



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

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5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SO GOOD MORNING, AND WELCOME TO THE
6 REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS, WHICH IS BEING HELD REMOTELY, AND TODAY IS, OF
8 COURSE, TUESDAY DECEMBER 7TH, 2021, AN IMPORTANT DAY IN OUR
9 NATION'S HISTORY 80 YEARS AGO. I WILL TAKE ROLL CALL. SO,
10 COLLEAGUES, PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC AND RESPOND WHEN YOUR NAME
11 IS CALLED. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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13 **SUP. SOLIS:** PRESENT.

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15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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17 **SUP. KUEHL:** HERE.

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

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21 **SUP. HAHN:** HERE.

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

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25 **SUP. BARGER:** HERE.

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2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.

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

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

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8 **ATTORNEY:** I AM HERE.

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

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

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15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** GREAT, THANK YOU ALL. SUPERVISOR BARGER,
16 WOULD YOU DO US THE HONOR ON THIS SPECIAL DAY IN LEADING US IN
17 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE?

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19 **SUP. BARGER:** ABSOLUTELY. WILL YOU PLEASE STAND AND PLACE YOUR
20 RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART. I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF
21 THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT
22 STANDS, ONE NATION, UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND
23 JUSTICE FOR ALL.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND, WITH THAT, WE ARE GOING
2 TO BEGIN TODAY'S SESSION WITH A VERY, VERY, VERY SPECIAL
3 TRIBUTE TO OUR OUTGOING CHAIR, SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS. EACH
4 SUPERVISOR WILL, OF COURSE, BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A
5 FEW REMARKS, AND WE ARE GOING TO BEGIN WITH THE DISTRICT FIVE.

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7 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THANK
8 YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AS CHAIR THIS YEAR. I KNEW
9 WHEN YOU SERVED AS CHAIR PRO TEM ALONGSIDE ME LAST YEAR THAT
10 WE WOULD CONTINUE TO BE IN CAPABLE HANDS WHEN IT WAS TIME FOR
11 YOU TO TAKE GAVEL, AND YOU DID NOT DISAPPOINT. 2021 PRESENTED
12 OUR BOARD WITH MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITIES.
13 EVERY STEP OF THE WAY, I ADMIRERED YOUR PRESENCE IN THE THE
14 FIRST DISTRICT AND YOUR PASSION FOR THE AS A COUNTY AS A
15 WHOLE. I AM THANKFUL FOR YOUR SPIRIT OF COLLABORATION ON SOME
16 OF THE MOST PRESSING REGIONAL ISSUES. I ESPECIALLY THANK YOU
17 FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP AS WE WORK TOGETHER TO SERVE PEOPLE
18 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. THIS CRISIS REQUIRES INPUT FROM OUR
19 CITIES AND COMMUNITIES, WHICH IS WHY I WAS SO THANKFUL YOU
20 GAVE OUR LOCAL PARTNERS A LISTENING EAR. I WAS PROUD TO
21 PARTNER WITH YOU TO CREATE THE \$10 MILLION INTERIM HOUSING
22 SERVICE FUND AND THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS,
23 BOTH OF WHICH SOUGHT TO FIND LOCAL SOLUTIONS. YOU HAVE BEEN A
24 CHAMPION FOR COMPASSIONATE CARE, AND I TRULY DO APPRECIATE
25 YOUR WORK TO SERVE THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH

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1 MENTAL HEALTH TRIAGE CENTERS. I REALLY COMMEND YOUR DEDICATION
2 TO INCREASE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND WAS PROUD TO PARTNER WITH
3 YOU ON YOUR MOTION TO REMOVE BARRIERS TO CREATE ACCESSORY
4 DWELLING UNITS. I HAVE ALSO APPRECIATED YOUR COMMITMENT TO
5 ENSURE A GOOD QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL OF OUR COUNTY RESIDENTS.
6 I WAS GRATEFUL TO WORK ON A MOTION WITH YOU TO PROTECT PUBLIC
7 HEALTH AND SAFETY BY FUNDING NUANCE ABATEMENT TEAMS THAT
8 SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. SINCE MANY OF OUR
9 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CITIES NEIGHBOR ONE ANOTHER, I WAS
10 THANKFUL FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP TO ENHANCE TRAFFIC SAFETY AND
11 ENSURE ACCESS TO OPEN SPACE THROUGHOUT THE SAN GABRIEL
12 MOUNTAINS. THANK YOU ALSO FOR PARTNERING WITH ME AS I WORKED
13 TO COMBAT ILLEGAL CANNABIS GROWS AND DISPENSARIES IN THE
14 ANTELOPE AND THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEYS. AS WE ADDRESS THE MENTAL
15 HEALTH CHALLENGES RESIDENTS ARE FACING BECAUSE OF THE
16 PANDEMIC, I HAVE BEEN GRATEFUL FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO ENSURE
17 THE RESOURCES AND SERVICES THAT THEY NEED. THE WORK WE ARE
18 DOING TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN OUR COMMUNITIES,
19 ESPECIALLY IN OUR SCHOOLS, SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN A PRIORITY
20 FOR YOU, IS REALLY CHANGING THE WAY WE APPROACH CONVERSATIONS,
21 POLICY, AND PROGRAMMING FOR ALL OF OUR YOUTH. SUPERVISOR
22 SOLIS, THIS YEAR WAS CERTAINLY NOT AN EASY ONE TO BE CHAIR,
23 BUT I AM THANKFUL YOU WERE THERE AND HAD A STEADFAST
24 COMMITMENT TO MAKE LOS ANGELES COUNTY STRONGER EVERY DAY,
25 SOMETHING YOU DID WITH PASSION AND WITH DEDICATION. I HOPE YOU

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1 CAN TAKE A DEEP BREATH AND RECOGNIZE THAT YOU HAVE DONE A JOB
2 TRULY WELL DONE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP OVER THIS LAST
3 YEAR AND ALSO TO YOUR STAFF BECAUSE YOU HAVE INCREDIBLE STAFF
4 THAT SUPPORTED YOU WITH THE CHALLENGES YOU FACED EACH DAY. SO
5 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WE'LL MOVE ON TO SUPERVISOR HAHN,
8 DISTRICT FOUR.

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10 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. AND I JUST WANTED TO ADD MY BIT OF
11 CONGRATULATIONS TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR A JOB WELL DONE AS THE
12 CHAIR OF THIS BOARD THE PAST YEAR. I HONESTLY THOUGHT
13 KATHRYN'S LEADERSHIP DURING 2020 WAS PROBABLY GOING TO BE THE
14 MOST CHALLENGING YEAR FOR A BOARD CHAIR, BUT CERTAINLY 2021
15 ALSO GAVE IT A RUN FOR ITS MONEY, AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU
16 REALLY MET THAT MOMENT. YOU MET THAT CHALLENGE WITH INCREDIBLE
17 STRENGTH AND LEADERSHIP FOR ALL OF US. AND AT THE SAME TIME
18 THAT YOU WERE CHAIR OF OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, YOU WERE
19 SERVING AS CHAIR ON THE METRO BOARD AS WELL. AND I DON'T KNOW
20 HOW YOU HAD ENOUGH HOURS IN YOUR DAY TO LEAD BOTH OF THESE
21 INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT AGENCIES. AND AGAIN, YOUR RELATIONSHIPS
22 THAT YOU GARNERED WHILE YOU WERE IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT,
23 CERTAINLY AS A MEMBER OF CONGRESS, AND THEN AS A CABINET
24 MEMBER TO PRESIDENT OBAMA, HAS SERVED US WELL HERE IN L.A.
25 COUNTY BECAUSE CERTAINLY WE'VE GOT THOSE RELATIONSHIPS. WE

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1 HAVE THOSE CONNECTIONS. AND IT WAS GREAT SEEING YOU REPRESENT
2 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BACK IN WASHINGTON, D.C. RECENTLY AS
3 PRESIDENT BIDEN SIGNED THE INFRASTRUCTURE BILL, AND WE KNOW
4 WHAT THAT BILL WILL MEAN FOR THE RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY. YOU
5 HAVE BEEN SO HARDWORKING AND DRIVEN, REALLY, TO SERVE THE
6 NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITIES, AND IT REALLY SHOWS. AND I JUST
7 WANTED TO SAY, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, I KNOW YOU ARE MORE THAN
8 PREPARED TO TAKE ON THIS NEW ROLE. I THINK EVERY ONE OF US HAS
9 BROUGHT A UNIQUE SET OF SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE TO THE CHAIR
10 ROLE, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING HOW YOUR EXPERIENCE IN
11 SACRAMENTO, ESPECIALLY AS A CHAIR OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE,
12 SHAPES YOUR APPROACH. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
13 CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE. IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR TO BE
14 A MEMBER OF THIS BOARD AS YOU REPRESENTED LOS ANGELES COUNTY,
15 BOTH IN CALIFORNIA AND NATIONALLY. WELL DONE, AND BEST OF LUCK
16 TO YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR THE YEAR AHEAD. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND TO SUPERVISOR
19 KUEHL.

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21 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM NEW CHAIR. AND I WON'T
22 SAY MADAM OLD CHAIR, BUT MADAM PASSING THE GAVEL CHAIR. WE
23 HAVE BEEN FRIENDS QUITE A LONGTIME. I REMEMBER SUPPORTING YOU
24 FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD, AND IT MUST BE -- WELL, CERTAINLY
25 IN THE LAST CENTURY, AND HILDA, I REALLY WANT TO SAY, A VERY

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1 DEEP, DEEP THANK YOU TO YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP THIS YEAR. WE,
2 HONESTLY, NEVER KNOW WHAT WE ARE CAPABLE OF UNTIL WE ARE FACED
3 WITH THESE KINDS OF CHALLENGES. AND YOU HAVE DEFINITELY RISEN
4 TO THE OCCASION AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN. LEADERSHIP IS SUCH
5 A DIFFICULT QUALITY TO REALLY DESCRIBE, BUT IT IS CLEAR THAT
6 YOU HAVE EXHIBITED REALLY FINE LEADERSHIP THIS YEAR. CALM,
7 RATIONAL, COMPASSIONATE, FUNNY, AT TIMES, WHICH, OF COURSE,
8 YOU KNOW I APPRECIATE A LOT. I WANT TO PARTICULARLY SINGLE OUT
9 THINGS THAT YOU ACCOMPLISHED AS CHAIR, BUT ALSO IN AREAS IN
10 WHICH YOU HAVE PROVIDED LEADERSHIP ALL ALONG. BUT AS CHAIR,
11 YOU BROUGHT TOGETHER SO MANY IMPORTANT REFORMS AND MOVED THEM
12 FORWARD. I WAS SO HAPPY TO SEE THE GROUNDBREAKING AT THE
13 RESTORATIVE VILLAGE AT L.A.C.+U.S.C, AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT
14 THING, A FIRST IN THE NATION, MENTAL HEALTH, AND WELL BEING
15 CAMPUS. ONE THAT WE ARE EMULATING ALL AROUND THE COUNTY. AND
16 ONE THAT I THINK WILL BE A GREAT EXAMPLE REALLY FOR THE WHOLE
17 COUNTRY. I WANT TO PARTICULARLY THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP
18 ON THE FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. I THINK YOUR LEADERSHIP HAS
19 MADE SUCH A DIFFERENCE BECAUSE PEOPLE WERE NOT THINKING ABOUT
20 THE FAMILIES OF THOSE WHO LOST LOVED ONES BECAUSE OF LAW
21 ENFORCEMENT SHOOTING OR OTHER ACTIONS BY LAW ENFORCEMENT,
22 SOMETIMES COULDN'T EVEN BE TOLD WHERE THE PERSON HAD BEEN
23 TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL OR WHERE THE BODY WAS. GREAT PAIN THAT YOU
24 RECOGNIZED IN THOSE FAMILIES, AND YOU MADE SUCH A DIFFERENCE
25 IN INSISTING ON THAT PROGRAM AND REALLY CARRYING IT FORWARD,

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1 AND I THANK YOU FOR THAT. THE WORK THAT YOU DID STEADFASTLY IN
2 TALKING ABOUT ERADICATING GANGS IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
3 WAS ALSO IMPORTANT, RECOGNIZED, HONESTLY, NATIONALLY BECAUSE
4 THIS IS NOT THE ONLY EXAMPLE OF IT BUT A PARTICULARLY
5 EGREGIOUS ONE. AND ONE THAT I KNOW EFFECTS YOUR DISTRICT
6 DEEPLY. BUT IT WASN'T ONLY ABOUT YOUR DISTRICT, AS WE FOUND
7 OUT. THIS WAS HAPPENING REALLY ALL OVER IN ALL OF OUR
8 DISTRICTS. THE ISSUE THAT YOU BROUGHT WHICH I THOUGHT WAS A
9 LITTLE UNDER THE RADAR FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE AT FIRST IN WAVING
10 CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR L.A. COUNTY EMPLOYMENT. I MEAN
11 HALF THE PEOPLE WENT, "WHAT? WE STILL HAVE SUCH A THING?" WHO
12 KNEW? BUT SIMPLY TO PAY ATTENTION TO THESE RULES THAT BAR
13 PEOPLE FROM EMPLOYMENT FOR NO REASON THAT HELPS THE COUNTY. AS
14 A MATTER OF FACT, DETRIMENTAL TO THE COUNTY, AS A MATTER OF
15 FACT, DETRIMENTAL TO THE COUNTY. YOUR WORK ON BEHALF OF SO
16 MANY DIFFERENT IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES, NOT JUST THOSE WHO HAVE
17 HIGH NUMBERS IN YOUR OWN DISTRICT, BUT RECOGNIZING THAT ACROSS
18 THE COUNTY THIS IS A REALLY IMPORTANT THING. YOUR LEADERSHIP
19 ON THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY LEGAL DEFENSE PROGRAM, SO IMPORTANT
20 BECAUSE SO MANY PEOPLE WERE JUST BEING TOLD TO LEAVE AND NOT
21 PROVIDED ANY DEFENSE, AND WOULD HAVE HAD A GOOD ONE. AND
22 THIS IS REALLY I THINK CREATING THE JUSTICE FUND IN 2017 AND
23 CARRYING IT FORWARD FROM THERE. FINALLY, BUT OBVIOUSLY I DON'T
24 WANT TO TAKE ALL THE TIME TO SAY ALL THE THINGS YOU HAVE DONE,
25 BUT THE WORK THAT YOU PUT INTO CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL. A LOT OF

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1 US HAVE BEEN WANTING THIS TO HAPPEN FOR A LONGTIME, AND YOU
2 SAID THAT OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS NEED TO PULL TOGETHER AND
3 MAKE THIS WORK, FIND THE FUNDING STREAM, SHUT DOWN THIS JAIL,
4 RECOGNIZING IT IS A CHALLENGING TASK, RECOGNIZING THAT IT HAS
5 TO BE DONE IN A THOUGHTFUL WAY. AND I THANK YOU FOR THESE AND
6 SO MANY OTHER THINGS, AND I ALSO WANT TO REMIND YOU YOU TOLD
7 ME I WAS CRAZY WHEN I CHAIRED THE BOARD AND METRO AT THE SAME
8 TIME. SO WE ARE BOTH CRAZY AT LEAST IN THE SAME WAY, AND I AM
9 PROUD OF THAT. A GREAT YEAR, CONGRATULATIONS, AND THANK YOU
10 FOR YOUR COMPASSION, FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP, AND FOR ALL THE
11 GREAT WORK. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND I CONCUR. I AM APPLAUDING
14 ALL THE COMMENTS MADE BY FELLOW SUPERVISORS. I WOULD JUST ADD
15 I THINK TWO THINGS. I DON'T WANT TO BE REDUNDANT. I AGREE WITH
16 EVERYTHING EVERYONE HAS SAID. FIRST OF ALL, I WILL JUST TALK
17 ABOUT YOUR LEADERSHIP DURING KIND OF THIS NEXT PHASE OF
18 MANAGING COVID, AND THAT WAS TO GET L.A. COUNTY IMMUNIZED, AND
19 THE WORK YOU DID TO HELP US MAKE SURE YOU WERE IN A POSITION
20 TO STAND UP VACCINATION SITES, FIRST THE MEGA SITES IN EVERY
21 DISTRICT, AND THEN REALLY MAKING SURE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF
22 PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE SERVICES WERE REALLY EMPOWERED TO
23 REACH OUT AND DO THE COMMUNITY VACCINATIONS. THAT WAS YOUR
24 RALLYING CALL. BUT WE NEED TO MAKE SURE YOU TALK ABOUT THE
25 CONSTITUENTS YOU MET THAT HAVE TAKEN MULTIPLE BUSES TO GET TO

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1 MEGA SITE, AND YOU DIDN'T WANT TO SEE THAT ANY MORE. I THINK
2 THE COUNTY FAMILY HEARD YOU LOUD AND CLEAR, AND HUNDREDS OF
3 COMMUNITY-BASED SITES WERE SET UP, IN-HOME VACCINATION
4 OPPORTUNITIES WERE OFFERED. AND SO, YOU LED THE FIGHT WITH
5 REGARD TO EQUITY AND MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY COULD BE
6 VACCINATED. THE OTHER PIECE I THINK I WILL ADD IS I THINK WHEN
7 PEOPLE ASSUME WE RUN FOR OFFICE AND ARE IN PUBLIC LIFE, THEN
8 WE DON'T HAVE PERSONAL LIVES. AND FOR YOU TO LEAD IN A YEAR AS
9 TOUGH AS THIS WAS, PROFESSIONALLY, AND QUITE HONESTLY, FOR YOU
10 PERSONALLY, WAS A TRUE EXAMPLE TO ME OF WHAT LEADERSHIP LOOKS
11 LIKE. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE UNDERSTAND THAT THAT'S NOT
12 EASY. AND YOU KNOW WE ALL HAD YOUR BACK, BUT TO TACKLE
13 LEADERSHIP OF THIS BOARD AND METRO, WHEN WE ALL HAVE REAL
14 LIVES AND HAVE DEEP PERSONAL LOSSES THAT THE PUBLIC MAY NOT
15 FULLY APPRECIATE AND GET, BUT WE DO, AND WE [INAUDIBLE] AND
16 AGAIN TIP OUR HATS TO YOU AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEADFAST
17 LEADERSHIP AND PERSEVERANCE AND COURAGE AND STAMINA DURING
18 THIS PAST VERY DIFFICULT YEAR FOR EVERYONE, INCLUDING YOU. SO
19 THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP FROM ALL OF US. WE WILL NOW GIVE
20 YOU THE OPPORTUNITY, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, TO MAKE YOUR OWN
21 COMMENTS REGARDING YOUR TENURE. YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

22
23 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU TO ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES. I AM
24 HOLDING BACK TEARS RIGHT NOW. THIS IS REALLY VERY SENTIMENTAL,
25 BUT IT ALSO IS A DAY OF CELEBRATION BECAUSE I AM RIGHTFULLY

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1 TURNING OVER THE GAVEL TO OUR NEXT INCOMING CHAIR. AND I KNOW
2 SHE IS SHE IS GOING TO DO A GREAT JOB, AND I KNOW THAT
3 EXPECTATIONS ARE ALWAYS GOING TO BE HIGH FOR US, ESPECIALLY
4 FOR WOMEN AND WOMEN OF COLOR. AND I KNOW THAT WE ARE GOING TO
5 BE ABLE TO MEET THE CHALLENGE. AND I WANT TO SAY THAT DURING
6 THIS PAST YEAR, YES, THERE WAS A LOT OF PERSONAL HARDSHIP AND
7 PAIN, BUT I WILL TELL YOU MY STRENGTH CAME FROM MY FAMILY.
8 REALLY. IT CAME FROM MY MOTHER, MY SISTERS, BROTHERS, AND MY
9 HUSBAND, AND MY DAD, ALL OF THESE VALUES TO HELP TO MAKE HILDA
10 SOLIS WHO SHE IS. AND OF COURSE MY STAFF, AND I REALLY WANT TO
11 THANK THEM, BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN THROUGH A TOUGH TIME, NOT
12 JUST THIS YEAR, BUT ALSO SERVING AS THE PRO TEM WITH
13 SUPERVISOR BARGER WHEN SHE WAS CHAIR. IT WAS NONSTOP. AND I
14 FEEL LIKE MAYBE PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE ALL THE INNER WORKINGS OF
15 WHAT WE DO BEHIND THE SCENES, BUT WE ALL WORK SO HARD. AND I
16 KNOW MANY PEOPLE I WORKED WITH IN OUR DEPARTMENTS AND OUR
17 STAFFS AND YOUR STAFFS GIVE UP THEIR TIME AND SACRIFICE, AND
18 THEY ARE SELFLESS. THEY ARE SELFLESS. AND I REALLY WANT TO
19 APPRECIATE THAT. I REALLY WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR HELPING
20 ME BUILD UPON A VISION THAT I SET FORTH EARLY ON, AND THAT WAS
21 TO MAKE SURE THAT THE COUNTY WORKS FOR EVERYBODY, NO MATTER
22 WHERE YOU LIVE, WHAT ZIP CODE, WHAT EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OR
23 LACK OF EDUCATION, BUT THAT EQUITY BE THE THEME THAT RUNS
24 THROUGH ALL OF US. AND NOT JUST EQUITY IN EQUITABLE FUNDING,
25 BUT EQUITY IN TERMS OF RESPECT AND DIGNITY. TO ME, THOSE ARE

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1 THE THINGS THAT ARE OF VALUE, AND THAT'S HOW WE HAVE TO KEEP
2 MOVING FORWARD. I WANT TO SAY THAT, DURING THE RECOVERY, OR
3 RECOVERY THAT WE CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD IN THROUGH COVID-19
4 AND NOW WITH THE OMICRON, WE HAVE SO MUCH MORE WORK TO DO. BUT
5 WE HAVE LEARNED, AND WE HAVE UNLEASHED OUR TALENTS. I SAY OUR
6 DEPARTMENT HEADS DOING REMARKABLE THINGS THAT WERE UNHEARD OF
7 AND QUITE LITERALLY REIMAGINING HOW THE COUNTY WAS GOING TO
8 FUNCTION FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS. BUT AT LEAST THIS YEAR, WHEN
9 I WAS SERVING AS CHAIR, I WAS QUITE STRUCK BY THEIR INGENUITY,
10 AND CREATIVITY, AND THEIR COMMITMENT TO OUR COUNTY RESIDENTS,
11 AND TO THEMSELVES. I THINK WE GAVE THEM ON ABILITY TO UNLEASH
12 THEIR OWN POWER, AND THAT'S WHAT I BELIEVE IS WHAT WE SHOULD
13 BE DOING AS LEADERS TO UNLEASH THAT POWER FOR THE PEOPLE THAT
14 WE REPRESENT. AND WITHOUT ALL OF YOUR HELP, BOARD MEMBERS AND
15 COLLEAGUES AND DEPARTMENT HEADS, WE WOULDN'T BE WHERE WE ARE
16 AT TODAY. AND THAT MEANS 80 PERCENT OF ELIGIBLE PEOPLE IN THE
17 COUNTY HAVE AT LEAST ONE DOSE, HAVE RECEIVED ONE DOSE IN THEIR
18 ARM. THAT'S BECAUSE OF YOUR WORK, TOO. I DON'T STAND ALONE. I
19 STAND ON YOUR GENTLE AND STRONG SHOULDERS, COLLEAGUES. I
20 DIDN'T DO THIS ALONE. WE DID IT TOGETHER. I ALSO WANT TO GIVE
21 A BIG SHOUT OUT TO THE THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF COUNTY
22 EMPLOYEES WHO DECIDED TO CHANGE THEIR CLASSIFICATION AND
23 BECAME DISASTER WORKERS AND WERE SO CREATIVE. AND YOU COULD
24 SEE THEIR HUMILITY, THEIR STRENGTH, THEIR SACRIFICES. MANY
25 THAT PROBABLY NEVER THOUGHT THEY WOULD BE ALLOWED TO GO OUT IN

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1 THE FIELD AND REALLY TOUCH PEOPLE'S HEARTS AND LOOK INTO
2 SOMEONE'S EYES AND SEE THEIR PAIN BUT HELP TO MEET THEM WHERE
3 THEY WERE AT AND HELP THEM SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS AND GIVE THEM
4 THAT SENSE OF CARING THAT SO MANY PEOPLE DISBELIEF IN COUNTY
5 GOVERNMENT AND EVEN OUR OTHER FORMS OF GOVERNMENT. I AM REALLY
6 SO PROUD OF ALL OF THEM AND HOW THEY HELPED TO MEET THAT
7 CHALLENGE. I ALSO WANT TO THANK ALL THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES IN
8 OUR DEPARTMENT THAT HELP US DISTRIBUTE MILLIONS OF P.P.E.,
9 P.P.E. THAT WAS SO NEEDED AT THE BEGINNING AND CONTINUED ON IN
10 THE LAST YEAR, AND THEN ALSO GIVING OUT THOUSANDS AND
11 THOUSANDS OF POUNDS OF FOOD TO MANY, MANY PEOPLE. THAT WAS I
12 THINK ONE OF THE TURNING POINTS FOR ME TO HUMBLY STAND THERE
13 AND WATCH PEOPLE COME IN, MAYBE FIVE PEOPLE IN ONE CAR,
14 KNOWING THAT WAS THEIR ONLY CAR, AND MAYBE THAT WAS GOING TO
15 BE THEIR ONLY SOURCE OF FOOD FOR THAT ONE WEEK. WE DID IT WITH
16 THE HELP OF L.A. REGIONAL FOOD BANK, WITH MANY, MANY PRIVATE
17 AND PUBLIC PARTNERS, AND WE DID IT IN EVERY DISTRICT. IN EVERY
18 DISTRICT. AND I SAW ALL OF YOU HELPING IN SO MANY DIFFERENT
19 WAYS. IT WAS SO MOVING AND TOUCHING. I HEARD SO MANY WONDERFUL
20 COMMENTS FROM PEOPLE THAT WANTED TO EXPRESS THEIR LOVE AND
21 THANKFULNESS TO OUR COUNTY AND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I
22 ALSO WANT TO MENTION THAT THIS PANDEMIC, AS YOU KNOW, REALLY
23 SHOWED US WHERE THE GAPS ARE IN OUR SYSTEM TOO OF CARE. AND
24 WHAT THAT MEANT WAS THAT WE HAD TO RE-PRIORITIZE VERY QUICKLY,
25 AND RAPIDLY, WHERE THOSE GAPS AND HOLES WERE SO WE COULD MEET

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1 THE NEED FOR OUR CONSTITUENTS. AND WE DID IT WITH THE EQUITY
2 LENS. AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR THEIR
3 LEADERSHIP IN HELPING US MEET THAT CHALLENGE. YOU KNOW,
4 LEADERSHIP CAN MEAN SO MANY THINGS TO SO MANY PEOPLE. BUT THE
5 WAY I SEE IT IS THAT LEADERSHIP HAS TO BE ONE THAT IS
6 COLLABORATIVE, THAT BRINGS OTHER PEOPLE IN, AND LISTENS, EVEN
7 TO THE PEOPLE THAT YOU MAY NOT AGREE WITH BUT UNDERSTAND THEM
8 AND TRY TO WORK THINGS OUT, AND MEET THEM MAYBE HALF WAY. AND
9 MANY OF YOU DID THAT. AND MY COLLEAGUES DID IT WHEN WE WERE
10 OUT VISITING SOME OF OUR CITIES IN PARTICULAR THAT WEREN'T ALL
11 OF THE MINDSET THAT THEY WANTED TO HELP US WITH OUR BIGGER
12 ISSUES OF HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY. WE WERE ABLE TO CHANGE
13 SOME OF THOSE CITIES, THEIR MINDS AND THEIR ATTITUDE. AND FOR
14 THAT I THANK YOU. I THANK YOU BECAUSE MANY OF YOU REPRESENT
15 DIFFERENT CITIES, SMALLER CITIES, AND YOU KNOW HOW TOUGH THAT
16 WAS. SO I REALLY WANT TO THANK AND PRAISE YOU FOR THAT. I
17 ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK OUR C.E.O., FESIA DAVENPORT, AND HER
18 STAFF FOR WORKING WITH ME VERY, VERY CLOSELY AND DISCUSSING
19 AND HAVING A GOOD POLICY BACK AND FORTH ON MANY, MANY ISSUES
20 AND HOW WE CAN GARNER MORE SUPPORT FROM THE STATE AND THE
21 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. AND I AM HAPPY THAT SHE LED ALSO. SO I
22 WANT TO THANK HER BECAUSE THIS IS A NEW ROLE FOR HER, AS WELL,
23 AND HER LEADERSHIP TEAM. I WANT TO THANK COUNTY COUNSEL. I
24 WANT TO THANK ROD CASTRO AND HIS TEAM FOR HELPING US BECAUSE,
25 BOY OH BOY, WE WERE BEING HIT VERY HARD FROM MANY DIFFERENT

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1 ENTITIES AT ONE TIME REGARDING THE PANDEMIC BECAUSE PEOPLE
2 EITHER WERE QUESTIONING OUR REGULATIONS, OUR RULES, AND HOW WE
3 DEALT WITH BUSINESSES, BUT WE GOT THROUGH IT. SO I REALLY,
4 REALLY WANT TO THANK ROD AND YOUR TEAM. AND I ESPECIALLY WANT
5 TO THANK OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICE, CELIA ZAVALA AND ALL OF HER
6 STAFF, THAT CAME THROUGH HERE EVERY SINGLE MONTH. WE MET HERE
7 FOR CLOSED SESSION AND FOR BOARD MEETING, AND ALWAYS WITH A
8 CHEERFUL SMILE AND BRINGING HER VERY DELICIOUS FRUITS AND JUST
9 HELPING TO PAMPER US TO GET THROUGH THE DAY. I REALLY COMMEND
10 YOU, CELIA. I HAVE SEEN SO MUCH GROWTH IN YOU AND REALLY WANT
11 TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO DO THE GREAT WORK UNDER THIS
12 NEW CHAIRMANSHIP THAT'S BEFORE US. AND AGAIN, JUST LASTLY,
13 MEMBERS, I AM SO VERY PROUD. THE BIGGEST COMPLIMENT THAT I
14 HEAR ABOUT THE COUNTY IS THAT THERE ARE FIVE WOMEN THAT ARE IN
15 CHARGE NOW. AND EVERYONE HAS SOMETHING WONDERFUL TO SAY ABOUT
16 EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU. SO AGAIN, IT IS ABOUT
17 COLLABORATION. IT IS ABOUT WORKING TOGETHER IN OUR OFFICES AND
18 OUR STAFFS BECAUSE IT ISN'T TOO FAR HOW WE BEGIN TO TALK,
19 DISCUSS, SOMETIMES WE HAVE DISCOURSE, BUT YOU END UP COMING
20 BACK TOGETHER AND WORKING IT OUT. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY HOW
21 VERY THANKFUL I AM FOR YOUR STAFFS WORKING AND COLLABORATING
22 WITH MY STAFF. AND I WANT TO GIVE A SPECIAL, FINALLY SHOUT OUT
23 TO MY TEAM, TEAM SOLIS, TO MY CHIEF OF STAFF, CINDY QIN. AND
24 ALSO TO ALL OF MY DEPUTIES AS WELL AS OUR FIELD DIRECTORS AND
25 OUR STAFF THAT REALLY HAVE MET US, IN MY OPINION, HELPED ME

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1 MEET THE CHALLENGE IN MY DISTRICT WHEN I WASN'T ABLE TO GO TO
2 EVERY EVENT. THEY SHOWED UP AND DID THE GOOD WORK THAT WAS
3 NEEDED OUT THERE. SO I WANT TO THANK THEM. AND I WILL BE
4 HONEST, TODAY, I WOKE UP AND MY HUSBAND, SAM, WHO SAYS HI TO
5 EVERYONE, HE SAYS "HILDA, NOW YOU HAVE TIME TO MAYBE STEP BACK
6 A BIT, AND YOU CAN RELAX." AND HE TOLD ME ME THAT, AND I
7 LOOKED AT HIM, AND I SMILED, AND I SAID, YOU KNOW, I HAVE TO
8 TAKE THIS IN BECAUSE IT IS REFRESHING RIGHT NOW. I HAVE TO
9 TELL YOU THAT. BUT, AGAIN, IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE TO SERVE AS
10 CHAIR OF THE BOARD. IT IS ALWAYS AN HONOR. IT'S ALWAYS A
11 PRIVILEGE, A GREAT PRIVILEGE TO REPRESENT THE LARGEST COUNTY
12 IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY, AND ONE THAT IS GOVERNED BY WOMEN.
13 WOMEN OF COLOR. WOMEN OF POWER. WOMEN OF INTEGRITY. AND WOMEN
14 OF FORESIGHT. SO CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU AND TO OUR
15 INCOMING CHAIR. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORK WITHING YOU AND YOUR
16 STAFF AND WITH OUR PARTNERS IN OUR COMMUNITIES. IT IS ALWAYS
17 ABOUT OUR COMMUNITIES. SO, THANK YOU. WITH THAT, I KNOW THAT I
18 AM NOW GOING TO MAKE A MOTION, MADAM CHAIR, IF I MIGHT. AND I
19 WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL AS OUR NEXT
20 CHAIR PRO TEM.

21

22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND IT WILL BE MY
23 HONOR TO SECOND THAT MOTION. AND WE WILL TAKE THE VOTE ON THE
24 CHAIR PRO TEM NOMINATION AFTER PUBLIC COMMENT. [RECORDED
25 AUDIO]

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1

2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** HI, I AM HOLLY MITCHELL, PROUDLY
3 REPRESENTING L.A. COUNTY'S SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. I AM
4 A THIRD GENERATION NATIVE ANGELENO, BORN AND RAISED IN THE
5 SOUTH LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY OF LEIMERT PARK. MY PARENTS MET AS
6 ELIGIBILITY WORKERS WORKING FOR L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
7 PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. WATCHING MY FAMILY WORK AT THE COUNTY
8 AND KNOWING PEOPLE IN MY OWN COMMUNITY WHO RELIED ON THE
9 COUNTY, THAT TAUGHT ME AT AN EARLY AGE ABOUT THE POWERFUL ROLE
10 THE COUNTY PLAYS IN TRANSFORMING LIVES AND SHAPING THE
11 TRAJECTORY OF OUR COMMUNITIES. WANTING TO BE A PART OF MAKING
12 A TRANSFORMATIVE IMPACT HAS ALWAYS DRIVEN ME TO PUBLIC
13 SERVICE. IN EVERY POSITION I HAVE HAD THE HONOR OF HOLDING,
14 WHETHER IT BE A NON-PROFIT LEADER FIGHTING FOR OUR MOST
15 VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES, OR PASSING OVER 90
16 BILLS ON ADVANCING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE IN THE
17 CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE, I HAVE SERVED WITH THE COMMITMENT TO
18 DISRUPT THE CYCLE OF POVERTY, CORRECT LONGSTANDING INJUSTICES,
19 AND INVEST IN CHILDREN AND COMMUNITIES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
20 YOU KNOW, A QUESTION I OFTEN REFLECT ON IS WHAT ROLE DOES
21 GOVERNMENT PLAY IN HELP TO ENSURE ALL RESIDENTS CAN THRIVE.
22 THESE PAST TWO YEARS OF FIGHTING PANDEMIC THAT HAS DISRUPTED
23 EVERY ASPECT OF OUR LIVES HAS SHOWN US HOW FRAGILE OUR SAFETY
24 NET IS AND SHONE A BRIGHT LIGHT ON OUR HARDLY REACHED
25 COMMUNITIES AND THEIR DAILY STRUGGLE WITH ACCESS TO

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1 HEALTHCARE, HOUSING, AND TRUE JUSTICE. WE HAVE BEEN THROUGH SO
2 MUCH, AND DEEP DOWN WE KNOW THAT WE CAN'T GO BACK TO BUSINESS
3 AS USUAL. AS WE PREPARE FOR A NEW YEAR, AND BEGIN THE ROAD TO
4 RECOVERY FROM COVID-19 WITH A ONCE IN GENERATION INVESTMENT
5 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN, OUR ROLE AS A COUNTY IS TO
6 BUILD BACK EQUITABLY. LAST YEAR, I HAD THE HONOR OF BEING
7 ELECTED TO THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND I QUICKLY
8 SAW THE RESILIENCY AND COMMITMENT OF THIS BOARD, OF OUR PUBLIC
9 HEALTH AND COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, AND THE OVER 100,000 COUNTY
10 WORKERS, WHO STEPPED UP WHEN OUR RESIDENTS NEEDED THE
11 GOVERNMENT TO STAND IN THE GAP AND SERVE THE MOST. THIS YEAR
12 ALONE, WE SAW OUR IMMEDIATE PAST BOARD CHAIR, HILDA SOLIS,
13 GALVANIZE SUPPORT TO HELP BRING THE VACCINE AND RECOVERY
14 FUNDING TO L.A. COUNTY, SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN HELPING TO SET
15 A NATIONAL PRECEDENT FOR REPARATIONS BY LEADING COUNTY'S
16 RETURN OF BRUCE BEACH TO ITS RIGHTFUL OWNERS, SUPERVISOR
17 SHEILA KUEHL, STRENGTHENING THE COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO CARE
18 FIRST AND JAILS LAST AND BY FIGHTING TO REDUCE THE
19 INCARCERATION OF WOMEN AND THE L.G.B.T.Q.+ PLUS COMMUNITY, AND
20 SUPERVISOR BARGER'S EXPANDING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACROSS
21 OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN OUR SCHOOLS. I AM MOTIVATED BY WHAT I
22 KNOW WE ARE CAPABLE OF. THIS YEAR, WITH YOUR SUPPORT, MY
23 OFFICE PASSED ONE OF THE LARGEST GUARANTEED INCOME INITIATIVES
24 IN THE NATION, BEGAN THE PROCESS OF PHASING OUT OIL DRILLING
25 ACROSS L.A. COUNTY, AND SUPPORTED INVESTMENTS TO CLOSE THE

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1 DIGITAL DIVIDE. OUR WORK TOGETHER IS JUST GETTING STARTED.
2 SERVING AS YOUR BOARD CHAIR DURING THE TIMES SUCH AS THIS,
3 WHEN EVERY STEP TOWARDS OUR RECOVERY MUST INTENTIONALLY BUILD
4 ON THE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE AND MAKE A BETTER TOMORROW A
5 REALITY, IS A RESPONSIBILITY I WELCOME, AND I DO NOT TAKE FOR
6 GRANTED. WE HAVE STRUCTURAL CHALLENGES TO ADDRESS. THIS
7 INCLUDES INCREASED TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNANCE AND HOW WE ARE
8 TACKLING THE MORAL AND ECONOMIC CRISIS OF SERVING OUR UNHOUSED
9 RESIDENTS, ENSURING OUR CHILDREN AND TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH
10 THAT THE COUNTY'S RESPONSIBLE FOR ARE BEING CARED FOR, AND
11 INFUSING INVESTMENTS IN SMALL BUSINESS AND LOCAL ECONOMIES
12 THAT HAVE CARRIED THE BRUNT OF THIS PANDEMIC. WHEN I THINK OF
13 THE NEEDS OF THE SECOND DISTRICT AND THE COMMUNITIES
14 THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY, WE SHARE A COMMON FUNDAMENTAL GOAL. WE
15 WANT THRIVING COMMUNITIES WHERE WE CAN RAISE OUR CHILDREN AND
16 GROW OLD WITH DIGNITY. OUR PATH TO MAKING THIS REAL FOR THE 10
17 MILLION RESIDENTS THAT CALL L.A. COUNTY HOME WILL REQUIRE US
18 TO HAVE THE COURAGE TO FACE THE SHORTCOMINGS WITHIN OUR
19 HEALTH, JUSTICE, AND ECONOMIC SYSTEMS, SO THAT WE CAN BUILD
20 STRONGER, MORE EFFECTIVE AND INCLUSIVE PUBLIC SERVICE MODELS
21 FOR PROTECTING AND SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES. THIS IS WHAT
22 BUILDING BACK WITH EQUITY LOOKS LIKE. TO THE RESIDENTS OF L.A.
23 COUNTY, AND THE OVER 100,000 DEDICATED WORKERS WHO SERVE YOU
24 EACH AND EVERY DAY, I AM HONORED TO WORK ALONGSIDE YOU IN
25 BUILDING BACK WITH EQUITY. I ASKED WHAT THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT

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1 IS AND ENSURING ALL RESIDENTS CAN THRIVE. AND SOME OF YOU

2 ANSWERS THAT OUR ROLE SHOULD BE.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** RESPONSIVE.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** INCLUSIVE.

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8 **SPEAKER:** ACCESSIBLE.

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10 **SPEAKER:** SAFE.

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12 **SPEAKER:** [SPEAKER:]

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14 **SPEAKER:** BOLD.

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16 **SPEAKER:** MULTI-GENERATIONAL.

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18 **SPEAKER:** KIND.

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20 **SPEAKER:** IMAGINATIVE.

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22 **SPEAKER:** EFFECTIVE.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** COURAGEOUS.

25

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL:** SO LET'S HOLD ON TO ALL THAT WE ARE CAPABLE OF
2 BEING AND DOING, AS WE JOURNEY TOWARDS RECOVERY. THE ROAD
3 AHEAD WILL HAVE ITS FAIR SHARE OF CHALLENGES BUT IT IS ALSO
4 FILLED WITH PROMISE. I AM READY. I HOPE YOU ARE TOO.

5 [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SO, THANK YOU. SEEING YOURSELF UP ON THE
8 BIG SCREEN, -- SHEILA, THAT'S WHY THEY PAY YOU AND ALL THE MEN
9 AND WOMEN OF HOLLYWOOD ALL THE BIG BUCKS. THAT IS HARD TO LOOK
10 AT YOURSELF ON THE BIG SCREEN, RIGHT?

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** NO KIDDING. [INDISCERNIBLE] I'M JUST TELLING YOU.

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SO THANK YOU. LET ME JUST SAY VERY
15 BRIEFLY, AND WE WILL GET INTO THE MEAT OF TODAY'S MEETING,
16 WHEN I THINK BACK OVER THIS PAST YEAR THAT FLEW BY, I HAVE TO
17 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT, SECOND ONLY TO MY FIRST YEAR AS A PARENT,
18 ALL OF YOU THAT ARE PARENTS YOU UNDERSTAND THAT FIRST YEAR OF
19 MOTHERHOOD OR FATHERHOOD IS FILLED WITH FEAR, AND EXCITEMENT,
20 DISCOVERY, WITH VERY LITTLE SLEEP AND VERY LITTLE SELF-CARE,
21 SO I THINK ONLY TO MY FIRST YEAR AS PARENTHOOD, THIS PAST YEAR
22 HAS STRETCHED ME PERSONALLY, PROFESSIONALLY, LIKE NONE OTHER.
23 IN THIS YEAR, WE HAD TO ONBOARD VIRTUALLY. I HAD TO LEARN THE
24 CULTURE OF THE BOARD REMOTELY, TO BUILD A TEAM, SHAPE A
25 VISION, AND SERVE A CONSTITUENCY IN DIRE NEED OF SERVICE,

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1 SAFETY, AND SUPPORT, ALL IN THE MIDDLE OF A PUBLIC HEALTH AND
2 ECONOMIC PANDEMIC OF EPIC PROPORTIONS. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU.
3 I WANT TO THANK MY TEAM FOR THEIR SUPPORT, OUR CONSTITUENTS
4 FOR THEIR PARTNERSHIP AND PATIENCE, TO THE COUNTY FAMILY, THE
5 DEPARTMENTS, THE C.E.O., THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE, FOR YOUR
6 SUPPORT AND TUTELAGE, AND OF COURSE TO MY BOARD COLLEAGUES. TO
7 HILDA, YOU WERE THE LEADER AND GOT US THROUGH OUR FIRST TO
8 FIVE FIRST YEAR. AND YOU MADE HISTORY, AND WE WILL ALL BE
9 FOREVER GRATEFUL. I AM HONORED TO TAKE THIS STEP WITH YOU IN
10 OUR JOURNEY TO RECOVERY AS YOUR BOARD CHAIR. IT IS A
11 RESPONSIBILITY, AGAIN, THAT I DON'T TAKE LIGHTLY AND ONE THAT
12 I WELCOME WITH HUMILITY AND A COMMITMENT TO SERVICE. I HAVE
13 THE PLEASURE OF SERVING ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN
14 FRANCISCO -- OF THE CALIFORNIA WOMEN'S FOUNDATION, LED BY
15 SERENA CON, WHO JUST CAME BACK FROM A FOUR MONTH SABBATICAL.
16 AND SHE WROTE A REALLY POWERFUL MESSAGE TO THE BROADER
17 COMMUNITY WHERE SHE TALKED ABOUT HER NOTICINGS OF WHEN SHE WAS
18 ABLE TO SLOW DOWN AND PAUSE FOR THAT FOUR MONTH PERIOD. AND
19 SHE WROTE THESE WORDS: THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT AS WE MOVE INTO
20 2022, WE WILL CONTINUE TO CONFRONT CHALLENGES. AND WHAT I AM
21 NOTICING IS THAT THE SOLUTIONS TO THOSE CHALLENGES ARE IN THE
22 LESSONS OF OUR SHARED SUCCESS AND OUR MANY STRENGTHS. OUR PATH
23 TO BUILD BACK EQUITABLY, TO BUILD BACK WITH CARE AND
24 COMPASSION FOR EVERY RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY, WILL REQUIRE US
25 TO HAVE THE COURAGE TO FACE THE SHORTCOMINGS WITHIN OUR

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1 HEALTH, JUSTICE, SOCIAL SUPPORT, ECONOMIC SYSTEMS, SO THAT WE
2 CAN BUILD STRONGER, MORE EFFECTIVE, AND INCLUSIVE PUBLIC
3 SERVICE MODELS FOR PROTECTING AND SERVING OUR MOST VULNERABLE
4 COMMUNITIES. IN A RECENT CONVERSATION WITH OUR C.E.O., MS.
5 DAVENPORT, SHE INTRODUCED ME TO THIS CONCEPT OF THE HUMAN
6 SERVICES VALUE CURVE. AND AGAIN, IN THIS PAST YEAR, I HAVE
7 REALLY HAD TO VALUE AND UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE HOW FAR THE
8 COUNTY HAS COME FROM A REGULATORY BUSINESS MODEL, WHERE WE
9 STAY WITHIN THE LINES, STAY WITHIN THE FUNDING STREAMS THAT
10 GOVERNMENT DICTATES, AND JUST PROVIDE, FRANKLY, THE MOST
11 LIMITED SERVICES TO ONLY THE PEOPLE WHO QUALIFY, ACROSS THIS
12 ENTIRE SPECTRUM AND TO WHERE WE WANT TO GET TO WHICH IS THIS
13 WHOLE CONCEPT OF A GENERATIVE BUSINESS MODEL, WHERE WE ARE
14 BEING CREATIVE, THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX, BUILDING A
15 GOVERNMENT SYSTEM BASED ON THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE WHO RELY ON
16 US AND NOT THE REVERSE. SO I AM EXCITED ABOUT THAT ONGOING
17 TRAJECTORY THAT L.A. COUNTY HAS STARTED AND WILL CONTINUE.
18 PART OF WHAT THE COUNTY FAMILY CONTINUES TO TEACH ME IS WHAT
19 WE ARE CAPABLE OF. WE ARE SO STRONG. AND I WILL CONTINUE TO BE
20 GROUNDED IN THAT STRENGTH. WE HAVE THE CREATIVITY AND THE
21 COURAGE TO MAKE NEW MODELS THAT WELCOME, INSTEAD OF EXCLUDE,
22 THAT BUILD, INSTEAD OF DESTROY, THAT COLLABORATE, INSTEAD OF
23 DIVIDE. I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO SERVE WITH YOU FOUR IN
24 CREATING THE KIND OF L.A. COUNTY THAT WE ALL KNOW ALL 10
25 MILLION PLUS RESIDENTS DESERVE AND ARE ENTITLED TO. AND, WITH

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1 THAT, WE WILL MOVE ON WITH THE REST OF TODAY'S BOARD MEETING.

2 I WILL ASK THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO CALL THE AGENDA.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** HERE IS MY FIRST FLUB OF THE DAY. AS
7 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, WE WILL BE TAKING TELEPHONIC
8 PUBLIC COMMENTS DURING TODAY'S MEETING. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
9 OF THE BOARD RECEIVED OVER 400 WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR
10 TODAY'S MEETING, AND, AS THOSE WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED,
11 ALL OF THEM WERE AVAILABLE TO THE SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR
12 CONSIDERATION, CONSISTENT WITH THE BROWN ACTS REQUIREMENTS. WE
13 WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS THROUGHOUT
14 THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD.
15 NOW, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WOULD YOU PLEASE READ THE
16 AGENDA.

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
19 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE THREE, SPECIAL
20 DISTRICT AGENDAS. THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE SANITATION
21 DISTRICT NUMBER 27 AND THE NEWHALL RANCH SANITATION DISTRICT.
22 ON PAGE FOUR, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
23 BOARD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ITEM 1D IS A RECOMMENDATION TO
24 ADOPT A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN INTENT TO ISSUE MULTIFAMILY
25 HOUSING REVENUE BONDS OR NOTES BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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1 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30 MILLION
2 FOR PURPOSES OF FINANCING THE SITE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION,
3 AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE WALNUT PARK APARTMENTS, AN AFFORDABLE
4 64 UNIT MULTIFAMILY HOUSING LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED LOS
5 ANGELES COUNTY COMMUNITY OF WALNUT PARK. ON PAGE FIVE, CONSENT
6 CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1-12. ON ITEM 1, THIS
7 INCLUDES AN ADDITION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
8 ON ITEM 3, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.
9 THIS INCLUDE A REVISION AS INDICATED BY THE SUPPLEMENTAL
10 AGENDA. ON ITEMS 4 AND 5, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THIS THESE
11 ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 6, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THIS
12 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 7, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THIS
13 ITEM BE HELD. THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE
14 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 9, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT
15 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 11, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS
16 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE 13,
17 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 13-46. ON ITEM 13, SUPERVISOR
18 MITCHELL REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 14, THE CHIEF
19 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO FEBRUARY
20 22ND, 2022. ON ITEM 27, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THIS ITEM
21 BE HELD. ON PAGE 30, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO
22 THE AGENDA, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF
23 THE MEETING ON INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM
24 44B, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM

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1 44C, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REQUEST
2 FOR CONTINUANCES THROUGH 44F ARE BEFORE YOU.

3

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

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 31, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION. ON
9 PAGE 32, PUBLIC HEARING, THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR HEARING.
10 ON PAGE 33, NOTICES FOR CLOSED SESSION. THAT COMPLETES THE
11 READING OF THE AGENDA, MADAM CHAIR.

12

13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. BEFORE WE TAKE UP
14 PUBLIC COMMENT, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER WILL READ THE SHORT
15 TITLE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
16 PLEASE SWEAR IN THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD ON
17 THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM, PLEASE.

