



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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1 **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON**

2 **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2021, ON PAGE 214]**

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5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, WELL WITH THAT, THE DOORS ARE OPEN.
6 SO FIRST, WANT TO SAY GOOD MORNING TO EVERYBODY. AND AGAIN,
7 WELCOME TO OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES
8 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WHICH IS BEING HELD REMOTELY
9 TODAY. AS YOU KNOW, IT IS TUESDAY NOVEMBER THE 16TH, 2021. I
10 WILL NOW TAKE ROLL CALL TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE. SUPERVISOR
11 MITCHELL.

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

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15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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17 **SUP. KUEHL:** HERE.

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

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21 **SUP. HAHN:** HERE.

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

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25 **SUP. BARGER:** HERE.

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

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

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

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8 **ATTORNEY:** HERE.

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

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

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15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ALL PRESENT AND
16 ACCOUNTED FOR. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, WILL YOU KINDLY LEAD US IN
17 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING?

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19 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. IT WOULD BE
20 MY HONOR. IF EVERYONE WOULD STAND AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE. I
21 PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
22 AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION --

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24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** JUSTICE FOR ALL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL:** I AM SORRY, MADAM CHAIR, I HIT MUTE BY
2 ACCIDENT, BUT I KNOW YOU ALL CONTINUED WITH THE PLEDGE. THANK
3 YOU.

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5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE WERE WITH YOU. THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. KUEHL:** WE KNOW WE'RE INDIVISIBLE.

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9 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AND I HOPE YOU HEARD MY STRONG FOR ALL AT THE
10 END. THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** WELL, THANK YOU, AGAIN. AS INDICATED,
13 MEMBERS, ON THE POSTED AGENDA, WE WILL BE TAKING TELEPHONIC
14 PUBLIC COMMENTS DURING TODAY'S MEETING. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
15 OF THE BOARD RECEIVED OVER 450 WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR
16 TODAY'S MEETING. AND AS THOSE WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED,
17 ALL OF THEM WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR
18 CONSIDERATION CONSISTENT WITH THE BROWN ACT'S REQUIREMENTS. WE
19 WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE, AS YOU KNOW, WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS
20 THROUGHOUT THE MEETING, WHICH WILL ALSO BECOME A PART OF THE
21 OFFICIAL RECORD. THE REQUEST FOR -- I'M SORRY. MADAM EXECUTIVE
22 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA. I'M JUMPING AHEAD HERE.

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24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
25 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE TWO, SPECIAL

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1 DISTRICT AGENDAS. THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES
2 COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ON PAGE FIVE, THIS IS THE AGENDA
3 FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS FINANCING AUTHORITY. ON PAGE SIX, THIS IS
4 THE AGENDA FOR THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. ON
5 PAGE SEVEN, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1-32.
6 ON ITEM 3, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.
7 ON ITEM 5, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK
8 TO HER OFFICE. ON ITEMS 6 AND 7, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS
9 THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 18, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS
10 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 19, SUPERVISOR
11 SOLIS REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 20, SUPERVISOR
12 MITCHELL REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 21, SUPERVISOR
13 SOLIS REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 23, SUPERVISOR SOLIS
14 REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 29, THIS INCLUDES A
15 REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 30,
16 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 30,
17 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 33-69. ON ITEM 57, THE INSPECTOR
18 GENERAL REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO DECEMBER 7TH, 2021,
19 INSTEAD OF NOVEMBER 30TH, 2021 AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
20 AGENDA. ON ITEM 58, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE
21 HELD. ON PAGE 56, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE
22 AGENDA, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE
23 MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 67A,
24 SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 67C,
25 SUPERVISOR HAHN WOULD LIKE TO AMEND SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S AND

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1 SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S JOINT MOTION TO ADD THE FOLLOWING TO
2 DIRECTIVE NUMBER ONE: ASSESSMENT OF THE VIABILITY OF LEASING
3 MOTELS AND HOTELS IN THE SHORT TERM OF THE WINTER SHELTER
4 PROGRAM AND POTENTIAL UTILIZATION OF FEDERAL EMERGENCY
5 MANAGEMENT AGENCY REIMBURSEMENT FOR THIS PURPOSE. THE REQUESTS
6 FOR CONTINUANCES THROUGH 67D ARE BEFORE YOU.

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8 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL SECONDED BY
9 SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. THAT WILL BE THE
10 ORDER.

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12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 57, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTIONS,
13 ITEM 70-72. ON PAGE 59, NOTICE OF CLOSED SESSION. THAT
14 COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA, MADAM CHAIR.

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16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, WE WILL NOW TAKE
17 PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
18 PLEASE READ THE CALL IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON
19 THE AGENDA AND EXPLAIN TO THE PUBLIC THE SPEAKING RULES TO
20 THOSE MEMBERS WHO ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

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22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE
23 PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT SHOULD CALL (877) 336-
24 4437 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 1366786. TO REPEAT,
25 PLEASE CALL (877) 336-4437 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER

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1 1366786. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF YOU WANT TO LISTEN TO THE
2 MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL (877) 873-8017 AND FOLLOW
3 THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING IN, WHEN IT
4 IS YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND WHICH AGENDA
5 ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK ON
6 ONE AGENDA ITEM OR TWO MINUTES TO SPEAK ON TWO OR MORE AGENDA
7 ITEMS. IN ADDITION, THOSE THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
8 WITH GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED ONE ADDITIONAL
9 MINUTE FOR A MAXIMUM TOTAL UP TO THREE MINUTES. WE WILL
10 ALLOCATE 90 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL OF THE ITEMS. WE
11 WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN
12 DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. WHEN
13 SPEAKING ON AN AGENDA ITEM, YOU MUST BE ON TOPIC. OUR GOAL IS
14 TO GET THROUGH AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE CAN. IF YOU AREN'T
15 SPEAKING ON A TOPIC, OR IF WE CAN'T TELL IF YOU ARE SPEAKING
16 ON AN AGENDA ITEM, YOU WILL GET ONE WARNING FROM COUNTY
17 COUNSEL OR THE CHAIR. IF YOU DO NOT IMMEDIATELY OR CLEARLY GET
18 ON TOPIC, OR IF YOU STRAY OFF TOPIC AGAIN, YOU WILL FORFEIT
19 THE REST OF YOUR TIME, AND THE CHAIR WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT
20 SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU ARE ALSO LISTENING TO THE
21 BOARD MEETING ON A COMPUTER OR SPEAKER PHONE, YOU WILL NEED TO
22 TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON THOSE DEVICES AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR
23 CALLS ON YOU. IF YOU DO NOT TURN DOWN THE VOLUME, THERE WILL
24 BE AN ECHO. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER PLEASE.

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

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

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

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12 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS KEVIN HARBOR. PLEASE STATE
13 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER WILL
14 ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

15

16 **KEVIN HARBOR:** GOOD MORNING. AND I WOULD LIKE TO FIRST OF ALL
17 STATE THAT I AM IN SUPPORT OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF SUPERVISOR
18 AND BOARD CHAIR HILDA SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL. MY
19 NAME IS KEVIN HARBOR, AGAIN, I AM THE PRESIDENT OF THE
20 (INDISCERNIBLE) INSTITUTE AND CHAIR OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
21 OF THE LOS ANGELES ORANGE COUNTY REGIONAL BROADBAND
22 CONSORTIUM. WE WANT TO SUPPORT YOUR RECOMMENDATION FOR THE
23 L.A. COUNTY INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AS I BELIEVE, OR WE
24 BELIEVE THEY ARE BEST POSITIONED TO IMPLEMENT EXPEDIENT LONG
25 TERM SOLUTIONS FOR THIS PROJECT. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO STATE

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1 THAT, IN TERMS OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED NETWORKS, THE
2 INFRASTRUCTURE IS NOT THE BEST USE OF FUNDS WHERE THEIR
3 NETWORKS EXIST, BUT CLEARLY ARE AN OPTION WHERE THERE ARE
4 RURAL ENVIRONMENTS. LASTLY, PROMOTING THE E.B.3 PROGRAM IS A
5 SMART MOVE. IF WE DON'T PROVIDE AFFORDABILITY, ADOPTION,
6 LITERACY, DEVICES, ESPECIALLY IN UNDERSERVED AREAS, WE STILL
7 HAVE THE SAME ISSUE, WHICH IS A DIGITAL DIVIDE. SO I'D JUST
8 LIKE TO STATE THAT OUR ORGANIZATION IS READY TO TAKE A MULTI-
9 PRONGED APPROACH UTILIZING I.S.P.S, PUBLIC-PRIVATE
10 PARTNERSHIP, EMERGING TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES, MULTIPLE CONSORTIA
11 COLLABORATIONS, COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION, AND CONSULTING
12 WITH ELECTED COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS TO GET THIS
13 PROJECT DONE EXPEDITIOUSLY. SO I JUST WANT TO COMPLIMENT YOU
14 ON TAKING THIS FIRM STEP FORWARD. WE, ALONG WITH MANY OTHERS,
15 ARE HERE AT THE READY, STANDING TO SUPPORT YOU. AND THAT
16 CONCLUDES MY COMMENTS. THANK YOU.

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

19

20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MELISSA CAMACHO CHUNG.
21 PLEASE STATE THE ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
22 YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23

24 **MELISSA CAMACHO CHUNG:** HI, MY NAME IS MELISSA CAMACHO CHUNG. I
25 AM WITH THE A.C.L.U. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND A RESIDENT OF

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1 DISTRICT TWO. I AM SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEMS 58, 30, 67A, AND
2 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. FIRST, WE THANK YOU FOR HOLDING THE
3 SHERIFF'S BIENNIAL REFERENCE REPORT FOR DISCUSSION TODAY. WE
4 ARE REALLY CONCERNED WITH THE STAGGERING INCREASE IN USES OF
5 THE FORCE IN THE DOWNTOWN JAIL FACILITY. A 52.5 INCREASE
6 CATEGORY INCIDENTS CAUSING INJURY IS UNACCEPTABLE AND
7 DEMONSTRATES A NEED FOR SWIFT ACTION BY L.A.S.D. AND THIS
8 BOARD. A LAST WEEK'S PUBLIC SAFETY CLUSTER, L.A.S.D. ATTEMPTED
9 TO PAINT 2020 AS ANOMALY ATTRIBUTED TO THE COVID QUARANTINES
10 AND LOCKDOWN. BUT THIS ISN'T AN EXCUSE. COVID IS STILL WITH US
11 IN 2021. THIS LAST YEAR BE TAKEN AS A SIGN THAT DECREASING
12 THE POPULATION IS ONE ANSWER TO DECREASING USE OF FORCE
13 INCIDENTS. THE 2021 INCREASE IS ALSO CLOSELY LINKED WITH THE
14 RISE IN THE PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE INCARCERATED WITH MENTAL
15 HEALTH NEEDS, NOW A STAGGERING 45%. THE JAIL STAFF SIMPLY
16 CANNOT HANDLE THE SHEER NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT NEED PSYCHIATRIC
17 TREATMENT AND CARE, AND THEY ARE RESORTING TO VIOLENCE. ITEMS
18 30 AND 67A ARE A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION WITH THE
19 POTENTIAL TO CREATE COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES FOR HUNDREDS OF
20 PEOPLE WHO NEED TREATMENT OUTSIDE OF JAIL. BUT THOUSANDS OF
21 PLACEMENTS ARE NEEDED, AND WE URGE THE BOARD TO DRASTICALLY
22 INCREASE FUNDING FOR DIVERSION PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY-BASED
23 NON-CARCERAL, CULTURALLY COMPETENT CARE. THE REPORT ALSO
24 ADDRESSES POLICY CHANGES WITH REGARD TO PUNCHES TO THE HEAD
25 AND A WRAP POLICY. IN 2012, A.C.L.U. RELEASED A REPORT

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1 DETAILING THE HORRIFIC PATTERN OF HEAD STRIKES RESULTING IN
2 BRUTAL INJURIES TO PEOPLE IN THE JAIL. YET NEARLY A DECADE
3 LATER, L.A.S.D. ARE STILL NOT IN COMPLIANCE ON THIS VITAL
4 ISSUE. WE ARE ALSO FOLLOWING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WRAP
5 POLICY. THIS IS A DANGEROUS DEVISE. AND WE OPPOSE ITS USE IN
6 ANY BUT THE MOST EXTREME INCIDENTS AND WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL IS
7 ACTIVELY ASSAULTED. AS THE WRAP'S USE IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS
8 HAS RESULTED IN GRAVE INJURY AND DEATH, WE URGE THIS BOARD TO
9 ASK TO SEE THE POLICY AND ENSURE THAT THE USE OF THE WRAP IS
10 RARE IF NOT DISCONTINUED ALL TOGETHER. PLEASE ASK THE SHERIFF
11 THESE DIFFICULT QUESTIONS THAT ARE NEEDED TO GET TO THE ROOT
12 OF THESE ISSUES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

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16 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROY HUMPHREYS.
17 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY
18 AND WHETHER YOU WILL COMMENT ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. ONE
19 MOMENT, MR. HUMPHREYS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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21 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** I AM COMMENTING ON ITEMS 5, 26, 27, AND 54. ON
22 ITEM 5 ON ENHANCED REPRESENTATION UNINCORPORATED HOMELESS
23 PROGRAM IS A BIG NO. THE LACK OF SELF-RESPECT TO BECOME A
24 CITY, THEY DESERVE WHATEVER THEY GET. THE FOURTH DISTRICT
25 ROLAND HEIGHTS FAIRWAY PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER CAMPER STILL IS

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1 THERE AFTER EIGHT MONTHS. AND THE DESIRE ENCAMPMENT WITH
2 THREATENING INHABITANTS, SEE MY VIDEO ON MY YOUTUBE CHANNEL.
3 ON ITEM 26 AND 27, THESE WERE RECOGNIZING FAMILY CARE
4 PROVIDERS AND THE COUNTY LOS ANGELES AGAINST HATE WEEK, ARE
5 EXAMPLES OF THE COUNTY'S PANDERING DIVERSION FROM THE FACT
6 THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS CIRCLING THE THIRD WORLD DRAIN. ON
7 54, BEST VALUE JOB ORDER CONTRACTS IS ALMOST LAUGHABLE. WHAT
8 OTHER TYPE OF CONTRACTS ARE YOU PURSUING? THERE WILL ALSO BE A
9 RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR THE NOGALES BUS BENCH, WHICH WE
10 FINALLY GOT, IN TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED. A PRECIOUS BUS BENCH
11 INTERVIEW CAN BE SEEN ON MY YOUTUBE CHANNEL. IT IS WORTH EVERY
12 MINUTE OF YOUR TIME. AND FOR THOSE ON THE SHERIFF JAIL
13 SITUATIONS, WE WILL PUT YOU IN UNIFORM AND LET YOU GO WORK THE
14 JAILS, AND WE'LL SEE WHAT YOUR ATTITUDE IS AFTER A WEEK.
15 PRESIDENT TRUMP SAVED CALIFORNIA FROM ITSELF. THANK YOU.

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

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20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BART DIENER. PLEASE STATE
21 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL
22 ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU MAY BEGIN.

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24 **BART DIENER:** YES, I AM REPRESENTING S.E.I.U. 721, SPEAKING ON
25 ITEMS 35 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING,

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1 SUPERVISORS. TODAY, YOU ARE BEING ASKED TO APPROVE ANOTHER
2 PROP A CONTRACT, GAME CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES. THE
3 CONTRACTORS, MAXIMUS AND G.V.S., ACHIEVED COST SAVINGS BY
4 SIGNIFICANTLY LOWERING LABOR STANDARDS WHERE SALARIES THAT
5 START AT THE BARE COUNTY CONTRACTOR MINIMUM, HEALTH BENEFITS
6 THAT DO NOT NEARLY COVER THE EMPLOYEE'S OWN COSTS, MUCH LESS
7 THOSE OF HER FAMILY, AND LITTLE OR NO RETIREMENT BENEFITS AT
8 ALL. IN OTHER WORDS, THE SAVINGS ARE ACHIEVED BY REPLACING
9 GOOD STABLE COUNTY JOBS WITH HIGH TURNOVER SUBSISTENCE JOBS.
10 IN RECENT YEARS AND ON MULTIPLE OCCASIONS, YOUR BOARD HAS
11 RECOGNIZED THE DOWN SIDE AND SOCIAL COST OF PROP A
12 CONTRACTING, AND YOU HAVE EXPRESSED A PREFERENCE FOR BRINGING
13 THESE JOBS IN-HOUSE. IN 2017, YOU DIRECTED THE C.E.O. TO
14 CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF COUNTY CONTRACTS TO IDENTIFY OCCUPATIONS
15 COUNTY EMPLOYEES COULD THEMSELVES PERFORM. IN 2018, YOU
16 RECEIVED FROM THE C.E.O. A STRATEGIC WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
17 PLAN, WHICH INCLUDED RECOMMENDATIONS TO END CERTAIN PROP A
18 CONTRACTS, INCLUDING GAME CASE MANAGEMENT. IN 2019, YOUR BOARD
19 UNANIMOUSLY DIRECTED THE C.E.O. TO DEVELOP A FIVE YEAR PLAN TO
20 BRING PROP A CONTRACTS BACK IN-HOUSE. MORE THAN TWO YEARS
21 LATER, THERE IS NO FIVE YEAR PLAN, AND YOU ARE BEING ASKED TO
22 APPROVE ANOTHER PROP A CONTRACT. WHERE IS THE FIVE YEAR PLAN?
23 WHAT HAPPENED TO THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT RECOMMENDATION TO
24 BRING GAME CASE MANAGEMENT IN- HOUSE. IF THIS CONTRACT IS
25 APPROVED, WE WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU DIRECT THE

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1 C.E.O. AND D.P.S.S. TO EVALUATE OTHER THE NEXT 120 DAYS THE
2 FEASIBILITY, PROS AND CONS, COSTS, AND OBSTACLES TO BRINGING
3 THIS IN-HOUSE, SO WE DON'T END UP IN THE SAME POSITION 35
4 MONTHS LATER, THANK YOU.

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

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9 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROCIO FLORES. PLEASE STATE
10 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL
11 ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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13 **ROCIO FLORES:** THANK YOU, I AM ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEM 19 AND
14 PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, CHAIRWOMAN SOLIS AND
15 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ROCIO FLORES, AND I AM HERE ON BEHALF
16 OF U.S.C. UNIVERSITY RELATIONS, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
17 DEVELOPING A SHARED VISION WITH OUR NEIGHBORS AND ELECTED
18 OFFICIALS. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE COMMENT IN
19 SUPPORT OF INVESTMENTS TO ACCELERATE DIGITAL EQUITY AND YOUR
20 LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE. WE ARE COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING
21 EFFORTS TO BRIDGE THE DIGITAL DIVIDE, AS REFLECTED BY EXAMPLE
22 BY OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CALIFORNIA EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES
23 FUND. A STUDY RELEASED THIS PAST MARCH BY U.S.C. PROFESSOR,
24 DR. DOPLIN, HIGHLIGHTS THE CHANGING FACE OF THE DIGITAL
25 DIVIDE. THE OVERALL ADOPTION OF BROADBAND SURPASSED 90% FOR

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1 THE FIRST TIME. THE DIGITAL DIVIDE BREAKS ALONG RACIAL AND
2 ECONOMIC LINES WITH URBAN AND RURAL COMMUNITIES DISADVANTAGED
3 AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS BEING LEFT BEHIND AT AN ACCELERATED
4 PACE. THE PANDEMIC HAS ALSO EXPOSED A DIGITAL DIVIDE AND SHOWN
5 HOW ACCESS TO DISTANCE LEARNING OR TELEHEALTH IS MADE MORE
6 DIFFICULT AS A RESULT OF THIS INEQUITY. CALIFORNIA IS THE 5TH
7 LARGEST ECONOMY IN THE WORLD, YET 1 IN 5 K THROUGH 12 STUDENTS
8 ARE UNDER-CONNECTED, AND 35% OF HOUSEHOLDS LACK ACCESS TO
9 INTERNET. LACK OF ACCESS TO INTERNET OR COMPETING DEVICE
10 RESULTS IN A LACK OF ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES,
11 EDUCATION, HEALTHCARE, AND PUBLIC EMERGENCY SYSTEMS. WE, AT
12 U.S.C., SUPPORT THE EFFORTS TO BRIDGE THE DIGITAL DIVIDE AND
13 PROMOTE ACCESS TO ALL. THE GREAT CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS ONCE
14 SAID DIGITAL EQUITY IS A CIVIL RIGHT OF THE 21ST CENTURY.
15 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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

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20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SUJA LOWENTHAL. PLEASE
21 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING AND WHETHER YOU WILL
22 ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU MAY BEGIN.

23

24 **SUJA LOWENTHAL:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD
25 AND STAFF. I'M SUJA LOWENTHAL, CITY MANAGER FOR FORMOSA BEACH.

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1 I AM CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 6 TO EXPAND THE DEPARTMENT OF
2 MENTAL HEALTH MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAMS TO 24/7. THE SOUTH
3 BAY BEACH CITIES, WHICH IS INCLUDE THE CITY OF MANHATTAN
4 BEACH, FORMOSA BEACH, REDONDO BEACH, AND EL SEGUNDO,
5 COLLECTIVELY WITH A POPULATION OF OVER 137,000 RESIDENTS, ARE
6 PARTNERING TO HELP OUR UNHOUSED RESIDENTS. GIVEN THE LIKENESS
7 BETWEEN THESE CITIES, IT IS CRUCIAL FOR US TO DEVELOP
8 SOLUTIONS FOCUSING ON ADDRESSING OUR SHARED CHALLENGES. THE
9 BEACH CITIES PARTNERSHIP TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS IS A
10 TESTAMENT TO OUR ABILITY TO COLLABORATE. WE ARE PURSUING A
11 PILOT PROJECT FOR A MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE TO EXPAND THIS
12 REGIONAL APPROACH. WHILE OUR PARTNER AGENCIES WORK DILIGENTLY
13 BEHIND THE SCENES TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS, POLICE DEPARTMENTS
14 ARE CALLED UPON DAILY TO ADDRESS NONEMERGENCY, NONMEDICAL, AND
15 NONCRIMINAL CALLS BASED ON COMMUNITY OBSERVATIONS AND
16 INTERACTIONS. NOT ONLY DOES THE POLICE RESPONSE DIVERT SAFETY
17 PERSONNEL FROM THEIR PRIMARY DUTIES, IT DOES LITTLE ADDRESS
18 THE ROOT CAUSE BEHIND THE CRISIS CALL. REGIONAL ESTIMATES
19 INDICATE THAT APPROXIMATELY 10% OF OUR CALLS OF SERVICE MAY BE
20 ELIGIBLE FOR DIVERSION TO AN ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE PROGRAM. THE
21 TIMING OF THIS PILOT PROJECT COINCIDES WITH THE COUNTY'S
22 EFFORTS TO COMPLY WITH THE NATIONAL SUICIDE HOTLINE
23 DESIGNATION ACT REQUIRING THE THREE DIGIT NUMBER, 988, AS THE
24 NATIONAL NUMBER FOR MENTAL HEALTH EMERGENCIES AND THE
25 EXPANSION OF THE COUNTY'S ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM.

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1 EXPANDING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH'S MOBILE CRISIS
2 RESPONSE TO 24/7 WOULD ALLOW CITIES LIKE OURS TO ACCESS
3 MEDICARE FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT OUR OWN ALTERNATIVE CRISIS
4 RESPONSE SYSTEM. DEVELOPMENT OF THE PILOT PROJECT WILL
5 CAREFULLY COORDINATE WITH L.A. COUNTY, AND WE HOPE THAT YOU
6 WILL PASS THIS ITEM AND EXPAND THIS PROGRAM TO 24/7, AND WE
7 LOOK FORWARD TO PARTNERING WITH THE COUNTY IN ORDER TO ADDRESS
8 HOMELESSNESS AND HELP OUR UNHOUSED RESIDENTS, THANK YOU.

9

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU, AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF
13 YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND 0, BUT DO NOT
14 PRESS IT A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE QUEUE.
15 OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS THOMAS TAN. PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA
16 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU ADDRESS GENERAL
17 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

18

19 **THOMAS TAN:** ITEM 19. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK IN
20 SUPPORT OF ITEM 19 INVESTMENTS IN DIGITAL EQUITY AND A
21 COMMUNITY WIRELESS NETWORK TO BUILD DIGITAL EQUITY. MY NAME IS
22 THOMAS TAN. I AM THE DIRECTOR OF NETWORK AND COMPUTER SERVICES
23 AT THE HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT UNDER
24 SUPERINTENDENT ALFONSO JIMENEZ. OUR DISTRICT IS LOCATED IN SAN
25 GABRIEL VALLEY, ABOUT 20 MILES EAST OF THE CITY OF L.A., AND

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1 WE SERVE AROUND 17,000 K THROUGH 12 STUDENTS AND ABOUT 14,000
2 ADULTS ED STUDENTS. LET ME SHARE OUR EXPERIENCE ON THE VALUE
3 AND IMPORTANCE OF BRINGING BROADBAND INTERNET SERVICES TO
4 HOMES. THE COVID PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS DROVE SCHOOL DISTRICTS
5 TO PROVIDE DISTANCE LEARNING TO STUDENTS AT HOME. WE FOUND
6 THAT MANY STUDENTS DO NOT HAVE HOME INTERNET ACCESS. THROUGH A
7 PARTNERSHIP WITH L.A. COUNTY OFFICE OF ED AND VERIZON, WE ARE
8 ABLE TO PROVIDE OVER 3500 WIRELESS HOT SPOTS SO OUR STUDENTS
9 COULD SAFELY CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION. FOR EXAMPLE, AT LA
10 PUENTE HIGH SCHOOL, PARENTS AND STUDENTS COULD REQUEST A HOT
11 SPOT, AND WE WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE IT FOR THEM. HOWEVER, THE
12 WIRELESS HOT SPOT FUNDING IS NOT PERMANENT, AND THE WIRELESS
13 CONNECTION ON A HOT SPOT IS NOT AS GOOD AS ONE THAT WOULD BE
14 THROUGH THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY NETWORK. AS POINTED OUT BY DR.
15 CORRINE HYDE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ROSTER
16 SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, THE INEQUITY OF STUDENT INTERNET ACCESS
17 AT HOME IS CRITICAL. IN ADDITION, ONE OF THE GREAT AHAS IN
18 LEARNING FOR US WAS THAT STUDENTS AND TEACHERS WERE ONLINE AT
19 EVENINGS AND WEEKENDS, INDICATING A PUMPED UP DEMAND IN NEED
20 FOR RELIABLE INTERNET ACCESS. PLEASE CONSIDER TECHNOLOGY'S
21 INVESTMENT THAT THE PUBLIC HAS MADE IN INFRASTRUCTURE THAT HAS
22 MADE THE COUNTRY AND COUNTY EVEN BETTER. THE TELEPHONE SYSTEM
23 THAT BROUGHT US ALL TOGETHER AS A NATION. THE FREEWAY SYSTEM
24 THAT CONNECTS US TO EACH OTHER AND OPPORTUNITIES. THIS
25 ACCELERATING DIGITAL EQUITY INITIATIVE HOLDS THE PROMISE WITH

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1 ITS COMMUNITY WIRELESS NETWORK TO BRING RELIABLE BROADBAND
2 SERVICES TO STUDENTS IN LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES. SUPERVISORS,
3 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR ALL OF OUR L.A. COUNTY STUDENTS
4 AND THE PUBLIC EDUCATION, AND PLEASE VOTE IN FAVOR OF ITEM 19.
5 THANK YOU.

6

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

9

10 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JENNIFER WICKS. PLEASE
11 STATE THE ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL
12 ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU MAY BEGIN.

13

14 **JENNIFER WICKS:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
15 MY NAME IS JENNIFER WICKS. I AM A COUNTY EMPLOYEE, BUT TODAY I
16 AM CALLING AS A PUBLIC CITIZEN. I LIVE IN SUPERVISOR HAHN'S
17 DISTRICT, BUT THIS TOPIC WILL BE OF INTEREST TO EACH OF YOU. I
18 WILL PROVIDE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. AS VETERANS DAY HAS JUST
19 BEEN CELEBRATED, I WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL THE
20 VETERANS OVER THE YEARS ADVOCATING FOR OUR FREEDOM. BUT DID
21 YOU KNOW PEOPLE WHO HAVE SERVED HONORABLY IN THE U.S. ARMED
22 FORCES AND HAVE A SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY ARE PROVIDED
23 WITH VETERAN'S PREFERENCE POINTS IN THE HIRING PROCESS IN MANY
24 OTHER JURISDICTIONS, INCLUDING THING FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THE
25 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ORANGE COUNTY, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES,

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1 AND I AM SURE MANY MORE? HOWEVER, LOS ANGELES COUNTY
2 DEFINITION OF A VETERAN AS IT RELATES TO EMPLOYMENT PURPOSES
3 IS NOT INCLUSIVE OF DISABLED VETERANS. THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
4 RESOURCES STAFF, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
5 OFFICE, COUNTY COUNSEL, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY VETERAN
6 AFFAIRS, HAVE CONFIRMED THAT TO ME. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
7 CHARTER AND CIVIL SERVICE RULES DO NOT CURRENTLY PROVIDE
8 VETERANS PREFERENCE POINTS FOR VETERANS WHO HAVE A SERVICE
9 CONNECTED DISABILITY. WORKING FOR THE COUNTY, I AM CONFIDENT
10 THAT THE CURRENT POLICIES DO NOT ALIGN WITH HOW THE COUNTY
11 VALUES VETERANS. THE TOPIC OF VETERANS' PREFERENCE POINTS WAS
12 MOST RECENTLY ADDRESSED BY THE BOARD IN A 2003 MOTION BY
13 FORMER SUPERVISOR DON KANABE. THAT WAS NEARLY 20 YEARS AGO.
14 I'M ASKING FOR THE BOARD TO LOOK INTO THE ISSUE AND THE
15 APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENTS TO MAKE THE NECESSARY UPDATES TO ALLOW
16 FOR DISABLED VETERANS TO RECEIVE VETERANS' PREFERENCE POINTS
17 FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYMENT. THANK YOU.

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

21
22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS OLGA LEXELL. PLEASE STATE
23 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL
24 ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1 **OLGA LEXELL:** HI THERE. TODAY, I AM CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEMS
2 6, AND 21. MY NAME IS OLGA LEXELL. I AM A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH
3 ROBERTSON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL, THOUGH I AM CALLING AS AN
4 INDIVIDUAL TODAY. FIRST AND FOREMOST, I WANT TO THANK THE
5 FOLKS WHO MADE CALLS IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 6 BEFORE. I DO WANT TO
6 ADD THAT UNHOUSED FOLKS ARE NOT THE ONLY PEOPLE THAT BENEFIT
7 FROM MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS TEAMS THAT ARE AVAILABLE 24/7. I
8 KNOW I PERSONALLY HAVE SONS WHO WOULD HAVE BENEFITED FROM
9 THIS KIND OF THING, AS WELL. I KNOW I DON'T NEED TO TELL THE
10 ESTEEMED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABOUT THE MANY NEGATIVE
11 INTERACTIONS THERE HAVE BEEN BETWEEN FOLKS IN MENTAL CRISIS
12 AND POLICE, BUT JUST KNOW THAT CREATING DEDICATED CRISIS TEAMS
13 THAT ARE AVAILABLE ON THE -- AT ALL HOURS OF THE DAY WILL DO A
14 LOT TO MITIGATE SOME OF THESE NEGATIVE INTERACTIONS. NEXT, ON
15 ITEM 21, REGARDING DECRIMINALIZING MOBILITY. I'D LIKE TO
16 SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THIS ITEM. AS A BICYCLE RIDER, I SUPPORT
17 DECRIMINALIZING SIDEWALK RIDING IN L.A. COUNTY. MOST PEOPLE
18 HAVE NO IDEA WHERE THE CITY ENDS AND UNINCORPORATED L.A.
19 COUNTY BEGINS, AND THIS LAW IN GENERAL PLACES AN UNREASONABLE
20 BURDEN ON BIKE RIDERS TO KNOW VERY DETAILED SPECIFICS ABOUT
21 COUNTY AND CITY BOUNDARIES. GIVEN THAT MOST OF UNINCORPORATED
22 L.A. COUNTY LACKS SAFE BIKE LANES, IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE THAT
23 PEOPLE SOMETIMES NEED TO RESORT TO USING A SIDEWALK. WE ALL
24 ALSO SAW THE REPORT FROM THE L.A. TIMES ABOUT THE SHERIFF'S
25 USES OF THE FORCE AND STOPS OF PEOPLE OF COLOR BICYCLE RIDERS.

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1 AND THIS LAW GIVES THEM A PRETENSE TO PULL PEOPLE OVER
2 DISPROPORTIONATELY. I KNOW AS A WHITE WOMAN, IF I RIDE THE
3 SIDEWALK IN UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY, I WON'T GET PULLED
4 OVER BY THE SHERIFF. WE NEED TO CHANGE THIS LAW RIGHT NOW AND
5 ALIGN UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY WITH OTHER MAJOR CITIES IN
6 L.A. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

7

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

10

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

14

15 **AURORA PATROL:** HI, GOOD MORNING. I AM CALLING IN SUPPORT OF
16 ITEM NUMBER 7 FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. [SPEAKING FOREIGN
17 LANGUAGE] GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS AURORA. I COME
18 FROM THE -- DIASPORA COMMUNITY. I'M CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM
19 NUMBER 7 TO INVESTIGATE THE ABUSE OF INDIGENOUS BABY, JUSTIN
20 MAYA. I AM THE INTERPRETER COORDINATOR AT -- AN INDIGENOUS
21 WOMAN'S NONPROFIT IN SOUTH CENTRAL THAT WORKS JOINTLY WITH
22 CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES HERE IN LOS
23 ANGELES. (INDISCERNIBLE)'S MAIN PRIORITIES IS INCREASING
24 LANGUAGE ACCESS FOR INDIGENOUS FAMILIES, MANY OF WHOM DO NOT
25 SPEAK SPANISH, AND ARE THEREFORE DENIED ACCESS TO SERVICES AND

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1 OTHER NECESSITIES. BASED ON THE REGULAR LACK OF AWARENESS
2 D.C.F.S. HAS SHOWN TOWARD THE EXISTENCE OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE
3 AND THEIR NEEDS FOR INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION SERVICES,
4 WE, AT (INDISCERNIBLE) ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE
5 POTENTIAL ROLE THAT LANGUAGE BARRIERS PLAYED IN THE SEPARATION
6 OF THIS BOY FROM HIS BIOLOGICAL FAMILY AND THE ABUSE THAT HE
7 SUFFERED. WE CALL ON THE COUNTY TO FULLY INVESTIGATE THIS
8 MATTER AND TO EXPAND TRANSLATION SERVICES AT MAJOR HEALTHCARE
9 AND SOCIAL SERVICE INSTITUTIONS AND ANYWHERE THAT'S NEEDED, AS
10 IT'S THEIR RIGHT.

11

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

14

15 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS TROUTE WINTERS. PLEASE
16 STATE THE ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL
17 ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU MAY BEGIN.

18

19 **TROUTE WINTERS:** HELLO. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS TROUTE
20 WINTERS, AND I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE NATIONAL
21 ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS GREATER L.A. COUNTY. I AM CALLING
22 ON BEHALF OF ITEM NUMBER 6 TO EXPAND D.M.H.'S MOBILE CRISIS
23 RESPONSE TEAMS TO 24/7, 365 DAYS A YEAR AND TO INCREASE THE
24 NUMBER OF MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAMS. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT
25 MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE IS AVAILABLE 24/7 LIKE OTHER EMERGENCY

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1 RESPONSE SYSTEMS, AS A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS CAN OCCUR AT ANY
2 TIME. WE ARE ALSO IN SUPPORT OF INCLUDING INDIVIDUALS WITH
3 PRIOR LIVED EXPERIENCE OR PEERS TO WORK ALONGSIDE CLINICIANS
4 IN CONTRACTING WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO HELP
5 REDUCE RESPONSE TIMES AND RELIANCE ON LAW ENFORCEMENT. IT IS
6 IMPORTANT THESE PLANS ARE IN PLACE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH
7 THE LAUNCH OF 988 WHEN CALL VOLUME WILL PROBABLY INCREASE.
8 THANK YOU TO SUPERVISORS HAHN AND BARGER FOR BRINGING FORTH
9 THIS MOTION.

10

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

13

14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KESHA ADENE DORSEY. PLEASE
15 STATE THE ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL
16 ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU MAY BEGIN.

17

18 **KESHA ADENE DORSEY:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS KESHA ADENE
19 DORSEY. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
20 SPEAK. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I AM CALLING IN REGARDS TO
21 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7 AND ALSO REQUESTING -- ADDRESSING GENERAL
22 PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM WITH THE FAMILY JUSTICE TRIBE AND A PART
23 OF THE REIMAGINE CHILD SAFETY COALITION CALLING UPON AN
24 INVESTIGATION IN REGARDS TO THE CHARGE OF INCIDENT THAT
25 OCCURRED IN NORWALK FOR THE YOUNG BOY WHO WAS IN THE FOSTER

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1 CARE SYSTEM HERE. AS MANY ARE AWARE, LOS ANGELES TEARS APART
2 FAMILIES AT ONE OF THE HIGHEST RATES AMONG AMERICA'S LARGEST
3 METROPOLITAN AREAS. WITH OVER 33,000 CHILDREN UNDER ITS
4 SURVEILLANCE, LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
5 FAMILY SERVICES PROCLAIMS ITSELF AS THE NATION'S LARGEST
6 PUBLIC CHILD WELFARE AGENCY. YET WHILE BLACK CHILDREN ARE ONLY
7 7.5% OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S POPULATION, THEY MAKE UP NEARLY
8 30% OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE CUSTODY OF D.C.F.S. MOREOVER,
9 RECENT DATA INDICATES THAT A STAGGERING 58% OF BLACK CHILDREN
10 IN LOS ANGELES WILL BE SUBJECT TO D.C.F.S. INVESTIGATION
11 BEFORE THEY REACH THE AGE OF 18. L.A. COUNTY ITSELF HAS
12 RECOGNIZED THAT ANTIBLACKNESS IS PRESENT IN THE CHILD WELFARE
13 SYSTEM AND, BECAUSE OF THIS, BLACK FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES
14 ARE BEING IRREPARABLY DAMAGED. REMOVING CHILDREN FROM THEIR
15 FAMILIES IS NOT PROTECTING THEM. IT IS TRAUMATIZING TO THEM.
16 AND AS YOU CAN SEE, AS IN THE CASE OF THIS YOUNG MAN IN
17 NORWALK, OFTENTIMES BECAUSE OF THE STAGGERING NUMBER OF
18 CHILDREN IN THE SYSTEM IN LOS ANGELES, THE DEPARTMENT IS
19 UNABLE TO PROTECT AND TO PROTECT THE CHILDREN THAT THEY HAVE
20 UNDER THEIR CARE. WE DEMAND THAT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD
21 OF SUPERVISORS TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PREVENT CHILDREN AND
22 FAMILIES FROM BECOMING INVOLVED WITH THE SYSTEM AND END THE
23 PRACTICE OF FAMILY SEPARATION. THANK YOU.

24

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

3

4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MICHAEL SCHNEIDER. PLEASE
5 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
6 YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **MICHAEL SCHNEIDER:** GOOD MORNING. I'M GOING TO SPEAK ON ITEM
9 NUMBER 21. THIS MICHAEL SCHNEIDER, FOUNDER OF STREET SPRAWL. I
10 WANT TO ENCOURAGE THE SUPERVISORS TO NOT ONLY VOTE FOR ITEM
11 21 BUT TO MAKE IT STRONGER. THE AVERAGE ANGELENO COULD NOT
12 TELL YOU, FOR EXAMPLE, WHERE VENICE STOPS IN LOS ANGELES AND
13 WHERE (INDISCERNIBLE) BEGINS IN UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY. IN
14 VENICE, IT IS LEGAL TO RIDE A BIKE ON THE SIDEWALK, AND, OF
15 COURSE, IN MARINA DEL RAY, IT IS NOT. WE ALSO NEED TO THINK
16 ABOUT WHY PEOPLE ARE RIDING ON THE SIDEWALK IN THE FIRST
17 PLACE. IT IS NOT BECAUSE IT IS THEIR FIRST CHOICE. IT IS
18 BECAUSE THEY FEEL LIKE THEY ARE GOING TO DIE IN THE STREET
19 THAT HAS SUBPAR OR ZERO BIKE -- UNTIL L.A. COUNTY HAS A
20 NETWORK OF SAFE PROTECTED BIKE LANES WE SO DESPERATELY NEED,
21 IT SHOULD BE LEGAL TO RIDE A BIKE ON THE SIDEWALK IN
22 UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY JUST LIKE IT IS IN CITIES THAT MAKE
23 UP L.A. COUNTY, SUCH AS LOS ANGELES. IT IS ESPECIALLY URGENT
24 TO CHANGE THE LAW NOW THAT SIDEWALK RIDING IS USED BY SHERIFFS
25 OFTEN TO STOP AND HARASS MINORITIES. PLEASE CHANGE THE LAW AND

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1 MAKE IT LEGAL TO RIDE A BIKE ON THE SIDEWALK IN UNINCORPORATED
2 L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU.

3

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS EDEN N. MARADO. PLEASE
8 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
9 YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **EDEN N. MARADO:** HELLO. MY NAME IS EDEN N. MARADO, CITY
12 COMMISSIONER, CITY OF (INDISCERNIBLE). AND I AM IN SUPPORT FOR
13 AGENDA ITEM 67D BUT WILL ADD GENERAL COMMENTS. I AM IN
14 SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION TO MODERNIZE THE CALIFORNIA RETAIL FOOD
15 CODE TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SIDEWALK FOOD VENDORS. I'M
16 ALSO A STREET VENDOR ACTIVIST. AND IN THE PAST YEAR, I HAVE
17 DEVELOPED RAPPORT WITH AROUND 1,000 STREET VENDORS. VENDORS
18 LIKE IGNACIO TORRES, WHO WAS STABBED EIGHT TIMES ON FIRST ST.
19 IN LOS ANGELES TWO MONTHS AGO, YET WAS REMOVED BY THE CONSTANT
20 SHERIFF'S HARASSMENT FOR SELLING INSIDE A PRIVATE PROPERTY.
21 NOT ONLY HAVE SOME OF THESE VENDORS LOST BUSINESSES DURING THE
22 2020 PANDEMIC LOCKDOWN AND WERE FORCED TO SELL ON THE STREET,
23 THEY FACE SCRUTINY FROM THE PUBLIC WHO IS HUNGRY FOR RESOURCES
24 FROM THE REPERCUSSIONS OF THIS PANDEMIC BUT ALSO THE
25 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. I HAVE NEVER SUFFERED FROM FOOD

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1 POISONING FROM ANY STREET VENDOR. YET, I AM HOME AS I SPEAK
2 RECOVERING FROM FOOD POISONING FROM A LOCAL TACO BELL. DURING
3 THIS PANDEMIC, IT IS NOT SIMPLE BUREAUCRACY WHEN OUR VENDORS
4 HAVE FAMILIES TO PROVIDE FOR AND THE PUBLIC DECIDES TO
5 PURCHASE THEIR ITEMS. THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT PROTECTS
6 ECONOMIC LIBERTY. ANOTHER ADDITION IS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF
7 PUBLIC HEALTH WHEN THEY EXECUTE THEIR RAIDS, THEY BRING THE
8 LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S TEAM TO INTIMIDATE THESE VENDORS. WITH
9 THE L.A. SHERIFF'S HISTORY OF HAVING INTERNAL GANGS, THIS
10 TRIGGERS TRAUMA IN OUR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS. THANK YOU.

11

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

14

15 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MARIKA COLLINS. PLEASE
16 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
17 YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

18

19 **MARIKA COLLINS:** YES, I AM CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 6
20 AND TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, CHAIRWOMAN SOLIS
21 AND COUNTY SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MARIKA COLLINS. AND I HAVE
22 RECENTLY JOINED THE TEAM AT DIDI HIRSCH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
23 AND SERVE AS THEIR PUBLIC POLICY OFFICER. I AM DELIGHTED TO BE
24 CALLING IN THIS MORNING TO VOICE OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR
25 SUPERVISOR HAHN'S AND SUPERVISOR BARGER'S MOTION TO ENHANCE

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1 THE COUNTY'S ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM. SELECTED BY
2 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES, OUR FUNDING AGENCY FOR
3 988 IMPLEMENTATION FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND SERVING AS
4 THE ONLY 988 CALL CENTER WITHIN L.A. COUNTY, DIDI HIRSCH WOULD
5 ALSO LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF TIMELY ACCESS TO CARE
6 FOR INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING MENTAL HEALTH OR BEHAVIORAL
7 HEALTH CRISIS. CLEARLY NOTHING CAN BE MORE IMPORTANT. AND WE
8 APPRECIATE YOU AND ALL OF YOUR WORK IN THIS ARENA. DIDI HIRSCH
9 IS ALSO GRATEFUL FOR THE COMMITMENT OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF
10 SUPERVISORS FOR IDENTIFYING FUNDS TO BUILD UP A CALL CENTER
11 CAPACITY, INCLUDING THE STAFFING NEEDED TO PROPERLY TRIAGE ALL
12 988 CALLS AS PART OF THIS MOTION. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THE
13 RESOURCES DEDICATED TO THE PROPOSED EXPANSION WOULD ALLOW THE
14 988 CALL CENTERS TO FACILITATE A COORDINATION OF CARE BETWEEN
15 THE CRISIS COUNSELORS AND MOBILE CRISIS TEAMS IN THE FIELD. WE
16 WOULD ALSO SUPPORT THE TRACKING AND SHARING OF DATA TO MEASURE
17 THE TIMELINESS OF RESPONSE AND CARE. AND TO ENSURE THE SYSTEM
18 IS WORKING WELL FOR INDIVIDUALS IN CRISIS. THANK YOU AGAIN TO
19 THE BOARD FOR PUTTING THIS MOTION -- FOR PUTTING FORTH THIS
20 MOTION. THANK YOU.

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

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVEN. PLEASE STATE
2 YOUR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU
3 WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN. I'LL ADDRESS SEVERAL
6 ITEMS INCLUDING 67A, 54, 30, 1, 2, 3, 58. I THINK THERE'S A
7 LOT OF STUFF THERE. I HAVE TAKEN NOTE THAT WE ARE MIGRATING
8 TOWARD CALLING THINGS VILLAGE. A LITTLE HELPFUL CARE FIRST
9 VILLAGE OF HILDA SOLIS. WHY NOT NAME ONE OF THEM AFTER HOLLY
10 MITCHELL AS WELL BECAUSE I NOTICE IT IS BEING CALLED SOMETHING
11 ELSE, OLIVE VIEW? COME ON, LET'S BE FAIR. IF WE ARE GOING TO
12 SLATHER AROUND THE NAMING, LET'S DO IT RIGHT. AND I WAS
13 LOOKING AT THE DEAL IN LAKE VIEW TERRACE TO ACQUIRE FROM THE
14 OWNER OF 11,600 ELDRIDGE AVENUE, HERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO
15 POSSIBLY, WHERE IT IS IN THE VERY EARLY STAGES, SO WE ARE
16 LOOKING AT MAYBE LEASING OR LEASE TO BUY, OR A MAYBE PLACE
17 WHERE WE CAN SOLVE SOME OF THE MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS. MEANING
18 PEOPLE WHO NEED BEDS WHERE THERE'S A SHORTMENT OF THAT KIND OF
19 TREATMENT ALL OVER THE PLACE, AND IT REALLY DOES HELP BECAUSE
20 TOO MANY PEOPLE WHO NEED MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT WIND UP IN
21 THE JAIL, WHICH IS NOT WHERE THEY BELONG. AND SHORT NOTE, I AM
22 WISHING JOE MAIZLISH WELL, WHO HAS BEEN EXPERIENCING SOME
23 TERRIBLE ILLNESS. AND I HOPE THAT HE IS ABLE TO PREVAIL. HE'S
24 IN CHEMOTHERAPY, IF YOU CAN BELIEVE IT. WE ALL LOVE JOE, WHO
25 HAS BEEN SPEAKING OUT ABOUT THESE ISSUES FOR MANY, MANY YEARS.

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1 THAT SAID, I WAS NOT PARTICULARLY EXCITED ABOUT THE SHERIFF'S
2 REPORT ON USE OF FORCE. AND WHERE IS HUNTSMAN, FOR GOD'S SAKE.
3 HE IS BUSY ATTACKING THE SHERIFF 24/7. SHOULDN'T HE BE HERE TO
4 TALK ABOUT THESE NUMBERS, THE INCREASE BY SOMETHING LIKE 30
5 SOMETHING PERCENT IN USE OF FORCE. AND THANKS TO PETER
6 LIONSBERG AND STAFF FOR ROLLING HEAVILY TOWARD I GUESS YOU CAN
7 CALL IT ROSAS IMPLEMENTATION, BUT IF THERE'S A LOT OF PROBLEMS
8 WITH THE WAY WE ARE HANDLING THE MENTALLY ILL IN OUR JAILS,
9 WHY ARE WE DOING SOMETHING MORE AGGRESSIVE THAN TRYING TO PICK
10 OFF A SMALL PLACE IN LAKE VIEW TERRACE. WHAT IS THE STORY? ARE
11 WE GOING TO JUST ALLOW THIS KIND OF THING TO CONTINUE? I ALSO
12 SNIFFED ABOUT THE WRAP USE OF WRAP, WHETHER I THINK THAT'S
13 SOMETHING THAT TRIPS PEOPLE UP AND KNOCKS THEM DOWN, YOU KNOW,
14 OF COURSE THOSE THINGS SHOULDN'T HAPPEN, BUT LET LET'S NOT USE
15 IT AS A JUSTIFICATION FOR AXON, WHO ARE COMING IN. AND I WAS
16 ASTONISHED TWO REPORTS AGO FROM THE JAILS THAT THEY ARE USING
17 TASERS IN JAIL. THEY ARE USING TASERS IN JAIL. THAT MEANS --
18 THAT IS A TERRIBLE IDEA. AND BY THE WAY, THANK FOR BANNING
19 SINGLE USE PLASTICS OR GETTING TOWARD THE BAN. YOU'RE LOOKING
20 AT POLICIES. I WROTE AN ARTICLE THIS WEEK IN CITYWATCH L.A.
21 ABOUT BANNING. NOT SURE IT ALWAYS WORKS. AND IT IS GOOD THAT
22 WE ARE AGAINST HATE IN LOS ANGELES. WE CAN BAN THAT MAYBE. AND
23 I AM HAPPY TO SEE PLASTIC FORKS GO. BUT YOU KNOW THESE JOB
24 ORDER CONTRACTS, WE ARE BEING RIPPED OFF. SO IF THE COUNTY
25 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WANT TO CONTINUE TO LOOK AWAY FROM IT,

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1 THAT'S FINE. THOMASVILLE CONSTRUCTION, NO RELATION TO MARK
2 RIDLEY-THOMAS -- THE F.B.I., BUT THEY SEEM TO BE CONNECTED TO
3 M.T.M., ONE OF THE GREAT JOB ORDER CONTRACT PROVIDERS. THEY
4 WERE TEAMED UP -- I WAS LOOKING AROUND AT THIS COMPANY WHO
5 CLEANED UP BY SHAVING RIGHT UNDER THE WIRE TO GET THE LOW BID.

