITEM 20 PLUS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU FOR THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM. I AM

GRATEFUL FOR YOUR RECOGNITION OF THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFFING CRISIS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS HAHN AND BARGER, FOR THE MOTIONS TO ENHANCE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION FOR MENTAL HEALTH FIELD POSITIONS. I AM A LICENSED CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST AND VICE PRESIDENT OF N.K.L. SERVICES. I HAVE WORKED IN THE D.M.H. SYSTEM FOR 23 YEARS, THE LAST 16 AND A HALF AT (INDISCERNIBLE). I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH F.S.P. SINCE THE TRANSITION FROM A.B.2034. WE THOUGHT WE WOULD BE RECOVERING FROM THE IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC AT THIS POINT, HOWEVER, THE LAST BIT OF THE PANDEMIC BROUGHT A MASSIVE NUMBER OF RESIGNATIONS. WE SERVICE OVER 5000 CLIENTS EVERY YEAR. WE HAVE LOST OVER 25% OF OUR WORKFORCE AND ARE PROJECTED TO SERVE A THOUSAND FEWER CLIENTS IN FISCAL YEAR '21-'22. THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC, OUR ACCESS (INDISCERNIBLE) PROVIDED CLIENT CARE AND THEIR APARTMENTS, BOARD AND CARES, PARKS, AND OTHER SITES FOR OUR HOMELESS CONSUMERS. THIS WAS DONE AT GREAT PERSONAL HEALTH RISK, ESPECIALLY BEFORE THE VACCINES WERE AVAILABLE BECAUSE SERVING AND PROVIDING CARE TO OUR CLIENTS IS WHAT WE DO. BUT THIS DEDICATION TO SERVICE HAS COME AT GREAT COST. BURN OUT, TRAUMA, AND FEELINGS OF OVERWHELM FELT BY EVERYONE DURING THESE LAST 19 MONTHS, WERE AMPLIFIED FOR CLINICAL TEAMS HELPING CLIENTS IN PSYCHIATRIC DISTRESS, WHO ARE ALSO FEARFUL OF GETTING SICK AND DYING FROM COVID. AS LEGAL ENTITY PROVIDERS, OUR CLINICIANS' SALARIES ARE COMPETITIVE WITH EACH OTHER. HOWEVER, WE CANNOT COME CLOSE TO WHAT KAISER, D.M.H.,

AND MANY OF THE NEW VENTURE CAPITAL FUNDED PRIVATE PRACTICE GROUPS OFFER AS SALARIES. WITH OUR CURREN CONTRACTS, WE CANNOT COMPETE WITH EMPLOYERS THAT PAY UPWARDS OF 30,000 MORE PER YEAR FOR NEWLY LICENSED CLINICIANS. WE ARE ALSO NOW COMPETING WITH L.A.U.S.D. AS THEY PLAN TO HIRE HUNDREDS OF CLINICIANS. IF THE SITUATION DOES NOT CHANGE SIGNIFICANTLY, WE ARE PROJECTED TO BILL 7 MILLION LESS THIS FISCAL YEAR THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS. OUR SERVICES ARE DOWN 24% FROM PREVIOUS YEARS DUE TO THE MASSIVE STAFFING EXODUS. OUR (INDISCERNIBLE) UNION F.S.C. TEAM TURNED OVER ENTIRELY IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS. OUR BOYLE HEIGHTS CLINIC LOST 11 CLINICIANS IN THE LAST YEAR. RECRUITING IS SO SLOW THAT EVEN WITH A SIGNING BONUS, WE STILL ONLY HAVE THREE CLINICIANS AT THAT CLINIC. OUR F.S.P. PROGRAM IN COMMERCE IS DOWN 40% ON STAFFING WITH STAFF-CASELOAD RATIOS OF 25 TO 1 WHEN THEY SHOULD BE 10 OR 12 TO 1 FOR F.S.P. WE ARE ROBBING PETER TO PAY PAUL HAVING OUTPATIENT STAFF HELP WITH COVERAGE SINCE THE NEED FOR SERVICES IS SO TREMENDOUS. THE LA PUENTE F.S.P. TEAM IS DOWN 31%, AND WE HAVE HAD TO REDUCE BY OUR SLOTS BY 30%. I HAVE HEARD DR. SHERIN SPEAK PASSIONATELY ABOUT THE NEED FOR TRUE PARITY BETWEEN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND PHYSICAL MEDICINE. I AM IN TOTAL AGREEMENT. WE MUST DO SOMETHING SUBSTANTIAL NOW. ONE OF THE CLINIC MANAGERS THAT OVERSAW OUR EFFICACY PROGRAM HAD BEEN WITH THE COMPANY FOR MANY YEARS. SHE WAS OVERWHELMED BY THE STRESS OF OVERSEEING F.S.P. AND LEFT TO WORK AT KAISER WITH A SALARY INCREASE OF

OVER $16,000. STATE PROJECTIONS SHOW THAT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE WILL CONTINUE TO DECREASE THROUGH 2028. TO KEEP OUR CLIENTS SAFE AND MEET THE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITIES, WE MUST STOP THIS CLINICAL STAFF HEMORRHAGING NOW. IN THE SHORT TERM, I HOPE PROVIDERS ARE ALLOWED TO BILL OVER THE C.M.H. SO WE CAN KEEP OUR CLINICS OPEN AND PAY HIGHER WAGES WHILE WE WORKED TOWARD BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PARITY.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF ROLANDO CHAVEZ. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO ADDRESS TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN. I APOLOGIZE. THEY'VE DROPPED. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE SEAN PAUL JONES. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SEAN PAUL JONES: HI, MY NAME IS DR. SEAN PAUL JONES. I AM A RESIDENT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL MEDICINE AND PEDIATRICS AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER. I HAVE A PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM ALSO A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE OF INTERNS AND RESIDENTS. I WANT TO SUPPORT THEIR BARGAINING EFFORTS. AS SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW, FOURTH YEAR MEDICAL STUDENTS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY HAVE

SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS FOR RESIDENCY POSITIONS, WHICH MEANS THAT WE, AT L.A. COUNTY, ARE ACTIVELY IN THE PROCESS OF RECRUITING NEW RESIDENT POSITIONS. I, MYSELF, HAVE BENEFITED GREATLY FROM THE FACT THAT MY CO-RESIDENTS ARE AMAZING, CARING HUMAN BEINGS THAT ARE WILLING TO GO THE EXTRA MILE FOR THE COMMUNITIES THAT WE SERVE. I WANT TO CONTINUE TO BE ABLE TO SAY THIS, AND THAT REQUIRE RECRUITMENT OF A STRONG RESIDENT WORKFORCE, BUT THAT'S QUITE DIFFICULT WITHOUT A FAIR CONTRACT. WE GO THE EXTRA MILE FOR OUR PATIENTS AND FOR THIS THIS INSTITUTION AS A WHOLE. IS IT TOO MUCH TO ASK FOR THE INSTITUTION TO DO THE SAME FOR US? PLEASE WORK WITH US IN OUR ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH A FAIR AND HUMANE WORK CONTRACT. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE HELEN JONES. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU MAY BEGIN.

HELEN JONES: YES, I AM SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF ITEM 9 AND PUBLIC COMMENT. AND I'D LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FOR THE FAMILY ASSISTANCE

PROGRAM. I AM THE MOTHER OF JOHN HORTON, WHO WAS MURDERED AND BEAT TO DEATH IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT IN MEN'S JAIL BY 3,000 BOYS DEPUTY SHERIFF GANG. AND AFTER THE BEATING DEATH OF MY SON JOHN HORTON, ME AND MY FAMILY WAS LEFT IN SHOCK. WE WERE LEFT TO SUFFER WITH NO ASSISTANCE. AND WE HAD NO ASSISTANCE WITH BURIAL. WE HAD NO ASSISTANCE WITH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. WE HAD NO ASSISTANCE WITH NOTHING. THAT'S WHY THIS PROGRAM, THE FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR THE FAMILIES BECAUSE, OVER THE LAST 12 YEARS, I HAVE WATCHED FAMILY AFTER FAMILY GO WITHOUT NO ASSISTANCE NOT KNOWING HOW THEY ARE GOING TO BURY THEIR KIDS. EVEN AFTER THEY HAD TO STILL PAY RENT, SUFFERING, WHILE THEY ARE IN SUFFERING AND SHOCK AFTER THEIR FAMILY, THEIR BABIES, BEING TAKEN FROM THEM AND STOLEN FROM THEM BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND AFTER THEY HAD TO DEAL WITH ALL THIS PAIN, AND THEN STILL HAD TO COME UP WITH BURIAL MONEY. DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH IT COSTS TO HAVE FUNERALS FOR YOUR CHILD TODAY OR TO BURY YOUR KIDS? I HOPE NEVER EVER EVER EVER WANT TO SEE ANOTHER MOTHER GO THROUGH THIS EVER AGAIN. SO FOR YOU GUYS TO BE BRINGING A FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE FAMILIES, YOU WOULDN'T KNOW HOW MANY LIVES YOU WILL BE SAVING. HOW MANY MOTHERS YOU WOULD BE SAVING FROM SO MUCH HEARTACHE TO BE HAVING TO STILL BURY YOUR KIDS AFTER THEIR KIDS BEING STOLEN FROM THEM BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT LIKE MY BABY. SO I JUST PLEASE URGE THIS BOARD TO SUPPORT ITEM 9, AND PLEASE MAKE THIS FAMILY

ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AVAILABLE FOR THE FAMILIES BECAUSE NOBODY, NOBODY, I WOULDN'T WISH THIS ON MY WORST ENEMY. I WOULDN'T WISH THIS ON NOBODY. SO PLEASE PLEASE MAKE THIS FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE FAMILIES BECAUSE IT IS NOT FAIR FOR US TO GO THROUGH THIS AFTER THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT BEING ABLE TO JUST WALK AWAY AFTER BEATING AND KILLING OUR KIDS AND SHOOTING OUR KIDS DOWN IN THE STREETS AND LEAVE NO ASSISTANCE FOR THE FAMILY MEMBERS. SO I THANK YOU FOR LISTENING. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAK PLEASE.

MODERATOR: AS A REMINDER, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IF YOU DO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND THEN 0 AT THIS TIME. DO NOT PRESS 1 AND 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED THE QUEUE. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF MORGAN CURIER. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU MAY BEGIN.

MORGAN CURIER: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MORGAN, AND I'M WITH THE COMMITTEE OF INTERNS AND RESIDENTS S.E.I.U. I AM HERE TO GIVE PUBLIC COMMENT. I WANT TO SUPPORT OUR L.A. COUNTY RESIDENT PHYSICIANS WHO ARE CURRENTLY FIGHTING FOR A FAIR

CONTRACT. AS A CONSTITUENT OF EAST L.A., I BELIEVE STRONGLY THAT THESE PHYSICIANS PERFORM A CRITICAL TO MY COMMUNITY. AND THEY DESERVE A CONTRACT THAT ACKNOWLEDGES THE SACRIFICES THEY MAKE EVERY SINGLE DAY, ESPECIALLY DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC. WE KNOW THAT THE COUNTY IS ON THE VERGE OF STAFFING SHORTAGE DUE TO UNVACCINATED STAFF. BUT THESE PHYSICIANS ARE VACCINATED, AND THEY ARE READY TO WORK, BUT THEY ARE STRETCHED THIN. THEY ARE TIRED FROM WORKING 80 HOURS A WEEK. THEY ARE DEEP IN DEBT AND DESPERATELY TRYING TO RECRUIT TOP PHYSICIANS TO OUR HOSPITALS AS MANY HAVE ALREADY SHARED TODAY. I URGE YOU TO PRIORITIZE THIS CONTRACT SO OUR PHYSICIANS CAN FOCUS ON WHAT THEY DO BEST, WHICH IS TAKING CARE OF MY COMMUNITY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

MODERATOR: NEXT WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF PATRICIA COSTALES. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

PATRICIA COSTALES: MY NAME IS PATRICIA COSTALES. I AM CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 20 AND OFFERING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I'D LIKE TO FIRST THANK SUPERVISORS HAHN AND BARGER FOR PUTTING FORTH THIS MOTION AND THE ENTIRE BOARD FOR HEARING ME TODAY. I AM A LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

OFFICER OF THE GUIDANCE CENTER, A CONTRACTED LEGAL ENTITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. WE SERVE 3500 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES EACH YEAR IN DISTRICTS 4 AND 2. OF NOTE, WE ARE THE ONLY COUNTY INVOLVED PROVIDER ROUTINELY SERVING CATALINA ISLAND. WE SERVE THE MOST SEVERE CASES IN THE COUNTY OUTPATIENT SYSTEM, INCLUDING F.S.P. AND MAC, A PROGRAM WITH SPECIALIZED FOSTER CARE. THE RECRUITING AND RETENTION STRUGGLES CURRENTLY FACING THE SAFETY NET MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM ARE UNPRECEDENTED, UNLIKE ANYTHING I HAVE SEEN IN MY 30 YEARS WORKING IN THE COUNTY LEGAL ENTITY SYSTEM. ANY RETENTION STRUGGLES THE COUNTY ITSELF IS FACING IS BEING FELT MULTI-FOLD BY THE LEGAL ENTITIES. CONTRACTUAL ISSUES KEEP LEGAL ENTITY CLINICAL SALARIES BETWEEN $20,000 AND $30,000 LOWER THAN ENTRY LEVEL SALARIES OF COUNTY DIRECTLY OPERATED THERAPISTS, EVEN THOUGH LEGAL ENTITIES OFFER THE MAJORITY OF THE F.S.P. SERVICES. WE ARE LOSING CLINICIANS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND H.M.O.S, WHERE CLIENTS ARE LESS SEVERE, SERVICES ARE CLINIC-BASED, BUT SALARY RATES ARE CONSIDERABLY HIGHER. AS CLINICIANS LEAVE THE COUNTY SYSTEM, VACANCIES ARE INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO FILL. ANY PROLONGED STAFF VACANCY MEANS THAT CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND INDIVIDUALS, WHO NEED AND ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT ARE NOT GETTING IT. WE SEE MORE NEED THAN EVER FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE AS WE EMERGE FROM THE PANDEMIC CRISIS WITH HIGHER THAN EVER LEVELS OF PSYCHIATRIC ACUITY. INCREASINGLY, WE DO NOT HAVE THE STAFF TO OFFER

TREATMENT, ESPECIALLY FIELD-BASED CARE. THIS HUMAN RESOURCE ISSUE HAS THE VERY REAL POTENTIAL TO CREATE SERIOUS ACCESS PROBLEMS ACROSS OUR SYSTEM OF CARE AT A TIME WHEN THE NEED IS GREATEST THAN EVER. I STRONGLY SUPPORT ANY REVIEW, AND IDENTIFICATION OF SOLUTIONS TO THESE ISSUES AND ENCOURAGE THE COUNTY TO ENSURE THAT LEGAL ENTITIES HAVE A VOICE AT THAT TABLE. WE ARE ON THE FOREFRONT OF SERVICE PROVISION AND ASK FOR THE BOARD'S ASSISTANCE IN KEEPING OUR AGENCIES FULLY STAFFED AND OPEN TO THE CLIENTS THAT NEED US. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF STEPHANIE LUNA, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

STEPHANIE LUNA: GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS STEPHANIE LUNA. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEMS 7, 9, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7, I WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND KUEHL FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION BEFORE THE BOARD. THE BOARD MUST DO EVERYTHING IN ITS PROGRAM TO PROTECT THE D.A.C.A. PROGRAM, SEEING AS HOW L.A. COUNTY IS HOME TO THE LARGEST NUMBER OF DREAMERS IN THE COUNTY. ON

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 9, THE PERMANENT SUPPORT FOR A FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MOTION BROUGHT FORTH BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. FAMILIES WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE AT THE HANDS OF THE SHERIFF, DESERVCE SUPPORT AT THE VERY AT LEAST. AS A FAMILY MEMBER WHO HAS EXPERIENCED THIS FIRSTHAND WHEN MY NEPHEW, ANTHONY VARGAS, WAS MURDERED BY TWO EAST L.A. SHERIFF BANDITO GANG MEMBERS IN 2018, WE LEARNED VERY QUICKLY THAT THERE ARE NO RESOURCES FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES TO OTHER TYPES OF VIOLENCE, BUT THERE IS NOWHERE TO GO FOR THOSE WHO HAVE HAD THEIR LOVED ONES MURDERED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT. WE DON'T QUALIFY FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF FUNDING OR SERVICES BECAUSE OUR PERPETRATORS WEAR A BADGE, BECAUSE THE ONES THAT HAVE INFLICTED THE TRAUMA ON US, AND CONTINUE TO INFLICT THE TRAUMA ON US, WEAR A BADGE. WE DESERVE COMPASSION AND TRAUMA INFORMED RESPONSES, RESPONSES FROM COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE PROVIDERS THAT WORK IN MENTAL HEALTH, GRIEF COUNSELING, TRAUMA SUPPORT, ANY OTHER SERVICES THAT FAMILIES MIGHT NEED, AND WHO, MOST IMPORTANTLY, HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO TIES TO LAW ENFORCEMENT. THE PROCESS TO APPLY SHOULD BE SIMPLE AS POSSIBLE OR HAVE PEOPLE IN CHARGE THAT CAN TAKE THE LEAD AND ENSURE THESE FAMILIES AREN'T LEFT TO BE RETRAUMATIZED. FINDING A SUSTAINABLE FUNDING SOURCE FOR THE FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IS ESSENTIAL BECAUSE THERE ARE FAMILIES WHO, AS WE SPEAK, ARE HAVING CAR WASHES AND GO-FUND-ME ACCOUNTS SET UP TO PAY FOR THE COST OF THEIR LOVED ONE'S

FUNERALS. FAMILIES WHO ARE STILL TRYING TO PROCESS THE MURDER OF THEIR LOVED ONES BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND GRIEF ARE STRUGGLING TO LAY THEIR LOVED ONES TO REST, ALL WHILE THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET CONTINUES TO INCREASE. FAMILIES ARE LEFT TO SEARCH ON THEIR OWN FOR COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. AND SOME STRUGGLE TO PAY FOR THESE SERVICES, ALL WHILE THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET CONTINUES TO INCREASE. THE FACT THAT WE LIVE IN A TIME WHERE THERE ARE SO MANY MURDERS AND SO MUCH TRAUMA BEING INFLICTED BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THAT THIS PROGRAM EVEN HAS TO EXIST IN THE FIRST PLACE IS ENTIRELY DISTURBING. WE SHOULD HAVEN'T THIS MANY FAMILIES NEEDING SUPPORT BECAUSE OF THE CONTINUED MISCONDUCT AND HARASSMENT. IT IS TIME TO HOLD THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTABLE BY GIVING IT LESS FUNDING AND SHIFTING THE COUNTY'S PRIORITIES TO THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAK PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF LAUREN MCCONNELL. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU ADDRESS SPEAK ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

LAUREN MCCONNELL: GOOD MORNING. TO THE --

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: HELLO, PLEASE CONTINUE. WE CAN'T HEAR YOU.

LAUREN MCCONNELL: OH. CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU NOW. START YOUR TIME OVER.

LAUREN MCCONNELL: OKAY. SORRY. HI, MY NAME IS LAUREN MCCONNELL. I AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE BEACH CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT IN SUPPORT OF ITEMS 20 AND 43E AND PUBLIC COMMENT. BEACH CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT HAS ELEVATED MENTAL HEALTH AS A CRITICAL HEALTH PRIORITY AS WE EMERGE FROM THIS COVID PANDEMIC. AND THE MENTAL HEALTH OF OUR RESIDENTS IS AS CRITICAL A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS AS COVID HAS BEEN. WE HEAR THIS CONSISTENTLY FROM OUR SCHOOLS, OUR BUSINESSES, EMPLOYERS, AND PUBLIC AGENCY PARTNERS. OUR SCHOOL PARTNERS SUPPORT ENHANCING RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION FOR MENTAL HEALTH FIELD POSITIONS AS THEY HAVE FREQUENTLY MENTIONED THE CHALLENGES OF CALLING THE M.E.T. AND P.M.R.T. TEAMS AND HAVE HAD TO WAIT FOUR, SIX, OR EVEN EIGHT HOURS NOT BEING ABLE TO ACCESS A TEAM TO DO AN EVALUATION SOMETIMES UNTIL THE NEXT DAY OR HAVING THE P.E.T. AND THE P.M.R.T. TEAMS HAVING TO GO TO THE STUDENT'S HOME, WHICH MIGHT BE THE SOURCE OF THE CRISIS OR CONFLICT. THREE OF OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE ACTIVELY LOOKING AT ON CALL

MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONDER MODELS TO ALLEVIATE SOME OF THE STRAIN THEY ARE SEEING IN THE D.M.H. RESPONSE. AS THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH RESPONDS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' JULY DIRECTIVE TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR OUTREACHING TO AND PARTNERING WITH CITIES TO HELP EXPAND ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY, BEACH CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT STANDS READY TO SERVE AS THE BACKBONE ORGANIZATION COORDINATING OR PILOTING A CRISIS RESPONSE MODEL ACROSS OUR THREE CITIES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS. APPRECIATE THE LEADERSHIP AROUND THESE ISSUES AND ARE AGAIN HAPPY TO SUPPORT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF JAY STEVEN BRENTLY. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

JAY STEVEN BRENTLY: MY NAME IS JAY STEVEN BRENTLY. I AM A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT FIVE. I'M SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF 9, 18, AND 20, AND MAKING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. ITEM 9, THANK YOU FOR ADDRESSING THE TRAUMA ENDURED BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE AT THE HANDS OF L.A.S.D. THOSE IMPACTED BY

POLICE VIOLENCE NEED AND DESERVE NOT ONLY COMPASSION BUT MEANINGFUL TRAUMA INFORMED ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, FINANCIAL RESTITUTION. THE FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CAN PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE HEALING PROCESS FOR FAMILIES LIKE JOHN HORTON'S, ANTHONY VARGAS'S, AND TOO MANY OTHERS. THAT WE WOULD EVEN QUESTION WHERE THE FUNDING FOR THAT COMES FROM SPEAKS TO A DEEPER PROBLEM. OF COURSE THIS MONEY MUST COME OUT OF THE L.A.S.D. BUDGET. OUR ENTIRE JUSTICE SYSTEM, AS DEEPLY FLAWED AS IT IS, IS BUILT ON THE NOTION THAT THOSE WHO HAVE CAUSED HARM MUST PAY FOR WHAT THEY HAVE DONE. THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT IS SOMEHOW EXEMPT FROM THAT IS TRULY SCANDALOUS AND WOULD RENDER PROCEEDINGS LIKE THIS ONE FARCICAL AND WORSE. BUT MORE THAN THAT, WE MUST TAKE REAL STRIDES TOWARD PREVENTING THIS VIOLENCE FROM HAPPENING IN THE FIRST PLACE. THE F.A.P. IS GOOD, BUT SHOULDN'T EVEN BE NECESSARY, AND I AM CONCERNED THAT, IF FUNDED BY ANY OTHER SOURCE THAN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, IT'S EXISTENCE DOES NOTHING TO INCREASE POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY. IF OWE DON'T GET AT THE SOURCE OF THE PROBLEM, MEANING A COMPLETE REIMAGINING OF COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT, WE WILL ONLY CONTINUE TO PAY FOR THE L.A.S.D.'S VIOLENCE, CORRUPTION, AND INCOMPETENCE WITH OUR TAX DOLLARS AND WITH OUR LIVES. ON ITEM 18, THANK YOU FOR PRESENTING THIS MOTION OUTLINING THE HUGE POTENTIAL FOR DIVERSION FROM JAILS TO COMMUNITY-BASED CARE AND CALLING FOR COMMUNICATION BETWEEN COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TASKED WITH IMPLEMENTING DECARCERATION

POLICIES. I WOULD IMPLORE YOU TO LOOK TO THE GENDER RESPONSIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DECARCERATION AND RELEASE EMPLOYING TARGETED DIVERSION STRATEGIES AND REENTRY SUPPORT THAT WOULD FOCUS FIRST ON BRINGING CIS GENDER WOMEN, L.G.B.Q. AND T.G.I. INDIVIDUALS HOME TO THEIR COMMUNITIES WHERE THEY ARE SAFER AND WHERE MANY PLAY A CAREGIVING ROLE. IN MOVING FORWARD WITH SCALING DOWN CENTRAL REGIONAL AND CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL, IT IS CRUCIAL THAT THE JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM, THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION WORKING GROUP, THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY, AND THE G.R.A.C. WORK IN CONCERT TO OFFICIALLY EXPAND PROGRAMMING AND EMPOWER C.B.O.S THAT WILL REINTEGRATE COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND PREVENT RECIDIVISM. ON ITEM 20, AS A FORMERLY UNHOUSED PERSON, WHO HAS EXPERIENCED MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS, I AM ENCOURAGED BY ANY MOTION THAT WOULD EXPAND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR ANGELENOS IN CRISIS. BUT I ALSO FEEL THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO TRAIN AND HIRE PEOPLE FROM UNDERSERVED AND UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING THE FORMERLY INCARCERATED, THAT MIGHT BE MISSED. HOWEVER THE COUNTY MOVES FOR WARD WITH CREATING AND EXPANDING MENTAL HEALTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THESE PROGRAMS NOT BE STAFFED WITH CURRENT OR FORMER MEMBERS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT. THIS IS AN ISSUE OF HEALTHCARE, NOT CRIMINAL JUSTICE. AND NEITHER DISPATCHERS NOR FIRST RESPONDERS SHOULD HAVE TIES TO THE POLICE. IN FACT, IN RECRUITING AND RETAINING MENTAL HEALTH WORKERS TO THESE POSITIONS, THE COUNTY

SHOULD REALLOCATE FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF AND PROBATION DEPARTMENTS INTO COMMUNITY-BASED INITIATIVES. DIVERTING A SMALL PORTION OF THE COMBINED $4 BILLION THESE DEPARTMENTS RECEIVE ANNUALLY TO CONTRACT WITH C.B.O.'S FOR FIELD-BASED SERVICES COULD RAPIDLY TRANSFORM THE WAY WE CARE FOR AND KEEP SAFE ALL OF OUR NEIGHBORS FOR THE BETTER. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD IF YOU'VE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 ON YOUR TOUCH TONE PHONE. DO NOT PRESS 1 AND 0 AGAIN, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE QUEUE.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THANK YOU. WE WILL KNOW HEAR THE SPANISH INTERPRETATION OF THIS REMINDER. [INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN IN SPANISH]

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE AQUALINA SORIANA BARSOSA. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE

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

SPEAKER: YES, HELLO, GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME AQUALINA SORIANA BARSOSA. I AM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NONPROFIT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION BUILDING A WORKER CENTER OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, LOCATED IN HISTORIC FILIPINO TOWN DISTRICT ONE, LOWER PART OF THE IMMIGRANTS ARE L.A. CAMPAIGN. I AM SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF ITEM 8, INCREASED SUPPORT FOR UNDOCUMENTED INDIVIDUALS AND IMMIGRANTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS LARGE AND DIVERSE. IMMIGRANT ANGELENOS MAKE UP 35% OF THE COUNTY'S TOTAL POPULATION OF OVER 10 MILLION INDIVIDUALS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION TO INCREASE FOR UNDOCUMENTED INDIVIDUALS AND IMMIGRANTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IS PRECISELY THE TYPE OF TARGETED AND DIRECT ASSISTANCE WE WANT OUR COUNTY LEADERS TO CHAMPION IN SUPPORT OF OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES FOR A FULL AND JUST RECOVERY. THIS NEXT YEAR WILL BE CRUCIAL FOR HIGH NEED COMMUNITIES SUCH AS THE UNDOCUMENTED HOMELESS POPULATION OF L.A. COUNTY WILL STRUGGLE TO RECOVER FROM THE PANDEMIC'S HEALTH AND ECONOMIC IMPACT UNLESS DIRECT AID SUPPORTS ARE TAILORED TO THEIR UNIQUE NEEDS AND PROVIDED. AND IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE COUNTY PARTNER WITH TRUSTED COMMUNITY-BASED ENTITIES THAT ARE ROOTED IN IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES AND EXPERIENCED IN SERVING HIGH NEED

IMMIGRANT RESIDENTS. THESE PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS WILL ENSURE THAT COUNTY RESOURCES ARE DIRECTED TO UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN A LINGUISTICALLY AND CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE AND EFFECTIVE MANNER, AND THEY WILL PROVIDE THE SUPPORT NECESSARY FOR THESE COMMUNITY TO NAVIGATE THE PROCESS OF ACCESSING HOMELESSNESS -- HOMELESS SERVICES AND PROGRAMS. THANK YOU

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAK PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE CAROLYN LOVE. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

CAROLYN LOVE: HI, YES. MY NAME IS CAROLYN [AUDIO BREAK UP] CLINICAL SERVICES AT CHILD AND FAMILY CENTER. I HAVE BEEN WORKING IN COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS AND INVOLVED IN THE TRANSFORMATION OF OUR FULL SERVICE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM, F.S.P. PROGRAM. I AM SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF ITEM 20, ENHANCING RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION FOR MENTAL HEALTH FIELD POSITIONS AND FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISORS SUPERVISOR BARGER AND HAHN FOR BRINGING FORTH THIS MOTION. STAFF TURNOVER HAS A HUGE IMPACT DIRECTLY

ON CLIENT CARE. OUR INTENSIVE SERVICES CLIENTS, ESPECIALLY OUR F.S.P. CLIENTS, HAVE SEVERE MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE DIAGNOSES. OUR CLIENTS REQUIRE CONSISTENT AND IMPACTFUL SERVICES. THEY DEPEND ON CLINICIANS AND TEAM MEMBERS TO ASSIST IN CREATING STABILIZATION TO ASSIST THEM IN LEADING PRODUCTIVE LIVES WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES. NOT BEING ABLE TO RETAIN STAFF JEOPARDIZES QUALITY CARE, PUTS AN EXTRA BURDEN ON THE TEAM, CREATES BURN OUT, AND IMPACTS STAFF MORALE. WHEN CLINICIANS OR STAFF MEMBERS LEAVE, SUPERVISORS AND MANAGERS OF THE F.S.P. PROGRAM HAVE TO STEP IN AND TAKE ON DIRECT CARE SERVICES WHILE ALSO MANAGING AND OVERSEEING THE ENTIRE FIELD-BASED PROGRAMS. THE VOLUME OF DOCUMENTATION, ASSESSMENTS, AND TREATMENT PLANS CREATES BARRIERS IN SUSTAINING STAFF AS WELL AS THE INABILITY TO MATCH SALARIES OF MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND EVEN D.M.H. BECAUSE OF THESE MULTIPLE LAYERS OF DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS, THE EXPECTATION OF THE POSITION OF BEING ON CALL 24/ 7, HAVING TO ASSESS CLIENTS FOR SUICIDALITY AND HOMICIDALITY, TRAVELING ACROSS THE COUNTY TO SUSTAIN CARE, WE ARE UNABLE TO ATTRACT MORE EXPERIENCED THERAPISTS WILLING TO WORK IN COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH FIELD-BASED SERVICES. DESPITE OUR BEST EFFORTS, RECRUITMENT FOR THERAPISTS HAS TAKEN US AS LONG AS SIX TO NINE MONTHS TO FILL THESE POSITIONS. IN THE PAST THREE YEARS, WE HAVE THERAPISTS TO MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS KAISER, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, PRIVATE PRACTICE, D. M.H., WHO OFTEN OFFER HIGHER PAY, SOMETIMES UP

TO $30,000 MORE A YEAR, BETTER BENEFITS, INCREASED FLEXIBILITY, AND REDUCED PAPERWORK EXPECTATIONS. DURING THE RECENT COUNTY F.S.P. TRANSFORMATION, IT WAS RECOGNIZED THAT IN ORDER TO MOVE THIS TRANSFORMATION FORWARD SUSTAINING AND RECRUITING HIGH LEVEL INDIVIDUALS WAS ESSENTIAL. WE ARE REQUIRED TO INCLUDE TEAM MEMBERS THAT REQUIRE HIGHER SALARIES AND YET WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO ALLOCATE THE ADDITIONAL FUNDING IN ORDER TO DO SO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE BELTRAN CHOW. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

BELTRAN CHOW: HELLO. MY NAME IS BELTRAN CHOW, AND I WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM 20 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I JUST WANT TO SAY I AM THANKFUL FOR THE BOARD FOR THIS MOTION IN PRIORITIZING THE NEED FOR AN ALTERNATIVE TO L.A. COUNTY'S CURRENT LAW ENFORCEMENT DOMINATED CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM. I AM A LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER, AND I WORK FOR A D.M.H. CONTRACTED NONPROFIT, WHERE WE WORK WITH PEOPLE WHO LIVE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS. AND WHILE WE PROVIDE CRISIS SUPPORT

FOR OUR CLIENTS, WHEN WE NEEDED AN ALTERNATIVE, WE REGULARLY FIND THAT A LACK OF RESOURCES THAT WAS BEING PUT INTO THE CURRENT SYSTEM HAS IMPACTED THE ABILITY TO GET PEOPLE INTO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. IN A TIMELY MANNER, SOMETIMES EVEN HAVING TO WAIT 24 HOURS FOR A CRISIS RESPONSE. OR THIS ALSO LEADS TO POLICE BEING CALLED AND OUR CLIENTS BEING ARRESTED AND GOING TO JAIL, SO THIS IS WHY LAW ENFORCEMENT SHOULD NEVER BE A PART OF THE RESPONSE TO MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. THIS ALSO INCLUDES NOT TRAINING LAW ENFORCEMENT EMPLOYEES AS DISPATCHERS BUT HIRING PEOPLE WITH SIGNIFICANT EXPERIENCE IN COMMUNITY-BASED NON-COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND NON-LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PEER-LED RESPONSE. I FULLY SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH HIRING COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE FOR CRISIS RESPONSE. WE NEED TO INVEST IN A HOLISTIC ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE, WHICH INCLUDES SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, 24 HOUR CRISIS CENTERS, MEDICATION, ASSISTANT TREATMENT, SOBERING CENTERS, PSYCHIATRIC URGENT CARE, AND SO FORTH. THIS IS ALL AN ESSENTIAL PIECE, AND IT SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED WHEN RECRUITING FOR POSITIONS, AS WELL. AND THANK YOU FOR THAT.