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. FOR THOSE WHO PLAN
20 TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS,
21 PLEASE BE PREPARED TO BE SWORN IN. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY
22 GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH,
23 THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD.
24 ITEM 48 IS HEARING ON THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
25 THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TO IMPOSE A SPECIAL

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1 ASSESSMENT ON ANY IMPROVED PARCEL DECLARED BY THE BOARD TO
2 HAVE [INAUDIBLE] OR DANGEROUS WEEDS REQUIRING APPROVAL IN A
3 TIERED COLLECTION SCHEDULE BEGINNING JANUARY 1ST, 2022. NO
4 DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS
5 RECEIVED.

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WE WILL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ALL
8 AGENDA ITEMS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE REAL THE CALL
9 IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA, AND
10 EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO
11 ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD TODAY.

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE
14 PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT SHOULD CALL 877-336-
15 4437 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 1366786. TO REPEAT,
16 PLEASE CALL 877-336-4437 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER
17 1366786. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING IN, WHEN IT IS YOUR
18 TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND WHICH AGENDA ITEMS
19 YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK ON ONE
20 AGENDA ITEM OR TWO MINUTES TO SPEAK ON TWO OR MORE AGENDA
21 ITEMS. IN ADDITION, THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
22 WITH GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED ONE ADDITIONAL
23 MINUTE FOR A MAXIMUM TOTAL UP TO THREE MINUTES. WE WILL
24 ALLOCATE 90 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL OF THE ITEMS. WE
25 WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN

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1 DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. WHEN
2 SPEAKING ON ON THE AGENDA ITEMS, YOU MUST BE ON TOPIC. OUR
3 GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE CAN. IF YOU ARE
4 NOT SPEAKING ON A TOPIC, OR IF WE CAN'T TELL IF YOU ARE
5 SPEAKING ON AN AGENDA ITEM, YOU WILL GET ONE WARNING FROM THE
6 COUNTY COUNSEL OR CHAIR. IF YOU DO NOT CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC OR
7 IF YOU STRAY OFF TOPIC AGAIN, YOU WILL FORFEIT THE REST OF
8 YOUR TIME, AND THE CHAIR WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE
9 NOTE THAT IF YOU ARE LISTENING TO THE BOARD MEETING ON A
10 COMPUTER OR SPEAKER PHONE, YOU WILL NEED TO TURN DOWN THE
11 VOLUME ON THOSE DEVICES AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU.
12 IF YOU DO NOT TURN DOWN THE VOLUME, THERE WILL BE AN ECHO.
13 MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER PLEASE.

14

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

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH
21 INTERPRETATION OF THIS REMINDER.

22

23 **[INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN IN SPANISH]**

24

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

3

4 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT WILL BE TENELLE
5 FRANKLIN.PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
6 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
7 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

8

9 **TENELLE FRANKLIN:** HELLO. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM NUMBER 3,
10 AND I WON'T BE SPEAKING ON COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS
11 TENELLE FRANKLIN, AND I AM A YOUNG LEADER WITH THE L.A.
12 OPPORTUNITIES COLLABORATIVE. I'M HERE TO I AM LOOKING TO
13 SUPPORT ITEM NUMBER 3. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HAHN.
14 AS A YOUNG ADULT MYSELF AND SOMEONE WHO HAS STRUGGLED WITH
15 HOUSING AND FINANCES, I KNOW THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING SPECIFIC
16 SUPPORT AND SOMEONE TO HELP NAVIGATE THESE COMPLEX SYSTEMS.
17 FOR MANY YOUTH, THE PANDEMIC IS STILL GOING ON AND AFFECTING
18 THEIR DAILY LIVES. IF THEY BECOME HOMELESS, THEIR MENTAL
19 HEALTH WILL DECLINE. D.C.F.S, L.A.H.S.A., AND D.P.S.S. ALL
20 SERVE YOUNG ADULTS IN SOME CAPACITY. IF THEY COLLABORATE,
21 YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF STABILITY AND WON'T END
22 UP AS ANOTHER HOMELESS STATISTIC. THESE SYSTEMS ARE MEANT TO
23 SUPPORT YOUTH IN NEED OF SERVICE. THIS MOTION HOLDS THEM
24 ACCOUNTABLE TO THEIR CHARGE. ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS. HAVE A GREAT DAY.

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1

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

4

5 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE JIMMY RISIO. PLEASE
6 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
7 WHETHER OR NOT YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU
8 MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **JIMMY RISIO:** YES, THIS IS JIMMY RISIO. I AM A REGISTERED
11 NURSE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. I AM A SUPERVISOR
12 WITH THE NEWLY FORMED THERAPEUTIC TRANSPORTATION DIVISION, AND
13 I AM SPEAKING ON MOTION 6 IN REGARDS TO THE PATIENT VILLAGES.
14 WE NEED TO OBSERVE BEST PRACTICE FOR OUR PATIENTS AND NOT
15 PRIVATIZE THIS CARE. BY DOING SO, WE WILL HAVE NO VISIBILITY
16 ON THE STAFF DISCIPLINES OR EMERGENCY TRAINING OR VETTING THAT
17 IS REQUIRED TO HANDLE MENTAL HEALTH CALLS FOR OUR PATIENTS
18 THAT ARE TRULY IN CRISIS. WE NEED TO ENSURE THERE'S NO
19 CONFLICT OF INTEREST BY USING AN OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION. WE NEED
20 TO STAFF THESE VILLAGES WITH OUR D.M.H. COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND
21 HAVE 24 HOUR ACCESS, 24 HOUR STAFFING BY OUR P.M.R.T. TEAMS
22 JUST LIKE WE DO AT THERAPEUTIC TRANSPORT. WE ARE NOW
23 TRANSPORTING PATIENTS AROUND THE CLOCK, EVEN THOUGH THERE'S
24 BEEN A DELAY WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ON THIS. WE NEED TO
25 ENSURE THAT WE HAVE A GOOD VISIBILITY ON THE TYPES OF TRAINING

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1 THAT THESE STAFF ARE GOING TO HAVE AT THE VILLAGES, AND IT IS
2 WHY THAT I ENCOURAGE THAT WE STAFF THESE WITH OUR FULL TIME
3 D.M.H. EMPLOYEES THAT ARE HIGHLY TRAINED IN CONJUNCTION WITH
4 P.M.R.T. AND THERAPEUTIC TRANSPORT THAT WILL BE WORKING
5 COORDINATION WITH THE NEWLY FORMED 998 PHONE CALL COMING NEXT
6 YEAR.

7

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

10

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

14

15 **RACHEL STINE:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS RACHEL STINE. I AM THE
16 SUPERVISING ATTORNEY FOR THE TRANSITION AGE YOUTH PROGRAM AT
17 PUBLIC COUNSEL. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEMS 3, 4, AND 5 AND
18 PROVIDING PUBLIC COMMENT. PUBLIC COUNSEL STRONGLY SUPPORTS
19 MOTION 3. WE APPRECIATE THE HARD WORK OF D.P.S.S. AND ITS
20 COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO HELP EXITING FOSTER YOUTH REMAIN HOUSED
21 AFTER DECEMBER 31ST, BUT BECAUSE L.A. FACES AND AFFORDABLE
22 HOUSING CRISIS, A NUMBER OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE NEED HOUSING.
23 MY CLIENTS WHO ARE IN THIS SITUATION, FEAR THEY WILL BECOME
24 HOMELESS AT THE END OF THE MONTH, WHICH WOULD RISK THEIR
25 HEALTH, SAFETY, AND OVERALL STABILITY. THE CONTINGENCY PLANS

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1 IN MOTION 3, PARTICULARLY THE NEED TO MATCH UNHOUSED YOUTH TO
2 EMERGENCY HOUSING RESOURCES, ARE CRITICAL TO HELP THESE YOUNG
3 PEOPLE MAINTAIN STABILITY. PUBLIC COUNSEL ALSO STRONGLY
4 SUPPORTS MOTIONS 4 AND 5, ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR HOUSING
5 NAVIGATORS AND T.H.B.+ PROGRAM ARE ESSENTIAL PARTS OF THE
6 BOARD'S EFFORTS TO IMPROVE HOUSING RESOURCES FOR TRANSITION
7 AGE YOUTH. WE THANK YOU SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR THESE MOTIONS AND
8 HER IMPORTANT WORK ON BEHALF OF FOSTER YOUTH. 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 GWEN SNYDER. PLEASE STATE
14 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
15 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

16

17 **GWEN SNYDER:** HI. I AM GWEN SNYDER. I WILL BE ADDRESSING ITEM
18 13, ITEM 27, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. ALL RIGHT. ON ITEM
19 13, L.A.S.D. CLAIMS THEY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STAFF TO ADDRESS
20 INCREASES IN JAIL POPULATIONS. THE SOLUTION TO THE INCREASES
21 IN JAIL POPULATION IS NOT TO GIVE L.A.S.D. MORE FUNDING. IT IS
22 TO REDUCE PRISON POPULATIONS EVEN FURTHER. THE COUNTY FIRST
23 CARE VISION IS FOCUSED ON DECREASING JAIL POPULATION,
24 CONNECTING PEOPLE TO SERVICES, AND DIVERTING THEM THROUGH
25 O.D.R. OR OTHER DIVERSION PROGRAMS. EVERY TIME I COME TO THIS

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1 BOARD MEETING, I HEAR THE VAST MAJORITY YOUR CONSTITUENTS
2 BEGGING YOU TO DEFUND THE POLICE AND THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT.
3 AND EVERY WEEK, I HEAR THE SAME QUESTIONS OF SHOULD WE FUND
4 THEM BEING ASKED AGAIN. DEFUND THE POLICE. IN THIS BOARD
5 MEETING ALONE L.A.S.D. SETTLEMENTS TOTALED \$3.54 MILLION. WITH
6 L.A.S.D. COMMITTING CRIMES RANGING FROM DISCRIMINATION,
7 RETALIATION, TO ASSAULT, BATTERY, UNLAWFUL ARREST, AND CIVIL
8 RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, L.A.S.D. ARE PERPETRATORS OF EGREGIOUS
9 CRIMES IN L.A. COMMUNITIES. THE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAT
10 L.A.S.D. WASTES ON SETTLEMENTS FOR CRIMES THEY HAVE COMMITTED
11 AGAINST THE COMMUNITY ANNUALLY, AS WELL AS THEIR OBSCENELY
12 LARGE INFLATED BUDGET CAN BE BETTER SPENT BY DIRECTLY
13 SUPPORTING THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY, INSTEAD OF FURTHER
14 CRIMINALIZING AND HARMING THEM. IN ITEM 27, THE O.I.G. REPORT
15 HIGHLIGHTS EGREGIOUS MISCONDUCT, ABUSE OF POWER, AND VIOLENCE
16 COMMITTED BY L.A.S.D. THE BOARD NEEDS TO TAKE THESE REPORTS
17 SERIOUSLY AND RESPOND WITH AGGRESSIVE DECARCERATION AND
18 DIVESTMENT FROM L.A.S.D., RATHER THAN CONTINUING TO FUND
19 THEIR VIOLENCE. THIS QUARTER, L.A.S.D. RECEIVED 25 COMPLAINTS
20 RELATED TO CONDITIONS OF CONFINEMENT IN L.A.S.D. CUSTODY AND
21 36 COMPLAINTS RELATED TO CIVILIAN CONTACTS. THERE WERE 10
22 DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTINGS RESULTING IN THE DEATH OF TWO
23 PEOPLE. THERE WERE 14 IN CUSTODY DEATHS WITH VERY LITTLE
24 INFORMATION GIVEN ABOUT EACH OF THEM. IN 2021 AS A WHOLE, 44
25 PEOPLE HAVE DIED IN L.A.S. D. CUSTODY, A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE

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1 FROM PREVIOUS YEARS. IN COUNTY JAILS, FROM JANUARY TO MARCH
2 2021, THERE WAS 373 USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS BY L.A.S.D. AGAINST
3 PEOPLE IN CUSTODY. L.A.S.D. DOES NOT PERMIT O.I.G. STAFF TO
4 MONITOR ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS OF DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTINGS
5 AND DOES NOT COMPLY WITH LAWFUL REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTATION OF
6 THESE INVESTIGATIONS. IN INVESTIGATING DEPUTY INVOLVED
7 SHOOTINGS, L.A.S.D. HAS NOT PROVIDED O.I.G. WITH ACCESS TO ITS
8 BODY WORN CAMERA VIDEOS. L.A.S.D. IS ACTIVELY AVOIDING
9 ACCOUNTABILITY AND DISCIPLINE FOR THEIR MISCONDUCT BY REFUSING
10 TO COMPLY WITH O.I.G. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION, DOCUMENTATION,
11 AND INVESTIGATION. INTERNAL REVIEWS THAT DECLARE L.A.S.D.
12 INNOCENCE ARE NOT A FORM OF ACTUAL INVESTIGATION OR
13 ACCOUNTABILITY. IF L.A.S.D. CANNOT COMPLY WITH THE MOST BASIC
14 REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION TO DETERMINE IF MISCONDUCT HAS TAKEN
15 PLACE, HOW ARE WE TO TRUST THAT DEPUTIES ARE KEEPING PUBLIC
16 SAFE WHEN THEY CONSISTENTLY ESCAPE ANY CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR
17 ACTIONS. THANK YOU, AND I YIELD MY TIME.

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

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

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1 **CHRIS WILSON:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS CHRIS
2 WILSON REPRESENTING BIZFED, AND I WISH TO COMMENT ON GENERAL
3 PUBLIC COMMENT. ON BEHALF OF OUR FOUNDING C.E.O.,
4 [INDISCERNIBLE] HERNANDEZ, I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE CHAIR
5 SOLIS FOR HER TENURE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
6 SPECIFICALLY WE WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR WORKING
7 WITH US AND OTHERS THIS YEAR ON THE VACCINE ROLL OUT TO ENSURE
8 ACCESSIBILITY. ON BROADBAND, WE APPRECIATE THE COMMITMENT OF
9 SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO CONTINUE A DIALOGUE WITH BIZFED AND
10 INDUSTRY LEADERS WITH THE GOAL OF CRUSHING THE DIVIDE. AND
11 FINALLY, WE WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR SUPPORTING THE
12 BIZFED INSTITUTE EQUIP L.A. PROJECT THAT PROVIDED CRITICAL
13 P.P.E. FOR HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS, DISTRICTS, AND LOCAL
14 BUSINESSES. WITH THAT, WE THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER
15 TENURE AS CHAIR AND WELCOME AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORK WITHING
16 SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL MOVING FORWARD. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

17

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

20

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

24

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1 **MELISSA CAMACHO CHUNG:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MELISSA CAMACHO
2 CHUNG WITH A.C.L.U. SO-CAL, AND A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT TWO. I
3 AM CALLING ON ITEM 27 AND PROVIDING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. AT
4 LAST WEEK'S PUBLIC SAFETY QUESTION MEETING, THE OFFICE OF THE
5 INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORTED THAT 51 PEOPLE HAVE DIED IN L.A.
6 COUNTY JAILS SO FAR THIS YEAR. THAT'S A RATE OF ONE PERSON PER
7 WEEK DYING IN OUR JAILS WHILE UNDER THE COUNTY'S SUPERVISION.
8 THE JAILS ARE IN CRISIS. WE ASK THIS BODY TO REQUIRE GREATER
9 TRANSPARENCY FROM L.A.S.D. ON THE FACTS AND THE CAUSES OF THE
10 DEATHS. THE PUBLIC AND OVERSIGHT BODIES CAN'T EFFECTIVELY
11 ADDRESS ISSUES LEADING TO DEATH IN CUSTODY WITHOUT KNOWING
12 THAT PEOPLE ARE DYING AND WHAT THE CAUSE OF DEATH IS
13 ULTIMATELY DETERMINED TO BE. COVID DEATHS HAVE BEEN REPORTED
14 PUBLICLY AS THEY OCCUR. OTHER DEATHS AND CAUSE OF DEATH CAN BE
15 REPORTED IN THE SAME WAY, WHILE PROTECTING THE PRIVACY OF THE
16 INDIVIDUAL AND THE FAMILIES IMPACTED. THE O.I.G. SECOND
17 QUARTER REPORT CALLED OUT ISSUES OF THE EFFECTIVE DISCLOSURE
18 OF INFORMATION DURING CONFIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATIVE DEATH
19 REVIEWS. ALREADY IN JUNE, THE O.I.G. IDENTIFIED TWO DEATH
20 REVIEWS DURING WHICH CRITICAL INFORMATION WAS NOT DISCLOSED,
21 INCLUDING THE PRESENCE OF GRAVE AND OBVIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY, A
22 SKULL FRACTURE FROM AN INDIVIDUAL WHO BANGED THEIR HEAD
23 AGAINST THE WALL MORE THAN 60 TIMES PRIOR TO THEIR DEATH IN
24 CUSTODY. THE O.I.G. SECOND QUARTER REPORT, MADE SEVERAL
25 RECOMMENDATIONS, INCLUDING GREATER TRANSPARENCY FROM CUSTODY

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1 AND C.H.S., AND C.H.S.'S RESUMED ATTENDANCE AT AUTOPSY. GIVEN
2 CONTINUED RISE IN DEATH, WE RECOMMEND ASKING O.I.G. WHETHER
3 THERE'S BEEN IMPROVEMENT IN THIS AREA, OR WHETHER SIMILAR
4 PROBLEMS HAVE OCCURRED WITH DEATH REVIEWS IN THE LAST HALF OF
5 THE YEAR. A DEATH EVERY WEEK IN THE JAIL IS AN UNACCEPTABLE
6 TRAGEDY. THIS BOARD MUST USE ALL TOOLS AT ITS DISPOSAL TO
7 DEMAND A SWIFT AND INFORMED RESPONSE FROM L.A.S.D. AND C.H.S.
8 AND THIS BOARD MUST IMMEDIATELY FUND MORE COMMUNITY-BASED
9 MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT SO THOSE MOST AT RISK OF DEATH BY
10 SUICIDE CAN BE SAFELY TREATED OUTSIDE THE JAILS. THANK YOU
11 VERY MUCH.

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

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

20
21 **ANTHONY THOMAS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ANTHONY THOMAS. I AM
22 A CONTRACTED EMPLOYMENT AT HARBOR U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER, AND
23 I AM ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEM 44B. I CURRENTLY SPEND ABOUT \$214
24 PER WEEK ON HEALTHCARE. I HAVE A \$1,000 DEDUCTIBLE AND WITH
25 THE 60/40 CONTRIBUTION. THE INSURANCE COMPANIES SAYS I WOULD

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1 HAVE TO CONTRIBUTE ANOTHER \$6,662 TO MEET MY FINANCIAL
2 OBLIGATIONS FOR MY HEALTHCARE. MY COWORKERS AND I, WE PROUDLY
3 SERVE TO PROTECT THE FACILITIES, THE COUNTY FACILITIES, THAT
4 WE WORK AT. AND WE SACRIFICE OUR PERSONAL SAFETY, OUR HEALTH,
5 EXPOSING OUR FAMILIES TO COVID, AND OTHER ITEMS BECAUSE WE ARE
6 THE FRONTLINE OF THE ESSENTIAL WORKERS AT THESE FACILITIES.
7 AND I JUST THINK IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU ADDRESS THESE
8 ISSUES MOVING FORWARD, SO THAT WE CAN HAVE AN IMPROVED QUALITY
9 OF LIFE WHILE WORKING TO PROTECT THESE COUNTY FACILITIES. AND
10 I WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT IN THE GENERAL COMMENTS. 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 ROY HUMPHREYS. PLEASE STATE
16 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
17 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU MAY BEGIN.

18

19 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** OKAY, MY COMMENTS ARE ON ITEM 13, 14, AND
20 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET, Y'ALL HAVE
21 FAILED TO INITIATE ACTION THAT WOULD ALLOW THE JAILS TO BE
22 SEPARATED FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO A DEPARTMENT OF
23 CORRECTIONS WITH POTENTIAL SAVINGS OF HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF
24 DOLLARS. AND [INDISCERNIBLE] IS SOMETHING YOU NEED TO LOOK
25 INTO AND ADOPT. ON ITEM 14, THESE REVIEW THERE NOTES THERE WAS

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1 A 3 TO 2 VOTE ON THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION, WHICH MAY SERVE
2 AS AN EXPENSIVE QUALITY CONTROL MEASURE OR NOT. SOLUTIONS IS
3 ANOTHER ISSUE AND FAILING. YOU FAILED TO MASTER THE OBVIOUS,
4 THE COUNTY-WIDE NECESSITY FOR A CAMPSITE WITH TOILETS AND
5 SHOWERS. SEE MY YOUTUBE CHANNEL FOR VIDEOS ON THIS. AND VENICE
6 BEACH IS NOT AN OPTION. YOU WILL ALSO NOTE ROLAND HEIGHTS IS
7 ADDRESSING TUNNEL DWELLERS WITH CAL-TRANS AND COUNTY STORM
8 DRAIN AND FLOOD CONTROL ASSETS. ON PUBLIC COMMENT, SUPERVISOR
9 HAHN, AS TO THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF THE STATED BROTHERS
10 SHOPPING CENTER CAMPER, I ASK SEVERAL OF THE MANAGERS OF
11 BUSINESSES IN THE COMPLEX, AND THEY ALL NOTE THAT THE TERMS
12 BLIGHTING AND GHETTO IMAGE WERE CONSENSUS IN TERMS. THE IDEA
13 THAT THIS PERSON AND THE PROPERTY OWNER HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO
14 HOLD THIS COMMUNITY HOSTAGE IS ABHORRENT. 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 OSCAR KANALIS. PLEASE STATE
20 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
21 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

22

23 **OSCAR KANALIS:** HELLO. GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I
24 WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THE MOTIONS. I WILL BE
25 COMMENTING ON ITEM NUMBER 2, NUMBER 3, AND GENERAL PUBLIC

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1 COMMENT. I WOULD LOVE TO SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER 3. THANK YOU FOR
2 THIS MOTION ENSURING THAT CHILDREN WILL HAVE A PLACE TO BE ABLE
3 TO AFTER AGING OUT OF FOSTER CARE. I SPENT TIME IN THE FOSTER
4 CARE SYSTEM. IT WOULD BREAK MY HEART TO SEE FOSTER CARE
5 CHILDREN, AGAIN, AGING OUT AND ENDING UP IN JAIL BECAUSE THEY
6 NO LONGER ABLE TO RECEIVE THE SERVICES AND REALLY JUST WANT A
7 PLACE TO BE ABLE TO LAY THEIR HEAD AND HAVE SOME FOOD IN THEIR
8 STOMACH. I WOULD LOVE TO SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER 2. I WANT TO
9 ACKNOWLEDGE THE JAPANESE THAT WERE SUBJECT TO RACIST AND
10 BIASED TREATMENT FOR BEING MERELY JAPANESE. ONE THING WE FAIL
11 TO ACKNOWLEDGE, EVEN ON THIS MOTION, IS THAT LOS ANGELES
12 COUNTY REALLY, WHEN PLACED JAPANESE AMERICANS IN THESE
13 CONCENTRATION CAMPS, NOT DETENTION CENTERS, AND OUR COUNTRY
14 OUR HOME OF THE FREE, HOME OF THE BRAVE, THEY WERE FORCED TO
15 FLEE THEIR HOMES, LEAVE THEIR BUSINESSES AND LEAVE BEHIND
16 THEIR HOMES, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, THEIR HISTORY. 20 PERCENT
17 OF JAPANESE JEWISH MADE UP THE POPULATION IN LINCOLN HEIGHTS.
18 LUCKILY, THERE WAS JEWISH MEXICANS, JEWISH RUSSIANS, YIDDISH
19 JEWISH THAT WERE ABLE TO SHOW THE JAPANESE ON WHAT TO DO IN
20 THESE SITUATIONS. THEY BURIED THEIR FAMILIES HEIRLOOMS AND
21 WERE FORCED ON DECEMBER 16, 1941, THEY WERE ARRESTED BY THE
22 F.B.I., CLASSIFIED AS ENEMY AGENTS BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT
23 CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES BECAUSE THEY WERE FIRST
24 GENERATION IMMIGRANTS FROM JAPAN. BY LAW, THEY HAD NOT BEEN
25 ALLOWED TO PURSUE CITIZENSHIP. MANY HAD LIVED IN THE UNITED

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1 STATES FOR DECADES, FOR DECADES. IF WE WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE
2 TUNA CANYON CONCENTRATION CAMP, WE MUST CALL IT WHAT IT IS. WE
3 CANNOT SUPPRESS HISTORY AND CALL IT SOMETHING ELSE. CURRENTLY,
4 SAKURA GARDENS IS A JAPANESE AGING OLDER CARE. IT IS CURRENTLY
5 ON THE VERGE OF BEING CLOSED DOWN. THAT IS THE LAST PLACE THAT
6 THE JAPANESE HAVE HISTORY IN THE LINCOLN HEIGHTS EAST L.A.

7 AREA. WE MUST STAND UP FOR OUR ELDERLY, MOST OF WHOM WERE
8 TRANSFERRED TO LINCOLN HEIGHTS DURING THE PANDEMIC AND MANY
9 WHO DIED. I WOULD LOVE TO GIVE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT NOW. WE
10 ALL NEED TO KNOW THE TRUTH. IT IS NOT DEMOCRATIC VERSUS
11 REPUBLICAN. I AM NOT A POLITICIAN. I AM JUST A HUMAN PLACED ON
12 THIS WORLD BY A CREATOR THAT CREATED YOURSELF AS WELL.

13

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

16

17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVEN. PLEASE STATE
18 THE REGULAR ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU
19 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

20

21 **ERIC PREVEN:** YEAH, I AM GOING TO ADDRESS ON THE REORGANIZATION
22 ITEM, SEVERAL ITEMS, AND A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. SO HOW MUCH
23 TIME WILL I HAVE?

24

25 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YOU HAVE THREE MINUTES. PLEASE BEGIN.

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1

2 **ERIC PREVEN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. AND YOU KNOW, I THINK IT IS
3 APPROPRIATE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS BRIEFLY FOR HER TENURE
4 AS THE CHAIR DURING THE PANDEMIC. BUT YOU KNOW, I THINK WE
5 COULD STOP SHORT OF WILD CONGRATULATIONS BECAUSE, AS PEOPLE
6 KNOW, IT WAS UNDER HER WATCH THAT THE MEETINGS WERE REDUCED TO
7 50 PERCENT BY SKIPPING EVERY OTHER WEEK. AND CONGRATULATIONS
8 TO THE NEW CHAIR, HOLLY MITCHELL, WHO WAS VOTED INTO OFFICE
9 UNDER THE STEAM OF A PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENT THAT IS REALLY IN
10 STEP WITH A LOT ANGELENOS, WHO WANT TO DECARCERATE, WHO WANT
11 TO PROVIDE EQUITY, AND FAIRNESS, AND CLEAN UP THE MESS THAT
12 HER PREDECESSOR, MR. RIDLEY THOMAS, MADE IN THE DISTRICT. BUT
13 SHE'S GOT AN ITEM TODAY, 44E ON THE AGENDA, WHICH IS ON THE
14 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. NOW, IT IS CALLED THE GREEN SHEET BACK IN
15 THE DAY. IT IS POSTED LATE. AND IT IS REALLY DEFIANT OF THE
16 GOVERNOR'S ORDER TO MAXIMIZE ACCESS AND TRANSPARENCY TO DO
17 WHAT SHE IS SUGGESTING. WHAT SHE SUGGESTS WE DO IS TO CONTINUE
18 GOING FORWARD TO MEET EVERY OTHER WEEK IN FRONT OF THE PUBLIC,
19 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THIS IS UNTHINKABLE. I WANT TO SHOUT
20 OUT TO GLORIA MELINA, WHO WAS A LEADER WHO INSISTED THAT THE
21 PUBLIC BE AROUND FOR MEETINGS AND HAD TO FIGHT HER OWN BOARD.
22 AND I WANT TO THANK DON KANABE AND MIKE ANTONOVICH, WHO I
23 DISAGREED WITH ALMOST EVERYTHING ABOUT, BUT THEY UNDERSTOOD
24 THAT THEY HAD TO FACE THE PUBLIC IN A MEANINGFUL WAY. AND YOU
25 KNOW I KNOW THERE ARE SOME CLEVER THINKERS ON THE TEAM. I KNOW

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1 THAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND RODRIGO CASTRO-SILVA ARE MOSTLY
2 FOCUSED ON FIGHTING COUNTY SHERIFF, WHO IS A BIT OF A HOT
3 HEAD, AND HE WEARS A COWBOY HAT. BUT HE IS A GUY WHO DOES WANT
4 TO HEAR FROM PEOPLE. AND HE IS HAPPY TO DISAGREE. AND I DON'T
5 KNOW, IF IT'S -- I THINK IT IS UNFAIR TO WRAP YOURSELVES IN
6 THE CLOAK OF WOMEN BECAUSE WE LOVE WOMEN OUT IN THE PUBLIC,
7 BUT WE DO NOT LIKE REDUCING PUBLIC MEETINGS TO HALF. WE, MEN
8 AND WOMEN, FIND IT DRACONIAN AND HARD. IT IS HARD TO PROVIDE
9 PUBLIC SCRUTINY, WHICH IS A RESPONSIBILITY SOME OF US FEEL TO
10 DO WHEN THE BOARD IS JUST ARROGANTLY SHUTTING DOOR, AND THEN
11 POINTING AT MR. RODRIGO CASTRO-SILVA, WHO SITS WITH NICOLE
12 DAVIS TINKAM, SCHEMING ABOUT ADDITIONAL WAYS TO MINIMIZE A
13 REVIEW OF THEIR WORK. NOW THEIR WORK, THEY FEEL, IS GREAT. I
14 AM GOING TO DO AN ANALYSIS OF THE NUMBER OF THANK YOU THAT
15 WERE ISSUED. THEY ARE DRAMATICALLY OFF THE PERIOD WHEN MEETING
16 WERE OPEN AND REGULAR, BUT THERE'S A LOT OF THANK YOUS IN
17 THERE. BUT IS THERE A LOT OF DELIVERY? ARE WE EXPERIENCING A
18 SWELLING CRISIS? DO WE HAVE A RIFT BETWEEN WHAT IS ESSENTIALLY
19 THE PUBLIC SAFETY CLUSTER --

20

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

23

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

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

3

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

6

7 **[INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN IN SPANISH]**

8

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

11

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

16

17 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS. I WANT TO SPEAK TO ITEM 1, THE REORGANIZATION,
19 AND I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO A TENURE WITH SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.
20 I HOPE THAT WE WILL GO BACK TO EVERY WEEK MEETING. WE ARE,
21 AFTER ALL, IN A CRISIS SITUATION AS YOU MENTIONED SO MANY
22 TIMES. AND SINCE WE ARE IN A CRISIS SITUATION, WE SHOULD NOT
23 MEET ONCE A WEEK, BUT WE SHOULD MAKE IT EVERY WEEK. SO I HOPE
24 THAT IS ONE OF YOUR FIRST DUTIES IS TO DO THAT. AND THE SECOND
25 IS TO REOPEN THE BOARD TO THE PUBLIC. IT IS TIME. YOU KNOW, WE

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1 CAN NO LONGER HAVE OUR -- IN NOT DOING WHAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE
2 DONE. ON ITEM 14, WE HAVE BEEN POSTPONING FOREVER. THAT'S AN
3 ITEM FOR THE HOMELESS FROM L.A.H.S.A. AND WE HAVE POSTPONING
4 IT SINCE OCTOBER 29, 2020. AND AGAIN IT GOT MOVED TO FEBRUARY
5 22, '22. THAT NEEDS TO CHANGE. SO GOOD LUCK. WELCOME TO THE
6 BOARD, AND I HOPE YOU WILL DO YOUR DUTY AND REOPEN. IT IS
7 TIME. I KNOW EVEN SO I THINK SUPERVISOR SOLIS WAS TRYING VERY
8 HARD TO DO RIGHT. SHE DIDN'T WANT TO REOPEN THE BOARD. SHE WAS
9 REALLY [INDISCERNIBLE] TO THAT. SO PLEASE DO REOPEN THE BOARD
10 AND MEET EVERY WEEK, BYE.

11

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

14

15 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JAY STEPHEN BRANTLEY.
16 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY
17 AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU
18 MAY BEGIN.

19

20 **JAY STEPHEN BRANTLEY:** MY NAME IS JAY STEPHEN BRANTLEY. I AM A
21 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT FIVE, AND I AM IN SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF
22 AGENDA ITEMS 13 AND 27 AND MAKING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. ON
23 ITEM 13, HAVING MADE A COMMITMENT TO A CARE FIRST AGENDA IN
24 ALIGNMENT WITH THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE OF L.A. COUNTY, NOTHING
25 WOULD BE MORE REGRESSIVE OR IRRESPONSIBLE THAN TO CAVE TO THE

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1 BUDGET DEMANDS OF THE VIOLENT, CORRUPT, AND ALREADY BLOATED
2 L.A.S.D. INSTEAD OF FUNDING FURTHER FAILURE, TAXPAYER MONEY
3 SHOULD INSTEAD BE DIRECTED TO COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS AND
4 SERVICES THAT WOULD ACTUALLY PREVENT CRIME BY MEETING PEOPLE'S
5 NEEDS. HAVING COMMITTED TO CLOSING JAILS, IT MAKES NO SENSE TO
6 GIVE THE DEPARTMENT MONEY TO MANAGE AN INCREASED JAIL
7 POPULATION. THE CLEAR SOLUTION WOULD BE TO ALLOCATE RESOURCES
8 NECESSARY TO DECREASE THE JAIL POPULATION. SAVE HE L.A.S.D.
9 SOME MONEY BY PUTTING IT INTO DIVERSION AND REENTRY. AND IF
10 THE JAIL POPULATION IS INCREASING BECAUSE OF RECENT CHANGES TO
11 DEPARTMENT POLICY REGARDING UNHOUSED ANGELENOS, THE PROBLEM IS
12 THE POLICY. AS A FORMER UNHOUSED PERSON MYSELF, I AM HORRIFIED
13 BY THE RETURN TO THE CRIMINALIZING PEOPLE IN NEED. L.A.S.D.
14 SHOULDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE UNHOUSED AND WOULD HAVE
15 NO NEED TO FUND THEIR HARASSMENT AND IMPRISONMENT IF WE
16 INSTEAD DIRECTED THAT MONEY TOWARD HOUSING, MENTAL HEALTH,
17 SUBSTANCE USE RECOVERY, AND HARM REDUCTION, AND OTHER SERVICES
18 THAT ACTUALLY HELP PEOPLE GET OFF THE STREET WITHOUT PUTTING
19 THEM IN JAIL. POLICING AND IMPRISONING THE UNHOUSED DOES
20 ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO CURB HOMELESSNESS, NOTHING, AND INDEED
21 MAKES IT MUCH HARDER FOR THOSE EXPERIENCES IT TO EVER ACHIEVE
22 HOUSING SECURITY, TO GAIN EMPLOYMENT, OR BECOME WHAT ANY OF US
23 THINKS IS A PRODUCTIVE MEMBER OF SOCIETY. NOW THAT I AM SUCH A
24 PERSON, I DON'T WANT MY TAX DOLLARS BEING SPENT ON POLICE
25 SETTLEMENTS. HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF OUR HARD EARNED DOLLARS

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1 HAVE BEEN USED UP IN LIEU OF REAL ACCOUNTABILITY BY L.A.S.D.
2 PERSONNEL WHO HAVE COMMITTED ASSAULT AND BATTERY,
3 DISCRIMINATION AND CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, MURDER, AND
4 RETALIATION. IF WE ARE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO MAKE L.A. SAFER AND
5 SAFE MONEY AND SAVE MONEY WHILE DOING IT, WE COULD START BY
6 MAKING THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT FINANCIALLY LIABLE FOR ITS OWN
7 MISCONDUCT. SPEAKING OF MISCONDUCT, ITEM 27, THE BOARD MUST
8 TAKE THIS REPORT SERIOUSLY AND HOLD THE L.A.S.D. ACCOUNTABLE.
9 TEN SHOOTINGS AND TWO DEATHS, 14 IN CUSTODY DEATHS, 36
10 CIVILIAN COMPLAINTS, AND 25 REGARDING CONDITIONS OF
11 CONFINEMENT DURING THIS QUARTER ALONE. AND GIVEN THAT L.A.S.D.
12 DOESN'T ALLOW O.I.G. STAFF TO MONITOR ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS
13 OF DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTINGS AND WON'T COMPLY WITH LAWFUL
14 REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTATION OF THESE INVESTIGATIONS, THESE MAY
15 BE ONLY THE INCIDENTS WE KNOW ABOUT. REFUSING TO COMPLY WITH
16 REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION IS A TRANSPARENT ATTEMPT BY THE
17 SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT TO AVOID CONSEQUENCES FOR THEIR HARMFUL
18 ACTION. THIS REPORT REVEALS THOSE ACTIONS INCLUDE SEXUAL
19 COERCION, ABUSE OF POWER, EXTREME USE OF FORCE, AND AN
20 INABILITY TO MANAGE THE CHALLENGES OF PRISON OVERCROWDING
21 CREATED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S OWN POLICIES AND THE MISUSE OF
22 THOSE POLICIES. IT IS HIGH TIME TO DECARCERATE, DEMAND
23 TRANSPARENCY, DECREASE THE FUNDING OF POLICE VIOLENCE AND
24 CORRUPTION, AND HOLD THESE PERPETRATORS OF HARM ACCOUNTABLE TO
25 THE VERY LAWS THEY HAVE SO WOEFULLY FAILED TO UPHOLD WITHIN

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1 THEIR OWN CONDUCT AS MEMBERS OF THE FORCE. FINALLY, I WANT TO
2 EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE FOR YOUR UNWAVERING SUPPORT OF VACCINE
3 ACCESS AND MASK MANDATES DURING THIS INCREDIBLY CHALLENGING
4 YEAR. 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 ELLEN GESEY. PLEASE STATE
10 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
11 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU MAY BEGIN.

12

13 **ELLEN GESEY:** HELLO, MY NAME IS ELLEN GESEY. I WILL BE
14 ADDRESSING ON AGENDA ITEMS 13, 27, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
15 I AM A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT FIVE, AND I AM CALLING TODAY IN
16 SUPPORT OF BOTH ITEMS 13 AND 27. L.A.S.D. HAS IDENTIFIED
17 SEVERAL CRITICAL ISSUES AND CHALLENGES FOR FISCAL YEAR '21-'22
18 THAT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL FUNDING IN THE FUTURE. L.A.S.D. CLAIMS
19 THAT THEY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STAFF TO ADDRESS INCREASES IN
20 JAIL POPULATION. THE SOLUTION TO INCREASES IN JAIL POPULATION
21 IS TO DECREASE THE JAIL POPULATION NOT GIVE L.A.S.D. MORE
22 FUNDING TO MAINTAIN IT. THE COUNTY'S CARE FIRST VISION IS
23 FOCUSED ON DECREASING JAIL POPULATION, CONNECTING PEOPLE TO
24 SERVICES, AND DIVERTING THEM THROUGH O.D.R. OR OTHER DIVERSION
25 PROGRAMS. THE SOLUTION IS NOT TO GIVE L.A.S.D. MORE FUNDING.

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1 IT IS TO REDUCE PRISON POPULATIONS EVEN FURTHER. L.A.S.D. HAS
2 PROVEN ITS INEFFECTUALITY, AND IN FACT WE HAVE REACHED A POINT
3 WHERE WE ARE NEEDING FUNDING TO PROTECT US FROM L.A.S.D..
4 WHERE O.D.R. HAS PROVEN, WITH A 90 PERCENT TRACK RECORD, ITS
5 ABILITY TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM RATES. L.A.S.D. HAS A MASSIVE
6 BUDGET THAT SHOULD ONLY BE REDUCED IN THE COMING YEARS. GIVING
7 L.A.S.D. MORE FUNDING IS IRRESPONSIBLE AND A DIRECT
8 CONTRADICTION OF THE COUNTY'S CARE FIRST GOAL. THE FUNDING THE
9 L.A.S.D. REQUESTS SHOULD INSTEAD GO TO COMMUNITY- BASED
10 ORGANIZATIONS THAT CAN MORE EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS THE ISSUES
11 THAT L.A.S.D. HAS OUTLINED BUT IS ENTIRELY UNEQUIPPED TO
12 ADDRESS. MORE OFFER THAN NOT, L.A.S.D. EXACERBATES THESE
13 PROBLEMS RATHER THAN SOLVING THEM. IN SHORT, THE ONLY WAY TO
14 ADDRESS THESE ISSUES IS BY DIVERTING FUNDS FROM L.A.S.D., NOT
15 GIVING THEM MORE. DESPITE THE MASSIVE BUDGET, L.A.S.D. HAS
16 CONSISTENTLY MISMANAGED AND ABUSED TAXPAYER DOLLARS WITH
17 NOTHING TO SHOW FOR IT. CONTINUOUSLY EXPANDING THE BUDGET IS
18 DRIVING AWAY VALUABLE RESOURCES THAT CAN BE SPENT SERVING THE
19 COUNTY INSTEAD OF TERRORIZING IT. ITEM 27, AGAIN, IN FAVOR.
20 THE O.I.G. REPORT HIGHLIGHTS THE EGREGIOUS MISCONDUCT, ABUSE
21 OF POWER, AND VIOLENCE COMMITTED BY L.A.S.D. THE BOARD NEEDS
22 TO TAKE THESE REPORTS SERIOUSLY AND RESPOND TO WITH AGGRESSIVE
23 DECARCERATION AND DIVESTMENT FROM L.A.S.D. RATHER THAN
24 CONTINUING TO FUND THEIR VIOLENCE. THIS QUARTER, L.A.S.D.
25 RECEIVED 25 COMPLAINTS RELATED TO CONDITIONS OF CONFINEMENT,

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1 36 COMPLAINTS RELATED TO CIVILIAN CONTACT, 10 DEPUTY INVOLVED
2 SHOOTINGS, RESULTING IN THE DEATHS OF TWO INDIVIDUALS, 14 IN
3 CUSTODY DEATHS WITH LITTLE TO NO INFORMATION ABOUT EACH ONE
4 GIVEN. IN 2021 AS A WHOLE, 44 PEOPLE HAVE DIED IN L.A.S.D.
5 CUSTODY.

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 WILL BE ANTHONY ARENAS. PLEASE
11 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY
12 AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU
13 MAY BEGIN.

14

15 **ANTHONY ARENAS:** HI, MY NAME IS ANTHONY ARENAS. I AM BORN AND
16 RAISED IN DISTRICT THREE, AND I WANTED TO SPEAK ON ITEM 13,
17 27, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. FOR ITEM 13, IN SHORT, THE
18 ONLY WAY TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES IS BY DIVERTING FUNDING FROM
19 L.A.S.D. NOT GIVING THEM MORE. DESPITE THEIR MASSIVE BUDGET,
20 L.A.S.D. HAS CONSISTENTLY MISMANAGED AND ABUSED TAXPAYER
21 DOLLARS WITH NOTHING TO SHOW FOR IT AND CONTINUOUSLY EXPANDING
22 THEIR BUDGET IS THROWING AWAY VALUABLE RESOURCES THAT COULD BE
23 SPENT SERVING THE COUNTY INSTEAD OF TERRORIZING IT. AND THEN
24 FOR ITEM 27, THIS O.I.G. REPORT HIGHLIGHTS THE EGREGIOUS
25 MISCONDUCT, ABUSE OF POWER, AND VIOLENCE COMMITTED BY L.A.S.D.

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1 THE REPORT HIGHLIGHTS THAT L.A.S.D. DOES NOT HAVE A FORMAL
2 POLICY WHEN IT COMES TO PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS FORMED BY
3 DEPUTIES ON DUTY WITH PEOPLE CURRENTLY INCARCERATED. IT SIMPLY
4 ADVISES TO USE BEST JUDGMENT, BUT THE O.I.G. HIGHLIGHTS
5 SEVERAL CASES OF DEPUTIES TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE POWER
6 IMBALANCE BETWEEN THEM AND PEOPLE INCARCERATED TO FORM NON
7 CONSENSUAL, UNETHICAL RELATIONSHIPS. THEY USE THEIR POSITIONS
8 OF POWER TO FORCE RELATIONSHIPS WHERE WOMEN EXPLICITLY STATED
9 THEY ONLY ENGAGED BECAUSE THEY WERE AFRAID AND WORRIED ABOUT
10 RETALIATION IF THEY DIDN'T. IN 2017, A DEPUTY RESPONDED TO AN
11 INVESTIGATION OF THE THE RAPE OF A MINOR BY RAPING HER AGAIN
12 HIMSELF. ALL OF THESE DEPUTIES HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED, BUT THE
13 PREVALENCE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE, ABUSE, AND COERCION AMONGST
14 DEPUTIES IS A DISTURBING EXAMPLE OF UNCHECKED POLICE
15 AUTHORITY. IT DOES NOT STEM SOLELY FROM THE LACK OF A FORMAL
16 POLICY ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS ON DUTY. THE RAPE OF A 14-YEAR-OLD
17 GIRL IS A VIOLENT CRIME THAT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN PREVENTED BY
18 A FORMAL POLICY. COMMON SENSE DICTATES THAT RELATIONSHIPS
19 FORMED WITH A SEVERE POWER IMBALANCE ARE UNETHICAL, BUT
20 NEVERTHELESS DEPUTIES REGULARLY ABUSE THEIR POWER, AND THE
21 BOARD CONTINUES TO FUND THE OPERATIONS OF A DEPARTMENT
22 TERRORIZING LOS ANGELES. POLICY CHANGES WILL NOT SOLVE THE
23 VIOLENT AND CRIMINAL CONDUCT OF L.A.S.D. THE BOARD NEEDS TO
24 TAKE THESE REPORTS SERIOUSLY AND RESPOND WITH AGGRESSIVE

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1 DECARCERATION AND DIVESTMENT FROM L.A.S.D., RATHER THAN
2 CONTINUING TO FUND THEIR VIOLENCE. I YIELD MY TIME.

3

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE JULIE MARTINEZ. PLEASE
8 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY
9 AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
10 YOU MAY BEGIN. [MUSIC].

11

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

13

14 **MODERATOR:** NEXT WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF ZEKE SANDOVAL.
15 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING
16 TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC
17 COMMENT. YOU HAY BEGIN.

18

19 **ZEKE SANDOVAL:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THIS IS ZEKE
20 SANDOVAL SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF P.A.T.H., PEOPLE ASSISTING THE
21 HOMELESS, ON ITEMS 6 AND 44D. REGARDING ITEM 6, OUR STAFF HAS
22 A STRONG WORKING RELATIONSHIP AT HARBOR U.C.L.A. HOSPITAL
23 LINKING HOUSING RESOURCES TO PATIENTS WHO MIGHT BE EXITING THE
24 HOSPITAL INTO THE STREETS OR OTHERWISE UNSTABLE HOUSING
25 PATIENTS WHOSE EXPERIENCE WITH HOMELESSNESS LED THEM TO THE

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1 HOSPITAL, HOUSING AND THE NECESSARY SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES ARE
2 NOT AVAILABLE AT THE MOMENT AND PACE NECESSARY. D.H.S. AND
3 D.M.H. STAFF, THOUGH, CAN BE TRAINED TO ENSURE THAT
4 PARTICIPANTS ARE RECEIVING THE SUPPORT THEY NEED TO REMAIN
5 BOTH PHYSICALLY AND BEHAVIORALLY HEALTHY FOR PATIENTS WHO ARE
6 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS WHILE THEY ARE CONNECTED TO CASE
7 MANAGEMENT. SECURITY STAFF CAN SUPPORT THAT WORK AS LONG AS
8 THEY MAINTAIN A COMMITMENT TO DEESCALATION AND MINIMAL
9 DISRUPTION. REGARDING ITEM 44D, OUR CITY AND PARTNERS ARE
10 COMMITTED TO HOUSING THEIR CONSTITUENTS EXPERIENCING
11 HOMELESSNESS. MEASURE H ENABLES SERVICE PROVIDERS LIKE US TO
12 EXPAND OUR REACH TO ENCOMPASS THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES.
13 WE KNOW THE PANDEMIC HAS DELAYED INNUMERABLE SERVICES, THOUGH,
14 AND OUR PARTNERS AND LOCAL CITY GOVERNMENTS ACROSS THE COUNTY
15 ARE NO EXCEPTION. SO APPROACHING THOSE CITIES WITH PATIENCE,
16 UNDERSTANDING, AND TRUST ALLOWS THEM AND US TO TAILOR OUR
17 STRATEGIES TO DIVERSE NEIGHBORHOODS AND INDIVIDUALS. EXTENDING
18 THESE LOCAL HOMELESSNESS PLAN DEADLINES IS THE RIGHT MOVE. WE
19 THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND BARGER FOR SPONSORING THIS MOTION,
20 AND WE CONGRATULATE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR HER ELECTION AS
21 CHAIR OF THE BOARD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

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

5

6 **RICHARD HERNANDEZ:** HI, MY NAME IS RICHARD HERNANDEZ. I'M
7 DIRECTOR OF [INDISCERNIBLE] OR WE ARE IN THE SAFE HARBOR
8 TOGETHER. I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL ITEM 1D FOR THE
9 HOUSING REVENUE BONDS FOR WALNUT PARK FOR \$30 MILLION AND
10 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE COST AND IMPACT OF BONDS FOR
11 SEVERAL ITEMS. FIRST I WANT TO THANK CHAIRMAN HILDA SOLIS,
12 AGAIN, AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
13 BRING TO YOU THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL PLATFORM EXPRESSLY DEVELOPED
14 TO PROVIDE THE COUNTY WITH LONG TERM COST SAVINGS WITH BONDS,
15 WHICH WILL HELP WITH OUR FINANCIAL RECOVERY. SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
16 YOU ASKED ME TO EXPLAIN HOW OUR PROCESS WORKS AND ITS CLAIM TO
17 BE ABLE TO SAVE THE COUNTY ONE BILLION DOLLARS OF INTEREST ON
18 A ONE AND A HALF BILLION DOLLAR BOND. IT STARTS NOT ONLY WITH
19 THE INTEREST THE COUNTY IS BEING CHARGED, BUT ALSO THE
20 STRUCTURE TO WHICH TRANSFORMS AND RAISES THE APPROVED INTEREST
21 CHARGE TO ACTUALLY 10 TIMES HIGHER THAN WHAT YOU ARE LED TO
22 BELIEVE. THIS STUNNING REVELATION IS MADE KNOWN BY OUR
23 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TEAM. AND AS A COMPARISON TO HELP
24 BEST EXPLAIN, THE COUNTY HAD PLANNED TO CONVERT THE MEN'S
25 COUNTY JAIL TO A WOMENS' FACILITY AND THE ORIGINAL ESTIMATE OF

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1 CONVERSION WAS ONE AND A HALF BILLION DOLLARS. TO FINANCE THE
2 PROJECT FOR 35 YEARS AT 5 PERCENT, THE PROJECTED PAYMENTS
3 WOULD BE 7 AND OVER A HALF MILLION DOLLARS A MONTH. AFTER 35
4 YEARS WITH THESE PAYMENTS, THE \$1.5 BILLION PROJECT WILL COST
5 YOU \$3.2 BILLION WITH INTEREST. YOUR ACCRUED INTEREST COMPUTES
6 TO 53 PERCENT, NOT 5 PERCENT. HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE? ANALYTICS
7 SHOW THAT ONLY \$1.3 MILLION OF YOUR FIRST PAYMENT OF \$7.5
8 MILLION IS APPLIED TO THE PRINCIPLE, WHILE \$6.25 MILLION IS
9 PAID TO INTEREST. IF YOU CONTINUE AS USUAL, AFTER 19 YEARS,
10 YOU WOULD STILL BE PAYING OVER 50 PERCENT OF YOUR PAYMENT TO
11 INTEREST AND STILL OWE \$1 BILLION. E.S.H.C. FACTORS OFF 15
12 YEARS OF MONTHLY PAYMENTS REDUCING THE DEBT TERM FROM 35 YEARS
13 TO 20 YEARS SAVING THE COUNTY 180 PAYMENTS OF \$7.5 MILLION,
14 TOTALING OVER \$1 BILLION SAVED. AFTER 20 YEARS WITH THE BOND,
15 YOU CAN SAVE \$1 BILLION OR STILL OWE 180 PAYMENTS FOR ANOTHER
16 15 YEARS.