6

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

9

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

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH
16 INTERPRETATION OF THIS REMINDER. [INSTRUCTIONS IN SPANISH]
17 THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

18

19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS EDGAR MENDOZA. PLEASE STATE
20 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL
21 ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** EDGAR MENDOZA, PLEASE BEGIN.

24

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1 **EDGAR MENDOZA:** HI, MY NAME IS EDGAR MENDOZA. SORRY. I AM IN
2 FAVOR OF 67D. I AM MAKING A CALL TO ALL SUPERVISORS IN THE
3 COUNTY TO HELP MODERNIZE THE CODES FOR FOOD INSPECTIONS THAT
4 ARE REALLY IMPORTANT FOR VENDORS. I AM IN FAVOR OF THEM HAVING
5 WORKED WITH WHATEVER THEY NEED TO SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES. AND
6 THAT'S IT.

7

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

10

11 **MODERATOR:** YES, THE NEXT SPEAKER IS MICHAEL ZELMAN. PLEASE
12 STATE THE ITEMS AGENDA YOU ARE SPEAKING ON AND IF YOU'RE
13 SPEAKING ON PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE GO AHEAD, YOUR LINE IS
14 OPEN.

15

16 **MICHAEL ZELMAN:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS DR. MICHAEL ZELMAN.
17 I'M CALLING FAVOR OF ITEM 6 AND TO PROVIDE GENERAL PUBLIC
18 COMMENT. I THANK THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR ONGOING
19 SUPPORT OF THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM. THANK YOU SUPERVISORS
20 HAHN AND BARGER FOR THE MOTION TO EXPAND D.M.H.'S MOBILE
21 CRISIS RESPONSE TEAMS TO OPERATE ON A 24/7 BASIS. I AM A
22 LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST AND VICE PRESIDENT AT INDY HEALTH
23 SERVICES. I HAVE WORKED IN THE D.M.H. SYSTEM FOR 23 YEARS.
24 OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS OF THE PANDEMIC, THE NUMBER OF CRISIS
25 CALLS AND SITUATIONS THAT REQUIRE L.P.S AND PSYCHIATRIC

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1 HOSPITALIZATION HAVE INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY. WAIT TIMES FOR
2 (INDISCERNIBLE) AND WAIT TIMES OF SIX HOURS OR MORE ARE NOT
3 UNCOMMON. THE CURRENT CRISIS TEAMS ARE STRETCHED VERY THIN. WE
4 ARE ALL AWARE THAT THIS IS DUE TO CLINICIAN STAFFING SHORTAGE
5 ACROSS THE COUNTY. NON-DESIGNATED D.M.H. CLINICS MUST USE
6 THESE TEAMS TO ASSIST WITH HOSPITALIZING CLIENTS. THESE TEAMS
7 ARE ALSO NEEDED TREMENDOUSLY IN THE COMMUNITY FOR CALLS 365
8 DAYS A YEAR. AS WE KNOW, ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE SERVICES
9 STAFFED WITH CLINICIANS AND PEERS ARE NEEDED TO SUPPORT OUR
10 COMMUNITY MEMBERS DURING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. NEXT SUMMER
11 WHEN 988 GOES LIVE, I EXPECT THE NEED FOR MOBILE CRISIS TEAMS
12 TO GROW EXPONENTIALLY. EXPANDING D.M.H.'S MOBILE CRISIS TEAMS
13 AND CONTRACTING WITH LEGAL ENTITIES TO PROVIDE MOBILE CRISIS
14 TEAMS IS NEEDED TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY NOW AND IN THE
15 FUTURE. AN IMPORTANT POINT TO THIS IS THAT AFTER RECEIVING
16 CRISIS SERVICES, CONSUMERS WILL NEED FOLLOW UP SUPPORT.
17 ACCORDING TO THE STEINBERG INSTITUTE, CALIFORNIA'S BEHAVIORAL
18 HEALTH WORKFORCE CAN ONLY MEET 21% OF THE STATE'S BEHAVIORAL
19 HEALTH NEEDS. I HOPE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND COUNTY AND
20 STATE CAN FIND WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM SO
21 WE CAN HAVE PAY PARITY WITH PHYSICAL MEDICINE, ALIGNED FOR
22 BETTER CLINICIAN PAY, AND ALLOWING US TO HIRE AND RETAIN BOTH
23 THE CRISIS RESPONSE AND OUTPATIENT CLINICAL TEAMS WE SO
24 DESPERATELY NEED. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

25

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

3

4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LEAH GASORDAZ. PLEASE STATE
5 THE ITEM NUMBER YOU WILL BE SPEAKING ON AND IF YOU'RE SPEAKING
6 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **LEAH GASORDAZ:** YES, GOOD MORNING. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM 7
9 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS LEAH GASORDAZ. I AM THE
10 YOUTH JUSTICE POLICY LEAD WITH U.C.L.A. LAWS CRIMINAL JUSTICE
11 PROGRAM. AND I AM A MEMBER OF THE REIMAGINE CHILD SAFETY
12 COALITION. I AM CALLING IN TODAY TO SUPPORT THE PART OF
13 SUPERVISOR HAHN'S MOTION WHICH CALLED FOR AN ASSESSMENT OF THE
14 RESOURCES, SERVICES, AND PROGRAMS IN PLACE THROUGHOUT L.A.
15 COUNTY TO ENSURE CHILDREN STAY SAFE AND THAT NO CHILD IS EVER
16 REMOVED AND PLACED IN A HOME THAT WOULD RESULT IN ANY HARM. AS
17 WE CAN SEE FROM THE TRAGEDY IN NORWALK, D.C.F.S. DOES NOT KEEP
18 FAMILIES SAFE. D.C.F.S. REMOVED A CHILD FROM HIS HOME AND
19 PLACED HIM IN THE FOSTER SYSTEM WITH A FOSTER PARENT THAT
20 ALLEGEDLY ABUSED HIM SO BADLY HE IS NOW HOSPITALIZED. L.A.
21 COUNTY TEARS APART FAMILIES AT ONE OF THE HIGHEST RATES AMONG
22 AMERICA'S LARGEST METROPOLITAN AREAS. THERE ARE OVER 33,000
23 CHILDREN UNDER ITS SURVEILLANCE, AND D.C.F.S. PROCLAIMS ITSELF
24 THE NATION'S LARGEST PUBLIC CHILD WELFARE AGENCY. BLACK
25 CHILDREN ARE ONLY 7.5% OF L.A. COUNTY'S POPULATION, BUT MAKE

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1 UP 27.8% OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE CUSTODY OF D.C.F.S. L.A.
2 COUNTY ITSELF HAS RECOGNIZED THAT ANTIBLACKNESS IS PRESENT IN
3 THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM, AND, BECAUSE OF THIS, BLACK FAMILIES
4 ARE BEING IRREPARABLY DAMAGED. REMOVING CHILDREN FROM THEIR
5 FAMILIES IS NOT PROTECTING THEM. IT IS TRAUMATIZING THEM AND
6 CREATING GENERATIONAL HARM IN BLACK, BROWN, AND INDIGENOUS
7 COMMUNITIES. IT IS TIME TO REIMAGINE CHILD SAFETY. THAT IS WHY
8 OUR COALITION HAS SENT THE BOARD A LIST OF 11 DEMANDS THIS
9 WEEK WITH THE INTENT OF UPROOTING AND TRANSFORMING THE CURRENT
10 FOSTER SYSTEM IN L.A. COUNTY. PART OF ANY ASSESSMENT TO
11 CONSIDER HOW WE CAN KEEP CHILDREN SAFE REQUIRES US TO TAKE A
12 CRITICAL LOOK AT THE RIGHTS OF PARENTS DURING A D.C.F.S.
13 INVESTIGATION. IN A D.C.F.S. CASE, YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS ARE AT
14 STAKE. AND THE TERMINATION OF THOSE RIGHTS, WHICH IS ALSO
15 KNOWN AS THE CIVIL DEATH PENALTY, IS A VERY REAL LIFE
16 SENTENCE. THIS PENALTY IS NO LESS PAINFUL AND TRAUMATIZING AS
17 BEING SENTENCED TO DEATH IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. AND
18 THEREFORE --

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

22
23 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KATRINA KEIZOR. PLEASE
24 STATE THE AGENDA ITEM YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU
25 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1

2 **KATRINA KEIZOR:** HI, MY NAME IS KATRINA KEIZOR. I AM A MEMBER
3 OF HOLLY MITCHELL'S DISTRICT, AND I AM CALLING IN SUPPORT OF
4 ITEM 21. LIKE MANY OTHERS WHO HAVE WRITTEN IN OR SPOKEN
5 TODAY, I READ THE L.A. TIMES ARTICLE ABOUT HOW THE SHERIFFS
6 USE THESE VERY SMALL INFRACTIONS, INCLUDING RIDING A BIKE ON
7 THE SIDEWALK TO DISPROPORTIONATELY HARASS MINORITIES,
8 PARTICULARLY THOSE IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY. MANY
9 PEOPLE HAVE NO IDEA WHERE UNINCORPORATED COUNTY STARTS AND
10 ENDS, AND MANY OTHERS RIDE A BIKE ON THE SIDEWALK BECAUSE
11 THERE'S NOT A SUFFICIENT NETWORK OF SAFE PROTECTED BIKE LANES.
12 IF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MOVES FORWARD WITH
13 DECRIMINALIZING THIS AND REMOVING THE PUNISHMENT FOR PEOPLE
14 WHO HAVE ALREADY BEEN CITED UNDER THESE LAWS, I WOULD STRONGLY
15 BE IN FAVOR OF THAT. THANK YOU.

16

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

19

20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KATHRYN THOMAS. PLEASE
21 STATE THE AGENDA ITEM YOU WILL ADDRESS AND WHETHER YOU WILL
22 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT YOU MAY BEGIN.

23

24 **KATHRYN THOMAS:** HI, MY NAME IS KATHRYN THOMAS. CAN YOU HEAR
25 ME?

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1

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

3

4 **KATHRYN THOMAS:** I AM CALLING REGARDING AGENDA 7. AND I AM FOR
5 THAT, AND I DO REQUEST THAT IT GOES INTO THE GENERAL PUBLIC
6 COMMENT. I AM ASKING THAT NOT ONLY THEY DO THAT BUT THEY
7 INVOLVE THE F.B.I., THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. GABRIEL
8 FERNANDEZ DIED IN THE SAME COUNTY. IT WENT TO A NETFLIX
9 DOCUMENTARY. NOT ONE SOCIAL WORKER WAS FIRED. NOT ONE DIRECTOR
10 WAS FIRED. THIS AGENCY NEEDS TO BE HELD TO A HIGHER STANDARD.
11 THEY NEED MORE PUBLIC OVERSIGHT AND TRANSPARENCY. THEY OPERATE
12 IN COMPLETE SECRECY UNDER THE GUISE OF PROTECTING CHILDREN.
13 THEY ARE FAILING CHILDREN. THEY ARE FAILING FAMILIES. I WANT
14 MORE. I WANT THE F.B.I. INVOLVED IN THIS INVESTIGATION AND THE
15 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. THIS MUST END. WE NEED REFORM IN THE
16 LOCAL C.P.S. IN EVERY STATE AND COUNTY. IT IS R.I.C.O.
17 NATIONALLY. THEY ARE GETTING TITLE TWO FUNDS TO TAKE CHILDREN
18 AND PUT THEM IN FOSTER PLACEMENT RATHER THAN BIO FAMILY, WHICH
19 WOULD LESSEN THEIR TRAUMA. THAT MEANS A RELATIVE, A
20 GRANDMOTHER, AN AUNT, OR AN UNCLE. THEY ARE ALWAYS DENYING THE
21 BIO FAMILY ON HEARSAY ALLEGATIONS, NOT EVEN FOLLOWING THEIR
22 OWN POLICY AND PROCEDURES. I AM WITH REIMAGINING CHILD SAFETY.
23 AND I AM AN ACTIVIST WITH CALIFORNIA FAMILY RISE. THIS MUST
24 END. THIS AGENCY OPERATES IN COMPLETE SECRECY, AND IT IS TIME
25 THAT THEY ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE. THE WORKERS THAT WERE ON THIS

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1 CASE THAT WERE SPEAKING UP ON ITEM 7 SHOULD BE FIRED AND
2 CHARGED. THE DIRECTOR SHOULD BE FIRED. L.A. COUNTY HAS DONE
3 THIS NUMEROUS TIMES. I CAN SHARE WITH YOU MULTIMILLION DOLLARS
4 LAWSUITS THAT ARE GOING ON IN THE CHILD PROTECTIVE AGENCY. AND
5 NOTHING IS CHANGING LEGISLATIVELY.

6

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

9

10 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LAUREN NACANO. PLEASE STATE
11 THE GENERAL ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU
12 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU MAY BEGIN.

13

14 **LAUREN NACANO:** GOOD MORNING, TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY
15 NAME IS LAUREN NACANO. I AM WITH THE CITY'S HEALTH DISTRICT. I
16 AM ALSO CO-CHAIR OF THE COMMUNITY PREVENTION AND POPULATION
17 HEALTH TASK FORCE. D.C.H.D. IS IN FAVOR -- I AM SPEAKING ON
18 AGENDA ITEM 6 AND GENERAL COMMENT. D.C.H.D. IS IN FAVOR OF
19 EXPANSION OF D.M.H. MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAMS TO 24/7, 365.
20 D.C.H.D. IS ONE OF THE CONVENERS OF THE SOUTH BY LEADERSHIP,
21 WHO HAVE ESTABLISHED A SERVICE PLANNING AREA EIGHT HEALTH
22 WORKGROUP THAT HAS BEEN MEETING TO IDENTIFY PRIORITY HEALTH
23 ISSUES IN THE SOUTH BAY. EDUCATION AWARENESS AND ACCESS TO A
24 WIDE ARRAY OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES HAS BEEN ELEVATED AS A
25 HEALTH PRIORITY FOR THE SOUTH BAY. D.C.H.D. SUPPORTS

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1 LOCALIZING CRISIS RESPONSE TEAMS TO CITIES AND COMMUNITIES AND
2 SPECIFICALLY THE PILOT BEING EXPLORED WITH THE CITY OF FORMOSA
3 BEACH. THIS IS AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COUNTY TO
4 PARTNER WITH LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES AROUND ADDRESSING CRITICAL
5 HEALTH ISSUES. IN ORDER TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN THIS ENDEAVOR, WE
6 ALSO RECOGNIZE THE NEED TO PROVIDE FUNDING, INFRASTRUCTURE,
7 AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO LOCAL AGENCIES WHO WILL BE PART OF
8 SETTING UP THIS BROADER COUNTY WIDE SAFETY NET. THANK YOU VERY
9 MUCH TO THE SUPERVISORS FOR PRIORITIZING MENTAL HEALTH OF
10 COUNTY RESIDENTS. THANKS SO MUCH.

11

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

14

15 **MODERATOR:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE
16 BOARD, IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND THEN
17 0 AT THIS TIME. DO NOT PRESS 1 AND 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU
18 WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE QUEUE. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS VENICE
19 HUERLA. PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEM AND WHETHER YOU ARE
20 ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN. [ECHO]

21

22 **VENICE HUERLA:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
23 BOARD. MY NAME IS VENICE HUERLA. I AM WITH THE NATIONAL ASIAN
24 AMERICAN COALITION HERE IN LOS ANGELES. I AM HERE TO MAKE A
25 GENERAL COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 19 REGARDING INVESTMENTS

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1 TO ACCELERATE DIGITAL EQUITY. WE AGREE WITH YOUR PRIMARY GOAL
2 TO IMMEDIATELY CONNECT FAMILIES LOCATED IN OUR MOST VULNERABLE
3 COMMUNITIES TO RELIABLE, HIGH-SPEED INTERNET THROUGH OPTION A
4 AS WRITTEN IN THE I.S.D. REPORT. WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT THIS
5 IS YOUR MOST COST EFFECTIVE OPTION AND HAS THE FASTEST
6 IMPLEMENTATION TIME LINE ABLE TO REACH THE MOST NUMBER OF
7 HOUSES IN NEED. WE ASK YOU TO ADDRESS THE CRITICAL ADOPTION
8 GAP HERE IN URBAN L.A. COUNTY. HELP OUR VULNERABLE FAMILY WHO
9 CANNOT AFFORD INTERNET BY PROVIDING A CRITICAL LIFELINE WITH
10 LONG TERM COUNTY INTERNET SUBSIDIES WITH EXISTING
11 INFRASTRUCTURE. THANK YOU.

12

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

15

16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ALBA GONZALES. PLEASE STATE
17 THE AGENDA ITEM YOU THAT ARE SPEAKING ON AND IF YOU WILL BE
18 ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

19

20 **ALBA GONZALES:** [SPEAKING SPANISH]

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH
23 INTERPRETATION.

24

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1 **ALBA GONZALES:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ALBA GONZALES. I AM
2 CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 7, SPECIFICALLY IN THE ABUSE
3 OF THE CHILD FROM THE CITY OF NORWALK, AND I'M ALSO CALLING ON
4 BEHALF OF A WOMAN'S ORGANIZATION FOR INDIGENOUS HELP. WE ARE
5 ASKING FOR ACCESS TO INDIGENOUS SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WHO DO NOT
6 SPEAK SPANISH. WE ARE ALSO ASKING WHY IS THERE A LACK OF
7 SUPPORT FOR INTERPRETIVE SERVICE, AND WE CALL UPON THE COUNTY
8 TO HELP INCREASE SUPPORT AND AWARENESS FOR PEOPLE THAT DO NOT
9 SPEAK SPANISH AND ASK FOR ADDITIONAL HELP FOR TRANSLATION
10 SERVICES. THANK YOU.

11

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

14

15 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS COURT THOMAS. PLEASE STATE
16 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL
17 ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

18

19 **COURT THOMAS:** HI, THIS IS COURT THOMAS, AND I AM SPEAKING IN
20 SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM 21. I SUPPORT DECRIMINALIZING RIDING
21 BICYCLES ON SIDEWALKS IN L.A. COUNTY. MUCH OF UNINCORPORATED
22 LOS ANGELES COUNTY LACKS SAFE BIKE LANES AND PEOPLE HAVE
23 NOWHERE ELSE TO GO BUT THE SIDEWALK. FURTHERMORE, MOST PEOPLE
24 HAVE NO IDEA WHERE THE CITY ENDS IN UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES
25 COUNTY BEGINS. SO THIS LAW PLACES AN UNREASONABLE BURDEN ON

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1 BIKE RIDERS AND DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTS MINORITIES. PLEASE
2 CHANGE THE LAW AND ALIGN UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY
3 WITH OTHER MAJOR CITIES AND PROVIDE SAFE BICYCLING FOR ALL.
4 THANK YOU.

5

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

8

9 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS FAITH BAUTISTA. PLEASE
10 STATE THE AGENDA ITEM YOU ARE ADDRESSING AND WHETHER YOU WILL
11 ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

12

13 **FAITH BAUTISTA:** HI. THIS IS FAITH BAUTISTA REPRESENTING
14 NATIONAL ASIAN AMERICAN COALITION AND NATIONAL DIVERSITY
15 COALITION. WE PROBABLY HAVE 100 LETTERS THAT WE HAVE SENT IN
16 SUPPORTING OPTION A. AND THIS IS FOR THE AGENDA ITEM 19.
17 BASICALLY, LET'S HELP THE PEOPLE THAT NEED GOOD ACCESS ON THE
18 INTERNET, HIGH-SPEED INTERNET. I THINK THE INVESTMENT TO
19 ACCELERATE DIGITAL EQUITY SHOULD FOCUS MORE ON THE VULNERABLE
20 PEOPLE. THE OPTION A SHOULD HAVE MORE TEETH. WE SHOULD MAKE
21 SURE THAT THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN ALL THE PROVIDERS WILL BE
22 GIVEN FUNDING. IT'S GOT TO BE CLEARER, AND I THINK WE SHOULD
23 FOLLOW WHAT THE I.S.D. REPORT IS. SO OUR POINT IS THE
24 GOVERNMENT IS THERE FOR OUR PEOPLE, BUT THE EXPERTISE IS NOT
25 THERE. LET'S NOT WASTE VERY SCARCE RESOURCES FUNDING OF NOT

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1 HELPING THOSE THAT NEED A HIGH-SPEED INTERNET. IF WE ARE GOING
2 TO COLLABORATE, AND WE ALWAYS BELIEVE THAT, THAT COLLABORATION
3 IS THE BEST WAY TO DO IT, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, GIVE RESOURCES
4 RIGHT. LIKE HOW CAN WE INCREASE THE HIGH-SPEED INTERNET? HOW
5 CAN WE HAVE BETTER PUBLIC SUBSIDIES? WITH COVID AND THE
6 ECONOMIC CRISIS RIGHT NOW, AND WE'RE STILL HERE. WE'RE GOING
7 TO BE HERE FOR A WHILE, HOW CAN WE GET MORE SUBSIDY TO THE LOW
8 AND MODERATE INCOME? SO I AM HOPING THAT THE BOARD OF
9 SUPERVISORS PLEASE THINK THAT OPTION A IS A GOOD ONE, BUT PUT
10 SUBSIDY ON IT SO WE CAN HELP BETTER SERVE PEOPLE OF COLOR AND
11 IMMIGRANTS. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

12

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

15

16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CHRIS MARTIN. PLEASE STATE
17 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL
18 ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

19

20 **CHRIS MARTIN:** OKAY. I WILL BE ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7
21 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. SPEAKING AS A MEMBER OF THE
22 REIMAGINE CHILD SAFETY COALITION IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM 7,
23 AND URGE THE COUNTY TO TAKE EVEN BOLDER ACTION TO PROTECT
24 FAMILIES FROM SURVEILLANCE AND THE OVERREACH OF THE SO-CALLED
25 FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. MY WORK AS A LAWYER REPRESENTING PARENTS

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1 IN THE SYSTEM, I'VE PERSONALLY SEEN D.C.F.S. UNNECESSARILY
2 RUIN THE LIVES OF COUNTLESS FAMILIES. SOME OF THESE PARENTS
3 HAVE HAD THEIR KIDS TAKEN AWAY BECAUSE THEY SMOKE MARIJUANA,
4 OTHERS BECAUSE THEY ARE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. AND MANY
5 OF THEM FEEL LIKE THE WORST THING THEY COULD EVER COULD HAVE
6 DONE WAS REACH OUT TO POLICE AND REACH OUT TO D.C.F.S. BECAUSE
7 NOW THEIR KIDS ARE GONE BECAUSE THEY REACHED OUT FOR HELP. AND
8 OTHERS ARE DUE TO GENERAL NEGLECT, AND NOBODY KNOWS WHAT THAT
9 MEANS. SO THAT'S WHY WE MUST PUT A MORATORIUM ON DETENTIONS
10 RELATED GENERAL NEGLECT AS DEFINED BY D.C.F.S., CHILDREN'S
11 WHOSE PARENTS OR GUARDIANS HAVE EXPERIENCED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.
12 BUT I ALSO WANT TO NOTE HERE THAT A DRUG TEST IS NOT A
13 PARENTING TEST. WE NEED TO STOP TRAUMATICALLY SEPARATING
14 CHILDREN SIMPLY BECAUSE THEIR PARENTS USE OR HAVE USED DRUGS.
15 THE SAD THING HERE IS THAT A NUMBER OF THESE KIDS ARE GOING TO
16 GO INTO HOMES WHERE THEY ARE EVEN MORE TRAUMATIZED BY FOSTER
17 PARENTS. AND THE REIMAGINE CHILD SAFETY COALITION IS A GROUP
18 OF ADVOCATES, ORGANIZATIONS, AND IMPACTED FAMILIES UNITED TO
19 RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE HARMS OF THE FAMILY REGULATION
20 SYSTEM AND AIMS TO BREAKDOWN THOSE POLICIES IN LOS ANGELES
21 COUNTY THAT TARGET AND HARM BLACK AND INDIGENOUS FAMILIES AS
22 WELL AS LOW INCOME FAMILIES AND OTHER FAMILIES OF COLOR. WE
23 BELIEVE ALL COMMUNITIES AND FAMILIES DESERVE THE RESOURCES AND
24 SUPPORT THAT THEY NEED TO THRIVE. THIS IS A SYSTEM THAT GOT
25 THAT FOUR-YEAR-OLD CHILD BEATEN UP AND INDUCED IN A COMA WHILE

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1 UNDER THE CARE OF D.C.F.S. INSTEAD OF INCREASING CHILD SAFETY,
2 REMOVING CHILDREN FROM THEIR FAMILIES OFTEN PRODUCES
3 DEVASTATING OUTCOMES AND IS ROOTED IN CENTURIES OF VIOLENCE,
4 WHITE SUPREMACY, AND ATTEMPTED CULTURAL GENOCIDE. WE CALL UPON
5 THE BOARD TO REIMAGINE CHILD SAFETY BY REVIEWING OUR
6 COALITION'S LIST OF DEMANDS, REVISING POLICIES, AND TAKING
7 ACTION RELATING TO D.C.F.S. AND ASSOCIATED AGENCIES
8 ACCORDINGLY. THANK YOU.

9

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BABA ACHILLE. PLEASE STATE
14 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL
15 ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

16

17 **BABA ACHILLE:** YES. ITEM 7 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME
18 IS ACHILLE. I AM WITH BLACK LIVES MATTER OF L.A. AND THE
19 (INDISCERNIBLE) INSTITUTE. THE INCIDENT THAT HAPPENED IN
20 NORWALK, IT HAPPENS ALL TOO OFTEN WITHIN D.P.S. AND HAS TO BE
21 ADDRESSED AND MUST BE ALLEVIATED. BLACK LIVES MATTER HAS BEEN
22 WORKING WITH STUDENT DESERVES TO REMOVE POLICE FROM CAMPUSES
23 BECAUSE THEIR PRESENCE ONLY CRIMINALIZES OUR CHILDREN. IT IS
24 TIME THAT THE COUNTY TAKE A REIMAGINED APPROACH TO CHILD
25 SAFETY. INCLUDING AND HAVING THE POLICE BE A PART OF THAT

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1 PROCESS, ONLY CRIMINALIZES THE FAMILY AND CRIMINALIZES THE
2 CHILDREN. D.P.S. WORKS IN DIRECT PARTNERSHIP WITH THE L.A.P.D.
3 AND THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT. D.C.F.S. IS IMPLICATED
4 IN THE POLICE STATE THAT TERRORIZES AND DEVASTATES BLACK
5 FAMILIES. GETTING COPS OUT OF C.P.S. IS ONE OF THE FIRST STEPS
6 WE MUST TAKE TO PREVENT THE TRAUMA AND SEPARATION OF BLACK
7 FAMILIES. THEY DON'T PROVIDE ANY REAL SAFETY. THEY DON'T
8 PROVIDE ANY REAL COMFORT. ALL THEY DO IS CRIMINALIZE THE
9 FAMILIES AND CRIMINALIZE AND TRAUMATIZE THE CHILDREN. WE HAVE
10 LEARNED THAT THE POLICE DON'T KEEP US SAFE. WE KEEP US SAFE.
11 THE COUNTY NOW HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH THE REIMAGINE
12 CHILD SAFETY COALITION TO RETHINK, REIMAGINE, RECONSIDER WHAT
13 THIS MEANS. AND SO, WE ARE ASKING YOU TO ACCEPT OUR DEMAND,
14 AND THE FIRST ONE BEING A MORATORIUM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME,
15 AND I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME, THANK YOU.

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

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20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MARCEL CALABRELO. PLEASE
21 STATE THE ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL
22 ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23
24 **MARCEL CALABRELO:** HI. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 6, ALSO A GENERAL
25 PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS MARCEL CALABRELO. I AM THE REGIONAL

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1 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS FOR TELECARE HERE IN LOS ANGELES. WE
2 ARE A VERY LARGE MENTAL HEALTH COMPANY. WE HAVE 140 PROGRAMS
3 IN CALIFORNIA, ARIZONA, NEBRASKA, OREGON, WASHINGTON, AND WE
4 SERVE ABOUT 32,000 PEOPLE PER YEAR. WE HAVE BEEN DOING THIS
5 FOR OVER 50 YEARS, SERVING PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL
6 ILLNESSES. HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, WE HAVE BEEN DOING THIS FOR 35
7 YEARS. WE HAVE A LARGE PLACE IN LONG BEACH CALLED LA CASA THAT
8 SOME OF YOU MAY BE FAMILIAR WITH. I OVERSEE THE COMMUNITY
9 PROGRAMS, WHICH SERVE MEN AND WOMEN COMING OUT OF PRISON,
10 JAIL, LOCKED MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES. WE HAVE A VERY LARGE
11 (INDISCERNIBLE) PROGRAM. WE HAVE LOTS OF F.S.P.
12 (INDISCERNIBLE) ETC. OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE EXCELLENT AND
13 EFFECTIVE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICE TO ENGAGE INDIVIDUALS WITH
14 COMPLEX MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS AND RECOVER THEIR HEALTH, THEIR
15 HOPES, THEIR DREAMS, AND BE ABLE TO LOVE AND BE LOVED. TODAY,
16 I AM TALKING ABOUT I'M IN SUPPORT OF THE SUPERVISORS HAHN
17 BARGER'S MOBILE CRISIS CENTER, THE MOTION TO EXPAND
18 ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE IN LIEU OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TO
19 24/7. WE'VE DONE THIS IN TEXAS, IN WASHINGTON, AND ORANGE
20 COUNTY, AND RIGHT NOW, WE ARE JUST STARTING OUT IN SAN DIEGO.
21 AND WE HAVE LEARNED THE CRISIS TEAMS STAFFED WITH CLINICIANS
22 AND PEERS, PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE, CAN BE A LIFE SAVER
23 THE COMMUNITY AND TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT. OUR USE A
24 SPECIALIZED STAFF, PEOPLE THAT ARE TRAINED IN SUBSTANCE USE
25 ISSUES AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES HAS ENABLED US TO CONNECT WITH

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1 PEOPLE IN A MORE PERSONAL WAY, WITH DIFFERENT CRISIS AND
2 REDUCE THE STRESS OF THE CRISIS.. I KNOW LAW ENFORCEMENT
3 PRESENCE IS NEEDED, BUT SOMETIMES, JUST THE PRESENCE OF LAW
4 ENFORCEMENT CAN TRIGGER A PERSON, AND THE CRISIS COULD GET
5 WORSE. WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO BE ABLE TO DO THIS IN SO MANY
6 PLACES, AND WE ARE SURE THAT WE POTENTIALLY HAVE AVERTED MANY
7 TRAGEDIES. LIKE I SAID, WE STARTED THIS IN SAN DIEGO IN
8 AUGUST. AND OUR MODELS HAVE HELPED THE COMMUNITY TO USE THE
9 LAW ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES IN A MORE APPROPRIATE WAY WHEN IT IS
10 REALLY NEEDED. AND FORTUNATELY, THE STATE'S D.H.C.S. IS NOW
11 REISSUING THEIR R.F.P. SO THAT COUNTIES CAN APPLIES TO EXPAND
12 THEIR MOBILE CRISIS SERVICES. PROPOSALS ARE DUE ON JANUARY
13 4TH. SO WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE COUNTY APPLYING FOR THESE
14 FUNDS. INCREASE ACCESS TO MOBILE CRISIS SERVICES SO THE
15 COMMUNITY GETS RESPONSE. AND SO, THE COMMUNITY CAN GET THE
16 RIGHT SERVICE WITH THE RIGHT TRAINED STAFF AT THE RIGHT TIME.
17 I AM ALSO THE FATHER OF A TEENAGER THAT STRUGGLES WITH MENTAL
18 ILLNESS. AND IN MANY, MANY TIMES, I WISH I HAD A MOBILE CRISIS
19 CENTER THAT I COULD CALL. I NEVER CALL THE POLICE BECAUSE I
20 DIDN'T WANT THE POLICE IN MY HOUSE.

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

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LISA DAVIS. PLEASE STATE
2 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL
3 ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC MINUTE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **LISA DAVIS:** I SPEAK IN FAVOR OF AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7 AND
6 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LISA DAVIS, A
7 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT TWO, A MEMBER OF THE REIMAGINE CHILD
8 SAFETY COALITION, AND A PUBLIC INTEREST ATTORNEY THAT HELP
9 VICTIMS OF CRIMES, MOSTLY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, IN OUR VARIOUS
10 COURTS AND COMMUNITY CLINICS LOCATED THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES
11 COUNTY. IT IS TIME TO REIMAGINE CHILD SAFETY. D.C.F.S. MUST
12 IDENTIFY ALL AVAILABLE SERVICES AND INFORM ALL PARENTS,
13 INCLUDING VETERANS, INCARCERATED PARENTS, AND OTHERS TO THESE
14 SERVICES. CRUCIALLY, D.C.F.S. MUST PAY FOR ALL COUNTY-IMPOSED
15 COURT-ORDERED SERVICES. LOS ANGELES IS THE ONLY COUNTY IN
16 CALIFORNIA WE ARE AWARE OF THAT DOES NOT PAY FOR THE SERVICES
17 TO WHICH PARENTS ARE ORDERED. D.C.F.S. PAYS STRANGERS TO TAKE
18 CARE OF CHILDREN, YET REFUSES TO PAY FOR SERVICES FOR PARENTS.
19 DAY IN AND DAY OUT, I MEET WITH CLIENTS WHO REFERRED TO BY
20 D.C.F.S. OR LAW ENFORCEMENT UNDER THE THREAT THEIR CHILDREN
21 WILL BE PLACED IN FOSTER CARE IF THEY DO NOT TAKE LEGAL ACTION
22 AGAINST THEIR ABUSER. PARENTS NOW UNDER THE SURVEILLANCE OF
23 D.C.F.S. THESE ARE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS. ALL LOW INCOME, LOW
24 RESOURCE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. PEOPLE WHO ARE IN
25 CRISIS, YET MUST QUICKLY BOUNCE BACK FROM THEIR TRAUMATIC

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1 EXPERIENCE OR RISK LOSING THEIR CHILDREN. OFTEN IN ADDITION TO
2 HAVING TO FIND ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND LEGAL -- FREE LEGAL
3 SERVICES, THEY ARE ENROLLED -- ORDERED TO ENROLL IN A
4 MULTITUDE OF CLASSES, PARENTING CLASSES, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
5 CLASSES, CLASSES THEY CANNOT AFFORD, OR, AGAIN, RISK LOSING
6 THEIR CHILDREN. THIS IS TRAUMATIC. IT IS UNFAIR. IT
7 OVERBURDENS ALREADY OVERBURDENED FAMILIES. AND IT SETS THEM UP
8 FOR FAILURE. IT IS TIME TO REIMAGINE CHILD SERVICES. THANK
9 YOU.

10

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

13

14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RONSON CHEW. PLEASE STATE
15 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL
16 ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

17

18 **RONSON CHEW:** YES. I AM ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEMS NUMBER 6 AND
19 NUMBER 20. AND I WILL BE ADDRESSING PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS
20 RONSON CHEW. I AM WITH THE SOUTH BAY CITY'S COUNCIL OF
21 GOVERNMENTS. AND REGARDING AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 6, THANK YOU
22 SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR PUTTING FORTH THIS
23 MOTION. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF CITIES HERE IN THE SOUTH BAY THAT
24 ARE REALLY INTERESTED IN PARTNERING WITH THE COUNTY TO
25 LEVERAGE THE PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAMS THAT CURRENTLY

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1 EXIST WITH THE COUNTY. AND I THINK THIS MOTION WILL REALLY
2 FURTHER THAT EFFORT. WE WOULD LIKE TO DO A PILOT WITH THE
3 COUNTY. AND SO, WE ARE CURRENTLY IN DISCUSSIONS WITH
4 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH ON HOW TO DO THAT. FORMOSA BEACH
5 HAS LED THE WAY, BUT THERE ARE MANY OTHER CITIES IN OUR AREA
6 THAT ARE INTERESTED IN THIS AS WELL. IN REGARDS TO AGENDA ITEM
7 20, BY SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SOLIS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
8 PUTTING FORTH THIS MOTION. WE FULLY SUPPORT IT. I THINK IT IS
9 A GREAT IDEA TO USE H.A.P. FUNDS IN SUPPORT OF PROJECT HOME
10 KEY, ONE OF THE LARGEST PUBLIC HOUSING INITIATIVES IN THE
11 COUNTRY. PROJECT HOME KEY IS MUCH NEEDED TO PROVIDE PERMANENT
12 HOUSING STOCK FOR THOSE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. AND
13 UTILIZING H.A.P. FUNDS IN THIS MANNER WILL HELP US GAIN EVEN
14 MORE FUNDING THROUGH THE STATE VIA THE MATCHING PROGRAM THAT
15 THE STATE HAS FOR PROJECT HOME PEACE. SO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR
16 THIS MOTION, AND I HOPE THAT INITIATIVE PASSES. THANK YOU.

17

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

20

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

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

4

5 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS VANESSA SUPERVILLE. PLEASE
6 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
7 YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

8

9 **VANESSA SUPERVILLE:** HI, MY NAME IS VANESSA SUPERVILLE. AND I
10 WILL BE ADDRESSING ITEM 67D. I AM CALLING IN SUPPORT AND
11 ASKING FOR THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT UPDATING THE FOOD
12 CODES AND MAKING IT WHERE IT IS NO LONGER CRIMINAL FOR US
13 STREET VENDORS TO MAKE A LIVING ON THE STREET. IT IS IMPORTANT
14 THAT THESE FOOD CODES ARE NOT ONLY MADE WHERE THEY ARE
15 INCLUSIVE TO STREET VENDORS BUT WHERE WE CAN AFFORD AND WORK
16 WITH COUNTY TO GET THE HEALTH PERMITS THAT ARE NECESSARY. A
17 LOT OF TIMES, AS STREET VENDORS, WE ARE CRIMINALIZED FOR,
18 AGAIN, MAKING A LIVING. SOMETHING THAT IS ACTUALLY ALSO PART
19 OF OUR CULTURE TO SELL ON THE STREET. AND I AM JUST ASKING
20 THAT YOU GUYS SUPPORT US BY UPDATING THESE FOOD CODES AND BY
21 GIVING US AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A LEGAL LIVING WHERE WE ARE
22 JUST TRYING TO SUPPORT OUR FAMILIES AND TO SURVIVE IN THIS
23 WORLD. ESPECIALLY DUE TO THE PANDEMIC, WE'VE ALL TAKEN
24 SUFFERING. AND AGAIN, I JUST ASK YOU TO SUPPORT US IN UPDATING
25 THE FOOD CODES. THANK YOU.

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

4

5 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KAYLA LOVE. PLEASE STATE
6 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL
7 ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

8

9 **KAYLA LOVE:** HI, MY NAME IS KAYLA LOVE. I AM WITH REIMAGINE
10 CHILD SAFETY COALITION. I AM GOING TO ADDRESS ITEM NUMBER 7
11 AND MAKE GENERAL COMMENTS AS WELL. ON OCTOBER 29TH, 2021,
12 L.A.S.D. THEY ARRESTED A FOSTER CARE MOTHER THAT WAS SUPPOSED
13 TO PROTECT THAT CHILD IN THE CITY OF NORWALK FOR HER ALLEGED
14 INVOLVEMENT IN THE ABUSE OF A 4-YEAR-OLD BOY. THE FOSTER CARE
15 SYSTEM CONTINUES TO FAIL US. L.A. COUNTY, YOU NEED TO
16 ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE THAT IS
17 LED BY PEOPLE, AND LED BY PARENTS THAT HAVE LIVED THIS TYPE OF
18 EXPERIENCE. (INDISCERNIBLE) NEEDS TO BE GIVEN TO PARENTS TO
19 BETTER SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES, INSTEAD OF JUST PAYING FOSTER
20 CARE SYSTEMS. THAT'S COMPLETELY BACKWARDS THAT THEY RECEIVE
21 THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS THAT THEY DO, BUT THOSE FUNDS ARE NOT
22 GIVEN TO THE FAMILIES WHO CAN REALLY USE THOSE TO SUPPORT
23 THEIR FAMILIES. ALSO, WE NEED TO GET COPS OUT OF C.P.S. IN MY
24 CASE, D.C.F.S. GAVE FOUR-PLUS OFFICERS WITH GUNS TO
25 (INDISCERNIBLE) INTO MY EMPLOYMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF

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1 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, WHERE I AM STUDYING BIOCHEMISTRY, YOU
2 KNOW, TO CHECK ON MY HEALTHY NEWBORN CHILD. AND THEY DID THIS
3 WITHOUT NOTICE OR REASONABLE CAUSE. AND WE REFUSED TO COMPLY
4 BECAUSE IT IS UNETHICAL, AND ALTHOUGH THIS SITUATION WAS
5 ULTIMATELY DISMISSED, YOU KNOW, COPS CONTINUE TO ENDANGER
6 BLACK FAMILIES. AND IT IS NOT EVERYONE'S FAMILY SITUATION
7 MAKES THE NEWS, AS WE'VE SEEN, AS WE SEE TIME AND TIME AGAIN.
8 JUST LIKE THE NORWALK SITUATION AND MY SITUATION. THIS IS NOT
9 A FEW INCIDENTS. THIS HAPPENS DAILY. WE NEED TO GET COPS OUT
10 OF C.P.S., AND WE NEED TO REALLOCATE FUNDS TO FAMILIES. THE
11 GOAL SHOULD BE TO KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER, NOT TEAR THEM APART
12 LIKE WHAT THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM IS DOING. AND D.C.F.S. AND
13 THE MEDICAL SYSTEM AND ALL OF THESE DIFFERENT AGENCIES ARE
14 WORKING TOGETHER TO TEAR OUR FAMILIES APART. THANK YOU.

15

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

18

19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CHRIS WILSON. PLEASE STATE
20 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU
21 WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

22

23 **CHRIS WILSON:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS CHRIS
24 WILSON, REPRESENTING L.A. BIZFED. I WISH TO COMMENT ON ITEM
25 NUMBER 19. WE'D LIKE TO FIRST RECOGNIZE AND THANK THIS BOARD

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1 FOR YOUR TIMELY ATTENTION IN THIS MATTER. WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF
2 POINTS NUMBER 1, 2, AND 3 IN THE MOTION. HOWEVER, WE ARE NOT
3 IN SUPPORT AND REMAIN EXTREMELY CONCERNED WITH POINT NUMBER 4.
4 THIS SPECIFIC SECTION WILL CREATE AN INFERIOR SYSTEM THAT
5 WOULD COST BILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO DESIGN AND ULTIMATELY
6 CREATE A TWO TIER SYSTEM OF HAVES AND HAVE-NOTS. ADDITIONALLY,
7 POINT NUMBER 4 DOES NOT FOCUS ON EXPANDING PUBLIC-PRIVATE
8 COLLABORATION WITH EXISTING PROVIDERS, WHO ARE MOST
9 KNOWLEDGEABLE OF THE INDUSTRY, WILL DEVELOP A DUPLICATIVE
10 INFRASTRUCTURE, AND TAKE DECADES TO IMPLEMENT WHILE NOT
11 ENSURING VIABILITY OR SUSTAINABILITY AND MAY SERVE TO WASTE
12 PRECIOUS PUBLIC RESOURCES THAT COULD OTHERWISE BE ALLOCATED
13 TOWARDS IMPROVING ACCESS IMMEDIATELY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME,
14 SUPERVISORS, AND WE STRONGLY URGE THE BOARD TO TAKE THESE
15 COMMENTS INTO CONSIDERATION AS YOU MOVE FORWARD. THANK YOU SO
16 MUCH.

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

20
21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BRANDON PAYETTE. PLEASE
22 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
23 WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
24 BEGIN.

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1 **BRANDON PAYETTE:** HI, I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM NUMBER 67D
2 AND MAKE A GENERAL COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
3 IS BRANDON PAYETTE. I AM CALLING IN STRONG SUPPORT OF TODAY'S
4 MOTION TO ENCOURAGE MODERNIZING THE CALIFORNIA RETAIL FOOD
5 CODE. I WAS ONE OF SEVERAL AUTHORS OF THE REPORT, UNFINISHED
6 BUSINESS, THAT IS REFERENCED IN THE MOTION, WHERE WE SET OUT
7 TO ANSWER THIS BASIC QUESTION: WHY IS IT SO HARD FOR FOOD
8 VENDORS TO GET THEIR PERMITS? AFTER INTERVIEWS WITH VENDORS
9 AND A DEEP DIVE INTO THE REGULATIONS, WE FOUND THE ANSWER. A
10 COMBINATION OF REGULATIONS GOVERNING FOOD SALES COMING FROM
11 BOTH THE STATE AND THE COUNTY ACTUALLY PREVENT VENDORS FROM
12 GETTING A PERMIT TO VEND LEGALLY. MANY OF THESE AREAS CAN BE
13 TRACED DIRECTLY TO THE CALIFORNIA RETAIL FOOD CODE. WHEN YOU
14 ADD UP THE EQUIPMENT REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, A VENDOR WHO WANTS
15 TO OPERATE A TACO CART WOULD END UP WITH A CART THAT TOO HEAVY
16 FOR A VENDOR TO PUSH DOWN THE SIDEWALK, TOO LARGE TO FIT ON
17 THE SIDEWALK, AND SO EXPENSIVE AS TO PUT IT OUT OF REACH IN
18 ANY CASE. THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE IMPOSSIBLE FOR MOST VENDORS
19 TO FOLLOW AND, AS SUCH, ARE EQUIVALENT TO BANNING MOST FOOD
20 VENDING ENTIRELY. LOCAL GOVERNMENTS CAN DO MORE TO MAKE THE
21 PERMITTING SYSTEM ACCESSIBLE TO VENDORS, AND THE STATE LAWS
22 MUST CHANGE TO CATCH UP TO THE REALITY THAT VENDORS ARE HERE
23 TO STAY. THIS MOTION SEEKS TO SUPPORT THOSE NECESSARY STEPS
24 HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND IN SACRAMENTO. I THANK

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1 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION, AND I STRONGLY URGE
2 ALL SUPERVISORS TO VOTE YES. THANK YOU.

3

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GILLMAR PERDOMO. PLEASE
8 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
9 WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
10 BEGIN.

11

12 **GILLMAR PERDOMO:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
13 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS GILLMAR PERDOMO, AND I AM A
14 PROGRAM MANAGER AT THE (INDISCERNIBLE) PROJECT. I WILL BE
15 COMMENTING ON AGENDA ITEM 19. I AM HERE TODAY TO PROVIDE OUR
16 SUPPORT OF MAKING RELIABLE FAST SPEED INTERNET AVAILABLE AND
17 AFFORDABLE TO ALL L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS BY FUNDING OPTION A IN
18 THE I.S.D. REPORT. MANY COMMUNITIES IN LOS ANGELES, INCLUDING
19 L.G.B.T.Q.+ COMMUNITIES OF COLOR WE SERVE, LACK AFFORDABLE
20 ACCESS TO THE INTERNET. AT FUNDING OPTION A, THE BOARD WILL
21 GIVE VULNERABLE RESIDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE COLLEGE
22 DEGREES, LEARN NEW SKILLS, PARTICIPATE IN GLOBAL MARKETS, AND
23 NOT TO MENTION FIND GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT. THE PEOPLE OF THIS
24 GREAT COUNTY DESERVE OPTION A. THANK YOU.

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

3

4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANDREA TRAVINO. PLEASE
5 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
6 WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
7 BEGIN.

8

9 **ANDREA TRAVINO:** HELLO, MY NAME IS ANDREA TRAVINO, AND I'M IN
10 SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM 19 AND WILL PROVIDE GENERAL COMMENT. I
11 AM FROM ALLIANCE FOR BETTER COMMUNITY, AN L.A. COUNTY
12 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT ADVOCATES FOR POLICIES THAT IMPACT
13 LATINOS IN THE REGION. I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE MOTION BY
14 SUPERVISORS HILDA SOLIS AND HOLLY MITCHELL AND OPTION B AND C
15 IN I.S.D.'S REPORT TO THE BOARD AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY ENDORSE
16 ITEM 4 IN THE MOTION AUTHORIZING IMMEDIATE ACTION TO ADVANCE
17 A COMMUNITY-WIRELESS SOLUTION AND BEGIN PLANNING FOR MUNICIPAL
18 FIBER NETWORK. AS A RESIDENT NEAR THE SOUTHEAST NEIGHBORHOOD
19 OF L.A., I AGREE THAT BROADBAND IS A MODERN UTILITY ALONGSIDE
20 WATER AND ELECTRICITY, AND I IMPLORE THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF
21 SUPERVISORS TO ACTION TO BEGIN ADDRESSING IT AS SUCH. WHILE I
22 HAVE HAD ISSUES WITH THE INTERNET AT THIS CURRENT JOB AND AT
23 MY PREVIOUS JOB AS AN INSTRUCTOR, I THINK ABOUT YOUNGER
24 CHILDREN LIVING IN AREAS WITH UNRELIABLE, UNSTABLE, AND
25 OFTENTIMES EXPENSIVE INTERNET. A RECENT STUDY FOUND BECAUSE OF

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1 COVID, STUDENTS ON AVERAGE CAN EXPECT TO LOSE 5 TO 9 MONTHS OF
2 LEARNING BY THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, BUT FOR STUDENTS OF
3 COLOR LIKE THE STUDENTS THAT LIVE IN THESE AREAS WITH
4 UNRELIABLE AND UNSTABLE INTERNET, THEY ARE LIKELY LOSING 6 TO
5 12 MONTHS OF LEARNING, A WHOLE YEAR. OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES
6 ALREADY HAVE TO DEAL WITH A LOT. THEY ARE WORKING ESSENTIAL
7 JOBS WITHOUT ESSENTIAL JOB. THEY ARE MORE EXPOSED TO COVID.
8 THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THEIR INTERNET ON TOP OF
9 EVERYTHING. I URGE A YES VOTE ON THE MOTION ON INVESTMENTS TO
10 ACCELERATE DIGITAL EQUITY AS FILED. IT IS AN IMPORTANT FIRST
11 ACTION BY THE COUNTY TO ADDRESS THIS DIGITAL INEQUITY. I
12 BELIEVE THIS WILL BE VERY IMPACTFUL AND A SIGN OF HOPE FOR
13 WHAT CAN COME FROM YOUR CONTINUED BOLD LEADERSHIP ON BEHALF OF
14 THE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES YOU REPRESENT. THANK YOU FOR
15 CENTERING STUDENTS AND FAMILIES IN YOUR DECISION, AND I YIELD
16 MY TIME. THANK YOU.

