



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON

2 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021, ON PAGE 224]

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5 SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I SEE
6 YOU.

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8 SUP. KUEHL: LIKE A LINE FROM "AVATAR." GOOD MORNING, MADAM
9 CHAIR. I SEE YOU. [LAUGHTER].

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11 SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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13 SUP. SOLIS: BUENOS DIAS.

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15 SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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17 SUP. BARGER: GOOD MORNING.

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19 SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING. AND THERE'S SUPERVISOR
20 HAHN. FABULOUS. GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. GOOD MORNING,
21 EVERYONE, AND WELCOME TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF
22 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WHICH IS BEING
23 HELD REMOTELY. TODAY IS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST, 2021. WHERE
24 DID THE TIME GO? THE YEAR IS ALMOST OVER, COLLEAGUES. I WILL

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1 NOW TAKE ROLL CALL TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE. PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR
2 MIC. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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4 **SUP. SOLIS:** PRESENT.

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6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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8 **SUP. KUEHL:** HERE.

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

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12 **SUP. HAHN:** HERE.

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14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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16 **SUP. BARGER:** HERE.

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18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, FESIA
19 DAVENPORT?

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

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

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25 **RODRIGO CASTRO-SILVA:** HERE.

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2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD,
3 CELIA ZAVALA?

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

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7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. SUPERVISOR
8 SOLIS, WOULD YOU DO US THE HONOR OF LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE
9 OF ALLEGIANCE?

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11 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YES, MADAM CHAIR. PLEASE
12 RISE. PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART, AND LET'S BEGIN.
13 I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF
14 AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION
15 UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.
16 THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU CALL
19 THE AGENDA? AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, WE WILL BE
20 TAKING TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENTS SEPARATELY FOR REGULAR
21 AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARING ITEM DURING TODAY'S MEETING.
22 THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD RECEIVED OVER 30 WRITTEN
23 COMMENTS FOR TODAY'S MEETING, AND AS THOSE WRITTEN COMMENTS
24 WERE RECEIVED, ALL OF THEM WERE AVAILABLE TO THE SUPERVISORS
25 FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION, CONSISTENT WITH THE BROWN ACT

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1 REQUIREMENTS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE WRITTEN PUBLIC
2 COMMENTS THROUGHOUT THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE
3 OFFICIAL RECORD. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU PLEASE NOW
4 CALL THE AGENDA?

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6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. GOOD MORNING,
7 MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL
8 BEGIN ON PAGE TWO, SET MATTERS, S-1 AND S-2. ITEM S-1 IS A
9 REPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND APPROPRIATE
10 DEPARTMENT HEADS AS NECESSARY, ON THE STATUS OF AMERICAN
11 RESCUE PLAN FUNDING IN CONSIDERATION OF NECESSARY ACTION. ON
12 ITEM S-1, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION-- [AUDIO CUTS OUT]. THIS
13 ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION. ITEM S-2 IS A DISCUSSION AND
14 CONSIDERATION OF NECESSARY ACTIONS ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER
15 RELATED TO C.O.V.I.D.-19, AS REQUESTED BY THE CHAIR OF THE
16 BOARD, AND STATUS ON THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 VACCINE. ON ITEM S-1,
17 THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THIS ITEM WILL
18 BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION. ON PAGE THREE, SPECIAL DISTRICT
19 AGENDA. THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
20 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ON PAGE FOUR, PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS,
21 ITEMS 1 THROUGH 2. THESE ITEMS WILL BE HELD FOR HEARINGS. ON
22 PAGE SIX, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 3
23 THROUGH 12. ON ITEM FOUR, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS
24 ITEM BE HELD. THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS, INDICATED ON THE
25 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 5, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS

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1 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 7, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS
2 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS INCLUDES AN AMENDMENT BY
3 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
4 ON ITEM 8, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
5 PAGE 13, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 13 THROUGH 33. ON ITEM
6 25, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS
7 27, 28, AND 29, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL WILL BE ABSTAINING FROM
8 VOTING. ON PAGE 25, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO
9 THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF
10 THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM
11 31-B, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE
12 25, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION, ITEM CS-1, AND CS-2. THESE ARE
13 ADDITIONS, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THAT
14 COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA, MADAM CHAIR.

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16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL NOW TAKE
17 PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS, EXCLUDING PUBLIC HEARING
18 ITEMS 1 AND 2. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-
19 IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA, AND
20 EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO
21 ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

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23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE
24 PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT SHOULD CALL (877) 226-
25 8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 133-6503. TO REPEAT:

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1 PLEASE CALL (877) 226-8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER
2 133-6503. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN
3 TO THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL (877) 873-8017,
4 AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING
5 IN: WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND
6 WHICH AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. WE WILL ALLOCATE 90
7 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL OF THE ITEMS, EXCLUDING THE
8 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. YOU WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK ON ONE
9 AGENDA ITEM, OR TWO MINUTES TO SPEAK ON TWO OR MORE AGENDA
10 ITEMS. IN ADDITION, THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
11 WITH GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, WE'LL PROVIDE ONE ADDITIONAL
12 MINUTE, FOR A MAXIMUM TOTAL OF UP TO THREE MINUTES. WE WILL
13 CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING
14 THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. WHEN
15 SPEAKING ON THE AGENDA ITEMS, YOU MUST BE ON TOPIC. OUR GOAL
16 IS TO GET THROUGH AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE CAN. IF YOU'RE NOT
17 SPEAKING ON A TOPIC, OR IF WE CANNOT IF YOU'RE SPEAKING ON AN
18 AGENDA ITEM, YOU WILL GET ONE WARNING FROM COUNTY COUNSEL OR
19 THE CHAIR. IF YOU DO NOT IMMEDIATELY OR CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC,
20 OR YOU STRAY OFF TOPIC AGAIN, YOU WILL FORFEIT THE REST OF
21 YOUR TIME, AND THE CHAIR WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE
22 NOTE THAT IF YOU ARE ALSO LISTENING TO THE BOARD MEETING ON A
23 COMPUTER OR SPEAKERPHONE, YOU WILL NEED TO TURN DOWN THE
24 VOLUME ON THOSE DEVICES AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU.

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1 IF YOU DO NOT TURN DOWN THE VOLUME, THERE WILL BE AN ECHO.

2 MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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4 **MODERATOR:** AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE
5 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS ONE THEN ZERO AT THIS TIME.
6 DO NOT PRESS ONE AND ZERO A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE
7 REMOVED FROM THE QUEUE. AND WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH
8 INTERPRETATION OF THIS REMINDER. [SPANISH INTERPRETATION].

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10 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS CARMEN PEREZ. PLEASE STATE
11 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER
12 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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14 **CARMEN PEREZ:** HI. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CARMEN PEREZ. I
15 WILL BE ADDRESSING ITEM FOUR, AND THAT'S ALL I WILL BE
16 SPEAKING ON. AGAIN, MY NAME IS CARMEN PEREZ. I AM THE PROJECT
17 MANAGER AT ADVENTIST HEALTH WHITE MEMORIAL, INTEGRATING MENTAL
18 HEALTH INTO PRIMARY CARE; AS WELL AS THE CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR OF
19 THE LATINX MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY CONCILIO. I AM CALLING IN
20 SUPPORT OF THE SOCIAL CONNECTIVITY INITIATIVE, AND I AM REALLY
21 GLAD TO SEE THAT LONELINESS IS FINALLY BEING ADDRESSED AS A
22 PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE. WE AT ADVENTIST HEALTH WHITE MEMORIAL, IN
23 OUR CLINICS, HAVE SEEN A LOT OF THE LONELINESS ISSUES COME
24 WITH OUR PATIENTS, WITH SENIORS AND YOUNG PEOPLE. SO I AM
25 REALLY IN SUPPORT OF THE SOCIAL CONNECTIVITY INITIATIVE. I AM

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1 REALLY HAPPY TO SEE THAT LONELINESS IS BEING ADDRESSED, AND
2 THANK YOU, BOARD, AND I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU ARE
3 REALLY TAKING SERIOUS ACTION IT. SO THANK YOU.

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

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7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DONALD HARLAND. PLEASE
8 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND
9 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
10 BEGIN.

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12 **SPEAKER:** YES. I AM DONALD HARLAND. I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS AGENDA-
13 - SPECIAL DISTRICT NUMBER TWO, ITEM 2-D, AND NUMBER 3, NO. 1
14 AND 2, NO. 4, NO. 5, NO. 6, NO. 8, NO. 12, NO. 18, NO. 15, AND
15 [INAUDIBLE] STUFF. OKAY, I AM REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE
16 PUBLIC HEARING NUMBER THREE, PUBLIC HEARINGS ONE AND TWO, THE
17 WETLANDS CONSERVATION EASEMENT AMENDMENT, AND THE HEARING ON
18 THE GREEN ZONE PROGRAM. THOSE PROPERTIES ARE OWNED BY
19 SOMEBODY. NOT AN INCH OF LAND IN CALIFORNIA ISN'T OWNED BY
20 SOMEBODY. YOU CAN'T DECLARE SOMETHING OPEN OR VACANT LAND, AND
21 THEN HAVE THE COUNTIES TRY AND BUILD SOMETHING ON THAT. IF YOU
22 GUYS REALLY NEED THAT, YOU REALLY NEED TO PAY THE THE OWNER
23 FOR THAT. THESE GREEN ZONE PROGRAM PROJECTS ARE A REAL ILLEGAL
24 THING THAT YOU GUYS ARE DOING THERE. THE DEPARTMENT OF
25 REGIONAL PLANNING SHOULDN'T BE TRYING TO CLAIM THAT PROPERTY.

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1 THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO TO ASK TO BUY THAT PROPERTY, IF THEY
2 WANTED TO BUY THAT PROPERTY. THAT'S HOW BAD IT IS. THEY ARE
3 NOT IN THE TRUST. THEY ARE NOT TRUSTED TO HAVE THE INFORMATION
4 OF WHO OWNS THAT PROPERTY, SO THEY ARE DECLARING IT OPEN AND
5 VACANT LAND. AND YOU KNOW WHAT? THEY DON'T PAY THE OWNER OF
6 THE LAND. THEY ARE PAYING THEMSELVES. THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS IS SUPPOSED TO PROTECT US FROM THAT, AND THEY NEED
8 TO STOP THEM FROM DOING THAT. THEN... AGENDA ITEM 3, THE
9 CONSENT CALENDAR. IF THERE'S SO MUCH CORRUPTIONS AND PROBLEMS
10 IN THE CITY GOVERNMENT-- I MEAN, IN THE COUNTY-- MAYBE THEY
11 NEED TO BE PREVENTED FROM ADDING PEOPLE, APPOINTING PEOPLE TO
12 COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL DISTRICTS. ALSO, THE
13 CONCERN ABOUT BRUCE'S BEACH, ABOUT THEM TRYING TO HAND LAND TO
14 SOMEBODY, WHEN THE PROBLEM HAS ALREADY BEEN SETTLED, THEY
15 SHOULDN'T BE ALLOWED TO DO THAT. ALSO, THEY NEED TO BE
16 STOPPED. THAT ONE NEEDS TO BE STOPPED OR DELAYED. I AM A
17 LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT THEM JAMMING SO MANY AGENDA ITEMS--

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

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22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MARCHELLE GRAHAM. PLEASE
23 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEM YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY,
24 AND WHETHER OR NOT YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
25 YOU MAY BEGIN.

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2 **SPEAKER:** HI. I AM MARCHELLE GRAHAM. I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM 25.

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4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YOU MAY BEGIN.

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6 **SPEAKER:** I WANTED TO SPEAK ON... YEAH, I JUST WANTED TO KNOW
7 IF YOU GUYS COULD HEAR ME. I AM A SECURITY OFFICER AT L.A.
8 MENTAL HEALTH. I JUST MOVED TO THIS LOCATION, BUT I WAS AT
9 MARTIN LUTHER KING BEFORE. MY ISSUES WERE, WE DON'T HAVE
10 HEALTHCARE OVER HERE. WE ARE WORKING WITH THE PUBLIC. I CAN'T
11 AFFORD IT. \$300 A MONTH, THAT'S BASICALLY GROCERIES. I CAN'T
12 AFFORD IT. I JUST WANTED TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT, KEEP IT WITH
13 OUR COMPANY, JUST MAKE IT BETTER. I HAVE BEEN WORKING HERE FOR
14 TWO YEARS, AND THE PANDEMIC JUST MADE IT EVEN WORSE. THEY ARE
15 NOT GIVING US HEALTHCARE, AS I SAID BEFORE. PEOPLE ARE
16 COUGHING ON US. WE ARE NOT GIVEN MONEY FOR P.P.E. IT'S BEEN
17 REALLY ROUGH.

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

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22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROY HUMPHREYS. 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 **SPEAKER:** COMMENT ON ITEMS CS-2, S-1, AND GENERAL PUBLIC
2 COMMENT. ON CS-2, THE DEPARTMENT HEADS AND SO FORTH, THE
3 DEPARTMENT [INAUDIBLE] IS TO BE TERMINATED. ON THE AMERICAN
4 RESCUE PLAN REPORT, WHY ISN'T THE REPORT PUBLISHED ON THE SITE
5 HERE, SO THAT [INAUDIBLE] SUCH AS MYSELF CAN REVIEW IT, SO WE
6 CAN MAKE SOME COMMENT DURING THE COMMENT PERIOD? AND GENERAL
7 PUBLIC COMMENT, I WISH TO RECOGNIZE CYNTHIA HUBBARD'S
8 CONTRIBUTION TO MY 35 YEARS' ENDEAVOR TO UNITE ROWLAND HEIGHTS
9 AND REALIZE ITS POTENTIAL. CINDY HAS AN ENGAGING STYLE THAT
10 LITERALLY EVERYBODY LOVES. SHE REALIZED THAT ROWLAND HEIGHTS
11 HAS ITS LIMITATIONS, AND YOU CAN'T MAKE A SILK PURSE OUT OF A
12 SOW'S EAR. I WAS ABLE TO BRING 1965 VOTING RIGHTS TO ROWLAND
13 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. SHE SAID, "WHY DO YOU DO THIS? THOSE
14 PEOPLE HATE YOU." I KNOW THAT DR. KING AND THOSE TWO JEWISH
15 STUDENTS FROM NEW YORK, WHO LOST THEIR LIVES, WERE HATED, TOO.
16 I AM IN GOOD COMPANY. CINDY MADE IT ALL POSSIBLE. YES, CINDY
17 IS MY WIFE. THANK YOU.

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

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

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1 **JOY ORY:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS JOY ORY, AND I AM ADDRESSING
2 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. AS A RESIDENT OF SAUGUS FOR 32 YEARS,
3 I AM EXTREMELY CONCERNED WITH THE COUNTY'S UPCOMING
4 DETERMINATION OF WHERE TO HOUSE THE D.J.J. MALES CONVICTED FOR
5 THE MOST SERIOUS VIOLENT CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS. TO SUPPORT
6 THE REHABILITATION OF THE YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED AND L.A.
7 MODEL, THE MOST TIMELY APPROACH FOR THE COUNTY IS TO USE BARRY
8 J. NIDORF AS A PRIMARY LOCATION. IT IS THE LEAST DISRUPTIVE
9 OPTION FOR THE CARE NEEDS AND SUPERVISION. I REQUEST THE BOARD
10 COMMIT TO REIMAGINING BARRY J. NIDORF TO SERVE AS THE L.A.
11 MODEL. THIS IS THE MOST TIMELY AND EFFICIENT, AND THE OCTOBER
12 1ST REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY
13 CORRECTIONS SPECIFIES THE RENOVATIONS NEEDED TO DO THIS. THIS
14 WILL MEET THE COMPLEX NEEDS FOR THE D.J.J. POPULATION. LET'S
15 MAKE IT HAPPEN. WE REMAIN OPPOSED TO THE REPURPOSING OF CAMPS
16 SCOTT AND SCUDDER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME TODAY.

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

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20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS [INAUDIBLE] CLAVREUL.
21 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING
22 TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
23 YOU MAY BEGIN. GO AHEAD. YOUR LINE IS OPEN. GO AHEAD, PLEASE.
24 MOVING TO OUR NEXT SPEAKER, OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LAURA

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1 TORRES. ONCE AGAIN, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU
2 ARE SPEAKING ON.

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4 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS [INAUDIBLE], IN FAVOR FOR 31-B, THE
5 ARTICLE NUMBER. AND THEN, I AM AN EMPLOYEE OF JON DONAIRE, AND
6 WE HAVE BEEN IN STRIKE FOR 51 DAYS, AND WE HAVE BEEN ASKING
7 FOR BETTER WAGES AND AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE, BECAUSE WHAT THEY
8 ARE OFFERING US IS NOT REASONABLE WITH HOW THE ECONOMY IS
9 RIGHT NOW, SO WE ARE BARELY MAKING ENDS MEET TO PAY OUR BILLS.
10 SO THAT'S WHAT WE-- WE ARE WANTING TO HAVE BETTER WAGES FOR
11 ALL THE OVERWORKED [INAUDIBLE]. WE HAVE FAMILIES, AND
12 SOMETIMES WE ARE NOT ABLE TO BE WITH OUR FAMILIES, BECAUSE
13 THEY HAVE US OVERWORKING HERE, UP TO 12 HOURS A DAY. WE ARE
14 JUST ACTING FOR A FAIR RATE FOR THE WORK THAT WE DO FOR THEM.

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

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19 **SPEAKER:** HELLO? [INAUDIBLE]

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

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

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3 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE'RE GOING TO GO TO THE LINE OF GARRISON
4 MONTANO. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
5 ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC
6 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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8 **MODERATOR:** I APOLOGIZE FOR THE DIFFICULTIES. WE'RE GOING TO GO
9 TO THE LINE OF JOHN BLICKENSTAFF. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR
10 AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
11 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

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13 **JOHN BLICKENSTAFF:** THE REGULAR ITEM IS THE BARRY J NIDORF
14 JUVENILE HALL AS THE MOST APPROPRIATE LOCATION, AND ALSO ON
15 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK
16 YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY, AND I'D LIKE TO FOCUS ON TWO KEY
17 WORDS: WHAT IS MOST EFFECT EFFECTIVE, AND WHAT IS MOST CARING.
18 AND THE BOARD HAS THE OPPORTUNITY NOW TO ADDRESS BOTH OF THESE
19 ISSUES ON THE D.J.J. TOPIC. FISCAL RESOURCES AND THE
20 OPPORTUNITY MUST BLEND TOGETHER TO ENHANCE THE EXISTING
21 PROGRAMS, AND DEVELOP A MODEL OF EFFECTIVE, CARING SERVICES
22 FOR YOUTH IN L.A. COUNTY AND BEYOND. THE RATIONAL SUPPORT FOR
23 THE BARRY J. NIDORF JUVENILE HALL IS BASED ON THE FACT THAT
24 MOST OF THESE YOUTH BEING SERVED ARE ALREADY THERE. THIS
25 OPTION IS THE LEAST DISRUPTIVE TO THEIR CARE AND SUPERVISION.

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1 I BELIEVE THAT L.A. COUNTY SHOULD COMMIT TO REIMAGING THE
2 BARRY J. NIDORF AND EXPANDING BEYOND CAMPUS KILPATRICK;
3 DEVELOP THIS LOCATION AS THE ABILITY TO SERVE AS THE L.A.
4 COUNTY MODEL IN A POSITIVE WAY. THIS SITE SELECTION WILL MEET
5 THE EXISTING SPECIFICATIONS FOR RENOVATION AND THE UPDATE OF
6 THE BARRY J. NIDORF PROGRAM AND FACILITY, AND YOU CAN ADOPT
7 THIS LOCATION, WHICH ENABLES THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SERVICE
8 WHICH IS MOST TIMELY, EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT, AND CARING. PLEASE
9 EXERCISE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SELECT THE SITE, AND MAKE THE
10 COMMITMENTS TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS
11 PROGRAM, WHICH WILL SERVE AS A MODEL OF SERVICE TO D.J.J.
12 YOUTH IN L.A. COUNTY: AN EXEMPLARY PROGRAM CHARACTERIZED BY
13 EFFECTIVE AND CARING SERVICES OF WHICH WE CAN BE PROUD. THANK
14 YOU.

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

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

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23 **TIM HEPBURN:** MY NAME IS TIM HEPBURN. I AM MAYOR OF LA VERNE. I
24 AM JUST ON GENERAL COMMENT, PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING,
25 COUNTY SUPERVISORS, AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU ALL. I AM GOING

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1 TO TALK ABOUT THE D.J.J. REALIGNMENT FOR THE YOUTH MALE. WE,
2 AS A COMMUNITY IN THE CITY OF LA VERNE, HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY
3 GENEROUS WITH L.A. COUNTY, WITH OUR DAVID AND MARGARET HOMES,
4 LEROY HAYNES HOMES, AND ALSO AFFLERBAUGH PAIGE FOR OVER 60-
5 PLUS YEARS, AND WE FEEL THAT, WHILE WE UNDERSTAND THE YOUTH
6 NEED A PLACE TO GO, I THINK THAT THE BARRY J. NIDORF FACILITY
7 WILL SUIT THAT PURPOSE, AND TO REIMAGINE THAT; ALSO, THE LOS
8 PADRINOS AND THE CAMPUS KILPATRICK. AS I SAY, WE HAVE DONE OUR
9 FAIR SHARE. WE THINK THAT YOUTH, TO BE REHABILITATED, IS
10 EXTREMELY IMPORTANT, AS WE HAVE DONE FOR MANY, MANY YEARS;
11 OVER 60 YEARS, WITH THE AFFLERBAUGH-PAIGE. WE WOULD REALLY
12 APPRECIATE YOUR RECONSIDERATION. WHEN AFFLERBAUGH-PAIGE WAS
13 FORMED, IT WAS 60-PLUS YEARS AGO, AND IT WAS CITRUS. THERE ARE
14 NOW THOUSANDS OF HOMES UP THERE, ALL RESIDENTIAL; COMMUNITY
15 PARKS; AND ALSO SCHOOLS. SO WE'D REALLY APPRECIATE YOU TO
16 RECONSIDER, AND PUT THIS AT THE BARRY J. NIDORF, LOS PADRINOS,
17 OR CAMPUS KILPATRICK. THANK YOU.

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

20
21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GRACE YOO. PLEASE STATE THE
22 REGULAR AGENDA ITEM YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
23 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1 **GRACE YOO:** I WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM NO. 4. GOOD MORNING,
2 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS GRACE YOO, AND I AM THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS
3 SPECIALIST AT ST. BARNABAS SENIOR SERVICES. WE HAVE BEEN
4 SERVING THE OLDER ADULT POPULATION SINCE 1908. I JUST WANTED
5 TO QUOTE FROM THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON AGING, THAT IS ON THE
6 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES WEBSITE. RESEARCH
7 HAS LINKED SOCIAL ISOLATION AND LONELINESS TO HIGHER RISK FOR
8 A VARIETY OF PHYSICAL AND MENTAL CONDITIONS: HIGH BLOOD
9 PRESSURE, HEART DISEASE, OBESITY, A WEAKENED IMMUNE SYSTEM,
10 ANXIETY, DEPRESSION, COGNITIVE DECLINE, ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE,
11 AND EVEN DEATH. WE ARE CALLING IN BECAUSE WE KNOW HOW
12 IMPORTANT THIS SOCIAL CONNECTIVITY INITIATIVE IS. LONELINESS
13 IS A HUGE PUBLIC CONCERN, AND AS YOU KNOW, L.A. COUNTY'S OLDER
14 POPULATION GROWTH IS IMMENSE. BY 2030, 2.1 MILLION PEOPLE IN
15 L.A. COUNTY WILL BE OVER THE AGE OF 60, AND THE SOCIAL
16 ISOLATION AND LONELINESS IS REALLY IMPACTIVE ONTO OLDER
17 ADULTS, AND WE ARE GRATEFUL--

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

21
22 **GRACE YOO:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

23
24 **MODERATOR:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AS A REMINDER: TO ADDRESS THE
25 BOARD, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS ONE THEN

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1 ZERO AT THIS TIME. DO NOT PRESS ONE-ZERO A SECOND TIME, OR YOU
2 WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE QUEUE.

3

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

6

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

8

9 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GERARDO [INAUDIBLE]. SORRY
10 ABOUT YOUR LAST NAME. I CAN'T QUITE PRONOUNCE THAT. PLEASE
11 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEM YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING, AND IF YOU
12 ARE ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** YEAH. HOW ARE YOU DOING? MY NAME IS GERARDO
15 [INAUDIBLE]. I AM ADDRESSING ITEM NO. 31-B. AND I WORK FOR JON
16 DONAIRE, [INAUDIBLE]. WE HAVE BEEN ON STRIKE FOR ABOUT 51
17 DAYS, AND WE ARE STRIKING FOR FAIR WAGES AND AFFORDABLE
18 HEALTHCARE. WE MAKE ICING CAKES FOR WALMART, COLD STONE,
19 SAFEWAY, FOR A LOT OF DIFFERENT STORES. AND ALL WE NEED IS
20 AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE, ESPECIALLY NOW IN THE PANDEMIC. SO
21 THAT'S BASICALLY WHAT WE ARE STRIKING FOR. I APPRECIATE IT.
22 THANK YOU.

23

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CRISTINA LUJAN. PLEASE
2 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING, AND WHETHER
3 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS CRISTINA LUJAN. I AM ADDRESSING ITEM 31-B.
6 I AM A WORKER AT JON DONAIRE. I AM CURRENTLY ON STRIKE FOR 51
7 DAYS NOW, AND WE ARE FIGHTING FOR BETTER WAGES AND AFFORDABLE
8 HEALTHCARE. ANYTHING THAT CAN BE DONE IN FAVOR OF HELPING US
9 SO WE CAN HAVE A RAPID SOLUTION, SO WE CAN GET OURSELVES BACK
10 TO WORK, WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. AND THAT'S JUST WHAT WE
11 ARE WANTING. ALL WE WANT IS A BETTER WAGE AND AFFORDABLE
12 INSURANCE FOR OUR FAMILIES, AND WE HOPE WE CAN GET A RAPID
13 SOLUTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14

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

16

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

20

21 **ERIC PREVEN:** WELL, I WILL SPEAK ON SEVERAL ITEMS: 30, 31-A, 1,
22 2. I WILL JUST GO INTO THE ITEMS, OKAY? THANK YOU. SO, ITEM 30
23 CAUGHT MY ATTENTION, BECAUSE YOU'RE A BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
24 THAT HANDLES THE LEGAL BATTLING FOR THE COUNTY. AND THE LOS
25 ANGELES TIMES COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, THE NEWSPAPER, HAD FILED

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1 SEVERAL PUBLIC RECORD ACT REQUESTS WITH THE COUNTY. THAT'S
2 SOMETHING THAT PEOPLE LIKE MYSELF, IN JOURNALISM, AND THE
3 PUBLIC, WHO WANT TO PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THE
4 COUNTY GOVERNMENT, DO IN ORDER TO SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING. AND
5 YOU COMPLETELY DENIED ANY ACCESS TO E-MAIL ADDRESSES,
6 REGARDING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THERE WERE ELECTRONIC
7 INFORMATION ON HOMICIDE, WHICH IS NOT REVEALING A PERSONNEL
8 RECORD, BUT THEY WOULDN'T REVEAL THAT. ALL SORTS OF DISGUSTING
9 DENIALS, WHICH HAS BEEN AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHAMBER OF
10 SECRETS, WHICH IS THE BACK ROOM WHERE YOU MEET HALF THE TIME
11 NOW, IN CLOSED SESSION. AND THE PEOPLE ARE BEING SCREWED. SO
12 NOW WE ARE GIVING THE TIMES 265,000 TO SETTLE THE CASE. BUT
13 WHAT REALLY CAUGHT MY ATTENTION WAS, WE SPENT OVER 260,000
14 FIGHTING IT. SO THIS IS OVER A HALF A MILLION DOLLARS. NOW,
15 NICOLE DAVIS TINKHAM PROCESSES THE ORDERS DOWN AT THE
16 WRONGDOING DEPARTMENT AT COUNTY COUNSEL. IT IS APPALLING. THEY
17 WERE SUPPOSED TO GIVE ME RECORDS ON RICHARD DROOYAN, WHO WAS
18 THE CONSULTANT GUY IN CHARGE OF THE PRIOR CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
19 COMMISSION, WHICH WAS CALLED THE C.C.J.V., AND THEY SIMPLY
20 DENIED IT. I HAD TO GET A LAWYER, AND THEN THEY PAID THE
21 LAWYER \$35,000 AND GAVE ME THE RECORD. SO I JUST FIND THIS
22 KIND OF BEHAVIOR APPALLING. IT IS LIKE THEY WILL DO WRONG,
23 UNLESS YOU LAWYER UP. NOW, LAWYERING UP IS WHAT SKIP MILLER
24 HAS DONE WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND SLIDING DOWN TO
25 THE NEXT ITEM, YOU HAVE A HUGE HORNET'S NEST IN THE AREA WHERE

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1 MITRICE RICHARDSON WALKED OFF AND FELL INTO THE CANYON, OR WAS
2 KILLED; MURDERED, PROBABLY, OBVIOUSLY. AND THERE IS AN ITEM ON
3 THE AGENDA TO REESTABLISH THE REWARD FOR THAT HORRIBLE CASE
4 FROM 2009, WHEN A YOUNG AFRICAN AMERICAN-- VERY PROMISING
5 YOUNG PERSON-- HAD SOME KIND OF A PSYCHOTIC BREAK, IF YOU LOOK
6 AT THE A.B.C. NEWS REPORT THAT IS COMING ON NEXT MONDAY,
7 A.B.C. 7. I DON'T QUITE UNDERSTAND IF THESE THINGS ARE LINKED.
8 IT IS VERY STRANGE, THE TIMING. BUT THE COUNTY WANTS TO
9 INTRODUCE SHERIFF IDEAS, BECAUSE YOU ARE BATTLING ENDLESSLY
10 WITH HIM; ALONG WITH SKIP MILLER, WHO IS DEFENDING HIM. I
11 MEAN, THIS REPRESENTS, MS. MITCHELL, A CONFLICT OF INTEREST.
12 OKAY, SO I THINK THAT IT IS TIME TO TELL THE PEOPLE, "HERE IS
13 WHAT WE HAVE BEEN PAYING SKIP MILLER FOR THESE VARIOUS CASES,"
14 INCLUDING THE ALLIANCE LAWSUIT, INCLUDING THE CHURCH--
15 SHUTTING PEOPLE DOWN IN CHURCHES, OVER C.O.V.I.D.; THESE
16 BEHAVIORS, WHICH ARE THEN FOUGHT LEGALLY IN CASES WHERE WE
17 LOSE. WE LOSE THE CASES. WHY DO WE LOSE THE CASES? BECAUSE WE
18 ARE ASSUMING THE WRONGHEADED LEGAL STANCE IN MANY CASES,
19 BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT THE COUNTY FEELS IS THE LEAST COST FOR THE
20 COUNTY. BUT THE COST AND INTEGRITY IS UNSUPPORTABLE. IT IS NOT
21 AT ALL ACCEPTABLE.

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

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** WHAT ABOUT MY GENERAL PUBLIC?

2

3 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS REINA SCHMITZ. PLEASE STATE
4 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER
5 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **REINA SCHMITZ:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS
8 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS REINA SCHMITZ. I AM
9 HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE STRIKERS. I HAVE BEEN DOING THIS FOR
10 THE LAST FIVE WEEKS; NOT AS LONG AS THEY HAVE ON THE STRIKE,
11 BUT I SEE THE INJUSTICE OF WHAT IS HAPPENING, OF JON DONAIRE
12 IS DOING TO THESE EMPLOYEES. THEY NEED SOCIAL JUSTICE. THEY
13 NEED A GOOD CONTRACT. THEY ARE NOT BEING UNREASONABLE IN THEIR
14 ASKING. THEY ARE ASKING FOR A DOLLAR WAGE PER HOUR. THEY ARE
15 ASKING THAT THE EMPLOYER CONTINUE PROVIDING THEIR MEDICAL
16 BENEFITS, AND TO ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR PENSION. I WAS AWARE
17 THAT, FOR THE LAST EIGHT YEARS, THEY HAVE BEEN PAYING A FINE
18 FOR NOT PAYING FOR THESE EMPLOYEES. THIS NEEDS TO BE
19 INVESTIGATED. THE STRESS LEVEL OF THESE WORKERS IS AMAZING.
20 THEY ARE MAKING UP TO 35 CASES PER MINUTE IN BOXES. MILLIONS
21 OF DOLLARS COME OUT OF THIS CORPORATIONS, OF THIS PLANT, AND
22 THE WORKERS ARE STRUGGLING TO MAKE A DECENT LIVING. THEY ARE
23 BARELY MAKING \$16 AN HOUR. PEOPLE WHO HAVE WORKED IN THIS
24 COMPANY FOR UP TO 30, 35 YEARS, 20 YEARS, MOST OF THEM

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1 GRANDPARENTS AND GRANDMOTHERS, AND THEY ARE BRINGING THEIR
2 GRANDKIDS--

3

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS TRACY GONZALEZ. PLEASE
8 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND
9 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
10 BEGIN.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS TRACY GONZALEZ. I AM A RESIDENT OF THE
13 CITY OF LA VERNE, AND I AM SPEAKING IN GENERAL COMMENT TO
14 OPPOSE THE CHANGES TO CAMP AFFLERBAUGH-PAIGE IN LA VERNE, FROM
15 LOW-LEVEL JUVENILE OFFENDERS TO HIGH-LEVEL VIOLENT OFFENDER
16 ADULTS: VIOLENT MURDERERS, RAPISTS, AND MORE-- 18- TO 25-YEAR-
17 OLD ADULTS. I KNOW THIS ENTIRE ISSUE AND THE REIMAGINING OF
18 THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM WAS THRUST UPON ALL OF US BY THE
19 STATE, AND I APPRECIATE SUPERVISORS BARGER AND SOLIS CHANGING
20 THE DIRECTION OF THIS ISSUE A FEW MONTHS BACK, TO ALLOW FOR
21 THE PUBLIC TO BE INVOLVED. AND THE CITY OF LA VERNE IS
22 INVOLVED, AWAKE, WELL INFORMED, AND WE DO NOT WANT THESE
23 CHANGES. THESE FACILITIES ARE LOCATED NEAR OUR HOMES, SCHOOLS,
24 AND HIGH-FIRE-RISK AREA, AND WELL BELOW PAR TO HOUSE SUCH
25 OFFENDERS SAFELY-- FOR THEM, AND OUR COMMUNITY. IF YOU ARE

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1 LOOKING FOR THE MOST EFFECTIVE USE OF THE MONEY TO REIMAGINE
2 FACILITIES, BE SMART AND USE BARRY J. NIDORF, THAT IS ALREADY
3 SLATED FOR UPGRADING. I AM ASKING YOU DIRECT YOUR RESOURCES TO
4 THAT END, AND TELL THE J.J.C.C. J.J.R.B.G. SUBCOMMITTEE, LA
5 VERNE IS NOT AN OPTION. THANK YOU.

6

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

8

9 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS PAMELA BARRY. 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 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I AM CALLING REGARDING GENERAL PUBLIC
14 COMMENT ON BARRY J. NIDORF, AS THE MOST APPROPRIATE FOR THE
15 D.J.J. MOVE TO COUNTY FACILITIES. I RECOMMEND THE BOARD
16 SUPPORT REIMAGINING THE LOCATION AT BARRY J. NIDORF AS LEAST
17 DISRUPTIVE, MORE SUITED TO THE TYPE OF HOUSING, CLOSER TO THE
18 SUPPORT SYSTEMS OF THE YOUTH, AND BETTER SUITED WITH MINIMAL
19 ADDITIONAL EXPENSE. THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S SAFETY
20 ASSESSMENT REPORT REGARDING THE VARIOUS DIFFERENT OPTIONS HAVE
21 LIMITED INFORMATION ON PAIGE-AFFLERBAUGH, AND KNOWING MORE
22 WOULD TAKE THE SAFETY LEVEL TO RED VERSUS YELLOW. ONE ITEM
23 STATES THAT THERE ARE TWO ROUTES OF EVACUATION IN CASE OF
24 FIRE, AND THAT IS NOT ACCURATE. PAIGE-AFFLERBAUGH IS AT THE
25 END OF A ONE-MILE ROAD THAT LEADS TO A "T" INTERSECTION, WHERE

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1 THEY COULD HAVE DIFFERENT OPTIONS. THE CAMPS AND THE ONE-MILE
2 ROAD IS SURROUNDED BY BRUSH AREAS, HIKING AREAS, AND SOME
3 HOMES. AND THAT ONE-MILE ROAD-- STEPHENS RANCH ROAD-- IS THE
4 ONLY WAY OUT, UNTIL THEY REACH GOLDEN HILLS ROAD. PRIOR
5 EVACUATIONS HAVE BEEN-- THERE HAS BEEN FIRE ON EITHER SIDE OF
6 STEPHENS RANCH ROAD, AND THERE ARE ALSO RIDGES AND BRUSH ALONG
7 ESPERANZA, FROM THERE DOWN. ESPERANZA IS ONLY A SMALL ROAD,
8 AND IS A FEEDER FOR ALL NEIGHBORHOODS--

9

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

12

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

17

18 **SPEAKER:** [SPEAKS SPANISH]

19

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

22

23 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MARTHA RODRIGUEZ. I AM
24 HERE SPEAKING ON ITEM 31-B. I AM A WORKER WHO ON IS ON STRIKE.
25 WE HAVE BEEN ON STRIKE FOR 51 DAYS. I AM CALLING BECAUSE I

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1 WANT TO SAY THAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR AND SEEKING A BETTER
2 CONTRACT, BETTER WAGES, AS WELL AS INSURANCE, AND WE NEED YOUR
3 SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

4

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

7

8 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DONALD HARLAND. PLEASE
9 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND
10 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
11 BEGIN.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** I'D LIKE TO-- [AUDIO CUTS OUT] [INAUDIBLE] AGENDA
14 ITEM NO. 6, WHICH IS ON PAGES NINE, TEN, OF THE AGENDA; AND
15 ALSO PAGE 11, ABOUT BRUCE'S BEACH, NO. 8, AND GENERAL PUBLIC
16 COMMENT.

17

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

19

20 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. I AM A LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT THE SUPERVISORS,
21 AND THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THEY ARE LOTS OF
22 APPROVED PERMITS FOR THEIR PIPELINES, BUT THEY DON'T HAVE THE
23 OWNER OF SOME OF THESE PIPELINES. IT SEEMS THAT SOMEBODY
24 ILLEGALLY, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, INSTEAD OF CONTROLLING
25 WHO IS WORKING THERE, OR BEING A NATIONAL SECURITY INTEREST,

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1 THAT INSTEAD THEY WANTED TO RENT THOSE PIPELINES OR LEASE THEM
2 FOR THEMSELVES; THAT THEY ARE NOT PAYING THE OWNERS OF THAT,
3 AND IT IS VERY INTERESTING THAT SEVERAL ILLEGAL OIL WELLS
4 POPPED UP: PEOPLE DRILLING FOR OIL ON OTHER PEOPLE'S PROPERTY,
5 ILLEGALLY, AS A POLITICAL FAVOR. IF THERE'S A NATIONAL
6 SECURITY INTEREST IN THAT ONE, NUMBER FIVE, MAYBE THEY ARE
7 DOING A LOT MORE IN THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAN
8 THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO. OKAY, SO I AM GOING TO AGENDA ITEM NO.
9 6, WHICH IS PAGE 10: THE SALE OF MISSION CANYON LANDFILL TO
10 BERKELEY HALL. I AM REALLY CONCERNED THAT THERE'S A PROPERTY
11 GRAB THERE; THAT WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE L.A. COUNTY ASSESSOR'S
12 REPORT ON THAT, IT SAYS THAT THE REPORT HAS BEEN MODIFIED, AND
13 THAT THE REPORTS IS OUT OF SEQUENCE; THAT SOMEBODY THERE IS
14 TRYING TO CHANGE THINGS ILLEGALLY. IT SAYS IN THERE
15 "UNVERIFIED SALE," AND DEFINITELY, YOU SHOULDN'T BE HANDING
16 PROPERTY TO ANYBODY OVER THERE.

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 PARTICIPANT IS DAWN SCALSO. PLEASE STATE
22 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER
23 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN. DON
24 SKALZO, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU BEGIN ON YOUR END.

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1 **RECORDED VOICE:** YOU MAY ENTER IT AT ANY TIME. FOR OPERATOR'S
2 ASSISTANCE, PLEASE DIAL--

3

4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LITTLE BRAINARD. LILY
5 BRAINARD. I APOLOGIZE. LILY BRAINARD, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR
6 AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS
7 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** HI. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LILY BRAINARD, A
10 RESIDENT OF LA VERNE. I AM COMMENTING REGARDING THE D.J.J.
11 REHABILITATION, AND I OPPOSE THE PLAN. [INAUDIBLE] AND THEN,
12 ACTUALLY, I DON'T SPEAK FOR MYSELF, ONLY. I SPEAK FOR SOME
13 MOMS WHO HAVE KIDS HERE, NOT ABLE TO MAKE IT BECAUSE OF
14 WORKING HOURS RIGHT NOW. SO, OUR CITIES HAVE BEEN VERY
15 SUPPORTIVE TOWARDS THE [INAUDIBLE] CAMP FOR MANY YEARS. MY
16 FAMILY ALREADY LIVES HERE MORE THAN 20 YEARS, SO WHY CHOOSE
17 HERE? BECAUSE IT IS A VERY NICE TOWN, VERY LOW CRIME RATE FOR
18 MANY, MANY YEARS. SO, NOW, WHAT HAPPENED IS A REAL LACK OF
19 TRANSPARENCY. SO, WE KNOW ABOUT IT FROM MEDIA. AND, ACTUALLY,
20 IN DECEMBER 7TH, THE MEETING OF NEIGHBORS, MORE THAN 200
21 PEOPLE ARE SHOWING UP TO OPPOSE. AND THEN DECEMBER 18, WE HAVE
22 THE PROTEST IN LA VERNE. IT MAKES BIG NEWS, AND C.B.S. PLAYS
23 THREE TIMES AT NIGHT, AND N.B.C. SO, SO MANY PEOPLE FIRST TIME
24 HEARD ABOUT THAT. MAYBE MORE PEOPLE WOULD KNOW ABOUT IT IN THE
25 CHRISTMAS SEASON. SO, I KNOW IT'S NOT EASY. EVERYBODY IS NOT

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1 EASY TO [INAUDIBLE]. I MEAN, ALL THE SUPERVISORS, I KNOW YOU
2 GUYS ARE [INAUDIBLE]. YOU WANT TO GIVE THE BEST FOR THE
3 PEOPLE.

4

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

7

8 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

9

10 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LAUREN SUTTON. PLEASE STATE
11 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND IF
12 YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
13 BEGIN.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** HI. I AM ADDRESSING 31-A. MY NAME IS LAUREN SUTTON,
16 AS YOU KNOW. I AM THE AUNT OF MITRICE RICHARDSON, WHO WAS
17 MURDERED IN 2009, AFTER HAVING BEING RELEASED AT THE LOST
18 HILLS SHERIFF'S STATION IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, WITHOUT
19 MEANS TO CARE FOR HERSELF. I AM CALLING TO STRONGLY ENCOURAGE
20 HOLLY MITCHELL AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO REINSTATE THE
21 \$25,000 REWARD THAT WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2009, AND EXPIRED IN
22 OCTOBER OF 2010, FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE SOLVING OF HER
23 MURDER, AND INVESTIGATION. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT, AND THIS
24 REWARD IS IMPORTANT IN ENCOURAGING SOMEBODY FROM THE PUBLIC TO
25 COME FORWARD WITH INFORMATION THAT WILL LEAD TO FINDING WHO

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1 MURDERED HER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS CONSIDERATION, AND
2 I HOPE THAT WE WILL MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS \$25,000 REWARD THAT
3 IS SO IMPORTANT. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

4

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

7

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

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH
14 INTERPRETATION OF THIS REMINDER. [INSTRUCTIONS IN SPANISH].

15

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

18

19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DAWN SCALSO. PLEASE STATE
20 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND IF YOU
21 WILL BE ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS DAWN SCALSO, AND I WILL BE ADDRESSING
24 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I CALLED TO SUPPORT THE USE OF
25 BARRY J. NIDORF AS THE D.J.J. FACILITY FOR SERIOUS YOUTH

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1 OFFENDERS. THEY ALREADY HAVE ESTABLISHED VISITATION
2 PROCEDURES. THEY HAVE ESTABLISHED HOUSING. THEY ARE CENTRALLY
3 LOCATED AND/OR EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO MANY MAJOR CITIES IN L.A.
4 COUNTY. THAT FACILITY, BARRY J. NIDORF, CAN MOST EFFECTIVELY
5 SUPPORT THE L.A. MODEL IN A TIMELY MANNER, PROVIDING THE LEAST
6 AMOUNT OF DISRUPTION TO THE YOUTH. PLEASE REIMAGINE BARRY J.
7 NIDORF. INVEST IN PROGRAMMING THERE, AND DISCONTINUE
8 CONSIDERATION OF CAMPS SCOTT AND SCUDDER. THANK YOU.

9

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DANIDA BALCHAMP. 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 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND HAPPY
18 HOLIDAYS TO ALL. I AM ADDRESSING ITEM NO. 4, SOCIAL
19 CONNECTIVITY INITIATIVE; AS WELL AS NUMBER 34, GENERAL
20 COMMENT. IT IS NICE TO SEE THAT THE COUNTY HAS RECOGNIZED
21 LONELINESS AND SOCIAL ISOLATION AS OFFICIAL ILLNESSES THAT
22 TEENAGERS AND, REALLY, ALL AGED PEOPLE MAY SUFFER FROM. BUT
23 THIS LEADS ME INTO NO. 4. IF, IN FACT, THAT THESE YOUNG ADULTS
24 ARE BEING DIAGNOSED WITH LONELINESS AND SOCIAL ISOLATION,
25 HOUSING THEM FOR THE D.J.J. AND THE C.Y.T.F. PROGRAM AT CAMP

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1 AFFLERBAUGH-PAIGE IS AT THE HIGHEST POINT OF THE CITY IN LA
2 VERNE, AWAY FROM, QUOTE, "NORMAL CITY LIFE," IT WILL BE
3 CONTRIBUTING MORE SO TO THE ISOLATION OF THESE JUVENILES AND
4 ADULTS, AS A PREVIOUS CALLER MENTIONED, FROM 18 TO 25. BUT YOU
5 WILL BE CONTRIBUTING TO THAT. SO, PUTTING THOSE PEOPLE THERE
6 AT THAT LOCATION WILL BE CONTRADICTORY TO YOUR ITEM NUMBER
7 FOUR. THE CAMPS ARE ADJACENT TO HIKING TRAILS AND BIKE PATHS,
8 WHICH LEAD ALL THE WAY TO MOUNT BALDY, AZUSA CANYON, GLENDORA
9 MOUNTAIN ROAD. THEY SHOULD NOT BE AT THAT LOCATION. IT IS A
10 HIGH FIRE HAZARD AREA, AS ANOTHER CALLER SPOKE OF. THERE'S
11 ONLY ONE INGRESS/EGRESS AVAILABLE TO THAT. WHAT IS THE
12 PROTOCOL FOR EVACUATION? WE KNOW THAT BARRY J. NIDORF LOCATION
13 WOULD REQUIRE LESS MAINTENANCE AND WOULD COST LESS MONEY TO
14 THE COUNTY, WITH THE \$24 MILLION ALLOCATION FOR BRINGING THE
15 PROPERTY UP TO WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR A LEVEL-FOUR OFFENDER. I
16 THANK THE BOARD FOR THEIR TIME FOR LISTENING. HAVE A GOOD DAY.

17

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

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21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JENNIFER SIMMASON. PLEASE
22 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEM YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND IF
23 YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
24 CONTINUE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

25

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OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS JENNIFER SIMMASON. I'M A RESIDENT
2 OF LA VERNE. I WILL BE ADDRESSING ITEM 34, GENERAL COMMENT.
3 AND I WANTED TO SUPPORT AND BACK UP THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT
4 HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT HOW BARRY J. NIDORF IS A MUCH BETTER
5 LOCATION FOR THE JUVENILE JUSTICE. OUR TOWN HAS BEEN HERE 42
6 YEARS. IT IS AN AMAZING COMMUNITY, AND WE HONESTLY WORK WITH
7 THE CHILDREN EARLY, WITH THE DAVID & MARGARET HOME, AND THE
8 HAYNES, AND EVEN CAMP AFFLERBAUGH-PAIGE. WE ARE THERE,
9 SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITIES, TO HELP CHILDREN STAY HEALTHY. AND
10 I THINK THAT'S THE BEST THING WE CAN DO. AS FAR AS HANDLING
11 HIGH SECURITY, IT IS NOT IN OUR BAILIWICK. AND SO I WANT TO BE
12 HERE TO HAVE YOU PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU RECOMMEND THAT THE BARRY
13 J. NIDORF, AND EVEN EXPANDING THE KILPATRICK. BECAUSE I KNOW,
14 IF YOU BUILD A BIGGER SCHOOL, THERE'S PLENTY OF BEDS FOR
15 THERE. IN LISTENING TO THE P.O.C. MEETING YESTERDAY, THEY ALSO
16 DID SAY HOW CAMP AFFLERBAUGH-PAIGE IS DOING SUCH A GOOD JOB
17 FOR THE YOUNG YOUTH THAT ARE NOT HIGH-RISK. AND I WOULD SAY,
18 WHY WOULD WE STOP SOMETHING THAT IS WORKING? SO, PLEASE, I
19 SUPPORT OUR MAYOR AND OUR PAST MAYOR, AND THE THINGS THAT
20 WE'VE SAID, AND I PLEASE HOPE THAT YOU GUYS CONSIDER THAT
21 BARRY J. NIDORF WOULD BE THE BEST PLACE, PRIME LOCATION, FOR
22 THE DEPARTMENT.

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

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OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1

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

5

6 **SPEAKER:** YES. I AM ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I
7 CONCUR THAT THE COUNTY SHOULD REIMAGINE BARRY J. NIDORF
8 JUVENILE HALL AS THE MOST APPROPRIATE LOCATION FOR D.J.J.
9 YOUTH. I LIVE IN SAUGUS, MY HUSBAND AND I OPPOSED TO HOUSING
10 CONVICTED CRIMINALS IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR RESIDENTIAL
11 COMMUNITY. I LIVE A FEW FEET AWAY FROM THE ENTRANCE OF THE
12 FACILITY. AT MEETINGS, WE RESIDENTS HAVE VOICED OUR OPPOSITION
13 TO HOUSING VIOLENT OFFENDERS WITH CONVICTIONS OF MURDER, RAPE,
14 ROBBERY, DRUGS, BURGLARY, ARSON, AND MANY OTHER INCIDENCES OF
15 GANG-RELATED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR
16 RESIDENTIAL AREA. CAMPS SCOTT AND SCUDDER HAVE RECEIVED LOW
17 SCORES, AND RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE NOT TO HOUSE THESE
18 FELONS IN OUR RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY. WE WONDER WHY TRADE
19 VEHICLES AND PRIVATE VEHICLES ARE CONSTANTLY AT CAMPS SCOTT
20 AND SCUDDER, AND WHY THEY RECEIVED ALMOST \$1 MILLION FOR
21 REVAMPING THE FACILITY. WE SEE LIGHTS ON AT ALL HOURS. AND IF
22 NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO HOUSE VIOLENT OFFENDERS--

23

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

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OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1

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

5

6 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I AM VERY, VERY
7 GRATEFUL TO BE ADDRESSING YOU TODAY. MY NAME IS MARY CHESTER,
8 AND I AM A RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA, AND I AM CALLING IN
9 REGARDING THE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ABOUT BARRY J. NIDORF
10 BEING THE LOCATION TO HOUSE THE D.J.J. STUDENTS. MY
11 PERSPECTIVE MAY BE A LITTLE DIFFERENT THAN MOST, BECAUSE I
12 HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN GOING TO THAT COURT FOR 30 YEARS. I RETIRED
13 FROM THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. I AM VERY FAMILIAR WITH SOME OF THE
14 CAMPS, AND WITH JUVENILE HALL. AND MY PERSPECTIVE IS MORE OF A
15 SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE. BUT THE BEHAVIOR OF PEOPLE, ONCE
16 THEY GET TO THE COURTHOUSE, CHANGES. THERE'S A DIFFERENT
17 RESPECT. THEY ARE DIFFERENT IN THE PARKING LOT THAN THEY ARE
18 ON THE STREET. IT IS AN IDEAL LOCATION, BECAUSE IT IS A HUB OF
19 PUBLIC SERVICE, AND A HUB OF LAW ENFORCEMENT. THE CAMPUS IS
20 BEAUTIFUL. IT IS A POSITIVE AESTHETIC, THE SAME THING YOU
21 WOULD WANT FOR A CHILD OF YOURS TO FINALLY STEP ASIDE AND COME
22 OFF OF THAT TERRIBLE TRAIN RIDE TO COMMITTING OTHER CRIMES,
23 AND BE GIVEN A CHANCE. IT IS A BEAUTIFUL FACILITY. IT IS SUCH
24 A SECURE FACILITY. THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE IS THERE.