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

MODERATOR: AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND THEN 0 ON YOUR TOUCH TONE PHONE. DO NOT PRESS 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE QUEUE. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF ALEXIA PARTICRUSE. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ALEXIA PARTICRUSE: HELLO, HONORABLE BOARD. MY NAME IS ALEXIA PARTICRUSE. I AM A TRANSGENDER LATINA THAT RESIDES IN L.A. I AM AN EMPLOYEE AT THE TRANS (INDISCERNIBLE) COALITION, AND I AM IN STRONG FAVOR OF ITEMS 7, 8, AND 9, THE FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, THE DREAMERS THAT NEED OUR SUPPORT. THIS IS THEIR ONLY HOME THEY KNOW. ON ITEM 8, THERE ARE MANY TRANS LATINX FOLKS THAT ARE UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS THAT RESIDE IN LOS ANGELES AND FACE A LOT OF STRUGGLE THAT MOST IMMIGRANTS FACE AND SOME. AND THEY NEED -- THEY NEED THE SUPPORT. AND ON ITEM NUMBER 9, WE NEED TO SUPPORT THE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS THAT HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF L.A.'S BIGGEST GANG, WHICH IS L.A.S.D. AND THEY NEED OUR SUPPORT. SO I AM IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THESE THREE ITEMS. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE NIASHA HUDSON. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

NIASHA HUDSON: HI. I AM CALLING ON BEHALF OF EAGLE COLLEGIATE ACADEMY. IT IS A NEW CHARTER SCHOOL. AND WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP TO RELEASE THE PERMIT FOR THE SCHOOL FOR THE FLOORS TO BE PUT DOWN SO THE CHILDREN CAN BE PUT IN THEIR CLASSROOM INSTEAD OF HOME AND FOR THE STAFF TO KEEP THEIR JOBS BECAUSE RIGHT NOW WE ARE WORKING FROM HOME, AND THE CHILDREN ARE GOING TO SCHOOL FROM HOME. AND IT'S VIRTUAL, AND THAT'S JUST A SAD THING FOR THIS THAT WE ARE REAL REALLY FIGHTING HARD TO GET EVERYTHING THAT EVERYONE IS ASKING FROM US, ALL THE SIDEWALKS, EVERYTHING THAT IT NEED, WE ARE GETTING DONE. AND Y'ALL ARE STILL HOLDING THE PERMITS FOR US TO NOT GET THE SCHOOL STARTED. SO IF YOU ALL COULD PLEASE RELEASE THE PERMITS SO WE CAN GET THESE SCHOOLS, THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE FROM THE LINE DAWN HAKEEM. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO

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

DAWN HAKEEM: SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

DAWN HAKEEM: MY NAME IS DAWN HAKEEM, AND I AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF EAGLE COLLEGIATE ACADEMY. WE ARE ASKING FOR THE SUPERVISORS TO PLEASE WORK WITH US AND RELEASE OUR PERMITS SO THAT OUR KIDS CAN GET BACK INTO THE CLASSROOM. E.C.A. WILL BE THE ONLY SCHOOL IN OUR COMMUNITY OFFERING AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE CURRICULUM FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH THIRD GRADE. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE GET THESE KIDS BACK INTO THE CLASSROOM, SO PLEASE HELP US. WE ARE A SCHOOL. WE HAVE LIMITED FUNDING, AND SOME OF THESE REQUESTS WE JUST SIMPLY CANNOT AFFORD. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR LISTENING.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE RED CHIEF HUNT. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO ADDRESS TODAY AND

WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

RED CHIEF HUNT: YES, THE RED CHIEF HUNT, CAN YOU HEAR ME? HELLO?

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

RED CHIEF HUNT: OKAY, YEAH, AGENDA 9 AND PUBLIC GENERAL COMMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT WE NEED TO GIVE VOUCHERS FOR THE FAMILIES THAT HAVE BEEN VICTIMIZED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I THINK THAT WOULD BE ADEQUATE AND A FORWARD THING TO BE MOVING ON. AND THEN THE SECOND THING, GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, IS WITH OUR HOUSING SITUATION. I'M ACTUALLY GOING THROUGH A COUPLE OF PROGRAMS MYSELF. AND I FORESEE A WHOLE LOT OF PROBLEMS WITH OUR HOUSING FOR HEALTH, NOT EXACTLY WITH HOUSING FOR HEALTH, BUT WITH THE VENDORS THAT WE USE NOT ADEQUATELY ADDRESSING THE CLIENTS AND THINGS LIKE THAT. IT IS A BIG ISSUE BECAUSE, IN THE NEXT 90 DAYS, WE ARE GOING TO EXPERIENCE A LOT MORE HOMELESS, ALMOST APPROXIMATELY 28 MORE THOUSAND HOMELESS PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY THAT WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO, BUT NOT PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES PROPERLY. SO I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HAHN AND MITCHELL ON THIS ISSUE REGARDING GETTING THE PROPER VENDORS IN THERE TO HELP THE HOMELESS PEOPLE. AND THIS IS RED CHIEF HUNT,

PLEASE TAKE ME SERIOUSLY. I'M WELCOME TO SEE YOU GUYS BACK NEXT YEAR. THANK YOU, AND YOU GUYS HAVE A GOOD WEEK.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE JOSE RUIZ. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

JOSE RUIZ: YES, HI, GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS JOSE MIGUEL RUIZ. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF (INDISCERNIBLE) L.A., A 501C3 NONPROFIT IN THE DOWNTOWN -- I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT ITEM 7, 8, AND GENERAL COMMENT. FOR ITEM 7, AS A FORMER D.A.C.A. RECIPIENT, AND I SAY FORMER BECAUSE I WAS ONE OF THE LUCKY ONES TO HAVE BEEN GRANTED STATUS THROUGH MY FATHER'S EMPLOYMENT IN THE FIELD, I WAS ABLE TO SECURE STATUS. HOWEVER, NOT SO MANY WERE LUCKY TO GET THAT. AND THOSE WERE A LOT OF MY COUSINS AND FAMILY MEMBERS AND MEMBERS OF MY COMMUNITY. SO I WANT TO SUPPORT ANY ADDITIONAL HELP FOR D.A.C.A. RECIPIENTS, DREAMERS, THAT IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE COUNTY. AND ALSO, FOR ITEM 8, I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY WHO IS STILL UNDOCUMENTED WHO IS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, PARTICULARLY IN THE FIRST DISTRICT,

BUT ALSO L.A. COUNTY. AND HOMELESSNESS CAN BE DISGUISED IN MANY WAYS, FOLKS THAT ARE JUST ONE CHECK AWAY FROM BEING HOMELESS OR WHO ARE ACTUALLY THREE FAMILIES TO ONE SINGLE UNIT HOUSEHOLD, WHICH IS THE CASE IN THE FIRST DISTRICT WITH A LOT OF THESE FIRST OR ONE-UNIT APARTMENTS. AND YOU HAVE MULTIPLE FAMILIES LIVING THERE. (INDISCERNIBLE) HAS BEEN PROVIDING ESSENTIAL SERVICES LIKE FOOD THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC. AND WHAT WE'VE NOTICED IS THAT A LOT OF THESE FOLKS HAVE COME TO US ASKING FOR FRESH FRUIT, NO CANNED ITEMS. THEY DON'T HAVE A KITCHEN. SO THESE ARE SOME OF THE REALITIES THAT WE HAVE EXPERIENCED, AND WE HAVE RESPONDED FIRSTHAND, MAKING SURE THESE COMMUNITIES ALSO HAVE FRESH ACCESS TO FOOD, ESPECIALLY THE CHILDREN HAVE A SAFE PLACE WHERE THEY CAN CONTINUE TO LEARN AND EXCEL IN THEIR ACADEMICS. SO WITH THAT SAID, I WOULD LIKE PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AND THANK THE SUPERVISOR FOR MAKING THIS MOTION ON ITEM 8. WITH THAT, THAT'S THE END OF MY COMMENTS.

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

MODERATOR: AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME. DO NOT PRESS 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE QUEUE. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANNA MANY. PLEASE STATE THE

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ANNY MANY: GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS ANNA MANY, AND I AM ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 12. I AM A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 2, A LIFELONG CARSON RESIDENT. I LIVE A HALF MILE FROM THE DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL, AND JUST TO CLARIFY, IT DOES NOT SMELL LIKE ROTTEN EGGS. I WOULD TAKE ROTTEN EGGS OVER WHAT WE ARE DEALING WITH. IMAGINE A SLAUGHTERHOUSE FULL OF ROTTING CARCASSES IN THE HOT SUMMER SUN. YEAH, THAT IS WHAT WE ARE LIVING WITH. SO I STAND IN SUPPORT OF THIS ITEM, BUT I ASK THAT YOU GUYS EXPAND THE SERVICES THAT YOU ARE PROVIDING TO ALSO INCLUDE UTILITIES AND PEOPLE THAT HAVEN'T RUN THEIR A.C. (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC) -- SO WE NEED ASSISTANCE, ALSO TO SET UP SOME TYPE OF TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RELOCATED TO HOTELS OUTSIDE OF TOWN. THEY NEED TO BE ABLE TO GET TO WORK AND TO GET THE KIDS TO SCHOOL, ALSO TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR DISABLED ARE ASSISTED. HOW LONG IS THIS GOING TO LAST BECAUSE REMEDIATIONS -- AND HOW LONG IS THIS REMEDIATION GOING TO TAKE, AND WHAT ARE WE DOING FOR THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE HAVING TO COME AND WORK THERE AND NOT GETTING ANY FORM OF ASSISTANCE? SO WE NEED HELP, AND WE NEED YOU TO HELP US AND GIVE US EVERYTHING YOU CAN AND ALSO PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION IN SPANISH AND TAGALOG. WE NEED THAT. AND I THANK YOU GUYS FOR SETTING UP THE POP-UP OVER IN THE CARSON

COMMUNITY CENTER, BUT IF YOU COULD ALSO HELP THE CITY OF CARSON WITH THE PROCUREMENT OF AIR PURIFIERS BECAUSE THE CITY OF CARSON IS HAVING A SERIOUS BACKLOG OF BEING ABLE TO DISTRIBUTE. SO, IF YOU GUYS CAN PLEASE HAVE YOUR PURCHASING DIVISION --

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF ZEKE SANDOVAL. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO ADDRESS TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ZEKE SANDOVAL: GOOD MORNING, THIS IS ZEKE SANDOVAL, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF P.A.T.H., PEOPLE ASSISTING THE HOMELESS, REGARDING ITEMS 8 AND 43E. WE ARE VERY GLAD TO SEE THE COUNTY BROADEN ITS SCOPE OF SERVICES FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND POTENTIAL MENTAL HEALTH CRISES. SO REGARDING ITEM 8, P.A.T.H. HAS OPERATED IN LOS ANGELES SINCE 1984. SO OUR STAFF ARE INTIMATELY FAMILIAR WITH THE PATCHWORK OF FUNDING REGULATIONS THAT PREVENT US FROM DELIVERING THE MOST EFFECTIVE PERSON-CENTERED SERVICES TO SOMEONE JUST BECAUSE OF THE WAY THEY CAME INTO THE COUNTRY. FORTUNATELY, L.A. COUNTY ALREADY RUNS ONE OF THE BEST TOOLS FOR HELPING AN UNHOUSED

INDIVIDUAL REGARDLESS OF THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS. THAT'S THE HOUSING FOR HEALTH FLEXIBLE RENTAL SUBSIDIES. THOSE ALLOW US TO HOUSE AN INDIVIDUAL WITH FEWER ADMINISTRATIVE BARRIERS AND STRINGS. STILL, THERE IS MUCH MORE ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT, SO WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR AUTHORING THIS RESOLUTION. REGARDING ITEM 43E, WE ARE VERY HEARTENED TO SEE THE COUNTY SUPPORT METRO IN AUTHORIZING ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAMS. AS SOME OF YOU MIGHT KNOW, SINCE 2018, P.A.T.H. HAS CONTRACTED WITH METRO TO CONDUCT OUTREACH ON TRAINS AND AT STATIONS, REACHING UNHOUSED TRANSIT RIDERS AND CONNECTING THEM WITH SERVICES. SINCE 2018, OUR TEAM HAS ENGAGED MORE THAN 5,000 INDIVIDUALS TO ASSESS THEIR NEEDS, PLACED OVER 2000 INDIVIDUALS INTO INTERIM HOUSING, AND CONNECTED NEARLY 1,000 INDIVIDUALS TO PERMANENT HOUSING. AS WE ALL KNOW, HOMELESSNESS IS A TREMENDOUS STRESSOR ON MENTAL HEALTH, CREATING AND EXACERBATING ISSUES THAT MAY CAUSE SOMEONE TO UNDERGO A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. WE ARE VERY GLAD THAT METRO WILL RETAIN MORE STAFF TO HELP SOLVE THESE CRISES IN A TRAUMA INFORMED MANNER, AND WE STAND READY TO HELP HOWEVER WE CAN. THANK YOU SO MUCH TO SUPERVISORS HAHN AND SOLIS FOR LEADING THIS MOTION, AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. BYE.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF JONES OKEKE. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

JONES OKEKE: GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS JONES OKEKE. I JOIN MY FELLOW PARENTS AND TOWN MEMBERS TO ADVOCATE FOR EAGLE COLLEGIATE ACADEMY. OUR FAMILIES AND OUR TEAM HAVE ENDURED HARDSHIP DUE TO DELAYS AND CONFLICTING REQUIREMENTS FROM THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OVER MANY MONTHS NOW. WE BELIEVE THAT -- (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC) -- SINCE THE START OF OUR D.S.A., AFTER ALMOST FIVE MONTHS OF WORKING WITH THE COUNTY, WOULD CREATE MORE HARDSHIPS AND UNNECESSARY DELAYS FOR FAMILIES AND STUDENTS. ADDITIONALLY, I AM AWARE THAT THIS YEAR HAS ALSO PAID ALL FEES NEEDED TO COMPLY WITH COUNTY REQUIREMENTS. WE HAVE MADE REMARKABLE PROGRESS LATELY WITH OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND WOULD LIKE TO MOVE QUICKLY WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SO THAT STUDENTS CAN RETURN TO SCHOOL AS THEIR PUBLIC AND CHARTER SCHOOL COUNTERPARTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF DAVID NURSE. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

DAVID NURSE: I LIVE IN --

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: YOUR LINE IS OPEN. CAN YOU PLEASE GIVE YOUR COMMENT? CAN WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF MACHE DELAQUATRA. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA TIMES YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

MACHE DELAQUATRA: HI, MY NAME IS MACHE DELAQUATRA. I AM WITH THE TRANS-LATINA COALITION, MANAGER OF POLICY. I AM CALLING IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM 8 AND AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 9. WE ARE IN STRONG SUPPORT OF FUNDING SPECIFICALLY FOR UNDOCUMENTED INDIVIDUALS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THERE ARE SO MANY UNDOCUMENTED TRANS-PEOPLE THAT ARE SEEKING SERVICES AND SEEKING LIFESAVING ACCESS TO RESOURCES HERE IN THE COUNTY, AND TO BE ABLE TO GET RESOURCES TO BUILD THOSE SERVICES IS DRASTICALLY IMPORTANT FOR OUR COMMUNITY. AND IN ADDITION, AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 9, JUST REALLY REEMPHASIZING WHAT HAS BEEN

SHARED BY OTHER PEOPLE IN TERMS OF THE FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, JUST REALLY THINKING IT IS CRUCIAL THAT PEOPLE GET ASSISTANCE IN TIMES WHERE THEY HAVE LOST LOVED ONES TO POLICE VIOLENCE AND BEING ABLE TO GET SUPPORT WITH BURIAL COSTS AND ALL THE OTHER COSTS THAT COME WITH LOSING A LOVED ONE. WE ARE IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GETTING SERVICES AND GETTING RESOURCES FOR THAT. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF EUNISSES HERNANDEZ. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

EUNISSES HERNANDEZ: GOOD MORNING, CAN YOU ALL HEAR ME?

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

EUNISSES HERNANDEZ: THANK YOU. HI, GOOD MORNING! MY NAME IS EUNISSES HERNANDEZ. I'M THE COFOUNDER AND CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LA DEFENSA AND A MEMBER OF THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION AND THE REIMAGINE L.A. COUNTY COALITION. I AM ALSO A RESIDENT OF THE FIRST DISTRICT. I AM CALLING TODAY, AND THANK

YOU HONORABLE CHAIRWOMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FOR GIVING US THIS TIME TO ADDRESS YOU ALL. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 7, 8, 9, 20, 11, 18, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND KUEHL FOR PUTTING MOTION 7 FORWARD. IT IS GREAT TO MOVE, MOVE POLICIES THAT WILL PROTECT OUR D.A.C.A. FOLKS, BUT ALSO TO KEEP FIGHTING FOR EVERYBODY ELSE, RIGHT, SO WE ARE NOT LEAVING ANYBODY BEHIND. THIS IS A GREAT MOTION, THOUGH, MOVING FORWARD. AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I REALLY WANT TO COMMEND YOU TODAY. YOU PUT TWO MOTIONS FORWARD THAT ARE VERY STRONG AND THAT IT TAKES COURAGE TO PUT FORWARD. AND YOU AUTHORED THEM BY YOURSELF, SO I HOPE, YOU KNOW, OTHERS ON THE BOARD CAN ALSO SUPPORT YOU ON THESE MOTIONS, ON NUMBER 8 AND 9, ON SUPPORTING HOMELESS AND HOUSING SERVICES FOR PEOPLE THAT ARE IMMIGRANTS OR WHO ARE UNDOCUMENTED. I WENT TO MACARTHUR THE PARK THE OTHER DAY, AND THERE ARE SO MANY FOLKS WHO ARE LIVING AT THE PARK BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO HOUSING. AND SO JUST PUTTING A MOTION FORWARD THAT ADDRESSES THAT DIRECTLY I THINK WILL BE SO HELPFUL TO SO MANY AND HAVE IMPACT ON THEIR LIVES. AND ALSO NUMBER 9, INVESTING AND SUPPORTING PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY SHERIFF VIOLENCE, AND THE FAMILIES OF, YOU KNOW, THANK YOU TO THE FAMILIES OF PAUL REYA, ANTHONY VARGAS, MS. HELEN JONES, REPRESENTING HER SON, JOHN GORDON. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THEM AND THE COUNTLESS OTHER FAMILIES. ON NUMBER 11 AND NUMBER 20 ARE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO BUILDING OUT THE

DECENTRALIZED SYSTEM OF CARE THAT WE IMAGINE THAT HELP US SUPPORT DECARCERATING OUR OVER BLOATED JAIL SYSTEM. SO I APPLAUD SUPERVISOR HAHN AND BARGER FOR PUTTING THE MOTION ON MENTAL HEALTH JOBS AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL ON BUILDING OUT THE HEALTHCARE JOBS AND ACTUALLY THE WHOLE SYSTEM ITSELF. THANK YOU FOR PUTTING THOSE 11 AND 20 FORWARD. AND NUMBER 18, I AM ONE OF THE CHAIRS OF THE GENDER RESPONSIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN L.A. COUNTY, AND OVER TWO YEARS WENT INTO DEVELOPING THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, A LOT OF THEM ARE UPLIFTING WHAT'S IN THE A.T.I. CARE FIRST REPORT, BUT IT SPECIFIES THAT WE NEED TO FOCUS ON PRETRIAL COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES BECAUSE OVER 52 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE AT C.R.D.S. ARE PRE-TRIAL, MEANING THEY HAVEN'T BEEN CONVICTED YET, LIKE THEY GENERALLY CANNOT PAY TO GET OUT OR BECAUSE OF THE CURRENT PRE-TRIAL SYSTEM, AND A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT ARE HERE, AND THEY HAVE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS, AND THEY HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED BY REPORTS SUCH AS THE RAND REPORT STUDY THAT HAS SHOWN THAT THEY COULD BE BETTER SERVED IN O.D.R. SERVICES. SO I ALSO URGE YOU TO PLEASE READ THE LETTER THAT THE G.R.A.C. SEND YOU ASKING TO EXPAND THE HOUSING PROGRAM SLOTS IN O.D.R. THAT COULD HELP US ALSO DECARCERATE C.R.D.S. AND THE K16 UNIT. I JUST REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR A GREAT AGENDA TODAY AND FOR ALL THE LEADERSHIP YOU ALL HAVE SHOWN. GREAT WORK. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: THE NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF JAVIER GONZALES. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

JAVIER GONZALES: HI, GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS JAVIER GONZALES. I AM CALLING ON BEHALF OF EAGLE COLLEGIATE ACADEMY. I AM A PARENT, AND WE ARE CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF HAVING OUR SCHOOL BEING BUILT, BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF PROCESSES IN PUBLIC WORKS THAT ARE BEING HELD UP. SO WE ARE ASKING FOR THEM TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS AND BE ABLE TO ALLOW US TO OPEN UP THE SCHOOL BECAUSE MY SON RIGHT NOW IS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL, AND IT IS VERY DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO DO EVERYTHING ONLINE, AND HE IS VERY EXCITED TO START IN PERSON. AND THE SCHOOL IS OFFERING A LOT OF GREAT PROGRAMS, SO MY CHILD IS GREATLY APPRECIATED FOR, AND THEY ARE OPENING UP PROGRAMS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION AND INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS THAT ARE NOT -- THAT ARE NOT PART OF A REGULAR PUBLIC SCHOOL. AND IT WOULD BE A SHAME THAT OUR SCHOOL WOULD BE SHUTDOWN JUST BECAUSE THE PROCESS IS NOT BEING EXPEDITED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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

MODERATOR: AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 ON YOUR TOUCH TOWN PHONE. DO NOT PRESS 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE QUEUE. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE VALERIE VARGAS. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

VALERIE VARGAS: GOOD MORNING, THIS IS VALERIE VARGAS. I AM CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 9 FOR THE FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, AND I AM THE FAMILY OF ANTHONY VARGAS, WHO WAS MURDERED BY THE EAST LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND I DON'T KNOW, WE HAD CALLED IN SUPPORT FOR THE FAMILIES THAT ARE ASKING FOR THE MOTION PASSED IN MARCH, AND THIS MOTION FOR THE FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM JUST SEEMS TO FOLLOW THAT. AND WE'RE SAYING THAT, YOU KNOW, WITH THE HARASSMENT THAT THE FAMILIES IMPACTED BY L.A.S.D. MISCONDUCT, COMES THE AFTERMATH AND THE TRAUMA AND LACK OF THE SERVICES THAT WE ARE NOT ABLE TO OBTAIN BECAUSE WE ARE NOT CONSIDERED VICTIMS OF CRIME. SO THE FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WILL HELP FAMILIES GATHER SERVICES FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH, FOR THE P.T.S.D., BURIAL COSTS. WE ARE HAVING TO COME TOGETHER FOR ONE ANOTHER BECAUSE THE FAMILIES ARE THE

ONES THAT TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER BECAUSE THERE IS NOBODY ELSE IN THE COUNTY THAT EVEN BOTHERS WITH US. I ALSO WANT TO ADD, YOU KNOW, I HAVE BEEN SITTING HERE FOR THE PAST HOUR, AND I HAD THIS THING DOWN. AND IT IS CONCERNING TO SEE THAT WE ARE ONLY GIVEN ONE HOUR A MONTH TO SPEAK TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ABOUT OUR CONCERNS, AND YOU ALL JUST SEEM VERY DISTRACTED, ESPECIALLY JANICE HAHN. I SEE YOU LAUGHING AND MAKING JOKES.

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

VALERIE VARGAS: ANYWAY, THE LEAST YOU COULD DO IS PAY ATTENTION TO THE FAMILIES WHO ARE IN SUPPORT OF THIS ITEM. IT IS REFLECTION OF YOU GUYS NOT PAYING ATTENTION TO US IN HOW YOU REALLY DO TREAT IMPACTED FAMILIES FROM L.A.S.D. THANK YOU, HILDA SOLIS, FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. I AM IN SUPPORT OF IT. I REALLY HOPE THE BOARD PASSES THIS BECAUSE IT IS NOT FAIR THAT WE HAVE TO PAY FOR OUT OF POCKET FOR SERVICES THAT HAVE BEEN AND ARE CREATED BY L.A.S.D. VIOLENCE. THE VIOLENCE HAS TO STOP BECAUSE FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS SHOULD NOT EVEN HAVE TO BE MADE. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE FRANCISCO MORENO. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

FRANCISCO MORENO: CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

FRANCISCO MORENO: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS FRANCISCO MORENO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COUNCIL OF MEXICAN FEDERATIONS. OUR MAIN OFFICE IS LOCATED ON EL PUEBLO MONUMENT OVER IN DISTRICT 14. AND I AM SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF ITEM 8. IMMIGRANTS ARE PART OF THE FABRIC OF LOS ANGELES, AND THEIR ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL CONTRIBUTIONS MAKE IT THE DYNAMIC AND VIBRANT COUNTY IT IS TODAY. WE APPLAUD SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION TO INCREASE SUPPORT FOR UNDOCUMENTED INDIVIDUALS AND IMMIGRANTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. SHE HAS BEEN A CHAMPION IN SUPPORT OF IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES UNDOCUMENTED AND PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS FROM ACCESSING EMERGENCY HOUSING AND HOMELESS SERVICES INCLUDING LINGUISTIC BARRIERS. THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

HAS HIT OUR COMMUNITY AT ALL LEVELS, INCLUDING THE MOST VULNERABLE. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE COUNTY PARTNER WITH TRUSTED COMMUNITY-BASED ENTITIES THAT ARE ROOTED IN IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES AND EXPERIENCED IN SERVING HIGH NEED IMMIGRANT RESIDENTS. THESE PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS WILL ENSURE THAT COUNTY RESOURCES ARE DIRECTED TO UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN A LINGUISTICALLY AND CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE MANNER, AND THEY WILL PROVIDE THE SUPPORT NECESSARY FOR THESE COMMUNITIES TO NAVIGATE THE PROCESS OF ACCESSING HOMELESS SERVICES AND PROGRAMS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE ALICIA UCHINIO. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO ADDRESS TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ALICIA UCHINIO: HI, MY NAME IS DR. ALICIA UCHINIO. I AM ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF INTERNS AND RESIDENTS. I AM A THIRD YEAR FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENT (INDISCERNIBLE) RESIDENT AT (INDISCERNIBLE) MARTIN LUTHER KING -- AND I AM ALSO THE VICE PRESIDENT OF OUR COMMITTEE OF INTERNS AND RESIDENTS. AND AS MANY OF THE

RESIDENTS HAVE STATED THESE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS, DEMAND FOR QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF POSITIONS WAS AT AN ALL TIME HIGH HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, ESPECIALLY IN OUR COUNTY HOSPITALS. OUR COMMUNITIES WERE HIT HARDEST IN TERMS OF INFECTION RATES AND DEATHS FROM COVID-19, SO AS WE ARE SPEAKING NOW, PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS ARE LOOKING TO SEE HOW OUR PROGRAMS CARED FOR AND SUPPORTED THEIR RESIDENTS DURING THE PANDEMIC, AND IT WILL BE AN INDICATION OF HOW THEY COULD BE GOING FORWARD -- RESIDENTS CHOOSE L.A. COUNTY BECAUSE THEY ARE COMMITTED TO SERVING THE UNDERSERVED. HOWEVER, L.A. COUNTY HOSPITALS FAIR LOWEST IN SALARY AND OVERALL ECONOMIC BENEFITS, AND DURING THE PANDEMIC, WE HAD TO FUNDRAISE AND OUTSOURCE JUST TO ENSURE THE RESIDENTS HAD ENOUGH P.P.E. WHILE SERVING ON THE FRONTLINES. DESPITE ALL OF THIS, L.A. COUNTY LEADERSHIP HAS REFUSED TO NEGOTIATE WITH US. SO I URGE YOU ALL TO REFLECT ON WHY IT IS THAT L.A. COUNTY IS NOT MORE CONCERNED ABOUT RECRUITING A STRONG WORKFORCE TO CARE FOR OUR MOST MARGINALIZED COMMUNITY. WE ARE ASKING FOR YOU TO MEET WITH US, WITH YOUR FRONTLINE PROVIDERS, TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO CARE FOR OURSELVES SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO CARE FOR OUR PATIENTS. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE DAVID NURSE. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

DAVID NURSE: YEAH. MY SON IS A SHERIFF AT THE L.A. DEPARTMENT OF SHERIFFS -- AND LISTENING TO VILLANUEVA TALKING ABOUT THAT YOU GUYS ARE LOOKING TO DEFUND THE POLICE. AND RIGHT NOW HE IS OVERWORKED. I HEAR A LOT OF PEOPLE TALKING ABOUT MURDERS FROM THE SHERIFFS AND STUFF LIKE THAT, BUT THEY NEED TO DO THEIR HOMEWORK. I JUST WANTED TO -- WHEN PEOPLE HAVE PROBLEMS AGAINST GANG MEMBERS, THE FIRST THING THEY WILL CALL IS THE POLICE. PLEASE DON'T TAKE MONEY FROM THEM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE BROOKS AMBROSE. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

AMBROSE BROOKS: HI, THIS IS AMBROSE BROOKS. I AM A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 5 AND THE CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR AT DIGNITY AND POWER

NOW AND AN ORGANIZER WITH JUSTICE L.A. I WILL SPEAK ON ITEM 8, 18, 20, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. FIRST, I THANK THE BOARD FOR THEIR AGENDA TODAY. ON ITEM NUMBER 8, I THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR PUTTING FORTH THIS MOTION TO DEVELOP TARGETED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING OUTREACH AND SERVICES TO L.A. COUNTY'S UNDOCUMENTED HOUSELESS POPULATION. EVERYONE DESERVES SAFE HOUSING. I ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR SOLIS WITH NEXT STEPS FOR DEVELOPING A MORE ROBUST AND INCLUSIVE OUTREACH STRATEGY FOR HOUSELESS COMMUNITIES. I ALSO ENCOURAGE MORE OVERSIGHT OF THE RELEVANT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS IN OUR OUTREACH EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO MOVE WITH EMPATHY AND SENSITIVITY WHILE CONSIDERING HOW MANY UNDOCUMENTED COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE RELUCTANT TO SEEK SERVICES DUE TO THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS. OUTREACH FOR THESE COMMUNITIES MUST BE DONE IN A WAY THAT GUARANTEES THEIR SAFETY, PROHIBITS ANY INVOLVEMENT FROM I.C.E., AND GENUINELY WORKS TOWARD PROVIDING SAFE AND STABLE HOUSING FOR ALL HOUSELESS COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THANK YOU AGAIN SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR THIS EXPANSIVE MOTION TO GUIDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF MORE INCLUSIVE SERVICES FOR OUR HOUSELESS COMMUNITY MEMBERS. ON ITEM NUMBER 18, I COMMEND SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND MITCHELL FOR PRESENTING THIS MOTION. THE GENDER RESPONSIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAS AUTHORED A GROUNDBREAKING REPORT THAT LAYS OUT SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GUIDING THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO DECARCERATE CENTRAL REGIONAL DETENTION FACILITY AND CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL.