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

19
20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SHARIE CAPATORE. PLEASE
21 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
22 WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
23 BEGIN.

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1 **SHARIE CAPATORE:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS SHARIE CAPATORE,
2 SENIOR DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS WITH L.A. COUNTY HEALTH
3 PLAN, AND I AM SPEAKING ON MOTION 19. L.A. CARE IS THE LARGEST
4 PUBLICLY OPERATED HEALTH PLAN IN THE NATION WITH MORE THAN 2
5 1/2 MILLION ENROLLEES THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY WITH 2.3
6 MILLION OF THOSE BEING SERVED THROUGH THE MEDI-CAL PROGRAM.
7 L.A. CARE SUPPORTS MOTION 19, WHICH HAS BEEN BROUGHT FORWARD
8 BY SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND MITCHELL IN ORDER TO HELP BRIDGE THE
9 DIGITAL DIVIDE FOR LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT L.A.
10 COUNTY. WE ARE COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING THIS EFFORT, AND WE ARE
11 PARTNERING WITH L.A. COUNTY'S INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO
12 INCREASE AWARENESS AMONG NOT ONLY L.A. CARE MEMBERS BUT THE
13 COMMUNITY AT LARGE ON AVAILABLE PROGRAMS THAT WILL SUBSIDIZE
14 ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY, SUCH AS THE (INDISCERNIBLE) BROADBAND
15 BENEFIT AND OTHER COMMUNITY WIRELESS NETWORKS. AS WE MOVE
16 FORWARD IN THE DIGITAL AGE, ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT
17 IS NOT A LUXURY ANYMORE. THEY ARE A NECESSARY TOOLS THAT
18 SHOULD BE ENJOYED BY EVERYONE. WE APPRECIATE THE LEADERSHIP OF
19 SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND MITCHELL TO TAKE ACTIONS TO REDUCE
20 BARRIERS TO ACCESSING CARE AND REMOVING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE FOR
21 EVERYONE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DORENA HAMILTON. PLEASE
2 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
3 YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **DORENA HAMILTON:** HI, GOOD MORNING. I'M COMMENTING ON
6 INVESTMENTS TO ACCELERATE DIGITAL EQUITY, ITEM 19 ON THE
7 AGENDA. GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE
8 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DORENA HAMILTON, AND I AM
9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF (INDISCERNIBLE) LATINO IN EAST L.A. WE
10 CALL UPON EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT
11 IMMEDIATE SUBSIDIES TO ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED FAMILIES AND
12 TARGETED COMMUNITIES OF COLOR THAT HAVE BEEN
13 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY THE DIGITAL DIVIDE. IT IS
14 IMPERATIVE THAT WE MAKE THE INTERNET AVAILABLE TO EVERY L.A.
15 COUNTY RESIDENT TODAY AND CAN DO SO BY FUNDING THE DIGITAL
16 DIVIDE. IT IS IMPERATIVE WE MAKE THE INTERNET AVAILABLE TO
17 EVERY L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS AND CAN DO SO BY FUNDING OPTION A
18 IN THE I.S.D. REPORT. DOING SO ALLOWS OUR MEMBERS TO APPLY FOR
19 VITAL RENTAL ASSISTANCE, SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD SUPPORT, SECONDARY
20 EDUCATION, ONLINE BILL PAY, AND NOT TO MENTION OPPORTUNITIES
21 TO APPLY FOR JOBS. WE ASK YOU VOTE TO ALLOCATE COUNTY FUNDING
22 TO SUPPORT SUBSIDIZED SERVICE TO IMMEDIATELY SOLVE THE DIGITAL
23 DIVIDE IN MY COMMUNITY. THANK YOU SO MUCH. AND HAVE A GREAT
24 REST OF YOUR DAY.

25

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

3

4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MARIE RUMSAY. PLEASE STATE
5 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU
6 WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **MARIE RUMSAY:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS MARIE RUMSAY WITH
9 C.C.A., AND I WILL BE COMMENTING ON ITEMS 6 AND 19. C.C.A. IS
10 STRONGLY SUPPORTIVE OF ITEM 6 TO EXPAND MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS
11 RESPONSE TEAMS TO 24/7, 365 DAYS A YEAR. MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS
12 TAKES PLACE ANYTIME, AND ANYWHERE, AND WE MUST EXPAND
13 RESOURCES TO ADDRESS IT EFFECTIVELY. WE THANK YOU ALL FOR THIS
14 IMPORTANT ACTION. C.C.A. IS ALSO SUPPORTIVE OF ITEM 19
15 REGARDING INVESTMENTS TO ACCELERATE DIGITAL EQUITY. WE AGREE
16 WITH YOUR PRIMARY GOAL TO IMMEDIATELY CONNECT FAMILIES TO
17 RELIABLE, HIGH SPEED INTERNET THROUGH OPTION A AS WRITTEN IN
18 THE I.S.D. REPORT. WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THIS IS THE MOST COST
19 EFFECTIVE OPTION AND HAS THE FASTEST IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE
20 ABLE TO REACH THE MOST NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS IN NEED. WE ASK
21 YOU TO ADDRESS THIS CRITICAL ADOPTION GAP IN L.A. COUNTY.
22 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

23

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

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1

2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GRISELDA PEREZ. PLEASE
3 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
4 WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
5 BEGIN.

6

7 **GRISELDA PEREZ:** THANK YOU. CAN YOU GUYS HEAR ME?

8

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

10

11 **GRISELDA PEREZ:** GOOD, THANK YOU. I AM SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF THE
12 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 19, INVESTMENTS TO ACCELERATE DIGITAL
13 EQUITY. THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR
14 DEMONSTRATING LEADERSHIP AND VISION FOR SYSTEMATIC CHANGES
15 THAT WILL ENSURE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO FAST, RELIABLE, AND
16 AFFORDABLE BROADBAND. I STRONGLY SUPPORT OPTIONS B AND C IN
17 I.S.D.'S REPORTS TO THE BOARD, AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY ENDORSE
18 ITEM 4 IN THE MOTION AUTHORIZING IMMEDIATE ACTION TO ADVANCE A
19 COMMUNITY WIRELESS SOLUTION AND BEGIN PLANNING FOR A MUNICIPAL
20 FIBER NETWORK. AS A RESIDENT OF BOYLE HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD OF
21 L.A., I AGREE BROADBAND IS A MODERN UTILITY ALONG WITH WATER
22 AND ELECTRICITY, AND I SUPPORT THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF
23 SUPERVISORS TO BEGIN ADDRESSING IT AS SUCH. IT WAS STRUGGLING
24 DUE TO THIS PANDEMIC, HAVING THREE BOYS IN MY HOUSE, THREE
25 STUDENTS, THAT WERE NOT ABLE TO CONNECT EVERY SINGLE TIME WE

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1 HAD AN ISSUE. MY OLDEST SON HAD A REALLY STRUGGLE. WE HAD
2 MOMENTS OF CRYING, STRESSFUL MOMENTS THAT HE COULDN'T PRESENT
3 IT IN ON TIME, WHEN HE WAS BEEN AN A PLUS STUDENT WITH A.P.
4 CLASSES. HE WENT DOWN FROM BS AND CS AND SOME ARE DS BECAUSE
5 OF THIS. SOMETIMES, WE ARE TRYING TO CONNECT OVER AND OVER,
6 DIFFERENT COMPUTERS. WE ARE TRYING TO BUY ANOTHER COMPUTER,
7 AND IT WASN'T A BETTER COMPUTER. WE ENDED UP CUTTING SOME
8 PERSONAL SERVICES ON OUR OWN THAT WE NEED IN OUR HOUSE IN
9 ORDER TO HAVE A BETTER RELIABILITY CONNECTION, WIFI, AND STILL
10 WORKING. SO STILL NOW WE CANNOT AFFORD IT. AND DUE TO THE CUT
11 OF JOBS AND ALL OF THOSE THINGS, IT IS AFFECTING NOT ONLY ME.
12 I AM SEEING EVERY DAY IN OUR FAMILIES IN THE SCHOOLS, EVERY
13 DAY, DEALING WITH THIS ISSUE. SO I URGE A YES VOTE ON THE
14 MOTION ON INVESTMENTS TO ACCELERATE DIGITAL EQUITY AS WELL.
15 THANK YOU FOR CENTERING STUDENTS AND FAMILIES IN YOUR DECISION
16 TODAY AND HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO US.
17 BYE BYE.

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

21
22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERICA ROGERS. PLEASE STATE
23 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU
24 WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1 **ERICA ROGERS:** HELLO, EVERYONE. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ERICA
2 ROGERS. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEM 19 AND ALSO
3 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY CLINIC
4 ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS
5 AND MITCHELL FOR AUTHORIZING THE INVESTMENTS TO ACCELERATE
6 DIGITAL EQUITY IN L.A. COUNTY MOTION. AND WE SUPPORT THIS STEP
7 TO ACHIEVING DIGITAL EQUITY AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. COVID-19
8 FORCED A RAPID TRANSITION TO TELEHEALTH, WHICH QUICKLY
9 REVEALED MASSIVE INEQUITIES IN DIGITAL ACCESS. TELEHEALTH IS
10 HERE TO STAY. PATIENTS REPORT THAT THEY PREFER IT, AND IT
11 HELPS OVERCOME PRE-PANDEMIC BARRIERS TO CARE, SUCH AS TIME OFF
12 WORK, TRANSPORTATION, AND CHILDCARE. A STORY SHARED BY A
13 MEMBER CLINIC DEMONSTRATES HOW TRANSFORMATIVE TELEHEALTH CAN
14 BE IN IMPROVING ACCESS TO CARE. IN 2020, A MY HEALTH L.A.
15 PATIENT IN HIS MID '60S HAD A FIRST PROVIDER VISIT VIA
16 TELEHEALTH WITH THE HELP OF HIS SON. THE PATIENT HAD A MASS
17 THAT HAD BEEN GROWING ON HIS NECK FOR ABOUT A MONTH. THROUGH
18 TELEHEALTH, THE DOCTOR WAS ABLE TO EXAMINE THE PATIENT, OBTAIN
19 A MEDICAL HISTORY, AND MAKE A REFERRAL THROUGH E-CONSULT, AND
20 THE PATIENT ULTIMATELY RECEIVED SURGERY TO TREAT HIS THYROID
21 CANCER. THANKS TO TELEHEALTH, THIS PATIENT WAS CONNECTED TO
22 LIFE SAVING CARE. C.C.A. PROVIDERS HAVE SEEN FIRSTHAND THEIR
23 PATIENTS WITH CHALLENGES WITH VIDEO VISITS. A SURVEY IN AUGUST
24 OF THIS YEAR REVEALED THAT ABOUT 64% OF CLINIC VISITS THAT
25 MONTH WERE IN PERSON, AND ABOUT 30% WERE TELEPHONE, AND ONLY

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1 ABOUT 6% WERE VIA VIDEO TELEHEALTH. THE WIDE GAP BETWEEN VIDEO
2 AND TELEPHONIC VISITS IS INDICATIVE OF THE BARRIERS SO MANY
3 CLINIC PATIENTS FACE IN ACCESSING BROADBAND. GIVEN THAT
4 TELEHEALTH HAS RAPIDLY BECOME PART OF THE LANDSCAPE OF
5 HEALTHCARE, A KEY ELEMENT OF ACHIEVING HEALTH EQUITY IS
6 ENSURING DIGITAL EQUITY. WE APPLAUD THE COUNTY BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISOR IN RECOGNIZING THE NEED TO QUICKLY BRING BROADBAND
8 TO HOMES HIT HARDEST BY THE DIGITAL DIVIDE, AND WE URGE A YES
9 VOTE ON THE MOTION INVESTMENTS TO ACCELERATE DIGITAL EQUITY AS
10 FILED. THANK YOU, AND I YIELD MY TIME.

11

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

14

15 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS PAUL HUDAC. PLEASE STATE
16 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU
17 WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

18

19 **PAUL HUDAC:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
20 BOARD. MY NAME IS PAUL HUDAC, AND I AM THE INTERIM C.E.O. AT A
21 NONPROFIT IN THE CITY OF POMONA CALLED JUST US FOR YOUTH. I AM
22 HERE TO COMMENT ON BOARD AGENDA ITEM 19, REGARDING THE
23 INVESTMENTS TO ACCELERATE DIGITAL EQUITY. WE AGREE WITH YOUR
24 PRIMARY GOAL TO IMMEDIATELY CONNECT FAMILIES LOCATED IN OUR
25 MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES TO RELIABLE HIGH SPEED INTERNET

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1 THROUGH OPTION A, AS WRITTEN IN THE I.S.D. REPORT. WE STRONGLY
2 BELIEVE THIS IS THE MOST COST EFFECTIVE OPTION AND HAS THE
3 FASTEST IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE ABLE TO REACH THE MOST MEMBERS
4 OF HOUSEHOLDS IN NEED. I ASK YOU TO ADDRESS THE CRITICAL
5 ADOPTION GAP HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, HELP OUR VULNERABLE FAMILIES
6 WHO CANNOT AFFORD INTERNET BY PROVIDING A CRITICAL LIFELINE
7 WITH LONG TERM COUNTY INTERNET SUBSIDIES WITH EXISTING
8 INFRASTRUCTURE. THANK YOU, AND I YIELD MY TIME.

9

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LUIS FIGUERO. PLEASE STATE
14 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU
15 WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

16

17 **LUIS FIGUERO:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. I AM LUIS FIGUERO, THE
18 ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF -- AND I WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM 19 AND
19 PROVIDING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF
20 SUPERVISORS FOR DEMONSTRATING LEADERSHIP AND VISION FOR
21 SYSTEMIC CHANGES THAT WILL ENSURE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO FAST,
22 RELIABLE, AND AFFORDABLE BROADBAND. SINCE OUR FOUNDING IN
23 1989, (INDISCERNIBLE) EDUCATION HAS AS PART OF OUR MISSION TO
24 ENSURE CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES CAN THRIVE. WE OPERATE
25 SEVEN HEAD START PRESCHOOL CENTERS AND THREE CHARTER SCHOOLS

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1 SERVING 1100 LOW INCOME CHILDREN AGES 6 WEEKS TO 14 YEARS OF
2 AGE, AND WE PREPARE ANOTHER 3,000 YOUTH, AGES 14 TO 24,
3 ANNUALLY FOR SUCCESS IN POST SECONDARY EDUCATION AND THE
4 WORKFORCE WITH A FOCUS ON DROPOUT RECOVERY AND PREVENTION. WE
5 ARE ALSO EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF STRONG FAMILY-
6 COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS, WE OFFER (INDISCERNIBLE) SUPPORT
7 SERVICES AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO OUR
8 CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES. OUR 17 SITES ARE LOCATED ACROSS
9 THE CITY, EAST SKID ROW, BROADER DOWNTOWN L.A., WESTLAKE,
10 [INAUDIBLE PARK, LINCOLN HEIGHTS, EAST LOS ANGELES, HOLLYWOOD,
11 AND BURBANK, SERVING THE CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES OF
12 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 3, AND 5. OVER THE PAST YEAR AND
13 A HALF, WE HAVE SEEN FIRSTHAND HOW LACK OF INTERNET CONNECTION
14 HAS A OBSTRUCTED AND IMPACTED FAMILIES. WE HAVE ALL BEEN
15 IMPACTED DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC,
16 HOWEVER, NONE MORE SO THAN OUR COMMUNITIES OF HIGHEST NEED. WE
17 ASKED THEM TO THEIR WORLDS UPSIDE DOWN FROM ONE DAY TO THE
18 NEXT WITHOUT GIVING THEM THE PROPER TOOLS TO SUCCEED. LIKE
19 MANY ORGANIZATIONS, WE ALL QUICKLY TRIED TO SUPPORT AND REACH
20 STUDENTS THE TECH NEEDED TO ADJUST TO THIS NEW ALL DIGITAL
21 WORLD. AS WE ALL KNOW, SUPPLYING THE TECH ALSO BROUGHT
22 ADDITIONAL CHALLENGES, UNSTABLE AND SLOW CONNECTIVITY, LACK OF
23 DIGITAL LITERACY, DATA CAPS, AND COST OF SERVICE.
24 (INDISCERNIBLE) STRONGLY SUPPORTS OPTIONS B AND C IN I.S.D.'S
25 REPORT TO THE BOARD AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY ENDORSE ITEM 4 IN

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1 THE MOTION AUTHORIZING IMMEDIATE ACTION TO ADVANCE A COMMUNITY
2 WIRELESS SOLUTION AND BEGIN PLANNING FOR A MUNICIPAL FIBER
3 NETWORK. WE AGREE THAT BROADBAND IS A MODERN UTILITY ALONGSIDE
4 WATER AND ELECTRICITY, AND WE SUPPORT THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF
5 SUPERVISORS ACTION TO BEGIN ADDRESSING IT AS SUCH. I URGE A
6 YES VOTE ON THE MOTION ON THE INVESTMENT TO ACCELERATE DIGITAL
7 EQUITY AS FILED. THANK YOU FOR CENTERING THIS DECISION ON THE
8 CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES THAT WE ALL SERVE. THANK YOU.

9

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MANUSH CANDALL. PLEASE
14 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
15 WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
16 BEGIN.

17

18 **MANUSH CANDALL:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS MANUSH CANDALL. I AM
19 GOING TO BE ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEM 7 AND GENERAL PUBLIC
20 COMMENT. I AM AN ATTORNEY WITH THE A.C.L.U. SOUTHERN
21 CALIFORNIA AND ALSO A MEMBER OF THE REIMAGINE CHILD SAFETY
22 COALITION. IT IS TIME TO REIMAGINE CHILD SAFETY. L.A. COUNTY
23 MUST DO MORE THAN INVESTIGATE ONE CASE. THE COUNTY MUST
24 RADICALLY RESHAPE HOW WE RESPOND TO FAMILIES, BEGINNING WITH
25 THE PRACTICES THAT IMPROPERLY FUNNEL BLACK, BROWN, AND

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1 INDIGENOUS FAMILIES INTO THE SYSTEM. THE STORY KAYLA LOVE TOLD
2 IS ONE EXAMPLE. ONE WAY WE CAN DO THIS IS ELIMINATE DRUG
3 TESTING BY D.C.F.S. AND BY HOSPITAL STAFF FOR PREGNANT,
4 LABORING, AND POSTNATAL PEOPLE AND INFANTS IN HOSPITALS.
5 PREGNANT PEOPLE ARE OFTEN TESTED WITHOUT THEIR INFORMED
6 CONSENT, AND TESTING IN A HEALTHCARE SETTING DESTROYS THE
7 PATIENT'S TRUST IN THEIR PROVIDER. THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF
8 OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGISTS NOTES THAT SEEKING OBSTETRIC-
9 GYNECOLOGIC CARE SHOULD NOT EXPOSE A PREGNANT PERSON TO
10 PENALTIES LIKE LOSS OF THEIR CHILDREN. IT IS TIME TO STOP
11 PROFILING BLACK PREGNANT WOMEN. SEVERAL STUDIES FIND THAT
12 BLACK MOTHERS AND INFANTS BORN TO BLACK MOTHERS ARE MORE
13 LIKELY THAT THOSE BORN TO WHITE MOTHERS TO BE SCREENED OR
14 TESTED FOR DRUGS. ADDITIONALLY, OTHER PROTECTIONS SHOULD BE
15 PROVIDED TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS IN THE SYSTEM. PARENTS
16 SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO RECORD ALL INTERVIEWS AND CONVERSATIONS
17 WITH D.C.F.S. TO ENSURE ACCURACY AND INTEGRITY OF THE
18 INFORMATION GATHERED AND PRESENTED IN THEIR CASES. AND A
19 PARENT'S CHOICE TO REMAIN SILENT OR TO SEEK COUNSEL BEFORE
20 SPEAKING TO D.C.F.S. SHOULD NOT BE CHARACTERIZED AS BEING
21 UNCOOPERATIVE AND USED AGAINST THEM IN COURT. THANK YOU.

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

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. PLEASE
2 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
3 WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
4 BEGIN.

5

6 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD MORNING. THIS IS DR.
7 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. AND I'LL SPEAK TO ITEMS 6, 18, AND 36, AND
8 GENERAL COMMENT. AND ON ITEM 6, IT'S ABOUT TIME THAT WE HAVE
9 D.M.H. MORE EFFECTIVE AND THE MOBILE UNITS 24/7. THAT IS
10 GREAT. I REALLY THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER TO DO THAT. ALSO, ON
11 ITEM 18, IT IS THE SAME. I AM COMPLETELY IN FAVOR OF MONEY TO
12 RESTORATION VILLAGE. KUDOS AGAIN TO SUPERVISOR BARGER. AND ON
13 36, COMMISSION FOR OLDER ADULTS WENT FROM 50 TO 25. THAT IS
14 GOOD COMMON SENSE BECAUSE 50 IS OUTRAGEOUS AND NOTHING WILL
15 GET ACCOMPLISHED LIKE THAT. SO WE CAN CUT IT DOWN TO 25. ON
16 GENERAL COMMENT, I WANT TO SAY THAT, YOU KNOW, WE NEED TO
17 REOPEN SOON, BUT UNLESS YOU HAVE DECIDED THAT ONE HOUR FOR
18 PUBLIC COMMENT WAS NOT QUITE FAIR, THAT WHEN YOU HAVE 10
19 MILLION PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY, THAT ONLY ONE HOUR FOR PUBLIC
20 COMMENT WAS ASININE, AND SO YOU HAVE INCREASED IT. THAT IS A
21 GOOD BEGINNING. THE BEST WOULD BE TO HAVE OPEN MEETINGS AGAIN
22 AND MAYBE WHEN SUPERVISOR SOLIS IS OUT OF BUSINESS, A COUPLE
23 OF WEEKS FROM NOW, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL WILL TAKE IT UPON
24 HERSELF TO REOPEN. HAVE A GREAT THANKSGIVING, AND I HOPE THAT

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1 WE GET TO REOPEN THE BOARD. I AM MISSING YOU IN PERSON AND SO
2 ON. SO HAVE A GOOD DAY. TAKE CARE, BYE.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, THAT COMPLETES THE
5 90 MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENT TESTIMONY.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:.** THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH TO ALL THE
8 CALLERS AND TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE
9 TO CALL IN, BUT PLEASE SUBMIT ANY COMMENTS. WE ARE STILL GOING
10 TO RECEIVE ANY WRITTEN COMMENTS THROUGHOUT THE MEETING TODAY.
11 SO WE WILL ACCEPT THOSE COMMENTS REFLECTED IN OUR MEETING, AND
12 THEY WILL BECOME PART OF OUR OFFICIAL RECORD. I WANT TO THANK
13 EVERYONE FOR CALLING IN AND FOR YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS. MADAM
14 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CAN WE PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM
15 NUMBERS ON WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING.

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU, ITEMS
18 1D-3D, 1F, 1P, 1 AND 2, 4, 8-18, 22, 24-29, 31-56, 59-66, 67B,
19 67C AS AMENDED, 67D, 70-72.

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:.** THANK YOU. MOVED BY MYSELF AND SECONDED BY
22 SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THE ITEMS. MADAM EXECUTIVE
23 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

24

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

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1

2 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

3

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

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

8

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

10

11 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

12

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

14

15 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

16

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

18

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

20

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

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:.** THANK YOU, MEMBERS. MEMBERS, TODAY WE WILL
24 BEGIN WITH ITEM NUMBER 3, FOLLOWED BY ITEMS 6, 7, 19, 20, 21,
25 23, 30, 58, AND FINISHING WITH ITEM 67A. SO MEMBERS, WE WILL

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1 GO TO ITEM NUMBER 3, POLICIES FOR REDUCING SINGLE USE PLASTICS
2 IN THE COUNTY FACILITIES IN MANAGING ORGANIC WASTE, WHICH WAS
3 HELD BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU ARE ON.

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANKS TO
6 EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO ALL OF THE RESEARCH THAT WENT INTO
7 THIS ITEM. FORTUITOUSLY, THE L.A. TIMES APPEARS TO HAVE DONE
8 AN ARTICLE YESTERDAY ABOUT THE CITY OF L.A., OR MAYBE IT WAS
9 TODAY, MAKING THIS SAME KIND OF DECISION. SO WHAT IS THE BASIS
10 OF IT? PLASTIC AND ORGANIC WASTE CONTINUE TO BE A SERIOUS AND
11 GROWING PROBLEM IN THE COUNTY. THERE HAVE BEEN SO MANY
12 DISRUPTIONS IN THE INTERNATIONAL RECYCLING MARKETS OVER THE
13 PAST YEARS, AND THE TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF METHANE EMISSIONS
14 FROM ORGANIC WASTE THAT ENDS UP IN LANDFILLS, ONE OF THE WAYS
15 THAT WE CAN HELP IS TO SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE SINGLE-USE
16 PLASTICS AND DIVERT ORGANIC WASTE FROM THE LANDFILLS. SO WE'RE
17 LOOKING AT THIS AT A COUNTY MEASURE. AT THE LAST BOARD
18 MEETING, WE INTRODUCED AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE ORGANIC WASTE
19 COLLECTION SERVICES AND IMPLEMENT THOSE DIVERSION
20 REQUIREMENTS. AND WE'VE ALSO SUCCESSFULLY ADOPTED AND CONTINUE
21 TO DEVELOP POLICIES TO REDUCE SINGLE-USE PLASTIC WASTE IN OUR
22 UNINCORPORATED AREAS. SO WE WANT OUR OWN COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
23 AND FACILITIES TO BE INCLUDED AND REALLY EVEN TO LEAD BY
24 EXAMPLE. SO ALL THIS MOTION DOES IS TO ADOPT POLICIES TO
25 REDUCE SINGLE-USE PLASTIC AND ORGANIC WASTE COMING FROM OUR

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1 COUNTY-RUN FACILITIES AND EVENTS. THE PLASTIC WASTE POLICY
2 WOULD PHASE OUT THE PURCHASE AND USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTICS AT
3 COUNTY FACILITIES AND ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR WASTE-FREE
4 COUNTY EVENTS. AND THE ORGANIC WASTE POLICY WOULD SET
5 EXPECTATIONS FOR OUR COUNTY FACILITIES TO MAXIMIZE DIVERSION,
6 DONATE SURPLUS EDIBLE FOOD JUST LIKE WE ARE ASKING THE PRIVATE
7 INDUSTRIES TO DO, PROCURE PRODUCTS MADE FROM RECOVERED ORGANIC
8 WASTE, LIKE COMPOST, AND WE HAVE PLENTY OF GARDENS AND GREENS
9 THAT WE NEED THAT FOR, AND ALSO ENSURE OUR COMPLETE COMPLIANCE
10 WITH SENATE BILL 1383. SO IT IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO
11 SHOW OUR SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP, GET OUR OWN HOUSE IN ORDER
12 ON THESE CRITICAL ISSUES, AND MOVE FORWARD AS A COUNTY. I WANT
13 TO THANK OUR CHAIR, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR COAUTHORING THIS
14 MOTION WITH ME, AND ALL THE DEPARTMENT STAFF WHO WORKED TO
15 CRAFT THESE THOUGHTFUL POLICIES. I ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.
16 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

17
18 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** . THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND THANKS
19 AGAIN FOR ASKING ME TO COAUTHOR THIS VERY IMPORTANT MOTION.
20 YOU OUTLINE IT CORRECTLY AND VERY PLAIN SPOKEN IN WHERE AND
21 WHY WE NEED TO DO THIS. IT IS ALWAYS GREAT TO JOIN YOU ON
22 THESE EFFORTS. I RECALL SERVING IN THE HOUSE UNDER SPEAKER, AT
23 THAT TIME, SPEAKER PELOSI, WHERE WE ACTUALLY TRANSFORMED OUR
24 OWN CAFETERIA AND WENT BIODEGRADABLE. UNFORTUNATELY, AFTER SHE
25 LOST THAT SPEAKERSHIP AT THAT TIME, THE PREVIOUS PARTY WENT

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1 BACK, REVERTED BACK, TO THE OLD WAY, AND AGAIN, TAKING US DOWN
2 A ROAD THAT PERHAPS MANY OF US DIDN'T WANT TO SEE IN THE
3 CAPITOL. BUT I CAN ALSO TELL YOU THAT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE
4 COUNTY TO SET AN EXAMPLE. FAR TOO MANY OF OUR PLASTIC WASTE
5 ENDS UP -- AND OUR OTHER ORGANIC MATERIAL ENDS UP IN OUR
6 LANDFILLS, AND WE SHOULD BE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO HELP
7 LESSEN THAT BURDEN, INCLUDING ANY COSTS THAT ARE GOING TO BE
8 TAKEN UPON BY THE COUNTY. SO WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO
9 DO THIS. I AM ESPECIALLY EXCITED THAT THIS IS GOING TO HELP US
10 MEET OUR ORGANIC DIVERSION GOALS LAID OUT, AS YOU SAID IN
11 SENATE BILL 1383. AND IN TWO POLICIES THAT ARE IMPORTANT FOR
12 US IS THAT THE COUNTY CAN INCREASE ORGANIC WASTE DIVERSION
13 FROM OUR LANDFILLS, WHICH WE KNOW ARE FAR AND FEW NOWADAYS,
14 AND ALSO REDUCE EMISSIONS FROM LANDFILLS THAT ARE ASSOCIATED
15 WITH RESPIRATORY ISSUES AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE. WE KNOW WE
16 CAN REDUCE OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT. WE JUST SAW WHAT HAPPENED IN
17 EUROPE. FINALLY, WE ARE COMING BACK AGAIN. I AM HAPPY THAT OUR
18 NEW ADMINISTRATION, THE BIDEN AND HARRIS ADMINISTRATION, ARE
19 MOVING US IN THAT DIRECTION, AND WE NEED TO DO OUR PART HERE
20 LOCALLY. I AM HAPPY TO PROVIDE THIS. I BELIEVE IT IS A WIN-WIN
21 FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU TO YOU AND ALL THE
22 STAFF AND DEPARTMENTS AND EVERYONE THAT HELPED TO LIFT THIS UP
23 FOR US TODAY. THANK YOU, AND I JOIN YOU IN SUPPORTING THE
24 MOTION. ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS THAT WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED
25 ON THE MATTER? NOPE? OKAY. SEEING NO MEMBERS WISHING TO BE

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

4

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

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

8

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

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

13

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

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

21

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

23

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

25

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

2

3 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:.** THANK YOU, MEMBERS. NEXT WE WILL MOVE ON
4 TO ITEM NUMBER 6, WHICH IS EXPAND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
5 HEALTH'S MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAMS TO 24/7, WHICH WAS HELD
6 BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR HAHN, PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC,
7 AND YOU CAN BEGIN.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. COLLEAGUES, IN JUNE, OUR
10 BOARD APPROVED A MOTION BY MYSELF AND SUPERVISOR BARGER
11 DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO COME UP WITH A
12 PLAN TO RAMP UP THEIR MOBILE CRISIS TEAMS SO THAT THEY RUN
13 24/7 BY THE TIME 988 GOES LIVE NEXT SUMMER. SINCE THEN, WE
14 HAVE DOUBLED DOWN ON OUR COMMITMENT TO EXPANDING OUR
15 ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM BY IDENTIFYING 50 MILLION
16 TO GO TOWARDS THIS EFFORT THIS FISCAL YEAR. IT IS ALREADY
17 NOVEMBER. WE ARE LESS THAN 8 MONTHS AWAY FROM 988 BECOMING THE
18 NATIONAL NUMBER FOR MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS HOTLINES, AND JUST TO
19 REMIND EVERYBODY, THIS WILL BE THE NUMBER THAT PEOPLE COULD
20 CALL INSTEAD OF 911. AS YOU KNOW, NOW, WHEN SOMEBODY IS HAVING
21 A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS, FAMILY MEMBERS, OR EVEN THE PUBLIC
22 WHEN THEY WITNESS THIS ON THE STREETS, THE ONLY NUMBER
23 AVAILABLE IS FOR PEOPLE TO CALL 911, AND THEN THE OUTCOMES ARE
24 NOT ALWAYS POSITIVE. SO 988 WILL BECOME THIS NATIONAL NUMBER
25 THAT PEOPLE CAN CALL WHEN SOMEBODY IS HAVING A MENTAL HEALTH

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1 CRISIS. SO WE HERE IN THE COUNTY REALLY NEED TO CONTINUE OUR
2 COMMITMENT TO THIS WORK AND MAKE SURE THAT WE GET OUR RESPONSE
3 TEAMS UP AND RUNNING IN TIME FOR THIS. OUR DEPARTMENT OF
4 MENTAL HEALTH RECENTLY RELEASED THE PLAN WITH VARIOUS STEPS
5 NEEDED TO GET OUR MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS TEAMS UP AND RUNNING
6 24/7. THEIR PLAN INCLUDES RESTRUCTURING THE PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE
7 RESPONSE TEAMS TO INCLUDE ONE CLINICIAN AND ONE PEER SUPPORT
8 SPECIALIST, WHICH WILL ROUGHLY DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF TEAMS
9 AVAILABLE, AND IT INCLUDES CONTRACTING WITH COMMUNITY-BASED
10 ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE MOBILE RESPONSE SERVICES ON TOP OF
11 THE ONES CURRENTLY PROVIDED BY OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
12 HEALTH. THIS IS AN IDEA THAT WE HEARD A LOT OF SUPPORT FROM
13 DURING THE MEASURE J COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS. SO THIS MOTION
14 TODAY DIRECTS THE DEPARTMENT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH
15 IMPLEMENTATION AND MAKE SURE THAT OUR MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE
16 TEAMS RUN 24/7, 365 DAYS A YEAR, BEFORE NEXT SUMMER. THIS IS A
17 PRIORITY. WE'VE HEARD FROM SO MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS THIS
18 MORNING IN SUPPORT OF THIS EFFORT, AND IT FEELS LIKE EVERY
19 DAY, I KNOW, FOR ME, I READ ABOUT THE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS
20 THAT WE'RE FACING AS A COUNTRY, IN THIS NATION, AND HOW OUR
21 OVER-RELIANCE ON LAW ENFORCEMENT DOES NOT GET POSITIVE RESULTS
22 AND OUTCOMES THAT WE SO DESPERATELY NEED. IT IS TIME TO CHANGE
23 THE NARRATIVE, ADDRESS MENTAL HEALTH WITH UNIQUE RESOURCES IT
24 NEEDS, AND I WANT TO THANK OUR OWN DR. SHERIN FOR ALL THE WORK
25 HE IS DOING TO ENHANCE OUR ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE

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1 NETWORK, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR BEING MY
2 COAUTHOR AND CONSISTENTLY HELPING THIS EFFORT. I ALSO HAVE A
3 REVISION TO READ IN BECAUSE AFTER WE FILED THIS MOTION LAST
4 WEEK, THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH RECEIVED A STATE GRANT
5 FOR ANOTHER \$51 MILLION TO GO TOWARDS THIS EFFORT, AND THEY
6 NEED OUR AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT THE MONEY. AND, SINCE THIS IS A
7 PRIORITY, WE NEED TO REALLY GET MOVING FAST. SO MY PROPOSED
8 REVISION AUTHORIZES THEM TO ACCEPT THIS GRANT. AND SO, THERE
9 WILL NOW BE A THIRD DIRECTIVE ON THIS MOTION, AND IT READS AS
10 FOLLOWS. JUST A SECOND BEFORE I READ IT AS FOLLOWS. READS AS
11 FOLLOWS. ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH, 2021, D.M.H. WAS AWARDED AN
12 ADDITIONAL \$51.8 MILLION IN ONE-TIME FUNDS FROM THE STATE AS
13 PART OF THEIR CRISIS CARE MOBILE UNITS GRANT FOR THE PURPOSE
14 OF EXPANDING MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE SERVICES AND RELATED
15 INFRASTRUCTURE IN L.A. COUNTY. TO ENSURE THAT D.M.H. AND THE
16 COUNTY AT LARGE CAN QUICKLY BEGIN TO UTILIZE THESE FUNDS
17 TOWARDS EXPANDING THIS MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAMS, WE
18 DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH, OR HIS
19 DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT TO ACCEPT THESE FUNDS AND TO
20 MAKE NECESSARY CHANGES TO ADJUST D.M.H. APPROPRIATION LEVELS
21 TO ADD THE FUNDS TO THE BUDGET. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

22
23 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** . THANK YOU. GREAT AMENDMENT! SUPERVISOR
24 BARGER.

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
2 HAHN FOR ALLOWING ME TO COAUTHOR THIS MOTION WITH YOU. THIS IS
3 LONG OVERDUE, AND THIS GRANT IS A BIG PUSH TOWARD GETTING US
4 TO WHERE WE NEED TO BE. YOU ONLY HAVE TO TURN ON THE T.V. IN
5 THE MORNING AND HEAR ABOUT SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED IN THE DEAD
6 OF NIGHT THAT A TEAM LIKE THIS MIGHT HAVE BEEN A BETTER
7 OUTCOME, TO YOUR POINT, SUPERVISOR HAHN, IN TERMS OF THE
8 IMPACT THAT WE PUT LAW ENFORCEMENT, SPECIFICALLY PUT LAW
9 ENFORCEMENT IN AS IT RELATES TO GOING OUT WHEN THEY ARE REALLY
10 NOT EQUIPPED TO DEAL WITH SOME OF THESE CRISIS SITUATIONS, AND
11 THE OUTCOME WE HAVE SEEN EVEN THROUGH OUR M.E.T. TEAM HAVE
12 BEEN INCREDIBLY POSITIVE, LESS THAN 1% END UP GO TO JAIL WHEN
13 THE M.E.T. TEAM IS INVOLVED. SO WE KNOW THAT 24/7, 365 IS
14 GOING TO BE A BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY, AND SO I AM REALLY
15 EXCITED ABOUT THIS, AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK DR. SHERIN FOR
16 HIS COMMITMENT. THERE'S NO QUESTION, THE STATE IS GIVING US
17 THIS GRANT BECAUSE THEY RECOGNIZE THAT WE ARE COMMITTED TO
18 INVESTING IN THESE OUTREACH TEAMS. I REALLY, REALLY APPRECIATE
19 BEING ALLOWED TO COAUTHOR THIS MOTION. I THINK IT IS EXCITING,
20 AND I CANNOT WAIT TO SEE WHAT THE FUTURE BRINGS AS IT RELATES
21 TO THIS PROGRAM. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

22
23 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:.** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I SUPPORT THIS MOTION. IT
2 IS VERY IMPORTANT. THE ONLY REASON I WANT TO SPEAK IS TO MAKE
3 CERTAIN THAT PEOPLE LISTENING UNDERSTAND THAT THOUGH THE FEDS
4 HAVE REQUIRED THIS, WE ARE NOT REALLY GOING TO GET ANY HELP
5 FROM THEM OR THE STATE, EXCEPT POSSIBLY FUNDING, BUT THE WORK
6 REALLY FALLS TO THE COUNTY, AND IT IS TWO KIND OF VERY BIG
7 PIECES. ONE IS WE HAVE TO SET UP THE SWITCHBOARD AND THE
8 TRIAGE SYSTEM SO THAT A CALL IS APPROPRIATELY SENT TO THE
9 RIGHT ENTITY WHO CAN HELP. THE SECOND THING, OF COURSE, THEN
10 RELATES TO THOSE ENTITIES, AS BOTH MY COLLEAGUES INDICATED, WE
11 NEED TO MAKE SURE THERE IS SUFFICIENT CAPACITY ALL OVER TO
12 HANDLE -- NOT JUST HANDLE THE CALLS, BUT TO RESPOND TO THE
13 NEED. WE MENTIONED SOME AUGMENTATION THAT WE MIGHT BE LOOKING
14 AT, AND I WANTED TO UNDERSCORE POSSIBLY EVEN SHORT TERM THE
15 NEED TO CONTRACT WITH SOME P.M.R.T. RESPONDER TEAMS TO EXPAND
16 THAT POOL. AND I AM CERTAIN THAT WE WILL LOOK AT IT. AND I
17 ALWAYS LIKE DR. SHERIN'S TO THE NOTION OF PEER INDIVIDUALS
18 UNDERSTANDING LIVED EXPERIENCE WHAT IT IS AND ALSO BEING ABLE
19 TO HELP. HE DID SEVERAL PROGRAMS AT THE V.A. THAT USE THAT, I
20 THINK, VERY EFFECTIVELY. SO THIS WILL BE VERY IMPORTANT, AND I
21 JOIN YOU IN YOUR ENTHUSIASM AND OPTIMISM BUT ALSO IN ROLLING
22 UP OUR SLEEVES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

23
24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:.** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WILL BE VOTING IN
2 SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION ENTHUSIASTICALLY AND JUST WANT TO
3 ACKNOWLEDGE THE ONE-TIME FUNDS FROM THE STATE. I KNOW THE
4 STATE IS LOOKING AT A PRETTY HEALTHY RESERVE NEXT YEAR AND
5 HOPE WE CAN LINEUP TO GET SOME MORE ONE-TIME FUNDS TO CONTINUE
6 TO FUND AND EXPAND THESE SERVICES. SO I THANK YOU TO THE
7 MOTION'S AUTHORS, AND HOPING THE STATE WILL CONTINUE TO
8 SUPPORT THIS REALLY IMPORTANT INNOVATIVE MODEL.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE
11 AUTHOR, TO THE COAUTHOR, AND OF COURSE DR. SHERIN IN YOUR
12 DILIGENCE IN MOVING THIS FORWARD. REALLY HAPPY THAT IT IS
13 GOING TO BE AVAILABLE FOR OUR HOMELESS RESIDENTS AND CLIENTS
14 THAT LIVE IN OUR DISTRICT. IT IS GOING TO BE SO CRITICAL, AND
15 ESPECIALLY JUST UNDERSCORING THE NEED TO HAVE PEOPLE THAT HAVE
16 SOME LIVED EXPERIENCE THAT CAN ALSO BE CULTURALLY COMPETENT
17 AND LINGUISTICALLY COMPETENT BECAUSE WE HAVE SO MANY DIFFERENT
18 INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE. AND AS WE HEARD
19 EARLIER, THERE IS SO MUCH STRESS GOING ON THAT OUR YOUNG
20 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES THAT SPEAK INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES ALSO
21 NEED TO BE PROVIDED CARE AND SUPPORT. SO VERY MUCH WITH YOU
22 GUYS ON THIS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IF NO OTHER MEMBERS WISH TO
23 BE RECOGNIZED, THEN ITEM 6 AS AMENDED IS BEFORE US. IT'S MOVED
24 BY SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO

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

3

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

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

8

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

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

13

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

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

21

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

23

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

25

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

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:.** THANK YOU. MEMBERS, NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO
5 ITEM NUMBER 7, WHICH IS THE CRITICAL INCIDENT IN NORWALK,
6 WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU ARE
7 RECOGNIZED.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WE HEARD A LOT OF SPEAKERS
10 CALL IN ABOUT THIS ISSUE. AND I BELIEVE WE REALLY NEED TO
11 ADDRESS THIS TRAGEDY. IT TOOK PLACE IN MY DISTRICT IN NORWALK,
12 AND IT INVOLVED A LITTLE 4-YEAR-OLD BOY. WE HAD REMOVED THIS
13 LITTLE BOY FROM HIS MOTHER AND HIS FAMILY AND PLACED HIM WITH
14 A FOSTER MOTHER, AND LAST MONTH, HE WAS HOSPITALIZED WITH
15 SERIOUS LIFE-THREATENING INJURIES, AND HIS FOSTER MOTHER WAS
16 ARRESTED THE NEXT DAY AND CHARGED WITH CHILD ABUSE. AND, YOU
17 KNOW, THIS STORY IS SO APPALLING AND PARTICULARLY, FOR ME, I
18 WAS STRUCK BY THE FACT THAT WE, OF COURSE, THE COUNTY, OUR
19 DEPARTMENT OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES WAS -- WE ARE SUPPOSED
20 TO BE PROTECTING THIS LITTLE BOY WHEN WE TOOK HIM AWAY FROM
21 HIS FAMILY. BUT IF THESE ALLEGATIONS ARE TRUE, WE PUT HIM IN
22 THE CARE OF AN ABUSIVE FOSTER MOTHER, WHO HURT HIM SO SEVERELY
23 THAT HE HAD TO BE HOSPITALIZED. SO TODAY, I AM ASKING FOR A
24 FULL INVESTIGATION BY OUR OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION, SO THAT
25 WE NOT ONLY FIGURE OUT HOW THIS COULD HAVE HAPPENED, BUT ALSO

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1 FIX ANY PROBLEMS IN THE SYSTEM THAT WE -- TO MAKE SURE WE
2 DON'T PUT ANOTHER CHILD IN DANGER. I HAVE SPOKEN TO JUDGE NASH
3 ABOUT THIS. HE WAS ALREADY THINKING LIKE THIS. HE SAID HE IS
4 READY TO PUT THE FULL WEIGHT OF HIS OFFICE BEHIND THIS
5 INVESTIGATION. AND TO JUDGE NASH, I WOULD SAY WE NOT ONLY NEED
6 TO KNOW HOW THIS WAS POSSIBLE THAT WE COULD HAVE PLACED A
7 CHILD WITH SOMEONE WHO WOULD ABUSE HIM, BUT WE ALSO NEED TO
8 QUESTION WHY HE WAS REMOVED FROM HIS MOTHER IN THE FIRST PLACE
9 AND WHETHER LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL BARRIERS COULD HAVE
10 CONTRIBUTED TO THAT DECISION. AND THEN AFTER LISTENING TO SOME
11 OF THE SPEAKERS TODAY DURING PUBLIC COMMENT, JUDGE NASH, I'M
12 WONDERING IF WE NEED TO REIMAGINE WHAT CHILD PROTECTION LOOKS
13 LIKE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THIS LITTLE
14 BOY'S RECOVERY. I KNOW EVERYBODY ELSE DOES, TOO, AND WITH
15 THAT, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:.** THANK YOU. I, TOO, WANT TO JOIN YOU IN
18 SUPPORTING THIS MOTION. IT IS TRAGIC WHAT HAPPENED TO THIS
19 LITTLE BOY AND PROBABLY COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED HAD WE DONE
20 A BETTER JOB ASSESSING THE YOUNG CHILD AND REALLY
21 UNDERSTANDING HIS CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC ABILITIES AND OUR
22 LACK IN TERMS OF STAFF UNDERSTANDING WHAT THAT MEANT. WE HEARD
23 THAT REPEATEDLY TODAY BY MANY WITNESSES THAT CALLED ON, AND I
24 THINK THERE IS SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT HERE TO UNDERSTAND AND
25 THAT IS THAT COLLECTIVELY ALL OF OUR SERVICES, D.P.S.S.,

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1 D.H.S., AND MENTAL HEALTH SHOULD ALL BE WORKING COLLECTIVELY
2 WHEN WE IDENTIFY ANY CHILD THAT IS CURRENTLY UNDER OUR CARE OR
3 BEING BROUGHT INTO US FOR OBSERVATION. WE HEAR THESE STORIES
4 TOO MANY TIMES. AND IT BREAKS MY HEART. I DON'T KNOW WHEN THE
5 CYCLE WILL END. AND I JUST PRAY THAT WE CAN DO EVERYTHING WE
6 CAN IN OUR POWER. AND I JOIN YOU IN THAT EFFORT TO SEE THAT WE
7 CAN. WE DO HAVE TO REIMAGINE WHAT THE SERVICES LOOK LIKE
8 BECAUSE IT IS DYSFUNCTIONAL, AND IN PART IT HAS TO DO WITH
9 REGULATIONS UP IN SACRAMENTO AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND
10 THAT IS SOMETHING WE REALLY DO HAVE TO TACKLE AS A BOARD. SO I
11 JOIN IN THAT. ONE THING I WANT TO MAKE CLEAR, WE HEARD FROM
12 SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS THAT REPRESENT A GROUP CALLED CIELO THAT
13 SERVICES MANY OF OUR DISTRICTS, AND I CAME ACROSS THE GROUP
14 THIS YEAR AS THEY WERE HELPING US WITH OUR UNACCOMPANIED
15 MINORS THAT WERE IN OUR CARE AT THE FAIRPLEX. RECALL, THERE
16 WERE 8,000, 8,000 YOUNG CHILDREN. CIELO WAS BROUGHT IN AS A
17 PARTNER BECAUSE OF THE INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE THAT THEY SPEAK,
18 THE (INDISCERNIBLE), THE GUATAMALEN, ALL OF THOSE LANGUAGES
19 THAT MANY OF OUR STAFF CURRENTLY THAT WORK FOR US DON'T HAVE
20 ANY TRAINING IN. AND SO, WE DO HAVE TO EXPAND OUR REACH, AND I
21 THINK WORKING WITH THEM OR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT CAN HELP
22 US WILL HELP TO EXPEDITE AND MAKE SURE WE MAKE THE RIGHT
23 DECISIONS. I HOPE THAT IS ALSO A PART OF THIS REPORT BACK THAT
24 WE ARE ABLE TO BUILD THOSE BRIDGES. SO AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS
25 ON MOVING THIS FORWARD. I AM SO SORRY THAT THIS HAPPENED TO

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1 THIS YOUNG CHILD, ANDRES. I AM PRAYING FOR HIS WELL-BEING AND
2 FOR THOSE OTHER CHILDREN THAT MAY NEED OUR HELP. IF THERE ARE
3 PEOPLE OUT THERE, THEY SHOULD BE CALLING US. THANK YOU,
4 SUPERVISOR HAHN. ANY OTHER MEMBERS -- SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND
5 THEN SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND BARGER. IN THAT ORDER.