25

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

3

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

7

8 **SPEAKER:** YES, HI. MY NAME'S MICHELLE WONG. I AM A PHYSICIAN OF
9 CHINESE MEDICINE, AND I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM NO. 4, ON
10 LONELINESS AND SOCIAL ISOLATION. I'M VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF
11 THIS INITIATIVE. I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT THIS IS BEING
12 ADDRESSED ON A COUNTY LEVEL. I HAD WORKED WITH THE DEPARTMENT
13 OF MENTAL HEALTH, AS WELL AS THE [INAUDIBLE] ASSOCIATION
14 M.O.A. WELLNESS CENTER IN DEL REY, TO DO A PROJECT CALLED
15 "SHARING PEACE, SHARING FOLK," IN AND AROUND LOS ANGELES
16 COUNTY AT DIFFERENT ASIAN-AMERICAN CENTERS' EVENTS.
17 UNFORTUNATELY, C.O.V.I.D.-19 HAD PUT A BIG DENT ON THAT
18 PROJECT, BUT WE WERE ABLE TO MOVE IT INTO A VIRTUAL STAGE. BUT
19 IT REALLY BRINGS ME TO THE FACT THAT, AFTER ALL THIS TIME,
20 NONPROFITS THAT HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH SENIORS, WITH YOUTH,
21 ARE AT A REALLY CRITICAL TIME TO BE ABLE TO OFFER THEIR
22 SERVICES. AND I AM AFRAID SOME OF THEM ARE CLOSING UP SHOP AND
23 CLOSING UP THEIR FACILITIES, AND I REALLY WOULD LOVE FOR THERE
24 TO BE MORE OF A DISCUSSION--

25

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

3

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

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH
10 INTERPRETATION OF THIS REMINDER. [INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN IN
11 SPANISH].

12

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

14

15 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KEVIN ADLER. 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 **SPEAKER:** HI. THIS IS KEVIN ADLER, AND I AM SPEAKING ON PUBLIC
20 COMMENT, AS PART OF IN FAVOR OF ITEM 4, THE SOCIAL
21 CONNECTIVITY INITIATIVE. I WANT TO SPEAK ABOUT IT, AS IT
22 RELATES TO OUR NEIGHBORS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. I RUN A
23 NONPROFIT CALLED MIRACLE MESSAGES. WE HELP PEOPLE WHO ARE
24 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS REBUILD THEIR SOCIAL SUPPORT SYSTEMS
25 AND THEIR FINANCIAL SECURITY. AND WE HAVE HELPED OVER 500

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1 INDIVIDUALS, WHO ARE HOMELESS, RECONNECT TO LOVED ONES. WE
2 HAVE A PHONE BUDDY PROGRAM THAT MATCHES INDIVIDUALS, MANY OF
3 WHOM ARE IN SHELTER-IN-PLACE HOTELS, WITH VOLUNTEERS FOR
4 WEEKLY CALLS AND TEXTS. WE ALSO HAVE LAUNCHED ONE OF THE FIRST
5 BASIC INCOME PROGRAMS THAT IS BUILT ON THE RELATIONSHIPS AND
6 TRUST THAT COME WITH CONNECTIVITY. I WANT TO SAY ONE THING,
7 AND REALLY ONE THING, TO EMPHASIZE THAT RELATIONAL POVERTY IS
8 A FORM OF POVERTY. RELATIONAL POVERTY IS A FORM OF POVERTY.
9 AND WE OFTEN OVERLOOK THE IMPACTS OF SOCIAL ISOLATION,
10 LONELINESS, STIGMA, DISCONNECTEDNESS AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS
11 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. BUT WHEN WE WORK TO HELP
12 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE UNHOUSED RECONNECT TO FAMILY, FRIENDS, OR
13 COMMUNITY MEMBERS, EVERYONE WINS. AND WE HAVE SEEN INDIVIDUALS
14 GET HOUSED. WE HAVE SEEN INDIVIDUALS GET WORK PLACEMENTS, FIND
15 EMPLOYMENT, FEEL GOOD ABOUT THEMSELVES.

16

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

19

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

23

24 **RON HERRERA:** YES. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON 31-B, ON THE BAKERS'
25 UNION STRIKE IN SANTA FE SPRINGS. I WANT TO FIRST APPLAUD THE

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1 SUPERVISORS FOR THIS LETTER, ESPECIALLY SUPERVISORS HAHN AND
2 SOLIS, FOR DRAFTING THIS MOTION. I AM THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOS
3 ANGELES COUNTY FEDERATION OF LABOR, AND THE L.A. LABOR
4 MOVEMENT STANDS IN STAUNCH SUPPORT. BUT A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE
5 STRIKERS. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT MINIMUM-WAGE WORKERS. WE ARE
6 TALKING ABOUT WORKERS THAT ARE WORKING POOR, THAT ARE EXPECTED
7 TO PAY A PORTION OF THEIR HEALTH AND WELFARE, EXPECTED TO WORK
8 14 TO 16 HOURS A DAY ON AN ASSEMBLY LINE, WITH SPEEDS ON THE
9 BELTS THAT ARE BASICALLY UNMANAGEABLE. THEY HAVE TO ENDURE
10 HARASSMENT. AND JUST IN OUR PERSONAL NOTE, PERSONAL POINT OF
11 PRIVILEGE, I WAS ACTUALLY ON THE STRIKE LINE WHEN THE COMPANY
12 TURNED THE SPRINKLERS ON THE WORKERS. SO WE STAND IN FULL
13 SUPPORT OF THIS LETTER. AND AGAIN, IT IS TIME TO SEND JON
14 DONAIRE A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND
15 THEIR CUSTOMERS, BASKIN-ROBBINS. WHEN WE ARE ENJOYING
16 DESSERTS--

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

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

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1 **SPEAKER:** YES. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS MARIA
2 GRANADOS, AND I AM HERE TO ADDRESS ITEM NO. 34, GENERAL
3 COMMENT, IN SUPPORT OF THE YOUTH, OF BARRY J. NIDORF AS THE
4 MOST APPROPRIATE FACILITY FOR THE HIGH-RISK YOUTH. I HAVE BEEN
5 A RESIDENT IN THE CITY OF LA VERNE FOR ALMOST TEN YEARS, AND I
6 WILL SAY THAT CAMP AFFLERBAUGH-PAIGE SHOULD NOT BE USED TO
7 HOUSE THE HIGH-RISK YOUTH. THE FACILITY IS RIGHT NEXT TO THE
8 TRAIL THAT MY FAMILY USES, AS WELL AS MANY, MANY OTHER PEOPLE.
9 THESE TRAILS CONNECT TO MANY DIFFERENT CITIES, AS ONE OF THE
10 RESIDENTS MENTIONED IN A PREVIOUS CALL. THE TRAILS ALSO
11 CONNECT TO LOTS OF HOMES, THOUSANDS OF HOMES, INCLUDING
12 SCHOOLS, INCLUDING THE SCHOOL THAT MY CHILDREN ATTEND. THE
13 TRAILS ARE A GREAT HIDING SPOT. THEY CONNECT TO AREAS THAT
14 HAVE HEAVY BRUSH. SO THE LOCATION IS ALSO AT HIGH FIRE RISK
15 AREAS, WITH NARROW ROADS TO GET UP AND DOWN THE FACILITY. AND,
16 AS IT IS, THE CITY IS KNOWN FOR BEING A SAFE CITY. WHEN WE
17 PURCHASED OUR HOME, WE DIDN'T SIGN UP FOR HAVING A HIGH-RISK
18 FACILITY IN OUR BACKYARD. AND THE FACT THAT THIS WAS SOMETHING
19 THAT MOST OF US LEARNED ABOUT JUST THE PAST COUPLE OF WEEKS IS
20 UNACCEPTABLE. SO I SUPPORT THE YOUTH OF THE EXISTING FACILITY,
21 BARRY J. NIDORF, AS THE MOST APPROPRIATE FACILITY. THANK YOU.

22

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

24

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

4

5 **SPEAKER:** I AM ADDRESSING ITEM NO. 25, GENERAL PUBLIC THING,
6 AND MY NAME IS DARRYL MAIZE. I WORK AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. COUNTY
7 HOSPITAL, AS A SECURITY OFFICER. FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS, SINCE I
8 HAVE GOTTEN TO THIS LOCATION, I HAVE HAD TO REFUSE WORK IN
9 CERTAIN AREAS WHERE THERE'S MORE RISK OF EXPOSURE TO
10 C.O.V.I.D., BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN GETTING SICK. I HAVE AN
11 EXISTING HEART CONDITION, AND I NEED MY HEALTHCARE. I HAD TO
12 BURY MY MOTHER AND BROTHER IN JULY, SO HEALTHCARE IS EXTREMELY
13 IMPORTANT TO ME. I AM CURRENTLY PAYING ALMOST 100 DOLLARS A
14 WEEK JUST FOR MY OWN COVERAGE, AND IT'S BEEN AN EXTREMELY
15 DIFFICULT YEAR. WE HAVE GOTTEN SICK, SEEN COWORKERS GET SICK,
16 AND LOST FAMILY MEMBERS TO THIS PANDEMIC. WE HAVE MADE
17 SACRIFICES TO KEEP L.A. COUNTY RUNNING, AND WE WANT TO STOP
18 BEING TREATED AS SECOND-CLASS WORKERS. WE NEED AFFORDABLE
19 HEALTHCARE, AND WE THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HAHN FOR
20 INTRODUCING THE HEALTHCARE FOR CONTRACTED EMPLOYEES MOTION.
21 THANK YOU.

22

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

25

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1 **MODERATOR:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER SPEAKERS IN QUEUE
2 TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. TO ENSURE THAT WE
5 ALLOW THE FULL 90 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, THE CALL-IN LINE
6 WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 11:07 A.M. WE WILL TAKE ANY OTHER
7 CALLERS THAT COME IN BY THAT TIME. AND SO WE THANK YOU FOR
8 YOUR PATIENCE, AND ASK THAT YOU STAND BY. GIVEN THE FACT THAT
9 THAT'S A FULL--

10

11 **MODERATOR:** EXCUSE ME, MADAM CHAIR.

12

13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YES?

14

15 **MODERATOR:** WE DO HAVE MORE PEOPLE QUEUEING UP NOW TO ADDRESS
16 THE BOARD.

17

18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OKAY. GO RIGHT AHEAD AND LET THEM IN.

19

20 **MODERATOR:** OKAY, AND OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SUE FISHER.
21 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING
22 TODAY, AND IF YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC
23 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

24

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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MY NAME IS SUE FISHER, AND I AM
2 COMMENTING ON GENERAL COMMENT. I AM A 30-YEAR RESIDENT OF
3 SANTA CLARITA. MY NEIGHBORHOOD IS APPROXIMATELY 600 FEET
4 ACROSS A TWO-LANE ROAD FROM CAMPS SCUDDER AND SCOTT. I HAVE
5 BEEN LISTENING TO ALL OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS SINCE MAY,
6 AND WAITING FOR ANSWERS, UNTIL I FINALLY GOT THEM THE OTHER
7 DAY, LISTENING TO THE LA VERNE MEETING. WE HAVE PRETTY MUCH
8 THE SAME DEMOGRAPHIC AND GEOGRAPHICAL AREA: MANY TRAILS IN THE
9 MOUNTAINS, HIGH FIRE, AN ACTUAL FLOOD PLAIN. AND IT HAS BEEN
10 USED FOR LOW-RISK CAMPS, FOR THE 30 YEARS THAT I'VE BEEN HERE,
11 WITHOUT INCIDENT. WHY YOU WOULD MAKE IT INTO A HIGH-RISK
12 FACILITY, I DON'T UNDERSTAND, BUT I ALSO SUPPORT USING BARRY
13 J. NIDORF. IT SOUNDS PERFECT. IT WOULD BE SAFE FOR ALL THOSE
14 INTENDED. AND I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU ARE LETTING US
15 SPEAK ON THIS.

16

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

19

20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT [INAUDIBLE]

21

22 **SPEAKER:** HELLO?

23

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

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** HI. THIS IS ROSEMARY ZAYAS. I DID WANT TO SAY, I ALSO
2 HAVE FIVE OTHER PEOPLE HERE, WHO WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A COMMENT
3 ON AGENDA ITEM 2, IN FAVOR.

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** HI. YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS ROSEMARY ZAYAS, AND I AM CALLING ON
8 BEHALF OF AGENDA ITEM NO. 2., IN REGARDS TO THE GREEN ZONE
9 ORDINANCE. I DID WANT TO STATE THAT I LIVE IN UNINCORPORATED
10 COUNTY OF L.A., AND I AM IN SUPPORT OF THE GREEN ZONES
11 ORDINANCE PROGRAM BECAUSE WE NEED TO IMPROVE THE PUBLIC HEALTH
12 AND QUALITY OF LIFE OF RESIDENTS IN UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES
13 THAT HAVE BEEN DISPROPORTIONATELY AND HISTORICALLY IMPACTED BY
14 MULTIPLE POLLUTION FACILITIES AND USES. I REALLY WANT TO
15 EMPHASIZE IT WAS OUR COMMUNITIES THAT LAID THE FOUNDATION FOR
16 THE GREEN ZONES POLICY IN 2016, THROUGH OUR ORGANIZING, THAT
17 SHUT DOWN CENTRAL MEADOW AND KILWANA PARK. AND I JUST REALLY
18 WANT TO SHARE THAT. I BELIEVE WE NEED ORDINANCES LIKE THIS ONE
19 TO PASS, BECAUSE IT IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, TO HOLD
20 THESE INDUSTRIES ACCOUNTABLE, AND REDUCE POLLUTION EXPOSURE IN
21 OUR COMMUNITIES. WE NEED TO IMPROVE THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND
22 QUALITY OF LIFE IN UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF L.A. COUNTY.
23 THIS INCLUDES PROHIBITING ADDITIONAL INDUSTRIAL USE IN GREEN
24 ZONES, EXPANDING THE 500-FOOT BUFFER, REZONING ADDITIONAL
25 PROPERTIES, AND PROMOTING GREEN JOBS THAT DO NOT POSE RISKS TO

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1 THEIR WORKERS OR NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES. SO I STRONGLY URGE
2 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO MOVE THIS FORWARD AND PASS THIS
3 ORDINANCE. THANK YOU.

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** PLEASE ALLOW THE NEXT SPEAKER TO SPEAK.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. MY NAME IS ERICA BAUTISTA, AND I AM IN SUPPORT
8 OF THIS GREEN ZONE PROGRAM, BECAUSE WE NEED TO IMPROVE THE
9 PUBLIC HEALTH QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE RESIDENTS IN
10 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN DISPROPORTIONALLY
11 AND HISTORICALLY IMPACTED BY MULTIPLE POLLUTION FACILITIES AND
12 USES. THE GREEN ZONE ORDINANCE WOULD OFFER A TRUE PROTECTION
13 FOR COMMUNITIES' HEALTH, AND I, PERSONALLY, LIVING SO CLOSE TO
14 CENTRAL MIDDLE INC., IT IS AN IMPORTANT TOPIC FOR ME, AS I
15 WOULD LIKE MY FAMILY AND COMMUNITY TO BE HEALTHY. WE NEED
16 ORDINANCES LIKE THIS ONE TO PASS, BECAUSE IT IS A STEP IN THE
17 RIGHT DIRECTION TO HOLD INDUSTRIES ACCOUNTABLE AND REDUCE
18 POLLUTION EXPOSURE IN OUR COMMUNITY. I STRONGLY URGE THE BOARD
19 OF SUPERVISORS TO MOVE US FORWARD AND PASS THIS ORDINANCE.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** [SPEAKS SPANISH]

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WE WILL NOW HEAR THE ENGLISH
24 INTERPRETATION.

25

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1 **INTERPRETER:** MY NAME IS LORENA, AND I AM HERE TO SUPPORT THE
2 GREEN ZONE ORDINANCE, AND THAT IS BECAUSE WE NEED TO HAVE
3 PUBLIC SECURITY, AND IT IS IMPORTANT TO PROTECT THE HISTORICAL
4 PARTS OF WALNUT PARK, WHERE I LIVE, AND ALSO TO KEEP THE
5 POLITICAL BASES IN PLACE AND WITHIN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, BECAUSE
6 CENTRAL MEADOW IS STILL WORKING HERE UNDER A DIFFERENT NAME.
7 AND WE WANT TO SUPPORT THE GREEN ZONE, BECAUSE WE WANT TO KEEP
8 OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE AND CLEAN. THANK YOU.

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. WE WILL HEAR YOUR NEXT SPEAKER
11 ADDRESS.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** [SPEAKS SPANISH]

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. WE WILL HEAR THE ENGLISH
16 INTERPRETATION.

17

18 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS GABRIEL HERRERO, AND I
19 AM HERE TO SUPPORT, ALSO, THE GREEN ZONES, BECAUSE THEY ARE
20 BETTER FOR THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITY. I AM ALSO HERE
21 REPRESENTING C.B.E. COMMUNITIES FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT, AND
22 WE ARE HERE ALSO TO SUPPORT THE GREEN ZONE, BECAUSE THE
23 RECYCLING METAL COMPANY IS THROWING TOXINS INTO OUR COMMUNITY.
24 AND WE ALSO WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE SUPPORTING, BECAUSE
25 I AM ACTUALLY FROM FLORENCE-FIRESTONE AREA, BUT I HAVE FAMILY

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1 IN WALNUT PARK. AND EVEN THOUGH I AM JUST RIGHT NEXT DOOR, IN
2 SOUTH GATE, THIS ALSO AFFECTS US. SO WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT
3 THE GREEN ZONE. THANK YOU.

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. WE WILL HEAR YOUR NEXT SPEAKER.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** [SPEAKS SPANISH]

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WE WILL NOW HEAR THE ENGLISH
10 INTERPRETATION.

11

12 **INTERPRETER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS JACQUELINE CARDENAS, AND I AM
13 HERE ALSO TO SUPPORT THE GREEN ZONE ORDINANCE, AND FOR IT TO
14 BE APPROVED FOR THE HEALTH AND THE WELLBEING OF THE PUBLIC,
15 WITH OUR COMMUNITIES TO HAVE NONTOXIC COMMUNITY INSTALLATIONS.
16 I ALSO SUPPORT C.B.E., AND I AM HERE TO SUPPORT THE PASSING OF
17 THIS RESTRICTION FOR THIS INDUSTRY THAT'S POLLUTING OUR AREA.
18 AND I AM ALSO HERE TO PROMOTE GREEN JOBS AND GOOD SALARIES, SO
19 THAT WE CAN CONTINUE CREATING GREEN ZONE COMMUNITIES.

20

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

23

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

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

3

4 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ANTHONY THOMAS. I AM
5 ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEM NO. 25. I AM A SECURITY OFFICER AT
6 HARBOR-U.C.L.A., AND I APPLAUD THE EFFORTS OF SUPERVISORS
7 SOLIS AND HAHN TO GIVE US ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE. I
8 CURRENTLY PAY APPROXIMATELY \$214 A WEEK TO ACCESS OUR
9 EMPLOYER'S HEALTH PLAN, AND THAT'S ABOUT \$856 A MONTH. BUT IN
10 ORDER TO MAKE ANY OF THAT WORK, WE NEED OUR JOBS. SO, MY
11 COWORKERS AND I ARE STRONGLY IN SUPPORT OF EXTENDING THE
12 CONTRACT, SO THAT WE CAN HAVE ACCESS TO A QUALITY OF LIFE. AND
13 AS THE FRONT LINE OF THE FRONT LINE, WE ARE EXPOSED TO THREATS
14 FROM THE PANDEMIC AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC, AND WE JUST FEEL
15 THAT WE WOULD LIKE CONSIDERATION, AS FAR AS MAINTAINING OUR
16 JOBS AND ACCESS TO HEALTH BENEFITS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
17 CONSIDERATION. HAVE A GREAT DAY.

18

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

21

22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF
23 MARGARITA DARRETT. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU
24 ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL
25 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1

2 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

3

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

5

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

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** HELLO? OH, SORRY, SORRY. MY NAME'S MARGARITA DARRETT.

11 I AM HERE CALLING, REPRESENTING THE OFFICE OF [INAUDIBLE]

12 GONZALEZ, AND WE ARE IN SUPPORT IN THE STRONG GREEN ZONE

13 PROGRAM ORDINANCE. I REPRESENT THE COMMUNITIES OF CUDAHY,

14 MAYWOOD, FLORENCE-FIRESTONE, WALNUT PARK, AND SOUTH LOS

15 ANGELES. OUR SENATOR WROTE A LETTER. WE SUBMITTED IT. WE ARE

16 IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THE GREEN ZONES PROGRAM ORDINANCE. THIS

17 IS A COMMUNITY FROM THE 33 DISTRICT. SHE URGES THE BOARD OF

18 SUPERVISORS OF THE REGION PLANNING TO ENSURE THE CREATION OF

19 THE GREEN ZONES ORDINANCE THAT ADDRESSES THE CONCERNS OF LOCAL

20 COMMUNITIES, RESIDENTS EXPERIENCING ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICE.

21 FOR TOO LONG, THESE RESIDENTS IN THE UNINCORPORATED

22 COMMUNITIES OF FLORENCE-FIRESTONE AND WALNUT HAVE DEALT WITH

23 THE IMPACT OF INCONSISTENT LAND USE PRACTICE, HOMES NEXT TO

24 RECYCLING. A STRONG GREEN ZONE ORDINANCE MUST PREVENT

25 POLLUTION COMPANIES FROM ENTERING ALREADY OVERBEARING

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1 COMMUNITIES, AND HOLD THEIR BAD NEIGHBORS ACCOUNTABLE. FOR
2 EXAMPLE, CENTRAL MIDDLE INC., C.M.I.--

3

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

6

7 **SPEAKER:** OKAY.

8

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

12

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

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YOUR NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

17

18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF RED
19 HUNT. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO
20 ADDRESS TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC
21 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** YEAH, THIS IS THE RED CHIEF HUNT. I WILL BE TALKING
24 ON 8 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT,
25 STARTING WITH THE HOUSING FOR HEALTH [INAUDIBLE] EXODUS

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1 DOESN'T HAVE ANY GUIDELINES, AND WE ARE GETTING READY TO HAVE
2 SOME PROBLEMS WITH THAT CONTRACT. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT. I
3 WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MITCHELL AND HAHN SEND ME THE CONTRACT
4 PAPERWORK, BECAUSE IF IT DOESN'T HAVE ANY GUIDELINES, IT'S NOT
5 [INAUDIBLE]. IT'S A LOT OF MISTAKES BEING MADE, THAT EXODUS
6 DOESN'T INEXTRICABLY INTERTWINE WITH HOUSING FOR HEALTH, WHICH
7 THEY DON'T DO ANY WORK, PATIENT PROGRAM MANAGERS, AND THINGS
8 LIKE THAT, OR PATIENT COORDINATORS, AND STUFF LIKE THIS. SO
9 THAT CONFLICT HAS A LOT OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST WITH HOUSING
10 FOR HEALTH, WHEN THE STAFF DOESN'T KNOW WHAT THE MISSION
11 STATEMENT IS FOR HOUSING FOR HEALTH, [INAUDIBLE]. AND THEN
12 WITH BRUCE'S BEACH, JUST RETURN THEIR PROPERTY AND MAKE SURE
13 IT RUNS SMOOTHLY. THANK YOU. I AM THE HONORABLE 9TH CIRCUIT
14 WINNER, RED CHIEF HUNT. THANK YOU.

15

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

18

19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF ROBIN
20 WALKER. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO
21 ADDRESS TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC
22 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** HI. THIS IS ROBIN WALKER. I AM ADDRESSING THE GENERAL
25 COMMENT. I'M FROM LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA, AND ASKING THE BOARD

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1 OF SUPERVISORS TO REEVALUATE SENDING CRIMINAL, VIOLENT 17- TO
2 25-YEAR-OLDS TO THE AFFLERBAUGH-PAIGE FACILITY. I BELIEVE THAT
3 YOU ARE PUTTING THE COMMUNITY AT RISK IN MANY WAYS. WE'VE GOT
4 TRACK, CROSS-COUNTRY KIDS, THAT HAVE BEEN RUNNING THOSE TRAILS
5 FOR YEARS. AND I HAVE HEARD STORIES: WHEN WE HAD OUR LAST BIG
6 FIRE, JUVENILE INMATES RUNNING OUT OF THE CAMP. AND WE HAVE A
7 PARK, JUST AT THE BASE OF THE ROAD THERE, WHERE KIDS AND
8 TEENAGERS ARE HANGING OUT IN SCHOOLS, AND YOU ARE PUTTING THE
9 RESIDENTS AT RISK. THESE OFFICERS WILL HAVE NO PEPPER SPRAY.
10 THE BARBED WIRE WILL BE REMOVED. THESE WILL BE EASILY ABLE TO
11 ESCAPE. ALSO, THERE IS NO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN ORDER TO
12 GET TO THESE FACILITIES, AND YOU WOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH
13 MILES OF RESIDENTIAL--

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

17
18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF JOE
19 GAVELDON. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO
20 ADDRESS TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC
21 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

22
23 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. I AM ADDRESSING THE GENERAL COMMENT, REGARDING
24 THE CAMPS AFFLERBAUGH AND PAIGE. AND MY OPINION IS THAT THE
25 CURRENT PROCESS ALLOWS FOR THOSE THAT ARE IN A REHABILITATIVE

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1 ENVIRONMENT AT NIDORF, THAT THEY FOCUS THEIR ATTENTION TO
2 MAKING THAT LOCATION A MORE CONDUCIVE LOCATION FOR ALL OF THE
3 NEEDS, WITHOUT THE DISRUPTION OF BEING TRANSFERRED TO NEW
4 FACILITIES THAT WOULD REQUIRE THAT THOSE PERSONS IN THAT VERY
5 SENSITIVE STATE OF REHABILITATION WOULD HAVE TO BE STARTING
6 FROM SCRATCH, BEING TRANSFERRED BETWEEN CAMP OR FACILITY
7 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. SO MY SUGGESTION IS THAT THEY FOCUS ON
8 MAKING THE LOCATION THAT THEY ARE USING AS THEIR PRIMARY
9 STARTING POINT THE BETTER LOCATION FOR THE LONG RUN, THAN TO
10 LOOK FOR ALTERNATE FACILITIES THAT MAY REQUIRE EXTENSIVE
11 IMPROVEMENTS, AND WOULD DISRUPT THE REHABILITATION EFFORTS OF
12 THOSE PERSONS AND THOSE FACILITIES. THANK YOU.

13

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

15

16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF
17 MASIS HAGOBIAN. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH
18 TO ADDRESS TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC
19 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

20

21 **MASIS HAGOBIAN:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD
22 OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME'S MASIS HAGOBIAN. I AM THE
23 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS ANALYST FOR THE CITY OF SANTA
24 CLARITA. I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT THIS
25 MORNING. ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, WE HAVE

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1 EXPRESSED SOME PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE TO THIS BODY. WE URGE
2 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO DESIGNATE CAMPUS KILPATRICK AS THE
3 PERMANENT FACILITY FOR MALE YOUTH SERIOUS OFFENDERS. WE HAVE
4 IDENTIFIED SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL AND SAFETY CONCERNS IN
5 PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE TO BOTH THE SUBCOMMITTEE AND TO THE
6 BOARD, AND THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL REPORTS THAT HAVE BEEN
7 PUBLISHED SINCE, THAT HAVE REAFFIRMED OUR CONCERNS, INCLUDING
8 THE YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED REPORT, THE SCORECARD THAT WAS
9 DEVELOPED BY A MOTION EARLIER THIS YEAR BY THE BOARD, ALL
10 ASSESSING THAT CAMP SCOTT IS AN UNSUITABLE FACILITY. AND SO WE
11 REALLY HOPE THAT WHEN THE ITEM IS CONSIDERED NEXT YEAR, THAT
12 THE BOARD TAKES THE CORRECT ACTION AND ADOPTS CAMPUS
13 KILPATRICK AS A PERMANENT SITE. THANK YOU.

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

17
18 **MODERATOR:** NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF TAMMY
19 PETERS. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO
20 ADDRESS TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC
21 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

22
23 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS TAMMY PETERS. I AM CALLING TO MAKE A
24 PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AFFLERBAUGH-PAIGE YOUTH FACILITY. WITH
25 THE YOUTH FACILITIES WE ALREADY HAVE, IN ADDITION TO THE GOLD

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1 LINE COMING IN, OUR 9.4-SQUARE-MILE CITY CANNOT HANDLE A
2 LEVEL-4 FACILITY. WE ALREADY DO OUR FAIR SHARE, AND THE REST
3 OF THE COUNTY NEEDS TO DO THEIRS. NOT ONLY CAN OUR POLICE NOT
4 HANDLE THE NEEDS OF EVERYTHING I MENTIONED; SOME WILDLIFE AT
5 THAT CAMP ALSO CANNOT HANDLE THE CONSTRUCTION THAT WILL BE
6 ONGOING FOR UP TO THREE YEARS. IN PARTICULAR, WE HAVE A MALE
7 BALD EAGLE WHO RESIDES AT THAT CAMP, AND ONE PICTURE SHOWS A
8 POSSIBLE MATE. THIS NATIONAL BIRD WAS JUST TAKEN OFF THE
9 ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST IN 2007, AND CONSTRUCTION WOULD
10 DISRUPT NESTS RESIDENTS HAVE TAKEN PICTURES OF. THANK YOU.

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

13
14 **MODERATOR:** AND, CHAIRPERSON, AT THIS TIME, WE HAVE NO ONE ELSE
15 IN QUEUE.

16
17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT. AND AGAIN,
18 TO ENSURE THAT WE ALLOW THE FULL 90 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC
19 COMMENT, THE LINE WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 11:07, AND WE WILL
20 TAKE ANY OTHER CALLERS THAT COME IN BY THAT TIME. THANK YOU
21 FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND, AGAIN, PLEASE STAND BY.

22
23 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. AND, CHAIRPERSON, WE DO HAVE A COUPLE
24 QUEUED UP. NEXT, WE'RE GOING TO GO TO THE LINE OF ROY MARSON.
25 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO ADDRESS

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1 TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

2 YOU MAY BEGIN.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ROY MARSON. I
5 AM A RESIDENT SINCE 1973, AND I HAVE COMMERCIAL GREENHOUSES
6 AND A WHOLESALE NURSERY IN BOUQUET CANYON. NOW, I AM
7 REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE OF BOUQUET CANYON, WHICH IS ABOUT 2500
8 STRONG, WHO ARE BASICALLY AGAINST CAMP SCUDDER-SCOTT. CAMP
9 SCUDDER-SCOTT HAS ALWAYS BEEN-- AND I AM NOT AGAINST CAMP
10 SCUDDER-SCOTT BEING MADE INTO AN ADULT FELON AGENCY. I REALLY
11 WANT TO EMPHASIZE THE NIDORF FACILITY. IT IS ALREADY SET UP
12 FOR THIS. IT IS IN A MORE RURAL AREA. WE ARE IN A GROWING AREA
13 HERE, AND THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA IS PUSHING AGAINST US. WE
14 ARE STILL IN THE COUNTY. AND WE'VE ALWAYS HAD A VERY FAVORABLE
15 ASSOCIATION WITH CAMP SCUDDER-SCOTT; CHURCHES INVOLVED ON
16 IT, AND SO FORTH, GETTING INVOLVED WITH THE YOUNG STUDENTS. I
17 QUESTION THE ABILITY OF COUNTY, OF THE STATE FACILITIES,
18 PUTTING 12- AND 25-YEAR-OLDS TOGETHER. IT IS A QUESTIONABLE
19 THING, LIKE A...

20

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

23

24 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER, THEN, WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF
25 LATICE SUTTON. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH

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

3

4 **SPEAKER:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LATICE SUTTON. I AM
5 THE MOTHER OF MURDER VICTIM MITRICE RICHARDSON, AND I AM
6 SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM 31-A. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,
7 FOR YOUR MOTION TO REESTABLISH THE \$10,000 REWARD FOR THE
8 APPREHENSION AND CONVICTION OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR MY
9 DAUGHTER'S MURDER. REESTABLISHMENT OF THIS REWARD IS NEEDED--
10 CRITICALLY NEEDED-- TO ENCOURAGE SOMEONE TO COME FORWARD WITH
11 INFORMATION REGARDING MY DAUGHTER'S MURDER. MITRICE WAS A
12 RESIDENT AND A DAUGHTER OF LOS ANGELES, AND WE NEED TO DO ALL
13 WE CAN TO ENCOURAGE SOMEONE TO COME FORWARD. I THANK YOU FOR
14 YOUR CONSIDERATION AND YOUR TIME. THANK YOU.

15

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

17

18 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. AND, CHAIRPERSON, ONCE AGAIN, AT THIS
19 TIME, WE HAVE NO ONE ELSE IN QUEUE.

20

21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AGAIN, WE WILL KEEP THE LINE OPEN UNTIL
22 11:07. IT SEEMS LIKE EVERY TIME I SAY THAT, SOMEONE PUSHES
23 STAR-1. SO, KNOW THAT YOU HAVE UNTIL 11:07 TO MAKE PUBLIC
24 COMMENT. WE WILL KEEP THE LINE OPEN UNTIL THEN. [LINE IS OPEN
25 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.]

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1

2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WE HAVE 5 MINUTES REMAINING FOR PUBLIC
3 COMMENT.

4

5 **MODERATOR:** PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME. DO NOT PRESS 1-
6 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE QUEUE.

7

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

10

11 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BRAD BUTCHER. PLEASE STATE
12 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND IF YOU
13 WILL BE ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** YES, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
16 MY NAME IS BRAD BUTCHER, AND, LOOKING THROUGH SOME OF THE
17 ATTRIBUTES OF SOME OF THE FACILITIES THAT ARE BEING CONSIDERED
18 FOR TRANSFER OF D.J.J. PERSONNEL AND YOUTH, I NOTICED THE
19 BARRY J. NIDORF FACILITY HAS SOME ATTRIBUTES THAT ARE UNIQUE
20 AND NOT REALLY EASILY REPLACEABLE, PARTICULARLY WITH THEIR
21 PROXIMITY TO COMMUNITY COLLEGES, VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS. THEY ALSO
22 HAVE AN AMPLE NUMBER OF CLASSROOMS AND POSSIBLE EXPANDABLE
23 FACILITIES. I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A STRONG PROPONENT OF EDUCATION
24 AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR SELF-ESTEEM, CONFIDENCE, AND
25 SUCCESS. SO, TO ME, IT LOOKS LIKE, BIGGER PICTURE, THIS

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1 FACILITY HAS SOME VERY GOOD ATTRIBUTES, AND IT LOOKS VERY
2 SECURE, AS WELL; SO, THAT OTHER MISSING INGREDIENT OF THE
3 CITIZENS AND THE WELFARE OF COMMUNITY AND SAFETY, THAT WE WANT
4 TO PRESERVE, SO WE HAVE SUCCESS. ANY KIND OF TRAGIC EVENT
5 COULD STOP WHAT I BELIEVE IS A VERY GOOD THING THAT WE ARE
6 TRYING TO DO IN REHABILITATION. SO, BIG PICTURE, IT LOOKS LIKE
7 A GOOD--

8

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** THERE ARE NO OTHER SPEAKERS IN QUEUE TO ADDRESS THE
13 BOARD. [LINE IS OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT].

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC SPEAKERS HAS ENDED,
16 AND WE WANT TO THANK ALL THAT CALLED IN TO SPEAK. IF YOU WERE
17 UNABLE TO PROVIDE VERBAL COMMENTS, YOU MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN
18 COMMENTS, AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA. WE WILL CONTINUE TO
19 ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING,
20 WHICH WILL BECOME A PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD. EXECUTIVE
21 OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE
22 WILL BE VOTING TODAY.

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THE FOLLOWING
25 ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU: 1-D AND 2-D, 3, 6, 9 THROUGH 24, 26; ON

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1 ITEMS 27, 28, AND 29, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL IS ABSTAINING FROM
2 THE VOTE; ITEM 30, AND ITEM 31-A.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
5 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS.
6 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

7

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

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

11

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

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

15

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

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

19

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

21

22 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

23

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

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1

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

3

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

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BEFORE WE TAKE UP PUBLIC
8 COMMENT ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER
9 WILL READ SHORT TITLES OF EACH PUBLIC HEARING ITEM. EXECUTIVE
10 OFFICER, PLEASE SWEAR IN THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE
11 BOARD ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. FOR THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY
14 BEFORE THE BOARD ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, PLEASE PREPARE
15 TO BE SWORN IN. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS
16 BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE
17 TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD? ITEM NUMBER
18 1 IS A HEARING ON THE EXECUTION OF A MASTER AGREEMENT WITH THE
19 MOUNTAINS RESTORATION TRUST TO AMEND THE EXISTING CONSERVATION
20 EASEMENT AT LA SIERRA CANYON WETLANDS, TO EXCLUDE THE LAND TO
21 BE EXCHANGED WITH SEMINOLE SPRINGS MOBILE HOME PARK INC., AND
22 THE LAND TO BE SOLD TO THE LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER
23 DISTRICT. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT, AND NO
24 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM NUMBER TWO IS A HEARING ON
25 PROJECT NUMBER 2018-003209, TO ADOPT THE GREEN ZONES PROGRAM

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1 BY AMENDING THE COUNTY GENERAL PLAN AND COUNTY CODE, TITLE 22,
2 PLANNING AND ZONING, TO ENSURE CONSISTENCY WITH THE PROPOSED
3 REVISIONS TO THE ZONING CODE AND CHANGES TO POLICIES; CHANGE
4 THE ZONING OF INDUSTRIAL PARCELS WITHIN VARIOUS UNINCORPORATED
5 COMMUNITIES AND AMEND THE MAPS FOR VARIOUS ZONED DISTRICTS;
6 AND OTHER CHANGES IN LINE WITH STATE LAWS AND GOALS FOR WASTE
7 DIVERSION AND EMISSIONS REDUCTION. A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL
8 STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WE WILL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE
11 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 1 AND 2. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ
12 THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA,
13 AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
14 WHO ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
17 WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS 1 AND 2 SHOULD CALL
18 877-226-8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 852-761. TO
19 REPEAT: PLEASE CALL 877-226-8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE
20 NUMBER 852-761. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO
21 LISTEN TO THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL 877-873-
22 8017 AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
23 CALLING IN, WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR
24 NAME AND WHICH PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. WE
25 WILL ALLOCATE 5 MINUTES FOR ALL PUBLIC COMMENT, ON ALL PUBLIC

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1 HEARING ITEMS. EACH PERSON WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR ONE PUBLIC
2 HEARING ITEM, AND TWO MINUTES FOR TWO PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. WE
3 WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN
4 DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. WHEN
5 SPEAKING ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, YOU MUST BE ON TOPIC.
6 OUR GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE CAN. IF YOU
7 ARE NOT TOPIC ON TOPIC, OR IF WE CANNOT TELL IF YOU ARE
8 SPEAKING ON A PUBLIC HEARING ITEM, YOU WILL GET ONE WARNING
9 FROM COUNTY COUNSEL OR THE CHAIR. IF YOU DO NOT IMMEDIATELY OR
10 CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC, OR IF YOU STRAY OFF TOPIC AGAIN, YOU
11 WILL FORFEIT THE REST OF YOUR TIME, AND THE CHAIR WILL MOVE ON
12 TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU ARE ALSO
13 LISTENING TO THE BOARD MEETING ON A COMPUTER OR SPEAKERPHONE,
14 YOU WILL NEED TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON THOSE DEVICES AS SOON
15 AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU. IF YOU DO NOT TURN THE VOLUME
16 DOWN, THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST
17 SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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

23
24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH
25 INTERPRETATION OF THIS REMINDER. [SPANISH TRANSLATION].

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1

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

4

5 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS CHRIS WILSON. PLEASE STATE
6 THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU
7 MAY BEGIN.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS CHRIS
10 WILSON, REPRESENTING L.A. BIZFED. I WISH TO EXPRESS OUR
11 STRONG, CONCERNED OPPOSITION TO PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 2,
12 REGARDING THE CURRENTLY PROPOSED GREEN ZONES PROGRAM. WHILE WE
13 APPRECIATE SOME OF THE SCALING-BACK IN THIS PROPOSED
14 ORDINANCE, WE REMAIN DEEPLY TROUBLED THAT THIS PROPOSED
15 ORDINANCE WILL STILL SEEK TO IMPOSE NEW REQUIREMENTS ON
16 COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES. BIZFED
17 AGREES ON SUSTAINABLE WAYS TO IMPROVE OUR OVERALL ENVIRONMENT.
18 HOWEVER, PLACING AND CREATING ADDITIONAL BURDENS ON WORKING-
19 CLASS FAMILIES IS NOT THE APPROPRIATE ROUTE TO TAKE. THIS
20 UNDERSCORES A SIGNIFICANT MISUNDERSTANDING ON HOW COMMERCIAL
21 AND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES OPERATE. MOREOVER, THIS POLICY WILL
22 HURT OUR SUPPLY CHAIN, STIFLE THE GOOD MOVEMENT, AND THE
23 TRICKLE-DOWN EFFECT WILL HURT LOCAL AND SMALL BUSINESSES. IT
24 IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT MUCH OF THIS [INAUDIBLE]
25 TECHNOLOGY IS STILL NOT AVAILABLE FOR MOST OPERATIONS FOR AT

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1 LEAST 5 YEARS. THIS IS ONLY ONE OF THE MANY EXAMPLES OF WHAT
2 IS WRONG WITH THIS PROPOSED ORDINANCE, AND THE BUSINESS
3 COMMUNITY STANDS READY, IN ANY WAY THAT WE CAN HELP, TO AVOID
4 THE IMPRACTICAL OUTCOMES AND UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES THAT THIS
5 ORDINANCE SEEKS TO PROPOSE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS.

6

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

8

9 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS EDWARD ANTONINI. PLEASE
10 STATE THE REGULAR PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS THAT YOU ARE
11 ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

12

13 **EDWARD ANTONINI:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS EDWARD ANTONINI. I
14 AM THE PRESIDENT OF ANGELUS BLOCK. I AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF
15 AGENDA ITEM TWO, THE GREEN ZONES. I AM CALLING IN TO VOICE MY
16 OPPOSITION TO THE ORDINANCE. AS I SAID, I AM A LOCAL BUSINESS
17 OWNER IN GARDENA, ON REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD, AND I HAVE
18 WORKED WITH STAFF AT L.A. COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING FOR OVER A
19 YEAR, BUT WITH NO SUCCESS IN MITIGATING THE PROBLEMS WITH THIS
20 ORDINANCE. IT SEEMS THAT YOU WANT TO THROW THE BABY OUT WITH
21 THE BATH WATER, BECAUSE YOU HAVE ONE OR TWO BAD APPLES THAT
22 HAVE POLLUTED THE ENVIRONMENT. OUR BUSINESS IS NOT ONE OF
23 THEM. WE ARE HELD TO STRICT ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION, AND YOU
24 FAIL TO UNDERSTAND THE BENEFITS OF HOLDING US TO ALL THE
25 CONDITIONS IN OUR C.U.P. PROCESS. INSTEAD, YOU JUST WANT TO

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1 DOWN-ZONE THE PROPERTY, WHICH DOESN'T WORK. I HAVE LISTENED TO
2 COUNTLESS HEARINGS AND PUBLIC COMMENT, AND I DON'T APPRECIATE
3 BEING CALLED AN ENVIRONMENTAL RACIST. I THINK THOSE ARE VERY
4 EGREGIOUS TERMS, AND THAT DOES NOT DESCRIBE OUR BUSINESS. YOU
5 ARE TRYING TO PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FOR THE
6 NEIGHBORHOOD; YET, YOU PUNISH LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS, AND YOU
7 ALLOW FILTH, SQUALOR, AND UNSANITARY CONDITIONS

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

11

12 **SPEAKER:** -- IN FRONT OF MY BUSINESS TO GO UNABATED. SO I WOULD
13 ASK THAT YOU DO YOUR JOB.

14

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

17

18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JOSE VALLEJO. PLEASE STATE
19 THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY.
20 YOU MAY BEGIN.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. I AM CALLING ON BEHALF OF
23 N.A.I.O.P. SOCAL. WE HAVE 1,000 MEMBERS IN THE LOS ANGELES AND
24 ORANGE COUNTY AREA. WE ARE OPPOSED TO THIS REQUIREMENT OF THE
25 GREEN ZONES [INAUDIBLE] OUTDOOR OPERATIONS BETWEEN THE HOURS

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1 OF 6:00 P.M. AND 8:00 A.M. THIS IS A CRITICAL DISRUPTION TO
2 THE GOODS MOVEMENT. THIS WILL PUT MORE TRUCK TRAFFIC RIGHT AT
3 THE TIME WHEN WE HAVE THE BIGGEST PEAK HOUR TRAFFIC. IT IS
4 GOING TO MAKE THE POLLUTION FROM THE TRAFFIC ON THE ROAD EVEN
5 WORSE, BECAUSE YOU WILL HAVE MORE TRUCKS SITTING, IDLING,
6 BECAUSE THEY WILL BE STUCK IN TRAFFIC. AND I WILL ASK YOU TO
7 PLEASE REMOVE THIS SECTION OF THE ORDINANCE. THERE ARE LOTS OF
8 OTHER ISSUES WITH THIS ORDINANCE, BUT FOR THIS MOMENT, THIS IS
9 ONE OF THE BIGGEST PROBLEMS THAT WE HAVE. THIS HOUR OF
10 OPERATIONS TIME IS JUST GOING TO MAKE TRAFFIC THAT MUCH WORSE.
11 AND IT IS GOING TO PUT MORE CONGESTION ON THE ROAD AT A TIME
12 WHEN OUR GOODS MOVEMENT IS STALLED, IT'S NOT MOVING, AND WE
13 ARE HAVING TROUBLE GETTING THINGS OUT OF THE PORT. SO I ASK
14 YOU TO PLEASE MAKE AN AMENDMENT AND REMOVE THIS 6:00 P.M. TO
15 8:00 A.M. PROHIBITION, TO ALLOW A BETTER GOODS MOVEMENT.
16 YOU'RE REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF TIME THAT BUSINESSES CAN OPERATE
17 TO 10 HOURS, AND THAT DOESN'T EVEN INCLUDE LUNCH TIME. IT
18 DOESN'T INCLUDE ALL THOSE THINGS THAT HAVE TO BE TAKEN CARE
19 OF. SO I THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

20

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

22

23 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ARIANA RODRIGUEZ. PLEASE
24 STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING
25 TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1

2 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ARIANA RODRIGUEZ, AND I AM A
3 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 1, SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S DISTRICT.
4 I AM SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER TWO, THE GREEN ZONES
5 ORDINANCE, AND I AM REALLY, REALLY BEGGING YOU GUYS TO PASS
6 THIS ORDINANCE, AND PROVIDE SOME LEVEL OF ACCOUNTABILITY ON
7 BEHALF OF COMMUNITY FOR THESE BUSINESSES THAT POLLUTE US EVERY
8 DAY. EVERY DAY, IT IS ALTERNATING [INAUDIBLE], BETWEEN GARBAGE
9 AND CHEMICAL ARTIFICIAL FLAVORS, OPEN DOORS, THINGS LIKE THAT.
10 AND GREEN ZONES IS JUST A FIRST STEP TO PROVIDE ANY LEVEL OF
11 ACCOUNTABILITY AND MITIGATION. THIS TRULY IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL
12 JUSTICE, AN ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM ISSUE, RIGHT? [INAUDIBLE]
13 THIS WAY BECAUSE WE WERE HISTORICALLY REDLINED. AND SO IT
14 REALLY IS TIME TO ADDRESS, YOU KNOW, WHERE COMMUNITY IS RIGHT
15 NEXT TO INDUSTRIAL, AND PROVIDE US SOME KIND OF RELIEF. AND SO
16 WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOU STANDING WITH US AND TAKING YOUR
17 RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

18

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

21

22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CARINA SANCHEZ. PLEASE
23 STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING
24 TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** YES, HELLO. MY NAME IS CARINA SANCHEZ. I'M ADDRESSING
2 ITEM NUMBER TWO, GREEN ZONES. I AM A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF EAST
3 L.A. WE NEED GREEN ZONES TO BE APPROVED TODAY. NO EXCUSES. THE
4 COMMUNITY HAS WORKED FOR TOO LONG AND TOO HARD FOR THIS
5 ORDINANCE NOT TO BE PASSED TODAY. INDUSTRY DOES NOT WANT THIS
6 ORDINANCE TO BE APPROVED. OF COURSE THEY DON'T. THEY DON'T
7 LIVE IN OUR COMMUNITY. THEY ONLY CARE ABOUT THE BOTTOM LINE.
8 IT IS TIME TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE. IT IS TIME TO RESPECT OUR
9 LIVES AND OUR HEALTH. POLLUTERS DO NOT CONTRIBUTE TO OUR
10 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN OUR COMMUNITIES. JUST COME HERE TO
11 CITY TERRACE, AND YOU WILL SEE FIRSTHAND. THEY DO NOT PROTECT
12 OUR WORKING-CLASS COMMUNITIES, PERIOD. WE NEED THIS ORDINANCE
13 TO BE APPROVED, IN ORDER TO PUT OUR COMMUNITIES ON THE RIGHT
14 PATH TO ACHIEVING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. OUR COMMUNITIES HAVE
15 SUFFERED FOR TOO LONG FROM ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICE. OUR LOCAL
16 ZONING CODES AND LAND USE POLICIES HISTORICALLY HAVE BEEN
17 TOOLS FOR SEGREGATING PEOPLE, AND CONCENTRATING POLLUTION IN
18 OUR WORKING-CLASS COMMUNITY. WE ARE ALSO PLAGUED BY WEAK
19 ENFORCEMENT RULES AND OVERSIGHT. WE ARE COMMUNITIES
20 OVERBURDENED BY MULTIPLE SOURCES OF POLLUTION, BLIGHT, AND
21 ECONOMIC DEPRESSION. HISTORY OF NONCOMPLIANCE HAS CAUSED
22 MISTRUST THAT CANNOT BE OVERTURNED. AS YOU KNOW, WE
23 DESPERATELY NEED THIS GREEN ZONES ORDINANCE TO BE APPROVED
24 TODAY. BY NOT APPROVING THE ORDINANCE, YOU ARE PERPETUATING

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1 ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICE AND VIOLENCE. WE NEED THE BOARD TO
2 APPROVE THE GREEN ZONES ORDINANCE TODAY. THANK YOU.