FIRST AND FOREMOST, LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUST TAKE SUBSTANTIVE EFFORTS TO RELEASE INCARCERATED PERSONS TO RETURN TO THEIR COMMUNITIES. THIS STRATEGY INCLUDES TARGETED DIVERSION STRATEGIES, REENTRY SUPPORT, AND C.B.O. CAPACITY BUILDING THAT FOCUSES ON CIS GENDER WOMEN AND TWO SPIRIT, L.G.B.Q. AND T.G.I. INDIVIDUALS. CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND DECARCERATE C.R.D.S. THIS MOTION DEPICTS THE MUCH NEEDED COORDINATION BETWEEN THE RELEVANT COUNTY BODIES TASKED WITH DESIGNING AND IMPLEMENTING COUNTY DECARCERATION POLICIES. IT IS CRITICAL THERE IS OPEN AND TRANSPARENT COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM, AND THAT A.T.I. WORKING GROUP, O.D.R., AND THE G.R.A.C. TO ENSURE THAT AVAILABLE DIVERSION PROGRAMS ARE BEING UTILIZED AND DECARCERATION EFFORTS ARE SWIFT AND COORDINATED. ON ITEM NUMBER 20, I THANK THE BOARD FOR PRIORITIZING THE NEED FOR ALTERNATIVES TO L.A. COUNTY'S CURRENT LAW ENFORCEMENT DOMINATED CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM BY PRESENTING THIS MOTION TO INCREASE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION FOR ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE POSITIONS. FIRST, I ASK THE BOARD AND D.M.H. TO LOOK AT SALARY DISPARITIES BETWEEN MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONDERS AND SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES. WHAT WE'VE HEARD THROUGHOUT THIS MORNING IS THE COUNTY IS NOT ADEQUATELY FUNDING STAFF POSITIONS IN OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. THIS INCLUDES MENTAL HEALTH FIELD POSITIONS AND DEMONSTRATES OBVIOUS REASONS WHY IT IS DIFFICULT TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN MENTAL HEALTH FIELD

PROFESSIONALS. AN EFFECTIVE AND HOLISTIC ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE APPROACH MUST INVEST DIRECTLY IN THE COMMUNITY. I ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO CONSIDER PRIORITIZING EMPLOYING IMPACTED COMMUNITY MEMBERS AS MENTAL HEALTH FIELD RESPONDERS AS WELL AS PEER SUPPORT MODELS. I ALSO MAINTAIN THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT SHOULD NEVER BE INVOLVED IN RESPONDING TO A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. IT IS CRITICAL THAT ARMED LAW ENFORCEMENT ARE PROHIBITED FROM RESPONDING TO A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. RATHER THAN TRAINING LAW ENFORCEMENT EMPLOYEES AS MENTAL HEALTH DISPATCHERS, THE COUNTY MUST FOCUS ON EQUIPPING MORE MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND IMPACTED COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO SERVE AS THE FIRST RESPONDERS FOR ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, THAT COMPLETES THE 90 MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT.

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK ALL THE PUBLIC SPEAKERS. OUR PUBLIC SPEAKING PORTION HAS NOW ENDED. I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE THAT CALLED IN. AND IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS, YOU CAN STILL SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD.

MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU, 1D-3D, 1P, 6-10, 13-17, 19, 21-26, 28-30, 32-35, 37-42, 43A AND 43B, 43D, 43F, AND 43G, AND 43H TO APPROVE THE URGENCY AND THE MOTION THAT WAS READ IN, AND 46 ARE BEFORE YOU.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

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

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

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: FOR THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, PLEASE PREPARE TO BE SWORN IN. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD. ITEM 1 IS A HEARING ON THE MODIFICATION OF THE DIAMOND BAR GOLF BY THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR THE COMPENSATION EFFORT OF

$28,250,000 IN EXCHANGE FOR 9.13 ACRES OF PARK LAND. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM 2 IS A HEARING ON ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2020 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLANS, LOS ANGELES COUNTY WORKS DISTRICT NUMBER 29, MALIBU AND THE MARINA DEL RAY WATER SYSTEMS, COUNTY WATER WORKS DISTRICT NUMBER 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY, AND THE 2020 WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR WATER WORKS DISTRICTS NUMBER 29 AND 40. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT, AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. AND ITEM 3 IS A HEARING ON THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO REVISE THE 2022 HOLLYWOOD BOWL SEASON MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM TICKET PRICE SCHEDULE PROPOSED BY THE LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC ASSOCIATION, NO WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT, AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM 4 IS HEARING ON AN APPEAL OF PROJECT NUMBER 2021-002011 TO INITIATE A PLANNED AMENDMENT TO THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PLAN FOR THE POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF 249 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENT UNITS, 72 TOWNHOUSE UNITS, AND TWO OPEN SPACE LOTS, ON 75.23 GROSS ACRES LOCATED AT 19816 WALNUT DRIVE IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF ROWLAND HEIGHTS WITHIN THE WALNUT ZONE DISTRICT. A WRITTEN STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THE APPELLANT'S REPRESENTATIVE, RAN IWING, WILL BE GIVEN TWO MINUTES. PLEASE BEGIN.

RAN IWING: GOOD MORNING, IT IS OUR POSITION THAT THE APPROVAL FOR THE INITIATION OF THE PLANNED AMENDMENT FOR THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PLAN WAS MISSING SOME VITAL INFORMATION THAT WAS NECESSARY FOR THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION. ALTHOUGH IT WAS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE R.P.C. IN JULY, THE EXISTENCE OF PROTECTIVE RESTRICTIONS RECORDED ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY HAVE NEVER BEEN FULLY ADDRESSED. THE PROPERTY HAS A RESTRICTIVE DEED DATED DECEMBER 26TH, 1961, STATES THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION SHALL OPERATE SPECIFICALLY AS A GOLF COURSE ONLY. THIS DECLARATION RUNS WITH THE PROPERTY AND WAS TO CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT UNTIL JANUARY 31, 2016. FROM THAT TIME PERIOD, IT IS SET TO CONTINUE FOR ANOTHER 20 YEARS UNLESS, WITHIN SIX MONTHS PRIOR EXPIRATION, THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY CAN DEMONSTRATE THE PROPERTY IS NO LONGER SUITABLE FOR USE AS A GOLF COURSE. IN 2014, THE OWNERS ATTEMPTED TO SELL THE LANDS, CLAIMING THE GOLF COURSE WAS UNPROFITABLE. THE OWNERS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY PRIOR TO JANUARY 31, 2016 TO DEMONSTRATE THE PROPERTY WAS NO LONGER SUITABLE FOR A GOLF COURSE. HOWEVER, NO SUCH ACTION WAS TAKEN. INSTEAD, THE OWNERS CONTINUED TO OPERATE A FULLY FUNCTIONING 27 HOLE GOLF COURSE. THE COUNTY RECORDED FILINGS DO NOT INDICATE ANY DOCUMENT WAS FILED PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION DATE, AND, THEREFORE, THE AUTOMATIC 20 YEAR TERM REMAINS IN FULL FORCE. ACCORDINGLY, THE PROTECTIVE RESTRICTIONS REQUIRE ANYONE OWNING THE PROPERTY TO USE THE LANDS AS A GOLF COURSE

ONLY WITH NO OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE THE LAND USE UNTIL 2036. WE SEE NO EVIDENCE THAT THE RESTRICTIVE DEED WAS REMOVED. IT OUR OPINION THAT THE VOTE BY THE R.P.C. SHOULD BE NULLIFIED AND THE APPLICATION REJECTED UNTIL THE LEGAL ISSUES OF THE RESTRICTIVE DEED ARE RESOLVED. FURTHERMORE, ANY FAILURE TO OPERATE THE LAND AS SPECIFICALLY SET FORTH IN THE RESTRICTIVE DEED WILL UNDENIABLY RESULT IN LAWSUITS BEING FILED BY THE MANY AFFECTED HOME OWNERS AGAINST THE LAND OWNERS AND POSSIBLY L.A. COUNTY FOR BREACH OF RESTRICTION AND INVERSE CONDEMNATION. PLEASE UPHOLD OUR APPEAL. THANK YOU.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT, WE WILL HEAR FROM THE APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVE, JOHN COCK. HE WILL BE GIVEN TWO MINUTES. MR. COCK. PLEASE BEGIN.

JOHN COCK: GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. I AM JOHN COCK, REPRESENTING THE APPLICANT R.B. DEV. L.L.C. THE ISSUE BEFORE YOU TODAY IS NOT TO APPROVE OR DENY A PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL PROJECT WITH PUBLIC PARKS AND TRAILS. WHAT IS BEFORE YOU TODAY IS TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT THE PROCESS TO STUDY A PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL PUBLIC PARKS AND TRAILS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN ROWLAND HEIGHTS SHOULD MOVE FORWARD AS DECIDED PREVIOUSLY BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION. AS YOU HAVE HEARD FROM YOUR STAFF, THIS APPEAL IS WITHOUT MERIT AND SHOULD BE DENIED. WE ARE HERE TODAY TO ASK YOU TO DENY

THIS APPEAL, UPHOLD THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S DECISION TO INITIATE THE PLAN AMENDMENT PROCESS AND ALLOW IT TO MOVE FORWARD. WE'VE HEARD A NUMBER OF COMMENTS, OR WE WILL HEAR A NUMBER OF COMMENTS TODAY, FROM INDIVIDUALS WHO LIVE NEAR THE PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT, AND DENIAL OF THIS APPEAL WILL ALLOW US TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH THE PUBLIC AND COUNTY STAFF, AND DURING THE C.E.Q.A. PROCESS, WE WILL BE AGE TO ADDRESS THE TRAFFIC, BIOLOGY, WILDLIFE, AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED, WHICH WILL BE STUDIED IN DETAIL IN A FULL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND DISCUSSED IN FUTURE PUBLIC HEARINGS. RECENTLY, WE HAVE FOUND GREAT WILLINGNESS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY TO LOOK BEYOND THE FAILING GOLF COURSE AND PLAN FOR A FUTURE WITH NEW HOUSING, PUBLIC PARKS, AND TRAILS, WHICH ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED. A NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS, LOCAL BUSINESSES, AND INDIVIDUALS HAVE SUBMITTED LETTERS SUPPORTING THE PROCESS MOVING FORWARD, INCLUDING THE ROWLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CIVIC ALLIANCE, BIZ FED, YIMBY ACTION, PEOPLE FOR HOUSING, THE B.I.A., AND THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP. THE PARTNERSHIP STATED IN THEIR LETTER, THIS PROPOSAL IS AN OPPORTUNITY THAT THE COUNTY MUST EXPLORE FURTHER THROUGH ITS COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS. WE ASK THAT YOU DENY THIS APPEAL AND ALLOW THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION DECISION TO STAND. THANK YOU.

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

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS 1-4 SHOULD CALL 877-226-8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 852761. TO REPEAT, PLEASE CALL 877-226-8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 852761. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE 877-873-8017 AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING IN, WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND WHICH PUBLIC HEAR ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. EACH PERSON WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR ONE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM AND TWO MINUTES FOR TWO OR MORE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BE PART OF THE RECORD. WE WILL ALLOCATE 5 MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS WHICH WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT WILL COME IN DURING THE MEETING WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. WHEN SPEAKING ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, YOU MUST BE ON TOPIC. OUR GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE CAN. IF YOU

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

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

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

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

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS DIANA CORONADO. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

DIANA CORONADO: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DIANA CORONADO, AND I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM NUMBER 4. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION, AN ORGANIZATION FOCUSED ON BUILDING HOUSING FOR ALL. AGAIN, ON BEHALF OF OUR MEMBERSHIP, WE WOULD LIKE TO URGE YOU TO DENY THE APPEAL OF THE ROYAL VISTA RESIDENTIAL PROJECT, WHICH IS ITEM NUMBER 4. IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE CONSTRUCTION COSTS AND ALLEVIATE THE HOUSING SHORTFALLS, THE COUNTY SHOULD PROTECT A FAIR REVIEW PROCESS FOR HOUSING PRODUCTION BY DENYING THIS APPEAL. THE LACK OF ADEQUATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SITES HAVE STYMIED HOUSING PRODUCTION EFFORTS TO BUILD THE OVER 90,000 UNITS NEEDED TO ACCOMMODATE ALL INCOME LEVELS. THE ROYAL VISTA PROJECT HELPS TO REACH THIS GOAL BY EFFICIENTLY CREATING HOMES ON UNDERUTILIZED LAND NEAR A MAJOR JOB CENTER. ADDITIONALLY, WE BELIEVE THAT THE PROPOSAL FOR ROYAL VISTA WILL CREATE MORE PRICE ATTAINABLE HOUSING AND WILL ACCOMMODATE THE PLANNED REGIONAL POPULATION ECONOMIC GROWTH IN OUR COUNTY. FOR THESE REASONS, WE BELIEVE THAT THE PROCESS FOR SUCH CONSIDERATION MUST BE ALLOWED TO MOVE FORWARD. WE RECOGNIZE THAT SOME NEIGHBORS MAY OBJECT TO NEW DEVELOPMENT IN THEIR BACKYARD, BUT THAT CANNOT BE A REASON TO AVOID

INITIATING A THOROUGH REVIEW OF THE PROPOSAL. WE BELIEVE THAT THE 3-1 DECISION OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION SHOULD STAND. B.I.A. STRONGLY URGES YOU TO DENY THE APPEAL TO THE ROYAL VISTA HOUSING PROJECT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE WANDA ELING. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

WANDA ELING: ITEM AGENDA NUMBER 4. GOOD MORNING, REZONING ROYAL VISTA FROM OPEN SPACE TO RESIDENTIAL WILL ALLOW THE ENTIRE 188 ACRES OF GOLF COURSE TO BE DEVELOPED. OUR COMMUNITY DOES NOT HAVE THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO ACCOMMODATE 1,000 OR MORE HOUSES AND UNITS. IN ADDITION, ROYAL VISTA IS ONE OF THE LAST SIZABLE GREEN SPACES IN OUR AREA. DEVELOPMENT WILL DESTROY THE MATURE TREES, THE WILDLIFE, AND THEIR CORRIDOR TO THE PUENTE HILLS SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREA. PLEASE PROTECT THE NATURAL HABITAT. WE ASK THE BOARD UPHOLD OUR APPEAL AND VOTE AGAINST INITIATING THE PROCESS OF AMENDING THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PLAN IN ORDER FOR THE COURT TO RESOLVE THE LEGAL ISSUES REGARDING THE PROTECTIVE COVENANT. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE SHELLY GENTRY. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SHELLY GENTRY: MY NAME IS SHELLY GENTRY, AND I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM 4. THE APPEAL SHOULD NOT BE APPROVED AND THE BUILDING PROJECT SHOULD BE DENIED. BECAUSE PROTECTIVE RESTRICTIONS EXIST ON THE LAND, THE PROJECT IS NOT EVEN LEGALLY VIABLE AT THIS TIME. ANY ACTION NOW ON THE COUNTY'S BEHALF MIGHT LEAD TO AN IMPRESSION WITH THE PUBLIC THAT THE BOARD IS OPERATING WITH A CONFLICT OF INTEREST AS THE COUNTY-OWNED A COMPETITIVE GOLF COURSE JUST A FEW BLOCKS DOWN THE SAME STREET, AND BY ELIMINATING THE COUNTY'S ONLY GOLFING COMPETITOR IN THE AREA, THE COUNTY CERTAINLY STANDS TO BENEFIT FINANCIALLY WHEN IT GAINS ROYAL VISTA CUSTOMERS, SHOULD THIS PROJECT MOVE FORWARD, AND ALSO I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT THIS HAS NOTHING, NOTHING, NOTHING TO DO WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THESE HOUSES ARE 5 AND 6 BEDROOM HOMES THAT WILL SELL FOR A MILLION, A MILLION 3, A MILLION 4. THESE ARE NOT AFFORDABLE HOUSES. IF IT WAS AFFORDABLE HOUSING, THAT MIGHT BE A DIFFERENT THING, AND ALSO IT HAS SOME CONDOMINIUMS THAT WILL PROBABLY SELL FOR 6 OR

700,000. AGAIN, NOTHING TO DO WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ELIZABETH HANSBERG. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ELIZABETH HANSBERG: YES, MY NAME IS ELIZABETH HANSBERG. I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM NUMBER 4. I REPRESENT YIMBY ACTION. WE'RE PART OF THE YES IN MY BACKYARD MOVEMENT. I AM ASKING YOU TO DENY THE APPEAL. I'D LIKE TO SECOND ALL THE REASONS THAT THE BUILDING INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE MADE. I WOULD AGREE WITH ALL OF HER POINTS. THE REALITY IS THAT TO MEET OUR R.E.N.A. GOALS FOR THE ENTIRE REGION, EVERY COMMUNITY NEEDS TO DO ITS PART. WE NEED TO MAKE ROOM FOR NEW NEIGHBORS, AND THE FACT THAT EXISTING NEIGHBORS MIGHT OBJECT TO IT, CANNOT BE A REASON THAT WE SHUT OUT HOUSING OPPORTUNITY FOR THE NEXT GENERATION. AND YOU CANNOT JUST FREEZE THE COMMUNITY AS IT IS TODAY, AND THE FACT THAT -- THE FACT THAT WE HAVE SUCH A GREAT HOUSING SHORTAGE, I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE COMMENT THAT WAS MADE ABOUT THE FACT THAT 600 TO $700,000 IS NOT AFFORDABLE. IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, THAT WOULD BE CONSIDERED A MISSING

MIDDLE, OR A MIDDLE-INCOME HOUSING PRICE. AND FOR FOLKS WHO ALREADY HAVE THEIR HOMES, WHO BOUGHT THEM, YOU KNOW, 10 OR 20 YEARS AGO, WHEN HOUSING WAS POSSIBLY MORE, YOU KNOW, "REASONABLE," THEY HAVE THE BENEFIT OF SECURING THEIR MORTGAGES AND THEIR HOUSE PAYMENTS. AND WE HAVE, BY NOT BUILDING NEW HOUSING, WE EFFECTIVELY SHUT OUT THE YOUNGER GENERATIONS FROM ACHIEVING HOME OWNERSHIP.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT COMES FROM THE LINE OF ROY HUMPHREYS. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN. [ECHOING].

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: CAN YOU PLEASE TURN DOWN YOUR VOLUME.

ROY HUMPHREYS: OKAY.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: PLEASE BEGIN.

ROY HUMPHREYS: JUST A MINUTE. LET ME FIX THIS THING.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: OKAY. GO AHEAD, PLEASE. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: THE NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF THOMAS DROVSKI. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

THOMAS DROVSKI: GOOD MORNING, I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM NUMBER 4. I AM THOMAS DROVSKI, REPRESENTING COSMOND COMPANIES, RECOMMENDING DENIAL OF THE APPEAL TO ALLOW THE STUDY TO PROCEED. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IS IN DIRE NEED OF MORE HOUSING DUE TO VERY LOW PRODUCTION OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS AND MORE. NEW CONSTRUCTION WILL SUPPORT HUNDREDS OF HIGH-PAYING CONSTRUCTION JOBS FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS. PROPERTY DEVELOPED COULD GENERATE SEVERAL MILLIONS A YEAR IN TAX REVENUES TO THE COUNTY AS WELL AS MILLIONS OF UP FRONT TRANSFER FEES AND SCHOOL FEES. AND FINALLY, THE LOCATION IS WELL SUITED FOR WORKFORCE HOUSING DUE TO THE PROXIMITY OF COMMERCIAL SERVICES, QUALITY MEDICAL, EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES. AGAIN, URGE DENIAL OF THE APPEAL. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE JACOB PIERCE. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

JACOB PIERCE: YES, HELLO, MY NAME IS JACOB PIERCE. I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM NUMBER 4. AND I AM A NATIVE RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY. I AM ASKING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO DENY THE APPEAL OF THE HOUSING PROJECT AND TO LET THE HOUSING PROJECT MOVE FORWARD, HEAD TO THE NEXT PHASE OF REVIEW AND ENTITLEMENTS. IS THIS HOUSING PROJECT THE ABSOLUTE PERFECT, MOST IRON-CLAD POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT? I DON'T KNOW. BUT LET'S LET THE NORMAL PUBLIC PROCESS MOVE FORWARD TO EVALUATE IT FURTHER. ALSO, I THINK IT IS TIME FOR US TO STOP PUNCHING DOWN ON PEOPLE WHO BUY CONDOS. THESE "LUXURY" CONDOS, EVEN ONES THAT SELL FOR MORE THAN $600,000, PEOPLE WHO BUY THOSE AND LIVE IN THOSE HOMES ARE PEOPLE WHO CANNOT AFFORD LAND. SO I PROBABLY WON'T EVER BE ABLE TO BUY A SINGLE FAMILY HOME IN MY LIFE, EVEN THOUGH I AM WORKING HARD AND SAVING UP MONEY, BUT IF I KEEP WORKING HARD AND GET A BETTER JOB, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO BUY A CONDO AT SOME POINT IN MY LIFE. SO FOR EXISTING --

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

MODERATOR: THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF CHRIS WILSON. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

CHRIS WILSON: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS CHRIS WILSON, REPRESENTING L.A. BIZ FED. WE COME TO YOU TODAY TO URGE YOU TO DENY THE APPEAL REGARDING PUBLIC HEARING NUMBER 4 CURRENTLY BEFORE YOU AND UPHOLD THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S 3 TO 1 VOTE IN JULY THAT WILL ALLOW THE INITIATION PROCESS OF THE ROYAL VISTA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT TO MOVE FORWARD. AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE ROYAL VISTA GOLF CLUB IN ROWLAND HEIGHTS HAS BEEN IN DECLINING FINANCIAL HEALTH FOR YEARS. ROYAL VISTA HAS STRUGGLED TO REMAIN PROFITABLE AND CAN NO LONGER AFFORD TO MAINTAIN ALL 27 HOLES. THE PROPOSED PROJECT WILL SEEK TO CONVERT A STAGNANT SITE AND CREATE NEW HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCALS FAMILIES, WORKERS, AND PROFESSIONALS. IT ALSO CONTINUES THE INVESTMENT IN THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY BY INCLUDING PUBLIC STREETS, SIDE WALKS AND UPGRADES TO STREET LIGHTING AND LANDSCAPING. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT THAT WILL SEEK TO ADDRESS OUR REGIONS HOUSING NEEDS, WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU DENY THE APPEAL AND UPHOLD THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S 3 TO 1 VOTE TO ALLOW FOR THIS PROJECT TO MOVE FORWARD. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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

MODERATOR: THE NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF ERIC PREVEN. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ERIC PREVEN: IT IS ERIC PREVEN FROM STUDIO CITY. THERE IS A HISTORY WITH COUNTY AND GOLF, I TOOK NOTE OF THE DIAMOND BAR CASE, WHICH IS A NICE ONE. WE'RE GOING TO COLLECT $28 MILLION FROM M.C.A., WHERE MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND THE GANG OF SUPERVISORS ALSO SIT AND IT'S ONLY FOR 9 ACRES OF THE 170 ACRES. SO IT LOOKS OKAY. THE THING I WOULD ASK IS THAT BEFORE WE APPROVE THIS KIND OF A THING, SINCE THE HEARINGS DURING THE PANDEMIC WERE TRUNCATED AND I WAS BLOCKED REPEATEDLY FROM SPEAKING ABOUT IT, THERE IS A HISTORY OF THAT, THAT WE DO AN AUDIT, AN INDEPENDENT AUDIT, ON ALL OF THE COUNTY GOLF COURSES AND NORMA GARCIA AND JOHN WICKER AND ALL OF THOSE CHARACTERS. AND MOVING TO THE ITEM 3 HEARING, WHICH IS ABOUT SHEILA'S FAVORITE SUBJECT, THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL SEASON TICKET PRICING INCREASES, THAT ANNUAL INCREASES, WHICH IT IS SUCH AN INTERESTING DOCUMENT, SO NICELY DONE, IT'S SORT OF LIKE A -- THE EXERCISE IS TRY TO TALK ABOUT ALL OF THE STUFF THAT IS FREE, LIKE THE $1 SEATS, WHILE DOWNPLAYING THAT IT IS ACTUALLY $55 TO VALET PARK FOR A SENIOR CITIZEN, AND THAT THEY ARE OVERALL JACKING THE PRICES UP BY 4.6 PERCENT. YOU HAVE THE ASSOCIATION WANTS A 3.8 PERCENT INCREASE, A 4.6 INCREASE. IT IS JUST GOUGING AND THE PRETENDING THAT IT'S THE EXPENSES

MOVING FORWARD IS NOT REASONABLE. IT IS JUST -- IT IS NOT APPROPRIATE FROM PARKS AND REC, WHO IS ALSO INVOLVED IN THAT GOLF FRAUD. AND I GOTTA TELL YA, THESE PUBLIC GOLF COURSES ARE SUCH BEAUTIFUL ASSETS THAT WHEN WE GIVE THEM AWAY IT, SHOULD BE DONE TRANSPARENTLY. AND I DON'T KNOW WHERE MARY WICKHAM IS. I GUESS SHE'S OVER AT BLUE RIBBON, BUT STINKING TRANSFER FROM VICO TO OUR FRIENDS THE NOT-FOR-PROFITS WITH MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS IN THERE. IT IS SHOCKING. AND THIS BOARD HAS A REAL NERVE TO TRY TO LIMIT PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THESE ITEMS, ESPECIALLY GOING ON ANNUALLY, FOR A YEAR. YOU'RE DECLARING EMERGENCY AFTER EMERGENCY. WE WANT TO BE SAFE, BUT WE NEED TO PAY ATTENTION --

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

MODERATOR: CHAIRPERSON, AT THIS TIME, WE HAVE NO ONE ELSE IN QUEUE.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU, OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON THE PUBLIC HEARING HAS ENDED. THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT CALLED IN TO SPEAK. IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE COMMENTS, YOU MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THIS MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. TODAY, WE

WILL BEGIN WITH PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 1-4, FOLLOWED BY ITEMS 11 AND 20, AND WE WILL -- WHICH WE WILL BE TAKING UP TOGETHER, THOSE TWO ITEMS. AND THEN --

SUP. HAHN: MADAM CHAIR, ARE YOU GOING TO ASK IF ANY OF THE SUPERVISORS WANT TO MAKE COMMENTS ON ANY OF THESE ITEMS.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: YES, YES. I KNOW ON THE PUBLIC HEARING, I AM GOING TO CALL ON YOU.

SUP. HAHN: OKAY.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: YES.

SUP. HAHN: OKAY.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: I AM JUST GIVING YOU THE LAY OF THE LAND AS WHAT ITEMS WE ARE GOING TO GO THROUGH. SO AGAIN, 1-4 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, FOLLOWED BY ITEMS 11 AND 20, WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER AND THEN WE WILL HEAR ITEMS 12, 18, 36, 43C, AND FINISHING UP WITH 43E. SO NOW, WE ARE GOING TO GO TO THE FIRST ITEM, AND THAT IS THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 1 ON THE MODIFICATION OF THE DIAMOND BAR GOLF COURSE. AND I WILL RECOGNIZE YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

SUP. HAHN: I KNEW YOU WERE. I WAS ANXIOUS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. COLLEAGUES, I JUST WANT TO MAKE A FEW COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM JUST TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE BIT OF A SENSE OF WHAT THIS IS. METRO CREATED THE 57/60 FREEWAY CONGESTION RELIEF PROJECT TO ADDRESS THE UNACCEPTABLE CONGESTION AND SAFETY ISSUES IN THAT INTERCHANGE, WHICH WAS RANKED THE WORST IN THE NATION. IN FACT, WHEN WE WENT BACK TO D.C. SOMETIMES ON OUR TRIPS, THIS WAS THE PROJECT THAT I AND SEVERAL OF YOU HELPED ME LOBBY FOR FEDERAL DOLLARS. THIS IS A GOODS MOVEMENT CORRIDOR, BUT IT IS A CORRIDOR THAT AVERAGE COMMUTERS TAKE, AND IT LITERALLY WAS RANKED AS ONE OF THE MOST CONGESTED INTERCHANGES IN THE NATION. AND EVEN IF YOU DON'T LIVE IN DIAMOND BAR, CHANCES ARE YOU HAVE BEEN STUCK IN THAT MESS, WHICH IS THE 57/60 INTERCHANGE. THIS PROJECT IS IMPORTANT. IT HAS RECEIVED FEDERAL, STATE DOLLARS. AND IT'S GOT COMMITMENTS FROM MEASURES R AND M THAT COME THROUGH METRO. THIS PROJECT WILL NOT SOLVE ALL OF THE PROBLEMS, BUT I WILL TELL YOU, IT IS A REALLY IMPORTANT PROJECT, AND IT WILL BEGIN TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES AND MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE. HERE IS WHAT HAPPENED. IN ORDER TO CREATE THIS PROJECT, METRO NEEDED 9 ACRES OF OUR L.A. COUNTY DIAMOND BAR GOLF COURSE TO MAKE THE PROJECT WORK. BUT THERE IS A LAW, THE PARKS PRESERVATION ACT, WHICH SAYS IF YOU TAKE PARK LAND, YOU HAVE TO EITHER PAY MONEY OR SUBSTITUTE THE EQUAL AMOUNT OF PARK LAND SOMEWHERE ELSE. SO WE HAVE BEEN IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH METRO, AND WE HAVE COME UP WITH $28 MILLION

THAT METRO WILL PAY. SO WE WILL BE ACCEPTING THAT, AND IT WILL ALLOW US TO MAKE THAT SUBSTITUTION, AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU WILL BE HAPPY THAT THIS MONEY IS PLANNING TO GO TO THE NEW PUENTE HILLS PARK, WHICH IS, OF COURSE, ON THE FORMER PUENTE HILLS LANDFILL THAT YOU HAVE BEEN A CHAMPION FOR SINCE YOU WERE IN THE ASSEMBLY, MAKING SURE THOSE RESIDENTS WHO HAVE SUFFERED WITH LIVING NEXT TO A LANDFILL WILL NOW HAVE A BEAUTIFUL PARK. SO THAT WAS KIND OF THE SWAP. I THINK IT MAKES COMPLETE SENSE, AND BY THE WAY, FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT ARE WORRIED ABOUT WHERE ARE THE EXTRA ACRES AT THE GOLF COURSE, ARE THEY GOING TO STILL HAVE THEIR 18 HOLES, THEY HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO RECONFIGURE THAT GOLF SOURCE, SO, IN FACT, NO GOLFER WILL BE DENIED ANY HOLES THERE. THANKS TO THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY C.O.G., METRO, CAL TRANS, AND OUR COUNTY PARKS TEAM FOR MAKING THIS PROJECT POSSIBLE. I THINK THIS IS A WIN-WIN FOR EVERYBODY. SO I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR AYE VOTE ON THIS FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ITEM. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: GREAT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. I AGREE WITH WHAT YOU JUST SAID AND THE IMPORTANCE OF WORKING COLLABORATIVELY WITH THE C.O.G., WITH METRO, WITH ALL OF US, OUR PARKS AND RECS AND THE BENEFIT ACTUALLY THAT GOING TO BE DERIVED WITH FUNDING FOR THE PUENTE HILLS PARK. ASIDE FROM THAT, IT IS I THINK SOMETHING THAT YOU, MYSELF, AND I KNOW, KATHRYN, WHEN WE WENT BACK TO D.C., WE WERE TALKING TO OUR

TRANSPORTATION REPRESENTATIVES AND OUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO TALK ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING RELIEF IN THIS SECTION OF 60 AND 57, WHICH IS, YOU ARE RIGHT, ONE OF THE MOST CONGESTED AS WELL AS TRUCK TRAVELED AREAS OF CONGESTION. SO WE DO NEED TO MOVE ON THIS PROJECT. SO I THANK YOU FOR THAT. I WILL BE SUPPORTING YOU ON THIS. ARE THERE ANY OTHER MEMBERS THAT WISH TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THIS ITEM? OKAY. SEEING NONE, THEN IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND TO VOTE ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 1 IS BEFORE US. IT IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: WE WILL NOW TAKE UP PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 2. THIS IS A HEARING ON THE 2020 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLANS AND 2020 WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN. ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD THAT WISH TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THIS ITEM? SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THE ITEM. ITEM 2 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: WE WILL NOW TAKE UP PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NUMBER 3. THIS IS A HEARING ON THE 2022 HOLLYWOOD BOWL SEASON TICKET PRICE SCHEDULE. ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS WISHING TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THIS ITEM? YES, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I SIMPLY WANTED TO POINT OUT TO PEOPLE THAT ARE WATCHING, I KNOW MY COLLEAGUES KNOW,

THAT THE ONLY INCREASES ARE IN THE MORE EXPENSIVE SEATS. THE PRICES FOR THE THREE LOWEST-COST TIERS WERE UNCHANGED, AND A FEW WERE DECREASED. AND ALSO, THERE WAS NO INCREASE IN PARKING FEES. SO EVEN THOUGH THEY, YOU KNOW, LOST A LOT OVER THE PANDEMIC, THEY WORKED VERY HARD TO RETAIN THE AFFORDABILITY OF ALL THE TICKETS, AND, INDEED, YOU KNOW, KEEP IT AVAILABLE TO EVERYBODY. SO I PRAISE THEM FOR THAT AND ASK EVERYONE FOR THEIR AYE VOTE. THANK YOU.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. IF THERE ARE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS WISHING TO BE IDENTIFIED ON THIS ITEM, SEEING NONE, THEN IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THE ITEM, ITEM 3 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY MYSELF TO APPROVE THE ITEM, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: WE WILL NOW TAKE UP PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 4. THIS IS A HEARING ON APPEAR OF PROJECT NUMBER 2021-002011 IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF ROWLAND HEIGHTS. ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS WISHING TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THIS ITEM? SUPERVISOR HAHN.