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK
8 YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR YET ANOTHER REMINDER, QUITE FRANKLY,
9 OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHILDREN IN OUR CARE. FOR MY ENTIRE
10 PROFESSIONAL CAREER, I KNOW THAT OUR CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM HAS
11 REALLY STRUGGLED DEEPLY WITH ISSUES OF INEQUITY, RACISM, AND
12 HARM, AND I AM CLEAR THAT ALL OF US ARE HERE AND SHARE THE
13 GOAL OF FIGURING OUT HOW WE ADDRESS THOSE SYSTEMIC ISSUES IN
14 OUR CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM AMONG OUR CHILDREN, WHO ARE THE MOST
15 VULNERABLE, BUT ACROSS COUNTY GOVERNMENT. I AM CLEAR THAT WE
16 SHARE THAT COLLECTIVE VISION. IT WAS THAT DESIRE THAT LED ME
17 TO BRING OUR BLIND REMOVAL MOTION TO THIS BOARD JUST THIS PAST
18 SUMMER, I BELIEVE IN JULY. SO I THINK THAT IS ONE EXAMPLE OF
19 OUR EFFORT, AS A BOARD, TO CONTINUE TO REIMAGINE A SYSTEM THAT
20 IS TRUE TO OUR INTENT, WHICH IS TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM HARM,
21 NOT TO PLACE THEM IN HARM'S WAY. AND I HAVE RECEIVED THE
22 DEMANDS FROM THE REIMAGINE CHILD SAFETY COALITION. I AM TAKING
23 THEM SERIOUSLY, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE
24 BROADER COMMUNITY AS WELL AS ALL OF YOU TO RECONSTRUCT THE
25 SYSTEM THAT HEALS AND PROTECTS TRUTHFULLY RATHER THAN PUTS IN

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1 HARM'S WAY, AND A SYSTEM THAT BUILDS, RATHER THAN DESTROYS,
2 FAMILIES. AND I KNOW THIS IS ONGOING WORK. WE HAVE TO CONTINUE
3 TO WORK TOGETHER TO GET TO THAT DAY. AND SO I WILL BE GLADLY
4 SUPPORTING YOUR MOTION TODAY. THANK YOU.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I SUPPORT THE
9 MOTION AS WELL AND WITH GREAT SADNESS. I DID WANT TO SAY A
10 LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT OUR CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM IN L.A. COUNTY
11 AND AROUND THE STATE. OF THE MILLIONS OF CHILDREN THAT ARE IN
12 OUR COUNTY, 32,000 OF THEM ARE IN OUR FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. AND
13 SINCE WE GET A DASHBOARD FROM THE DEPARTMENT VIRTUALLY EVERY
14 DAY ABOUT THE NUMBERS AND WHERE OUR CHILDREN ARE, IT HAS BEEN
15 VERY GRATIFYING TO ME OVER THE PAST DECADE OR SO HOW MANY MORE
16 PLACEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH RELATIVES. NOW THAT DOESN'T
17 MEAN THE CHILD IS ALWAYS SAFE, BUT WE KNOW THAT THE
18 FAMILIARITY OF IT AND THE LOVE THAT CAN COME FROM FAMILIES IS
19 THE REASON WHY WE BEGAN TO STRESS THAT, AND I KNOW THAT OTHER
20 COUNTIES ARE STUDYING OUR SYSTEM FOR CONTACTING AND PLACING
21 WITH RELATIVES BECAUSE, AS YOU KNOW, I'M VERY FAMILIAR WITH
22 THE SUPERVISING JUDGE OF THE JUVENILE COURT IN SACRAMENTO, MY
23 SISTER. WE TALK A LOT ABOUT HOW TO MAKE THESE DECISIONS ABOUT
24 CHILDREN AT RISK. MANY, MANY CHILDREN, UNFORTUNATELY, ARE AT
25 RISK IN THEIR OWN FAMILIES. CERTAINLY, I KNOW IN THE

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1 L.G.B.T.Q. COMMUNITY, HOW MANY OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE
2 ABUSED BY THEIR OWN FAMILIES, OR AT LEAST -- AND KICKED OUT.
3 SO THAT IS NOT SAFE EITHER. AND YOU KNOW, THE BALANCE IS
4 ALWAYS THE HARD PART, BUT I TOTALLY AGREE THAT WE MUST KEEP
5 TRACK AND UNDERSTAND THE NEEDS OF EVERY SINGLE CHILD IN OUR
6 CARE. AND ALSO PLEASED THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS DOING MUCH MORE
7 IN THE PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE ESTABLISHED TO KEEP FAMILIES IN
8 TACT, TO GIVE SUPPORT TO THE FAMILIES SO THEY CAN STAY
9 TOGETHER. AND THAT ACTUALLY IS A GROWING PART OF THE PROGRAM
10 AS WELL. YOU KNOW, I KIND OF LIKE TO GIVE CREDIT WHERE IT'S
11 DUE AND THEN COMPLAIN A LOT WHERE IT'S NOT DUE. AND I THINK
12 THAT IS AN APPROPRIATE JOB FOR ME AND ALL FIVE OF US. SO
13 THAT'S WHY I SUPPORT THIS MOTION AND WANT TO REALLY UNDERSTAND
14 WHAT WENT WRONG, HAPPY THAT IT IS NOT MORE CHILDREN, UNHAPPY
15 THAT IS EVEN ONE CHILD. WITH AN EYE TOWARDS SAFETY, YOU KNOW,
16 THE STANDARD FOR MAKING ORDERS IN THE COURT ABOUT CHILDREN IS
17 THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD. THAT IS THE TOTAL GUIDANCE.
18 AND SO, WE TRY TO SET PARAMETERS AROUND THAT, AND I THINK
19 ACTUALLY, WE HAVE DONE FAIRLY WELL, BUT IN THESE TIMES IT
20 TAKES MORE SCRUTINY. SO I AM HAPPY FOR THIS MOTION AND FOR THE
21 INVESTIGATION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I ALSO SUPPORT THIS MOTION, AND
2 WHEN WE TALK ABOUT REIMAGINE, I HOPE WE WILL ALSO LOOK AT
3 INVESTING IN A PROGRAM SIMILAR TO WHAT OLIVE CREST HAS, WHICH
4 IS WHERE THEY RECRUIT FOSTER PARENTS FROM FAMILIES THAT ARE IN
5 CRISIS THAT ARE NOT IN OUR SYSTEM BUT KNOW THEY ARE ONE STEP
6 AWAY, SO THEY DO NOT END UP IN OUR SYSTEM BUT THE PARENTS HAVE
7 AN OPPORTUNITY WITH THE HELP THEY NEED, WHETHER DOMESTIC
8 VIOLENCE, ADDITION BECAUSE THE REALITY IS, WHENEVER YOU HAVE
9 EVEN LAW ENFORCEMENT INVOLVED, THERE IS TRAUMA IN BEING TAKEN
10 OUT OF THAT HOME, AND THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THERE ARE SO
11 MANY EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMS THAT WE SHOULD LOOK AT
12 INVESTING IN SO THEY DON'T END UP IN OUR JUDICIAL SYSTEM, THAT
13 WE DON'T END UP HAVING THE POLICE COME BECAUSE MANY,
14 ESPECIALLY SINGLE MOTHERS WHO IN CRISIS STAY IN THAT SITUATION
15 TO PROTECT THEIR CHILDREN AND DON'T RECEIVE THE HELP THEY
16 NEED. WHEN, IN FACT, IF WE COULD PUT A PROGRAM TOGETHER THAT
17 WOULD ALLOW THEM TO REACH OUT TO WHETHER IT BE FAITH-BASED, OR
18 WHERE IT BE A FOSTER F.F.A. THAT HAS A PROGRAM SIMILAR TO THIS
19 SO FOSTER PARENTS CAN BE IN PLAY. THAT I THINK THAT WOULD BE
20 IMPORTANT TO LOOK AT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT REIMAGINING BECAUSE
21 REIMAGINING, ONCE YOU ARE IN OUR SYSTEM, IS TALKING ABOUT
22 GETTING TRAUMA INFORMED CARE FOR THOSE CHILDREN WHEN THEIR
23 REMOVED FROM THE CARE. BUT YOU KNOW, SUPERVISOR HAHN, THIS IS
24 A TRAGEDY. AS SOMEONE WHO HAS HAD TRAGEDIES IN MY DISTRICT,
25 ONE IS TOO MANY. AND IN THIS CASE, TO HAVE A CHILD ABUSED BY A

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1 FOSTER PARENT IS EVEN MORE EGREGIOUS BECAUSE WE TOOK THAT
2 CHILD OUT OF THE HOME TO PROTECT HIM. SO I WHOLEHEARTEDLY
3 SUPPORT THIS, AND THE DASHBOARD IS TELLING, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.
4 IT REALLY DOES GIVE YOU A SNAPSHOT INTO THE SUCCESSFUL
5 PLACEMENTS, BUT WHAT BEYOND THAT I THINK IS WHAT WE NEED TO
6 LOOK AT IN TERMS OF HOW WE CAN DO BETTER, BOTH BEING PROACTIVE
7 AND THEN BEING, YOU KNOW, IN THE SITUATION WHERE THEY'RE TAKEN
8 OUT, HOW WE CAN GIVE THOSE CHILDREN THE SUPPORT THEY NEED
9 MOVING FORWARD. SO I SUPPORT THIS WHOLEHEARTEDLY.

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** . THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. ANY OTHER
12 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? SEEING NONE. GO AHEAD.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** I JUST WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR SPEAKING. AND
15 AGAIN, I TAKE IT SO SERIOUSLY BECAUSE, AGAIN, THESE CHILDREN
16 ARE IN OUR CASE. AND I REALLY APPRECIATE WHAT YOU WERE SAYING,
17 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION PARTICULARLY THAT CAN
18 BREAK DOWN LANGUAGE BARRIERS BECAUSE I THINK THAT MIGHT HAVE
19 BEEN ONE OF THE ISSUES IN HIS REMOVAL. AND I WOULD URGE JUDGE
20 NASH TO DO EXACTLY WHAT YOU SAID, WORK WITH THESE GROUPS TO
21 SEE AS WE ARE MAYBE REIMAGINING WHAT IT NEEDS TO PROTECT A
22 CHILD, THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE MOVE TOWARDS. I THINK THAT IS
23 REALLY CRITICAL. SO THANK YOU FOR EVERYONE'S COMMENTS. I KNOW
24 THAT JUDGE NASH WAS LISTENING, AND I THINK THAT IT IS
25 IMPORTANT TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS. BUT I THINK IT IS AN

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1 OPPORTUNITY FOR US AS A COUNTY, JUST LIKE WE ARE REIMAGINING
2 EVERYTHING, AND THIS IS A GOOD TIME TO REIMAGINE WHAT IT
3 REALLY DOES MEAN TO PROTECT A CHILD IN L.A. COUNTY. SO THANK
4 YOU. I ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:**. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND TO --
7 ESPECIALLY THE INDIVIDUALS THAT HAD THE COURAGE TO CALL IN AND
8 REALLY GIVE US SOME GREAT IDEAS AND FEEDBACK. THANK YOU FOR
9 RAISING THE ISSUE TODAY, SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND FOR THOSE
10 WITNESSES, I CALL THEM WITNESSES, THAT SPOKE TODAY. IT IS
11 COURAGEOUS OF THEM, AND THERE ARE SO MANY YOUNG CHILDREN OUT
12 THERE THAT ARE LOOKING AND WANTING TO KNOW WHERE WE ARE. SO WE
13 NEED TO LET THEM KNOW THAT THE COUNTY IS HERE. WE ARE HERE. SO
14 THANK YOU. MEMBERS, THIS ITEM, NUMBER 7, IS BEFORE US. IT IS
15 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND I WILL SECOND IT, TO APPROVE THE
16 ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 7 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR
19 MITCHELL.

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21 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

22

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

25

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

2

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

4

5 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

6

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

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

10

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

12

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

14

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

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:.** THANK YOU, MEMBERS. NEXT WE WILL MOVE ON

18 TO ITEM 19, WHICH IS INVESTMENTS TO ACCELERATE THE DIGITAL

19 EQUITY ITEM, WHICH I HELD, AND ALSO I WANT TO THANK MY

20 COAUTHOR, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR JOINING, WHO WILL BE

21 SPEAKING RIGHT AFTER I DO. I JUST WANT TO THANK THE

22 INDIVIDUALS THAT CALLED IN, FIRST AND FOREMOST AS WELL, THERE

23 ARE MANY THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF VOICES THAT WE PROBABLY

24 WILL HEAR FROM LATER, WHO KNOWS, BUT CERTAINLY THIS IS ONE

25 TOPIC THAT REALLY CAME TO LIGHT FOR MANY OF US DURING THE

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1 PANDEMIC. I AM HAPPY, I WANT TO THANK MY STAFF, AND I WANT TO
2 THANK I.S.D. FOR WORKING TOGETHER TO PUT THIS MOTION HERE
3 BEFORE US BUT ALSO WORKING WITH OUR PROVIDERS AND PEOPLE IN
4 THE INDUSTRY THAT ARE ACTUALLY DOING THIS WORK NOW, BUT
5 WORKING WITH US, THE COUNTY, I THINK IS GOING TO BE A GAME
6 CHANGER. AND AS I AM TOLD, THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 364,000
7 HOUSEHOLDS IN L.A. COUNTY THAT DO NOT HAVE INTERNET ACCESS.
8 AND IT IS PRIMARILY DUE TO COST. AND NOT SURPRISING, THERE'S A
9 DIRECT CORRELATION IN MY MIND BETWEEN THE LACK OF ACCESS AND
10 THESE HOUSEHOLDS' RACE AND INCOME LEVEL. AND THAT IS WHAT
11 DIGITAL INEQUITY LOOKS LIKE FOR ME IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IN
12 OUR MODERN WORLD WHERE EVERYTHING RELIES UPON INTERNET ACCESS,
13 THE INABILITY TO GET ONLINE IS DETRIMENTAL, BUT IT IS ALSO
14 SOLVABLE. AS YOU KNOW, WE DIRECTED OUR COUNTY'S INTERNAL
15 SERVICES DEPARTMENT, KNOWN AS I.S.D., TO PROVIDE US WITH THESE
16 OPTIONS ON HOW WE COULD QUICKLY PROVIDE INTERNET SERVICES TO
17 OUR COMMUNITIES MOST IN NEED. AND THEY CAME BACK WITH THREE
18 OPTIONS. OPTION A IS TO AMEND OUR EXISTING CONTRACTS WITH
19 INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS OUR EXECUTE NEW CONTRACTS AND
20 NEGOTIATE LOWER COSTS, WHICH WOULD BE FUNDED BY THE COUNTY FOR
21 A LIMITED NUMBER OF LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES THAT ARE
22 PRIORITIZED BASED ON CENSUS DATA. THIS OPTION, IN MY OPINION,
23 WOULD BE THE FASTEST WAY TO GET RESIDENTS CONNECTED, BUT IT
24 MAY NOT BE SUSTAINABLE, SINCE ANY DEEP DISCOUNTS WOULD BE TIME
25 LIMITED. SO I WANTED TO STATE THAT. OPTION B IS FOR WIRELESS

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1 SERVICE WHERE WE BUILD TOWERS ON OUR COUNTY BUILDINGS, OR
2 PARTNER WITH OTHER LOCAL JURISDICTIONS OR PRIVATE ENTITIES TO
3 USE THEIR PROPERTIES TO STRATEGICALLY PLACE THESE CELL TOWERS.
4 THIS OPTION WOULD TAKE LONGER THAN OPTION A SINCE IT REQUIRES
5 SOME BUILD-OUT, AND IT'S ALSO A BIT MORE COSTLY. HOWEVER, THE
6 BIGGEST BENEFIT IS THE COUNTY WOULD CONTROL THE SERVICE BY
7 KEEPING THE COSTS LOW FOR OUR RESIDENTS OVER TIME. AND THE
8 LAST OPTION, OPTION C, IS TO BUILD OUR OWN BROADBAND SERVICE
9 WHERE WE BUILD OUT AN UNDERGROUND FIBER NETWORK, WHICH IS THE
10 FUTURE, OR PIGGYBACK ON SOMEONE ELSE'S FIBER NETWORK, WHICH WE
11 DO IN OTHER CASES. THIS IS THE MOST EXPENSIVE OPTION. AND IT
12 WOULD TAKE THE LONGEST, SINCE UNDERGROUND WORK REQUIRES
13 DIGGING UP OUR ROADS AND PROPERTIES. AND WE MAY NEED LAND USE
14 PERMITS AND ALL OF THE APPROVALS THAT GO JUST WITH THAT. BUT I
15 DO BELIEVE THAT UNDERGROUND FIBER IS MORE RELIABLE THAN CELL
16 TOWERS, AND IT CAN BE, AS YOU KNOW, CELL TOWERS CAN BE
17 IMPACTED BY WIND, FIRE, FOG, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, FIBER IS
18 WHERE THE FUTURE TECHNOLOGY IS HEADED. I THINK MOST OF US KNOW
19 THAT. I ALSO APPRECIATE THAT OPTIONS B AND C INCLUDE A
20 WORKFORCE PROGRAM TO HELP CREATE JOBS. I THINK THAT IS GOING
21 TO BE REALLY, REALLY IMPORTANT FOR US AS WE MOVE AHEAD. AND
22 ADDITIONALLY I.S.D. RECOMMENDED TO LAUNCH A PUBLIC OUTREACH
23 CAMPAIGN TO NOTIFY OUR RESIDENTS OF EXISTING STATE AND FEDERAL
24 SUBSIDIES FOR INTERNET SERVICE AND DEVICES, WHICH IS ALSO
25 EQUALLY IMPORTANT. WE HAVE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ANY AVAILABLE

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1 RESOURCES AND ESPECIALLY PURSUE ANY STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING
2 THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE. AND, AS YOU KNOW, LAST WEEK, THE
3 CONGRESS PASSED THE INFRASTRUCTURE BILL, WHICH APPROVED \$63
4 BILLION NATIONWIDE SPECIFICALLY TO BUILD OUT BROADBAND, AND
5 THEN JUST YESTERDAY I WAS HAPPY TO JOIN THE PRESIDENT AND
6 OTHER CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS, AND THEY SEND THEIR GOOD WISHES
7 TO ALL OF YOU, ON THE BILL SIGNING ITSELF. AND AS A COUNTY, IF
8 WE REALLY DO WANT TO REALIZE THE DIGITAL DIVIDE, THEN WE NEED
9 TO MOVE QUICKLY NOW, AND WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT EQUITY IS
10 AVAILABLE. SOME OTHER PLACES, LIKE THE CITY OF NEW YORK, HAVE
11 ALREADY LAUNCHED THEIR DIGITAL EQUITY EFFORTS LAST MONTH AND
12 WILL ALSO DEPLOY IMMEDIATE TERM AND LONG TERM PLANS FOR
13 INTERNET CONNECTIVITY. BUT I WANT TO BE VERY CLEAR ON
14 EXPECTATIONS FOR INTERNET SERVICE, BOTH IN THE SHORT AND LONG
15 TERM. FIRST INTERNET ACCESS FOR LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS MUST BE
16 AFFORDABLE. \$25 A MONTH IS NOT AFFORDABLE FOR A HOUSEHOLD
17 MAKING \$18,000 A YEAR. I REPEAT, IN THE COUNTY, 364,000
18 HOUSEHOLDS STILL DO NOT HAVE INTERNET SERVICES, PRIMARILY DUE
19 TO COST. NUMBER TWO, THE SERVICE NEEDS TO BE HIGH SPEED, HIGH
20 QUALITY. LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS SHOULD HAVE THE SAME SEED AND
21 LEVEL OF QUALITY INTERNET SERVICES AS OUR MOST AFFLUENT
22 COMMUNITIES SO THAT MULTIPLE DEVICES CAN ALSO BE SUPPORTED.
23 AND LASTLY, THE INTERNET SERVICE HAS TO BE SUSTAINABLE. OUR
24 RELIANCE ON THE INTERNET GROWS EACH AND EVERY YEAR. SO WE ARE
25 NOT LOOKING JUST DOWN THE LINE AT 3 AND 5 YEARS. WE HAVE GOT

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1 TO BE LOOKING BEYOND 10 YEARS AND LOOK AT WHAT THAT WILL
2 PROVIDE THE COUNTY. AND WE WE NEED A LONGSTANDING SOLUTION
3 THAT WILL ALLOW US TO BE MORE FLEXIBLE TO ADJUST TO ANY FUTURE
4 ADVANCEMENTS THAT ARE MADE IN THIS TECHNOLOGY. MEMBERS, THE
5 DIGITAL DIVIDE IS ANOTHER A GLARING EXAMPLE OF INJUSTICES,
6 SIMILAR TO THAT OLD SAYING, REDLINING. THE UNAFFORDABILITY OF
7 INTERNET SERVICE HAS CARVED THESE HOUSEHOLDS OUR OF FULLY
8 PARTICIPATING IN MODERN DAY LIFE AND FURTHER DISADVANTAGES
9 MANY PEOPLE BASED ON POVERTY AND RACE. THE MOTION STRIKES, IN
10 MY OPINION, A BALANCE BETWEEN IMMEDIATE SOLUTIONS AND LONG
11 TERM SUSTAINABLE SERVICES, ALL WITH THE INTENT TO URGENTLY
12 ADDRESS THE DIGITAL INEQUITY. SO I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE
13 FOLKS THAT CALLED IN TODAY TO SUPPORT THE MOTION, ALL THE
14 PEOPLE BEHIND ALL THE MANY, MANY MEETINGS AND OUR STAFF THAT
15 HAVE WORKED SO HARD TO PROVIDE US WITH THESE OPTIONS, AND I
16 ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK THE I.S.D. DIRECTOR, SELWYN HOLLINS
17 WHO HAS REALLY DEDICATED HIMSELF TO BRING ABOUT AND IMPROVE
18 INTERNET SERVICES. AND LORD KNOWS, WE KNOW WE NEED TO GO FAR
19 IN THE COUNTY AND MAKE THOSE IMPROVEMENTS. I REALLY DO SEE HIS
20 LEADERSHIP IN WORKING WITH SOME OF OUR PROVIDERS. JUST DURING
21 THE PANDEMIC, HE WAS ABLE TO GET SUBSTANTIAL DONATIONS TO MANY
22 OF OUR COMMUNITIES SO YOUNG CHILDREN COULD HAVE IPADS TO DO
23 THEIR HOMEWORK DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR. THEY DID NOT HAVE THE
24 ABILITY TO DO THAT. OUR LIBRARIES WERE CLOSED. WHAT THAT
25 MEANS, IT PUTS OUR KIDS FURTHER WHEN THEY DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO

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1 THE INTERNET. SO I REALLY AM VERY HAPPY THAT SELWYN CAN HELP
2 US IDENTIFY A CONSULTANT THAT WOULD HELP US THEN FRAME THIS
3 PLAN WHERE WE GO, INCLUDING OUR MUNICIPALITIES, OUR C.B.O.S,
4 OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND EVERYONE THAT NEEDS TO BE ENGAGED,
5 AND OF COURSE OUR PRIVATE BUSINESSES AND OUR SUPPORT SYSTEMS
6 THAT ARE THERE. I DO HAVE A QUESTION THAT I WANTED TO ASK
7 SELWYN. SELWYN, I BELIEVE YOU ARE ON THE LINE.

8

9 **SELWYN HOLLINS:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, SELWYN HOLLINS, DIRECTOR
10 OF I.S.D.

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:.** THANK YOU, SELWYN. AND AGAIN, I WANTED TO
13 ASK A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS IF I MIGHT. IF YOU COULD ANSWER THE
14 FOLLOWING. WHAT ARE THE SUBSIDIES FOR THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY
15 BROADBAND BENEFIT, AND HOW LONG WOULD THE SUBSIDIES BE
16 AVAILABLE TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE?

17

18 **SELWYN HOLLINS:** THANK YOU. IN MAY OF THIS YEAR, THE FEDERAL
19 COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION LAUNCHED WHAT IS CALLED AN EMERGENCY
20 BROADBAND BENEFIT. THAT PROVIDES HOUSEHOLDS UP TO \$50 PER
21 MONTH IN SUBSIDIES TOWARD INTERNET SERVICE. IF THEY ARE ON
22 TRIBAL LANDS, THEY GET UP TO \$75 PER MONTH. IT ALSO PROVIDES
23 FOR \$100, ONE-TIME \$100, TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF A LAPTOP,
24 DESKTOP COMPUTER, OR TABLET. THE EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT
25 WITH WAS FUNDED BY \$3.2 BILLION BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

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1 THAT PROGRAM WOULD CONTINUE UNTIL EITHER THE FUNDS RUN OUT OR
2 UP TO 6 MONTHS AFTER THE COVID PANDEMIC. SO THAT IS WHAT THE
3 EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT IS.

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT'S REALLY GOOD, AND AS WAS STATED
6 EARLIER, I KNOW THE PRESIDENT JUST SIGNED THE INFRASTRUCTURE
7 BILL. SO I AM ASSUMING WE ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO ALSO PARTNER
8 WITH OUR VARIOUS CITIES, OUR COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, SCHOOLS,
9 LIBRARIES, AND HOPEFULLY COMMUNITY CENTERS AND BE ABLE TO
10 BUILD OUT EVEN BETTER MORE ACCESS TO THE BROADBAND. THERE ARE
11 SO MANY MOVING PIECES TO ALL OF THIS, AND I KNOW WE ARE GOING
12 TO BE ASKED TO MAKE A DECISION HERE AT THE BOARD, AND I WANTED
13 TO KNOW IF YOU COULD PLEASE BRIEFLY EXPLAIN TO US WHAT POINTS
14 WOULD BE RETURNING TO THE BOARD TO HELP CLARIFY BECAUSE I
15 THINK THERE MAY BE SOME CONFUSION THERE.

16

17 **SELWYN HOLLINS:** ABSOLUTELY. AND BEFORE I TOUCH ON THAT, I WILL
18 SAY, FOR THE EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT, YOU REFERENCED THE
19 NEW INFRASTRUCTURE BILL. WITH THE INFRASTRUCTURE BILL, THE
20 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS COMMITTED AN ADDITIONAL \$14 BILLION IN
21 SUBSIDIES. THOSE WHO ON THE CURRENT EMERGENCY BROADBAND
22 BENEFIT PROGRAM, AS OF DECEMBER 31ST OF THIS YEAR, THEY WILL
23 CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THE CURRENT MONTHLY BENEFIT DURING A 60-
24 DAY TRANSITION PERIOD. HOWEVER, UNDER THE NEW EXTENDED
25 BENEFIT, WHICH IS BEING REFERRED TO AS THE AFFORDABLE

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1 CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM, THE AMOUNT OF \$50 PER MONTH WILL BE
2 REDUCED TO \$30 PER MONTH IN SUBSIDIES. SO FOR PEOPLE WHO MAY
3 ALREADY BE LOW INCOME, THAT \$20 DIFFERENCE IS PRETTY -- IT CAN
4 BE PRETTY SIGNIFICANT. NOW, ON THIS SUBJECT OF WHEN WE WOULD
5 REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD, EVERY STEP OF WHAT IS PROPOSED IN
6 THE MOTION REQUIRES US TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD. WHEN WE TALK
7 ABOUT THE FIRST PART OF MOTION, WHICH ADDRESSES THE ISSUE OF A
8 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP OR THE PROOF OF CONCEPT, THAT WOULD
9 REQUIRE US TO GO OUT TO BID, TO HAVE A SOLICITATION. UPON
10 COMPLETING THAT SOLICITATION, WE DO HAVE TO A COME BACK TO THE
11 BOARD FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO THE AGREEMENT. THE OTHER
12 PARTS, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE OTHER OPTIONS RELATIVE TO, YOU
13 KNOW, A STUDY, I THINK IN OPTION 4 IT TALKS ABOUT THE C.E.O.
14 HAVING A CONSULTANT TO DO MORE WORK TO DO A FEASIBILITY
15 ANALYSIS OF THE MORE LONGER-TERM SOLUTION OF FIBER. THAT TOO
16 IS JUST A REPORT. THE REASON WHY THESE ARE VERY IMPORTANT, AND
17 WE DEFINITELY WANT TO ENSURE THAT THE BOARD IS ACTIVELY AWARE
18 AND PARTICIPATING IN IT, IS BECAUSE OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE BILL
19 FUNDING. IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED, WE HAVE TO APPLY, AND WE
20 HAVE TO HAVE A PLAN. AND THESE GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO
21 PRESENT PLANS THAT ARE VETTED OUT AND THAT COULD POTENTIALLY
22 BE CONSIDERED FOR THAT FUNDING. THIS IS A VERY HISTORICAL AND
23 MONUMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE BILL. IF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
24 IS NOT SPEAKING TO THIS, AND DOES NOT COME UP WITH A PLAN, THE
25 MONEY WILL GO TO THOSE WHO HAVE A PLAN. SO WE WANT TO ENSURE

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1 THAT THERE IS CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THIS IS. I WOULD
2 ALSO LIKE TO SAY THAT, IN THE MOTION, ALL OF THE
3 RECOMMENDATIONS CAN BE IMPLEMENTED. THEY ARE NOT MUTUALLY
4 EXCLUSIVE. IT IS GOING TO TAKE A VARIETY OF APPROACHES TO
5 ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM THAT WE HAVE, AND IT IS VERY REAL. SO I
6 WANT TO MAKE SURE IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT EVERY STEP OF THE WAY,
7 WE WANT THE BOARD TO BE THERE. THIS IMPACTS THE COUNTY AT
8 LARGE. SO IT IS A VERY SIGNIFICANT INITIATIVE TO ADDRESS
9 BARRIERS OF OPPORTUNITY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SELWYN, I JUST HAVE ONE FINAL QUESTION
12 BECAUSE THERE MAY BE SOME QUESTIONS REGARDING WE'VE HEARD THAT
13 SOME CITIES MAY WANT TO ENSURE THAT THEY MAINTAIN LOCAL
14 CONTROL, AND, ON THIS, REGARDING BROAD BROADBAND DECISIONS. SO
15 WILL THE CITIES BE FORCED TO PARTICIPATE IN WHATEVER BROADBAND
16 PLAN THE COUNTY ULTIMATELY DEVELOPS?

17

18 **SELWYN HOLLINS:** NO, ACTUALLY IT GIVES MORE OPTIONS FOR CITIES.
19 WE HAVE SPOKEN WITH SEVERAL CITIES THAT ARE HARD-HIT, AND THEY
20 ARE DOING THINGS ON THEIR OWN TO TRY TO PROVIDE SOME LEVEL OF
21 ACCESS ACCESS TO SOME OF THEIR CONSTITUENTS. ALL OF THESE
22 PLANS SUPPLEMENT THAT AND HELPS (INDISCERNIBLE). IT IS DOING
23 OUR PART TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. IT GIVES THE CITIES AN
24 OPPORTUNITY, AS WE DO OUR PILOTS OR PROOF OF CONCEPTS, OR THE
25 REPORT BACK FROM THE CONSULTANTS, IT GIVES US A GREAT

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1 OPPORTUNITY TO TALK IN DETAIL WITH CITIES ABOUT WHAT DIFFERENT
2 OPTIONS MAY BE AVAILABLE THAT THEY CAN PARTICIPATE IN, OR THEY
3 CAN CONTINUE TO DO WHAT THEY ARE CURRENTLY DOING.

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** . THANK YOU. I KNOW SOME OF MY CITIES ARE
6 PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN HAVING THE COUNTY DO THIS BECAUSE
7 MANY ARE SO STRAPPED AND DON'T HAVE THE TECHNICAL EXPERTISE TO
8 REALLY BEGIN THIS WHOLE PROCESS. I REPRESENT A LOT OF SMALLER
9 CITIES. SO I KNOW THAT IS ONE THING I AHE HEARD ALREADY. BUT
10 MEMBERS, I WANT TO ASK RESPECTFULLY FOR YOUR AYE VOTE, AND I
11 KNOW WE HAVE SEVERAL MEMBERS AND I KNOW, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,
12 I KNOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. I WILL RECOGNIZE
13 YOU AS MY COAUTHOR. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I APPRECIATE THE
16 ABILITY TO COAUTHOR THIS WITH YOU, AND AS I WAS LISTENING TO
17 OUR DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR SPEAK, I WAS REMINDED OF AN ADAGE I
18 LEARNED YEARS AGO, (INDISCERNIBLE) WHEN YOU FAIL TO PLAN, YOU
19 PLAN TO FAIL. SO AS HE SAID, I SEE THIS MOTION AS SETTING A
20 PATH FOR THE COUNTY TO HAVE A PLAN BECAUSE, AS THE PRESIDENT
21 SIGNED THE BILL TO BUILD BACK BETTER, I BELIEVE WE
22 OPERATIONALIZE THAT AT THE COUNTY LEVEL BY BUILDING BACK
23 EQUITABLY AND DOING ALL THAT WE CAN TO BRING RESOURCES TO THE
24 TABLE TO CLOSE THE DIGITAL DIVIDE, BASED ON WHAT WE HAVE
25 LEARNED, MOST RECENTLY BUT WHAT WE ALSO SHOULD HAVE KNOWN ALL

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1 ALONG, TO BUILD BACK EQUITABLY MEANS TO ADDRESS THE DIGITAL
2 DIVIDE IN A STRAIGHTFORWARD, CLEAR, AND PLANFUL WAY. THE LACK
3 OF BROADBAND IN THE SECOND DISTRICT HAS LED TO
4 DISPROPORTIONATE LEARNING LOSS, MISSED UPSKILLING AND CAREER
5 OPPORTUNITIES, AND A DEEP DIVIDE IN HEALTHCARE ACCESS. AS MANY
6 AS -- IT IS PAINFUL FOR ME TO ACKNOWLEDGE, 35% OF HOUSEHOLDS
7 IN THE SECOND DISTRICT LACK ACCESS TO BROADBAND. AND LET ME BE
8 CLEAR, IT IS NOT A COVERAGE ISSUE, COST IS THE CRITICAL
9 BARRIER. SO I AM PLEASED THIS MOTION PUTS A MULTI-PRONGED
10 STRATEGY IN PLACE TO CLOSE THE DIGITAL DIVIDE IN A WAY THAT
11 MEETS OUR COMMUNITY'S NEEDS, BOTH NOW AND IMMEDIATE AND INTO
12 THE FUTURE. WE SPENT TIME, HERE IN MY TEAM, THIS SUMMER
13 SPEAKING TO OUR CONSTITUENTS, TO SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY GROUPS,
14 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS, AND PARENT GROUPS, TRULY TO DETERMINE
15 WHAT AN APPROPRIATE FUTURE-PROOF SOLUTION TO ELIMINATING THE
16 DIGITAL DIVIDE WOULD LOOK LIKE. AND SO, WE'RE CLEAR THAT THIS
17 MULTI-PRONGED APPROACH REALLY MEETS THE NEEDS AS WE HEARD
18 DIRECTLY FROM OUR CONSTITUENTS. AND I ALSO KNOW THAT THE
19 DEPARTMENT SPENT A GREAT DEAL OF TIME AND UNDERTOOK A
20 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS, PARTICULARLY IN OUR HARDLY-
21 REACHED COMMUNITIES AS WELL. SO I THINK WE HAVE HEARD FROM OUR
22 CONSTITUENTS, AND WE KNOW THEIR NEEDS AND EXPECTATIONS. SO,
23 AGAIN, THIS MOTION SETS ASIDE FUNDS TO HELP PROMOTE SUBSIDY
24 PROGRAMS, BUT IT DOESN'T STOP THERE. AS THE OWNER OF THE
25 RIGHT-OF-WAY AND INFRASTRUCTURE ASSETS ACROSS OUR COMMUNITIES,

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1 THE COUNTY CAN AND SHOULD PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO ACCELERATE
2 AFFORDABLE INTERNET OPTIONS TO EVERY HOUSEHOLD. AGAIN, LOOKING
3 FORWARD TO RESOURCES THAT WILL HOPEFULLY COME TO US FROM THE
4 DEAL JUST SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT, THAT WAS GOOD NEWS. WE ARE
5 CLEAR THAT THE NEED IS URGENT, THAT WE CAN'T AFFORD TO
6 CONTINUE TO DO NOTHING, PARTICULARLY GIVEN THE HEAD START
7 I.S.D. TOOK AS A RESULT OF COVID. SO WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO
8 TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT WORK AND THOSE OPPORTUNITIES. SO I AM
9 PLEASED TO BE SUPPORTING THE MOTION TODAY AND LOOK FORWARD TO
10 THE COUNTY TAKING MEANINGFUL APPROPRIATE STEPS TO CLOSING THE
11 DIGITAL DIVIDE. OUR CONSTITUENTS SHOULD NOT HAVE TO WAIT ANY
12 LONGER. THANKS, MADAM CHAIR.

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** . THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, AND THANKS FOR
15 JOINING ME AS THE COAUTHOR. I UNDERSTAND SUPERVISOR BARGER
16 WANTS TO BE RECOGNIZED.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I DON'T KNOW HOW
19 YOU GOT BACK SO QUICKLY. I DIDN'T REALIZE YOU WERE JUST IN
20 D.C. YESTERDAY. I KNOW. THAT IS AMAZING. BUT THANK YOU FOR
21 REPRESENTING THE COUNTY BACK THERE. I WANT TO THANK YOU AND
22 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR BRINGING THE MOTION FORWARD TODAY. WE
23 CAN ALL AGREE IT IS CRITICAL, AND IT IS URGENT TO BRIDGE THE
24 DIGITAL DIVIDE. I MEAN, THE ONE LESSON I THINK WE ALL SAW AND
25 LEARNED DURING COVID WAS JUST HOW GREAT THE DIGITAL DIVIDE IS

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1 IN L.A. COUNTY. THE NEED FOR QUALITY BROADBAND SERVICE TOOK ON
2 A GREAT IMPORTANCE DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC WHEN THOUSANDS OF
3 HOUSEHOLDS STRUGGLED AS CHILDREN TRANSITIONED TO VIRTUAL
4 LEARNING AND PARENTS HAD TO ADAPT TO TELEWORK OR LOOK FOR NEW
5 JOBS WITHOUT ADEQUATE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET. IN MANY CASES
6 LACK OF INTERNET ACCESS TO DUE TO THE AFFORDABILITY OF THE
7 HIGH COST OF MONTHLY BROADBAND SERVICE, WHICH IS UNATTAINABLE
8 FOR THOUSANDS OF HOUSEHOLDS. IN OTHER INSTANCES, THE LACK OF
9 BROADBAND ACCESS IS A RESULT OF THE RURAL GEOGRAPHY OF
10 SPARSELY POPULATED REGIONS. I AM SENSITIVE TO THESE ISSUES,
11 SPECIFICALLY THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT THOSE WHO WANT BROADBAND
12 SERVICE CAN ACCESS IT CONSIDERING THE NUMEROUS RURAL AND LESS
13 DENSE COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT MY DISTRICT, AND THOSE BURDENED
14 BY GEOGRAPHICAL CHALLENGES. IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, THIS HAS
15 BEEN GOING ON FOR YEARS, AND IT HAS BEEN A STRUGGLE THAT WE
16 HAVE WORKED WITH THE CITY TO TRY TO ADDRESS. I FIRMLY BELIEVE
17 THAT THE COUNTY IS THE SAFETY NET FOR OUR RESIDENTS, AND
18 CLEARLY BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE IS ANOTHER COMPONENT IN
19 PROVIDING ESSENTIAL SERVICES TO OUR MOST VULNERABLE
20 COMMUNITIES. WHILE I SUPPORT THE DIGITAL EQUITY EFFORTS BY THE
21 COUNTY TO PROVIDE BROADBAND ACCESS, I AM MINDFUL OF ADDITIONAL
22 CONSIDERATIONS IN THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS. I AM GOING TO
23 READ IN A PROPOSED AMENDMENT. I KNOW SUPERVISOR SOLIS YOU
24 TOUCHED ON SOME OF MY CONCERNS AS IT RELATES TO THE CITIES
25 BECAUSE I REALLY DO BELIEVE THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR

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1 TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY TO OUR RESIDENTS AND PARTNERS
2 IN THIS EFFORT. WITHIN THE REPORT BY I.S.D. TO EXPAND INTERNET
3 ACCESS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, WE ARE CONSIDERING OPTIONS THAT
4 WILL INVOLVE CITIES AND UNINCORPORATED REGIONS. WE SHOULD
5 PARTNER WITH OUR CITIES, THEIR REPRESENTATIVES, AND OUR
6 UNINCORPORATED AREAS TO ENSURE WE ARE ADEQUATELY SERVING OUR
7 SHARED CONSTITUENTS AND MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE CITIES,
8 COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS, AND THE TOWN COUNCILS. AS PART OF THE
9 WORK BY I.S.D. AND THEIR CONSULTANT, I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST
10 THAT WE ENGAGE AND INVOLVE ALL THE CITIES, TOWN COUNCILS, AND
11 COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS IN THE SPIRIT OF COLLABORATION IN OUR
12 SHARED GOAL OF PROVIDING SERVICES TO OUR CONSTITUENTS. THIS IS
13 NOT MEANT TO SLOW DOWN THE PROCESS BECAUSE I TRULY WISH WE
14 COULD TURN ON A SWITCH TODAY AND HAVE THIS IN PLAY, BUT TO
15 ENSURE THAT OUR PARTNERS HAVE A SEAT AT THE TABLE AND ARE
16 INVOLVED IN OUR MUTUAL EFFORTS, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE CONSIDER
17 POTENTIAL JURISDICTIONAL AND LAND USE ISSUES WHICH MAY ARISE.
18 AND I SAY THIS BECAUSE, AS THE COUNTY LEARNED DURING OUR
19 INITIAL EXPERIENCE WITH THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL
20 INTEROPERABILITY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM, BETTER KNOWN AS L.A.
21 R.I.C.S., THE EARLIER AND MORE EFFECTIVELY THAT WE BRING
22 STAKEHOLDERS TO THE TABLE, THE MORE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION
23 WILL BE, ELIMINATING UNNECESSARY HURDLES AND BARRIERS. I ALSO
24 THINK IT IS CRITICAL THAT WE GATHER DATA AND ANALYSIS OF HOW
25 OTHER MUNICIPALITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY HAVE EXPANDED

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1 BROADBAND ACCESS AND INCREASED CONNECTIVITY TO THEIR
2 CONSTITUENTS. WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO LEARN BEST PRACTICES
3 BASED ON THE EXPERIENCE OF OTHER MUNICIPALITIES AND TO BETTER
4 UNDERSTAND THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNTY OVER THE
5 SHORT AND LONG TERM BASED ON THE RESULTS OF OTHER
6 JURISDICTIONS. I WILL JUST THROW THIS EXAMPLE OUT.
7 CHATTANOOGA, WHICH HAS EFFECTIVELY CREATED AND MAINTAINED A
8 MUNICIPAL BROADBAND NETWORK, EXPERIENCED A MINOR DECREASE IN
9 THEIR BOND CREDIT RATING AS A RESULT OF THIS NEW ENDEAVOR. WE
10 CANNOT COMPARE A JURISDICTION OUR SIZE AGAINST ONE LIKE
11 CHATTANOOGA, BUT THIS IS ALL THE INFORMATION THAT WE SHOULD
12 GATHER AS PART OF THE PROCESS AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION THAT
13 WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR OUR C.E.O. TO HAVE IN EFFECTIVE PLANNING
14 ON THEIR PART. FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF
15 HOW WE CAN BEST SERVE OUR RESIDENTS IN PROVIDING THE MOST
16 SUCCESSFUL EFFECTIVE INTERNET ACCESS. TECHNOLOGY IS CONSTANTLY
17 EVOLVING, IN AN AREA IN WHICH THE COUNTY DOES NOT OFFER
18 SIGNIFICANT EXPERTISE MORE THE TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES. CURRENT
19 INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS AND TELECOMMUNICATION COMPANIES WHO
20 SPECIALIZE IN THIS FIELD UNDERSTAND THE NEED FOR
21 INFRASTRUCTURE, CHANGING TECHNOLOGY, AND ECONOMIES OF SCALE.
22 TO PROVIDE THE BEST POSSIBLE SERVICE TO OUR CONSTITUENTS,
23 ESPECIALLY OVER THE SHORT TERM, I BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD MAKE
24 SENSE TO PARTNER AND COLLABORATE WITH EXPERTS SUCH AS THE
25 INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS AND TELECOMMUNICATION COMPANIES TO

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1 LEVERAGE THEIR EXPERTISE FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR COMMUNITIES.
2 THEY ARE LIKELY BETTER SUITED TO PROVIDE SERVICES MORE
3 ECONOMICALLY AND EFFICIENTLY THAN OTHER PARTNERSHIPS OR NEW
4 PROGRAMS THAT THE COUNTY MIGHT CONSIDER CREATING. I WOULD
5 AGAIN LIKE TO EXTEND MY THANKS ON THIS MOTION. I BELIEVE WE DO
6 NEED TO ACT. AND WE NEED TO ACT QUICKLY. I ALSO WANT TO THANK
7 SELWYN BECAUSE I KNOW HIS COMMITMENT TO EQUITY ACROSS THE
8 BOARD, AND ACCESS IS SOMETHING THAT IS TRULY HIS PASSION. AND
9 I KNOW HE'S PUT A LOT OF HARD WORK INTO THIS ISSUE. AND I WANT
10 TO REITERATE MY SUPPORT FOR PROVIDING INTERNET ACCESS TO OUR
11 COMMUNITIES IN NEED. THIS IS AN ESSENTIAL FUNCTION THAT THE
12 COUNTY HAS AN OBLIGATION TO ADDRESS. YOU HAVE SEEN IT WITH THE
13 INFRASTRUCTURE BILL. YOU'VE SEEN IT WITH THE STATE. THAT IS
14 THE ONE CONSTANT IN TERMS OF FUNDING THAT EVERYONE IS TALKING
15 ABOUT BRINGING FORWARD. SO I WOULD RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT THE
16 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT I.S.D. TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD
17 IN 90 DAYS WITH QUARTERLY REPORTS MOVING FORWARD, REGARDING
18 THE DIRECTIVES CONTAINED IN ITEM 19. AND THEN I WOULD, ASK AS
19 PART OF THAT 90 DAY REPORT BACK, TO INCLUDE FEEDBACK FROM THE
20 88 CITIES, COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT, AND TOWN COUNCILS
21 REGARDING THE PROPOSED INITIATIVE AND THE OPTIONS PROVIDED BY
22 I.S.D. AND A DETAILED FISCAL ANALYSIS OF EXISTING MUNICIPAL
23 BROADBAND MODELS IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS AND THE LONG AND SHORT
24 TERM FINANCIAL COST ESTIMATES FOR THE COUNTY AS THE OPTION IS
25 PRESENTED. AND I JUST WANTED TO ASK, JUST TO HIGHLIGHT, I JUST

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1 WANTED TO ASK THE C.E.O., AND FESIA, I THINK YOU WERE HERE
2 DURING THE L.A. R.I.C.S., (INDISCERNIBLE) MY TALKING POINTS.
3 ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO, THE COUNTY EMBARKED ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF
4 THE LOS ANGELES L.A. R.I.C.S. THIS WAS THROUGH A J.P.A., AND
5 AT ONE POINT, THERE WERE MORE THAN 80 MEMBERS. HOWEVER, AS I
6 UNDERSTAND IT, WE ARE NOW DOWN TO 24 MEMBERS. DO YOU KNOW WHAT
7 CAUSED THE CITIES TO PULL OUT OF THE PARTNERSHIP WITH L.A.
8 R.I.C.S.?

9

10 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION,
11 SUPERVISOR. FESIA DAVENPORT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER. I THINK
12 THAT THERE WERE A NUMBER OF FACTORS. ONE IS, AS YOU MENTIONED,
13 L.A. R.I.C.S. HAS BEEN IN A WORK IN PROGRESS FOR OVER 10
14 YEARS. AND I THINK WHEN YOU HAVE A PROJECT THAT LASTS THAT
15 LONG, THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PIVOTS AND CHANGES. AND I
16 THINK THAT'S WHAT WE SAW WITH THE L.A. R.I.C.S. PROJECT. THE
17 PROJECT WAS ORIGINALLY DESIGNED TO BE A SINGLE SYSTEM. BUT
18 OVER TIME, THE PROJECT MODEL CHANGED TO BECOME A SYSTEM OF
19 SYSTEMS. WHAT THAT DID IS IT ALLOWED OTHER CITIES TO OPT TO
20 HAVE THEIR OWN "MINI L.A. R.I.C.S," THEIR OWN COMMUNICATION
21 SYSTEM, WHILE STILL HOOKING UP TO THE LARGER COUNTY-WIDE
22 SYSTEM. AND SO I JUST ADVANCE THAT AS ONE EXAMPLE. IF THIS
23 PROJECT HAD BEEN DELIVERED AND MAYBE A FEW SHORT YEARS, THERE
24 PROBABLY WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN A DESIRE TO PIVOT INTO THE SYSTEM
25 OF SYSTEMS. BUT THAT IS WHAT HAPPENED. AND I THINK WE ARE

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1 ABOUT PROBABLY TWO YEARS AWAY FROM THE COMPLETION OF THE
2 PROJECT.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY. AND THE ONLY REASON I ASK THAT IS BECAUSE I
5 KNOW THE DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS IMPACTED THE COST
6 GIVEN BECAUSE THERE WAS A COST SHARING FORMULA THAT WAS PUT
7 INTO PLAY. AND THAT'S WHY I BRING THAT UP. AGAIN, I JUST WANT
8 TO GO INTO THIS WITH OUR EYES WIDE OPEN BECAUSE I THINK WE ALL
9 WANT TO ADDRESS THE DIGITAL DIVIDE. AND THEN MY LAST QUESTION
10 TO YOU, FESIA, IS THERE ARE FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDS AVAILABLE
11 FOR THE COUNTY TO PURSUE DIGITAL EQUITY. HAVE YOU ANALYZED HOW
12 MUCH OF THAT THE COUNTY CAN EXPECT DIRECTLY THROUGH THE
13 VARIOUS PROGRAMS, KNOWING THAT THERE ARE BOTH INTERNAL AND
14 EXTERNAL COMPETITION FOR THESE FUNDS. DO WE KNOW WHAT THE
15 FORMULA IS GOING TO LOOK LIKE AND WHAT WE CAN EXPECT?