3

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DELIA ORTEGA. PLEASE STATE
7 THE PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY
8 BEGIN.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** HEY. I AM DELIA ORTEGA. I'M ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER
11 TWO, THE GREEN ZONES. AND I AM CALLING TO VOICE MY SUPPORT OF
12 PASSING THE ORDINANCE. I GREW UP IN UNINCORPORATED WALNUT
13 PARK, RIGHT OFF OF SAN JOSE, AND HAVE LIVED MY WHOLE LIFE
14 WITNESSING A LOT OF THESE SERIAL POLLUTERS, AND A LOT OF THE
15 INCOMPATIBLE LAND USE THAT WE HAVE THROUGHOUT. I WAS ALSO PART
16 OF THE GROUNDSKEEPING EFFORTS, WHERE WE DOCUMENTED JUST HOW
17 MANY COMPANIES, HOW MANY POLLUTERS, WE HAVE NEXT TO SCHOOLS,
18 DAYCARES, HOMES, AND CHURCHES, RIGHT? AND SO I THINK IT IS
19 GOING TO BE CRITICAL TO PREVENT FUTURE SERIAL POLLUTERS FROM
20 TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE CURRENT ZONING SITUATION, AND ALSO TO
21 ADDRESS THE CURRENT ISSUES. AND SO I STRONGLY URGE FOR US TO
22 PRIORITIZE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, PRIORITIZE HEALTH AND
23 WELLNESS, AND PASS THE GREEN ZONES ORDINANCE. THANK YOU.

24

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

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1

2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVEN. PLEASE STATE
3 THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU
4 MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **ERIC PREVEN:** YEAH. FOR THE GREEN ZONE THING, REGARDING
7 RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES, THE ORDINANCE
8 ESTABLISHES NEW DEFINITIONS FOR ORGANIC WASTE AND RECYCLING,
9 NEW PERMITTING PROCESSES, AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR
10 RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE USES COUNTYWIDE. BUT THEY HAD A
11 MEETING ON THIS IN SEPTEMBER OF 2021. THE BOARD HAS BEEN
12 MEETING IN A VERY UNUSUAL WAY. THEY DON'T HAVE PUBLIC MEETINGS
13 ANYMORE. SO IT IS VERY, VERY WORRISOME THAT THEY WOULD PASS
14 SOMETHING LIKE THIS ON DECEMBER 21ST, IN THE MORNING. I JUST
15 FIND IT-- YOU KNOW, THE PROCESS DOESN'T SEEM APPROPRIATE. AND
16 ALSO, THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE BEEN BURNING TIME ON THE CLOCK,
17 WHEN THERE ARE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, LIKE MYSELF, WHO WANTED
18 TO SPEAK ON OTHER ITEMS. YOU HAVE 35 ITEMS ON YOUR AGENDA
19 TODAY. THAT WAS EARLIER. LET'S GO ON TO THE FIRST ITEM, WHICH
20 IS THE LAS VIRGENES SEMINOLE SPRINGS ITEM. HERE YOU HAVE-- IF
21 YOU CAN BELIEVE IT, THEY HAD TO TAKE DOWN SOME TREES TO CLEAR
22 THE WAY, DURING THE STORMS, FOR THE FIRE. AND THERE'S BEEN A
23 PROBLEM, SO NOW WE ARE DOING A LAND SWAP. NOW, LAND SWAP,
24 WHERE THE COUNTY AND THIS ENTITY ALWAYS BENEFIT THE ENTITY.
25 THE COUNTY ALWAYS DOES A DEAL THAT LOOKS LIKE IT'S GOOD,

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1 BECAUSE THE COUNTY ONLY CARES ABOUT NOT SPENDING ANY MONEY ON
2 ITS RESPONSIBILITY, AND TYPICALLY ALLOWS PEOPLE TO GET AWAY
3 WITH MURDER. I WILL GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE.

4

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

7

8 **ERIC PREVEN:** NO, I HAVE TWO MINUTES. I HAVE TWO MINUTES, I
9 BELIEVE. HELLO?

10

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

15

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

18

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

20

21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MARK LOPEZ. PLEASE STATE
22 THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU
23 MAY BEGIN.

24

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1 **SPEAKER:** HI. I AM CALLING TO ADDRESS ITEM NUMBER TWO. MY NAME
2 IS MARK LOPEZ, AND I'M A RESIDENT OF UNINCORPORATED EAST LOS
3 ANGELES. I'M ALSO WITH [INAUDIBLE] COMMUNITIES FOR
4 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. I JUST URGE THE SUPERVISORS TO CONFIRM
5 THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION, WHO HAD SEVERAL
6 PUBLIC HEARINGS AFTER ENGAGING HUNDREDS OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS
7 AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS, OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS, TO
8 BEGIN THE PROCESS OF TRANSFORMING SACRIFICE ZONES, OUR
9 COMMUNITIES, TO GREEN ZONES. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN
10 RESPONSIVE TO THE PEOPLE AND POLLUTERS, AND MADE ADJUSTMENTS.
11 NONE OF THESE REPRESENT DRASTIC CHANGES. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT
12 A SLOW TRANSITION THAT WILL TAKE YEARS TO FULLY IMPLEMENT. AND
13 THESE CHANGES ARE CRITICAL FOR BEGINNING THE PROCESS OF
14 REVERSING THE EFFECTS OF HISTORICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM,
15 WHICH THE STATUS QUO UPHOLDS. THANK YOU.

16

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

18

19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SONIA RAMOS. PLEASE STATE
20 THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU
21 MAY BEGIN.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS SONIA. CAN YOU HEAR ME? AND ITEM NUMBER
24 TWO.

25

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

2

3 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. MY NAME IS SONIA, AND I AM ALSO FROM-- WELL, I
4 AM FROM EAST L.A., CITY TERRACE. AS YOU CAN SEE, GREEN ZONES
5 IS IMPORTANT FOR OUR COMMUNITY BECAUSE, FOR MANY YEARS, WE
6 HAVE BEEN SATURATED WITH POLLUTION FROM DIFFERENT LAYERS. AND
7 IF BUSINESSES ARE WITH THE COMMUNITY, THEY WILL BE OKAY WITH
8 GREEN ZONES, BECAUSE GREEN ZONES IS NOT ONLY GOING TO LOOK FOR
9 THE BUCK, BUT FOR THE COMMUNITY THAT THEY ARE NEIGHBORS WITH.
10 IT IS NOT OKAY TO HAVE CONSTANT ILLNESSES IN OUR COMMUNITY,
11 DOGS DYING FROM CANCER, AND ALL THE INJUSTICES THAT HAPPEN
12 BECAUSE BUSINESSES PREFER A BUCK OVER PEOPLE. SO, PLEASE, I
13 URGE THE BOARD TO PLEASE, PLEASE PASS THIS GREEN ZONE. IT IS A
14 BEGINNING TO FUTURE EQUALITY AND LACK OF RACISM IN OUR
15 ENVIRONMENT. I PLEAD YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16

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

18

19 **MODERATOR:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER SPEAKERS IN THE
20 QUEUE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

21

22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC
23 SPEAKERS ON THE PUBLIC HEARINGS HAS ENDED, AND WE WANT TO
24 THANK ALL THAT CALLED IN TO SPEAK. IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO
25 PROVIDE YOUR VERBAL COMMENTS, YOU MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS,

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1 AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL
2 WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL
3 BECOME A PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD. TODAY, COLLEAGUES, WE WILL
4 BEGIN WITH THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 1 AND 2, FOLLOWED BY THE
5 SET MATTERS, ITEMS S-1 AND S-2; THEN ITEMS 4, 5, 7, 8, 25; AND
6 FINISHING WITH ITEM 31-B. WE WILL NOW TAKE UP PUBLIC HEARING
7 ITEM NO. 1, HEARING ON THE LA SIERRA CANYON WETLANDS
8 CONSERVATION EASEMENT AMENDMENT. ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS
9 THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS? SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE
10 APPROPRIATE FOR US TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON
11 THIS ITEM. ITEM 1 IS BEFORE US: MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
12 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
13 CALL THE ROLL.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

18

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

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21 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

22

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

24

25 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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4 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

7 I AM SORRY. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

8

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

10

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

12 5-0.

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL MOVE ON TO PUBLIC

15 HEARING ITEM 2, THE HEARING ON THE GREEN ZONES PROGRAM,

16 PROJECT NO. 2018-003209. SUPERVISORS, WE HAVE GOT STAFF

17 AVAILABLE, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, AND I SEE THE HANDS OF

18 SUPERVISOR HAHN, WHO WILL BE FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

19 SUPERVISOR HAHN?

20

21 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I REALLY WANTED TO SPEAK IN

22 FAVOR OF WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE, WITH CREATING THESE GREEN

23 ZONES. BEFORE I WAS ELECTED TO THE BOARD, BACK IN DECEMBER OF

24 2015, WHEN, OF COURSE, MY COLLEAGUES, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND

25 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, THERE WAS A MOTION TO ADDRESS THE

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1 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE OF INCORPORATED AREAS OF L.A. COUNTY.
2 AND NOW HERE WE ARE, SIX YEARS LATER, WITH AN UPDATE FROM
3 REGIONAL PLANNING. AND THIS IS SO IMPORTANT, BECAUSE THERE
4 HAVE BEEN YEARS AND DECADES OF MISTRUST SURROUNDING
5 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AROUND THE COUNTY, AND THE ESTABLISHMENT
6 OF THESE GREEN ZONES WILL HELP TO RIGHT THOSE WRONGS. FOR TOO
7 LONG-- AND I KNOW I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE THAT'S GOING TO SAY
8 THIS, THIS MORNING, BUT FOR TOO LONG, OUR RESIDENTS HAVE
9 REALLY SUFFERED, DUE TO THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF TOXIC INDUSTRY
10 LOCATED CLOSE TO HOMES AND SCHOOLS. AND WE HEARD FROM MANY OF
11 THEM DURING PUBLIC COMMENT, AND I APPRECIATE ALL THOSE WHO
12 CALLED IN TODAY TO TALK ABOUT IT. THESE GREEN ZONES ARE NOT,
13 YOU KNOW, A RUSHED ITEM, RIGHT? THEY HAVE BEEN A LONG TIME IN
14 THE MAKING, AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK AMY BODEK. I WANT TO
15 THANK HER TEAM AT REGIONAL PLANNING FOR BRINGING TO FRUITION
16 OUR BOARD'S VISION TO CREATE NEW GREEN ZONES IN UNINCORPORATED
17 L.A. AND I KNOW THIS WAS A COUNTYWIDE EFFORT THAT INVOLVED
18 MANY LOCAL AGENCIES, COMMUNITY PARTNERS, RESIDENTS, TO GET TO
19 THIS POINT, WHERE THIS BOARD IS BEING ASKED TO APPROVE THE
20 PROGRAM AND MOVE IT FORWARD. TOXIC POLLUTANTS NEAR HOMES AND
21 SCHOOLS ARE A SERIOUS THREAT TO THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF
22 OUR COMMUNITIES. AND I WANTED TO JUST SAY, I UNDERSTAND SOME
23 OF THE BUSINESS OWNERS THAT CALLED IN AND FELT LIKE THEY WERE
24 GOOD ACTORS, AND WHY ARE THEY SORT OF BEING PUNISHED? BUT I
25 WOULD SAY, EVEN GOOD ACTORS WHO OPERATE THESE KINDS OF

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1 INDUSTRIAL USES CAN HAVE ACCIDENTS, AND TO HAVE THAT NEAR
2 HOMES AND SCHOOLS IS A PROBLEM. SO, EVEN GOOD ACTORS SOMETIMES
3 HAVE A BAD-ACTING PLANT, OR A USE. SO, IT IS NOTHING PERSONAL.
4 IT'S JUST THAT IT DOES NOT BELONG NEXT TO OUR HOMES AND OUR
5 SCHOOLS. AND YOU KNOW WHAT I LOVE ABOUT THIS? BECAUSE THIS IS
6 THE POWER OF PLANNING. THIS IS WHY PLANNING IS AT THE HEART
7 AND SOUL OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR OUR RESIDENTS. AND WE ARE
8 USING PLANNING TODAY TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES, AND MAKE OUR
9 NEIGHBORHOODS SAFE AND HEALTHIER. IN MY NEW DISTRICT, AND PART
10 OF MY OLD DISTRICT, WE ARE GETTING A COUPLE OF THESE NEW GREEN
11 ZONES. WEST WHITTIER-LOS NIETOS WILL BECOME A GREEN ZONE, AS
12 WELL AS WALNUT PARK. SO THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR BRINGING US
13 TO THIS DAY. THIS IS THE POWER OF PLANNING. THIS IS POWERFUL,
14 BUT IT'S ON THE SIDE OF OUR RESIDENTS AND OUR COMMUNITIES THAT
15 IT IS GOING TO HAVE THE MOST IMPACT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

16
17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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19 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU. ALSO, I ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE
20 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING, OUR DIRECTOR AMY BODEK, FOR
21 THE DEPARTMENT'S EFFORT IN HELPING US GET HERE. THIS WAS A
22 REALLY HEAVY LIFT FOR US. AND AS YOU KNOW, WE STARTED BACK IN
23 2015 ON THIS BOARD MOTION. I WAS HAPPY TO BE ONE OF THE
24 AUTHORS OF THAT, AND IT IS HELPING US TO ADDRESS THE REAL
25 ISSUE WE HAD, WHICH IS ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. AND WE HEARD

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1 THAT QUITE ELOQUENTLY FROM MANY OF THE WITNESSES THAT CALLED
2 IN TODAY, REPRESENTING THESE AREAS IN THE UNINCORPORATED PARTS
3 OF WALNUT PARK, FLORENCE-FIRESTONE, AND, OF COURSE, CITY
4 TERRACE. AND I DO WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THIS HAS BEEN A
5 WORK IN PROGRESS, AND THERE HAS BEEN SEVERAL, SEVERAL EFFORTS
6 TO REALLY GET [INAUDIBLE] STUDIES DONE IN A VERY MEANINGFUL
7 WAY. AND I, TOO, BELIEVE THAT IT HAS TO BE A CONTINUED EFFORT
8 ALONG THE PART OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, TO MAKE SURE THAT
9 WE ARE REALLY RECOGNIZING AND LIFTING UP VOICES. EVEN IF YOU
10 ARE NOT AN INCORPORATED CITY, AND YOU ARE IN AN UNINCORPORATED
11 AREA OF THE COUNTY, YOU NEED TO HAVE REPRESENTATION AND A
12 VOICE. SO I AM SO GRATEFUL TO ALL THE COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS
13 THAT PROVIDED NOT ONLY THEIR INPUT TODAY, BUT OVER THE LAST
14 FEW YEARS, MAKING SURE THAT THIS BOARD TOOK ACTION IN A VERY
15 MEANINGFUL MANNER. I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO THOSE COMMUNITY
16 STAKEHOLDERS FOR PROVIDING EXCELLENT AND MEANINGFUL INPUT, NOT
17 JUST TODAY, BUT FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS. THE GREEN ZONES
18 ORDINANCE AND PROGRAM BEFORE US ARE VERY MUCH ALIGNED WITH ALL
19 THE EFFORTS THAT I KNOW MY OFFICE AND MANY OF YOU HAVE BEEN
20 WORKING ON, INCLUDING ALL OUR STAKEHOLDERS FROM CITY TERRACE
21 AND WALNUT PARK. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, CITY TERRACE IS RIGHT
22 NOW UNDER SIEGE, BECAUSE OF SO MANY BUSINESSES THAT ARE NOT
23 APPROPRIATELY, HOW COULD I SAY, FOLLOWING THE LINES OF
24 REGULATIONS THAT THEY, AS A PART OF DOING BUSINESS, ARE
25 FOLLOWING. SO, WE KNOW THAT THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR US. I

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1 ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY OUR RESIDENTS
2 IN WALNUT PARK, REGARDING CENTRAL METAL, HAVE BEEN OVER MANY,
3 MANY YEARS. WE WERE VERY FORTUNATE, ALSO, THIS PAST YEAR TO BE
4 VISITED BY THE NEW E.P.A. ADMINISTRATOR, WHO HIMSELF CAME OUT,
5 WALKED THE COMMUNITY WITH CONGRESSWOMAN BARRAGAN, CAME TO
6 WALNUT PARK, SPOKE TO RESIDENTS FROM THE SURROUNDING SOUTHEAST
7 COMMUNITIES THAT I REPRESENTED. OVER THE YEARS, YOU KNOW THAT
8 THE COUNTY HAS INVESTIGATED MULTIPLE COMPLAINTS OF
9 VIOLATIONS, INCLUDING ILLEGAL STORAGE OF HAZARDOUS WASTE,
10 CONTAMINATED SOIL PILES, FAILURE TO MINIMIZE HAZARDS, AND
11 UNPERMITTED EXPANSION OF OPERATIONS. RESIDENTS HAVE REPEATEDLY
12 REPORTED FOUL ODORS, METALLIC TASTE IN THEIR MOUTH, LOUD
13 NOISES, SEVERE VIBRATIONS, AND INCREASED TRUCK TRAFFIC ALMOST
14 24 HOURS. IN 2016, I SHUTTLED RESIDENTS FROM WALNUT PARK IN
15 BUSES, SO THAT THEY COULD VOICE THEIR CONCERNS AT OUR COUNTY'S
16 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING, WHERE THEY WERE
17 CONSIDERING RENEWING CENTRAL METAL'S CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT,
18 THE C.U.P. BUT, GIVEN THE TESTIMONY FROM THOSE RESIDENTS, THE
19 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION DENIED CENTRAL METAL'S REQUEST.
20 CENTRAL METAL'S BUSINESS OPERATIONS CEASED IN THE SUMMER OF
21 2019. BUT UNFORTUNATELY, HAZARDOUS MATERIAL REMAINS ON THE
22 PROPERTY. AND TO THAT END, L.A. COUNTY FIRE HEALTH HAZARDOUS
23 MATERIALS DIVISION WAS THE LEAD IN ENSURING THAT ALL HAZARDOUS
24 MATERIAL WAS REMOVED FROM THE SITE, WHICH WAS COMPLETED IN
25 FEBRUARY; JUST RECENTLY, IN FEBRUARY OF 2020. SHORTLY

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1 THEREAFTER, A NEW TENANT CAME IN, KNOWN AS FLEET YARDS INC.,
2 AND BEGAN STORING SHIPPING CONTAINERS ON THE SITE. BOTH
3 CENTRAL METAL, THE PROPERTY OWNER, AND FLEET YARDS, THE
4 TENANT, WERE CITED FOR OUTSIDE STORAGE OF SHIPPING CONTAINERS,
5 NOT IN COMPLIANCE. AND IN JULY OF 20 2020, FLEET YARDS VACATED
6 THE SITE, AND CENTRAL METAL WAS NO LONGER IN VIOLATION OF THE
7 ZONING CODE. HOWEVER, FLEET YARDS HAS NOW SUBMITTED A FORMAL
8 APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH A TRUCK, TRAILER, AND SHIPPING
9 CONTAINER STORAGE SITE IN THAT LOCATION. SO, MORE WORK TO BE
10 DONE. I URGE MY MEMBERS TO SUPPORT-- OUR MEMBERS AND
11 COLLEAGUES ON THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THIS HEARING ITEM ON THE
12 GREEN ZONES PROGRAM. AND REALLY WANT TO GIVE KUDOS TO ALL
13 THOSE THAT CALLED IN, AND TO THE STAKEHOLDERS AT HAND THAT
14 MADE THIS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER-- SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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18 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO ECHO
19 THE COMMENTS OF MY COLLEAGUES. I THINK THAT SOMETIMES PEOPLE
20 REPRESENTING THEIR OWN INTERESTS, WHICH THEY ARE, IN A SENSE,
21 REQUIRED TO DO, IN ORDER TO KEEP THEIR BUSINESSES GOING, WE
22 CAN'T BLAME THEM. THEY WANT TO SAY THIS WILL IMPACT ME,
23 PERSONALLY, AND MY BUSINESS, PERSONALLY. BUT ONE OF THE
24 INTERESTING THINGS ABOUT A GOVERNMENT LIKE OURS-- AND MAY I
25 JUST SAY, THE FACT THAT WE REPRESENT, EACH OF US, A LARGE

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1 SWATH OF THE COUNTY ALSO MEANS THAT WE ARE, WITHOUT EXCEPTION,
2 PEOPLE WHO REPRESENT THESE AREAS THAT ARE SIGNIFICANTLY
3 IMPACTED. I THINK IF I WERE ONLY CALLED UPON TO REPRESENT THE
4 WEST SIDE, AND THERE WERE NO PROBLEMS THERE, IT WOULD BE
5 HARDER TO REALLY UNDERSTAND THAN IT IS, HAVING THE
6 REPRESENTATION OF THESE AREAS, AS WELL. THIS HAS BEEN AN
7 ADVANTAGE TO BUSINESS, OVER THE YEARS, NOT TO HAVE TO TAKE
8 CARE OF WHAT THEY DO; TO BE ABLE TO POLLUTE WITH IMPUNITY, TO
9 BE ABLE TO REALLY IGNORE REGULATIONS. AND I AM VERY PROUD OF
10 WHAT OUR PLANNING DEPARTMENT HAS DONE, AND THE WAY IN WHICH
11 THEY HAVE DONE IT. THEY HAVE TAKEN THEIR TIME, AS WE ASKED
12 THEM TO, YEARS AGO. SUPERVISOR SOLIS WANTED THIS LOOKED INTO,
13 AND GOT A REPORT THAT IT REALLY HELPS IF YOU CAN JUST POLLUTE
14 WITH IMPUNITY, AND OTHER PEOPLE SUFFER. BUT IT IS OUR JOB, THE
15 FIVE OF US, TO SAY, NO, THE PEOPLE WE REPRESENT SHOULD NOT BE
16 SUFFERING WITHOUT ANY LIMITATION. AND I THINK THIS IS A
17 REASONABLE APPROACH. I LOVE THE GREEN ZONES APPROACH IN THESE
18 UNINCORPORATED AREAS, AND I STRONGLY SUPPORT IT. THANK YOU
19 VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

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21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER COMMENTS? SEEING
22 NONE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR US TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC
23 HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 2 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
24 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE
25 ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 2 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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4 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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8 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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12 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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16 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

19 MITCHELL?

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

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

24 5-0.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL MOVE ON TO, NOW, ITEM
2 S-1, THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING REPORT, SOMETHING THAT
3 WE'VE ASKED BE A STANDING AGENDA ITEM, TO GIVE US ALL THE
4 OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR REPORTS FROM. TODAY, WE'RE GOING TO HEAR,
5 OF COURSE, FROM OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, FESIA DAVENPORT,
6 AND SHE WILL BE JOINED BY DR. D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA, WHO'S THE
7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF RACIAL EQUITY.

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9 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU,
10 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. CAN WE PULL UP THE POWERPOINT, PLEASE?
11 THANK YOU. SO, LET ME START OFF BY THANKING THE BOARD FOR THE
12 OPPORTUNITY TO UPDATE THE BOARD ON THE COUNTY'S IMPLEMENTATION
13 OF PHASE ONE OF OUR SPENDING PLAN UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE
14 PLAN. TODAY, I INTEND TO DO TWO THINGS. ONE IS TO
15 CONTEXTUALIZE THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT
16 A.R.P.-COMPLIANT PROGRAMS-- A.R.P. BEING AN ACRONYM, A.R.P.,
17 FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN-- AND THEN PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH
18 THE CURRENT STATUS OF PROGRAMS THAT YOUR BOARD APPROVED
19 EARLIER THIS YEAR. I WANT TO START OUT BY NOTING THAT A.R.P.
20 IS DIFFERENT THAN PRIOR FEDERAL PANDEMIC-RELATED STIMULUS
21 PACKAGES THAT WE'VE RECEIVED IN THE COUNTY. THE A.R.P.
22 IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS REQUIRE US IN THE COUNTY TO THINK
23 QUITE DIFFERENTLY ABOUT OUR PROGRAM DESIGN, FROM HOW WE
24 DEVELOP PROGRAMS, TO HOW WE CONTRACT THESE PROGRAMS, AND ALSO
25 HOW WE TRACK OUTPUTS AND OUTCOMES. CAN WE HAVE THE FIRST

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1 SLIDE, PLEASE? WHILE WE ARE MOVING TO THE NEXT SLIDE, ON THAT
2 SLIDE, YOU WILL SEE, YES, WHERE HAVE WE BEEN? SO, I WANT TO
3 TAKE A MOMENT JUST TO REMIND THE BOARD HOW WE STARTED OUR
4 A.R.P. JOURNEY. YOU MAY RECALL THAT ON JULY 27, YOUR BOARD
5 ADOPTED PHASE ONE OF THE SPENDING PLAN FOR A.R.P., WHICH
6 ALLOCATED \$975 MILLION OF THE \$1.9 BILLION THAT WE EXPECT TO
7 RECEIVE IN THE COUNTY, AS PART OF THE SPENDING PLAN. PHASE 1
8 OF THE SPENDING PLAN COVERS THREE PILLARS, WHICH YOU SEE ON
9 THE SLIDE. THE FIRST PILLAR, RELATED TO EMERGING FROM THE
10 PANDEMIC BETTER THAN BEFORE, THOSE ARE REALLY INVESTMENTS THAT
11 ARE DESIGNED TO INCREASE HOUSING FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
12 HOMELESSNESS, TO CREATE MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, TO REDUCE THE
13 DIGITAL DIVIDE, AND TO BUILD WEALTH IN COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE
14 HISTORICALLY BEEN LEFT OUT OF GENERATIONAL WEALTH GAINS. IT IS
15 ALSO IMPORTANT TO NOTE HERE THAT, IN THIS TRANCHE, YOUR BOARD
16 HAS PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED APPROXIMATELY \$87 MILLION IN
17 INVESTMENTS TO SUPPORT THE CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST COMMUNITY
18 INVESTMENTS. THE SECOND SLIDE, OR THE SECOND PILLAR, BUILDING
19 A BRIDGE TO AN EQUITABLE RECOVERY. UNDER THESE PROGRAMS, THEY
20 ARE ESSENTIALLY DESIGNED TO DEPLOY SUPPORTIVE SERVICES THROUGH
21 AN EQUITY LENS, TO JUMP-START RECOVERY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE
22 SUFFERED THE MOST. IT REALLY FOCUSES ON STABILIZING FACTORS
23 FOR THOSE THAT ARE HARDEST HIT BY THE PANDEMIC, INCLUDING
24 SMALL BUSINESSES AND ENTREPRENEURS, THE ARTS AND THE CREATIVE
25 ECONOMY. IT ALSO INCLUDES PROGRAMS TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR

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1 MORE STABLE EMPLOYMENT, AND ALSO TO PROVIDE MUCH-NEEDED
2 SERVICES FOR FAMILIES, INCLUDING FOOD SECURITY, CHILD CARE,
3 ALONG WITH OTHER SERVICES. AND THEN THERE'S THE LAST PILLAR,
4 FISCAL STABILITY AND THE SOCIAL SAFETY NET. ESSENTIALLY, THE
5 PROGRAMS IN THIS AREA SHORES UP L.A. COUNTY'S SAFETY NET TO
6 ENSURE THAT IT REMAINS ON FIRM FINANCIAL FOOTING AS WE EMERGE
7 FROM THE PANDEMIC, AS WELL AS TO POSITION OURSELVES TO
8 CONTINUE TO FIGHT THE PANDEMIC. IN TOTAL, 81 PROGRAMS ARE
9 FUNDED THROUGH THE A.R.P. PHASE 1 SPENDING PLAN, ADMINISTERED
10 BY 17 DEPARTMENTS ACROSS THE COUNTY, FROM PARKS AND REC, TO
11 LIBRARY, TO PUBLIC HEALTH, AND HEALTH SERVICES. AND AS I
12 STATED EARLIER, THE COUNTY IS SLATED TO RECEIVE \$1.9 BILLION
13 IN TOTAL. WE RECEIVED THE FIRST \$975 MILLION IN MAY OF 2021;
14 AND THE SECOND TRANCHE OF \$975 MILLION, WE ARE EXPECTING TO
15 RECEIVE IN MAY OF 2022. CAN WE GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE?
16 THE NEXT SLIDE TALKS ABOUT OUR INNOVATIVE AND EQUITY-BASED
17 APPROACH. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE FOCUS ON EQUITY
18 INVESTMENTS IS MEANINGLESS WITHOUT EFFECTIVE, EQUITY-BASED
19 STRUCTURES AROUND WHICH TO DESIGN, IMPLEMENT, AND TRACK
20 PROGRAM OUTCOMES. I WON'T GO INTO DETAIL ON EACH OF THE BOARD
21 ACTIONS LISTED ON THE SLIDE, BUT I WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT THE
22 MANY ACTIONS YOUR BOARD HAS TAKEN TO ENSURE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
23 HAVE THE TOOLS TO MAKE EQUITY-BASED DECISIONS WHEN THEY DESIGN
24 THEIR A.R.P.-FUNDED PROGRAMS. FOR EXAMPLE, IN RESPONSE TO YOUR
25 BOARD'S ACTIONS, THE C.E.O.'S ANTI-RACISM, DIVERSITY, AND

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1 INCLUSION INITIATIVE HAS DEVELOPED A POWERFUL, DATA-DRIVEN
2 C.O.V.I.D.-19 VULNERABILITY AND RECOVERY INDEX. WITH A.R.D.I.
3 SUPPORT, DEPARTMENTS ARE HARNESSING THIS TOOL TO IDENTIFY
4 POPULATIONS AND GEOGRAPHIC AREAS MOST IN NEED OF SERVICES; AND
5 THEY CAN SORT THE DATA, BASED ON THE TYPE OF PROGRAM BEING
6 CONSIDERED. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, A SMALL-BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM
7 WILL FILTER DATA DIFFERENTLY THAN A PROGRAM DESIGNED TO
8 PROVIDE MEALS TO FOOD-INSECURE POPULATIONS. THIS EQUITY TOOL
9 IS THE BACKBONE OF THE COUNTY'S A.R.P. PROGRAM DESIGN EFFORTS.
10 YOUR BOARD ALSO APPROVED AN A.R.P.-COMPLIANT YET STREAMLINED
11 SOLICITATION PROCESS ON NOVEMBER 30TH, THAT WILL REDUCE THE
12 SIZE OF THE SOLICITATION DOCUMENT, AS WELL AS THE FORM
13 CONTRACTS, TO A LITTLE LESS THAN 10 PAGES EACH, INCLUDING ONLY
14 THE NECESSARY PROVISIONS TO MOVE PROGRAMS FORWARD, WHILE
15 APPROPRIATELY PROTECTING THE COUNTY'S INTEREST. THIS
16 INNOVATION AND STREAMLINING OUR CONTRACTING PROCESS IS ALSO
17 EXPECTED TO REDUCE THE TIME FOR SOLICITATION TO 2 TO 3 MONTHS,
18 RATHER THAN THE 12- TO 15-TRADITIONAL-MONTH PROCESS. THIS IS
19 CRITICAL IF WE ARE TO TIMELY LAUNCH A.R.P. PROGRAMS, TO MEET
20 THE NEEDS THAT EXIST TODAY. CAN WE HAVE THE NEXT SLIDE,
21 PLEASE? AS I SAID AT THE TOP OF THE PRESENTATION, A.R.P. IS
22 DIFFERENT, AND WE'VE LEARNED LESSONS ALONG THE WAY. A.R.P. IS
23 A COMPLEX FUNDING STREAM, AND WE CONTINUE TO INNOVATE AS WE
24 DESIGN, DEVELOP, AND IMPLEMENT. FOR EXAMPLE, UNLIKE THE
25 C.A.R.E.S. ACT, A.R.P. REGULATIONS REQUIRE THAT CONTRACTS GO

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1 THROUGH A CERTAIN SOLICITATION PROCESS. THAT IS DIFFERENT THAN
2 THE C.A.R.E.S. ACT CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND. WE DID NOT HAVE
3 THAT SOLICITATION REQUIREMENT. THIS SOLICITATION REQUIREMENT,
4 THEREFORE, LIMITS OUR FLEXIBILITY, AND THAT IS WHY THE
5 STREAMLINED PROCESSES THAT I MENTIONED EARLIER ARE SO
6 IMPORTANT. IN ADDITION TO THE SOLICITATION PROCESS LIMITING
7 OUR FLEXIBILITY, IT ALSO PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNTY
8 DEPARTMENTS TO APPLY AN EQUITY LENS TO THE SOLICITATION
9 PROCESS ITSELF, SO THAT EVEN OUR CONTRACTING PROCESS IS AS
10 INCLUSIVE AS POSSIBLE. BY WAY OF CONTEXT, I THINK IT IS
11 IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT THE COUNTY IS NOT ALONE IN TRYING TO
12 FIND THE RIGHT PATH FORWARD FOR DESIGNING A.R.P.-COMPLIANT
13 PROGRAMS AND IMPLEMENTING THEM. ESSENTIALLY, ALL OTHER
14 COUNTIES IN THE STATE ARE IN THE SAME BOAT. AS A RECENT
15 C.S.A.C. SURVEY SHOWS-- CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF
16 COUNTIES-- OF THE COUNTIES THAT RESPONDED TO THE SURVEY
17 REGARDING A.R.P. IMPLEMENTATION, ABOUT 65 PERCENT OF THOSE
18 THAT RESPONDED INDICATED THAT THEY HAVE OBLIGATED 25 PERCENT
19 OR LESS OF THEIR A.R.P. FUNDING. AND ABOUT 95 PERCENT OF THE
20 RESPONDENTS SAID THEY HAD SPENT LESS THAN 25 PERCENT OF THEIR
21 A.R.P. FUNDS, WITH ALL THE WORK COMPLETED. THIS INFORMATION IS
22 IMPORTANT, JUST TO LET THE BOARD KNOW THAT, AS WE MOVE TO
23 DESIGN, DEVELOP, AND IMPLEMENT A.R.P. FUNDS, THE COUNTY IS NOT
24 AN OUTLIER, AND I WOULD ARGUE THAT WE ARE PROBABLY FURTHER
25 ALONG THAN SOME OF OUR SIMILARLY SITUATED COUNTERPARTS, WHO

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1 HAVE RECEIVED LARGER A.R.P. ALLOCATIONS. THIS ALSO IS VERY
2 IMPORTANT IN TERMS OF A TIMELINE FOR DELIVERY. YOU MAY RECALL
3 THAT, UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS, WE ESSENTIALLY HAD
4 ABOUT A YEAR TO SPEND THOSE FUNDS, AND THE ORIGINAL DEADLINE
5 WAS DECEMBER OF 2020, BEFORE IT WAS EXTENDED. UNDER A.R.P., WE
6 ACTUALLY HAVE UNTIL DECEMBER OF 2024 TO ENCUMBER THOSE FUNDS;
7 AND IN SERVICE SITUATIONS, WE ACTUALLY HAVE UNTIL DECEMBER OF
8 2026 TO ACTUALLY SPEND DOWN ALL OF THE A.R.P. FUNDING. THERE
9 ARE TWO ADDITIONAL SLIDES ON THIS PRESENTATION THAT GOES INTO
10 DEEPER DETAIL RELATED TO DEPLOYMENT OF A.R.P. PROGRAMS, AND SO
11 I WILL NOW TURN THE REMAINDER OF THE PRESENTATION OVER TO DR.
12 SCORZA, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COUNTY'S ANTI-RACISM,
13 DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION INITIATIVE. DR. SCORZA, WHO HAS BEEN
14 BOOTS ON THE GROUND WITH DEPARTMENTS, TO DESIGN AND LAUNCH THE
15 BOARD-APPROVED A.R.P. PROGRAMS, WILL WALK THE BOARD THROUGH A
16 STATUS ON OUR IMPLEMENTATION EFFORTS.

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18 **DR. SCORZA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MS. DAVENPORT, AND GOOD
19 MORNING, SUPERVISORS. CAN WE GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE?
20 THANK YOU. NOW, TO TRULY RECOVER FROM THE C.O.V.I.D.-19
21 PANDEMIC AND SUPPORT THE COMMUNITIES MOST IMPACTED BY THIS
22 CRISIS, THE COUNTY HAS TAKEN AN INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO
23 RECOVERY, WHICH EXPANDS UPON OUR ONGOING COMMITMENTS TO
24 ACHIEVE EQUITY, AS WELL AS ENSURES WE ARE DESIGNING AND
25 TRACKING OUTCOMES THAT FOCUS ON PRIORITIZING HIGHLY IMPACTED

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1 COMMUNITIES, AND DELIVERING SERVICES THAT ADDRESS THEIR NEEDS.
2 AS WE CONTINUE TO BUILD OUR COLLECTIVE MUSCLE TO ADVANCE
3 EQUITY-CENTERED AND DATA-DRIVEN APPROACHES IN THIS RECOVERY,
4 WE HAVE LEARNED MANY LESSONS ALONG THE WAY. HOWEVER, WHILE THE
5 CHANGES WE ARE ADVANCING THROUGH OUR EQUITY-CENTERED APPROACH
6 TAKES TIME, WE HAVE ALSO ACHIEVED SOME SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS TO
7 DATE. A.R.D.I. HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE INTERNAL SERVICES
8 DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP AN EQUITY EXPLORER MAPPING TOOL THAT OUR
9 C.E.O. HAS REFERRED TO: AN A.R.P. DASHBOARD THAT DISPLAYS
10 A.R.P. PROJECT ALLOCATIONS AND KEY PROJECT INDICATORS. AS
11 PROJECTS BEGIN REPORTING ON THEIR OUTCOMES, THE DASHBOARD
12 WOULD ALSO INCLUDE PERFORMANCE DATA OF OUR PROJECT, BENCH
13 TRACKING, LOCATION OF SERVICES AND CONTRACTORS, AS WELL AS
14 EQUITY METRICS. WE ARE CURRENTLY AGGREGATING AND VERIFYING
15 DATA TO DISPLAY THE DASHBOARD PUBLICLY AT THE TOP OF THE YEAR.
16 AS PREVIOUSLY NOTED, A.R.D.I. IS CONDUCTING EXTENSIVE
17 TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS FOR EACH DEPARTMENT TO ENSURE
18 ALIGNMENT OF OUR PROJECTS WITH FEDERAL GUIDELINES AND BOARD
19 DIRECTIVES, SO THAT WE CAN STRENGTHEN CAPACITY TO ADVANCE OUR
20 EQUITY-DRIVEN EFFORTS. WE'VE DEVELOPED A SERIES OF EQUITY
21 TOOLS, AND BUILT SYSTEMS TO STREAMLINE PROJECT COUNTY TRACKING
22 AND REPORTING, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, I.S.D.,
23 AND C.E.O. BUDGET AND SPECIAL PROJECTS. SOME OF THESE TOOLS
24 ARE BEING LEVERAGE TO SUPPORT OTHER INITIATIVES, INCLUDING THE
25 COUNTY'S CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS

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1 INITIATIVE. A.R.D.I. IS ALSO ENSURING [INAUDIBLE] OF THESE
2 RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES RELATED TO A.R.P. ARE AVAILABLE
3 VIA THE C.E.O.'S WEBSITE, WHICH WAS LAUNCHED EARLIER THIS
4 YEAR. INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS CAN SEE DETAILS ABOUT THE
5 SPENDING PLAN AND THE COUNTY'S EQUITY-CENTERED APPROACH,
6 [INAUDIBLE] TRACKING OPPORTUNITIES, AND SOLICITATIONS AS THEY
7 COME ONLINE, AND WILL SOON BE ABLE TO ACCESS OUR PUBLIC-FACING
8 DASHBOARD AND MAPPING RESOURCES. WE'RE LAUNCHING AN INTERNAL
9 WEBSITE FOR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO ACCESS TEMPLATES, TRAININGS,
10 AND VIDEOS, TO SUPPORT THEIR A.R.P. PROJECTS. AND FINALLY, AS
11 IT RELATES TO CONTRACTING, A.R.D.I. IS CURRENTLY WORKING WITH
12 THE CENTER FOR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS TO ENGAGE PHILANTHROPY
13 TO HELP REDUCE BARRIERS FOR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND
14 SMALL BUSINESSES WHO ARE STRIVING TO SECURE COUNTY CONTRACTS
15 AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES. AS WE ARE AWARE, THE COUNTY'S
16 CONTRACTING PROCESS CAN SOMETIMES BE COMPLICATED; HOWEVER,
17 WITH THE RECENT APPROVAL OF THE BOARD'S MOTION TO STREAMLINE
18 CONTRACTING, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ENSURE, WITH THE ADDED
19 REQUIREMENTS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THAT PHILANTHROPY
20 AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS CAN RECEIVE THE SUPPORT NEEDED TO
21 ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO THESE OPPORTUNITIES.
22 OUR TEAMS HAVE WORKED CLOSELY TO STREAMLINE THE CONTRACTING
23 PROCESS WITH C.E.O. AND COUNTY COUNSEL, IN RECOGNITION OF
24 THESE CHALLENGES. AND WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT MANY OF THE
25 C.B.O.S AND SMALLER CONTRACTS TRY TO BENEFIT FROM THESE

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1 EFFORTS [INAUDIBLE], INCLUDING THESE MOST DISPROPORTIONATELY
2 IMPACTED BY THE PANDEMIC AND BY OTHER CRISES, WE AIM TO SERVE
3 THESE COMMUNITIES AND FURTHER ADVANCE OUR EQUITY GOALS. NEXT
4 SLIDE. WE ARE CONTINUING TO WORK WITH COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND
5 INITIATIVES TO ALIGN WITH FEDERAL AND COUNTY REQUIREMENTS, AS
6 WE APPROACH THIS WORK IN ANY WAY. WHILE THE FEDERAL GUIDELINES
7 INCLUDE RIGOROUS EVALUATION, CALLS FOR INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY
8 ENGAGEMENT, AND STRATEGIC EFFORTS TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF OUR
9 SERVICES ACROSS DIVERSE AUDIENCES, A.R.D.I. IS WORKING CLOSELY
10 AND IS PROUD OF THE HARD WORK OUR DEPARTMENTS HAVE ENGAGED IN
11 TO ALIGN THEIR PROJECTS WITH THESE REQUIREMENTS. MANY OF THE
12 PROGRAMS ARE CURRENTLY IN THE PROJECT DESIGN PHASE, UTILIZING
13 THESE EQUITY TOOLS, AND NINE OF THOSE PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN
14 AUTHORIZED TO LAUNCH, TOTALING \$90,200,000, INCLUDING
15 HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING SERVICES, AS WELL AS SMALL-BUSINESS
16 RENT RELIEF, AMONG OTHERS. WE'VE LEARNED KEY LESSONS DURING
17 THE PROCESS, AND RECEIVED INCREDIBLE FEEDBACK FROM OUR
18 DEPARTMENTS, WHICH HAS SERVED TO PROVIDE POSITIVE INPUT, AND
19 THINK ABOUT HOW WE CAN BOTH REDUCE THE ADDITIONAL STEPS NEEDED
20 AND SOME OF THE BACK-AND-FORTH REQUIRED DURING THE FEEDBACK
21 PROCESS AND PROJECT DESIGN PROCESS, AS OUR GOALS HAVE BEEN TO
22 NOT ONLY STRENGTHEN THIS PROCESS AND ENSURE THAT WE ARE ABLE
23 TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AS WELL AS
24 NOT COMPROMISE THE BOARD'S DIRECTIVES, BUT ALLOW US TO SPEED
25 UP THAT PROCESS TO GET FUNDS OUT THE DOOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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1 WITH THAT BEING SAID, WE'D LIKE TO CLOSE BY ADDING THAT, FOR
2 MANY DEPARTMENTS, ADVANCING EQUITY-BASED PROGRAM DESIGN
3 REQUIRES A PARADIGM SHIFT IN TERMS OF HOW WE THINK ABOUT HOW
4 WE DELIVER SERVICES, WHO WE DELIVER THEM TO, AND HOW WE
5 MEASURE OUR IMPACT. THANK YOU, AND NOW I'LL TURN IT BACK OVER
6 TO OUR C.E.O.

7

8 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. THAT
9 CONCLUDES OUR PRESENTATION, AND WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER
10 ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND IT WAS JUST FOR
13 THE DEPTH AND THE QUALITY OF THESE SLIDES IN YOUR
14 PRESENTATION, WHICH IS WHY I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ADD
15 THIS AS A SPECIAL ORDER, TO ALLOW US ALL, AS BOARD MEMBERS,
16 AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC, TO UNDERSTAND THE UNIQUENESS OF THIS
17 FUNDING. I AM SO PROUD. "PRIDE" IS THE WRONG WORD. I AM
18 RELIEVED, AS NOT ONLY A MEMBER OF THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
19 BUT AS A COUNTY RESIDENT, THAT THE COUNTY HAD THE
20 INFRASTRUCTURE, AND THAT WE WERE READY TO LAUNCH THESE FUNDS
21 IN AN EQUITABLE, APPROPRIATE WAY. YOUR SLIDES, FOUR AND FIVE,
22 IT TALKED ABOUT OUR DASHBOARDS AND YOUR MAPPING PROCESS, THE
23 WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENTS, OUR CONTRACTING SENSITIVITY. HAVING
24 RUN A C.B.O., CONTRACTING WITH THE COUNTY, IT CERTAINLY WASN'T
25 EASY, SO I APPLAUD THE WORK OF BOTH OF YOU. DR. SCORZA,

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1 CONGRATULATIONS ON THE NEW ADDITION TO YOUR FAMILY. I
2 APPRECIATE YOU BOTH MAKING THE PRESENTATION. IT WAS VERY
3 HELPFUL, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU AS WE, AS A
4 BOARD, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, CAN TRACK THE PROGRESS
5 ON THE EXECUTION OF THESE GRANTS, AND THE SPENDING OF THESE
6 FEDERAL DOLLARS: THESE FEDERAL DOLLARS THAT CERTAINLY HAVE
7 STRINGS ATTACHED. YOU MADE THAT CLEAR. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU
8 HAD QUESTIONS?

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND I, TOO,
11 WANT TO THANK OUR C.E.O., FESIA DAVENPORT, AND DR. SCORZA, FOR
12 YOUR PRESENTATION. AND LIKE ALL OF US, I KNOW WE ARE REALLY
13 READY TO SEE THIS IMPLEMENTATION BEGIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE,
14 AND BY HELPING TO EXPEDITE THE CONTRACTING PROCESS, SO WE CAN
15 GET THE FUNDING OUT TO OUR VERY MUCH NECESSITATED COMMUNITIES
16 OUT THERE. I DID HAVE SOME QUESTIONS. IF YOU COULD JUST
17 CLARIFY FOR THE AUDIENCE AND FOR US, REGARDING THE \$87.7
18 MILLION IN C.F.C.I. FUNDING, MEASURE J FUNDING, WOULD YOU
19 PLEASE REMIND US OF THE KINDS OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT
20 WILL BE PROVIDED THROUGH THIS FUNDING? THAT'S ONE OF MY FIRST
21 QUESTIONS.

22

23 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** YES. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. SO, THE
24 \$87.7 MILLION, THOSE INVESTMENTS ARE COMPRISED PRIMARILY OF
25 TWO CATEGORIES. ONE OF THE CATEGORIES IS A LIST OF PROGRAMS

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1 THAT WAS ACTUALLY SUGGESTED BY THE MEASURE J, OR THE CARE
2 FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT ADVISORY BOARD. AND THE SECOND AREA
3 OF PROGRAMS INCLUDE PROGRAMS THAT WERE NOT NECESSARILY
4 RECOMMENDED BY THE ADVISORY BOARD, BUT WERE CONSISTENT. SO,
5 FOR EXAMPLE, THEY REPRESENT INVESTMENTS IN COMMUNITIES THAT WE
6 KNOW HAVE CONCENTRATED DISADVANTAGE. THEY FOCUS ON JOB
7 TRAINING, SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES, AS WELL AS
8 OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT. SO THOSE ARE TWO
9 GENERAL CATEGORIES. AND IF IT IS YOUR WISH, I COULD ACTUALLY
10 PROVIDE A LITTLE BIT MORE DETAIL ON THE NAMES OF SOME OF THOSE
11 PROGRAMS.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** IF YOU COULD JUST SEND THOSE ALONG TO US, I THINK
14 IT WOULD BE HELPFUL. THAT WOULD BE GREAT. AND THEN MY NEXT
15 QUESTION IS, HOW WILL OUR COMMUNITIES ACTUALLY BE NOTIFIED TO
16 ENGAGE, AND WHO WILL BE TARGETED FOR THESE PARTICULAR
17 ENGAGEMENT CONFERENCES OR SESSIONS THAT WILL BE PUT TOGETHER?
18 AND THEN I HAVE A FINAL QUESTION.

19

20 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** YES. I WILL TAKE THE FIRST PART OF
21 THAT, SUPERVISOR, AND I WILL LET DR. SCORZA ANSWER THE SECOND
22 PART. SO, THERE ARE TWO, I GUESS, PLATFORMS THAT ARE
23 PROCEEDING AT THE SAME TIME. SO, ONE IS ON THE CARE FIRST
24 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PLATFORM, AND WE HAVE LISTED THOSE
25 OPPORTUNITIES ON THE WEBSITE FOR A.T.I. THE SECOND PIECE ARE

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1 THE A.R.P.-FUNDED PROGRAMS THAT AREN'T NECESSARILY CARE FIRST
2 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT, AND THOSE PROGRAMS SHOULD BE LISTED ON
3 THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE, AS THOSE SOLICITATIONS AND THOSE
4 OPPORTUNITIES BECOME AVAILABLE. AND LET ME JUST ASK DR. SCORZA
5 IF I NEED TO ADD ANYTHING TO THAT.