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WOULD JUST ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT OUR REGIONAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT, AMY'S, RECOMMENDATION THAT WE DENY THIS APPEAL. AND JUST TO LET EVERYBODY KNOW, THIS WILL NOT APPROVE ANY DEVELOPMENT OF ANY

PROJECT. THIS WILL MERELY ALLOW US TO BEGIN THE STUDY, LOOKING AT UPDATING THE COMMUNITY PLAN, AND, YOU KNOW, AGAIN, BEFORE ANY DEVELOPMENT IS APPROVED, THERE WILL STILL BE AN E.I.R. THERE WILL STILL BE MANY MORE PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PUBLIC TO WEIGH IN. SO AMY RECOMMENDS THAT WE APPROVE HER RECOMMENDATION, DENY THIS APPEAL, AND MOVE FORWARD TO LOOK AT UPDATING THE COMMUNITY PLAN. SO THAT WOULD BE AN AYE VOTE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SEEING NO OTHER MEMBERS WISHING TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE ITEM, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC AND VOTE ON THE ITEM. ITEM 4 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 4 IS BEFORE YOU TO DENY THE APPEAL. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. MEMBERS, WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 11, AND THIS IS ALSO GOING TO BE COMBINED WITH ITEM 20, REBUILDING A COUNTY WORKFORCE THAT CAN RESPOND TO THE COUNTY'S COMPLEX HEALTHCARE NEEDS, AND ITEM 20, ENHANCING RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF MENTAL HEALTH FIELD POSITIONS, WHICH WERE HELD BOTH BY SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND HAHN. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC TO BE RECOGNIZED.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND GOOD MORNING. I'M PLEASED TO JOIN WITH A NUMBER OF MY FELLOW SUPERVISORS IN AUTHORING MOTIONS TODAY PROMPTING US TO LOOK AT HOW WE CAN IMPROVE AND SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS TO BUILD A STRONG HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. AND MY MOTION DEALS WITH ALL OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENTS ACROSS THE BOARD. THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT MEANT RESIDENTS WHO FORMERLY NEEDED TO RELY ON US FOR THEIR HEALTHCARE CAN NOW GO TO PRIVATE HOSPITALS AND COMMUNITY CLINICS FOR THEIR CARE. SO, AS A RESULT OF THIS KIND OF CHANGE IN THE HEALTHCARE DELIVERY UNIVERSE, IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE RETHINK WHAT IT MEANS TO BE PROVIDERS OF LAST RESORT, THAT'S WHAT THE COUNTY IS, AS PRIVATE PROVIDERS BECOME MORE AVAILABLE TO HELP LOW INCOME WORKING INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES. ALONG WITH THAT CHANGE IN KIND OF THE HEALTHCARE DELIVERY SERVICE SIDE, OUR PATIENT BASE IS BECOMING MORE COMPLEX, AND THEIR NEEDS ARE CHANGING, ESPECIALLY AS WE MOVE TO CREATE MORE RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGES ON OUR CAMPUSES AND ADDRESS THE GROWING HOMELESS CRISIS AND THE SERIOUSLY MENTAL ILL POPULATIONS IN OUR JAILS. ADD TO THAT, OF COURSE, COVID-19 WAS A GAME CHANGER, AND OUR CARE DELIVERY SYSTEM AGAIN, HAS CHANGED AND VERY LIKELY WILL NEVER GO BACK TO PRE-COVID-19 REALITIES. SIMILAR STRAINS EXIST ACROSS THE PRIVATE HEALTHCARE ARENA. WE MUST COMPETE LIKE NEVER BEFORE TO ATTRACT AND KEEP QUALIFIED STAFF. AND WE'VE HEARD THAT IN TODAY'S PUBLIC COMMENT AND IN PAST PUBLIC HEARINGS. OUR RESPONSE TO THE

COVID-19 CRISIS CONFIRMED THE CRITICAL ROLE OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENTS PLAY IN THIS COUNTY. WITH THE LIFTING OF THE HIRING FREEZE, WE NEED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THIS UNINTENTIONAL REVOLUTION OCCURRING IN OUR COUNTY'S HEALTH DELIVERY SYSTEM. YOU KNOW, WE'VE GOT TO ASK OURSELVES QUESTIONS LIKE, WHY DO WE HAVE BUDGETED VACANCIES SLOWING OUR INITIATIVES? DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, 29% VACANCY RATE. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, 15%, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES, 12% VACANCY RATES. WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO TO KEEP THE BEST POSSIBLE CANDIDATES? HOW CAN WE GROW OUR NEXT GENERATION OF WORKERS WHOM OUR COMMUNITIES CAN TRUST AND RELATE TO? HOW CAN WE STREAMLINE AND EXPEDITE OUR HIRING SO WE CAN GET THE BEST HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE TO PROVIDE CARE WITHOUT ANY KIND OF DELAY? AND HOW CAN WE MAKE RECRUITMENT AND HIRING DECISIONS THAT MATCH THE SHIFTING NEEDS OF OUR PATIENT POPULATION? WE CAN GENERATE THE BEST AND MOST INNOVATIVE HEALTHCARE DELIVERY INNOVATIONS IN THE WORLD TO ADDRESS THE URGENT NEEDS OF COUNTY RESIDENTS WITH SEVERE CHRONIC HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS, BUT IT WILL ALL BE FOR NAUGHT IF WE DON'T HAVE THE WORKERS IN THOSE DEPARTMENTS IN THAT INDUSTRY WITH THOSE TRAINED AREAS OF SPECIALTY TO REALLY GET THE WORK DONE WELL AND TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR CONSTITUENTS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THIS MOTION.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. NOW, I WILL CALL ON SUPERVISOR HAHN, WHO HAS ITEM NUMBER 20 TO SPEAK.

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WE ARE DOING THESE ITEMS TOGETHER BECAUSE THEY CERTAINLY MATTER TOGETHER. AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR YOUR MOTION, AND IT IS -- BEFORE WE DO ANYTHING, IT IS IMPORTANT TO ANALYZE THE VACANCIES IN OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND TO START FILLING THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. FRONTLINE HEALTHCARE POSITIONS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN DEMANDING, BUT THESE LAST TWO YEARS HAVE TAKEN THIS IDEA OF DEMANDING TO A WHOLE NEW LEVEL. AND WE CAN'T PLACE MORE OF A BURDEN ON OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS BY HAVING VACANT POSITIONS GOING UNFILLED. SO I REALLY SUPPORT THAT MOTION, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. AND THE MOTION THAT I AM INTRODUCING TODAY WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER IS SIMILAR IN THAT IT LOOKS AT ADDRESSING STAFF SHORTAGES, BUT IT FOCUSES SPECIFICALLY ON OUR MENTAL HEALTH FIELD-BASED POSITIONS, AND OVER THE PAST YEARS, THIS BOARD HAS COMMITTED TO BRINGING MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES TO PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE. WE'VE CREATED A VARIETY OF MOBILE TEAMS THAT ARE FIELD-BASED TO DO THIS WORK, WHICH WE ARE NOW LOOKING TO EXPAND. FOR EXAMPLE, I AUTHORED A MOTION TO EXPAND OUR PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAMS TO RUN 24/7, EVEN BEFORE NEXT SUMMER WHEN THAT 988 NUMBER IS SCHEDULED TO GO LIVE AS A NUMBER FOR PEOPLE TO CALL WHEN THEY SEE SOMEONE HAVING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. BUT WE ARE NOW HEARING FROM THE

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH THAT THEY ARE WORRIED ABOUT FILLING THOSE POSITIONS. THERE IS A GENERAL SHORTAGE OF MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS RIGHT NOW. AND THAT IS MAKING IT ESPECIALLY HARD TO FILL FIELD-BASED POSITIONS LIKE THOSE ON OUR PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAMS, OUR MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION TEAMS, OUR M.E.T. TEAMS, AND OUR HOMELESS OUTREACH TEAMS BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, WHAT WE'RE FINDING IS THAT WHEN PEOPLE HAVE THEIR PICK OF A JOB, MANY OF THEM WILL CHOOSE AN OFFICE-BASED JOB OR MAYBE EVEN ONE THAT TELEWORKS. THESE FIELD-BASED POSITIONS ARE HARD. THEY RUN OUTSIDE OF THE 9 TO 5 HOURS. THEY TAKE PLACE ON OUR STREETS AND OFTEN ENGAGE WITH THE HIGHER NEED POPULATION IN CRISIS, BUT THEY ARE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO US DELIVERING MENTAL HEALTHCARE TO PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE. SO IF WE'RE -- SO IF WE, IN THE COUNTY, ARE COMMITTED TO EXPANDING OUR ALTERNATE -- ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE NETWORK AND MAKING SURE THAT PEOPLE IN CRISIS GET THE HELP THEY NEED WHEN THEY NEED IT AND WHERE THEY NEED IT, THEN WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN HIRE THOSE POSITIONS. SO THIS MOTION IS ASKING OUR TEAM TO LOOK AT WAYS TO ENHANCE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION FOR THESE FIELD-BASED MENTAL HEALTH POSITIONS. SHOULD WE OFFER SIGNING BONUSES OR HAZARD PAY? WHAT ABOUT IMPLEMENTING A LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM? SHOULD WE LOOK AT RE-CLASSIFYING FIELD-BASED POSITIONS? WHAT ABOUT CONTRACTING WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS? A LOT OF TOOLS AT OUR DISPOSAL, SO WE ARE ASKING OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL

HEALTH, OUR C.E.O., OUR DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, TO LOOK INTO THESE OPTIONS. AND WE'RE ASKING THEM TO DO IT QUICKLY BECAUSE THIS EXPANSION OF ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE IS HAPPENING NOW. AND IT IS HAPPENING FAST. WE NEED TO PRIORITIZE RECRUITMENT FOR THESE POSITIONS, SO THE EXPANSION OF THESE CRUCIAL PROGRAMS IS NOT IN JEOPARDY. THANK YOU TO MY COAUTHOR, SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND THANK YOU TO DR. SHERIN, WHO REALLY HAS THIS VISION AND HAS DONE A GOOD JOB OF SHARING HIS VISION FOR HOW OUR COUNTY SHOULD BE BEHAVING AS WE GO INTO THE NEXT FEW YEARS. SO THANKS FOR WORKING WITH MY TEAM. KYLE COATS HAS BEEN WORKING ON THIS VERY SERIOUSLY AND LONG HOURS. SO, THANK YOU, I HOPE I CAN GET THE SUPPORT OF ALL OF YOU ON THIS MOTION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. NOW, I WILL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR BARGER, WHO IS YOUR COAUTHOR.

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR ALLOWING ME TO COAUTHOR THIS MOTION. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT TRULY IS A PASSION OF MINE AS IT RELATES TO EXPANDING, ESPECIALLY THE MENTAL EVALUATION TEAM, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR YOUR COLLABORATING MOTION. I ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND DR. SHERIN FOR THE INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO PROVIDING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES IN OUR COMMUNITIES. I EMPHASIZE IN

OUR COMMUNITIES, WHERE THEY ARE OF THE GREATEST NEED. AND AS BOTH OF US HAVE LED THE COUNTY'S EXPANSION INTO INVESTING IN OUR FIELD-BASED RESPONSE, I THINK IT IS CRITICAL THAT WE ENSURE THE COUNTY HAS THE TOOLS AND THE RESOURCES NECESSARY TO SEE THESE INITIATIVES THROUGH. PROGRAMS LIKE THE M.E.T., P.M.R.T., AND THE H.O.M.E. ARE THE FUTURE OF OUR MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE AND I BELIEVE ARE GOING TO SAVE LIVES. HOWEVER, AT PRESENT, THESE PROGRAMS ARE STILL IN THEIR PILOT PHASES. AND WE ARE ALREADY EXPERIENCING THE LIMITATION IN STAFFING FOR THESE ESSENTIAL ROLE, AND TO YOUR POINT, SUPERVISOR HAHN, PEOPLE IN CRISIS, MANY OF THESE DO TAKE PLACE AFTER TRADITIONAL HOURS. AND YET, THAT IS PROBABLY THE TIME OF GREATEST NEED. SO I THINK THAT WE DO NEED TO REALLY FOCUS ON THE 24/7, AND ESPECIALLY IF YOU LOOK AT THE CASES WHERE INDIVIDUALS COME IN CONTACT -- INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE FACING MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES COME IN CONTACT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT. IT IS USUALLY AFTER HOURS, WHEN THEY DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO THE TRADITIONAL SERVICES. SO I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO AGGRESSIVELY PURSUE THAT. WE KNOW THAT FIELD-BASED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESPONSE IS A CORNERSTONE FOR HOW THIS COUNTY WILL BE ADDRESSING ISSUES LIKE HOMELESSNESS AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE, AND IT IS CRITICAL WE PREPARE A COMPETITIVE APPROACH TO HIRING THE POSITIONS WE NEED TO FILL THESE POSITIONS. SO I AM HONORED TO BE A PART OF ALL OF THIS, AND I DEFINITELY BELIEVE THIS WILL BE A GAME CHANGER AS IT RELATES TO HOW WE ADDRESS THOSE IN

CRISIS. SO THANK YOU AND, AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME COAUTHOR AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: GREAT, I JUST WANT TO ADD THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, HAHN, AND BARGER FOR INTRODUCING WHAT I THINK IS REALLY A PROVOCATIVE PIECE OF WORK HERE THAT WILL HELP US, I THINK, IN THE LONG RUN, REALLY HELP TO INCREASE THE VALUE OF OUR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE WORKERS, AND NO DOUBT THEY HAVE BEEN THROUGH, EXCUSE ME, QUITE A BIT DURING THE PANDEMIC, AND THEY'VE REALLY STRETCHED THEMSELVES THIN, AND WE DO NEED TO FILL THAT DEPARTMENT WITH VERY CAPABLE INDIVIDUALS AND PEOPLE THAT WILL REALLY UNDERSTAND OUR COMMUNITIES AND HAVE THAT CULTURAL COMPETENCY, AS WELL AS LINGUISTIC COMPETENCY, THAT IS SO VERY MUCH NEEDED AT THIS TIME. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND I WILL BE SUPPORTING THESE TWO MOTIONS. ANYONE ELSE WISHING TO BE RECOGNIZED? NONE? OKAY, VERY GOOD. WELL WITH THAT, THEN, HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, THEN WE WILL PROCEED. FIRST OF ALL, WE WILL TAKE UP ITEM 11, WHICH BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY MYSELF TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: NEXT, ITEM 20 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NOW, WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER 12, PROVIDING CRITICAL ASSISTANCE FOR DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL PUBLIC NUISANCE AND HEALTH EMERGENCY EVENTS, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND LET ME, BEFORE I START, JUST SAY THAT THE MOTION REALLY CLEARLY OUTLINES PROACTIVE ACTIONS THE COUNTY IS TAKING TO REALLY PROVIDE RELIEF TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE IMPACTED AREA AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR COAUTHORING THIS IMPORTANT MOTION. ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 4TH, THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WAS INITIALLY NOTIFIED OF A HORRIBLE ODOR ALONG A STRETCH OF THE DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL NEAR THE CITY OF CARSON. RESIDENTS OF COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING CARSON, WEST CARSON, AND OTHERS ALONG THE DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL REGISTERED COMPLAINTS OF A SULFUR LIKE ODOR. THIS QUICKLY EVOLVED INTO A REGIONAL ISSUE WITH MANY MORE COUNTY RESIDENTS REPORTING THE STENCH FROM SURROUNDING AREAS, INCLUDING CARSON, WEST CARSON, AND PORTIONS OF GARDENA, TORRENCE, REDONDO BEACH, WILMINGTON, AND LONG BEACH. MULTIPLE COUNTY AGENCIES WERE ENGAGED IN VARIOUS FORMS OF TESTING IN AN ATTEMPT TO REALLY FIGURE OUT THE CORE CAUSE OF THE HORRIBLE NAUSEATING SMELL, COUNTY AGENCIES, INCLUDING IN ADDITION TO SOUTHCOAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT. ON OCTOBER 10TH,

MY OFFICE OF ALMOST MULTIPLE COUNTY AGENCIES AND S.Q.A.M.D. HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ALERT RESIDENTS ABOUT THE NUISANCE, THE WORK THAT WAS BEING DONE TO TRY TO IDENTIFY THE SOURCE OF THE SMELL, AND PROVIDE IMPORTANT GUIDANCE ON MITIGATION MEASURES AS WELL AS AVAILABLE RESOURCES. THE CITY LEADERS OF CARSON PARTICIPATED IN THIS PRESSER, AGAIN, IN OUR EFFORT TO COMMUNICATE ALL THAT WE KNEW AT THAT POINT IN TIME ABOUT THE CAUSE, ABOUT PUBLIC HEALTH, TALKED ABOUT THE FACT THAT BASED ON WHAT WE KNEW AT THAT POINT, THAT THE CHEMICAL CREATING THE SMELL WOULD NOT CREATE A LONG TERM NEGATIVE HEALTH IMPACT, BUT WE WANTED TO ENGAGE OUR MEDIA PARTNERS TO HELP US TO SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT WHAT WE WERE DOING COLLABORATIVELY TO MITIGATE THE ISSUE AND BRING RELIEF. ON OCTOBER 11, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH DETERMINED THAT THE ONGOING ODORS WERE SUFFICIENTLY PERVASIVE TO BE CONSIDERED A PUBLIC NUISANCE TO RESIDENTS AND THOSE WORKING IN AND RECREATING NEARBY. AGAIN, THE CHEMICAL ITSELF DID NOT CREATE -- WAS NOT AT A LEVEL THAT THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT THOUGHT IT NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO CONSIDER IT A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE, BUT, AGAIN, A PUBLIC NUISANCE. THE IMPACTS TO RESIDENTS OF THE SECOND DISTRICT AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES ARE TRULY PROFOUND AND ONGOING. WE CONTINUE TO SEE MEDIA REPORTS, AND WE HEARD PUBLIC TESTIMONY TODAY OF HOW IT IS REALLY DISRUPTIVE TO YOUR NORMAL COURSE OF LIFE. THE SMELL IS SO BAD AND SO PERVASIVE, IT REALLY CAUSES -- YOUR BODY IS REACTING TO IT THROUGH

HEADACHES, THROUGH NAUSEA, THROUGH VOMITING. SO THIS MOTION, COLLEAGUES, IN THIS VERY DIFFICULT SITUATIONS, EXPEDITES THE PROCESS TO DELIVER RELIEF BY PROVIDING CLARITY ON THE FACTS THAT IMPACTED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN BE REIMBURSED FOR THEIR PURCHASE OF AIR FILTERS AND PURIFIERS AS WELL AS FOR TEMPORARY RELOCATION TO A HOTEL ROOM WITH A LIMIT PER HOUSEHOLD OF $182 PER DAY, PLUS A LIMIT OF $66 PER DAY FOR EACH PERSON FOR INCIDENTALS. THIS MOTION CLARIFIES THAT THESE BENEFITS ARE RETROACTIVELY EFFECTIVE BACK TO OCTOBER 4TH, AND IT DIRECTS THAT FILTERS AND AIR PURIFIERS OR HOTEL VOUCHERS BE PROVIDED FOR THOSE THAT CANNOT TAKE ON THESE UPFRONT COSTS. WE HAVE A SYSTEM IN PLACE TO REIMBURSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE ALREADY PURCHASED IT. WE ALSO HAVE A SYSTEM IN PLACE TO MAKE VOUCHERS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE THAT CAN'T AFFORD THOSE COSTS UPFRONT. MANY QUESTIONS AS TO THE CAUSE AND RESOLUTION OF THE INCIDENT REMAIN, AND IN MANY WAYS WE ARE IN UNCHARTED WATERS WITH THE EFFECTS OF GLOBAL WARMING AND A SEVERE DROUGHT. ACCORDINGLY, WE HAVE ASKED OUR DIRECTOR OF D.P.W. AND OUR CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER TO BE PRESENT TODAY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ANY OF YOU MAY HAVE. SO WE WILL START WITH DIRECTOR PESTRELLA, IF HE IS AVAILABLE.

MARK PESTRELLA: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR. I AM HERE.

SUP. MITCHELL: GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING HERE AND FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION IN TRYING TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. IF YOU COULD SUMMARIZE FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT ARE WATCHING, AS WELL AS MY COLLEAGUES, THE CAUSE OF THE ODOR AND WHAT MEASURES HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED TO MITIGATE ITS IMPACTS.

MARK PESTRELLA: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR THE OPPORTUNITY GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND THE PUBLIC. YES, L.A. COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS, AS THE KEEPER OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, AND IN MY CAPACITY AS THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, HAVE TAKEN LEAD IN THE RESPONSE TO THE INCIDENT THAT WAS DESCRIBED BY SUPERVISOR IN THE CARSON AREA, PARTICULARLY WITHIN THE AREA OF OUR DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL. DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL IS A LARGE CHANNEL WAY IN L.A. COUNTY. MAINTAINED BY L.A. COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT. IT DRAINS OVER 70,000 ACRES. THE LOCATION OF THIS INCIDENT IS WITHIN AND AROUND THE CITY OF CARSON AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES. AND THE CAUSE OF THE INCIDENT IS, AS SUPERVISOR DESCRIBED, AN ODOR, PROPERLY DESCRIBED AS A STENCH OR A NAUSEATING ODOR THAT HAS BEEN OCCURRING WITHIN THE CHANNEL, COMING FROM WITHIN THE CHANNEL, IN AND AROUND THE AREA OF AVALON AND THE 405 FREEWAY FOR ABOUT A TWO-MILE STRETCH. THE CAUSE FOR THIS ODOR IS A NATURALLY-OCCURRING PROCESS CALLED ANAEROBIC DIGESTION. AND ANAEROBIC DIGESTIONS -- WELL, THE CAUSE AND THE REASON THAT

PEOPLE ARE SMELLING IT IS WE ARE RELEASING HYDROGEN SULFIDE FROM THE CHANNEL. THE HYDROGEN SULFIDE IS BEING PRODUCED BY A PROCESS CALLED ANAEROBIC DIGESTION. ANAEROBIC DIGESTION OCCURS WHEN THERE'S A LACK OF OXYGEN WITHIN THE CHANNEL AND DECOMPOSITION OF (INDISCERNIBLE) VEGETATION AND OTHER ORGANIC MATTER RESULTING IN A PROCESS KNOWN, AGAIN, AS ANAEROBIC DIGESTION. IT RESULTS IN A NATURAL PROCESS OF HYDROGEN SULFIDE GAS RELEASE. HYDROGEN SULFIDE IS A COLORLESS GAS KNOWN FOR A PUNGENT ROTTEN EGG OR SULFURY SMELL EVEN AT LOW CONCENTRATIONS. IT IS USED OR PRODUCED IN A NUMBER OF INDUSTRIES, INCLUDING OIL AND GAS REFINERIES. HOWEVER, IN THIS CASE, WE HAVE FOUND IS THE RESULT OF A NATURAL PHENOMENON OCCURRING WITHIN OUR SYSTEM. THIS PROCESS RESULTS FROM NATURAL PROCESSES WHICH BACTERIA BREAK DOWN ORGANIC MATERIAL, AND IN DOING SO, IT PRODUCES A BYPRODUCT IN THE COLORLESS GAS I DESCRIBED. SO, SUPERVISOR, YOU ASKED ALSO WHAT WE ARE DOING TO MITIGATE THIS. WE ARE CURRENTLY RESTORING THE CHANNEL TO A HEALTHY ESTUARY IN A MULTI-STEP PROCESS. WE ARE APPLYING A NATURAL BIODEGRADABLE DEODORIZE INTO THE CHANNEL CALLED EPOLEON. THE SOLUTION IS A WATER-BASED PRODUCT COMPRISED OF ALL NATURAL, NONTOXIC, AND BIODEGRADABLE COMPOUNDS. WE EXPECT SOME DIFFERENCE IN THE ODOR -- FIRST, I WANT TO TELL YOU GOOD NEWS. WE ARE ALREADY SEEING A CHANGE IN THE CONCENTRATIONS OF HYDROGEN SULFIDE, AND I JUST RECEIVED A REPORT THIS MORNING THAT WE ARE TRENDING DOWNWARD. THIS IS COMING FROM OUR

PARTNERS AT A.Q.M.D. AND SO, WE ARE ALREADY SEEING, DUE TO THIS APPLICATION EPOLEON, SOME CHANGE IN THE CONCENTRATIONS. WE ARE WATCHING IT CLOSELY. WE ARE ALSO INSTALLING A SYSTEM OF 12 AERATION DEVICES THAT USE MICROBUBBLES TO INTRODUCE OXYGEN INTO THE WATER, WHICH SHOULD IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF THE WATERWAY AND STOP THE ANAEROBIC DIGESTION IN ITS PLACE. THIS IS WHAT WE NORMALLY DO -- OR WHAT INDUSTRY NORMALLY DOES IN A HIGH EVENT LIKE THIS. I ALSO WANT TO MENTION THAT THIS EVENT, THIS OCCURRENCE, IS A NORMAL OCCURRENCE IN MOST CONDITIONS IN MOST WATERWAYS, BOTH NATURAL AND UNNATURAL WATERWAYS, WHERE THERE IS VEGETATION GROWING. WHAT IS DIFFERENT ABOUT OUR EVENT, THIS INCIDENT, IS THAT WE HAVE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF VEGETATION, HUGE AMOUNT OF VEGETATION, THAT SEEMS TO WANT TO DECOMPOSE AT THE SAME TIME. AND WE ARE INVESTIGATING, ALONG WITH L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT HAZMAT, ANY SOURCE OF FURTHER -- OR NON-NATURAL SOURCES OF ANAEROBIC DIGESTION OR CHEMICALS THAT MAY HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED INTO THE WATERWAY THAT COULD HAVE CREATED A LARGER BED OF VEGETATION DECOMPOSITION. IN FACT, WE DO SUSPECT THAT THAT HAS BEEN THE OCCURRENCE, AND AS I SAID, WE ARE INVESTIGATING THAT BECAUSE WE NORMALLY ONLY SEE THIS EVENT LAST ONE TO TWO DAYS, AND, AS YOU KNOW, IT HAS LASTED MORE THAN TWO WEEKS NOW.

SUP. MITCHELL: I APPRECIATE MEMBERS OF PUBLIC THAT HAVE CALLED INTO PUBLIC COMMENT. WE HAVE HEARD FROM MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

THAT SAY IT IS TAKING TOO LONG. AND SO, I REALLY WANTED YOU TO WALK THROUGH THE FACT THAT THE PROCESS OF FIGURING OUT WHAT THE CAUSE WAS AND USING DEDUCTIVE REASONING, IF YOU WILL, IN TERMS OF CANCELING OUT OTHER CAUSES HAS TAKEN A WHILE. SO IT IS MY SENSE THAT IT IS NOT THAT YOUR DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH, FIRE HAZMAT, A.Q.M.D. HAVE BEEN SITTING BACK NOT PAYING ATTENTION, BUT THERE HAS BEEN -- IT HAS TAKEN A PROCESS. NOT TO MENTION THAT IT IS MULTIPLE LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT THAT HAVE CONTROL OVER THE CHANNEL. CAN YOU TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THAT, THE SIDES ARE THE COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITY, THE NATURAL BED OF THE CHANNEL BELONGS TO OTHER LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT? CAN YOU CLARIFY THAT AS WELL, PLEASE?

MARK PESTRELLA: SURE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THE AREA WE ARE TALKING ABOUT TO DESCRIBE, THE DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL, AS I SAID, IT RUNS THROUGH A LARGE AREA OF THE LOWER PORTION OF L.A. COUNTY, AND IT OUTLETS TO SAN PEDRO HARBOR, TO L.A.C. HARBOR. AND THE AREA WE ARE TALKING ABOUT WHERE THE SMELL IS OCCURRING IS IN AN ESTUARY AREA, WHERE THE OCEAN WATERS REACH THE CHANNEL AND ACTUALLY THE TIDE -- THE SALTWATER REACHES UP INTO THE CHANNEL. AND THEN ALSO FRESHWATER IS INTRODUCED AND RAINWATER AND OTHER POLLUTANTS COME DOWN THE CHANNEL ITSELF, SO THEY INTERMINGLE. IN THIS ZONE, THE ZONE IS ACTUALLY REGULATED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS THE AREA IS DESIGNATED

AS THE WATERS OF THE U.S., THE STATE GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE FEDERAL DELEGATION OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT, SO THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD. WE INTERACT ALSO WITH THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS IN THIS AREA. AND L.A. COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT IS ALSO THE OPERATOR MAINTENANCE ENTITY OF THE CHANNEL COMPONENT OF THE CHANNEL. IN OUR PERMITTING, AND THROUGH ALL THAT REGULATION, SUPERVISOR, WHAT OCCURS IS WE MAINTAIN THE CHANNEL WALLS. WE ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO THE LOWER PORTION OF THE CHANNEL WHERE GROWTH IS, THIS VEGETATION OR THIS ESTUARY AREA IS NOT SOMETHING WE'RE ALLOWED TO TOUCH NORMALLY. AND SO YOU HAVE A HABITAT THAT GROWS. IT SUPPORTS FISH, AND WILD LIFE. IT SUPPORTS VEGETATION, REALLY UNIQUE VEGETATION BECAUSE IT CAN HANDLE SALT AND FRESH WATER. AND THERE'S A DEPOSITION OF SANDS AND MUD IN THIS AREA THAT ALSO HAVE A NUMBER OF, IF YOU WILL, BUGS WITHIN IT THAT ARE HEALTHY BUGS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT THERE, AND ALSO A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF BACTERIA. SO THIS MAINTENANCE OF THIS AREA IS VERY UNIQUE. IT IS COMPLICATED AND COMPLEX, AS YOU ALLUDED TO. IT REQUIRES A LOT OF COORDINATION JUST ON A REGULAR BASIS. OUR RESPONSE TO THE EVENT, I BELIEVE, WAS VERY QUICK, ACTUALLY, TO BE HONEST WITH YOU. WE ORIGINALLY RECEIVED A FEW CALLS ABOUT AN ODOR. THE NORMAL RESPONSE TO THAT IS TO GO AND ACTUALLY INVESTIGATE, AND WE DID DO AN INVESTIGATE IN DAY ONE OF THE NOTICES TO US FROM CITIZENS THEY WERE SMELLING THE ODOR. OUR FIRST RESPONSE WAS ITERATIVE IN THAT WE LOOKED AT IT AND SAID

OKAY, THIS IS THE NATURAL OCCURRING EVENT WE SEE EVERY YEAR OR TWICE A YEAR. WE TOOK READINGS. IT DIDN'T LOOK TO BE BEYOND WHAT WE NORMALLY -- WE EXPECTED IT WOULD SUBSIDE WITHIN TWO TO THREE DAYS. WHEN IT DID NOT SUBSIDE WITHIN TWO TO THREE DAYS, AND WE STARTED GETTING INCREASE ODOR COMPLAINTS, A.Q.M.D. STARTED TO CALL IN, AND I WANT TO THANK OUR PARTNERS AT A.Q.M.D. FOR THEIR PARTNERSHIP WITH US. STARTED TAKING MEASUREMENTS, AND WE STARKING WORKING WITH A.Q.M.D. TO SEE JUST HOW PERVASIVE WAS THIS AND HOW FAR IT IS. A.Q.M.D. CAN REPORT ON THE RAMPING UP THE COMPLAINTS. SO THE COMPLAINTS WERE NOT LIKE IMMEDIATELY LARGE NUMBERS, BUT OVER TIME, THEY STARTED TO INCREASE. AND SO, WE STARTED TO ADD MORE PARTNERS TO THE INCIDENT, AND, OF COURSE, WE ADDED OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT. DR. DAVIS, OUR COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER HAS BEEN AN OUTSTANDING PARTNER IN THIS, AND HE STARTED TO INVESTIGATE WITH US THE COMPLAINTS OVER THE FIRST WEEK, THE SECOND PART OF THE FIRST WEEK, NOTING THAT THE SYMPTOMS AND THE LEVELS OF HYDROGEN SULFIDE WEREN'T AT A LEVEL THAT WAS OF HUMAN HEALTH CONCERN AT THAT POINT, BUT THEY WERE ACUTE IN NATURE. SO, AGAIN, STILL WITH ALL -- OF COURSE, WITH ALL CAUTION, WE STARTED TO BUILD OUR TEAM AND GET BIGGER, AND I STARTED TO BRING IN, SUPERVISOR, AS YOU KNOW, SCIENTISTS FROM WITHIN OUR OWN ORGANIZATION, ENGINEERS, BUT ALSO EXTERNAL SCIENTISTS AND INDUSTRY LEADERS TO START TO ADDRESS WHAT WE SAW AS AN EMERGING ISSUE. AND IN WEEK TWO, WE HAD FULLY LEANED INTO

STARTING TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE TO COME UP WITH IDEAS OF NOT JUST LET THE NATURAL CONDITION OCCUR, MOTHER NATURE IF YOU WILL, TO TAKE CARE OF THE ODOR, BUT, IN FACT, TO START TO LOOK AT AND DEVELOP MECHANICAL OR CHEMICAL PROCESSES THAT WOULD RELIEVE THE ODOR. WE HAD TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT THIS BECAUSE, OF COURSE, WE DON'T WANT TO CREATE MORE OF A HAZARD USING CHEMICAL TREATMENT. WHILE THAT SOUNDS LIKE A QUICK THING, CHLORINE AND THAT, YOU ALSO HAVE TO BE CAREFUL THAT YOU DON'T CREATE ANOTHER HAZARD BY THE SCALE IN WHICH WE WANTED TO TREAT. TOO MUCH CHLORINE, IF YOU WILL, WOULD BE A PROBLEM. ALSO AERATING, LOOKING AT IS AND WONDERING IF WERE ACTUALLY GOING TO CREATE MORE SMELL BECAUSE WHAT YOU IS FEEDING THE PROCESS FOR DECAY. SO AS YOU CREATE THAT DECAY AND YOU HELP MOTHER NATURE, IS IT GOING TO PRODUCE MORE HYDROGEN SULFIDE AND JUST EXACERBATE IT. SO A LOT OF CALCULATIONS, A LOT OF WORK GOING ON BEHIND THE SCENES, IF YOU WILL, SORT OF THE ROCKET SCIENTISTS IN THE BACK ROOM LOOKING AT THIS. WITHIN THREE DAYS OF ME GIVING THEM DIRECTION OF FIND ME A SOLUTION, WE CAME UP WITH AN ACTION PLAN, SUPERVISOR, AS YOU KNOW, AND BEGAN THE PROCESS OF APPLYING THIS EPOLEON SPRAY. AND WE HAVE ALREADY SEEN SOME RESULTS IN THE REDUCTION OF THIS. AT THE SAME TIME, WE WERE ALSO, AS YOU SAID, WITH A.Q.M.D.'S HELP, ELIMINATING THE SOURCES BECAUSE, AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, WE HAVE INDUSTRY HERE LOCALLY. WE HAVE THE OIL AND GAS COMPANIES LOCAL. WE HAVE SEWAGE, LARGE SCALE SEWAGE TREATMENT

FACILITIES, ALL OF WHICH PRODUCE HYDROGEN SULFIDE THEMSELVES. AND THEN THE OTHER COMPONENT WAS DID WE HAVE SOMEONE DOING SOMETHING IMPLICIT, ILLICIT, DISCHARGING SOMETHING INTO THE CHANNEL. AND IN FACT, AS I MENTIONED, WE DID, AND WE ARE STILL TRACKING TWO DISCHARGES TO THE CHANNEL THAT WE THINK MAY HAVE ALSO CONFOUND THE SITUATIONS AND CREATED GREATER. SO THAT WOULD BE WEEK TWO. AND ALL WITHIN WEEK TWO, WE HAVE NARROWED DOWN ALL OF THE POTENTIAL SOURCES, FOCUSED ON THIS ONE -- THIS TWO SMILE STRETCH, BEGAN THE TREATMENT PROCESS, AND THEN, AT THE SAME TIME, OUR HIGHEST PRIORITY, ADDRESS THE HUMAN HEALTH CONCERNS RELATED TO H2S, AND I KNOW MY PARTNER, DR. DAVIS IS ON THE LINE. I AM SURE HE WILL BE WANTING TO ANSWER WHAT WE HAVE DONE TO TAKE CARE OF PEOPLE'S HEALTH.