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

20
21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF DONALD
22 HARLAND. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE
23 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING ON GENERAL
24 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1 **DONALD HARLAND:** HI, MY NAME IS DONALD HARLAND, ADDRESSING
2 AGENDA ITEM 1D, NUMBER 24, 25, NUMBER 19, AND GENERAL COMMENT.

3

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

5

6 **DONALD HARLAND:** ITEM 1D, 7600 PACIFIC BOULEVARD, I DON'T KNOW
7 WHO REALLY OWNS THAT. I WAS LOOKING. I AM SORRY. I DON'T WANT
8 TO MESS UP SOMEBODY'S DEAL IF THIS IS A LEGITIMATE DEAL, BUT I
9 DON'T KNOW. IT LOOKS KIND OF FUNNY. THE COUNTY ASSESSOR
10 REPORT FOR ITEM 1D, IT LOOKS LIKE THERE IS AN I.D. CHANGE AND
11 THE ADDRESS ON THE AGENDA DOESN'T REALLY MATCH THE ASSESSOR
12 REPORTS. THERE'S -- PEOPLE HAVE APPLIED DIFFERENT ADDRESSES. I
13 JUST THINK THIS IS SOMETHING THAT YOU COULD DO MORE DUE
14 DILIGENCE AND LOOK AT IT. IT LOOKS LIKE THE COUNTY ASSESSOR
15 REPORT IS BACK DATED TO 2011. IF THIS IS ONE OF MY PROPERTIES,
16 THEN I DON'T WANT TO LET SOMEBODY CHANGE THE ASSESSOR REPORT
17 OR TRY AND CLAIM THEY DON'T OWN IT, OR TRY AND MAKE MONEY OFF
18 IT, OR SELL SOMETHING, OR BUILD ANYTHING ON IT THAT DON'T OWN
19 IT. I DON'T REALLY KNOW. I DON'T WANT TO MESS UP SOMEBODY'S
20 DEAL, BUT THAT IS SOMETHING TO LOOK AT, DUE DILIGENCE, NUMBER
21 1D, OKAY. AGENDA ITEM 24 AND 25, MARINA DEL RAY, THERE'S LOTS
22 OF REAL ESTATE FRAUD OVER THERE. IT SAYS THAT YOU GUYS ARE
23 TRYING TO LEASE PARCEL 65R AND 131S FOR U.C.L.A. I DON'T KNOW
24 IF YOU ARE PAYING THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY FOR THAT OR YOU
25 GUYS ARE PAYING YOURSELVES. THAT IS SOMETHING THAT REALLY

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1 NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT OVER THERE AT MARINA DEL RAY, WHAT IS
2 GOING ON OVER THERE. THERE'S LOTS OF REAL ESTATE FRAUD. AND
3 THE DESCRIPTION IN THE AGENDA FOR ITEMS NUMBER 24 AND 25 ARE
4 KIND OF VAGUE. IT DOES NOT REALLY SHOW THE LOCATIONS ON ANY OF
5 THE MAPS, OR MAYBE WE CAN FIND OUT A LITTLE MORE. ALSO IT IS
6 RISKY OVER THERE IN MARINA DEL RAY. MY PROPERTY ASSESSOR TAX
7 CODE IS 0. IT'S 0. I HAVE A LOT OF SPOTS OVER THERE. AND I
8 DON'T WANT PEOPLE BUILDING THINGS OR DOING THINGS OVER THERE
9 THEY ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO, OR THE COUNTY MAKING LEASES FOR
10 STUFF OVER THERE THAT THEY ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO. JUST SOMETHING
11 TO LOOK AT. OKAY AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 19, THE BOOK BY MAIL/EMAIL
12 VERIFICATION, YEAH, I HAD A PROBLEM WITH THE RECALL ELECTION.
13 THEY ARE ABLE TO SUBMIT A FORM BACK TO YOU THAT SAYS YOU
14 DIDN'T SIGN YOUR BALLOT, EVEN IF YOU DID. SO THIS IS A
15 PROBLEM. WHAT THEY HAVE YOU DO IS THEY SEND YOU A PAPER BACK
16 SAYING SIGN THIS BLANK PIECE OF PAPER, AND WE WILL APPLY IT TO
17 YOUR BALLOT. IT LOOKS REALLY SHAKY, THIS SYSTEM THAT THEY
18 HAVE. THEY WERE ABLE TO DISCOUNT MY VOTE FOR THE RECALL
19 ELECTION. I VOTED TO RECALL HIM, BUT IT DIDN'T COUNT BECAUSE
20 IT SAYS IT WASN'T SIGNED, EVEN THOUGH I HAD SIGNED IT. SO
21 THERE IS SOMETHING FUNNY GOING ON IN THERE. THEY HAVE SOMEBODY
22 FOUND ANOTHER LEVEL TO CHANGE ELECTIONS IN THERE. JUST TAKE A
23 LOOK AT AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 19.

24

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

3

4 **DONALD HARLAND:** I'M A LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT THE BOARD OF
5 SUPERVISORS SOCIAL PROGRAMMING, THIS WAS SOME ITEMS ON THERE,
6 THAT --

7

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

9

10 **DONALD HARLAND:** YES?

11

12 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WE ARE GOING TO GO TO THE LINE OF
13 LINDSAY VERITY. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
14 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
15 PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

16

17 **LINDSAY VERITY:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE MEMBERS. MY NAME IS
18 LINDSAY VERITY. AND I WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEMS 3, 4, AND 5,
19 NOT GENERAL COMMENT. I AM AN ATTORNEY WITH THE CHILDREN'S LAW
20 CENTER OF CALIFORNIA. AND WE ARE THE COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEYS
21 FOR THE MORE THAN 30,000 CHILDREN IN LOS ANGELES WHO ARE IN
22 FOSTER CARE. I WORK EXCLUSIVELY WITH OUR NON-MINOR DEPENDENT
23 CLIENTS, YOUTH 18 TO 21, WHO HAVE CHOSEN TO STAY IN FOSTER
24 CARE BECAUSE THEY STILL NEED OUR HELP. THE HOUSING ISSUES
25 FACING THESE OLDER YOUTH HAS REACHED THE POINT OF CRISIS. I AM

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1 JUST ONE OF MANY LAWYERS, AND I HAVE AT LEAST 30 CURRENT OR
2 FORMER CLIENTS WHO ARE NOT SURE WHERE THEY ARE GOING TO LIVE
3 ON JANUARY 1ST. IT IS A VERY SCARY TIME FOR THEM. WITHOUT
4 STABLE HOUSING, THEIR ABILITY TO STAY IN SCHOOL OR KEEP A JOB
5 IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE. JUST LAST WEEK, ONE CLIENT SAID TO ME, I
6 AM FIGHTING FOR MY LIFE OUT HERE. ENSURING THAT L.A.H.S.A.,
7 D.P.S.S., AND D.C.F.S. ARE WORKING TOGETHER IS ONE WAY WE CAN
8 HELP YOUTH ACCESS THE POST-FOSTER CARE SERVICES, WHICH OFTEN
9 FEEL NEBULOUS, AND NAVIGATING THE SYSTEM ISN'T EASY. HOUSING
10 NAVIGATORS ARE ALSO CRITICAL TO HELPING OUR YOUTH OBTAIN THE
11 LIMITED HOUSING THAT ACTUALLY IS AVAILABLE. THERE ALSO NEEDS
12 TO BE HOUSING TO ACCESS, WHICH IS WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT THAT
13 WE INCREASE THE NUMBER OF TRANSITIONAL HOUSING BEDS THAT ARE
14 AVAILABLE. MY CLIENTS TYPICALLY DON'T HAVE EVERYTHING
15 NECESSARY TO GET THEIR OWN APARTMENTS. THEY DON'T HAVE CREDIT.
16 THEY DON'T HAVE SOMEONE WHO CAN CO-SIGN A LEASE FOR THEM, AND
17 THEY DON'T HAVE A JOB MAKING TWO TO THREE TIMES THE MONTHLY
18 RENT. THEY NEED OUR SUPPORT. WE COMMEND AND THANK SUPERVISOR
19 SOLIS FOR THESE IMPORTANT MOTIONS AND FOR HER ONGOING FIGHT TO
20 ENSURE OUR CLIENTS HAVE THE SUPPORT THEY NEED AS THEY LOSE
21 THEIR FOSTER CARE BENEFITS. WE URGE YOUR SUPPORT OF THESE
22 MOTIONS, THANK YOU.

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

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1

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

6

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

9

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

12

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

17

18 **CHRISTIAN RAMIREZ:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MY NAME IS CHRISTIAN
19 RAMIREZ, AND I AM THE POLICY DIRECTOR FOR SERVICE EMPLOYEES
20 INTERNATIONAL UNION UNITED SERVICE WORKERS WEST. I'LL BE
21 SPEAKING ON ITEMS 44B AND ITEM 14 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
22 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, I WANT TO APPRECIATE THE LEADERSHIP OF
23 SUPERVISOR SOLIS DURING THIS VERY DIFFICULT MOMENT, AS THE
24 IMPORTANT MITCHELL NOW SUPERVISOR MITCHELL WILL NOW BE TAKING
25 ON. ITEM 10, WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR ASKING THE

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1 BOARD TO ADOPT A VACCINATION POLICY FOR CONTRACT WORKERS, WHO
2 INTERACT WITH THE PUBLIC AND WORK ALONGSIDE COUNTY WORKERS.
3 THIS IS ANOTHER IMPORTANT STEP IN OUR FIGHT AGAINST COVID. IT
4 WILL ACTUALLY HELP PROTECT WORKER AND PUBLIC SAFETY. AND ON
5 ITEM 44B, WE REPRESENT ESSENTIAL WORKERS, WHO HAVE BEEN ON THE
6 FRONTLINES OF THE PANDEMIC AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE HERE TO
7 KEEP L.A. COUNTY WORKING, AND THE L.A. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
8 NEEDS TO ACT LIKE OUR HEALTHCARE MATTERS. IT IS TIME TO ACT.
9 WE NEED THE BOARD TO SUPPORT SUPPLEMENTAL ITEM 44B HEALTHCARE
10 FOR CONTRACTED EMPLOYEES. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO
11 ENSURE WE REWARD THE TREMENDOUS SACRIFICE THAT COUNTY
12 CONTRACTED WORKERS HAVE MADE DURING THIS PANDEMIC. MANY OF
13 THEM ARE BLACK AND BROWN WORKERS, AND WE ENCOURAGE ALL
14 SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT THIS AGENDA ITEM THAT HAS BEEN
15 CHAMPIONED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THANK YOU FOR THIS
16 OPPORTUNITY.

17

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

20

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

25

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1 **SIMONE TREKLEE:** THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
2 IS SIMONE TREKLEE, AND I AM CALLING JOHN BURTON ADVOCATES FOR
3 YOUTH. I AM CALLING TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF ITEMS 3, 4, AND 5.
4 FIRST, WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD FOR THEIR COMMITMENT
5 TO YOUTH EXITING THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO
6 THANK D.C.F.S. FOR WORKING DILIGENTLY WITH THEIR PARTNERS TO
7 ENSURE THAT YOUTH FACING THE HOUSING CRISIS ARE EXITING TO
8 STABLE HOUSING. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD FOR
9 THEIR MOTIONS TO ACCEPT THE COUNTY'S FUNDING FOR THE HOUSING
10 NAVIGATORS PROGRAM, WHICH IN L.A. PROVIDE CRITICAL SERVICES
11 FOR FORMER FOSTER YOUTH OF SPECIALIZED HOUSING VOUCHERS, AND
12 FOR THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM, WHICH PROVIDES
13 AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TO FORMER FOSTER
14 YOUTH. WE THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR THESE MOTIONS AND FOR HER
15 SUPPORT OF TRANSITIONING FOSTER YOUTH. THANK YOU.

16

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

19

20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF RUDY
21 MADA. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
22 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL
23 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

24

25 **RUDY MADA:** YES, HELLO, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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1

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

3

4 **RUDY MADA:** YES, HI. MY NAME IS RUDY MADA. I AM WITH A.R.C. AND
5 MAKING A PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE ANKLE MONITOR SITUATION. I JUST
6 WANT TO BRIEFLY EXPLAIN. SO, I WAS INCARCERATED AT THE AGE OF
7 15. I DID 15 YEARS. I GOT OUT OF JUNE 20TH. I WAS NOT PLACED
8 ON AN ANKLE MONITOR IMMEDIATELY. I WAS PLACED ON AN ANKLE
9 MONITOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS LATER, AND YOU KNOW, ON A
10 TECHNICALITY, I HAVE BEEN GOING BACK AND FORTH WITH THE PAROLE
11 DEPARTMENT. AND THEY ARE SAYING JUST TO PLAY IT SAFE, WE ARE
12 GOING TO HAVE YOU HAVE AN ANKLE MONITOR. AND I UNDERSTAND THE
13 NEED FOR ANKLE MONITORS FOR HIGH-RISK OR WHATEVER THE
14 STANDARDS ARE. I DON'T REALLY KNOW. BUT I UNDERSTAND THERE IS
15 A NEED FOR IT FOR SOME INDIVIDUALS, BUT FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO
16 IS TRYING TO GET HIS LIFE BACK IN ORDER, WHO IS DOING GOOD,
17 WHO IS WORKING, WHO IS GOING TO -- I WAS AT THE COUNTY JAIL
18 LAST WEEK. WE WERE HANDING OUT [INDISCERNIBLE] WITH HUMAN
19 RESOURCES. WE ARE DOING VACCINATIONS. I FEED THE HOMELESS ON
20 FRIDAY. AND I REALLY AM PART OF THE POLICY TEAM. I AM A
21 CREDIBLE MESSENGER, AND JUST BEING ON AN ANKLE MONITOR, IT IS
22 DEGRADING. IT DIGS INTO YOUR SKIN. IT IS BIG. IT IS BULKY. I
23 ACTUALLY CAME BACK FROM MY PAROLE OFFICER EARLIER TODAY
24 BECAUSE THE DEVICE, THE CHARGING DEVICE, MALFUNCTIONED. ON
25 WEDNESDAY, I TOLD HIM. AND ON FRIDAY --

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1

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

4

5 **RUDY MADA:** AND HE DID NOT CARE. AND BECAUSE HE DID NOT CARE, I
6 COULD HAVE EASILY BEEN SENT BACK TO THE COUNTY JAIL FOR
7 VIOLATING --

8

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

10

11 **MODERATOR:** NEXT WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF GEORGE GONZALES.
12 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY
13 AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU
14 MAY BEGIN.

15

16 **GEORGE GONZALES:** [AWAITING TRANSLATION].

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, WE WILL NOW HEAR THE ENGLISH
19 INTERPRETATION OF THIS PUBLIC COMMENT.

20

21 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JULIO. I WORK FOR
22 RANCHOS AMIGOS. I HAVE WORKED THERE FOR OVER 10 YEARS. I
23 CURRENTLY EARN A LOW SALARY, AND I CANNOT AFFORD MEDICAL
24 COSTS. I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT WE HAVE TO DO MORE IN MY CASE
25 TO TRY AND SUPPORT OUR SALARY SO WE CAN AFFORD FOR ITEMS. I

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1 ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT I AM IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 4B, THAT THE
2 SUPERVISORS SHOULD ACT BECAUSE IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO HAVE
3 MEDICAL COVERAGE. THANK YOU.

4

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

7

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

12

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

14

15 **PAMELA GARCIA:** [AWAITING TRANSLATION].

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, WE WILL NOW HEAR THE ENGLISH
18 INTERPRETATION OF THIS PUBLIC COMMENT.

19

20 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS PAMELA DIAS GARCIA. I
21 HAVE WORKED FOR OVER THREE YEARS IN THE MEDICAL FIELD. DURING
22 THE PANDEMIC, OUR WORK IS IMPORTANT. WE CANNOT BACK DOWN
23 BECAUSE IF WE DO, THE PANDEMIC WILL CONTINUE. WE HAVE TO WORK
24 ON A DAILY BASIS, HOWEVER, WE PUT OUR OURSELVES AT RISK AT ALL
25 TIMES. I ALSO WANTED TO SAY THAT OUR SALARY IS LOW, AND WE

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1 HAVE TO MAKE THE CHOICE WHETHER TO PAY FOR INSURANCE OR PAY
2 FOR OUR RENT BECAUSE OF OUR LOW SALARIES. I HAVE TO GO TO
3 WALGREENS OR YOUR LOCAL 99 CENT STORE IN ORDER TO KEEP COSTS
4 DOWN FOR MY MEDICAL SUPPLIES. I AM CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM
5 4B BECAUSE WE ARE ESSENTIAL WORKERS, THANK YOU.

6

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

9

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

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WE WILL HEAR A SPANISH INTERPRETATION OF
15 THIS REMINDER. [SPANISH INTERPRETATION].

16

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

19

20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MICHAEL MENDOZA. PLEASE
21 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY
22 AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU
23 MAY BEGIN.

24

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1 **MICHAEL MENDOZA:** HI, YES, THANK YOU. MY NAME IS MICHAEL
2 MENDOZA WITH THE ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION, AND I WILL BE
3 SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU SUPERVISOR HILDA
4 SOLIS AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. AT
5 A.R.C., WE AGREE WITH THE VISION THAT BRINGS PEOPLE HOME,
6 ESPECIALLY INNOCENT PEOPLE THAT HAVE NOT BEEN FOUND GUILTY. WE
7 HAVE TO DO ALL WE CAN TO PULL PEOPLE OUT AND PROVIDE THEM WITH
8 THE SERVICES THEY NEED WHILE WE CONTINUE TO WORK WITH ALL
9 STAKEHOLDERS, ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED AND
10 UNDERSTAND THE PRIVILEGE FREEDOM GIVES US TO FIND ALTERNATIVE
11 SOLUTIONS TO INCARCERATION. EVERY INCH OF FREEDOM WE CAN
12 PROVIDE CAN SAVE LIVES. EVEN IF ELECTRONIC MONITORING IS AN
13 OPTION, AT LEAST IT IS NOT INCARCERATION. THOSE OF US THAT
14 HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED ARE GRATEFUL FOR ANY ALTERNATIVES UNTIL
15 WE CAN GET IT RIGHT. I WOULD RATHER BE FREE WITH MY FAMILY
16 THAN IN A CELL. AND WE MUST FIND A BALANCE TO WHAT THAT LOOKS
17 LIKE. THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

18

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

21

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

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1

2 **HYLA GANTAN:** HELLO. MY NAME IS HYL A GANTAN, ADVOCACY INTERN
3 WITH THE ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION. I AM HERE TO PROVIDE
4 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING TO
5 INCARCERATION DRAWING FROM MY OWN EXPERIENCE AS A PERSON WHO
6 WAS ON ANKLE MONITOR FOR THE REMAINDER OF MY SENTENCE. HAVING
7 THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE PRESENT WITHIN THE COMMUNITY ALLOWED ME
8 TO ENGAGE AND GIVE BACK WHILE ALSO ALLOWING ME TO PARTICIPATE
9 IN PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT PROMOTED MY OWN SUCCESSFUL
10 REENTRY. THROUGH ELECTRONIC MONITORING, I WAS ABLE TO CONTINUE
11 MY COLLEGE EDUCATION TO COMPLETE MY BACHELOR'S DEGREE, ENGAGE
12 IN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING, AND EVENTUALLY OBTAIN A
13 STABLE JOB TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ECONOMIC GROWTH OF THE STATE.
14 THIS IS THE EXACT TRAJECTORY THAT SOCIETY EXPECTS FORMERLY
15 INCARCERATED PEOPLE TO DO WITH LIMITED RESOURCES. THIS RE-
16 EMPHASIZES THE NEED FOR ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING THAT ALLOWS
17 THOSE WHO EXPERIENCE INCARCERATION TO REENTER SOCIETY AS
18 PRODUCTIVE AND VALUABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS. WE HAVE TO DO ALL
19 WE CAN TO PULL PEOPLE OUT OF THE OPPRESSIVE SYSTEM AND PROVIDE
20 THEM WITH THE SERVICES THEY NEED WHILE WE CONTINUE TO WORK
21 WITH ALL STAKEHOLDERS, ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN
22 INCARCERATED AND UNDERSTAND THE PRIVILEGE FREEDOM GIVES US, TO
23 FIND ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS TO INCARCERATION. 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 SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF ESTEBAN
5 NUNEZ. PLEASE STATE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE
6 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL
7 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

8

9 **ESTEBAN NUNEZ:** THAT YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE GENERAL
10 PUBLIC COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. MY
11 NAME IS ESTEBAN NUNEZ. I AM THE STATE DIRECTOR OF ADVOCACY AND
12 COMMUNITY ORGANIZING WITH THE ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION. WE
13 ENTIRELY SUPPORT DOING ALL THAT WE CAN TO BRING PEOPLE HOME,
14 PROTECT THEIR LIBERTY, AND ELIMINATE THE HARMS THAT OUR
15 SYSTEMS CAUSE. AS FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS, WE ARE
16 FAR TO FAMILIAR WITH THE HARMFUL REALITIES OF INCARCERATION,
17 BEING DISCONNECTED FROM YOUR FAMILY, STRIPPED OF YOUR DIGNITY,
18 HUMILIATED REGULARLY, AND LET'S NOT FORGET INCARCERATION
19 EXACERBATES ALL UNDERLYING MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS. ANKLE
20 MONITORS, ALTHOUGH NOT AN IDEAL ALTERNATIVE, STILL PRESENTS A
21 BETTER OPTION THAN THE STATUS QUO. WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING TO
22 ENSURE THAT THOSE RELEASED PRE TRIAL WILL INCUR NO COST TO
23 THEM. I BELIEVE WE NEED TO UTILIZE ALTERNATIVES LIKE THIS
24 UNTIL WE CAN DISMANTLE OUR SYSTEMS BECAUSE THE SUFFERING AND
25 THE HARM OF INCARCERATION DOESN'T STOP OR WAIT FOR US. AND

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1 ONLY -- AND ANY WINDOW OF FREEDOM CAN BRING HOPE TO PEOPLE.

2 THANK YOU.

3

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF RICHARD
8 HERNANDEZ. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE
9 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL
10 PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

11

12 **RICHARD HERNANDEZ:** HELLO. YES, BOARD, I AM SORRY. I THOUGHT I
13 HAD A LITTLE BIT MORE TIME. AND SO, I AM ADDRESSING ITEM 1D
14 AND PUBLIC COMMENT. TO CONCLUDE, AS A GAUGE ABOUT OUR PROCESS,
15 WHICH IS COPYRIGHT AND IS PATENT PENDING FOR THE BOARD, IN THE
16 FIRST MONTH, WE WILL SAVE THE COUNTY \$45.4 MILLION BY
17 ELIMINATING SIX PAYMENTS, AT A COST OF LESS THAN \$1 MILLION.
18 MR. LARRY LORD, A STATE OF CALIFORNIA LICENSED BROKER WILL BE
19 ABLE TO VERIFY THE ACCURACY OF THE NUMBERS AND THE ABOVE
20 PROJECTIONS I SHARED WITH YOU. UTILIZING THE PLATFORM, WE WILL
21 HAVE YOU PAYMENT FREE AFTER PAYMENT 240, NOT 420 MONTHS. WE DO
22 NOT TOUCH OR HANDLE ANY FUNDS. WE DO NOT REPRESENT LENDERS OR
23 BANKS, FOREIGN OR DOMESTIC, AND WE DON'T SHARE INFORMATION.
24 THE PLATFORM CAN BE APPLIED AT THE START OF THE TERM OR EVEN
25 SEVEN YEARS LATER. I ENCOURAGE AND LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING THE

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1 BOARD REVIEW THE INFORMATION I PROVIDED. I LOOK FORWARD TO IT.

2 THANK YOU.

3

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

6

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

11

12 **ANTHONY LOGAN:** HELLO, MY NAME IS ANTHONY LOGAN. I AM HERE WITH
13 THE ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION. I WILL BE MAKING A GENERAL
14 PUBLIC COMMENT ABOUT ALTERNATIVE CUSTODY PLACEMENT, SUCH AS
15 THE ANKLE MONITOR. COMING FROM -- I JUST DID 12 YEARS IN
16 PRISON. I LEFT AT THE AGE OF 18. I RETURNED AT 31, AND THE
17 ANKLE MONITOR ALLOWED ME TO COME HOME TO FINISH DOING MY
18 SENTENCE AS WELL AS GIVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO DECOMPRESS
19 BEFORE GOING BACK ALL THE WAY INTO SOCIETY VERSUS JUST BEING
20 SHOT FROM PRISON STRAIGHT TO HOME. IT LET ME OBTAIN MY
21 DOCUMENTS, MY LICENSE, MY SOCIAL SECURITY CARD, MY BIRTH
22 CERTIFICATE, AS WELL AS START LOOKING FOR EMPLOYMENT AND
23 MYSELF GO AND GET STARTED IN SOCIETY AHEAD OF TIME VERSUS ME
24 HAVING SITTING THERE IN PRISON AND ROT BECAUSE PRISON REALLY
25 DOESN'T HABILITATE YOU. BUT BEING ABLE TO COME BACK INTO

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1 SOCIETY AND GET BACK TO HUMANITY, IT REALLY GIVES YOU THE
2 OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO BEING PLACED ON AN ANKLE MONITOR. THANK
3 YOU.

4

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

7

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

12

13 **WAYNE FEATHERY:** OKAY. MY NAME IS WAYNE FEATHERY, I AM A
14 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT TWO. I WANT TO SUPPORT THE SUPPLEMENTAL
15 AGENDA ITEM 44B, HEALTHCARE FOR CONTRACTED EMPLOYEES. AS I
16 SAID BEFORE, MY NAME IS WAYNE FEATHERY, AND I HAVE BEEN
17 WORKING AT M.L.K. HOSPITAL AS A SECURITY OFFICER FOR JUST
18 ABOUT 20 YEARS. WORKING THROUGH THE PANDEMIC HAS MADE IT VERY
19 UNSAFE FOR ME AND MY COWORKERS. WE ARE DEALING WITH THE PUBLIC
20 EVERY DAY, AND WE DON'T KNOW WHO HAS COVID AND WHO DOESN'T.
21 HEALTH INSURANCE IS ESSENTIAL RIGHT NOW BECAUSE WE ARE STUCK
22 BETWEEN MAKING TOO MUCH MONEY TO QUALIFY FOR MEDI-CAL AND NOT
23 MAKING ENOUGH TO PAY FOR THE INSURANCE OUT OF POCKET. I DO NOT
24 HAVE HEALTHCARE BECAUSE I CAN'T AFFORD IT. AND IT HAS BEEN
25 SOME TIME. AND ALSO, I CAN'T AFFORD TO STAY HOME IF I GET

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1 SICK. IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS, MY WIFE IS GOING TO BE -- IS GOING
2 TO HAVE TRIPLETS, AND I AM NOT SURE HOW WE ARE GOING TO PAY
3 THE HOSPITAL BILLS. WE ESSENTIAL WORKERS HAVE BEEN ON THE
4 FRONTLINE OF THE PANDEMIC AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE HERE TO KEEP
5 L.A. RUNNING, AND THE L.A. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NEEDS TO ACT
6 ON OUR HEALTH MATTERS. IT IS TIME TO ACT. WE NEED THE BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT AGENDA 44B, HEALTHCARE FOR CONTRACTED
8 EMPLOYEES. THANK YOU.

9

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

12

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

17

18 **STACY VEGA:** [AWAITING SPANISH TRANSLATION].

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, WE WILL HEAR THE ENGLISH
21 INTERPRETATION OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT.

22

23 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS STACY VEGA. I AM CALLING
24 ON BEHALF OF A TENANT COMMUNITY GROUP FOR JORDAN DOWNS. THE
25 NEW BUILDINGS, THE ELECTRICAL BILLS ARE EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE.

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1 THEY ARE OVER \$400. WE CANNOT ACCESS THE PUBLIC MEETINGS THAT
2 THEY HAD FOR COMMUNITY GROUP. THEY HAVE HAD THE MEETINGS VIA
3 ZOOM, HOWEVER, WE CANNOT ACCESS THOSE. THE NEW BUILDINGS WERE
4 DONE IN SECRECY. THE LATINO COMMUNITY AND THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN
5 COMMUNITY WERE NOT INFORMED. ALSO, THE ULTIMATUM WAS GIVEN TO
6 US TO SIGN OR LEAVE. MANY OF US CANNOT QUALIFY. THEY WERE
7 ASKING US TO JUST BASICALLY SIGN A BLANK CHECK. PLEASE, WE ARE
8 ASKING FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE. THANK YOU.

9

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF AMELIA
14 DORDA. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE
15 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL
16 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN. [FEEDBACK].

17

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

19

20 **AMELIA DORDA:** [AWAITING TRANSLATION].

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, WE WILL NOW HEAR THE ENGLISH
23 INTERPRETATION OF THIS PUBLIC COMMENT.

24

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1 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD MORNING, I AM A RESIDENT OF THE JORDAN DOWNS
2 COMMUNITY. THEY WANT US TO MOVE FROM ONE APARTMENT. THEY DO
3 NOT HAVE HOOK UPS FOR LAUNDRY, FOR WASHER AND DRYER. AND
4 ALSO, THEY DO NOT HAVE AN AREA FOR THE CHILDREN TO PLAY. THE
5 LIGHT BILL IS EXPENSIVE. UNFORTUNATELY, THE APARTMENTS ARE
6 ALL ELECTRIC. MANY PROMISES WERE MADE IN THE INITIAL STEPS OF
7 THE PROJECT, HOWEVER, THE PROMISES HAVE NOT BEEN FULFILLED AT
8 THIS POINT. THANK YOU.

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

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

17

18 **JACQUELINE REYES:** [AWAITING SPANISH TRANSLATION]. .

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU WE WILL HEAR THE ENGLISH
21 INTERPRETATION OF THIS PUBLIC COMMENT.

22

23 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JACQUELINE REYES. I AM
24 CALLING FROM THE JORDAN DOWNS COMMUNITY. IN 2018, A PROMISE
25 WAS MADE AND UNFORTUNATELY WAS NOT KEPT. THINGS HAVE GOTTEN

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1 WORSE FOR MY COMMUNITY. THE COMMUNITY CURRENTLY LIVES LIKE A
2 PRISON AND NOT LIKE AN ACTUAL UNDERSTOOD. MILLIONS OF DOLLARS
3 WERE SPENT AND WERE NOT -- NOT CONTINUED TO BE SO. THANK YOU
4 SO MUCH. THESE ARE MY CONCERNS.

5

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

8

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

13

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

15

16 **TRINA JUAREZ:** HELLO?

17

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

20

21 **MODERATOR:** CHAIRPERSON, AT THIS TIME, WE HAVE NO FURTHER
22 PARTICIPANTS IN QUEUE.

23

24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. TO ENSURE WE ALLOW
25 THE FULL 90 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, THE CALL IN LINE WILL

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1 REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 11:45 A.M. WE WILL TAKE IN ANY OTHER CALLERS
2 THAT COME IN BY THAT TIME. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND
3 PLEASE STAND BY. [LINE OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT UNTIL 11:45].

4

5 **[HOLD MUSIC AND MESSAGING]:** YVONNE BRATHWAITE BURKE, AND I AM
6 FORMER MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
7 I REPRESENTED DISTRICT TWO. I WAS ORIGINALLY APPOINTED TO THE
8 BOARD BY A FORMER GOVERNOR, JERRY BROWN. AND I WAS APPOINTED
9 TO A SEAT WHERE DISTRICT FOUR SUPERVISOR RETIRED JUST
10 IMMEDIATELY WITHOUT ANY NOTICE, SO THEY NEEDED TO FIND
11 SOMEONE, AND I WAS APPOINTED. I SERVED FOR THE REMINDER OF
12 THAT TERM. I WAS NOT REELECTED, SO I LEFT THE BOARD AND WENT
13 INTO PRIVATE PRACTICE. I'M AN ATTORNEY.

14

15 **HOLA. MY NAME IS LAURA MELINA, AND I AM THE SUPERVISOR OF**
16 **FIRST DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. TODAY'S CULTURE CLASH**
17 **WORD OF THE DAY IS HEPITA -- CERTAINLY, ARRIVING AT THE LOS**
18 **ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WAS NO DIFFERENT THAN WHEN**
19 **I ARRIVED AT THE STATE LEGISLATURE AS BEING THE FIRST LATINA**
20 **AND WHEN I ARRIVED IN THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL AS THE**
21 **FIRST LATINA, BUT HERE IT WAS A LITTLE DIFFERENT BECAUSE MOST**
22 **OF THE SUPERVISORS REALLY DID NOT SUPPORT ME AND WERE NERVOUS**
23 **AND WORRIED ABOUT ME. SO IT WAS KIND OF A CHILL THAT I**
24 **RECEIVED WHEN I FIRST GOT HERE, AND I DON'T WANT TO SAY THAT**
25 **IT WAS JUST BECAUSE I WAS A WOMAN. I DON'T THINK IT WAS AS**

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1 MUCH OF THAT, BUT IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE DYNAMICS OF MY
2 POLITICS, SOME OF THE BATTLES I HAD FOUGHT BEFORE, AND NOT
3 UPHOLDING THE STATUS QUO THAT THE POLITICIANS ARE COMFORTABLE
4 WITH. WHAT WE DID IS WE TREATED IT AS THOUGH WE HAVE A JOB TO
5 DO, WE HAVE GOT TO GET TO WORK, LET'S FIGURE OUT WHAT IS GOING
6 ON HERE AND HOW IT IS GOING TO GET DONE, AND ROLL UP OUR
7 SLEEVES AND GET TO IT.

8

9 >>WHEN SUPERVISOR HAHN RETIRED, HE TALKED TO ME AND SAID WE
10 WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU BACK ON THE BOARD, AND I SAID WELL IT
11 IS GOING TO BE A TOUGH ELECTION AFTER ALL OF THESE YEARS. I
12 HAVE BEEN OFF THE BOARD AND BEEN OUT OF POLITICS. SO HE SAID,
13 NO, I THINK THAT YOU CAN DO IT. AND I STARTED OUT, I WAS ABLE
14 TO GET A LOT OF SUPPORT, HAD A VERY DIFFICULT ELECTION
15 AGAINST A VERY PROMINENT APPOINTMENT, BUT FORTUNATELY, I WAS
16 ELECTED, AND I SERVED FOR 16 YEARS.

17

18 >>SUP. SOLIS: I COME FROM AN IMMIGRANT FAMILY, A WORKING-CLASS
19 FAMILY. BOTH OF MY PARENTS WERE MEMBERS OF UNIONS TRYING TO
20 EARN ENOUGH JUST TO HELP THEIR FAMILY GET BY. I UNDERSTOOD
21 VERY EARLY ON IN MY LIFE THAT GOVERNMENT COULD ACTUALLY BE AN
22 INSTRUMENT OF GOOD.

23

24 SUP. KUEHL: I WAS VERY INTERESTED IN HOW YOU CAN MAKE POLICY
25 BY CHANGING THE RULES, NOT JUST ADVOCATING. AND I LEARNED A

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1 LOT IN THE LEGISLATURE, AND I KNEW THAT ZEB WOULD BE TURNED
2 OUT ABOUT SIX YEARS AFTER I WAS OUT OF THE SENATE, SO I
3 THOUGHT THAT WOULD BE A GOOD WAY TO CONTINUE WHAT I HAD WANTED
4 TO DO MOST OF MY LIFE, WHICH WAS REALLY TO MAKE POLICY WORK
5 FOR PEOPLE WHO COULDN'T MAKE IT WORK FOR THEMSELVES.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN:** I GREW UP IN THIS POLITICAL FAMILY. IN FACT, THE
8 DAY MY MOTHER BROUGHT ME HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL AS A BABY, MY
9 DAD WAS PLANNING HIS CAMPAIGN TO BECOME A LOS ANGELES COUNTY
10 SUPERVISOR. HE WAS THERE FOR 40 YEARS, SO LITERALLY, I SPENT
11 THE FIRST 40 YEARS OF MY LIFE AS THE DAUGHTER OF A LOS ANGELES
12 COUNTY SUPERVISOR. SO I ALWAYS THOUGHT SOMEDAY I WOULD ALSO GO
13 INTO PUBLIC SERVICE. IT SEEMED LIKE THE THING OUR FAMILY
14 CHERISHED THE MOST.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** WELL, I HAVE WORKED FOR THE COUNTY FOR NOW 34
17 YEARS. I BEGAN AS A STUDENT INTERN WORKING FOR SUPERVISOR MIKE
18 ANTONOVICH AND WAS HONORED TO SERVE AS HIS CHIEF OF STAFF, AND
19 WHAT MOTIVATED ME WAS MY LOVE FOR THE COMMUNITY OF LOS ANGELES
20 AND TRULY THE COMMITMENT THAT I HAVE AS A PUBLIC SERVANT TO
21 WORKING WITH, NOT ONLY THE FIFTH DISTRICT, BUT THE COUNTY
22 CONSTITUENTS AS A WHOLE.

23

24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I THINK IT WAS A COUPLE THINGS. ONE, IT
25 WAS AN EMOTIONAL RESPONSE. I GOT ANGRY. I GOT MAD. IT WAS

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1 DURING THE GREAT RECESSION FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. I WAS
2 CRYSTAL STAIRS, THE LARGEST CHILD DEVELOPMENT AGENCY IN THE
3 COUNTRY, AND THE STATE WAS CONSIDERING CUTTING A BILLION
4 DOLLARS OUT OF SUBSIDIZED CHILDCARE PROGRAM. AND I KNEW WHAT
5 THAT WOULD DO TO OUR ECONOMY, TO A WORKING CLASS PARENT'S
6 ABILITY TO GO TO WORK WITH A HIGH LEVEL OF CONFIDENCE THAT
7 THEIR KIDS WERE SAFE AND IN A NURTURING ENVIRONMENT. I WENT TO
8 THE LEGISLATURE TO TRY TO CONVINCE THEM THAT WAS NOT IN THE
9 BEST STATE'S INTEREST, AND I DID NOT FIND ENOUGH PEOPLE, FROM
10 MY PERSPECTIVE, WHO PERSONALLY UNDERSTOOD WHAT I FELT L.A.
11 COUNTY FAMILIES WERE FACING. SO I GOT MAD ENOUGH TO RUN FOR
12 OFFICE MYSELF.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** I THINK THE GREATEST CHALLENGE FOR ME WAS THAT
15 THIS SEAT HAD NOT BEEN OPEN FOR 36 YEARS, AND THERE WERE A LOT
16 OF PEOPLE RUNNING FOR THIS OFFICE. SO I REALLY HAD TO EXPLAIN
17 WHY I WAS THE RIGHT PERSON AND WHY THIS WAS SOMETHING, FOR ME,
18 WAS NOT ABOUT ME PERSONALLY. IT WAS ABOUT TRULY GIVING BACK.
19 AND SO, IT WAS A CHALLENGE, BUT IT WAS ALSO SOMETHING THAT
20 PUSHED ME EVEN HARDER TO RUN HARDER BECAUSE IT IS SOMETHING
21 THAT I ALWAYS WANTED, AND I AM HONORED TO BE A PART OF.

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL:** WHEN I ORIGINALLY RAN IN 1994 FOR THE STATE
24 ASSEMBLY, NO GAY PERSON HAD EVER GOTTEN THROUGH EVEN A
25 PRIMARY, MUCH LESS GOTTEN ELECTED ANYTHING IN THE STATE

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1 LEGISLATURE. BUT FORTUNATELY, SINCE I HAD BEEN A T.V.
2 CELEBRITY FOR ABOUT 25 YEARS BEFORE THAT, EVERYBODY KNEW MY
3 T.V. CHARACTER FROM "DOBIE GILLIS," AND THEY KIND OF LIKED
4 HER. ZELDA GILROY WAS SMART. SHE WAS NOT POPULAR, BUT SHE WAS
5 STRONG AND KIND OF GRITTY. AND SO, IT WAS KIND OF LIKE, GEE, I
6 DON'T LIKE GAY PEOPLE, BUT I LIKE ZELDA, MAYBE I OUGHT TO
7 THINK TWICE ABOUT THIS. AND IT WAS VERY EDUCATIONAL, I THINK,
8 FOR MY CONSTITUENTS. AND YOU JUST HAD TO BE WHO YOU WERE. I
9 MEAN I GOT DEATH THREATS, I HAD TO WEAR BULLET PROOF VESTS
10 WHEN I WENT OUT TO SPEAK. IT WAS A REALLY HARD TIME. SO IF YOU
11 WANT TO KNOW ABOUT CHALLENGES, THOSE WERE THE CHALLENGES.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** WHEN I FIRST RAN FOR THE RIO HONDO COLLEGE BOARD
14 OF TRUSTEES, AS A WOMAN OF COLOR AND PROBABLY ONE OF THE
15 YOUNGEST MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AT THE TIME, THE WORLD WAS VERY
16 DIFFERENT AT THAT TIME. IT WAS DOMINATED BY MOSTLY MALES, AND
17 I HAD PEOPLE DOUBTING MY SKILLS. THEY THOUGHT I WAS TOO YOUNG.
18 THEY DIDN'T THINK I HAD ENOUGH EXPERIENCE. AND THEY SOMETIMES
19 MADE ME FEEL DOUBTFUL ABOUT MYSELF. BUT, AGAIN, I HAVE TO SAY
20 THERE WERE MANY MORE PEOPLE THAT DID SUPPORT ME AND ENCOURAGED
21 ME TO KEEP GOING AND TO BELIEVE IN MYSELF. ONE THING I LEARNED
22 WAS THAT IF YOU SURROUND YOURSELF WITH GOOD PEOPLE, THOSE
23 PEOPLE CAN HELP YOU AND INSPIRE YOU AND HELP YOU GAIN THE
24 CONFIDENCE THAT YOU NEED TO GET THE JOB DONE.

25

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AS A WOMAN, AS A WOMAN OF COLOR, A WOMAN
2 THAT CAME FROM THE NONPROFIT SECTOR, YOU KNOW, MANY OF US FACE
3 THE SAME CHALLENGES, AND IT IS DOCUMENTED RESEARCH BY ANY
4 NUMBER OF GROUPS, INCLUDING CENTER FOR THE AMERICAN WOMAN IN
5 POLITICS AT RUTGERS, IS THE CHALLENGE OF FUNDRAISING. DONORS,
6 INCLUDING WOMEN, WILL DONATE IN HIGHER AMOUNTS TO MALE
7 CANDIDATES VERSUS WOMEN. WE KNOW WOMEN STILL, IN PENNIES ON
8 THE DOLLAR, COMPARED TO MALE COUNTERPARTS, AND WOMEN OF COLOR
9 EVEN LESS. AND THAT APPLIES AS WE RUN FOR OFFICE. AND SO, WE
10 REALLY HAVE TO LOOK AT OURSELVES AS A SOCIETY. ARE WE CLEAR
11 AND COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING WOMEN IN PUBLIC OFFICE? WHEN WOMEN
12 RUN, WE WIN.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** WHEN I FIRST RAN FOR OFFICE, I HAD JUST COME OUT OF
15 A DIVORCE. I WAS A SINGLE MOTHER WITH THREE SMALL KIDS, AND IT
16 WAS, LIKE EVERY OTHER SINGLE MOTHER, I WAS BALANCING RUNNING
17 FOR OFFICE, AS WELL AS TRYING TO TAKE CARE OF MY FAMILY. MY
18 OLDER BROTHER, JIM, OF COURSE, WAS BY THEN HAD BEEN ELECTED
19 CITY ATTORNEY OF LOS ANGELES, THE CITY CONTROLLER OF LOS
20 ANGELES, AND HE WOULD BECOME THE MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES. AND MY
21 FATHER ALWAYS GROOMED HIM TO BE THE HEIR APPARENT TO POLITICS
22 IN LOS ANGELES, AND MY FATHER ASSUMED THAT I WOULD PROBABLY BE
23 HAPPILY MARRIED AND RAISE KIDS. WELL, THAT REALLY WASN'T THE
24 PATH THAT I WANTED. I HAD ALWAYS THOUGHT ABOUT GOING INTO
25 PUBLIC SERVICE MYSELF.

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2 **SPEAKER:** I WOULD SAY TO THE FIVE WOMEN SUPERVISORS TODAY THE
3 SAME THING THAT MY MOTHER SAID TO ME. IS, YOU KNOW, YOU'RE THE
4 FIRST, I WAS THE OLDEST OF 10, AND SHE SAID TO ME, YOU HAVE TO
5 SET THE EXAMPLE OF HOW WELL GOVERNMENT CAN RUN WHEN HEADED BY
6 FIVE AMAZING WOMEN DOING THEIR JOB EVERY SINGLE DAY. SO MY
7 ADVICE IS KEEP AN EYE ON WHAT'S GOING ON. MAKE US PROUD EVERY
8 SINGLE DAY. YOU'VE STILL GOT TO WORK AS HARD AS ANYONE ELSE
9 BUT REALLY REMEMBER YOU ARE SETTING THE EXAMPLE FOR EVERYONE,
10 REALLY, NOT JUST HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, BUT ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** YOU HAVE MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF ISSUES THAT NO ONE
13 REALLY HAS PREPARED FOR, HAS KNOWLEDGE OF IN HOW YOU
14 APPROACHED THOSE ISSUES. SO I SAY TO THEM, YOU HAVE MY
15 PRAYERS. YOU HAVE MY SUPPORT, AND I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE THE
16 ABILITIES TO ADDRESS ISSUES THAT HAVE NO HISTORY, NO ABILITY
17 TO CALL UPON FROM THE PAST, BUT CERTAINLY WILL HAVE AN IMPACT
18 IN THE FUTURE.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** AS SOMEONE ABOUT PUBLIC SERVICE, I LOOK FORWARD
21 TO DIVERSITY NOT ONLY FROM THE STANDPOINT OF MORE FEMALE
22 DEPARTMENT HEADS BUT ALSO DIVERSITY AS IT RELATES TO REALLY
23 REFLECTING THE TRUE POPULATION OF L.A. COUNTY AND THE
24 DIVERSITY WE HAVE IN L.A. COUNTY, AND WITH THIS BOARD, I KNOW
25 THERE IS NO END OF WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO, AND I AM EXCITED

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1 TO SEE WHAT THE FUTURE BRINGS OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS. IT IS
2 NOT ABOUT PARTISAN POLITICS, IT IS ABOUT PEOPLE.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** ABSOLUTELY, THE NUMBER ONE ISSUE IS MAKING SURE
5 THAT WE CAN PUT THIS VIRUS BEHIND US AND THEN QUICKLY MOVE
6 TOWARDS, PIVOTING TOWARDS RECOVERY, AND THAT MEANS
7 ESTABLISHING A GOOD ECONOMY THAT WORKS FOR EVERYBODY. THE
8 BOARD, IN MY OPINION, IS ONE OF THE MORE PROGRESSIVE BOARDS OF
9 SUPERVISORS THAT I HAVE SEEN IN MORE THAN A CENTURY. WITH A
10 CRISIS, I BELIEVE THERE IS OPPORTUNITY. WE HAVE A CHANCE TO
11 MOVE FORWARD AND NOT RETURN TO THE STATUS QUO, AND I BELIEVE
12 THAT THIS BOARD WILL NOT ONLY MAKE HISTORY AS THE FIRST ALL-
13 FEMALE BOARD, BUT WILL ALSO MAKE A LOT OF PROGRESS AS WELL.

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I BELIEVE GOVERNMENT IS HERE FOR US FOR
16 TIMES SUCH AS THIS. IN THE MIDDLE OF A PUBLIC HEALTH AND
17 ECONOMIC PANDEMIC, IT IS GOVERNMENT THAT HAS THE
18 RESPONSIBILITY TO STAND IN THE GAP. I WANT TO CREATE, HELP
19 L.A. COUNTY, WHERE YOU CAN OWN A HOME, RAISE YOUR CHILDREN,
20 WORK, YOUR KIDS CAN GO TO SCHOOL, YOU CAN RECREATE ALL IN YOUR
21 OWN NEIGHBORHOOD, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU SO CHOOSE. THAT'S THE
22 L.A. COUNTY I WANT TO GROW OLD IN AND RAISE MY OWN FAMILY IN.
23 I WANT TO HELP PUT MY THUMB PRINT ON CREATING THE NEXT
24 GENERATION OF COUNTY RESIDENTS.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** WE CERTAINLY HAVE A PANDEMIC THAT WE ARE WORKING
2 OUR WAY THROUGH. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO
3 VACCINATE 10 MILLION RESIDENTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. MANY
4 PEOPLE HAVE LOST THEIR JOBS, SO WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TALK
5 ABOUT REINVIGORATING OUR ECONOMY WHEN WE GET THROUGH. BUT I
6 LIKE THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BECAUSE ALL OF US BRING LIFE
7 EXPERIENCES AND A PERSPECTIVE THAT I KNOW IS READY TO MEET
8 THESE CHALLENGES. THERE ARE IMPORTANT THINGS WE HAVE DONE THAT
9 WILL ALLOW US TO MEET THESE CHALLENGES HEAD ON AND SERVE THE
10 PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN A WAY THAT THEY DESERVE.

11
12 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THINK THIS BOARD WILL ACHIEVE ANYTHING IT SETS
13 ITS MIND ON TOGETHER. EACH OF THEM IS EXPERIENCED, AND
14 INTERESTED, AND ENERGETIC ABOUT THE ISSUES THAT THEY FIND
15 COMPELLING, AND WHEN YOU PUT ALL FIVE OF US TOGETHER, THAT IS
16 EVERY ISSUE THAT THE COUNTY IS ENGAGED IN. EVERY ISSUE. SO I
17 THINK THAT NAMING A FEW THINGS THAT WE WILL ACCOMPLISH WILL
18 NOT EVEN GET TO SCRATCH THE SURFACE BECAUSE, AS I SAID, WE
19 HAVE 50 DIFFERENT MOTIONS EVERY WEEK, AND THAT IS TO MOVE THE
20 AGENDA ALONG TO TRY TO IMPROVE PEOPLE'S LIVES AND MAKE CERTAIN
21 THAT THEY GET WHAT THEY NEED, BUT ALSO THAT THEY GET THE HELP
22 THEY NEED TO HELP THEMSELVES AS WELL.