16

17 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** SUPERVISOR, WE DO NOT KNOW EXACTLY
18 WHAT THE FORMULA WOULD LOOK LIKE. WE ARE TRACKING ABOUT FOUR
19 SEPARATE FUNDING STREAMS. SO ONE IS THE INFRASTRUCTURE BILL
20 THAT WAS SIGNED YESTERDAY. WE ALSO HAVE A POT OF FUNDING FROM
21 THE STATE, THE \$8 BILLION, WHICH HAS YET TO BE ALLOCATED. WE
22 ARE TRACKING THAT VERY CAREFULLY AS WELL. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT
23 THAT FORMULA WILL LOOK LIKE. WE DO KNOW THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC
24 UTILITIES COMMISSION DID AN ALLOCATION OF A POT OF FUNDING
25 WHERE THE COUNTY WAS ALLOCATED APPROXIMATELY, OR PRELIMINARILY

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1 ALLOCATED, ABOUT \$93 MILLION. WE HAVE SOME CONCERNS WITH THAT
2 FORMULA, AND WE WILL BE CONNECTING WITH THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC
3 UTILITIES COMMISSION TO ADVOCATE FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING. AND
4 THEN FINALLY, WE ALSO HAVE THE A.R.P. FUNDING, TRAUNCH ONE AND
5 TRAUNCH TWO. YOUR BOARD HAS ALREADY ALLOCATED ABOUT \$12
6 MILLION IN TRAUNCH ONE. AND WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO DO HERE IN
7 C.E.O. IS, AS WE GET THE INFORMATION TO SEE HOW ALL THE
8 DIFFERENT FUNDING STREAMS WORK TOGETHER, THAT WE WOULD USE
9 TRAUNCH TWO FILL IN ANY GAPS. SO, IT REMAINS A WORK IN
10 PROGRESS.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, THANK YOU. AND THEN SELWYN, CAN I JUST ASK
13 YOU A QUESTION JUST SO THAT I GET A CLARIFICATION? ARE YOU
14 STILL ON?

15

16 **SELWYN HOLLINS:** YES, I AM HERE.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, SELWYN, SO ARE WE LOOKING TO CLOSE THE
19 DIVIDE, OR ARE WE LOOKING TO BUILD A COUNTY-WIDE SYSTEM
20 BECAUSE I THINK WITH YOUR ANSWERS I AM NOT REAL CLEAR? ARE YOU
21 LOOKING TO BUILD A COUNTY-WIDE SYSTEM, OR ARE YOU LOOKING AT
22 ALL OPTIONS TO CLOSE THE DIGITAL DIVIDE?

23

24 **SELWYN HOLLINS:** YES, WE ARE LOOKING AT ALL OPTIONS. OUR FOCUS
25 IS ON THE COMMUNITIES AND THE HOUSEHOLDS THAT HISTORICALLY

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1 HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO AFFORD THE INTERNET ACCESS. AND THIS IS
2 NOT JUST IN L.A., IT IS IN MANY OTHER COUNTIES IN SOUTHERN
3 CALIFORNIA. IT IS IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. IT IS NATIONWIDE. SO
4 IT IS NOT TO BUILD ANOTHER SYSTEM OR TO COMPETE WITH ANY
5 I.S.P.S OR TELECOMMUNICATION COMPANIES. IT IS REALLY TO BE
6 THAT TRUE SAFETY NET TO THOSE COMMUNITIES THAT CONTINUE TO BE
7 -- TO LACK EQUITY WHEN IT COMES TO ACCESS. AND IT'S VIABLE
8 HIGH SPEED.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER:** SO REALLY THE FIRST GOAL IS TO CLOSE THE DIGITAL
11 DIVIDE, AND IF THAT IS THROUGH BUILDING A COUNTY-WIDE SYSTEM,
12 OR IF IT IS WORKING AND DOING A P3, THAT'S TO BE DETERMINED.

13

14 **SELWYN HOLLINS:** YES, AND THE ADVANTAGES OF THE OTHER OPTIONS
15 IS THAT EVEN THE COUNTY'S INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOW WE SERVE THE
16 PUBLIC, DOES NEED TO BE UPGRADED. AND SO, WITH THE
17 INFRASTRUCTURE BILL, THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE
18 COUNTY AS WELL AS THE COMMUNITY SO THAT WE CAN BETTER SERVE
19 OUR CONSTITUENTS.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER:** WELL, SELWYN I SAY THIS WITH RESPECT, I MEAN I
22 THINK WE NEED TO BUILD THE INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN OUR OWN
23 COUNTY AS IT RELATES TO INTERNET IN THIS BUILDING ALONE. SO I
24 HEAR YOU LOUD AND CLEAR, BUT AS IT RELATES -- AND THIS IS MY
25 LAST QUESTION, MADAM CHAIR, OPTIONS B OR C, IF THOSE MOVE

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1 FORWARD, DO YOU ANTICIPATE THERE WILL BE ANY IMPLICATIONS FOR
2 JURISDICTIONAL AND LAND USE ISSUES? AND IF SO, HOW WILL THEY
3 BE ADDRESSED? AND THAT'S MY LAST QUESTION.

4

5 **SELWYN HOLLINS:** YES, ABSOLUTELY. BEFORE WE CAN MOVE FORWARD IN
6 ANY CITY, ALL CITIES HAVE DIFFERENT PERMITS AND ORDINANCES AND
7 TOPOGRAPHY ETC., IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE WORK WITHIN THOSE
8 SYSTEMS. SO NOTHING IS IMPOSED ON ANY GROUP. HOWEVER, WITHIN A
9 LOT OF THESE CITIES, YOU HAVE CERTAIN STRUCTURES LIKE PUBLIC
10 HOUSING, WHICH WOULD BE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY, AND MANY OF THOSE
11 ARE MANAGED BY THE COUNTY, THAT NEED SERVICE. SO WE WOULD LOOK
12 AT NOT JUST AN AREA, BUT ALSO THE INSTITUTIONS THAT THE COUNTY
13 SUPPORTS IN DIFFERENT CITIES.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER:** GOT YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SELWYN. AND THANK
16 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I WILL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR
19 KUEHL, BUT I DID WANT TO MENTION SOMETHING. I THINK FOR ME,
20 L.A. R.I.C.S WAS A LITTLE DIFFERENT BECAUSE THAT WAS BUILDING
21 OUT ONE SYSTEM. AND WE FIGURED OUT HALFWAY THROUGH THAT IT
22 WASN'T GOING TO WORK. AND PEOPLE STARTED TO DROP OUT. I THINK
23 COST GUARANTEES WERE PROVIDED. THERE'S NO GUARANTEE FOR EVER
24 AND EVER AND EVER THAT WE ARE GOING TO GET FEDERAL FUNDING FOR
25 THIS ALL THE WAY THROUGH. SO WE DO HAVE TO BE CREATIVE AND

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1 LOOK AT WHATEVER THE BALANCE WILL BE. AND IT PROBABLY WILL BE
2 MODIFIED VERSIONS OF PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP, AND THEN THE
3 COUNTY, AND THEN THE STATE AND FEDS, AND THEN AND
4 PHILANTHROPIC GROUPS THAT COULD ALSO WEIGH IN. SO I THINK
5 THAT'S WHAT THE PURPOSE IS TO LOOK AT THE PLANNING AND REALLY
6 BE OPEN TO OUR C.O.G.S. I GET IT. WE NEED TO HAVE A VARIATION
7 BECAUSE YOU REPRESENT RURAL AREAS, MOUNTAINOUS AREAS. SO DO I.
8 WE HAVE PLACES WHERE THERE IS VERY LOW CONNECTIVITY. EVEN
9 PLACES WHERE I LIVE IN EL MONTE. I HAVE REALLY BAD SERVICE,
10 TO BE HONEST. AND IT IS PROBABLY JUST MORE MY INFRASTRUCTURE.
11 SO I THINK WE WANT TO TRY TO GET AT THIS IN MANY SO MANY WAYS.
12 BUT I THINK FOR ME THE URGENCY IS NOW BECAUSE THE FUNDING IS
13 COMING AVAILABLE, AND IF WE DON'T HAVE A PLAN, THEN WE'RE NOT
14 READY. WE'RE GOING TO LOSE IT, OR WE WON'T GET OUR FAIR SHARE,
15 AND I REALLY DO THINK WE ARE IN A REALLY GOOD POSITION HERE IN
16 L.A. COUNTY TO BE ABLE TO ASK FOR THAT. SO SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I
17 WILL ACKNOWLEDGE YOU.

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I STRONGLY
20 SUPPORT THE MOTION. UNFORTUNATELY, I DON'T REALLY SUPPORT WHAT
21 SUPERVISOR BARGER HAS READ IN TO AMEND IT. IT IS NOT INTENDED
22 TO SLOW IT DOWN. I TAKE EVERYTHING YOU SAID VERY SERIOUSLY.
23 BUT MY OWN ANALYSIS OF IT IS THAT IT KIND OF WOULD SLOW DOWN
24 OUR ABILITY TO REALLY DEVELOP WHAT I CONSIDER ARE THE MORE
25 IMPORTANT OPTIONS, WHICH REALLY ARE B AND C. WE HAVE HAD

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1 INTERNET CONNECTIVITY FOR SOME PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY FOR QUITE
2 A LONG TIME. I DON'T SEE THAT A PRIVATE INDUSTRY THAT PROVIDES
3 IT HAS DONE ANYTHING TO HELP ANYBODY. DURING COVID, THEY DID
4 AGREE WITH US ON CERTAIN LOW PRICES. IT WAS LIKE PULLING TEETH
5 TO GET THEM TO EVEN BEGIN TO CONSIDER IT. THIS IS NOT IN THE
6 D.N.A. OF PRIVATE COMPANIES AND NOT EVEN IN THE D.N.A. OF
7 INVESTOR-OWNED UTILITIES. AND THAT'S THE REASON WHY I THINK
8 THE BETTER COMPARISON IS THE CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE, WHICH IS
9 GROWING AND GROWING AND GROWING. IT INCLUDES 37 CITIES AT THE
10 MOMENT. AND THERE ARE MANY OTHERS THAT WANT TO GET IN, BUT WE
11 CAN'T OPEN IT UP YET BECAUSE WE HAVE TO MAKE CERTAIN THEY
12 UNDERSTAND THE RESPONSIBILITY, AND TWO COUNTIES, VENTURA
13 COUNTY AND OUR COUNTY. AND THE CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE ALL
14 STARTED WITH L.A. COUNTY, JUST US AND TWO CITIES. I THINK THE
15 OPTION FOR THE COUNTY TO GO BUILD OUT ITS OWN IS A FAR
16 PREFERABLE OPTION. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU REMEMBER, BUT SKY
17 PATRICK ACTUALLY HAD US EXTEND THE REACH OF OUR WIFI IN OUR
18 LIBRARIES. SO THAT DURING COVID WHEN PEOPLE NEEDED TO GET
19 ONLINE AND DO SCHOOL, THEY CAME IN THEIR CARS IN THE PARKING
20 LOT. AND THERE WAS CONNECTIVITY THERE. OF COURSE, THAT'S NOT
21 ENOUGH FOR EVERYBODY IN THE COUNTY THAT NEEDS IT. THERE ARE
22 182,000 PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY THAT DON'T EVEN HAVE A COMPUTER.
23 AND THAT'S WHY WE WERE THINKING IT WAS SO IMPORTANT TO GET THE
24 HARDWARE OUT AND NOT JUST THE ACCESS. SO I THINK THE FAR
25 PREFERABLE OPTIONS ARE THE ONES THAT WOULD INCLUDE THE COUNTY

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1 BUILDING IT OUT BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW WHETHER YOU HAVE ANY
2 PHONES IN YOUR HOUSE, BUT HAVE YOU NOTICED THE PRICE GO DOWN
3 OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS? RESOUNDING NO. I MEAN IT JUST GOES UP
4 AND UP AND UP. AND I JOINED BECAUSE VERIZON OFFERED ME A DEAL.
5 HOW LONG DID THAT DEAL LAST? ABOUT AS LONG AS 0% ON A CREDIT
6 CARD. IT IS A NUMBER OF MONTHS, MAYBE SIX MONTHS, AND THEN
7 BOOM, AND SOMETIMES THEY DON'T EVEN ASK YOU. THEY PUT YOU IN
8 THE HIGHER PRICE. I REALLY THINK THAT OUR CONSTITUENTS COULD
9 BE SOMEWHAT AT RISK ON THIS BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO HAVE NOTICES.
10 IF YOU DON'T OPT OUT, YOUR PRICE IS GOING TO UP. BLAH, BLAH. I
11 JUST DON'T THINK THESE PRIVATE COMPANIES FIRST THOUGHT IS
12 ABOUT INEXPENSIVE ECONOMIC SERVICE. AND EVEN WHEN PEOPLE WERE
13 TOUTING HOW COMPETITION DOES THAT. COMPETITION -- OH, LET'S
14 LOOK AT THE PRICE OF GASOLINE. PLENTY OF COMPETITION, RIGHT?
15 ALL THOSE DIFFERENT KINDS OF GAS STATIONS ALL NOW CHARGING \$5
16 A GALLON. SO I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COUNTY
17 SYSTEM. THERE IS A GOOD DEAL OF OPTIC FIBER THAT HAS ALREADY
18 BEEN LAID. EDISON HAS MILES AND MILES AND MILES OF WHAT THEY
19 CALL DARK FIBER. THAT'S DIFFERENT THAN THE DARK NET. THAT'S
20 NOT THE SAME THING. DARK FIBER MEANS WE'VE GOT IT THERE, BUT
21 WE'RE NOT USING IT. WE COULD LEASE IT IF YOU WANT TO LOOK AT
22 THE UNDERGROUND OPTION. AND I DON'T THINK THEY WOULD BE SAD
23 ABOUT IT BECAUSE THEY JUMPED TO WORK WITH US IN THE CLEAN
24 POWER ALLIANCE, AND WE WERE ACTUALLY TAKING CUSTOMERS AWAY
25 FROM THEM. BUT THE COMBINATION HELPED THEM. SO I THINK THAT

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1 OPTION A IS TOO SHORT LIVED. I CAN GUARANTEE IT. AND I CAN
2 TELL YOU, IF THERE WAS A PRIVATE COMPANY RUNNING METRO, THEY
3 WOULD NOT HAVE GIVEN FREE ACCESS TO STUDENTS. BUT THE PUBLIC
4 DID. AND THAT'S US. SO I APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR BARGER'S HOPES
5 ON THIS. BUT I DO THINK THAT L.A. R.I.C.S. FAILED BECAUSE
6 PEOPLE SAID I AM NOT GETTING OFF MY SYSTEM. FIRE DEPARTMENT
7 SAID I AM NOT GETTING OFF MY SYSTEM. I WILL PIGGYBACK ONTO
8 THIS, BUT I AM STILL GOING DO MY SYSTEM. AND WE SAW THROUGH
9 THE BEGINNING OF THE WOOLSEY FIRE HOW PEOPLE WEREN'T EVEN ABLE
10 TO CONNECT ON SO MANY ISSUES. AND THAT'S ONE OF THE ISSUES
11 THAT, IF THE COUNTY DOES IT, IT MAY BE COUNTERINTUITIVE, BUT
12 IF THE COUNTY DOES IT, I THINK IT WILL BE DONE BETTER, AND I
13 THINK SERVICES FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE AND NEEDY CONSTITUENTS
14 WILL BE MUCH MORE SECURE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

15
16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. ANY OTHER
17 MEMBERS WISHING TO BE RECOGNIZED? SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU HAVE
18 AN AMENDMENT. IS THERE A SECOND FOR HER AMENDMENT?

19
20 **SUP. BARGER:** MADAM CHAIR, I UNDERSTAND I'M NOT GOING TO HAVE A
21 SECOND. BUT I WILL SAY, AND I HEAR YOU LOUD AND CLEAR,
22 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AS IT RELATES TO THE OPTION THAT YOU THINK
23 IS PREFERABLE AS IT RELATES TO THE COUNTY. AND THAT'S WHY I
24 ASKED THE QUESTION OF SELWYN GOING IN IS THE GOAL TO HAVE A
25 COUNTY- WIDE SYSTEM BUILT IN. THERE'S NO QUESTION. I MEAN I

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1 HAVE INTERNET AT HOME THAT STINKS. AND IT IS BY THE PRIVATE
2 SECTOR, AND I AM PAYING PREMIUM DOLLARS FOR IT. BUT I ALSO
3 HAVE INTERNET IN THIS COUNTY BUILDING THAT I AM NOT PAYING FOR
4 BUT THE COUNTY IS THAT STINKS. SO I THINK WE CAN DO A GOOD JOB
5 ACROSS THE BOARD AS IT RELATES TO HOW WE PROVIDE INTERNET. I
6 JUST HOPE THAT WE LOOK AT THIS HOLISTICALLY AS IT RELATES TO
7 THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AS WELL. THAT'S ALL.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. YOU KNOW, AND
10 I HEAR YOU, TOO. I AM SORRY, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN:** YES. MADAM CHAIR, YES, THANK YOU. OBVIOUSLY, WE ARE
13 ALL IN FAVOR OF MOVING FORWARD. I THINK HAVING THE PUBLIC
14 LISTEN TO THIS, THEY ARE PROBABLY WONDERING ARE WE MOVING
15 FORWARD WITH A AND NOT EXPLORING B AND C. BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE
16 ALL OF OUR GOAL'S -- THE SHORT TERM A, BUT WE DO WANT TO LOOK
17 AT B AND C. AND I THINK THAT'S WHY SUPERVISOR BARGER'S
18 AMENDMENT KIND OF FOCUSED ON THAT. WHAT I WAS WONDERING ABOUT
19 HER AMENDMENT THAT SAID WE DON'T WANT TO SLOW THIS DOWN AND
20 WAIT 90 DAYS TO GET FEEDBACK. BUT THERE WAS ALSO SORT OF A
21 QUARTERLY CHECK BACK IN WITH US ON HOW IT IS GOING. IS THAT
22 PART OF THE ORIGINAL MOTION? I WAS READING THE FIRST LINE OF
23 HERS HAVING A QUARTERLY -- A REPORT BACK QUARTERLY AND
24 WONDERING IF THAT WAS PART OF THE ORIGINAL MOTION, MADAM
25 CHAIR, BECAUSE I DO THINK THIS IS -- WE'RE KIND OF GOING IN A

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1 NEW DIRECTION. MYSELF, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME KIND OF A
2 CHECK BACK IN WITH US ON HOW IS THIS GOING AND FIGURE OUT A
3 WAY TO GET THE FEEDBACK OF SOME OF THE ENTITIES THAT
4 SUPERVISOR BARGER GAVE A SHOUT OUT TO. IS THAT -- WHAT DO YOU
5 THINK?

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** I THINK YOU ARE -- I THINK THAT'S
8 ABSOLUTELY --

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** WITHOUT NECESSARILY WAITING 90 DAYS. YOU KNOW,
11 EVERY QUARTER, CHECK BACK IN WITH US, HOW IS THIS GOING, WHERE
12 ARE WE ON THESE OTHER OPTIONS, WHAT ARE WE HEARING FROM ALL
13 THESE STAKEHOLDERS. I WOULD LIKE THAT. AND I DIDN'T KNOW IF
14 THAT WAS IN THE ORIGINAL MOTION.

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** IT WASN'T EXPLICIT PER SE IN THAT
17 STATEMENT, BUT I THINK OUR LOGIC IS THAT WE WOULD BE REPORTING
18 RIGHT -- THEY WOULD BE REPORTING TO US REGULARLY.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** YES, LET'S -- IS THERE ANY APPETITE TO CODIFY THAT?

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** WELL, WE CAN CERTAINLY PUT IN A QUARTERLY
23 REPORT, AND SOONER IF THERE'S SOMETHING TO REPORT --

24

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH. THIS IS KIND OF A BIG DEAL THAT WE ARE
2 EMBARKING ON.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** IT IS.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN:** IT IS A BIG DEAL. AND I THINK IT WOULD BE
7 ADVANTAGEOUS FOR ALL OF US, PARTICULARLY FOR THE PUBLIC, TO
8 GET QUARTERLY REPORTS.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO IS THAT -- SO WE'LL INCLUDE THAT.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, INCLUDE THAT.

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** IF NOT THE AMENDMENT, WE WILL INCLUDE IT IN
15 THE REPORT AND PLAN THAT I.S.D. WILL PUT BACK TO US, AND WE
16 WILL HAVE QUARTERLY REPORT BACKS.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:**, OKAY. THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR ME.

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OR AS NEEDED. WE CAN CERTAINLY DO THAT.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER:** MADAM CHAIR, BEFORE WE CALL FOR A VOTE ON THIS,
23 IS THIS GOING TO COME BACK FOR A FINAL VOTE WHATEVER OPTION
24 COMES INTO PLAY?

25

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES. SELWYN, CAN YOU ADDRESS THAT AGAIN?

2

3 **SUP. BARGER:** I WANT TO GET A CLARIFICATION. I AM SORRY.

4

5 **SELWYN HOLLINS:** SO IF WE NEGOTIATE AMENDMENTS OR NEW
6 AGREEMENTS WITH I. S.P.S AND/OR TELECOMMUNICATION COMPANIES,
7 THROUGH THIS MOTION, WE COME BACK TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL.
8 IF WE GO WITH OPTION B AS WELL, AND WE ARE -- AFTER WE DO AN
9 R.F.P. OR PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS, WE COME BACK TO THE
10 BOARD AS WELL. WE HAVE TO BY THE NATURE OF THE CONTRACTING
11 REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY. SO WE CAN'T ENTER INTO ANY OF
12 THOSE CONTRACTS WITHOUT BOARD APPROVAL. THE THIRD THING IS THE
13 STUDY THAT THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE WILL BE DOING FOR OPTION C,
14 WHICH IS THE FIBER. THAT DOESN'T HAVE ANY COMMITMENT TO MOVING
15 FORWARD ON ANYTHING. IT IS A REPORT TO DO A FEASIBILITY STUDY,
16 AND THAT FEASIBILITY STUDY WOULD COME BACK TO THE BOARD
17 BECAUSE THAT WOULD DEFINITELY REQUIRE THE BOARD TO DETERMINE
18 IF THAT'S SOMETHING WE ARE GOING PURSUE FOR FEDERAL OR STATE
19 FUNDING. SO EVERY STEP OF THE WAY, WE ARE OBLIGATED TO COME
20 BACK TO THE BOARD. HOWEVER, I TOTALLY AGREE. WE WANT YOU TO
21 STAY INFORMED. IF WE HAVE TO TELL YOU EVERY MONTH WHAT IS
22 GOING ON, WE ARE ALL FOR IT BECAUSE THIS IS THAT IMPORTANT OF
23 A THING.

24

25 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SURE. IS THAT SATISFACTORY FOR YOU?

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER:** I AM JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND. SO THE R.F.P.
3 WILL BE DEVELOPED BASED ON WHAT? SELWYN?

4

5 **SELWYN HOLLINS:** OH, THE R.F.P.? THE R.F.P. IS FOR THE PUBLIC-
6 PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP. THAT'S THE WIRELESS NETWORK MODEL, THE
7 PROOF OF CONCEPT MODEL.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** ANYTHING IS GOING TO HAVE TO COME BACK TO THE
10 BOARD FOR FINAL APPROVAL?

11

12 **SELWYN HOLLINS:** CORRECT. LET ME CLARIFY, FOR CONTRACTUAL
13 RELATIONSHIPS, WE HAVE TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER:** WHAT WOULDN'T BE A CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP IN
16 THIS SITUATION?

17

18 **SELWYN HOLLINS:** WELL, ISSUING AN R.F.P., THERE'S NO CONTRACT.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH, WHEN WE DO R.F.P.S, YOU DON'T HAVE TO COME
21 BACK TO -- I MEAN THE BOARD DOESN'T VOTE ON AN R.F.P. THEY
22 VOTE ON THE OUTCOME OF AN R.F.P., BUT THE PARAMETERS OF THE
23 R.F.P. ARE BUILT INTO THE MOTION BEING VOTED ON TODAY,
24 CORRECT?

25

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1 **SELWYN HOLLINS:** I AM SORRY. I MISSED THAT.

2

3 **SUP. BARGER:** I SAID THE MOTION -- THE R.F.P. WILL BE BASED ON
4 WHAT IS IN THE MOTION TODAY?

5

6 **SELWYN HOLLINS:** CORRECT.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY.

9

10 **SELWYN HOLLINS:** THE WIRELESS NETWORK, THE OPTION B, WHICH IS
11 BASED OFF OF OUR REPORT BACK, IT TALKS ABOUT THE PUBLIC-
12 PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS TO DO A PROOF OF CONCEPT IN A CONFINED
13 AREA, UP TO 12,500 HOUSEHOLDS. THAT IS WHAT THE R.F.P. WOULD
14 BE BASED ON.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR FOR BEING SO
17 PATIENT.

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** IS THAT SUFFICIENT THEN? I AM SORRY YOUR
20 MOTION FAILS FOR LACK OF A SECOND BUT I THINK THE SUGGESTION
21 THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN MAKES IS LEGITIMATE. WE CAN CERTAINLY
22 REQUIRE THAT ALSO.

23

24 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH, THAT WAS THE FIRST PART OF MY AMENDMENT WAS
25 TO GET -- I WANTED 90 DAYS, BUT I WOULD TAKE QUARTERLY BECAUSE

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1 I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO BE ON TOP OF HOW THIS IS
2 BEING ROLLED OUT.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** QUARTERLY IS KIND OF 90 DAYS.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** IS IT? THANK YOU, DIRECTOR, YOU ARE RIGHT.

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** WHO IS ADDING?

9

10 **SUP. BARGER:** I AM NOT. AND I WASN'T ON A PLANE ALL NIGHT.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT, BUT THE QUARTERLY IS NOT -- I MEAN WE DON'T
13 STOP THE PROCESS AND WAIT FOR THAT.

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** NO.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** AND JUST LISTENING, AGAIN, I THINK THE PUBLIC
18 PROBABLY THINKS WE ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH A TO ENSURE
19 IMMEDIATE CONNECTIVITY, BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT WE ARE DOING,
20 RIGHT. WE ARE EXPLORING --

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** A PLAN. RIGHT.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY.

25

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THE MONEY ISN'T GOING TO COME FROM THE FEDS
2 AND EVERYONE ELSE TOMORROW ANYHOW. IT WILL COME, THOUGH,
3 QUICKLY, BUT IF WE HAVE A PLAN, WE GET IN THE QUEUE, AND I
4 THINK THAT'S REALLY CRITICAL FOR US BECAUSE WE ARE GOING TO BE
5 COMPETING WITH OTHER PLACES. BUT I THINK WE NEED A LOT OF
6 THEIR RATIONALE FOR WHERE THEY WANT TO GO TO LOW INCOME,
7 DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES. AND AS SELWYN HAS ALREADY TALKED
8 ABOUT, WE ARE HITTING THOSE MARKS. SO IF WE CAN CHECK THOSE
9 OFF, WE ARE GOING TO BE REALLY GOOD CANDIDATES FOR THAT. BUT
10 WE HAVE TO LOOK AT ALL OUR RESOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO US.
11 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

12
13 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, AND I WON'T BELABOR THIS ANY LONGER,
14 BUT IT OCCURRED TO ME AS I WAS WILL LISTENING TO COMMENTS, I
15 THINK THE IMMEDIATE CHALLENGE WE ARE TRYING TO SOLVE FOR IS
16 AFFORDABILITY. AND AS EVERYONE TALKED ABOUT THE INTERNET IN
17 OUR OWN HOMES IS NOT GREAT, THERE'S NO PUBLIC UTILITY THAT IS
18 100% PROOF. WE HAVE HAD POWER OUTAGES. IN MY DISTRICT IN
19 CRENSHAW, BALDWIN HILLS, THERE WAS A POWER OUTAGE. THERE WAS A
20 WATER OUTAGE IN MY OWN NEIGHBORHOOD THIS WEEKEND. SO THERE'S
21 NO UTILITY THAT IS 100% RELIABLE ALL THE TIME. AND THE
22 INTERNET, UNFORTUNATELY, ISN'T ANY DIFFERENT. OUR GOAL IS TO
23 CREATE A SYSTEM THAT IS MORE EQUITABLE AS WELL AS MORE
24 AFFORDABLE. AND SO, I THINK I AM CONFIDENT COMFORTABLE WITH

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1 THE AMENDMENT THAT YOU TOOK, MADAM CHAIR, AND LOOK FORWARD TO
2 US BUILDING BACK EQUITABLY FOR ALL OF L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** THERE AREN'T ANY AMENDMENTS, RIGHT?

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** JUST THE QUARTERLY REPORT BACK, A.K.A. --

7

8 **SUP. MITCHELL:** CLARIFICATION, I WILL SAY. CLARIFICATION ON THE
9 QUARTERLY REPORT BACK.

10

11 **SUP. KUEHL:** RIGHT. HILDA, I THINK YOU ARE ON MUTE.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY. I AM. I JUST WANT TO SAY SO,
14 YES, WE WILL INCLUDE THE LANGUAGE IN THIS STATEMENT, IN THE
15 MOTION, THAT WE WILL GET A QUARTERLY REPORT BACK. AND I THINK
16 THAT'S IT. SO ITEM 19 IS BEFORE US. I THANK ALL OF YOU. I
17 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, HAHN, MITCHELL, SHEILA, AND
18 OBVIOUSLY THE FOLKS THAT CALLED IN. I THINK THERE'S A LOT OF
19 INTEREST, AND I HAVE A FEELING THAT PEOPLE ARE REALLY GOING TO
20 LOOK TO US FOR WHERE WE GO WITH THIS. AND IT IS AN EXCITING
21 TIME FOR US TO BE IN A POSITION, UNLIKE THE LAST COUPLE OF
22 YEARS. SO, I RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE. I WILL MOVE
23 THE ITEM AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, THIS ITEM 19.
24 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 19 IS BEFORE YOU WITH ADDED QUARTERLY
2 REPORTS MOVING FORWARD. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR
5 KUEHL.

6

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

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES
14 5-0.

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MEMBERS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
17 MOVING ON, MEMBERS, NOW TO ITEM NUMBER 20 TO ALLOCATE HOMELESS
18 HOUSING AND PREVENTION PROGRAM FUNDING TO SUPPORT CITIES
19 INTERESTED IN PURSUING HOME KEY FUNDING FROM THE STATE. I
20 INTRODUCED THE MOTION, SUPERVISOR HAHN WAS MY COAUTHOR, BUT I
21 UNDERSTAND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL WANTED TO MAKE SOME REMARKS ON
22 THE ITEM AND HOLD THE ITEM.

23

24 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I APPRECIATE
25 IT, AND I THANK YOU BOTH FOR BRINGING FORWARD THIS MOTION. LET

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1 ME BE CLEAR, I AM FULLY SUPPORTIVE OF THE MOTION BECAUSE,
2 NUMBER ONE, IT IDENTIFIED A FUNDING STREAM, WHICH IS NOT
3 ALREADY COMMITTED. SECONDLY, IT LEVERAGES A TIMELY OPPORTUNITY
4 WITH THE STATE'S HOME KEY PROGRAM, AND FINALLY, AND CRITICALLY
5 IMPORTANT FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, IT STRIKES THE SWEET SPOT OF
6 CITIES DOING THE CAPITOL BUILD AND COUNTY PROVIDING THE
7 SERVICES FOR HOUSING OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS. THE STATE
8 SUPPORTED AND FUNDED PROJECT HOME KEY HAS PROVIDED US WITH AN
9 OPPORTUNITY, QUITE FRANKLY, TO QUICKLY ACQUIRE MOTELS FOR
10 INTERIM HOUSING THAT WE WILL TRANSITION TO PERMANENT HOUSING
11 FOR OUR UNHOUSED FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS. IN THIS
12 UPCOMING FUNDING ROUND FOR PROJECT HOME KEY SITES, OUR REGION
13 CAN LEVERAGE GREATER RESOURCES BY BOTH THE COUNTY AND WILLING
14 CITIES TO APPLY FOR THEIR OWN RESPECTIVE ALLOCATIONS. THIS
15 WILL INCREASE THE NUMBER OF HOME KEY PROJECTS WE CAN ESTABLISH
16 COUNTY-WIDE. IN MY DISTRICT, PARTICULARLY I WANT TO SHINE A
17 LIGHT ON THE WORK OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY, THAT THEY ARE
18 DOING GREAT WORK TO NOT ONLY PLAN FOR HOUSING PROJECTS BUT TO
19 PUT THEIR PLANS INTO ACTION, INCLUDING THEY HIRED AN ASSISTANT
20 CITY MANAGER TO FOCUS SPECIFICALLY ON HOUSING SOLUTIONS FOR
21 THE UNHOUSED. THE LEADERSHIP IN CULVER CITY, LIKE A FEW OTHER
22 CITIES IN THE COUNTY, IS LEANING IN TO PERMANENT HOUSING
23 SOLUTIONS. THIS MOTION WILL HELP THEM FULFILL THEIR VISION OF
24 INCREASING PERMANENT HOUSING SOLUTIONS IN THEIR CITIES. SO I
25 LOOK FORWARD TO THE HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE TEAM PUTTING FORTH

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1 AN APPLICATION AND DECISION MAKING PROCESS WHICH ALIGNS WITH
2 THE COUNTY'S PRINCIPLES AROUND EQUITY AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON
3 INTEGRATING THE HOMELESS HOUSING AND PREVENTION PROGRAM
4 FUNDING INTO THE HOMELESS INITIATIVES BUDGET, SO THAT THE
5 COUNTY CAN FULFILL OUR COMMITMENT TO THE CITIES WITH
6 SUCCESSFUL PROJECT HOME KEY APPLICATIONS. MADAM CHAIR, THANK
7 YOU VERY MUCH.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR
10 HOLDING THE ITEM. I ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN
11 FOR COAUTHORING THE MOTION WITH ME. SINCE ITS INCEPTION, THE
12 HOMELESS INITIATIVE AND MEASURE H AND THE COUNTY BOARD OF
13 SUPERVISORS HAS PRIORITIZED STRENGTHENING OUR PARTNERSHIPS
14 WITH OUR CITIES, ESPECIALLY THE 88 CITIES, TO SUPPORT LOCAL
15 JURISDICTIONS AND TO BOLSTER OUR COUNTY EFFORTS TO HELP US END
16 HOMELESSNESS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. AT OUR LAST BOARD MEETING,
17 AS YOU KNOW, WE DEMONSTRATED THAT COMMITMENT BY CREATING THE
18 \$10 BILLION INTERIM HOUSING FUND FOR SMALL CITIES INTERESTED
19 IN HELPING TO EXPAND THE COUNTY'S STOCK OF INTERIM HOUSING.
20 THIS MOTION IS THE NEXT STEP IN BUILDING OUT OUR HOMELESS
21 REHOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE, AND PROJECT ROOM KEY ROUND ONE
22 PROVIDED FUNDING TO LOCAL JURISDICTIONS TO PURCHASE HOTELS AND
23 OTHER PROPERTIES TO BE USED AS INTERIM AND PERMANENT HOUSING
24 FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. WE ACTUALLY GRADUATED
25 FROM PROJECT HOME KEY TO REALLY MAKING IT MORE PERMANENT IN

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1 SOME CASES. SO I KNOW LOS ANGELES COUNTY WAS AWARDED \$108
2 MILLION AND USED THE CAPITAL FUNDS TO PURCHASE 10 PROPERTIES
3 FOR A TOTAL OF ABOUT 850 ROOMS. TWO OF THOSE ROUNDS -- ROUND
4 ONE WAS HOME KEY SITES THAT WE FOUND IN MY DISTRICT, IN THE
5 FIRST DISTRICT, IN THE CITIES OF BALDWIN PARK, AND IN THE
6 CITIES OF COMMERCE. SO WE DO SEE THAT ONCE WE ARE ABLE TO WORK
7 WITH OUR CITIES, SOME ARE READY TO HELP US. AND I GET IT. NOT
8 EVERYBODY IS ALIGNED IN THE SAME MANNER THAT WE ARE, BUT I
9 SURE HAVE SEEN A GOOD CHANGE IN THE LAST TWO YEARS BECAUSE WE
10 HAVE HAD ADDITIONAL FUNDING. AND THE STATE, AS YOU KNOW,
11 NEARLY DOUBLED THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR PROJECT
12 HOME KEY ROUND TWO, PROVIDING CONSIDERABLE CAPITOL FUNDING FOR
13 JURISDICTIONS INCLUDING OUR CITIES TO ACQUIRE THOSE
14 PROPERTIES. THIS, FOR US, I THINK THIS IS A CRITICAL
15 OPPORTUNITY WITH OUR CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTY TO INCREASE THAT
16 SUPPLY OF INTERIM AND PERMANENT HOUSING THAT WE HAVE ALL BEEN
17 TALKING ABOUT. WE HAVE GOT TO START, AND WE HAVE GOT TO START
18 NOW. AND THROUGH THE PROGRAM, THE STATE IS ALSO OFFERING
19 LIMITED OPERATING FUNDS TO APPLICANTS THAT CAN DEMONSTRATE AN
20 ABILITY TO MATCH THESE FUNDS. SO THEY DO HAVE TO HAVE SKIN IN
21 THE GAME. FOR SOME CITIES, THE ABILITY TO PROVIDE MATCHING
22 OPERATING DOLLARS IS SOMETIMES A BARRIER TO PURSUING HOME KEY
23 AND DEVELOPING HOUSING FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.
24 AS YOU KNOW, WELL OVER 48,000 UNSHELTERED PEOPLE LIVE IN THE
25 COUNTY, AND THE BOARD CAN AND SHOULD SUPPORT CITIES WHO WANT

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1 TO BRING PROJECT HOME KEY INTO THEIR JURISDICTIONS. SO BY
2 HELPING TO SUPPORT SOME OF THOSE CITIES THAT ARE READY TO GO
3 ALONG WITH US THROUGH THE REGION, WE CAN HELP MAXIMIZE THE
4 HOME KEY FUNDING. SO I ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE. AND I KNOW THAT
5 SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU WANT TO SPEAK ON THIS, AND THEN
6 SUPERVISOR KUEHL HAS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT THAT SHE WILL NOTE,
7 AND IT IS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, SO I AM SURE IT WILL BE FINE.
8 NO PROBLEM. SUPERVISOR HAHN, CAN I GO TO YOU THEN NEXT.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** YES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I AM REALLY PROUD TO
11 BE JOINING YOU IN COAUTHORING THIS MOTION TO PROVIDE FUNDING
12 TO OUR CITIES TO SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS IN THIS SECOND ROUND OF
13 PROJECT HOME KEY. IT HAS BEEN SUCH AN INNOVATIVE PROGRAM. AND
14 IT ALLOWED JURISDICTIONS TO PURCHASE MOTELS AND HOTELS TO BE
15 USED FOR OUR INTERIM AND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. THIS
16 PAST YEAR IN THE FIRST ROUND, WE WERE ABLE TO PURCHASE 10
17 HOTELS TOTALING APPROXIMATELY 850 ROOMS. I WAS REALLY HAPPY
18 THAT FIVE OF THOSE 10 SITES WERE IN MY DISTRICT. WITH THESE
19 LOCATIONS, WE ARE ABLE TO SERVE APPROXIMATELY 1250 INDIVIDUALS
20 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. AND YOU ARE RIGHT, SUPERVISOR
21 SOLIS, WITH THE SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAM, WE HAVE SEEN ATTITUDES
22 CHANGE. AND WE HAVE SEEN CITIES MORE WILLING TO EMBRACE THIS
23 SOLUTION. AND JUST IN MY DISTRICT, REDONDO BEACH, JUST LAST
24 TUESDAY MOVED FORWARD WITH A SITE IN THEIR OWN CITY. AND WHILE
25 THE STATE OFFERS THE FUNDING NEEDED TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY,

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1 MANY CITIES DON'T HAVE THE MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE SERVICES
2 NEEDED TO OPERATE ONE OF THESE SITES. SO THAT'S WHY THIS
3 INVESTMENT OF \$10 MILLION WILL PROVIDE OUR CITIES WITH THE
4 RESOURCES THAT THEY NEED, SO THAT WE CAN CREATE MORE HOUSING
5 IN OUR COUNTY. AND I THINK THESE ARE IMPORTANT PARTNERSHIPS
6 THAT WE REALLY NEED TO NURTURE. AND I THINK THAT IS GOING TO
7 BE A DECIDING FACTOR GOING FORWARD IN REALLY ADDRESSING OUR
8 HOMELESS CRISIS. SO THANK YOU FOR THIS, PROUD TO BE YOUR
9 COAUTHOR IN THIS. AND THIS IS JUST ONE MORE SOLUTION THAT
10 PEOPLE CAN EMBRACE. WE KNOW THE PROBLEM. WE KNOW WHAT THE
11 CRISIS IS, BUT WE NEED MORE SOLUTIONS, AND WE NEED MORE OF OUR
12 CITIES TO EMBRACE THESE SOLUTIONS IF WE ARE REALLY EVER GOING
13 TO ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM PROPERLY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR
16 HAHN. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

17

18 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANKS TO YOU AND TO
19 SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION. I'M VERY SUPPORTIVE
20 AND WANTED TO OFFER, AS YOU INDICATED, JUST A SLIGHT MINOR
21 ADDITION, WHICH I HOPE WILL BE ACCEPTED AS A FRIENDLY
22 AMENDMENT BECAUSE, IN THE SECOND ROUND OF PROJECT HOME KEY,
23 THE STATE SET ASIDE SOME FUNDING SPECIFICALLY FOR TRIBAL
24 ENTITIES TO ACQUIRE THESE PROPERTIES. AND IT IS A MUCH NEEDED
25 OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE THIS POPULATION IS SIGNIFICANTLY

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1 OVERREPRESENTED IN OUR LOCAL HOMELESS CENSUS. IN THE 2020
2 POINT-IN-TIME HOMELESS COUNT, NATIVE AMERICANS AND ALASKAN
3 NATIVES WERE ONLY 0.2% OF THE COUNTY POPULATION, BUT 1.1% OF
4 ALL RESIDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. AND IT MAY SOUND LIKE
5 A LOW AMOUNT, BUT WHEN YOU COMPARE THAT THEIR PRESENCE, IT IS
6 WAY OVERREPRESENTED. SO THE STATE CREATED A \$20 MILLION SET
7 ASIDE FOR TRIBAL ENTITIES, BUT THEY ALSO WON'T MAKE THOSE
8 FUNDS AVAILABLE UNTIL 2023. SO PROJECT HOME KEY DECISIONS WILL
9 LIKELY BE MADE BEFORE ANY TRIBAL ENTITIES EVEN START TO
10 RECEIVE THEIR FUNDS. SO ALL MY PROPOSED AMENDMENT DOES IS TO
11 ALLOW LOCAL TRIBAL ENTITIES PURSUING PROJECT HOME KEY TO
12 ACCESS THE OPERATING DOLLARS THAT WE ARE MAKING AVAILABLE TO
13 SMALLER CITIES. SO ALL THAT WOULD BE WOULD BE IN EACH
14 DIRECTIVE, WHERE IT SAYS CITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY THAT ARE NOT
15 ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FUNDING DIRECTLY FROM THE STATE, AND THE
16 ADDITION WOULD BE: AS WELL AS TRIBAL ENTITIES WITHIN THE
17 COUNTY. AND THAT ADDITION WOULD BE MADE AFTER THE SECTION ON
18 CITIES IN EACH OF THE FOUR DIRECTIVES. SO I WOULD ASK IF THAT
19 WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. IT'S A VERY SMALL POPULATION, BUT I THINK
20 THEY REALLY NEED IT.

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22 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I AGREE WITH YOU. I
23 THINK THIS IS GREAT TO POINT IT OUT. THERE ARE SO MANY NATIVE
24 AMERICANS THAT LIVE IN OUR CITIES AND IN OUR COUNTY. AND THEY
25 ARE OFTEN VIEWED AS AN INVISIBLE POPULATION. AND THEY SHARE

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1 MANY SINGULARITIES WITH OUR LATINX AND WITH OUT MAINSTREAM
2 COMMUNITY. AND THEY OFTEN ARE OVERLOOKED. SO I, TOO, HAVE SEEN
3 THIS OVER THE YEARS AND AM HAPPY YOU ARE POINTING IT OUT. SO I
4 AM HAPPY TO TAKE THIS. SUPERVISOR HAHN, I THINK YOU WOULD
5 AGREE BECAUSE WE HAVE MANY OF THESE URBAN NATIVE AMERICANS
6 THAT LIVE IN OUR DISTRICTS. SO THANK YOU FOR THAT.

7

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

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10 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM
11 MEMBERS? SO SEEING NONE, MEMBERS, ITEM 20 AS AMENDED IS BEFORE
12 US. I WILL MOVE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. TO APPROVE THE
13 ITEM, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 20 AS AMENDED IS BEFORE YOU,
16 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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18 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR
19 KUEHL.

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

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23 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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25 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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2 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION CARRIES
3 5-0.

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5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MEMBERS, MOVING ON TO ITEM 21,
6 DECRIMINALIZING MOBILITY THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF VISION ZERO
7 ACTION PLAN, WHICH IS AN ITEM THAT I HELD, AND I'M HAPPY THAT
8 SUPERVISOR HAHN HAS ALSO BEEN ENTHUSIASTIC ON THIS AND HAPPY
9 TO HAVE HER AS A COAUTHOR. I, FIRST OF ALL, WANT TO SAY I AM
10 SURE ALL OF US HAVE READ WITH GREAT INTEREST THE L.A. TIMES
11 ANALYSIS ON THE SHERIFF DEPUTIES PULLING OVER LATINO CYCLISTS
12 AT VERY DISPROPORTIONATE RATES COMPARED TO OTHER CYCLIST. AND
13 THE ANALYSIS THAT WAS PROVIDED SHOWS THAT, SINCE 2017, THE
14 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS LOGGED WELL OVER 44,000 BIKE STOPS.
15 AND OF THOSE, 70% INVOLVE LATINX CYCLISTS AND CYCLISTS IN LOW
16 INCOME COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, WHO WERE STOPPED AND SEARCHED
17 MUCH MORE OFTEN THAN THOSE IN MORE AFFLUENT OR OTHER PARTS OF
18 THE COUNTY. THESE STOPS, AS YOU KNOW, HAVE BEEN USED BY THE
19 SHERIFF DEPARTMENT AS A TOOL TO "FIGHT CRIME." BUT DEPUTIES
20 ONLY FOUND ILLEGAL ITEMS REPRESENTING ABOUT 8% OF THE TIME,
21 AND WEAPONS WERE SEIZED LESS THAN HALF A PERCENT OF THAT TIME.
22 AND SOME HAVE REFERRED TO THIS PRACTICE AS ANOTHER VERSION OF
23 STOP AND FRISK, ONLY ON A BIKE. AND MANY OF THOSE BIKE STOPS
24 OCCURRED DIRECTLY IN MY OWN DISTRICT IN THE COMMUNITIES OF
25 UNINCORPORATED EAST LOS ANGELES, WHERE INEQUITIES ALREADY RUN

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1 REALLY DEEP. EAST LOS ANGELES, AS YOU KNOW, IS ABOUT ALMOST
2 90% LATINO. AND IT IS A COMMUNITY WHERE RIDING A BIKE CAN BE
3 EXTREMELY DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF THE SHEER NUMBER OF CARS ON THE
4 ROAD AND COLLISIONS AND LOSS OF LIFE THAT OCCUR BECAUSE OF THE
5 SPEED OF TRAVEL ON OUR STREETS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA. WE
6 HAVE OVER \$100 MILLION IN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS RIGHT
7 NOW IN THE PIPELINE SET FOR EAST LOS ANGELES TO MAKE OUR
8 COMMUNITY MORE WALKABLE, MORE SAFE, MORE BIKE-ABLE, AND
9 TRANSIT FRIENDLY, BUT UNTIL THOSE IMPROVEMENTS ARE MADE, WE
10 REALLY HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT BICYCLISTS ARE COMPETING FOR
11 SPACE ON THAT ROAD. AND OFTENTIMES, THEY DON'T MAKE IT. AND
12 THEY GET HIT. AND THEY LOSE THEIR LIVES. OR IF THEY DO RIDE
13 THE SIDEWALK, THEY ARE PULLED OVER. THE L.A. TIMES ANALYSIS
14 SHOWS THAT THE DEPUTIES USE RIDING A BIKE ON THE SIDEWALK AS
15 THE EXCUSE TO STOP BICYCLISTS 8% OF THE TIME. AND CYCLISTS
16 OFTEN SEEK REFUGE ON THE SIDEWALK BECAUSE, AGAIN, IT IS
17 UNSAFE. THEY DON'T FEEL LIKE THEY CAN SHARE THAT LIMITED ROAD
18 SPACE WITH CARS. AND THEY FACE HARASSMENT FROM DRIVERS. THEY
19 ACTUALLY HAVE TO VEER IN AND OUT, AND SOMETIMES THEY WILL HAVE
20 COLLISIONS, OR THEY WILL FALL, OR THEY WILL GET INJURED. AND
21 ACCORDING TO THE L.A. COUNTY CODE, IT IS CURRENTLY ILLEGAL TO
22 OPERATE YOUR BIKE ON A SIDEWALK IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS.
23 INCREDIBLE. THE MOTION IS DEFINITELY -- THIS MOTION, AS YOU
24 KNOW, WILL DEFINITELY CHANGE THAT. SO THE MOTION BEFORE US
25 WILL DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO CARRY OUT

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1 BASICALLY TWO DIRECTIVES CONTAINED IN THE COUNTY'S VISION ZERO
2 ACTION PLAN TO DECRIMINALIZE RIDING YOUR BICYCLE ON THE
3 SIDEWALK AND TO CREATE A DIVERSION PROGRAM FOR INFRACTIONS
4 RELATED TO WALKING AND BIKING BECAUSE THOSE TWO, THERE IS A
5 HIGH PROPORTION OF THOSE CITATIONS IN AREAS LIKE EAST LOS
6 ANGELES AND OTHER UNINCORPORATED AREAS. RESIDENTS SHOULD NOT,
7 IN MY OPINION, BE PUNISHED BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DUE TO
8 THEIR POVERTY, THE COLOR OF THEIR SKIN, OR THE NEIGHBORHOOD.
9 THEIR COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABLE MODES OF TRANSPORTATION OR
10 THEIR CONCERN FOR PERSONAL SAFETY SHOULD ALL BE TAKEN INTO
11 CONSIDERATION. IT IS OUR JOB AND MY BELIEF THAT OUR
12 COMMUNITIES ARE SAFE FOR EVERYONE REGARDLESS OF WHAT MODE OF
13 TRANSPORTATION THAT AN INDIVIDUAL CHOOSES. SO I THANK YOU,
14 SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR JOINING ME. AND I KNOW YOU ALSO HAVE AN
15 AMENDMENT I BELIEVE TO THIS MOTION. ARE WE AGREED, YES?

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17 **SUP. HAHN:** YES.