SUP. MITCHELL: I APPRECIATE THAT DETAILED EXPLANATION. I REALLY DO BECAUSE THIS HAS CERTAINLY BEEN AN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES LESSON FOR ALL OF US LAYPERSONS. SO, I APPRECIATE THAT DETAILED EXPLANATION, AS WELL AS THE MULTIPLE LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT THAT ARE INVOLVED OVERSIGHT AND HAVE JURISDICTION OVER THE CHANNEL. THAT'S IMPORTANT, TOO. AND I HAVE TO SAY, WHILE YOU SAID IT FELT FAST TO YOU, I GET THAT FROM A GOVERNMENT PERSPECTIVE AND GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRACIES, AND I ALSO UNDERSTAND HOW THE RESIDENTS IN THAT AREA FEEL THAT IT WAS NOT FAST ENOUGH BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN TO CARSON MULTIPLE TIMES THIS PAST TWO WEEKS AND TO WAKE UP TO ATTEMPT TO

FUNCTION, FOR BUSINESSES TO ATTEMPT TO OPERATE, FOR SCHOOLS TO ATTEMPT TO FUNCTION WITH THAT NOXIOUS ODOR WAS CRIPPLING. I GET IT. SO I UNDERSTAND WHY CONSTITUENTS FEEL LIKE WHAT IS TAKING SO LONG, WE CAN'T TAKE THIS ANY MORE. BUT THAT'S WHY I THINK YOUR EXPLANATION TO GIVE EVERYONE A FULL PICTURE OF ALL THE ACTIONS MULTIPLE LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT WERE ENGAGED IN TO IDENTIFY THE SOURCE, TO CONTINUE TO TROUBLESHOOT, AS YOU'VE SAID, OTHER POTENTIAL SOURCES IS REALLY IMPORTANT. SO I THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT WE TAKE THE TIME TO DO THAT. I THINK PROBABLY MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION AT THIS POINT, LAST TWO FOR ME, IS WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO TO REDUCE THE CHANCES OF THIS HAPPENING EVER, EVER, EVER AGAIN. AND I REALIZE MOTHER NATURE PLAYS A ROLE, BUT BASED ON WHAT WE HAVE LEARN AS A RESULT OF THIS EXPERIENCE, WHAT CAN WE DO PROACTIVELY TO REDUCE THE LIKELIHOOD OF IT GETTING TO THIS LEVEL AGAIN IN THE FUTURE.

MARK PESTRELLA: I THINK, SUPERVISOR, RECOGNIZING, AS YOU MENTIONED, THAT WE ARE BEING IMPACTED, AS THE WORLD IS BEING IMPACTED, BY CLIMATE CHANGE. AND SOME OF WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH RESPECT TO CLIMATE CHANGE IS THE DRYING OF OUR CLIMATE, THE REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF RAIN EVENTS IN L.A. COUNTY, THE HEATING OF THE GLOBE IS SENDING US A SITUATION IN WHICH OUR CHANNELS AREN'T SEEING THESE MAJOR KNOWS AS THEY NORMALLY DO. AND ONE OF THE MITIGATING FACTORS TYPICALLY IS THAT WE GET A

PRETTY GOOD RAINSTORM BY NOW, OR AT LEAST SOME KNOW, AND THAT WOULD PUSH THIS DECAYING VEGETATION OUT AND DILUTE IT INTO THE OCEAN. WELL, IN FACT, WE AREN'T HAVING THAT HAPPEN ON THE REGULAR OCCURRENCE. SO WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO LOOK AT CLIMATE ACTION AS A PIECE OF THIS AND UNDERSTANDING THAT, IF WE ARE GOING TO HAVE AN AREA, AN ESTUARY AREA LIKE THIS, GROW, IN WHICH WE ARE, AS YOU KNOW, REQUIRED TO ALLOW IT TO GROW RIGHT NOW, THEN WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO BE ABLE TO CHANGE THE PERMITTING AND THE MAINTENANCE REGIMES WE USE. AND THIS IS GOING TO REQUIRE COLLABORATION, OF COURSE, WITH THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS TO AUTHORIZE A DIFFERENT FORM OF MAINTENANCE OF THIS AREA THAT WOULD ALLOW FOR US, FOR INSTANCE, TO DO EPOLEON TREATMENT, POTENTIALLY, IN THE FUTURE. THE OTHER THING IS DOING WHAT WE ARE DOING, BUT DOING MORE OF IT. AND IT'S LIKE EDUCATING THE PUBLIC THAT THESE AREAS EXIST AROUND THEIR COMMUNITIES. AND THEN EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE DISCHARGE IMPROPER THINGS TO OUR CHANNELS. WHAT HAPPENS, THE REPORTING BETWEEN AGENCIES MAKING SURE THAT I AM AWARE WHEN SOMETHING ILLICIT IS GOING DOWN AND WHAT CHEMICALS -- AND WE ARE ALREADY WORKING HARD ON THIS AND HAVING A HUGE FORCE THAT PURSUES AND TAKES LEGAL ACTION AGAINST AGENCIES OR ENTITIES, INDIVIDUAL, THAT ARE DUMPING ILLICIT MATERIALS INTO OUR WATERWAYS. IT IS A HUGE PROGRAM, AND IT'S ONE THAT WE ARE PROUD THAT WE ARE SET UP TO DEAL WITH. SO THAT, TO ME, IS A CLIMATE ACTION ISSUE. IT IS LIKE GO

AT IT. I KNOW YOU ARE AWARE, AND I'LL LET THE PUBLIC KNOW, TOO, THAT WE ARE ACTUALLY GOING TO DO AS A PART OF OUR RESPONSE TO THIS, I HAVE ENACTED, I ALREADY AUTHORIZED LAST WEEK, AN ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN UP AND AN ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION OF THE AREA. AND WHEN WE RESTORE THIS AREA, AND ALSO LOOKING AT OTHER AREAS LIKE THIS, WE WILL BE LOOKING AT THE PLANT TYPE WE ALLOW, THE MAINTENANCE REGIME, ELIMINATING, PULLING OUT THE VEGETATION, AND THEN RESTORING IT, BUT ALSO REMOVING THE SOME OF THE POLLUTANTS OF CONCERN THAT EXIST THERE NOW, AND UNFORTUNATELY AT A HIGH COST, BUT FOR A GOOD REASON, MOVING THOSE MATERIALS TO WHERE THEY BELONG, AND THAT'S TO A CLASS A DUMP. SO WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PLANS ON FILE THAT I THINK THE BOARD -- WE'LL BRING TO THE BOARD TO CONSIDER. THIS WILL HELP US MANAGE THIS IN A DIFFERENT WAY. RECOGNIZING THESE EVENTS ARE GOING TO HAPPEN REGULARLY, BUT THAT HOW WE HANDLE THEM, TOO, IS GOING TO HAVE TO CHANGE, GIVEN THE DYNAMICS THAT ARE OCCURRING WITHIN OUR ENVIRONMENT AND WITH THE DROUGHT, WITH THE LACK OF RAIN.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU FOR THAT. LAST QUESTION FROM ME OF YOU, DIRECTOR PESTRELLA, IS TO SHIFT A LITTLE BIT IN TERMS OF WHAT WE HAVE DONE TO SUPPORT RESIDENTS OF THOSE AREAS

MARK PESTRELLA: YEAH.

SUP. MITCHELL: AS WE GO THROUGH THIS PROCESS. SO WE HAVE SET UP THE CLAIMS PROCESS, THE REIMBURSEMENT CLAIMS PROCESS. CAN YOU TELL ME HOW MANY CLAIMS HAVE YOU RECEIVED THAT HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED THUS FAR AND APPROVED FOR FILTERS AND RELOCATION?

MARK PESTRELLA: OKAY, SUPERVISOR, WE HAVE, SINCE WE SET UP OUR 211 HELP LINE AND CALL CENTER, WE HAVE RECEIVED 2,000 CALLS AND 1281 REQUESTS FOR REIMBURSEMENT. AS OF TODAY, WE HAVE APPROVED 457 REIMBURSEMENT CLAIMS. ALSO, I WANT TO REMIND THE PUBLIC THAT WE WANT TO KNOW IF YOU ARE SMELLING THIS, THAT THERE IS NOT A LIMIT SORT OF A BOUNDARY OF WHAT WE ARE APPROVING, BUT, IN FACT, HOW WE ARE LOOKING AT IT, SUPERVISOR, WITH EQUITY IS IF YOU HAVE BEEN IMPACTED IN ANY WAY, INCLUDING SMELLING IT, WE WANT YOU TO CALL INTO 211 AND ADVISE US THAT YOU HAVE BEEN IMPACTED. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE YOU TO ADVISE US WHETHER YOU CAN AFFORD THE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM, OR IF, IN FACT, YOU NEED US TO ACTUALLY DELIVER MITIGATION TO YOU DIRECTLY. AND I HAVE BEEN FAST, AT YOUR DIRECTION, FAST AT MAKING PROCUREMENTS OF ALL THE MITIGATION MEASURES, INCLUDING VOUCHERS FOR HOTEL ROOMS FOR RESIDENTS WHO FEEL THEY NEED TO RELOCATE, THAT THE MITIGATION OF FILTERING THE AIR IS NOT ENOUGH FOR THEM OR THEY SIMPLY CAN'T DO THAT. SO, YES, OUR 211 IS UP. AND I KNOW YOU AND I HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD TO GET THE PUBLIC TO USE THAT LINE AND TO CALL US. AND AGAIN, WE HAVE 1281 REQUESTS SO FOR WITH 457 APPROVED REIMBURSEMENTS.

SUP. MITCHELL: SO WE HAVE ABOUT A THIRD OF THE REQUEST SO FAR APPROVED. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE OUR FOOT FIRMLY PLANTED ON THE ACCELERATOR IN MAKING SURE THAT THOSE SUBMISSIONS ARE APPROVED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, AS WELL AS, I APPRECIATE YOU SETTING UP THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THOSE THAT CAN'T AFFORD TO WAIT THE ESTIMATED 20 DAYS TO GET THE EQUIPMENT UPFRONT. AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH YOU TO KEEP MY EYE ON THOSE NUMBERS AND OUR RESPONSE TIME BECAUSE THAT'S IMPORTANT AS LONG AS THE SMELL IS STILL THERE TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO FUNCTION IN THEIR HOMES, IN THEIR WORKPLACES, UNTIL THIS IS GONE. LASTLY, FOR ME, MADAM CHAIR, IF DR. DAVIS, WHO I BELIEVE IS ALSO JOINED US, CAN TELL US THE LATEST WE KNOW ABOUT THE HEALTH, THE IMPACT ON PUBLIC HEALTH, ESPECIALLY NOW THAT THE ODOR HAS LASTED REALLY AN UNPRECEDENTED AMOUNT OF TIME. SO IF DR. DAVIS CAN GIVE US A UPDATE, THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

DR. DAVIS: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR LEADERSHIP AROUND THIS AND SUPPORT AS WE HAVE WORKED COLLABORATIVELY WITH OUR PARTNERS TO BOTH INVESTIGATE AND MONITOR THE SITUATION. FORTUNATELY, WHAT WE HAVE BEEN SEEING, ALTHOUGH VERY UNCOMFORTABLE IN TERMS OF THE ODORS, THEY REALLY ARE AT LEVELS THAT SHOULD ONLY CAUSE TEMPORARY AND REVERSIBLE SYMPTOMS. SO AS THE LEVELS START TO COME DOWN,

WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN, SYMPTOMS SHOULD BE STARTING TO BE LESS AND POSSIBLY GO AWAY. ONE OF THE THINGS I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT, EVEN FOR MEMBERS IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD, MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD CAN HAVE DIFFERENCES IN TERMS OF THEIR REACTION TO THE ODOR. AND A LOT OF THIS REALLY COMES FROM JUST THE FOUL NATURE OF THE ODOR MANY OF US KNOW WHEN WE SMELL SOMETHING THAT HAS GONE BAD IN OUR REFRIGERATOR, AND IT IS REALLY BAD, THAT FIRST REACTION THAT YOU GET FROM THAT ODOR. AND SO, WHAT WE HAVE BEEN GETTING REPORTS OF AS PEOPLE HAVE TALKED TO US EITHER AT THE CITY OF CARSON COMMUNITY CENTER AND AS OUR STAFF HAVE GONE OUT AND TALKED WITH PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY, ARE REALLY THE MOST COMMON SYMPTOMS THAT ARE NOTED WITH EXPOSURE TO HYDROGEN SULFIDE AT THE LEVELS WE'RE SEEING, WHICH ARE HEADACHES, EYE IRRITATION, THROAT IRRITATION, NOISE IRRITATION, AND POSSIBLY SOME NAUSEA, COULD HAVE SOME COUGH AS WELL, AND VOMITING COULD OCCUR IN SOME. BUT AGAIN, ALL OF THESE SYMPTOMS ARE EXPECTED TO BE REVERSIBLE AND TEMPORARY AT THE LEVELS WE HAVE SEEN SO FAR. AGAIN, FORTUNATELY, THIS HAS BEEN FLUCTUATING. AND AS WE HAVE LOOKED AT SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT'S READINGS, IN TERMS OF THEIR AIR MONITORING, WE HAVE NOTICED PATTERNS WHERE MOSTLY AT NIGHTTIME, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9 P.M. AND 8 A.M., LEVELS ARE HIGHER THAN THEY ARE -- MUCH HIGHER THAN THEY ARE DURING THE DAY. SO THAT'S WHERE WE UPDATED OUR RECOMMENDATIONS. BUT, AGAIN, THE LEVELS THAT WE'VE SEEN SO FAR REALLY ARE THINGS

THAT ARE EXPECTED TO BE TEMPORARY AND REVERSIBLE IN TERMS OF ANY HEALTH IMPACTS WE'VE SEEN SO FAR.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT. AND I APPRECIATE THE DECLARATION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE. I THINK SOME PEOPLE REACTED TO THE TERM BECAUSE NUISANCE, IT SOUNDS LIKE MAYBE WE ARE TRIVIALIZING WHAT THEY ARE EXPERIENCING, AND IT IS A LEGAL DECLARATION. COULD YOU TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE DECLARATION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE VERSUS A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY?

DR. DAVIS: YES. AND WE HAVE HEARD THAT AS WELL, AND WE HAVE TRIED TO SORT OF CLARIFY, TO REALLY CLARIFY THAT. WHEN WE GET TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING THAT HAS AN IMMINENT THREAT TO LIFE AND SAFETY. THIS BEING, AGAIN, AT THE LEVELS THAT WE SAW, IRRITATING, ANNOYING, UNCOMFORTABLE, BUT NOT AT THAT LEVEL IN TERMS OF BEING AN IMMEDIATE RISK IN TERMS OF LIFE AND HEALTH. SO THAT WAS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THOSE TWO. BUT HAVING THAT DIRECTIVE TO PUBLIC WORKS TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE BASED ON THE MEASUREMENTS THAT WERE BEING MEASURED IN TERMS OF THE HYDROGEN SULFIDE COMING OFF OF THE CHANNEL AND KNOWING WHAT SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT WAS SEEING IN THE COMMUNITY REALLY LED TO A DIRECTIVE FOR A NUISANCE ABATEMENT, BUT, AGAIN, NOT AT THAT LEVEL OF AN EMERGENCY. WE HAVE CONTINUED TO MONITOR

THOSE LEVELS, AND IF WE FELT LIKE WE WERE GETTING TO THAT, WE DEFINITELY WOULD HAVE CHANGED THINGS, BUT WE WEREN'T EVEN CLOSE TO THAT. SO THE DIRECTIVE TO ABATE A NUISANCE WAS REALLY THE MOST APPROPRIATE WAY TO GO BUT IN NO WAY DIMINISHES THE IMPACT IT HAS HAD -- THE ODOR HAS HAD IN TERMS OF THE COMMUNITY.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU, AND, AGAIN, THE DECLARATION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE ALSO ALLOWED THE COUNTY TO ALLOCATE RESOURCES QUICKLY AROUND THOSE MITIGATION STRATEGIES AND TO MAKE THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE THAT WE HAVE IN TERMS OF VOUCHERS. SO THAT'S WHY THE PUBLIC NUISANCE DECLARATION WAS IMPORTANT TO DO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, DR. DAVIS. AND MADAM CHAIR, I WILL JUST SAY IN CLOSING THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING THE TIME FOR THESE TWO COUNTY DEPARTMENT LEADERS TO EXPLAIN THE WHOLE PROCESS, WHAT WE HAVE EXPERIENCED, JUST TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FURTHER CLARIFICATION ABOUT THE ACTIONS THE COUNTY IS TAKEN, WHAT WE KNEW, WHEN WE KNEW IT, AND WHAT WE DID AS A RESULT. I WILL SAY THAT IT IS CLEAR THIS INCIDENT HAS IMPACTED THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THOUSANDS OF COUNTY RESIDENTS. THERE'S NO QUESTION IN MY MIND, AGAIN, HAVING BEEN THERE DIRECTLY, HAVING RECEIVED CALLS, HAVING RECEIVED REALLY DESPERATE CALLS FROM CARSON CITY LEADERS AND RESIDENTS. IT IS CLEAR THAT THIS HAS HAD SEVERE IMPACT ON QUALITY OF LIFE, AND, AGAIN, THIS IS A MATTER OF JUSTICE AND EQUITY. AND WE ARE TREATING IT AS SUCH. I WANT TO

RESTATE MY EXPECTATION THAT THE COUNTY DO EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER TO ELIMINATE BARRIERS DELIVER RELIEF AS QUICKLY AND AS EQUITABLY AS POSSIBLE TO ALL OF THOSE IMPACTED. AND, AGAIN, WE WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE THE LEAD TO BRING TOGETHER ALL OF THOSE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS WE HEARD FROM DIRECTOR PESTRELLA TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE TODAY AND CREATE A MITIGATION -- A LONGER TERM MITIGATION STRATEGY, SO HOPEFULLY, MADAM CHAIR, WE NEVER GET THERE AGAIN. AND AGAIN TO THE PUBLIC, CONTINUE TO CALL 211 IF YOU ARE IMPACTED BY THIS INCIDENT, AND, AGAIN, IT IS MY EXPECTATION THAT THE 211 OPERATORS ARE WELL VERSED, TRAINED, AND EQUIPPED TO ANSWER ANY QUESTION POSED TO THEM BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR HAHN, IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS YOU MAY ASK. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THIS MOTION.

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. AND YEAH, THIS HAS BEEN VERY INFORMATIVE, AND OBVIOUSLY IF CERTAINLY THOSE THAT ARE AFFECTED HAVE BEEN LISTENING OR WATCHING, THEY WILL GET THE KIND OF INFORMATION. I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME JOIN YOU ON THIS MOTION. I, OF COURSE, KIND OF HAD A SIMILAR ISSUE EARLIER WITH THE LOS ANGELES CITY HYPERION PLANT THAT LEAKED AND CREATED THIS -- AS MY RESIDENTS IN EL SEGUNDO CALLED IT A PAINT PEELING ODOR. AND WE HAD THE SAME ISSUE, AND I WAS SO ADAMANT PUSHING ON THE CITY OF L.A. TO MAKE SURE THAT REIMBURSEMENTS HAPPENED QUICKLY, THAT IF PEOPLE

COULDN'T AFFORD TO DO UPFRONT PURCHASES OF HOTEL ROOMS OR AIR CONDITIONING THAT THE CITY DIDN'T PUT THAT BURDEN. SO I PUSHED THE CITY OF L.A. TO HAVE CERTAIN STANDARDS WHEN IT CAME TO THIS TYPE OF INCIDENT. SO I REALLY FEEL LIKE NOW THAT THE COUNTY IS IN THAT POSITION, WE REALLY NEEDED TO AT LEAST MEET OR EXCEED WHAT WE WERE PUSHING THE CITY OF L.A. TO DO IN RESPONSE TO THAT. AND I KNOW THAT CARSON RESIDENTS WERE THE MOST SEVERELY IMPACTED. HOWEVER, THE SMELL DID CREEP OUT TO PLACES LIKE WILMINGTON, NORTH LONG BEACH, EVEN TORRENCE AND REDONDO BEACH HAD INCIDENCES OF SMELLING, AND OUR TEAM, OUR COUNTY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM, WAS QUICK TO LOOP THEM IN AS WELL TO WHAT WAS HAPPENING. BUT YOU KNOW, THE FIRST TIME I SMELLED THIS, I WAS DRIVING ON THE HARBOR FREEWAY WITH MY WINDOWS ROLLED UP AND THE AIR CONDITIONING ON. AND IT WAS PUTRID. I MEAN IT IS THE SMELL FROM HELL, LET'S JUST SAY. IF YOU HAVE NOT SMELLED IT, YOU CANNOT IMAGINE. AND I JUST DROVE BY IT, RIGHT, AND WAS ONLY IMPACTING A COUPLE OF SECONDS. THE THOUGHT OF HAVING TO LIVE DAY IN AND DAY OUT WITH THIS PUTRID, HORRIBLE SMELL THAT IS CAUSING HEADACHES AND NAUSEA IS JUST SO HORRIBLE FOR PEOPLE, AND IT IS A LOT OF OUR INCIDENCES IN MY LIFETIME HAVE NOT BEEN AROUND A SMELL. THERE HAVE BEEN OTHER KINDS OF NATURAL DISASTERS. THIS IS REALLY HORRIBLE AND DOES GO STRAIGHT TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE. WE LOVE OUR CARSON RESIDENTS. YOU, HOLLY, HAVE BEEN SUCH A GREAT CHAMPION IN THIS PARTICULAR INCIDENT FOR THEM MAKING SURE THEY GET WHAT THEY

DESERVE. I REPRESENTED CONGRESS WHEN I WAS -- CARSON WHEN I WAS A MEMBER OF CONGRESS, SO I CONSIDER ALL THE COUNCIL MEMBERS, THE MAYOR, MY FRIENDS, AS WELL AS THE RESIDENTS. SO THANK YOU FOR BEING THEIR CHAMPION. LET'S JUST CONTINUE TO -- THANK YOU, MARK PESTRELLA, FOR YOUR WORK ON THIS, KEVIN MCGOWAN, DR. DAVIS, MARIO TRESARSE, THE FIRE CHIEF IN THIS AREA, FOR YOUR RESPONSE, BUT I AM WITH HOLLY. FASTER, BETTER, MORE INCLUSIVE, LET'S DO ALL WE CAN TO MITIGATE THIS INCREDIBLE BURDEN ON BEHALF OF OUR COUNTY RESIDENTS AND MAKE SURE THAT WE LOOK TO SEE IF THIS CAN BE PREVENTED IN THE FUTURE. THANK YOU.

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

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I FEEL A LITTLE BIT LIKE I AM IN THE THIRD GRADE, TEACHER. I WANTED TO ADD BECAUSE AT THE COUNTY AND THIS BOARD HAS APPOINTED ME THIS YEAR AS THE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE A.Q.M.D. BOARD, AND SO I WANTED TO ALSO PRAISE THIS MOTION AND THANK YOU BOTH FOR BRINGING IT TO GET HELP QUICKLY OUT TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED AND ALSO LOOKING AT SHORT TERM SOLUTIONS WHILE ALSO WORKING TO ADDRESS ROOT CAUSES. THE REASON I BRING UP A.Q.M.D. IS BECAUSE THEY GOT HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF CALLS ABOUT IT BECAUSE SOMETIMES PEOPLE DON'T KNOW WHERE TO CALL. IT SEEMS LIKE THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE AIR, SO THEY CALL

A.Q.M.D., WHICH IS APPROPRIATE. AND I AM GLAD THAT THERE'S BEEN COLLABORATIVE WORK ON ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS, ON WORKING TOGETHER TO DEVELOP THE ANSWERS. A.Q.M.D. HAS BEEN DEEPLY INVOLVED IN MONITORING BECAUSE THEY ARE SET UP TO ACTUALLY MEASURE WHAT'S IN THE AIR AND HOW MUCH OF IT IS IN THE AIR. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH TO A.Q.M.D., TO WAYNE AND ALL OF HIS STAFF WHO WORKED ALSO ON THIS AND OVERTIME ON THIS, AND ALL THE OF THE AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING ON IT. I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL: IF I COULD RESPOND VERY QUICKLY, IF YOU DON'T MIND, MADAM CHAIR, TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL BECAUSE YOU WILL BE PROUD TO KNOW, AS A MEMBER OF THE A.Q.M.D. BOARD, IT WAS THEIR INITIAL PERIMETER TESTING AROUND SOME OF THE REFINERIES THAT WAS ABLE TO ANSWER IMMEDIATE QUESTIONS ABOUT WHERE THE ODOR WAS NOT EMANATING FROM. AND SO, IT CREATED A GREAT SENSE OF RELIEF FOR ME, AND I THINK CARSON RESIDENTS, TO BE ABLE TO NARROW THE POSSIBILITIES. AND SO, THIS ONGOING TESTING THAT A.Q.M.D. IS RESPONSIBLE FOR WORKED AND WAS VERY HELPFUL IN US BEING ABLE TO FIGURE OUT AND NARROW THE OPTIONS TO THE CHANNEL ITSELF AS OPPOSED TO SOME OTHER EQUALLY AS FRIGHTENING POSSIBILITY IN TERMS OF WHAT COULD BE CREATING --

SUP. KUEHL: IT'S INTERESTING BECAUSE, AS YOU KNOW, WE HAD TO PUSH REALLY HARD TO EVEN GET MONITORS AROUND THE REFINERIES,

COMPLETELY DIFFERENT ISSUE. BUT IT JUST GOES TO SHOW YOU, OR SHOWS TO GO YOU, AS MY GRANDMOTHER USED TO SAY, HOW YOU NEVER KNOW HOW THESE THINGS ARE GOING TO PAY OFF IN A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT ARENA. RIGHT, IT IS COLLABORATION THAT I THINK IS REALLY IMPORTANT. AND I AM PROUD OF HOW THEY DID IT. THANK YOU.

SUP. MITCHELL: ME TOO. THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR PERSISTENCE ON THIS ISSUE, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND SUPERVISOR HAHN. I KNOW THAT WHAT THE RESIDENTS HAVE GONE THROUGH THERE IN CARSON HAS PROBABLY JUST BEEN UNSPEAKABLE. AND IT SHOULDN'T BE ACCEPTED EITHER. I WANT TO ENCOURAGE OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THE ALL OTHER AUTHORITIES THAT MAY BE LISTENING IN TO HELP US IN MITIGATION EFFORTS WHEN WE DO HEAR FROM OUR RESIDENTS REGARDING FOUL ODOR AND SMELL BECAUSE I KNOW IN MY AREA, THAT I REPRESENT UP IN THE UNINCORPORATED CITY TERRACE AND WHITE FENCE AREA, WE HAVE HAD SIMILAR ODOR ISSUES FOR YEARS. AND WHEN THE HEAT, WHEN IT IS THE SUMMERTIME, AND WE SEE THAT CLIMATE IMPACTS OCCURRING IN LOW INCOME AREAS AROUND MIXED OR RESIDENTIAL AS WELL AS BUSINESS, YOU CAN REALLY FEEL AND SMELL SULFUR. AND AND IT'S BEEN HORRIBLE. EVERY DAY DURING THE SUMMER, AS I WAS DRIVING ON THE H.O.V. LANE PAST CITY TERRACE, I COULD SMELL THE SULFUR AS

WELL. SO I WOULD HOPE THAT WE COULD PLOT OUT WHERE WE CAN MAYBE HAVE A MAP THAT SHOWS US WHERE THESE INCIDENTS ARE COMING UP BECAUSE I THINK WHERE WE ARE GOING WITH THIS, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, IS REALLY GOING TO HELP ENHANCE OUR ABILITY TO HELP HAVE A MUCH FORWARD THINKING PLAN OF ACTION BECAUSE I KNOW MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS THAT I REPRESENT COULDN'T AFFORD TO BUY FILTERS FOR H.E.P.A. FILTRATION SYSTEMS. AND IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR THEM TO UNDERSTAND WHERE THESE ODORS EMANATE AND IF THEY ARE, IN FACT, PERHAPS A PRIVATE INDUSTRY, THEN WE OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO GO TO THEM AND ASK FOR SOME MITIGATION AND SOME RECOURSE. SO I AM WITH YOU ON THIS AND GLAD YOU HAVE TAKE AN STRONG STANCE. AND OBVIOUSLY, A.Q.M.D. WHO NEEDS TO BE THERE, AND I AM GLAD THAT SHEILA, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, IS THERE. IT IS A GOOD GESTURE TO SEE EVERYONE WORKING TOGETHER, SO I WILL VOTE FOR THIS MOTION. ANYONE ELSE SEEKING TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THIS ITEM? OKAY, THEN SEEING NONE. AND THANK YOU ALL FOR THE PRESENTATION. OUR DIRECTORS AND THANK YOU AGAIN SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND HAHN. SO THE ITEM 12 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THANK YOU. ON ITEM 12, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: MOTION PASSES 5-0.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: GREAT. THANK YOU. CONGRATULATIONS. NOW, WE WILL TURN TO ITEM NUMBER 18, SAFELY REDUCING THE JAIL POPULATION BY EXPANDING THE COMMUNITY-BASED SYSTEM OF CARE FOR CIS GENDER WOMEN, TWO SPIRIT, LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, QUESTIONING, AND TRANSGENDER, GENDER NONCONFORMING, AND/OR

INTERSEX INDIVIDUALS, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU FOR READING OUT THE ENTIRE TITLE OF THE MOTION BECAUSE IT POINTS UP THAT THERE ARE REAL VARIETIES BUT IMPORTANT DISTINCTIONS IN THE GENDER IDENTITY ISSUES AND ISSUES OF HOW PEOPLE ARE TREATED IN OUR CARCERAL SYSTEMS. SO I AM VERY EXCITED, ACTUALLY, AND VERY GRATEFUL TO BRING THIS MOTION FORWARD WITH MY COAUTHOR, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. THE PURPOSE OF THE MOTION IS TO ADVANCE IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN THE GENDER RESPONSIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT, WHICH IS THE CULMINATION OF TWO YEARS OF WORK BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S MEMBERS. I WANT TO THANK THE COMMITTEE. I ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE, EUNISSES HERNANDEZ, FROM WHOM WE HEARD DURING PUBLIC COMMENT, FOR HER LEADERSHIP, HER COLLABORATIVE SPIRIT, AND HER DEDICATION IN CARRYING OUT OUR DEVOTION TO THE CARE FIRST/ JAIL LAST VISION. I WANT TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION ALSO TO MELISSA KELLY, WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF GENDER RESPONSIVE SERVICES AT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR HER PARTNERSHIP. THIS HAS BEEN A LONG TIME COMING. YOU START SOMETHING OUT BY SAYING THIS IS IMPORTANT TO LOOK AT. WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT WHAT WE ARE DOING HERE. AND THE GENDER RESPONSIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE LOOKED AT SPECIFIC CUSTODY SUBPOPULATIONS, INCLUDING CIS GENDER WOMEN, WHO ARE