23
24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I AM SORRY TO CUT THAT AMAZING VIDEO
25 OFF. SHEILA, YOU HAD THE LAST WORD. IT WAS RIGHT ON TIME. I

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1 WANT TO THANK THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR PRODUCING IT. WE USED
2 IT TODAY TO FILL OUR TIME TO GET US TO THE APPOINTED HOUR OF
3 11:45. THERE WERE NO ADDITIONAL CALLERS THAT CALLED IN FOR
4 PUBLIC COMMENT. SO IF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WOULD LIKE TO SEE
5 THE BALANCE, I THINK THERE'S MAYBE TWO OR THREE MINUTES
6 REMAINING, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO GO TO THE COUNTY WEBSITE, AND
7 AGAIN THANKS TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR THAT AMAZING VIDEO.
8 AGAIN, OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC SPEAKERS HAS ENDED. THANK YOU TO
9 ALL THAT CALLED IN TO SPEAK. IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE
10 YOUR COMMENTS, YOU MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS AS INDICATED ON
11 THE AGENDA. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS
12 THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE
13 RECORD. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA
14 ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING, AND WE WILL ALSO BE
15 VOTING TO APPROVE THE NOMINATION OF SUPERVISOR KUEHL AS CHAIR
16 PRO TEM.

17
18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS
19 ARE BEFORE YOU, SD-1, 1D, 1 AND 2, 8, 10-12, 15-26, 28-43,
20 44A, 44D-44F, 47. ALSO BEFORE YOU IS THE APPROVAL OF THE
21 NOMINATION OF SUPERVISOR KUEHL AS THE CHAIR PRO TEM.

22
23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
24 SECONDED BY MYSELF, MITCHELL, TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS AND THE

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1 NOMINATION OF SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL AS CHAIR PRO TEM. MADAM
2 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

7

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

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

11

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

13

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

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

17

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

19 MITCHELL.

20

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

22

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

24 5-0.

25

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** TODAY, WE WILL BEGIN WITH ITEMS 3, 4,
2 AND 5, WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER, FOLLOWED BY ITEMS 6,
3 7, AND 9, THEN ITEMS 13, 27, 44B, AND 44C, AND FINISHING WITH
4 PUBLIC HEARING ON AGENDA ITEM 48. WE WILL NOW TAKE UP 3, 4,
5 AND 5, CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR TRANSITION AGED YOUTH AGING
6 OUT OF FOSTER CARE, EFFECTIVE DATE DECEMBER 31ST, 2021,
7 HOUSING NAVIGATORS FOR YOUTH, AND ROUND TWO ALLOCATION AND
8 TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM ROUND THREE ALLOCATION, HELD BY
9 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK
12 SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR COAUTHORING ITEM 3 WITH ME. IN THE
13 BEGINNING OF THE PANDEMIC, AS YOU KNOW, GOVERNOR NEWSOM ISSUED
14 AN EXECUTIVE ORDER ALLOWING A LARGE SEGMENT OF YOUTH IN FOSTER
15 CARE TO REMAIN IN FOSTER CARE PAST THEIR 21ST BIRTHDAY. I,
16 MYSELF, WAS QUITE FRANKLY RELIEVED BECAUSE THIS VERY
17 POPULATION WAS YOUTH WAS ON MY MIND, GIVEN HOW MUCH HARDSHIP
18 THAT THEY HAD ALREADY FACED, AND HERE IN L.A. COUNTY,
19 THOUSANDS OF ELIGIBLE YOUTH TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE STATE'S
20 ACTION AND STAYED IN FOSTER CARE PAST THEIR 21ST BIRTHDAY,
21 WHICH IS A GOOD THING. THIS WAS CRITICAL TO ENSURING THESE
22 YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE HOUSING STABILITY DURING THE PANDEMIC. THE
23 LAST OUTCOME WE WANTED TO SEE WHEN THESE YOUTH EXIT FOSTER
24 CARE DURING COVID-19 WAS THAT THEY WOULD END UP ON OUR
25 STREETS, HOMELESS, OUR AT RISK OF GETTING INTO OTHER TROUBLING

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1 THREATS, INCLUDING COVID-19. AND ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT WANT THIS
2 OUTCOME FOR ANY OF OUR YOUTH EXITING ANY EXTENDED FOSTER CARE,
3 IT IS EVEN MORE URGENT TO ENSURE THAT THE OVER 1,300 YOUTH WHO
4 TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE GOVERNOR'S ACTION HAVING HOUSING
5 STABILITY WHEN THE STATE LAW SUNSETS DECEMBER 31ST, 2021, OF
6 THIS YEAR. THANKS TO D.C.F.S. AND PARTNERS LIKE L.A.H.S.A.,
7 PUBLIC COUNSEL, CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER, AND THE ALLIANCE FOR
8 CHILDREN'S RIGHTS, ALMOST 1,250 YOUTH IN THIS POSITION HAVE
9 STABLE HOUSING IDENTIFIED. BUT THAT LEAVES APPROXIMATELY 50
10 YOUTH WHO DO NOT HAVE STABLE HOUSING IDENTIFIED. SO WE NEED TO
11 ENSURE THE CHANGES THAT WE IDENTIFY, STABLE HOUSING FOR ALL
12 YOUTH WHO WILL BECOME INELIGIBLE OF FOSTER CARE AT THE END OF
13 THIS YEAR. BUT WE ALSO NEED TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE CONTINGENCY
14 PLANS IN PLACE JUST IN CASE THE HOUSING PLAN FALLS THROUGH FOR
15 THE APPROXIMATELY 1,250 YOUTH WHO DO NOT HAVE STABLE HOUSING
16 IDENTIFIED AS OF TODAY. SO THAT'S WHY I AM PLEASED THAT AT MY
17 DIRECTION AND THROUGH THE MOTION, L.A.H.S.A. HAS ALREADY BEGUN
18 TO IDENTIFY AVAILABLE RAPID REHOUSING DOLLARS FOR THESE YOUTH.
19 THE MOTION WOULD ALSO DIRECT OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
20 WORKING WITH D.C.F.S., L.A.H.S.A., AND D.P.S.S. TO ENSURE THAT
21 OUR YOUTH WHO DO NOT QUALIFY FOR THESE RAPID REHOUSING FUNDS
22 ARE MATCHED TO OTHER HOUSING RESOURCES, INCLUDING POSSIBLE
23 EMERGENCY FUNDS IF NECESSARY. THE MOTION DIRECTS D.P.S.S. TO
24 ENSURE THESE YOUTH ARE DIRECTED, TO D.P.S.S. BENEFITS UPON
25 THEIR EXIT FROM FOSTER CARE, GIVEN THAT SO MANY OF THEM WILL

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1 LIKELY BE ELIGIBLE FOR CAL FRESH AND OTHER SAFETY NET SERVICES
2 THAT THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES. THIS MOTION IS ABOUT CONNECTING
3 THE DOTS. WE HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO ENSURE THAT THESE YOUTH
4 HAVE HOUSING, AND AT A TIME WHEN A NEW VARIANT MAY TAKE HOLD,
5 WE OWE IT TO THESE YOUTH TO ENSURE WE HAVE A SUCCESSFUL
6 TRANSITION. COUPLED WITH THE SHORTAGE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN
7 L.A. COUNTY, THESE CONTINGENCY EFFORTS ARE NECESSARY TO HELP
8 SOME OF THE EXITING YOUTH AVOID HOMELESSNESS AND THE
9 ASSOCIATED HEALTH AND SAFETY RISKS THAT WE KNOW ARE PRESENT. I
10 WANT TO CLOSE BY ACKNOWLEDGING THE HARD WORK ALREADY ON THIS
11 ISSUE, AND ESPECIALLY CALL OUT MONIQUE ROSS OF D.C.F.S., WHO
12 HAS BEEN TREMENDOUS, OUR ACTING DIRECTOR, SHERRI TOTEROFF, HAS
13 ALSO STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE TO ASSIST US, AND TO THE MANY
14 ADVOCATES AND YOUTH. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT ON THIS
15 MATTER OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE. ADDITIONALLY, I WANT TO BE BRIEF
16 BUT WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO UNDERSCORE THE IMPORTANCE OF
17 ITEMS 4 AND 5 IN LIGHT OF THE LAST MOTION IN OUR COLLECTIVE
18 DESIRE TO ENSURE THAT FOSTER YOUTH ARE SUPPORTED TO THE BEST
19 OF OUR ABILITIES. IN RECENT YEARS, THE BOARD HAS INCREASED OUR
20 HOUSING STOCK FOR YOUTH CURRENTLY AND FORMERLY IN FOSTER CARE.
21 AND THROUGH A BOARD MOTION WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WE INCREASED
22 ONE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING TYPE FOR CURRENT FOSTER YOUTH AGES
23 18 TO 21 BY 33 PERCENT AND ANOTHER TYPE OF TRANSITIONAL
24 HOUSING FOR FORMER FOSTER YOUTH AGES 18 TO 25 BY 50 PERCENT. I
25 WANT TO KEEP UP THE MOMENTUM, WHICH IS WHY I HAVE THESE TWO

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1 MOTIONS BEFORE YOU TODAY, MADAM CHAIR. THE FIRST MOTION WOULD
2 BUILD ON THE EXISTING HOUSING NAVIGATOR PROGRAM, A NEWER
3 PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT CHILDREN OF FAMILY SERVICES
4 AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, TO ASSIST OUR YOUTH
5 WITH IDENTIFYING APPROPRIATE AND AVAILABLE HOUSING OPTIONS.
6 THIS INCLUDES HELPING THEM ACCESS FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR MOVE-
7 IN COSTS LIKE DEPOSITS. IT ALSO PROVIDES THEM WITH HELPING TO
8 UNDERSTAND BUDGETING, ESTABLISHING UTILITIES, WITH LANDLORD
9 COMMUNICATIONS, AND OTHER SKILLS WE CAN JUST NOT TAKE FOR
10 GRANTED. THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL \$5 MILLION MADE AVAILABLE
11 THROUGH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
12 DEVELOPMENT. IF D.C.F.S. RECEIVES THE AMOUNT IT PROJECTS, OVER
13 \$1 MILLION, WE WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE HOUSING NAVIGATORS FOR
14 AN ADDITIONAL 226 YOUTH. ADDITIONALLY, THE SECOND MOTION WOULD
15 DIRECT D.C.F.S. TO APPLY FOR THE STATE'S NEW TRANSITIONAL
16 HOUSING PROGRAM ALLOCATION, WHICH WOULD ALLOW US TO MAKE
17 AVAILABLE AN ADDITIONAL 51 BEDS FOR FORMER FOSTER YOUTH AGES
18 18 TO 25. IN A PROGRAM THAT HAS ONLY ABOUT 120 BEDS, THIS
19 ADDITIONAL 51 WOULD BE A GAME CHANGER IN MY OPINION, AND I
20 KNOW ADVOCATES LIKE OUR FRIEND, THE JOHN BURTON ADVOCATES FOR
21 YOUTH AND THE ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS, HAVE BEEN SO
22 CRITICAL IN PARTNERING AND GETTING THIS FUNDING THROUGH THE
23 STATE, AND I WANT TO URGE MY COLLEAGUES TO PLEASE VOTE YES ON
24 THE ITEMS SO WE CAN HELP REDUCE YOUTH HOMELESSNESS EVEN
25 FURTHER HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. I DO WANT TO THANK D.C.F.S. STAFF

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1 AND THE HOUSING DIVISION FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO THIS MORAL
2 ISSUE. IN CLOSING, I WOULD LIKE TO URGE MY COLLEAGUES TO
3 SUPPORT THESE MOTIONS. THANK YOU MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. YES,
6 SUPERVISOR HAHN, AS A COAUTHOR, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. OUR COUNTY, AT IT'S CORE,
9 IS A SOCIAL SAFETY NET FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS TO
10 MAKE SURE THAT THEY DON'T SLIP THROUGH THE CRACKS. AND THESE
11 YOUNG PEOPLE THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TODAY IS EXACTLY WHO WE
12 NEED TO FOCUS ON. THESE ARE THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ENTERED OUR
13 CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM BECAUSE OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT, AND IT
14 WAS OUR JOB TO PROVIDE THESE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SAFETY AND
15 STABILITY, AND NOW THEY ARE AGING OUT OF THE SYSTEM, IT IS OUR
16 JOB TO ENSURE THAT THE SILOS OF THE BUREAUCRACY DO NOT GET IN
17 THE WAY OF HELPING THESE YOUNG PEOPLE TRANSITION OUT OF
18 EXTENDED FOSTER CARE. WHILE I KNOW THAT OUR DEPARTMENT OF
19 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES HAS MADE A VALIANT EFFORT IN
20 HELPING THESE 1100 YOUTH IN THIS COHORT SECURE PLANS FOR
21 STABILITY, THIS IS NOTHING NEW FOR THAT DEPARTMENT BECAUSE WE
22 HAVE HUNDREDS OF YOUTH WHO EXIT FOSTER CARE EVERY YEAR. AND
23 MANY OF THESE CHILDREN WHO EXIT OUR FOSTER CARE SYSTEM LACK
24 STRONG AND SUPPORTIVE RELATIONSHIPS, AND MANY STILL EXIST --
25 STILL EXIT CARE WITHOUT PROPER SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE. I AM GLAD

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1 THAT WE ARE DOING THESE MOTIONS TODAY, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, NOT
2 ONLY TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THIS COHORT, BUT ALSO TO
3 RECOGNIZE THAT D.P.S.S., L.A.H.S.A., OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
4 HEALTH, AND THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE SHOULD CONTINUE TO WORK
5 WITH D.C.F.S. AND PROBATION TO SEE HOW WE CAN BE INNOVATIVE
6 AND PROVIDE SEAMLESS SERVICES SO THAT THESE YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE
7 SAFETY, STABILITY, AND IMPORTANTLY A ROOF OVER THEIR HEADS.
8 THE TWO ADDITIONAL MOTIONS WILL ALSO HELP THE COUNTY
9 PARTICIPATE AND BRING ON HOUSING NAVIGATORS TO ACT AS HOUSING
10 SPECIALISTS FOR YOUNG ADULTS AND TO HELP INCREASE THE NUMBER
11 OF TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAMS, PLUS BEDS. THESE ARE TWO
12 GREAT OPPORTUNITIES THAT WILL HELP OUR DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN
13 AND FAMILY SERVICES EXPAND THEIR RESOURCES AND HELP SUPPORT
14 FOSTER YOUTH GAIN STABILITY. IF WE DON'T SET THE STAGE TO
15 EXPAND THIS WORK, WHILE DEVELOPING INNOVATIVE AND LASTING
16 PARTNERSHIPS, THEN I BELIEVE WE HAVE FAILED THESE KIDS. THANK
17 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

18

19 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN.
20 ARE THERE ANY OTHER SUPERVISORS WHO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS
21 ON AGENDA ITEMS 3, 4, OR 5? OKAY. SEEING NONE, HEARING NO
22 OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 3 IS BEFORE US, COLLEAGUES, MOVED BY
23 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE
24 THIS ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 3 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

2

3 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR 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

18 MITCHELL.

19

20 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AYE.

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES

23 5-0.

24

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 4 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
2 SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MADAM
3 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

4

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

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

8

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

10

11 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

12

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

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

16

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

18

19 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

20

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

23

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

25

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

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 5 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
5 SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
6 MADAM SECRETARY, EXCUSE ME, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
7 CALL THE ROLL.

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 5 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

16

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

18

19 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

20

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

22

23 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

24

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

3

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

5

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

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM 6,
10 CREATING AN ON-SITE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM FOR
11 L.A. COUNTY RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGES, WHICH I HELD. THANK
12 YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR COAUTHORING, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE
13 REMARKS AND THEN I WILL FOLLOW YOU?

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** YOU GO AHEAD, MADAM CHAIR.

16

17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, I'M SORRY. AGAIN, THANK YOU
18 FOR COAUTHORING THIS MOTION WITH ME, SUPERVISOR HAHN. THE
19 COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGES
20 THROUGHOUT ALL OF OUR MEDICAL CAMPUSES MUST BE CELEBRATED AS
21 THEY PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN THE COUNTY'S CARE FIRST/JAILS
22 LAST EFFORTS. THEY OFFER COMPASSIONATE CARE TO OUR VULNERABLE
23 RESIDENTS IN VARIOUS STAGES OF MENTAL HEALTH CRISES, ALCOHOL
24 AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE RECOVERY, AND REENTRY. THE M.L.K.
25 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER, WHICH WE ANTICIPATE WILL OPEN IN

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1 2022, WILL JOIN THE RANKS. AND IT WILL PROVIDE 96 LOCKED AND
2 UNLOCKED MENTAL HEALTH BEDS, 132 SHORT AND LONGER TERM
3 UNLOCKED SUBSTANCE ABUSE BEDS, AND OTHER CRITICAL SERVICES. I
4 THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE MAKE IT CRYSTAL CLEAR, AT EVERY
5 RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGE CAMPUS, AMONG THE NEW MULTIPLE
6 DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, THEY SHOULD BE CLEAR ABOUT WHO
7 SHOULD BE CALLED FOR IMMEDIATE HELP WHEN ANY PATIENT OR
8 VISITOR EXPERIENCES A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS THAT ENDANGERS
9 THEMSELVES OR ANYONE ELSE. OUR 911 SYSTEM IS ALREADY AT
10 CAPACITY OR BEYOND. THE FIRE STATION NEAR THE M.L.K. CAMPUS IS
11 ALREADY THE BUSIEST IN THE COUNTY. WE CANNOT WAIT FOR MOBILE
12 HELP TO ARRIVE FROM OFF CAMPUS, NOR SHOULD THEY HAVE TO. WE
13 MUST HAVE CLEARLY ASSIGNED, RESPONSIBLE, AND SKILLED ON-SITE
14 CLINICAL STAFF TRAINED IN DEESCALATION WHO WILL BE AVAILABLE
15 TO IMMEDIATELY RESPOND TO AVOID VIOLENCE WHENEVER POSSIBLE. I
16 EXPECT DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO TAKE THE LEADERSHIP ROLE
17 AMONG THE DEPARTMENTS, AND I EXPECT EVERYONE ON THESE
18 CAMPUSES, INCLUDING SECURITY PERSONNEL, TO KNOW WHO TO CALL
19 AND HOW AND WHEN TO DO IT AND ASK FOR HELP. WE CANNOT AFFORD A
20 REPEAT OF WHAT TRAGICALLY OCCURRED AT HARBOR U.C.L.A. WHEN AN
21 UNARMED MENTAL PATIENT IN CRISIS WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY A
22 SHERIFFS DEPUTY. THIS MOTION'S GOAL IS TO ENSURE WE ARE
23 PROVIDING RESTORATIVE CARE IN A COMPASSIONATE MANNER THAT
24 KEEPS OUR PATIENTS, OUR VISITORS, AND OUR STAFF AND LOCAL

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1 CAMPUS COMMUNITIES AS SAFE AND VIOLENCE FREE AS POSSIBLE. ARE
2 THERE ANY MEMBERS -- YES, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR, I DID NOT HAVE MY HAND UP.

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** NO, YOU DO NOT. SUPERVISOR HAHN, I
7 APOLOGIZE.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** YES, THANK YOU. NOW I AM READY. THANK YOU,
10 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR INVITING ME TO BE YOUR COAUTHOR ON
11 THIS VERY IMPORTANT MOTION. I THINK THIS MOTION ALIGNS WELL
12 WITH THE WORK WE ARE DOING TO ENHANCE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS
13 RESPONSE ACROSS OUR ENTIRE COUNTY. THE SAME WAY THAT THE
14 PUBLIC NEEDS TO BE ABLE TO CALL FOR A MOBILE MENTAL HEALTH
15 CRISIS RESPONSE, OUR DOCTORS AND CLINICIANS ALSO NEED TO BE
16 ABLE TO ACCESS THESE TYPES OF TEAMS WHEN THEY HAVE A PATIENT
17 WHO IS EXPERIENCING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. AS YOU MENTIONED,
18 THE TRAGIC SHOOTING THAT OCCURRED AT HARBOR U.C.L.A. ALMOST
19 EXACTLY A YEAR AGO, WAS A STARK REMINDER OF THAT NEED.
20 HOPEFULLY, HAVING CRISIS TEAMS ON SITE THAT CAN DEESCALATE
21 SITUATIONS WILL PREVENT ANOTHER TRAGEDY LIKE THAT FROM
22 HAPPENING. AND NOW THAT WE HAVE THESE NEW RESTORATIVE CARE
23 VILLAGES OPENING AT DIFFERENT COUNTY HOSPITALS, IT GIVES US
24 THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO IMPLEMENT 24/7 MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS
25 RESPONSE TEAMS ON THOSE CAMPUSES. I JUST VISITED THE NEW

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1 RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGE AT RANCHO LOS AMIGOS LAST MONTH, AND
2 I THINK IT IS ACTUALLY GOING TO BE THE FIRST RESTORATIVE CARE
3 VILLAGE TO OPEN FULLY. AND WE ARE ON TRACK TO OPEN THAT BEFORE
4 THE NEW YEAR. SO THIS MOTION IS COMING AT A PERFECT TIME. I
5 HOPE WE CAN GET THESE TEAMS UP AND RUNNING AS SOON AS
6 POSSIBLE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

7

8 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO
11 THANK YOU AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION
12 FORWARD. I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEDICATE THE RESTORATIVE CARE
13 CAMPUS AT OLIVE VIEW. AND THIS IS A WHOLE NEW CONCEPT MOVING
14 FORWARD. WE NEED TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO REALLY REWIRE HOW
15 PEOPLE DO OUTREACH AS IT RELATES TO THOSE IN MENTAL HEALTH
16 CRISIS. AND AS YOUR MOTION POINTS OUT, 911 OFTENTIMES IS WHAT
17 IS USED AS A VEHICLE, AND QUITE FRANKLY, EVEN WITH THE MENTAL
18 EVALUATION TEAM, MAY NOT NECESSARILY BE THE BEST WAY TO GO
19 ABOUT HELPING SOMEONE IN CRISIS. AND WHEN I LOOK AT THE
20 HOLISTIC APPROACH WE ARE TAKING ON THESE RESTORATIVE CARE
21 VILLAGES, AND I ACTUALLY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO ONE OF
22 OUR GUESTS THAT IS STAYING AT OLIVE VIEW, AND THERE IS NO
23 QUESTION IN MY MIND THAT THESE ARE GOING TO BE LOOKED AT NOT
24 ONLY STATEWIDE BUT AROUND THE COUNTRY BECAUSE THEY TRULY ARE
25 GOING TO SAVE LIVES AND HELP PEOPLE TO REBUILD THEIR LIVES AND

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1 MANY OF WHOM GAVE UP HOPE. SO I REALLY APPRECIATE THIS MOTION.
2 I THINK WE ARE GOING TO BE HAVING TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC AS IT
3 RELATES TO ACCESSING THESE RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGES,
4 ESPECIALLY LAW ENFORCEMENT IN TERMS OF UTILIZING AS A VEHICLE
5 VERSUS JAIL, PUTTING THEM IN AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE THEY ARE
6 GOING TO GET THE HELP. SO I JUST REALLY COMMEND YOU FOR THIS
7 MOTION, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO REALLY BUILDING UP THIS PROGRAM
8 IN A WAY THAT IS GOING TO BENEFIT NOT ONLY THOSE THAT ARE IN
9 CRISIS ON THE STREETS BUT THOSE THAT ARE IN CRISIS IN THEIR
10 OWN HOMES. SO THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANT ALSO TO
15 JOIN MY COLLEAGUES. THE RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGE CONCEPT HAS
16 REALLY TAKEN A HOLD I THINK OF OUR COUNTY, AND AS WAS STATED,
17 IT WILL BE RECOGNIZED NATIONALLY. I KNOW THERE'S CONVERSATIONS
18 NOW TO TRY TO GET THE ADMINISTRATION BACK IN WASHINGTON TO
19 UNDERSTAND EXACTLY HOW WE ARE COPING AND DEALING WITH
20 INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS, SUBSTANCE
21 ABUSE, THAT COME OUT OF HOMELESSNESS OR FROM OUR JAILS. SO
22 THIS IS A REAL GAME CHANGER, AND I WANT TO APPLAUD THE
23 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, D.H.S., AS WELL AS PUBLIC WORKS,
24 AND ALSO THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE AND ALL THOSE THAT MADE THESE

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1 VILLAGES POSSIBLE. THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS
2 FORWARD.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I SIMPLY WANTED TO ASK DO
7 YOU REMEMBER A COUPLE WEEKS AGO WHEN WE WERE TALKING ABOUT THE
8 NEW CALL IN NUMBER THAT IS GOING TO GO INTO EFFECT WITH PEOPLE
9 CALLING BECAUSE THEY HAVE ENCOUNTERED SOMEONE STRESSED OR IN
10 DANGER BECAUSE OF A MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE, AND I THINK THIS WILL
11 ALSO PROVIDE SOME REALLY GOOD INFORMATION TO US ABOUT WHAT
12 WORKS WHEN WE ARE TALKING ABOUT DEESCALATION, WE ARE TALKING
13 ABOUT USING DIFFERENT TECHNIQUES IN ORDER TO DEAL WITH
14 DIFFERENT KINDS OF MENTAL HEALTH CRISES. I THINK THESE
15 DIFFERENT RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGES AND THE WAY THEY SERVE AS
16 PILOTS AS WELL FOR VARIOUS KINDS OF WAYS TO DEVELOP TREATMENT
17 I THINK WILL BE OF GREAT HELP TO US FURTHER AROUND IN THE
18 COUNTY. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS MOTION I CERTAINLY DO
19 SUPPORT.

20

21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. HEARING NO OTHER
22 COMMENTS, ITEM 6 IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE AND SECONDED BY
23 SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
24 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 6 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

2

3 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

4

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

6

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

8

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

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. THE
12 MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AGENDA ITEM 7, ENHANCING THE
15 COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO PROMOTING A DIVERSE AND INCLUSIVE WORK
16 ENVIRONMENT. I HELD THE ITEM. THE MOTION RECOGNIZES THE NEED
17 FOR A COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS THAT, QUITE FRANKLY,
18 ACKNOWLEDGES A VARIETY OF RESPECTIVE POSITIONS FROM PRIVILEGE
19 AS WELL AS PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN HISTORICALLY OPPRESSED AND
20 MARGINALIZED GROUPS, INCLUDING PEOPLE OF COLOR. WHILE THE
21 CURRENT POLICY OF EQUITY IS EFFECTIVE AND HELPS PROVIDE A
22 FORMAL PATHWAY FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING WORKPLACE CONFLICT BASED
23 ON A PROTECTED CLASS, OFTENTIMES EMPLOYEES DESIRE OTHER LESS
24 FORMAL PROCESSES OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION. EMPLOYEES WANT BOTH
25 THEIR EQUITY AND NON-EQUITY RELATED DISPUTES TO BE HEARD

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1 QUICKLY AND RESOLED AMICABLY. THIS MOTION OFFERS LESS FORMAL
2 PROCESSES, INCLUDING PEER TO PEER MEDIATION. THIS OPTION MAY
3 SERVE TO QUICKLY RESOLVE ISSUES BEFORE THEY ARE TAKEN ALL THE
4 WAY TO THE COUNTY EQUITY OVERSIGHT PANEL, OR BEFORE THEY
5 ESCALATE IN THE WORKPLACE. THE COUNTY, AS AN EMPLOYER, REALLY
6 HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF NEW AND EMERGING
7 EMPLOYEE RELATIONS STRATEGIES, INCLUDING PEER TO PEER
8 MEDIATION. AND THIS IS OUR OPPORTUNITY. THE COUNTY'S CURRENT
9 EQUITY PROCESS FOR EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCES PREDATES THE ANTIRACISM
10 DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION INITIATIVE. AND SO, WE ARE HOPING
11 THIS MOTION AND THIS SYSTEM THAT WE WILL PUT IN PLACE WILL BE
12 AN APPROPRIATE RESPONSE IN TERMS OF WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED IN
13 RECENT YEARS AND IN KEEPING WITH THAT BOARD INITIATIVE. THIS
14 MOTION WILL MAKE OUR DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS MORE HOLISTIC
15 AND RESPONSIVE, WHILE ALSO ENSURING THAT OUR EMPLOYEES ARE
16 HEARD IN A WAY THAT BRINGS ABOUT LASTING RESOLUTION AND A MORE
17 COMFORTABLE WORK ENVIRONMENT. I ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE. ARE
18 THERE ANY SUPERVISORS THAT WISH TO SPEAK TO THIS MOTION?
19 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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21 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. VERY BRIEFLY, I
22 AM VERY STRONGLY SUPPORTIVE OF THIS MOTION. AND I LIKE THE WAY
23 THAT IT RECOGNIZES THAT MEDIATION CAN BE A VERY EFFECTIVE TOOL
24 FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE ON THE SAME LEVEL IF THEY ARE HAVING A
25 CONFLICT IN THE WORKPLACE, BUT ALSO IN ITS OWN WAY RECOGNIZES

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1 THAT MEDIATION MAY NOT BE APPROPRIATE WHERE YOU HAVE A
2 CONFLICT WITH YOUR SUPERIOR BECAUSE SOMETIMES YOU DO NEED A
3 FORMAL PROCESS. SO I LIKE THE WAY THIS MOTION FINDS ITS WAY
4 KIND OF THROUGH FOR THAT BALANCE. AND THIS I THINK WOULD BE A
5 RELIEF TO A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE A CONFLICT IN THE
6 WORKPLACE, DON'T UNDERSTAND. WE CERTAINLY SAW IT IN OTHER
7 WORKPLACES, NOT THE COUNTY, IN TERMS OF HOMOPHOBIA, WHERE
8 SOMETIMES PEOPLE WOULDN'T EVEN KNOW THAT THEY WERE -- THEY HAD
9 IT OR WOULD INSIST THEY DIDN'T, AS I AM SURE THAT SOUNDS
10 FAMILIAR TO EVERYONE ON THE BOARD. SO THANK YOU FOR THIS
11 MOTION, AND I DO SUPPORT IT, THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER SUPERVISORS
14 REQUESTING TO MAKE REMARKS? SEEING NO FURTHER COMMENT, ITEM 7
15 IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO
16 APPROVE THIS ITEM, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
17 ROLL.

18

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

20

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

22

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

24

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

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2 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE.

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

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

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8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES
9 5-0.

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11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ITEM 9, BRINGING
12 RENEWABLE ENERGY TO UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY, WHICH WAS HELD
13 BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I AM REALLY
16 PROUD OF THIS MOTION TODAY BECAUSE IT ACTUALLY WOULD BRING
17 INTO EFFECT ONE OF OUR KEY GOALS WHEN WE FIRST CREATED THE
18 CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE FOUR YEARS AGO. JUST TO REMIND PEOPLE
19 WATCHING, BECAUSE CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE ISN'T ALWAYS A TITLE
20 THAT TELLS YOU WHAT IT IS, THE LEGISLATURE ALLOWED US TO FORM
21 COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATES AMONG VARIOUS ENTITIES OF
22 GOVERNMENT. AND THE COUNTY OF L.A., THE COUNTY OF VENTURA, AND
23 37 DIFFERENT CITIES HAVE NOW FORMED THE CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE.
24 THE CITY COUNCILS AND THE BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS VOTE TO JOIN
25 CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE, WHICH MEANS THAT WE ACTUALLY JOINED AN

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1 ALLIANCE THAT BUYS MUCH GREENER POWER TO PUT INTO THE SYSTEM,
2 INSTEAD OF HAVING EDISON, WHICH SERVES ALL OF THESE AREAS, BE
3 THE ONE TO BUY THE POWER AND PUT IT IN THE SYSTEM. SO OUR
4 POWER HAS GOTTEN A LOT GREENER. IT'S ACTUALLY GOTTEN CHEAPER.
5 EDISON IS ASKING PERMISSION TO RAISE ITS RATES 20 PERCENT,
6 AGAIN. AND SO, IT IS GOING TO MAKE IT REALLY EASY FOR THE
7 CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE TO COMPETE. BUT EACH OF THE ENTITIES, THE
8 CITIES AND THE TWO COUNTIES, COULD CHOOSE TO COME IN AT A
9 CERTAIN LEVEL OF HOW GREEN THE ENERGY WAS GOING TO BE THAT
10 THEY SUBSCRIBE TO. AND THE COUNTY CAME IN AT THE MEDIAN LEVEL,
11 WHICH MEANT PRETTY GREEN BUT NOT 100 PERCENT GREEN. THERE
12 COULD BE OTHER KINDS OF ENERGY MIXED IN, BUT MANY OF OUR
13 CITIES WENT TO 100 PERCENT GREEN AND RENEWABLE. AND NOW, I'M
14 ASKING US TO VOTE TO HAVE THE COUNTY DO THE SAME THING.
15 SHIFTING OUR CUSTOMERS IN UNINCORPORATED COUNTY AND ALL OF OUR
16 COUNTY BUILDINGS IS THE SINGLE MOST IMPACTFUL ACTION THAT THIS
17 COUNTY CAN TAKE TO REDUCE OUR GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS BECAUSE
18 THIS POLICY ALONE, ADOPTED TODAY, WOULD RESULT IN A CUT OF
19 OVER 6 PERCENT OF EMISSIONS FROM UNINCORPORATED COUNTY THAT IS
20 BEING GENERATED FOR THE POWER THAT WE BUY. IT BRINGS US INTO
21 ALIGNMENT WITH OUR COUNTY SUSTAINABILITY PLAN. IT IS A BIG
22 PART OF OUR COMMITMENT TO MEETING THE PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT,
23 AND IT'S BEEN A REALLY GOOD THING IN ALL THE CITIES AND COUNTY
24 WHO HAVE ADOPTED IT. I DO WANT TO REMIND PEOPLE, THOUGH,
25 BECAUSE THIS WOULD PROBABLY ADD ABOUT 4 DOLLARS A MONTH TO

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1 THE BILL OF PEOPLE IN THE CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE, THAT ANY
2 INDIVIDUAL AND ANY BUSINESS IN ANY OF THESE CITIES AND THE
3 COUNTY THAT ADOPTS 100 PERCENT GREEN CAN OPT TO GO BACK DOWN
4 TO THE MEDIAN, WHICH WOULD BE CHEAPER THAN THIS. HOWEVER, YOUR
5 BILL IS STILL GOING TO BE LESS THAN EDISON, EVEN AT 100
6 PERCENT GREEN. SO IT IS REALLY A WIN-WIN. AND I HOPE THAT YOU
7 WILL BE VERY HAPPY WITH IT. AND I HOPE THAT MY COLLEAGUES WILL
8 APPROVE THIS MOTION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

9

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

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12 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
13 KUEHL, FOR ASKING ME TO COAUTHOR THIS MOTION. YOU KNOW, LOS
14 ANGELES COUNTY IS NOT JUST A REGIONAL LEADER IN THE FIGHT
15 AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE, BUT WE ARE A NATIONAL FORCE FOR
16 POSITIVE CHANGE TO ACCELERATE THE SHIFT TOWARDS RENEWABLE
17 ENERGY AND CLEAN ENERGY JOBS THAT COME WITH IT. WE KNOW THAT
18 OUR COMMUNITIES ARE SUFFERING FROM THE MOST SEVERE IMPACTS
19 FROM CHANGING CLIMATE. AND THE RECENT CLIMATE VULNERABILITY
20 ASSESSMENT PUBLISHED BY THE CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE
21 HIGHLIGHTS THE URGENCY OF MAKING OUR COMMUNITIES MORE
22 RESILIENT TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND LESS RELIANT ON FOSSIL FUELS.
23 AS WE DO TRANSITION TO A DEFAULT RATE OF 100 PERCENT RENEWABLE
24 ENERGY, WE ARE CREATING HISTORIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR L. A.
25 COUNTY TO BECOME THE EPICENTER OF A SUSTAINABLE REVOLUTION, A

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1 GREENER WORLD IN WHICH WE IMPROVE HEALTH OUTCOMES, FOSTER
2 ECONOMIC VITALITY THROUGH CLEAN ENERGY JOBS, AND WE PUT A STOP
3 TO THE EVOLVING CLIMATE CRISIS. I AM ESPECIALLY EXCITED THAT
4 IT WILL HELP AREAS LIKE EAST LOS ANGELES, ONE OF THE LARGEST
5 UNINCORPORATED AREAS IN THE COUNTY. I AM HAPPY TO SEE THE
6 COUNTY WILL BE WORK WITHING THE C.P.A. TO CREATE A OUTREACH
7 STRATEGY TO EDUCATE AND INFORM OUR CUSTOMERS ABOUT THE
8 TRANSITION AND TO HELP ADVISE THEM OF THEIR OPTIONS AND WAYS
9 TO MITIGATE BILL INCREASES THROUGH ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND OTHER
10 PROGRAMS. AGAIN, THANK YOU, AND I ALSO URGE OUR COLLEAGUES TO
11 VOTE FOR THIS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR BRINGING THIS
12 FORWARD.

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14 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, IF I MAY ADD ONE SMALL
15 THING.

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17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OF COURSE.

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19 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO ASSURE EVERYBODY WHO IS IN
20 OUR LOW INCOME CUSTOMER PROGRAM THAT THERE WILL BE NO INCREASE
21 FOR ANYONE SIGNED UP FOR THE RATE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. AND
22 THAT'S QUITE A FEW OF OUR CONSTITUENTS IN THE COUNTY. AND THAT
23 WILL REMAIN THE SAME. THERE WILL BE NO INCREASE AT ALL, EVEN
24 THOUGH WE WILL BE BUYING MUCH MORE RENEWABLE POWER. THE OTHER
25 THING IS WE WILL BE THE LARGEST JURISDICTION IN THE ENTIRE

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1 COUNTRY TO TAKE THIS IMPORTANT STEP. AND I THINK THAT'S, WHAT
2 CAN I SAY, KIND OF COOL. SO I WANT TO THANK GARY GEREAU IN OUR
3 COUNTY STAFF. I WANT TO THANK TED BARAKE WHO RUNS THE CLEAN
4 POWER ALLIANCE, ALL OF THEIR TEAMS IN THE SUSTAINABILITY
5 OFFICE, AND C.P.A., FOR THEIR SUPPORT, AND THANK YOU,
6 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR COAUTHORING THIS. I ASK FOR YOUR AYE
7 VOTE.

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ANY OTHER SUPERVISORS LIKE TO SPEAK ON
10 THIS MOTION? I WILL JUST ADD MY VOICE TO CONGRATULATING YOU,
11 SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THIS IS INDEED A BIG
12 DEAL. A 6 PERCENT REDUCTION IS HUGE. I THOUGHT ABOUT THIS
13 MOTION WHEN I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO RIDE IN SOUTH L.A.
14 CICLAVIA THIS SUNDAY. AND WHILE CITIES HAVE TAKEN THIS ACTION,
15 WE KNOW THAT C.O.2 EMISSIONS DON'T STOP AT CITY BORDERS. SO TO
16 MAKE SURE OUR ENTIRE REGION IS DOING EVERYTHING THAT IT CAN TO
17 IMPROVE C.O.2 EMISSIONS IS IMPORTANT. I WANT THANK THE COUNTY
18 SUSTAINABILITY TEAM FOR THEIR WORK ON THIS, AND JUST REALLY AS
19 WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT STEPS WE TAKE, THAT WE MAKE SURE
20 THAT WE ARE AGAIN FOCUSING ON TRANSPORTATION EMISSIONS. THAT'S
21 WHY THE CICLAVIA EXPERIENCE CLICKED IN MY HEAD. IF WE COULD
22 CREATE AN L.A. COUNTY WHERE MORE PEOPLE ARE STEPPING OUT OF
23 THEIR CARS IN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, RIDING THEIR BICYCLES, OR
24 RIDING THEIR ELECTRIC BICYCLES LIKE I DID ON SUNDAY, WE COULD
25 EVEN REDUCE OUR EMISSIONS EVEN FURTHER. SO WITH THAT, SEEING

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1 NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 9 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
2 KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.
3 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 9 IS BEFORE YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

10

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

12

13 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

18

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

21

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

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES

25 5-0.

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2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM 13,
3 REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT
4 BUDGET, WHICH I HELD, AND I AM ASSUMING OTHER MEMBERS WOULD
5 LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS, AS WELL. I WOULD LIKE THE THANK THE
6 C.E.O. AND THE AUDITOR CONTROLLER FOR PUTTING TOGETHER THESE
7 BIENNIAL BUDGET STATUS REVIEWS. I THINK IT IS VERY IMPORTANT
8 FOR US AS A BOARD TO SEE THESE REVIEWS ON A REGULAR BASIS AND
9 FOR WORKING WITH THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT TO ADDRESS ITS
10 DEFICIT SPENDING OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS. THE SURPLUS
11 ACHIEVED AT THE CLOSE OF FISCAL YEAR 2021 REPRESENTS
12 SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS TOWARDS ELIMINATING THE REOCCURRING YEAR
13 END DEFICIT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS STRUGGLED WITH OVER
14 THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS. SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS HAS BEEN
15 ACHIEVED, AND I THINK THAT'S THANKS IN LARGE PART DUE TO THE
16 PARTNERSHIP AND THE OVERSIGHT OF THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE OF THE
17 DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET. IT IS CRITICAL THAT THE C.E.O. REMAIN
18 INTIMATELY INVOLVED WITH KEEPING THIS DEPARTMENT'S SPENDING
19 WITHIN BUDGET. THAT'S OUR EXPECTATION OF EVERY DEPARTMENT IN
20 THE COUNTY, AND THAT INCLUDES THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT. SOME OF
21 THE CURRENT STRATEGIES THAT WERE UTILIZED TO GET HERE ARE NOT
22 SUSTAINABLE, SO THERE'S ADDITIONAL WORK TO DO TO ENSURE THAT
23 THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT MONITORS ITS SPENDING AND DOES NOT
24 EXCEED ITS BUDGET IN FUTURE FISCAL YEARS. WE HAVE HEARD
25 COMMENTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT WITH REGARD TO A CONCERN OVER A

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1 LACK OF RESOURCES. BUT THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT CLOSED THE
2 FISCAL YEAR WITH AN UNADJUSTED SURPLUS OF \$182 MILLION. EVEN
3 AFTER ADJUSTMENTS ARE FACTORED IN, THE ADJUSTED SURPLUS OF
4 \$22.2 MILLION IS SIGNIFICANT. THE SIZE OF THIS SURPLUS
5 SUGGESTS THAT THE SHERIFF HAS UNUSED RESOURCES AND THAT
6 STRONGER MONITORING OF HIS BUDGET IS VALID. WITH THAT, I'D
7 LIKE TO ASK THE C.E.O. A FEW QUESTIONS IN HOPES OF GETTING
8 SOME ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION WITH REGARD TO THIS BIENNIAL
9 REVIEW. DAVENPORT -- OH, YEAH, I SEE YOU. THANK YOU.

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11 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** I AM PRESENT, MADAM CHAIR.

12

13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THE DEPARTMENT HAD ABOUT
14 \$47.7 MILLION IN WHAT THIS REPORT REFERS TO AS "ADJUSTMENTS"
15 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021, NOT INCLUDING THE ADJUSTMENT MADE FOR
16 PROP 172 REVENUE. SO HOW WAS THAT DETERMINED? WHAT TYPES OF
17 UNEXPECTED EXPENSES ARE ADJUSTED FOR WHEN CALCULATING THE
18 SURPLUS OR DEFICIT?

19

20 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. SO IN TERMS
21 OF THE TYPES OF EXPENSES THAT ARE CONSIDERED, WHEN WE SAY
22 UNEXPECTED, WE LITERALLY MEAN THAT. AND SO IT IS THINGS THAT,
23 AT THE TIME THAT WE PLANNED THE BUDGET, THAT WE DID NOT
24 ACCOUNT FOR. AND THOSE WOULD INCLUDE THINGS LIKE NATURAL
25 DISASTERS, OR CIVIL DISTURBANCES, THINGS OF THAT NATURE. AND

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1 THE WAY THAT WE ACCOUNT FOR THOSE IN THE BUDGET IS WE RELY ON
2 DEPARTMENTS TO WORK WITH THEIR BUDGET ANALYST HERE IN THE
3 C.E.O'S OFFICE AND KEEP THEM APPRISED AS THEIR EXPENDITURES
4 COME IN IF THEY HAVE AN UNANTICIPATED EXPENSE. SO THAT'S THE
5 FIRST THING WE ASK THEM TO DO. AND THEN WE WORK WITH THE
6 DEPARTMENT TO SEE WHAT IS NEEDED AT THAT POINT IN TIME. CAN
7 THE EXISTING BUDGET ABSORB THE UNANTICIPATED EXPENSE? DO WE
8 NEED TO PROVIDE SOME ADDITIONAL FUNDING AT THAT POINT IN TIME
9 OR A POINT IN TIME LATER DURING THE BUDGET HERE, WHICH WE CAN
10 HANDLE THROUGH A MIDYEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENT. AND IF WE DO
11 DETERMINE THAT ADDITIONAL FUNDING MAY BE NECESSARY, WE ALSO
12 LOOK AT WHETHER WE NEED A MITIGATION PLAN. FINALLY, THE LAST
13 THING ON THIS PARTICULAR POINT IS WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH
14 THE DEPARTMENT FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS TO RIGHT SIZE THEIR
15 BUDGET. WE KNEW AT THE OUTSET THAT THIS WAS GOING TO BE A
16 MULTI-YEAR PROCESS. AND IT REALLY IS DEPENDENT UPON OUR OFFICE
17 WORKING CLOSELY AND COLLABORATIVELY WITH THE DEPARTMENT, BUT
18 AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE LOOK AT THE TYPE OF EXPENSE, WHETHER
19 IT IS ANTICIPATED OR NOT AT THE TIME WE DO THE BUDGET, AND
20 THEN WE HAVE A PROCESS TO ACCOUNT FOR AND ADJUST FOR THOSE IN
21 THE BUDGET TO COVER THE EXPENSES.

22
23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** IS THAT THE SAME PROCESS YOU USE FOR
24 CALCULATING ADJUSTED SURPLUS OR DEFICITS FOR ALL OTHER
25 DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE COUNTY? IT'S CONSISTENT?

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2 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** YES. THAT'S THE SAME PROCESS. SO WE
3 LOOK TO SEE -- ONCE WE ARE MADE AWARE, WE GO INTO ACTION. WE
4 WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND TO SEE HOW THE BEST AND MOST
5 APPROPRIATE WAY TO COVER THE UNANTICIPATED EXPERIENCE.

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THE DEPARTMENT EXCEEDED ITS
8 \$129.6 MILLION OVERTIME BUDGET BY ALMOST HALF, \$50.8 MILLION.
9 IS THAT AN AREA THAT YOU ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH
10 THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT TO REDUCE OVERTIME AND ENSURE THAT
11 THEIR OVERTIME COSTS DON'T BALLOON INTO THE NEXT YEAR?

12

13 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** SO WE ARE CERTAINLY COMMITTED TO
14 CONTINUING TO WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT TO MONITOR THOSE
15 EXPENSES, SO THE ANSWER IS YES.

16

17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I HAVE HEARD IN CONVERSATIONS WITH THE
18 SHERIFF THAT A PART OF THE OVERTIME CHALLENGE IS TRYING TO GET
19 NEW HIRES INTO THE DEPARTMENT. BUT THE REPORT ALSO NOTES THAT
20 YOUR OFFICE GAVE THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT APPROVAL TO HIRE
21 THREE ACADEMY CLASSES WITH 87 RECRUITS BUDGETED PER CLASS.
22 GIVEN THAT THIS IS PARTLY INTENDED TO MANAGE OVERTIME COSTS,
23 WILL THE HIRING OF NEW DEPUTIES RESULT IN NET SAVINGS, AND IF
24 NOT, WILL OTHER STRATEGIES BE IDENTIFIED TO GET THE DEPARTMENT
25 SPENDING WITHIN BUDGET?

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1

2 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** SO TO THE FIRST PART OF THE QUESTION,
3 SUPERVISORS, THE HIRING OF NEW DEPUTIES WON'T NECESSARILY
4 RESULT IN SAVINGS. HOWEVER, IT WOULD HELP TO REDUCE SOME OF
5 THE OVERTIME EXPENDITURES. THE DEPARTMENT IS FUNDED TO HIRE
6 FOUR ACADEMIES PER FISCAL YEAR, AND WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH
7 THEM TO ALLOW THEM TO DO THAT. THEY ARE UP TO THREE THIS YEAR,
8 AND I BELIEVE THEY HAVE ONE MORE TO GO. AND IN TERMS OF OTHER
9 SAVINGS, OTHER WAYS TO COVER SOME OF THE SPENDING, THERE ARE
10 OTHER THINGS THAT ALL DEPARTMENTS KNOW HOW TO DO. THEY KNOW
11 HOW TO LOOK AT THEIR VACANCIES, LOOK AT SAVINGS FROM THEIR
12 SALARY AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, SAVINGS FROM WHAT WE CALL THEIR
13 SERVICES AND SUPPLIES BUDGET, BUT WE KNOW PROBABLY EVEN IN
14 THIS CASE THAT THAT WON'T BE SUFFICIENT. AND SO THAT WE REALLY
15 NEED TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT, LOOK AT THEIR
16 OVERTIME EXPENDITURES, AND SEE WHAT SPECIFICALLY IS DRIVING
17 THE OVERTIME IN CERTAIN AREAS.

18

19 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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21 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK THOSE OF
22 US, MAYBE THE FOUR OF US WHO WERE HERE JUST A LITTLE BIT
23 BEFORE YOU JOINED THIS BOARD, ARE VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE HUGE
24 OVERRUNS IN WHICH THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENTS FOUND THEMSELVES
25 AND SIMPLY SAID THAT THEY WERE NOT GOING TO FIX IT. SO WE

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1 APPLIED WHAT I THINK MIGHT BE CALLED A LITTLE ADULT
2 SUPERVISION, WITH THE HELP OF THE C.E.O., AND WITH THAT ADULT
3 SUPERVISION, THE SHERIFF MANAGED TO END UP IN THE GREEN THIS
4 YEAR AND NOT IN THE RED. CLOSING WITH A SURPLUS, AS WE HAVE
5 HEARD, AND ALSO PAYING OFF A \$63.4 MILLION LOAN THAT WAS
6 PROVIDED IN 2018-2019 TO FINANCE THE DEFICIT, ESSENTIALLY.
7 NOW, THE PANDEMIC, OF COURSE, RESULTED IN ECONOMIC AND
8 OPERATIONAL SHUTDOWNS, WHICH DID HELP TO REDUCE THE OVERTIME
9 COSTS, BUT NOT BECAUSE ANYONE TOOK AN ACTION TO DO IT. BUT IT
10 DID HELP FINANCIALLY. BUT AS SERVICES START TO OPEN UP AGAIN,
11 MY EXPECTATION IS IS THAT OVERTIME COSTS NEED TO BE CLOSELY
12 WATCHED SO THEY DON'T SPIRAL UP AGAIN TO PRE-PANDEMIC LEVELS.
13 SO NOW THAT ALL OF THE LOW HANGING FRUIT, ONE-TIME MITIGATION
14 EFFORTS HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED, WE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO TAKE
15 THIS CLOSE LOOK AT THE OPERATIONS BUDGET TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT
16 THE SHERIFF STAYS WITHIN IT BECAUSE THE EVIDENCE IN THE PAST
17 HAS BEEN A KIND OF A LACK OF INTEREST OF STAYING WITHIN THE
18 BUDGET. SO ADULT SUPERVISION CONTINUES TO BE A NECESSITY,
19 WHICH IS WHY WE -- I AGREE WITH FESIA WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS
20 OF THINGS TO KEEP IN PLACE THE HARD HIRING FREEZE, THE
21 PURCHASING CONTROLS, THE SET ASIDE OF MONEY, SO THAT WE CAN
22 MAKE CERTAIN THAT THESE CONTROLS STAY IN EFFECT AND WORK. SO
23 THANKS SO MUCH TO THE C.E.O. FOR TAKING THESE ACTIONS AND
24 ESSENTIALLY DEALING WITH THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT DAY TO DAY

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1 ABOUT THEM. AND I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE REPORT. THANK YOU,
2 MADAM CHAIR.