6

7 **DR. SCORZA:** THANK YOU, C.E.O., MS. DAVENPORT. SUPERVISOR,
8 THAT'S ABSOLUTELY CORRECT. BOTH WEBSITES HOUSE THESE PROGRAMS.
9 AND IN PARTNERSHIP WITH I.S.D., WE HAVE ALSO BEEN ABLE TO FLAG
10 ANY SUBSEQUENT REQUESTS OR PROPOSALS THAT WILL COME FROM
11 DEPARTMENTS, OR SOLICITATIONS THAT WILL COME FROM DEPARTMENTS,
12 SO THAT COMMUNITIES CAN BE NOTIFIED. HOWEVER, ONE OF THE
13 REASONS WHY WE ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE CENTER FOR
14 STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS IS TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO
15 PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND OUTREACH TO THOSE COMMUNITY-
16 BASED ORGANIZATIONS. IN ADDITION TO THAT, A.R.P. CALLS FOR
17 DEPARTMENTS TO DEVELOP A COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN AND
18 OUTREACH PLAN. AND SO, IN OUR PROJECT DESIGN PROCESS, WE ARE
19 WORKING CLOSELY WITH DEPARTMENTS TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE
20 DEVELOPING THAT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH PLAN. AND AS
21 YOUR BOARD MAY BE AWARE, WHEN THE COMMERCIAL RENT RELIEF
22 PROGRAM WAS LAUNCHED, THERE WAS A LOT OF OUTREACH THAT MANY OF
23 YOUR BOARD OFFICES DID TO HELP MEET THE NEEDS OF FOLK IN OUR
24 COMMUNITY. THAT TYPE OF WORK WILL BE NEEDED, MOVING FORWARD,
25 FOR MANY OF OUR DEPARTMENTS, AND A.R.D.I. IS WORKING CLOSELY

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1 TO ENSURE THE DEPARTMENTS ARE INCORPORATING THOSE STRATEGIES
2 IN THEIR OUTREACH AND DESIGN PROCESS.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** RIGHT, RIGHT. AND THANK YOU SO MUCH. I KNOW IT'S
5 GOING TO BE SOMEWHAT CUMBERSOME TO REALLY TRY TO REACH OUT TO
6 OUR MOM-AND-POP SMALL BUSINESSES. I KNOW THAT WAS A CHALLENGE
7 FOR US ON THE RENTERS' RELIEF, AS WELL AS GETTING OUT SOME OF
8 OUR GRANTS; AND IN PART BECAUSE MANY OF OUR CONSTITUENTS ARE
9 IMMIGRANT-BASED, AND THEY ARE MONOLINGUAL. SO I WANT TO JUST
10 UNDERSCORE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS GOING TO BE TO TALK AND SPEAK
11 IN THEIR DIFFERENT LANGUAGES. SO, A.P.I. COMMUNITY HAS A
12 VARIATION OF DIFFERENT DIALECTS AND DIFFERENT TYPES OF
13 LANGUAGES, AS WELL AS, I THINK, MANY OTHERS, AS WE'RE GOING TO
14 FIND. SO, JUST HOPE THAT WE COULD HAVE A REALLY ROBUST EFFORT
15 IN PROVIDING THOSE OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES IN A WAY THAT IS
16 VERY MEANINGFUL, AND THAT WE KIND OF GRADE OURSELF ON HOW WELL
17 WE DO, AS WELL, BECAUSE THAT'S GOING TO BE EQUALLY IMPORTANT.
18 AND THEN, JUST THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. IT SHOULD ALSO BE
19 MATCHED APPROPRIATELY FOR ANY OF THESE GRANTS THAT GO OUT,
20 ESPECIALLY TO NEW C.B.O.S THAT MAY FIND THEMSELVES COMPETING
21 WITH BIGGER C.B.O.S, THAT HAVE TRADITIONALLY RECEIVED AN
22 ABUNDANCE OF FUNDING. NOW WE REALLY WANT TO BREAK THAT OPEN
23 AND ALLOW FOR NEW VENTURE ORGANIZATIONS TO HELP FILL THE GAP
24 THAT IS SO, SO LARGE HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SO I
25 WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION, AND I LOOK FORWARD, AS

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1 WE MOVE FORWARD, TO HAVING THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN AN
2 EASY MANNER. AS OUR CHAIRWOMAN HAS CONSTANTLY SAID, IT IS GOOD
3 TO HAVE IT UP ON A DASHBOARD, SO EVERYONE CAN SEE IT. THANK
4 YOU BOTH FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I AGREE. THANK YOU FOR
9 DESIGNATING THIS AS A SET ITEM FOR OUR MEETINGS, AND THANK YOU
10 TO DR. SCORZA AND OUR C.E.O. FOR THEIR PRESENTATIONS THIS
11 MORNING. GOVERNMENT HAS TO BE TRANSPARENT IN OUR DECISION-
12 MAKING, AND TODAY IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF HOW WE CAN HELP THE
13 GENERAL PUBLIC UNDERSTAND WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING WITH THE
14 NEARLY \$1 BILLION IN THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING THAT THE
15 COUNTY RECEIVED IN PHASE ONE. AND I KNOW WE ARE WORKING ON
16 VARIOUS EFFORTS AROUND MAKING CONTRACTING BETTER, STREAMLINING
17 THE SOLICITATION PROCESS, BUILDING CAPACITY FOR OUR SMALL MOM-
18 AND-POP ORGANIZATIONS; AND ALL OF THIS WORK IS IN PARALLEL
19 WITH OUR CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS. THESE ARE ALL GREAT
20 EFFORTS. IT IS A MASSIVE UNDERTAKING. BUT I JUST WANTED TO
21 EMPHASIZE AGAIN THAT WE'VE GOT TO GET THIS MONEY OUT TO OUR
22 COMMUNITIES, AND TO THOSE WHO REALLY NEED TO BE RESCUED AFTER
23 THIS DEVASTATING PANDEMIC. AND FOR TOO LONG, OUR COMMUNITY
24 PROVIDERS HAVE BEEN KEPT AT ARM'S LENGTH, SOMETIMES, FOR LOCAL
25 STATE AND FEDERAL DOLLARS. AND WE KNOW THAT IT IS THESE

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1 ORGANIZATIONS ON THE GROUND THAT MAKE THE COLLECTIVE IMPACT IN
2 EVERY COMMUNITY ACROSS THIS COUNTY. SO, I DIDN'T REALLY HEAR
3 IT MENTIONED, BUT I KNOW, AT ONE TIME, WE WERE TALKING ABOUT A
4 THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR, WHERE WE COULD SORT OF PARK THE
5 MONEY, AND THEN THEY COULD REALLY WORK ON GETTING IT OUT TO
6 THESE ORGANIZATIONS. I'M JUST GOING TO ASK: WHERE ARE WE WITH
7 THAT? HAVE WE HIRED A THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR? ARE WE NOT
8 GOING IN THAT ROUTE ANYMORE? AND THEN MAYBE SOMEONE COULD GIVE
9 ME A LITTLE MORE SPECIFIC TIMELINE ON WHEN WE THINK THIS MONEY
10 WILL REACH OUR COMMUNITIES.

11
12 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YES, THANK YOU FOR THAT, SUPERVISOR. SO,
13 THERE ARE, AGAIN, TWO PARALLEL PLATFORMS HERE. ON THE THIRD-
14 PARTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS,
15 THAT SOLICITATION IS STILL IN PROGRESS. AS A MATTER OF FACT,
16 IT WAS JUST RE-RELEASED ONE DAY THIS WEEK, AND IT IS EXPECTED
17 TO BE OPEN FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS, SO THAT WE CAN AGAIN GET A
18 THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR ON BOARD, WITH THE HOPE OF GETTING
19 THE MONEY OUT TO THE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, AS YOU
20 SUGGESTED. AND THEN, ON THE OTHER SIDE, WITH THE A.R.P.
21 FUNDING THAT WILL BE MOVING THROUGH THE DEPARTMENTS, IN
22 ADDITION TO STREAMLINING THE PROCESS, WE HAVE A HYBRID MODEL.
23 SO, WE'VE STREAMLINED THE PROCESS SO THAT WE CAN CONTRACT WITH
24 OUR SMALL COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS. WE HAVE A TEN-PAGE
25 CONTRACT, SO IT'S NOT 100 PAGES, WHERE PEOPLE HAVE TO KIND OF

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1 MULL THROUGH IT. AND THEN, DEPARTMENTS WILL ALSO HAVE THE
2 OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRACT WITH A THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR,
3 SHOULD THEY CHOOSE TO DO SO. WE CAN PROVIDE, IN OUR NEXT
4 UPDATE, AS WE GET INFORMATION FROM THE DEPARTMENTS, WHAT THEIR
5 INTENT IS. ALL THE PROGRAMS ARE A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT. SOME
6 OF THEM MIGHT BE EASIER TO CONTRACT WITH A COMMUNITY-BASED
7 ORGANIZATION; AND THEN OTHERS, IT PROBABLY MAKES MORE SENSE TO
8 DO A T.P.A. WE WILL INCLUDE UPDATES ON THAT, AS THAT
9 INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE, IN OUR FUTURE UPDATES.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

12

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

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I WANTED TO
16 COMMENT ON HOW UNIQUE THIS WHOLE APPROACH IS, IN TERMS OF
17 CASTING AN EQUITY LENS ON SO MUCH OF WHAT WE ARE CALLED UPON
18 TO DO, NOT ONLY AS A RESPONSE TO THIS PANDEMIC, BUT IN TERMS
19 OF OTHER KINDS OF REFORMS IN WHICH WE ARE ALL PARTICIPATING;
20 IN THE JUSTICE REFORMS, FOR INSTANCE, WHICH IS REALLY WHAT THE
21 CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT MONEY WAS PRIMARILY ABOUT. IT
22 MEANS THAT WE WANT TO TRY TO UNDERSTAND NEED, AND NOT JUST
23 HAVE IT BE TOP-DOWN FROM THE COUNTY, AND THAT HAS BEEN OUR
24 APPROACH, REALLY, OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS, AT LEAST. LIKE THE
25 CHAIR, I AM VERY PROUD OF THIS APPROACH. I THINK THAT THE

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1 UNANIMITY THAT WE HAVE FOUND ON THIS BOARD, IN AGREEING ON
2 THAT LENS; ON ADDING ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION AS A VERY
3 STRONG FUNCTIONING UNIT; ON ADDING DR. SCORZA'S UNIT, ANTI-
4 RACISM, AS A VERY STRONG ELEMENT IN THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, I
5 THINK SENDS A VERY STRONG MESSAGE ABOUT WHAT WE MEAN TO DO.
6 IT'S NOT JUST, "OH, WE'VE GOT A BUNCH OF MONEY. LET'S GIVE IT
7 ALL WITHOUT ASKING." THE BALANCE THAT WE TRY TO STRIKE, I
8 THINK, WE'LL BE TALKING ABOUT FOR A LONG TIME. BECAUSE WE HAVE
9 EXPERTISE IN OUR DEPARTMENTS, AND WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO PROVIDE
10 SERVICES IN OUR DEPARTMENTS, AND WE HAVE TRUSTED THEM TO
11 ALLOCATE BOTH WITHIN AND WITHOUT THE DEPARTMENTS. NOW WE ARE
12 LOOKING IN A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT WAY, AT A MORE CENTRAL
13 APPROACH TO WORKING WITH OUR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS,
14 THAT I THINK IS THE RIGHT WAY TO GO. I KNOW IT'S GOING TO BE
15 BUMPY, A LITTLE BIT, AT FIRST, BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT THE
16 EXPERTISE IS IN THE COMMUNITY, BUT NOT ALWAYS LOOKING AS
17 ORGANIZED AS WE WOULD LIKE IT TO LOOK., IN TERMS OF REPORTING
18 BACK TO US, IN TERMS OF ACCOUNTABILITY THAT WE REQUIRE, AND I
19 THINK THAT'S GOING TO BE THE MAJOR CHALLENGE. BUT, HONESTLY,
20 HAVING RUN A COUPLE OF NONPROFITS AND COMMUNITY-BASED
21 ORGANIZATIONS-- BEEN ON THEIR BOARDS-- I HAVE TO SAY, IT'S A
22 BREATH OF FRESH AIR, AND I DON'T SEE IT IN A LOT OF OTHER
23 COUNTIES. BUT I WOULD REALLY RECOMMEND IT TO THEM, BECAUSE
24 THIS IS THE WAY THAT SERVICES GET TO THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST.
25 SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE REPORT, FOR THE THINKING, FOR

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1 FINDING A WAY TO AUGMENT THE CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT
2 FUNDS WITH A.R.P. MONEY. I THINK IT WAS VERY NECESSARY, AND A
3 GREAT POSITIVE STEP. SO, THANKS TO THE C.E.O. THANKS TO DR.
4 SCORZA. THANKS TO JUDGE ARMSTEAD, WHO HAS PARTICIPATED, AND
5 ALL OF THE COMMUNITY PEOPLE WHO MADE THIS HAPPEN. THANK YOU,
6 MADAM CHAIR.

7

8 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER COMMENTS?
9 SUPERVISOR BARGER?

10

11 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO THANK FESIA AND
12 DR. SCORZA, AS WELL, BUT I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
13 MITCHELL, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, IN BRINGING THIS TO THE BOARD
14 OF SUPERVISORS AS AN ITEM THAT WE'RE GOING TO DISCUSS
15 REGULARLY. I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT. I THINK, WITH THE AMOUNT
16 OF MONEY THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT, IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE
17 THAT ACCOUNTABILITY, BUT ALSO TO HAVE THAT TRANSPARENCY IN
18 TERMS OF HOW IT IS BEING ALLOCATED. AND AS IT RELATES TO THE
19 WEBSITE AND COMMUNICATION, I AM ALL ABOUT STREAMLINING THE
20 CONTRACTING PROCESS. I MEAN, THIS HAS BEEN A STRUGGLE LONG
21 BEFORE WE GOT THIS INFUSION OF MONEY. AND I USE THE EXAMPLE,
22 THE WEINGART. WHEN THEY PROVIDED A REPORT, IT WAS IDENTIFIED
23 "REPETITIVE, DUPLICATIVE REQUIREMENT FOR MONITORING
24 CONTRACTS," WITH EACH DEPARTMENT. AND SO YOU HAD CONTRACTS
25 WITH MENTAL HEALTH, AND MAYBE PUBLIC HEALTH, AND MAYBE ANOTHER

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1 DEPARTMENT, AND EACH ONE HAD TO HAVE THEIR OWN MONITOR, WHO
2 WAS REQUIRED TO VALIDATE WHEN, IN FACT, YOU COULD STREAMLINE
3 THAT PROCESS AND ACCOMPLISH WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, AND THAT IS
4 ACCOUNTABILITY ACROSS THE BOARD. SO I THINK THAT ENGAGING THE
5 PHILANTHROPY, AS WELL AS THE C.B.O.S AND SMALLER CONTRACTORS,
6 IS GOING TO REALLY SHED LIGHT ON WHAT WE CAN DO BETTER; BUT
7 ALSO REMEMBERING THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF MONEY ON THE TABLE, AND
8 THE POTENTIAL FOR FRAUD IS REAL, AND WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE
9 HAVE A BALANCED APPROACH THAT IS SENSITIVE TO THOSE MOM-AND-
10 POPS, THOSE SMALL C.B.O.S, THAT WANT TO APPLY FOR THIS MONEY,
11 BUT BECAUSE THE CONTRACTING-- EVEN TO BECOME A CONTRACTOR, IT
12 BECOMES SO DIFFICULT AND SO CONFUSING, THEY OPT NOT TO DO IT.
13 AND I THINK WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY TRANSFORM HOW WE
14 DO IT, AND AT THE SAME ENSURE THAT THERE'S ACCOUNTABILITY
15 ACROSS THE BOARD. SO, AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS. I
16 LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING THE PRESENTATIONS. I THINK THIS IS AN
17 EXCITING OPPORTUNITY, AND I JUST REALLY COMMEND EVERYBODY FOR
18 WHAT THEY PUT FORWARD. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

19
20 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK
21 COUNTY COUNSEL. I AM STILL NEW AT THIS, AND LEARNING EVERY
22 DAY, AND THANK YOU FOR THE TECHNICAL CATCH; THAT, MUCH LIKE
23 OUR STANDING REPORT FROM PUBLIC HEALTH, WE ADDED LANGUAGE TO
24 THE MOTION FOR THIS STANDING REPORT, TO MAKE SURE THAT, IN THE
25 EVENT, BASED ON THE INFORMATION THAT IS SHARED, WE CHOOSE TO

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1 TAKE ACTION, THAT WE CAN. SO THANK YOU, COUNTY COUNSEL, FOR
2 ADDING THAT, SO WE WILL BE CONSISTENT WITH ACTIONS TAKEN BY
3 THIS BOARD, PREVIOUSLY. I APPRECIATE THAT. THIS REPORT IS
4 RECEIVE AND FILE. HEARING AND SEEING NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL
5 BE THE ORDER. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO S-2, OUR PUBLIC HEALTH
6 ORDER, AND WE WILL HEAR PRESENTATIONS FROM DR. BARBARA FERRER,
7 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND DR. CHRISTINA GHALY, DIRECTOR
8 OF HEALTH SERVICES. DR. FERRER, WE WILL BEGIN WITH YOU. HAS
9 DR. FERRER JOINED US?

10

11 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** HI. THIS IS BARBARA. CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

12

13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WE CAN HEAR YOU NOW. THANK YOU.

14

15 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** GREAT. THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING,
16 SUPERVISORS; OR, REALLY, GOOD AFTERNOON. I APPRECIATE THE
17 OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND
18 SUPPORT DURING THIS ONGOING PANDEMIC, AND TO UPDATE YOU TODAY
19 ON THE EMERGENCE OF THE OMICRON VARIANT IN L.A. COUNTY, AND
20 PUBLIC HEALTH'S RESPONSE. TODAY, I WILL PROVIDE AN UPDATE, AS
21 WELL, ON THE EMERGING SCIENCE ON OMICRON; OUR LOCAL METRICS BY
22 VACCINATION STATUS, INCLUDING SOME COMPARISONS TO PREVIOUS
23 SURGES; AND SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT A MODELING STUDY, AND HOW
24 IT INFORMS OUR CONTINGENCY PLANNING. I'LL CLOSE WITH OUR
25 RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO REDUCE SPREAD, AS WE ENTER A WINTER

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1 SURGE DURING THE HOLIDAYS. I WILL TAKE THE FIRST SLIDE. THE
2 OMICRON VARIANT CONTINUES TO BE OF MAJOR GLOBAL CONCERN. AS WE
3 ARE ALL AWARE, THIS VARIANT HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY WORRISOME
4 BECAUSE ITS LARGE NUMBER OF MUTATIONS RAISES THE POSSIBILITY
5 THAT IT IS GOING TO BEHAVE DIFFERENTLY FROM DELTA, IN A MANNER
6 THAT CAN CAUSE SOME SERIOUS PUBLIC HEALTH THREATS. WHAT WE
7 HAVE LEARNED OVER THE PAST WEEK IS THAT, COMPARED WITH DELTA,
8 OMICRON MULTIPLIES AND GETS TRANSMITTED FASTER THAN DELTA. IT
9 ALSO SHOWS SIGNS OF HAVING REDUCED IMMUNE PROTECTION, BOTH
10 FROM VACCINES AND PRIOR INFECTION. SO FAR, IT APPEARS DISEASE
11 CAUSED BY OMICRON HAS SIMILAR SEVERITY TO THAT OF THE DISEASE
12 THAT'S CAUSED BY THE DELTA VARIANT. YESTERDAY, THE C.D.C.
13 NOTED THAT OMICRON IS RESPONSIBLE FOR 73% OF NEW CASES ACROSS
14 THE COUNTRY. AND HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, WE HAVE OBVIOUSLY SEEN
15 BIG INCREASES IN THE NUMBER OF CONFIRMED OMICRON SPECIMENS. AS
16 OF YESTERDAY, WE HAVE CONFIRMED OMICRON VARIANTS ASSOCIATED
17 WITH 99 CASES. I THINK THAT'S ALREADY UP TO 104 THIS MORNING.
18 NONE OF OUR CASES ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN HOSPITALIZED, OR TO
19 HAVE PASSED AWAY. NEXT SLIDE. WE ARE JUST LEARNING A LOT ABOUT
20 OMICRON, AND FORTUNATELY VERY QUICKLY. SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM
21 THE PAST WEEK OF SCIENCE ON OMICRON INCLUDE FINDINGS THAT THIS
22 VARIANT IS ABOUT THREE TIMES AS LIKELY TO CAUSE AN INFECTION
23 AS THE DELTA VARIANTS. AND AS I NOTED EARLIER, IMMUNITY FROM
24 PAST C.O.V.I.D. INFECTION DOES NOT PREVENT OMICRON INFECTIONS
25 WELL. IN A STUDY CONDUCTED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE RISK OF

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1 REINFECTION WITH OMICRON VARIANT WAS FIVE TIMES THE RISK OF
2 REINFECTION WITH OTHER VARIANTS. SOME GOOD NEWS THAT WE ARE
3 LEARNING IS THAT THE M.R.N.A. VACCINES AND BOOSTERS-- THOSE
4 ARE PFIZER AND MODERNA-- STILL PROVIDE SOME PROTECTION FOR
5 PREVENTING OMICRON INFECTION AND HOSPITALIZATION. A SOUTH
6 AFRICAN STUDY DEMONSTRATED THAT TWO DOSES OF THE PFIZER
7 VACCINE HAD 34% EFFECTIVENESS AT PREVENTING OMICRON INFECTION,
8 AND THAT RECEIVING A BOOSTER RAISED VACCINE EFFECTIVENESS TO
9 75%. ANOTHER SOUTH AFRICAN STUDY SHOWED THAT TWO DOSES OF THE
10 PFIZER VACCINE ALSO HAD 70% EFFECTIVENESS AT PREVENTING
11 OMICRON HOSPITALIZATIONS. BECAUSE SEVERE ILLNESS IS WHAT
12 CAUSES THE MOST INDIVIDUAL SUFFERING AND THE GREATEST
13 LIKELIHOOD OF OVERWHELMING OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS, IT IS
14 CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT VACCINATION AND BOOSTER
15 DOSES CONTINUE TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE IN HEALTH
16 OUTCOMES. NEXT SLIDE. C.O.V.I.D. RATES RELATED TO THE OMICRON
17 VARIANT ARE RISING RAPIDLY ALL OVER THE WORLD. ON THIS SLIDE,
18 YOU CAN SEE THE DAILY NEW CONFIRMED C.O.V.I.D. CASES PER
19 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM-- THAT'S SHOWN IN THAT
20 TOP PINK LINE; THE UNITED STATES, WHICH IS SHOWN IN THE MIDDLE
21 BROWN LINE; AND IN SOUTH AFRICA, WHICH IS SHOWN IN THE GREEN
22 LINE. ALTHOUGH THE MEASURED CASE RATE IN THE UNITED STATES,
23 OVERALL, REMAINS RELATIVELY LOW, CASES IN INDIVIDUAL
24 LOCALITIES ARE SPIKING. IN NEW YORK CITY, THE CASE RATE IS 870
25 CASES PER MILLION PEOPLE PER DAY, WITH TOTAL DAILY CASES THE

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1 HIGHEST THEY HAVE EVER BEEN SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE
2 PANDEMIC. MEANWHILE, HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, BETWEEN DECEMBER
3 11TH AND 17TH, WE SAW ABOUT 212 NEW CASES PER MILLION PEOPLE
4 PER DAY. THE DATA FROM NEW YORK CITY IS SOBERING BECAUSE OF
5 THE VERY RAPID INCREASE IN CASES, TRIPLING IN LESS THAN A
6 WEEK; AND BECAUSE, OFTEN, SURGES THAT START IN ONE PART OF THE
7 COUNTRY ARE THEN SEEN ACROSS MANY OTHER STATES WITHIN A SHORT
8 WHILE. NEXT SLIDE. I DO WANT TO JUST ALSO TAKE AN OPPORTUNITY
9 TO UPDATE YOU ON OUR NUMBERS. THESE ARE YESTERDAY'S NUMBERS,
10 BUT I JUST GOT TODAY'S NUMBERS, AND SAD TO REPORT AN
11 ADDITIONAL 25 PEOPLE HAVE PASSED AWAY. THIS BRINGS THE TOTAL
12 NUMBER OF DEATHS TO 27,473 ACROSS OUR COUNTY. THE SUFFERING
13 FROM THIS PANDEMIC IS UNIMAGINABLE, AND TO EVERYONE WHO IS
14 GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE, OUR HEARTS AND OUR THOUGHTS
15 ARE ALWAYS WITH YOU. WE ARE REPORTING 3,052 NEW CASES TODAY,
16 BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES IN L.A. COUNTY TO
17 1,570,230. THE NUMBER OF DAILY CASES REPORTED IN L.A. COUNTY,
18 SIMILAR TO WHAT WAS SEEN IN NEW YORK CITY, DID INCREASE NEARLY
19 THREEFOLD SINCE THE BEGINNING OF LAST WEEK. TO DATE, NEARLY 10
20 MILLION PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TESTED, AND HAD TEST RESULTS RECORDED
21 ACROSS THE COUNTY. OUR DAILY POSITIVITY RATE IS NOW 3%. TWO
22 WEEKS AGO, TEST POSITIVITY WAS 1.2%, AND THIS INCREASE IS
23 ANOTHER SIGN OF INCREASED COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION. THE DAILY
24 AVERAGE CASE RATE HAS RISEN BY 13 POINTS SINCE LAST WEEK, TO
25 NOW BE AT 26 CASES PER 100,000 PEOPLE. THAT'S A DAILY RATE.

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1 C.D.C.'S ESTIMATE OF OUR WEEKLY CASE RATE IS NOW 167 NEW CASES
2 PER 100,000 RESIDENTS; AGAIN, ANOTHER INCREASE, SO WE REMAIN
3 AT A HIGH LEVEL OF TRANSMISSION, COUNTYWIDE. YESTERDAY, THERE
4 WERE 743 PEOPLE HOSPITALIZED WITH C.O.V.I.D.-19, A NUMBER
5 THAT'S BEEN HOLDING FAIRLY STEADY, THESE PAST FEW DAYS. THERE
6 ARE CURRENTLY 169 OPEN INVESTIGATIONS AT RESIDENTIAL SETTING
7 AND NONRESIDENTIAL SETTINGS, WHERE THERE'S AT LEAST ONE
8 CONFIRMED CASE OF C.O.V.I.D.-19. WE'LL GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE.
9 FOR SEVERAL MONTHS NOW, WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT OUR CASE AND
10 OTHER OUTCOME DATA BY VACCINATION STATUS, WHERE WE GENERALLY
11 DIVIDE IT INTO TWO CATEGORIES: THOSE THAT ARE FULLY
12 VACCINATED, AND THOSE THAT ARE UNVACCINATED. HOWEVER, WITH THE
13 INCREASING RECOGNITION THAT FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE WHO HAVE
14 RECEIVED BOOSTER DOSES HAVE ADDITIONAL PROTECTION FROM
15 OMICRON, IN PARTICULAR, I WANTED TO SHARE THE DATA WE HAVE ON
16 CASE RATES BY THREE CATEGORIES OF VACCINATION STATUS:
17 UNVACCINATED, FULLY VACCINATED WITHOUT AN ADDITIONAL OR
18 BOOSTER DOSE, AND FULLY VACCINATED WITH AN ADDITIONAL OR
19 BOOSTER DOSE. AS A REMINDER, HIGH-RISK AND OLDER ADULTS BECAME
20 ELIGIBLE FOR BOOSTER DOSES ON OCTOBER 21ST. YOU CAN SEE THAT
21 WITH THAT BLUE ARROW. AND ALL ADULTS BECAME ELIGIBLE ON
22 NOVEMBER 19TH, INDICATED BY THE PURPLE ARROW. AND THEN TEENS,
23 16 AND 17, BECAME ELIGIBLE ON DECEMBER 9TH. YOU CAN SEE HERE,
24 CASES HAVE BEEN HIGHEST, AND HAVE RECENTLY BEGUN TO INCREASE
25 RAPIDLY, AMONG THOSE WHO ARE UNVACCINATED, AND THAT'S

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1 REPRESENTED BY THE DOTTED LINE AT THE TOP, REACHING A RATE OF
2 272 CASES PER 100,000 UNVACCINATED PEOPLE ON DECEMBER 11. SO,
3 THIS WAS ALMOST TWO WEEKS AGO. MEANWHILE, CASES AMONG PEOPLE
4 WHO ARE FULLY VACCINATED, BUT HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED BOOSTERS,
5 REPRESENTED BY THE DASHED LINE, WERE MUCH LOWER, AND ONLY
6 RECENTLY BEGAN TO TREND SLIGHTLY UPWARD. AND THAT RATE THERE
7 IS ABOUT 68 CASES PER 100,000. IT IS REASSURING TO NOTE THAT
8 THE CASE RATE AMONG PEOPLE FULLY VACCINATED, WHO ALSO RECEIVED
9 AN ADDITIONAL OR BOOSTER DOSE, IS NEARLY FLAT, AT 12; NOT MUCH
10 HIGHER THAN IT WAS IN SEPTEMBER. THESE DATA SUPPORT OTHER
11 FINDINGS FROM AROUND THE WORLD, SUGGESTING THAT BOOSTERS ARE
12 OFFERING US A LAYER OF PROTECTION THAT IS CRITICAL TO
13 MAINTAINING HIGH LEVELS OF ANTIBODY DEFENSE. IN PREVIOUS
14 BRIEFINGS, I HAVE TALKED A LITTLE BIT ABOUT MONITORING WHAT WE
15 CALL RATE RATIOS. THIS IS THE RATIO OF OUTCOME RATES IN
16 UNVACCINATED PEOPLE TO THE OUTCOME RATES IN VACCINATED PEOPLE,
17 AND WE DO THIS TO SEE IF THERE'S A CHANGE IN THE PROTECTION
18 THAT THE VACCINES ARE OFFERING. THE HIGHER THAT RATE RATIO,
19 THE MORE OF AN ADVANTAGE PEOPLE WITH SOME LEVEL OF VACCINATION
20 HAVE OVER THOSE WHO ARE UNVACCINATED. IF I LOOK AT THESE
21 NUMBERS, THE CASE RATIO ON DECEMBER 11TH WAS FOUR FOR
22 UNBOOSTED, FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE, AND 23 FOR BOOSTED
23 VACCINATED PEOPLE. OBVIOUSLY, THESE VACCINES CONTINUE TO WORK,
24 AND THE ADVANTAGES OFFERED BY BOOSTERS ARE IMPRESSIVE. NEXT
25 SLIDE. OUR HOSPITALIZATION RATES AMONG FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE

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1 ARE STILL TOO LOW FOR US TO MEANINGFULLY BE ABLE TO COMPARE
2 PEOPLE WHO HAVE RECEIVED ADDITIONAL OR BOOSTER DOSES WITH
3 THOSE WHO HAVE NOT, BUT WE DO CONTINUE TO GATHER DATA ABOUT
4 EACH OF THESE GROUPS. ON THIS SLIDE, THOUGH, I AM ABLE TO SHOW
5 YOU THE DIFFERENCES IN HOSPITALIZATION RATES BETWEEN
6 UNVACCINATED PEOPLE, REPRESENTED BY THE DOTTED LINE, AND FULLY
7 VACCINATED PEOPLE, REPRESENTED BY THE SOLID LINE. WHILE
8 HOSPITALIZATION RATES REACHED 25 HOSPITALIZATIONS PER 100,000
9 AMONG UNVACCINATED PEOPLE, THEY REMAIN NEARLY FLAT, AT ONE PER
10 100,000, FOR FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE. THIS IS A CONSISTENT GAP
11 THAT WE'VE SEEN BETWEEN THESE TWO GROUPS, INDICATING THAT EVEN
12 WHEN TRANSMISSION IS MOVING UPWARD, VACCINATION CONTINUES TO
13 BE HIGHLY PROTECTIVE AGAINST HOSPITALIZATION. AND IF WE WERE
14 TO DO THE CALCULATION ON THE RATE RATIO HERE, AROUND
15 HOSPITALIZATIONS, THE HOSPITALIZATION RATE RATIO ON DECEMBER
16 11TH WAS 25. THIS MEANS THAT UNVACCINATED PEOPLE WERE
17 HOSPITALIZED AT 25 TIMES THE RATE OF THOSE WHO WERE FULLY
18 VACCINATED. NEXT SLIDE. WHILE DEATH RATES DUE TO C.O.V.I.D.
19 GENERALLY DO NOT INCREASE UNTIL A FEW WEEKS AFTER WE SEE OUR
20 CASES START INCREASING, THE DIFFERENCE IN THE RISK OF DYING
21 FROM C.O.V.I.D., BY VACCINATION STATUS, IS, AS YOU CAN SEE,
22 SIGNIFICANT. UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS ARE 20 TIMES MORE LIKELY
23 TO DIE THAN THOSE WHO ARE VACCINATED, AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO
24 FOLLOW THESE TRENDS CLOSELY. NEXT SLIDE. GIVEN THE SIGNIFICANT
25 PROTECTION THAT'S OFFERED BY VACCINES AND BOOSTERS, WE ARE

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1 REASSURED THAT, WITH VACCINES NOW AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE FIVE
2 AND UP, WE ARE CONTINUING TO MAKE PROGRESS IN VACCINATION
3 COVERAGE ACROSS THE COUNTY. AS OF DECEMBER 12TH, 97% OF L.A.
4 COUNTY RESIDENTS-- THIS IS REALLY DECEMBER 22ND. SORRY. AS OF
5 DECEMBER 22ND, 97% OF L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS, 65 AND OVER, HAVE
6 RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE OF THE VACCINE. AFTER ABOUT SIX
7 WEEKS OF VACCINE ELIGIBILITY, 20% OF CHILDREN FIVE TO 11 HAVE
8 RECEIVED A DOSE OF THE VACCINE. 80% OF TEENS 12 TO 17 RECEIVED
9 AT LEAST ONE DOSE. AND WHEN WE LOOK AT ALL RESIDENTS 12 AND
10 OVER, 84% RECEIVED ONE DOSE, AND 76% ARE FULLY VACCINATED.
11 AMONG L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS THAT ARE FIVE AND OVER, 78%
12 RECEIVED ONE DOSE, AND 70% ARE NOW FULLY VACCINATED. AND TO
13 DATE, MORE THAN 2 MILLION L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS HAVE RECEIVED
14 ADDITIONAL OR BOOSTER DOSES. WHILE THESE NUMBERS ARE
15 IMPRESSIVE, AND THEY REPRESENT THE TIRELESS EFFORTS OF
16 HUNDREDS OF VACCINE PROVIDERS, THERE ARE ABOUT 2.2 MILLION
17 ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS WHO HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED THEIR FIRST DOSE
18 OF VACCINE, AND 3.1 MILLION RESIDENTS THAT ARE CURRENTLY
19 ELIGIBLE FOR BOOSTERS, THAT DIDN'T YET GET THEIR ADDITIONAL
20 DOSE. AS WE SEE THESE WORRISOME INCREASES IN CASES, IT IS
21 CLEAR WE URGENTLY NEED TO GET MORE PEOPLE PROTECTED BY
22 VACCINES. IN PARTICULAR, WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO CLOSE THE GAPS
23 THAT WE SEE IN BOOSTER UPTAKE IN COMMUNITIES WITH LESS HEALTH-
24 AFFIRMING RESOURCES. AS OF DECEMBER 16TH, ABOUT 14% OF
25 RESIDENTS IN OUR HARDEST-HIT COMMUNITIES HAVE BEEN VACCINATED,

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1 COMPARED TO 23% OF RESIDENTS IN OUR OTHER ZIP CODE
2 COMMUNITIES. WHILE SOME OF THIS DIFFERENCE CAN BE EXPLAINED BY
3 THE LATER UPTAKE IN THE INITIAL SERIES, THESE
4 DISPROPORTIONALITIES NEED TO BE RESOLVED TO REDUCE THE
5 ADDITIONAL INEQUITIES IN OUTCOMES THAT OFTEN FOLLOW SURGES IN
6 TRANSMISSION, LIKE THE ONE WE ARE SEEING NOW. NEXT SLIDE. AND
7 AS WE PREPARE TO MANAGE THE WINTER SURGE, ONE OF THE AREAS OF
8 MOST CONCERN IS HOW TO PROTECT OUR HOSPITAL SYSTEM FROM BEING
9 OVERWHELMED. MODELING STUDIES THAT WERE DONE BY DR. PETERSEN
10 AND OTHERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY,
11 ESTIMATED HOW OMICRON WOULD AFFECT HOSPITALIZATIONS STATEWIDE,
12 DEPENDING ON ITS ABILITY TO CAUSE SEVERE DISEASE, WHICH, AS I
13 MENTIONED, IS A QUESTION THAT IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.
14 THIS WORK ALSO LOOKED AT HOW INCREASED RATES OF VACCINATION
15 AND BOOSTING, AND DECREASED RATES OF CONTACT BETWEEN PEOPLE
16 THAT LEADS TO TRANSMISSION OF THE VIRUS, COULD AFFECT THE
17 IMPACT OF OMICRON ON HOSPITALIZATIONS. WHILE EVERY MODEL HAS
18 ITS LIMITATIONS, AND SOME OBVIOUSLY MAKE SOME ASSUMPTIONS THAT
19 CAN TURN OUT TO NOT BE TRUE, THERE ARE NEVERTHELESS SOME
20 HELPFUL LESSONS THAT I THINK WE CAN TAKE FROM THIS PARTICULAR
21 MODEL. WHEN YOU ARE LOOKING AT THIS SLIDE, THE DASHED BLACK
22 LINE THAT RUNS ACROSS THE LENGTH OF THIS GRAPH, JUST ABOVE THE
23 20,000 MARK ON THE "Y" AXIS, IT INDICATES CALIFORNIA'S PEAK
24 HOSPITAL CENSUS FROM JANUARY 2021, WHICH WAS AT THE WORST OF
25 OUR WINTER SURGE. THE SOLID RED LINE, THE UPPERMOST LINE ON

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1 THIS GRAPH, INDICATES A STATEWIDE HOSPITAL CENSUS WE COULD
2 EXPECT, IF THE OMICRON VARIANT TURNS OUT TO CAUSE DISEASE
3 SEVERITY SIMILAR TO DELTA'S, AND WE HAVE NO CHANGES IN OUR
4 VACCINATION RATES, OUR BOOSTER UPTAKE, OR OUR EFFECTIVE
5 CONTACT RATE. THIS LINE REACHES ALL THE WAY UP TO ABOUT
6 50,000, WHICH IS MORE THAN DOUBLE THE STATE'S HOSPITAL CENSUS
7 DURING THE WORST OF LAST WINTER'S CRISIS. AND IT IS MADE AN
8 EVEN MORE UNBEARABLE THOUGHT BY THE HEALTHCARE WORKER BURNOUT
9 AND STAFFING SHORTAGES THAT HAVE FOLLOWED, NOT ONLY IN
10 CALIFORNIA, BUT NATIONWIDE, IN THE WAKE OF THAT TERRIBLE TIME.
11 THE SOLID BLUE LINE, THAT RISES AS HIGH AS THE 25,000 MARK,
12 INDICATES THE HOSPITAL IMPACT WE COULD SEE IF OMICRON TURNED
13 OUT TO CAUSE ABOUT HALF AS MUCH SEVERE DISEASE AS THE DELTA
14 VARIANT, AND WE AGAIN SAW NO CHANGES IN VACCINE AND BOOSTER
15 UPTAKE, OR IN THE CLOSE CONTACT RATES. THIS IS STILL PRETTY
16 MUCH A NIGHTMARE SCENARIO FOR THE STATE, AND OBVIOUSLY FOR OUR
17 COUNTY. THE DOTTED RED LINE COMES UP TO ABOUT THE 20-- THE
18 DOTTED RED LINE THAT YOU SEE BELOW, THAT COMES UP TO ABOUT THE
19 20,000 MARK, IS THE LEVEL OF HOSPITALIZATIONS THAT WE COULD
20 EXPECT TO SEE, EVEN IF OMICRON CAUSES AS MUCH SEVERE DISEASE
21 AS DELTA DID, BUT WE DID THREE THINGS ALL AT THE SAME TIME: WE
22 DOUBLED OUR RATE OF BOOSTING, WE INCREASED VACCINATION RATES
23 TO 80%, AND WE DECREASED TRANSMISSION THROUGH CLOSE CONTACTS
24 BY 10% FOR ABOUT 30 DAYS. WHILE THIS IS STILL A VERY HIGH RATE
25 OF HOSPITALIZATION, IT IS SLIGHTLY LOWER THAN THE CALIFORNIA

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1 PEAK LAST YEAR. THE LOWEST LINE IS THE DOTTED BLUE LINE,
2 REPRESENTING THE SAME INTERVENTIONS AND A LOWER-SEVERITY
3 OMICRON VARIANT. ALTHOUGH 10,000 HOSPITALIZATIONS A DAY ACROSS
4 THE STATE ARE FAR MORE THAN WE EVER WANT TO SEE, IT IS MORE
5 MANAGEABLE THAN THE ALTERNATIVES. AS YOU CAN SEE, EVEN IF
6 OMICRON CAUSES HALF THE SEVERE DISEASE THAT DELTA DOES-- AND
7 THAT'S REALISTIC, BECAUSE WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE VACCINATED--
8 IT CAN STILL BE A MAJOR THREAT TO OUR HOSPITAL SYSTEMS AND OUR
9 RESIDENTS. REALISTICALLY, TO AVOID THE WORST OF THE SCENARIOS,
10 WE NEED TO WORK RIGHT NOW TO INCREASE VACCINATIONS AND BOOSTER
11 UPTAKE. THESE ARE KEY, AND OUR ROBUST MOBILE VACCINE
12 INFRASTRUCTURE GIVES US THE ABILITY TO REACH RESIDENTS IN OUR
13 HARDEST-HIT COMMUNITIES WITH THESE VACCINES. WITH 70% OF OUR
14 ELIGIBLE POPULATION FULLY VACCINATED, THIS NUMBER HAS ROOM TO
15 GROW, BUT IT CAN GROW QUICKLY. ADDITIONALLY, RAPIDLY RAMPING
16 UP BOOSTERS AMONG OUR RESIDENTS WOULD HAVE A TREMENDOUSLY
17 PROTECTIVE EFFECT, AND WIDESPREAD TESTING WOULD ALLOW
18 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INFECTED TO THEN KNOW THAT THEY SHOULD
19 STAY HOME AND AVOID GETTING OTHERS SICK, REDUCING THAT
20 TRANSMISSION FROM CLOSE CONTACTS. TODAY, WE BEGIN DISTRIBUTING
21 600,000 TEST KITS TO VARIOUS AGENCIES. IT IS OVER 350 AGENCIES
22 ACROSS THE COUNTY, SERVING THE COMMUNITIES THAT ARE HARDEST
23 HIT BY C.O.V.I.D.-19, AND THIS WILL GIVE US A GOOD START
24 TOWARDS BEING ABLE TO HAVE PEOPLE USE TESTING AS A MANNER TO
25 DECREASE TRANSMISSION FROM INFECTED INDIVIDUALS TO OTHERS.

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1 NEXT SLIDE. OUR PRIORITIES FOR MANAGING THE UPCOMING WINTER
2 SURGE OF TRANSMISSION HAVEN'T CHANGED. OUR NUMBER-ONE PRIORITY
3 IS TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE MOST VULNERABLE TO SEVERE
4 ILLNESS FROM C.O.V.I.D., WHICH INCLUDES RESIDENTS AT SKILLED
5 NURSING FACILITIES, AND IN SETTINGS THAT SERVE PEOPLE
6 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. THIS TRANSLATES TO ENSURING ACCESS
7 TO VACCINES, BOOSTERS, AND TESTING FOR ALL STAFF AND RESIDENTS
8 IN THESE SETTINGS; REQUIRING ROUTINE TESTING FOR STAFF,
9 RESIDENTS, AND VISITORS TO SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES; AND
10 VIGOROUSLY MANAGING OUTBREAKS AND PROVIDING TECHNICAL
11 ASSISTANCE AT SITES SERVING PEOPLE WHO ARE MOST VULNERABLE IN
12 OUR COMMUNITIES. OUR SECOND HIGHEST PRIORITY IS ENSURING OUR
13 HOSPITAL SYSTEMS ARE NOT OVERWHELMED. EFFORTS TO PROTECT OUR
14 HOSPITAL SYSTEM ARE COORDINATED BY THE STATE, AND THE MEDICAL
15 HEALTH OPERATIONAL AREA COORDINATOR UNDER D.H.S., AND THERE
16 ARE ONGOING CONVERSATIONS TO ENSURE THAT THE ENTIRE REGION IS
17 PREPARED TO MANAGE ADDITIONAL CASES. THIS WINTER, IT IS ALSO
18 IMPORTANT TO ENSURE THAT HEALTHCARE WORKERS ARE FULLY BOOSTED,
19 GIVEN THE HUGE ADVANTAGE OFFERED BY THE ADDITIONAL DOSE. AND
20 WE KNOW FROM OUR PAST, IF OUR PLANNED EFFORTS DO NOT SUCCEED
21 IN KEEPING THE HOSPITALS STABLE, WE MAY NEED TO INSTITUTE
22 ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY MITIGATION EFFORTS WHERE THEY ARE
23 APPROPRIATE. NEXT SLIDE. EVERY NEW PIECE OF INFORMATION WE GET
24 ABOUT OMICRON INCREASES THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING AS MANY
25 RESIDENTS AS POSSIBLE VACCINATED AND BOOSTED. IF YOU HAVE BEEN

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1 WAITING TO SEE IF THE VACCINES ARE SAFE, TO SEE IF THEY ARE
2 NECESSARY, TO SEE IF THEY ARE RIGHT FOR YOU, WE'RE HOPING THAT
3 YOU SENSE THE URGENCY OF THIS TIME. OMICRON IS A VERY BIG
4 THREAT TO OUR WELLBEING AND OUR RECOVERY JOURNEY, AND IT'S
5 SHUTTERED THEATERS ON BROADWAY AND HERE IN L.A. IT HAS
6 POSTPONED SPORTING EVENTS, CLOSED HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS ACROSS
7 THE WORLD, AND REQUIRED ENTIRE COUNTRIES IN EUROPE TO IMPOSE
8 SIGNIFICANT RESTRICTIONS. GETTING VACCINATED AND BOOSTED WILL
9 PROTECT LIVES AND LIVELIHOODS. IT IS EASY TO FIND A VACCINE
10 SITE, AND WE ENCOURAGE THOSE NEEDING TO GET VACCINATED OR
11 BOOSTED TO BRING A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER TO PROVIDE SUPPORT,
12 AND TO ASK AS MANY QUESTIONS AS YOU NEED TO, SO THAT YOU KNOW
13 WHAT TO EXPECT. DEMAND FOR TESTING HAS BEEN INCREASING, AND WE
14 ARE GRATEFUL TO THOSE THAT ARE TAKING STEPS TO KNOW THEIR
15 STATUS BEFORE GATHERING WITH THE PEOPLE LOVE, BEFORE OR AFTER
16 TRAVELING, IF THEY WERE EXPOSED TO SOMEONE WHO HAS C.O.V.I.D.,
17 OR IF THEY ARE FEELING SICK. WE WANT TO THANK THE STATE AND
18 THE NETWORK OF OVER 350 COMMUNITY PROVIDERS THAT STEPPED UP
19 THIS WEEK TO PROVIDE FREE HOME TEST KITS TO RESIDENTS IN SOME
20 OF OUR HARDEST-HIT COMMUNITIES; AND WE ARE GRATEFUL, OF
21 COURSE, FOR THE PRESIDENT'S NEW COMMITMENT TO, IN JANUARY,
22 BEING ABLE TO SHIP KITS DIRECTLY TO PEOPLE'S HOME. TO FIND
23 INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TESTING HELPS, OR INSTRUCTIONS ON USING
24 A HOME KIT, OR TO FIND A VACCINATION SITE NEAR YOU, YOU CAN
25 VISIT OUR TESTING WEBSITE AT

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1 C.O.V.I.D.19.LACOUNTY.GOV/TESTING; OR OUR VACCINE WEBSITE, AT
2 VACCINATELACOUNTY.COM. AND WHILE I KNOW WE ARE ALL HOPING FOR
3 THE DAY WHEN WE CAN DITCH OUR MASKS, THAT TIME HAS NOT YET
4 COME. MASKING REMAINS REALLY IMPORTANT, GIVEN THAT OUR
5 VACCINES ARE NOT AS POWERFUL AGAINST OMICRON, AND MASKS THAT
6 FIT WELL PROVIDE A GOOD PHYSICAL BARRIER AGAINST AN AIRBORNE
7 VIRUS. GIVEN THAT OMICRON IS WIDELY CIRCULATING, IT IS ALSO
8 BEST TO CONSIDER UPGRADING TO MEDICAL-GRADE MASKS, WHEN YOU'RE
9 GOING TO BE IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH OTHERS NOT IN YOUR
10 HOUSEHOLD. THESE INCLUDE SURGICAL MASKS, KN95 MASKS, OR
11 RESPIRATORS. WHILE CONTINUING TO ADD ON THESE LAYERS OF
12 PROTECTION IS EXHAUSTING, I APPRECIATE THAT TWO OF THE LAYERS
13 WE ARE ABLE TO USE THIS YEAR WEREN'T AVAILABLE LAST YEAR--
14 VACCINES AND AN AMPLE SUPPLY OF TESTS-- AND FOR THIS, I AM
15 GRATEFUL. SO, WHILE WE ALL NEED TO BE VERY CAUTIOUS, AND MAKE
16 SIGNIFICANT EFFORTS TO PROTECT EACH OTHER, WE CAN BE TOGETHER
17 THIS HOLIDAY SEASON IN WAYS THAT JUST WEREN'T POSSIBLE LAST
18 YEAR, AND THIS IS PROGRESS DURING A PANDEMIC. ON BEHALF OF THE
19 ENTIRE DEPARTMENT, I WANT TO WISH THE SUPERVISORS AND THEIR
20 ENTIRE TEAMS A SAFE AND PEACEFUL HOLIDAY, AND I WILL BE GLAD
21 TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS AFTER DR. GHALY'S PRESENTATION.

22
23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, DR. FERRER. DR.
24 GHALY?