WOMEN WHO IDENTIFY AS WOMEN, TWO SPIRIT, LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, QUESTIONING, AND TRANSGENDER, GENDER NONCONFORMING, AND/OR INTERSEX PEOPLE. AND THESE ARE SPECIFIC DIVISIONS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES, OFTEN NOT SEEN. AND I MEAN REALLY INVISIBLE. SO THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT RECOMMENDS THAT THE BOARD ADOPT A GOAL OF ENDING THE INCARCERATION OF THESE POPULATIONS. WHY? BECAUSE SO MANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS BECOME JUSTICE INVOLVED AS A RESULT OF UNMET NEEDS RESULTING FROM VIOLENCE, RESULTING FROM TRAUMA. ACCORDING TO A RAND CORPORATION STUDY, MORE THAN THREE-QUARTERS OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS HELD AT OUR WOMEN'S JAIL COULD BE SAFELY DIVERTED. AND A OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THOSE WOMEN HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE. RESEARCH HAS ALSO CONCLUDED, AND THIS I THINK IS REALLY TELLING, THAT A WOMAN'S RISK OF RECIDIVISM IS BETTER PREDICTED BY HER UNMET NEEDS, SUCH AS FINANCIAL INSTABILITY, LACK OF WORK OPPORTUNITIES, INADEQUATE PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH CARE, UNDERDEVELOPED PARENTING SKILLS, UNSAFE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS, ALL THINGS THAT WE CAN HELP WITH PROGRAMS, THAT'S A BETTER PREDICTOR THAT SHE WILL RECIDIVATE THAN HER CRIMINAL HISTORY. THAT I THINK A VERY INTERESTING THING BECAUSE THE OPERATIVE IS IF YOU CAN HELP MEET THESE NEEDS, HELP PEOPLE GET BETTER, THEY WILL NOT RECIDIVATE. SO WHAT HAPPENS THEN? THAT'S ALSO A PROTECTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY. THE CONCLUSION, THERE ARE BETTER WAYS TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY THAN LOCKING UP PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP. AND SO, TODAY'S MOTION

CALLS ON THE JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM, WHICH IS WORKING ON CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION INITIATIVE AND OUR OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY, TO WORK WITH THE GENDER RESPONSIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO PRIORITIZE AND IMPLEMENT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS AND ASKS OUR C.E.O. TO HIRE AN ACADEMIC RESEARCHER TO UPDATE THE DATA THAT WE HAVE ABOUT THESE POPULATIONS, ESPECIALLY THE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER POPULATIONS ABOUT WHOM WE KNOW SO LITTLE, SO WE MIGHT BETTER UNDERSTAND THOSE NEEDS AND WHAT DRIVES THEM INTO THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. I AM VERY PROUD OF THE WORK THAT THE COMMITTEE DID. I AM PROUD OF US FOR STARTING THE COMMITTEE IN THE FIRST PLACE. AND I AM HOPEFUL THAT MY COAUTHOR, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, MIGHT WANT TO ADD ON. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR ALLOWING ME TO COAUTHOR THIS MOTION WITH YOU, AND FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE. I WOULD LIKE TO AGAIN THANK THE G.R.A.C. COMMITTEE FOR ENSURING THAT THE WORK TO BUILD A SYSTEM OF CARE IS EQUITABLE AND TRULY INCLUSIVE. THIS MOTION ENSURES THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE G.R.A.C. ARE PRIORITIZED APPROPRIATELY TO DECREASE JAIL POPULATION, CLOSE

MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, AND ADVANCE THE CARE FIRST MISSION -- CARE FIRST MISSION. YOU KNOW, IT IS -- I FIND IT DEEPLY DISHEARTENING TO READ IN A PREVIOUS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES REPORT THAT, AS THE COUNTY MADE HIGHLY COORDINATED EFFORTS TO DEPOPULATE THE JAILS DURING THE PUBLIC HEALTH PANDEMIC, THAT BLACK WOMEN SPENT MORE TIME INCARCERATED THAN ALMOST EVERY OTHER GROUP OF WOMEN, AND THAT BLACK PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS WERE RELEASED AT LOWER RATES THAN THEIR WHITE COUNTERPARTS. THAT IS RECOGNIZING THAT WHILE THE POPULATION, THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN POPULATION, IN L.A. COUNTY IS 9 PERCENT, THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN POPULATION CONSTITUTES 30 PERCENT OF THE JAIL POPULATION, AND 40 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION IN THE K6G L.G.B.T. UNITS. THOSE DISPROPORTIONATE RATES ARE ALARMING. AND I BELIEVE THE WORK OF THE G.R.A.C. WILL ELEVATE SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS THAT DISPARITY. AND SO IT IS CLEAR, I THINK SUPERVISOR KUEHL OUTLINED THE POPULATIONS THAT ARE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE AND THIS STUDY PAYS PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO, AGAIN WOMEN OF COLOR, THE 2S, L.G.B.T.Q. T.G.I. REPRESENTATIVES. AND LET ME READ THAT OUT BECAUSE IT WAS IMPORTANT, AS WE HAD OUR PRESSER YESTERDAY, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, THAT WE LEARNED FROM THE CHAIR OF G.R.A.C. THE TIME AND ENERGY THAT WENT INTO COMPASSIONATELY AND SENSITIVELY IDENTIFYING THE UNIQUE POPULATION. AND SO, THAT STANDS FOR TWO SPIRIT, LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, QUESTIONING, TRANSGENDER, GENDER NON-CONFORMING, AND/OR INTERSEX INDIVIDUALS AND THOSE OF COLOR.

SO, AGAIN, I CONTINUE TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE DISPROPORTIONALITY OF THOSE THAT WE FIND INCARCERATED, HOW IMBALANCED OUR EARLY RELEASE SYSTEM APPEARED TO BE. AND I CONTINUE TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE SIGNIFICANT POSSIBILITY OF RUNNING OUT OF O.D.R. BEDS TO DIVERT PREGNANT WOMEN TO, ESPECIALLY AS A NUMBER OF INCARCERATED PREGNANT WOMEN CONTINUES TO CREEP UP AFTER WE WE WERE ABLE TO BRING IT DOWN TO ZERO IN THE MIDST OF COVID. AND THE COUNTY HAS A RECOGNIZED SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH O.D.R. TO MAKE SURE THAT PREGNANT WOMEN ARE IN A MORE APPROPRIATE SETTING TO "SERVE THEIR TIME." SO AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK G.R.A.C., AND IT IS ALWAYS IMPORTANT THAT THESE KINDS OF COMMITTEES WHO PUT FORTH THE EFFORT, TIME, AND ENERGY TO DO THE WORK THAT WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT BY HAVING MOTIONS THAT PUT FORWARD AND PRIORITIZE THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THEY BRING FORWARD. SO WITH PRIDE, I WILL BE SUPPORTING TODAY'S MOTION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: GREAT, ARE THERE ANY OTHER MEMBERS WISHING TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE ITEM?

SUP. KUEHL: MADAM CHAIR, IF I MAY ADD A ONE THING. AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY, WE WERE REMINDED THAT, IN THE OLD DAYS, PREGNANT WOMEN, EVEN IN LABOR, WERE IN CHAINS, NOT JUST WERE THEY HANDCUFFED, BUT THEY HAD WAIST CHAINS WITH

HANDCUFFS. I MEAN IT WAS LIKE WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO GO WHEN YOU ARE IN LABOR. AND THERE WAS SOME ENLIGHTENMENT ABOUT THAT, AND WE STOPPED DOING IT, AND THEN STARTED AGAIN 15 YEARS LATER. SO IT ALL DEPENDS ON ALWAYS KEEPING YOUR EYE ON WHAT IS GOING ON AND THE CURRENT SITUATION. AND WHAT I REALLY LIKE ABOUT THIS MOTION, AND I WANT TO THANK A.J. YOUNG ON MY STAFF WHO WORKED VERY VERY DILIGENTLY AND HARD ON THIS MOTION AND WITH THE G.R.A.C., IS THAT IT RECOGNIZES THAT PEOPLE ARE TREATED DIFFERENTLY BASED ON THEIR DIFFERENCES. AND WE HAVE TO PAY ATTENTION TO THE REAL LIFE SITUATION FOR WOMEN. BACK IN THE DAY, I REMEMBER WE WERE BOTH IN THE LEGISLATURE WHEN WE DID THE FIRST STUDY OF WOMEN AND HOW THEY WERE TREATED BY THE COURT SYSTEM AND DISCOVERED YOU COULDN'T EVEN GO IN AND GET A RESTRAINING ORDER BECAUSE THEY WERE ONLY OPEN ONE HOUR ON WEDNESDAY TO GET YOUR RESTRAINING ORDER, SO GOD FORBID YOU WERE WORKING. AND YOU WERE NOT ALLOWED TO BRING CHILDREN INTO THE COURTROOM, SO WHEN YOU BROUGHT YOUR CHILDREN WITH YOU, BUT THERE IS NO CHILD CARE, IN THE COURT, ETC., ETC. AND IT WASN'T UNTIL MALCOLM LUCAS, WHO WAS THE CHIEF JUSTICE AT THE TIME, HEARD THIS TESTIMONY AND WENT I HAD NO IDEA. SO THIS IS WHAT IS GREAT ABOUT THE G.R.A.C. IS THAT THAT WE CAN NO LONGER SAY I HAD NO IDEA. AND SO I AM VERY PLEASED TO ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND MITCHELL. I AM REMINDED BY THE DISCUSSION YOU ARE HAVING, YEARS AGO, WHEN I WAS IN THE STATE SENATE WORKING ALONGSIDE WITH THEN SENATOR WATSON, VISITING SOME OF OUR JAILS AND PARTICULARLY WOMEN THAT WERE SHACKLED IN BEDS THAT WERE PREGNANT. AND WE STARTED TO WORK ON ISSUES THEN. AND I AM REMINDED AGAIN, VISITING OUR PROBATION CAMPS IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, HOW I SAW YOUNG WOMEN, A WOMAN THAT WAS EIGHT MONTHS PREGNANT, WITH SHACKLES ON HER ANKLES. AND WHERE WAS SHE GOING TO GO? SHE IS GETTING READY TO GIVE BIRTH. AND IT REALLY IS HUMILIATING. BUT I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE PEOPLE THAT CALLED IN TODAY BECAUSE I THINK IT IS VERY IMPORTANT HOW WE ARE TALKING ABOUT CARE. AND WE HEARD FROM SOME INDIVIDUALS, TRANSGENDER, LATINX, WHO ALSO SPOKE ABOUT THEIR TRAUMA. AND MANY OF THEM HAVE HAD INCIDENTS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT, UNFORTUNATELY. MANY ARE HOMELESS. MANY ARE NOT TREATED WELL AND MISUNDERSTOOD COMPLETELY EVEN BY OUR OWN CULTURE. SO WE HAVE A LOT OF EDUCATION TO DO, SO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD, AND I INTEND ON SUPPORTING THE MOTION. ARE THERE ANY OTHER MEMBERS THAT WISH TO BE RECOGNIZED? SEEING NONE, THEN THIS ITEM 18 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE, OFFICER PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SO ON ITEM NUMBER 18, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. OKAY. NEXT. MEMBERS. WE ARE MOVING ON TO ITEM NUMBER 36, CAMP SCOTT LIGHT STANDARDS AND GUARDRAILS PROJECT CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT, WHICH WAS HELD BY

SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND KUEHL. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, I WILL RECOGNIZE YOU NOW.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANTED TO REMIND US ALL OF THE INTENT OF THIS MOTION, THE FACT THAT IT HAS BEEN KIND OF ON OUR DOCKET AND BEEN DELAYED TWICE. IT WAS FIST ON OUR AGENDA BACK IN JULY. IT WAS CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS. IT CAME UP IN SEPTEMBER, CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS AGAIN, WHICH BROUGHT IT TO TODAY'S AGENDA. AND I JUST WANT TO REMIND US ABOUT THE INTENT AND REALLY THE DANGER, POTENTIAL DANGER, IF WE DON'T TAKE ACTION AND SOON. THE RECOMMENDED PROJECTS AT CAMP SCOTT WOULD INSTALL A NEW LIGHT STANDARDS AND REPLACE THE EXISTING FRAGILE GUARDRAIL SYSTEM. THESE IMPROVEMENTS ARE NEEDED TO ENSURE THAT CAMP FACILITIES CAN CONTINUE TO BE SAFELY ACCESSIBLE FOR ENTERING AND EXITING VEHICLES. THE LACK OF EXISTING STREETLIGHTING AND THE DETERIORATING CONDITION OF THE GUARDRAILS PRESENT A NEED FOR IMPROVEMENTS. WHILE CAMP SCOTT IS NOT CURRENTLY IN USE, THE FACILITY IS NOT CLOSED. AND SO, A YOUNG PERSON IN PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S CARE AND CUSTODY CAN STILL BE PLACED IN THIS FACILITY, IF THAT'S AN ACTION THEY CHOOSE TO FAKE. AND EVEN IF THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN SENTENCED TO THE STATE'S JUVENILE JUSTICE OR ONE OF PROBATION'S FACILITIES. THIS FACILITY ALSO HAS OTHER POTENTIAL USES, INCLUDING USE AS A BACK UP FACILITY IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES. IT IS COMPLETELY REASONABLE, I BELIEVE, TO CONSIDER IMPROVEMENTS THAT AID SAFE

PASSAGE BY WAY OF LIGHTING AND NECESSARY MAINTENANCE FOR OUR CHARGES, AS WELL AS FOR OUR VALUED EMPLOYEES, AND AS WELL AS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE MAINTAINING THE INTEGRITY OF ANY COUNTY PROPERTY. AGAIN, IT ISN'T CURRENTLY IN USE, BUT IT ISN'T CLOSED. AND WE WOULDN'T WANT TO BE IN THE POSITION OF IF WE HAVE TO REOPEN OPEN IT FOR WHATEVER REASON TO THEN BE BEHIND THE EIGHT BALL TRYING TO GET THIS LIGHTING AND THE GUARDRAIL SYSTEM IN PLACE WHEN WE HAVE HAD TIME NOW TO BE RESPONSIBLE LANDLORDS AND HANDLE OUR DUTY AROUND MAINTENANCE. SO FOR THOSE REASONS, I DON'T THINK NEEDS TO CONTINUE TO BE PROLONGED. IT IS ACTION THAT WE SHOULD RESPONSIBLY TAKE AS A BOARD.

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

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO ASSOCIATE MYSELF WITH SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S REMARKS AND KIND OF ADD IN, YOU KNOW, THIS ALL WAS SUPPOSED TO COME TO US AND DID IN JULY, AND IT WAS POSTPONED. IT WAS A SIMPLE CONSTRUCTION ITEM FROM PUBLIC WORKS TO FIX THE LIGHTING SYSTEM. AND IT KIND OF ALL GOT BALLED UP I WILL SAY WITH THE CONVERSATION WE WERE HAVING ABOUT WHERE THE D.J.J. YOUTH POPULATION WAS GOING TO BE PLACED. AND THERE WAS A LOT OF HOT POTATO THAT EVERYBODY WAS PLAYING BECAUSE IT WAS KIND OF LIKE WE DON'T WANT THEM HERE, AND WE DON'T WANT THEM THERE, AND WE

DON'T WANT THEM HERE, AND WE DON'T WANT THEM THERE. LET'S PUT THEM TEMPORARILY AT CAMPUS KILPATRICK, WHICH IS MY DISTRICT, AND I SAID OKAY. BUT THIS LIGHTING AND REPAIR PROJECT GOT CAUGHT UP IN THAT, BUT IT ISN'T REALLY RELATED TO THAT. AND IT IS REALLY NECESSARY. AND BECAUSE IT WAS PUT OFF, THE COST WENT UP. SO WHEN IT CAME BACK TO US IN SEPTEMBER, THE C.E.O. SAID I HAVE TO FIGURE OUT WHERE THE EXTRA MONEY IS GOING TO COME FROM BECAUSE, AS YOU KNOW NOW, AND YOU HAVE ALL SEEN IT PROBABLY IN YOUR OWN DISTRIBUTIONS, EVERY TIME WE POSTPONE SOMETHING NOW, THE COST OF IT GOES UP BECAUSE OF WE AREN'T GETTING THE SUPPLIES, ETC., ETC. SO C.E.O. WORKED WITH THEM, AND IT IS TO COME BACK TODAY TO APPROVE. AND YET, I KNOW MARK ASKED TO HAVE IT CONTINUED AGAIN, AND I DON'T WANT IT CONTINUED. I WANT THIS PROJECT TO HAPPEN. IT IS JUST DANGEROUS TO KEEP PUTTING IT OFF AND PUTTING IT OFF. SO I DON'T KNOW IF IT TAKES A MOTION NOT TO CONTINUE OR WHAT THE PROPER THING IS BECAUSE MARK HAS ASKED FOR YET ANOTHER CONTINUANCE, BUT I DON'T THINK IT IS APPROPRIATE SO MANY MONTHS LATER WITH THE COSTS GOING UP TO CONTINUE IT AGAIN. SO I GUESS THE ACTION WOULD BE TO APPROVE ITEM 36, AS PRESENTED.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: IS ANY OTHER MEMBER WISHING TO BE RECOGNIZED? OKAY. AT THIS TIME, ON OUR AGENDA WE HAVE A VOTE TO TAKE ON THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUEST TO CONTINUE.

SUP. HAHN: SO, MADAM CHAIR, CAN I JUST SAY, IT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT WE WERE -- THAT THE DEPARTMENT WHO BROUGHT THIS FORWARD TO THE AGENDA, THIS CAME FROM THE DEPARTMENT RIGHT, NOT A SUPERVISOR? AND THAT NOW THE DEPARTMENT WANTS TO CONTINUE IT. SO -- WE'RE NOT VOTING ON CONTINUING IT? WE'RE JUST --

SUP. BARGER: I THINK THAT'S WHAT SHE WAS GOING TO SAY, JANICE.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: REQUEST TO CONTINUE THIS ITEM --

SUP. HAHN: OH, I AM SORRY. SO THAT'S WHAT WE ARE VOTING ON. I'M SORRY. I MISUNDERSTOOD.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: SO WE ARE FOLLOWING THE RECOMMENDATION. SUPERVISOR BARGER, DO YOU WANT TO ADD ANYTHING HERE?

SUP. BARGER: NO, I WAS JUST CLARIFYING FOR JANICE WHAT THE ACTION WAS.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: JANICE, YOU KEEP JUMPING UP IN FRONT OF ME HERE.

SUP. KUEHL: CLARIFY FOR ME TOO WHAT THE ACTION IS. WE HAVE A MOTION -- I MEAN WE HAVE A BOARD LETTER ON THE AGENDA.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: RIGHT, AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IS REQUESTING THAT WE CONTINUE THE ITEM UNTIL NOVEMBER THE 16TH, 2021. SO I DON'T THINK IT IS DEFINITELY GOING TO BE POSTPONED. I JUST THINK IT'S BEING PUT OFF.

SUP. KUEHL: IT IS ANOTHER MONTH SINCE IT'S FROM JULY TO NOVEMBER. THAT IS 4 MONTHS OF CONTINUANCES. BEFORE IT EVEN STARTS, I MEAN, IT JUST SEEMS TO BE --

SUP. HAHN: THAT IS WHAT WE ARE VOTING, WE ARE VOTING ON THE CONTINUANCE --

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: YES.

SUP. HAHN: NOT ON THE PROJECT. GOT IT.

SUP. KUEHL: SO, IN OTHER WORDS, THE RECOMMENDATION IS TO CONTINUE BECAUSE MARK ASKED FOR IT. AND SO, IF I DON'T WANT IT CONTINUED, I VOTE NO ON THIS ITEM. IS THAT RIGHT?

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: YES, CORRECT.

SUP. KUEHL: THEREFORE, IT WOULD NOT BE CONTINUED IF THERE ARE SUFFICIENT VOTES. OKAY, THANK YOU FOR THE CLARIFICATION, EVERYBODY.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: OKAY, SEEING NO OTHER MEMBERS WANTING TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE ITEM, THEN THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO CONTINUE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. MITCHELL: NO.

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

SUP. KUEHL: NO.

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

SUP. HAHN: YES.

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

SUP. BARGER: YES.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: YES.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YES. ITEM PASSES, 3-2 TO CONTINUE THE ITEM.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: WE WILL SEE IT BACK HERE.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ON NOVEMBER 16TH.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. OKAY, MEMBERS, NOW WE ARE GOING TO TURN TO ITEM NUMBER 43C, WHICH I HELD, THE FULL AND INDEPENDENT AUDIT INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGED MISCONDUCT OF A FORMER LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC OFFICIAL AND INCREASING TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE CONTRACTING PROCESS, WHICH, AS YOU KNOW, I HELD. I WANT TO BEGIN, MEMBERS, BY JUST UNDERSCORING THAT THE MOTION BEFORE US IS NOT INTENDED IN ANY WAY TO INTERFERE WITH OR OBSTRUCT THE INVESTIGATION OR PROSECUTIONS ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK AGAINST A FORMER BOARD MEMBER. INSTEAD, THE MOTION, IN MY OPINION, IS ABOUT RESTORING TRUST. THE PROTECTION OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO PRESERVE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE AND ENSURE THAT GOVERNMENT WORKS AS INTENDED FOR ITS CONSTITUENTS. TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ARE VALUES THAT SHOULD NEVER

BE COMPROMISED. IT IS FUNDAMENTAL THAT A PUBLIC OFFICE SHOULD NOT BE USED, AS YOU KNOW, FOR PERSONAL ENRICHMENT AND THIS IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT ON THE HEELS OF A GLOBAL PANDEMIC WHERE THE PUBLIC HAS PUT THEIR UTMOST TRUST IN US TO SAFEGUARD THEM FROM COVID-19. THIS COUNTY HAS A DUTY TO PROVIDE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY, AND IT IS OUR FIDUCIARY DUTY TO SAFEGUARD OUR TAXPAYERS AGAINST ANY ABUSE, THIS INCLUDES THROUGH OUR CONTRACTING PROCESS. WE COMMIT TO THESE PRINCIPLES AND A RENEWED ASSESSMENT OF FURTHER PROCESS AND POLICY IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING IF NECESSARY, REFORM. IN CLOSING, THIS MATTER WILL BE HANDLED WITH THE UTMOST CARE AND DUE DILIGENCE. I WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON MY COAUTHOR, BARGER, SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR ANY COMMENTS, AND THEN I WILL -- I KNOW SUPERVISOR MITCHELL HAS AN AMENDMENT THAT SHE HAS PUT FORWARD. SO WHY DON'T WE GO AHEAD AND HEAR FROM SUPERVISOR BARGER.

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD AND ALLOWING ME TO BE THE AUTHOR. EVERYTHING YOU STATED IS EXACTLY WHY I THINK WE NEED TO DO THIS. TRANSPARENCY ACROSS THE BOARD IS IMPORTANT, AND TO HAVE AN INDEPENDENT OUTSIDE AUDIT DONE, I BELIEVE, IS GOING TO SHED LIGHT ON, NUMBER ONE, WHAT WE MAY NEED TO DO BETTER, OR THE FACT THAT THERE ARE NO ISSUES AS IT RELATES TO CONTRACTING. BUT WE HAVE A FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY TO MOVE THIS FORWARD, AND TO MOVE THIS FORWARD IN A SWIFT WAY. AND SO,

YOU KNOW, I WHOLEHEARTEDLY BELIEVE THIS IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO. AND IT IS NOT CONDEMNING ANY INDIVIDUAL. IT IS, IN FACT, JUST SAYING THAT WE DO HAVE AN OBLIGATION, ONCE SOMETHING IS BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION, FOR US NOT TO ACT WOULD BE IRRESPONSIBLE, NO MATTER WHO IS INVOLVED. SO I WOULD ASK THE BOARD TO IS SUPPORT THIS MOTION MOVING FORWARD. I UNDERSTAND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL HAS AN AMENDMENT. BUT AGAIN, WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO THE VOTERS AND TAXPAYERS TO BE AS TRANSPARENT AS POSSIBLE AND ACT IN A VERY SWIFT WAY ON THE AUDIT. SO I WOULD ASK FOR A YES VOTE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU HAD AN AMENDMENT THAT YOU HAVE PRESENTED.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I DO AND WANT TO ALIGN MY COMMENTS WITH BOTH YOU AND SUPERVISOR BARGER, ACKNOWLEDGING THAT WE HAVE A FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY TO THE TAXPAYING RESIDENTS OF THIS COUNTY. THAT IS WITHOUT QUESTION AND TO SHARE MY OWN DISAPPOINTMENT AND CONCERN WITH REGARD TO THE ALLEGATIONS AND THAT I AM DEEPLY TROUBLED THAT THE PUBLIC'S TRUST IN THE COUNTY AND ITS BOARD MAY HAVE BEEN DAMAGED, REGARDLESS WHETHER THE ALLEGATIONS TURN OUT TO BE TRUE OR NOT. AND SO, I THINK WE'VE GOT A RESPONSIBILITY TO DO ALL THAT WE CAN TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CONTINUE TO HOLD THE PUBLIC'S TRUST AND ACT WITH SWIFTNESS AND DELIBERATION WITH

REGARD TO THE PROTECTING OF THEIR RESOURCES. YOU KNOW, I AM ALSO CONCERNED AND WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS MOTION DOES NOT CAST AN UNFAIR SHADOW, IF YOU WILL, ON THE SECOND DISTRICT AND SHIFT THE FOCUS AWAY FROM THE ALLEGED MISDEEDS AND THE SYSTEMS THAT ALLOWED FOR THEM TO TAKE PLACE, SYSTEMS, OR LACK THEREOF, THAT CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH THEY COULD TAKE PLACE. SO I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT ALL EFFORTS TO IMPROVE TRUE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY. AND SO, I THINK THIS MOTION, QUITE FRANKLY, DOESN'T GO FAR ENOUGH. THE INDICTMENT, AS WE'VE ALL READ, SHINES A LIGHT ON CERTAIN MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR SERVICE CONTRACTS THAT MAY HAVE BEEN INAPPROPRIATELY AWARDED. IF THE COUNTY PROCESSES ARE SUCH THAT THEY COULD HAVE ALLOWED FOR SUCH SERVICE CONTRACTS TO BE APPROVED BY A FULL VOTE OF THE BOARD, BUT I THINK WE HAVE A MUCH BIGGER ISSUE THAT SHOULD BE FULLY INVESTIGATED AND ADDRESSED. AND SO, AGAIN, IN THE INTEREST OF FULL TRANSPARENCY AND IN ORDER TO RESTORE THE PUBLIC'S TRUST IN THE WAY THAT WE AS A BOARD AWARD SERVICE CONTRACTS, FUND PROGRAMS, AND PROVIDE SOCIAL SERVICES, I ASK THAT WE, AS THE LARGEST COUNTY IN THE NATION, PERFORM SOME DEEP INTROSPECTION ABOUT OUR SERVICE CONTRACTING PRACTICES AND PROCESSES. SO I AM PROPOSING THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT LANGUAGE THAT TAKES THIS MEASURE FURTHER BY CALLING FOR AN AUDIT OF ALL COUNTY SERVICE CONTRACTS, IRRESPECTIVE OF THE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, APPROVED BY THIS BOARD WITH A SIGNIFICANT CUMULATIVE MONETARY VALUE BETWEEN THE YEARS 2008 AND 2020. AND, MADAM

CHAIR, THAT IS A SUMMATION OF THE GOAL AND THE INTENT OF THE LANGUAGE, BUT IF YOU WOULD LIKE ME TO READ THE LANGUAGE INTO THE RECORD, I AM HAPPY TO DO SO.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: I THINK IT'S FINE. I REALLY WANTED TO JUST ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS, AND THEN I WANTED TO ASK OUR COUNTY COUNSEL AND AUDITOR. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, THANK YOU FOR THE AMENDMENT AND FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR COMMENTS. BUT I WANTED JUST TO ASK YOU WHAT IS SIGNIFICANT CUMULATIVE MONETARY VALUE. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

SUP. MITCHELL: AND SO, WE LOOKED ABOUT THAT LANGUAGE BECAUSE WE DIDN'T WANT TO CAST A NET SO BROAD THAT WOULD CREATE UNFUNDED BURDEN ON THE AUDITING AUTHORITY TO REVIEW EVERY CONTRACT. AND SO, I WOULD LEAVE IT OPEN TO THE OUTSIDE AUDITORS AND THE OUTSIDE COUNSEL TO MAKE THAT DETERMINATION TO EITHER REVIEW THE CONTRACTS IN QUESTION, AS A RESULT OF THE CURRENT INVESTIGATION, OR TO DEFINE A DOLLAR AMOUNT. I DIDN'T WANT TO SET AN ARBITRARY NUMBER THAT WAS EITHER TOO HIGH OR TOO LOW, BUT THE POINT BEING TO MAKE SURE WE ARE DOING AN APPLES TO APPLES COMPARISON IN TERMS OF THE KINDS OF CONTRACTS THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN QUESTION AS A RESULT OF THIS INVESTIGATION TO OTHER CONTRACTS, AGAIN, IN THE SAME VEIN.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: SO, I AM TRYING TO UNDERSTAND AS AN EXAMPLE, THEN, IF THERE WAS A CONTRACT GIVEN TO SAID UNIVERSITY FOR $100,000, THAT WOULDN'T BE SOMETHING THAT WOULD PERHAPS MERIT THE AUDITOR OR OUR FORENSIC AUDITOR? IT WOULDN'T BE OUR AUDITOR, BUT I AM JUST SAYING.

SUP. MITCHELL: WELL, I THINK -- I'M NOT SURE IN THE MOTION AS IT IS CURRENTLY STATED THAT THERE WAS A DOLLAR AMOUNT. I THINK IT WAS JUST NARROWED BY A PARTICULAR PAST BOARD MEMBER, PARTICULAR MOTIONS BROUGHT BY THAT BOARD MEMBER. MY POINT IS TO EXPAND IT. I DON'T KNOW THAT A DOLLAR AMOUNT WAS INCLUDED IN THE ORIGINAL MOTION. AND SO, AGAIN, I DIDN'T WANT TO ARBITRARILY SET A DOLLAR AMOUNT. I WOULD LEAVE IT OPEN TO COUNSEL AND TO THE NEWLY IDENTIFIED EXTERNAL AUDITORS TO DETERMINE WHAT THEY THINK THAT DOLLAR MOUNT IS. I AM NOT SURE IF THE ORIGINAL MOTION INCLUDED A DOLLAR AMOUNT. AGAIN, I AM TRYING TO BROADEN OUR REVIEW REALLY ACROSS THE COUNTY IN TERMS OF ACTIONS TAKEN AND VOTED UPON BY THE BOARD DURING THAT TIMEFRAME, GENERALLY.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: SO INITIALLY, THE INDICTMENT IS LOOKING AT A PARTICULAR TIME, RIGHT? SO WE ARE LOOKING AT A PARTICULAR PERIOD OF TIME. AND I THINK 2017, AND '18, AND '19 WERE RAISED, IF I RECALL. BUT MAYBE I CAN ASK OUR COUNTY COUNSEL TO

TELL ME WHAT IMPACT THE AMENDMENT WOULD HAVE ON OUR INITIAL MOTION, IF I COULD.

ATTORNEY: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I DON'T SEE ANY LEGAL IMPACT WHATSOEVER ON THE MOTION. OBVIOUSLY, IT EXPANDS THE SCOPE, AS SUPERVISOR MITCHELL INDICATED. BUT IN TERMS OF ANY NEGATIVE LEGAL IMPACT OR OTHER IMPACT ON IT, I DON'T SEE AN ISSUE WITH IT AT ALL.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: OKAY.

ATTORNEY: I'M SORRY. I WAS JUST GOING TO SAY, WE WILL OBVIOUSLY WORK CLOSELY WITH THE OUTSIDE FIRM THAT IS BROUGHT IN, ASSUMING THE MOTION PASSES, AND WITH THE AUDITOR TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THE BEST "DEFINITION" IS FOR THAT VALUE AMOUNT.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: AND I WOULD JUST WANT TO ASK ARLENE, OUR CONTROLLER, ALSO, AUDITOR CONTROLLER, IF SHE HAD ANY FORESIGHT INTO THIS PARTICULAR AMENDMENT AND WHAT IT STATES IN TERMS OF AN INVESTIGATION WILL INCLUDE ALL COUNTY SERVICE CONTRACTS. AND, ALTHOUGH YOUR OFFICE WON'T BE CONDUCTING THE AUDIT, WE'LL BE GOING OUT FOR THAT, I JUST WANTED TO GET YOUR OPINION ON THAT.