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, WHO WILL BE
5 FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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7 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THIS WAS A VERY INTERESTING
8 READ, THIS REPORT. AND I THINK WE HAVE FOUND A LOT OF THINGS
9 THAT WERE MAYBE A BIT SURPRISING. BUT TO THE C.E.O., THERE IS
10 THIS, I THINK IT IS A MYTH, THAT WE ARE DEFUNDING OUR SHERIFF.
11 AND I KNOW HE HAS PERPETUATED THAT BY ACTUALLY HOLDING PRESS
12 CONFERENCES THAT SAYS HE IS BEING DEFUNDED. WHAT I AM SEEING
13 HERE IS THAT HIS TOTAL BUDGET IS \$3.6 BILLION, WHICH SEEMS
14 LIKE IT IS MORE THAN IT WAS LAST YEAR. SO WHAT'S THE TRUTH FOR
15 EVERYONE LISTENING? IS HE RECEIVING MORE OR LESS MONEY THAN HE
16 DID IN THE PAST? THAT'S TO FESIA.

17

18 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** I'M SORRY. I WAS MUTED, SUPERVISOR
19 HAHN. THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION. HIS BUDGET IS ABOUT THE SAME
20 BETWEEN THIS YEAR AND LAST YEAR. AND LET ME JUST ADDRESS THE
21 DEFUNDING ISSUE. IN 2019, THE BOARD APPROVED THE C.E.O.'S
22 RECOMMENDATION TO SET ASIDE ABOUT \$143.7 MILLION IN THE
23 SHERIFF SHERIFFS BUDGET FOR SERVICES AND SUPPLIES. WHAT
24 ESSENTIALLY HAPPENED, SUPERVISORS, IS WE SET THAT MONEY ASIDE
25 AT THE OUTSET OF THE BUDGET YEAR.

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2 **SUP. HAHN:** THAT'S NOT THE ANSWER THAT WE WANTED. SORRY, GO
3 AHEAD.

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5 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** WE ARE NOT DEFUNDING HIM. AND WE'RE
6 NOT DEFUNDING -- AND THE \$143.7 MILLION GOES BACK INTO HIS
7 BUDGET OVER TIME OVER THE COURSE OF THE FISCAL YEAR.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** THAT WAS THE OTHER THING WAS WHERE DOES THIS MONEY
10 GO. SO IT GOES BACK INTO HIS BUDGET?

11

12 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THAT IS CORRECT. IT GOES BACK INTO -

13 -

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15 **SUP. HAHN:** SO TO THE PUBLIC, WE ARE NOT DEFUNDING OUR SHERIFFS
16 DEPARTMENT. AND THAT'S GOOD TO KNOW. LET ME FOLLOW UP A LITTLE
17 BIT. I THINK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL ALLUDED TO THIS, BUT LET ME
18 FOLLOW UP ON THE HIRING FREEZE. CAN YOU EXPLAIN THE HIRING
19 FREEZE BECAUSE, AGAIN, THE SHERIFF SEEMS TO INDICATE THAT HE
20 CAN'T HIRE ANY PERSONNEL? BUT MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT HE CAN
21 HIRE BUT JUST HAS TO GO THROUGH AN APPROVAL PROCESS WITH YOUR
22 OFFICE. HOW DOES IT WORK THIS HIRING FREEZE?

23

24 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** YES, YOU ARE CORRECT, SUPERVISOR. SO
25 ESSENTIALLY WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR IS THE DEPARTMENT WILL

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1 SUBMIT A REQUEST TO HIRE, FOR EXAMPLE, DEPUTIES THAT ARE
2 COMING INTO A NEW ACADEMY. WHAT WE ARE REALLY LOOKING FOR,
3 SUPERVISORS, IS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS A
4 SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF VACANCIES SO THAT THE FOLKS THAT THE
5 SHERIFF INTENDS TO HIRE HAS BASICALLY A LANDING SPOT, A
6 POSITION IN THE DEPARTMENT. AND SO, WE ARE LOOKING FOR A ONE
7 TO ONE MATCH. ONCE WE CONFIRM THAT, WE APPROVE THE HIRES. SO
8 WE ARE USING THE AMOUNT OF VACANCIES TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF
9 HIRES. THAT'S BASICALLY -- IT'S CALLED AN EXCEPTION. AND SO,
10 IT'S AN EXCEPTION TO THE HIRING FREEZE. THE HIRING FREEZE DOES
11 NOT PROHIBIT, IT IS NOT A BLANKET PROHIBITION ON HIRING.

12
13 **SUP. HAHN:** I THINK THAT'S ALSO IMPORTANT FOR THE PUBLIC TO
14 HEAR. AGAIN, I THINK EVERYONE IS HEARING REPORTS OF CRIME
15 RISING, AND YET WE HAVE A NARRATIVE SOMETIMES COMING FROM THE
16 SHERIFF SAYING HE IS NOT ALLOWED TO HIRE MORE PERSONNEL. SO
17 THIS IS A GOOD CLARIFICATION FOR THE PUBLIC. AND MY LAST
18 QUESTION IS, EVEN WITH THE ADJUSTED SURPLUS, IT IS A \$22
19 MILLION SURPLUS IN THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET. AND I
20 KNOW THAT YOU ARE RECOMMENDING THAT WE KEEP THOSE CONTROLS IN
21 PLACE UNTIL HIS BUDGET IS STABILIZED. SO I THINK, FOR ME, AND
22 MAYBE THE PUBLIC, WHAT DO YOU THINK IT WOULD TAKE FOR HIS
23 BUDGET TO BECOME STABILIZED? AND WHAT WILL IT TAKE FOR YOU, AS
24 OUR C.E.O., TO SAY YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE REMOVING THOSE
25 RESTRAINTS?

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2 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** YEAH, SO I'LL ANSWER THE SECOND
3 QUESTION FIRST. I THINK WHAT IT WOULD TAKE FOR MY OFFICE AND
4 MY TEAM AND MYSELF TO FEEL COMFORTABLE REMOVING RESTRAINTS IS
5 A SUSTAINABLE AND DATA DRIVEN MITIGATION PLAN THAT SHOWS HERE
6 IS THE PLAN GOING FORWARD. THIS IS HOW WE INTEND TO CONTROL
7 EXPENSES, NOT JUST ON A ONE-TIME BASIS, BUT IN A YEAR OVER
8 YEAR BASIS. AND THEN IN TERMS OF WHAT IT WOULD ACTUALLY TAKE
9 TO DO A MITIGATION PLAN OR TO REDUCE THAT DEFICIT, I THINK
10 THERE NEEDS TO BE A DEEP DIVE IN THE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET IN
11 ALL AREAS, PARTICULARLY IN CUSTODY AND PATROL, TO SEE WHAT ARE
12 THE INNOVATIVE THINGS THAT CAN BE DONE TO AVOID UNNECESSARY
13 EXPENDITURES, IF THERE ARE ANY -- ARE THERE OTHER AREAS WE CAN
14 TRIM DOWN EXPENSES. SO I THINK IT IS SORT OF OLD FASHIONED
15 BUDGET AND MANAGING WITH BEING VERY SPECIFIC AND VERY FOCUSED
16 ON TRYING TO GET TO A NUMBER THAT IS SUSTAINABLE.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. I THINK IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT
19 FOR THE PUBLIC TO KNOW THAT WE ASKED ALL OF OUR DEPARTMENTS TO
20 SORT OF TIGHTEN THEIR BELTS DURING THE PANDEMIC. WE DIDN'T
21 REALLY SINGLE OUT A PARTICULAR DEPARTMENT. WE TOLD EVERYONE WE
22 HAD TO TIGHTEN OUR BELTS, AND I APPRECIATE OUR C.E.O., WHO IT
23 SOUNDS LIKE REGULARLY WORKS WITH OUR SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT TO
24 CONTINUE TO SEE WHERE WE CAN MAKE COST SAVINGS, WHILE WE
25 CERTAINLY DON'T WANT TO ANY WAY IMPACT THE PUBLIC SAFETY OF

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1 OUR RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY, AND I THINK WE ARE WALKING A
2 GOOD LINE. THE PUBLIC NEEDS TO KNOW WE ARE WORKING TOGETHER.
3 AND WE DO HAVE A COMMON GOAL HERE. SO THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. ACTUALLY, SUPERVISOR HAHN
8 ASKED SOME OF MY QUESTIONS. BUT FESIA, I JUST WANT TO
9 UNDERSTAND, FIRST OF ALL, I DON'T THINK IT IS PERCEPTION THAT
10 CRIME IS GOING UP. I HEAR FROM MY CONSTITUENTS CONSTANTLY NOW
11 WITH THE NEWS IN THE MORNING TO FIND OUT THAT SOMEONE IS BEING
12 FOLLOWED HOME, SHOT, BURGLARIZED, SMASH AND GRAB. AND IN THE
13 UNINCORPORATED AREAS, MY CONSTITUENTS FEEL LIKE THERE AREN'T
14 ENOUGH SHERIFFS DEPUTIES. TO YOUR POINT, SUPERVISOR HAHN,
15 SHERIFF VILLANUEVA PUSHES THAT NARRATIVE. AND IN FACT, MY GOAL
16 IS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE HIRING BEHIND THE VACANCIES THAT
17 ARE ON THE BOOKS. AND I AM TRYING TO UNDERSTAND, AS IT RELATES
18 TO THE ACADEMY CLASS, ONE OF THE THINGS HE SAID IS THAT IT'S
19 BEEN REDUCED FROM EIGHT CLASSES TO FOUR. AND THAT'S PART OF
20 WHY HE IS NOT ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH THE VACANCIES. FESIA, DO
21 YOU HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE REGARDING THE FACT THAT IT WAS REDUCED
22 FROM EIGHT TO FOUR?

23

24 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** YES, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. I
25 BELIEVE IT WAS IN THE '19-'20 BUDGET, THE DEPARTMENT, AS WE

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1 SAID, IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS HAS BEEN BUDGETED FOR FOUR
2 ACADEMY CLASSES A YEAR. THE DEPARTMENT UNILATERALLY INCREASED
3 THAT TO 12 ACADEMY CLASSES PER YEAR, WITH EACH CLASS COSTING
4 ABOUT \$12 MILLION. AND SO, WHEN WE STARTED TO SEE A SPIKE IN
5 THE BUDGET DEFICIT, AND WE LOOKED DOWN AT THE DATA, WE
6 REALIZED THAT PART OF IT WAS THE EIGHT ADDITIONAL UNAUTHORIZED
7 ACADEMY CLASSES. AND SO, WHAT WE DID IS WE LIMITED THE
8 DEPARTMENT TO THE FOUR CLASSES THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED IN THE
9 BUDGET AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS APPROVED FOR. I THINK
10 THAT'S THE ISSUE THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS DISCUSSED REGARDING
11 REDUCING THE ACADEMY CLASSES. THE QUESTION IS LIVING WITHIN
12 THE MEANS OF THE DEPARTMENT, THEY ARE BUDGETED FOR FOUR, IT
13 WAS INCREASED TO 12.

14
15 **SUP. BARGER:** AND I GUESS -- SO I GET THE PART ABOUT BEING
16 BUDGETED AND THE COST BEING \$12 MILLION PER CLASS, BUT WHAT IS
17 THE NEED IN TERMS OF BACK FILLING BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN COMING
18 UP ON DEPUTIES THAT ARE GOING TO BE RETIRING? SO YOU ARE GOING
19 TO HAVE VACANCIES AGAIN. SO I UNDERSTAND. CAN YOU MAKE THE
20 CLASSES BIGGER? I GUESS, TO ME, THE NUMBER OF CLASSES IS NOT
21 WHAT I AM FOCUSED ON. IT IS THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT WE ARE
22 TRAINING TO FILL SPOTS IN THE DEPARTMENT. AND HE IS I THINK
23 CONFUSING THE TWO OR CONFUSING THE PUBLIC BECAUSE HE IS TYING
24 NUMBER OF CLASSES TO VACANCIES, BUT WHAT I AM HEARING FROM YOU

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1 IS THAT IN FACT THOSE CLASSES HAVE SUFFICIENT NUMBER TO FILL
2 BEHIND THE VACANCIES, CORRECT?

3

4 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** SUPERVISOR, I WOULDN'T SAY -- SO WE
5 KNOW THAT TWO THINGS HAVE OCCURRED. THERE IS NATURAL
6 ATTRITION. WE HAVE FOLKS THAT WILL LEAVE DURING A REGULAR
7 COURSE OF BUSINESS, AND WE ALSO KNOW THAT DURING COVID, WE
8 PROBABLY HAVE HAD MORE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SOUGHT TO RETIRE THAN
9 MAYBE THEY OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE. UNDER IDEAL CIRCUMSTANCES,
10 THE NUMBER OF THE INCOMING ACADEMY CLASSES WOULD MATCH THE
11 NUMBER OF VACANCIES OR BE SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR AT ANY GIVEN
12 POINT IN TIME. I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE CASE FOR THE
13 DEPARTMENT. I THINK THAT FOUR ACADEMIES WOULD BE ABOUT 350 NEW
14 HIRES IN A YEAR. AND I BELIEVE THAT THE VACANCY AMOUNT EXCEEDS
15 THAT. ALTHOUGH I DON'T HAVE THAT NUMBER. IT IS IN THE REPORT.
16 I THINK THE VACANCY RATE MIGHT BE ABOUT 600.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER:** SO THE SHERIFF IS CORRECT THAT WE AREN'T ALLOWING
19 HIM TO HIRE TO FILL HIS VACANCIES?

20

21 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THE SHERIFF IS BEING LIMITED TO THE
22 FOUR ACADEMIES, AND THE 600 THAT WE ARE SEEING, I DON'T KNOW
23 IF THAT IS THE -- THE NUMBER THAT WE WOULD NORMALLY SEE IN
24 LET'S SAY A NON-COVID YEAR. BUT I WILL SAY THAT THE 348 THAT
25 WILL BE HIRED IN FOUR ACADEMIES WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH TO FILL

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1 THE CURRENT -- THE VACANCIES AS OF THE DATE IN THE REPORT,
2 WHICH I THINK IS ABOUT 600.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** SO THE NARRATIVE THAT THE SHERIFF IS GIVING THAT
5 WE ARE NOT AUTHORIZING HIM TO HAVE A CLASS TO FILL THE
6 VACANCIES IS ACCURATE, BASED ON COST? I AM SHOCKED AT \$12
7 MILLION PER CLASS. THAT'S EXPENSIVE.

8

9 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** SO I THINK -- YEAH, THAT IF HE DID
10 THE FOUR -- IF THE DEPARTMENT DID FOUR CLASSES A YEAR, IF
11 THEIR VACANCIES ARE MORE THAN ABOUT 350 DURING THAT YEAR, GIVE
12 OR TAKE, THEN YES, THERE WOULD BE THAT VARIANCE.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN ANSWER THIS, FESIA, AND
15 IF YOU CAN'T, WE WILL RESEARCH IT. I KNOW THAT WE HAVE OUR OWN
16 ACADEMY, AND I KNOW RIO HONDO HAS AN ACADEMY. I WOULD BE
17 CURIOUS TO KNOW HOW MUCH IT COSTS THEM TO RUN THEIR ACADEMY?

18

19 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** I DON'T HAVE THAT INFORMATION AT MY
20 FINGERTIPS, BUT WE CAN CERTAINLY FIND OUT WHAT THAT COST IS IN
21 RELATION TO OUR COST AND THEN GET BACK TO YOUR OFFICE.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY BECAUSE, JUST IN CLOSING, I DO HAVE SERIOUS
24 CONCERNS WITH THE VACANCIES THAT ARE CURRENTLY ON THE BOOKS.
25 AND THEN KNOWING THAT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE INDIVIDUALS

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1 RETIRING, WHICH HAPPENS IN EVERY DEPARTMENT COME MARCH. PEOPLE
2 ARE GOING TO LA SERA. SO WE CAN KIND OF PROJECT BASED ON LA
3 SERA'S NUMBERS WHO IS GOING TO BE RETIRING, BUT THAT'S GOING
4 TO FURTHER EXACERBATE THE VACANCY RATE WITHIN THE SHERIFFS
5 DEPARTMENT. AND I, FOR ONE, IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT, WANT TO
6 MAKE SURE THAT, ESPECIALLY IN UNINCORPORATED THAT WE ARE
7 PROVIDING ALL THE RESOURCES TO THE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE
8 EXPECTING US TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY. I DON'T WANT THE
9 NARRATIVE TO BE THAT WE AREN'T ALLOWING HIRING BASED ON THE
10 BOARD'S UNWILLINGNESS TO FUND LAW ENFORCEMENT WHEN I DON'T
11 BELIEVE THAT IS THE CASE.

12
13 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** AND SUPERVISOR, IF I COULD JUST DO
14 ONE CLARIFICATION. THE 600 VACANCY NUMBER THAT I MENTIONED
15 EARLIER THAT'S REFERENCED IN THE REPORT, THAT'S ALL VACANCIES
16 IN THE DEPARTMENT. AND WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE ACADEMIES FOR
17 THE NEW HIRES, THOSE ARE ENTRY LEVEL. AND SO, WHAT I CAN ALSO
18 GET THE BOARD IS THE NUMBER OF ENTRY LEVEL VACANCIES AND THE
19 NUMBER -- AND HOW IT RELATES TO THE NUMBER OF ACADEMIES.

20
21 **SUP. BARGER:** BUT IT IS A CASCADING EFFECT BECAUSE WHEN YOU
22 PROMOTE, THAT LEAVES A VACANCY DOWN THERE. SO IF YOU PROMOTE
23 THEM UP, SERGEANT, LEIUTENANT, AND ALL, THAT LEAVES A VACANCY
24 AT THE BOTTOM. IT HAPPENS IN EVERY DEPARTMENT.

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1 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** YEAH, I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE I
2 CLARIFIED THAT SO I AM TALKING APPLES TO APPLES.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THINK, KATHRYN, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A COUPLE
5 OTHER THINGS GOING ON, THOUGH, TOO. ONE IS MAYBE IT WOULD BE
6 GOOD TO KNOW HOW THE VACANCIES WERE FILLED WITH THE ACADEMY
7 CLASSES THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS. LET'S SEE WHAT THE RECORD IS
8 AND IF HE IS REALLY DOING IT BECAUSE TO SAY OH YOU AREN'T
9 GIVING ME ENOUGH MONEY, BUT HE ISN'T PUTTING THE RECRUITS TO
10 WORK, ETC., I THINK THAT WOULD BE GOOD FOR US TO KNOW. THE
11 OTHER THING IS WE MAY BE LOOKING AT HAVING TO SAY TO MANY
12 SHERIFFS DEPUTIES, YOU CONTINUE TO REFUSE TO BE VACCINATED.
13 YOU ARE NOT FULFILLING THE REQUIREMENT OF THE COUNTY. YOU DO
14 NOT HAVE AN EXEMPTION. I AM SORRY YOU ARE OUT OF HERE. AND
15 THAT IS SOMETHING THAT THE BOARD THEN WILL WANT TO CONSIDER IN
16 RAISING THE ACADEMY CLASSES, NOT TO MENTION WHETHER WE WANT TO
17 REQUIRE VACCINATION TO GET INTO THE ACADEMY CLASSES, ALL OF
18 WHICH I THINK WE SHOULD TALK ABOUT OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** NOTED. ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

21

22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR
25 QUESTIONS. I THINK ONE OF MY CONCERNS THAT'S ALREADY BEEN

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1 STATED IS THE MISINFORMATION THAT'S OUT THERE AND IT'S BEEN
2 GENERATED BY THE SHERIFF TO OUR INDEPENDENT CITIES, STATING
3 THAT SOMEHOW, NOT JUST IN THIS EXAMPLE THAT WE'RE NOT HIRING
4 DEPUTIES, BUT ALSO WITH METRO. AND AS YOU CAN SEE AS OF LAST
5 WEEK, THAT WAS NOT THE CASE. WE ACTUALLY HELPED TO SUSTAIN
6 THREE CONTRACTS WITH L.A.P.D., WHO HAD MORE OVERTIME THAN EVEN
7 OUR SHERIFFS, AND LONG BEACH AS WELL AS THE SHERIFF. SO I
8 THINK PEOPLE NEED TO CHECK ON SOME OF THE THINGS THAT HE
9 STATES, AND WHEN HE PUTS THOSE BITS OF INFORMATION OUT ON
10 FACEBOOK OR HIS WEDNESDAY MEETING, I THINK PEOPLE NEED TO FACT
11 CHECK THAT, AND WE SHOULD BE DOING THAT TOO AS A COUNTY. I AM
12 CONCERNED, AGAIN, ABOUT SERVICE IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS,
13 FOR EXAMPLE, IN EAST L.A. WHERE WE HAVE A VERY, VERY BUSY AND
14 VOLATILE COMMUNITY. MANY THINGS HAPPEN, NOT ALL NEGATIVE, BUT
15 BY AND LARGE WHEN I CONTINUE TO GET COMPLAINTS WHEN DEPUTIES
16 ARE CALLED TO COME TO THE SCENE OF A CRIME OR SOME ISSUE HAS
17 TO BE ADDRESSED THAT THEIR TIME TO GET TO THOSE PLACES VARIES
18 FAR AND WIDE. SOME OF THE EXCUSES I GET IS THAT WELL, THEY ARE
19 ASSIGNED TO THE DEPUTIES ASSIGNED IN EAST L.A. ARE ACTUALLY
20 DOUBLE BOOKED BECAUSE THEY GO TO CONTRACT CITIES. SO IN FACT,
21 I BELIEVE IN MANY CASES WE ARE SUBSIDIZING HIS CONTRACT FOR
22 CONTRACT CITIES. AND THAT IS REALLY A DISSERVICE FOR MY
23 RESIDENTS, NOT JUST IN EAST L.A., BUT EVEN CITY OF COMMERCE
24 AND THE SOUTHEAST COMMUNITIES BECAUSE WE HAVE HAD MANY
25 INCIDENTS THAT OCCUR, AND WE STILL DO NOT SEE ENOUGH PRESENCE

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1 FROM THE DEPUTIES THAT ARE LEGALLY SUPPOSED TO BE ASSIGNED TO
2 THESE AREAS. SO I CONTINUE TO HAVE THAT CONCERN AND WOULD LIKE
3 TO GET, AND AS WE DIVE INTO THIS, A BETTER REPORT ON HOW THOSE
4 ASSIGNMENTS ARE MADE BECAUSE I CAN TELL YOU NOW IT IS NOT
5 GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, AND IT HASN'T. AND I UNDERSTAND
6 THAT THE DEPUTIES ARE TRYING TO DO THEIR JOB, BUT WE REALLY
7 HAVE TO COUNT ON LEADERSHIP. AND IF THE LEADERSHIP ISN'T
8 THERE, THEN THAT BEGS THE QUESTION. SO WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK
9 TO DO. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR AND MY COLLEAGUES
10 FOR ASKING THESE QUESTIONS.

11
12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** BEFORE I CALL ON YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN,
13 LET ME JUST SHARE A POINT OF CLARIFICATION. ACCORDING TO MY
14 NOTES, SUPERVISOR BARGER, 361 OF THE 642 VACANCIES ARE THE
15 DEPUTY LEVEL POSITIONS. THEY ARE SWORN PERSONNEL. SO I THINK
16 THE BUDGETED ACADEMIES WOULD ABSOLUTELY COVER SWORN PERSONNEL
17 ENTRY LEVEL POSITIONS AS YOU TALKED ABOUT, AS WE HAVE ALL
18 TALKED ABOUT WANTING TO MAKE SURE UNINCORPORATED AREAS ARE
19 COVERED. MY QUESTION FOR FOLLOW UP TO MS. DAVENPORT IS THE THE
20 REMAINING 300 OR SO, WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THOSE ARE SWORN
21 PERSONNEL VERSUS CIVILIAN TO REALLY GET TO THE CRUX OF I THINK
22 WHAT WE HEAR FROM OUR CONSTITUENTS. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

23
24 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. YOU SORT OF CLARIFIED IT. I
25 WAS JUST GOING TO ASK FESIA AGAIN WAS SHE GOING TO GIVE US

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1 BREAKDOWN OF THE LANDING SPACES, THE VACANCIES, AS IT RELATED
2 TO THE ACADEMY, AND AS IT RELATED TO OTHER PERSONNEL IN THE
3 DEPARTMENT SO WE HAVE A BETTER HANDLE ON IT. BY THE WAY, IF
4 THERE'S ANYTHING WE COULD DO, I ABSOLUTELY THINK WE SHOULD
5 REQUIRE VACCINATION BEFORE YOU ARE ALLOWED TO BE ACCEPTED INTO
6 THE ACADEMY. THAT IS JUST SORT OF A NO- BRAINER, BUT THANK
7 YOU.

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I HAVE -- MS. DAVENPORT, GO
10 AHEAD.

11

12 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. SO WE DID
13 INCLUDE THAT INFORMATION IN THE REPORT. AND JUST REALLY
14 QUICKLY, SO THERE WERE AT THE TIME OF THIS REPORT, THE AS OF
15 DATE OF THIS REPORT, THERE WAS 642 SWORN VACANCIES. OF THAT
16 NUMBER, 361 WERE DEPUTIES. SO THAT'S THE FIRST LINE. THE
17 ACADEMIES WOULD BE 348, FOUR ACADEMIES PER YEAR. THE OTHER
18 DEPUTIES -- I AM SORRY, THE OTHER VACANCIES ARE AS FOLLOWS.
19 THERE WERE TWO COMMANDER VACANCIES, ONE CAPTAIN VACANCY, 49
20 LIEUTENANT VACANCIES, AND 229 SERGEANT VACANCIES. AND THAT'S
21 ON PAGE SEVEN OF ATTACHMENT ONE OF THE REPORT IN A TABLE,
22 TABLE FIVE.

23

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND THE BOTTOM OF THAT TABLE
2 ALSO ANSWERS THE QUESTIONS I POSED WITH REGARD TO NON-SWORN
3 PERSONNEL. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER:** I WILL MAKE IT REALLY QUICK. SHEILA BROUGHT
6 SOMETHING UP REGARDING THE TWO YEAR. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO
7 LOOK AT THE PAST TWO YEARS AND REVIEW THE ACTUAL COSTS AND
8 LOOK AT WHAT WOULD BE NEEDED TO KEEP UP WITH THE VACANCIES
9 THAT ARE BEING PROJECTED?

10

11 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** SUPERVISOR, YES, WE COULD DEFINITELY
12 DO THAT ANALYSIS. WE WILL GO BACK OVER THE LAST TWO FISCAL
13 YEARS AND LOOK AT THE VACANCY NUMBERS AND THEN WHAT WOULD NEED
14 TO COME IN IN ORDER TO KEEP THOSE IN PLAY.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** PERFECT. THANK YOU, FESIA.

17

18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SEEING NO OTHER HANDS, I HAVE ONE FINAL
19 QUESTION, MS. DAVENPORT. REPORT SHOWS A COMBINED PAY OUT OF
20 OVER \$3.5 MILLION IN SETTLEMENTS IN THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT.
21 HOW DO YOU FACTOR THESE SETTLEMENTS INTO THE BUDGET
22 ALLOCATION?

23

24 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. SO, LIKE WITH
25 EVERY OTHER DEPARTMENT, WE KNOW THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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1 IS SUED FROM TIME TO TIME. WE DO AN ALLOCATION IN DEPARTMENTAL
2 BUDGETS FOR BASICALLY JUDGMENTS AND DAMAGES. WE ARE NOT ALWAYS
3 ABLE TO CONTROL THE TIMING OF THOSE JUDGMENTS. SO, WHEN THE
4 JUDGMENT COMES IN, HOPEFULLY IT COMES IN IN THE YEAR WHERE WE
5 HAVE ALLOCATED THE FUNDING. IF IT DOESN'T, THEN WE WILL HAVE
6 TO PROVIDE -- THIS WOULD BE CONSIDERED AN UNANTICIPATED OR
7 UNEXPECTED EXPENSE, AND SO WE MIGHT PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING
8 IN ORDER TO COVER THE EXPENSE. SO, REALLY, THE ANSWER IS WE
9 ALLOCATE A CERTAIN AMOUNT BASED ON PROJECTIONS THAT WE RECEIVE
10 FROM COUNTY COUNSEL, AND THEN WE MONITOR, AS THOSE JUDGMENTS
11 COME IN THROUGH THE YEAR, TO MAKE SURE THAT THE AMOUNT
12 ALLOCATED DOESN'T EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF JUDGMENTS ACTUALLY
13 ENTERED.

14
15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR THAT CLARIFICATION. I
16 APPRECIATE IT. SEEING NO OTHER HANDS RAISED, COLLEAGUES, THIS
17 REPORT IS RECEIVED AND FILED. HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL
18 BE THE ORDER. ITEM 27, REPORT BY THE INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR
19 REFORMS AND OVERSIGHT EFFORTS. COLLEAGUES, I ALSO HELD THIS
20 ITEM TO ALLOW SEVERAL OF THE CONTRIBUTORS TO THE REPORT TO
21 PROVIDE SOME CLARIFYING QUESTIONS -- ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS I
22 HAVE, AND I HOPE THAT SOME OF YOU HAVE SOME INQUIRIES, TOO.
23 WITH THIS, WE HAVE GOT DARA WILLIAMS. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
24 THE REPORT. THE REPORT RAISES SOME CONCERNING ISSUES THAT
25 DIRECTLY EFFECT THE ABILITY OF THE OVERSIGHT ENTITIES REALLY

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1 TO PERFORM THEIR BASIC FUNCTIONS. AND SO, IF DARA WILLIAMS,
2 REPRESENTING THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL COULD JOIN
3 US? DARA WILLIAMS: GOOD AFTERNOON.

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

6

7 **DARA WILLIAMS:** I AM HAPPY TO GO THROUGH THE REPORT WITH ALL OF
8 YOU, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU'D LIKE, OR I AM ALSO OPEN TO ANSWERING
9 QUESTIONS. CATHLEEN BELTZ, OUR ASSISTANT INSPECTOR GENERAL
10 FOR OUR CUSTODY DIVISION, IS ALSO ON THE LINE.

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OKAY, LET ME GET THE -- LET ME DO A
13 TEMPERATURE CHECK AND GET THE PLEASURE OF THE OTHER MEMBERS OF
14 THE BOARD. I HAVE SEVERAL QUESTIONS. I HAVE READ THE REPORT.
15 WOULD PEOPLE LIKE A PRESENTATION, OR DO YOU WANT TO GET
16 DIRECTLY TO YOUR QUESTIONS?

17

18 **SUP. KUEHL:** I'D LIKE TO GO DIRECTLY TO QUESTIONS, MADAM CHAIR.

19

20 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** EXCELLENT. OKAY, THANK YOU. THAT'S WHAT
21 WE'LL DO. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WHY DON'T WE GO AHEAD AND LET
22 YOU GET STARTED WITH YOUR QUESTIONS, AND I'LL FOLLOW.

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL:** THERE ARE PROBABLY A NUMBER OF GENERAL QUESTIONS
25 PEOPLE MIGHT HAVE. I HAD A SPECIFIC THAT I WANTED TO DRILL

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1 DOWN A LITTLE BIT ABOUT REALLY INTERESTED IN THE NUMBER OF
2 PREGNANT PEOPLE IN CUSTODY EACH DAY. THE REPORT WAS THAT IT
3 WOULD RANGE FROM ABOUT 12 WOMEN TO 36 WOMEN IN CUSTODY EACH
4 DAY THIS LAST QUARTER. SO I WONDER IF THERE IS ANY ANALYSIS
5 ABOUT WHAT WE MIGHT DO TO FURTHER REDUCE THE NUMBER OF
6 PREGNANT WOMEN IN CUSTODY, MAYBE RELATED TO THE AMOUNT OF TIME
7 THEY HAVE TO SPEND IN THE JAIL, OR DIVERTING THEM SOONER. AND
8 FINALLY, THE QUESTION ABOUT IS THERE ANYTHING THE COUNTY CAN
9 DO TO MAKE THE JAIL SAFER FOR PREGNANT WOMEN WHO MAY BE
10 INELIGIBLE FOR RELEASE. I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR
11 EXPERIENCE THERE.

12

13 **DARA WILLIAMS:** I WILL JUST ANSWER GENERALLY, AND I THINK THE
14 12 TO 36 MIGHT HAVE BEEN FROM JANUARY THROUGH NOW, BUT I'D
15 HAVE TO GO BACK AND CHECK THAT, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE IT WAS
16 ONLY THIS QUARTER. BUT OCTOBER 15TH OF THIS QUARTER, THERE
17 WERE 31 PREGNANT WOMEN IN CUSTODY. I WILL DEFER TO ASSISTANT
18 INSPECTOR GENERAL, CATHLEEN BELTZ, ON HER CONVERSATIONS WITH
19 THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT ABOUT WHAT ELSE CAN BE DONE, BUT I
20 WOULD NOTE THAT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IS OF THE UTMOST
21 IMPORTANCE IS GETTING FACILITY TO ITS RATED CAPACITY. AND NOW,
22 I'LL LET MS. BELTZ RESPOND. I GUESS I SHOULD ASSUME, I MEAN IF
23 SHE IS AVAILABLE, AND IF NOT, I CAN RESPOND, BUT I AM NOT SURE
24 IF SOMEONE CHECKED IN WITH HER.

25

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** DO WE KNOW IF SHE IS ON THE LINE. SHE IS
2 ON THE LINE.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** MAYBE WE NEED SO SAY "UNMUTE."

5

6 **DARA WILLIAMS:** WE CAN'T UNMUTE OURSELVES. SO, SOMEONE HAS TO
7 UNMUTE HER.

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT SHE IS
10 UNMUTED.

11

12 **DARA WILLIAMS:** THEN MAYBE THERE'S A GLITCH.

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** MAYBE THERE'S SOME TECHNICAL
15 DIFFICULTIES, SO IF YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND RESPOND, AND IF WE
16 CAN GET HER, SHE CAN ADD ON.

17

18 **DARA WILLIAMS:** I WILL, AND THEN IF SHE IS ABLE TO JOIN, THEN
19 SHE CAN JUMP IN. THE MAIN THING IS LOOKING AT THE CHARGES AND
20 FINDING WAYS TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE ARE PLACES THAT WE CAN
21 DIVERT THESE INDIVIDUALS TO. AND ADDITIONALLY, THE SHERIFFS
22 DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THERE'S LEGAL IMPEDIMENTS SOMETIMES TO
23 THEIR UNILATERAL RELEASE, AND OUR REPORT RECOMMENDS THAT THE
24 SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT, THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, CONSULT
25 WITH OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND JUSTICE -- PEOPLE INVOLVED

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1 IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM, SORRY ABOUT THAT, TO FIND WAYS TO HAVE
2 SOMEWHERE ELSE FOR THESE WOMEN TO GO SO THEY CAN GET THE
3 SERVICES THAT THEY NEED, MEDICALLY, AND ALSO REHABILITATIVE
4 SERVICES TO LOOK AT WAYS TO PREVENT FUTURE INCARCERATION. SO
5 THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE ARE WORK WITHING THE DEPARTMENT
6 WITH, AND WE DO CONTINUALLY ASK THE DEPARTMENT TO REVIEW THE
7 CHARGES OF SOME OF THESE INDIVIDUALS. AND THIS APPLIES TO
8 PERSONS ALSO WHO ARE NOT PREGNANT AND IN CUSTODY. RIGHT? WE
9 ARE LOOKING AT WAYS THAT WE CAN REDUCE THE JAIL POPULATION
10 BECAUSE, OBVIOUSLY, EVERYONE IN THE JAIL IS SAFER IF IT IS AT
11 ITS RATED CAPACITY. SO THAT'S FIRST AND FOREMOST. BUT WE WILL
12 CONTINUE TO EXPLORE WAYS TO SPECIFICALLY TO HAVE PREGNANT
13 WOMEN RELEASED. I DO BELIEVE THAT THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND
14 REENTRY IS INVOLVED IN MAKING SURE THAT PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE
15 FOR THESE WOMEN. THAT'S SOMETHING THAT MS. BELTZ MIGHT SPEAK
16 TO MORE DIRECTLY THAN I COULD, BUT I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN
17 MEETINGS WHERE I HAVE HEARD JUDGE ESPINOZA SPEAK ABOUT
18 PREGNANT WOMEN AND MAKING SURE THAT THEY ARE PUT INTO
19 ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF INCARCERATION.

20
21 **SUP. KUEHL:** I WOULD BE INTERESTED TO FOLLOW UP ON WHAT YOU
22 SAID ABOUT THE SHERIFF THINKING THAT THERE WERE IMPEDIMENTS
23 BECAUSE SOMETIMES I THINK THAT THERE MAY BE A MISUNDERSTANDING
24 OR A MISINTERPRETATION OF AN ABILITY TO FIND AN ALTERNATIVE
25 PLACEMENT. AND WE BRING A LOT OF MOTIONS, BUT IT IS KIND OF

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1 THE LAST THING WE DO TO TRY TO MAKE SOMETHING HAPPEN, BUT I
2 WOULD OFTEN LIKE TO KNOW WHAT IS AVAILABLE. AND I THINK SINCE
3 THE INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE HAS TAKEN A LOOK AT THESE
4 VARIOUS ISSUES THAT PERHAPS IT MIGHT BE GOOD TO KNOW.

5

6 **DARA WILLIAMS:** I AGREE. IT IS DEFINITELY -- AND I AM A FORMER
7 DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, SO I HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF INSIGHT
8 THAT WAY. OFTENTIMES, IT IS THE CHARGES THAT ARE THE
9 "IMPEDIMENT," BUT, YOU KNOW, CHARGES CAN BE CHANGED RIGHT.
10 AND SOMETIMES MORE SERIOUS CHARGES ARE FILED AND LESS SERIOUS
11 CHARGES CAN BE FILED. AND SO, I THINK SOMETIMES IT IS A MATTER
12 OF WORKING, NOT JUST WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, BUT ALSO
13 THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT WORK WITHING THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
14 OFFICE AND THE PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE. AND I DO KNOW THAT
15 ASSISTANT SHERIFF CORBETT HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THOSE TYPES OF
16 DISCUSSIONS. I THINK THERE WAS A BIGGER PUSH AT THE BEGINNING
17 OF THE PANDEMIC BECAUSE NO ONE WAS MOVING TO THE STATE PRISON
18 SYSTEM. WE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THE REPERCUSSIONS OF CONGREGATE
19 LIVING WOULD BE, ALTHOUGH THINK WE COULD OBVIOUSLY ANTICIPATE
20 THAT IT WAS NOT GOING TO BE GOOD. AND SO, I THINK WHAT IS
21 IMPORTANT IS THAT WE CONTINUE WITH THE PUSH THAT STARTED AT
22 THE BEGINNING OF THE PANDEMIC TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE NOT
23 OVER CAPACITY AND THAT TO PUT INTO PERSPECTIVE CERTAIN CHARGES
24 VERSUS THE VERY REAL RISK OF INFECTION WITHIN A CONGREGATE

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1 LIVING FACILITY. SO NOT TO TAKE OUR FOOT OFF THE PEDAL, SO TO
2 SPEAK, IS REALLY WHAT IS IMPORTANT HERE.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND I BELIEVE MS. BELTZ IS
7 NOW ON. IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD IN RESPONDING
8 TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S QUESTION?

9

10 **CATHLEEN BELTZ:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YES.

13

14 **CATHLEEN BELTZ:** OKAY. GREAT, APOLOGIES FOR TECHNICAL DIFFICULT
15 EVER DIFFICULTIES. THANKS, MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS FOR
16 HAVING US. UNFORTUNATELY, I DIDN'T HEAR ALL OF DARA'S
17 RESPONSE, SO AT THE RISK OF SOUNDING OVERLY REPETITIVE, I
18 MIGHT JUST ADD TO THE EXTENT THAT IT WASN'T MENTIONED THAT WE
19 HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT COUNTY COUNSEL OFFER LEGAL ANALYSIS INTO
20 WHICH GROUPINGS OF THE SPECIFIC JAILS IN THE CURRENT JAIL
21 POPULATION THE SHERIFF HAS UNILATERAL AUTHORITY TO RELEASE. SO
22 SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO PREGNANT WOMEN, THE SHERIFFS
23 DEPARTMENT AND ASSISTANT SHERIFF CORBETT HAVE INDICATED THAT
24 PERHAPS ABSOLUTELY CORRECTLY SO THAT THEY ONLY HAVE UNILATERAL
25 AUTHORITY TO RELEASE BASED ON OBVIOUSLY CURRENT CHARGES AND A

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1 VARIETY OF OTHER CRIMINAL PROCEDURAL CASE STATUSES. I THINK WE
2 MAY NOT HAVE EXACTLY ALL THE INFORMATION WE NEED IN ORDER TO
3 DETERMINE SPECIFICALLY WHICH GROUPINGS OF THE POPULATION THE
4 SHERIFF CAN GO AHEAD AND RELEASE ON HIS OWN AND WHO THE
5 SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT REQUIRES COOPERATION FROM OTHER JUSTICE
6 PARTNERS IN ORDER TO RELEASE. AND SO, WE HAVE RECOMMENDED THE
7 COUNTY COUNSEL OFFER THAT LEGAL ANALYSIS.

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** YEAH, I THINK IT IS A REALLY IMPORTANT THING TO
10 BRING ALL THE TOOLS POSSIBLE TO IT BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, I DON'T
11 WANT TO TAKE ANYTHING AWAY FROM PEOPLE WORKING VERY
12 ASSIDUOUSLY TO GIVE GOOD MEDICAL CARE IN JAIL, BUT IT IS JUST
13 NOT EXACTLY WHERE YOU WOULD WANT TO SPEND YOUR PREGNANCY. SO I
14 THANK YOU FOR ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO GET MORE INFORMATION
15 ABOUT IT AND SEE IF THERE'S A WAY THAT WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO
16 MAKE CERTAIN THAT PREGNANT WOMEN DON'T HAVE TO SPEND THEIR
17 TIME IN JAIL BUT STILL ARE SERVING THEIR SENTENCE. THANK YOU
18 VERY MUCH.

19

20 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND I
21 CERTAINLY WANT TO PARTNER WITH YOU AS WE KEEP OUR FOOT ON THE
22 ACCELERATOR. I MEAN IT'S NOT A NEW ISSUE, AND FOR DECADES AT
23 THE STATE LEVEL WE WERE ABLE TO FIND WAYS TO RELEASE WOMEN
24 FROM STATE PRISON INTO CUSTODY BUT INTO MORE APPROPRIATE CARE.
25 I HAVE HEARD FROM MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL BRAND COMMISSIONING A

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1 DEEP CONCERN THAT THEY DIDN'T SEE PREGNANT WOMEN RELEASED AT
2 THE SAME RATE AS OTHERS DURING COVID. SO I WILL JOIN YOU IN
3 THAT. I SAW THE HANDS OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOLLOWED BY
4 SUPERVISOR BARGER.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, FOR HOLDING THE
7 ITEM, AND I TOO, SOME HAVE GREAT CONCERNS. BUT I, FIRST OF
8 ALL, WANT TO THANK THE INSPECTOR GENERAL AND HIS TEAM FOR
9 ISSUING THIS QUARTERLY REPORT. BUT AS I KNOW SOME OF US IN THE
10 FEEL RIGHT NOW A BIT OF FRUSTRATION BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF
11 COOPERATION FROM THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT WHEN IT COMES TO
12 PROVIDING LEGALLY MANDATED MATERIALS AND DOCUMENTS TO THE
13 INSPECTOR GENERAL AND THE OTHER ENTITIES LIKE THE CIVILIAN
14 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. IF PEOPLE RECALL, THE BOARD CREATED THE
15 O.I.G. AND C.O.C. BECAUSE RESIDENTS DEMANDED TRANSPARENCY AND
16 A CHANGE OF THE SHERIFF AND THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT, AND WE
17 KNOW THAT 72 PERCENT OF VOTERS IN L.A. COUNTY OVERWHELMINGLY
18 SUPPORTED MEASURE R. THEY GAVE OUR C.O.C. SUBPOENA POWER
19 BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO HOLD THE SHERIFF AND THE DEPARTMENT
20 ACCOUNTABLE FOR MISCONDUCT. SO I DO HAVE A COUPLE OF
21 QUESTIONS. THE ONE I'D LIKE TO START WITH IS, AGAIN, TO
22 EXPRESS MY FRUSTRATION, AND THIS IS FOR DARA IF SHE CAN ANSWER
23 IT, WITH RESPECT TO BODY WORN CAMERAS. I CONTINUE TO BE
24 CONCERNED THE SHERIFF IS NOT ADHERING TO ANY OF THE
25 RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING BODY CAMERA FOOTAGE AND ITS

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1 AVAILABILITY TO OUR CITIZEN'S COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE, AND
2 ALSO THE FACT THAT THE CAMERAS WERE PAID FOR BY TAXPAYERS, AND
3 WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO ENGAGE WITH HIM IN TERMS OF HOW THE
4 CAMERAS WERE ACTUALLY USED, AND ALSO ENGAGING WITH THE O.I.G.
5 IN TERMS OF OVERSIGHT AND INCLUDING OUR JUSTICE PARTNERS
6 HAVING FULL ACCESS TO THE CLIPS THAT L.A.S.D. HAS IN THEIR
7 HANDS. I DON'T SEE THIS AS BEING VERY TRANSPARENT, WOULD LIKE
8 TO HEAR WHAT YOUR THOUGHTS ARE ON THAT. AND HOW COULD WE
9 ENSURE THAT WE HAVE OVERSIGHT ENTITIES THAT CAN ACCESS THIS
10 FOOTAGE? THAT'S A CONSTANT QUESTION I GET FROM SOME OF MY
11 CONSTITUENTS. SO THAT IS FOR DARA.

12
13 **DARA WILLIAMS:** YOU ARE VERY RIGHT TO BE CONCERNED, AND AS YOU
14 WILL NOTE IN THE DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTING PORTION OF OUR
15 REPORT, WE SPECIFICALLY NOTE THAT THERE IS MANY INSTANCES WHEN
16 BODY WORN CAMERAS ARE NOT TURNED ON. THERE IS OTHER INSTANCES
17 WHERE WE HAVE NO IDEA WHETHER THEY WERE TURNED ON OR WHAT
18 VIDEO IS CAPTURED BECAUSE ALL WE SEE, AS THE O.I.G., IS WHEN
19 WE GO TO A CRITICAL INCIDENT REVIEW IS WE SEE WHATEVER SNIPPET
20 THE DEPARTMENT CHOOSES TO SHOW US. WE HAVE ASKED FOR FULL
21 ACCESS TO THE BODY WORN CAMERA VIDEO THROUGH THEIR CLOUD
22 STORAGE SYSTEM. WE'VE ASKED FOR ACCESS THAT WOULD ONLY BE
23 VIEWING ACCESS, SO WE WOULD HAVE NO ABILITY TO EDIT OR CHANGE
24 ANYTHING AT ALL IN THE VIDEOS. IT'S SAFE AND SECURE THAT WAY.
25 THIS, QUITE FRANKLY, SOME OF THIS IS ACCESS THAT NOT ONLY THE

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1 DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HAS BUT DEFENSE COUNSEL HAS. NOW,
2 OBVIOUSLY, THAT ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS, BUT WE'RE NOT ASKING
3 FOR THE ACCESS TO ANY OTHER EVIDENCE THAT IS CONTAINED IN THE
4 CLOUD SYSTEM, SIMPLY THE BODY WORN CAMERAS, AND WE HAVE BEEN
5 DENIED THAT ACCESS DESPITE HAVING ASKED FOR IT, DESPITE HAVING
6 RECOMMENDED IT. SO WE DO NOT HAVE A COMPLETE PICTURE OF WHEN
7 THE CAMERAS ARE BEING EMPLOYED, WHAT THE CAMERAS ARE
8 CAPTURING, WHETHER PEOPLE ARE COMPLYING WITH THE MANUAL OF
9 POLICY AND PROCEDURES, WHETHER THERE IS ANY DISCIPLINE FOR NOT
10 COMPLYING WITH IT, AND IF IT WENT TO A PARTICULAR TYPE OF
11 REVIEW, WE WOULD KNOW THAT, BUT ANYTHING UNDER 15 DAYS, WE
12 DON'T REALLY HAVE ACCESS TO THAT INFORMATION IN ANY SORT OF
13 COMPREHENSIVE BASIS. SO, ESSENTIALLY, WE ARE SHUT OUT. AND I
14 WOULD ALSO NOTE THAT WE HAD SERVED SOME SUBPOENAS ON
15 CUSTODIANS OF RECORDS FOR THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS A
16 SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT PERSON IN THE COMMAND STAFF. AND, AS OF
17 YESTERDAY, THE CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS WERE, SORRY, THE CUSTODIAN
18 OF RECORDS WERE SUPPOSED TO APPEAR TODAY, AND THEY REFUSED TO
19 APPEAR.

20
21 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO WHAT IS OUR RECOURSE HERE? OR MAYBE COUNTY
22 COUNSEL NEEDS TO ANSWER THAT.

23
24 **DARA WILLIAMS:** ESSENTIALLY, THAT'S THE RECOURSE. THE RECOURSE
25 IS CIVIL LITIGATION, AND WE ARE REGULARLY IN CONTACT WITH

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1 COUNTY COUNSEL, AND THEY KNOW OF ALL OF THE SHERIFFS
2 DEPARTMENT'S FAILURES TO PROVIDE US WITH INFORMATION.
3 UNFORTUNATELY, THAT IS WHAT WE ARE LEFT WITH DESPITE OBVIOUS
4 NEW TOOLS THAT WE WERE GIVEN BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE IN ORDER
5 TO ENFORCE OUR OVERSIGHT FUNCTIONS. THAT INCLUDES IN JANUARY A
6 NEW STATUTE WILL COME INTO EFFECT WITH DEPUTY GANGS, AND, IN
7 FACT, IT LABELS THEM AS DEPUTY GANGS. THAT'S PENAL CODE 13670,
8 AND WE ARE NOT ONLY TASKED REALLY WITH INVESTIGATING THAT, I
9 GUESS I SHOULDN'T SAY TASKED, THE BOARD HAS TASKED US WITH
10 THAT, BUT THE STATUTE GIVES US THE POWER TO CONDUCT THESE
11 INVESTIGATIONS. AND ANOTHER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 25303.7
12 SPECIFICALLY SAYS THAT INVESTIGATIONS BY AN INSPECTOR GENERAL
13 DO NOT INTERFERE OR OBSTRUCT SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT OR LAW
14 ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATIONS.