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1 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON,
2 SUPERVISORS. I'LL BRIEFLY COVER HOSPITALIZATIONS,
3 VACCINATIONS, AND TESTING, AND THEN WOULD BE HAPPY TO TAKE ANY
4 QUESTIONS YOU HAVE. GO TO SLIDE 2, PLEASE. THIS SHOWS THE
5 CURRENT NUMBER OF C.O.V.I.D.-19 POSITIVE IN PATIENTS, IN THE
6 D.H.S. HOSPITALS OVER THE PAST MONTH; THE FOUR HOSPITALS AT
7 THE BOTTOM, AND THEN THE BLUE LINE, WHICH IS THE TOTAL AT THE
8 TOP. AS YOU CAN SEE, THE C.O.V.I.D. CENSUS HAS RUN PRETTY
9 STEADY, AROUND 45 TO 55 OR SO, C.O.V.I.D. POSITIVE IN
10 PATIENTS, AND IT HAS REMAINED THERE, AND HAS NOT YET BUMPED
11 UP. OVER HALF OF THESE PATIENTS REPRESENTED IN THE CHART ARE
12 IN THE HOSPITAL FOR SOMETHING OTHER THAN THEIR C.O.V.I.D.
13 INFECTION, BUT THEY WERE NOTED TO HAVE A POSITIVE C.O.V.I.D.
14 TEST ON ADMISSION. AS COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION INCREASES, THIS
15 NUMBER WILL ALSO INCREASE. SO ALWAYS TAKE CAUTION WHEN
16 INTERPRETING THE DATA, AS NOT ALL C.O.V.I.D.-POSITIVE
17 HOSPITALIZATIONS REFLECT PEOPLE HOSPITALIZED FOR C.O.V.I.D.,
18 THOUGH CERTAINLY, AS THOSE C.O.V.I.D. TESTING NUMBERS GO UP,
19 WE ALSO DO EXPECT THAT THAT WILL TRANSLATE INTO AN INCREASED
20 NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS HOSPITALIZED FOR C.O.V.I.D. TO PUT THESE
21 NUMBERS INTO CONTEXT, I WILL REMIND YOU, ON THE NEXT SLIDE--
22 SLIDE THREE, PLEASE-- OF THE SCALE OF THE SURGE IN THE WINTER.
23 THIS WAS THE FOUR HOSPITALS IN THE PEAK CENSUS THAT WE
24 EXPERIENCED OVER THE WINTER SURGE IN 2021, WHERE WE HAD A PEAK
25 OF ALMOST 550 INPATIENTS AT ANY ONE TIME; AND THEN THE SMALLER

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1 PEAK IN THE SUMMER, UP TO ABOUT 100. WE ARE STILL ONLY AT HALF
2 OF THAT SMALLER PEAK IN THE SUMMER, BUT I AM COGNIZANT-- AND
3 PLEASE REALIZE AS YOU LOOK AT THIS CHART-- HOW VERY QUICKLY
4 THOSE NUMBERS CAN CLIMB. AND SO, WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE SURGE,
5 IT WENT FROM THE RATE, REALLY, VERY SIMILAR TO WHAT WE'RE AT
6 NOW, IN OCTOBER, UP TO THAT PEAK IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY, OVER
7 THE COURSE OF JUST SEVERAL SHORT WEEKS. ON THE NEXT SLIDE, IT
8 SHOWS THE AGE TREND IN THE POPULATION THAT WE ARE SEEING AS
9 C.O.V.I.D. INPATIENTS. HOSPITALIZATION RATES AMONG PEDIATRIC
10 POPULATIONS-- THAT BLUE LINE DOWN AT THE BOTTOM-- CONTINUES
11 TO, THANKFULLY, BE VERY LOW. THE HIGHEST RATE THAT WE ARE
12 SEEING IS AMONG THOSE AGE 18 TO 49, IN PART BECAUSE OF THEIR
13 SOMEWHAT LOWER RATES OF VACCINATION AMONG THIS POPULATION.
14 D.H.S. HAS NOT YET HAD A NEED TO CURB NONESSENTIAL SURGERIES
15 OR PROCEDURES. WE WILL CERTAINLY DO SO IF IT IS NEEDED, BUT WE
16 INTEND TO PRESERVE THE ACCESS TO OUR PATIENTS THAT THOSE
17 PROCEDURES REPRESENT FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE, AS MANY OF OUR
18 PATIENTS ARE STILL RECEIVING CARE FOR CONDITIONS THAT WAS
19 DELAYED OR RESCHEDULED DURING THE PANDEMIC, OR FOR WHICH THEY
20 SOUGHT TO DELAY THEMSELVES AND WAIT BEFORE ENTERING MEDICAL
21 CARE. AS HAS BEEN TRUE THROUGHOUT THIS PANDEMIC, THE BIGGEST
22 BARRIER TO EXPANDING CAPACITY DURING A POTENTIAL SURGE WILL BE
23 SECURING SUFFICIENT STAFF TO OPERATE ANY AVAILABLE BEDS. THE
24 DATA THAT WAS JUST SHARED BY DR. FERRER IS CONCERNING, IN
25 SHOWING THE POTENTIAL LIKELIHOOD OF WHAT THOSE GRAPHS MIGHT

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1 LOOK LIKE, AND HOW WE COULD VERY EASILY REACH LEVELS OF
2 HOSPITALIZATIONS THAT WERE SEEN DURING THE 2021 WINTER SURGE.
3 HOSPITALS ACROSS L.A. COUNTY AND CALIFORNIA, INCLUDING BUT NOT
4 LIMITED TO THOSE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, ARE
5 NOT LIKELY TO BE ABLE TO FLEX THEIR BEDS AS HIGH AS THEY COULD
6 LAST WINTER. STAFFING IS JUST MORE LIMITED THIS YEAR, DUE TO A
7 VARIETY OF FACTORS, AND THOSE INCLUDE A HIGH NUMBER OF
8 INDIVIDUALS WHO RETIRED DURING THE COURSE OF THE PANDEMIC, AND
9 ARE NO LONGER IN THE WORKFORCE; THE SHIFT OF SOME STAFF OUT OF
10 INPATIENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT CLINICAL AREAS, CHOOSING TO
11 TAKE JOBS IN OUTPATIENT CLINICAL AREAS; STAFF, ALSO, THAT HAVE
12 BEEN REMOVED FROM CLINICAL ASSIGNMENTS DUE TO NONCOMPLIANCE
13 WITH MANDATED VACCINATION ORDERS; AND OTHER FACTORS. SO
14 REMEMBER, HOSPITALS WILL BE STRESSED AND OVERWHELMED FAR
15 EARLIER AND FASTER THAN THEY WERE LAST YEAR. THE BEST OPTION
16 THAT WE HAVE TO MANAGE THIS SITUATIONS IS TO MOVE EVERYONE
17 TOWARD VACCINATION AND BOOSTING, AS WELL AS TO CONTINUE THE
18 STEPS OF MASKING AND TESTING, AS DR. FERRER JUST MENTIONED. IF
19 YOU GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, WITH RESPECT TO STAFF, VACCINATION
20 RATES ARE A CRITICAL ELEMENT IN PROTECTING OUR WORKFORCE,
21 PROTECTING BOTH THEIR OWN LIVES, BUT ALSO REDUCING THE
22 LIKELIHOOD THAT THEY HAVE AN INFECTION-- EVEN A MILD ONE--
23 THAT WOULD CAUSE THEM TO CALL OFF WORK, SICK, AND THUS MAKE
24 THEM NOT ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF PATIENTS, AND REDUCING THE RISK
25 THAT THEY WOULD TRANSMIT THE VIRUS TO OTHERS. AS YOU CAN SEE

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1 OF THIS SLIDE, D.H.S. HAS A VERY HIGH VACCINATION RATE WITHIN
2 OUR FACILITIES. THE RATE IS STILL, AS IT HAS BEEN, HIGHEST
3 AMONG THE PHYSICIANS AND OTHER CLINICAL STAFF, AND SOMEWHAT
4 LOWER AMONG OUR NONCLINICAL STAFF. OVERALL, THOUGH, WE ARE AT
5 JUST OVER 95% OF OUR D.H.S.-EMPLOYED WORKFORCE THAT IS NOW
6 DOCUMENTED AS BEING FULLY VACCINATED. GETTING THE BOOSTER SHOT
7 OUT TO THESE STAFF, AS WELL AS TO OTHERS, IS NOW A CORE PART
8 OF WHAT WE ARE FOCUSED ON. SO THE NEXT SLIDE, SLIDE 6, SHOWS
9 THE LATEST BOOSTER SHOT DATA. WE HAVE DELIVERED OVER 8,000
10 BOOSTER SHOTS TO D.H.S. STAFF, THE VAST MAJORITY OF THOSE
11 PROVIDED WITHIN D.H.S. FACILITIES. WE DO NOT HAVE THE ABILITY
12 TO QUERY THE STATE IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY FOR DATA ON WORKFORCE
13 MEMBERS. WE CAN ONLY DO SO FOR PATIENTS. SO WE ONLY KNOW IF
14 STAFF HAVE BEEN VACCINATED AT A NON-D.H.S. FACILITY IF THEY
15 PROVIDE US WITH THE DOCUMENTATION OF THAT DOSE. SO THIS
16 DEFINITELY REPRESENTS AN UNDERCOUNT ON THE BOOSTER RATE THAT
17 WE HAVE WITHIN THE D.H.S. WORKFORCE. WE ARE ENCOURAGING STAFF
18 TO PROVIDE THIS DATA, AND WILL UPDATE THIS SLIDE AS WE CAN IN
19 THE FUTURE. AS YOU CAN SEE HERE, WE'RE ALSO WORKING TO GET THE
20 BOOSTER SHOT OUT TO PATIENTS. OVER 28,000 BOOSTER SHOTS HAVE
21 BEEN GIVEN, TO DATE. THE EVIDENCE IS INCREASINGLY CLEAR THAT
22 THE BOOSTER SHOT IS AN ESSENTIAL PIECE OF SAFEGUARDING BOTH AN
23 INDIVIDUAL'S, AND ALSO THE COMMUNITY'S HEALTH, AT THIS PHASE
24 OF THE PANDEMIC. ALL THOSE WHO ARE AGE 16 AND OLDER, WHO ARE
25 SIX MONTHS OR MORE OUT FROM THEIR LAST DOSE, ARE ELIGIBLE FOR

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1 A BOOSTER SHOT, AND THIS IS REALLY A PUBLIC HEALTH NECESSITY.
2 THE REASON WHY THE BOOSTER SHOT, AND THE VACCINES IN GENERAL,
3 ARE ENCOURAGED SO WIDELY IS NOT BECAUSE IT PROTECTS THE HEALTH
4 OF THE PERSON WHO GETS THE SHOT, THOUGH, CERTAINLY, THAT IS
5 TRUE, AS WELL; BUT BECAUSE IT PROTECTS THAT COMMUNITY'S
6 HEALTH. I JUST WANT TO COMMENT BRIEFLY ON OMICRON. AS DR.
7 FERRER SHARED, AND AS WAS SHARED BY THE C.D.C. YESTERDAY, IT
8 IS NOW THE PREDOMINANT STRAIN IN THE UNITED STATES. IF
9 PEOPLE'S RESPONSE TO THESE VARIANTS AND TO THEIR CONTINUAL
10 EMERGING IN OUR SOCIETY IS THAT IT KEEPS THEM FROM GETTING
11 VACCINATED, OR STOPS THEM FROM GETTING VACCINATED, OR STOPS
12 THEM FROM GETTING A BOOSTER SHOT, BECAUSE THEY THINK IT IS NOT
13 WORKING, THEN THE PROBLEM OF THE VARIANTS WILL JUST ESCALATE.
14 THE CORE PUBLIC HEALTH RATIONALE FOR VACCINATION IS TO PROTECT
15 NOT THE HEALTH OF THE PERSON GETTING VACCINATED, BUT THE
16 HEALTH OF EVERYONE ELSE AROUND THEM. THE VACCINES AND
17 BOOSTERS, WHEN NEEDED, REDUCE TRANSMISSION OF THE VIRUS,
18 REDUCE INFECTIONS, AND IN DOING SO, REDUCE THE RISK THAT THAT
19 VIRUS WILL CONTINUE TO MUTATE, AND MUTATE POTENTIALLY INTO A
20 FORM THAT'S MORE VIRULENT AND PUTS EVERYONE'S LIFE AT RISK.
21 THAT IS WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO AVOID. SO, ULTIMATELY, GETTING
22 VACCINATED ISN'T JUST ABOUT PROTECTING ONE'S OWN PERSONAL
23 HEALTH, THOUGH THAT IS TRUE, AS I'VE MENTIONED, AND IT IS
24 COMMUNICATED AS SUCH; BUT IT IS REALLY ABOUT PROTECTING
25 EVERYONE ELSE'S HEALTH AROUND YOU. THAT VACCINATION, THAT

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1 BOOSTER SHOT, IS OUR ONLY SAFE WAY OUT OF THE PANDEMIC. I WILL
2 SHIFT VERY BRIEFLY TO TESTING, AND THEN WE WILL CLOSE. IF GO
3 TO THE NEXT SLIDE, SLIDE SEVEN, THIS SHOWS THE CURRENT
4 UTILIZATION OF THE COMMUNITY TESTING SITES ACROSS THE COUNTY.
5 YOU WILL NOTE THAT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES CLOSED ALL OF THEIR
6 COMMUNITY TESTING SITES, AS OF DECEMBER 4TH. THE REMAINING
7 TESTING SITES USED TO BE LISTED IN YELLOW. YOU CAN SEE IT
8 LISTED AS CITY, COUNTY, BUT NOW THOSE YELLOW BARS AND THE DARK
9 BLUE BARS REPRESENT COUNTY CAPACITY ONLY. EVEN WITH THE
10 CLOSURE OF THE CITY SITES, WE HAVE 60% OF OUR AVAILABLE
11 CAPACITY CURRENTLY UNUSED AND AVAILABLE. WE HAVE RAMPED UP AND
12 DOWN, THROUGHOUT THIS PANDEMIC, THE AVAILABILITY OF COMMUNITY
13 TESTING BASED ON DEMAND, AND ARE ABLE TO RAMP IT BACK UP AS
14 NEEDED IN THE FUTURE. SO, THANKFULLY, WITH TESTING MUCH MORE
15 WIDELY AVAILABLE THROUGH MANY OTHER LOCATIONS-- PLACES OF
16 WORK, SCHOOLS, THE REGULAR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM-- THERE'S MANY
17 MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO ACCESS TESTING
18 THAN WHAT IS LOCATED JUST ON THIS SLIDE. NEXT SLIDE, SLIDE
19 EIGHT, IS A REMINDER JUST FOR YOU OF WHERE THE COMMUNITY
20 TESTING SITES ARE LOCATED, AND THERE'S INFORMATION ABOUT ALL
21 OF THESE SITES ON THE COUNTY'S DOVID TESTING WEBSITE. AND
22 THEN, FINALLY, SLIDE NINE FOCUSES ON PERSONS EXPERIENCING
23 HOMELESSNESS. THE TEST POSITIVE RATE REMAINS LOW, THOUGH
24 THERE'S BEEN SOME INCREASE OVER THE FALL IN THE TEST
25 POSITIVITY RATE UNDER THE UNSHELTERED POPULATION. BUT MOST

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1 RECENTLY, IT HAS DECLINED AGAIN. THAT WILL CONTINUE TO BE
2 MONITORED, AND WE HAVE A LOT OF OUTREACH TEAMS, WORKING IN
3 PARTNERSHIP WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER ENTITIES AND COMMUNITY-
4 BASED ORGANIZATIONS, TO DO OUTREACH TO BOTH THE SHELTERED AND
5 THE UNSHELTERED POPULATION. I WILL CLOSE THERE, BUT MORE THAN
6 HAPPY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR
7 SUPPORT, AND I WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY HOLIDAY.

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, BOTH DOCTORS FERRER
10 AND GHALY. FIRST UP, WE WILL HEAR FROM SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
11 FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU TO
14 OUR OUTSTANDING STAFF, DR. FERRER AND DR. GHALY. THANK YOU SO
15 MUCH FOR ALL THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE BEEN DOING UP UNTIL NOW,
16 AND AS WE GO INTO THE HOLIDAYS. BUT I WANTED TO ASK
17 SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THIS NEW INITIATIVE THAT THE PRESIDENT
18 ANNOUNCED TODAY: THE DELIVERING OF 500 MILLION TESTS TO HOMES
19 ACROSS THE COUNTRY. AND I AM WONDERING HOW WE ARE GOING TO
20 ACTUALLY PROVIDE THAT SUPPLY TO OUR COMMUNITIES, BUT MORE
21 IMPORTANTLY, HOW WE ARE GOING TO TELL OUR RESIDENTS-- THOSE
22 THAT DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO OUR WEBSITE, THOSE WHO DON'T HAVE
23 ELECTRONIC ABILITIES-- HOW WE ARE GOING TO REACH THEM, AND
24 ESPECIALLY FOR HOMEBOUND INDIVIDUALS. SO THAT'S MY FIRST
25 QUESTION. SO, DR. FERRER OR DR. GHALY? DR. GHALY?

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2 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, THANKS SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR. WE ARE
3 STILL WAITING FOR THE DETAILS, OBVIOUSLY, FROM THE WHITE
4 HOUSE. THE PLAN THAT WE HAVE HEARD FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
5 IS THAT PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO SIGN UP ELECTRONICALLY ON A
6 WEBSITE TO BE ABLE TO GET THESE KITS DISTRIBUTED. REALLY, THEY
7 WILL BE MAILED. IT WILL BE MANAGED AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL. THEY
8 WILL BE MAILED TO INDIVIDUAL HOUSEHOLDS. IT DOESN'T APPEAR
9 THAT THERE'S ANY TARGETED GROUPS THAT ARE BEING SINGLED OUT;
10 BUT RATHER, THIS WILL BE AN EFFORT THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE TO
11 EVERY SINGLE PERSON LIVING IN THIS COUNTRY. WE, OF COURSE,
12 HAVE THE SAME CONCERNS YOU'VE JUST RAISED. WE WANT TO MAKE
13 SURE THAT PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO COMPUTERS, OR CAN'T
14 EASILY FIGURE OUT HOW TO SIGN UP, GET SUPPORT WITH THAT. WE
15 CONTINUE TO RECOMMEND THAT, IN ADDITION TO THAT STRATEGY THAT
16 HAS PEOPLE SIGNING UP, WE CONTINUE WITH THE STRATEGY WE ARE
17 USING RIGHT NOW, WHICH IS FOCUSING ON OUR HARD-HIT
18 COMMUNITIES, WORKING WITH ALL OF THE PROVIDER ORGANIZATIONS
19 THAT PROVIDE A WHOLE HOST OF SERVICES TO FOLKS, TO ALLOW THEM
20 TO BE ABLE TO DISTRIBUTE THESE TEST KITS TO PEOPLE WHO,
21 OBVIOUSLY, LIKE THE REST OF US, WOULD LIKE TO DO MORE TESTING,
22 PARTICULARLY AS THEY ARE GATHERING WITH OTHERS NOT IN THEIR
23 HOUSEHOLD. SO WE WILL WAIT UNTIL WE GET MORE DETAILS FROM THE
24 WHITE HOUSE, BUT WE IN THE STATE ARE COMMITTED TO CONTINUE
25 WITH THE STRATEGY THAT WE STARTED IMPLEMENTING THIS WEEK,

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1 WHICH IS MAKING SURE THAT, AS PEOPLE GO TO OUR FOOD PANTRIES,
2 OUR HOUSES OF WORSHIP, THEY ARE GETTING OTHER SERVICES AND
3 SUPPORT FROM COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS. THOSE
4 ORGANIZATIONS ARE ABLE TO DISTRIBUTE THOSE TEST KITS. EVERY
5 TEST KIT WILL HAVE A STICKER ON IT, SO PEOPLE WILL KNOW WHAT
6 TO DO IF THEIR TEST IS POSITIVE, AND A PHONE NUMBER WHERE
7 PEOPLE CAN CALL US, IF THEY NEED HELP AND SUPPORT. SO WE ARE
8 ANXIOUS TO IMMEDIATELY START THIS. WE ARE TRYING TO,
9 OBVIOUSLY, HAVE AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE GET AHOLD OF THESE
10 KITS BEFORE THEY START GATHERING FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY,
11 WHICH IS RIGHT IN FRONT OF US, AND OTHER HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS
12 THAT PEOPLE ARE GOING TO HAVE OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

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14 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO, DR. FERRER, JUST TO CLARIFY, THEN, FOR
15 EXAMPLE, OUR FEDERALLY QUALIFIED CLINICS WON'T GET A SUPPLY OF
16 THESE TESTS? THEY'RE GOING TO BE MAILED DIRECTLY TO PEOPLE, TO
17 THEIR HOMES?

18

19 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** I MEAN, THAT'S THE PLAN THAT WAS UNVEILED
20 TODAY, BUT THERE WERE EARLIER PLANS THAT REALLY DID TALK ABOUT
21 MAKING SURE THAT FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS WERE GOING
22 TO GET A SUPPLY OF THESE KITS. SO OUR HOPE IS, THIS IS IN
23 ADDITION TO THE EARLIER PLAN THAT WAS, IN FACT, GOING TO USE A
24 DISTRIBUTION MECHANISM THAT WOULD BE BASED WITH OUR FEDERALLY

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1 QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS, AS WELL AS OTHER CLINICS THAT SERVE
2 PEOPLE WITH LESS ECONOMIC MEANS, AND HIGHER NEED.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** AND I AM GLAD YOU STATED THAT WE ARE GOING TO
5 CONTINUE TO PUSH OUT IN DIFFERENT WAYS, ESPECIALLY DURING THE
6 HOLIDAYS, SINCE WE DON'T HAVE SCHOOL. MANY OF OUR SCHOOLS ARE
7 GOING TO BE CLOSED, SO A NEED TO CONTINUE TO GET THE TESTING
8 OUT, AND THE VACCINES, AND GOING TO THOSE NONTRADITIONAL
9 PLACES; NOT JUST SHOPPING MALLS, BUT SWAP MEETS, PLACES OF
10 WORSHIP, AND WHAT HAVE YOU, WHICH I THINK IS GREAT. MY NEXT
11 QUESTION IS REALLY FOR DR. GHALY, AND IT'S REALLY MORE ABOUT
12 HOW WE ARE GOING TO BE DEALING WITH INDIVIDUAL RESIDENTS WHO
13 HAVE DIFFICULTY PROPERLY QUARANTINING OR GETTING ACCESS TO THE
14 COUNTY'S QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION SITES, IF THEY CAN'T ISOLATE
15 SAFELY BECAUSE THEY SHARE, MAYBE, A ROOM WITH TWO OR THREE
16 PEOPLE, OR MULTIGENERATIONAL. WHAT OUTREACH AND WHAT PLAN DO
17 WE HAVE IN PLACE FOR QUARANTINE AND ISOLATIONS SITES?

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19 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** SUPERVISOR, THANKS FOR THAT QUESTION. WE
20 CONTINUE TO OPERATE QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION SITES IN THE
21 COUNTY. THOSE ARE CURRENTLY ABOUT 60% OF THE CAPACITY IS
22 AVAILABLE RIGHT NOW, AND WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO FURTHER EXPAND
23 THE CAPACITY WITH SOME APPROPRIATELY TIMED. SO WE WILL BE
24 WATCHING THOSE NUMBERS CAREFULLY, AND RAMP IT BACK UP, IF WE
25 NEED TO IN THE FUTURE. IF YOU'LL RECALL, SEVERAL MONTHS AGO,

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1 EARLIER IN THE SURGE, WE WERE OPERATING SIX ADDITIONAL SITES,
2 MORE THAN WHAT WE ARE TODAY. SO WE UNDERSTAND-- WHILE,
3 HOPEFULLY, WE DON'T GET THERE, WE UNDERSTAND THAT WE MAY NEED
4 TO INCREASE CAPACITY IN THE FUTURE. WE WANT THAT RESOURCE TO
5 BE AVAILABLE FOR ANYONE THAT NEEDS IT, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
6 PUBLIC HEALTH OPERATES AN ACCESS LINE THAT WE WORK IN CLOSE
7 COLLABORATION WITH THEM ON IT, TO BE SURE THAT WHEN PEOPLE ARE
8 NOTIFIED OF A POSITIVE C.O.V.I.D. TEST, OR AN EXPOSURE, THAT
9 THEY ARE MADE AWARE OF THE RESOURCE THAT IS AVAILABLE TO THEM,
10 IF THEY DON'T HAVE A SAFE PLACE TO QUARANTINE AND ISOLATE. WE
11 ALSO WORK TO GET THAT MESSAGING OUT THROUGH A NUMBER OF THE
12 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT WE CONTRACT WITH, WHO ARE
13 OUT IN SOME OF THE HARDEST-HIT COMMUNITIES, OFTEN IN AREAS
14 WHERE THERE'S CROWDED HOUSING, OR WHERE THEY MAY NOT HAVE SAFE
15 PLACES TO QUARANTINE AND ISOLATE, SO THAT PEOPLE ARE ALSO
16 AWARE OF THAT RESOURCE FROM THAT ANGLE.

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18 **SUP. SOLIS:** GREAT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.
19 APPRECIATE YOU BOTH. THANK YOU AND YOUR STAFFS. THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** JUST A QUICK FOLLOW-UP BEFORE I GO TO
22 SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOLLOWING UP ON SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S INQUIRY.
23 YOU KNOW WHAT? I REMEMBER, THE F.Q.H.C.S AND COMMUNITY CLINICS
24 WEREN'T FIRST UP TO GET VACCINES, AND THEY HAD TO PUSH HARD,
25 AND WE HAD TO FIGHT TO MAKE SURE THEY HAD THEM. AND THANK

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1 GOODNESS, BECAUSE THEY'VE HELPED US. SO I AM HOPING THAT THAT
2 INFRASTRUCTURE WILL BE SUPPORTED IN GETTING HOME TESTING KITS
3 TOO, JUST BECAUSE SO MANY OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE GOING
4 TO THOSE COMMUNITY TRUSTED RESOURCES AROUND VACCINES, SO I
5 HOPE HOME TESTS WILL BE GIVEN TO THEM TO DISTRIBUTE TO THEIR
6 CLIENT BASE, AS WELL. MOVING ON TO SUPERVISOR BARGER, WHO WILL
7 BE FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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9 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU,
10 DR. FERRER AND DR. GHALY, FOR THE UPDATES, AND YOUR CONTINUED
11 SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITIES. YOU HAVE BOTH HIGHLIGHTED, REALLY,
12 THE CONCERN THAT WE HAVE HEARD IN THE COMMUNITY, AND THAT IS
13 THE SURGE, AND JUST WHAT IT IS GOING TO BE AS WE MOVE INTO THE
14 HOLIDAY SEASON. AND I THINK YOU POINTED OUT, DR. FERRER, THAT
15 OUR APPROACH IS NOT GOING TO BE THE SAME, BECAUSE OF THE FACT
16 THAT WE NOW HAVE THE VACCINATION, AS WELL AS THERAPEUTICS THAT
17 ARE IN PLAY. BUT WE STILL NEED TO ENCOURAGE OUR RESIDENTS IN
18 L.A. COUNTY AND THROUGHOUT THE STATE-- AND, QUITE FRANKLY, THE
19 NATION-- TO GET VACCINATED AND, WHEN APPROPRIATE, TO GET THE
20 BOOSTER, BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT THAT IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE TOOL
21 TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES. BUT I WANTED TO POINT OUT, THERE
22 WAS AN ARTICLE THAT WAS WRITTEN IN THE L.A. TIMES BY MELISSA
23 HEALEY, AND I THOUGHT IT WAS AN INTERESTING ARTICLE. IT TALKED
24 ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA, WHICH HAS A DIFFERENT SITUATION, AS IT
25 RELATES TO THE AGE OF THE RESIDENTS THERE, VERSUS HERE IN THE

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1 UNITED STATES. BUT IT POINTED OUT A COUPLE THINGS THAT I FOUND
2 THAT WE NEED TO KIND OF TAKE A STEP BACK AND RECOGNIZE, AND
3 ONE THING IT TALKED ABOUT IS-- AND IT SAID THAT
4 "MICROBIOLOGISTS AND EPIDEMIOLOGISTS AND EVOLUTIONARY
5 BIOLOGISTS WERE PONDERING HOW THE PANDEMIC WILL END. A CLUSTER
6 OF MUTATIONS THAT DEFANGED THE VIRUS'S ABILITY TO SICKEN,
7 WHILE BOOSTING THE TRANSMISSIBILITY, HAS LONG BEEN A FAVORITE
8 SCENARIO." SO, IN OTHER WORDS, WE KNOW THAT YOU'RE GOING TO
9 HAVE MUTATIONS. I MEAN, THAT IS KIND OF WHAT WE HAVE WITH THE
10 FLU. BUT HOW WOULD YOU RESPOND TO THAT? BECAUSE THERE ARE
11 PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERTS THAT DO FEEL THAT THIS MAY BE A
12 BLESSING, IN THE LONG TERM: THE OMICRON.

13

14 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, IT'S SUCH A GOOD QUESTION,
15 SUPERVISOR. I THINK, AGAIN, THE QUESTION THAT REMAINS TO BE
16 DEFINITELY ANSWERED IS, HOW MUCH SEVERE ILLNESS IS CAUSED BY
17 OMICRON? IF IT IS GOING TO CONTINUE TO CAUSE A LOT OF SEVERE
18 ILLNESS, AND IT IS GOING TO INFECT PEOPLE AT A HIGHER RATE
19 THAN DELTA-- SO IT CAUSES EVEN THE SAME AMOUNT THAT DELTA DID,
20 BUT IT INFECTS TWO OR THREE TIMES AS MANY PEOPLE-- IT CAN
21 EASILY, AS WE HAVE ALL LOOKED AT THE NUMBERS, IT CAN EASILY
22 OVERWHELM THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. AND I THINK THAT'S THE ISSUE,
23 IS YOU NEED A VARIANT THAT IS GOING TO REALLY CAUSE A LOT LESS
24 SEVERE ILLNESS, SO YOU COULD TOLERATE THE SPREAD, BECAUSE
25 MOSTLY, IT IS RESULTING IN A VERY MILD ILLNESS, OR ILLNESS IN

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1 ONLY VERY SMALL NUMBERS OF PEOPLE. AND AGAIN, IT WILL PROBABLY
2 BE SIMILAR TO OTHER VIRUSES; THOSE THAT ARE MOST VULNERABLE
3 END UP NEEDING A LOT OF ADDITIONAL CARE PROVIDED BY THE
4 HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. WE JUST DON'T HAVE EVIDENCE, TO DATE, TO
5 SUGGEST THAT THAT'S OMICRON. SO, RIGHT NOW, A LOT OF FOLKS IN
6 THIS COUNTRY ARE LOOKING AT THE DATA AND SAYING, MUCH MORE
7 LIKELY THAT WHAT WE HAVE IS A VARIANT THAT'S NOT GOING TO
8 CAUSE MORE SEVERE ILLNESS THAN DELTA, BUT PROBABLY IS GOING TO
9 BE EQUIVALENT, AND THAT, FOR US, COULD END UP BEING
10 PROBLEMATIC. SO I DO THINK WE HAVE TO BE PREPARED TO REALLY
11 PROTECT THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, AND BE READY TO MOVE FORWARD
12 WITH STRATEGIES THAT ARE DOING THAT. I THINK YOU ARE
13 ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, THOUGH. WE HAVE A LOT OF EVIDENCE THAT THE
14 THREE THINGS WE ARE SUGGESTING PEOPLE DO WILL MAKE A
15 DIFFERENCE. I THINK, AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE HAVE TO FIND
16 OUT EXACTLY HOW MUCH OF A DIFFERENCE THAT'S ALL GOING TO MAKE
17 IN PROTECTING BOTH THOSE MOST VULNERABLE. SO, RIGHT NOW, THE
18 DATA COMING OUT OF OUR SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES IS PRETTY
19 POSITIVE. WE HAVE VERY HIGH RATES OF RESIDENTS BEING
20 VACCINATED; CERTAINLY, WORKING HARD TO GET THE STAFF TO BE
21 BOOSTED; RESIDENTS BOOSTED AT OVER 85%, ALREADY. AND FOR
22 BOOSTED RESIDENTS AT SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES, THEIR RATE OF
23 VERY BAD OUTCOMES WHEN THEY BECOME INFECTED-- I.E. GOING TO
24 THE HOSPITAL OR DYING-- IS VERY, VERY LOW. SO WE HAVE
25 STATEWIDE DATA THAT, JUST AGAIN, SAYS THESE VERY STRATEGIC

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1 STRATEGIES, OR VERY TARGETED STRATEGIES, ARE GOING TO BE
2 HELPFUL WITH OMICRON; BUT I THINK THE QUESTION FOR ALL OF US
3 IS, ARE THEY GOING TO BE HELPFUL ENOUGH?

4

5 **SUP. BARGER:** AND I APPRECIATE THAT, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT, RIGHT
6 NOW, THEY'RE ESTIMATING THAT-- I THINK YOU MAY HAVE SAID THIS--
7 - 73% OF THE CASES IN THE UNITED STATES ARE THE OMICRON RIGHT
8 NOW. AND AGAIN, THIS ARTICLE, I WAS READING IT, AND I WAS
9 READING IT BECAUSE I REALIZED-- AND I KNOW YOU KNOW THIS,
10 BECAUSE THIS IS YOUR LIFE. BUT THERE ARE VARYING OPINIONS ON
11 HOW THIS OMICRON IS GOING TO PLAY OUT ACROSS THE COUNTRY, AND
12 I HAVE TALKED TO SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO HAVE TESTED POSITIVE AND
13 HAVE HAD THE OMICRON, WHO SAY IT WAS LIKE HAVING A BAD COLD.
14 AND THIS ARTICLE DOES POINT OUT THAT "THIS VIRUS COULD BECOME
15 AN ENDEMIC NUISANCE VIRUS, JOINING FOUR OTHER CORONAVIRUSES
16 THAT HAVE SETTLED AMONG HUMANS, AND ARE KEY CAUSES OF A COMMON
17 COLD." WHICH, ACTUALLY, I REMEMBER THAT A COMMON COLD IS IN
18 THAT FAMILY WITH THE CORONAVIRUS. CORRECT?

19

20 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES. ABSOLUTELY, AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT
21 EVERYONE FEELS WOULD BE THE VERY BEST THAT COULD HAPPEN. I
22 THINK FOLKS ARE NOT FEELING SO GOOD ABOUT OMICRON RIGHT NOW,
23 THOUGH.

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** AND I AM NOT DIMINISHING THE SERIOUSNESS OF THIS,
2 BUT I DO RECOGNIZE THAT THE SEVERITY, IF IMMUNIZED-- AND
3 AGAIN, I THINK THAT'S WHY WE REALLY NEED TO TALK ABOUT
4 VACCINATIONS. BECAUSE, WHILE IT IS NOT AS EFFECTIVE AS IT WAS
5 AGAINST THE DELTA, IT STILL DOES PREVENT THE HOSPITALIZATION,
6 AS IT RELATES TO WHAT WE ARE SEEING SO FAR WITH THE OMICRON.
7 WOULD THAT BE A CORRECT STATEMENT?

8

9 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** ABSOLUTELY, AND THAT'S WHY WE CONTINUE TO
10 SAY, NO VACCINES ARE 100%, AND THE BIGGEST AND MOST IMPORTANT
11 PART OF OUR VACCINATION EFFORT IS TO PROTECT AGAINST SEVERE
12 ILLNESS AND DEATH. AND THESE VACCINES ARE HOLDING UP REALLY
13 WELL, ESPECIALLY THE M.R.N.A. VACCINES, PFIZER AND MODERNA,
14 AGAINST OMICRON. SO, ABSOLUTELY. AS DR. GHALY SAID, NO REASON
15 FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT YET VACCINATED TO SAY, "I DON'T NEED
16 THIS. IT'S NOT GOING TO HELP." IT IS HELPING ENORMOUSLY, AND
17 IT IS OUR CHANCE AT JUST SEEING LOTS OF MILD ILLNESS, AND NOT
18 LOTS OF SEVERE ILLNESS, BECAUSE THAT'S LIKELY WHAT WILL HAPPEN
19 FOR THE VAST MAJORITY OF PEOPLE THAT ARE FULLY VACCINATED AND,
20 IF ELIGIBLE, BOOSTED.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND THEN, DR. GHALY, I WANT TO MAKE
23 SURE I HEARD YOU CORRECTLY, BECAUSE WE HEAR IN OUR REPORTS--
24 AND EVEN ON THE NEWS, A REPORT-- PEOPLE IN THE HOSPITAL WITH
25 C.O.V.I.D.-19. BUT YOU POINTED OUT THAT THOSE PEOPLE ARE BEING

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1 ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL NOT BECAUSE OF C.O.V.I.D., BUT FOR
2 SOMETHING ELSE WHEN THEY ARE TESTED. SO, ABOUT 50%?

3

4 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** YES, THAT'S RIGHT. IT IS ABOUT HALF AND
5 HALF. HALF ARE THERE FOR C.O.V.I.D.; THE OTHER HALF ARE THERE
6 FOR SOMETHING ELSE. THEY MAY HAVE HAD A CAR ACCIDENT OR SOME
7 OTHER CONDITION, AND THEY HAPPEN TO TEST POSITIVE. WE TEST
8 EVERYONE ON ADMISSION.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER:** AND THEN, ARE WE MONITORING? AND I DON'T KNOW IF
11 WE CAN, BECAUSE OF H.I.P.A.A., BUT ARE WE MONITORING, OF THOSE
12 THAT ARE HOSPITALIZED IN L.A. COUNTY, THAT WERE HOSPITALIZED
13 FOR C.O.V.I.D., HOW MANY HAVE BEEN IMMUNIZED AND HOW MANY HAVE
14 NOT?

15

16 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** WE MONITOR THAT, AND THAT'S WHY I AM ABLE
17 TO SHOW THAT SLIDE THAT SHOWS THE RATES FOR PEOPLE FULLY
18 VACCINATED AND HOSPITALIZED, AND THE RATES FOR UNVACCINATED
19 AND HOSPITALIZED. BECAUSE YES, WE COLLECT THAT INFORMATION,
20 AND SO IT IS PART OF THE REPORTING REQUIREMENT. WE DON'T GET
21 IT ON EVERYBODY, BUT WE GET IT ON ALMOST EVERYBODY. AND YES,
22 WE ARE ABLE TO ACTUALLY TRACK ON THAT.

23

24 **SUP. BARGER:** BECAUSE I THINK THAT PAINTS AN IMPORTANT PICTURE,
25 AS IT RELATES TO THOSE THAT ARE NOT VACCINATED: THE POTENTIAL

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1 OF BEING HOSPITALIZED. AND AGAIN, I KNOW SOMEONE WHO WAS IN
2 THE HOSPITAL FOR THREE WEEKS, NOT IMMUNIZED, AND IS NOW HAVING
3 TO GO THROUGH PHYSICAL THERAPY, IN ORDER TO GAIN STRENGTH,
4 BECAUSE THEY UNDERESTIMATED THIS VIRUS. I THINK IT IS
5 IMPORTANT FOR US TO RECOGNIZE THAT. AND AGAIN, I AM NOT SAYING
6 WITH THE OMICRON. IT COULD BE THE-- BECAUSE THE DELTA IS STILL
7 HERE, CORRECT?

8

9 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES. DELTA IS STILL HERE, BUT RAPIDLY,
10 OMICRON IS OVERTAKING DELTA. SO I WOULD SAY, WITHIN THE NEXT
11 TWO WEEKS, IT'S ALMOST ALL GOING TO BE OMICRON. AS A MATTER OF
12 FACT, PEOPLE ASK US ALL THE TIME-- WE DON'T, OBVIOUSLY,
13 SEQUENCE EVERY SINGLE POSITIVE CASE, AND THEY ASK US, "WELL,
14 WHAT SHOULD I DO?" AND WE NOW SAY TO THEM, WITH THE 73% RATE,
15 WE SAY, "YOU SHOULD ASSUME IT IS OMICRON, AND BE AS CAREFUL AS
16 POSSIBLE, AND MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE GIVING US AND TALKING TO
17 US ABOUT CLOSE CONTACTS, THAT YOU ARE REALLY ISOLATING,
18 BECAUSE YOU ARE HIGHLY INFECTIOUS."

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** GREAT. NOW I HAVE TWO FINAL QUESTIONS, AND I
21 THINK THEY'RE GOING TO BE EASY. THE WHITE HOUSE AND SECRETARY
22 BECERRA HAVE ECHOED WHAT YOU HAVE SPOKEN ABOUT, REGARDING THE
23 NEED TO FOCUS ON THE SEVERITY OF CASES, NOT RAW CASE NUMBERS.
24 CAN YOU AGAIN EXPLAIN WHY IT IS LESS IMPORTANT TO LOOK AT THE

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1 DAILY CASE NUMBERS, AND THE PRIORITY FOCUS SHOULD BE ON
2 HOSPITALIZATION DATA? I JUST WANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT.

3

4 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. I THINK, ESPECIALLY NOW, WHEN WE
5 THINK OMICRON IS GOING TO CAUSE A BIG SURGE IN CASES, BUT WE
6 ALSO THINK, BECAUSE WE HAVE MORE THAN HALF OF OUR POPULATION--
7 I MEAN, HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, IT IS ALMOST THREE-QUARTERS OF
8 OUR POPULATION IS VACCINATED, AND THAT WILL PROVIDE A LOT OF
9 PROTECTION AGAINST GETTING SERIOUS ILLNESS. IF YOU LOOK AT
10 CASES AND MAKE ALL YOUR DECISIONS JUST BASED ON THE CASELOAD--
11 AND AS YOU NOTED, SUPERVISOR BARGER, MOST OF THOSE CASES ARE
12 MILD-- YOU COULD END UP IN A SITUATION WHERE YOU ARE
13 OVERREACTING TO HIGH CASE NUMBERS THAT ARE NEITHER TRANSLATING
14 INTO THREATS ON HUMAN LIFE, NOR OVERWHELMING OUR HEALTHCARE
15 SYSTEM. SO WE HAVE TO STRIKE THAT BALANCE. AND THE WAY TO DO
16 THAT IS TO BE LOOKING AT-- THAT'S WHY I TRY TO TALK A LITTLE
17 BIT ABOUT THE RATIOS, BECAUSE THAT'S TELLING US HOW WELL OUR
18 VACCINES ARE PERFORMING IN REAL TIME; AND THEN LOOKING AT
19 HOSPITALIZATIONS. SO, ALL OF US ARE-- WITH THIS GO AROUND, WE
20 ARE TRACKING VERY CAREFULLY WHAT IS GOING ON, AND WITH OUR
21 HOSPITALS. AND OBVIOUSLY, WE WILL SET THRESHOLDS OF WHAT CAN
22 BE TOLERATED FAIRLY LOW, KNOWING THAT IF YOUR CASES START
23 GOING UP, IT TAKES TEN DAYS TO TWO WEEKS TO SEE AN INCREASE IN
24 HOSPITALIZATIONS. SO, IF YOU ARE TRACKING ON HOSPITALIZATIONS,
25 YOU NEED TO MOVE QUICKLY ENOUGH, IF YOU ARE TRYING TO MITIGATE

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1 AGAINST OVERWHELMING YOUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, KNOWING THAT TWO
2 WEEKS AFTER YOU ACT, YOU WILL FIRST START SEEING AN IMPACT ON
3 HOSPITALIZATIONS. SO WE HAVE TO JUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE LAG
4 TIME. BUT IT IS THE HOSPITAL CARE SYSTEM THAT WE NEED TO
5 PROTECT.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER:** GOT IT. AND THEN MY LAST QUESTION, AND THEN I
8 WILL SAY THANK YOU WHEN YOU ARE DONE, BUT IS THERE ANY RECENT
9 UPDATE REGARDING THE AMERICAN PFIZER C.O.V.I.D. THERAPEUTIC
10 TREATMENT PILLS? AND HAVE THE FEDS COMMUNICATED WITH YOU WHAT
11 THE DISTRIBUTION PLAN FOR THESE PILLS WILL LOOK LIKE, WHEN
12 APPROVED?

13

14 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, THAT'S SUCH A GREAT QUESTION, AND
15 I'LL GET BACK TO YOU, SUPERVISOR, WITH ALL OF THE DETAILS ON
16 THAT. THERE IS A PLAN IN PLACE. THERE'S GOING TO BE VERY, VERY
17 LIMITED SUPPLY. SO, THERE IS A PLAN IN PLACE THAT THE STATE IS
18 MANAGING-- WE ARE NOT MANAGING IT-- THAT WILL DISTRIBUTE THAT
19 SUPPLY TO A VARIETY OF PROVIDERS IN OUR COMMUNITIES, REALLY
20 TARGETING THE PROVIDERS THAT DEAL WITH FOLKS WHO WILL LIKELY,
21 IF THEY GET SICK, HAVE THE WORST OUTCOMES. I THINK, AGAIN, WE
22 ARE GOING TO START WITH SCARCITY, AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO BE
23 ABLE TO MOVE TO A MUCH WIDER DISTRIBUTION NETWORK. WE HAVE
24 BEEN TRYING TO-- WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE STATE TO MAKE
25 SURE THAT EVEN THE INITIAL NETWORK ALLOWS FOR A GOOD

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1 PENETRATION AMONG PEOPLE AT HIGH NEED, AND TAKES INTO ACCOUNT
2 THAT IT'S NOT JUST PAYING ATTENTION TO THEIR MEDICAL NEEDS,
3 BUT WE HAVE GOT TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT ACCESS ISSUE IS DEALT
4 WITH, AS WELL. BUT I CAN PROVIDE AN UPDATE TO THE ENTIRE
5 BOARD. NONE OF IT HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED YET. THAT'S AT THE
6 FEDERAL LEVEL. WE HAVEN'T RECEIVED THE MEDICATIONS YET, AS FAR
7 AS I KNOW, FOR THIS NEWLY APPROVED DRUG, WHICH WAS ACTUALLY
8 NOT THE PFIZER DOSE, BUT THE DOSE FROM MERCK. PFIZER, WE ARE
9 STILL WAITING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THE DISTRIBUTION WILL BE FOR
10 THAT, AND THE APPROVAL FOR THAT. SO, BUT THE MERCK DRUG-- AND
11 THERE'S ALSO SORT OF A PREP DRUG THAT CAN BE GIVEN-- IT'S A
12 TRANSFUSION-- AT A HOSPITAL SITE OR AN OUTPATIENT CLINIC.
13 THOSE ARE WHERE THE PLANS ARE NOW. BUT I AM HAPPY TO GIVE YOU
14 A MORE COMPLETE UPDATE.

15
16 **SUP. BARGER:** THAT WOULD BE GREAT. AND AGAIN, THANK YOU. AND
17 THANK YOU, DR. GHALY. AND I THINK MY COLLEAGUES WOULD ALL
18 AGREE, THE GREATEST GIFT YOU CAN GIVE DURING THIS HOLIDAY
19 SEASON IS TO TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY, BUT GET VACCINATED AND WEAR
20 THE MASK. I MEAN, I FIND NOW THAT OMICRON IS OUT THERE IN THE
21 COMMUNITY. AND ON ANY GIVEN DAY, WHETHER I AM AT THE MARKET OR
22 ANYWHERE, I AM SURE THAT THERE IS SOMEONE AROUND. AND IT'S NOT
23 A FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY, BUT I DO HAVE A SENSE OF SECURITY
24 KNOWING THAT, BY WEARING A MASK, I AM AT LEAST PROTECTING

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1 MYSELF. SO I WOULD ASK PEOPLE TO TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY, AS WE GO
2 INTO THE HOLIDAYS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOLLOWED BY
5 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU AGAIN FOR
8 THESE UPDATES. IT IS AMAZING TO ME HOW QUICKLY THE OMICRON HAS
9 SWEEPED THIS COUNTRY. SOMETHING LIKE 73% OF ALL THE CASES ARE
10 NOW OMICRON, WHICH JUST HAPPENED REALLY FAST, BUT I GUESS THAT
11 VERIFIES THE FACT THAT IT IS SO CONTAGIOUS. THANK YOU AGAIN,
12 DR. FERRER AND DR. GHALY, FOR GIVING US THIS UPDATE. AND I
13 AGREE WITH HOW MY COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR BARGER, JUST ENDED HER
14 REMARKS, BY REMINDING EVERYBODY TO TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY. WEAR
15 YOUR MASK; IT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE. HOWEVER, I WAS JUST
16 GOING TO ASK YOU A QUESTION, DR. FERRER. HAVING SAID THAT--
17 YOU KNOW, WEARING MY MASK, AND I BELIEVE IN IT WHEN WE GO OUT,
18 AND WHEN WE ARE IN PUBLIC. I DO HAVE A CITY THAT I REPRESENT,
19 WHO IMMEDIATELY BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION THE FACT THAT SAN
20 FRANCISCO AND SOME OTHER BAY AREA COUNTIES WERE GRANTED AN
21 EXEMPTION BY THE STATE TO THEIR INDOOR MASKING MANDATE,
22 BECAUSE THEY ALREADY HAD A HEALTH ORDER IN PLACE THAT ALLOWED
23 CERTAIN BUSINESSES, LIKE GYMS AND OFFICES, TO BE EXEMPTED FROM
24 THE INDOOR MASK REQUIREMENT, IF THEY WERE ALL VACCINATED AND
25 THEY CHECKED FOR PROOF OF VACCINATION. SO, THESE CITIES THAT

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1 CONTACTED ME HAVE VERY HIGH VACCINATION RATES, AND WE ARE
2 WONDERING, IS THAT SOMETHING THAT THEY WOULD ALSO BE ALLOWED
3 TO DO: TO LOOSEN THEIR INDOOR MASK REQUIREMENT IN A SMALL
4 OFFICE SETTING, WHERE EVERYBODY IS VACCINATED? AND IS THAT
5 SOMETHING, DR. FERRER-- I MEAN, CAN WE MAKE A REQUEST TO THE
6 STATE TO ALLOW CERTAIN CITIES WHO HAVE A HIGH VACCINATION RATE
7 TO FOLLOW THE SAME MODEL AS SAN FRANCISCO, AND HOW WOULD THAT
8 EVEN WORK? THAT'S MY QUESTION.

9

10 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THANKS SO MUCH FOR THAT. I APPRECIATE THE
11 CONCERN, OBVIOUSLY, BY THAT CITY. I THINK A COUPLE OF THINGS
12 ARE WORTH NOTING. WHAT THE STATE DID IS THEY GRANDFATHERED IN
13 THE EXISTING HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS. SO, WHERE THERE WAS AN
14 EXISTING HEALTH OFFICER ORDER, THEY DIDN'T WANT TO ACTUALLY
15 MAKE A HUGE DISRUPTION IN THAT HEALTH OFFICER ORDER. THAT'S
16 NOT OUR EXISTING HEALTH OFFICER ORDER. I ALSO WANT TO NOTE
17 THAT THOSE WERE HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS THAT WERE ISSUED BEFORE
18 OMICRON. OMICRON EVADES VACCINES MORE THAN DELTA. WEARING THE
19 MASK IS-- IT'S NOT EVEN JUST SORT OF, "IF YOU ARE VACCINATED,
20 YOU'RE GOING TO KIND OF PUT IT ON, MAYBE, BUT YOU DON'T REALLY
21 HAVE TO WORRY." ALL THE DATA I JUST SHARED SHOWS THAT YOU
22 STILL HAVE A PRETTY DECENT CHANCE OF PERHAPS GETTING INFECTED.
23 YOU AREN'T LIKELY TO GET VERY SICK. YOU AREN'T LIKE LIKELY TO
24 END UP IN THE HOSPITAL. BUT, "A," I DON'T THINK MOST PEOPLE
25 WANT TO GET INFECTED; AND "B," IF YOU GET INFECTED, YOU CAN

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1 INFECTION SOMEONE ELSE, WHO ISN'T AS LUCKY AS YOU ARE ABOUT NOT
2 BEING AT RISK FOR SERIOUS ILLNESS. SO, I DON'T THINK THIS IS
3 THE TIME TO BE LIFTING INDOOR MASK MANDATES. I THINK THIS IS
4 THE TIME FOR ALL OF US TO BE MORE CAUTIOUS, NOT LESS CAUTIOUS.
5 THOSE MASKS ADD AN IMPORTANT LAYER OF PROTECTION WHEN THE
6 VACCINES AREN'T WORKING AS WELL AS THEY USED TO, AND I WOULD
7 SUGGEST TO EVERYBODY, KEEP THEM ON. CERTAINLY, HAPPY TO LOOK
8 AT THIS AS WE GET AWAY FROM THE WINTER SURGE, BUT RIGHT NOW,
9 MASKING REMAINS A CRITICALLY IMPORTANT LAYER. AND WE ARE
10 ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO UPGRADE YOUR MASKS. GO TO A SURGICAL
11 MASK, AT THIS POINT. BE REALLY, REALLY CAREFUL, BECAUSE YOU
12 NEED ALL OF THESE LAYERS TO BE ABLE TO ENJOY ALL OF THE THINGS
13 WE WANT TO ENJOY OVER THE HOLIDAYS.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. I WILL DEFINITELY PASS ON YOUR
16 ANSWER TO THE CITIES THAT HAVE BEEN REQUESTING THAT. LET ME
17 CHANGE SUBJECTS A LITTLE BIT. THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HAS AN
18 ORDINANCE A LITTLE DIFFERENT THAN OURS, IN RELATIONS TO PROOF
19 OF VACCINATION REQUIRED, PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES TO THE
20 RESTAURANTS IN L.A. CITY. AND I WAS JUST GOING TO CLARIFY FOR,
21 AGAIN, SOME PEOPLE THAT HAVE ASKED ME: IS IT YOUR TEAM THAT IS
22 ENFORCING THE PROOF OF VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR
23 RESTAURANTS IN L.A.?

24

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1 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I THINK
2 THAT'S IMPORTANT. I AM GLAD TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN
3 HOW THIS IS WORKING. AT THE RESTAURANTS, OUR INSPECTORS ARE IN
4 FACT CHECKING AT THE RESTAURANTS WHETHER OR NOT, IF THEY ARE
5 IN L.A. CITY, WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE
6 CITY'S VACCINATION REQUIREMENT, PARTICULARLY THAT THEY ARE
7 VERIFYING THAT PEOPLE ARE IN FACT FULLY VACCINATED, IF THEY
8 ARE INDOORS. IF THEY ARE NOT, WHAT WE DO IS WE GIVE A REMINDER
9 TO THE RESTAURANT, AND WE SEND THE NAME AND THE ADDRESS OF THE
10 RESTAURANT TO THE CITY OF L.A., FOR THEM TO DO THE FOLLOW-UP;
11 AND TO MAKE SURE THAT, AFTER OUR REMINDER, THEY ARE COMING
12 INTO COMPLIANCE. IF THERE ARE GOING TO BE CITATIONS ISSUED,
13 THEY WILL BE ISSUED BY THE CITY OF L.A.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU FOR THAT CLARIFICATION. AND AGAIN, I
16 KNOW, FOR SOME RESTAURANTS, IT IS A DIVISIVE ISSUE. BUT I DO
17 KNOW THAT I THINK THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE PUBLIC FEELS MUCH
18 BETTER ABOUT THIS, AND IN FACT IS CHOOSING RESTAURANTS THAT
19 REQUIRE PROOF OF VACCINATION. SO I JUST WANT TO ENCOURAGE ALL
20 THE RESTAURANTS TO KNOW THAT THE PUBLIC IS GENERALLY ON THE
21 SIDE OF DINING IN A PLACE WHERE PROOF OF VACCINATION IS
22 REQUIRED. AND THEN MY FINAL QUESTION, DR. FERRER: DO YOU
23 THINK, BASED ON HOW QUICKLY OMICRON IS TAKING OVER, AND EVEN
24 THOUGH THE CASES MIGHT BE Milder, WE ARE SEEING AN INCREASE IN
25 HOSPITALIZATION? ARE YOU ENVISIONING ANY CHANGES TO OUR LOCAL

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1 HEALTH OFFICER ORDER, TO PREVENT OUR HOSPITALS FROM BEING
2 OVERWHELMED AGAIN?