AUDITOR CONTROLLER: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR THE QUESTION. AND I DO SEE EXPANDING THE INVESTIGATION TO INCLUDE ALL SERVICE CONTRACTS COULD RESULT IN AN EXTENSIVE REVIEW OF SEVERAL THOUSAND COUNTY CONTRACTS. HOWEVER, AS SUPERVISOR MITCHELL ELABORATED, ALLOWING THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR TO USE THEIR PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT TO SELECT WHICH CONTRACTS TO REVIEW WOULD ALLOW FOR A MORE MANAGEABLE REVIEW.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. GREAT. OKAY. ON THAT NOTE, I DON'T SEE ANY REASON NOT TO ACCEPT THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE THAT. BUT I WANT TO RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR HAHN AND THEN GO BACK TO SUPERVISOR BARGER, WHO WANTS TO BE RECOGNIZED, AND THEN SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WHILE I DO SUPPORT, MADAM CHAIR, YOU, AND SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR INITIATING THIS MOTION, AND I JUST WANTED TO SET THE FRAME FOR ME, PERSONALLY. I MEAN OUR FORMER COLLEAGUE DESERVES HIS DAY IN COURT. SO, FOR ME, THIS IS NOT A RUSH TO JUDGMENT IN THAT RESPECT, BUT IN LIGHT OF THE SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS, I THINK THIS INDEPENDENT AUDIT IS SOMETHING THAT WE NEED AND WE HAVE TO DO. ANYTIME A PUBLIC OFFICIAL IS ACCUSED OF WRONGDOING, THE PUBLIC'S TRUST IN THEIR GOVERNMENT SUFFERS. AND OUR RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY NEED TO KNOW THAT THEY CAN TRUST THAT THEIR TAXPAYER DOLLARS ARE SPENT EFFECTIVELY, AND THAT THESE COUNTY CONTRACTS ARE AWARDED

HONESTLY AND APPROPRIATELY, AND A THOROUGH AUDIT OF OUR COUNTY'S CONTRACTS IS IMPORTANT IN RESTORING THE PUBLIC'S TRUST IN HOW WE DO AWARD THESE CONTRACTS, AND I THINK THIS INVESTIGATION IS A GOOD START, AND I SUPPORT IT. I ALSO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. I DO KNOW, IN SPEAKING WITH COUNTY COUNSEL YESTERDAY TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IT WAS WE WERE DOING BY AUTHORIZING THEM TO HIRE AN OUTSIDE FIRM, WE DID SPEAK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE SCOPE OF WHAT THEY WOULD BE DOING, HOW MUCH THAT WAS GOING TO COST US, SO I WAS WONDERING IF THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S AMENDMENT AND WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO, IS THERE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MAYBE ONE MORE LOOK AT THIS AFTER THEY CHOOSE THE FIRM, THEY GO OVER THE SCOPE OF THE CONTRACT, WE BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND THE LEVEL OF CONTRACTS THAT WE WILL BE AUDITING, IF MAYBE THERE WAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO COME BACK TO US SO THAT WE AT LEAST KNOW, GOING FORWARD, AND MAKE SURE THAT, IS THAT WHAT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL WAS THINKING, IS THAT WHAT WE'RE THINKING, IS THIS THE BROAD INVESTIGATION THAT OUR RESIDENTS DESERVE. SO MAYBE THAT IS PART OF IT. I CAN KNOW I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW BECAUSE SOMETIMES AN OUTSIDE FIRM, BETWEEN OUR COUNTY COUNSEL, THEY DON'T NECESSARILY ALWAYS GET OUR INTENT. SO IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE FOR IT TO COME BACK, SO WE DO UNDERSTAND, GOING FORWARD, WHAT THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION WILL ENTAIL. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: NOT A BAD IDEA, ACTUALLY, I'M SURE WE COULD DO THAT. SUPERVISOR BARGER, HOW WOULD YOU --

SUP. BARGER: I ACTUALLY THINK THAT'S A REALLY GOOD SUGGESTION. BUT I JUST WANT TO QUICKLY, I SUPPORT THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. BUT I WANT TO SAY THAT BEGINNING WITH WHAT WE HAVE IN FRONT OF US IS BASED ON THE INDICTMENT IS WHAT GOT US HERE TODAY TO EVEN HAVE THIS DISCUSSION, AND I THINK THAT'S WHY I THINK THAT WAS CALLED OUT. BUT I WILL TELL YOU, AS SOMEONE WHO HAS WORKED IN THIS COUNTY FOR 30 YEARS, IF THEY WANT TO, AFTER THEY LOOK AT THAT, WANT TO BEGIN SCRUBBING THE 5TH DISTRICT, I WILL OPEN UP EVERY SINGLE FILE I HAVE BECAUSE I BELIEVE TRANSPARENCY IS KEY. THIS IS NOT TARGETED AT ONE DISTRICT. I THINK WE HAVE TO HAVE A HEALTHY LOOK OVERALL, TO YOUR POINT, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, ABOUT HOW THIS COUNTY DOES DO THAT. AND I'M HOPING, AGAIN, THAT THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO LOOK AT WHERE WE MAY NEED TO MAKE CHANGES IN ORDER TO PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING AGAIN. AND THERE MAY BE THINGS THAT WE FIND THAT THERE ARE NO CHANGES NECESSARY. WE DON'T KNOW. BUT I HEAR YOU LOUD AND CLEAR, AND I DON'T WANT TO TARGET ONE DISTRICT. I THINK THIS HAS TO BE LOOKED AT BASED ON WHAT BROUGHT US HERE, BUT ALSO, IF YOU WANT TO GO BROADER, I THINK THAT'S A HEALTHY DISCUSSION TO HAVE. BUT MAKE NO MISTAKE. THIS IS NOT ABOUT ONE DISTRICT VERSUS THE OTHER. I WOULD OPEN UP EVERY FILE I HAVE FOR REVIEW, IF NEED BE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS BECAUSE I HAVEN'T SEEN THE LANGUAGE FROM SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. I APOLOGIZE. I AM LOOKING AT ALL MY PHONES, BUT THE FIRST SENTENCE OF THE ORIGINAL MOTION SAID THAT WE WERE TO INSTRUCT OUR COUNTY COUNSEL TO RETAIN AN OUTSIDE LAW FIRM TO CONDUCT AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION OF THE FEDERAL ALLEGATIONS. SO IS THAT SENTENCE NOW OUT BECAUSE THAT ONLY RELATES TO THE SECOND DISTRICT? SO IT LED TO A CONCERN THAT I WAS HAVING, FRANKLY, AS AN ATTORNEY, BUT --

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: I THINK WHAT WE CAN DO, PERHAPS, HERE IS READ -- MAYBE WE DO NEED TO READ IN, AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, WHY DON'T YOU READ THE AMENDMENT.

SUP. MITCHELL: I WILL BE HAPPY TO. AND I DON'T KNOW THAT THE AMENDED LANGUAGE SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSES YOUR ISSUE, BUT, AGAIN, THE GOAL, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, IS TO REALLY EXPAND THE WORK OF THE OUTSIDE LAW FIRM IN TERMS OF WHAT THEY ARE REVIEWING. SO LET ME READ THE LANGUAGE FOR YOU. I AM SORRY YOU DON'T HAVE IT. WE HAVE SENT IT. SO WE, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO RETAIN AN

OUTSIDE LAW FIRM TO CONDUCT AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION OF THE COUNTY SERVICE CONTRACTS REFERENCED IN THE FEDERAL ALLEGATIONS AND THE ASSOCIATED COUNTY PROCESSES AND POLICIES IN PLACE. SUCH AN INVESTIGATION SHALL INCLUDE ALL COUNTY SERVICE CONTRACTS IN ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS WITH A SIGNIFICANT CUMULATIVE MONETARY VALUE APPROVED BY THIS BOARD BETWEEN THE YEARS 2008 TO 2020 OR SUCH OTHER TIMEFRAME THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH BEST AUDITING PRACTICES. THE OUTSIDE LAW FIRM MUST RETAIN A FORENSIC AUDITOR AS PART OF THE FULL AND INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION. COUNTY COUNSEL SHOULD PROVIDE RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD FOR ANY PROPOSED PROCESS AND POLICY ENHANCEMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS. SO IT EXPANDS, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, THEIR REVIEW OF ALL COUNTY SERVICE CONTRACTS IN EVERY DISTRICT WITH A SIGNIFICANT CUMULATIVE MONETARY VALUE.

SUP. KUEHL: I HATE TO BE PICKY, BUT I SPENT THOSE WHOLE THREE YEARS IN LAW SCHOOL AND EVERYTHING.

SUP. MITCHELL: FAIR ENOUGH.

SUP. KUEHL: HERE'S THE PROBLEM. I AM ABSOLUTELY SUPPORTIVE OF LOOKING AT CONTRACTS ACROSS, YOU KNOW, AND OUR PROCESSES AND POLICIES. I REALLY AM. BUT THE FIRST SENTENCE STILL SAYS CONDUCT AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION OF THE COUNTY SERVICE

CONTRACTS REFERENCED IN THE FEDERAL ALLEGATIONS. THAT IS ONLY THE, YOU KNOW, THE ONES THAT THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT IN THAT PARTICULAR SET OF YEARS FOR THAT PARTICULAR FORMER MEMBER, OUR FORMER COLLEAGUE. BUT THEN TO GO ON AND SAY SUCH INVESTIGATION, WHICH REFERS TO AN INVESTIGATION ONLY OF THE CONTRACTS IN THE FEDERAL ALLEGATIONS, SHALL INCLUDE ALL COUNTY SERVICE CONTRACTS. IN A WAY, IT IS CONTRADICTORY BECAUSE WE'VE ALREADY SAID WE'RE CONDUCTING AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION OF THE SERVICE CONTRACTS REFERENCED IN THE ALLEGATIONS, WHICH IS QUITE LIMITED ONLY TO THOSE THAT MARK ALLEGEDLY HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH AND ONLY WITH S.C. SO, IF WHAT YOU REALLY MEAN, AND LET ME SAY, THAT WAS THE ORIGIN OF MY FIRST CONCERN BECAUSE, EVEN THOUGH EVERYBODY MEANS THIS CANNOT INTERFERE WITH THE FEDERAL INVESTIGATION, ETC., BUT IF WE'RE HIRING INDEPENDENT COUNSEL, OUTSIDE COUNSEL, TO LOOK AT THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE INDICTMENT, WE CAN'T HELP BUT INTERFERE IN THEIR INVESTIGATION BECAUSE WE'RE KIND OF DUPLICATING IT. WE ARE TALKING TO OUR OWN DEPARTMENTS. WE ARE ASKING FOR AN AUDIT ABOUT THE SAME STUFF. SO IF YOU HONESTLY MEAN MORE THAN WHAT'S IN THE FEDERAL INDICTMENT, YOU REALLY NEED TO TAKE THAT FIRST SENTENCE OUT. I'M JUST SAYING.

SUP. MITCHELL: I WOULD BE COMPLETELY OPEN TO DOING SO BECAUSE THE REAL GOAL, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, AS WE TALKED ABOUT, THE IMPORTANCE OF TRANSPARENCY, IS TO LOOK AT ALL OF THEM FROM

THAT WINDOW. AND I HAVE EXPANDED THE WINDOW FROM 2008 TO 2020. SO FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, THE MEAT OF MY LANGUAGE WOULD ALREADY INCLUDE THOSE BUT NOT CALL IT OUT SPECIFICALLY, AS YOU SUGGESTED. SO I WOULD BE OPEN TO REMOVING THAT OPENING SENTENCE, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: HOLD ON A MINUTE. I WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON COUNTY COUNSEL, ROD, BECAUSE I UNDERSTAND, ROD, YOUR OFFICE PREPARED THIS AMENDMENT. CAN YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN?

ATTORNEY: SO JUST TO CLARIFY, THE MERE FACT THAT WE WOULD CONDUCT, OR AN OUTSIDE FIRM WOULD CONDUCT, AN INVESTIGATION OF THE CONTRACTS THAT ARE ALLEGED IN THE INDICTMENT WOULD NOT NECESSARILY INTERFERE WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S PROSECUTION, OR IF THEY HAVE ANY ONGOING INVESTIGATION, IT WOULD NOT NECESSARILY DO SO. THERE IS NOTHING THAT PREVENTS THE COUNTY OR ANY ENTITY TO DO ITS OWN INTERNAL INVESTIGATION AFTER THAT ENTITY LEARNS OF A FEDERAL INDICTMENT, OR LEARNS OF A FEDERAL INVESTIGATION, THAT INVOLVES THAT ENTITY. SO THEY CAN -- THEY CAN BE DONE IN PARALLEL. IT WOULDN'T INTERFERE WITH THE FEDERAL PROSECUTION, OR IF THEY HAVE ANY ONGOING INVESTIGATION. OBVIOUSLY, IT MAY REQUIRE SOME COORDINATION WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AS THAT -- AS OUR INTERNAL INVESTIGATION PROCEEDS. BUT THAT IS ENTIRELY, YOU KNOW, THAT WOULD -- WE WOULD LEAVE IT UP TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT,

WHETHER THEY WANT TO HAVE THAT COORDINATION. THAT IS ENTIRELY UP TO THEM. SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE THAT CLEAR THAT IT DOESN'T INTERFERE WITH THE INVESTIGATION, IT WOULDN'T INTERFERE WITH THE INVESTIGATION, AND OBVIOUSLY THE INTENT OF THE MOTION AS SET OUT IS NOT TO INTERFERE WITH THE INVESTIGATION. BUT IT CERTAINLY WOULD NOT PREVENT US FROM, AT TIMES, TRYING TO COORDINATE, IF NECESSARY.

SUP. KUEHL: BUT ROD, THE PROBLEM THAT I HAVE IS THE SECOND SENTENCE IN THE AMENDMENT SAYS SUCH INVESTIGATION SHALL INCLUDE, BUT THE INVESTIGATION, THE WORD INVESTIGATION, RELATES BACK TO THE FIRST SENTENCE, WHICH IS ONLY ABOUT THE SERVICE CONTRACTS REFERENCED IN THE FEDERAL ALLEGATIONS.

ATTORNEY: I AGREE, SUPERVISOR. I THINK THAT THAT WORD DOES CREATE A LITTLE BIT OF CONFUSION. I THINK TO FIX IT, THEY CAN JUST SAY THE INVESTIGATION SHALL ALSO INCLUDE, AS OPPOSED TO SAYING SUCH INVESTIGATION, I THINK JUST A MERE CHANGE TO THE INVESTIGATION SHALL ALSO INCLUDE THE GREATER REVIEW. I THINK THE IDEA IS TO BEGIN WITH A FOCUSED LOOK AT WHAT IS ALLEGED IN THE INDICTMENT BECAUSE, AS I THINK SUPERVISOR BARGER INDICATED, THAT IS REALLY WHAT PROMPTED ALL OF THIS. RIGHT? SO I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO BEGIN TO FOCUS THERE, GIVEN WHAT WE SEE IN THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE INDICTMENT. AND FROM THAT FOCUS, THEN WE MOVE ON TO THE LARGER REVIEW THAT SUPERVISOR

MITCHELL'S AMENDMENT HAS CALLED FOR. I THINK THAT IS PROBABLY THE PROCESS. AT LEAST THAT IS HOW I INTERPRET IT, AND THE CONFUSION CAN BE FIXED BY JUST CHANGING SUCH INVESTIGATION TO THE INVESTIGATION SHALL ALSO INCLUDE.

SUP. HAHN: AND WOULD THIS BE THE SAME FIRM, MADAM CHAIR, OR COUNTY COUNSEL, IS THIS THE SAME FIRM THAT WOULD DO BOTH?

ATTORNEY: YEAH, THAT WOULD BE THE MOST EFFICIENT WAY TO DO IT.

SUP. MITCHELL: AND IF I COULD JUST A A QUICK -- OR SEEK CLARIFICATION, TO YOUR POINT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, IF YOU COULD DEFINE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TERM INVESTIGATION AND AUDIT BECAUSE MAYBE CHANGING THE SECOND SENTENCE FROM SUCH INVESTIGATION OR TO SAY THE AUDIT SHALL INCLUDE BECAUSE WE ARE TALKING ABOUT OUR ULTIMATE GOAL, SEPARATE FROM --

SUP. KUEHL: HOLLY --

SUP. MITCHELL: THE OFFICIAL FEDERAL INVESTIGATION. OUR CONCERN IS MAKING SURE THAT OUR INTERNAL PROCESSES ARE SUCH THAT WE ARE TRANSPARENT AND CLEAR ABOUT OUR CONTRACTING PROCESS. GO AHEAD, KUEHL.

SUP. KUEHL: THE PROBLEM IS THE FIRST SENTENCE IS ONLY ABOUT THE INDICTMENT. SO IF YOU REFER BACK TO THE FIRST SENTENCE, YOU ARE LIMITING IT TO THE INDICTMENT, EVEN IF YOU SAY THE INVESTIGATION SHALL ALSO INCLUDE. SO IT SEEMS TO ME, WHAT ROD -- I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO GET TO A PLACE WHERE I CAN SUPPORT THIS HONESTLY BECAUSE THE FEDS ARE GOING TO SAY WE'RE IN THE LEAD ON THIS INVESTIGATION. YOU MUST TURN OVER EVERYTHING YOU FIND TO US, WHICH I DON'T KNOW HOW THAT IS GOING TO FIT IN WITH THIS FIRM HAVING, YOU KNOW, A DUTY TO REPORT TO US FIRST ON WHAT THEY FIND AND WHETHER THERE IS SOME PRIVILEGE. THAT IS ANOTHER QUESTION. I DON'T WANT TO MAKE IT -- BECAUSE I SUPPORT YOUR UNDERLYING AMENDMENT AND WHAT YOU ARE ABOUT. I FEEL THE SAME AS KATHRYN, YOU KNOW. WE ARE -- I MUST BE STUPID. I NEVER CALL PEOPLE AND TELL THEM YOU'VE GOTTA DO ME A FAVOR. BUT I WANT THE LANGUAGE TO ACTUALLY SAY WHAT WE WANT IT TO DO. THE OTHER THING I DON'T UNDERSTAND, AND MAYBE ARLENE CAN HELP WITH THIS, IS THE -- ORIGINALLY, THE MOTION SAID THAT THE INDEPENDENT OUTSIDE LAW FIRM WAS GOING TO RETAIN -- OH, IT IS STILL THERE, THE FORENSIC AUDITOR. SO WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE AUDITOR THEY HIRE AND THE USE OF OUR AUDITOR? ARE WE USING OUR AUDITOR AT ALL IN THIS? NO. HILDA SAYS NO. IS THAT CORRECT?

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: ROD, THIS IS --

ATTORNEY: THE MOTION DOES NOT CALL FOR THE COUNTY'S AUDITOR TO BE INVOLVED, SUPERVISOR. I THINK THE IDEA WAS TO HAVE AN INDEPENDENT LOOK, FROM --

SUP. KUEHL: WHAT ABOUT THE PRIVILEGE ASPECT OF IT? IS AN INDEPENDENT LAW FIRM, ARE WE THEIR CLIENT AND, THEREFORE, THE INFORMATION THEY DIG UP IS PRIVILEGED, BUT THE FEDS CAN STILL SAY TURN IT OVER TO US?

ATTORNEY: I JUST WANT TO SAY A COUPLE OF THINGS, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AS FAR AS WE KNOW, HAS COMPLETED ITS INVESTIGATION. THEY HAVE FILED AN INDICTMENT. SO AS FAR AS WE KNOW -- WE HAVEN'T HAD ANY COMMUNICATIONS WITH THEM. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, THEIR INVESTIGATION ON THIS MATTER IS OVER, AND THEY HAVE FILED THE INDICTMENT AGAINST THE TWO MAIN DEFENDANTS. IT IS POSSIBLE THEY MAY BE CONTINUING THEIR INVESTIGATION TO POTENTIALLY ADD OTHER DEFENDANTS INTO THE INDICTMENT OR WHATEVER THE CASE MAY BE. SO ANY REQUESTS TO THE COUNTY RELATED TO THE INDICTMENT WOULD LIKELY BE REQUESTS TO INTERVIEW WITNESSES, MAYBE FOR SOME ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS THAT THEY MAY NOT ALREADY HAVE. YOU KNOW, I'M UNAWARE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAVING REACHED OUT TO THE COUNTY, AT ANY POINT IN TIME, PRIOR TO THIS INDICTMENT BECOMING PUBLIC. SO, AGAIN, I DON'T KNOW THAT THIS WOULD -- NOT THAT I DON'T KNOW. I KNOW THAT THIS INVESTIGATION, INTERNAL INVESTIGATION, WOULD

NOT INTERFERE WITH WHATEVER THE GOVERNMENT IS DOING. JUST THE MERE FACT THAT WE ARE INTERVIEWING POTENTIALLY OUR OWN COUNTY EMPLOYEES, REVIEWING OUR OWN RECORDS, ANALYZING CONTRACTS, DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE ARE INTERFERING WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S PROSECUTION OR ANY POTENTIAL INVESTIGATION THEY MAY BE HAVING. THAT IS WHY I SAID EARLIER, IF AT SOME POINT IN TIME, WE ARE IT -- WE THINK THE OUTSIDE FIRM, THE AUDITOR BELIEVE THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO INTERVIEW SOMEONE, AND WE THINK IT IS -- IT IS IMPORTANT TO REACH OUT TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, IT PROBABLY MAKES SENSE TO DO THAT AND SAY, HEY, WE ARE PLANNING ON INTERVIEWING FOR OUR OWN PURPOSES, THIS PERSON, DOES THAT AFFECT YOUR CASE IN ANY WAY, AND THEN WE WOULD HAVE TO FIGURE THAT OUT. I AM SORRY, GO AHEAD, SUPERVISOR.

SUP. KUEHL: I'M SORRY, ROD. GO AHEAD AND FINISH.

ATTORNEY: NO, I AM FINISHED.

SUP. KUEHL: SO THE MOTION, IF THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED, AND I THINK IT WAS ACCEPTED AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, WOULD INSTRUCT YOU TO HIRE AN OUTSIDE LAW FIRM TO CONDUCT AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION OF THE CONTRACTS IN THE INDICTMENT. AND, IN ADDITION, I'M JUST READING THE SENTENCES HERE, IN ADDITION,

THE INVESTIGATION WILL INCLUDE ALL COUNTY SERVICE CONTRACTS OF A CERTAIN AMOUNT.

ATTORNEY: RIGHT, THAT IS HOW I READ IT, AS WELL, YES.

SUP. KUEHL: OKAY SO, I THINK WE SHOULD MAKE THAT CLEAR. THE FIRST FOCUS IS ON THE CONTRACTS IN THE INDICTMENT. AND IN ADDITION, THIS AMENDMENT SAYS AND, WHILE YOU'RE AT IT, ALL THE SERVICE CONTRACTS ABOVE A CERTAIN AMOUNT, IN TERMS OF, AND I ALSO WANT TO UNDERSTAND, THAT IT IS ABOUT PROCESSES AND POLICIES THAT ARE APPLIED FOR THOSE CONTRACTS, LIKE WHEN DO WE GIVE THEM AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO THEM THEMSELVES, WHEN DO THEY HAVE TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD, THAT KIND OF STUFF, RIGHT?

ATTORNEY: EXACTLY, THAT IS HOW I AM READING THE MOTION AND THE AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION, SUPERVISOR. IT IS A FOCUS, I THINK IT IS A FOCUS, NOT NECESSARILY ON THE WORDS OF THE CONTRACTS, RIGHT, BUT ON THE -- ACTUALLY, HOW DO THE CONTRACTS GET AWARDED, THE PROCESSES, THE POLICIES THAT RESULTED IN THOSE CONTRACTS BEING AWARDED, NEGOTIATED, ETC. I THINK THAT PROBABLY WOULD BE THE FOCUS.

SUP. KUEHL: JUST FOR THE RECORD, WOULD THAT ALSO INCLUDE WHETHER ANY MONEY WAS EVER ACTUALLY TRANSFERRED UNDER A CONTRACT?

ATTORNEY: SURE, I THINK THAT IS PART OF IT.

SUP. KUEHL: YEAH, BECAUSE THAT IS AN INTERESTING PIECE OF THIS, TOO. OKAY SO, HOW SHOULD WE AMEND OR CHANGE THE LANGUAGE IN THE SECOND SENTENCE OF THE MOTION AS IT WILL APPEAR AS AMENDED? SO I UNDERSTAND. IT IS ABOUT WORDS. IN THE LAW, IT'S KIND OF LIKE HUMPTY DUMPTY SAID WHEN I USE A WORD, IT MEANS EXACTLY WHAT I WANT IT TO MEAN AND NOTHING ELSE. THE QUESTION IS WHO SHOULD BE THE BOSS, YOU OR THE WORD. AND THAT'S WHAT I LEARNED WAS WORDS ARE IMPORTANT. SO I HOPE YOU DON'T THINK I'M BEING TOO PICKY. I JUST REALLY WANT US TO KNOW WHAT WE ARE VOTING ON.

SUP. MITCHELL: AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL, LET ME JUST SAY I BELIEVE WORDS ARE POWERFUL, WHICH IS WHY I THOUGHT IT WAS REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE EXPAND THE SCOPE OF OUR EFFORTS.

SUP. KUEHL: I UNDERSTAND.

SUP. MITCHELL: AND IF WE WERE BEING TRUE TO OUR ASSERTION OF OUR DESIRE TO BE TRANSPARENT AND REBUILD TRUST. I AM

COMFORTABLE, I THINK IT MAY HAVE BEEN COUNTY COUNSEL SUGGESTED THAT WE SWITCH OUT THE WORD SUCH -- OR YOU, WITH THE. I'M OPEN TO THAT.

ATTORNEY: SO, SUPERVISOR, LET ME MAKE THIS SUGGESTION BECAUSE I KNOW THAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL ALSO POTENTIALLY RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE AUDIT, USING THE WORD INVESTIGATION VERSUS AUDIT. MAYBE, AND THIS IS JUST A SUGGESTION, WE SAY THE INVESTIGATION AND AUDIT SHALL ALSO INCLUDE, ETC., ETC.

SUP. KUEHL: THE SECOND SENTENCE, THE INVESTIGATION AND AUDIT SHALL ALSO INCLUDE ALL COUNTY SERVICE CONTRACTS IN ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS, BLAH BLAH BLAH.

ATTORNEY: CORRECT.

SUP. KUEHL: OKAY, AND YOU ARE REALLY SURE THIS DOES NOT INTERFERE, ROD, YOU WERE A U.S. ATTORNEY, SO I AM TAKING YOUR WORD FOR IT, THAT THIS WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH WHAT THEY ARE DOING BECAUSE NO ONE ON THIS BOARD MEANS IT SHOULD --

SUP. BARGER: ROD, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU REMEMBER WHEN THE WHOLE ISSUE WITH SHERIFF VACA CAME UP, AND WE PUT TOGETHER THE COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE, THAT WE DID OUR OWN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION OUTSIDE OF WHAT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WAS

DOING. I THINK WE REACHED OUT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO MAKE SURE THERE WAS NO INTERFERENCE, BUT WE DID OUR OWN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION SIMULTANEOUSLY WHILE THE F.B.I. WAS PLAYING OUT THEIR INVESTIGATION ON JAIL VIOLENCE. SO WE DO HAVE A, BASICALLY, A ROAD MAP IN TERMS OF HOW THIS PLAYED OUT ONCE BEFORE THAT YOU MAY WANT TO LOOK AT TO SEE HOW WE WORKED WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DID NOT IMPEDE THEIR INVESTIGATION. JUST F.Y.I.

ATTORNEY: IT HAS HAPPENED A COUPLE OF TIMES. IT WAS THERE. AND THERE, WE WERE DOING OUR OWN REVIEW, BY WE, I MEAN THE COUNTY WAS DOING ITS OWN REVIEW, WHILE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WAS ACTUALLY CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION. THEY HAD NOT EVEN ISSUED THE INDICTMENTS AT THAT POINT IN TIME. AND THEN THERE WAS, IF YOU RECALL, SEVERAL YEARS AGO, THERE WAS THE ISSUE WITH SOME REAL ESTATE INVESTIGATIONS THAT ALSO RESULTED IN A FEDERAL INDICTMENT, AND THE COUNTY IN THAT INSTANCE, PURSUANT TO BOARD MOTIONS, HAD US LOOK AT ALL OF THOSE LEASES AND OTHER CONTRACTS RELATED TO REAL ESTATE MATTERS THAT AROSE OUT OF THAT INDICTMENT. SO IT IS VERY SIMILAR. IT IS NOT SOMETHING THAT THE COUNTY HAS DONE FOR THE FIRST TIME. WE'VE DONE IT PREVIOUSLY.

SUP. MITCHELL: CAN I GET A CLARIFICATION, I ASKED THE QUESTION BEFORE. BEFORE WE BEING TO TINKER AND ADD AUDIT TO

INVESTIGATION, IF YOU CAN TELL ME THE DIFFERENCE IN THE TERMINOLOGY BECAUSE MAYBE THE SENTENCE SIMPLY NEEDS TO SAY AUDIT. SO CAN YOU DEFINE THE TWO WORDS OR EXPLAIN FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE, COUNTY COUNSEL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN INVESTIGATION VERSUS AUDIT, PARTICULARLY GIVEN THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY KUEHL WITH THE TERM INVESTIGATION AND US NOT TRYING TO GET AHEAD OF THE FEDERAL AGENCIES. SO THE INVESTIGATION VERSUS AUDIT BECAUSE PERHAPS THE SENTENCE SIMPLY NEEDS TO SAY AUDIT.

ATTORNEY: I THINK INVESTIGATION IS, IN MY VIEW, A BROADER WORD THAN AUDIT. AUDIT IS A DEFINED TERM USED BY FOLKS LIKE ARLENE BERERRA. IT CARRIES WITH IT SPECIFIC DEFINITIONS OF WHAT AN AUDIT WOULD DO. A FORENSIC AUDITOR WOULD FOLLOW THOSE PRACTICES. AN INTERNAL INVESTIGATION IS BROADER THAN THAT. IT IS NOT JUST FOCUSED ON THE AUDITING ASPECTS OF A CONTRACT BUT ON BROADER ISSUES. WAS THERE POTENTIALLY A VIOLATION OF COUNTY POLICIES? ARE THERE POLICIES BROADER -- BROADER POLICIES THAT THE COUNTY NEEDS TO LOOK AT AND CONSIDER FOR POTENTIAL CHANGE OR REFORM? SO I THINK INVESTIGATION ALLOWS FOR A MUCH BROADER ANALYSIS AND REVIEW. AUDIT, I THINK, WOULD LIMIT IT. THAT IS HOW I WOULD DEFINE IT.

SUP. KUEHL: YEAH, I THINK IF WE JUST CHANGE IT TO THE INVESTIGATION SHALL ALSO INCLUDE IN THE SECOND SENTENCE.

ATTORNEY:: RIGHT.

SUP. KUEHL: I THINK THAT KIND OF DOES IT. IT'S KIND OF LIKE LOOK AT THE INDICTMENT BUT DON'T GET STUCK THERE BECAUSE, IF WE ARE REALLY GOING TO TALK ABOUT TRANSPARENCY, WE NEED TO TALK BROADLY ABOUT OWN PROCESSES. SO I THINK IT DOES IT, HOLLY, ACTUALLY.

SUP. MITCHELL: THAT'S FINE AS LONG AS WE ARE CLEAR IT IS ENCOMPASSING COUNTY SERVICE CONTRACTS, SPECIFICALLY. IF WE'RE USING THE CURRENT FEDERAL INVESTIGATION AS OUR RATIONALE AND AS THE FRAMEWORK, THEN THE INVESTIGATION, YOU KNOW, SHOULDN'T EXTEND BEYOND OUTSIDE OF THESE KINDS OF CONTRACTS. AND SO, THAT IS ALSO, I THINK, VERY IMPORTANT TO ARTICULATE AND FOR US TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'RE VOTING ON.

SUP. HAHN: RIGHT, CAN WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY THAT, ONCE WE HIRE THIS OUTSIDE FIRM AND YOU AGREE ON A SCOPE OF WORK, THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO, LIKE, OKAY THAT AS WELL, COMING BACK TO US AT LEAST ONE TIME, JUST SO WE ARE CLEAR ON GOING FORWARD, WHAT THE SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT IS OF THE CONTRACTS WE'RE LOOK TO LOOK AT, ALL THAT STUFF, I THINK IT WOULD BE IN THIS LAW FIRM'S AGREEMENT AND THEIR SCOPE OF WORK. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT.

SUP. MITCHELL: YES, IN TERMS OF DEFINING SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT, NOT GOING BEYOND THE KINDS OF CONTRACTS, YES. I COMPLETELY SUPPORT THAT.

ATTORNEY: YES, SUPERVISOR.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: OKAY, SO WE ARE GOOD ON THE AMENDMENT. THE INVESTIGATION AND AUDIT SHALL INCLUDE, AND I THINK THAT IS THE WAY IT WILL READ, AND --

SUP. MITCHELL: DO WE NEED TO ADD LANGUAGE IN TERMS OF THE DIRECTIVE OF COMING BACK PER SUPERVISOR HAHN'S REQUEST?

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: WE CAN ADD THAT, I AM SURE, RIGHT, ROD?

ATTORNEY: I THINK --

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: IT IS UNDERSTOOD?

ATTORNEY: I THINK IT IS UNDERSTOOD, SUPERVISOR.

SUP. MITCHELL: GIVEN THE DELICATE NATURE OF THE THIS ISSUE, I WOULD LIKE FOR US TO ACTUALLY EXPLICITLY STATE THAT LANGUAGE PER SUPERVISOR HAHN'S DESIRE.

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: OKAY, WE WILL INCLUDE THAT AS AMENDED INTO THE AMENDMENT THAT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL PUT FORWARD. ANY OTHER QUESTION NOW? ARE WE OKAY, FOR THE TIME BEING, ANYWAY? ALL RIGHT, MEMBERS. WE ARE GETTING THERE. SO WITH THAT, MEMBERS, ITEM 43C IS AMENDED IS BEFORE US. I MOVE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE, AS AMENDED.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. THIS MOTION PASSES, AS AMENDED, 5-0.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MEMBERS AND TO OUR COUNTY COUNSEL AND OUR AUDITOR-CONTROLLER FOR YOUR HELP. MEMBERS, WE ARE NOW GOING TO ONE OF OUR LAST ITEMS HERE, 43E. THIS IS TO PURSUE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, KNOWN AS METRO, TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU ARE ON.