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS:** IT IS A SHAME. I WOULD IMAGINE WE ARE GOING TO
17 NEED TO REALLY DRILL DOWN ON THIS FURTHER SINCE WE DO NOT
18 HAVE THE COOPERATION OF THE SHERIFF OR THE DEPARTMENT. BUT I
19 DID HAVE ONE, MAYBE TWO MORE COMMENTS. ONE DEALING WITH
20 CUSTODY DEATHS BECAUSE I CONTINUE TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE
21 NUMBER OF DEATHS IN OUR JAILS AS WELL AS SUICIDES OCCURRING IN
22 THE JAILS. AND I'M TROUBLED BECAUSE INITIAL REPORTS INDICATE
23 THAT WHEN INDIVIDUALS ARE FOUND, THEY ARE FOUND UNRESPONSIVE.
24 IS ANYONE THERE POSSIBLY ABLE TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION OF HOW
25 THOROUGH ARE THE DEATH REVIEWS THAT ARE CONDUCTED AFTER DEATHS

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1 AND WHEN A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN CAN BE DEVELOPED? IS IT
2 L.A.S.D. OR C.H.S. THAT HAVE TO PROVIDE US WITH THIS
3 INFORMATION? WHAT DO WE KNOW HERE?

4

5 **DARA WILLIAMS:** MS. BELTZ WOULD BE IN THE BEST POSITION TO
6 ANSWER THAT.

7

8 **CATHLEEN BELTZ:** THANK YOU, MADAM SUPERVISOR. I WOULD SAY THE
9 ANSWER TO THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT THE DESK REVIEWS ARE
10 THOROUGH IS GENERALLY YES. THE DEATH REVIEW PROCESS, THE
11 CRITICAL INCIDENT REVIEW PROCESS THAT IS USED BY THE
12 SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT AND CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES AND
13 CHAIRED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM BOTH DEPARTMENTS IS EFFECTIVE.
14 IT IS THOROUGH. IT IS METHODICAL. IT IS SELF-CRITICAL. AND, TO
15 BE HONEST, IT IS ACTUALLY THE BEST I HAVE SEEN IN MY YEARS
16 DOING THIS WORK. THAT SAID, THERE ABSOLUTELY ARE RECURRING
17 ISSUES, RECURRING SYSTEMIC ISSUES THAT THE DEPARTMENT DOES ITS
18 VERY BEST TO IDENTIFY AND, FRANKLY, TO CRAFT CORRECTIVE
19 ACTIONS TO REMEDY, BUT SOMETIMES WE SEE THESE ISSUES DESPITE
20 WHAT OFTENTIMES ARE THE DEPARTMENT'S BEST EFFORTS RECURRING IN
21 SUBSEQUENT DEATHS. WE ABSOLUTELY HAVE ISSUES, AS YOU
22 INDICATED, RELATED TO FOLKS BEING IDENTIFIED IN A STATE OF
23 MEDICAL CRISIS AND BEING UNRESPONSIVE WHEN THEY ARE FOUND. SO
24 THAT MAY BE RELATED TO ISSUES AROUND SAFETY CHECKS. IT MAY BE
25 RELATED TO ISSUES AROUND ADEQUATE AND TIMELY IDENTIFICATION OF

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1 MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. AND SOMETIMES THAT IS NOT
2 THE CASE. SOMETIMES PEOPLE JUST EXPERIENCE ACUTE MEDICAL
3 DISTRESS, AND IT OCCURS VERY QUICKLY. SAFETY CHECKS WERE DONE
4 TIMELY AND IN A WAY THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH QUALITY
5 EXPECTATIONS, AND YET THEY STILL EXPERIENCE A DEGREE OF
6 DISTRESS AND END UP DYING AS A RESULT OF IT. THERE ARE
7 ABSOLUTELY CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS THAT ARE DEVELOPED. SO WHEN
8 SYSTEMIC ISSUES ARE IDENTIFIED, AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS
9 ARE IMPLEMENTED, THEY ARE -- THERE ARE VARYING DEGREES OF
10 SUCCESS IN THEIR IMPLEMENTATION. I WOULD SAY THAT FOR THE MOST
11 PART, THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS ARE IMPLEMENTED AND FOLLOWED
12 UP ON APPROPRIATELY. THE ISSUE REALLY COMES DOWN TO INDIVIDUAL
13 ERRORS THAT MIGHT BE MADE AT THE FACILITY LEVEL. I THINK WE
14 CAN USE SOME IMPROVEMENT, AND I HAVE SPOKE WITH THE ASSISTANT
15 SHERIFF AND TIM BELAVICH WILL ALSO LIKELY WANT TO COMMENT ON
16 THUS THIS ISSUE ABOUT MORE SORT OF PROACTIVE IDENTIFICATION OF
17 PROBLEMS THROUGHOUT THE DEATH REVIEW PROCESS. WE HAVE THREE
18 DEATH REVIEWS AFTER DEATH, AT THE 24 HOUR MARK, THE ONE WEEK
19 MARK, AND THE 30 DAY MARK. TO THE EXTENT TO WHICH THEY CAN
20 MORE PROACTIVELY IDENTIFY ISSUES AND CORRECT THEM, HOPEFULLY
21 WE CAN BETTER PREVENT THEM FROM RECURRING IN SUBSEQUENT
22 DEATHS. SO HOPEFULLY, THAT ANSWERS GENERALLY, AND IF YOU HAVE
23 MORE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS, PLEASE.

24

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** I JUST THINK WE HAVE TO DO A BETTER JOB IN THE
2 DIAGNOSTIC TREATMENT, AND I KNOW IT IS HARD TO MAYBE PROVIDE
3 ALL THE FULL SERVICE THERE, BUT I DO THINK IT IS IMPORTANT. I
4 THINK SOMETIMES WE CAN TRY TO PREVENT THE DEATHS OF THESE
5 INMATES, AND THAT IS REALLY CRITICAL. ONE LAST COMMENT, I AM
6 REALLY ALSO VERY CONCERNED ABOUT PREGNANT WOMEN THAT ARE IN
7 OUR JAILS AND WOMEN THAT ARE LACKING APPROPRIATE HEALTHCARE
8 SERVICES. DENTAL IS ONE OF THEM. AND THEN FOR OLDER WOMEN THAT
9 ARE IN OUR CUSTODY ALSO, WITH RESPECT TO SOME OF THEIR AGING
10 ISSUES THAT WOMEN GO THROUGH AND GETTING APPROPRIATE
11 ASSISTANCE AND HELP THERE ON A REGULAR BASIS. I REMEMBER THE
12 LAST TIME I VISITED THE WOMEN'S JAIL, I MET SOME INMATES THERE
13 IN THE HEALTH WARD, AND I WILL NEVER FORGET THIS OLDER
14 AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMAN TELLING ME SHE WAS WAITING TO SEE A
15 DENTIST, AND IT TOOK MONTHS FOR AN ABSCESS TO BE TREATED. CAN
16 YOU IMAGINE THE PAIN SOMEONE IS GOING THROUGH THAT COULD BE
17 ALLEVIATED IMMEDIATELY? AND MAYBE STAFFING IS AN ISSUE, AND
18 MAYBE PAYING PEOPLE, MEDICAL STAFF, A LITTLE BIT MORE TO HELP
19 US CAN REALLY GO A LONG WAY FOR SOME OF THESE WOMEN,
20 ESPECIALLY SOME OF THE ELDERLY WOMEN THAT ARE IN OUR CUSTODY.
21 SO THAT IS MORE OF A COMMENT, BUT I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE
22 MORE DONE THERE AS WELL. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

23
24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. ASSISTANT
25 SHERIFF CORBETT AND DR. BELAVICH ARE ALSO ON. WOULD ANY OF YOU

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1 LIKE TO ADD TO OR COMMENT ON SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S QUESTION ABOUT
2 IN CUSTODY DEATHS?

3

4 **TIM BELAVICH:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THIS IS TIM BELAVICH FROM
5 CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES. I THINK MS. BELTZ DID A VERY
6 GOOD JOB OF OUTLINING OUR PROCESS, WHICH WE MAKE IT A VERY
7 ROBUST PROCESS, AND I THINK THE IMPORTANT TERM IS SELF-
8 CRITICAL. FROM OUR DEATH REVIEWS, WE, MORE OFTEN THAN NOT, DO
9 COME AWAY WITH CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS, AND THOSE CORRECTIVE
10 ACTION PLANS ARE FOLLOWED UP ON AND ENSURE THEY ARE
11 IMPLEMENTED. AND WE ALSO, IN AN EFFORT TO BE AS TRANSPARENT AS
12 WE CAN WITH WHAT IS SOMETIMES CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, ALSO
13 MAKE EFFORTS TO SHARE A SUMMARY WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF OUR DEATH
14 REVIEW WITH EACH OF YOUR OFFICES SO THAT YOU ARE AWARE OF MORE
15 OF A DETAILS OF WHAT WE DISCOVERED AT THE TIME.

16

17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ASSISTANT SHERIFF CORBETT, DOES YOUR
18 DEPARTMENT HAVE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS OR PLANS FOR MORE FREQUENT
19 SAFETY CHECKS?

20

21 **ASSISTANT SHERIFF CORBETT:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND
22 SUPERVISORS. I WOULD LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS A COUPLE
23 OF THOSE. WE HAVE ALWAYS MENTIONED THE STAFFING CONCERNS. THE
24 AMOUNT OF DEATH WE'VE HAD THIS YEAR, I THINK THERE ARE A
25 COUPLE THINGS THAT WE'VE BEEN DEALING WITH, THAT DR. BELAVICH

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1 AND DR. HENDERSON HAVE DONE A GREAT JOB AT C.H.S. WITH THE
2 COVID. AND THEN WE ALSO HAD THE INFLUX OF FENTANYL COME IN,
3 WHICH WAS IN A DIFFERENT MANNER THAN WE'VE SEEN TRADITIONALLY
4 THAT IT WAS ON PAPER. THERE WERE JUST OTHER WAYS THEY WERE
5 GETTING IT IN, AND THE EFFECTS WERE TERRIBLE. THE -- THEY WERE
6 REACTING TO IT TO WHERE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER, DR. HENDERSON,
7 ON HIS RECOMMENDATION, WE ACTUALLY PUT THE NARCAN IN THE
8 HOUSING AREAS BECAUSE EVERY MINUTE AND SECOND COUNTS. THESE
9 ARE THINGS WE FOUND OUT THROUGH THESE DEATH REVIEWS, THAT GOOD
10 OPEN DIALOGUE BRINGS UP THESE TYPES OF CHANGES THAT WE CAN
11 IMPLEMENT TO MAKE IT A BETTER PROCESS. TO SPEAK FOR A MINUTE,
12 JUST FOR A SECOND REAL QUICK ABOUT THE PREGNANT FEMALES. WE
13 REVIEW THAT LIST WEEKLY. WE GO OVER ALL OF THEIR CHARGES.
14 REMEMBER, MANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS DO NOT HAVE ONE SINGLE
15 CHARGE. THEY HAVE SEVERAL DIFFERENT CASES WITH DIFFERENT
16 CHARGES. WE REVIEW THAT. WE LOOK AT WORKING WITH THE JUSTICE
17 PARTNERS TO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO. WE DO NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY
18 TO REDUCE CHARGES, OBVIOUSLY. SENTENCED INMATES, WE HAVE MORE
19 LATITUDE WITH PREGNANCY AND THAT TYPE OF THING, BUT WHEN THEY
20 ARE PRE-SENTENCED, THEY ARE REMANDED FROM THE COURT, AND THE
21 DIFFICULTY IS, TRADITIONALLY, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO AT THE LOWER
22 CRIMES FIND A COMMUNITY-BASED BEDS FOR THEM. MANY OF THE
23 COMMUNITY-BASED BEDS ARE LIMITED RIGHT NOW WITH COVID, AND
24 THEY WILL NOT TAKE THE HIGHER CHARGES. SO WE DO WORK WITH THAT
25 WEEKLY TO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TO PLACE THEM. SO IT IS A

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1 CONSTANT REVIEW PROCESS. MS. BELTZ WAS VERY ACCURATE ON THAT.
2 WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THAT TO SEE IF WE CAN FIND
3 ALTERNATIVES. I KNOW WE'VE DONE A LOT WITH THE DOCTORS AT
4 C.H.S. WITH DOULA PROGRAMS AND OTHER THINGS TO MAKE IT A
5 BETTER ENVIRONMENT. WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK ON THAT.

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR BARGER
8 FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND FOLLOWING UP ON WHAT SUPERVISOR
11 SOLIS WAS TALKING ABOUT, AND I DIDN'T KNOW THE DOCTOR WAS
12 GOING TO BE ON, BUT I JUST HAVE TO COMMEND YOU FOR THE
13 THOROUGH REPORTS YOU PROVIDE TO THIS BOARD. WHEN YOU DO THE
14 DEATH REVIEWS, AND THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS YOU PUT IN PLAY, AT
15 LEAST IN THE REPORT, I'M ASSUMING ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED BASED
16 ON LESSONS LEARNED ON BETTER PROVISION OF SERVICES, IF YOU
17 WILL, IN THE JAILS. BUT ARE YOU ALSO SHARING THOSE WITH THE
18 D.O.J., THE REPORTS?

19

20 **TIM BELAVICH:** YES, ALL OF THAT INFORMATION IS SHARED WITH THE
21 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. AND YOU ARE CORRECT, THE CORRECTIVE
22 ACTIONS ARE LESSONS LEARNED, AND I THINK A GOOD EXAMPLE, TO
23 TOUCH BACK UPON WHAT PREVENT SOLIS MENTIONED ABOUT THE
24 SUICIDES, WE EXPERIENCED AN INCREASE IN SUICIDES EARLIER THIS
25 YEAR, AND WE MADE CONCERTED EFFORTS TO CHANGE THE STAFFING

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1 MODEL, AND OUR STAFFING PLAN, AND THE FREQUENCY WITH WHICH WE
2 SEE A LOT OF OUR PATIENTS WHO ARE HOUSED IN CERTAIN AREAS. AND
3 WE HAVE BEEN VERY FORTUNATE. WE HAVEN'T HAD ANY SUICIDES SINCE
4 MAY, AND THAT ARE IN CUSTODY. WE'VE HAD TWO THAT HAVE NOT BEEN
5 IN OUR CUSTODY DURING THE YEAR, BUT I THINK THAT THAT IS A
6 GOOD EXAMPLE OF LESSONS LEARNED IN A WAY THAT WE WERE ABLE TO
7 QUICKLY MAKE CHANGES, BUT WE DO SHARE ALL OF THAT WITH THE
8 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, AND IT'S PART OF A PROVISION THAT'S
9 WRITTEN TO SHOW THAT WE ARE ABLE TO HAVE A QUALITY MANAGEMENT
10 SYSTEM WHERE WE ARE ABLE TO EXAMINE OUR SYSTEM AND MAKE THE
11 CHANGES WE NEED WHEN WE NOTICE THE NEED IS OCCURRING.

12
13 **SUP. BARGER:** GREAT, AND AGAIN, DR. BELAVICH, I JUST WANT TO
14 COMMEND YOU AND YOUR STAFF FOR BEING TRANSPARENT, FOR
15 NOTIFYING US WHEN A DEATH OCCURS, AND THEN FOLLOWING UP WITH
16 THE DEATH REVIEW. THAT LEADS ME TO MY NEXT QUESTION. AND
17 SUPERVISOR SOLIS BROUGHT UP THE EXAMPLE OF THE WOMAN WAITING
18 TO BE SEEN BY A DENTIST FOR THE ABSCESS. THAT DOES NOT FALL
19 UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF L.A.S.D. THAT FALLS UNDER THE
20 JURISDICTION OF D.H.S. THAT PROVIDES THOSE SERVICES IN THE
21 JAIL. IS THAT CORRECT?

22
23 **TIM BELAVICH:** THAT IS CORRECT. WE PROVIDE MEDICAL, DENTAL,
24 MENTAL HEALTH. YES.

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** THIS BOARD HAS BEEN VERY FOCUSED, EARLY ON, WHEN
2 ACTUALLY MARK ALLEY WAS OVER THE JAILS, ABOUT PROVIDING
3 RECRUITMENT RESOURCES TO GET INDIVIDUALS TO BE HIRED AND
4 PLACED IN OUR JAILS. AND I DON'T THINK IT HAS GOTTEN ANY
5 BETTER THERE. SO I THINK THAT ASIDE FROM WHAT WE'RE TALKING
6 WITH THE SHERIFF ON THIS REPORT, IT WOULD BENEFIT THIS BOARD
7 TO UNDERSTAND, FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE, AND NOT TODAY, BUT YOU
8 CAN TOUCH ON IT, WHAT RESOURCES ARE NEEDED AND WHERE YOU FIND
9 DEFICIENCIES BECAUSE I AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS, IF YOU --
10 YOU HAVE TO WAIT THAT LONG, AND YOU ARE IN PAIN, THAT IS,
11 WHETHER IT IS OUTSIDE THE JAIL OR INSIDE THE JAIL, IS NOT
12 HUMANE. SO I THINK THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT THAT FROM NOT THE
13 LENS OF L.A.S.D., BUT FROM THE LENS OF D.H.S. GIVING YOU THE
14 RESOURCES YOU NEED TO DO YOUR JOB IN THE JAILS.

15
16 **TIM BELAVICH:** THANK YOU FOR THE COMMENTS FOR MY STAFF ON THOSE
17 REPORTS. I WILL DEFINITELY PASS THAT ALONG AND APPRECIATE
18 THAT. BUT IN TERMS OF OUR HIRING AND RECRUITMENT PROCESS, YES
19 IT IS CHALLENGING. THIS IS A DIFFICULT PLACE TO WORK. AND WE
20 ARE NOT SET UP TO BE A HEALTHCARE PROVIDER. WE DO NOT HAVE
21 STATE OF THE ART CLINICS OR FACILITIES. SO THE PEOPLE WHO DO
22 COME TO WORK HERE ARE VERY DEDICATED TO THE WORK THEY DO. THE
23 RECRUITMENT PROCESS IS VERY CHALLENGING, AND, JUST OVERALL,
24 THE COUNTY HIRING PROCESS IS VERY DIFFICULT. IT COULD TAKE
25 ANYWHERE FROM SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS TO BRING A PERSON ON BOARD

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1 WHO WE IDENTIFY THROUGH AN INTERVIEW PROCESS. AND MANY PEOPLE
2 CAN'T WAIT THAT LONG TO START A NEW JOB. SO THAT DOES MAKE IT
3 DIFFICULT. THERE IS ALSO A LOT OF COMPETITION FOR VERY FEW
4 RESOURCES IN THE HEALTHCARE COMMUNITY. SO WE FACE THAT
5 CHALLENGE. BUT I THINK OVERLAYING THAT, BESIDES JUST THE NEED
6 FOR STAFF AND SOME ADDITIONAL STAFF, IS THERE ARE TOO MANY
7 PEOPLE TO TREAT HERE. THE SHEER NUMBER PATIENTS IN OUR
8 POPULATION, AND THE ACUITY OF OUR POPULATION, MAKES IT VERY
9 DIFFICULT TO DO THE JOB. SO THAT THE UNFORTUNATE PERSON THAT
10 SUPERVISOR SOLIS REFERRED TO HAD TO WAIT A LONGTIME. THERE ARE
11 OTHERS WHO ALSO HAVE TO WAIT A LONGTIME JUST BECAUSE THERE IS
12 HIGH ACUITY. WE HAVE SEEN THAT IN OUR DEATHS. MANY OF OUR
13 DEATHS THIS YEAR, MORE SO THAN PREVIOUS YEARS, ARE DUE TO
14 NATURAL CAUSES.

15
16 **SUP. BARGER:** GOT IT. I THINK THIS IS A DISCUSSION TO BE
17 CONTINUED BECAUSE I TRULY DO BELIEVE WHEN WE TALK -- AND THAT
18 LEADS ME TO THE NEXT QUESTION. ASSISTANT SHERIFF CORBETT, YOU
19 TOUCHED ON IT, BUT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE PREGNANT WOMEN THAT
20 ARE REMAINING IN THE JAIL, AND I LOOK AT THE O.I.G. REPORT,
21 AND IT TALKS ABOUT THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL ALSO
22 RECOMMENDING TO COUNTY COUNSEL WITH SUPPORT OF JUSTICE
23 PARTNERS CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS OF THE CURRENT JAIL POPULATION
24 BASED ON CHARGES, CRIMINAL PROCEDURAL STATUS, AND OTHER
25 CATEGORIES APPROPRIATE. I THOUGHT WE DID THAT DURING THE

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1 PANDEMIC, AND THAT IS STILL IN PLAY. WHAT ELSE -- MY
2 UNDERSTANDING IS THAT WE HAVE ALREADY TRIAGED THOSE THAT WOULD
3 MEET THAT CRITERIA OUT OF THE JAIL. SO I AM ASSUMING THAT THE
4 PREGNANT WOMEN WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THAT ARE REMAINING IN
5 THERE DON'T FIT THE PRIMER AS IT RELATES TO THE TYPE OF
6 CHARGES.

7

8 **ASSISTANT SHERIFF CORBETT:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THAT'S
9 CORRECT. ALL OF OUR EFFORTS TO DEPOPULATE FOR LACK OF A BETTER
10 TERM AND DO THE OTHER RELEASE PROVISIONS, WE HAVE NOT CHANGED
11 ANY OF IT. WE ARE STILL WORKING WITH THE JUSTICE PARTNERS. WE
12 ARE STILL PROVIDING A LIST TO THEM FOR POSSIBLE STIPULATIONS
13 FOR EARLY CHARGE REDUCTION, THAT TYPE OF THING, IF THEY ARE
14 SENTENCED. WE CAN APPLY THE CREDITS OR WE APPLY THE JUSTICE
15 DEPARTMENT TO GO BACK TO THE SENTENCING JUDGE FOR RE-
16 SENTENCING. SO THESE ARE MAINLY THE PRE-SENTENCE WE ARE
17 CONCERNED WITH. SO THE PRE-SENTENCE HAVE THE CHARGES THEY THEY
18 ARE REMANDED TO OUR CUSTODY. WE ARE VERY LIMITED IN WHAT WE
19 CAN DO AT THAT POINT FOR ANY RELEASE OR JUST GETTING THEM OUT
20 OF OUR SYSTEM. WE CAN FIND BEDS AVAILABLE FOR THEM AND THEN
21 PLACE THEM IN THERE WITH THE CONSENT OF THE JUDGE AND THE
22 JUSTICE PARTNERS. AND YOU ARE RIGHT. IT IS THE CHARGES THEY
23 ARE FACING ARE PROHIBITIVE. THAT'S THE PROBLEM BECAUSE THEY
24 ARE SERIOUS AND VIOLENT BECAUSE THE LOWER CRIMES, WE HAVE BEEN
25 ABLE TO RELEASE, OR THE ZERO BAIL STILL IN EFFECT, THAT TYPE

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1 OF THING, WHICH WE ARE NOW IDENTIFYING A HIGHER LEVEL OF CRIME
2 THAT WE HAVE VERY LIMITED AUTHORITY TO REMOVE.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** SO THE SECOND PART OF THE O.I.G. REPORT TALKS
5 ABOUT THINGS YOU NEED TO DO FOR THOSE THAT CAN'T BE RELEASED,
6 WHICH I AGREE. ENSURING THE BOTTLED WATER, PRE-NATAL DIETS,
7 ACCESS TO PROGRAMS BECAUSE WE WANT THEM TO BE TAKEN CARE OF,
8 THE BABY, YOU KNOW, IN -- I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO
9 RECOGNIZE THAT THERE ARE NEEDS ABOVE AND BEYOND WHAT TYPICALLY
10 A WOMAN MAY NEED IN CUSTODY. SO I DON'T THINK YOU DISAGREE
11 WITH THOSE TYPE OF SUPPORT SERVICES OR MEDICAL SERVICES TO --
12 FOR WOMEN THAT ARE PREGNANT THAT ARE INCARCERATED.

13

14 **ASSISTANT SHERIFF CORBETT:** AGREED, SUPERVISOR. IN FACT, THAT
15 IS WHERE I WAS MAKING MENTION EARLIER WITH THE DOULA PROGRAM
16 AND THE OTHER PROGRAMS THAT WE ARE DOING TO TRY TO SUPPORT THE
17 PREGNANT FEMALES, DURING THEIR PREGNANCY AND AFTER THEY GIVE
18 BIRTH. AGREED, ALL OF THOSE WE THINK ARE IMPORTANT.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** AND THEN LAST BUT NOT LEAST, THIS IS MORE OF A
21 STATEMENT, AS IT RELATES TO THE O.I.G. AND THE COMMENT THAT
22 YOU ARE NOT BEING PROVIDED ACCESS, IT IS UNFORTUNATE. AND
23 ASSISTANT SHERIFF CORBETT, THIS IS NOT FOR YOU TO RESPOND
24 BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO PUT YOU IN AN AWKWARD POSITION. IT IS
25 UNFORTUNATE THAT WE DON'T HAVE OR YOU DON'T HAVE THE

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1 RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SHERIFF THAT HAS TRANSPARENCY BECAUSE WE
2 DON'T KNOW, AS IT RELATES TO THE CAMERAS, THAT THEY AREN'T
3 DOING WHAT YOU SAY THEY ARE DOING, AND WHERE I GET FRUSTRATED
4 IS, WHEN I GO OUT TO THE DIFFERENT STATIONS, AND I TALK TO THE
5 SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES, THEY ARE DOING THEIR JOB, AND THEY ARE
6 WORKING HARD, AND THEY APPRECIATE THE CAMERAS, AND IN FACT
7 RECOGNIZE THAT THIS IS A TOOL THAT GOING TO PROTECT THEM AS
8 MUCH AS PROTECT THE PUBLIC. AND SO, I AM NOT GOING TO ASSUME
9 THEY ARE NOT DOING IT. I AM GOING TO ASSUME THE HIERARCHY IN
10 THE DEPARTMENT IS NOT PROVIDING YOU THAT INFORMATION, QUITE
11 FRANKLY, BECAUSE THEY DON'T FEEL LIKE THEY HAVE TO. AND I'M
12 SURE THERE ARE THOSE INSTANCES WHERE PEOPLE HAVING TO GET USED
13 TO TURNING ON THEIR CAMERAS BECAUSE IT IS A NEW PRACTICE FOR
14 MANY, BUT I, HONESTLY, BELIEVE THAT THE MAJORITY OF THOSE THAT
15 DIDN'T OR DON'T ARE STILL GETTING USED TO IT, AND IT IS NOT
16 INTENTIONAL, AND I WOULD HOPE THAT WE WOULD ASSUME INNOCENT
17 UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY, SINCE THAT IS WHAT THIS BOARD TALKS
18 ABOUT, IS REDEMPTION AND ALL. I THINK WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT, I
19 AM NOT GOING TO ASSUME THE DEPUTIES HAVE THE INTENT TO
20 UNDERMINE OR SKIRT THE LAW, IF YOU WILL, AS IT RELATES TO SOME
21 OF THE INSTRUCTIONS THAT ARE BEING GIVEN BY THE O.I.G. ON
22 CAMERAS AND HOW TO USE THEM, AND I JUST WANT TO STATE THAT FOR
23 THE RECORD. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

24
25 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. WELL, WE ARE ALL SORT OF THINKING ALIKE.
3 MOST ALL OF MY QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ASKED BY ONE OR MORE OF MY
4 COLLEAGUES. I HAD A LOT OF QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BODY CAMERAS,
5 BUT I THINK WE HAVE THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED THAT. I AM VERY
6 CONCERNED, BASED ON THIS REPORT, ABOUT THE INCREASE IN OUR IN-
7 CUSTODY DEATHS. AND I THINK YOU TOUCHED ON IT. I AM NOT SURE
8 WHO IS ANSWERING THIS. CAN YOU JUST TALK A LITTLE BIT MORE,
9 AGAIN, ABOUT WHAT TYPES OF DEATHS HAVE INCREASED?

10

11 **TIM BELAVICH:** THIS IS TIM FROM CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES.
12 THE REPORT THAT IS WITH THE AGENDA COVERS THE QUARTER OF JULY
13 THROUGH SEPTEMBER, BUT WE ALSO HAVE DATA FOR THE YEAR. WE
14 HAVE, IN THE QUARTER, WE SAW THREE COVID DEATHS. FOR THE YEAR,
15 WE'VE SEEN EIGHT COVID DEATHS. SINCE MARCH OF 2020, WE'VE
16 RECORDED A TOTAL OF 16 COVID-RELATED DEATHS. SO WE HAVE SEEN,
17 I THINK, A BIT OF A DECREASE AS THE YEARS PROGRESSED IN COVID
18 DEATHS. MOST OF THEM WERE LAST WINTER WITH THE SURGE.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** DO YOU THINK THAT RELATES TO VACCINATIONS, TOO?

21

22 **TIM BELAVICH:** I THINK THAT DEFINITELY IS CONNECTED WITH
23 VACCINATIONS. IT IS ALSO I THINK WE ARE MUCH MORE VIGILANT.
24 EVERYONE COMING THROUGH THE INMATE RECEPTION CENTER IS TESTED,
25 AND IF THEY REFUSE TO TEST, WE QUARANTINE THEM AS IF THEY WERE

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1 TESTED POSITIVE UNTIL THEY ARE WILLING TO TEST. SO WE HAVE A
2 MUST BETTER PROGRAM SET UP TO DETECT COVID HERE IN THE JAIL.
3 WE DID THIS YEAR SEE AN INCREASE IN SUICIDES THAT ARE OF GREAT
4 CONCERN. ONE THING TO CAUTION ABOUT SUICIDES IS THERE WERE TWO
5 STATION JAIL DEATHS, SO THOSE WERE INDIVIDUALS THAT DID NOT
6 COME INTO OUR CARE. THEY REMAINED AT THE STATION JAILS WHEN
7 THEY COMMITTED SUICIDE. SO WE HAD SIX IN OUR CUSTODY, AND TWO
8 OUT, BUT WE HAVE HAD A TOTAL OF EIGHT. SO THAT HAS BEEN AN
9 INCREASE THIS YEAR AND HAS BEEN A CONCERN FOR US. BUT WE HAVE
10 ALSO SEEN --

11
12 **SUP. HAHN:** HOW MUCH OF AN INCREASE HAS THAT BEEN? WHAT WAS IT
13 LAST YEAR?

14
15 **TIM BELAVICH:** LAST YEAR, I BELIEVE THE NUMBER WAS A TOTAL OF
16 SIX SUICIDES LAST YEAR, AND FIVE WERE IN CUSTODY. BUT OF THE
17 CONCERN FOR US WITH THE SUICIDES, ESPECIALLY, WE SAW A LARGE
18 NUMBER VERY EARLY IN THE YEAR, JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH WHEN
19 THAT WAS OCCURRING. SO IT WAS A CONCERN, BUT WE ALSO CONNECTED
20 WITH THE FACT THAT THERE ARE NO VISITS ALLOWED, AND SO
21 INDIVIDUALS WERE VERY MUCH LIMITED IN THE ABILITY TO INTERACT,
22 AND WE HAD VERY LIMITED PROGRAMMING IN THE JAIL DUE TO COVID.
23 SO WHEN WE ANALYZE THAT, WE ACTUALLY LOOK AT WHAT WE CALL A
24 COVID COHORT AND SEE THAT A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY, BUT TO GET
25 BACK TO YOUR ORIGINAL QUESTION, SUPERVISOR HAHN, WE HAVE ALSO

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1 SEEN AN INCREASE IN NATURAL DEATHS, OR NATURAL CAUSES, WHICH I
2 THINK REFLECTS THE FACT THAT THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE COMING
3 INTO OUR CARE ARE IN WORSE SHAPE, FROM A HEALTHCARE POINT OF
4 VIEW, THAN PREVIOUSLY. I THINK THAT ONE OF THE THINGS WE WERE
5 SUCCESSFUL WITH COVID WITH WAS GETTING A LOT OF LOW-RISK
6 HEALTHY PEOPLE OUT. AND WHAT WAS LEFT WITH US WERE A LOT OF
7 PEOPLE WHO WERE HEALTH COMPROMISED AND HAD MORE SIGNIFICANT
8 ISSUES. AND WE'VE SEEN THAT. AND WE'VE ALSO, AS THE ASSISTANT
9 SHERIFF SPOKE OF EARLIER, THIS YEAR, ESPECIALLY WE HAVE SEEN A
10 SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN DRUG OVERDOSES. WE HAVE RECORDED NINE
11 DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS THIS YEAR. AND THE FENTANYL PROBLEM HAS
12 BEEN SIGNIFICANT, AND AGAIN I THINK IT REFLECTS THE DEATH
13 REVIEW PROCESS, THE STEPS WE'VE TAKEN WITH GETTING NARCAN OUT
14 THERE, GETTING NARCAN MORE AVAILABLE AND TEACHING PEOPLE HOW
15 TO USE IT, TEACHING THE INMATES HOW TO USE IT. THAT HAS ALL
16 BEEN NEW THIS YEAR IN RESPONSE TO THESE OVERDOSE DEATHS.

17
18 **SUP. HAHN:** AND I DON'T WANT TO SEEM NAIVE, BUT I AM SURE THE
19 PUBLIC WANTS TO KNOW HOW ARE DRUGS GETTING INTO OUR JAILS. I
20 MEAN, I AGREE. I AM ALL FOR THE NARCAN AND TRYING TO TREAT IT
21 ONCE IT IS HAPPENING, BUT WHAT ARE WE DOING TO GET AT THE
22 SOURCE? AND YOU MENTIONED MAIL. ARE THERE OTHER WAYS THE DRUGS
23 ARE GETTING IN? AND YOU MEAN THE SUBSTANCE IS ON THE PAPER OF
24 THE MAIL, IS THAT CORRECT?

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1 **ASSISTANT SHERIFF CORBETT:** YES, SUPERVISOR. WE ARE FINDING
2 THEY ARE LIQUEFYING SEVERAL TYPES OF NARCOTICS AND THAT IS
3 BEING LACED WITH FENTANYL, WHERE THE INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT EVEN
4 REALIZE IT HAS FENTANYL IN IT. I DON'T WANT, IN A PUBLIC
5 FORUM, TO TALK TOO MUCH ABOUT HOW IT IS COMING IN, IF YOU
6 UNDERSTAND MY CONCERN.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** THAT IS FINE.

9

10 **ASSISTANT SHERIFF CORBETT:** WE WILL PROVIDE THAT TO YOUR
11 OFFICES, IF YOU WOULD LIKE.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN:** THAT IS FINE. EVERYONE IS GOING TO WANT TO SAY, YOU
14 KNOW, WE NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB AT THE SOURCE, AS OPPOSED TO,
15 YOU KNOW, OBVIOUSLY SAVING THE PERSON ONCE THEY ARE IN THE
16 MIDST OF AN OVERDOSE. MY QUESTION IS, I DO KNOW THERE IS
17 TECHNOLOGY AVAILABLE TO SCAN THE MAIL FOR THESE SUBSTANCES. IS
18 THAT TRUE, AND ARE WE LOOKING TO MAYBE BUY THAT TECHNOLOGY?

19

20 **ASSISTANT SHERIFF CORBETT:** YES, SUPERVISOR. AS A MATTER OF
21 FACT, I AM DATING MYSELF HERE, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE ONE OF THE
22 OLD OVERHEAD PROJECTORS IN THE CLASS TO WHERE IT IS SIMILAR TO
23 THAT, AND ONE PIECE AT A TIME GOES IN A SPECTROGRAPH. IT IS A
24 BIT EXPENSIVE. WE HAVE PRESENTED TO THE C.E.O. TO PURCHASE. WE
25 WOULD LIKE GET A FEW OF THOSE, YES. AND THAT ACTUALLY NOT ONLY

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1 IDENTIFIES THAT THE SUBSTANCE IS ON A LETTER OR MAIL OR
2 SOMETHING, IT IDENTIFIES THE SUBSTANCE. IT GOES THAT FAR TO
3 TELL YOU WHAT IT IS, WHICH IS GREAT.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN:** I MEAN I WOULD BE IN FAVOR OF. SO THAT IF OUR
6 C.E.O. IS LISTENING, I CERTAINLY AM IN FAVOR OF PURCHASING
7 THAT TECHNOLOGY. I THINK THAT WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT PART IN
8 REDUCING AT LEAST THE DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS IN OUR JAIL, AND
9 YOU ARE RIGHT, WE MIGHT, YOU KNOW, DISCOVER OTHER THINGS THAT
10 MIGHT HELP US UNDERSTAND BETTER WHERE IT IS COMING FROM. SO I
11 WOULD CERTAINLY BE IN FAVOR OF THAT. OKAY. THANK YOU, MOST OF
12 MY COLLEAGUES HAVE ASKED MOST OF MY OTHER QUESTIONS, SO THANK
13 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER:** MADAM CHAIR, CAN I FOLLOW UP ON ONE THING? I'M
16 SORRY TO INTERRUPT. CAN I REQUEST THE C.E.O. AS PART OF THE
17 BUDGET PROCESS PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO FULLY STAFF THE
18 CUSTODY AND C.H.S. STAFFING NEEDS AT THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT
19 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE
20 REQUIREMENT THEY HAVE AS PART OF THE -- IS IT CONSENT DECREE
21 WE ARE INVOLVED WITH, AND THEN INCLUDE, BECAUSE I KNOW WE
22 TALKED ABOUT IT WHEN I FIRST CAME ON BOARD AS A SUPERVISOR,
23 INCLUDING BONUSES OR INCENTIVES FOR HARD TO FILL POSITIONS?
24 PLEASE.

25

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** MS. DAVENPORT, DO YOU WANT TO RESPOND
2 NOW?

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4 **SUP. BARGER:** NO, NO, NO I SAID DURING BUDGET, I MEAN FOR THEM
5 TO BEGIN TO PREPARE BECAUSE THE D.O.J. DOES REQUIRE THAT WE
6 HAVE ADEQUATE STAFFING LEVELS IN D.H.S., THE CORRECTIONAL, AND
7 HEARING THE DOCTOR TALK ABOUT THEY ARE UNDERSTAFFED, I WOULD
8 ASK THAT WE HAVE THAT BROUGHT FORWARD AS PART OF THE BUDGET
9 PROCESS, PLEASE.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. WE WILL
14 PREPARE THE ANALYSIS AND INCLUDE A RECOMMENDATION AND AN
15 UPDATE DURING THE BUDGET PROCESS.

16

17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN:** ALSO WE WOULD LOVE TO GET AN ANALYSIS ON THE
20 SCANNING CAPABILITIES FOR THE MAIL THAT COMES INTO OUR JAILS.

21

22 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** WE WILL INCLUDE THAT ANALYSIS AS
23 WELL, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

24

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS,
2 COLLEAGUES, FOR ANY OF OUR OTHER COUNTY PERSONNEL. OKAY, THANK
3 YOU VERY MUCH. THIS REPORT IS RECEIVED AND FILED. AND THAT
4 WILL BE THE ORDER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO ALL OF THOSE THAT
5 CALLED IN TO PROVIDE US A REPORT ON THE O.I.G.'S REPORT. WE
6 APPRECIATE IT. WE WILL NOW TAKE UP ITEM 44B, HEALTHCARE FOR
7 CONTRACTED EMPLOYEES, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
8 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. COLLEAGUES, I AM PLEASED TO
11 BRING FORTH THIS MOTION TODAY THAT WE ARE PRESENTING BOTH
12 SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND I WANT TO THANK HER AS MY COAUTHOR ON THE
13 MOTION ME. THE COUNTY CONTRACTS OUT MANY SERVICES, SOME OF
14 WHICH REPRESENT SECURITY OFFICERS, JANITORS, AND JANITORS WHO
15 HANDLE BIO-WASTE, AND CAFETERIA WORKERS AT OUR COUNTY
16 HOSPITALS AND OTHER FACILITIES. THEIR SERVICE, AS YOU KNOW,
17 WAS CRITICAL IN ENSURING THAT OUR HOSPITALS AND OTHER COUNTY
18 FACILITIES CONTINUED THEN, AND CONTINUE NOW, TO RUN SAFELY
19 DURING THE PANDEMIC. HOWEVER, DESPITE THE FACT THEY ARE
20 ESSENTIAL WORKERS AND WORK AT COUNTY PROPERTIES, INCLUDING
21 HOSPITALS, THE VAST MAJORITY DO NOT HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE FOR
22 THEMSELVES OR THEIR DEPENDENTS, AND WE HEARD FROM MANY OF THEM
23 THAT CALLED IN TODAY. WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE, IT IS LIKELY
24 THAT THESE CONTRACTED STAFF AND THEIR FAMILY WILL BE OUR
25 CLIENTS AT OUR HOSPITALS WHEN THEY GET SICK, WHICH IS A HIGH

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1 LIKELIHOOD, GIVEN THAT THEY ARE ASSIGNED TO OUR HOSPITALS AND
2 OTHER FRONTLINE HIGH EXPOSURE OPERATIONS. ALTHOUGH MANY OF THE
3 CONTRACTED EMPLOYEES MAY QUALIFY FOR COVERAGE UNDER THE
4 AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, THE PORTION THEY WILL NEED TO PAY OUT OF
5 POCKET COST IS STILL NOT AFFORDABLE. THESE CONTRACTED
6 EMPLOYEES ARE GENERALLY REPRESENTING LATINO AND AFRICAN-
7 AMERICAN COMMUNITIES. AND MOREOVER, TODAY'S MOTION DOVETAILS
8 WITH THE MOTION AUTHORED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN BACK IN 2019 FOR A
9 FIVE-YEAR PLAN TO BRING HYBRID POSITIONS LIKE THESE, WHERE THE
10 SERVICES ARE PROVIDED BY BOTH COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND
11 CONTRACTORS, AND BRING THEM BACK IN-HOUSE AS COUNTY EMPLOYEES.
12 AND ALTHOUGH COVID HAS DELAYED THE FIVE YEAR PLAN, AS WE KNOW,
13 IT IS STILL ON THE TABLE. TODAY'S MOTION WILL HELP DIRECT THE
14 C.E.O. AND COUNTY DEPARTMENT TO RETURN WITH COST ESTIMATES,
15 FEASIBILITY, AND A TIMELINE TO PROVIDE THIS SAME HYBRID
16 POPULATION WITH HEALTHCARE COVERAGE AND BENEFITS. IF THE
17 COUNTY LATER CHOOSES TO APPROVE THESE BENEFITS, THEN FROM A
18 BUDGETARY PERSPECTIVE, IT WOULD BE AKIN TO PHASING IN THE
19 COSTS OF BRINGING THESE CONTRACTED EMPLOYEES IN HOUSE. THIS
20 MOTION ALSO REQUESTS COST ESTIMATES FOR PAID SICK DAYS,
21 HOLIDAYS, AND VACATION, SO THAT THESE EMPLOYEES, WHO ARE OFTEN
22 THE LOWEST PAID, AS YOU HEARD TODAY, DO NOT HAVE TO GIVE UP
23 THEIR HOURLY WAGE TO TAKE TIME OFF. AND LASTLY, THAT ALL
24 FUTURE PROP A CONTRACTS FOR THESE TARGETED POSITIONS INCLUDE A
25 LABOR PROJECT AGREEMENT. COLLEAGUES, I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST

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1 YOUR AYE VOTE, AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR JOINING
2 ME.

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
7 SOLIS, FOR INVITING ME TO JOIN YOU ON THIS MOTION. THIS IS A
8 HUGE INJUSTICE THAT WE HAVE FULL TIME CONTRACT WORKERS WHO PAY
9 AS MUCH AS \$800 OUT OF POCKET, EVERY MONTH, FOR THEIR OWN
10 HEALTH INSURANCE. ON TOP OF THIS, MANY OF OUR FULL TIME
11 CONTRACT WORKERS CAN'T AFFORD THE COST OF THEIR EMPLOYER-
12 SPONSORED HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS TO COVER THEIR FAMILY
13 MEMBERS, AND, FRANKLY, IT IS EMBARRASSING WE HAVE FULL TIME
14 CONTRACT WORKERS WHO DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE
15 HEALTHCARE FOR THEMSELVES OR DEPENDENTS. THIS MOTION IS A
16 FIRST STEP TO LOOK INTO THE FEASIBILITY OF AMENDING OUR PROP 8
17 CONTRACTS WITH SECURITY STAFF, JANITORIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL
18 STAFF, AND CAFETERIA WORKERS TO REQUIRE THAT EMPLOYERS TO
19 PROVIDE 100 PERCENT EMPLOYER-PAID HEALTHCARE INSURANCE
20 BENEFITS AND PAID TIME OFF. DEPENDING ON HOW THIS REPORT COMES
21 BACK, IT MAY PROMPT US TO LOOK AT IN SOURCING SOME OF THESE
22 JOBS. I SUPPORT CREATING PATHWAYS FOR US TO HIRE CONTRACT
23 WORKERS ONTO PERMANENT COUNTY POSITIONS. IT HAS BEEN MY
24 POSITION SINCE I BECAME A COUNTY SUPERVISOR. I LOOK FORWARD TO
25 THE REPORT BACK ON IMPROVING HEALTHCARE ACCESS AND

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1 AFFORDABILITY FOR OUR CONTRACT EMPLOYEES. THANK YOU, MADAM
2 CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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6 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR
7 YOUR HARD WORK ON THIS MOTION AND SUPERVISOR HAHN. THE COUNTY
8 WORKFORCE TRULY IS A FAMILY AND, THROUGH OUR CONTRACTED
9 SERVICES, WE WERE ABLE TO EMPLOY THOUSANDS MORE WORKERS IN THE
10 PRIVATE SECTOR. I DO SHARE YOUR CONCERNS, AND I HEARD LOUD AND
11 CLEAR FROM THE PEOPLE CALLING IN ABOUT AFFORDABILITY, AND I
12 SUPPORT QUALITY UNION JOBS THAT ENABLE WORKERS TO PROVIDE FOR
13 THEIR FAMILIES. FOR MANY YEARS, WE HAVE WORKED TO BALANCE OUR
14 ABILITY TO PROVIDE QUALITY JOBS AND BENEFITS FOR EMPLOYEES
15 WHILE ALSO MAINTAINING THE FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY NECESSARY TO
16 SERVE THE CRITICAL NEEDS OF OVER 10 MILLION RESIDENTS IN L.A.
17 COUNTY. IN RECOGNITION OF THAT DELICATE BALANCE, LAST YEAR,
18 THIS BOARD TRANSITIONED FROM SECURITY SERVICES FOR OUR
19 BUILDING TO A CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE WORK MORE EFFECTIVELY
20 SAVING APPROXIMATELY \$2 MILLION. I THINK, AND I THINK
21 SUPERVISOR HAHN YOU JUST SAID IT, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE
22 REPORT BACK INCLUDES FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT BY THE C.E.O. AND
23 THE IMPACT OF DEPARTMENTS TO BRING THESE SERVICES IN-HOUSE,
24 WHICH IS AGAIN WHAT I THINK SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU JUST
25 MENTIONED, SO BRING IT IN-HOUSE DIRECTLY RATHER THAN

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1 CONTRACTING IT OUT BECAUSE I THINK THAT IS THE END GOAL. SO IT
2 WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE THE C.E.O. DO AN ANALYSIS AND GATHER
3 THAT INFORMATION. AND I BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT IN OUR EFFORTS
4 TO SUPPORT EVERYONE WHO SERVES THE COUNTY AS AN EMPLOYEE OR A
5 CONTRACTED EMPLOYEE. AND I UNDERSTAND WHERE THIS MOTION IS
6 COMING FROM, AND I UNDERSTAND WHAT THE GOAL IS. AND I THINK
7 THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE I TALKED TO SOME OF THE
8 CONTRACTORS WE CONTRACT WITH FOR OTHER SERVICES, AND, IN FACT,
9 THEY DO JUST WHAT YOU ARE ASKING. THEY PROVIDE THE HEALTHCARE
10 BENEFITS, THE DAYS OFF, AND ALL. AND I SUPPORT THAT, BUT I
11 WANT TO MAKE SURE IF THE GOAL IS TO BRING IT IN HOUSE THAT WE
12 HAVE A FULL ANALYSIS AS IT RELATES TO THAT BECAUSE, AGAIN, IN
13 THIS BUILDING, WE ACTUALLY CONTRACTED OUT TO SAVE \$2 MILLION.
14 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

15
16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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18 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. JUST AS A MATTER OF
19 CLARIFICATION, I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND EXACTLY WHAT THE
20 REPORT BACK IS GOING TO SAY BECAUSE I THOUGHT THAT IT WAS
21 ABOUT THE CONTRACTOR EMPLOYERS BEING REQUIRED TO, JUST FOR
22 CERTAIN SEGMENTS OF THE WORKFORCE POPULATION, TO PROVIDE
23 INFORMATION ON AVAILABLE A.C.A. HEALTHCARE BENEFITS AS WELL AS
24 REPORTING BACK ABOUT 100 PERCENT EMPLOYER-PAID HEALTHCARE
25 INSURANCE. I COULD BE READING JUST A SHORT VERSION AND JUST

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1 WANTED TO UNDERSTAND, AS WELL AS SICK DAYS AND HOLIDAYS AND
2 VACATION, ETC. SO THE COST ESTIMATES THAT THE C.E.O. IS
3 SUPPOSED TO COME BACK AND TELL US, IS THAT THE COST ESTIMATE
4 TO THE EMPLOYER WITH WHOM WE CONTRACT? SO WHAT IT WOULD COST
5 THEM? BECAUSE WE ARE ASSUMING WHEN THEY RENEGOTIATE CONTRACTS
6 WITH US, THEY WANT US TO COVER THOSE COSTS, BUT ALL OF THIS IS
7 IS A REPORT BACK ABOUT WHAT IT MIGHT COST THE EMPLOYER TO DO
8 IT?