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19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU'LL BE READING THAT IN, BUT I WILL GO
20 AHEAD AND RECOGNIZE YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
23 BRINGING THIS TO OUR ATTENTION, INVITING ME TO COAUTHOR YOUR
24 MOTION. I FELT THE SAME SHOCK THAT YOU DID WHEN I READ THE
25 L.A. TIMES STORY THAT OUR SHERIFFS DEPUTIES STOPPED MORE THAN

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1 44,000 BICYCLISTS OVER FOUR YEARS. THE LAW IN OUR
2 UNINCORPORATED COUNTY SAYS BIKE RIDERS CANNOT RIDE ON THE
3 SIDEWALK, WHILE THE LAW IN SOME CITIES, LIKE CITY OF L.A.,
4 REDONDO BEACH, ALLOWS BICYCLISTS TO RIDE ON THE SIDEWALKS. AND
5 THE L.A. TIMES INVESTIGATORS FOUND THAT 70% OF THE BICYCLE
6 TRAFFIC STOPS INVOLVED LATINO CYCLISTS, AND DEPUTIES SEARCHED
7 85% OF THE BIKE RIDERS THEY STOPPED EVEN THOUGH THEY OFTEN
8 HAVE NO REASON TO SUSPECT THAT THEY WILL FIND SOMETHING
9 ILLEGAL. THE LAW, UNFORTUNATELY, IS BEING EXPLOITED TO TARGET
10 PRIMARILY LATINO RESIDENTS FOR THE SIMPLE ACT OF RIDING A
11 BIKE. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE. WHERE OUR STREETS ARE DANGEROUS
12 FOR PEOPLE ON BIKES, WE SHOULD ALLOW BICYCLISTS TO MAKE
13 CHOICES THAT KEEP THEM SAFE. IF THERE ARE NO BIKE LANES, WE
14 SHOULD NOT PUNISH PEOPLE FOR RIDING THEIR BICYCLES ON THE
15 SIDEWALK. AND THIS MOTION ASKS PUBLIC HEALTH TO WORK WITH
16 PUBLIC WORKS AND OTHER COUNTY AND STATE AGENCIES TO IDENTIFY
17 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WOULD DECRIMINALIZE BIKE RIDING ON
18 SIDEWALKS AND IMMEDIATELY IMPLEMENT TWO KEY FOR
19 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM VISION ZERO, 1) ESTABLISH A DIVERSION
20 PROGRAM FOR BIKE RIDERS WHO ARE STOPPED AND CITED AND IDENTIFY
21 PROCESS AND PARTNERS TO CONSIDER REVISING THE COUNTY CODE TO
22 ALLOW BIKES ON OUR SIDEWALKS. AND I WOULD LIKE THE REPORT BACK
23 TO INCLUDE PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR THE ORDINANCE REVISION SO WE
24 CAN MAKE IT LEGAL TO RIDE A BIKE ON AN SIDEWALK ON ANY
25 UNINCORPORATED NONRESIDENTIAL STREET THAT DOES NOT ALREADY

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1 HAVE BIKE LANES. SO I AM READING IN WHAT I CONSIDER TO BE A
2 FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO REQUEST THAT OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
3 HEALTH AND OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS PROPOSE SPECIFIC
4 ORDINANCE CHANGES TO THIS EFFECT. AND SO, MY AMENDMENT READS:
5 WE, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE
6 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
7 AND COUNTY COUNSEL TO PROPOSE ORDINANCE CHANGES THAT WOULD
8 ALLOW THE OPERATION OF BIKES ON SIDEWALKS BASED ON CURRENT
9 BEST PRACTICES FOR PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY TO MINIMIZE
10 THE INJURIES AND FATALITIES TO WALKERS AND BIKERS AND REPORT
11 BACK IN 90 DAYS. I HOPE YOU WILL ACCEPT THAT, MADAM CHAIR. AND
12 LASTLY, I JUST WANTED TO ADD THAT, UNTIL WE FORMALLY CHANGE
13 THE LAW, AND I THINK WE SHOULD, AND UNTIL WE CREATE MORE BIKE
14 LANES, WHICH I THINK WE SHOULD, I HOPE OUR SHERIFF WILL
15 CONTINUE TO WORK TO PREVENT RACIAL BIAS AND UNWARRANTED STOPS
16 AND SEARCHES IN HIS DEPARTMENT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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18 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, WELL SAID, SUPERVISOR HAHN. AND
19 YES, I WILL ACCEPT THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, NO PROBLEM.
20 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, I UNDERSTAND YOU ALSO WANTED TO SPEAK,
21 AND YOU HAVE AN AMENDMENT, AS WELL. GO AHEAD.

22

23 **SUP. MITCHELL:** MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I DO, AND I
24 AM SORRY SO SAY THAT I WAS NOT THE LEAST BIT SURPRISED WHEN I
25 READ THE REPORT IN THE L.A. TIMES. NOT AT ALL. IT WAS

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1 REMINISCENT OF DECADES UPON DECADES OF DRIVING WHILE BLACK
2 EXPERIENCES. AND SO, NOW WE CAN COIN A NEW TERM, CYCLING WHILE
3 BLACK OR BROWN. AND I AM BRINGING FORTH AN AMENDMENT THAT
4 WOULD ASK -- GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO DIG DEEPER INTO THE
5 COUNTY CODE AND OTHER REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE SHERIFF'S
6 ENFORCEMENT PRACTICES AND REALLY INVESTIGATE THIS MATTER
7 FULLY. AND LET ME CLARIFY WHY. TO QUOTE THE SHERIFF'S
8 DEPARTMENT DIRECTLY, AND I QUOTE, THAT THEY ARE "NOT
9 CONDUCTING TRAFFIC STOPS OF PERSONS OBVIOUSLY ENGAGED IN THE
10 USE OF A BICYCLE FOR EXERCISE OR AMUSEMENT." AND SO, I AM NOT
11 QUITE SURE HOW LAW ENFORCEMENT CAN VISUALLY DETERMINE WHETHER
12 A PERSON IS CHOOSING TO RIDE TO GET TO SCHOOL, TO GET TO WORK,
13 FOR RECREATION, FOR EXERCISE, TO EASE TRAFFIC CONGESTION, TO
14 IMPROVE AIR QUALITY, ALL REASONS AND MANNERS OF WHICH PEOPLE
15 CHOOSE TO RIDE A BICYCLE. I AM NOT SURE HOW VISUALLY A MEMBER
16 OF LAW ENFORCEMENT CAN DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE TWO. AND WHEN
17 YOU CONSIDER WHAT CYCLAVIA HAS BROUGHT TO OUR CITY, PROUD THAT
18 CYCLAVIA IS NOW A PROMINENT EVENT IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES, YOU
19 KNOW, I AM AGAIN SADDENED TO HEAR, WHEN I HEAR FROM
20 CONSTITUENTS AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE BIKE RIDING CLUBS AND
21 GROUPS, AND HEAR THE RATE AT WHICH LAW ENFORCEMENT, NOT JUST
22 THE SHERIFF, LAW ENFORCEMENT IN OTHER MUNICIPALITIES ACROSS
23 THE COUNTY, STOP THEM TO ASK QUESTIONS EVEN WHEN THEY ARE
24 PROBABLY MORE OBVIOUSLY RIDING FOR EXERCISE OR AMUSEMENT,
25 BASED ON THE GEAR THEY ARE WEARING. SO, AS A RESULT OF ALL OF

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1 THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO READ IN, MADAM CHAIR, IF I CAN, MY
2 PROPOSED AMENDMENT, WHICH IS STATED AS FOLLOWS: THAT WE WILL
3 DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE EXECUTIVE
4 DIRECTOR FOR THE OFFICE OF ANTIRACISM, DIVERSITY, AND
5 INCLUSION, THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, AND THE OFFICE
6 OF THE GENERAL TO EXAMINE ENFORCEMENT PRACTICES RELATED TO
7 PEOPLE RIDING BICYCLES AND WHETHER THE COUNTY CODE AND RELATED
8 ENFORCEMENT PRACTICES ARE IN LINE WITH THE COUNTY'S ANTIRACIST
9 AND VISION ZERO POLICIES. THE EXAMINATION SHOULD RELY ON
10 NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL BEST PRACTICES OF LAWS GOVERNING
11 RIDING BICYCLES. WHERE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES ARE NEEDED TO AID
12 WITH THE ANALYSIS, PARTNERS INCLUDING R.D. SHOULD WORK WITH
13 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO IDENTIFY NECESSARY FUNDING.
14 COUNTY COUNSEL SHALL REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN WRITING
15 WITHIN 120 DAYS ON RECOMMENDED MODIFICATIONS TO THE COUNTY
16 CODE AND RELATED PENALTIES THAT ARE IN LINE WITH COUNTY-WIDE
17 POLICIES. THAT'S MY AMENDMENT I AM READING IN, MADAM CHAIR,
18 AND I HOPE YOU WILL ACCEPT IT.

19
20 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES. I DON'T HAVE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT.
21 SUPERVISOR HAHN, I DON'T HAVE ANY OBJECTION TO ACCEPTING THAT
22 AS WELL. THANK YOU. ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS REGARDING
23 THIS ITEM? OKAY, SEEING NONE, MEMBERS, ITEM 21 AS AMENDED IS
24 BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE
25 THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

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5 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

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

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10 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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14 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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18 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

23

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

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1 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MEMBERS. NOW, I'D LIKE
2 TO MOVE ON TO ITEM 23, ASSESSING THE MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES
3 AND SUPPORTS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS, WHICH I HELD. AND I ALSO
4 WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR COAUTHORING THE MOTION
5 WITH ME AND FOR OUR CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP IN HELPING MEET THE
6 HEALTH NEEDS OF OUR STUDENTS. COLLEAGUES, AS YOU KNOW, THE
7 NEED FOR EFFECTIVE AND APPROPRIATE STUDENT AND YOUTH MENTAL
8 HEALTH RESOURCES AND SUPPORT CONTINUES TO GROW EVERY SINGLE
9 YEAR. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT ONE IN SIX YOUTH AGED SIX TO 17
10 EXPERIENCE A MENTAL HEALTH DISORDER EACH YEAR. AND HALF OF ALL
11 MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS BEGIN BY AGE 14. UNFORTUNATELY, HALF
12 OF OUR YOUTH EXPERIENCING MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES HAVE REPORTED
13 NOT RECEIVING ANY KIND OF TREATMENT IN RECENT HISTORY. AND
14 THIS IS PROBABLY EVEN MORE EXACERBATED DURING -- AND IT IS
15 DURING THIS COVID PANDEMIC, WHICH HAS JUST INTENSIFIED
16 EXISTING MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CHALLENGES FOR OUR YOUNG
17 PEOPLE. THIS WAS ESPECIALLY TRUE IN THE INITIAL MONTHS OF THE
18 PANDEMIC, WHEN SCHOOLS WERE NECESSARILY CLOSED TO HELP SLOW
19 THE SPREAD OF COVID-19, AND, YOU KNOW, OUR SCHOOLS ARE REALLY
20 THE FIRST PLACE WHERE OUR STUDENTS GO FOR MENTAL HEALTH
21 SUPPORT. AND WITH SCHOOLS BEING CLOSED, MANY OF THOSE SERVICES
22 WERE NOT ACCESSIBLE TO OUR CHILDREN AT ALL. FORTUNATELY, WE
23 NOW HAVE MORE TOOLS AT OUR DISPOSAL TO COMBAT THE PANDEMIC
24 LIKE OUR VACCINES AND OTHER PREVENTION TOOLS AND THE 80 SCHOOL
25 DISTRICTS IN THE COUNTY ARE REOPENED FOR IN PERSON LEARNING.

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1 AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK THE EFFORTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
2 PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
3 AND NUMEROUS SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND OF COURSE OUR PARENTS AND
4 STUDENTS FOR HELPING US KEEP THOSE VACCINES COMING,
5 PREVENTION, AND MAKING SURE THAT WE CAN REALLY PUT A -- REALLY
6 TAMP DOWN ON THE SPREAD OF THIS DEADLY DISEASE BECAUSE OF ALL
7 THE RIGHT THINGS WE DID. AS A RESULT, THE VAST MAJORITY OF
8 NEARLY 1.5 MILLION OF OUR STUDENTS IN L.A. COUNTY HAVE BEEN
9 ABLE TO RETURN BACK TO OUR CLASSROOMS FOR INSTRUCTION AND,
10 ONCE AGAIN, ARE ABLE TO NOW ACCESS IN PART MENTAL HEALTH
11 SERVICES THAT THEY WENT WITHOUT FOR SO LONG, FOR ALMOST 20
12 MONTHS. MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AT SCHOOLS ARE NOW
13 IMPORTANT MORE THAN EVER. AND I KNOW ALL OF US BELIEVE THAT.
14 AND SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES INCREASE ACCESS TO
15 REMOVING BARRIERS LIKE TRANSPORTATION AND SCHEDULING
16 CONFLICTS. AND THEY REMOVE THE STIGMA ASSOCIATED WITH SEEKING
17 MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE. THERE ARE SO MANY YOUNGSTERS THAT
18 DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO ASK OR ARE ASHAMED OR EMBARRASSED. BY
19 IDENTIFYING AND TREATING MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES EARLY, WE CAN
20 MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF SO MANY OF OUR CHILDREN THAT
21 GO THROUGH MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS. SOME SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AS
22 WE KNOW, HAVE ALREADY BEGUN TO RESPOND TO THE INCREASED NEED.
23 THEY'VE ACTUALLY TAKEN ACTIONS LIKE INSTITUTING A MENTAL
24 HEALTH DAY. AND THANKS TO THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS,
25 MORE MONEY IS FLOWING INTO OUR SCHOOLS FOR MENTAL HEALTH

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1 RESOURCES. THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN, OVER \$122 BILLION
2 WAS APPROPRIATED FOR K-12 SCHOOLS TO REOPEN AND ADDRESS THE
3 IMPACTS OF COVID-19 ON EDUCATION. AND THAT INCLUDED MENTAL
4 HEALTH AS WELL. THE STATE IS ALSO INCLUDING \$25 MILLION FOR
5 OUR SCHOOLS TO DEVELOP MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES. AND WITH THIS
6 INFLUX OF CRITICAL RESOURCES, IT'S SO SORELY NEEDED IN OUR
7 SCHOOLS, AND THE PANDEMIC REALLY SHOWED WHERE THE GAPS WERE,
8 IT IS IMPORTANT, I THINK, THAT THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS BE IN A
9 GOOD POSITION TO HELP PROVIDE A COORDINATED EFFORT TO MEET
10 THOSE NEEDS. AND ALTHOUGH OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE PRIMARILY
11 RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING SUPPORT AND TREATMENT FOR MILD TO
12 MODERATE MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS, I THINK D.M.H. PROVIDES
13 SUPPORT FOR SERIOUS, AND WE KNOW THIS, SPECIALTY MENTAL HEALTH
14 NEEDS, AND THAT IS REALLY CRITICAL RIGHT NOW. AND L.A. COUNTY
15 OFFICE OF ED, AS YOU KNOW, PLAYS A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE IN
16 COORDINATING ALL OF THESE RESOURCES ACROSS THE COUNTY'S 3,000
17 SCHOOLS. D.M.H. AND L.A. COUNTY OFFICE OF ED NEED TO BE FULLY
18 INFORMED OF THE PRACTICES UTILIZED AT EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT
19 BECAUSE YOU AND I KNOW THAT IT VARIES, AND THAT CAN ALSO
20 PROVIDE US WITH MORE INFORMATION AS TO WHAT KIND OF TECHNICAL
21 ASSISTANCE OUR DEPARTMENTS CAN PROVIDE TO THOSE SCHOOL
22 DISTRICTS. IF WE WORK TOGETHER AND PREPARE, I BELIEVE, A
23 QUESTIONNAIRE THAT D.M.H. AND L.A. COUNTY OFFICE OF ED CAN PUT
24 TOGETHER, THAT COULD BE DISTRIBUTED TO OUR 80 SCHOOL DISTRICTS
25 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. AND THAT SURVEY I KNOW WILL HELP US

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1 GAIN GREATER AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION IN TERMS OF WHAT
2 SERVICES ARE CURRENTLY BEING OFFERED AND HOW SCHOOLS WILL
3 UTILIZE THE NEW FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS AND WHAT NEW
4 PERSONNEL THEY MIGHT NEED TO BRING ON AND HOPEFULLY CLOSE THAT
5 GAP SO THAT THE NEEDS OF THESE CHILDREN ARE MET. THE
6 DEPARTMENTS, CAN THEN COME BACK TO THE BOARD WITH AN ANALYSIS
7 OF THAT DATA AND A PLAN ON HOW WE WILL WORK WITH THOSE SCHOOL
8 DISTRICTS TO MEET THOSE NEED BECAUSE EVERY SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN
9 SOME WAY, IS VERY DIFFERENT FROM ANOTHER. THIS IS, I THINK, AN
10 IMPORTANT STEP IN MAKING SURE OUR KIDS ARE SUPPORTING, THAT WE
11 ARE MAKING SURE WE ARE SUPPORTING THE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF
12 ALL OF OUR CHILDREN. I KNOW SOME OF YOU PROBABLY HAVE THOSE
13 STORIES WHERE PARENTS AND SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICIALS HAVE
14 SHARED WITH YOU JUST HOW MISERABLE IT HAS BEEN FOR SOME OF OUR
15 CHILDREN, INCLUDING THEIR PARENTS, AND REALLY TRYING TO
16 RESTORE SOME CONFIDENCE AND RESILIENCY TO THEM THROUGH
17 MEANINGFUL COUNSELING SUPPORT SYSTEMS IS WHAT IS NEEDED, I
18 THINK, AT THE TIME. SO I HUMBL Y ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE ON THIS
19 MATTER. AND I WILL TURN TO MY COAUTHOR, AND ASK HER IF SHE
20 WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK, SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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22 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR INTRODUCING THIS
23 AND BRINGING ME ON AS A COAUTHOR. IT HAS TRUL Y BEEN GREAT TO
24 WORK WITH YOU AS WE IDENTIFY WAYS TO ENSURE BETTER ACCESS TO
25 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN OUR SCHOOLS. SCHOOLS ARE A CRITICAL

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1 LINCHPIN TO PROVIDING AND BRINGING SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY,
2 NOT ONLY FOR STUDENTS, BUT ALSO FOR THE PARENTS AND THE FAMILY
3 AS WHOLE. ONE IN SIX YOUTH EXPERIENCE A MENTAL HEALTH DISORDER
4 EACH YEAR, AND AT LEAST 50% OF ALL LIFETIME MENTAL ILLNESS
5 BEGINS AT THE AGE OF 14. HOWEVER, ON AVERAGE, ONLY 50%, I
6 MEAN, BARELY 50% OF YOUTH WITH MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES
7 RECEIVE SUPPORTIVE TREATMENT EACH YEAR. WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO
8 DO BETTER AND BUILD THE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS INITIATIVE AND OTHER
9 PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE CHAMPIONED, AND I WILL SAY THAT, MANY
10 YEARS AGO, PASADENA UNIFIED DID A STUDY, AND THERE IS A
11 CORRELATION BETWEEN THOSE CHILDREN IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THAT
12 WERE ACTING OUT OR HAD BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS THAT NEVER RECEIVED
13 CARE, OR TREATMENT, OR SUPPORT FOR THEM AND THEIR FAMILY,
14 THAT ENDED UP BEING EXPELLED OR DROPPING OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL.
15 SO IF WE CAN GET SERVICES TO OUR YOUTH EARLY, THERE'S NO
16 QUESTION WE WILL GIVE THEM THE ABILITY TO HAVE A TRAJECTORY
17 INTO SUCCESS. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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19 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** . THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. SUPERVISOR
20 KUEHL? YES, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

21
22 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I WANTED TO ADD
23 ONE THING, I'M VERY SUPPORTIVE, OF COURSE, OF THE MOTION, BUT
24 I WANTED TO REMIND MY COLLEAGUES ABOUT A MOTION THAT WE ALL
25 VOTED FOR BACK IN JUNE THAT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND I

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1 COAUTHORED THAT WAS, IT SEEMS TO ME, WOULD BE GOOD TO TAKE A
2 LOOK AT, I THINK IT WAS JUNE 8TH THAT WE PASSED IT, AND MAYBE
3 HARMONIZE IN SOME WAYS WITH THIS BECAUSE ONE OF THE DIRECTIVES
4 IN THE JUNE 8TH MOTION WAS TO REALLY ASSESS THE MENTAL HEALTH
5 SERVICES THAT WE COULD PROVIDE WITHOUT USING LAW ENFORCEMENT.
6 THAT IS WHAT THAT MOTION REALLY WAS ABOUT, IF YOU RECALL,
7 ABOUT SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS. AND ALSO THERE WERE SOME
8 DIRECTIVES ABOUT ESTIMATING COSTS AND HOW WE WOULD DO IT, AND
9 ALSO TO ASK THE C.E.O., THE DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND THE
10 SUPERINTENDENT OF L.A.C.O. TO REPORT BACK IN 120 DAYS, I
11 THINK, IT WAS. SO THAT IS JUST ABOUT COMING DUE AS A REPORT
12 AND IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IT MIGHT BE GOOD TO HARMONIZE THEM IN
13 SOME WAY BECAUSE THEY HAVE SOME SIMILAR ISSUES THAT MIGHT
14 ALREADY BE DEVELOPED FOR WHAT YOU ARE TRYING TO GET AT HERE.
15 SO I SIMPLY WANTED TO SUGGEST, AND IT IS NOT AN AMENDMENT OR
16 ANYTHING, BUT --

17
18 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:.** RIGHT, RIGHT.

19
20 **SUP. KUEHL:** THE REPORT THAT'S ALREADY BEING DEVELOPED ON THAT
21 MOTION MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN THIS AS WELL.

22
23 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:.** YEAH, I THINK, I DON'T HAVE ANY ISSUES
24 WITH THAT. I KNOW THAT, YOU KNOW, THE SPAN OF WHAT WE NEED TO
25 DO IS SO FAR AND WIDE, AND I KNOW, JUST THE OTHER DAY, I THINK

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1 YESTERDAY LAST NIGHT, ONE OF OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN POMONA,
2 POMONA, YOU KNOW, UNIFIED ACTUALLY WENT BACK ON SOMETHING THAT
3 THEY DID. THEY REMOVED LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL THERE, AND
4 NOW THEY ARE BRINGING THEM BACK, BUT THEY ARE COUPLING IT WITH
5 MENTAL HEALTH. AND SO, IN SOME PLACES, I AM SURE IT IS GOING
6 TO BE DIFFERENT. BUT I AM CERTAIN THAT WE ARE PROBABLY GOING
7 TO WANT TO LOOK TO SEE WHERE WE CAN WORK, WORK THIS TOGETHER,
8 AND WHERE MODELS CAN BE SHARED, THAT CAN BE MORE ATTRACTIVE
9 FOR SOME OF OUR SCHOOLS AND ESPECIALLY AS STUDENTS. SO I KNOW
10 THAT, IN MANY WAYS, LOCAL JURISDICTIONS AND SCHOOL BOARDS WILL
11 TAKE WHAT ACTION THEY LIKE, BUT IF WE CAN HELP PROVIDE THEM
12 WITH THIS ASSISTANCE, I THINK THAT CAN BE VERY HELPFUL TO
13 THEM, TOO, TO HOPEFULLY GET -- DISSUADE THEM FROM MAYBE GOING
14 TRADITIONAL, BUT LOOKING AT NEW METHODOLOGIES. I THINK THAT IS
15 FINE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

16
17 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANTED TO ALIGN MY
18 SENTIMENT WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I AGREE. AND JUST ALWAYS FEEL
19 COMPELLED THE NEED TO CONTINUE TO LIFT UP THE ISSUE, I AM SURE
20 THAT THE SURVEY WILL CONFIRM WHAT WE ALREADY KNOW, WHICH IS
21 THAT WE NEED HUNDREDS IF NOT THOUSANDS MORE TRAINED MENTAL
22 HEALTH PROFESSIONALS THAN WE CURRENTLY HAVE TO MEET THE TRUE
23 MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF OUR ENTIRE POPULATION, BUT ALSO OF OUR
24 YOUTH. YOU KNOW, I CONTINUE TO ELEVATE THE ISSUE OF THE
25 VACANCY RATE WITHIN OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH ONLY AS A

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1 WAY TO CONTINUE TO REMIND US THAT WE NEED MORE MENTAL HEALTH
2 PROFESSIONALS. WHATEVER WE NEED TO DO AS A COUNTY, TO HELP
3 IDENTIFY, TRAIN, AND ATTRACT THEM, I THINK WE'VE GOT TO DO,
4 JUST TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE THE APPROPRIATELY TRAINED,
5 CULTURALLY COMPETENT, LINGUISTICALLY COMPETENT, SENSITIVE
6 WORKFORCE TO MEET THESE UNIQUE AND GROWING NEEDS. AND I WILL
7 BE SUPPORTING THE MOTION TODAY.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:.** THANK YOU SO MUCH. ANY OTHER MEMBERS
10 WISHING TO BE RECOGNIZED? OKAY. SEEING NO OTHER HANDS, THEN
11 MEMBERS, ITEM 23 IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE, SECONDED BY
12 SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE
13 OFFICER, CALL THE ROLL PLEASE.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 23 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR
16 MITCHELL?

17

18 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

19

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

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

24

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

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

7

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

9

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

11

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

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:.** THANK YOU, MEMBERS. NOW, MOVING ON ITEM
15 30, CREATING A RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGE MASTER PLAN FOR
16 HARBOR- U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER CAMPUS. THIS IS HELD BY
17 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

18

19 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND I WANT TO
20 THANK THE C.E.O., AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, HEALTH
21 SERVICES, AND MENTAL HEALTH FOR REALLY WORKING HARD TO
22 COMPLETE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW HARBOR-U.C.L.A. IN-
23 PATIENT TOWER AND OTHER BUILDINGS. IT IS A HUGE, LOGISTICAL
24 CHALLENGE MANAGING THIS \$1.7 BILLION PROJECT SO THAT THESE
25 BUILDINGS ARE COMPLETED ON BUDGET AND ON TIME. THE 72-ACRE

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1 COUNTY MEDICAL CAMPUS SERVES A CRITICAL ROLE MEETING THE
2 TRAUMA, EMERGENCY HEALTH, AND MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF THE
3 SURROUNDING COMMUNITY. OUR SINGULAR FOCUS HAS BEEN MAINTAINING
4 AND ENHANCING THAT LIFESAVING AND HEALING CARE OCCUR WITHOUT
5 DISRUPTION. OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, IT HAS BECOME CLEAR
6 THAT WE HAVE A SCARCITY OF MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT BEDS,
7 COUNTY-WIDE. SO THIS MOTION CALLS FOR US TO PLAN AHEAD SO THAT
8 WE CAN WISELY AND FULLY LEVERAGE THIS MEDICAL CAMPUS TO HELP
9 MEET THOSE MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY NEEDS. SO THANK YOU VERY
10 MUCH, COLLEAGUES, FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THE MOTION!

11
12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

13
14 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, I
15 JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR DOING THIS. IT IS SO IMPORTANT,
16 AND OF COURSE HARBOR-U.C.L.A. IS, YOU KNOW, JUST RIGHT ACROSS
17 THE STREET FROM THE FOURTH DISTRICT. IT IS ONE THAT IS SO
18 IMPORTANT TO THAT REGION. AND OUR RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGES
19 ARE SUCH A BEAUTIFUL MODEL. I JUST VISITED THE NEW ONE THAT WE
20 JUST OPENED AT RANCHO LOS AMIGAS IN DOWNEY, SO IMPRESSED WITH
21 THE KIND OF CARE THAT WE'LL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE IN A WAY THAT,
22 YOU KNOW, THOSE WHO WILL ACCESS IT DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER OPTION
23 AT THAT POINT IN THEIR LIVES. AND SO, I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU
24 DOING IT. ANYTHING THAT WE CAN ALL DO, ME PARTICULARLY, TO BE
25 SUPPORTIVE OF MAKING THIS A REALITY. IT IS SO IMPORTANT! I

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1 KNOW, YOU KNOW, DR. SHERIN IS ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT BUILDING UP
2 OUR COMMUNITY CAPACITY, AND WE ALWAYS LOOK AT THAT GOAL AS,
3 SORT OF, BEING SO FAR AWAY AND ARE WE EVER GOING TO TRULY
4 BUILD UP THE CAPACITY IN OUR COMMUNITIES THAT WE NEED, BUT
5 WHAT YOU ARE DOING IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND WILL
6 GET US CLOSER TO DOING THAT. AND IT IS ALMOST LIKE, IT IS A
7 LOT LIKE, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WHAT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT IN
8 TERMS OF OUR PROJECT HOME KEYS, AND ROOM KEYS, ONCE THE PUBLIC
9 ACTUALLY UNDERSTANDS THEM, SEES HOW SUCCESSFUL THEY ARE, SEES
10 HOW IMPORTANT THEY ARE, THEY WILL BE MORE RECEPTIVE TO US
11 BUILDING THESE ALL OVER THE COUNTY. SO THANK YOU FOR THIS, I
12 SUPPORT IT WHOLEHEARTEDLY, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. I WAS ALMOST
13 GOING TO CALL YOU DR. MITCHELL, BUT -- CONGRATULATIONS.

14
15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. I, TOO, WANT TO JUST CHIME IN AND
16 SAY THAT THESE RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGES HAVE BEEN -- HAVE
17 BEEN ENORMOUS GAME CHANGERS FOR US. AND WE ARE ALSO MAKING
18 HEADWAY AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. CAMPUS, AS SOME OF YOU KNOW, AND WE
19 THANK THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, D.H.S., AND ALL OF OUR
20 HEALTH AGENCIES AND PUBLIC HEALTH, TOO. WE WANT TO CONTINUE ON
21 THAT TRAJECTORY AS WELL, AND I KNOW THAT THE COMMITMENT IS
22 THERE FOR JUST ABOUT ALL OF OUR CAMPUSES THROUGHOUT THE
23 COUNTY. SO I THINK THAT'S ALSO VERY IMPORTANT. THERE IS NO
24 OTHER INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE ITEM, THEN,
25 THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US. ITEM 30, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL

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1 AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM
2 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 30 IS BEFORE YOU, SUPERVISOR
5 MITCHELL.

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

8

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

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

13

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

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

21

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

23

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

25

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

2

3 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:.** GREAT THANK YOU. MEMBERS, NOW WE ARE GOING
4 TO TURN TO ITEM 58, THIS A REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE ROSAS
5 AGREEMENT, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. AND I
6 BELIEVE WE HAVE A DEPARTMENTAL SPEAKER, ASSISTANT SHERIFF
7 CORBETT FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WHO WILL PRESENT A
8 REPORT. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL:** I APPRECIATE THAT, BEING ALLOWED TO HOLD THIS
11 ITEM, AND IF WE COULD HAVE THE SPEAKER SPEAK FIRST, AND THEN I
12 HAVE QUESTIONS AS I'M ASSUMING OTHERS WILL, MADAM CHAIR.

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:.** VERY GOOD. SO LET'S WELCOME ASSISTANT
15 SHERIFF CORBETT FOR HIS PRESENTATION.

16

17 **BRENDAN CORBETT:** THANK YOU FOR THE TIME AND OPPORTUNITY TO
18 PRESENT HERE TODAY. AS YOUR BOARD IS AWARE, WE DO OUR BIENNIAL
19 REPORTING OF THE ROSAS PROVISIONS AND COMPLIANCE FOR PROVISION
20 1.4, AND THAT'S A BIENNIAL REPORTING, WHICH WE WILL BE DOING
21 TODAY. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, OUR REPORTING IS BROKEN DOWN
22 INTO 7 SECTIONS: IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, STATUS AND COMPLIANCE,
23 TRAINING ON USE OF FORCE POLICY, USE OF FORCE STATISTICS AND
24 TRENDS, DEPARTMENT'S USE OF FORCE POLICY VIOLATIONS, AND
25 INMATE GRIEVANCES. YOU WILL NOTE AT THE BOTTOM, WE INDICATE

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1 THAT WE WILL BE COMPARING THE FIRST SEMESTER OF 2020 IN
2 COMPARISON TO THIS FIRST SEMESTER OF 2021. I WOULD LIKE TO ADD
3 THE CAVEAT THAT WHEN COMMANDER ROSIAS PRESENTED THIS IN CARD
4 AND OUR INTENTION IS TO POINT OUT THAT WE BELIEVE, CAN YOU
5 MOVE TO THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE? THAT WE REFERRED TO 2020 AS A
6 BIT OF AN ANOMALY. AND I THINK THAT WAS -- THAT GOT SOME
7 QUESTIONS OF WHAT WE MEANT BY THAT. SO, WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO
8 IS WE ARE ALSO GOING TO BE PRESENTING BACK TO 2019, SO A
9 THREE-YEAR. THE PROBLEM WITH JUST GOING WITH 2020 WAS NOT ONLY
10 COVID, BUT ALL THE OUTLIERS ALONG WITH COVID, WHICH WERE THE
11 CLOSURE OF THE COURTS, WHICH WAS THE CLOSURE OF VISITING,
12 WHICH WAS THE SUCCESSIVE QUARANTINES THAT WE HAD WHEN WE ARE
13 WORKING WITH CORRECTION HEALTH SERVICE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
14 PUBLIC HEALTH TO PROTECT THE INMATES AND PROTECT OUR STAFF.
15 WE ENCOUNTERED, AS THE COUNTY DID, AND ALL THE COUNTY
16 AGENCIES, A LOT OF UNKNOWNNS WITH COVID. THERE WAS A LOT OF
17 THINGS THAT ADDED TO THE COMPLEXITY, FOR EXAMPLE, SEARCHING.
18 WE CUT WAY DOWN ON OUR SEARCHING TO MINIMIZE THE CONTACT WITH
19 OUR STAFF AND WITH THE INMATES TO MAYBE EXPOSE THEM AND VICE
20 VERSA. SO AS WE MOVE FORWARD, I WILL BE EXPANDING ON THAT A
21 LITTLE BIT, AND I HOPE I CAN ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS AS WE GO.
22 SO GOING BACK TO WHY WE'RE HERE, SO THE ROSAS FEDERAL LAWSUIT
23 WAS ALLEGING A PATTERN OF EXCESSIVE FORCE IN THE JAILS IN THE
24 DOWNTOWN FACILITIES. THAT WOULD BE MEN'S CENTRAL, TWIN TOWERS
25 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, AND THE INMATE RECEPTION CENTER. SO,

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1 THE AGREEMENT WAS INITIALLY APPROVED BY THE COURT APRIL 21ST,
2 2015, AND WE BEGAN OUR ASSESSING COMPLIANCE EFFECTIVE JULY 18,
3 AND WE'VE HAD THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OUR COMPLIANCE MEASURE
4 SINCE THEN. AS I INDICATED, WE ARE GROUPED INTO SEVEN
5 CATEGORIES, ADMINISTRATIVE, USE OF FORCE, TRAINING, FORCE
6 REPORTING, AND FORCE INVESTIGATIONS, GRIEVANCES, RESTRAINT,
7 EARLY WARNING SYSTEM. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. LET ME MAKE NOTE
8 THAT MR. MARK HARRIS, ONE OF ROSAS MONITORS, HAS LEFT US, AND
9 WE ARE IN THE PROCESS WITH COUNTY COUNSEL TO FIND HIS
10 REPLACEMENT. SO SOME OF THE FORCE MITIGATION EFFORTS I WANT TO
11 HIGHLIGHT HERE THAT WE DO, AND I WANT TO MENTION SOME THAT WE
12 ARE IN THE PROCESS OF THAT I THINK THE BOARD WILL SUPPORT US
13 ON. WE HAVE OUR WEEKLY MEETINGS WITH THE DIVISION CHIEFS ON
14 FORCE REVIEW. WE ARE ANALYZING IN DEPTH CATEGORY TWOS AND SOME
15 OF THE PROBLEMATIC CATEGORY ONES WE SEE THAT WE CAN IDENTIFY
16 AND DO A THOROUGH REVIEW OF. BECAUSE OF THE COVID, WE BEGAN
17 DOING VIRTUAL WALKS. SO PART OF THE PROVISIONS IS OUR
18 CAPTAINS, COMMANDERS, CHIEFS, AND MYSELF, AND THE SHERIFF ARE
19 REQUIRED TO DO WALKS AND TOURS AND INSPECTIONS OF THE
20 FACILITIES, BUT BECAUSE OF COVID AND THE RECOMMENDATION OF
21 C.H.S. AND OTHERS, WE STEPPED BACK A LITTLE FROM THAT. AND WE
22 DID THEM VIRTUALLY. HOWEVER, AS WE HAVE BEEN SEEING THE COVID
23 TRENDS START TO GO DOWN, WE HAVE RETURNED TO SOME REGULAR
24 WALKS IN COUPLED WITH THE VIRTUAL WALKS. I'D LIKE TO IDENTIFY
25 ONE OF THE BENEFITS OF THE VIRTUAL THAT WE DIDN'T EXPECT. AND

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1 I HAVE BEEN PRESENT WITH THE SHERIFF ON THESE, AND I HAVE DONE
2 IT MYSELF WHERE WE ARE REVIEWING A VIDEO LIVE, D.B. TELL, AND
3 WE ARE CALLING ON THE PHONE WITH THE STAFF IN A HOUSING AREA,
4 AND HONESTLY, WE FIND THEM A LITTLE BIT MORE FORTHCOMING. YOU
5 DON'T HAVE THE INTIMIDATION FACTOR OF THE SHERIFF OR MYSELF OR
6 COMMANDERS OR CHIEFS STANDING RIGHT IN FRONT OF THEM, WHICH
7 MAY BE A LITTLE INTIMIDATING FROM A YOUNGER DEPUTY SHERIFF OR
8 CUSTODY ASSISTANT, AND WE FIND ON THE PHONE, THEY ARE ACTUALLY
9 A LITTLE BIT MORE OPEN AND FORTHCOMING WITH SOME OF THEIR
10 CONCERNS. SO IT IS A NICE, HYBRID EFFECT. I KNOW THERE WERE
11 SOME PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING THE WRAP, SO WE ARE WRITING A
12 NEW DIRECTIVE ON THE WRAP RESTRAINT IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUR
13 ROSAS MONITORS, THE D.O.J. MONITOR, IN O.I.G., SO WE HOPE TO
14 HAVE THAT OUT IN THE END OF THE MONTH, AND WE WANT TO MAKE
15 SURE WE GET IT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME. WE KNOW THERE ARE
16 CONCERNS, AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE DO THAT IN A
17 COLLABORATIVE EFFORT WITH OUR MONITORS AND THE D.O.J. TO MAKE
18 SURE WE DO THAT RIGHT. WE STILL HAVE OUR PROHIBITED USE OF
19 FORCE POLICY THAT WILL BE LIMITING THE USE OF PERSONAL WEAPONS
20 TO THE HEAD. I KNOW THAT WAS A CONCERN. IT HAS BEEN MENTIONED.
21 AND AS WE GET INTO SOME OF THE FORCE REPORTING, AND WE ALSO
22 IMPLEMENTED A HEAD STRIKE TRACKER. SO NOW, ANYTIME WE PULL A
23 NUMBER FOR A USE OF FORCE IDENTIFY, WE HAVE TO IDENTIFY IF
24 THERE WAS A HEAD STRIKE, IF IT WAS ON A RESTRAINED INMATE OR
25 NON- RESTRAINED, AND WE ARE GOING TO DO A DEEPER DIVE AND

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1 HOPEFULLY USE THAT TO IDENTIFY TRENDS. I KNOW THERE'S BEEN A
2 COMMENT THAT OUR HEAD STRIKES HAVE GONE UP, BUT ACTUALLY, WE
3 ARE SEEING A REDUCTION. IN TOTAL, OVERALL USE OF FORCE, HEAD
4 STRIKES ARE ONLY 6%, AND IN ANYBODY THAT IS RESTRAINED, THAT
5 WOULD BE 1%. SO WE ARE SEEING IT GO IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION,
6 AND WE HOPE THIS PROHIBITED USE OF FORCE POLICY WILL EVEN
7 STRENGTHEN THAT EVEN MORE. AND ONE OTHER THING I WOULD LIKE TO
8 MENTION THAT WE DIDN'T INCLUDE ON THE SLIDE, AND I APOLOGIZE,
9 IS THE SHERIFF HAS APPROVED US TO BEGIN USING BODY-WORN
10 CAMERAS IN THE CUSTODY ENVIRONMENT. WE HAVE A T AND E PROGRAM
11 GOING ON WE WILL HOPEFULLY WILL BE ROLLING OUT NEXT MONTH AT
12 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. OUR D.B. TELL SYSTEM IS A BIT ANTIQUATED.
13 THEY ARE OVER A DECADE OLD. THERE'S TIMES WHERE WE GO TO
14 REVIEW OR BRING UP VIDEO, AND IT IS PIXELATED BECAUSE OF THE
15 SERVERS, SO WE ARE HOPING THAT WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE
16 BODY-WORN CAMERA, WHICH WILL ALSO AFFORD US AUDIO. WE CAN ALSO
17 HEAR WHAT IS GOING ON. THAT WILL BE A REALLY GOOD MOVE
18 FORWARD. SO WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT THAT. WE ARE WORKING CAN WITH
19 OUR PARTNERS HERE AND COLLABORATING ON GETTING THE RIGHT
20 POLICY. SO THERE'S THINGS INVOLVED. THERE WILL BE A BIT OF AN
21 EXPENSE, BUT THAT WILL BE SOMETHING WE WILL ADDRESS LATER.
22 OKAY, NEXT SLIDE. SO THIS IS OUR UPDATE ON THE USE OF FORCE
23 TRAINING. ON OUR BASIC FACILITIES IN 2020, AS YOU COULD SEE,
24 EVERYTHING WAS -- THEIR INITIAL TRAINING WAS COMPLETED, WHICH
25 MEANS PEOPLE COMING THROUGH THE ACADEMY OR JAIL OPS OR THAT

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1 WERE -- THEY MET THE STANDARD. WE WERE OFF ON A FEW. SOME OF
2 THAT WAS COVID RELATED. WE WERE HAVING TO CANCEL CLASSES OR
3 SCALE SIGNIFICANTLY BACK ON CLASSES BECAUSE OF COVID EXPOSURE
4 OR OTHER THINGS RELATED TO COVID. WE ARE HOPEFULLY GETTING
5 BACK UP AND RUNNING, AND WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO ADDRESS ALL OF
6 THESE AND GET BACK TO FULL COMPLIANCE ON THOSE. NEXT SLIDE,
7 PLEASE. SO I APOLOGIZE, TOO, SUPERVISORS FOR THIS ONE. SO WHAT
8 WE DID WAS WE, AS I INDICATED, WE WENT BACK TO 2019, AS MORE
9 OF AN APPLE-TO-APPLE FOR 2021. THE JAIL POPULATION REDUCED IN
10 2020, AND WITH -- THE COMPARISON WASN'T AS FAIR, WE THINK, AS
11 IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN, NEGATIVE OR POSITIVE ON THAT. AND BEING
12 THE FACT THAT THE COURTS WERE CLOSED, THERE WAS NO MOVEMENT.
13 VISITING WAS CLOSED, AND THERE WAS A LOT OF THINGS THAT CAME
14 INTO EFFECT THAT -- THAT AFFECTED THAT. SO WE THINK A BETTER
15 ANALYSIS IS TO 2019. SO IF IT LOOKS, AT THE BOTTOM, LIKE, OUR
16 CATEGORY USE OF FORCE IS UP 34.46%, IN ACTUALITY, WE DECREASED
17 IT BY 14 PERCENT WHEN YOU ARE COMPARING 2019 TO 2021. NOW,
18 THAT BEING SAID, OUR POPULATION IS DOWN A LITTLE IN 2021 FROM
19 2019. SO I THINK THERE'S THE CORRELATION WE ALL EXPECTED.
20 THERE WILL BE A LITTLE BIT LOWER USE OF FORCE IF WE HAVE LESS
21 INMATES. HOWEVER, I WOULD LIKE TO ADD-ON THAT, AND I WANT TO
22 THANK A LOT OF OUR COUNTY PARTNERS ON HELPING US WITH THIS, WE
23 WERE AT ONE POINT 22 TO 25% OF OUR POPULATION WAS STATE PRISON
24 INMATES. AND THEY WERE HERE FOR A MORE SERIOUS AND VIOLENT SET
25 OF CHARGES. SO THE FACT THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DECREASE OUR

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1 FORCE A LITTLE, 14%, OVERALL, WHILE FACING A LITTLE BIT MORE
2 SERIOUS AND VIOLENT INMATE POPULATION, I THINK WE CAN SHOW WE
3 ARE GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. IF YOU DID COMPARE IT
4 STRICTLY TO 2020 TO 2021, YOU WILL SEE AN INCREASE. AND WE
5 WILL GO THROUGH EACH SLIDE ON THAT. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO AS
6 YOU SEE, IN THE COMPARISON OF 2020 TO 2021, CATEGORY ONE USE
7 OF FORCE INCREASED BY 33.5%. HOWEVER, IF WE WENT BACK TO
8 2019, IT ACTUALLY DECREASED BY 6%. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.
9 CATEGORY TWO IS THE SAME THING. WE SAW AN INCREASE OF 53%,
10 52.5, IN RELATION TO QUARTER TWO OF 2020 AS OPPOSED TO 2021,
11 BUT IF YOU INCLUDE 2019, WE ACTUALLY DECREASED BY 21%. NEXT
12 SLIDE, PLEASE. AND THEN CATEGORY THREE, WHICH WE ARE HAPPY
13 THAT IT'S ACTUALLY DROPPED BY ONE. AS YOU SEE THE THREE
14 CATEGORIES OF THE THREE YEARS, WE HAVE GONE FROM 2 TO 5 TO 4.
15 SO WE'VE ACTUALLY DECREASED BY ONE THIS YEAR. NEXT SLIDE,
16 PLEASE. SO THE OTHER TOOL WE USE IS ADMINISTRATIVE
17 INVESTIGATIONS ON THE USE OF FORCE POLICY. LAST YEAR IN 2020,
18 IN THE SAME TIMEFRAME, WE INITIATED FIVE CASES, AND THIS IS
19 STRICTLY FOR USE OF FORCE POLICY. THIS ISN'T AN
20 ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION. SO WE HAD FIVE. THREE CASES WERE
21 CLOSED IN 2020, AND TWO WERE CLOSED IN THE FIRST SEMESTER OF
22 THIS YEAR. AND IN AN EQUAL TIMEFRAME OF 2021, WE HAD 10 CASES
23 WE INITIATED, TWO WERE CLOSED AND FOUND TO BE A VIOLATION OF
24 POLICY, AND EIGHT ARE STILL OPEN AND PENDING. NEXT SLIDE,
25 PLEASE. ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS, THAT IS --

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1 INCLUSIVE OF ALL OF THEM, THEN WE HAD A TOTAL OF 66 FOR THE
2 PAST SEVEN MONTHS WE HAVE OPENED. THESE RANGE FROM SERIOUS
3 D.U.I.S, OFF-DUTY BEHAVIOR, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, TO THINGS AS
4 SIMPLE AS (INDISCERNIBLE) QUALIFIED SHOOTING FOR A TIMEFRAME
5 THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO SHOOT. SO THIS IS ALL OF THEM OPEN
6 CURRENTLY, WE HAVE 66, AND THAT IS INCLUDING ALL OF OUR
7 ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, ON THE
8 COMPLIANCE WITH THE PUBLISHED REPORT FOR THE PANEL'S 8TH AND
9 9TH REPORT, YOU'LL SEE THAT WE FOLLOWED UP COMPLIANCE IN A
10 FEW AREAS THAT WE MADE COMPLIANCE THE LAST TIME AND THEN
11 REVERSED ON THAT. SOME WE GAINED COMPLIANCE THAT WE WERE OUT
12 OF TIME BEFORE I'D LIKE TO MENTION THAT SOME OF THE THINGS
13 THAT WE SAW FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE USE OF FORCE, GRIEVANCES, A
14 LOT OF THAT WAS AFFECTED BECAUSE OF OUR STAFFING. SO WE'VE HAD
15 A LOT OF SERGEANT SHORTAGES. WE HAD BUDGET CURTAILMENTS, BUT
16 ON TOP OF THAT, WE HAD PERSONNEL OUT WITH COVID. WE HAD
17 PERSONNEL THAT WERE AFFECTED BY IT. WE HAD QUARANTINES. SO
18 SOME OF THE TIMEFRAMES THAT WE ADDRESSED, AND WE HAVE TRIED TO
19 CLEAR THIS UP WITH THE MONITOR TO IDENTIFY THAT, AND WE'VE
20 REFOCUSED EFFORTS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE GET BACK INTO
21 COMPLIANCE. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THE GRIEVANCES ARE THE OTHER
22 AREA WE ARE LOOKING AT HERE. AS YOU CAN SEE, THE GRIEVANCES
23 HAVE GONE UP A LITTLE FROM 2020 TO 2021. OUR POPULATION HAS
24 BACK INCREASED A LITTLE BIT. WE ARE ENCOURAGED THAT COMPLAINTS
25 AGAINST STAFF HAVE GONE DOWN, AND THEN THE IPAD REQUESTS,

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1 YOU'LL SEE, THAT HAD DRAMATICALLY DROPPED BECAUSE WE HAD
2 PROBLEMS WITH TECHNOLOGY. AGAIN, THE IPADS ARE ALMOST 10 YEARS
3 OLD. AND IN ORDER TO PREVENT THEM FROM BEING DAMAGED OR STOLEN
4 OR BROKEN, WE ENCASED THEM IN A COVERING, WHICH WE DID NOT
5 REALIZE UNTIL LATER, IT CREATED OVERHEATING PROBLEMS FOR SOME
6 OF THE BATTERIES. WE ARE LOOKING AT REPLACING THOSE WITH A
7 WINDOWS BASED SYSTEM, WHICH WON'T HAVE THAT PROBLEM. NEXT
8 SLIDE, PLEASE. SO AS YOU SEE WHAT THE TOP FIVE GRIEVANCES
9 WERE, CONSISTENT IN 2020 AND 2021, LIVING CONDITIONS, AND THEY
10 HAVE GONE DOWN A LITTLE BIT. MAIL HAS GONE DOWN A LITTLE BIT,
11 AND WHAT WE HAD NOTICED WITH THE MAIL WAS, AGAIN IN 2020, THE
12 UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WAS ALSO AFFECTED BY COVID AND
13 OUR DELIVERIES AND THAT TYPE OF THING. SO WE DID WHAT WE COULD
14 TO GET IT TO THEM AS FAST AS WE COULD. WE ALSO FOUND THAT WE
15 SAW AN INCREASE IN CONTRABAND COMING IN THROUGH THE MAIL. SO
16 IT BECAME A BIT OF A CONCERN, BUT WE HAVE HOPEFULLY ADDRESSED
17 THAT. YOU CAN SEE THE GRIEVANCES HAVE GONE DOWN FOR THAT. AND
18 YOU SEE OTHER, AND THE -- IN THIS YEAR, THAT ENTAILS SEVERAL
19 THINGS. THAT COULD BE VISITING, TELEVISION, THOSE TYPE OF
20 THINGS. SO WE ARE ENCOURAGED THOSE HAVE GONE DOWN, ALSO. THE
21 BIG ONE, THOUGH, YOU'LL SEE IN NUMBER FOUR IN 2021 IS SERVICE
22 RELATED. THE VAST MAJORITY IS HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS FOR
23 MEDICAL, VACCINE, TYPES OF THAT, HOUSING. AND WE HAVE SEEN AN
24 INCREASE IN THAT. AND DR. BELLOVITCH AND DR. HENDERSON HAVE
25 BEEN TERRIFIC IN PASSING ON TO US THOSE THAT ARE CUSTODY

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1 SUPPORTED THAT WE COULD HELP THEM RESOLVE A LOT OF THAT. AND
2 FINALLY, THE CLASSIFICATION, AGAIN, OUR POPULATION HAS GONE
3 UP. A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE HOPING TO GET RECLASSIFIED AND MAYBE
4 TRY TO GET SOME TIME OFF OF THEIR SENTENCING OR TRY TO GET A
5 LOWER CLASSIFICATION LEVEL. WE KEEP -- EVERY 45 DAYS THEY ARE
6 ABLE TO REQUEST A RECLASSIFICATION. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. IT
7 LOOKS LIKE I GOT TO THE END OF IT. ANY QUESTIONS?