3

4 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** WE ARE OBVIOUSLY GOING TO LOOK VERY
5 CAREFULLY AT WHAT ARE THE STRATEGIES THAT ARE APPROPRIATE, AS
6 WE SEE MORE AND MORE CASES. BUT WHAT I DO WANT TO NOTE IS, WE
7 ARE NOT WHERE WE WERE LAST YEAR. WE HAVE NEW TOOLS, SO WE
8 DON'T NEED TO DO WHAT WE DID LAST YEAR. I KNOW LOTS OF PEOPLE
9 ARE MOST CONCERNED ABOUT CLOSING EVERYTHING DOWN. I THINK IF
10 THERE'S A DECISION TO SORT OF CLOSE THINGS DOWN-- CLOSE
11 SCHOOLS, SEND EVERYBODY HOME-- THAT WOULD BE MADE AT THE STATE
12 LEVEL, AND THAT WOULD REALLY BE THAT IT WAS CATASTROPHIC
13 AGAIN, AND OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM JUST COULDN'T PROVIDE THE
14 SERVICES THAT ARE ESSENTIAL, AND NOTHING WE'RE DOING IS
15 SLOWING DOWN TRANSMISSION. WE GOT TWO GOOD NEW TOOLS HERE. WE
16 GOT VACCINES AND BOOSTERS, AND WE HAVE LOTS AND LOTS OF
17 TESTING CAPACITY. MY SENSE IS, IF WE CAN AGAIN ALL GET BEHIND
18 USING THESE TOOLS, KEEPING OUR MASKS ON, WE HAVE A CHANCE AT
19 BEING ABLE TO DO THIS WITHOUT THAT MORE RESTRICTIVE MEASURE.
20 THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT THERE AREN'T SMALLER THINGS THAT WE
21 COULD DO TO PROTECT US AT SOME OF THE PLACES WHERE THERE MIGHT
22 BE VERY HIGH RISK. SO, THOSE LARGE MEGA-EVENTS, WE NEED PEOPLE
23 TO KEEP THEIR MASKS ON. SO THERE MAY BE THINGS WE DO TO MAKE
24 IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO KEEP THEIR MASKS ON. WE NEED TO MAKE
25 SURE THAT, IN CERTAIN PLACES, WE ARE GETTING PEOPLE THEIR

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1 BOOSTER DOSES, SO THAT, AGAIN, WE REDUCE RISK. BUT I KNOW THAT
2 THE THING THAT IS TOP OF MIND IS, DO WE SEE, IN THIS NEAR
3 FUTURE, CLOSING BACK DOWN OUR STORES, TELLING PEOPLE THEY HAVE
4 TO STAY HOME? AND MY HOPE IS, NO. BUT THAT'S A HOPE, AND IT
5 REALLY DEPENDS ON US BEING ABLE TO USE THESE NEW TOOLS WE HAVE
6 TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY, TO ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO MITIGATE
7 AGAINST THIS PRETTY BIG THREAT THAT WE ALL FACE WITH OMICRON.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT. I MEAN, THOSE ARE
10 REALLY ENCOURAGING WORDS FROM YOU, BECAUSE I AGREE. I FEEL
11 LIKE WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THIS DIFFERENTLY THAN WE DID A YEAR
12 AGO. AND I THINK THE FACT THAT WE HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY-- "WE
13 HOPE WE NEVER GO BACK TO THAT DEVASTATING TIME WHEN WE DID
14 HAVE TO CLOSE DOWN RESTAURANTS AND STORES, AND PEOPLE'S
15 LIVELIHOODS WERE AT STAKE"-- THE FACT THAT WE HAVE THAT, AT
16 LEAST, TO COMPARE WITH THIS YEAR, AND SAY, "IF WE DO ALL THESE
17 THINGS, WE WILL BE, HOPEFULLY, AVOIDING ANY OTHER MONUMENTAL
18 LOCKDOWN OF BUSINESSES OR PEOPLE." I THINK THAT IS AN
19 ENCOURAGING NOTE TO END ON, SO THANK YOU, DR. FERRER.

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21 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, DO YOU HAVE
24 ANY QUESTIONS?

25

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** I DO, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ASKING.
2 BATTING CLEAN-UP HERE. I WANT TO UNPACK, A LITTLE BIT, SEVERAL
3 THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN SAID ABOUT VACCINATED AND UNVACCINATED
4 PEOPLE. THERE IS A GROWING CONCERN AMONG A LOT OF PEOPLE--
5 ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE MORE VULNERABLE, LIKE MY AGE COHORT--
6 ABOUT THE DANGEROUSNESS TO US OF UNVACCINATED PEOPLE WITH WHOM
7 WE MIGHT COME IN CONTACT, PEOPLE WE DON'T KNOW WHEN WE'RE IN,
8 YOU KNOW, VARIOUS PLACES. SO I WANTED TO ASK YOU TO CLARIFY,
9 IF YOU WOULD, DR. FERRER, A LITTLE MORE. YOU INDICATED THAT,
10 EVEN THOUGH I AM VACCINATED, I CAN STILL BECOME INFECTED,
11 THOUGH I WOULD VERY LIKELY HAVE MUCH Milder SYMPTOMS, WHICH IS
12 GOOD. YOU'VE INDICATED THAT EVEN THOUGH I AM VACCINATED AND
13 BOOSTED, I CAN STILL SORT OF CARRY AND PASS THIS ON, AND THAT
14 WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE VIRULENCE OF THAT, OR HAVEN'T BEEN
15 TOLD. PEOPLE WHO REFUSE TO VACCINATE-- THE REFUSENIKS, AS WE
16 USED TO CALL THEM-- INDICATE, A LOT OF TIMES, INCLUDING THOSE
17 IN OUR OWN RANKS-- AND I FIND IT VERY TROUBLING-- "WELL, IT IS
18 MY BODY. I AM MAKING THE DECISION FOR ME. IT IS MY FREEDOM."
19 AND EVEN, AS YOU KNOW, USURPING THE MESSAGES THAT WE DEVELOPED
20 IN THE WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS MOVEMENT. BUT IT IS NOT
21 JUST YOUR BODY. AND I THINK IT WOULD BE GOOD IF YOU MIGHT
22 CLARIFY FOR US, BECAUSE IN YOUR MODELING YOU SHOWED THAT IF
23 MORE PEOPLE GET VACCINATED, WE WILL NOT HAVE THE SPIKE. AND SO
24 THAT MEANS, TO ME, IT IS THE UNVACCINATED PEOPLE INFECTING US,
25 AND ALSO PROVIDING A WELCOME HOST FOR THESE NEW VARIANTS, THAT

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1 IS A MAJOR PART OF THE PROBLEM. SO I WOULD LIKE TO UNDERSTAND,
2 DO WE WANT PEOPLE TO GET VACCINATED NOT ONLY FOR THEIR OWN
3 SAFETY, BUT BECAUSE THEY ARE A THREAT TO OTHERS?

4

5 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.
6 I THINK THIS IS AN IMPORTANT QUESTION, AND I KNOW IT IS TOP OF
7 MIND. AND I ALSO THINK-- AND I WANT TO THANK DR. GHALY, WHO
8 MADE IT CLEAR THAT THERE ARE TWO REASONS YOU GET VACCINATED.
9 ONE IS, IT DOES GIVE YOU, AS WE'VE SHOWN, A LOT OF INDIVIDUAL
10 PROTECTION. BUT THE SECOND IS-- AND IT'S JUST AS IMPORTANT--
11 IS THAT IT ALSO PROTECTS LOTS OF OTHER PEOPLE. AND AS A
12 REMINDER, I WANT TO NOTE THAT CHILDREN UNDER FOUR STILL CANNOT
13 GET VACCINATED, AND THEY HAVE TO RELY ON PEOPLE AROUND THEM
14 BEING FULLY VACCINATED. AND FOR OLDER PEOPLE, PEOPLE WHO ARE
15 IMMUNOCOMPROMISED, PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS UNDERLYING HEALTH
16 CONDITIONS, EVEN IF THEY ARE FULLY VACCINATED AND BOOSTED, THE
17 VERY NATURE OF THEIR BODIES MAKES THEM MORE VULNERABLE. THEIR
18 IMMUNE SYSTEMS, IN GENERAL, DON'T WORK AS WELL, SO THAT MAKES
19 THEM MORE VULNERABLE TO WHAT STILL IS A DEADLY VIRUS. SO I
20 AGREE WITH YOU: UNVACCINATED PEOPLE, UNFORTUNATELY, CREATE
21 RISK NOT JUST FOR THEMSELVES, BUT FOR MANY OTHERS. I WOULD
22 LIKE UNVACCINATED PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS, LIKE MANY
23 OTHER SOCIAL OBLIGATIONS WE TAKE ON WHEN WE ARE PART OF A
24 COMMUNITY, ARE IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE TO REALLY UNDERSTAND. YOU
25 DON'T GET TO DRIVE A CAR UNLESS YOU FOLLOW THE RULES OF THE

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1 ROAD AND GET LICENSED. IN MANY OF OUR WORKPLACES, YOU NEED TO
2 GET CERTIFIED THAT YOU ACTUALLY HAVE SKILLS AND A LICENSE TO
3 DO A PARTICULAR JOB. EVEN IF YOU THINK THAT YOU ARE FINE DOING
4 IT, WE HAVE REQUIREMENTS. WE HAVE REQUIREMENTS THAT PREVENT US
5 FROM HURTING EACH OTHER, AND THIS IS A SIMILAR REQUIREMENT.
6 AND I, AS EVERYONE KNOWS, AM IN FAVOR OF THE TARGETED
7 VACCINATION MANDATES THAT RECOGNIZE THAT, IN SOME PLACES, IT
8 IS REALLY ESSENTIAL THAT OUR WORKFORCE GO AHEAD AND GET
9 VACCINATED, AND WE ARE ALWAYS HERE TO ANSWER PEOPLE'S
10 QUESTIONS. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF
11 MISINFORMATION CIRCULATING AROUND SOCIAL MEDIA. A LOT OF
12 PEOPLE WHO AREN'T GETTING VACCINATED AREN'T BECAUSE THEY'RE
13 SCARED, NOT BECAUSE THEY ARE TRYING TO BE, SORT OF, THIS BAD
14 PERSON. THEY HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS, THEY'VE HEARD A LOT OF
15 THINGS ABOUT THE DANGERS OF THIS VACCINE, AND IT STOPS THEM
16 FROM TAKING AN ACTION THAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. SO WE ARE
17 HERE TO CONTINUE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, BUT WE DO AT THIS POINT
18 SAY, YOU KNOW, THE EVIDENCE IS JUST OVERWHELMING AROUND THE
19 SAFETY AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE VACCINES, AND WE REALLY
20 NEED THE UNVACCINATED PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEY'RE THE
21 FUEL FOR THIS VIRUS SPREADING, AND THE FUEL, UNFORTUNATELY,
22 FOR US CONTINUING TO DEAL WITH LOTS OF MORE DANGEROUS--
23 POTENTIALLY MORE DANGEROUS-- VARIATIONS OF THE VIRUS: THESE
24 VARIANTS. SO, PLEASE, YOU KNOW, NOW WOULD BE THE TIME. GET
25 YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED. COME IN. TALK TO PEOPLE AT THE

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1 VACCINATION SITES, TALK TO YOUR PROVIDER, BECAUSE WE DO NEED
2 EVERYONE TO COME IN AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND TAKE ADVANTAGE
3 OF THESE PROTECTIONS.

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5 **SUP. KUEHL:** WELL, I THINK I'VE MENTIONED BEFORE, I LOVE GOING
6 TO THE MOVIES. AND, OF COURSE, NOW I ONLY GO IN THE CITY OF
7 LOS ANGELES.

8

9 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** RIGHT.

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11 **SUP. KUEHL:** WELL, I MEAN, BECAUSE-- YOU KNOW, I MEAN, "SPIDER-
12 MAN" OPENS. A LOT OF PEOPLE WANT TO SEE IT. THERE'S PEOPLE
13 THERE. I FEEL MUCH BETTER THAT, AT THE BOTTOM OF THE
14 STAIRWELL, BEFORE YOU CAN EVEN GET INTO THE THEATER, YOU ARE
15 STOPPED AT A DESK. YOU MUST SHOW PROOF OF VACCINATION. YOU
16 MUST SHOW YOUR I.D. AND I HOPE THAT THEY WILL CHANGE IT TO
17 REQUIRE PROOF OF BOOSTERS, AS WELL, BECAUSE I THINK THAT IS AN
18 IMPORTANT ADDITION. AND YOU GET A WRISTBAND, LIKE IT IS A
19 REALLY COOL CLUB. AND YOU JUST FEEL BETTER IN A SITUATION,
20 BECAUSE IT IS GOING TO BE... YOU KNOW, IT IS NOT AS LIMITED AS
21 IT USED TO BE, WHICH LEADS ME TO MY NEXT QUESTION: I WONDER IF
22 THERE MIGHT BE A WAY FOR US TO SET DIFFERENT LIMITS FOR
23 BUSINESSES THAT CHECK AND BUSINESSES THAT DON'T, OR AT LEAST
24 TO EXPLORE IT. BECAUSE IT GIVES A CHOICE, WHICH EVERYONE SEEMS
25 TO BE MADLY IN LOVE WITH THESE DAYS. FOR INSTANCE, IF YOU

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1 CHECK AND ONLY ALLOW PEOPLE WHO ARE VACCINATED AND BOOSTED TO
2 EAT IN YOUR RESTAURANT, YOU CAN HAVE A GREATER CAPACITY,
3 INDOOR AND OUTDOOR. BUT IF YOU DON'T, YOU MUST HAVE MUCH MORE
4 WIDELY SEPARATED TABLES. I DO UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEM THAT
5 THIS, YOU KNOW, PROVIDES FOR CHECKING ON THEM, BUT I WONDER IF
6 THERE'S A WAY TO REWARD BUSINESSES THAT CHECK. I KNOW THE CITY
7 OF WEST HOLLYWOOD REQUIRED PROOF OF VACCINATION FOR ALL OF
8 THEIR BARS, KNOWING THAT THOSE BARS WERE ALWAYS VERY CROWDED.
9 AND IT WAS A BOON TO THE BUSINESS, IN A WAY, AS WELL AS, YOU
10 KNOW, STILL LIMITING INDOOR CAPACITY AND OUTDOOR CAPACITY. SO
11 I WONDER IF YOU KNOW OF ANY JURISDICTION THAT HAS MADE THIS
12 DISTINCTION, IN TERMS OF CAPACITY; KIND OF THE ABILITY TO DO
13 BUSINESS, ESSENTIALLY, IS REWARDED.

14

15 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, THANKS SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I
16 DON'T KNOW, BUT WILL OBVIOUSLY GO AND LOOK AND SEE IF
17 ANYBODY'S, YOU KNOW, ISSUED ANY KINDS OF REQUIREMENTS THAT
18 SEPARATE WHAT CAN HAPPEN IN A FACILITY, IN TERMS OF CAPACITY,
19 DEPENDING ON WHETHER OR NOT PEOPLE ARE FULLY VACCINATED. I DO
20 WANT TO NOTE-- AND I WANT TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR HAHN, ALSO,
21 WHO NOTED THIS-- THAT WE HAVE VERY HIGH COMPLIANCE AT ALL OF
22 THE BARS AND LOUNGES AND-- I MEAN, VERY HIGH, LIKE OVER 90
23 PERCENT. AND IN THE CITY OF L.A., THESE FIRST COUPLE OF WEEKS
24 THAT WE HAVE BEEN OUT AND ABOUT, CHECKING ON COMPLIANCE AT THE
25 RESTAURANTS, IT IS ALSO ABOVE 90 PERCENT. SO I THINK IT IS

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1 TRUE THAT MANY BUSINESSES ARE SOMEWHAT RELIEVED TO FIND OUT
2 THAT THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ACTUALLY BLAME SOMEBODY ELSE
3 FOR A REQUIREMENT THAT ACTUALLY KEEPS THEM, THEIR STAFF, AND
4 THEIR CUSTOMERS SAFER. AND WE'VE APPRECIATED THAT, AND FRANKLY
5 THANK ALL OF OUR BUSINESS PARTNERS FOR THAT. IT HAS JUST BEEN
6 A VERY DIFFERENT PICTURE OF COMPLIANCE AROUND THE VACCINATION
7 VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS. AND I THINK IT IS BECAUSE, FIRST OF
8 ALL, YOU SAW THE NUMBERS. WELL OVER 80 PERCENT OF FOLKS IN
9 L.A. COUNTY, OVER THE AGE OF 12, ARE VACCINATED. SO THE VAST
10 MAJORITY OF PEOPLE ALSO APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT THEY CAN BE
11 VACCINATED, AND I THINK THAT HELPS, AS WELL.

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** WELL, I THINK PEOPLE ARE RELIEVED. I MEAN, I HAVE
14 ADMITTED TO GOING TO THE MOVIES EVERY WEEKEND, WHEN IT WAS
15 QUITE SEPARATED, AND THERE WOULD BE 5 PEOPLE IN THE THEATER;
16 MAYBE 7. BUT AS SOON AS L.A. PUT IN THEIR REQUIREMENT THAT
17 EVERYBODY HAD TO BE VACCINATED, I NOTICED A NOTICEABLE UPTICK.
18 I AM NOT SAYING IT WAS JAMMED. I AM JUST SAYING THAT TWICE OR
19 THREE TIMES AS MANY PEOPLE-- AND THAT'S STILL ONLY 15-- MIGHT
20 BE IN THE THEATER. PEOPLE REALLY FELT RELIEVED ABOUT IT. AND I
21 HOPE THAT OTHER CITIES, AND PERHAPS OUR OWN COUNTY, WILL ALSO
22 EXPLORE IT, BECAUSE IT HAS NOT RESULTED IN A WHOLE LONG LINE
23 OF PEOPLE COMPLAINING ABOUT HAVING TO SHOW THEIR I.D.S, ET
24 CETERA. SO, JUST TO RECAP, PEOPLE WHO ARE UNVACCINATED ARE NOT
25 JUST A THREAT TO THEMSELVES, BUT MORE OF THE THREAT TO OTHER

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1 PEOPLE; AND NOT ONLY THEIR OWN HEALTH WOULD BE ATTACKED WORSE,
2 BUT ALSO, THEY WOULD, I GUESS, BE MORE INFECTIOUS TO OTHER
3 PEOPLE. AND WE WANT EVERYONE TO CONTINUE, NOT JUST THROUGH THE
4 HOLIDAYS, BUT CERTAINLY THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS, TO MAKE CERTAIN
5 THAT THEY FOLLOW MASKING REQUIREMENTS; AND EVEN IF YOU DON'T
6 KNOW IF IT IS REQUIRED, TO MASK UP. BECAUSE EVEN IF YOU GET A
7 LITTLE SICK, BUT MILLIONS OF US DO, THAT IS A REAL BURDEN ON
8 THE SYSTEM, AS WELL. SO I THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS WORK. YOU
9 MUST BE EXHAUSTED. AND WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO BACK YOU UP.
10 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. AND TO YOUR
13 POINT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, IT POPPED UP ON MY NEWSFEED NOT 10,
14 15 MINUTES AGO: THE CITY OF SAN JOSE IS MOVING TOWARD
15 REQUIRING BOOSTER SHOTS. SO THAT MAY BE A DIRECTION
16 MUNICIPALITIES SEE THEMSELVES GOING, SO WE WILL KEEP OUR EYE
17 ON THAT AND SEE IF DOCTORS FERRER AND GHALY THINK WE SHOULD
18 GO THERE. AND I ALSO THINK IT IS IMPORTANT, AS THE L.A. TIMES
19 BUSINESS SECTION NOTED YESTERDAY, WITH REGARD TO OUR CONCERNS
20 AROUND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, NOTABLE OUTBREAKS IN SEVERAL OF
21 OUR LARGE EMPLOYERS IN L.A. COUNTY, SPACEX BEING ONE OF THEM,
22 ONE OF THE FEDEX SITES NEAR L.A.X., AND A MID-SIZED RESTAURANT
23 HAD A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF POSITIVE TESTS. SO I THINK
24 CONTINUING TO ADHERE TO OUR NEW TOOLS, I BELIEVE, AS DR.
25 FERRER MENTIONED-- THE NEW TOOLS BEING VACCINES, WHICH WE

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1 DIDN'T HAVE A YEAR AGO-- IS REALLY GOING TO BE IMPORTANT. A
2 COUPLE OF QUICK QUESTIONS FOR ME, AS WE WRAP UP. IN YOUR SLIDE
3 THAT MADE THE SUGGESTIONS ON WHAT WE SHOULD DO, YOU TALKED
4 ABOUT TESTING BEFORE FAMILY GATHERINGS. I THINK THE QUESTION
5 REALLY IS, HOW FAR IN ADVANCE OF THE FAMILY GATHERING SHOULD
6 ONE TEST? BECAUSE YOU CAN TEST TOO EARLY, OR PERHAPS TEST TOO
7 LATE. SO, COULD YOU GIVE US SOME ADVICE OR COUNSEL ON THAT?

8

9 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THAT IS A GREAT QUESTION, AND THANK YOU,
10 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. THE TESTING ISSUE FOR WHAT THAT TIME
11 FRAME SHOULD BE REALLY DEPENDS ON A COUPLE OF VARIABLES, BUT
12 IN GENERAL, THE RULE IS, THE CLOSER TO THE TIME YOU'RE
13 GATHERING THAT YOU CAN GET TESTED, THE BETTER YOU ARE.
14 BECAUSE, OBVIOUSLY, IF YOU TEST TOO FAR IN ADVANCE, YOU CAN
15 TEST NEGATIVE ON A WEDNESDAY, AND THEN ON A THURSDAY OR
16 FRIDAY, YOU CAN ACTUALLY, IF YOU WERE TO TEST AGAIN, BE
17 POSITIVE, BECAUSE YOU HAD AN EXPOSURE, AND IT HAS TAKEN THAT
18 LONG FOR YOU TO HAVE ENOUGH VIRAL LOAD FOR IT TO SHOW UP IN
19 THE TEST. SO WE GENERALLY SAY TO FOLKS, THE CLOSER TO THE
20 GATHERING, THE CLOSER TO THE EVENT YOU ARE ATTENDING, THE
21 BETTER OFF YOU ARE. AND THAT GENERALLY MEANS USING ONE OF
22 THOSE RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS. NOW, THOSE RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS ARE
23 NOT QUITE AS POWERFUL AS WHAT WE CALL THOSE MOLECULAR P.C.R.
24 TESTS THAT WE ARE MOSTLY FAMILIAR WITH, BECAUSE THAT IS ALL
25 THAT WAS AVAILABLE FOR SO MUCH OF THIS PANDEMIC. BUT THEY ARE

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1 ACCURATE ENOUGH, AND THEY ARE WORTH USING, PARTICULARLY IN
2 THIS SITUATION WHERE YOU ARE GOING TO A GATHERING. WE DO
3 RECOMMEND THAT PEOPLE WHO HAVE SYMPTOMS, "A," PLEASE DON'T GO
4 TO A GATHERING. AND YOU MAY WANT, IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS, TO GO
5 AHEAD AND GET THAT P.C.R. TEST, BECAUSE IT IS A MORE ACCURATE
6 TEST. AND IN GENERAL, BECAUSE WE HAVE A LOT MORE TESTING
7 CAPACITY, EVEN FOR THOSE MOLECULAR TESTS, YOU ARE GETTING YOUR
8 RESULTS WITHIN ONE TO TWO DAYS. SO THAT ALSO MEANS THAT THAT'S
9 ALSO GOOD ENOUGH. I MEAN, I THINK THIS IS SORT OF THE GOOD-
10 ENOUGH RULE. THE BEST THING TO DO IS TO BE ABLE TO TEST AS
11 CLOSE TO THE TIME YOU'RE GATHERING AS POSSIBLE. IF THAT IS NOT
12 POSSIBLE, BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO A RAPID ANTIGEN
13 TEST, PLEASE GO TO A COMMUNITY SITE A DAY OR TWO BEFORE, WHERE
14 THE TESTS ARE FREE, AND YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND GET TESTED, AND
15 STILL HAVE A NEGATIVE TEST RESULT IN YOUR HAND BEFORE YOU
16 GATHER WITH FOLKS. I HOPE THAT IS CLEAR ENOUGH.

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18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THAT IS HELPFUL. I APPRECIATE IT. AND
19 ONE LAST THING. MESSAGING HAS BEEN MY CONCERN. I THINK WE ARE
20 PRIVILEGED, QUITE FRANKLY, TO HAVE DIRECT ACCESS TO YOU, AND
21 THOSE WHO FOLLOW BOARD MEETINGS OR HAVE COMPUTERS THAT CAN
22 ACCESS THE COUNTY WEBSITE ARE PRIVILEGED TO GET THIS
23 INFORMATION DIRECTLY, AND WE KNOW FAR TOO MANY ANGELENOS ARE
24 NOT, WHO DON'T FEEL THAT THEY HAVE ACCESS TO THE INFORMATION,
25 AND JUST, FOR WHATEVER VARIETY OF REASONS, ARE NOT ENCOURAGED

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1 TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE TOOLS YOU'VE TALKED ABOUT, PRIMARILY
2 VACCINATIONS AND BOOSTERS. AND SO, SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAD A
3 GREAT MOTION, THE END OF NOVEMBER, THAT ENCOURAGED THE
4 ENGAGEMENT WITH LOCAL ETHNIC MEDIA, SOCIAL MEDIA, PODCASTS,
5 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS. I'M WONDERING WHERE WE ARE IN
6 THE UTILIZATION OF THOSE TOOLS, IN KEEPING WITH HER MOTION; AS
7 WELL AS, GIVEN THE STATUS, THE DATA YOU SHARED WITH US IN YOUR
8 PRESENTATION, OUR LOW NUMBERS OF 5- TO 11-YEAR-OLDS THAT HAVE
9 BEGUN THE VACCINATION PROCESS. AND WE'VE HAD A COUPLE OF
10 OUTBREAKS IN INGLEWOOD AND REDONDO BEACH, SO COULD YOU RESPOND
11 TO THOSE TWO QUESTIONS?

12

13 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. AND SO, YES,
14 AND WE APPRECIATED THAT MOTION, AND OBVIOUSLY HAVE BEEN DOING
15 A LOT, AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO A LOT. WE THINK IT IS REALLY
16 IMPORTANT THAT WE MAKE USE OF LOTS OF DIFFERENT WAYS PEOPLE
17 LIKE TO GET THEIR INFORMATION. AND AS YOU HAVE NOTED, FOR
18 MANY, MANY PEOPLE, IT IS NOT THROUGH PRESS CONFERENCES, OR
19 EVEN OUR TOWN HALLS, THAT ARE NOW VIRTUAL. THEY LIKE TO GET
20 THEIR INFORMATION FROM SOMEONE THEY KNOW, SOMEONE THEY TRUST,
21 AT A COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES THEM WITH OTHER
22 SERVICES, AND THROUGH LOCAL-- MORE LOCAL, EITHER SOCIAL MEDIA
23 THAT THEY ARE FOLLOWING, OR LOCAL NEWSPAPERS AND OUTLETS. SO,
24 WE NOW HAVE A ROBUST MEDIA CAMPAIGN WITH LOCAL BLACK AND
25 LATINX COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS. WE USE PRINT ADS. WE'VE OFFERED

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1 TO DO COLUMNS. WE ARE PARTNERING WITH ABOUT TWO DOZEN LOCAL
2 SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCERS. THESE AREN'T OUR FOLKS. THEY'RE
3 FOLKS THAT ARE WIDELY FOLLOWED BY OTHERS, WHO ARE WILLING TO,
4 AGAIN, AMPLIFY SOME OF THE MESSAGING, PARTICULARLY AROUND
5 VACCINATIONS. WE ARE ALSO, AND I THINK MOST IMPORTANTLY, OUR
6 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT WE CONTRACT WITH, AND ALL
7 OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS. YOU KNOW WE HAVE A COMMUNITY
8 AMBASSADOR PROGRAM, A PARENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM, A STUDENT
9 AMBASSADOR PROGRAM, TO REALLY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE
10 POSSIBILITY OF HAVING MORE PEER-TO-PEER EXCHANGES, AND THAT IS
11 REALLY TARGETED, AGAIN, IN SOME OF OUR HARDEST-HIT
12 COMMUNITIES. IN MANY PLACES, I WANT TO NOTE THAT WE REPORT OUT
13 THOSE MOBILE VACCINATION TEAMS BECAUSE IT IS IMPORTANT ACCESS,
14 BUT IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT FOR SHARING INFORMATION. BECAUSE EVERY
15 PLACE YOU SEE A MOBILE VACCINE TEAM, THERE'S A COMMUNITY
16 PARTNER, AND THAT COMMUNITY PARTNER REALLY TAKES A LOT OF
17 RESPONSIBILITY FOR GETTING GOOD INFORMATION OUT TO THE
18 COMMUNITY ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY, BUT ALSO ABOUT THE
19 OPPORTUNITY TO GET THEIR QUESTIONS ANSWERED ABOUT VACCINE
20 SAFETY AND EFFICACY. SO THE WORK, I THINK, IS VERY LAYERED.
21 OBVIOUSLY, TRYING TO DO A BETTER JOB USING SOME PAID MEDIA,
22 WHICH IS WHERE I THINK, IN THE PAST, WE HAVEN'T BEEN AS
23 TARGETED. WE'VE GOT BILLBOARDS. WE'VE GOT-- WHAT ARE THEY
24 CALLED? BUS TAILS, I THINK, BUS SHELTER BILLBOARDS, AND ALL
25 TARGETED IN COMMUNITIES THAT ARE, YOU KNOW, REALLY HARDEST

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1 HIT, AND HAVE THE LOWER VACCINATION COVERAGE. I WILL SAY, MY
2 OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCE, JUST SORT OF BEING AT OUR SITES,
3 DOING DOOR-KNOCKING, THE BEST WAY FOR US TO SHARE INFORMATION
4 RIGHT NOW IS TO GIVE PEOPLE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS,
5 TO SHARE WITH US WHAT THEIR CONCERNS ARE, AND FEEL LIKE WE ARE
6 LISTENING AND TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THEIR CONCERNS, AND
7 APPROACH INFORMATION-SHARING FROM THAT PERSPECTIVE. SO, WE HAD
8 A HUGE EFFORT WITH OUR FAITH COMMUNITY. WE ASKED THEM TO
9 PROVIDE INFORMATION FROM THEIR PULPITS. I THINK THAT WAS
10 PRETTY SUCCESSFUL. WE'VE DONE SOMETHING SIMILAR, SENDING
11 LETTERS TO EVERY SINGLE PARENT AND HOUSEHOLD BEFORE CHILDREN
12 WENT HOME FOR THE HOLIDAY BREAK, AGAIN, WITH THE PUBLIC HEALTH
13 ALERT, ASKING PEOPLE TO BE MINDFUL OF THE STEPS THAT WE NEED
14 TO TAKE TO PROTECT EACH OTHER OVER THE HOLIDAY. AND I THINK WE
15 HAVE TO CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR THOSE... YOU KNOW, MORE DIRECT.
16 AND IN SOME WAYS, WE MOVE A LITTLE BIT SLOWER, BUT I ACTUALLY
17 THINK THAT WILL HAVE A BIGGER IMPACT.

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19 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I APPRECIATE THAT. AND LET ME JUST
20 REITERATE, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, HOW DEEPLY WE APPRECIATE
21 THE TWO OF YOU, YOUR STAFF, THE C.B.O. OUTREACH WORKERS, THE
22 COMMUNITY CLINIC NETWORK, THE POP-UP SITES, ALL OF THOSE WHO
23 WILL, EVEN THOUGH WE ARE ENTERING THE HOLIDAY SEASON, WILL
24 CONTINUE TO DO THIS WORK TO MAKE THESE ADDITIONAL TOOLS
25 AVAILABLE TO EVERY ANGELENO. FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS, WE

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1 THANK YOU. IT IS NECESSARY WORK. IT IS CRITICAL WORK TO HELP
2 KEEP ANGELENOS SAFE, AND SO THANK YOU BOTH VERY MUCH, AND WE
3 WISH YOU SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS. THANK YOU. THIS REPORT IS
4 RECEIVED AND FILED. HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE
5 ORDER. WE WILL MOVE ON NOW TO OUR PENDING ITEMS, AND WE WILL
6 BEGIN WITH ITEM 4, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SOCIAL CONNECTIVITY
7 INITIATIVE, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR
8 SOLIS, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

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10 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND, COLLEAGUES, I
11 KNOW WE ARE ALL VERY LASER-FOCUSED ON WHAT UNFORTUNATELY SEEMS
12 TO BE ANOTHER C.O.V.I.D.-19 SURGE STEMMING FROM THIS NEW
13 VARIANT, AND THE SERIOUS HEALTH CONSEQUENCES, AS WE JUST HEARD
14 FROM OUR TWO HEALTH DIRECTORS. BUT WE ALSO NEED TO TURN OUR
15 ATTENTION TO THE INCREASE IN LONELINESS AND SOCIAL ISOLATION,
16 ESPECIALLY AS THIS PANDEMIC DRAGS ON. DID YOU KNOW THAT THE
17 INCREASE IN SOCIAL ISOLATION HAS BEEN DRIVEN IN PART BY THE
18 PANDEMIC, WHEN WE WERE ABIDING BY THE SAFER AT HOME ORDER,
19 SPENDING TIME APART AND AWAY FROM LOVED ONES? THE INCREASE IN
20 LONELINESS IS ALMOST PARADOXICAL. WE ARE MORE CONNECTED THAN
21 EVER THROUGH TECHNOLOGY, BUT IT IS VERY CLEAR THAT SOCIAL
22 MEDIA CANNOT REPLACE RELATIONSHIPS WITH FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND
23 COMMUNITY; THAT PERSONAL TOUCH. SOCIAL ISOLATION, AS YOU KNOW,
24 IS NOT LIMITED TO ONE AGE GROUP, EITHER. INSTEAD, IT IS
25 AFFECTING INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE AT A RANGE OF DIFFERENT AGES:

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1 YOUNG PEOPLE, OLDER ADULTS, AND THOSE IN BETWEEN. AND STUDIES,
2 MEMBERS, HAVE SHOWN THAT MILLIONS OF AMERICANS ARE SOCIALLY
3 ISOLATED, LONELY, OR BOTH, NEGATIVELY IMPACTING THEIR QUALITY
4 OF LIFE AND HEALTH OUTCOMES. IN FACT, SOCIAL ISOLATION WAS
5 ACCOMPANIED BY 29-PERCENT INCREASED RISK OF MORTALITY. AND
6 LONELINESS WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A 26-PERCENT INCREASE OF RISK,
7 COMPARABLE TO OTHER RISK FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH OBESITY AND
8 CIGARETTE SMOKE. AND APPROXIMATELY 42 MILLION ADULTS OVER THE
9 AGE OF 45 ARE ESTIMATED TO BE SUFFERING FROM CHRONIC
10 LONELINESS; NOT ILLNESSES, LONELINESS. AN ONLINE SURVEY OF
11 MORE THAN 20,000 YOUNG ADULTS FOUND THAT NEARLY HALF REPORTED
12 THEY "SOMETIMES" OR "ALWAYS" FEEL ALONE. WHEN PRESIDENT JOE
13 BIDEN APPOINTED SURGEON GENERAL DR. VIVEK MURTHY, THERE IS AN
14 OPPORTUNITY, I THINK, FOR US TO TACKLE THIS ISSUE HEAD-ON. HIS
15 RECENT BOOK, "TOGETHER," MADE A STRONG CASE FOR WHY LONELINESS
16 IS A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE. IT CONTRIBUTES TO AND WORSENS
17 EPIDEMICS LIKE DRUG ADDICTION AND VIOLENCE, AND I BELIEVE THAT
18 RIGHT NOW WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO ADDRESS
19 SOCIAL ISOLATION HEAD-ON. AND AS WE BEGIN TO BUILD OUR SOCIAL
20 SAFETY NET BETTER, AND HOPEFULLY WITH THE PROMISE OF PASSING
21 THE BUILD BACK BETTER LEGISLATIVE PLAN IN WASHINGTON, WE FIND
22 AN UNMATCHED OPPORTUNITY RIGHT HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, TO SEE HOW
23 WE CAN ENSURE THAT OUR RESIDENTS HAVE A SENSE OF COMMUNITY,
24 WHETHER IT IS THROUGH ACTIVITIES AT OUR BEAUTIFUL PARKS, OR
25 SENIOR CENTERS, OR SUPPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL

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1 HEALTH. THIS COUNTY CAN WORK, I BELIEVE, TO ENSURE OUR
2 RESIDENTS ARE CONNECTED TO THEIR NEIGHBORS AND TO OTHERS. THIS
3 MOTION, MEMBERS, DIRECTS OUR C.E.O., WORKING WITH RELEVANT
4 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, LIKE D.P.H., D.H.S., AND D.M.H., AND
5 OTHERS, TO REPORT BACK WITH A ROAD MAP FOR THIS BOARD. THIS
6 REPORT-BACK WILL EXPLAIN WHAT THE ISSUES ARE WHEN IT COMES TO
7 SOCIAL ISOLATION; WHICH DEPARTMENTS ARE MOST RELEVANT TO
8 HELPING US ADDRESS IT; AND WHAT WE, AS A COUNTY, CAN DO ON
9 THIS ISSUE, OVERALL. I DO BELIEVE THAT THIS ISSUE IS VERY
10 PERVASIVE. IT MIGHT EVEN BE ONE OF THOSE SILENT KILLERS THAT
11 IS OUT THERE. BUT WE NEED TO PROVIDE MORE PUBLIC AWARENESS
12 ABOUT THIS. SO I HOPE, AND MY EXPECTATION IS, THAT THIS MOTION
13 DOES JUST THAT, AND I WOULD RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE
14 ON THIS MOTION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
17 SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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19 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
20 SOLIS, FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. AND I THOUGHT A LOT ABOUT
21 THIS-- THIS YEAR, PARTICULARLY-- WHEN THE COUNTY LAYS TO REST
22 THE UNCLAIMED SOULS IN L.A. COUNTY; PEOPLE THAT DIE AND HAVE
23 NO ONE TO CLAIM THEM. WE ACTUALLY KEEP THEIR BODIES FOR THREE
24 YEARS, THINKING, HOPING, WONDERING IF SOMEONE MIGHT COME
25 FORWARD TO CLAIM THEM. AND THEN, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE THIS

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1 CEREMONY EVERY YEAR, WHERE WE LAY THEM TO REST. WE LAID TO
2 REST 1,700 SOULS THIS YEAR. BUT I TALKED ABOUT IT IN MY
3 REMARKS THAT DAY, AS I PRESIDED OVER IT. AND ALL THE DIFFERENT
4 ECUMENICAL PASTORS AND PRIESTS AND ACTIVISTS COME, AND
5 EVERYONE SORT OF SPEAKS TO THIS IDEA: WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT IF
6 WE COULD SOLVE THIS LONELINESS PROBLEM FIRST, SOMEWHERE IN
7 THEIR LIVES, AND THEY PROBABLY WOULDN'T END UP DYING ALONE AND
8 HAVING NO ONE COME FORWARD TO CLAIM THEM. SO I THINK THIS IS
9 IMPORTANT, AND I THINK IT REALLY WILL BEGIN TO ADDRESS THIS
10 PROBLEM. AND HOPEFULLY, WE CAN FIND THESE PEOPLE SOMEWHERE IN
11 THEIR LIFE, MUCH, MUCH EARLIER, WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM
12 LONELINESS, AND SEE IF WE CAN'T CHANGE THE TRAJECTORY OF THEIR
13 LIFE IN A POSITIVE WAY. SO I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS, AND
14 INTEND TO VOTE YES.

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

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18 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. HILDA, I LOVE
19 THIS MOTION. I REALLY, REALLY DO. AND, YOU KNOW, IT IS NOT
20 JUST ABOUT LONELINESS, THOUGH THAT IS AN IMPORTANT RESULT. BUT
21 ISOLATION IS SOMETHING LARGER THAN SOMETHING THAT IS ONLY
22 SOMETHING THAT A PERSON DOES THEMSELVES. FOR INSTANCE, I AM
23 HOPING THAT, BY INCLUDING OUR NEW SEPARATED OUT DEPARTMENT FOR
24 AGING-- WHICH IS ALSO AN IDEA THAT I REALLY STRONGLY
25 SUPPORTED, AND SUPPORT-- THERE ARE VARIOUS TRANSPORTATION

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1 SERVICES PROVIDED, ONE OF WHICH HAS JUST BEEN CANCELED. AND SO
2 I DON'T WANT TO BE ISOLATED, BUT I AM RELIANT UPON
3 TRANSPORTATION, BECAUSE MY KIDS TOOK MY KEYS AWAY, I.E., AND I
4 CAN'T DRIVE MYSELF ANYMORE, IN MY 90S. OKAY, I AM NOT IN MY
5 90S, AND I DON'T HAVE ANY KIDS, AND NOBODY HAS TAKEN MY KEYS
6 AWAY, BUT I AM JUST SAYING, AS AN EXAMPLE. BUT I DIDN'T DO
7 ANYTHING TO BECOME ISOLATED; SUDDENLY, I JUST DON'T HAVE
8 TRANSPORTATION. AND IT IS REALLY KIND OF THE SAME, WHEN WE
9 LOOK AT THE ELECTRICITY CUTOFFS, WHERE I AM NOW SUDDENLY
10 REALLY ISOLATED. I CAN'T CHARGE MY PHONE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO
11 DO. I CAN'T COMMUNICATE WITH ANYBODY. I CAN'T EVEN MAKE THE
12 BUZZER WORK FOR THE GUY DOWNSTAIRS THAT COMES UP TO HELP ME
13 GET OUT OF MY APARTMENT, ET CETERA. SO I AM HOPING THAT-- NOT
14 SAYING ANY WAY TO AMEND THIS-- BUT I AM HOPING THAT, AS THESE
15 DEPARTMENTS LOOK AT THIS ISSUE, THAT THEY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT
16 THE RESPONSIBILITY OF OUR OWN SERVICES FOR FAILING TO HELP
17 PEOPLE NOT BE ISOLATED, AND HOW THAT IS AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF
18 WHAT, IN THE REPORT-BACK, WE DON'T MEAN TO DO IT, WE DON'T
19 MEAN TO CAUSE ISOLATION, BUT WE ARE, IN SOME CASES, PART OF
20 THE PROBLEM. SO I REALLY LIKE THIS, BECAUSE WE ARE LOOKING AT
21 EFFECTS. I WANT US TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT WE ALSO LOOK AT
22 CAUSES, I GUESS, IN A WAY, I AM SAYING. AND I VERY
23 ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION, AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH
24 FOR BRINGING IT.

25

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I, TOO, WANT TO-- SUPERVISOR BARGER? GO
2 AHEAD.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** I WASN'T GOING TO SAY ANYTHING, BUT THIS IS A
5 GREAT MOTION, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT, WHEN
6 YOU SAID THAT, SHEILA, IT BROUGHT UP SOMETHING. THAT IS A CASE
7 WHERE THEY BECOME ISOLATED. THERE ARE THOSE THAT ISOLATE
8 THEMSELVES BECAUSE OF DEPRESSION, AND ARE AT A HIGHER RATE OF
9 SUICIDE. AND I KNOW THIS BOARD HAS REALLY TALKED TO DR. SHERIN
10 ABOUT BEING PROACTIVE, ESPECIALLY AMONG OUR YOUTH, WHO HAVE
11 BEEN ISOLATED OUT OF SCHOOL, WHO ARE HAVING A HARD TIME
12 ASSIMILATING BACK INTO THAT SYSTEM. SO, AGAIN, I THINK IT IS
13 IMPORTANT FOR US TO KEEP THIS ON OUR RADAR, BOTH FOR THE
14 SITUATION THAT YOU TALKED ABOUT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL-- I 100-
15 PERCENT AGREE-- BUT ALSO FOR THOSE THAT ARE BEGINNING TO
16 WITHDRAW; WHAT SIGNS TO LOOK FOR, WHAT ARE TRIGGERS, SO THAT
17 WE HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING, ESPECIALLY DURING THE HOLIDAY
18 SEASONS, WHICH TENDS TO BE A TIME WHEN PEOPLE DO FACE A LOT OF
19 CHALLENGES IN DEPRESSION. SO I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS
20 MOTION. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND I WOULD LIKE TO ECHO
23 EVERYONE'S SENTIMENT. I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR
24 ACCEPTING THE AMENDMENT, TO ACTUALLY CALL OUT OUR NEWLY
25 REORGANIZED DEPARTMENT OF AGING. I THINK THAT IS IMPORTANT.

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1 AND THE ONLY THING I WOULD ADD-- I ECHO WHAT ALL OF MY
2 COLLEAGUES SAID-- IS, I THINK THIS IS AN IMPORTANT SPACE FOR
3 GOVERNMENT TO OCCUPY. I DON'T KNOW IF ANY OF YOU ALL REMEMBER,
4 BUT YEARS AGO, "60 MINUTES" DID AN EXPOSE ON THE NATION OF
5 BHUTAN, AND I FORTUNATELY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL THERE
6 IN THE LAST SELF SEVERAL YEARS. NOT ONLY ARE THEY A NET ZERO
7 CARBON PRODUCING COUNTRY, BUT THEY MEASURE GROSS NATIONAL
8 HAPPINESS LIKE WE MEASURE GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT. AND WHAT'S
9 SIGNIFICANT ABOUT THAT IS, BECAUSE THEY MEASURE IT-- AND, YOU
10 KNOW, WHAT YOU MEASURE, YOU FOCUS ON. AS A GOVERNMENT, THEY
11 FOCUS ON ADDRESSING WHAT MAKES THEIR COUNTRYMEN AND WOMEN
12 HAPPY, AND WHAT ROLE GOVERNMENT MUST PLAY TO CREATE
13 OPPORTUNITIES FOR THAT. SO, JUST LIKE ISOLATION AND
14 LONELINESS, WHAT ROLE MUST GOVERNMENT PLAY TO DIRECTLY PROVIDE
15 RELIEF? IT IS NOT SOMETHING, I THINK, AN AREA WHERE GOVERNMENT
16 HAS OCCUPIED SPACE, BUT JUST AS IT IS SO INTERCONNECTED, AS
17 SUPERVISOR BARGER SAID, TO MENTAL ILLNESS AND ISOLATION, AND
18 PERHAPS SUICIDE, ABILITY WHAT ROLE GOVERNMENT PLAYS IN
19 EXACERBATING LONELINESS, BECAUSE WE HAVE CUT OFF
20 TRANSPORTATION, WHATEVER. SO, REALLY THINKING ABOUT IT IN
21 TERMS OF OUR ROLE AS A PROVIDER OF SERVICES, IN MAKING SURE WE
22 ARE NOT EXACERBATING THE SITUATION. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH
23 FOR BRINGING FORWARD THE MOTION. I, TOO, WILL BE SUPPORTING
24 IT. ARE THERE ANY OTHER COMMENTS ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE?
25

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, I JUST QUICKLY WANT TO CLOSE BY
2 SAYING THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES, BUT IT DAWNS ON ME THAT
3 THERE ARE SO MANY OTHER SEGMENTS OF OUR SOCIETY THAT SHOULD BE
4 DOING A LOT MORE WITH US, INCLUDING OUR COLLEGES,
5 UNIVERSITIES, WHERE WE HAVE SOME OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE NOW, IN
6 THEIR DORMS, AND THEY ARE TAKING THEIR DISTANCE-LEARNING
7 CLASSES THERE. THEY ARE ISOLATED FROM THEIR FAMILY, AND THAT
8 IS ANOTHER BURDEN. AND THESE ARE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. IN
9 ADDITION, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT ISOLATION IN SENIORS AND OTHERS
10 THAT HAVE ELECTRICITY OR THEIR PHONE CONNECTION CUT OFF,
11 S.C.E. AND OUR BIG CORPORATIONS NEED TO KNOW THAT AND BE READY
12 TO HELP PROVIDE ANY COMPENSATION OR ASSISTANCE. WE HAVE HAD TO
13 DO THIS SEVERAL TIMES WHEN WE'VE HAD OUTAGES IN OUR COMMUNITY,
14 ESPECIALLY IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS, WHERE THEY ARE KIND OF THE
15 LAST FOLKS THAT ACTUALLY GET ATTENTION. SO I AGREE WITH ALL
16 THE STATEMENTS MADE, AND HOPEFULLY WE WILL LEARN MORE. WE WILL
17 BE ABLE TO HAVE A GREATER IMPACT ON THIS ISSUE THAT IS REALLY,
18 I THINK, TAKING HOLD, UNFORTUNATELY, AND WE REALLY DO HAVE TO
19 PROVIDE A WRAPAROUND ASSISTANCE IN A MORE MEANINGFUL AND
20 STRATEGIC MANNER. SO THANK YOU ALL, AND ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.

21
22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND HEARING NO OTHER
23 COMMENTS, ITEM 4 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
24 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE
25 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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1

2 **SPEAKER:** ITEM 4 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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6 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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10 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

11

12 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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18 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

19

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

21

22 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-0.

23

24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVING ON TO ITEM 5,

25 MODERNIZED AND UPDATED TERMS FOR PIPELINE FRANCHISE

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1 AGREEMENTS. I HELD THE ITEM MYSELF. HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT? SO,
2 FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR CO-AUTHORING
3 THE MOTION WITH ME. AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE C.E.O.
4 AND THE CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE, THE DIRECTOR OF THE
5 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, AND COUNTY COUNSEL, FOR THEIR
6 REALLY HARD WORK AND COLLABORATION. WE WORKED CAREFULLY WITH
7 THESE DEPARTMENTS TO ENSURE WE CREATED A THOUGHTFUL AND
8 INTENTIONAL POLICY. THIS WORK TAKES TIME, AND SO THIS WILL NOT
9 BE THE LAST TIME THE BOARD WILL NEED TO DELIBERATE ON THE
10 ACTIONS DISCUSSED IN TODAY'S BROADER MOTION. THIS MOTION
11 FOLLOWS THE CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE'S RECENT REPORT-BACK
12 ON ACTION TAKEN BY THIS BOARD IN SEPTEMBER TO PHASE OUT OIL
13 AND GAS, AND TO PROTECT COMMUNITIES NEAR OIL AND GAS SITES.
14 THE CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE'S REPORT-BACK INCLUDED SEVERAL
15 RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING PIPELINE FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS THAT
16 HELP TO ALIGN THE COUNTY'S LARGER EFFORTS ON THE PHASE-OUT OF
17 OIL AND GAS WITH THESE AGREEMENTS. THESE AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN
18 SEEN AS PRO FORMA ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN OPERATORS IN THE
19 COUNTY, BUT I THINK IT IS TIME THAT WE RECONSIDER THIS
20 ARRANGEMENT AND TAKE OUR POWER BACK, QUITE FRANKLY. FRANCHISE
21 PIPELINE AGREEMENTS ARE MECHANISMS TO NEGOTIATE CONTRACTS WITH
22 OIL AND GAS COMPANIES, AND TODAY'S MOTION DIRECTS OUR COUNTY
23 DEPARTMENTS TO IMPLEMENT CHANGES ON THESE AGREEMENTS THAT WILL
24 MODERNIZE THEIR FEES AND CREATE STANDARDS TO HOLD OPERATORS
25 ACCOUNTABLE. THIS INCLUDES NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR DATA-SHARING,

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1 AND PROCESSES FOR WHEN OPERATOR OWNERSHIP CHANGES, OR WHEN
2 PIPELINES ARE ABANDONED. MORE WORK REMAINS TO ALIGN FRANCHISE
3 AGREEMENTS WITH OUR PLAN TO PHASE OUT OIL AND GAS. THIS MOTION
4 TODAY ALSO DIRECTS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO CONTINUE THEIR WORK
5 PLAN ON THAT. WE'VE ASKED THE CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER,
6 GARY GERO, TO MAKE HIMSELF AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS THAT
7 ANY OF YOU MIGHT HAVE, AND I ASK FOR AN AYE VOTE. ANY
8 QUESTIONS? SUPERVISOR KUEHL, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** JUST THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, FOR ALLOWING
11 ME TO CO-AUTHOR THIS WITH YOU. AS I THINK WE ALL KNOW, AS A
12 COUNTY, WE HAVE COMMITTED TO PHASING OUT OIL AND GAS DRILLING
13 IN THE COUNTY. BUT AS WE DO SO-- IT IS NOT DONE YET-- IT IS
14 ALSO IMPORTANT THAT WE UPDATE OUR LONG-OUTDATED PIPELINE
15 FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS AND THE FEE STRUCTURES, TO STAY ON PACE
16 WITH INFLATION, AND ALSO THE NUMBER OF SURROUNDING
17 JURISDICTIONS, SO THAT WE ARE NOT LOOKING LIKE SORT OF A CHEAP
18 DATE, WHERE DRILLING CAN GO ON BECAUSE IT IS MORE EXPENSIVE
19 OTHER PLACES. WE HAVEN'T UPDATED OUR FEES IN A REALLY LONG
20 TIME, AND WE ARE AT THE BOTTOM END OF THE RANGE OF WHAT OTHER
21 JURISDICTIONS IN THE COUNTY IMPOSE AS FEES. SO, EVEN IF OUR
22 FEES WERE TO DOUBLE, WE WOULD STILL BE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE
23 RANGE FOR FRANCHISE FEES IN THE COUNTY. AND THIS IS
24 IMPORTANT, BECAUSE WE WANT TO USE THESE ADDITIONAL FEES TO
25 SUPPORT THE OFFICE OF OIL AND GAS IN OUR JUST TRANSITION WORK.