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. LAST SUMMER, THE METRO BOARD PASSED A MOTION TO RETHINK OUR PUBLIC SAFETY ON OUR TRANSIT SYSTEM AND CREATE A PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, WHICH IS MADE UP OF COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS WHO ARE HELPING US TO REIMAGINE PUBLIC SAFETY ON OUR METRO SYSTEM. AND IN ANTICIPATION OF THIS COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION, METRO STAFF REACHED OUT TO OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO ASK

ABOUT IMPLEMENTING MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE TEAMS IN THE TRANSIT SYSTEM. SPECIFICALLY, THEY ARE INTERESTED IN CO-RESPONSE TEAMS, WHERE MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIANS ARE PAIRED WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND ALSO PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAMS, WHERE PAIRS OF MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIANS RESPOND TO CRISIS WITHOUT LAW ENFORCEMENT. AND ALSO OUR OWN DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH CAME TO US TO GET OUR PERMISSION TO BEGIN THESE UNOFFICIAL CONVERSATIONS WITH METRO ABOUT PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE SERVICES. SO THAT'S WHAT THIS MOTION IS DOING. WE ARE SIMPLY AUTHORIZING OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO ENTER INTO CONVERSATIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH METRO, AND IF AGREEMENT IS REACHED, WE ARE ALSO GIVING THE AUTHORITY FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT. I THINK THIS IS IMPORTANT AS WE REIMAGINE PUBLIC SAFETY EVERYWHERE AND AS WE'RE RAMPING UP ALL OF OUR OWN RESOURCES IN TERMS OF MENTAL HEALTH THAT WE CONTINUE THAT AND EXPAND THAT ON TO OUR TRANSIT SYSTEM. THAT ONLY MAKES SENSE THAT THE SAME PEOPLE WHO ARE RIDING THE METRO SYSTEMS ARE PROBABLY THE SAME PEOPLE THAT SOMETIMES WE DEAL WITH OUTSIDE OF THE METRO SYSTEM, AND IT MAKES SENSE TO HAVE RESPONSE TEAMS THAT AREN'T ONLY LAW ENFORCEMENT, OR ARMED RESPONSE, THAT WE CERTAINLY HAVE THE MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIANS AVAILABLE TO DEAL WITH ISSUES THAT COME UP ON OUR TRANSIT SYSTEM. NO AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED YET. IT WILL HAVE TO BE SOMETHING THAT BOTH METRO AND OUR DEPARTMENT AGREE ON, AND REQUESTING THAT THIS NEW PUBLIC

SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, P.S.A.C., BE INCLUDED IN THIS DECISION AS WELL. WE'RE GIVING MENTAL HEALTH A SEAT AT THE TABLE. WE ARE GIVING THEM THE AUTHORITY TO BRING OPTIONS TO METRO AND TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR MENTAL HEALTH TEAMS, BOTH THE CO-RESPONSE ONES AND THE UNARMED RESPONSE MODEL TO REIMAGINE THIS ON OUR TRANSIT SYSTEM. I THINK IT IS A GREAT IDEA, BUT WE KNOW THOSE RESOURCES AREN'T THERE NOW, AND THEY NEED TO BE BECAUSE NOW WHEN SOMEONE HAS AN ISSUE ON TRANSIT, IT IS JUST LAW ENFORCEMENT. THAT IS THE ONLY OPTION WE HAVE TO RESPOND TO ISSUES. SO I ABSOLUTELY THINK THAT PROVIDING THESE DEDICATED MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE TEAMS TO OUR METRO SYSTEM WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE COUNTY'S OVERALL EFFORTS TO DIVERT PEOPLE FROM JAIL AND GET PEOPLE THE HELP THEY NEED WHEREVER WE COME IN CONTACT WITH THEM. I AM HOPING D.M.H. AND METRO ARE ABLE TO REACH AN AGREEMENT FOR THESE SERVICES. I AM GOING TO READ ONE - AMENDMENT TO THE LAST DIRECTIVE SO THAT WE CAN GET ONGOING REPORTS WHEN AND IF THE AGREEMENT IS FINALIZED. SO THE 6TH DIRECTIVE WILL READ: DIRECT D.M.H. TO REPORT BACK IN 120 DAYS ON THE STATUS OF THE AGREEMENT AND IN EVERY ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE QUARTERLY REPORT AFTER THE AGREEMENT IS FINALIZED ON THE HIRING, THE OPERATIONS, AND THE PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES, WHICH WE'RE ALL GOING TO BE INTERESTED TO SEE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. YOU'RE A COAUTHOR ON THIS. YOU ARE ALSO OUR CHAIR OF THE METRO BOARD, SO I THINK THIS IS A GREAT COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE

COUNTY AND THE METRO, SPECIFICALLY, FOR OUR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE THE COAUTHOR, AND WE'RE RIGHT THERE WITH YOU ON THIS. THIS IS SO NEEDED, AND I AM SO HAPPY THAT WE'RE ABLE TO START TO MOVE AND REIMAGINE WHAT IT REALLY LOOKS LIKE IN TERMS OF TRANSIT SAFETY AND TAKING CARE OF PEOPLE THAT ENTER INTO OUR SYSTEM AND DOING IT IN A MANNER THAT IS HUMANISTIC, AND I AM REALLY HAPPY THAT METRO'S PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION, WHO HAS BEEN REALLY INVOLVED IN THIS AND HAS PUT UP A FRAMEWORK THAT WE ADOPTED, AND WE WORK WITH THEM AND THAT AS WE WE MOVE FORWARD THAT WE REALLY TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS AS WELL. HAPPY TO SUPPORT THIS, THANK YOU, AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH ALL OF YOU ON THE BOARD AND REALLY MAKING IT A VITAL PROGRAM. THE TRANSIT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM ALSO SHOULD BE INTEGRATED IN HERE AS WELL WITH THE COMMISSION, AND WE SHOULD ALL BE MOVING IN THE SAME LANE, I HOPE. AGAIN, I AM WITH YOU, AND THANK YOU FOR THAT. ANY OTHER MEMBERS, WISHING TO BE -- YES, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. FIRST, LET ME SAY, IN TERMS OF POLICY AND PRACTICE, I AM ALL THERE. I COMPLETELY AGREE, AND LOOK TO A PLACE WHERE WE CAN GET METRO KIND OF THE

ALIGNMENT WITH THE CARE FIRST MODEL, AS WELL. I JUST HAVE A COUPLE OF CONCERNS, BUT FIRST LET ME JUST GET CLARIFICATION, SUPERVISOR HAHN, BECAUSE I AM NOT SURE I HEARD YOU IN TERMS OF YOUR LAST COUPLE OF STATEMENTS. ARE YOU SAYING THAT THEY WILL REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD, AS IN THIS BOARD, OR WILL THIS BOARD SEEK PRIOR APPROVAL BECAUSE THAT IS MY AREA OF A LITTLE DISCOMFORT?

SUP. HAHN: OKAY. SO WHAT I SAID WAS THAT OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH WILL REPORT BACK TO US IN 120 DAYS ON THE STATUS OF THIS AGREEMENT AND THEN, IF THERE IS AN AGREEMENT, GOING FORWARD, YOU KNOW, EVERY ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE QUARTERLY REPORT THAT WE GET, THIS AGREEMENT IS MENTIONED, THE OUTCOMES, AND HOW ARE WE DOING IN HIRING PEOPLE. AND SO WE WILL HAVE A LOT OF INPUT GOING FORWARD INTO HOW THIS IS WORKING AND WHAT WE ALL CARE ABOUT, WHICH IS THE OUTCOMES.

SUP. MITCHELL: AND SO WILL THIS BOARD APPROVE THE FINAL AGREEMENT, OR WE WILL JUST GET REPORT BACKS?

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: SO THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION. THE REASON I INITIALLY DID NOT SPECIFICALLY SAY THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT BECAUSE IT IS REALLY METRO'S MONEY THAT WOULD BE COMING TO US. AND I FEEL SO -- SINCE WE ARE ALL ON THE METRO BOARD, THE METRO BOARD WILL APPROVE THAT AGREEMENT

IN CONTRACTING WITH THE COUNTY, FOR THESE SERVICES. SO THAT IS WHY I DIDN'T PUT THAT IN. BUT YOUR COMFORT LEVEL IS IMPORTANT TO ME.

SUP. MITCHELL: WELL, AND THAT IS FINE BECAUSE A COUPLE THINGS CAME TO MIND AS I READ IT. YOU KNOW, AS A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE, WHAT I WOULD HEAR MORE OFTEN THAN ANYTHING FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ARE UNFUNDED MANDATES. YOU'RE MAKING US DO THINGS THAT YOU ARE NOT FUNDING US FOR. AND AS A METRO BOARD MEMBER, I KNOW THAT WE HAVE MADE SOME DECISIONS ON THINGS WE WEREN'T GOING TO DO BECAUSE WE HADN'T IDENTIFIED FUNDING STREAMS. SO THE FACT THAT WE ARE ENTERING INTO THIS AGREEMENT AND NO IDENTIFICATION OR CLARIFICATION AROUND FUNDING MADE ME A LITTLE NERVOUS. THE SECOND PIECE WAS THE AMENDMENT. I APPRECIATE YOU REACHED OUT TO TALK ABOUT THIS. WE JUST HAD A CONVERSATION 10, 15 MINUTES AGO ABOUT D.M.H. AND THEIR HIRING CHALLENGES, THEIR VACANCY RATES. SO I DON'T WANT D.M.H. TO OVER COMMIT. WE ALREADY HAVE, I THINK I READ LIKE A 25 PERCENT VACANCY RATE IN D.M.H. ALL OF THESE POSITIONS, THESE CLINICAL POSITIONS, A CRITICALLY IMPORTANT. I ABSOLUTELY WANT METRO TO HAVE A PARTNERSHIP WITH D.M.H. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WE ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT STUFF THAT WE CAN'T FUND AND WE CAN'T SUPPORT IN REAL WOMAN POWER AND MANPOWER BECAUSE D.M.H. HAS A 25 PERCENT VACANCY RATE.

SUP. HAHN: I'M WITH YOU. I GOT YOU ON THIS BECAUSE YOU ARE EXACTLY RIGHT, BUT THIS WOULD BE METRO CONTRACTING WITH THE DEPARTMENT, BUT THAT IS PARTLY WHY I THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT WE REALLY PAY ATTENTION TO THE HIRING, TO THE OPERATIONS, AND TO THE PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES BECAUSE OF THAT. BUT AGAIN, IT IS METRO WILL BE CONTRACTING WITH US. THEIR MONEY IS COMING OUR WAY, AND HOPEFULLY THAT WILL HELP WITH HIRING SPECIFICALLY FOR THIS PROGRAM. BUT I AGREE WITH YOU THAT WE DON'T WANT TO TAKE ON SOMETHING THAT WE CAN'T DO PROPERLY. AND I THINK THAT IS WHY I WANTED THESE REPORTS BACK, SO WE COULD PAY ATTENTION TO HOW IT IS MOVING FORWARD AFTER THE CONTRACT IS AGREED UPON.

SUP. MITCHELL: I'LL SAY WHAT WE USED TO SAY IN THE LEGISLATURE, WHICH WAS I'LL BE SUPPORTING THE MOTION TODAY, AND I RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CHANGE LATER. SO, I'LL BE SUPPORTING TODAY, RESERVE THE RIGHT THAT WHEN IT COMES BEFORE US ON THE METRO BOARD, IF METRO IS NOT FULLY INVESTED AND HAS NOT IDENTIFIED FUNDING, I RESERVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE A DIFFERENT VOTE WITH MY METRO BOARD MEMBER HAT ON. FAIR ENOUGH?

SUP. HAHN: BOOM.

SUP. MITCHELL: HA HA.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: OKAY, AS AMENDED. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FROM ANY OTHER MEMBERS? OKAY. THERE IS NONE. THEN LET'S GO AHEAD. ITEM 43E IS BEFORE US, AS AMENDED, BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND I SECOND TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. MITCHELL: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION PASSES, AS AMENDED, 5-0.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: VERY GOOD, CONGRATS. OKAY, MEMBERS, MOVING RIGHT ALONG HERE. SINCE THERE IS NO SPECIALS, WE ARE GOING TO MOVE ON TO ADJOURNMENTS. I WILL BEGIN FIRST, AND THEN WE WILL GO IN NUMERICAL ORDER. I HOPE -- I THINK ALL MEMBERS WILL WANT TO JOIN ME ON THIS. I WANT TO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF COLIN POWELL, THE FORMER NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, AND SECRETARY OF STATE, WHO PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY DUE TO COMPLICATIONS FROM COVID-19. HE WAS 84 YEARS OLD. WITH AN ILLUSTRIOUS MILITARY CAREER, COLIN POWELL SERVED OUR COUNTRY IN EVERY MAJOR MILITARY CONFLICT FOR DECADES. HE WAS BORN IN HARLEM TO IMMIGRANT PARENTS FROM JAMAICA AND GREW UP IN THE BRONX, EVENTUALLY GRADUATING FROM CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK AND JOINING THE ARMY THROUGH THE R.O.T.C. HE ROSE THROUGH THE RANKS AND EVENTUALLY BECAME THE NATION'S FIRST BLANK CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS, NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR, AND SECRETARY OF STATE. COLIN POWELL WAS RESPECTED BY BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE, BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD, AND SERVED OUR NATION THROUGH SOME OF THE MOST CONSEQUENTIAL AND DIFFICULT MOMENTS IN OUR HISTORY. FOR THESE REASONS AND MORE, I HAVE ORDERED ALL FLAGS TO BE HALF STAFF AT ALL COUNTY BUILDINGS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 58 YEARS, THEIR THREE CHILDREN, AND MULTIPLE

GRANDCHILDREN. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. ALL MEMBERS? VERY GOOD. THANK YOU.

SUP. BARGER: YES, PLEASE.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. OKAY, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU ARE NEXT.

SUP. MITCHELL: THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO JOIN IN ON THE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF COLONEL POWELL, AND I HAVE NO ADJOURNMENTS IN MEMORY THIS WEEK, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: VERY GOOD. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A GREAT PHOTOGRAPHER, JOAN ALMOND. SHE STUDIED PHOTOGRAPHY AT U.C.L.A., FREELANCED FOR OUR MALIBU SURFSIDE NEWS, DID ALMOST ALL OF THE PRODUCTION STILLS FOR JOHN CASSAVETTES, AND COLLECTED FINE PHOTOGRAPHY. IN HER LATER YEARS, SHE PASSIONATELY GAVE HERSELF TO THE PLATINUM PRINTING PROCESS. JOAN'S PHOTOGRAPHIC JOURNEY HIT A NEW HIGH LEVEL LATER, CAPTURING FILM PRODUCTION STILLS FOR HER HUSBAND, PAUL ALMOND, A FILMMAKER, WHICH LED HER TO THE MIDDLE EAST. HER PHOTOGRAPHIC WORK HAS BEEN WIDELY EXHIBITED AND IS INCLUDED IN

COLLECTIONS AT THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF CANADA, THE SANTA BARBARA MUSEUM OF ART, THE GHETTY, THE BROOKINGS INSTITUTE, AND OTHER PRIVATE COLLECTIONS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER FOUR CHILDREN, TREY, TRACY, TIM, AND CHRIS, AS WELL AS HER STEPSON, MATTHEW. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF EVA BONNER, DR. EVA JONES BONNER, WHO DIED ON SEPTEMBER 16TH. SHE WROTE TWO BEST SELLING BOOKS PROVIDING PRACTICAL ADVICE ON PARENTING. HER NATIONALLY SYNDICATED ADVICE COLUMN, "PARENTS' WORLD," APPEARED OVER 11 YEARS IN MORE THAN 100 AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS. IN IT, SHE ANSWERED QUESTIONS MAILED IN BY CONCERNED PARENTS AND ALSO MAILED BACK INSTRUCTIVE PAMPHLETS UPON REQUEST. SHE HOSTED A RADIO PROGRAM ON K.L.A.C. METRO MEDIA LOS ANGELES. ON MOVING FROM CHICAGO TO L.A., DR. JONES BRIEFLY TAUGHT PSYCHOLOGY AT U.C.L.A. AND THEN LEFT TO TEACH AT L.A. CITY COLLEGE UNTIL HER RETIREMENT IN 1992 WHEN SHE MOVED INTO PRIVATE PRACTICE. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, SARAH, SHEILA, MARY, AND THOMAS. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF AVA OSTERN FRIES, WHO STARTED TEACHING AND ACTING BEFORE SHE JOINED DANNY THOMAS PRODUCTIONS AS A DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE. SHE THEN FORMED HER OWN PRODUCTION COMPANY, AVANTI ENTERPRISES, WHICH PRODUCED THE T.V. SERIES, "BORN FAMOUS," ABOUT THE CHILDREN OF THE RICH AND FAMOUS. THE SERIES LED TO THE 1989 SHELLY LONG COMEDY, "TROOP BEVERLY HILLS," WHICH WAS BASED ON HER OWN EXPERIENCES LEADING HER DAUGHTERS' SCOUT TROOP. SHE SERVED ON THE BOARD OF

DIRECTORS FOR THE L.A. CENTER THEATER GROUP FOR MORE THAN TWO DECADES. SHE WAS A FOUNDING CO-CHAIR OF THE AMERICAN FILM INSTITUTE ASSOCIATES AND THE INTERNATIONAL FILM SOCIETY. SHE SERVED ON THE BOARD OF THE CHILDREN'S BURN FOUNDATION AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE PRODUCER'S GUILD OF AMERICA AND WOMEN IN FILM. SHE WAS HONORED BY N.O.W., THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN, FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY AND TO THE ARTS. SHE SERVED AS VICE CHAIR OF THE BOARD AND A LONG-TIME MEMBER OF PEOPLE ASSISTING THE HOMELESS, P.A.T.H. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER, DIANE, AND HER STEPCHILDREN, CHARLES, SUZANNE, CHRIS, DYANNE, MIKE, ALICE, AND JON. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RONALD KATES, AN INNOVATOR IN SHAPING THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE IN WEST HOLLYWOOD. IN 1957, HE JOINED BERT J. FRIEDMAN AND ASSOCIATES, WHERE HE AND BERT BECAME LEASING AGENTS FOR WELL-KNOWN BUILDINGS LIKE THE INTERNATIONAL DESIGN CENTER, THE ROBERTSON PLAZA, AND THE PACIFIC DESIGN CENTER. FOR MORE THAN 60 YEARS, HE DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO THE REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY BY BRINGING WELL-KNOWN DESIGNERS TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD AREA. IN ADDITION TO HIS CAREER IN REAL ESTATE, RONALD WAS PASSIONATE ABOUT IMPROVING HIS COMMUNITY. FROM 1989 UNTIL THE TIME OF HIS PASSING, HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS. HE ALSO SERVED ON GOVERNMENTAL AND BUSINESS COMMISSIONS, LIKE THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL FOR WEST HOLLYWOOD AND THE L.A. COUNTY RENT

CONTROL COMMISSION. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, ADRIENNE, HIS DAUGHTER, PAMELA, HIS SON, ERIC, AND HIS BROTHER, JULES. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ART DEALER AND GALLERY FOUNDER MARGO LEAVIN, WHO DIED VERY RECENTLY. A PILLAR OF THE L.A. ARTS COMMUNITY, HER WEST HOLLYWOOD GALLERY HOSTED MAJOR INTERNATIONAL ARTISTS AND PROMOTED THE CITY'S BURGEONING ROSTER OF ARTISTS FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS. IN 2015, THE GALLERY'S THE ARCHIVE WAS ACQUIRED BY THE GHETTY RESEARCH INSTITUTE, AND FOUR YEARS LATER, U.C.L.A. UNVEILED THE NEW MARGO LEAVIN GRADUATE ART STUDIOS IN CULVER CITY, A STATE OF THE ART FACILITY FOR THE NATION'S NUMBER TWO RANKED ART SCHOOL MADE POSSIBLE BY A $20 MILLION GIFT FROM THE ART DEALER. LEAVIN'S DONATION IS THE LARGEST EVER MADE BY AN ALUMNA TO THE ARTS WITHIN THE U.C. SYSTEM. AND FINALLY, I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JAMES MAHONEY, AN ATTORNEY WHO GRADUATED FROM HASTINGS, MOVED TO L.A., JOINED THE FIRM OF FLETCHER AND RAUCH, WHICH EVENTUALLY BECAME FLETCHER, RAUCH, AND MAHONEY. IN 1997, HE FOUNDED THE FIRM OF MAHONEY, COPPENRATH, JAFFE, AND PEARSON, SPECIALIZING IN COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS, REAL ESTATE, AND COMMERCIAL LITIGATION, AND MAINTAINED A PRACTICE IN MARITIME LAW. HE WAS THE PAST CHAIRPERSON OF THE CONTINUING EDUCATION OF THE BAR COMMITTEE AND THE YOUTH EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE L.A. COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION AND A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS TRIAL LAWYERS AND THE MARITIME LAW ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED

STATES. IN 2018 AND 2019, HE WAS SELECTED FOR INCLUSION IN THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, JOSEPHINE, HIS SON, SCOTT, AND THEIR DAUGHTER, ELIZABETH. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF AYERS MCCOWAN. AYERS WAS A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO, WHO WAS 97 WHEN HE PASSED AWAY. AFTER GRADUATING FROM SAN PEDRO HIGH, HE ENLISTED IN THE ARMY AND SERVED IN WORLD WAR II FROM 1941 TO 1945. AND AFTER THE WAR, HE RETURNED TO SAN PEDRO TO HELP HIS FATHER RUN THE ORIGINAL MCCOWAN'S MARKET, WHICH SPECIALIZED IN CROATIAN DELICACIES. AYERS WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY, BELONGED TO THE MASONIC LODGE NUMBER 332, THE ROTARY CLUB, THE ELKS CLUB, AND WHEN WASN'T VOLUNTEERING HIS TIME AT ONE OF THE CLUBS, HE COULD BE FOUND PLAYING GOLF WITH HIS FRIENDS AT THE PALOS VERDES COUNTRY CLUB. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS LOVING WIFE, GENNA, HIS SON, JOHN, HIS DAUGHTER, ANDREA, THREE GRANDCHILDREN, AND THREE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MANUELA "MONA" RODRIGUEZ. SHE WAS A RESIDENT OF LONG BEACH. SHE WAS ONLY 18 WHEN, TRAGICALLY, SHE WAS KILLED. HER LIFE WAS CUT

SHORT EARLIER THIS MONTH, YOU MIGHT HAVE HEARD OF IT, WHEN A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER FROM A PRIVATE SECURITY COMPANY TRAGICALLY FIRED INTO THE CAR THAT SHE WAS IN AND KILLED HER. HER FRIENDS AND HER FAMILY DESCRIBED HER AS HAVING SUCH A HAPPY SOUL AND AS BEING FILLED WITH LIGHT AND GOODNESS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER FAMILY, HER BOYFRIEND. SHE HAD A FIVE MONTH OLD SON. OUR CONDOLENCES REALLY DO GO TO HER FAMILY. THERE IS AN ONGOING INVESTIGATION HAPPENING TO INVESTIGATE EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED AND WHAT CAUSED SUCH A TRAGIC, UNNECESSARY KILLING OF A YOUNG WOMAN. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ROSA CORRALES, WHO WAS 76 WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY. ROSA WORKED FOR ME WHEN I SERVED ON THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL. SHE WORKED IN MY WATTS OFFICE AND SHE HANDLED CONSTITUENT SERVICES. SHE WAS SO DEDICATED, AS ALL OUR CASE WORKERS ARE, TO HELPING EACH AND EVERY RESIDENT WHO CALLED. HER SPECIALTY WAS CLEANING UP THE ALLEYS AND THE STREETS, AND SHE HAD A HOTLINE TO THE SANITATION DEPARTMENT IN THE CITY OF L.A. AND ANYTIME ROSA CALLED, THE NEXT THING YOU KNOW THEY HAD THEIR TRUCKS OUT THERE CLEANING UP THE ILLEGAL DUMPING THAT HAPPENED MANY TIMES IN THAT COMMUNITY. SHE WAS TIRELESS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER MOTHER, ROSA, HER CHILDREN, HECTOR, SANDRA, YVONNE AND GRANDSONS, DAVON AND MICHAEL. SHE TRULY WAS THE EPITOME OF A PUBLIC SERVANT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF PAT ALLEN, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF CANYON COUNTRY, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 89. A CALIFORNIA NATIVE, PAT WAS BORN IN THE SAN FERNANDO, WHERE SHE ATTENDED SAN FERNANDO HIGH SCHOOL. AFTER GRADUATION, SHE MARRIED SHELDON, HER HIGH SCHOOL SWEETHEART. SHE WORKED FOR LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT CORPORATION AND EVENTUALLY RETIRED AFTER A CAREER SPANNING 35 YEARS. THE FAMILY MOVED TO CANYON COUNTRY IN 1967 AND BECAME INVOLVED WITH THE CANYON COUNTRY HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE AND THE CANYON HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTER'S CLUB WHEN THE SCHOOL FIRST OPENED. SHE VOLUNTEERED FOR THE ZONTA CLUB OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, THE SANTA CLARITA SENIOR CENTER, THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION, THE CANYON THEATER GUILD, AND HENRY MAYO NEWHALL HOSPITAL. SHE WAS NAMED SANTA CLARITA WOMAN OF THE YEAR IN 1994. IN 1999, SHE WAS HONORED AS A CALIFORNIA WOMAN OF THE YEAR BY STATE SENATOR PETE KNIGHT. ALONGSIDE SHELDON IN 2000, THE COUPLE WAS NAMED VOLUNTEERS OF THE DECADE BY THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB. PAT IS SURVIVED BY HER FOUR CHILDREN, SHARON, MITCHELL, VINCE, AND CHRIS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF EMILY LOUISE BLACKWELL, A FORMER L.A.U.S.D. SECRETARY, WHO RECENTLY PASSED

AWAY. AFTER ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF CHATTANOOGA, SHE MOVED TO LOS ANGELES AND BEGAN WORK AT SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, WHERE SHE MET DALE LAMAR BLACKWELL, JR. THE TWO MARRIED AND LIVED IN WEST CHESTER UNTIL 1973, AND THEY MOVED WITH THEIR SMALL SON, BRAD, TO GRANADA HILLS IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. EMILY ENJOYED OIL PAINTING AND TOOK LESSONS FROM VARIOUS TEACHERS, INCLUDING SOME WELL KNOWN T.V. ART INSTRUCTORS. SHE WORKED AS AN OFFICE SECRETARY AT ROBERT FROST JUNIOR HIGH IN GRANADA HILLS FROM THE LATE 1980'S AND UNTIL HER RETIREMENT IN 1997. EMILY BECOME AN ANONYMOUS PEN PAL TO TERMINALLY ILL CHILDREN, PARTICIPATING IN PROGRAMS THAT PAIRED VOLUNTEERS WITH HOSPITALIZED CHILDREN ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SHE WOULD SEND A CARD AND LETTER, SOMETIMES INCLUDING A SMALL GIFT TO HER PEN PALS, ALWAYS SIGNING HER ANONYMOUS LETTERS WITH THE RUBBER STAMP OF A RED LADY BUG. EMILY SPENT THE LAST YEARS OF HER LIFE ENJOYING SPENDING TIME AT HOME WITH HER THREE GRANDCHILDREN. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SON, BRAD, AND HER DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, JENNIFER, AND HER THREE GRANDCHILDREN, ZOE, SKYE, AND THOMAS, IN ADDITION TO HER COUSIN, JAMES W. KYLE, JR. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ALBERT MADRID, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF NEWHALL. HE WAS BORN IN JEROME, ARIZONA AND MOVED TO CALIFORNIA AT THE AGE OF 14 TO LIVE WITH HIS SISTER. IN 1948, HE GRADUATED FROM BELLARMINE-JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL IN BURBANK. HE JOINED THE BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT IN 1953, WHERE HIS TENURE INCLUDED THE RANKS OF CADET, SERGEANT,

DETECTIVE, AND LIEUTENANT BEFORE HE RETIRED. HE WAS INDUCTED INTO THE BURBANK ATHLETES WALK OF FAME IN 2004 FOR COACHING. HE WAS AN AVID FISHERMAN, BUT MOST OF ALL ENJOYED TIME WITH HIS GRANDCHILDREN. AL IS SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER, CATHERINE, HIS SON, BOBBY, HIS GRANDCHILDREN, AND A GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CLEMENT PAUL MITCHELL, A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF NEWHALL, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE TENDER AGE OF 96. CLEMENT JOINED THE U.S. ARMY AT THE AGE OF 18, AND SERVED IN WORLD WAR II WITH THE 82 AIRBORNE, WHERE HE WAS AWARDED THE PURPLE HEART. HE SETTLED IN THE SIMI VALLEY, WHERE HE TAUGHT 2ND AND 4TH GRADE FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS. HE PLAYED THE VIOLIN AND TAUGHT MANY STUDENTS THE SUZUKI METHOD. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE CONEJO VALLEY ORCHESTRA AND THE SANTA CLARITA ORCHESTRA. AFTER RETIREMENT, HE CONTINUED HIS LOVE OF PLAYING THE VIOLIN AND ENTERTAINED THE LUNCH CROWD TWICE A WEEK AT THE SANTA CLARITA SENIOR CENTER. HE RAN A MARATHON AT THE AGE OF 58. HIS OTHER HOBBIES INCLUDED TENNIS, GOLF, CYCLING, SINGING, AND, OF COURSE, DANCING. MITCH IS SURVIVED BY HIS TWO DAUGHTERS, KATHY AND MARYELLEN. AND LAST, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS, WHO WERE IDENTIFIED AS INDIGENT VETERANS BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY BURIED WITH DIGNITY AND HONOR AT RIVERSIDE NATIONAL CEMETERY LAST MONTH. THELMA JEAN BLUE, ARMY, RICHARD LEE BOWDEN, NAVY, GARY ALAN COE, ARMY, MARTIN HERNANDEZ, JR., AIR FORCE, VERNON

LEE HOLLEY, ARMY, HENRY LETHRIDGE, ARMY, ALVAIN LOUIS MOORE, ARMY, FRANK MACHADO VICTOR, ARMY. MAY THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AND SACRIFICES IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. AND MADAM CHAIR, I JUST WAS HANDED ONE THAT I JUST FOUND OUT ABOUT. PAUL SALATA, WHO PASSED AWAY. PAUL SALATA WAS THE CREATOR OF THE N.F.L.'S MR. IRRELEVANT AWARD, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY THIS WEEKEND, JUST SHY, ONE DAY SHY, OF HIS 95TH BIRTHDAY. PAUL PLAYED FOOTBALL AT U.S.C., WHERE HE AND HIS TEAM PLAYED AT THE ROSE BOWL IN 1944 AND 1947. HE MISSED THE 1945 SEASON, INSTEAD CHOOSING TO SERVE IN THE U.S. ARMY AIR CORPS DURING WORLD WAR II. IMPRESSIVELY, PAUL ALSO PLAYED BASEBALL AT U.S.C., AND WITH HIS TEAM WON THE COLLEGE WORLD SERIES IN 1948. HE SUBSEQUENTLY PLAYED IN THE N.F.L. FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS, BALTIMORE COLTS, PITTSBURGH STEELERS, AND IN THE C.F.L. FOR THE CALGARY STAMPEDERS. AFTER HIS ATHLETIC CAREER, HE WORKED IN CONSTRUCTION AS A SEWER CONTRACTOR. PAUL ALSO APPEARED IN 18 FILMS IN THE 1950'S WITH APPEARANCES IN THE 1951 VERSION OF "ANGELS IN THE OUTFIELD." PAUL MOST NOTABLY CREATED THE MR. IRRELEVANT AWARD IN HONOR OF THE DRAFTEE SELECTED LAST IN THE N.F.L. DRAFT. AS PART OF THE AWARD, THE RECIPIENT PARTICIPATED IN NUMEROUS ACTIVITIES OF THE ORANGE COUNTY'S IRRELEVANT WEEK, WHICH INCLUDED A FUNDRAISER FOR LOCAL CHARITIES. AND IF ANY OF YOU KNEW PAUL, THAT IS HIS SENSE OF HUMOR. PAUL IS SURVIVED BY HIS SECOND WIFE OF 15 YEARS, CAROLYN, HIS SON, BRADLEY, DAUGHTER,

MELANIE, TWO GRANDCHILDREN, AND BROTHER, GEORGE. AND JANICE, I THINK HE'S GOTTEN A LOT OF SALATA BROTHERS I THINK DOWN IN YOUR NECK OF THE WOODS. SO THOSE WOULD BE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

SUP. KUEHL: CAN I JOIN IN ON PAUL'S. I WAS ALSO IN "ANGELS IN THE OUTFIELD."

SUP. BARGER: OKAY. I WOULD BE HONORED. FANTASTIC. THANK YOU, SHEILA.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: GREAT. WELL, THANK YOU ALL. WE WILL TAKE THOSE MOTIONS AS SECONDED. AND IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ACTION. THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S MEETING, MEMBERS. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL BE A SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 26, 2021. AND THEN THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER SECOND, 2021. SEE YOU ALL LATER, THANK YOU.

SUP. BARGER: GO DODGERS.

SUP. HAHN: YES, GO DODGERS. THE GAME JUST STARTED. BYE.

SUP. BARGER: I HEARD THE --

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: BYE, NOW.

SUP. BARGER: YEAH.

SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

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

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