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES. I'M GOING TO TURN TO SUPERVISOR
10 MITCHELL. YES, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL:** MADAM CHAIR, IF WE COULD HEAR FROM THE OTHERS.
13 FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CORBETT. MADAM CHAIR,
14 IF WE COULD HEAR FROM THE OTHERS WHO ARE GOING TO SPEAK, AND
15 THEN I WILL HAVE MY QUESTIONS AT THE END, IF THAT'S OKAY.

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY OTHER MEMBERS WISHING TO BE
18 RECOGNIZED?

19

20 **SUP. MITCHELL:** I MEAN OTHER PRESENTERS.

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OH, PRESENTERS. OH, I'M SORRY. OKAY, SO WE
23 HAVE -- THAT'S WHO I HAVE NOTED. O.I.G.? WHO DID WE HAVE FROM
24 O.I.G.? FEDERAL AUDITORS? YES. OKAY, I AM SORRY. YES, YES,
25 HERE IT IS. WE CAN START WITH MAX HUNTSMAN OR THE INSPECTOR

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1 GENERAL, BRANDON NICKELS. WE HAVE GINA EACHUS AND THE JAIL
2 CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM, ROBERT HOUSTON, JEFFREY SCHWARTZ,
3 THE FEDERAL MONITORS, RIGHT? IN WHAT ORDER DO YOU WANT TO
4 HEAR?

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL:** IT DOESN'T MATTER, MADAM CHAIR. YOU CAN CALL
7 IT.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:.** OKAY, THEN WHY DON'T WE START WITH MAX.
10 MAX HUNTSMAN?

11

12 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISOR. THIS IS INSPECTOR
13 GENERAL MAX HUNTSMAN. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS
14 YOU. WE, AT THE O.I.G., CONCUR WITH THE MONITORS' CONCERNS
15 USING THE USE OF HEAD STRIKES AND FORCE AS CORPORAL
16 PUNISHMENT. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE DEPARTMENT
17 MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS ON IMPROVEMENTS ON THE POLICIES
18 REGARDING THOSE PERSONAL WEAPONS AND HEAD STRIKES, AND WE'VE
19 ALSO RECOMMENDED INCREASES IN ACCOUNTABILITY AROUND THAT
20 RELATING TO THE INVESTIGATIVE PROCESS. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE
21 SOME PROBLEMS WITH THE DEPARTMENT IN GENERAL IN TERMS OF OUR
22 ABILITY TO MONITOR THAT PROCESS, AND CUSTODY IS, THE STORY
23 THERE IS BETTER, IN PART BECAUSE WE ARE ALSO A FEDERAL
24 MONITOR, BUT ALSO BECAUSE I WANT TO THANK ASSISTANT SHERIFF
25 CORBETT, WHO HAS BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE IN WORKING WITH US. I

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1 WANT TO ECHO WHAT HE SAID ABOUT LOOKING AT THE STATISTICS.
2 MULTI-YEAR STATISTICS ARE ALWAYS BETTER THAN SINGLE YEAR
3 STATISTICS. I ONLY GO WITH FIVE YEAR STATISTICS MYSELF TO
4 WATCH A TREND OVER TIME WHENEVER I WANT TO DRAW CONCLUSIONS.
5 SO I AGREE WITH HIM THAT THEY SHOULD LOOK BACK TO 2019,
6 ALTHOUGH I BELIEVE THEY SHOULD LOOK BACK A LITTLE BIT MORE
7 THAN THAT, AND SOME OF THE STATS YOU SEE THERE ONLY GO BACK TO
8 2020. I THINK THAT IS A MISTAKE, AND WE HAVE HEARD RECENTLY
9 THE DEPARTMENT TALKING ABOUT AN UPTICK ON HOMICIDES BASED ON A
10 COMPARISON OF 2020 TO 2021, AND I THINK THAT IS A MISTAKE AS
11 WELL. I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT, AS ASSISTANT CORBETT SAYS, TO
12 LOOK AT MULTI-YEAR TRENDS IN ORDER TO FIGURE OUT WHAT IS
13 HAPPENING. SO I APPLAUD THAT, AND I ALSO APPLAUD HIS NEWS THAT
14 THEY ARE GOING TO BRING IN BODY CAMERAS. THE C.C.J.V., YEARS
15 AGO, RECOMMENDED BODY CAMERAS IN THE JAILS, AND THE FIXED
16 CAMERAS ARE A STOPGAP SUBSTITUTE FOR THAT BECAUSE OF THE
17 COMPLICATIONS WITH BODY CAMERAS. SO THEY ABSOLUTELY SHOULD
18 BRING IN BODY CAMERAS. THE AUDIO IS CRITICAL, AND THAT IS A
19 WONDERFUL. ALTHOUGH, I DO THINK WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO WAIT
20 FOR OUR LAWSUIT TO ALLOW US TO HAVE ACCESS TO THE BODY CAMERA
21 FOOTAGE AS REQUIRED BY THE GOVERNMENT CODE, BUT WE WILL SEE. I
22 ALSO WANT TO FLAG THE CONCERN ABOUT THE WRAPS, W-R-A-P, THAT
23 PROCESS, WHICH IS ESSENTIALLY AN ENHANCED STRAIGHT JACKET. WE
24 HAVE BEEN WATCHING THAT CLOSELY FOR SOMETIME NOW. WE ARE
25 CONCERNED THAT IT APPEARS TO BE USED AS A PREVENTATIVE

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1 MEASURE, RATHER THAN A RESPONSE TO ACTUAL ASSAULTIVE BEHAVIOR,
2 SOMETIMES. AND IT ALSO APPEARS TO BE USED IN A WAY THAT IS I
3 THINK IS DANGEROUS IN THAT IT IS PLACED ON A PERSON, AND THEN
4 THERE IS A HARD AND FAST RULE IN SOME INSTANCES THAT THEY HAVE
5 TO REMAIN IN IT FOR TWO HOURS WITHOUT ACCESS TO RESTROOMS OR
6 THE ABILITY TO REASSESS. AND SO, WE'RE NOT HAPPY WITH THE WAY
7 THINGS ARE, BUT AS ASSISTANT SHERIFF CORBETT SAID, WE ARE
8 WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT TO RECOMMEND IMPROVEMENTS TO THAT
9 POLICY, AND WE'LL SEE WHAT COMES OF THAT BECAUSE I DON'T THINK
10 IT IS AN ACCEPTABLE WAY TO CONTROL A PROBLEM, WHICH I REALLY
11 THINK GOES BACK, AS WE REPORTED IN THE I.R.C., GOES BACK TO
12 OVERCROWDING. WE HAVE WAY TOO MANY PEOPLE IN OUR JAIL, AND, AS
13 A RESULT, WE ARE UNABLE TO HANDLE THEM USING HUMANE PROCESSES,
14 AND SO WE HAD TETHERING PROBLEMS IN I.R.C., AND WE HAVE THE
15 WRAP PROBLEM A THAT ARISES AS WELL AS USE OF FORCE ISSUES. SO,
16 ULTIMATELY, FOLLOWING THE STATE MANDATED LIMITS TO SIZE IN THE
17 JAILS IS A CRITICAL THING, AND I GREATLY APPRECIATE THE
18 BOARD'S EFFORTS TO ENHANCE MENTAL HEALTHCARE OUTSIDE THE JAILS
19 BECAUSE MENTAL HEALTHCARE IN THE JAILS IS NOT GOOD. I WILL
20 THROW ONE SHOUT OUT FOR THE STEP-DOWN PROGRAM, WHICH IS BEING
21 USED IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN THE JAILS TO ALLOW
22 SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL POSSIBLE, WHEN POSSIBLE, TO NOT BE IN A
23 SOLO CELL. AND THAT'S A WONDERFUL PROGRAM. WE APPLAUD IT. IT
24 IS NOT A REPLACEMENT FOR OUT OF THE JAILS, BUT FOR WHEN PEOPLE
25 HAVE TO BE IN THE JAILS, IT IS A GREAT IMPROVEMENT. AND THEN I

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1 WOULD JUST FINALLY LIKE TO FLAG THAT THERE IS A SEPARATE
2 COMPANION LAWSUIT, THE D.O.J. LAWSUIT, IN WHICH THERE RECENTLY
3 WAS A TRIP BACK TO THE COURT BY THE MONITORS TO TRY TO ENFORCE
4 A LACK OF MOVEMENT IN COMPLIANCE. AS YOU SAW IN ONE OF THE
5 SLIDES, BASICALLY, YEAR TO YEAR, WE HAVE NO INCREASE IN
6 COMPLIANCE RATES WITH THIS PARTICULAR LAWSUIT, SIMILAR PROBLEM
7 WITH THE D.O.J. LAWSUIT. SO, THERE IS NOW AN ORDER FROM THE
8 COURT TO COME UP WITH A PLAN FOR RAPID IMPROVEMENT, AND I HOPE
9 THAT THAT HAS AN IMPACT BECAUSE WE REALLY HAVE A LONG WAY TO
10 GO. AND THAT'S IT, ALTHOUGH, I AM HAPPY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

11
12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** . THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I UNDERSTAND BRANDON
13 NICKELS MAY NOT BE WITH US AT THIS TIME, BUT WE HAVE GINA
14 EACHUS HERE WITH THE JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM.

15
16 **GINA EACHUS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR. GOOD AFTERNOON,
17 SUPERVISORS. THE JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM DOES NOT
18 HAVE ANY FORMAL COMMENT ON THE SHERIFF'S ROSAS AGREEMENT
19 REPORT BACK, BUT WE ARE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THE
20 BOARD HAS RELATING TO THE JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM'S
21 WORK TO DEPOPULATE AND CLOSE THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL.

22
23 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO, I AM SURE WE ARE GOING TO WANT TO ASK
24 SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT, BUT, LET ME SEE IF THERE IS ANY
25 PRESENTATION BY ROBERT HOUSTON AND JEFFERY SCHWARTZ, WHO ARE

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1 ARE FEDERAL MONITORS, OR ARE THEY JUST HERE TO ANSWER
2 QUESTIONS?

3

4 **ROBERT HOUSTON:** SURE. WELL, CAN YOU HEAR ME ALL RIGHT?

5

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

7

8 **ROBERT HOUSTON:** OKAY, GOOD. THIS IS ROBERT, OR BOB HOUSTON.
9 THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME ON TODAY. I JUST HAVE A COUPLE
10 COMMENTS ON TAILS OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL. I THOUGHT HE DID
11 A GOOD JOB IN BOTH EXAMINING AND ALSO COMMENTING ON WHAT THE
12 SHERIFF'S OFFICE PRESENTED TODAY THROUGH MR. CORBETT. HAVING
13 THE BODY-WORN CAMERAS IS GOING TO MAKE OUR JOB, I WOULDN'T SAY
14 EASIER, BUT IT IS GOING TO MAKE IT -- ENABLE OUR ABILITY TO
15 EXAMINE THE USES OF FORCE IN A MUCH MORE RIDICULOUS WAY, WHICH
16 WILL BE REALLY GOOD BECAUSE WE CAN GIVE BETTER FEEDBACK TO THE
17 DEPARTMENT ON THE USE OF FORCES THAT WE REVIEW. THE HEAD
18 STRIKES, TOTALLY AGREE. LOVE WHAT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAD TO
19 SAY, AND THE INSPECTOR GENERAL COMMENTED ON, AND THAT IS TO
20 ISOLATE BECAUSE HEAD STRIKES, OR HEAD PUNCHES, ARE ONLY TO BE
21 USED WHEN AN INMATE IS BOTH ASSAULTIVE AND HIGH-RISK, NOT JUST
22 ASSAULTIVE, BUT ASSAULTIVE AND HIGH RISK. AND SO, IT REALLY
23 KIND OF GETS INTO A DEFENSE OF LIFE AND OF BODILY INJURY AREA
24 BEFORE YOU STRIKE SOMEBODY IN THE HEAD. AND WHAT IS NOT
25 ALLOWED FOR HEAD STRIKES IS TO USE THEM AS A CONTROL

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1 MECHANISM TO GET THE PERSON TO THE GROUND. THEY ARE PROHIBITED
2 IN THAT CASE. SO I APPLAUD THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE RE-
3 EXAMINATION AND ISOLATION OF THOSE HEAD STRIKES, SO THAT WE
4 CAN GET DOWN TO A DETAILED EXPLANATION ANYTIME SOMEBODY IS
5 STRUCK IN THE HEAD BECAUSE THAT IS SO CRITICAL. THERE IS THE
6 HIDDEN INJURY OF BRAIN DAMAGE OR THE EXACERBATION OF A MENTAL
7 HEALTH CONDITION AND SO FORTH. SO IT IS SO IMPORTANT THAT WE
8 ERADICATE AND ELIMINATE HEAD STRIKES, EXCEPT FOR WHEN WE HAVE,
9 AS INDICATED, A HIGH-RISK ASSAULTIVE SITUATIONS. THE WRAP,
10 JEFF AND I ARE COMING OUT DECEMBER 15TH, 16TH, AND 17TH. AND
11 ONE OF THE THINGS, WELL, WE ARE GOING TO BE DOING SEVERAL
12 THINGS, TOURING THE JAILS, BUT ALSO WE ARE GOING TO GET A
13 DEMONSTRATION ON HOW THE STAFF IS TRAINED TO APPLY THE WRAP
14 AND ALSO THE POLICIES THAT GOVERN THAT AND THE INCIDENTS THAT
15 LEAD TO THE USE OF THE WRAP. WE ARE ALSO GOING TO LOOKING AT A
16 PILOT PROGRAM THAT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS IMPLEMENTED, AND
17 THAT HAS TO DO WITH LEG IRONS. LEG IRONS CAN BE USED SO THAT
18 THE PERSON CAN WALK, ALBEIT AT A RESTRICTED PACE. AND SO, IT
19 CAN BE AN ALTERNATIVE TO SOME SITUATIONS WHERE YOU USE THE
20 WRAP. I WILL SAY, ON THE POSITIVE SIDE OF THE WRAP IS THE
21 PREVIOUS METHODS, USING A GURNEY OR USING A WHEELCHAIR, PUT
22 THE INDIVIDUAL AT A HIGHER LEVEL, YOU KNOW, HEIGHT LEVEL, AND
23 IT WAS EASIER TO TIP OVER OR FOR THEM TO REACH OR GRAB AT A
24 DEPUTY. AND SO, USE OF THE WRAP REALLY PREVENTS THOSE THINGS
25 FROM HAPPENING. SO I DO WANT TO SAY THERE IS AN ADVANTAGE TO

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1 THE WRAP, BUT I THINK THAT ITS USE SHOULD BE TRAINED TO BE AT
2 A LOWER LEVEL, THAT ALTERNATIVES BE EXAMINED, AND IT BE USED
3 ONLY IN CASES WHERE IT ABSOLUTELY HAS TO BE USED. AND SO,
4 THOSE ARE MY COMMENTS, AND I CAN ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY
5 HAVE.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'M JUST MADE AWARE THAT BRANDON
8 NICKELS IS BACK IN NOW, AND HE WANTS TO MAKE SOME COMMENTS.

9

10 **BRANDON NICKELS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'M SORRY ABOUT THE
11 TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES. AND I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
12 TALK ABOUT MY WORK. WE JUST STARTED. I STARTED 60 DAYS AGO AND
13 TODAY WILL BE FILING MY FIRST REPORT WITH THE BOARD, A 60 DAY
14 REPORT, DETAILING SOME OF THE WORK WE HAVE BEEN DOING IN THE
15 FIRST 60 DAYS, BUT I'M PLEASED TO ANNOUNCED THAT SINCE I
16 STARTED, THE JAIL POPULATION DROPPED ABOUT 12%. WE WENT FROM
17 14,580 OR SO FOLKS DOWN TO ABOUT 12,950 FOLKS. I CANNOT TAKE
18 CREDIT FOR ALL OF THAT. IT REALLY HAS BEEN A TEAM EFFORT. WE
19 HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY,
20 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, HEALTH SERVICES, AND THE
21 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND THEY HAVE BEEN GREAT PARTNERS AROUND
22 THE WORK SO FAR. AND WE'VE ACTUALLY REACHED OUT TO A NUMBER OF
23 OTHER DEPARTMENTS. I HAD ASKED DEPARTMENT HEADS TO IDENTIFY A
24 RESPONSIBLE LEAD AND EACH OF THOSE DEPARTMENTS TO DO THE WORK
25 WITH US GOING FORWARD BECAUSE IT IS GOING TO BE A TEAM EFFORT.

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1 AND I ALSO WANTED TO SAY AND GIVE CREDIT TO THE WORK THAT WAS
2 DONE DURING COVID. WE ARE BUILDING ON THE WORK OF THE PUBLIC
3 DEFENDER, THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND THE DISTRICT
4 ATTORNEY, WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING ON ENTERING IN STIPULATIONS TO
5 RELEASE FOLKS AND RESENTENCING TO GET THEM OUT DURING COVID.
6 BUT THAT SAID, OUR OFFICE HAS WEIGHED IN. WITH THE SUPPORT OF
7 MS. DAVENPORT, WE ARE ABLE TO ARRANGE A CONVERSATION WITH THE
8 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND THE SECRETARY OF C.D.C.R., THAT'S THE
9 STATE PRISON SYSTEM, AND THEY WERE ABLE TO REACH AN AGREEMENT
10 WITH US TO START TRANSFERRING FOLKS OUT OF THE COUNTY JAIL,
11 ALMOST 400 FOLKS A WEEK. AND SO, SINCE WE STARTED, WE HAVE
12 SEEN OVER A THOUSAND PEOPLE BE TRANSFERRED OUT OF THE COUNTY
13 JAIL. THAT HAS RESULTED IN SOME OF THE POPULATION REDUCTION
14 THAT I WAS REFERENCING EARLIER. WE ARE WELL UNDERWAY IN
15 DEVELOPING SOME PROGRAMS FOR RELEASING FURTHER FOLKS FROM THE
16 JAIL, AND WE ARE GOING TO BE PUTTING THOSE INTO A STRATEGIC
17 PLAN. WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE RIGHT NOW OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING
18 SESSION. I WANT TO ASSURE YOU, WE WILL DO IT SAFELY. WE WANT
19 PEOPLE TO BE SUCCESSFUL. THAT WILL CONNECT WITH PEERS AND
20 COMMUNITY SUPPORTS TO MEET THEIR NEEDS. AND WE ARE PROBABLY
21 GOING TO PROVIDE THEM WITH HOUSING. SOME FOLKS DO NOT HAVE
22 HOUSES TO RETURN TO, AND WE DON'T WANT TO DUMP THEM ON THE
23 STREET. AND THAT'S GOING TO TAKE TIME, BUT I AM OPTIMISTIC. I
24 THINK WE ALREADY HAVE HAD AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE A
25 PRETTY GOOD IMPACT ON THE POPULATION IN THE JAILS, WHICH IS

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1 GOING TO LEAD US ULTIMATELY TO A PLACE WHERE I THINK WE CAN
2 CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. THAT IS SOMETIME OFF, AND I CANNOT
3 TELL YOU THE EXACT ROAD FROM HOW WE GET HERE TO THERE QUITE
4 YET, BUT WE ARE WORKING ON IT AND FIGURING IT OUT. AND I AM
5 HERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE, AND I WILL BE
6 UPDATING YOU AGAIN ON OUR PROGRESS IN 90 DAYS.

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** BRANDON, THANK YOU. I JUST WANTED TO SAY,
9 YOU KNOW, YOU BROUGHT US SOME REALLY GOOD NEWS, AND I REALLY
10 WANT TO THANK THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE. I MET WITH MARK GHALY A
11 WHILE BACK AND TOLD HIM ABOUT OUR CONCERN ABOUT TRANSFERRING
12 OUR INMATES UP TO THE STATE. AND HE IMMEDIATELY PUT US IN
13 CONTACT WITH ANA MONTESANTOS, WHO I KNOW SUPERVISOR MITCHELL
14 KNOWS VERY WELL. THEY WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH FESIA
15 DAVENPORT, OUR C.E.O. SO I'M REALLY PLEASED THAT THE
16 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE WAS ABLE TO MAKE A CORRECTION AND HELP US
17 OUT IN THE TIME OF NEED HERE. I REALLY WANT TO THANK HIM, AND
18 ALSO WANT TO THANK OUR STAFF, OUR C.E.O., AND OF COURSE YOU,
19 BRANDON, AND STAFF FOR DOING THAT. I THINK WE CAN DO BETTER. I
20 AM HOPEFUL THAT WE CAN. WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, I WILL
21 LET YOU GO AHEAD AND START YOUR QUESTIONING.

22

23 **SUP. MITCHELL:** MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND STILL IN
24 MY FIRST YEAR OF SERVICE ON THIS BOARD, EVEN THOUGH WHEN I
25 READ THE REPORTS, IT IS STILL VERY HELPFUL FOR ME TO HEAR FROM

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1 THOSE WHO ARE INVOLVED WITH THEM. A) IT CONTINUES TO HELP ME
2 WITH MY OWN LEARNING CURVE, B) IT HELPS WITH I'LL SAY THE
3 ALPHABET SOUP, UNDERSTANDING AND HEARING WHAT A WRAP REALLY IS
4 I THINK IS POWERFUL AND IMPORTANT FOR ALL OF US TO UNDERSTAND
5 WHAT IS WRAP IS, AS WELL AS THE GENERAL PUBLIC. SO I WOULD
6 LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THOSE WHO PROVIDED REPORT BACKS FOR YOUR
7 TIME AND YOUR DILIGENCE WITH REGARD TO THE ROSAS SETTLEMENT
8 AGREEMENT. I THINK IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THAT SETTLEMENT
9 BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY, AND IT IS CLEAR THAT ALL OF THE REPORTING
10 AGENCIES ARE. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
11 CONTINUE THE WORK IN COOPERATION WITH THE VARIOUS OVERSIGHT
12 BODIES, INCLUDING THE FEDERAL MONITOR, O.I.G., THE CIVIL GRAND
13 COMMISSION, AND THE JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM TO
14 CONTINUE TO IMPROVE AND GET US IN ALIGNMENT THE ROSAS
15 AGREEMENT. I HAVE TO SAY, AND I WANT TO SAY TO ASSISTANT CHIEF
16 CORBETT, I APPRECIATE YOU INCLUDED IN YOUR COMMENTS RESPONSES
17 TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO KNOW YOU WERE ON, HEARD, AND
18 RESPONDED TO THEM I THINK IS VERY IMPORTANT. I AM NOT SURE HOW
19 YOU -- WE CAN JUSTIFY A HARD AND FAST RULE AROUND TIMING FOR
20 THE USE OF ANY RESTRICTIVE DEVICE, PARTICULARLY UNDERSTANDING
21 NOW TRULY WHAT THE WRAP IS. IT SEEMS TO ME THE POLICY SHOULD
22 BE FOCUSED REALLY ON A CASE BY CASE INDIVIDUAL BASIS. SOMEONE
23 IMMEDIATELY RESPONDS TO VERBAL DEMANDS AND DIRECTIONS, WHY
24 THEY HAVE TO BE SUBJECTED TO THAT DEVICE FOR TWO HOURS JUST
25 BECAUSE THAT'S THE POLICY, I FIND QUITE FRANKLY BARBARIC, AND

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1 I HOPE THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WILL BE LOOKED AT VERY
2 SERIOUSLY. A QUESTION FOR MR. HOUSTON, OUR MONITOR. IF YOU
3 COULD PLEASE DESCRIBE WHAT YOU'RE SEEING IN THE AREA OF
4 DISCIPLINE WHEN USE OF FORCE POLICIES ARE BEING VIOLATED, AND
5 HOW DID THE SEVERITY OF DISCIPLINE DETERMINED IN MORE SERIOUS
6 CASES, LIKE, FOR EXAMPLE, THE HEAD STRIKES? WHAT I WOULD LIKE
7 TO DO IS TO DEFER TO JEFF SCHWARTZ TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION,
8 AND THEN I WILL COME IN ON THE TAILS OF HIM, IF NECESSARY.

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. MR. SCHWARTZ?

11

12 **JEFF SCHWARTZ:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, GOOD AFTERNOON. I HAVE
13 BEEN INVOLVED SINCE THE ORIGINAL CITIZEN'S COMMISSION ON JAIL
14 VIOLENCE, BOB HOUSTON AND I HAVE BEEN TWO OF THE THREE
15 MONITORS THROUGHOUT THIS ENTIRE PROCESS, SINCE 2015.
16 SPECIFICALLY ON YOUR QUESTION, WE HAVE WORKED A GOOD BIT WITH
17 THE DEPARTMENT. WE MEET WITH THEM QUARTERLY WITH THE JAIL
18 MANAGERS, AND WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY RAISED THE ISSUE OF
19 DISCIPLINE. EARLY ON, THERE WAS A TENDENCY OF THE DEPARTMENT
20 TO REACT TO STAFF MISCONDUCT ON USE OF FORCE BY REFERRING
21 PEOPLE FOR TRAINING OR FOR COUNSELING, AS OPPOSED TO FORMAL
22 DISCIPLINE. WE, EXCUSE ME FOR THAT. [PHONE RINGING]. I AM
23 SORRY FOR THAT NOISE. WE WEIGHED IN WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND
24 SAID, INCREASINGLY OVER TIME, YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO USE
25 DISCIPLINE. YOU CAN'T JUST ALWAYS AVOID IT AND SEND PEOPLE FOR

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1 SOME COMBINATION OF COUNSELING AND TRAINING. THE DEPARTMENT
2 HAS BEEN DOING THAT MORE NOW. WHAT WE HAVE SEEN IS THAT THE
3 DISCIPLINE IMPOSED FOR USING FORCE WRONGLY, EITHER WHERE IT
4 WASN'T NEEDED OR WHERE THE FORCE WAS EXCESSIVE, HAS BEEN
5 PROPORTIONAL [PHONE RINGING] TO THE SITUATION OF THE INCIDENT.
6 WE HAVE NOT HAD TROUBLE WHEN DISCIPLINE WAS IMPOSED. OUR MAJOR
7 ISSUE THERE HAS BEEN NOT IMPOSING DISCIPLINE, WHEN -- AND NOT
8 SENDING A SIGNAL TO OTHER DEPUTIES THAT, IF THIS KIND OF THING
9 HAPPENS, SOMETHING SERIOUS IN THE WAY OF ACCOUNTABILITY WILL
10 TAKE PLACE. AND THAT IS ON YOUR SPECIFIC QUESTION. IF IT IS
11 OKAY, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COUPLE OF COMMENTS MYSELF ABOUT -
12 - AND TRY -- SINCE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE BEEN IN FRONT
13 OF YOU, I WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE JUST A BIT OF BRIEF
14 PERSPECTIVE. THE SITUATION IN 2008 TO '11, THEN WITH THE
15 APPOINTMENT OF C.C.J.V., WAS TRULY TERRIBLE IN THE JAILS.
16 RATHER QUICKLY, IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS, WE FOUND THE
17 BEATINGS STOPPED. THE SITUATION WITH A BUNCH OF DEPUTIES
18 STANDING AROUND AND BEATING AN INMATE OR KICKING AND IN --
19 WELL-DOCUMENTED, THEY HAVE BEEN GONE SINCE THEN. WE HAVE BEEN
20 VERY PLEASED. THERE HAS BEEN NO RE-OCCURRENCE OF THOSE KINDS
21 OF EGREGIOUS SITUATIONS. SECOND, AND I THINK EQUALLY
22 IMPORTANT, VERY QUICKLY, IN THE FIRST COUPLE YEARS OF
23 MONITORING, THE CULTURE IN THE DOWNTOWN JAILS CHANGED FROM
24 ANTI-INMATE ENFORCEMENT ORIENTED TO A MUCH MORE PROFESSIONAL
25 SERVICE ORIENTED CULTURE. THAT HAS ALSO BEEN MAINTAINED, AND

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1 THAT IS HUGEY IMPORTANT. I CANNOT TELL YOU HOW MANY INMATES,
2 AS WE WALK THROUGH THE JAILS FOUR TIMES A YEAR UNTIL COVID,
3 SAID TO US, "WHAT'S CHANGED? I'VE BEEN HERE FIVE TIMES, AND
4 THIS TIME THEY ARE NOT BEATING THE CRAP OUT OF US." OR
5 SOMETHING LIKE THAT. SOMETIMES MORE COLORFUL. BUT THE INMATES
6 KNEW IMMEDIATELY ABOUT THE CHANGE IN THE STAFF AND THE
7 CULTURE. IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT NOT TO LOSE THOSE TWO MAJOR
8 DEVELOPMENTS THAT WERE A DIRECT RESULT OF C.C.J.V. AND THE
9 MONITORING BY THE INSPECTOR GENERAL AND OTHER EFFORTS. WE'VE
10 HAD EXCELLENT COOPERATION AND ACCESS THROUGHOUT ACROSS
11 DIFFERENT ADMINISTRATIONS. WE CANNOT COMPLAIN. ORIGINALLY,
12 WHEN WE WOULD MEET QUARTERLY WITH THE JAIL MANAGERS, THE
13 DISCUSSIONS WERE FRANK BUT ACTUALLY CONTENTIOUS AND SOMETIMES
14 ADVERSARY. THAT IS NO LONGER TRUE, FOR THE LAST PERHAPS TWO
15 YEARS OR SO. WE ARE ON THE SAME SIDE. EVERYBODY'S GOAL IS GET
16 THE DEPARTMENT INTO COMPLIANCE AND GET THEM OUT OF THE CONSENT
17 DECREE. THAT IS WHAT WE'RE ALL -- SO WE ARE WORKING TOWARDS
18 THE SAME GOALS, AND THERE IS A LOT OF COOPERATION, AND SOME OF
19 THE ARGUING ABOUT WHAT IS AND ISN'T OKAY WITH SPECIFIC
20 INCIDENTS OF FORCE HAVE REALLY GONE BY THE BOARDS. THE
21 MANAGEMENT AND MUCH OF THE SUPERVISORY STRUCTURE ARE WITH US
22 ON HEAD SHOTS. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY ON WRAP. OUR
23 CONCERN HAS BEEN IS THE WRAP NECESSARY FOR AN INMATE SO THAT
24 THERE WON'T BE A SECOND USE OF FORCE, OR IS THE WRAP BEING
25 USED TOO MUCH AS A DETERRENT, SORT OF, TO INTIMIDATE OTHER

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1 INMATES. WE RAISED THAT, AGAIN, VERY BLUNTLY WITH THE
2 DEPARTMENT, AND THAT DISCUSSION IS CONTINUING. WITH THAT, OUR
3 BIGGEST PROBLEM CURRENTLY IS THE LACK OF STAFFING. WE ARE
4 LOOKING AT CASES THAT ARE MORE THAN A YEAR IN ARREARS. IF WE
5 FIND A CASE THAT IS REALLY BAD ON SOMETHING, IT IS NOT AS
6 HELPFUL FOR US IF WE TELL THE DEPARTMENT LOOK AT THIS CASE,
7 THIS HAPPENED AND THAT HAPPENED, BUT IT WAS YEAR AND A MONTH
8 OR A YEAR AND THREE MONTHS BACK. WE NEED TO GET BACK TO
9 WHERE WE'RE LOOKING AT CASES THAT ARE MORE FREQUENT, BUT THEY
10 ARE HAVING TROUBLE GETTING THE CASES WE CHOOSE. WE CHOOSE
11 CASES WITHOUT REGARD TO THE DEPARTMENT, AND WE CHOOSE A
12 STRATIFIED NOT A RANDOM SAMPLE. SO WE CHOOSE SOME OF THE MOST
13 SERIOUS CASES, AND ALL OF THE CATEGORY THREE, MOST SERIOUS
14 CASES. WE WOULD LIKE TO GET CASES THAT WERE MORE RECENT, WITH
15 THAT, I WILL STOP, AND I WILL ALSO BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO
16 ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.

17
18 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

19
20 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I APPRECIATE THAT. I AM
21 GLAD TO HEAR OF A PRETTY SIGNIFICANT CULTURE SHIFT OVER TIME.
22 THAT'S GOOD TO KNOW. I ALSO KNOW THAT IT IS THE SHERIFF'S
23 DEPARTMENT PROVIDING YOU WITH THE INFORMATION, AND THAT IS WHY
24 I OPENED BY SAYING I AM HOPING THOSE LINES OF COMMUNICATION
25 STAY OPEN AND FRANK AND HONEST. I AM CLEAR ABOUT THAT. AND

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1 WHILE IT IS IMPROVEMENT THE CULTURE, I KNOW THAT THERE IS
2 STILL FAR TOO MANY DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS IN OUR JAILS FOR BOTH
3 OUR INMATES AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO WORK THERE, NOT TO
4 MENTION THE INCREASE IN SUICIDE RATES. SO I AM GLAD TO HEAR
5 FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE, BUT I THINK IT
6 IS REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE ALL ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE IS
7 STILL LOTS OF WORK TO BE DONE. MADAM CHAIR, THANKS FOR YOUR
8 PATIENCE, AND MY COLLEAGUES, JUST MY FINAL COMMENT, I WAS
9 THRILLED TO HEAR BECAUSE IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I HEARD OF IT
10 THAT BODY CAMERAS WILL BE WORN IN THE JAILS. ON THE SURFACE,
11 THAT IS GREAT NEWS. IT FEELS LIKE A BIG SUCCESS, THEN I HEARD
12 ABOUT, YOU KNOW, INTERNET CHALLENGES WITH ACCESS TO THE IPAD.
13 I THINK OUR INSPECTOR GENERAL COMMENTED ON, YOU KNOW, THE BODY
14 CAMERAS WILL BE USED, BUT WHEN WILL THE OVERSIGHT AUTHORITIES
15 HAVE ACCESS TO THE TAPES OF THE BODY-WORN CAMERAS. SO I HOPE
16 THAT, BY JUST ALLOWING THE CAMERAS WORN IN JAILS, OUR PROGRESS
17 WON'T STOP THERE, THAT ALL OF OUR OVERSIGHT AUTHORITIES WILL
18 HAVE ACCESS TO THE FOOTAGE AND IT REALLY WILL BE A TRUE TOOL
19 TOWARDS INMATE -- IMPROVING THE EXPERIENCES OF INMATES AS
20 OPPOSED TO THE CAMERAS ARE BEING WORN AND JUST KIND OF THE
21 PROCESS STOPS THERE. THANK YOU, ASSISTANT SHERIFF CORBETT, FOR
22 SHARING THAT UPDATED INFORMATION. NEITHER MY STAFF NOR I WERE
23 AWARE OF IT. I THINK THAT IS PROGRESS, BUT, AGAIN, I WANT TO
24 MAKE SURE THAT WE FOLLOW THROUGH AND HAVE THE FULL EXPERIENCE
25 AND PRIVILEGE OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION BASED ON THE CONTENT OF

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1 THE FILM ON THE CAMERAS. WITH THAT, MADAM CHAIR, THOSE ARE ALL
2 THE QUESTIONS THAT I HAVE. I APPRECIATE YOU ALLOWING US TO
3 HAVE A FULL REPORT ON THIS ITEM FOR FILING.

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** ANY OTHER SUPERVISORS WISHING TO BE
6 RECOGNIZED ON THIS ITEM? I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THE
7 REPORT TO THE SHERIFFS AND TO OUR MONITORS AND TO OUR STAFF,
8 BRANDON AND GINA, AND TO MAX BECAUSE I, TOO, AM CONCERNED
9 ABOUT -- A LOT OF THINGS STILL CONCERN ME, ONE OF WHICH IS
10 WITH RESPECT TO THE ATTENTION, AND THIS ISN'T DEALING WITH USE
11 OF FORCE, BUT SEEING LACK OF ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE THAT ARE --
12 WHOSE HEALTH HAS REALLY DETERIORATED WHILE IN OUR CUSTODY AND
13 REALLY UNDERSTANDING HOW THAT ALSO CAN BE A VERY IMPORTANT
14 TOOL FOR ASSESSING HOW YOU TREAT AN ILL INMATE, AND I KNOW
15 THAT, IN MANY WAYS, WE DON'T HAVE THESE INDIVIDUALS WITH US,
16 AND THEY COME IN SEVERELY IMPACTED BY DIFFERENT DISEASES THAT
17 THEY HAVE OBTAINED OVER TIME. BUT I DO THINK JUST HEARING
18 ABOUT THAT DOES CONCERN ME THAT, YOU KNOW, OUR DEPARTMENT OF
19 HEALTH SERVICES AND ACTUALLY THE CUSTODY DEPUTIES THERE,
20 UNDERSTANDING HOW IMPORTANT IT IS WHEN SOMEONE NEEDS TO SEE A
21 DOCTOR OR A NURSE OR NEEDS TO GET WATER OR ANYTHING, OR
22 RELIEVE THEMSELVES IN SOME WAY, MAYBE THEY ARE JUST GOING
23 THROUGH AN EPISODE, OR THEY HAVE AN EPILEPTIC ATTACK OR
24 SOMETHING, THAT WE REALLY ARE MONITORING THAT. I CONTINUE TO
25 BE CONCERNED WHEN WE GET THOSE REPORTS OVER THE WEEKEND

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1 SOMETIMES THAT SO MANY INMATES HAVE PASSED, AND SOME ARE --
2 THEY ARE NOT ALL ABOVE 50 YEARS OF AGE, AND SOME, WE KNOW,
3 HAVE SOME SEVERE ILLNESSES, BUT OTHERS MAY NOT. IT MAY NOT BE
4 SO CLEAR. I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING OF CONCERN. IT HAS BEEN
5 BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION, TOO, THAT JUST THE CLEANLINESS OF THE
6 JAILS, THAT WAS A CONCERN. I KNOW THAT IS BEING, I HOPE,
7 BETTER TAKEN CARE OF NOW, WHERE WE HAVE AN OUTSIDE GROUP
8 COMING IN, I THINK, AND CLEANING UP INSIDE THE CELLS, AS
9 OPPOSED TO HAVING THE INMATES DO THAT. AND THEN REALLY HELPING
10 TO GET MORE ASSISTANCE FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR THE VACCINES
11 BECAUSE I THINK COVID IS STILL A REALITY FOR US AND TRYING TO
12 DO MORE THERE TO ADDRESS. AND I KNOW WE HAVE SOME IN THE
13 POPULATION THAT DON'T WANT TO GET THE VACCINE, BUT THERE ARE
14 MANY OTHERS THAT I THINK WITH JUST EDUCATION AND INFORMATION
15 COULD BE GIVEN THAT INFORMATION. I WANT TO MENTION TO MEMBERS
16 THAT THIS PAST WEEKEND, ACTUALLY ALMOST TWO WEEKENDS AGO, MY
17 STAFF AND ALONG WITH A.R.C. AND OUR DEPARTMENTS, WENT OUT IN
18 FRONT OF THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND TOWERS, IN COORDINATION
19 WITH THE SHERIFFS, AND WERE GREETING FAMILY MEMBERS THAT WERE
20 SEEING THEIR FAMILY MEMBER THAT WAS DETAINED IN THE JAIL, AND
21 MANY PEOPLE WERE GIVEN INFORMATION, RESOURCES, AS WELL AS A
22 VACCINE FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILY. GRANTED, WE WILL BE
23 BACK AGAIN IN THE BEGINNING OF DECEMBER FOR THE SECOND SHOT,
24 BUT IT IS SOMETHING WE NEED TO BE LOOKING AT. AND THAT GIVES A
25 DIFFERENT SENSE OF HOW WE TREAT THESE INDIVIDUALS, MANY WHO

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1 ARE WAITING TO GET OUT, WANTING TO IF THEY CAN COMMUNICATE
2 WITH LOVED ONES, AND WANTING TO KNOW THAT THEY ARE BEING TAKEN
3 CARE OF, THEIR LOVED ONES ON THE OUTSIDE. SO, I THINK THOSE
4 ARE SMALL THINGS THAT THE COUNTY CAN DO, AND WE SHOULD BE
5 COLLABORATING IN MORE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES. I THINK THE
6 PUBLIC DEFENDER MAY HAVE BEEN OUT WITH US, AS WELL, BECAUSE WE
7 ALSO HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS THAT NEED ASSISTANCE WITH EXPUNGEMENT
8 OF RECORDS AND JUST OBTAINING IDENTIFICATION AND THINGS OF
9 THAT NATURE. SO ALL THOSE THINGS COUPLED CAN BE OF SUCH GREAT
10 HELP I THINK IN A MORE HUMANE MANNER. AND I JUST LASTLY WANT
11 TO SAY THAT I AM STILL VERY CONCERNED THE RATE AT WHICH WE CAN
12 SEE OUR INMATES EITHER -- THEY ARE LET OUT BECAUSE OF
13 OVERCROWDING, AND THEY ARE ALREADY NEARING THEIR SENTENCING,
14 OR WE SEND THEM TO SACRAMENTO, THOSE THAT QUALIFY INTO THAT,
15 BUT ALSO THOSE THAT, BECAUSE OF POVERTY, CAN'T MAKE THAT BAIL.
16 AND WE STILL HAVE TO DO WITH MORE WITH THE COURTS. AND THAT IS
17 SOMETHING THAT I THINK THE SHERIFF AND OUR D.A. AND ALL
18 INVOLVED PARTIES REALLY HAVE TO HELP US BECAUSE THERE'S NO
19 NEED FOR, IN MY MIND, PERHAPS EVEN 40% OF THE PEOPLE THAT I AM
20 TOLD THAT REALLY DON'T NEED TO BE THERE. AND NOW, TODAY, WITH
21 THE GOOD NEWS THAT WE ARE OPENING UP MORE BEHAVIORAL CENTERS,
22 OUR RE-COOPERATIVE CARE CENTERS, VILLAGES, SO TO SPEAK, THAT
23 WILL HELP RELIEVE THE PRESSURE AT OUR JAIL, ESPECIALLY THE
24 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. SO I AM HOPING ALL OF THAT COUPLED
25 TOGETHER THAT PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THAT. I THINK THERE'S A LOT OF

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1 MISINFORMATION THAT'S BEEN SHARED WITH SOME FOLKS IN OUR
2 DISTRICTS. AND I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THAT AND WANT TO MAKE
3 SURE THAT OUR APPROPRIATE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES AND OUR C.E.O.
4 AND OTHERS CAN HELP PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION TO CLARIFY TO
5 OTHER INDIVIDUALS THAT MAY BE HEARING A DIFFERENT MESSAGE THAT
6 SOMEHOW THE BOARD IS GOING IN THE OPPOSITE -- GOING IN THE
7 WRONG DIRECTION ACCORDING TO SOME INDIVIDUALS. SO I JUST
8 WANTED TO A SAY THAT FOR THE RECORD.

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL:** MADAM CHAIR, CAN I JUST COMMENT ON SOMETHING
11 YOU SAID THAT TRIGGERED A MEMORY FOR ME. THANK YOU. THAT IS
12 WONDERFUL TO HEAR THE WORK THAT YOU LED IN TERMS OF MAKING
13 SURE THE FAMILY MEMBERS GET VACCINATED, AND I WAS REMINDED
14 ABOUT A COMMENT THAT ASSISTANT SHERIFF MADE WHEN WE TALKED
15 ABOUT SHOWING ON HIS SLIDES SOME OF THE DATA, AND ACKNOWLEDGED
16 HOW COVID HAD HIT THE WORKFORCE AT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
17 AND IMPACTED SUPERVISORIAL STAFF WITHIN THE JAIL. SO, I JUST
18 WANT TO, AGAIN, STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT'S WHY IT IS IMPORTANT
19 THAT COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND MEMBERS OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
20 TAKE ADVANTAGE OF VACCINATIONS AS WELL BECAUSE WE SAW HOW THEY
21 WERE HIT, AND IT IMPACTED THEIR WORKFORCE IN THE JAILS, AS
22 WELL AS THE QUALITY OF THEIR EXPERIENCE AS EMPLOYEES AS WELL
23 AS THOSE WHO ARE INCARCERATED. SO, I THINK WE NEED TO MAKE
24 SURE THAT NOT ONLY INMATES, FAMILY MEMBERS, BUT THOSE WHO WORK
25 IN THE JAILS ARE VACCINATED AS WELL TO REDUCE THE LIKELIHOOD

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1 OF CONTINUED IMPACTS ON THEIR NUMBERS TO PROVIDE COVERAGE IN
2 THE JAIL. SO, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. SUPERVISOR
5 BARGER WISHES TO BE RECOGNIZED.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. FIRST OF ALL, ASSISTANT
8 SHERIFF CORBETT, IT IS REALLY REFRESHING TO HEAR THE MONITOR
9 SAY THAT HE IS SEEING A CHANGE IN CULTURE WITHIN THE JAILS. I
10 TAKE MY HAT OFF TO YOU AND YOUR ENTIRE TEAM BECAUSE,
11 OBVIOUSLY, YOU HAVE DONE AN INCREDIBLE JOB IN SHIFTING THAT
12 CULTURE. I GUESS I AM TRYING TO UNDERSTAND, THE REPORT
13 REGARDING THE USE OF FORCE, IS IT CONTRIBUTING FACTOR IN THE
14 OVERCROWDING OF THE JAIL POPULATION AS WELL AS STAFFING
15 BECAUSE YOU MENTIONED THE STAFFING, BUT EVEN THE NUMBER THAT
16 BRANDON BROUGHT UP IN TERMS OF WHAT THE CURRENT POPULATION IS,
17 IT STILL WOULD BE CONSIDERED OVERCROWDING, CORRECT?

18

19 **BRENDAN CORBETT:** I AM SORRY, MA'AM. I WAS MUTED. SO I THINK IT
20 IS A COMBINATION OF FACTORS LIKE MR. NICKELS HAS MENTIONED AND
21 THAT YOU ASKED. I THINK IT IS A COMBINATION OF THOSE THAT WE
22 WERE ABLE TO RELEASE SAFELY AND RESPONSIBLY TO THE COMMUNITY,
23 WERE [INDISCERNIBLE], AND THOSE THAT REMAINED WITH US HAD A
24 HIGHER SERIOUS CHARGES. AND AGAIN, WE HAVE THE MENTAL HEALTH
25 COMPONENT, SO I THINK ALL OF THAT COMBINED, A LOT OF

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1 FRUSTRATION LEVEL ALSO THAT THEY WEREN'T ABLE TO GO TO COURT.
2 THEY WEREN'T ABLE TO HAVE THEIR VISITS WITH THEIR FAMILY AND
3 LOVED ONES HERE. SO I GIVE SOME CREDIT TO THE INMATES IN OUR
4 CARE THAT IN 2020 DURING ALL THAT UNKNOWN WITH THEIR FAMILIES
5 AND THEIR CONCERNS, THEY ACTUALLY TOOK IT UPON THEMSELVES TO
6 BEHAVE AS THEY SHOULD. IT SEEMED LIKE WE SAW THE FORCE START
7 TO INCREASE AGAIN AS THE RESTRICTIONS LIFTED AND WE HAD MORE
8 MOVEMENT WITHIN THE COURTS, THE FACILITIES THE BUSES. AND THEN
9 OFTEN THE FORCE IS A RESULT OF TRYING TO BREAK UP FIGHTS AND
10 THAT KIND OF THING. SO, I THINK ALL OF THAT COMBINED. I HOPE
11 THAT ANSWERS YOUR QUESTION.

12
13 **SUP. BARGER:** THAT DID ANSWER IT. AND IN TERMS OF THE -- I JUST
14 LOST MY TRAIN OF THOUGHT. AND IT WAS A REALLY GOOD QUESTION, I
15 PROMISE. I WILL COME BACK TO THAT BECAUSE, WHEN YOU SAID
16 SOMETHING, IT SPURRED MY THOUGHT. MAX HUNTSMAN TALKS ABOUT
17 VIEW BACK OR A FIVE YEAR COMPARISON. WHAT IS THE REASON BEHIND
18 NOT DOING THAT BECAUSE I THINK WE HAVE DONE MINIMAL PROGRESS
19 IN THE CONTEXT OF WHAT WE ARE LOOKING AT IN THE SNAPSHOT? BUT
20 I HAVE A FEELING IF WE LOOK BACK, THE NUMBERS ARE PROBABLY
21 GOING TO SHOW A GREATER IMPROVEMENT AS IT RELATES TO THE JOB
22 THAT YOU ALL ARE DOING IN THE JAILS. SO I WOULD THINK IT WOULD
23 BE TO YOUR BENEFIT TO HAVE A FIVE YEAR VIEW OF WHERE YOU WERE
24 AND WHERE YOU ARE.