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY, THANK YOU. I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE. YOU
13 KNOW I AM TOTALLY WITH THIS. THE INTERESTING THING, THOUGH,
14 WHEN WE WERE DOING THE SINGLE PAYER BILLS IN SACRAMENTO, ONE
15 OF THE DISCUSSIONS THAT WE HAD, AND IT WAS FRIENDLY, WAS
16 BETWEEN THE UNION LOCALS THAT REPRESENT OUR IN-HOUSE, NOT OUR
17 FOR COUNTY, BUT, YOU KNOW, IN-HOUSE PEOPLE, AND THEN THE
18 UNIONS THAT REPRESENT THE CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES. SOMETIMES.
19 THEY ARE DIFFERENT. AND THE ADVANTAGE THAT WE'VE HAD IN THE
20 COUNTY IN ATTRACTING PEOPLE IS THESE HEALTHCARE BENEFITS. SO
21 PEOPLE ARE JUST, YOU KNOW, THEY DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT TO
22 MAKE OF THIS YET BECAUSE IT IS A REPORT BACK. BUT I JUST THINK
23 IT WOULD BE INTERESTING BECAUSE, IN A WAY, WE MAKE IT LESS
24 ATTRACTIVE TO WORK FOR THE COUNTY IF WE'RE PROVIDING THESE
25 KINDS OF BENEFITS TO OUR CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES. NOW, I THINK

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1 THAT ACTUALLY PROVIDES IT FOR A LOT MORE PEOPLE. SO, YOU KNOW,
2 IN THE HIERARCHY OF THINGS, I AM FOR IT BECAUSE I DON'T THINK
3 EVERYBODY HAS TO BE INSIDE THE COUNTY IF THEY ARE GETTING A
4 LOT OF GREAT BENEFITS AND THERE ARE THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS
5 MORE, BUT I ALWAYS LIKE PEOPLE HAVING TO COME INTO THE COUNTY
6 BECAUSE THEY HAVE SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO MOVE FROM PLACE TO
7 PLACE AND REALLY LEARN THINGS. SO IT IS GOING TO BE
8 INTERESTING I THINK FOR US TO ASSESS WHAT ARE THE REAL
9 OUTCOMES. BUT I LIKE, STARTING OUT WITH A REPORT BACK. THAT IS
10 WHAT WE DO. AND I THINK THAT'S A GOOD WAY TO START. THESE
11 PEOPLE ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO BE COVERED IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.
12 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS:** SUPERVISOR, IF I MIGHT, MADAM CHAIR, I REALLY WANT
15 TO SAY THAT I THINK SOME OF US HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO ACTUALLY
16 MEET WITH THESE INDIVIDUALS. I KNOW I DID ON A ZOOM AND OVER
17 SEVERAL OCCASIONS, AND WHAT I LEARNED FROM MANY OF THEM IS
18 THAT THEY HAVE PROVIDED SERVICE, SOME OF THEM WELL OVER 10
19 YEARS, SOME 20 YEARS, WORKING AT OUR HOSPITALS, AT OUR
20 DIFFERENT FACILITIES, AND ESPECIALLY DURING COVID. AND THIS
21 WAS THEIR DEDICATION, AND IT WAS REALLY MORE ABOUT RESPECTING
22 THEIR WORK THAT THEY HAVE ALREADY GIVEN, THE DEVOTION THEY
23 HAVE TO THE COUNTY, WHICH IS SOMETHING YOU CAN'T NORMALLY BUY.
24 SOMETIMES, YOU WILL HIRE NEW EMPLOYEES, AND THEN THEY FIGURE
25 OUT, OH, MAYBE I DON'T LIKE THE COUNTY AFTER ALL, BUT HERE

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1 THESE FOLKS FEEL LIKE THEY ARE PART OF THE FAMILY BECAUSE THEY
2 SHOW UP, AND THEY WORK SIDE BY SIDE WITH OUR COUNTY
3 PROFESSIONALS, OUR DOCTORS, OUR NURSES, AND FEEL THIS IS A
4 SAFE HOME FOR THEM. BUT I THINK WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, IT IS
5 REALLY ABOUT TRYING TO PROVIDE THEM WITH, YOU KNOW, THE TOOLS
6 AND INFORMATION THAT WE NEED TO GET TO TRY TO SEE HOW THEY CAN
7 HAVE A GOOD QUALITY OF LIFE AND CAREER, WHILE THEY ARE WORKING
8 IN OUR FACILITIES. SO THEY ARE WORKING ON OUR PROPERTY. SO I
9 TOTALLY AGREE WITH YOU. I AM GLAD YOU ASKED FOR THAT
10 CLARIFICATION, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I TOO AM GLAD YOU ASKED FOR
13 THAT CLARIFICATION, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I WAS STRUCK IN MEETING
14 WITH MANY OF THESE EMPLOYEES, THESE WORKERS, IF YOU WILL, IN
15 HEARING HOW MANY YEARS THEY HAD WORKED INDIRECTLY, IF YOU
16 WILL, FOR THE COUNTY AT COUNTY FACILITIES THROUGH THESE
17 CONTRACTORS. RECOGNIZING JANITORS, SECURITY, ENVIRONMENTAL
18 CAFETERIA SERVICES, THOSE WERE THE PEOPLE ON THE FRONTLINES
19 DURING THIS MOST RECENT PANDEMIC. I AM HOPING HOPING AS A
20 RESULT OF A TRUE IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS THAT THE COUNTY WILL LEAN
21 IN HARD IN OUR NEGOTIATIONS. CONTRACTORS, A PART OF YOUR ADMIN
22 RATE IN ANY CONTRACT IS TO PROVIDE FOR YOUR WORKERS. I AM
23 REALLY HOPING THAT THROUGH THIS ANALYSIS, WE WILL EMPOWER THE
24 COUNTY TO LEAN IN TO MAKE SURE THAT THE CONTRACTOR IS PAYING
25 THEIR FAIR SHARE IN PROVIDING THESE COMPLETELY APPROPRIATE AND

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1 NECESSARY BENEFITS TO THEIR WORKERS. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS
2 ANALYSIS. IT WILL BE IMPORTANT TO US AS WE LOOK AT OUR OVERALL
3 BUDGETING SCHEME, THAT IF, BASED ON THE ANALYSIS, BASED THE
4 NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CONTRACTOR, THAT THE COUNTY MAKES THE
5 DECISION TO DO MORE. I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE ARE CLEAR ABOUT
6 THOSE COSTS, BUT MAINLY, THAT WE DO ALL THAT WE CAN TO MAKE
7 THE CONTRACTOR STEP UP TO THE PLATE BECAUSE IT IS ALMOST MORE
8 OFFENSIVE TO PROVIDE A HEALTH PLAN THAT NO ONE CAN AFFORD THAN
9 NOT TO PROVIDE ONE AT ALL, QUITE FRANKLY. SO I AM HAPPY TO
10 SUPPORT THE MOTION AND REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO THIS ANALYSIS IN
11 THE REPORT BACK, SO WE ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH CONCRETE FISCAL
12 INFORMATION AND HOPING OUR CONTRACTORS STEP UP AND DO THE
13 RIGHT THING.

14
15 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, IF I MIGHT, I JUST ALSO WANT TO ALSO
16 CLARIFY FOR THE PUBLIC AND FOR MY COLLEAGUES THAT MAY NOT BE
17 AWARE, MANY OF THESE EMPLOYEES DO NOT BENEFIT FROM A PENSION
18 PLAN LIKE MANY COUNTY EMPLOYEES DO, AND NOR DO THEY HAVE THE
19 SAME CIVIL SERVICE PROTECTIONS. THAT IS THE BIG DIFFERENCE
20 BETWEEN PRIVATE AND PUBLIC. I KNOW THIS ANALYSIS AND REPORT
21 BACK WILL HELP US AND GUIDE US, BUT I WHOLEHEARTEDLY AGREE WE
22 NEED TO DO THE BEST WE CAN FOR PEOPLE THAT HAVE ALREADY GIVEN
23 US 10, 20 YEARS, 25 YEARS, RAISED THEIR CHILDREN HIRE, AND
24 SOME OF THEM DO WORK AS COUNTY EMPLOYEES, THEIR OFFSPRING, BUT

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1 NONETHELESS WE SHOULD BE FAIR IN TREATMENT TO THEM. SO I
2 RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** HEARING AND SEEING NO OTHER COMMENTS,
5 ITEM 44B IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY
6 SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
7 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 44B IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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11 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

16

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

18

19 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

22

23 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

24

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

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

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

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. MOVING TO ITEM 44C, RESOLUTION OF THE
10 ADOPTION OF THE REDISTRICTING PLAN BY THE COUNTY OF LOS
11 ANGELES CITIZEN'S REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, WHICH HELD BY
12 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. THIS MOTION BY
15 MY COLLEAGUES, SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HAHN, I KNOW ARE TRYING
16 TO BRING SOME CERTAINTY AND SOME RATIONALITY TO WHAT IS
17 HAPPENING IN TERMS OF REDISTRICTING BY CHOOSING A DATE FOR THE
18 ACTUAL DISTRICTS THEMSELVES TO CHANGE, SO THAT PEOPLE WHO
19 SERVE THESE DISTRICTS CAN BEGIN TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE NEW
20 CONSTITUENTS, ETC. HOWEVER, I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS MOTION, AND
21 I WANTED TO EXPLAIN WHY BECAUSE I AM EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT
22 THE KINDS OF SERVICES THAT WE NOW PROVIDE TO PARTS OF OUR
23 DISTRICT, AND THIS SAYS THAT CONSTITUENT SERVICES WILL BE
24 PROVIDED TO COUNTY RESIDENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
25 REDISTRICTING PLAN, AND THE DATE CHOSEN IS THE DAY AFTER THE

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1 MAPS ARE ADOPTED, AND I KNOW THAT THERE IS A CONSIDERATION OF
2 AN AMENDMENT EXTENDING IT OUT A LITTLE FURTHER, BUT THAT
3 DOESN'T DO IT FOR ME EITHER. AND I'LL TELL YOU. I'LL JUST
4 GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE. THE EASTERN PART OF THE SAN FERNANDO
5 VALLEY IS A VERY SPECIAL AND HISTORIC PART OF THE COUNTY, AND
6 I KNOW EACH ONE OF US HAS MANY AREAS IN OUR OWN DISTRICTS LIKE
7 THAT. IT IS DIFFERENT. AND TO BUILD THE RELATIONSHIPS THAT WE
8 BUILD, MY DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE CENTER PART OF THE VALLEY HAS
9 ALWAYS BEEN LED AND STAFFED BY PEOPLE WHO GREW UP IN PACOIMA
10 OR SYLMAR OR VERY NEARBY. MUCH OF OUR ATTENTION IN MANY WAYS
11 HAS BEEN DIRECTED THERE, AND FOR EIGHT YEARS, WE HAVE
12 REPRESENTED THAT AREA. NOW THAT IS ONE PART OF THE THIRD, BUT
13 I AM USING IT AS AN EXAMPLE BECAUSE IT IS A PART OF THE THIRD
14 THAT PEOPLE ARE NOT THAT FAMILIAR WITH AND, AS I SAID, QUITE
15 HISTORIC IN THE COUNTY. THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, ONE OF THE
16 OLDEST IN THE COUNTY, IS IN THAT AREA. AND SO, TO SUDDENLY
17 SAY, I KNOW THIS MAY NOT BE YOUR INTENTION, BUT I AM JUST
18 TELLING YOU I CANNOT SUPPORT IT THE WAY IT IS WRITTEN BECAUSE
19 -- TO SUDDENLY SAY TO THEM, HEY, I AM NOT YOUR GIRL ANYMORE.
20 THERE IS A WONDERFUL SUPERVISOR, KATHRYN BARGER, I DON'T KNOW
21 WHO, HILDA SOLIS, WHO IS GOING TO GET THIS AREA, AND THEY ARE
22 GOING TO BE JUST FINE. BUT, YOU KNOW, THEY WON'T BE JUST FINE
23 ON DECEMBER 16TH BECAUSE THEY HAVEN'T BEEN CALLED UPON TO
24 REALLY BUILD THESE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD
25 COUNCILS. WE WENT THROUGH YEARS TOGETHER TO ESTABLISH THE

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1 SYLMAR SHELTER, WHICH IS A WOMEN'S TRANSITIONAL SHELTER
2 FOR HOMELESS WOMEN. THERE'S A LOT GOING ON THERE. MY OWN
3 PROGRAM CALLED FOOD FOR THE SOUL HAS ESTABLISHED GARDENS ALL
4 OVER THE THIRD, AND I THINK THEY WERE AT LEAST THINKING, THERE
5 MIGHT BE ONE MORE GRANT FROM DISCRETIONARY MONEY IN 2022. AND
6 THIS WOULD, IN ESSENCE, THROW THAT INTO QUESTION. SO I FEEL,
7 IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR US TO ENGAGE IN A KIND OF RATIONAL
8 TRANSITION THAT MAYBE THE C.E.O. COULD HELP US ORGANIZE
9 BECAUSE I THINK A WARM HAND-OFF WOULD BE, I AM NOT TALKING
10 ABOUT INDIVIDUAL CONSTITUENTS THAT ARE CALLING AND SAYING MY
11 TRASH ISN'T BEING TAKEN AWAY OR WHATEVER, I AM TALKING ABOUT
12 THE ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHOM WE BUILT SUCH RELATIONSHIPS. AND I
13 KNOW THERE ARE GREAT CHANGES POSSIBLE FOR YOUR DISTRICTS AS
14 WELL, AND SUDDENLY, YOU ARE NOT GOING TO BE THERE FOR THEM? IT
15 JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME TO CHANGE IT THAT FAST. FINE,
16 ADOPT THE MAP, BUT BUT LET US DO A MORE RATIONAL TRANSITION,
17 I'M THINKING, IN TERMS OF THE REAL PEOPLE THAT WE SERVE, THE
18 REAL PEOPLE IN OUR DISTRICT OFFICES WHO HAVE SPENT EIGHT, SIX
19 YEARS BUILDING THESE RELATIONSHIPS. SO I KNOW THERE ARE TWO
20 COAUTHORS AND PROBABLY TWO OTHER PEOPLE THAT PROBABLY LIKE THE
21 IDEA. I DON'T KNOW. BUT I JUST DEEPLY APOLOGIZE, I CANNOT
22 SUPPORT THE MOTION THE WAY IT IS WRITTEN. THANK YOU, MADAM
23 CHAIR.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS OR HAHN, AS
2 AUTHORS OF THE MOTION? WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK?

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** I WOULD LIKE TO DESCRIBE WHAT THE THOUGHT IS
5 BEHIND THIS MOTION. FIRST OF ALL, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE
6 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS HAD AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION,
7 ACTUALLY RUN OUR REDISTRICTING. AND THIS IS DONE DELIBERATELY
8 ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATURE, A DEMOCRATIC LEGISLATURE, THAT
9 WANTED TO SEE THAT THERE WAS OTHER ABILITY TO CREATE OTHER
10 OPPORTUNITIES FOR DIFFERENT GROUPS. THEY DID NOT WANT US
11 MEDDLING IN IT, AND SOME OF US WERE NOT HERE WHEN THE LAST
12 REDISTRICTING HAPPENED. SO I HAVE TO SAY IT HAS BEEN AN
13 INTERESTING PROCESS, AND ONE THING FOR SURE IS, I DON'T THINK
14 WE HAVE ANYTHING LEGALLY WE CAN DO FROM PREVENTING FROM
15 ADOPTING THE MAPS. THAT HAS GOT TO HAPPEN LEGALLY, AND IT WILL
16 GO TO THE REGISTRAR RECORDER. THEY ARE THE ONES THAT ARE GOING
17 TO THEN BEGIN THAT PROCESS. WHAT I AM HOPING WITH THIS MOTION
18 IS THAT WE CAN HAVE A GOOD HAND OFF, SHEILA, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.
19 I MEAN FEEL DEVASTATED FROM WHAT I AM SEEING IN THE MAPS THAT
20 ARE PRESENTED RIGHT NOW, SEVEN OF MY CITIES IN SOUTHEAST L.A.
21 THAT I BELIEVE HAD NOT HAD APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATION TO THE
22 EXTENT THAT THEY HAD INFORMED ME THE FIRST TIME I GOT ELECTED,
23 NOW THEY HAVE A VOICE. NOW, THEY FEEL LIKE THE COUNTY IS
24 PAYING ATTENTION. I KNOW I AM NOT GOING TO REPRESENT THEM. IT'
25 PROBABLY GOING TO BE THE FOURTH DISTRICT, OR I DON'T KNOW WHO,

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1 BUT I AM JUST SAYING THAT I WANT TO BE ABLE TO SAY, LOOK ALL
2 THE WORK WE HAVE DONE WITH THE COUNTY, WE HAVE EVEN BUILT A
3 NEW FACILITY, A PRIMARY CLINIC, THERE RECENTLY. THESE ARE
4 REALLY IMPORTANT AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES THAT SHOULD CONTINUE.
5 AND I CERTAINLY WANT TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT HANDOVER WITH THE
6 APPROPRIATE SUPERVISOR THAT WILL REPRESENT THAT AREA AND TRY
7 TO DO IT IN A MANNER THAT IS LEAST DISRUPTIVE. AND MY
8 UNDERSTANDING IS THAT, HISTORICALLY, AND PERHAPS COUNTY
9 COUNSEL CAN WEIGH IN HERE, IS THAT WHEN DISTRICTING HAS
10 HAPPENED AND THE LAST THREE INSTANCES IS THAT COUNTY SERVICES
11 CONTINUE, AND THIS HAS BEEN THE WAY THAT THINGS HAVE BEEN
12 DONE. I AGREE THAT PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE CONFUSED, BUT THEN
13 IT IS ALSO INCUMBENT UPON US TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DO AS MUCH
14 AS WE CAN, AT THE COUNTY, TO DO THE OUTREACH, TO MAKE SURE ALL
15 THE MATERIALS ARE APPROPRIATELY ADDRESSED FOR OUR CONSTITUENTS
16 AND TO MAKE THAT HAND OFF NOT JUST A DROP DOWN, LIKE A HARD
17 AND FAST HIT, BUT SOMETHING THAT CAN BE DONE, YES, WITH
18 PROTOCOLS AND WITH THE HELP OF OUR COUNTY COUNSEL AS WELL AS
19 WITH OUR C.E.O. AND I SAY THAT BECAUSE I HAVE MANY FACILITIES
20 I HAVE INVESTED MY DISCRETIONARY MONEY IN, MILLIONS OF DOLLARS
21 THAT I MAY SOON NOW BE LOSING BECAUSE I MAY BE PUSHED OUT OF
22 THE AREAS I HAVE BEEN REPRESENTING AS LONG AS I HAVE BEEN IN
23 PUBLIC OFFICE. I CAN TELL YOU I FEEL VERY, VERY BAD AS TO WHAT
24 IS HAPPENING. BUT I KNOW I HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY, AND AN
25 OBLIGATION, TO NOW AT LEAST INTRODUCE MYSELF AND WORK AND LET

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1 THESE NEW PEOPLE, WHATEVER GROUPINGS THAT MIGHT BE, TO LET
2 THEM KNOW I AM HERE TO ALSO PROVIDE WHATEVER NEEDED SUPPORT,
3 AND I AM GOING TO LOOK TO MY COLLEAGUES, I'M GOING TO LOOK TO
4 THE FOURTH, I'M GOING TO LOOK TO YOU, SHEILA, I'M GOING TO
5 LOOK TO KATHRYN, TO ALL OF US AND TO OUR CHAIRWOMAN TO HELP US
6 TO HELP EACH OF US MAKE SURE WE HAVE SOFT LANDINGS FOR OUR
7 RESIDENTS. SO THAT IS WHAT I AM ASKING FOR IN THIS, AND I
8 WOULD LIKE TO ASK COUNTY COUNSEL TO PLEASE CHIME IN HERE AND
9 GIVE US YOUR INFORMATION ABOUT REDISTRICTING AND WHAT HAS
10 HAPPENED IN THE PAST.

11

12 **ATTORNEY:** THANK YOU SUPERVISOR. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT IN
13 THE PAST, S.B.950A, WHICH IS THE LAW THAT CREATED THIS
14 INFORMATION, PRIOR TO THAT, IT WAS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
15 THAT WOULD, EVERY 10 YEARS AFTER THE CENSUS, WOULD DETERMINE
16 THAT THE DISTRICTS. AND BECAUSE OF THAT, THERE WAS A LOT MORE
17 LEAD TIME, FOR LACK OF A BETTER WORD, IN TERMS OF WHAT THE
18 MAPS WOULD LOOK LIKE, WHERE THE DISTRICTS WOULD FALL AND THAT
19 WOULD GIVE SORT OF THAT TRANSITION PERIOD FOR THE BOARD
20 OFFICES AT THOSE TIMES TO FIGURE OUT THE CONSTITUENT SERVICES
21 THEY ARE GOING TO PROVIDE AND HOW THEY ARE GOING TO DO THAT.
22 AND WITH S.B.958, THE COMMISSION HAS NOW THAT INDEPENDENT
23 AUTHORITY TO SET THE MAPS. AND THE BOARD HAS NO AUTHORITY TO
24 EITHER APPROVE THE MAPS OR NOT APPROVE THE MAPS. IT IS, ONCE
25 DECEMBER 15TH HITS, THOSE ARE THE THE MAPS, OR THAT IS THE MAP

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1 THAT REDEFINES THE DISTRICT LINES. BECAUSE OF THAT, THE BOARD
2 DOES HAVE DISCRETION TO DECIDE HOW IT IS GOING TO TRANSITION
3 OR PROVIDE THE SERVICES TO THE CONSTITUENTS BASED ON THESE NEW
4 MAPS. AND THAT DISCRETION IS THE MOTION TODAY AND THE
5 RESOLUTION IS ONE WAY IN WHICH THE BOARD CAN IMPLEMENT THAT
6 DISCRETION. THEY CAN CHOOSE TO DO IT THIS WAY. THEY CAN CHOOSE
7 TO DO IT ANOTHER WAY. UNFORTUNATELY, S.B.958 DOES NOT PROVIDE
8 GUIDANCE ON THAT. AND THAT'S WHY OUR POSITION IS THAT IT IS
9 WITHIN THE BOARD'S DISCRETION TO FIGURE THAT OUT AND PROVIDE
10 CONSTITUENT SERVICES IN MANNER THE BOARD DEEMS THE MOST
11 APPROPRIATE. HOPEFULLY, THAT ANSWERS YOUR QUESTION.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. I KNOW I HAVE MY COAUTHOR AND OTHERS
14 THAT WANT TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN?

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WOULD AGREE WITH
19 EVERYBODY'S PERCEIVED ANXIETY ABOUT WHAT WE'RE GOING THROUGH.
20 THIS IS THE FIRST TIME, AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS MENTIONED, THAT
21 THE COUNTY, BASED ON STATE LEGISLATION, WAS ORDERED TO HAVE AN
22 INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, VOLUNTEERS, TAKE THEIR
23 TIME, TAKE INTO ACCOUNT POPULATION AND OTHER ISSUES TO RE-DRAW
24 THE LINES THAT DETERMINE THE FIVE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS. WE
25 ARE ALREADY SIX MONTHS BEHIND BECAUSE, AS YOU REMEMBER, THE --

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1 WE HAVE TO DO THIS EVERY 10 YEARS, BASED ON THE CENSUS, AND WE
2 ARE ALREADY BEHIND BECAUSE THE CENSUS WAS DELAYED BECAUSE OF
3 COVID. SO WE ARE SORT OF ALREADY BEHIND, AND IT MATTERS,
4 PARTICULARLY MATTERS FOR THE 2022 ELECTIONS FOR SUPERVISOR,
5 WHICH WE'RE SIX MONTHS AWAY FROM THE PRIMARY. SO THERE'S A LOT
6 OF THINGS THAT ARE DEPENDENT ON THESE LINES. AND I WILL TELL
7 YOU, IT IS MESSY, AND THERE HAVE BEEN ITERATIONS OF THESE MAPS
8 EVERY OTHER DAY. AND WHAT WE ALL SEE IS WHAT WE HAVE LOVED,
9 WHAT WE HAVE SERVED, THE RELATIONSHIPS THAT WE HAVE MADE, THE
10 SERVICES THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET TO OUR DISTRICTS. THAT
11 IS HOW -- THAT IS KIND OF THE NATURE OF WHAT WE DO AS COUNTY
12 SUPERVISORS. SO I HAVE ALSO FELT A TWINGE OF SADNESS WHEN I
13 SAW MAPS THAT REMOVED ALMOST HALF OF MY DISTRICT AND PUT IT IN
14 ANOTHER DISTRICT. BUT, HAVING SAID THAT, THIS IS THE PROCESS.
15 THIS IS THE LAW WE ARE UNDER, AND THE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
16 WILL MAKE FINAL THEIR MAP ON DECEMBER 15TH. THEY WILL GIVE IT
17 TO DEAN LOGAN, WHO WILL THEN PRETTY MUCH CERTIFY. IT DOES NOT
18 COME BACK TO US. WE CANNOT APPROVE IT. WE CANNOT TWEAK IT. WE
19 CANNOT REJECT IT. THIS IS OUT OF OUR HANDS, BUT THE LEAST WE
20 CAN DO TO RESPECT THIS PROCESS IS TO ADOPT THESE DISTRICT
21 LINES THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY. SO THAT WE CAN BEGIN GETTING
22 ACQUAINTED WITH OUR NEW DISTRICT. AND I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE
23 REST OF YOU, BUT I AM PRETTY SURE IF YOU GOT A PHONE CALL
24 DECEMBER 16TH FROM YOUR CURRENT DISTRICT, EVEN THOUGH IT MAY
25 BE THAT PARTICULAR AREA HAS BEEN TAKEN OUT OF YOUR DISTRICT, I

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1 CAN'T IMAGINE YOU ARE GOING TO HANG UP ON THEM AND SAY I AM NO
2 LONGER YOUR SUPERVISOR. CALL 974-2222. I ALWAYS, SUPERVISOR
3 MITCHELL, I KIDDED HER ABOUT THAT AT A DINNER WE WERE AT. BUT
4 I KNOW, FOR ME, I WILL CERTAINLY SAY, LOOK, I AM NO LONGER
5 YOUR SUPERVISOR. YOUR NEW SUPERVISOR IS THIS PERSON. I CAN
6 HELP YOU WITH THOSE CONTACTS. I CAN CERTAINLY ARRANGE A
7 CONNECTION. I KNOW WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER AND WILL BE
8 HELPFUL TO EACH OTHER AS WE GO THROUGH THIS. BUT I THINK IT IS
9 IMPERATIVE THAT WE ADOPT THESE NEW LINES AS SOON AS THE
10 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION HAS GIVEN THEM TO DEEM LOGAN TO
11 CERTIFY. I THINK IT IS FAIR FOR DEMOCRACY. IT IS FAIR TO
12 RESPECT THIS REDISTRICTING PROCESS, AND I THINK IT MAKES IT
13 ACTUALLY LESS COMPLICATED BY JUST THE MAPS WE ARE FINALIZED,
14 GIVEN TO DEAN LOGAN, THEY NOW BECOME THE NEW SUPERVISOR'S
15 DISTRICT. THAT SEEMS THE LEAST COMPLICATED. IT SEEMS LIKE THE
16 BEST WAY FOR PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THIS PROCESS IS THAT
17 HAPPENS EVERY 10 YEARS. SO I AM GOING SUPPORT THIS, OBVIOUSLY,
18 THIS 44C. I THINK IT IS THE RIGHT INNING FOR US TO DO, THANK
19 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

22

23 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I THOUGHT IT WAS MY THIRD
24 REDISTRICTING, BUT ACTUALLY THIS IS MY FOURTH REDISTRICTING.
25 AND THE FIRST ONE WAS ACTUALLY FOR A YEAR WHEN I STARTED

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1 WORKING FOR THE FIFTH DISTRICT. WE REPRESENTED PAMONA. AND I
2 REMEMBER IT LITERALLY, THE DAY AFTER THE MAPS WERE APPROVED,
3 THE NEW DISTRICT WENT INTO EFFECT. AND THE FIRST COUPLE OF
4 MONTHS, IT IS CONFUSING, BUT IT WOULD BE CONFUSING EVEN IF WE
5 WAITED A YEAR BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE USED TO THE SUPERVISOR WHO
6 HAS BEEN IN THEIR DISTRICT. AND IT IS HARD. I MEAN I HAVE GOT
7 CITIES THAT CURRENTLY ARE BEING DRAWN OUT OF THE FIFTH, AND
8 THEY ARE LIKE FAMILY. WE HAVE BECOME VERY CLOSE TO OUR CITY
9 COUNCILS, AND THE RELATIONSHIPS WE HAVE BUILT OVER AT LEAST,
10 IN MY CASE, OTHER 30 SOME ODD YEARS WITH THE CITIES, REALLY
11 UNDERSTANDING THEIR NEEDS. AND I I TRULY DO BELIEVE THAT THAT
12 SYSTEM WORKED, AT LEAST THE FOUR TIMES THAT I HAVE DONE IT.
13 CHANGE IS HARD, BUT THIS IS A REALITY. WHETHER IT BE THE
14 COMMISSION DRAWING IT UP, OR AS IT WAS PRIOR TO THIS
15 COMMISSION, HAVING REDISTRICTING GROUP BRING THE MAP TO THE
16 BOARD. IT IS GOING TO CHANGE BASED ON POPULATION. AND THE
17 POPULATIONS HAVE CHANGED IN L.A. COUNTY. HAVING SAID THAT, I
18 BELIEVE THAT, TO JANICE'S POINT, THAT NO MATTER WHEN IT TAKES
19 EFFECT, I MADE THIS PROMISE THAT ANY CITY THAT ANY ONE OF MY
20 COLLEAGUES INHERITS, I WILL BE THERE RIGHT NEXT TO YOU TO
21 INTRODUCE YOU, TO LET YOU KNOW WHAT I KNOW, AND MY STAFF WILL
22 CONTINUE TO WORK ALONGSIDE YOUR STAFF TO MAKE SURE THE
23 TRANSITION IS TO THE BENEFIT OF THAT CITY BUT ALSO TO THE
24 COUNTY, AS WELL, BECAUSE WE PROVIDE A LOT OF THOSE SERVICES
25 THAT THEY DEPEND UPON. AND SO, TO ME, I KNOW NO OTHER WAY TO

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1 DO IT OTHER THAN TO THE DAY IT IS ADOPTED, THE NEXT DAY, THE
2 DISTRICT GOES INTO EFFECT. I BELIEVE THAT WE, AS A BOARD, WORK
3 WELL TOGETHER. AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL, PEOPLE JOKE. I TELL THEM
4 ALL OF YOU IT'S AS MUCH YOUR HOSPITAL AS IT IS MINE EVEN
5 THOUGH IT'S IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT BECAUSE WE, OUR STAFFS,
6 WORK TOGETHER OUT IN THAT VALLEY. THAT'S WHAT MAKES
7 CONSTITUENT SERVICES GREAT FOR THIS BOARD IS THAT OUR STAFFS
8 ALL WORK TOGETHER. WE COME TO THE BOARD. AND WE TALK ON
9 TUESDAYS, BUT OUR STAFFS ARE CONSTANTLY COMMUNICATING WITH
10 EACH OTHER BECAUSE, WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE REDISTRICTING, IT IS
11 COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST, COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST. SO WHILE I
12 MAY HAVE ONE OF THOSE CITIES IN THE FIFTH, AND HILDA IS IN THE
13 FIRST, THERE IS A CONNECTION TO THE NEEDS OF BOTH, AND IT IS
14 IMPORTANT FOR US TO WORK TOGETHER. AND SO, I DON'T HAVE A
15 PROBLEM WITH THIS MOTION BECAUSE I TRULY DO BELIEVE THAT IT IS
16 IMPORTANT FOR US TO HIT THE GROUND RUNNING. AND I THINK THAT
17 CHANGE IS ALWAYS HARD, BUT IT IS GOING TO HAPPEN DECEMBER 15TH
18 WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT. AND DECEMBER 16TH, WE HAVE NEW
19 DISTRICTS. AND SO WHY NOT START ROLLING UP OUR SLEEVES AND
20 WORKING TO REALLY TRANSITION AND GUIDE THOSE CITIES INTO THE
21 NEW DISTRICT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

22
23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL. THEN I'LL
24 FOLLOW YOU.

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I BELIEVE MY
2 ESTEEMED COLLEAGUES ARE CONFLATING TWO ISSUES THAT ARE NOT THE
3 SAME FOR ME. ONE IS WHETHER WE ADOPT THE MAPS AND SAY THESE
4 ARE THE NEW DISTRICTS. YES. ABSOLUTELY. WE HAVE TO DO IT. I
5 RAN IN THE EARLY '90S AFTER THE REDISTRICTING IN 1990. AT THE
6 2000 REDISTRICTING, I SUDDENLY HAD A SENATE DISTRICT THAT WENT
7 UP INTO VENTURA COUNTY, BUT WE RETAINED SERVICES UNTIL THE
8 ELECTION IN OUR OLD DISTRICT, SO THAT THERE WOULDN'T BE A
9 GREAT DISRUPTION, AND THE PEOPLE IN THE OLD DISTRICTS WHO HAD
10 VOTED FOR THE SENATOR WHO REPRESENTED THEM, MAINTAINED THAT
11 AND UNDERSTOOD THERE WOULD BE A NEW SENATOR IN NOVEMBER OF
12 2000. THAT'S DIFFERENT FROM ADOPTING THE MAPS. THE ONLY THING
13 THAT GAVE ME HEARTBURN IN THIS MOTION IS YOU ARE TELLING ME, I
14 AM NO LONG PROVIDING CONSTITUENT SERVICES IF I LOSE PACIOMA
15 AND SELMAR, FOR INSTANCE. AND THE SAME WITH YOU. AND THAT
16 GIVES ME HEARTBURN BECAUSE I PROMISE JANICE, IF GET BLACKS
17 BEACH, I AM GOING TO BE AS FERVENT ABOUT IT AS SHE IS, BUT I
18 DON'T KNOW THE PEOPLE. WE HAVEN'T ESTABLISHED THE
19 RELATIONSHIPS. AND THEN THERE'S THE DISCRETIONARY MONEY. WE
20 ALL GIVE DISCRIMINATION MONEY IN OUR DISTRICTS. IS IT THE CASE
21 THEN THAT I CAN NO LONGER FUND THE FOOD FOR THE SOUL GARDEN IN
22 SELMAR? I DON'T GIVE MONEY OUTSIDE MY DISTRICT. AND THIS SAYS
23 CONSTITUENT SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED TO COUNTY RESIDENTS IN
24 ACCORDANCE WITH THE REDISTRICTING PLAN. SO IT SEEMED LIKE NOT
25 THAT THE FOUR OF YOU HAVE EVER BEEN ABLE TO TELL ME WHAT TO

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1 DO, OBVIOUSLY. I DO WHATEVER I WANT. AND SO DO YOU, BUT I JUST
2 THINK THAT IT RAISES A GREAT ANXIETY THAT MAY NOT BE NECESSARY
3 IN PLACES WHERE WE ARE HAVING MONTHLY MEETINGS ABOUT WHITEMAN
4 AIRPORT, PACIOMA BEAUTIFUL DEEPLY CONCERNED -- I AM JUST USING
5 THEM AS AN EXAMPLE BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT THAT IS GOING ON, AND
6 YOU ALL HAVE THE SAME THING. IT WOULD BE LIKE THE ANTELOPE
7 VALLEY WAS SUDDENLY MY DISTRICT, AND YOU WERE TOLD THAT'S MY
8 DISTRICT. AND I DON'T KNOW. IT JUST SEEMED LIKE THAT ONE
9 SENTENCE MAY OR MAY NOT BE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO ADOPT THE
10 MAPS. I AM NOT TRYING TO TAKE YOU IN OR OUT OF ANYTHING. I AM
11 JUST TELL TELLING YOU I CAN'T SUPPORT THAT SENTENCE BECAUSE I
12 AM WORRIED ABOUT THE NEXT YEAR AND PEOPLE WHO RELY, AND
13 THOUGHT THEY COULD RELY, ON THE PERSON THEY HAD ELECTED UNTIL
14 THERE WAS A NEW ELECTION, NOT UNTIL THERE WAS A NEW MAP. THANK
15 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

16

17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** IF I COULD JUST ADD MY TWO CENTS IN, AND
18 THEN I WILL COME BACK TO YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, ABSOLUTELY AS
19 THE AUTHOR OF THE MOTION. REDISTRICTING HAS LONG BEEN A, TO
20 USE A VERY TECHNICAL TERM, COLLEAGUES, A HOT MESS, WHOEVER WAS
21 DRAWING THE MAPS. THE PUBLIC. THERE WAS OFTEN A SOURCE OF
22 DISTRUST OF GOVERNMENT WHEN THE PUBLIC. HAD A PERCEPTION THAT
23 BACK ROOM DEALS GOVERNED HOW HAPPENS WERE DRAWN. AND EVERY
24 LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT NOW HAS A PUBLIC COMMISSION. THE COUNTY
25 AND THE CITY I THINK THE ARE MOST RECENT TO COME ONBOARD. SO

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1 THAT IS OUR REALITY. BUT I JUST HAVE TO SHARE MY EXPERIENCE,
2 WHICH IS THE MOST RECENT, COMING IN AS A NEW MEMBER OF THE
3 BOARD. AND THE ONE SUGGESTION I HAVE TODAY, AND I UNDERSTAND
4 THE AUTHORS ARE NOT INTERESTED IN SEEING IT AS AN AMENDMENT,
5 WAS TO REALLY JUST TALK ABOUT THE TIMEFRAME. WE ARE A HUGE
6 BUREAUCRACY. I DON'T KNOW THERE'S ANYTHING IN THIS COUNTY THAT
7 COULD BE DONE IN A 24 HOUR TIMEFRAME. LET ME JUST SHARE MY
8 EXPERIENCE IN A FULL YEAR, IN A REGULAR ELECTION CYCLE, COMING
9 IN AFTER A TERMED OUT MEMBER, WHERE A YEAR LATER THERE ARE
10 STILL COUNTY FACILITIES, AND COUNTY SERVICES, AND COUNTY
11 SIGNAGE IN MY DISTRICT THAT HASN'T BEEN UPDATED. WE GET CALLS
12 ON THE REGULAR IN MY OFFICE FROM CONSTITUENTS AND
13 ORGANIZATIONS ASKING FOR PREVIOUS STAFF OR EVEN MY
14 PREDECESSOR. SO WHILE WE ALL MAY BE LIVE THING MAPS DAY-TO-
15 DAY, MINUTE BY MINUTE, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF US WHO LOOKED UP
16 AND THERE'S A VERSION OF A MAP THAT DOESN'T INCLUDE MY HOUSE
17 IN THE DISTRICT I WAS ELECTED TO A YEAR AGO, THAT'S NOT THE
18 PERSPECTIVE OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC. AND SO, BASED ON MY
19 EXPERIENCE A YEAR IN THE SEAT, BASED ON MY EXPERIENCE COMING
20 INTO THE SEAT, IN THE MIDDLE OF COVID WITH ONLY ONE DISTRICT
21 OFFICE WHERE WERE DELAYED IN EVEN FINDING AND IDENTIFYING
22 ADDITIONAL DISTRICT OFFICES TO PROVIDE CONSTITUENT SERVICES,
23 I AM NOT SURE HOW YOU COULD THINK WE CAN TURN THIS IN A SINGLE
24 DAY. LET ME SPEAK AS A FORMER STAFFER. THIS WILL NOT BE
25 SEAMLESS. IT CAN'T BE. I APPRECIATE IT WILL BE OUR INTENTION

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1 THAT WHOEVER CALLS WILL GET SERVICES. IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS
2 PUBLIC HEALTH PANDEMIC, IT WOULD BE HORRIFIC FOR A CONSTITUENT
3 TO CALL, BECAUSE BY THE TIME YOU CALL YOUR ELECTED OFFICIAL,
4 YOUR BACK IS AGAINST THE WALL, IT WOULD BE HORRIFIC FOR ANYONE
5 TO GET A REDIRECT BASED ON WHAT COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE
6 EXPERIENCING TODAY. OUR BUREAUCRATIC INFRASTRUCTURE IS SUCH
7 THAT I CAN'T IMAGINE IN A DAY'S NOTICE INFORMATION WILL BE
8 CHANGED, MAPS WILL BE UPDATED. TO ALLOW OUR CONSTITUENTS TO
9 FIND THE HELP THAT THEY SO DESPERATELY NEED AND ARE DESERVED
10 OF. I WOULD HOPE THAT WE COULD TALK ABOUT A TIMEFRAME THAT
11 WOULD BE COMFORTABLE AND MORE REASONABLE THAN ONE DAY TO ALLOW
12 THIS TRANSITION TO HAPPEN. I WAS SURPRISED TO COME HERE TO
13 FIND OUT, AGAIN, FORMER STAFFER, AND A STATE LEGISLATOR FOR 10
14 YEARS, THAT WE DON'T HAVE A CONSTITUENT SERVICES DATA DATABASE
15 THAT CAN TRANSLATE FROM ONE OFFICE TO ANOTHER. AND SO EVEN
16 CASE WORK THAT OUR CONSTITUENT SERVICES STAFF ARE DOING NOW,
17 IN ONE DAY, THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO TRANSLATE THOSE FILES, THE
18 ISSUES WITH CONSTITUENTS, EFFORTS THAT ARE MIDSTREAM, TO
19 SOMEONE ELSE BECAUSE WE DON'T EVEN HAVE THE INFRASTRUCTURE IN
20 THE COUNTY TO MAKE THAT TRANSITION HAPPEN INSTANTANEOUSLY. SO
21 JUST FROM AN OPERATIONAL PERSPECTIVE, I HAVE DEEP CONCERNS. I
22 SHARE YOUR CONCERNS ABOUT WE ALL LOVE OUR DISTRICTS AND LOVE
23 OUR PROJECTS IN IT. I SUPPORT THAT AND GET THAT, BUT FROM A
24 PRACTICAL PERSPECTIVE IN TERMS OF CONSTITUENTS CALLING US TO
25 ACCESS THE COUNTY SERVICES, WHICH WE KNOW ARE THE SAFETY NET

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1 SERVICES, WHICH ARE LIFE AND DEATH SERVICES IN THE MIDDLE OF A
2 PUBLIC HEALTH AND ECONOMIC PANDEMIC, WE HAVE GOT TO
3 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT TURNING ON A DIME, WHICH WOULD BE FLIPPING
4 THE SWITCH IN ONE DAY, REALLY IS NOT FEASIBLE OR PRACTICAL,
5 AND SO I AM ASKING THAT WE CONSIDER A REASONABLE TIMEFRAME BY
6 WHICH THE C.E.O. CAN REPORT BACK TO US WHAT ACTIONS CAN BE
7 TAKEN. BECAUSE I WILL SAY AGAIN, A YEAR LATER, THERE IS STILL
8 A LOT OF CONFUSION IN A DISTRICT THAT HADN'T CHANGED MUCH IN
9 DECADES. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

10

11 **SUP. KUEHL:** I BELIEVE THAT THERE WAS SOMEONE BEFORE ME THAT
12 WANTED TO SPEAK, AND YOU SAID SUPERVISOR SOLIS --

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I DON'T KNOW WHY I KEEP CALLING YOU,
15 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. IT WAS SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I AM LOOKING RIGHT
16 -- SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I'M LOOKING RIGHT AT YOU AND SAYING
17 KUEHL. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, GET OUT OF MY HEAD, PLEASE. I AM
18 SORRY, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. YOU KNOW, I DON'T
21 DISAGREE WITH HOW YOU ARE FEELING. I CAN REFLECT BACK WHEN I
22 TOOK OVER THIS OFFICE. I DIDN'T HAVE MUCH OF ANYTHING THAT WAS
23 SHARED WITH ME INCLUDING A LOT OF FILES, AND INCLUDING A LOT
24 OF INFORMATION ABOUT BUDGET AND WHERE MONEY HAD ALREADY BEEN
25 DEDICATED. MY DISCRETIONARY, SO-CALLED DISCRETIONARY, MONEY

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1 THAT BELONGED TO THE FIRST DISTRICT WAS ALREADY OUT THE DOOR.
2 THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS THAT WE CAN'T CONTROL,
3 UNFORTUNATELY, AND THIS SEEMS TO BE ONE OF THEM. BUT I DO KNOW
4 THIS, WE CONTROL OUR FATE AND THE FATE OF OUR CONSTITUENTS AND
5 THE PEOPLE THAT WE DO SERVE. AND THAT'S THE COUNTY RESIDENTS.
6 OVERALL, NO MATTER WHAT, THEY ARE COUNTY RESIDENTS. AND I DO
7 BELIEVE THAT WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO WASTE, EVEN AS YOU ARE
8 CHAIR, HOLLY MITCHELL, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU, AS CHAIR, ARE
9 ALREADY GIVEN, FOR EXAMPLE, ASSISTANCE IN YOUR OFFICE NOW THAT
10 I HAD THAT SUPERVISOR BARGER HAD BECAUSE WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE
11 HANDOVER IS HAPPENING THAT QUICK. SO CONSTITUENT WORK IS NOW
12 GOING TO BE AUGMENTED BECAUSE YOU ARE NOW GOING TO HAVE
13 SOMEONE IN YOUR OFFICE HELPING YOU. FOR US, I THINK THAT IT
14 WILL BE A SOFT LANDING. AND I THINK WE CAN WORK OUT, AS A
15 BOARD, WHAT THOSE PROTOCOLS WILL BE. AND THAT'S WHY COUNTY
16 COUNSEL AND THE C.E.O. HAVE TO BE HERE. I WILL TELL YOU ONE
17 THING I WENT HERE REPRESENTING THE FIRST DISTRICT. FOR MORE
18 THAN THREE YEARS, I THINK IT WAS LIKE SIX YEARS, I DRIVE BY
19 L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL FACILITY, AND RIGHT NEXT DOOR IS THE
20 CORONER'S OFFICE. THE SIGNAGE THERE STILL HAD THE PREVIOUS
21 SUPERVISOR'S NAME ON IT. AND I HAD ALREADY BEEN HERE FIVE AND
22 SIX YEARS. I KEPT ASKING STAFF WHAT WAS GOING ON, BUT THAT'S
23 MORE OF A FACILITIES ISSUE. AND I THINK OUR FACILITIES
24 MANAGEMENT PEOPLE WILL BE ON IT. AND I AM SURE THEY ARE GOING
25 TO CHANGE SIGNAGE AND DO ALL THAT. BUT I WILL BE HONEST WITH

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1 YOU, I JUST BARELY GOT SIGNAGE CHANGED IN MY DISTRICT A WHILE
2 BACK BECAUSE I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THAT WE COULD HAVE IN
3 UNINCORPORATED AREAS SIGNAGE PLACED THERE WITH OUR LOGOS. AND
4 IT DOESN'T SAY HILDA SOLIS. IT JUST SAYS THAT THESE ARE COUNTY
5 UNINCORPORATED AREAS, AND THAT HELPED US WITH PEOPLE TO
6 IDENTIFY AT LEAST THAT THEY ARE IN THE COUNTY. IT DOESN'T SAY
7 FIRST DISTRICT, NECESSARILY, JUST THIS IS WHERE YOU LIVE. AND
8 SO MANY PEOPLE ARE CONFUSED. EVEN I, AS SOMEONE WHO GREW UP IN
9 THE CITY, NOT EVEN IN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE, IN UNINCORPORATED
10 WEST VALLEY LA PUENTE, FOR YEARS WHEN I WAS A HIGH SCHOOL KID
11 GROWING UP, THINKING THAT I WAS A PART OF THE CITY OF LA
12 PUENTE. WELL, GUESS WHAT? WHEN IT CAME TO VOTING FOR THE
13 MAYOR, I COULDN'T VOTE BECAUSE I WAS NOT A RESIDENT IN THE
14 CITY. THERE'S SO MANY PEOPLE THAT ARE CONFUSED ABOUT THAT. AND
15 I AM JUST TRYING TO SHARE THAT I BELIEVE THAT THE COUNTY,
16 COUNTY COUNSEL, AND OUR C.E.O. WILL HELP US GET THROUGH THIS
17 AS WELL AS OUR DEPARTMENTS. AND I WANT TO ASK THE COUNTY
18 COUNSEL WHAT WOULD PROHIBIT US FROM SETTING UP THOSE
19 MECHANISMS? SO, OBVIOUSLY, WE DON'T WANT TO DENY ANYONE
20 ASSISTANCE, BUT WHAT WOULD PROHIBIT US FROM DOING THAT? ROD?

21
22 **ATTORNEY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THERE'S NOTHING IN THE LAW
23 THAT WILL PROHIBIT THE BOARD FROM DOING THAT AND SETTING UP
24 THOSE PROCEDURES AND FUNCTIONING THAT WAY.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD JUST SAY I
2 RESPECTFULLY DECLINE YOUR AMENDMENT AND ASK THAT WE APPROVE
3 THIS MEASURE BECAUSE I DO BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO
4 GET GOING. WE DO HAVE A PRIMARY THAT IS COMING UP. WE HAVE
5 PEOPLE THAT ARE VERY INTERESTED ALL OF OUR SEATS. I KNOW THAT
6 NOW. AND OF COURSE, THAT'S THE WAY IT IS. AND WE DON'T HAVE
7 MUCH CONTROL OVER THAT, BUT WE DO HAVE CONTROL OVER THE
8 RESPONSIBILITY OF HOW WE ADDRESS OUR CONSTITUENTS AND OUR
9 RESIDENTS OVERALL. THAT'S ALL I AM ASKING FOR. THANK YOU,
10 MADAM CHAIR.

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I APPRECIATE THAT AND UNDERSTAND THAT
13 FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE, 90 DAYS WAS TOO LONG. I HOPE THAT YOU
14 ARE CLEAR, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF COVID.
15 I DON'T HAVE AN ISSUE WITH US TRANSITIONING TO REPRESENT THE
16 NEW AREAS. I JUST THINK ONE DAY IS JUST NOT REALISTIC, SO I
17 WILL LIKELY BE ABSTAINING FROM THE VOTE TODAY. SUPERVISOR
18 KUEHL, FOR REAL, I SEE YOU. YES, MA'AM.

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** FOR REAL. OH YEAH. IT IS GETTING REAL. I MAY EVEN
21 TALK ABOUT CIVILIAN REDISTRICTING COMMISSIONS IN A MINUTE.
22 THAT'S HOW REAL IT IS GOING TO GET, LOOKING AT WISCONSIN.
23 COUNTY COUNSEL, YOU SAY THERE IS NO LAW, BUT WHEN WE ADOPT A
24 MOTION IN THE COUNTY, IT BECOMES THE LAW OF THE COUNTY OR YOU
25 ARE DIRECTED TO CREATE SOME WAY OF MAKING IT THE LAW. HOW DO

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1 YOU INTERPRET, IF WE WERE TO PASS THE MOTION AS WORDED
2 CONSTITUENT SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED TO COUNTY RESIDENTS IN
3 ACCORDANCE WITH THE REDISTRICTING PLAN?

4

5 **ATTORNEY:** SUPERVISOR, I INTERPRET THAT THAT THOSE SERVICES
6 WOULD BE PROVIDED THAT DAY, TO BE PROVIDED BY THAT OFFICE THAT
7 DAY. NOW, HOW EXACTLY THOSE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED, I DON'T SEE
8 THERE BEING A PROHIBITION FROM WORKING WITH ANOTHER DISTRICT
9 TO PROVIDE THOSE, TO COORDINATE WITH ANOTHER DISTRICT. THERE'S
10 NO PROHIBITION.

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** SO WOULD YOU ALSO INTERPRET THAT TO MEAN THAT
13 CONSTITUENT SERVICES WILL NOT BE PROVIDED BY OTHER DISTRICTS?

14

15 **ATTORNEY:** I DON'T THINK SO, SUPERVISOR. I THINK THERE CAN BE -
16 - THERE CAN BE -- THERE'S NOTHING TO PROHIBIT THAT FROM
17 HAPPENING IS THE WAY I WOULD ANSWER THAT.