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1 WE REMEMBER THAT WE ARE COMMITTED TO HELPING THOSE WORKING IN
2 THE INDUSTRY BE ABLE TO TRAIN AND MOVE TO OTHER, SIMILAR JOBS,
3 AND NOT HAVE TO BE DEPENDENT ON THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY. VERY
4 GRATEFUL TO YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD, AND
5 FOR ALLOWING ME TO CO-AUTHOR. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I KNOW YOU
8 HAVE COMMENTS AND AN AMENDMENT YOU WOULD LIKE TO READ IN.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND I WANT
11 TO THANK BOTH YOU AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR AUTHORIZING THIS VERY
12 IMPORTANT MOTION. A DISCUSSION ABOUT FOSSIL FUEL ACTIVITIES IS
13 VERY TIMELY. WE KNOW THAT; ESPECIALLY FOR LOW-INCOME
14 COMMUNITIES, AND PARTICULARLY COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. THEY, AS
15 YOU KNOW, CONTINUE TO SHOULDER THE UNEQUAL BURDEN OF
16 ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICES, AS WE'VE HEARD EARLY TODAY, FROM THE
17 EXTRACTION OF OIL AND GAS, AND A NUMBER OF OTHER POLLUTION
18 SOURCES, SUCH AS BATTERY RECYCLING PLANTS, RENDERING PLANTS,
19 AND HIGHWAYS IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS THEY LIVE IN. AS MY
20 COLLEAGUES HAVE RAISED, RESEARCH HAS SHOWN THAT OIL
21 DEVELOPMENT CAN ELEVATE HEALTH RISKS FOR POPULATIONS LIVING
22 NEAR EXTRACTION SITES. THIS IS A HIGHER RISK FOR DEVELOPING
23 CANCER, INCREASED UPPER RESPIRATORY ILLNESS, HIGHER
24 HOSPITALIZATION RATES, AND, OF COURSE, ASTHMA. THESE
25 UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES HAVE BEEN OVERLOOKED AND TAKEN

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1 ADVANTAGE OF, DUE TO BAD CORPORATE POLICIES AND, FRANKLY,
2 CORPORATE GREED. I UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALTH,
3 SAFETY, AND WELLBEING FOR ALL OF OUR COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO LIVE
4 IN THESE LONG-TERM AND LIFE-ALTERING PUBLIC HEALTH THREATS. AS
5 A COUNTY, WE MUST STRENGTHEN OUR COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC HEALTH
6 AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, FOR CLEAN AIR TO BREATHE, EQUITABLE
7 AND SUSTAINABLE LAND USE, AND, OF COURSE, LIVING WAGES. JUST
8 THIS PAST SUNDAY, MEMBERS, I AM REMINDED THAT WE HAD AN
9 ACCIDENT THAT RESULTED IN 1,300 GALLONS OF GASOLINE IN THE
10 COUNTY-MAINTAINED ALHAMBRA WASH, THAT CONNECTS TO THE RIO
11 HONDO CHANNEL, IN THE COUNTY'S FLOOD-CONTROL SYSTEM.
12 CURRENTLY, WE HAVE LIMITED MEANS TO SEEK RESTITUTION AND
13 REMEDIATION TO ADDRESS NEGATIVE HEALTH IMPACTS RESULTING FROM
14 THIS INCIDENT. AND THAT'S WHY I WANT TO OFFER A FRIENDLY
15 AMENDMENT TODAY, WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS: "I THEREFORE MOVE
16 THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INSTRUCT THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
17 WORKS AND THE CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE, IN CONSULTATION
18 WITH COUNTY COUNSEL, TO ALSO INCLUDE IN THE 120-DAY REPORT-
19 BACK RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CREATING A DEDICATED FUNDING SOURCE
20 FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP AND HEALTH AND HOUSING-RELATED
21 RESOURCES FOR RESIDENTS AND CONSTITUENTS IMPACTED BY OIL- AND
22 GAS-RELATED INCIDENTS." THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I
23 RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR SUPPORT ON THE AMENDMENT, AND ON THE
24 MOTION.

25

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, IF I COULD
2 JUST ASK YOU, HAVING JUST SEEN YOUR PROPOSED AMENDMENT A
3 LITTLE WHILE AGO, JUST IF COUNTY COUNSEL, IF THE COUNTY
4 DEPARTMENTS YOU REFERENCE, HAVE WEIGHED IN, HAVE COMMENTED ON
5 THE LANGUAGE? I ASKED THAT QUESTION, BUT I DIDN'T GET A NOTE
6 BACK. JUST CHECKING IN WITH YOU.

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THEY DID. THEY HAVE ALL BEEN CONTACTED, AND
9 WE WORKED WITH COUNTY COUNSEL ON PUTTING THIS TOGETHER.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** EXCELLENT. THANK YOU. ANY OTHER COMMENTS
12 OR QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS, ON ITEM 5? OKAY, SEEING NONE,
13 HEARING NO FURTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 5, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE US.
14 THE AMENDMENT, AGAIN, WAS JUST READ IN BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I
15 WILL MOVE AND ASK SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO SECOND, TO APPROVE THIS
16 ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 5, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE YOU,
19 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

22

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

24

25 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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1

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

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

9

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

11 MITCHELL?

12

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

14

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

16 5-0.

17

18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVING ON TO ITEM NO. 7,

19 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH

20 SERVICES TO JUSTICE-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS, WHICH WAS HELD BY

21 SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. JUST TO SET THE STAGE FOR

24 THIS, COLLEAGUES, THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

25 AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD,

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1 OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS, TO AGREE ON TERMS FOR AN OFFICIAL
2 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT ON THE PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR OUR
3 OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY. THIS M.O.A. IS GOING TO ALLOW
4 THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY TO DRAW DOWN MEDI-CAL
5 FUNDS FROM THE STATE FOR MENTAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDED TO ITS
6 CLIENTS, WHICH THEY HAD BEEN UNABLE TO DO BEFORE NOW. AND WE
7 KNOW THAT, UNFORTUNATELY, THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY
8 HAS FACED A STRUCTURAL DEFICIT FOR MANY YEARS, BECAUSE THEY
9 HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO ACCESS THESE STATE FUNDS, AND HAVE
10 INSTEAD RELIED ON ONE-TIME FUNDING FROM THE COUNTY'S GENERAL
11 FUND. SO THIS M.O.A. IS GOING TO GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY,
12 HOPEFULLY, TO CLOSE THAT DEFICIT, AND MAYBE EVEN LOOK AT
13 EXPANDING THOSE SERVICES. I KNOW IT WASN'T EASY FOR OUR TWO
14 DEPARTMENTS TO REACH THIS AGREEMENT, BUT THEY WORKED REALLY
15 HARD TO GET TO THIS M.O.A., AND NOW THEY JUST NEED OUR
16 AUTHORITY TO SIGN IT. SO THAT IS WHAT THIS MOTION DOES TODAY:
17 IT GIVES THEM AUTHORITY TO SIGN THIS M.O.A. SUPERVISOR
18 MITCHELL, I DO KNOW THAT YOU SUBMITTED AN AMENDMENT ON THE
19 GREEN SHEET. AND AT THIS TIME, I AM NOT IN FAVOR OF IT, FOR
20 SEVERAL REASONS. BOTH OF THESE DEPARTMENTS REACHED THE M.O.A.
21 TOGETHER. THERE MIGHT BE KINKS TO BE WORKED OUT, AS THEY MOVE
22 FORWARD, BUT THAT IS SOMETHING THAT I BELIEVE THE DEPARTMENTS
23 HAVE THE FULL AUTHORITY TO WORK OUT TOGETHER. I THINK IT IS
24 UNNECESSARY TO ASK THEM TO SPEND THEIR TIME WRITING REPORTS
25 FOR US ON THE IMPACTS OF THIS M.O.A., AT THIS TIME. I WOULD

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1 REALLY MUCH RATHER THEY SPEND THEIR TIME IMPLEMENTING THESE
2 PROGRAMS AND ADJUSTING THIS M.O.A., IF NEEDED. AND, IN FACT,
3 THEY DO HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO AMEND THIS M.O.A. AS NEEDED, AND
4 I'VE EVEN INCLUDED A REQUIREMENT FOR THEM TO NOTIFY US--
5 NOTIFY THE BOARD-- BEFORE AN AMENDMENT HAPPENS, SO THAT WE ARE
6 WELL AWARE OF THE CHANGES THEY ARE MAKING. SO, I APPRECIATE
7 THE INTENTION OF YOUR AMENDMENT, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, BUT THE
8 POINT OF MY MOTION TODAY WAS SIMPLY TO LET THE TWO DEPARTMENT
9 HEADS SIGN AN AGREEMENT THAT THEY HAVE ALREADY REACHED.
10 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I KNOW YOU ARE MY CO-AUTHOR ON THIS. I DON'T
11 KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, BUT I AM NOT WILLING TO ACCEPT THAT
12 AMENDMENT TODAY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** NOT A PROBLEM. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, LET ME
15 LET YOU SPEAK, AND THEN I WOULD LIKE TO JUST TAKE A MOMENT TO
16 RESPOND TO THE-- MY DESIRE IN BRINGING FORWARD THE AMENDMENT.
17 AND AFTER I DO THAT, THEN I WILL RECOGNIZE YOU, SUPERVISOR
18 KUEHL. FAIR ENOUGH? SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AS CO-AUTHOR.

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR INVITING ME
21 TO BE A CO-AUTHOR ON THE MOTION. I THINK YOU HIT, YOU KNOW,
22 THE NAIL ON THE HEAD THERE, JUST DEFINING THE ROLES OF THE
23 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
24 SERVICES. THIS IS REALLY A CARE-FIRST PROCESS, AND WE REALLY
25 DO NEED TO GET BUSY TO BRING DOWN DOLLARS FROM SACRAMENTO, SO

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1 THAT WE CAN GET REIMBURSED FOR SOME OF THE WORK THAT WE ARE
2 DOING. SO, I BELIEVE THAT WHAT IS BEING PRESENTED HERE TODAY
3 WILL HELP US BETTER TO STREAMLINE ELIGIBILITY FOR THESE VERY
4 CRITICAL RESOURCES THAT WE KNOW ARE VERY MUCH NEEDED, AND TO
5 ENSURE THAT WE PROVIDE THE VERY BEST CARE AND SERVICES FOR OUR
6 COMMUNITY. THE MOTION, A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT, WILL
7 ESTABLISH THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF DEPARTMENT OF
8 MENTAL HEALTH AND D.H.S., FOR THE PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH
9 SERVICES TO THE MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR COUNTY. AND I
10 UNDERSTAND, SUPERVISOR HAHN, THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
11 HEALTH AND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, INCLUDING COUNTY
12 COUNSEL, HAVE REVIEWED THIS MOTION, AS WELL, AS SET FORTH BY
13 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AND THEY DON'T BELIEVE THAT IT IS
14 NECESSARY TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DIRECTIVES IN THIS M.O.A. SO,
15 I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

16

17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND LET ME CLARIFY
18 THAT I FULLY SUPPORT MAXIMIZING MEDICAID FUNDING TO EXPAND
19 O.D.R. SERVICES; HAVE BROUGHT SEVERAL MOTIONS BEFORE US TO
20 MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN FIND A PERMANENT FUNDING SERVICE FOR
21 O.D.R. SO, I HOPE THAT WE ACTUALLY ARE ABLE TO DO THIS, AND I
22 AM GLAD. IT WAS THREE YEARS IN COMING, THAT THE TWO
23 DEPARTMENTS WERE FINALLY ABLE TO GET AN M.O.A. APPRECIATE YOUR
24 PERSPECTIVE, AS WELL AS THAT OF COUNTY COUNSEL, IN FEELING
25 THAT THE AMENDMENT LANGUAGE WAS UNNECESSARY. SO LET ME JUST

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1 SAY WHAT MY INTENTION WILL BE, IN TERMS OF HOLDING THE TWO
2 DEPARTMENTS WHO HAVE SIGNED THIS M.O.A. ACCOUNTABLE TO MAKING
3 SURE THAT THE M.O.A. DOES NOTHING TO REDUCE THE DIRECT
4 SERVICES PROVIDED TO ALL OF OUR CURRENT CONSTITUENCY.
5 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE COMPLEX-- THAT GOES
6 WITHOUT SAYING; THAT IS WHY IT TOOK SO LONG TO GET ONE-- AND
7 WILL REQUIRE INTENTIONAL OVERSIGHT TO ENSURE WE DELIVER THE
8 CARE THAT OUR CLIENTS NEED. SO IT IS MY HOPE THAT THE
9 AGREEMENT AND ITS OPERATIONAL COMPONENTS WILL EVENTUALLY
10 RESULT IN AN EXPANSION OF SERVICES FOR OUR RESIDENTS,
11 INCLUDING O.D.R.'S CLIENTS, AND AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE QUALITY
12 OF CARE. AS THE DEPARTMENTS MOVE FORWARD WITH NEGOTIATING THE
13 OPERATIONAL COMPONENTS, WE REALLY HAVE TO BE MINDFUL OF THE
14 NEED TO PRIORITIZE SERVICES TO O.D.R.'S CLIENTS. WE TALKED
15 EARLIER, ON A PREVIOUS MOTION, ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF
16 ACCOUNTABILITY, AND I THINK THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
17 ACCOUNTABILITY AND ONEROUS BUREAUCRACY. AND SO WHAT I AM
18 HOPING IS THAT, THROUGH THIS M.O.A. AND OTHERS THAT WILL BE
19 FORTHCOMING, IS THAT THESE DEPARTMENTS ARE MINDFUL THAT THEY
20 DON'T REQUIRE ONEROUS, EXCESSIVE REPORTS FROM THEIR COMMUNITY-
21 BASED ORGANIZATION PARTNERS. HAVING BEEN THE C.E.O. OF A
22 C.B.O. THAT HAD A CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY, I UNDERSTAND WHAT
23 THAT CAN FEEL LIKE, AND WHAT THAT CAN BE LIKE. AND SO WE
24 CAN'T, IN ONE CONTEXT, WITH A.R.P.A. DOLLARS, TALK ABOUT WE
25 WANT TO STREAMLINE THE PROCESS TO MAKE C.B.O.S READILY

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1 AVAILABLE IN THEIR ABILITY TO ACCESS THESE RESOURCES, AND YET
2 IN ANOTHER ONE CONTINUE TO PUT ONEROUS, PERHAPS NOT EVEN
3 SUBSTANTIATED REQUIREMENTS ON THEM, IN TERMS OF THEIR
4 REPORTING. THAT WAS MY ONLY GOAL, THROUGH A REPORT-BACK, IS TO
5 MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE CLEAR THAT WE ARE EXPANDING SERVICES TO
6 PEOPLE WHO DESPERATELY NEED THEM, COMING OUT OF BOTH OF THESE
7 DEPARTMENTS. SO I FULLY RESPECT YOUR UNWILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT
8 THE AMENDMENT, BUT PLEASE LET THE TWO DEPARTMENTS BE ON NOTICE
9 THAT THOSE ARE THE KINDS OF QUESTIONS THAT WE WILL BE ASKING
10 OF THEM THROUGH THIS M.O.A. PROCESS, ON A CONSISTENT BASIS.

11 SUPERVISOR SHUEHL? KUEHL, SHUEHL. "SHEILA" AND "KUEHL"

12 COMBINED: SUPERVISOR SHUEHL.

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL:** THAT'S MY NICKNAME IN HIGH SCHOOL, AND IF IT WORKS
15 FOR YOU, THAT'S FINE.

16

17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** HILARIOUS. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOLLOWED BY
18 BARGER. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. THIS HAS KIND OF
21 BEEN A LONG TIME COMING. I MEAN, THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF WORK
22 BY COUNTY COUNSEL AND C.E.O., TO TRY TO GET THESE TWO
23 DEPARTMENTS TO FINALLY GET TO AN M.O.A. THAT THEY ARE, YOU
24 KNOW, WILLING TO SIGN. AND I REALLY UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERN
25 ABOUT OUR PROVIDERS, BUT I THINK WE ALSO NEED TO DO MORE

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1 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, SO THAT THEY CAN PARTICIPATE, BECAUSE
2 SOMETIMES IT IS NOT OUR REQUIREMENTS. FOR INSTANCE, I WAS
3 CONCERNED, PERSONALLY, THAT THE AMENDMENT, WHICH I KNOW YOU
4 PUT FORWARD TO REALLY PROTECT C.B.O.S AND HELP THEM BE ABLE TO
5 DO THEIR SERVICES, WOULD, IN A WAY, HAVE ALLOWED OUR
6 CONTRACTED PROVIDERS TO SAY, "OH, THESE MEDI-CAL DRAWDOWN
7 REQUIREMENTS ARE VERY DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND, AND WE HAVE TO
8 FILL OUT ALL THIS PAPERWORK." AND YET, WE HAVE BEEN TELLING
9 THEM, "YOU HAVE GOT TO DO MEDI-CAL DRAWDOWN, BECAUSE
10 OTHERWISE, O.D.R.'S FUNDING IS ALL N.C.C., AND WE CANNOT
11 SUSTAIN THAT." I MEAN, TO SAY THEY ARE NOT GETTING ENOUGH
12 FUNDING, WE ARE TRYING TO FIND A WAY THAT THEY GET MORE
13 FUNDING, AND THE MEDI-CAL DRAWDOWN, AS YOU KNOW VERY WELL,
14 MADAM CHAIR, SINCE YOU HAVE BEEN VERY COGNIZANT OF IT, IS A
15 REALLY IMPORTANT WAY TO DO IT. SO I AM GLAD THAT WE MAY FIND A
16 WAY TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL OF
17 THESE PROGRAMS, AND MAYBE FIND ANOTHER WAY TO HELP THEM DO IT.
18 THAT IS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I THINK WE'VE DONE. THE OTHER
19 THING IS, O.D.R. IS A VERY, VERY VALUABLE SERVICE, BUT IT IS
20 ONLY AT A PARTICULAR POINT IN THE ENTIRE PANOPLY OF MENTAL
21 HEALTH SERVICES THAT WE ARE TRYING TO PROVIDE IN SO MANY, FOR
22 INSTANCE, IN OUR JUSTICE-INVOLVED POPULATION, SUCH AS YOU WERE
23 TALKING ABOUT IN THIS MOTION. AND WE WANT TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT
24 THE DEPARTMENTS ARE WORKING IN TANDEM, SO THAT WE CAN DO ALL
25 OF THE DIFFERENT INTERVENTION POINTS, AND NOT HAVE IT STUCK

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1 IN-- I WILL JUST USE THIS WORD-- IN THE PIPELINE. AND SO I
2 THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR
3 BRINGING THIS, AND I FEEL VERY STRONGLY SUPPORTIVE OF IT.
4 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OF COURSE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

7

8 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I HAVE A QUESTION FOR FESIA, BECAUSE I
9 WAS READING THIS, AND FIRST OF ALL, I HOPE PEOPLE CAN ACCESS
10 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FASTER THAN IT TOOK US TO GET AN M.O.A.
11 BETWEEN TWO COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. BUT HAVING SAID THAT, MY
12 UNDERSTANDING IS THAT NOW, UNDER THIS M.O.A., WE CAN DRAW DOWN
13 FEDERAL DOLLARS THAT WERE CURRENTLY BEING USED, AND N.C.C. WAS
14 BEING USED PRIOR TO THIS. SO, IS THAT GOING TO FREE UP AND
15 REDIRECT AN ALLOCATION OF FUNDING, FESIA?

16

17 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR THE
18 QUESTION. I DON'T THINK IT'S GOING TO FREE UP AN ALLOCATION OF
19 FUNDING, IN THE SENSE THAT WE KNOW THAT O.D.R. HAS A
20 STRUCTURAL DEFICIT. I THINK WHAT IT WILL DO IS ALLOW O.D.R.
21 ADDITIONAL FUNDING, SO THEY CAN PROVIDE A LOCAL MATCH, AND
22 THEN THEY CAN DRAW DOWN THE MEDI-CAL MATCH. AND SO MY VIEW OF
23 IT IS THAT, BASICALLY, IT WILL GROW THE PIE. BUT TO THE EXTENT
24 THAT THEY HAVE A DEFICIT, I DON'T THINK IT-- IT IS PROBABLY

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1 NOT THE BEST DESCRIPTION TO SAY THAT IT WOULD "FREE UP"
2 FUNDING.
3
4 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, AND I STAND CORRECTED. THAT'S WHAT I MEANT.
5 I MEAN, IN OTHER WORDS, THIS IS GOING TO PROVIDE US-- I MEAN,
6 I KNOW THEY WERE OPERATING IN THE RED, SO THIS WILL PROVIDE US
7 WITH ADDITIONAL RESOURCES, MOVING FORWARD. SO, WHAT I WOULD
8 SAY TO MY COLLEAGUES, AND ACROSS THE BOARD, IS THAT I HOPE
9 THAT THERE ARE OTHER AREAS WHERE WE ARE NOT HAVING MISSED
10 OPPORTUNITIES. WE ARE ONE COUNTY FAMILY. O.D.R. IS AN OFFSHOOT
11 OF MANY DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS, RECOGNIZING THAT WE HAVE TO PUT
12 TOGETHER COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES. SO I WOULD HOPE THAT IT
13 DOESN'T TAKE THIS BOARD DIRECTING DEPARTMENTS TO DO THE RIGHT
14 THING AND PUT TOGETHER AN M.O.A., BUT ON THIS, I AM 100-
15 PERCENT IN FAVOR. AND ACCOUNTABILITY, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AND
16 REALLY LOOKING AT THE OUTCOMES, IS VITAL. AND I THINK THAT HAS
17 BEEN A COMMON STATEMENT THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF, NOT ONLY
18 WORKING WITH O.D.R., BUT WITH HOMELESSNESS; LOOKING AT THE
19 OUTCOMES AND SEEING WHAT WE ARE DOING WELL AND WHERE WE NEED
20 TO DO BETTER. AND SO I THINK, ON THIS, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO-
21 - IT TOOK AN M.O.A. TO GET US HERE TODAY. I THINK IT IS
22 IMPORTANT FOR US TO MONITOR TO SEE HOW THIS PLAYS OUT, TO MAKE
23 SURE THAT IT IS DOING WHAT, IN FACT, IS WRITTEN IN THIS MOTION
24 AND PART OF THE M.O.A. SO, I AM GOING TO SUPPORT THIS. I THINK
25 THAT... I JUST-- IF I SOUND FRUSTRATED, IT IS BECAUSE I AM.

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1 THREE YEARS. SO THANK YOU, COUNTY COUNSEL, FOR PLAYING
2 SOLOMON.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND
5 PERHAPS WE WILL LOCK ARMS TO REALLY ASK THE TWO DEPARTMENTS TO
6 KEEP US UPDATED. THERE IS NO REPORT-BACK. I AM NOT BRINGING
7 FORWARD THE AMENDMENT. THERE WASN'T SUPPORT FROM THE TWO
8 AUTHORS. BUT PERHAPS WE CAN JOIN TOGETHER TO MAKE SURE WE
9 FIGURE OUT A WAY, IF C.B.O.S NEED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, IF THE
10 TWO DEPARTMENTS DO THEIR DUE DILIGENCE, TO FIGURE THAT OUT AND
11 MAKE IT HAPPEN. AND WE WILL TRUST THAT THEY WILL DO THE RIGHT
12 THING. WITH THAT, ITEM 7 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
13 HAHN, SECONDED BY SOLIS TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE
14 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 7, AS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY
17 SUPERVISORS HAHN AND SOLIS, IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

20

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

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

24

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

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

3

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

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

7

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

9 MITCHELL?

10

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

12

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

14 5-0.

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WE ARE COOKING WITH GREASE, COLLEAGUES.

17 LET'S MOVE ON TO ITEM 8, RESOLUTION OF ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT

18 DEED MODIFICATION FOR BRUCE'S BEACH. SUPERVISOR HAHN HELD THE

19 ITEM. YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND YOU ARE THE CO-AUTHOR

22 OF THIS ITEM TODAY. AND, COLLEAGUES, THIS IS A JOURNEY THAT WE

23 HAVE ALL BEEN ON TOGETHER, AND I WANT TO JUST AGAIN THANK ALL

24 OF YOU FOR, YOU KNOW, LOCKING ARMS ON THIS ONE SINCE THE VERY

25 BEGINNING. WE HAVE REALLY MOVED ALONG THIS JOURNEY, AND WE ARE

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1 ONE STEP CLOSER TO RETURNING BRUCE'S BEACH TO THE REMAINING
2 DESCENDANTS OF WILLA AND CHARLES BRUCE. JUST TO REMIND
3 EVERYBODY, IN SEPTEMBER, GOVERNOR NEWSOM SIGNED S.B. 796 INTO
4 LAW-- HE DID IT, ACTUALLY, AT BRUCE'S BEACH IN MANHATTAN
5 BEACH-- WHICH DIRECTED THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND
6 RECREATION TO AMEND THE LAND DEED TO REMOVE THE RESTRICTIONS
7 THAT PROHIBITED US FROM TRANSFERRING OWNERSHIP OF THIS
8 PROPERTY. AND SO NOW, THE STATE HAS DELIVERED THE AMENDED DEED
9 TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND THIS MODIFIED DEED
10 RECOGNIZES THE HISTORIC INJUSTICE THAT WAS INFLICTED AGAINST
11 WILLA AND CHARLES BRUCE WHEN THEIR LAND WAS TAKEN FROM THEM AS
12 A PART OF A CONCERTED, RACIST EFFORT TO DRIVE OUT A SUCCESSFUL
13 BLACK BUSINESS AND ITS PATRONS. BECAUSE OF THIS HISTORY, THE
14 DEED ELIMINATES THE RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSFER, PAVING THE WAY
15 FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO RETURN THIS LAND. SO, TODAY,
16 WE ARE ISSUING A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THIS NEW DEED. AND IT
17 SEEMS LIKE A VERY SIMPLE ACT, BUT IT REALLY HAS TAKEN A LOT OF
18 WORK FOR US TO GET HERE. I AM SURE YOU REMEMBER WHEN I FIRST
19 REALIZED THAT THE COUNTY OWNED THE EXACT PARCELS THAT WERE
20 TAKEN FROM WILLA AND CHARLES BRUCE, BACK IN THE '20S. I JUST
21 KNEW IN MY HEART THAT WE HAD TO GIVE IT BACK. SO I CALLED OUR
22 COUNTY COUNSEL, AND THEY REMINDED ME THAT WE COULDN'T TRANSFER
23 THIS LAND, BECAUSE THE STATE PROHIBITED IT. SO WE NEEDED TO
24 GET A LAW TO DO THAT. SENATOR STEVE BRADFORD WAS THE CHAMPION
25 IN SACRAMENTO, CARRYING THE LEGISLATION. IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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1 IN BOTH HOUSES, AND THEN THE GOVERNOR SIGNED IT. SO, HERE WE
2 ARE. WE ARE READY TO ACCEPT THIS DEED. IT IS SORT OF THE FINAL
3 THING THAT WE DO BEFORE WE THEN WILL ACTUALLY TRANSFER AND
4 HAND OVER THAT PARCEL, THAT PIECE OF WATERFRONT PROPERTY, TO
5 THE REMAINING BRUCES. AND, YOU KNOW, I JUST WANTED TO TAKE
6 THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THAT, AS OF LAST WEEK'S REDISTRICTING
7 COMMISSION, I WILL NO LONGER REPRESENT MANHATTAN BEACH. IT IS
8 NO LONGER IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT. I KNOW WE'VE ALL FELT SOME
9 SHOCK WAVES FROM THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS. MANHATTAN BEACH
10 HAS ALWAYS BEEN IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT, FROM THE BEGINNING OF
11 TIME, BUT NOW IT HAS BEEN MOVED INTO THE SECOND DISTRICT. AND
12 I KNOW MY COLLEAGUE, HOLLY MITCHELL, WHO HAS BEEN MY PARTNER
13 IN THIS EFFORT FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, WILL MAKE SURE THAT WE
14 ALL GET THIS ACROSS THE FINISH LINE. SO I JUST WANTED TO SAY,
15 I HAVE BEEN HONORED TO HAVE HAD BRUCE'S BEACH IN MY DISTRICT.
16 I FEEL EXTREMELY HONORED THAT I WAS REPRESENTING MANHATTAN
17 BEACH WHEN I FINALLY, LITERALLY, WOKE UP AND SAW AND HEARD AND
18 READ ABOUT THE STORY OF BRUCE'S BEACH. AND I HAVE SAID IT
19 BEFORE: I SORT OF FEEL LIKE APOLOGIZING, A LITTLE BIT, THAT I
20 GREW UP IN L.A. COUNTY. I LEARNED TO SWIM IN EL PORTO, WHICH
21 IS BLOCKS FROM BRUCE'S BEACH, AND I JUST NEVER REALIZED THAT
22 WE HAD A STORY LIKE THIS, OF SUCH IMMENSE RACIAL INJUSTICE,
23 RIGHT HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. BUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY WILL BE A
24 MODEL. AS WE FINALLY TRANSFER THIS PROPERTY, WE WILL BE A
25 MODEL FOR THE COUNTRY IN HOW YOU CAN RIGHT A WRONG, EVEN IF IT

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1 IS 100 YEARS OLD. AND I HAVE SAID THIS BEFORE: I HOPE WE SPEND
2 THE NEXT 100 YEARS IN THIS COUNTRY LOOKING AT ALL THE POSSIBLE
3 OPPORTUNITIES WE HAVE TO TELL THE TRUTH, AND THEN RECONCILE
4 AND AMEND AND HEAL THE PAST, THAT WE WERE EITHER A PART OF
5 KNOWINGLY, OR UNKNOWINGLY. SO I AM COMMITTED TO SEEING THIS
6 THROUGH AND GETTING TO THE FINISH LINE, AND I HAVE COMPLETE
7 CONFIDENCE THAT MY COLLEAGUE, HOLLY MITCHELL, WILL ALSO TAKE
8 AS MUCH STEWARDSHIP OF THIS AS I HAVE IN THE PAST. SO, THANK
9 YOU, COLLEAGUES. LET'S ACCEPT THIS DEED AS KIND OF ONE FINAL
10 STEP BEFORE WE RIGHT THIS HISTORIC WRONG. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND LET ME
13 SAY THAT IT'S BEEN MY ABSOLUTELY PRIDE THAT YOU INVITED ME TO
14 WORK WITH YOU ON THIS PROJECT. WHO KNEW THEN THAT THIS
15 ADDITIONAL KIND OF TRANSFER, IF YOU WILL, WAS GOING TO HAPPEN?
16 NEITHER OF US COULD HAVE EVER IMAGINED. BUT AS I'VE SAID
17 PREVIOUSLY, ACCESS TO PUBLIC SWIMMING SPACES AND SWIMMING
18 EQUITY IS A VERY REAL THING-- IN THIS COUNTRY, IN THIS STATE,
19 IN THIS VERY OWN COUNTY-- AND SO THIS HAS BEEN AN IMPORTANT
20 MEASURE I'M PROUD TO JOIN YOU WITH. THIS IS A VERY TANGLED WEB
21 THAT WE ARE UNWEAVING, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO TAKING THE BATON
22 AND LEADING, AS WE GO FORWARD TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THE NEXT
23 STEPS WILL BE FOR THE COUNTY. I DON'T THINK THIS WILL BE OUR
24 LAST MOTION, SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING
25 TO LEAD IN THIS EFFORT, TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DO THIS RIGHT,

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1 FOR SO MANY REASONS, PRIMARILY BECAUSE, "A," IT IS THE RIGHT
2 THING TO DO; "B," BECAUSE THE EYE OF THE COUNTRY IS ON US, AND
3 DOING IT RIGHT WILL CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OTHER
4 JURISDICTIONS TO FOLLOW IN A HOLISTIC, COMPREHENSIVE, AND
5 APPROPRIATE WAY. WITH THAT, ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR
6 COMMENTS ON ITEM NO. 5? ITEM NO. 8. ALL RIGHT. SEEING NONE,
7 BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. I WILL BE PROUD TO SECOND THAT
8 WE APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 8 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

13

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

15

16 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

21

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

23 SUPERVISOR BARGER?

24

25 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE. SORRY. I SAID AYE. AYE, AYE, AYE, AYE.

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1

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

4

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

6

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

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** MOVING ON TO ITEM 25, ARMED AND UNARMED
11 SECURITY GUARD SERVICES SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT AMENDMENTS, WHICH
12 WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU HAVE THE
13 FLOOR.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. COLLEAGUES, THIS BOARD
16 LETTER EXTENDS A CONTRACT BETWEEN OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND
17 SECURITAS AND ALLIED UNIVERSAL SECURITY SERVICES. THE
18 SHERIFF'S IN THE PROCESS OF WRITING AN R.F.P. FOR THESE
19 SERVICES, BUT IT WON'T BE DONE BEFORE THIS EXISTING CONTRACT
20 EXPIRES, SO THE EXTENSION IS FOR FIVE MONTHS, PLUS AN OPTIONAL
21 EXTENSION FOR SIX MONTHS. AND THIS BOARD LETTER IS AN EXAMPLE
22 OF HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR US TO LOOK AT OUR CONTRACTORS AND
23 THE BENEFITS THAT THEY PROVIDE FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES. A FEW
24 WEEKS AGO, MY STAFF MET WITH MEMBERS OF S.E.I.U.-U.S.W.W., WHO
25 REPRESENT CONTRACTED EMPLOYEES LIKE THESE, AND THEY TOLD US

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1 THAT THEIR MEMBERS DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTH
2 CARE. SOME OF THE EMPLOYEES HAVE TO PAY \$850 PER MONTH, WHICH
3 IS UNAFFORDABLE ON THEIR SALARIES, AND THAT'S ON TOP OF HIGH
4 COPAYS. YOU HEARD MANY OF THOSE EMPLOYEES CALLED IN TODAY AND
5 TALKED ABOUT, THEY WANT THIS CONTRACT, BUT THEY WANT TO KNOW,
6 IS THERE A WAY FOR US TO MAKE IT BETTER? AND I WAS
7 PARTICULARLY STRUCK BY THOSE WHO ARE SECURITY GUARDS AT
8 HOSPITALS. SO THEY ARE PROVIDING SECURITY FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE
9 ACCESSING HEALTHCARE, AND YET THEY ARE HAVING A TOUGH TIME
10 EVEN AFFORDING HEALTHCARE, WITH THESE SALARIES AND IN THESE
11 CONTRACTS. SO THIS IS WHY SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND I AUTHORED A
12 MOTION, AT THE LAST BOARD MEETING, TO LOOK AT THE FEASIBILITY
13 OF REQUIRING THESE CONTRACTORS TO PROVIDE 100% EMPLOYEE-
14 SPONSORED HEALTH INSURANCE. WE EXPECT OUR C.E.O. TO LOOK INTO
15 THIS ISSUE AND REPORT BACK WITH OPTIONS FOR THE BOARD TO MAKE
16 SURE THAT OUR CONTRACTED EMPLOYEES HAVE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE
17 HEALTHCARE: OPTIONS LIKE AMENDING EXISTING CONTRACTS TO MAKE
18 THIS A REQUIREMENT; OR, POSSIBLY, WE COULD EVEN LOOK AT
19 INCLUDING IT AS FUTURE REQUIREMENTS FOR R.F.P.S. AND, OF
20 COURSE, I ALWAYS WANT TO LOOK AT THE POSSIBILITY OF BRINGING
21 THESE JOBS BACK IN HOUSE. AND THE CONTRACT IN FRONT OF US IS
22 WHERE THOSE OPTIONS COULD COME INTO PLAY. SO HERE IS WHAT I
23 THINK WE SHOULD DO. SO, I PROPOSE THAT WE VOTE TO APPROVE THIS
24 FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION, BECAUSE IT IS GOING TO BE UP, AND WE DID
25 HEAR FROM MANY OF THE CALLERS. THEY WANT US TO APPROVE THAT,

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1 BUT THEN THEY WANT US TO SEE IF THERE'S ANY ROOM TO IMPROVE
2 THE CONTRACT. AND WE ARE EXPECTING THE REPORT-BACK FROM THE
3 C.E.O., WITH OUR OPTIONS, BEFORE THE FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION WILL
4 BE UP. BUT I THINK WE SHOULD REMOVE THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO
5 EXTEND FOR ANOTHER SIX MONTHS, AFTER THIS INITIAL FIVE MONTHS.
6 I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE BOARD SEES THOSE OPTIONS THAT
7 WILL GET BACK FROM OUR C.E.O., BEFORE EXTENDING THIS CONTRACT
8 ANOTHER SIX MONTHS. SO, I'M MAKING A MOTION TO AMEND THE BOARD
9 LETTER TO STRIKE THE OPTION OF EXTENDING THE CONTRACT FOR AN
10 ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS. AND ON DIRECTIVE 1, I AM PROPOSING TO
11 STRIKE THE PHRASE "PLUS AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR UP TO SIX
12 ADDITIONAL MONTHS, IN ANY INCREMENT." AND THEN I PROPOSE TO
13 STRIKE THE ENTIRE SECOND DIRECTIVE, WHICH READS, "DELEGATE
14 AUTHORITY TO THE SHERIFF OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE
15 ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS' OPTION PERIOD, IN ANY INCREMENT,
16 PROVIDED IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COUNTY." I HAVE A
17 WRITTEN... WHAT I JUST SAID. I THINK YOU ALL HAVE THAT. BUT,
18 BASICALLY, I THINK WE SHOULD EXTEND THIS CONTRACT FOR THE FIVE
19 MONTHS, GET THE REPORT-BACK FROM C.E.O. ON IF THERE'S A
20 POSSIBILITY TO CHANGE THIS AMENDMENT, BUT THEN JUST REMOVE THE
21 AUTHORITY THAT THE SHERIFF COULD EXTEND IT ANOTHER SIX MONTHS,
22 BEFORE WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE IF WE CAN MAKE THIS
23 CONTRACT ANY BETTER FOR THE EMPLOYEES AND ALL THOSE WORKERS
24 WHO STAND TO GAIN IF WE CAN IMPROVE THEIR BENEFITS. SO, I HOPE
25 THAT'S UNDERSTANDABLE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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1

2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BARGER?

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, AND I HEAR YOU LOUD AND CLEAR,
5 SUPERVISOR HAHN. AND AGAIN, I WILL OFFER UP THE FACT THAT THIS
6 BOARD, NOT SIX MONTHS AGO, ENTERED INTO A CONTRACT WITHOUT
7 COMING TO THE BOARD, TO CONTRACT-- I THINK IT WAS WITH ALLIED.
8 IT WAS EITHER WITH ALLIED OR UNIVERSAL, THAT IS CURRENTLY
9 PROVIDING SECURITY. WE BACKED OUT [INAUDIBLE] AND PUT IN
10 CONTRACTED SECURITY. SO, IF WE ARE GOING TO DO THIS FOR THE
11 SHERIFF, WHICH IS GOING TO ADD ADDITIONAL COSTS TO HIS BUDGET,
12 BUT IT'S ALSO GOING TO ADD ADDITIONAL COSTS TO OURS, I THINK
13 WE NEED TO DO IT ACROSS THE BOARD. WE NEED TO LEAD BY EXAMPLE.
14 AND AGAIN, I BRING THAT UP BECAUSE-- AND BY THE WAY, WE ARE A
15 TREMENDOUS GROUP OF WORKERS IN THIS BUILDING. EVERY MORNING--
16 AND I KNOW, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU KNOW, IT'S "HAPPY TUESDAY,"
17 "HAPPY WEDNESDAY," "HAPPY THURSDAY." GREAT INDIVIDUALS. SO I
18 HEAR YOU LOUD AND CLEAR, BUT I WANT TO BE CONSISTENT. SO WE
19 CAN AMEND THIS, BUT I ALSO WANT US TO KNOW THAT THIS AGENCY IS
20 CONTRACTED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, AND WE NEED TO BE WITH AN
21 EVEN HAND, ACROSS THE BOARD, HOW WE GO ABOUT APPLYING THIS.
22 THANK YOU.

23

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

25

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU. ALSO, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR
2 HAHN FOR BRINGING THIS ISSUE BEFORE US. AND I AGREE WITH WHAT
3 SHE HAS LAID OUT, THAT ANY EXTENSION TO THESE TYPES OF
4 CONTRACTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED TOGETHER WITH THE INFORMATION
5 THAT WE REQUESTED IN THE MOTION THAT YOU CO-AUTHORED WITH ME
6 EARLIER THIS MONTH, SUPERVISOR HAHN. THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO
7 WORK, AS WE WELL KNOW IN THE COUNTY, IN OUR COUNTY HOSPITALS,
8 OUR JAILS, AND OTHER OFFICES, BUT THEY STILL CAN'T AFFORD
9 HEALTHCARE COVERAGE, WHICH IS UNFORTUNATE. AND WE DIRECTED
10 C.E.O. TO PROVIDE THE IMPACT [INAUDIBLE] REQUIRING THESE SAME
11 EMPLOYERS TO PROVIDE HEALTHCARE FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES AND
12 DEPENDENTS, AS WELL AS EMPLOYEE BENEFITS. AND WHILE WE DON'T
13 WANT THE EXISTING SECURITY SERVICES TO LAPSE, WE SHOULD NOT
14 EXTEND THE SHERIFF'S CONTRACT ANY FURTHER THAN IMMEDIATELY,
15 UNTIL WE HAVE THE INFORMATION THAT'S BEING REQUESTED IN THIS
16 MOTION. SO I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SECOND SUPERVISOR HAHN'S MOTION TO
17 AMEND THE SHERIFF'S BOARD LETTER, AND KNOW THAT WE WILL HAVE
18 TO TAKE A BROADER VIEW AT LOOKING AT EVERYTHING THAT WE DO
19 HERE IN THE COUNTY, WITH RESPECT TO CONTRACT EMPLOYEES. THANK
20 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

21
22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND I, TOO, THANK
23 SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD, AND WOULD GO
24 FURTHER AND SAY THAT I THINK THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE
25 EVALUATE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH WE HAVE DELEGATED

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1 AUTHORITY ACROSS THE BOARD. I THINK THAT IS AN IMPORTANT
2 RESPONSIBILITY THAT WE HAVE. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?
3 OKAY. SEEING NONE, HEARING NO COMMENTS, ITEM 25 IS BEFORE US,
4 AS AMENDED. MOVED BY HAHN.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY. SO, AS AMENDED. OKAY, THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THAT'S YOUR DESIRE, CORRECT? EXCELLENT.
9 MOVED BY HAHN, SECONDED BY SOLIS TO APPROVE THIS ITEM, AS
10 AMENDED. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 25, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE YOU.
13 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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15 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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19 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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23 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

24

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

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

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9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES,
10 5-0.

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12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** MOVING ON TO ITEM 31-B, REQUEST FOR A
13 FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER URGING RICH'S PRODUCTS CORPORATION TO
14 BARGAIN AND APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH THE BAKERY, CONFECTIONERY,
15 TOBACCO WORKERS AND GRAIN MILLERS INTERNATIONAL UNION LOCAL
16 37, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU
17 HAVE THE FLOOR.

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19 **SUP. HAHN:** THANKS, MADAM CHAIR. I AM REALLY PROUD TO BE
20 INTRODUCING THIS MOTION IN SUPPORT OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE 175
21 WORKERS OF THE BAKERY, CONFECTIONERY, TOBACCO WORKERS AND
22 GRAIN MILLERS INTERNATIONAL UNION LOCAL 37. MANY OF THEM ALSO
23 CALLED IN TODAY, SOME FROM THE PICKET LINE. THE MAJORITY OF
24 THESE WORKERS ARE LATINX WOMAN, WHO HAVE BEEN STRIKING WITH
25 THEIR CHILDREN OUT THERE ON THE PICKET LINE. THESE WORKERS

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1 HAVE BEEN ON STRIKE FOR THE LAST 51 DAYS, AT JON DONAIRE
2 DESSERTS, IN THE CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS. THIS COMPANY
3 PRODUCES ICE-CREAM CAKES THAT ARE SOLD IN THE FROZEN DESSERT
4 SECTIONS OF STORES LIKE VONS, WALMART; AND ALSO, THEY TOLD ME,
5 IT IS THE MUD PIE THAT'S SOLD IN THE RED ROBIN RESTAURANTS.
6 THE WORK THE WORKERS DO IS SO LABOR-INTENSIVE, AND AS MANY AS
7 38 CAKES PER MINUTE MOVE DOWN THE PRODUCTION LINE. IN
8 ADDITION, THEY TOLD ME THAT THEY ARE FORCED TO TAKE MANDATORY
9 OVERTIME-- UP TO 16 HOURS, IN SOME CASES-- HAVING NO MORE THAN
10 TEN MINUTES' NOTICE BEFORE THAT SHIFT STARTS. ALL THE WORKERS
11 ARE ASKING FOR IS A FAIR CONTRACT THAT INCLUDES A WORKING WAGE
12 AND BENEFITS. ONE OF THE MAIN REQUESTS IS FOR A \$1-AN-HOUR
13 WAGE INCREASE EACH YEAR, FOR THREE YEARS, TO HELP WITH THEIR
14 COST OF LIVING. THE UNION ALSO REPRESENTS WORKERS IN
15 TENNESSEE, WHO MAKE, ON AVERAGE, \$6 MORE THAN THE WORKERS HERE
16 IN LOS ANGELES. I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO OUT AND MEET WITH
17 THEM. I THINK, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY
18 TO GO OUT AND TALK WITH THEM, AND WE GOT TO HEAR THEIR
19 STORIES, PERSONALLY, OF THEIR MISTREATMENT. AND EVEN THOUGH
20 THIS COMPANY HAS HARASSED THE WORKERS, HIRED TEMPS, AND
21 SHOCKINGLY TURNED THE WATER SPRINKLERS ON THEM, I CAN TELL YOU
22 WITH FULL CONFIDENCE THAT THEIR RESOLVE IS STRONG, AND THEY
23 TOLD ME THIS STRIKE WILL LAST AS LONG AS IT TAKES. THIS IS WHY
24 THIS MOTION LETS RICH'S PRODUCTS CORPORATION, THE PARENT
25 COMPANY OF JON DONAIRE DESSERTS, KNOW THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS

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1 ANGELES SUPPORTS THESE WORKERS, AND URGES THE APPROVAL OF A
2 FAIR CONTRACT. I KNOW, PERSONALLY, I'M NOT GOING TO BE BUYING
3 ANY ICE-CREAM CAKES FROM BASKIN-ROBBINS, COLD STONE, VONS,
4 THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. IT ISN'T WORTH IT FOR THOSE MOTHERS WHO
5 ARE OUT THERE STRIKING IN THE COLD RAIN WITH THEIR CHILDREN.
6 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR CO-AUTHORING THIS MOTION. I
7 THINK YOU HAVE AN AMENDMENT THAT YOU WILL BE READING.
8 SOMETIMES WE WONDER WHY THIS BOARD WOULD TAKE UP THIS, AND ADD
9 OUR INFLUENCE TO SOMETHING LIKE THIS. BUT I THOUGHT,
10 COLLEAGUES, FOR US, IT'S PARTICULARLY POIGNANT, SINCE THIS IS
11 MAJORITY WOMEN WHO ARE DOING THIS WORK. AND AS AN ALL-WOMAN
12 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE FIRST IN THE HISTORY, I KNOW MANY
13 TIMES EACH OF US HAVE TALKED IN DIFFERENT WAYS ABOUT HOW WE
14 GOVERN DIFFERENTLY, HOW WE LOOK AT THINGS DIFFERENTLY, HOW OUR
15 PERSPECTIVE IS DIFFERENT, HOW OUR LIFE EXPERIENCES SHAPE THE
16 WAY WE GOVERN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND I THINK THIS IS
17 ONE OF THOSE TIMES WHEN THE FIVE OF US, SHOWING SOLIDARITY TO
18 THOSE WOMEN WHO, AGAIN, HAVE BEEN OUT THERE SINCE WAY BEFORE
19 THANKSGIVING, I THINK GOES A LONG WAY TO REALLY ENDING THIS
20 AND COMING TO A FAIR RESOLUTION FOR BOTH SIDES. THANK YOU,
21 MADAM CHAIR.

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23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OF COURSE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

24

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, ALSO,
2 SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR ALLOWING ME TO CO-AUTHOR THIS REALLY
3 IMPORTANT MOTION. YOU KNOW, IT STRIKES ME THAT SOME OF US HAVE
4 SERVED IN DIFFERENT CAPACITIES. YOU HAVE SERVED IN THE
5 CONGRESS. I HAVE SERVED IN THE CONGRESS. I HAVE SERVED IN THE
6 LEGISLATURE WITH SHEILA KUEHL, MY COLLEAGUE. AND IT DOESN'T
7 SURPRISE ME THAT WE WOULD OFTEN BRING UP LEGISLATION, OR WE
8 WOULD BRING UP TOPICS LIKE THIS, WHERE WE SAW AN INJUSTICE
9 HAPPENING. REMEMBER, WE HAD FULL-BLOWN HEARINGS ON THE THAI
10 WORKER WOMEN THAT WERE IN SWEATSHOP CONDITIONS IN A COMPLEX IN
11 MY DISTRICT. SO IT STRIKES ME THAT THIS IS JUST PART OF WHAT
12 WE DO, BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT PUBLIC POLICY HAS A PLACE TO PLAY
13 HERE, WHEN PEOPLE ARE BEING TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF. AND I WAS
14 PROUD TO JOIN THE WOMEN, YESTERDAY, THAT I MET THERE. YES,
15 THEY ARE LATINAS, MOST OF THEM; A FEW MEN. MOST OF THEM ARE
16 IMMIGRANT WOMEN. MOST OF THEM LIVED IN THE FOURTH AND THE
17 FIRST, AND AS FAR OUT AS IN ORANGE COUNTY AND ANAHEIM. AND
18 MANY HAVE BEEN MAKING THE TRIP THERE FOR MANY YEARS, HELPING
19 TO PROVIDE THESE WONDERFUL DESSERTS FOR OUR COUNTY. AND YET,
20 WE FIND OURSELVES WHERE THEIR CORPORATE LEADER THERE DOESN'T
21 WANT TO PROVIDE THEM WITH A BALANCE, IN TERMS OF GIVING THEM
22 BETTER WAGES, AND ALSO BENEFITS. AND WHAT I WOULD SAY TO HIM
23 IS, MAYBE HE NEEDS TO SPEND SOME TIME OUTSIDE, AS THESE WOMEN
24 HAVE BEEN, ON OVER 51 DAYS OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING-- IN THE
25 COLD, IN THE RAIN, GOING THROUGH FORCED SHIFTS. AND IT ISN'T

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1 JUST THE WOMEN; IT'S ALSO THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR CHILDREN.
2 SO I WAS VERY PROUD TO MEET WITH THEM YESTERDAY. ONE OF OUR
3 FORMER LABOR LEADERS WHO COMES OUT OF S.E.I.U., REINA SCHMITZ,
4 IS THE ONE WHO CONTACTED US AND ALLOWED US TO MEET THE WOMEN
5 FIRSTHAND, AND TO SEE WHAT THEY'VE BEEN GOING THROUGH. I WAS
6 PROUD TO HEAR, EARLIER, RON HERRERA CHIME IN, THE C.E.O. OF
7 A.F.L.-C.I.O. L.A. COUNTY, ALSO IN SUPPORT OF THE STRIKE; BUT
8 FINDING THAT WE REALLY NEED TO LIFT UP THE MESSAGES, WHEN IT
9 IS WOMEN THAT ARE BEING TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF IN THIS MANNER. SO
10 I DO HAVE AN AMENDMENT THAT I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT, AND I'D
11 LIKE TO READ IT IN. THE SECOND DIRECTIVE WOULD READ AS
12 FOLLOWS: "WE FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT
13 THE C.E.O. TO SEND NOTICE TO THE CALIFORNIA LABOR
14 COMMISSIONER, THE CALIFORNIA LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
15 AGENCY, AND THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD, URGING THEM TO
16 ASSURE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FAIR LABOR PRACTICES THROUGH THE
17 MONITORING OF GOOD-FAITH BARGAINING BETWEEN RICH'S PRODUCTS
18 CORPORATION, AND A PARENT COMPANY OF JON DONAIRE DESSERTS, AND
19 B.C.T.G.M. LOCAL 37, IN THEIR REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY." THANK
20 YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I URGE YOUR AYE VOTE.