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1 **BRENDAN CORBETT:** I AGREE, SUPERVISOR BARGER. WE WOULD BE HAPPY
2 TO DO THAT. WHEN WORKING WITH THE MONITORS, YOU'VE ONLY
3 REQUESTED THE ONE YEAR BACK. WE WOULD SEE A PATTERN SINCE
4 2018, 2017, IT HAS REDUCED. SO WE'D BE HAPPY TO PRESENT THAT,
5 AND WE DON'T WANT TO DO DEATH BY POWER POINT, BUT I THINK
6 THOSE NUMBERS WOULD BE APPLICABLE FOR THE BOARD TO SEE.
7 ABSOLUTELY. WE'D BE HAPPY TO MAKE THAT.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** AND THEN LAST BUT NOT AT LEAST, I DON'T KNOW IF
10 THIS QUESTION IS FOR ROD. AND, ROD, I DON'T KNOW HOW TO
11 EXPLAIN IT OTHER THAN HOW IT WAS EXPLAINED TO ME, THAT MANY OF
12 THE PROVISIONS UNDER THE ROSAS ARE PLACED IN WHAT THEY CALL
13 BUCKETS. SO WHEN ONE PROVISION IN THAT BUCKET IS OUT OF
14 COMPLIANCE, THEN THE ENTIRE WHAT THEY CALL BUCKET IS OUT OF
15 COMPLIANCE AS WELL. AND I AM BEING TOLD THAT'S PROBLEMATIC
16 FROM THE STANDPOINT AT THE RATE -- KNOWING THAT, EVEN IF IT'S
17 A COMPLIANCE THAT MAY NOT HAVE A DETRIMENTAL TO THE OVERALL
18 ROSAS AGREEMENT. IT CAN TAKE US AN ESTIMATION OF FIVE TO TEN
19 YEARS BEFORE WE ARE IN FULL COMPLIANCE. AND SO, IT IS ALMOST
20 LIKE WE HAVE TO START OVER. CAN YOU COMMENT ON THAT BECAUSE I
21 AM NOT REAL CLEAR ON EXACTLY WHAT THAT MEANS OR HOW THAT CAME
22 TO BE?

23

24 **ATTORNEY:** YES, SUPERVISOR. THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION. SO YES,
25 YOU ARE CORRECT THAT THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN THE ROSAS

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1 CASE DIVIDES THE PROVISIONS THAT ARE FOUND IN THE ACTION PLAN
2 THAT WAS DEVELOPED BY THE MONITORS, THE PANEL. IT DIVIDES THEM
3 INTO, AS YOU DESCRIBED IT, BUCKETS. AND FOR ALL THE PROVISIONS
4 IN A PARTICULAR BUCKET, EACH PROVISION WITHIN A BUCKET MUST BE
5 IN COMPLIANCE FOR A PERIOD OF 18 MONTHS. ALL OF THE PROVISIONS
6 WITHIN THAT BUCKET HAVE TO BE IN COMPLIANCE AT THE SAME TIME
7 FOR A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS. AND IF ONE PROVISION WITHIN THAT
8 BUCKET FALLS OUT OF COMPLIANCE DURING THAT 12 MONTH PERIOD,
9 THEN THEY ALL FALL OUT OF COMPLIANCE. THAT'S JUST THE NATURE
10 OF HOW THAT CONSENT DECREE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WAS NEGOTIATED
11 AND AGREED UPON AND ORDERED BY THE COURT.

12
13 **SUP. BARGER:** SO WITH ROSAS, THOUGH ROD, CAN WE OPEN THAT UP
14 AND TALK -- IS THERE -- DOES IT MAKE SENSE GIVEN THE COMMENT
15 BY OUR MONITORS IN TERMS OF HOW FAR WE HAVE COME. I MEAN,
16 OBVIOUSLY, I AM NOT SAYING WE SHOULD GET OUT OF IT IN THE
17 STANDPOINT OF BEING UNDER THE AGREEMENT, BUT AT THE SAME TIME,
18 IT IS ALMOST AS THOUGH WE TAKE TWO STEPS FORWARD AND THEN
19 THREE STEPS BACK.

20
21 **ATTORNEY:** YES. SO THERE HAS BEEN MOVEMENT. ORIGINALLY, THERE
22 WERE ONLY THREE BUCKETS. AND SINCE THAT TIME, WE HAVE BEEN
23 ENGAGED IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE A.C.L.U. AND WITH THE
24 MONITORS, OBVIOUSLY, WITH THE DEPARTMENT AS WELL, AND HAVE
25 INCREASED THE NUMBER OF BUCKETS TO MAKE THEM MORE -- MORE

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1 SUBJECT MATTER ORIENTED. AGAIN, THAT -- THE INCREASE OF THE
2 BUCKETS HAS HELPED. AND -- BUT YES, SO THAT HAS HAPPENED OVER
3 TIME. TO GIVE THE DEPARTMENT AND THE COUNTY, OBVIOUSLY, A
4 GREATER ABILITY TO MOVE FORWARD IN COMPLIANCE.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, ROD, AND I REMEMBERED MY LAST
7 QUESTION, AND IT HAD TO DO WHEN THE ASSISTANT SHERIFF CORBETT
8 WAS TALKING ABOUT, THE MENTAL HEALTH. THIS BOARD HAS BEEN VERY
9 FOCUSED, COLLECTIVELY, ON PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TO
10 OUR JAILS. AND I KNOW I HAVE HEARD ANECDOTALLY THAT IT IS
11 STILL WELL BELOW WHAT IS NEEDED IN THE JAIL. ASSISTANT SHERIFF
12 CORBETT HAVE YOU, OR DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING, AS IT RELATES TO
13 WHAT YOU OR THE PEOPLE OVERSEEING THE JAIL ON A DAILY BASIS
14 FEEL IS NECESSARY AS IT RELATES TO BOTH MENTAL HEALTH, AND
15 EVEN THE HEALTHCARE THAT WE ARE PROVIDING WITHIN OUR JAILS
16 BECAUSE MENTAL HEALTH FOR THE SAKE OF USE OF FORCE AND TRYING
17 TO PROVIDE SERVICES IN THE JAIL? HAVE YOU PUT TOGETHER A LIST
18 OF WHAT YOUR PERCEPTION IS IN TERMS OF WHAT IS NEEDED?

19

20 **BRENDAN CORBETT:** WE HAVE SUPERVISOR. AND IT IS A LITTLE
21 FRUSTRATING IN AS WE ARE WORKING VERY COLLABORATIVELY WITH
22 C.H.S., DR. TIM BELLOVITCH AND JOAN HUBBLE, WHO PROVIDE THE
23 MENTAL HEALTHCARE, AND AS THEY EXPAND, AND THEY ARE HAVING
24 PROBLEMS EVEN FILLING SOME OF THEIR POSITIONS, EVEN THOUGH THE
25 POSITIONS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THEM, JUST HIRING PEOPLE IS

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1 DIFFICULT FOR THEM. WE HAVE TO PROPORTIONATELY -- NOT ONE FOR
2 ONE, BUT WE HAVE TO HAVE PROPORTIONATELY EXPAND OUR ABILITY TO
3 PROVIDE THE SECURITY AND GET THE INMATES TO THEM AND THAT TYPE
4 OF THING. SO WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON STAFFING MODELS FOR THAT.
5 SOME OF OUR CAPACITY TO BE IN COMPLIANCE, WE WERE KIND OF
6 PUTTING INTO THE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT CENTER, WHICH NOW WE
7 HAVE TO REVISIT AND DO A BIT OF A PIVOT HERE ON HOW WE ARE
8 GOING TO MOVE FORWARD TO GET THIS DONE. STEP DOWN, AS MR.
9 HUNTSMAN MENTIONED, IS A GREAT PROGRAM. WE WANT TO EXPAND THAT
10 DRAMATICALLY. IT IS A GREAT PROGRAM THAT GIVES JUST A
11 DIFFERENT DYNAMIC TO THE MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING. SO WE ARE
12 LOOKING AT ALL OF THAT, AND WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO
13 SUPPORT DR. BELLOVITCH AND JOAN AND DR. HENDERSON AND
14 EXPANDING C.H.S. AND D.M.H. TYPE OF PROGRAMMING. WE HAVE A
15 SIMILAR TO THE M.E.T. PROGRAM IN THE FIELD, WE HAVE THE
16 J.M.E.T. PROGRAM HERE IN THE JAILS. WE WANT TO EXPAND THAT. WE
17 THINK IT IS GREAT. THEY CAN GET IN. WE HAVE A DEPUTY WORKING
18 WITH A CLINICIAN TO TALK TO THEM. WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING WE
19 CAN TO MAKE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE INMATES TO COME OUT AND HAVE
20 A ONE ON ONE INTERVIEW WITH THE CLINICIANS, NOT IN A DORM
21 ENVIRONMENT. THERE'S NO PRIVACY. SO WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING WE
22 CAN WITHIN WHAT WE HAVE RIGHT NOW TO DO THAT.

23
24 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I THINK IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL FOR MY
25 COLLEAGUES TO HAVE DR. BELLOVITCH PROVIDE US WITH SOME SORT OF

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1 REPORT IN TERMS OF WHAT IS NEEDED AND WHAT HE BELIEVES THE
2 BARRIERS ARE TO GETTING STAFFING IN THE JAIL. I KNOW THIS WAS
3 BEFORE DR. GHALY WENT UP TO THE STATE, WE TALKED ABOUT WAYS
4 TO INCENTIVIZE PEOPLE TO WANT TO WORK IN OUR JAILS. BUT GIVEN
5 THE FACT THAT THE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCE OF NOT HAVING THAT
6 SUPPORT CARE ENDS UP JEOPARDIZING THE SAFETY OF NOT ONLY THE
7 INMATE, BUT ALSO THE PEOPLE WORKING IN THERE, I THINK IT IS TO
8 OUR BENEFIT TO LOOK AT HOW WE CAN BETTER ENGAGE IN GETTING
9 ADEQUATE RESOURCES IN THOSE AREAS. THAT WOULD BE MY ONLY
10 SUGGESTION. AND WITH THAT, AGAIN, THANK YOU TO EVERYBODY THAT
11 GAVE A REPORT TODAY. I THINK IT'S BEEN VERY INFORMATIVE FOR
12 ME. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

13
14 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

15
16 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. JUST ONE LAST
17 BRIEF THING. I WAS INTERESTED TO SEE THE RISE IN CATEGORY ONE
18 AND CATEGORY TWO USE OF FORCE, WHICH IS THE LESSER USE OF
19 FORCE. AND I THINK, SINCE WE STILL ARE IN A SOMEWHAT CROWDED
20 SITUATION, THAT MAYBE THAT MIGHT BE A POSITIVE IN A SENSE.
21 THAT IS THAT WE AREN'T USING THE MORE SERIOUS KINDS OF FORCE,
22 BUT, INSTEAD, WE SEE AN INCREASE IN KIND OF THE LESSER USE OF
23 FORCE. SO I HAVE REALLY JUST TWO LAST QUESTIONS I THINK TO THE
24 ASSISTANT SHERIFF. THAT IS AM I CORRECT IN THINKING THAT,
25 THOUGH THERE IS STILL A NEED TO -- OR A PERCEIVED NEED TO USE

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1 FORCE, THAT THE INCREASE IN THE LOWER LEVEL REPRESENTS SOME
2 ATTEMPT TO USE LESS FORCE? AND THE OTHER IS I DON'T KNOW
3 WHETHER WE HAVE EVER SEEN INFORMATION, AND I'VE ASKED THE
4 MONITOR IF THIS IS SOMETHING THEY LOOK AT, ABOUT THE USE OF
5 FORCE IN PROPORTION TO THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ARE DIAGNOSED
6 WITH A MENTAL HEALTH ILLNESS. THAT IS DO WE SEE MORE USE OF
7 FORCE AGAINST THAT POPULATION THAN AGAINST OUR POPULATION THAT
8 IS NOT DIAGNOSED? SO I JUST HAD THOSE TWO QUESTIONS.

9

10 **BRENDAN CORBETT:** I WILL KICK THAT OFF, SUPERVISOR. I AGREE
11 THAT WE HAVE SEEN BETTER TRAINING, BETTER TACTICS. WE ARE
12 DOING A VERY -- WE ARE MAKING AN EMPHASIS ON PRE-FORCE,
13 DEESCALATION, THE USE OF SUPERVISORS COMING IN INTERVENING IN
14 A RECALCITRANT INMATE TYPE OF SCENARIO. SO, WE ARE HOPING
15 THAT'S RESULTING IN A LOWER LEVEL OF FORCE TO WHERE, AT THE
16 END OF THE DAY -- IT MAY END UP WITH A PERSON NOT COMPLYING,
17 OR WE HAVE TO USE FORCE, BUT WE ARE HOPING IT IS A MORE
18 CONTROLLED, DIRECTED, AND LESS SERIOUS FORCE. SO WE ARE HOPING
19 THOSE ARE THE NUMBERS YOU ARE SEEING. AND WE WANT TO TREND
20 THAT DOWN. WE ARE ACTUALLY HOPING, AGAIN, BODY-WORN CAMERAS
21 WILL BRING ANOTHER BENEFIT TO THAT TO WHERE WE CAN HEAR AND
22 THEN SEE WHAT PRECEDED THE TIME BEFOREHAND. SO ALL OF THAT WE
23 ARE HOPING EVEN REDUCES IT FURTHER. I HOPE THAT ANSWERS YOUR
24 QUESTION.

25

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** IT DOES. AND WHEN WE GET DOWN THE LINE TO THE USE
2 OF BODY-WORN CAMERAS, WE ARE GOING TO NEED THE DISCUSSION
3 ABOUT THE ABILITY TO TURN THEM OFF OR NOT TURN THEM OFF
4 BECAUSE WE HAVE SEEN SOME -- IN OTHER FORCES THAT WE DON'T
5 GATHER ALL THE INFORMATION THAT WE THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO
6 BECAUSE SUDDENLY THE CAMERA IS TURNED OFF BECAUSE THE OFFICER
7 CHOSE THAT. BUT MY OTHER QUESTION IS DO WE HAVE A WAY TO
8 COLLECT DATA ABOUT THE PROPORTIONATE, AND I DON'T MEAN HIGHER
9 LEVEL OR LOWER LEVEL, BUT I MEAN THE NUMBERS OF INCIDENT OF
10 USE OF FORCE AGAINST THOSE INMATES WHO ARE DIAGNOSED WITH
11 MENTAL HEALTH ILLNESS AS OPPOSED TO THOSE WHO AREN'T?

12

13 **BRENDAN CORBETT:** WE COULD HAVE. IT COULD BE A LITTLE DIFFICULT
14 BECAUSE ACTUALLY THEY GO IN AND OUT OF DIFFERENT
15 CLASSIFICATIONS OF MENTAL ILLNESS OR NOT. SO IT WOULD HAVE TO
16 BE A SNAPSHOT IN THE TIME OF THE DAY OF THE FORCE INCIDENT OF
17 WHAT LEVEL THEY WERE AT. WE COULD TRY TO DO A DEEPER DIVE INTO
18 THE -- YES.

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THINK IT WOULD BE INTERESTING. OBVIOUSLY, WE
21 WANT TO GET BETTER TREATMENT FOR THOSE INMATES WITH SERIOUS --
22 ESPECIALLY SERIOUS OR ALMOST SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES
23 BECAUSE, OVERALL WHAT WE HAVE SAID IS, YOU CAN'T GET WELL IN A
24 CELL, AND WE WANT TO TRY A DIFFERENT WAY. IT IS A PART OF
25 DEPOPULATING MEN'S CENTRAL, BUT ALSO DOING THE RIGHT THING.

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1 BUT I AM INTERESTED IN THE RELATIONSHIP ABOUT USE OF FORCE.
2 MAYBE EVEN A SNAPSHOT WOULD BE HELPFUL, BUT, SINCE IT WASN'T
3 REQUIRED, I DON'T WANT TO ADD ON MORE WORK, BUT I THINK IT
4 WOULD BE GOOD FOR US TO KNOW, AND I AM NOT CERTAIN WHETHER OUR
5 MEDICAL SERVICES MIGHT BE ABLE TO KEEP TRACK OR KIND OF BRING
6 THOSE TWO PIECES OF INFORMATION TOGETHER.

7

8 **BRENDAN CORBETT:** NO, SUPERVISOR, I WOULD BE ABLE TO GET THAT
9 BECAUSE WHAT I CAN DO IS I CAN JUST GO BACK, AND IT WOULD BE
10 A HAND SEARCH, WHICH A LITTLE BIT DIFFICULT, BUT ALL WE'D HAVE
11 TO DO IS CROSS REFERENCE THE IMAGE CLASSIFICATION AND THE DAY
12 OF THE INCIDENT.

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I THINK THAT WOULD BE GOOD
15 INFORMATION FOR US THE NEXT TIME AROUND JUST TO KNOW. THANK
16 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. JUST ONE LAST COMMENT AND
19 SOMEWHAT UNRELATED TO FORCE, BUT WHILE WE HAVE THESE FOLKS IN
20 DETENTION WITH US. EDUCATION. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION, SINCE
21 MANY DON'T STAY THERE TOO LONG WITH US, I STILL THINK IT IS
22 RATHER IMPORTANT TO CONTINUE TO GIVE THEM REFERRALS,
23 INFORMATION, PRESENTED TO THEM, AND I'D LIKE TO GET A SENSE OF
24 WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE AT SOME POINT, NOT TODAY, BUT WHAT THAT
25 MEANS AND WHAT KINDS OF OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE. I

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1 RECENTLY VISITED EAST LAKE JUVENILE HALL AND SOME OF OUR FOLKS
2 THERE IN THE CLASSROOM, AND WONDERING HOW THAT IS CARRIED OUT
3 WITH OUR ADULTS AND WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE AS WELL. AND I WAS
4 VERY HAPPY TO SEE THAT THERE WERE A NUMBER OF YOUNG STUDENTS
5 THAT WERE ACTUALLY COMPLETING THEIR G.E.D. AND SOME WERE EVEN
6 GETTING CREDIT TO GO TO A COMMUNITY COLLEGE. SO I JUST THINK
7 IT DEPENDS ON WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE, HOW LONG FOLKS ARE
8 WITH US, OBVIOUSLY, BUT THEN MAKING SURE THAT CONNECTION
9 DOESN'T JUST CEASE ONCE THEY LEAVE US AND GO OUT TO THE FREE
10 WORLD OR WHEREVER IT IS, BUT THAT WE TRY TO CONTINUE TO HAVE
11 SOME CONTINUUM OF SERVICE WHERE WE CAN. SO WE DON'T HAVE TO
12 SEE THEM POSSIBLY COMING BACK. THAT THEY HAVE A GOAL, THEY
13 HAVE SOMETHING IN FRONT OF THEM. SO I WOULD JUST ASK THAT TO
14 FOLKS, ESPECIALLY TO BRANDON. THANK YOU. AND TO OTHERS. SO
15 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR RAISING THIS. IT IS ALWAYS
16 GOOD TO GET A REFRESHER. AND MEMBERS THIS IS A RECEIVE AND
17 FILE, SO THERE REALLY IS NO ACTION NEEDED TO BE TAKEN AT THIS
18 TIME. SO, MEMBERS, NOW WE WILL GO TO OUR LAST ITEM ON THE
19 AGENDA, THAT IS FOR ITEM 67A, AND THAT'S ADDRESSING THE
20 COUNTY'S NEED FOR ADDITIONAL MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT BEDS. AND
21 THAT ITEM WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

22
23 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I WILL MAKE THIS
24 REALLY QUICKLY. I SIMPLY WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT SOMETHING THAT I
25 THINK IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE A VERY -- AN UNUSUAL AND

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1 A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO DO. YOU KNOW, I HAVE ONLY BEEN HERE FOR
2 SEVEN YEARS, BUT EVERY YEAR, WE HAVE BEEN HEARING FROM
3 DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS, COMMUNITY ADVOCATES, EVERYBODY, THAT WE
4 DESPERATELY NEED MORE TREATMENT BEDS OF ALL TYPES IN OUR
5 MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM, AND WE ARE COUNTING ON IT ALL THE WAY
6 THROUGH MEASURE J. I MEAN WE ARE JUST LOOKING AT SO MANY
7 DIFFERENT NEEDS. RIGHT NOW, AS WE ALL KNOW, OUR PSYCH E.R.S
8 ARE BACKED UP BECAUSE WE DON'T ACTUALLY HAVE ENOUGH ROOM IN
9 OUR PSYCH HOSPITAL IN-PATIENT UNITS, AND OUR PSYCH HOSPITAL
10 IN-PATIENT UNITS ARE FULL BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH
11 TREATMENT BEDS IN THE COMMUNITY TO WHICH WE CAN SAFELY
12 DISCHARGE PEOPLE. SO, IN ADDITION, WE HAVE WATCHED AS BOARD
13 AND CARES HAVE BEEN CLOSING THEIR DOORS REALLY OVER THE PAST
14 10 YEARS. SO WE HAVE LOST HUNDREDS OF BEDS THAT WE NEEDED SO
15 THAT PEOPLE CAN STAY SAFELY HOUSED IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. AND
16 WE GOT A 2019 REPORT FROM MERCER THAT TOLD US THAT WE NEEDED
17 LIKE AN ADDITIONAL 1500 SUBACUTE BEDS JUST TO MEET THE DEMAND
18 THEN. AND THIS DOES NOT ACCOUNT FOR THE ADDITIONAL BEDS WE
19 MIGHT NEED TO DO WHAT WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT DOING, WHICH
20 IS RELATED TO THE CLOSURE OF MEN'S CENTRAL. IT IS NOT ONLY
21 ABOUT THAT JAIL, BUT REALLY OUR CONSIDERATION ABOUT WHAT IS
22 BETTER FOR THOSE IN OUR CARE WHO HAVE MENTAL ILLNESS. SO TO
23 THEIR CREDIT, THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH HAS INITIATED
24 QUITE A FEW EFFORTS TO TRY TO EXPAND THE NUMBER OF I.M.D. AND
25 SUBACUTE BEDS THE COUNTY CURRENTLY LEASES AS WELL AS OPERATES.

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1 AND WE ARE VOTING ON SOME OF THOSE EFFORTS TODAY AS WE AWARD
2 CONTRACTS TO A NUMBER OF PROVIDERS TO OPERATE CRISIS
3 RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT BEDS AT RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGES ON
4 OLIVE VIEW CAMPUS AND M.L.K. CAMPUS. BUT DESPITE ALL THOSE
5 EFFORTS, THERE'S STILL A LOT MORE TO BE DONE. SO THE BOARD
6 ASKED A LOT OF OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OVER THE LAST SEVERAL
7 YEARS HOW CAN WE FIND WAYS TO GET MORE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT
8 BEDS. AND I'M HAPPY TO SAY THE DEPARTMENTS HAVE ACTUALLY RISEN
9 TO THAT CHALLENGE. SO, WITH THIS MOTION, IT IS JUST ABOUT ONE
10 FACILITY, BUT IT COULD BE 150 BEDS, AND IT WAS ALREADY BEING
11 OPERATED AS A HOSPITAL. SO, IT'S ACTUALLY WELL-PLACED TO DO
12 THIS. SO, ALL I AM DOING IS ASKING THE COUNTY TO RESPOND IN A
13 NIMBLE FASHION, LET ME SAY, TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER OR NOT THIS
14 FORMER HOSPITAL, WHICH IS LOCATED RIGHT ON THE BORDER BETWEEN
15 THE THIRD AND THE FIFTH, COULD HELP THE COUNTY MEET SOME OF
16 THOSE DESPERATE NEEDS. IT IS -- IT IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR
17 US. I THINK EVERYBODY IS ON BOARD. I SIMPLY WANTED TO
18 HIGHLIGHT IT AS A WAY OF THANKING THE DEPARTMENT, THANKING
19 THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN WORKING ON DOING THIS, MAYBE LETTING
20 PHOENIX HOUSE KNOW WE ARE REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT THIS, AND WE
21 WILL BE HAPPY TO MAYBE LEASE IF THAT WORKS OUT WHILE WE DO OUR
22 DUE DILIGENCE. IT IS JUST A GREAT OPPORTUNITY. SO, I WOULD ASK
23 FOR YOUR AYE VOTE TO ENSURE THAT WE CAN, IN GOOD TIME,
24 PROPERLY INVESTIGATE WHETHER OR NOT THIS IS THE RIGHT ADDITION

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1 TO HELP US ADDRESS OUR LONGSTANDING NEED. THANK YOU, MADAM
2 CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.
5 SUPERVISOR HAHN? YES.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN:** YES, THANKS, MADAM CHAIR. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I JUST
8 WANTED TO SAY I REALLY SUPPORT THIS AND THANK YOU FOR THIS
9 MOTION. I INTEND ON SUPPORTING IT. AND JUST TODAY'S BOARD
10 MEETING, I THINK IF YOU JUST LOOK AT WHAT WE HAVE BEEN
11 DISCUSSING, WHAT OUR MOTIONS HAVE BEEN, IT REALLY SHOWS HOW
12 COMMITTED WE ARE TO EXPANDING OUR SYSTEM OF CARE HERE IN THE
13 COUNTY. AND WE HAVE HAD MULTIPLE MOTIONS JUST TODAY FOCUSED ON
14 MENTAL HEALTHCARE, SPECIFICALLY ON ADDING MORE BEDS TO THE
15 SYSTEM, WHICH IS A NEED, AS YOU POINTED OUT, THAT WE
16 CONSTANTLY HEAR FROM THE COMMUNITY AND FROM OUR COUNTY
17 DEPARTMENTS. I THINK THIS IS UNIQUE BECAUSE WE ARE TALKING
18 ABOUT ACQUIRING A PROPERTY THAT IS IN PRETTY GOOD SHAPE AND
19 CAN ADD 150 MENTAL HEALTH BEDS TO OUR SYSTEM. AND
20 OPPORTUNITIES LIKE THIS HAVE NOT COME UP ALL THAT MUCH SINCE I
21 HAVE BEEN HERE. AND THEY DON'T EXACTLY FALL INTO OUR LAPS, SO
22 WE REALLY NEED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT WHEN IT BECOMES
23 APPARENT THAT THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY LIKE THIS, AND I HOPE
24 OUR C.E.O. AND OUR C.E.O. REAL ESTATE TEAM GETS ON THIS RIGHT
25 AWAY, FINDS A WAY FOR US TO ACQUIRE THIS PROPERTY, AND BRING

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1 THESE BEDS ONLINE QUICKLY. SO I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS
2 MOTION, AND I HOPE IT ACTUALLY HAPPENS AND COMES TO FRUITION.
3 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR:

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, SEEING NO OTHER MEMBERS WISHING TO BE
6 RECOGNIZED ON THE ITEM, ITEM 67A IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
7 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE
8 ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 67A IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR
11 MITCHELL.

12

13 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AYE.

14

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

17

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

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

23

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

25

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

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

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MEMBERS. MOVING ON
6 NOW TO SPECIAL ITEMS NUMBER 68. I AM NOTIFIED THAT THERE ARE
7 NO SPECIAL ITEMS TODAY. THEREFORE, WE WILL GO DIRECTLY TO
8 ADJOURNMENTS. AND WE WILL BEGIN WITH THE THIRD DISTRICT.
9 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

10

11 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I THAT ASK WHEN
12 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BILL BEEBE, A
13 LEGENDARY PRESS PHOTOGRAPHER. A SANTA MONICA NATIVE, A NAVY
14 VETERAN, ONE OF THE VERY FIRST STUDENTS TO MAJOR IN
15 PHOTOGRAPHY AT WHAT WAS THEN SANTA MONICA CITY COLLEGE. AS A
16 PRESS PHOTOGRAPHER, HE BELONGED TO THE PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS
17 ASSOCIATION OF GREATER LOS ANGELES FOR MORE THAN 60 YEARS. HE
18 WORKED FOR THE LOS ANGELES MIRROR -- ANYBODY REMEMBER THAT? --
19 THE LOS ANGELES TIMES, AND THE SANTA MONICA EVENING OUTLOOK.
20 HE IS WIDELY KNOWN AS THE L.A. TIMES PHOTOGRAPHER WHO
21 PHOTOGRAPHED PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY AS HE WAS COMING OUT OF
22 THE OCEAN NEAR LIFEGUARD TOWER SIX IN SANTA MONICA WITH ALL
23 THE CROWDS AROUND HIM AND EVERYBODY SO HAPPY, AND WE ALL WENT,
24 OH MY GOD, THEY ARE SO CLOSE TO HIM. HIS LONG CAREER INCLUDED
25 PHOTOGRAPHS OF BABE RUTH, GANGSTER MICKEY COHEN, AND ALSO WAS

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1 AN AVID ENVIRONMENTALIST, WHO USED HIS PHOTOGRAPHY SKILLS TO
2 DOCUMENT AND PROTECT THE BALLONA WETLANDS. HE IS SURVIVED BY
3 HIS WIFE, SONYA, AND THEIR TWO CHILDREN, SUZANN AND BILL. AND
4 I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, AND I KNOW, MADAM CHAIR, YOU
5 WANT TO ALSO JOIN IN THIS, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A
6 GREAT FRIEND OF ALL OF US, BRUCE CORWIN, WHO DIED ON NOVEMBER
7 4TH. HE ESTABLISHED HIMSELF AS A BUSINESSMAN, BUT ALSO AN
8 ARDENT SUPPORTER OF SYNAGOGUES, ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTED TO
9 PROGRESSIVE IDEALS. HIS COMMITMENT AND PASSION FOR PROGRESSIVE
10 IDEALS BEGAN DURING THE 1950S AND '60S, AT WESLEYAN
11 UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE WAS ACTIVE IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT.
12 AFTER COLLEGE, HE PARTICIPATED IN THE CORO FELLOWS PROGRAM AND
13 THEN BECAME PRESIDENT OF TEMPLE ISRAEL IN HOLLYWOOD. HE
14 EVENTUALLY BECAME THE THIRD GENERATION IN THE CORWIN FAMILY TO
15 SERVE AS THE C.E.O. AND CHAIRMAN OF THE METROPOLITAN THEATERS
16 CORPORATION. HE WAS A GREAT PHILANTHROPIST COMMITTED TO
17 SUPPORTING REFORM AND PROGRESSIVE SYNAGOGUES, INCLUDING TEMPLE
18 ISRAEL OF HOLLYWOOD, TEMPLE EMANUEL OF BEVERLY HILLS, THE
19 HEBREW UNION COLLEGE, AND THE RECENTLY FORMED MULTIFAITH
20 CULTURAL CENTER, THE PICO UNION PROJECT. HE WAS AN AVID
21 SUPPORTER OF J STREET, THE PRO-ISRAEL, PRO-PALESTINE
22 ORGANIZATION THAT ADVOCATES FOR A TWO STATE SOLUTION. HIS
23 SUPPORT OF J STREET ACTUALLY UPSET MANY OF HIS CLOSE FRIENDS,
24 BUT HE MAINTAINED A SENSE OF HUMOR ABOUT IT SAYING HE HAD TO
25 LEAVE DINNER PARTIES EARLY ON SOME OCCASIONS, AND IT PROBABLY

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1 KEPT HIM FROM BEING OVERWEIGHT. HE WAS ALSO SUPPORTIVE OF NON-
2 JEWISH CAUSES, PARTICULARLY PASSIONATE ABOUT FIGHTING HUNGER
3 IN LOS ANGELES AND HELPING THOSE WHO WERE DIAGNOSED WITH
4 MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, TONI, ALSO A
5 GREAT FRIEND TO US, AND HIS TWO SONS, DAVID AND DANNY.
6 SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I JUST WANT TO
9 SAY THAT HE IS DEARLY MISSED, SOMEBODY WHO WENT OUT OF HIS WAY
10 TO SUPPORT SOMEONE YEARS AGO WHO RAN BACK IN 1992 FOR THE
11 ASSEMBLY. AND SINCE THEN, WE HAVE BEEN FRIENDS, AND HE ALSO,
12 BECAUSE OF HIS STATURE AND WHAT HE DID WITH CORO, EVERY YEAR,
13 I HAD A CORO FELLOW. AND A LOT WAS BECAUSE OF HIM. AND I'M
14 JUST REALLY THANKFUL TO HIM, AND WHAT A LOSS FOR US. SO MAY HE
15 REST IN PEACE AND HIS FAMILY, A VERY BELOVED INDIVIDUAL. THANK
16 YOU.

17

18 **SUP. MITCHELL:** AND, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, IF I MAY ADD ON, AS A
19 CORO FELLOW, I WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO MR. CORWIN'S ADJOURNMENT.
20 THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU. I'D ALSO LIKE TO
23 ASK THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY OF JERRY DOUGLAS, WHO WAS
24 BEST KNOWN IN THE ROLE OF THE TOWN PATRIARCH, JOHN ABBOTT, IN
25 THE "YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS," A VERY LONG-RUNNING SERIES. HE

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1 JOINED THE SHOW IN 1982. HE WAS ON FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS, AND
2 AFTER HIS CHARACTER DIED OF A STROKE, DOUGLAS RETURNED TO "THE
3 YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS" AS A GHOST UNTIL HIS FINAL APPEARANCE
4 IN 2016. HIS CAREER ALSO INCLUDED MOVIE AND T.V. ROLES,
5 INCLUDING THE FILM "J.F.K.," AND ON T.V. SHOWS, "MANNIX,"
6 "MELROSE PLACE," AND "ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT." HE IS SURVIVED BY
7 HIS WIFE, KYMBERLY BANKIER, AND HIS CHILDREN, JOD, HUNTER, AND
8 AVRA. AND ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
9 OF GARY GITNICK, DR. GARY GITNICK, WHO DIED ON NOVEMBER 4TH.
10 AFTER GRADUATING FROM MEDICAL SCHOOL, HE WORKED AT JOHN
11 HOPKINS UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL, THE MAYO CLINIC, AND THE NATIONAL
12 INSTITUTES OF HEALTH BEFORE JOINING THE U.C.L.A. FACULTY IN
13 1969. HE WOULD BECOME CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE U.C.L.A. MEDICAL
14 CENTER, THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE U.C.L.A. HEALTHCARE
15 PROGRAMS, AND BEGINNING IN 1993, CHIEF OF THE DIVISION OF
16 DIGESTIVE DISEASES, WHICH BECAME THE LARGEST GASTROENTEROLOGY
17 DIVISION IN THE WORLD. HE ALSO SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE
18 MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA. HIS GREATEST PASSION INVOLVED HIS
19 WORK AS FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE FULFILLMENT
20 FUND, WHICH WAS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION HE STARTED WITH HIS
21 WIFE IN 1977. IT PROVIDES COLLEGE ACCESS PROGRAMS, MENTORING,
22 AND COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS TO MORE THAN 2,000 STUDENTS EVERY
23 YEAR, STUDENTS FROM EDUCATIONALLY AND ECONOMICALLY UNDER-
24 RESOURCED COMMUNITIES. HE NOTICED A TROUBLING TREND IN L.A. OF
25 STUDENTS FROM LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES NOT MAKING IT TO COLLEGE

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1 OR EVEN GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL. HE RECALLED HIS OWN YOUTH
2 AND THE IMPACT THAT A MENTOR HAD HAD ON HIS OWN FUTURE. SO
3 TODAY, THE FULFILLMENT FUND'S MISSION TO EMPOWER STUDENTS TO
4 GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL, GET INTO COLLEGE, EARN THEIR
5 DEGREES CONTINUES TO CHANGE LIVES WITH A LARGE MAJORITY OF
6 FULFILLMENT FUND STUDENTS BEING THE FIRST IN THEIR FAMILY TO
7 GRADUATE COLLEGE. DR. GITNICK PROVED THAT ONE PASSIONATE AND
8 COMMITTED INDIVIDUAL CAN CHANGE THE COURSE FOR THOUSANDS OF
9 DESERVING STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
10 WIFE, CHERNA, AND THEIR CHILDREN NEIL, KIM, JILL, AND TRACY.
11 AND COLLEAGUES, I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN
12 IN MEMORY OF A WONDERFUL WONDERFUL WOMAN, GINNY MANCINI, WHO
13 DIED ON OCTOBER 25TH. SHE BEGAN HER CAREER AS A JAZZ SINGER IN
14 THE POSTWAR ERA, WHEN SHE JOINED BAND LEADER, MEL TORME, RIGHT
15 OUT OF L.A. CITY COLLEGE. SHE THEN JOINED THE TEX BENEKE
16 ORCHESTRA AS A MEMBER OF THE MELLO-LARKS. IN THE 1950S, SHE
17 SANG IN MOVIE STUDIO CHORUSES AND ON T.V. VARIETY PROGRAMS
18 LIKE THE "RED SKELETON SHOW" AND THE "JUDY GARLAND SHOW."
19 AFTER MARRYING HENRY MANCINI, SHE THREW HERSELF INTO CAUSES
20 AND BECAME ONE OF HOLLYWOOD'S LEADING PHILANTHROPISTS. SHE
21 FOUNDED A GROUP CALLED SOCIETY OF SINGERS THAT RAISED MILLIONS
22 TO HELP SUPPORT SINGERS WHO HAD FALLEN ON HARD TIMES, HELPED
23 FUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD MUSIC SCHOOL, SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF A
24 LOS ANGELES MUSIC ACADEMY THAT ENCOURAGED YOUNG MUSICIANS, AND
25 WAS AN HONORARY DIRECTOR AT THE L.A. PHILHARMONIC. SHE IS

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1 SURVIVED BY HER THREE CHILDREN, MONICA, FELICE, AND CHRIS. MAY
2 SHE REST IN PEACE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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6 **SUP. BARGER:** MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, CAN I BE ADDED ON
7 TO GINNY'S, PLEASE?

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. AND I ALSO WANTED TO BE ADDED ON TO
10 BRUCE CORWIN. I MISSED THAT OPPORTUNITY. THANK YOU, MADAM
11 CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE
12 MEMORY OF EDUARDO MACIAS, WHO WAS ONLY 28 WHEN HE PASSED AWAY.
13 THE YOUNGEST OF FOUR CHILDREN, EDUARDO AND HIS FAMILY
14 IMMIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES FROM MEXICO AT THE AGE OF SIX.
15 HE HELPED HIS MOM CARE FOR HIS OLDER SISTER, FERNANDA, WHO IS
16 SEVERELY DISABLED WITH CEREBRAL PALSY. DURING THE PANDEMIC, HE
17 WAS HIRED THROUGH OUR L.A. COUNTY PANDEMIC RELIEF EMPLOYMENT
18 PROGRAM, TO WORK OUR PROJECT ROOM KEY PROGRAM IN NORWALK.
19 EDUARDO IS SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, HIS SISTER, AND HIS TWO
20 BROTHERS, INCLUDING ALDO, WHO WORKS FOR OUR ASSESSOR, JEFF
21 PRANG, AS ONE OF HIS FIELD DEPUTIES. AND I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN
22 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF CLAUDIA
23 NARANJO, WHO WAS 52 AND A RESIDENT OF THE SOUTH BAY WHEN SHE
24 PASSED AWAY. CLAUDIA GRADUATED FROM WILLENBERG SPECIAL
25 EDUCATION CENTER IN 1990, WHERE SHE EXCELLED IN MUSICAL MEMORY

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1 AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION PERFORMANCE. HER ADULT LIFE WAS SPENT
2 LIVING IN A SPECIAL CARE FACILITY, WHERE SHE SHARED MANY
3 MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES WITH FRIENDS THAT BECAME HER FAMILY.
4 CLAUDIA IS SURVIVED BY HER PARENTS, HORACIO AND JUANITA, HER
5 BROTHER, SISTER, SISTER-IN-LAW, AND NIECE. JUANITA HAS BEEN A
6 LONGTIME FRIEND OF MINE. SHE IS VERY INVOLVED WITH THE
7 WILMINGTON ROTARY CLUB, AND LOS ANGELES HARBOR COLLEGE, AND
8 HAS BEEN SUCH AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY DOWN HERE IN
9 THE HARBOR AREA. SO, OUR CONDOLENCES TO HER ON THE LOSS OF HER
10 DAUGHTER. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN
11 IN THE MEMORY OF VINCENT MARINKOVICH, JR. VINCENT, A RESIDENT
12 OF SAN PEDRO, WAS ONLY 38 WHEN HE PASSED AWAY. VINCENT
13 GRADUATED FROM SAN PEDRO HIGH SCHOOL IN 2002 AND WENT ON TO
14 FURTHER HIS EDUCATION AT LOS ANGELES HARBOR COLLEGE, WHERE HE
15 ENJOYED PLAYING ON THE GOLF TEAM. VINCENT PASSED AWAY AFTER A
16 SHORT BATTLE WITH CANCER BUT WILL BE LOVED AND REMEMBERED BY
17 ALL WHO LOVED HIM. VINCENT IS SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, VINCENT
18 AND LEEANN, HIS BROTHERS, ANTHONY AND JOHNNY. THOSE ARE ALL MY
19 ADJOURNMENTS, MADAM CHAIR.

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21 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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23 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
24 ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF VIVIAN MARGUERITTE
25 FISHER, A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF MONROVIA AND DUARTE, WHO

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1 RECENTLY PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 30TH AT THE AGE OF 99. VIVIAN
2 WAS BORN IN OXNARD, CALIFORNIA TO GLADYS AND JULIAN FISHER.
3 SHE WAS THE THIRD CHILD AND THE OLDEST DAUGHTER OF 12
4 CHILDREN. SHE WAS A STUDENT AT MONROVIA SCHOOLS, BUT HAD TO
5 DROP OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL TO ASSIST HER PARENTS WHILE SHE WAS
6 STILL A TEENAGER. IN JUNE OF 2020, MONROVIA HIGH SCHOOL
7 AWARDED HER WITH AN HONORARY MONROVIA HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.
8 VIVIAN WAS A MONROVIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEE FOR
9 MORE THAN 15 YEARS. SHE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER ONLY
10 CHILD, DONNA. VIVIAN WAS A LOVING AND SUPPORTIVE SISTER AND AN
11 AUNT. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER NIECE, BETTY. SHE WILL BE TRULY
12 MISSED BY BOTH MONROVIA AND THE DUARTE COMMUNITY. ALSO THAT WE
13 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ARCADIA CITY COUNCIL MEMBER ROGER
14 CHANDLER, WHO PASSED AWAY ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH, AFTER A
15 COURAGEOUS BATTLE WITH CANCER. ROGER BEGAN HIS CAREER AT 21,
16 JOINING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WHERE HE
17 SERVED WITH DISTINCTION FOR 24 YEARS. AFTER RETIRING FROM THE
18 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, HE WENT ON TO BECOME THE CHIEF OF POLICE
19 OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY, AND IN 1994, HE
20 CREATED THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS POLICE DEPARTMENT. ROGER
21 WAS ELECTED TO SIX TERMS ON THE ARCADIA CITY COUNCIL, SERVING
22 FOUR TIMES AS MAYOR. DURING HIS CAREER ON THE CITY COUNCIL, HE
23 CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATED A COMMITMENT TO ENSURING ARCADIA
24 RESIDENTS RECEIVED OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICES. HE WAS
25 PARTICULARLY FOCUSED ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND WATER QUALITY

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1 ISSUES. ROGER WAS WELL-KNOWN AS A FORCE FOR HIS COMMON SENSE
2 APPROACH TO THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS. HE IS SURVIVED BY
3 HIS WIFE, JANE, AND THEIR TWO SONS. AND LAST, THAT WE ADJOURN
4 IN MEMORY OF FLOYD D. CROW, III, 53, WHO DIED ON SEPTEMBER
5 17TH, 2021, A PROUD COUNTY EMPLOYEE THAT WORKED FOR THE CHILD
6 SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT. I MET HIS WIFE, JUDITH BERNARD
7 CROW, AT OUR PASADENA VETERAN'S AFFAIRS RECOGNITION LAST WEEK,
8 AND I TOLD HER THAT WE WOULD ADJOURN IN HER HUSBAND'S MEMORY.
9 SHE ALSO IS A PROUD EMPLOYEE OF THE CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES
10 DEPARTMENT, AS WELL. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS. THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:**.. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. I WILL
13 RECOGNIZE MYSELF, NOW, FOR MY ADJOURNMENTS. I MOVE THAT WHEN
14 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JEFF PAGE. MANY OF
15 US KNOW HIM AS GENERAL JEFF, WHO DIED ON OCTOBER 13TH, 2021
16 AFTER SUFFERING A STROKE AND HEART PROBLEMS. GENERAL JEFF WAS
17 A FEARLESS ADVOCATE IN CONFRONTING SYSTEMS THAT HAVE
18 HISTORICALLY OPPRESSED COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. HE IS BEST KNOWN
19 FOR HIS ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS OF SKID ROW.
20 GENERAL JEFF, AS HE IS KNOWN, ARRIVED ON SKID ROW OVER 15
21 YEARS AGO, DETERMINED TO MAKE AN IMPACT ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD.
22 THROUGH HIS ADVOCACY, HE HELPED PERMISSION FOR RESIDENTS OF
23 SKID ROW HOTELS TO HAVE GUESTS IN THEIR ROOMS. HE LAUNCHED
24 CHESS AND PHOTOGRAPHY CLUBS AND A TRASH PATROL LED BY
25 RESIDENTS. HE ALSO FOUGHT TO KEEP OUT ALCOHOL SERVING OUTLETS

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1 TO PRESERVE AN AREA THAT HE AND OTHER ACTIVISTS DESCRIBED AS
2 THE LARGEST RECOVERY COMMUNITY IN THE COUNTRY. IN ORDER TO GET
3 BETTER REPRESENTATION FOR THE SKID ROW COMMUNITY, HE ALSO
4 LAUNCHED AN EFFORT TO CREATE SKID ROW NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL.
5 THE SKID ROW COMMUNITY HAS LOST AN INCREDIBLE LEADER,
6 ADVOCATE, AND FRIEND. HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED. I SEND MY
7 CONDOLENCES TO THE RESIDENTS OF SKID ROW AND ALL WHO HAVE BEEN
8 TOUCHED BY HIS WORK. MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

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10 **SUP. KUEHL:** MAY I JOIN WITH YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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12 **SUP. BARGER:** MAY I, AS WELL. HE ACTUALLY GAVE ME A TOUR OF
13 SKID ROW.

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15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:.** ALL MEMBERS? JANICE? THANK YOU. NEXT, I
16 WANT TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HASSAN MOHAMMAD HUSSEIN SAYYAD.
17 HE WAS MY FATHER-IN-LAW, AND SOMEONE WHO WAS ALWAYS WAS A
18 LIGHT IN OUR LIVES. HE PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AT THE YOUNG AGE
19 OF 91 IN THE MOUNT OF OLIVES, A MOUNTAIN RIDGE EAST OF
20 JERUSALEM'S OLD CITY. HE WAS A KIND AND WISE MAN WHO SPENT HIS
21 TIME AS AN EQUESTRIAN TRAINER OF ARABIAN HORSES. PEOPLE WOULD
22 COME FROM ALL OVER PARTS OF THE WORLD TO TRAIN WITH HIM, SOME
23 TRAVELERS COMING AS FAR AS CALIFORNIA AND EUROPE. HIS HORSE
24 RIDING WAS FEATURED IN VARIOUS HISTORICAL FILMS SUCH AS ONES
25 ABOUT THE ROMAN EMPIRE. HE ACTUALLY GOT TO WEAR A COSTUME AS A

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1 CHARIOT RIDER. MORE IMPORTANTLY, HE WAS A MAN OF FAITH AND
2 COMPASSION, ALWAYS WELCOMING PEOPLE INTO HIS HOME AND SERVING
3 AS A GROUNDS CARETAKER FOR OUR LOCAL CHRISTIAN MONASTERIES
4 THERE AT THE MOUNT OF OLIVES WITH SEVERAL CONVENTS AND TOOK
5 CARE OF THE NUNS AT SOME OF THESE CONVENTS, THE BENEDICTINE
6 CONVENT, THE MONASTERY FOR MARY MAGDALENA, AND ALSO A
7 PATERNASTOR CHURCH. EVERYBODY KNEW HIM. HE SPOKE FLUENT
8 ENGLISH, SO I COULD CONVERSE WITH HIM READILY BECAUSE I DIDN'T
9 KNOW ARABIC. AND HE WAS A TEACHER TO EVERYONE, AN INSPIRING
10 INDIVIDUAL IN HIS COMMUNITY, WHO WAS VERY PATIENT AND A VERY
11 CALM DEMEANOR AND ONE WHO WAS ALWAYS VERY EASY AND ALWAYS VERY
12 PATIENT WITH EVERYBODY. HE ALWAYS REMINDED US OF WHAT MATTERED
13 MOST IN LIFE, AND THAT WAS FAMILY, AND LOVE, AND SERVICE TO
14 OTHERS. HE RAISED AND IS SURVIVED BY FIVE CHILDREN, THE
15 OLDEST, WALID, OSAMA, NADIA, NOHA, AND, OF COURSE, SAMI, MY
16 HUSBAND, MANY OF YOU KNOW, YES, HE HAD SIX GRANDCHILDREN AND
17 SIX GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. WE WILL MISS HIM DEARLY, AND HE IS
18 NOW WITH HIS BELOVED WIFE, SUAD --

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20 **SUP. HAHN:** WE SHOULD DO ALL MEMBERS ON THAT, HILDA.

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22 **SUP. BARGER:** I WOULD VERY MUCH -- YEAH.

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24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:.** THANK YOU SO MUCH. YES, THANK YOU. THAT IS
25 MY TWO ADJOURNMENTS. I WILL MOVE TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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2 **SUP. MITCHELL:** MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE NONE FOR TODAY'S MEETING.
3 THANK YOU.

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5 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR, MAY I SAY SOMETHING BEFORE WE DO THE
6 MOTION?

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

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10 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THINK ALL OF US HAVE THE SAME EXPERIENCE. I GET
11 SO MANY THANK YOUS FROM PEOPLE IN THE FAMILIES OF THOSE WE
12 ADJOURN FOR. SO, I WANTED TO THANK CELIA AND HER STAFF AND
13 THOSE WHO SEND THESE CERTIFICATES TO, YOU KNOW, A WHOLE LIST
14 OF FAMILY MEMBERS. IT MEANS SO MUCH TO THEM. I MEAN, THE --
15 TORI'S NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR LOST A PARENT, AND, YOU KNOW, THESE
16 ARE PEOPLE WHO NEVER GOT RECOGNIZED FOR ANYTHING, A LOT OF
17 THEM, ALTHOUGH THEY DESERVED IT. AND I JUST THINK IT IS REALLY
18 A GREAT THING. AND WE CAN READ THIS, BUT THANK YOU FOR SENDING
19 THOSE CERTIFICATES BECAUSE THEY MEAN -- THEY MEAN A LOT TO
20 PEOPLE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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22 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:.** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. WE WILL TAKE ALL
23 THOSE MOTIONS AS SECONDED, AND IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A
24 UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ACTION. NOW, MEMBERS, I WILL

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1 HAVE MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED
2 SESSION.

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4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
5 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
6 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS1, DEPARTMENT HEAD
7 PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA.

8 THANK YOU.

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

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8 Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

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10 **No reportable action was taken.**
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11 me.

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13 related to any party to the said action; nor in anywise
14 interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
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