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THINK HMM -- APOLOGIES, COUNSEL. IT IS A LITTLE
20 BIT OF FUDGING. I THINK BECAUSE WHEN WE ADOPT A MOTION, WE
21 REALLY MEAN IT I THINK, RIGHT? IT WORRIES ME -- IT ISN'T JUST
22 ABOUT THE INDIVIDUALS WHO CALL. I GET THAT. I AM WORRIED ABOUT
23 THE ORGANIZATIONS AND THE WORK THAT IS GOING ON WITH THOSE
24 ORGANIZATIONS AND THE RELATIONSHIPS. SO -- AS YOU KNOW, AND I
25 HAVE SAID IT. I AM GOING TO SAY ONE MORE THING ABOUT CIVIL

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1 REDISTRICTING COMMISSIONS. I NORMALLY DO NOT TAKE A POLITICAL
2 STANCE ON THIS BOARD, BUT THIS IS AN INVENTION, YET ANOTHER
3 INVENTION, OF A VERY PROLIFIC AND TALENTED REPUBLICAN THINK
4 TANK. THE IDEA BEING THAT WE CAN ALWAYS GET THE BLUE STATES TO
5 THINK ABOUT NEUTRALITY AND THINK ABOUT FAIRNESS, AND THEN WE
6 DON'T HAVE TO IN THE RED STATES. SO IF WE WANT TO TAKE BACK
7 THE CONGRESS, HERE IS WHAT WE DO, ONE OF THE THINGS, LET'S GET
8 CALIFORNIA TO ADOPT CIVILIAN REDISTRICTING COMMISSIONS AND
9 THEN THEY CAN AT LEAST GET RID OF LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD AND
10 MAYBE SOMEONE ELSE THAT HAS BEEN A LEADER IN THE SYSTEM. AND
11 THEY WON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING, BUT THEY ARE GOING TO
12 LOSE ONE OF THOSE. SO IN THE MEANTIME, WE ARE GOING TO
13 GERRYMANDER EVERY RED STATE, SO AS, FOR INSTANCE, 86 PERCENT
14 NOW OF THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS IN WISCONSIN WILL BE
15 PRIMARILY DOMINATED BY REPUBLICAN VOTERS, AT LEAST BY A LITTLE
16 BIT. SO IT IS LIKE JOKE'S ON YOU GUYS. AND SO, IN THINKING
17 ABOUT CIVILIAN REDISTRICTING COMMISSIONS, THEY HAVE ALSO
18 CREATED WHAT I CONSIDER A BIT OF A MYTHOLOGY ABOUT THE FIVE OF
19 US. AND THAT IS THAT WE ARE SO INTERESTED IN POWER THAT WE ARE
20 GOING TO DISTRICT THE COUNTY SO AS TO ENHANCE OUR OWN POWER.
21 NOW I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, I HAVE BEEN IN OFFICE FOR ALMOST
22 30 YEARS. AND I DON'T GET WHAT THE POWER IS. TO ME, IT IS
23 NOTHING BUT RESPONSIBILITY. WHAT IS THE POWER? DO I HAVE A LOT
24 OF POWER FOR -- BECAUSE I REPRESENT -- EVEN THE WEST SIDE, WHO
25 COULD CARE LESS ABOUT SERVICES. THEY DON'T EVEN COME TO ME. SO

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1 THEY DON'T HAVE TO PAY ME ANYTHING. THEY HAVE BEEN MY
2 CONSTITUENTS FOR A LONGTIME ANYWAY. IT IS NOT ABOUT SOMEHOW
3 HAVING POWER WHEN I WANT THEM IN MY DISTRICT. SO I THINK
4 THERE'S A BIT OF AN ANTI-GOVERNMENT MYTHOLOGY THAT HAS GROWN
5 EVER SINCE GOLDWATER. AND NOW, IT IS CULMINATING, AT LEAST I
6 HOPE IT IS, BECAUSE IT MAY GET EVEN WORSE, IN OUR SAYING OKAY
7 THIS WAS A FAIR THING TO DO. WE DIDN'T WANT THIS. IT WAS
8 IMPOSED ON US. I -- BLESS THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE WORKED IN THIS
9 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION. THEY HAVE TOILED MIGHTILY, AND OF
10 COURSE WE ARE GOING TO GET SUED ON DECEMBER 16TH, SO DON'T
11 WORRY THAT ANY OF THIS IS GOING INTO EFFECT ON DECEMBER 16TH.
12 SO, HOLLY, IT WON'T BE ONE DAY. I AM JUST SAYING I THINK I
13 WOULD REALLY LIKE A RATIONAL WAY OF DOING A WARM HAND OFF
14 BECAUSE I AM NOT RESISTING NEW MOTIONS, I MEAN THE NEW
15 DISTRICTS. I AM NOT EVEN GOING TO BE IN ONE, BUT I STILL CARE
16 A LOT, AS YOU DO, ABOUT THESE ORGANIZATIONS THAT WE HAVE
17 NURTURED FOR SO MANY YEARS. SO I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
18 LETTING ME RAIL ON ABOUT THIS. IT HAS SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES.
19 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AS YOU
22 TALKED ABOUT POWER, I AM REMINDED OF A QUOTE A MICHIGAN
23 CONGRESSMAN, JOHN DINGELL, SERVED IN CONGRESS 59 YEARS, WHO
24 WAS OFTEN QUOTED AS SAYING THAT ELECTED OFFICIALS DON'T HAVE
25 POWER, THEY HOLD POWER IN TRUST FOR THE PEOPLE WHO ELECT THEM.

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1 AND I THINK THE FIVE OF US FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT. I WOULD JUST
2 POSE A QUESTION TO MS. DAVENPORT BEFORE ANYONE ELSE WANTS TO
3 MAKE ANY FINAL REMARKS. I HEAR YOU, MS. KUEHL, AND SUPERVISOR
4 KUEHL, AND I AGREE THAT ORGANIZATIONS AND NETWORK IS
5 IMPORTANT, BUT I AM STILL HEARKENING BACK ON THE INDIVIDUAL
6 CONSTITUENT AND THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN WORK WITH SOMEONE'S OFFICE
7 IN TERMS OF TRYING TO NAVIGATE THROUGH OUR CHILD WELFARE
8 SERVICES SYSTEM AND THROUGH FAMILY REUNIFICATION, THOSE WHO
9 ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF TRYING TO NAVIGATE THEIR CAL-FRESH
10 APPLICATION, OR THOSE WHO ARE TALKING ABOUT HOUSING, ALL OF
11 THE ESSENTIAL SAFETY NET SERVICES THE COUNTY PROVIDES THAT
12 SOMETIMES PEOPLE HIT A CROSSROADS, AND THEY RELY ON OUR STAFF
13 TO HELP THEM NAVIGATE. THAT'S WHY THEY ARE THERE AND A PART OF
14 WHO WE DO. SO MY QUESTION IS, CAN WE -- CAN, I AM NOT SURE WHO
15 -- THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE FIGURE OUT HOW TO SET UP A COMPUTER-
16 BASED INFRASTRUCTURE TO ALLOW CROSS CONVERSATIONS FOR
17 CONSTITUENT CASES, THAT HAVE BEEN WORKED ON, ARE IN PROCESS,
18 THAT CAN THEN BE PICKED UP ELECTRONICALLY BY THE NEW OFFICE,
19 AS OPPOSED TO THE CONSTITUENT, WHOSE BACK IS AGAINST THE WALL,
20 HAVING TO START ALL OVER WITH A NEW OFFICE. IS THAT EVEN
21 DOABLE?

22
23 **SUP. BARGER:** I THINK IT WOULD BE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE BECAUSE
24 THEY PUT TOGETHER THE C.R.M. FOR ALL OF OUR OFFICES.

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1 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THAT IS CORRECT, SUPERVISORS. WE
2 WOULD DO THAT INTERNALLY AND WORK WITH EACH OFFICE TO MAKE
3 SURE THAT THERE IS A CROSSOVER.

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU.WITH THAT, ANY OTHER
6 COMMENTS?

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8 **SUP. SOLIS:** CALL FOR THE QUESTION.

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** HEARING NONE, AND THE QUESTION HAVING
11 BEEN CALLED, ITEM 44C IS BEFORE US. IT'S BEEN MOVED BY
12 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THIS
13 ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 44C IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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21 **SUP. KUEHL:** NO.

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23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:**

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25 **SUPERVISOR KUEHL, NO. 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.

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6 SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

9 MITCHELL.

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11 SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: ABSTENTION.

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13 CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL ABSTAINS. MOTION

14 CARRIES 3-1 WITH 1 ABSTENTION.

15

16 SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU, ITEM 48, HEARING ON THE BRUSH

17 CLEARANCE INITIAL INSPECTION FEE. WE WILL NOW TAKE UP PUBLIC

18 HEARING ITEM 48, HEARING ON THE BRUSH CLEARANCE INITIAL

19 INSPECTION FEE. RON DURBIN, WHO IS CHIEF OF THE FORESTRY

20 DIVISION, FIRE DEPARTMENT, IS AVAILABLE IF ANY MEMBERS HAVE

21 QUESTIONS OR SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS OR TO

22 ASK ANY QUESTIONS. SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO

23 CLOSE --

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** THIS IS SUPERVISOR HAHN. I JUST WANTED TO MAYBE GET
2 AN UNDERSTANDING ON WHY WE FEEL THERE'S A NEED TO INSTITUTE A
3 FEE BECAUSE, CURRENTLY, THERE IS NO FEE FOR THIS, AND MAYBE
4 WHAT IT WOULD COVER, JUST SO THE PUBLIC IS AWARE OF WHAT WE
5 ARE DOING.

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** MR. DURBIN?

8

9 **RONALD DURBIN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. YES.
10 THIS IS SOMETHING NEW FOR US. WE'VE GOT A NUMBER OF THINGS
11 THAT ARE CREATING THE REASONS WHY. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS
12 BEEN UNDER SOME INCREASING PRESSURE RECENTLY, AND WE EXPECT IT
13 TO CONTINUE. THERE'S A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT LAWS THAT THE STATE
14 IS REQUESTING THAT WE COMPLETE AND MANDATE THAT WE COMPLETE.
15 WE HAVE 8038, WHICH IS THE REAL ESTATE INSPECTIONS FOR ANYBODY
16 THAT SELLS A HOME IN THE VERY FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE. IT IS
17 A REQUIREMENT THEY GET AN INSPECTION FOR COMPLIANCE FOR
18 DEFENSIBLE SPACE, AND ALSO A DISCLOSURE FOR HOME HARDENING. SO
19 THAT ITSELF, EVERY SINGLE HOME, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE IN THE
20 VERY HIGH FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE, THEY ARE GOING TO BE
21 ASKING FOR INSPECTION. AND WE ALREADY KNOW THERE'S MORE THAN
22 100,000 OF THOSE PARTICULAR PARCELS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY,
23 BOTH IN L.R.A., WHICH IS THE INCORPORATED CITIES, DISTRICT
24 CITIES, AND THE S.R.A., WHICH IS THE UNINCORPORATED COUNTY. SO
25 THAT'S A REALLY LARGE AREA FOR US TO DO. WE ARE CURRENTLY ONLY

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1 DOING ABOUT 50,000 INSPECTIONS RIGHT NOW. AND THAT REQUIREMENT
2 ALONE IS GOING TO DRAMATICALLY INCREASE OUR WORKLOAD. SO WE
3 ALSO HAVE A ANOTHER NEW LAW, A.B.3074 THAT REQUIRE A FIVE-FOOT
4 EMBER RESISTANT ZONE AROUND NEW STRUCTURES. THE STATE BOARD OF
5 FORESTRY IS COMPLETING GUIDELINES. WE EXPECT TO HAVE THOSE IN
6 JANUARY, AND THEN WE WILL BE DOING PUBLIC INFORMATION
7 EDUCATION ON THAT TO LET THE PUBLIC KNOW WHAT THAT IS GOING TO
8 BE. AND THE EXPECTATION FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS THAT GETS
9 IMPLEMENTED IN 2023, SO WE WILL HAVE A YEAR FOR PUBLICATION,
10 AND THEN THERE'S A HUGE REQUIREMENT ON THE OWNERS, PROPERTY
11 OWNERS, TO DO ALL OF THIS WORK RELATED TO THE FIVE-FOOT EMBER
12 RESISTANCE ZONE. AND BASED ON THE REQUIREMENTS WE GET ON THE
13 BOARD OF FORESTRY, THERE'S AN EXPECTATION THAT ALMOST ALL
14 PARCELS ARE GOING TO HAVE SOME KIND OF ISSUE THAT WE ARE GOING
15 TO HAVE TO ENFORCE AND EDUCATE AND ALLOW PEOPLE TO CORRECT. SO
16 THAT WORKLOAD IN ITSELF IS GOING TO BE TREMENDOUS. SO THEN
17 CAL-FIRE HAS ESTIMATED IT TAKES US APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES OR
18 SO TO DO EACH INSPECTION. WE ANTICIPATE IT IS GOING TO BE A
19 WHOLE LOT MORE THAN THAT. WE HAVE DONE A TIME AND MOTION STUDY
20 THAT WAS COMPLETED INTERNALLY BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND THEN
21 WE SUBMITTED THAT TO THE AUDITOR CONTROLLER. THEY LOOKED AT
22 OUR METHODOLOGY AND FEE, AND THEY APPROVED THE FEE BACK IN
23 OCTOBER. THAT FEE WAS \$150.96. SO WE KNOW THERE'S A TREMENDOUS
24 AMOUNT OF WORK THAT IS GOING TO HAVE TO HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE
25 STARTING NEXT YEAR AND BEYOND. AND THIS IS A FEE THAT HAS BEEN

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1 ADOPTED, AND, IN FACT, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVED THIS
2 FEE FOR COUNTY AGRICULTURE, WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, THE WEED
3 ABASEMENT DIVISION. SO THAT WAS APPROVED BACK IN 1989. WE, THE
4 FIRE DEPARTMENT, DID NOT ASK FOR THAT FEE AT THE TIME, BUT WE
5 ARE NOW BECAUSE CONDITIONS HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGED FROM
6 THAT TIME. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW IS
7 THAT THIS IS APPROVED IN THE HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE. IT ALLOWS
8 FOR THE COST RECOVERY FOR COST NEUTRAL PROGRAMS. THAT'S
9 EXACTLY WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR IS TO MAKE THIS BRUSH
10 CLEARANCE PROGRAM COST NEUTRAL. THIS WILL ALLOW US TO GET
11 THERE. WITH THAT, I THINK WILL REFER BACK TO YOU FOR
12 ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS IF YOU HAVE THEM.

13
14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

15
16 **SUP. HAHN:** YES, THANK YOU FOR THAT. SO I MEAN, SO THIS IS ONLY
17 GOING TO BE CHARGED TO HOMEOWNERS WHO ARE IN THIS HIGH BRUSH
18 CLEARANCE AREA OF THE COUNTY, IS THAT CORRECT?

19
20 **RONALD DURBIN:** YES, THAT'S CORRECT. AND INTENT IS TO WORK
21 THROUGH RESIDENTIAL PARCELS ONLY, SO PRIMARILY SINGLE FAMILY
22 RESIDENTS. THERE ARE SOME CONDOS THAT MAY BE INCLUDED DOWN THE
23 ROAD, BUT IT IS PRIMARILY FOCUSED ON SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTS,
24 AND ONLY THOSE FOLKS THAT WE INSPECT, AND AS WE DO EVERY
25 SINGLE YEAR, WILL COME BEFORE THE BOARD AND DO AN ANNUAL

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1 DECLARATION FOR THE INSPECTION LIST. THAT WILL HAPPEN IN
2 JANUARY. AND THEN WITH THAT INSPECTION LIST, RIGHT AFTER THAT,
3 WE SEND OUT AN ANNUAL NOTICE. SO WE TELL EVERYBODY WHAT WE ARE
4 GOING TO DO. THIS NEW ASSESSMENT, THIS FEE WILL BE INCLUDED IN
5 THAT ANNUAL NOTICE. FROM THAT POINT, THEY WILL HAVE AN
6 OPPORTUNITY TO COME BEFORE A REFEREE HEARING, WHICH IS THE
7 FIRE DEPARTMENT AND COUNTY AGRICULTURE. AND THEY WILL BE ABLE
8 TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON, WHY IS THIS NEW, WHAT
9 ARE YOU DOING, ALL THE QUESTIONS YOU HAVE FOR US WE WILL
10 ANSWER FOR THEM.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, BECAUSE, AGAIN, WE HAVE NOT BEEN CHARGING
13 FOR THIS INSPECTION FEE. AND JUST TO BE CLEAR, RIGHT, THIS IS
14 JUST FOR THE INSPECTOR, RIGHT? YOU ARE NOT CLEARING BRUSH.
15 IT'S STILL THE ONUS ON IS THE HOMEOWNER TO THEN TO PAY,
16 AGAIN, TO CLEAR THE BRUSH. THIS IS JUST FOR YOU TO INSPECT IT
17 AND LET THEM KNOW WHETHER OR NOT THEY NEED TO HAVE FURTHER
18 ACTION, IS THAT CORRECT?

19

20 **RONALD DURBIN:** YES, THAT'S ACCURATE.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** YOU ARE NOT CLEARING BRUSH WITH THIS FEE.

23

24 **RONALD DURBIN:** YOU ARE ACCURATE. THAT INCLUDES THE FIRST
25 INSPECTION, THE SECOND INSPECTION, AND EVERYTHING THAT LEADS

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1 UP TO BUILDING THE DECLARATION LIST, THE INSPECTION LIST, AND
2 ALL OF THAT BACKGROUND PROCESS THAT HAPPENS UP TO THAT FIRST
3 AND SECOND INSPECTION. BUT THE ENFORCEMENT PIECE THAT YOU ARE
4 TALKING ABOUT, HAPPENS AFTER, QUITE AFTER THAT, AND WE AREN'T
5 ASKING FOR THAT HERE.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN:** AND THESE RESIDENTS, AS YOU MENTIONED, ARE ALREADY
8 PAYING THIS AGRICULTURAL FEE THAT WAS IMPOSED IN 1989 OR
9 SOMETHING?

10

11 **RONALD DURBIN:** RIGHT. SO THIS IS -- THE BRUSH INSPECTION
12 PROGRAM IS A JOINT PROGRAM. SO L.A. COUNTY AGRICULTURE, THEY
13 ONLY INSPECT UNIMPROVED PARCELS, SO THE VACANT PARCELS RIGHT.
14 THE JOINT PIECE IS THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT INSPECTS THE
15 IMPROVED PARCELS, EVERYTHING WITH STRUCTURES ON THEM. AND
16 THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS WHY THE DIFFERENCE IN FEE. MOST OF
17 THE TIME, COUNTY AG DOESN'T HAVE TO TALK TO ANYBODY. MOST OF
18 TIME, WE HAVE TO TALK TO SOMEBODY. SO IT TAKES US A LOT MORE
19 TIME TO INSPECT AND EXPLAIN AND EDUCATE TO GET COMPLIANCE. SO
20 IT IS TWO -- IT IS A JOINT PROGRAM, AND THEY ARE SEPARATED BY
21 WHAT IS IMPROVED AND WHAT IS UNIMPROVED AND WHO DOES WHAT.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** AND YOU NEED TO HIRE MORE INSPECTORS? IS THAT WHY
24 YOU ARE CONSIDERING IMPOSING THIS FEE?

25

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1 **RONALD DURBIN:** CERTAINLY THAT'S A COMPONENT OF IT. IN ORDER TO
2 MANAGE ALL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE, WE ARE GOING TO NEED
3 MORE FOLKS TO DO THAT.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN:** I MEAN, COLLEAGUES, I CERTAINLY THINK THIS IS
6 CRITICAL. IT CERTAINLY GOES TO THE HEART OF FIRE PREVENTION.
7 AND WE KNOW THE DEVASTATION AND THE LOSS OF PROPERTY, AND
8 LIFE, AND WHAT IT ACTUALLY COSTS THE COUNTY WHEN THERE IS A
9 MAJOR FIRE. I WAS JUST CONCERNED A LITTLE BIT BECAUSE,
10 PARTICULARLY NOW, HAVING THIS APPEAR ON PEOPLE'S PROPERTY TAX
11 WITH -- WHEN IT NEVER HAS BEEN BEFORE CAUSED ME CONCERN, SO I
12 AT LEAST AM SUGGESTING THAT WE -- WHAT IS THE WORD I AM
13 LOOKING FOR. PHASE IT IN. SO IF THEY ARE TRYING TO GET TO
14 \$150, SO \$50 YEAR, \$100, AND THEN \$150. BUT BETWEEN YOU AND
15 ME, I WOULD LIKE TO ACTUALLY LOOK TO SEE IF THERE IS FUNDING
16 ELSEWHERE TO SUPPORT WHAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTUALLY NEEDS.
17 WE DO KNOW THEY HAVE A STRUCTURAL DEFICIT. WE WENT TO THE
18 VOTERS, AND IT DIDN'T PASS. THEY CERTAINLY NEED MORE MONEY FOR
19 WHAT THEY NEED TO PROVIDE IN SERVICES TO THE WHOLE COUNTY. BUT
20 I DIDN'T WANT TO NECESSARILY OVERBURDEN PARTICULAR HOMEOWNERS
21 IN THE COUNTY AT THIS TIME, SO I THINK THIS IS ALLOWING THEM
22 TO PHASE IT IN. BUT JUST GOING TO PUT EVERYBODY ON NOTICE THAT
23 I AM GOING TO LOOK TO SEE IF THERE'S OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY
24 DOLLARS THAT WE MIGHT APPROPRIATE FOR THIS VERY ISSUE BECAUSE
25 IT REALLY IMPACTS THE WHOLE COUNTY WHEN THERE'S A FIRE, NOT

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1 JUST A PARTICULAR AREA, OR A FEW HOMEOWNERS. IT EFFECTS ALL OF
2 US WHEN THERE'S A MAJOR FIRE. I THINK ABOUT THE WOOLSEY FIRE,
3 AND HOW MANY SO MANY COUNTY RESOURCES WERE EXPENDED FOR MANY,
4 MANY, MANY MONTHS TO TRY TO GET AT THE HEART OF THAT. SO I
5 THINK IT IS A COST THAT MAYBE I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE WHOLE
6 COUNTY PICK UP. BUT IN THE MEANTIME, BECAUSE I HAVEN'T REALLY
7 IDENTIFIED THAT MONEY YET, IN THE MEANTIME, I WILL SUPPORT
8 PHASING IN THIS \$50 TO APPEAR ON PEOPLE'S PROPERTY TAXES WHO
9 ARE IN THIS HIGH BRUSH CLEARANCE AREA. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** I WANTED CLARIFICATION. THIS IS NOT FOR EVERY
14 SINGLE PARCEL IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, IS IT, THIS
15 ASSESSMENT?

16

17 **RONALD DURBIN:** RIGHT. SUPERVISOR BARGER, THANK YOU FOR THE
18 QUESTION. NO, IT IS NOT. IT IS ONLY FOR THE PARCELS THAT ARE
19 DECLARED. IN UNINCORPORATED COUNTY, WE DECLARE HIGH AND VERY
20 HIGH PARCELS. AND IN INCORPORATED COUNTY, WE ONLY DO THE VERY
21 HIGH. ONE OTHER POINT THAT IS IMPORTANT NOW IS THAT, EVEN
22 THOUGH YOUR BOARD CAN APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THIS FEE THIS
23 YEAR, THE CONSTITUENTS THEY WON'T SEE THE FEE ITSELF UNTIL
24 2023 BECAUSE THE TIMING OF THIS IS THAT IT GETS APPROVED NOW,
25 WE DECLARE ALL THE PARCELS FOR THE INSPECTION LIST, DO THE

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1 WORK NEXT YEAR, 2022, AND BECAUSE WE ARE A JOINT PROGRAM, WE
2 DO THE COST CHARGE, WHICH COMES AGAIN BEFORE THE BOARD. THAT
3 WILL HAPPEN IN JUNE OF 2023, AND THEN, FROM THAT POINT, WE'LL
4 GO TO THE TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR AND THROUGH A DIRECT
5 ASSESSMENT, AND THEN ON THE FALL 2023 TAX BILL, THAT'S THE
6 SOONEST ANYBODY WOULD EVER SEE THIS FEE.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, RON, IN TERMS OF PRIOR TO THIS BOARD LETTER,
9 YOU HAVE ABSORBED IT WITHIN YOUR OWN BUDGET, CORRECT?

10

11 **RONALD DURBIN:** THAT'S ACCURATE, YES.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** AND WHAT IS THAT BUDGETED AMOUNT FOR THIS UNIT?

14

15 **RONALD DURBIN:** SO THIS -- ALL OF THESE INSPECTIONS ARE DONE --
16 I AM GOING TO GIVE YOU SORT OF A ROUND ABOUT ANSWER TO GET TO
17 IT. ALL OF THESE INSPECTIONS ARE DONE BY OUR OPERATIONS
18 PERSONNEL. SO IT IS DISTRIBUTED THROUGH I BELIEVE WE HAVE 88
19 FIRE STATIONS THAT HAVE BRUSH INSPECTION RESPONSIBILITIES. SO
20 ALL OF THOSE STATIONS ARE DOING THESE INSPECTIONS. THE COST OF
21 THAT AT ABOUT 50,000 IS ABOUT \$7.5 MILLION PER YEAR.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, AND THEN MY LAST QUESTION IS WHAT TYPE OF
24 OUTREACH HAVE YOU DONE TO CONSTITUENTS TO NOTIFY THEM ABOUT
25 THIS BECAUSE TYPICALLY WHEN YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS THAT IS

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1 PUTTING AN ADDITIONAL FEE ON SOMEONE'S PROPERTY TAX, YOU
2 TYPICALLY DO OUTREACH TO GET PUBLIC INPUT TO BETTER EQUIP THE
3 HOMEOWNERS WHO ARE GOING TO BE GETTING THESE BILLS BECAUSE WE
4 WILL GET THE CALLS ASKING WHERE THIS ADDITIONAL FEE CAME FROM?

5

6 **RONALD DURBIN:** RIGHT. SO THAT'S A REALLY GOOD QUESTION. THANK
7 YOU. WE HAVEN'T DONE THE OUTREACH, PER SE, YET BECAUSE WE
8 NEVER -- WE DON'T REALLY KNOW, OR DIDN'T KNOW, WHETHER WE
9 COULD GET THE FEE APPROVED TO START WITH. SO ONCE WE KNOW,
10 THEN WE WILL IMMEDIATELY START THE OUTREACH, AND WE EXPECT TO
11 DO THAT THROUGH OUR P.I.O., OUR SOCIAL MEDIA. WE CAN INCLUDE
12 IT IN OUR READY SET GO. AND THIS WILL OBVIOUSLY BE INCLUDED IN
13 THE ANNUAL NOTICE THAT WILL GO OUT IN JANUARY. SO PEOPLE,
14 AGAIN, THEY WILL HAVE TWO YEARS OF HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO
15 TALK ABOUT THIS BEFORE THEY ACTUALLY EVEN SEE THIS.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER:** RIGHT. SO, RON, I GUESS WHAT I WILL LEAVE YOU
18 WITH IS THAT WE ARE GOING OUT AND DOING A HEARING AFTER WE
19 HAVE ALREADY APPROVED IT VERSUS WHAT USUALLY THE INTENT OF A
20 HEARING IS IS TO GET PUBLIC INPUT TO MAYBE DO THINGS LIKE WHAT
21 SUPERVISOR HAHN MENTIONED IN TERMS OF PHASING IT IN, OR I
22 DON'T KNOW, FILL IN THE BLANK. AND SO IT IS LESS OF A PUBLIC
23 OUTREACH BECAUSE YOU HAVE ALREADY MADE THE DETERMINATION, AND
24 YOU ARE BASICALLY JUST TELLING THEM. AND MY THOUGHT WAS HAVE
25 WE GONE OUT TO KIND OF GET THE TEMPERATURE OF INDIVIDUALS AS

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1 IT RELATES TO EVEN IMPOSING THIS. BUT I APPRECIATE YOU BEING
2 FORTHRIGHT AS IT RELATES TO WHAT THE GAME PLAN IS. THANK YOU,
3 MADAM CHAIR.

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER
6 SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD LIKE TO ASK QUESTIONS OR MAKE REMARKS?
7 HEARING AND SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE
8 PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 48 IS BEFORE US,
9 MOVED BY MYSELF AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE
10 ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 48 IS BEFORE YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

15

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

17

18 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

19

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

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

23

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

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

2

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

5

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

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES
9 5-0.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THERE ARE NO SPECIALS AT THIS
12 TIME. SO WE WILL TRANSITION TO ADJOURNMENTS IN MEMORY. AT THIS
13 TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR THEM, AND WE WILL BEGIN
14 WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT FIVE, SUPERVISOR BARGER.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
17 ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF SALLY DOMINGUEZ, A
18 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF MONROVIA, WHO PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 5TH
19 AT THE AGE OF 45. SHE OBTAINED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM
20 CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SACRAMENTO AND WENT ON TO EARN HER
21 JURIS DOCTORATE FROM LINCOLN LAW SCHOOL IN 2009. SHE BEGAN HER
22 CAREER WITH THE ALHAMBRA POLICE DEPARTMENT ON MAY 21ST, 2015
23 AND ACHIEVED THE RANK OF CORPORAL ON APRIL 1ST, 2019. SALLY
24 BELIEVED OUR FUTURE WAS IN OUR YOUNGER GENERATIONS AND SERVED
25 AS A POLICE EXPLORER ADVISER MENTORING COUNTLESS EXPLORERS TO

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1 HELP THEM RECOGNIZE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL. SHE IS A DEAR, DEAR,
2 BELOVED FAMILY -- OR CONSIDERED FAMILY BY THE ALHAMBRA POLICE
3 DEPARTMENT, AS WELL AS THE ENTIRE ALHAMBRA COMMUNITY. SHE IS
4 SURVIVED BY HER MOTHER, LETICIA, AND HER BROTHER, ELIAS. ALSO
5 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FRANK MAURICE QUINN, A LIFELONG
6 RESIDENT OF NEWHALL, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 83. HE WAS
7 BORN IN NEWHALL ON HIS FAMILY'S RANCH IN SOLEDAD CANYON. HE
8 WAS THE SON OF RUTH AND TOM CONNORS, WHO WERE PIONEERS IN THE
9 GROWING COMMUNITY DURING THE 1930S. HE ATTENDED SULPHUR
10 SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND GRADUATE FROM WILLIAM S. HART
11 HIGH SCHOOL. GROWING UP ON THE HOG RANCH, HE LEARNED TO DRIVE
12 TRUCKS AT AN EARLY AGE, AND IT WAS FROM THERE HE DECIDED HE
13 WANTED TO PURSUE A CAREER IN TRUCKING. HE WORKED FOR SEVERAL
14 LOCAL BUSINESSES AS A TRUCK DRIVER, AND, IN ADDITION TO
15 TRUCKING, HE BECAME A SHERIFF'S DEPUTY IN 1958. AFTER
16 RETIREMENT, HE WORKED FOR THE FAMILY BUSINESS OF EVANS & SON.
17 FRANK IS SURVIVED BUSINESS HIS DAUGHTER, JULIA, HIS SON,
18 SCOTT, HIS BROTHER, TOM, AND HIS TWO STEPCHILDREN, APRIL AND
19 JUSTIN. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, MADAM CHAIR.

20
21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE WILL TRANSITION
22 TO DISTRICT NUMBER ONE, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

23
24 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST HAVE ONE
25 ADJOURNMENT. TODAY, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN

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1 MEMORY OF LOUIS NEVAREZ, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS BIG LOU. HE
2 PASSED AWAY ON NOVEMBER 30TH, 2021. HE WAS FROM EAST LOS
3 ANGELES. HE WAS A LOVING HUSBAND TO HIS WIFE, PETRA, AND ON
4 AMAZING FATHER TO HIS SON. BIG LOU WAS A GREAT FRIEND AND
5 INSPIRATIONAL LEADER TO MANY IN EAST LOS ANGELES WHERE HE WAS
6 RAISED. HE LOVED THE DODGERS AND THE U.S.C. TROJANS. LOUIS
7 TOOK GREAT JOY GIVING BACK TO THOSE IN NEED AND MADE THE MOST
8 OUT OF HIS LIFE. HE LIVED A BLESSED LIFE FULL OF LOVE AND
9 LAUGHTER WITH SO MANY MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS THAT HE LEFT
10 BEHIND. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND SONS. MAY HE REST IN
11 PEACE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

12
13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I
14 WOULD LIKE TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY TODAY OF GENERAL LEE BROWN.
15 AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I AM GOING TO SPEAK TO ONE OF YOURS, SO
16 I WILL SPEAK AFTER YOU PRESENT YOURS ON MISS AVANT. I ASK WHEN
17 WE ADJOURN TODAY, COLLEAGUES, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
18 GENERAL LEE BROWN, WHO WAS BORN IN 1933 IN PRITCHARD, ALABAMA
19 AND PASSED AWAY THIS PAST NOVEMBER 9TH AT THE AGE OF 88 HERE
20 IN LOS ANGELES. MR. BROWN WAS A DEDICATED AND PASSIONATE
21 L.A.U.S.D. EDUCATOR FOR 38 YEARS WHO PROUDLY SERVED THE
22 STUDENTS OF THE SECOND DISTRICT AT MOUNT VERNON ELEMENTARY
23 SCHOOL, CURTISS MIDDLE SCHOOL, CRENSHAW HIGH SCHOOL, GARDENA
24 HIGH, AND L.A. HIGH SCHOOL. IN 1953, MR. BROWN GRADUATED FROM
25 ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN

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1 SECONDARY EDUCATION AND BEGAN HIS CAREER TWO YEARS LATER. IN
2 1957, HE MARRIED THE LOVE OF HIS LIFE, ELEANOR ALLEN, AND THE
3 COUPLE HAD THREE SONS, WHO WERE THEIR PRIDE AND JOY. IN 1963,
4 HE RELOCATED WITH HIS FAMILY TO L.A. AND BEGAN TEACHING FOR
5 L.A.U.S.D. AT MOUNT VERNON MIDDLE SCHOOL. WHILE WORKING AS A
6 TEACHER, HE GRADUATED WITH A MASTER'S DEGREE IN EDUCATIONAL
7 ADMINISTRATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHER CALIFORNIA. MR.
8 BROWN LOVED TO TRAVEL, WATCH FOOTBALL, AND WAS VERY ACTIVE IN
9 HIS COMMUNITY. HE WAS A PROUD MEMBER OF KAPPA ALPHA PSI
10 FRATERNITY, INCORPORATED, AND THE GOW DOW EXPERIENCE, WHICH IS
11 A NETWORK OF L.A.U.S.D. EDUCATORS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
12 LOVING WIFE OF 64 YEARS, ELEANOR ALLEN, THEIR THREE SONS, AND
13 THREE SIBLINGS, SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN, AND A HOST OF EXTENDED
14 FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND COLLEAGUES, AND STUDENTS WHO WILL MISS
15 HIM DEARLY. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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17 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. LET ME START WITH A TRAGIC
18 CASE THAT WE ARE ALL WAY TOO FAMILIAR WITH, JACQUELINE AVANT,
19 WHO DIED ON DECEMBER 1ST, AND I THINK WE HAVE HEARD SO MUCH ON
20 THE NEWS ABOUT THE TRAGEDY OF IT. SHE BEGAN HER CAREER AS A
21 PART TIME MODEL, MODELING AS PART OF THE TRAVELING EBONY
22 FASHION FAIR, WHICH WAS DESIGNED TO INTRODUCE NEW STYLES TO
23 OUR BLACK COMMUNITIES. SHE THEN MARRIED HER HUSBAND, CLARENCE
24 AVANT, AND, TOGETHER, THEY RAISED TWO CHILDREN. SHE WAS
25 DESCRIBED AS A FORCE OF COMPASSION AND EMPOWERMENT, WHO MADE

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1 AN IMMEASURABLE AND POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION AND IMPACT ON THE
2 ARTS COMMUNITY. FOR DECADES, SHE WAS A PROMINENT LOS ANGELES
3 PHILANTHROPIST, MOST NOTABLY SUPPORTING THE U.C.L.A.
4 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CENTER. SHE SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE
5 NEIGHBORS OF WATTS, A SUPPORT GROUP FOR SOUTH CENTRAL
6 COMMUNITY CHILDCARE CENTER, AND AS ENTERTAINMENT CHAIRMAN OF
7 THE N.O.W. BENEFIT AUCTION. NONE OF THAT SUMS UP HER IMPACT ON
8 THE COMMUNITY AND ON THE COUNTY, SUCH A POSITIVE REALLY LOVING
9 AND COMPASSIONATE FORCE. THIS IS A GREAT, GREAT TRAGEDY. SHE
10 IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, CLARENCE, AND THEIR TWO CHILDREN,
11 NICOLE AND ALEX. MADAM CHAIR, YOU WANT TO ADD SOMETHING?

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13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
14 IF I MAY. I AGREE WITH EVERY POWERFUL WORD YOU SAID AND WOULD
15 JUST ADD I HAVE BEEN IN CONVERSATIONS THIS WEEK WITH FAMILY
16 AND CLOSE FAMILY FRIENDS, WHO HAVE SPOKEN POWERFULLY AND
17 ELOQUENTLY ABOUT HER VISION AND COMPASSION AND DESIRE TO HELP,
18 QUITE FRANKLY, THE CHILDREN OF SOUTH LOS ANGELES. I'M VERY
19 PROUD THAT SHE WAS A LONG TERM AND PLANNED TO BE AN ONGOING
20 SUPPORTER OF A FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES PROJECT AFFILIATED
21 WITH THE M.L.K. CAMPUS, AND THAT HER FAMILY HAS MADE A
22 COMMITMENT TO CONTINUE THAT IN HER NAME. I THINK HER ELOQUENCE
23 AND CALM SENSE OF UNITY, COMMITMENT, AND DRIVE HAS BEEN TALKED
24 ABOUT BY ANY NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY,
25 INCLUDING NAMES WE ALL KNOW, OPRAH WINFREY, WHO REALLY TALKED

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1 ABOUT HER BEING A NORTH STAR FOR THEM AND FOR THE COMMUNITY
2 THAT SHE SO PASSIONATELY SERVED. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO
3 JOIN IN. I JUST WANTED TO SPEAK AND TALK ABOUT HER COMMITMENT
4 TO CHILDREN, PARTICULARLY BLACK CHILDREN IN SOUTH L.A. WHO,
5 THROUGH HER EXAMPLE, SHE WANTED TO LET THEM KNOW THAT THEY --
6 THAT THERE WERE PEOPLE THAT WERE WILLING TO POUR INTO THEM AND
7 TO INVEST IN A POSITIVE FUTURE AND OUTCOME FOR THEM. AND SHE
8 DID THAT POWERFULLY, EVERY DAY OF HER LIFE. THANK YOU FOR THE
9 OPPORTUNITY TO WEIGH IN.

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11 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK IT'S -- YOU KNOW,
12 WHENEVER I EITHER PRESENT AN OBITUARY OR ADJOURNMENT, OR
13 LISTEN TO YOURS, I'M THINKING ABOUT HOW TRUE IT IS THAT ONE
14 PERSON CAN MAKE SUCH A DIFFERENCE, AND SHE DEFINITELY DID.
15 THANK YOU. COLLEAGUES, I ALSO ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY,
16 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY AND HONOR OF A GREAT TENNIS STAR, DARLENE
17 HARD. SHE WAS AN AGGRESSIVE SERVE-AND-VOLLEY PLAYER, WHO WON
18 THREE MAJOR SINGLES TITLES AND 18 MAJOR DOUBLES TITLES IN A
19 HALL OF FAME TENNIS CAREER. SHE APPEARED IN SEVEN MAJOR
20 CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLE FINALS, WINNING TITLES AT THE 1960 FRENCH
21 CHAMPIONSHIPS AND THE 1960 AND '61 U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP, THE
22 TOURNAMENTS THAT PRECEDED THE FRENCH AND THE U.S. OPENS. SHE
23 WAS A WIMBLEDON FINALIST IN 1957 AND 1959 AND REACHED THE
24 QUARTER FINALS OF THE AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS IN 1962. SHE
25 HAD EVEN GREATER SUCCESS IN DOUBLES, WON THREE FRENCH TITLES,

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1 FOUR WIMBELDON TITLES, AND SIX U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS WITH EIGHT
2 DIFFERENT PARTNERS IN MIXED DOUBLES. SHE WON TWICE AT THE
3 FRENCH OPEN AND THREE TIMES AT WIMBELDON. DARLENE WAS RANKED
4 IN THE U.S. TOP 10 EVERY YEAR BETWEEN 1954 AND 1963, INCLUDING
5 FOUR TIMES AS NUMBER ONE. SHE ROSE TO NUMBER TWO IN THE WORLD
6 IN 1960 AND AGAIN IN 1961. AFTER RETIRING FROM TENNIS, SHE
7 TOOK A JOB AT U.S.C., WHERE SHE DID EVERYTHING FROM
8 MAINTENANCE ON THE UNIVERSITY'S COMPUTER SYSTEM TO DESIGN WORK
9 ON THE EL RODEO YEAR BOOK AND THE DAILY TROJAN NEWSPAPER. AND
10 I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
11 STEVE RETIVO. HE AND HIS BROTHER WERE BORN IN SICILY. THEY
12 LANDED IN CHICAGO AS KIDS. THEY WERE HANDY IN THE KITCHEN
13 ARMED WITH FAMILY RECIPES, SUCH AS WHAT WOULD BECOME KNOWN AS
14 RAVIOLI AL VITELLO WITH CREAM SAUCE. THE TWO OPENED A
15 RESTAURANT IN THE CITY'S SOUTH SIDE AND THEN HEADED WEST. THE
16 BROTHERS BOUGHT THE STUDIO CITY RESTAURANT IN THE EARLY 1970S
17 AND WERE ALWAYS STRUCK BY ALL THE CELEBRITY CUSTOMERS WHO
18 WANDERED IN AND OUT. ONE OF THOSE CUSTOMERS WAS GARRY
19 MARSHALL, THE LATE HOLLYWOOD DIRECTOR AND SCREENWRITER. AND
20 OVER THE YEARS, HE PUT STEVE IN FILMS LIKE "PRETTY WOMAN,"
21 "THE PRINCESS DIARIES," PRIME TIME T.V. DRAMAS LIKE "REMINGTON
22 STEEL," "QUINCY M.E.," AMONG MANY OTHERS. SIGNED PHOTOS OF HIS
23 FELLOW ACTORS, DIRECTORS, AND PRODUCERS SLOWLY FILLED UP ALL
24 THE WALLS AT VITELLO'S. ACTOR ROBERT BLAKE WAS ALSO HIS
25 REGULAR. HE WAS SUCH A REGULAR THERE THAT THERE WAS A DISH ON

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1 THE MENU NAMED IN HIS HONOR, FUSILLI PASTA WITH MARINARA SAUCE
2 AND SAUTEED SPINACH. THAT'S THE ROBERT BLAKE DISH. HE IS
3 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, SARA, AND THREE THREE SONS, ROY, VINCE,
4 AND STEVE, JR. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
5 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOHN SELLMAN. AFTER GRADUATING FROM
6 MEDICAL SCHOOL, COMPLETING HIS RESIDENCY AT U.C.S.F. IN
7 ORTHOPEDICS, HE WAS CALLED TO SERVE IN THE U.S. ARMY. AND
8 AFTER RECEIVING HIS COMMISSION AS CAPTAIN, HE SERVED AS A
9 SURGEON FOR TWO YEARS AT VALLEY FORGE ARMY HOSPITAL DURING THE
10 VIETNAM WAR. AFTER LEAVING THE ARMY, HE WENT ON TO STAY IN
11 REGULAR CONTACT WITH A NUMBER OF HIS GRATEFUL PATIENTS.
12 FOLLOWING HIS MILITARY SERVICE, HE MOVED TO SANTA MONICA,
13 WHERE HE JOINED A PRACTICE IN ORTHOPEDISTS AND THE ST. JOHN'S
14 MEDICAL STAFF IN 1971. HE THEN JOINED THE SANTA MONICA
15 ORTHOPEDIC GROUP AND PRACTICED ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY AT ST.
16 JOHN'S HEALTH CENTER CONTINUOUSLY FOR 50 YEARS, WHERE HE WAS
17 PERFORMING SURGERIES RIGHT UP UNTIL THE WEEK THAT HE DIED. HE
18 WAS KNOWN FOR HIS LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AT ST. JOHN'S AND FOR
19 HIS LOVE OF TREATING COMPLEX FOOT PROBLEMS. HE IS SURVIVED BY
20 HIS WIFE, MARY, HIS TWO STEPCHILDREN, MATT AND BEN, AND HIS
21 THREE CHILDREN, CHUCK, WILL, AND CATHERINE. AND I MOVE THAT
22 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF OTTO JOSEPH
23 KLINGER, WHO DIED ON JANUARY 20TH. WHEN HE WAS 17, HE JOINED
24 THE U.S. NAVY AT THE VERY BEGINNING OF WORLD WAR II, SERVED AS
25 AN AVIATION RADIO MAN SECOND CLASS, AND ALSO WAS A TAIL GUNNER

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1 IN THE U.S. NAVAL DIVE BOMBER SQUADRON IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC.
2 HE THEN SERVED AT THE NAVAL AIR WEAPONS TEST STATION IN CHINA
3 LAKE IN CALIFORNIA. AFTER SERVING IN THE U.S. NAVY, HE WENT TO
4 MED SCHOOL AND BECAME AN ANATOMIC AND CLINICAL PATHOLOGIST FOR
5 57 YEARS, A RESPECTED AND DEDICATED DOCTOR IN THE SAN FERNANDO
6 VALLEY. HE BECAME KNOWN AS A MASTER DIAGNOSTICIAN AND WAS
7 KNOWN AS A PILLAR OF THE COMMUNITY. FOR MOST OF HIS
8 PROFESSIONAL CAREER, HE WAS BASED AT PROVIDENCE HOLY CROSS
9 MEDICAL CENTER, WHERE HE WAS DIRECTOR OF LABORATORIES AND ALSO
10 CHIEF OF STAFF. HE RAN AND OWNED STAT LABS, SERVICING MEDICAL
11 FACILITIES THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY. HE ATTENDED PHYSICIAN
12 MEETINGS AT HOLY CROSS HOSPITAL THROUGH 2019, THE YEAR THAT HE
13 WAS 95 YEARS OLD, AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE MEDICAL BOARD OF
14 CALIFORNIA UNTIL HE DIED. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SISTER, FIVE
15 CHILDREN, AND HIS LONGTIME PARTNER, HELEN. THOSE ARE MY
16 ADJOURNMENTS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.
19 AND SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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21 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
22 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF CHIZURU NAKAJI BOYEA OF
23 SAN PEDRO, WHO WAS 101 WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY. SHE WAS BORN ON
24 1919 ON TERMINAL ISLAND. SHE LED A LIFE DEDICATED TO
25 EDUCATION, ART, AND COMMUNITY ACTIVISM. AFTER GRADUATING FROM

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1 SAN PEDRO HIGH SCHOOL, SHE ATTENDED COLLEGE AND STUDIED
2 JAPANESE LITERATURE. DURING WORLD WAR II, CHIZURU AND HER
3 FAMILY WERE UNJUSTLY INTERNED AT MANZANAR. WHILE SHE WAS
4 INTERNED, SHE FOCUSED HER ENERGY ON TEACHING THE YOUNGER
5 CHILDREN TO READ AND ESTABLISHED A LIBRARY. AFTER THE WAR, SHE
6 RETURNED TO COLLEGE TO STUDY LIBRARY SCIENCE AND LED A
7 SUCCESSFUL INITIATIVE TO PLACE STUDENT INTERNEES AT PROMINENT
8 COLLEGES. FOR 25 YEARS, CHIZURU WORKED FOR THE LONG BEACH
9 PUBLIC LIBRARY, LEADING THEIR ARTS DEPARTMENT FOR MANY YEARS.
10 NUMEROUS LIBRARY PATRONS, ESPECIALLY STUDENTS, HAVE EXPRESSED
11 APPRECIATION FOR CHIZURU'S KNOWLEDGE, RESOURCEFULNESS, AND
12 ENCOURAGEMENT. CHIZURU IS SURVIVED BY HER FIVE CHILDREN, 14
13 GRANDCHILDREN, AND 19 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. I ALSO MOVE THAT
14 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF GARRETT
15 HAYWARD, WHO WAS ONLY 18 WHEN HE PASSED AWAY. HE WAS A
16 WHITTIER RESIDENT, AND HE WAS JUST A FRESHMAN AT CAL STATE
17 CHANNEL ISLANDS WHEN HE WAS TRAGICALLY KILLED IN A CAR CRASH.
18 GARRETT LOVED ALL THINGS MUSICAL. IN HIGH SCHOOL, HE WAS A
19 MEMBER OF THE MARCHING BAND AND STUDIED JAZZ FOR SEVERAL
20 YEARS. WHEN HE WASN'T IN SCHOOL OR PLAYING MUSIC, HE ENJOYED
21 SPENDING TIME WITH HIS FAMILY, HIS FRIENDS, AND HIS
22 GIRLFRIEND. GARRETT IS SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, JOANNE AND
23 DAMON, AND BELOVED SISTER. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
24 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JEANNE MARGARET YINGER, WHO
25 WAS 97 WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY. GROWING UP, HER FAMILY LIVED IN

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1 THE BACK OF HER FATHER'S HARTMAN AUTO PARTS STORE IN THE AREA
2 OF 59TH STREET AND MAIN IN LOS ANGELES. AS A CHILD AND
3 TEENAGER, SHE TRAVELED BY THE PACIFIC ELECTRIC RED CAR AND HAD
4 SPECIAL INTEREST IN THE HISTORY OF LOS ANGELES. SHE ENJOYED
5 SAILING ON THE STEAMERS TO CATALINA, WHERE SHE WOULD DANCE AT
6 THE AVALON CASINO. WHILE ATTENDING ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC
7 ELEMENTARY, JEANNE WOULD BRIEFLY MEET HER FUTURE HUSBAND,
8 BILL. HOWEVER, THEY WOULD NOT RECONNECT AGAIN UNTIL HE
9 RETURNED FROM WORLD WAR II. THEY WERE MARRIED 53 YEARS BEFORE
10 HIS DEATH IN 2003. HER CATHOLIC FAITH WAS IMPORTANT TO HER.
11 SHE WAS A VOLUNTEER AT ST. JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH IN
12 RANCHO PALOS VERDES FOR MANY YEARS. JEANNE WAS KNOWN NOT TO
13 WATCH MUCH T.V. FOR ENTERTAINMENT, BUT ALWAYS LOVED TO WATCH
14 THE WORLD SERIES. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SISTER, FIVE
15 CHILDREN, FIVE GRANDCHILDREN, AND ONE GREAT-GRANDCHILD. CHILD.
16 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL TAKE ALL THE MOTIONS
19 AS SECONDED. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE,
20 THAT WILL BE THE ACTION. WITH THAT, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
21 WOULD YOU PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION?

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23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. IN ACCORDANCE WITH
24 THE BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE
25 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS

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1 ITEM CS1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING
2 LITIGATION, ITEM CS2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
3 ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, AND ITEM CS3, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL
4 COUNSEL REGARDING ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, AS INDICATED ON THE
5 POSTED AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR DECEMBER 7, 2021

CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

(Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

People of the State of California v. Purdue Pharma L.P., et al.,
Orange County Superior Court Case No.
30-2014-00725287-CU-BT-CXC. (21-4697)

No reportable action was taken.

CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

(Paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

Significant exposure to litigation (one case). (20-2580)

No reportable action was taken.

CS-3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

(Paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

Initiation of litigation (one case). (21-4699)

No reportable action was taken.

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