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22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND I AM THRILLED TO HEAR
23 ABOUT THE AMENDMENT. I ABSOLUTELY SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF THE
24 FIVE-MEMBER LETTER. BUT I JUST HAVE TO SAY, WHAT CONCERNED ME,
25 GIVEN THE GRAVITY OF WHAT WE KNOW THAT THOSE WORKERS ARE

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1 EXPERIENCING, WAS IF WE THOUGHT THE LETTER WAS ENOUGH. AND
2 HAVING BEEN A RECIPIENT, SOMETIME, OF 5-MEMBER LETTERS WHEN I
3 WAS A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE-- AND I AM SURE MANY OF YOU
4 WHO HAVE BEEN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, HAVING RECEIVED RESOLUTIONS
5 FROM THE STATE LEGISLATURE, IT CAN SOMETIMES BE PERCEIVED AS
6 SYMBOLIC, BUT A PASSIVE ACTION. BUT THOSE ACTIONS INCLUDED IN
7 THE AMENDMENT, WHERE WE ARE GOING TO TALK ABOUT REACHING OUT
8 TO THE LABOR COMMISSION, OR EVEN THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS
9 BOARD, I THINK ADDS TEETH TO THIS, AND I FULLY SUPPORT THAT. I
10 THINK, NOT JUST A LETTER FROM THE C.E.O., BUT PERHAPS CALLS
11 FROM US TO THE OWNER, AND TO THOSE ENTITIES, WOULD BE EVEN
12 MORE APPROPRIATE. I SUPPORT THE FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER, BUT TO
13 HEAR TESTIMONY TODAY THAT SPRINKLERS ARE TURNED ON PEOPLE IS
14 REMINISCENT OF PAST HISTORY, WHERE WATER HOSES ARE USED
15 AGAINST PROTESTORS, AND I THINK IT REQUIRES A SIMILAR KIND OF
16 ACTIVE ACTION ON OUR PART, AS WELL: TO NOT SIMPLY SEND A FIVE-
17 SIGNATURE LETTER, BUT TO DO ALL THAT IS WITHIN OUR POWER, AS
18 INDIVIDUAL ELECTIVES AND A COLLECTIVE BOARD. SO I AM VERY GLAD
19 TO HEAR THE AMENDMENT, AND WILL BE HAPPY TO SUPPORT IT.

20 SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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22 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I ACTUALLY HAVE TRIED TO CALL, TO
23 TALK TO THE PRESIDENT. I THINK A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER-- I
24 MEAN, WE HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME DEALING WITH OUR OWN UNIONS,
25 AND WE ARE GRAPPLING NOW WITH MAKING SURE THAT THOSE THAT WE

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1 CONTRACT WITH ARE PROVIDING FAIR WAGES AND ALL. AND YET, WE
2 ARE GOING TO GO OUTSIDE OF OUR ABILITY TO TRY TO INFLUENCE
3 SOMETHING ELSE. AND THERE WAS NO ANSWER, SO I HOPE WE HAVEN'T
4 PUT THEM OUT OF BUSINESS, SO THAT NOW PEOPLE DON'T HAVE JOBS.
5 BUT HAVING SAID THAT, I AM RELUCTANTLY GOING TO SUPPORT THIS,
6 BECAUSE I DO REALLY BELIEVE THIS IS A SLIPPERY SLOPE THAT WE
7 ARE GOING DOWN. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, BASED ON WHAT I HAVE
8 HEARD TODAY-- AND THAT'S WHY I WANT TO TALK TO THE PRESIDENT,
9 BECAUSE THE KIND OF TACTICS USED. AS MY MOM WOULD SAY, WHEN
10 SHE WOULD HEAR FROM MY BROTHER AND I ON A FIGHT, "THE TRUTH IS
11 SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN." AND I THINK, ON THIS ONE, I WANT TO
12 BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT IS GOING ON. BEFORE I START TO THROW
13 THE FULL WEIGHT OF AT LEAST THE COUNTY, OR AT LEAST THE FIFTH
14 DISTRICT, BEHIND SOMETHING, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE
15 ALL THE FACTS. AND I AM JUST LAYING IT ON THE TABLE. AND SO I
16 AM GOING TO GO STRAIGHT TO THE SOURCE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,
17 YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. I THINK THAT COMMUNICATION AND WORDS
18 ARE FAR STRONGER THAN A 5-SIGNATURE LETTER THAT GETS FILED
19 AWAY. I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO COMMUNICATE. BECAUSE I
20 HAVE A FEELING THAT, BASED ON WHAT WE ARE DOING TODAY, YOU'RE
21 GOING TO HAVE MANY MORE COMING FORWARD, ASKING THIS BOARD TO
22 WEIGH IN. AND WHAT I WILL SAY IS, IS THAT WHAT'S RIPE FOR THE
23 GOOSE IS RIPE FOR THE GANDER. IN THAT CASE, WE'RE GOING TO
24 HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE WEIGHING IN WITH US, IN TERMS OF HOW WE
25 ARE TREATING SOME OF OUR WORKFORCE. AND WE HAVE HAD CALLS

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1 TODAY FROM WORKERS AT MARTIN LUTHER KING. WE HAVE HAD CALLS
2 FROM CONTRACT EMPLOYEES THAT THE COUNTY CONTRACTS WITH. SO IT
3 IS GOING TO BE A TWO-WAY STREET, IN TERMS OF HOW WE RULE THIS
4 ALL OUT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SEEING NO ADDITIONAL HANDS
7 RAISED, AND HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 31-B IS BEFORE US,
8 AS AMENDED, AS THE READ-IN AMENDMENT WAS JUST PROVIDED. IT'S
9 BEEN MOVED BY HAHN, SECONDED BY SOLIS TO APPROVE THIS ITEM, AS
10 AMENDED. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** ITEM 31-B, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR
13 SOLIS?

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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17 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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21 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

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

7

8 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-0.

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10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO
11 HEAR FROM SUPERVISORS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA, TO BE
12 PRESENTED OR REFERRED TO STAFF, OR PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA.
13 THESE ARE OUR SPECIALS. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

14

15 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE ONE SPECIAL. IT IS
16 A REWARD OFFER IN THE SHOOTING INVESTIGATION OF VICTIM JASON
17 CASTILLO. ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2021, AT APPROXIMATELY 3:10
18 A.M., LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF DEPUTIES TO THE LANCASTER
19 STATION RESPONDED TO A CAR-TO-CAR SHOOTING CALL ON CHALLENGER
20 WAY AND AVENUE "K," IN THE CITY OF LANCASTER. UPON ARRIVAL,
21 RESPONDING DEPUTIES FOUND JASON CASTILLO SUFFERING FROM
22 GUNSHOT WOUNDS TO THE HEAD AND TORSO; IMMEDIATELY PERFORMED
23 EMERGENCY TREATMENT TO VICTIM CASTILLO. VICTIM CASTILLO WAS
24 SUBSEQUENTLY TRANSPORTED TO A LOCAL HOSPITAL, AND IS CURRENTLY
25 LISTED IN CRITICAL CONDITION. IT WAS LATER LEARNED THAT, AFTER

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1 VICTIM CASTILLO CALLED 9-1-1, HE DROVE TO A SHELL GAS STATION,
2 AND HE WAS WAITING FOR DEPUTIES. THE SUSPECT DROVE HIS VEHICLE
3 INTO THE GAS STATION PARKING LOT. THE SUSPECT EXITED THE
4 VEHICLE, APPROACHED THE VICTIM, AND SHOT AGAIN AS HE LAY
5 HELPLESS ON THE GROUND. DETECTIVES FROM THE OPERATION SAFE
6 STREETS BUREAU RESPONDED TO SCENE, AND BEGAN CONDUCTING AN
7 EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION INTO THE INCIDENT. DURING THE
8 INVESTIGATION, DETECTIVES DETERMINED THE SUSPECT WAS A MALE
9 WEARING A GREEN SHIRT, BLACK SHORTS, BASEBALL HAT WITH AN L.A.
10 DODGERS LOGO, WHITE SOCKS, AND BLACK SHOES. THE SUSPECT WAS
11 LAST SEEN DRIVING A WHITE, FOUR-DOOR B.M.W. SEDAN. THE VEHICLE
12 HAS VISIBLE, TRAFFIC-COLLISION DAMAGE TO THE FRONT DRIVER'S
13 SIDE AND PASSENGER'S SIDE OF THE VEHICLE. ANY INDIVIDUALS WITH
14 INFORMATION ABOUT THIS CRIME ARE URGED TO CONTACT THE LOS
15 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OPERATION SAFE STREETS, OR
16 CRIME STOPPERS. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
17 OFFER A REWARD, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000, IN EXCHANGE FOR
18 INFORMATION LEADING TO THE APPREHENSION AND CONVICTION OF THE
19 PERPETRATOR OR PERPETRATORS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SHOOTING OF
20 VICTIM JASON CASTILLO. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

21
22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR BARGER.
23 THIS SPECIAL WILL NOW BECOME AGENDA ITEM 33-A. ARE THERE ANY
24 MEMBERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON IT, BEFORE WE TAKE A VOTE?
25 SEEING NONE, AGENDA ITEM 33-A IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY

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1 SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. EXECUTIVE
2 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 33-A IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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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 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

15

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

17

18 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

19

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

21 MITCHELL?

22

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

24

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

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE ARE MOVING INTO
5 OUR ADJOURNMENTS IN MEMORY. AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE
6 APPROPRIATE TO HEAR THEM. WE WILL BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL
7 DISTRICT ONE, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. TODAY, I WOULD LIKE
10 TO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY-- I'M SORRY. LET ME
11 START THAT OVER. I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
12 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF PATRICK HENNING, SR. HE PASSED
13 AWAY RECENTLY AT THE AGE OF 75. MANY PEOPLE IN THE LABOR
14 MOVEMENT, THROUGHOUT THIS GREAT STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ARE
15 MOURNING HIS LOSS. HE WAS A LEADER IN SO MANY WAYS, AND I HAD
16 THE HONOR AND PRIVILEGE OF WORKING WITH HIM, AS HE WORKED FOR
17 ME AS STAFF DIRECTOR TO BOTH THE ASSEMBLY AND THE SENATE LABOR
18 COMMITTEES IN SACRAMENTO. IN PARTICULAR, HE HELPED ME PASS A
19 STATEWIDE INITIATIVE, IN 1996, TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM WAGE
20 FROM \$4.25 TO \$5.75. HE WAS SO SKILLFUL AND COMMITTED TO THIS
21 FIGHT FOR WORKERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE. HE WENT ON TO SERVE AS
22 THE STATE'S LABOR COMMISSIONER, AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE
23 STATE'S EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. HE WAS ALSO
24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CATHOLIC LABOR INSTITUTE OF LOS
25 ANGELES, CHAIR OF THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AREA BOARD,

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1 AND A STAFF SERGEANT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
2 RESERVE. PATRICK, AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, WAS A HUMBLE MAN WHO
3 CARED DEEPLY ABOUT OTHERS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, GINA,
4 OF OVER 50 YEARS; THREE CHILDREN; FOUR GRANDCHILDREN; AND A
5 WHOLE HOST OF FAMILY MEMBERS WHO WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. MAY HE
6 REST IN PEACE.

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL:** HILDA, I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN YOU ON THAT, IF I
9 MIGHT.

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** ABSOLUTELY. YES. THANK YOU. I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO
12 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
13 VICENTE FERNANDEZ. THE SINGER WAS KNOWN AROUND THE WORLD AS
14 "EL REY," THE "IDOL OF MEXICO," AND THE "KING OF RANCHERA
15 MUSIC." HE PASSED AWAY LAST WEEK AT THE AGE OF 81. GENERATIONS
16 OF LATINO HOUSEHOLDS AROUND THE WORLD GREW UP WITH HIS MUSIC,
17 INCLUDING MY FAMILY. THE PASSION IN HIS VOICE WILL NEVER BE
18 FORGOTTEN, AS HE TRULY TOUCHED MANY HEARTS WITH HIS SONGS. HIS
19 ICONIC RENDITION OF THE SONG "VOLVER, VOLVER" PROPELLED HIM TO
20 FAME. BUT IT IS IN ANOTHER MAJOR HIT, "POR TU MALDITO AMOR,"
21 THAT DISPLAYED HIS THEMES OF LOVE AND LOSS. HIS MUSICAL
22 INFLUENCE EXTENDS FAR BEYOND MEXICO, PERMEATING MUCH OF LATIN
23 AMERICA AND THE UNITED STATES. MAY HE ALSO REST IN PEACE.
24 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** HILDA, CAN I JOIN YOU ON THAT ONE?

2

3 **SUP. BARGER:** ME, TOO. POR TU, MALDITO AMOR.

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES.

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** BEAUTIFUL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MOVING
8 ON TO THE SECOND DISTRICT. I ASK THAT WHEN ADJOURN TODAY, WE
9 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY FAMILY, DEPUTIES
10 PROBATION OFFICER MARIESHA COLLINS. D.P.O. COLLINS, A
11 DEDICATED EMPLOYEE OF THE L.A. COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT FOR
12 27 YEARS, WAS THE INNOCENT VICTIM OF A STREET-RACING ACCIDENT
13 ON DECEMBER 10TH, IN FONTANA. AT THE TRAGIC TIME OF HER
14 PASSING, SHE WAS ON HER WAY HOME FROM PURCHASING GIFTS FOR
15 CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS ARE INCARCERATED, AS A PART OF A CHURCH
16 CHARITY EVENT THAT SHE WAS ORGANIZING, TITLED "ANGEL TREE
17 PROGRAM." COLLINS LIVED A LIFE OF SERVICE, BOTH AT WORK AND IN
18 HER SPARE TIME. SHE WAS DEDICATED TO ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE
19 JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM, BOTH DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY. IN HER
20 MOST RECENT POSITION, SHE WORKED AS A FAMILY FINDING
21 SPECIALIST WITH THE PROBATION, CHILD WELFARE, PLACEMENT
22 PERMANENCY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE UNIT. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
23 LOVING HUSBAND, EMMANUEL; TWO CHILDREN, MARLON AND MELISSA;
24 SISTER MYRON AND BROTHER-IN-LAW BYRON, WHO WORKED FOR THE
25 PROBATION DEPARTMENT, ALSO; AND A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

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1 AND COLLEAGUES. HER LASTING IMPACT IN THE LIVES OF THE YOUTH
2 SHE WORKED WITH, HER KIND HEART AND INFECTIOUS SMILE, WILL BE
3 DEEPLY MISSED BY ALL WHO HAD THE HONOR AND PRIVILEGE OF
4 KNOWING HER. WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN
5 MEMORY OF ALVIN P. SEABROOK. MR. SEABROOK, LOVINGLY REFERRED
6 TO AS "AL," WAS BORN JULY 1, 1924, IN SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, AND
7 HE PASSED AWAY THIS PAST NOVEMBER 14, AT THE TENDER AGE OF 97.
8 AFTER GRADUATING FROM SAVANNAH STATE COLLEGE WITH A BACHELOR'S
9 DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, MR. SEABROOK FOLLOWED IN
10 HIS MOTHER'S FOOTSTEPS AND SECURED A CAREER AS AN EDUCATOR,
11 WHERE HE TAUGHT MATH AT HIGH SCHOOL IN GEORGIA FOR SEVERAL
12 YEARS. IN 1953, HE MARRIED THE LOVE OF HIS LIFE, DONELLA-- WHO
13 HAPPENED TO BE A TEACHER AT MY ALMA MATTER, 42ND STREET
14 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-- AND TWO YEARS LATER, THEY MOVED TO LOS
15 ANGELES. IN LOS ANGELES, HE PASSIONATELY TAUGHT MATH AT MIDDLE
16 AND HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE COMPTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND
17 TAUGHT REAL-ESTATE CLASSES AT L.A. SOUTHWEST COLLEGE. IN 1972,
18 HE RECEIVED A MASTER OF ART'S DEGREE IN EDUCATION FROM CAL
19 STATE DOMINGUEZ HILLS. AND IN 1984, HE RETIRED AFTER 30 YEARS
20 OF SERVICE TO THE STUDENTS IN COMPTON UNIFIED. MR. SEABROOK
21 LIVED A FULL LIFE, AND WILL BE REMEMBERED AS AN EDUCATOR,
22 ACTIVIST, LOVING FATHER AND GRANDFATHER, WHO ENJOYED LISTENING
23 TO JAZZ, MUSIC AS A SAXOPHONIST, TRAVELING AND SPENDING TIME
24 WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AND TELLING JOKES. HE IS SURVIVED BY
25 HIS DAUGHTER TAMMARA; TWO GRANDSONS, DAVID AND ROSS; AND MANY

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1 FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. AND
2 LASTLY, COLLEAGUES, I'M NOT SURE HOW MANY OF YOU ARE AWARE,
3 BUT WE LOST A FORMER ELECTED OFFICIAL HERE, IN THE PASSING OF
4 FORMER ASSEMBLYMAN WILLARD MURRAY, JR. MOST RECENTLY, MR.
5 MURRAY WAS DIRECTOR OF THE WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF
6 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, WHERE HE SERVED FOR OVER 20 YEARS. MR.
7 MURRAY WAS 90 YEARS OLD WHEN HE PASSED AWAY, JUST IN THE LAST
8 FEW DAYS. AGAIN, HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE WATER REPLENISHMENT
9 DISTRICT FOR 20 YEARS, AND SERVED IN VARIOUS LEADERSHIP ROLES,
10 INCLUDING BOARD PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, AND
11 TREASURER. AND AGAIN, PRIOR TO JOINING THE BOARD, HE SERVED AS
12 A CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY MEMBER FOR THE 52ND ASSEMBLY
13 DISTRICT, FOR 4 TERMS, FROM 1988 TO 1996. IN ADDITION TO HIS
14 VAST LEGISLATIVE AND POLITICAL EXPERIENCE, MANY OF US ARE WELL
15 AWARE OF HIS LONG-TERM ENGAGEMENT IN POLITICS, PARTICULARLY IN
16 SOUTH LOS ANGELES. HE WAS VERY, VERY ACTIVE FOR MANY YEARS. HE
17 ALSO PROUDLY SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE DURING THE
18 KOREAN WAR, FROM 1951 TO 1958. AFTER RETURNING HOME FROM THE
19 WAR, HE BECAME VERY ACTIVE IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT HERE,
20 LOCALLY. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A POLICY-SHAPER AND PUBLIC
21 SERVANT, AS WELL AS A LOVING HUSBAND TO HIS WIFE, BARBARA, WHO
22 PASSED AWAY A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO, AND FATHER TO TWO LEADERS
23 IN THEIR OWN RIGHT: FORMER STATE SENATOR KEVIN MURRAY; AND
24 MELINDA MURRAY, WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY FAMILY. HE WILL
25 BE REMEMBERED BY MANY FOR HIS GREGARIOUS LAUGH, HIS CUNNING

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1 WIT, AND TRULY, HIS POLITICAL ACUMEN. I SEE HANDS GOING UP. DO
2 YOU ALL WANT TO SPEAK, OR WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ADDED?

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** IT LOOKS LIKE ALL MEMBERS.

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OF COURSE. OF COURSE. I DIDN'T KNOW IF
7 ANY OF YOU SERVED WITH HIM, IF YOU WANTED TO SPEAK, BUT
8 ABSOLUTELY. PLEASE, ALL MEMBERS JOIN ME. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. IN 1994, WHEN I WAS ELECTED--
11 SO I OVERLAPPED WITH WILLARD FOR TWO YEARS-- KEVIN WAS ALSO
12 ELECTED TO THE ASSEMBLY, WILLARD'S SON. AND IT WAS THE FIRST
13 TIME IN 25 YEARS THAT THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAD NOT ACTUALLY
14 CONTROLLED THE ASSEMBLY. IT WAS EXACTLY AN EVEN SPLIT, 40-40.
15 AND THERE WERE A NUMBER OF RECALLS INSTITUTED, AND WE ACTUALLY
16 HAD A REPUBLICAN SPEAKER. WE HAD ABOUT 14 DIFFERENT SPEAKERS,
17 AS WE WERE GOING THROUGH THOSE FIRST TUMULTUOUS TWO YEARS. AND
18 AT ONE POINT, THE NEW SPEAKER DECIDED THAT IT WOULD BE A GREAT
19 JOKE IF HE MADE WILLARD AND KEVIN SIT NEXT TO EACH OTHER ON
20 THE FLOOR. [LAUGHTER]. AND THEY WERE BOTH QUITE FINE ABOUT IT.
21 THEY CERTAINLY DID NOT WANT ANYONE TO THINK THAT WAS A JOKE AT
22 ALL. BUT I REMEMBER THAT WILLARD WAS ALWAYS VERY KIND AND, YOU
23 KNOW, ALWAYS WOULD FIND THE HUMANISTIC POINT TO MAKE IN
24 CAUCUS, AND ONE THAT WE MAY NOT HAVE THOUGHT OF, AND ONE THAT
25 WE REALLY APPRECIATED. AND I HAVE TO ALSO SAY THAT, AS THE

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1 FIRST GAY PERSON ELECTED UP THERE, I WASN'T REALLY SURE WHAT
2 KIND OF A GREETING I WAS GOING TO GET, AND WILLARD WAS JUST
3 GREAT TO ME. SO, I AM SO SORRY TO SEE HIM GO, AND WOULD REALLY
4 LIKE TO JOIN IN THIS ADJOURNMENT. BUT I THINK, AS JANICE SAID,
5 WE'RE PROBABLY ALL GOING TO WANT TO JOIN IN. BUT THANK YOU,
6 MADAM CHAIR.

7

8 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY. I GLADLY INVITE EVERYONE
9 ELSE TO JOIN IN. WOULD ANYONE ELSE LIKE TO SPEAK?

10

11 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH. I WOULD JUST SAY, YEAH, I FEEL LIKE I HAVE
12 KNOWN WILLARD MY ENTIRE LIFE; A LONGTIME FRIEND OF MY FAMILY.
13 AND, OF COURSE, I HAVE BEEN FRIENDS WITH KEVIN FOR A LONG
14 TIME, TOO. WILLARD, AS YOU SAID, SHEILA, JUST REALLY FOUND
15 THOSE MOMENTS, THOSE KINDNESSES. THERE WAS ONE TIME I WAS IN A
16 CAMPAIGN, A POLITICAL RACE AGAINST SOMEONE ELSE, AND HE DIDN'T
17 WANT TO COME OUT PUBLICLY AGAINST THAT PERSON, BUT HE MADE IT
18 VERY CLEAR TO ME, ONE TIME WHEN WE WERE TOGETHER, THAT HE WAS
19 GOING TO DO EVERYTHING HE COULD BEHIND THE SCENES TO HELP ME.
20 SO, JUST A GOOD MAN. LIVED AN INCREDIBLE LIFE. SERVED THE
21 PEOPLE OF CALIFORNIA FOR SO MANY YEARS. AND AGAIN, HIS FAMILY
22 IS ONE THAT HAS DEDICATED THEIR LIVES, AS WELL, TO PUBLIC
23 SERVICE. SO, OUR CONDOLENCES, CERTAINLY, TO THE FAMILY. AND I
24 WANTED TO GIVE A SPECIAL SHOUT-OUT TO KEVIN, AND KNOW THAT IT
25 IS ALWAYS HARD TO LOSE A DAD. EVEN WHEN THEY ARE 90 OR SO, IT

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1 IS HARD TO LOSE A FATHER, PARTICULARLY IF THEY HAVE HAD THE
2 SAME POLITICAL INTEREST. SO, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND AGAIN, EXTENDING
5 OUR CONDOLENCES TO BOTH MELINDA, A MEMBER OF OUR COUNTY
6 FAMILY-- SHE WORKS FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY-- AS WELL AS
7 KEVIN AND HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN. WE WILL MOVE ON TO DISTRICT
8 THREE, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I ASK THAT WHEN
11 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF KEN KRAGAN, TOP
12 ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCER, A MANAGER, AND A PHILANTHROPIST, WHO
13 JUST PASSED AWAY LAST WEEK. HE WAS A HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL
14 GRADUATE, WHOSE CREDITS INCLUDED PRODUCING "THE SMOTHERS
15 BROTHERS COMEDY HOUR" AND "THE GAMBLER" TELEVISION MOVIES THAT
16 STARRED KENNY ROGERS. AS A TALENT MANAGER, HE WORKED
17 TIRELESSLY ON BEHALF OF HIS CLIENTS, SOME OF WHOM INCLUDED
18 KENNY ROGERS, LIONEL RICHIE, TRISHA YEARWOOD, THE BEE GEES,
19 AND OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN. HIS MOST FAMOUS PROJECT BEGAN IN LATE
20 1984, WITH A PHONE CALL FROM HARRY BELAFONTE, WHO WAS ANXIOUS
21 TO RAISE MONEY FOR PEOPLE WHO WERE STARVING IN AFRICA;
22 NOTABLY, IN ETHIOPIA, WHERE A FAMINE HAD KILLED MILLIONS OF
23 PEOPLE. AND ACCORDING TO BELAFONTE, KEN WAS HESITANT AT FIRST,
24 BUT EVENTUALLY SAID YES TO HELPING BELAFONTE ORGANIZE A
25 NUMBER-- AND I MEAN A LARGE NUMBER-- OF VERY WELL-KNOWN

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1 SINGERS FOR THE FAMOUS SONG AND ALBUM "WE ARE THE WORLD." IT
2 WENT ON TO SELL TENS OF MILLIONS OF COPIES, AND WON GRAMMYS
3 FOR RECORD AND SONG OF THE YEAR. IT RAISED \$64 MILLION FOR
4 POVERTY ALLEVIATION ACROSS AFRICA AND THE UNITED STATES, AND
5 KEN LATER RECEIVED A UNITED NATIONS PEACE MEDAL. HE CONTINUED
6 TO BE VERY ACTIVE IN CHARITY EVENTS, AND ORGANIZED A NUMBER
7 LATER IN HIS LIFE, INCLUDING HANDS ACROSS AMERICA, A
8 FUNDRAISER IN 1985, WITH A CROSS-COUNTRY HUMAN CHAIN OF 6.5
9 MILLION PEOPLE HOLDING HANDS ACROSS THE ENTIRE COUNTRY,
10 INCLUDING A FEW THAT WE RECOGNIZE LIKE, OH, PRESIDENT REAGAN,
11 YOKO ONO-- I DON'T KNOW IF THEY WERE HOLDING EACH OTHER'S
12 HANDS-- AND ROBIN WILLIAMS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE CATHY,
13 AND THEIR DAUGHTER EMMA. HE WAS QUITE A FORCE, A LOVELY MAN,
14 AND NEVER REALLY RELUCTANT TO TAKE A RISK, WHEN IT MEANT THAT
15 SOMETHING GOOD WOULD COME OUT OF IT. I MEAN, THINK ABOUT THOSE
16 EVENTS. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ALSO ADJOURN
17 IN HONOR OF JACK NORRIS, WHO WAS A BRILLIANT ENGINEER, WHOSE
18 CAREER INCLUDED THE DESIGN OF HYDRAULICALLY POWERED FLIGHT
19 CONTROLS FOR BOEING AIRCRAFT; AUDIO ANIMATRONICS FOR THE ABE
20 LINCOLN AND "PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN" RIDES AT DISNEYLAND;
21 THE N.A.S.A. MERCURY, GEMINI, AND APOLLO SPACE CONTROLS; AND
22 WAS TECHNICAL DIRECTOR FOR MISSION CONTROL OF THE VOYAGER
23 NONSTOP AROUND-THE-WORLD FLIGHT. HE SERVED IN THE U.S. AIR
24 FORCE AS AN ENGINEER IN THE TECHNOLOGY CENTER AT WRIGHT FIELD,
25 IN DAYTON, OHIO, AND HE OWNED AND FLEW A 1947 LUSCOMBE FOR 60

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1 YEARS, FOR ALL YOU AVIATION FANS. HE WAS A PROUD MEMBER OF
2 WINGS OVER WENDY'S, AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER,
3 CHERYL. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
4 HONOR AND MEMORY OF A MAN WHO WAS TANGENTIALLY A RELATIVE OF
5 THE THIRD DISTRICT FOR A LONG TIME, ARTHUR NISSMAN, WHO DIED
6 ON NOVEMBER 28TH. HE GRADUATED STUYVESANT HIGH SCHOOL AT THE
7 AGE OF 16; AND AFTER COLLEGE, HE WORKED IN ADVERTISING. HE
8 MOVED TO L.A. IN 1966, TO WORK WITH OGILVIE AND MATHER, AND
9 WAS CREATIVE DIRECTOR COPYWRITER, AND ULTIMATELY FORMED HIS
10 OWN AGENCY. MAYBE MOST IMPORTANTLY, TO THE THIRD, HE WAS A
11 VERY ACTIVE AND BELOVED MEMBER OF THE TOPANGA COMMUNITY. HE
12 COMMITTED HIMSELF TO TOPANGA'S DISASTER RADIO TEAM,
13 VOLUNTEERED WITH FRIENDS OF THE TOPANGA LIBRARY, SERVED ON THE
14 PIERCE COLLEGE FOUNDATION BOARD, THE TOPANGA SYMPHONY, AND THE
15 TOPANGA COMMUNITY CENTER. FOR ARTHUR, AS HE WOULD ALWAYS SAY,
16 THERE WERE NO STRANGERS, JUST PEOPLE HE HAD NOT YET MET. HE IS
17 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE SUSAN-- WHO WAS A LONGTIME MEMBER OF OUR
18 COUNTY FAMILY, WORKING WITH ZEV ALL THE TIME HE WAS HERE-- AND
19 THEIR THREE CHILDREN, ZOE, MAX, AND PETER. AND FINALLY, I ASK
20 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF EVE
21 BABITZ. WE HAVE BEEN READING A LOT ABOUT EVE IN THE PAPER,
22 FROM HER MANY, MANY, MANY, MANY FRIENDS AND ADMIRERS. SHE WAS
23 THE ONCE AND FUTURE "IT" GIRL OF LOS ANGELES, WHO WROTE WITH
24 SHARP WIT AND A CONNOISSEUR'S ENTHUSIASM OF OUR L.A. OUTSIZE
25 CHARACTERS, OUR SENSUOUS PLEASURES, FROM TAQUITOS TO L.S.D.,

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1 AND GOT GREAT CRITICAL ACCLAIM AND A NEW AUDIENCE LATE IN
2 LIFE, AND SADLY PASSED AWAY JUST FOUR DAYS AGO. PART WEST
3 COAST WILD CHILD, PART BOHO INTELLECTUAL, SHE WAS BORN IN
4 L.A., THE CHILD OF AN ARTIST AND A VIOLINIST, AND HER LOVE OF
5 MUSIC WAS INSTILLED IN HER THROUGH HER FATHER AND GODFATHER,
6 IGOR STRAVINSKY. AFTER GRADUATING FROM HOLLYWOOD HIGH SCHOOL,
7 SHE BECAME KNOWN ALL OVER L.A. AS A HEDONIST WITH A NOTEBOOK.
8 SHE HUNG OUT AT THE TROUBADOUR, THE WEST HOLLYWOOD CLUB WHERE
9 SHE MET AND DESIGNED ALBUM COVERS FOR BANDS AND SINGERS LIKE
10 BUFFALO SPRINGFIELD, THE BYRDS, AND LINDA RONSTADT. IN 1963,
11 SHE CREATED A PRETTY BIG STIR IN LOS ANGELES CULTURE, WHEN
12 PHOTOGRAPHER JULIAN WASSER PHOTOGRAPHED EVE, WITHOUT A STITCH
13 OF CLOTHING ON, PLAYING CHESS WITH MARCEL DUCHAMP. THE BLACK-
14 AND-WHITE IMAGE BECAME SO FAMOUS, IT ACTUALLY IS INCLUDED AS A
15 POSTER IN THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART. SHE TRIED TO GET A BOOK
16 PUBLISHED AT THE AGE OF 20, BUT FAILED, SO SHE MOVED TO NEW
17 YORK AND WORKED FOR AN ALTERNATIVE VILLAGE PAPER. SHE ALSO
18 INTRODUCED FRANK ZAPPA TO SALVADOR DALI, AND WORKED AS A
19 SECRETARY FOR A MADISON AVENUE AD SALESMAN. IN 1974, AT THE
20 AGE OF 30, HER FIRST BOOK, "EVE'S HOLLYWOOD," A MEMOIR IN
21 SHARD-LIKE ESSAYS, WAS PUBLISHED. IN THE DEDICATION, WHICH
22 RUNS TO MANY, MANY PAGES, SHE THANKED HER ORTHODONTIST, HER
23 GYNECOLOGIST, THE CHATEAU MARMONT, FREEWAYS, SOUR CREAM, AND
24 RAINIER ALE. SHE WOULD THEN GO ON TO WRITE FIVE MORE BOOKS,
25 AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL NOVELS LIKE "SEX AND RAGE" AND "L.A. WOMAN,"

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1 FEATURING HER ALTER EGOS; AND ESSAY COLLECTIONS LIKE "SLOW
2 DAYS, FAST COMPANY: THE WORLD, THE FLESH AND L.A."; AS WELL AS
3 COUNTLESS MAGAZINE ARTICLES. BUT IN THE PAST DECADE SHE HAS
4 HAD QUITE A REVIVAL, WITH A GENERATION OF YOUNG BOOK
5 INFLUENCERS LIKE EMMA ROBERTS, INSTAGRAM'S BELLETRIST,
6 TRUMPETING HER WORK, REISSUED BY SEVERAL PUBLISHING HOUSES,
7 STARTING IN 2015, SO THAT SHE'S NOW PUBLISHED IN 12 COUNTRIES,
8 AND HAS MADE 10 TIMES THE EARNINGS THAT SHE MADE IN THE FIRST
9 ROUND OF BOOK SALES. SHE WAS ONE OF A KIND, AND THERE ARE SO
10 MANY PEOPLE WANTING TO WRITE ABOUT HER. I REALLY ENCOURAGE
11 EVERYBODY TO READ ANYTHING YOU CAN ABOUT EVE BABITZ. SHE WAS
12 AN ORIGINAL. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER SISTER, MIRANDI. AND THOSE
13 ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

14
15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MOVING ON TO
16 DISTRICT 4, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

17
18 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
19 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE WILLIAM C.
20 APPELEGATE. BILL, A FORMER TORRANCE COUNCIL MEMBER, PASSED AWAY
21 AT THE AGE OF 78. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE,
22 AND WORKED AS A CRYPTOGRAPHER. AFTER HIS MILITARY SERVICE, HE
23 MOVED HIS FAMILY TO TORRANCE. BILL WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE
24 COMMUNITY, AND SERVED FOUR TERMS ON THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL.
25 BILL WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS DEDICATED VOLUNTEERISM. HE WAS

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1 THE LONGEST-SERVING MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE
2 Y.M.C.A. OF METROPOLITAN LOS ANGELES, HAVING SERVED MORE THAN
3 38 YEARS. HE WAS ALSO ON THE Y.M.C.A.'S NATIONAL BOARD OF
4 DIRECTORS, AND WAS ACTIVE WITH THE TORRANCE SOUTH BAY
5 Y.M.C.A.'S BOARD OF MANAGERS UNTIL HIS PASSING. BILL IS
6 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE LINDA, HIS SONS MARK AND ERIC, THREE
7 GRANDCHILDREN, AND TWO GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. I ALSO MOVE THAT
8 WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN TODAY IN THE MEMORY OF TAYEKO
9 IWANAGA, WHO WAS A RESIDENT OF TORRANCE, AND PASSED AWAY AT
10 THE AGE OF 96. TAYEKO GREW UP ON A FARM IN TORRANCE. BUT
11 DURING WORLD WAR II, SHE AND HER FAMILY WERE UPROOTED FROM
12 THEIR HOME AND SENT TO AN INTERNMENT CAMP IN JEROME, ARKANSAS.
13 IT WAS AT THE CAMP THAT SHE FINISHED HER STUDIES AND EARNED
14 HER HIGH-SCHOOL DIPLOMA. AFTER THE WAR, SHE RETURNED TO
15 TORRANCE WITH HER HUSBAND, AND THEY LIVED OUT THE REST OF
16 THEIR LIVES THERE. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE
17 ADJOURN TODAY IN THE MEMORY OF DORIS TOPSY-ELVORD,
18 AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN BY THE COMMUNITY AS "MOTHER DORIS." SHE
19 PASSED AWAY. SHE WAS 90 YEARS OLD. MOTHER DORIS HAD A LONG
20 CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE, AND WORKED FOR THE LOS ANGELES
21 COUNTY AS A DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER FOR 19 YEARS. IN 1992,
22 MOTHER DORIS MADE HISTORY AS THE FIRST BLACK WOMAN ELECTED TO
23 THE LONG BEACH CITY COUNCIL. SHE LATER COFOUNDED THE AFRICAN
24 AMERICAN HERITAGE SOCIETY, AND RECEIVED A NUMBER OF SERVICE
25 AWARDS AND RECOGNITION OVER THE YEARS, INCLUDING BEING NAMED

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1 WOMAN OF THE YEAR IN 1994. IN 2003, SHE BROKE BARRIERS AGAIN,
2 BECOMING THE FIRST BLACK WOMAN TO SERVE ON THE LONG BEACH
3 HARBOR COMMISSION. MOTHER DORIS WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A LOVING
4 TRAILBLAZER WHO HELPED PAVE THE WAY FOR MANY WOMEN,
5 PARTICULARLY BLACK WOMEN. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND
6 RALPH, AND MANY, MANY FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AND I WOULD CONSIDER
7 MYSELF ONE OF THEM. I KNEW DORIS FOR SO LONG, AND SHE WAS
8 ALWAYS JUST A DELIGHT TO BE WITH, AND ALWAYS ENCOURAGED ME IN
9 MY POLITICAL PURSUITS. SHE LIVED A GREAT LIFE, AND CERTAINLY
10 LEFT LONG BEACH A BETTER PLACE THAN WHEN SHE FOUND IT. I ALSO
11 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
12 DOTTIE HILL, WHO WAS A LEGENDARY RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO. SHE
13 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 95. DOTTIE ALWAYS THOUGHT OF HER
14 LIFE AS A CINDERELLA STORY. SHE GREW UP WITH MEAGER MEANS IN
15 NEW YORK CITY, BECAME A NURSING CADET, MARRIED THE MAN OF HER
16 DREAMS, AND MOVED TO LOS ANGELES TO START HER FAMILY. LATER IN
17 LIFE, SHE WENT BACK TO COLLEGE AND GRADUATED FROM CAL STATE
18 LONG BEACH, WITH A B.A. IN HOME ECONOMICS AND A TEACHING
19 CREDENTIAL. SHE WENT ON TO BECOME THE CHAIR OF THE HOME
20 ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT-- REMEMBER WHEN WE HAD THAT?-- AT SOUTH
21 GATE HIGH SCHOOL, AND DOTTIE WENT ON TO BECOME A SUBSTITUTE
22 TEACHER AT DODSON MIDDLE SCHOOL, IN SAN PEDRO. AND AFTER
23 RETIREMENT, BECAUSE SHE JUST COULDN'T STAND THE THOUGHT OF
24 SITTING AROUND ALL DAY, SHE JOINED THE TEAM AT TRADER JOE'S,
25 IN R.P.V., WHERE SHE WORKED AS THE STORE AMBASSADOR UNTIL THE

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1 AGE OF 93. THERE WAS DOTTIE, WHEN YOU WALKED INTO TRADER
2 JOE'S, WITH HER TRADEMARK WHITE HAIR UP IN A BUN, SAYING HELLO
3 TO EVERYONE. AND I REMEMBER, WHEN MY SON WOULD TAKE MY
4 GRANDCHILDREN, WHEN THEY WERE TEENY-TINY, TO TRADER JOE'S, FOR
5 SOME REASON DOTTIE JUST CAPTURED THEIR IMAGINATION, AND THEY
6 WOULD ALWAYS SPEAK AND WAVE HELLO TO DOTTIE, EVEN SOMETIMES
7 WHEN THEY WOULDN'T SPEAK TO OTHER PEOPLE. DOTTIE'S LIFE WAS
8 ALWAYS ONE OF SERVICE TO OTHERS, NEVER MORE EVIDENT THAN IN
9 HER SERVICE THAT SHE GAVE TO HER CHURCH. SHE AND I WERE BOTH
10 MEMBERS OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN SAN PEDRO. SHE WAS
11 THERE FOR OVER 60 YEARS. I'M REALLY GOING TO MISS SEEING
12 DOTTIE. SHE LIVED A GOOD LIFE. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER THREE
13 SONS, BILL, MARK, AND MATTHEW; 4 GRANDCHILDREN; AND 3 GREAT-
14 GRANDCHILDREN. REST IN PEACE, DOTTIE; YOU DESERVE IT. I ALSO
15 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
16 JERRY RONAN, WHO WAS 95 WHEN HE PASSED AWAY; A RESIDENT OF
17 TORRANCE. JERRY SERVED IN THE NAVY FOR TWO AND A HALF YEARS,
18 WHICH LED HIM TO HIS 37-YEAR TEACHING CAREER AT TORRANCE HIGH
19 SCHOOL. HE TAUGHT ENGLISH, HISTORY, SERVED AS A GUIDANCE
20 COUNSELOR. AFTER RETIRING IN 1992, HE JOINED THE TORRANCE
21 HISTORICAL SOCIETY, AND WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE VETERANS
22 MEMORIAL PROJECT KNOWN AS "THE NAMES ON THE WALL." HE SERVED
23 THE COMMUNITY OF TORRANCE WITH HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH THE
24 TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS FOUNDATION, THE TORRANCE THEATER
25 COMPANY, THE DOWNTOWN TORRANCE ASSOCIATION, AND SERVED ON THE

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1 SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR TORRANCE'S STUDENTS AND GOVERNMENT
2 DAY. JERRY WAS AWARDED THE PRESTIGIOUS JARED SIDNEY TORRANCE
3 AWARD FOR HIS LIFELONG DEDICATION TO THE COMMUNITY OF
4 TORRANCE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SISTER HELEN, HIS NIECE KAYE,
5 AND NEPHEWS TIMOTHY, TYRONE, AND THOMAS, AND NUMEROUS GRAND-
6 NEPHEWS AND GRAND-NIECES. AND MY LAST ONE, COLLEAGUES, I MOVE
7 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MARY
8 YUTRONICH, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO, WHO WAS 89 WHEN
9 SHE PASSED AWAY. AS A YOUNG ADULT, MARY MOVED FROM SLOVENIA TO
10 SAN PEDRO, WHERE SHE MET HER HUSBAND AND STARTED A FAMILY.
11 MARY WAS A DEVOUT CATHOLIC, WITH A SPECIAL DEVOTION TO JESUS
12 AND MARY. SHE ATTENDED HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH IN SAN
13 PEDRO FOR MANY YEARS, AND WAS ACTIVE IN THE PARISH'S AVE MARIA
14 SOCIETY. MARY IS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER HUSBAND, JOHN. SHE'S
15 SURVIVED BY HER 5 CHILDREN AND 7 GRANDCHILDREN. THANK YOU,
16 MADAM CHAIR.

17
18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND WE'LL MOVE ON
19 TO SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5, SUPERVISOR BARGER.

20
21 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
22 ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF FRANK BLUA, THE LONGEST-
23 SERVING COACH IN ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE HISTORY, WHO DIED
24 DECEMBER 3RD, AT THE AGE OF 66. HE RETIRED FROM COACHING
25 FOOTBALL AT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE AFTER THE 2004 SEASON,

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1 SERVING A 27-YEAR TENURE THAT WAS THE LONGEST OF ANY A.V.C.
2 COACH. HE ALSO HAD A 4-YEAR RUN AS HEAD COACH OF THE MARAUDER
3 BASEBALL TEAM. FRANK RETIRED FROM ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE AS A
4 PROFESSOR IN 2016, AFTER TEACHING AT THE COLLEGE FOR 37 YEARS.
5 FRANK WAS INDUCTED, IN 2012, INTO THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY
6 COLLEGE FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME. FRANK WAS
7 BORN ON SEPTEMBER 14TH, 1955, IN PALMDALE, AND GREW UP ON HIS
8 FAMILY'S ANTELOPE VALLEY FARM. FRANK PLAYED FOOTBALL AT A.V.C.
9 IN 1973 AND '74, EARNING ALL-CONFERENCE, ALL-STATE, AND ALL-
10 AMERICAN HONORS AS A DEFENSIVE LINEMAN, BOTH YEARS. FRANK WAS
11 CAPTAIN OF THE 1974 TEAM THAT WON A.V.C.'S FIRST STATE
12 CHAMPIONSHIP. SURVIVORS INCLUDE HIS WIFE GAYLA, DAUGHTER
13 ASHLEY, FATHER ANDREW BLUA SR., AND BROTHERS ANDREW JR. AND
14 MATTHEW. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF TREVIS CLARK
15 FRENCH, A BELOVED TEACHER AT JOE WALKER MIDDLE SCHOOL IN
16 QUARTZ HILL, WHO PASSED AWAY UNEXPECTEDLY ON THANKSGIVING DAY
17 AT THE AGE OF 54. BORN ON DECEMBER 5, 1966, IN LIBBY, MONTANA,
18 TREVIS GREW UP ON A RANCH IN SALMON, IDAHO. WHILE AT COLLEGE,
19 HE MET AND MARRIED THE LOVE OF HIS LIFE, SHANNON SELWAY, IN
20 1988. THEY HAD TWO CHILDREN, SHATREA AND ZACHARY. AFTER
21 GRADUATING IN 1989 FROM WESTERN MONTANA COLLEGE, TREVIS WENT
22 TO WORK TEACHING AT JOE WALKER MIDDLE SCHOOL STEALTH ACADEMY,
23 IN LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA. IN 1991 AND '92, TREVIS TAUGHT MATH
24 IN LIBBY, MONTANA, THEN RETURNED TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY.
25 TREVIS TAUGHT ALGEBRA AND GEOMETRY FOR 32 YEARS, AND WAS NAMED

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1 IN "WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICA'S TEACHERS," AND WAS HONORED AS
2 TEACHER OF THE YEAR ON MULTIPLE OCCASIONS. EVERY SUMMER,
3 TREVIS WENT HOME TO MONTANA TO HELP ON THE FAMILY RANCH,
4 WORKING WITH CATTLE, HARVESTING HAY CROPS, ET CETERA. TREVIS
5 WAS ALSO A TALENTED ARTIST, DESIGNING HANDCRAFTED WORKS IN
6 LEATHER, METAL, AND WOOD. TREVIS LEAVES BEHIND HIS WIFE
7 SHANNON, CHILDREN SHATREA AND ZACHARY, HIS PARENTS, TWO
8 BROTHERS, AND A SISTER, ALONG WITH MANY AUNTS, UNCLES,
9 COUSINS, NIECES, NEPHEWS, GREAT-NIECES, AND GREAT-NEPHEWS.
10 ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GLENDA JUNE KENNEDY, A
11 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF PASADENA, AND SISTER OF LENA KENNEDY AND
12 PASADENA COUNCILMEMBER JOHN J. KENNEDY, WHO PASSED AWAY ON
13 DECEMBER 8TH, AT THE AGE OF 56. GLENDA ATTENDED SCHOOLS IN
14 PASADENA, INCLUDING SAN RAFAEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CLEVELAND
15 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MCKINLEY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, AND BLAIR HIGH
16 SCHOOL. SHE WORKED FOR THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE. SHE WAS A
17 FAITHFUL MEMBER OF LINCOLN AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH FOR OVER 35
18 YEARS. GLENDA WILL BE MISSED BY HER FAMILY, THE KENNEDYS, WHO
19 ARE A CLOSE AND LOVING FAMILY, AND SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
20 SISTERS, BROTHERS, 38 NIECES AND NEPHEWS, AND A HOST OF
21 RELATIVES AND FRIENDS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY. ALSO, THAT WE
22 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ANTONIO SOZA, WHO SERVED ON THE PALMDALE
23 CITY COUNCIL FROM 1976 TO 1984, WHO DIED OCTOBER 22ND, AT THE
24 AGE OF 93. BORN SEPTEMBER 17TH, 1927, AT HIS FAMILY'S RANCH IN
25 CASCABEL, ARIZONA, ANTONIO GREW UP IN LOS ANGELES. HE JOINED

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1 THE MERCHANT MARINES IN 1945, THEN SERVED IN THE U.S. ARMY FOR
2 22 YEARS. A MEMBER OF THE U.S. ARMY MARKSMANSHIP UNIT, HE WON
3 5 GOLD MEDALS AND ONE BRONZE MEDAL AT THE INTERNATIONAL
4 MILITARY SPORTS COUNCIL TOURNAMENT IN 1961, IN RIO DE JANEIRO.
5 ANTONIO BECAME A PALMDALE RESIDENT DURING HIS LAST POSTING, AT
6 THE NIKE-HERCULES MISSILE SITE ON MOUNT GLEASON. HE RETIRED
7 FROM THE ARMY IN 1972, WITH THE RANK OF CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER.
8 ANTONIO THEN WENT TO WORK FOR THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE COMPANY AS
9 A TELECOMMUNICATIONS MANAGER, AND LATER WAS HIRED BY LOCKHEED.
10 HE RETIRED AGAIN IN 1993. WHILE RESIDING IN PALMDALE, HE WAS A
11 MEMBER OF THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS,
12 AND ORGANIZATIONS. ANTONIO MARRIED MARGARET "MARGO" ESCOVEDO
13 ON APRIL 21ST, 1951, AND SHE DIED IN 2012. ANTONIO IS SURVIVED
14 BY 4 CHILDREN AND THEIR SPOUSES, 3 GRANDCHILDREN, AND 5 GREAT-
15 GRANDCHILDREN. AND LAST, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
16 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS, WHO WERE
17 IDENTIFIED AS INDIGENT VETERANS BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
18 MEDICAL EXAMINER, AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY BURIED WITH DIGNITY
19 AND HONOR AT RIVERSIDE NATIONAL CEMETERY IN THE LAST MONTH:
20 STEVE MARTIN CORCHADO, MARINE CORPS; MICHAEL SCOTT DERRY,
21 ARMY; MARIO JEROME DUNLAP, ARMY; DREW BRADFORD FELDMAN, ARMY;
22 JOZEF THEO FORNAL, ARMY; JAMES E. HARRIS, AIR FORCE; DAVID
23 RODMAN MAYER, NAVY; LARRY JAMES MILLER, ARMY; JAMES HENRY
24 REED, NAVY; LAWRENCE EDWARD RODGERS, ARMY; WILLIE CHARLES
25 STAR, MARINE CORPS; AND JEROME M. ZEIMET, ARMY. MAY THEIR

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1 CONTRIBUTIONS AND THEIR SACRIFICES IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY
2 NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR BARGER.
5 AND IF YOU WOULD ALLOW ME, I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN THE
6 ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY OF GLENDA JUNE KENNEDY, AS WELL. THANK
7 YOU VERY MUCH. SO, THANK YOU, ALL. WE WILL TAKE ALL THE
8 MOTIONS AS SECONDED. IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS
9 VOTE, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU
10 PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION?

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12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. IN ACCORDANCE WITH
13 BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD
14 OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM
15 CS-1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING ANTICIPATED
16 LITIGATION; AND ITEM CS-2, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE
17 EVALUATION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THANK
18 YOU.

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

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CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR DECEMBER 21, 2021

CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

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

Significant exposure to litigation (two cases). (20-2580)

No reportable action was taken.

CS-2. DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS (Government Code Section 54957)

Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

No reportable action was taken.

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1 I, JENNIFER A. HINES, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number
2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do
3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors December 21, 2021, were
6 thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my direction and
7 supervision;

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

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

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
16 10th day of January 2022, for the County records to be used
17 only for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts
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