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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022, 9:30 AM

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WELCOME TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WHICH IS BEING HELD REMOTELY, AND TODAY IS TUESDAY, JANUARY 25TH, 2022. WE WILL TAKE ROLL TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE. PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MICS. WE WILL START WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. SOLIS: YES, I AM PRESENT.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING.

SUP. HAHN: COULD SOMEBODY PLUG THIS IN?

SPEAKER: YEAH.

SUP. HAHN: HERE. OH, SORRY. GOOD MORNING! SUPERVISOR HAHN. BEFORE YOU ASK FOR IT, I'M HERE.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO GET TO YOU, AND THEN YOU CAN SAY, "I'M HERE," AGAIN. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

SUP. KUEHL: I'M HERE, TOO!

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR HAHN? SHE IS HERE. AND SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. BARGER: I AM HERE.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING. FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.?

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

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

RODRIGO CASTRO-SILVA: I'M HERE.

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

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: HERE.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU, AND GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WILL YOU DO US THE HONOR OF LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE?

SUP. KUEHL: I WOULD BE HONORED. EVERYBODY WHO IS ABLE, PLEASE STAND UP. PLEASE PLACE YOUR HAND OVER YOUR HEART. READY, BEGIN. I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS: ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. PLEASE BE SEATED.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, WE WILL BE TAKING TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENTS SEPARATELY FOR REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS DURING TODAY'S MEETING. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD RECEIVED OVER 800 WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TODAY'S MEETING, AND AS THOSE WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED, ALL OF THEM WERE AVAILABLE TO THE SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION, CONSISTENT WITH THE BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS THROUGHOUT THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 2, SET MATTERS S-1 AND S-2. ITEM S-1 IS A REPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT HEADS, AS NECESSARY, ON THE STATUS OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING AND CONSIDERATION OF NECESSARY ACTIONS. ITEM S-2 IS A DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

OF NECESSARY ACTIONS ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER RELATED TO C.O.V.I.D.-19, AND STATUS OF THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 VACCINE. THESE ITEMS WILL BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION. ON PAGE THREE, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA. THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ITEM 1-D IS A RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE, AND DELIVERY OF TAX-EXEMPT MULTIFAMILY HOUSING MORTGAGE REVENUE NOTES TO FINANCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE MULTIFAMILY HOUSING IN THE CITY OF EL MONTE, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $14,971,240. ON PAGE 4 PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3. THESE ITEMS WILL BE HELD FOR HEARINGS. ON PAGE SIX, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 4 THROUGH 31. ON ITEM 4, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 5 AND 6, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 7, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 11, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 12, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 13, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 16, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 17, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 18, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 19, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS 20 AND 22, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 25, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HER OFFICE. ON PAGE 36, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 32 THROUGH 57. ON ITEM 43, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 50, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 55-A, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 55-D AND 55-E, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. THE REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE REFERRED BACK, THROUGH 55-E, ARE BEFORE YOU.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. WE WILL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS, EXCLUDING PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA, AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

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

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

THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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

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

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

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ZACHARY WARMA. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN. ZACHARY WARMA, YOUR LINE'S OPEN. GO AHEAD, PLEASE. YOU MAY HAVE MUTED YOUR DEVICE. PLEASE UNMUTE.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: CAN WE MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER?

ZACHARY WARMA: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. ZACHARY WARMA.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: GO AHEAD.

ZACHARY WARMA: HELLO? OH, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. ZACHARY WARMA, LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS MANAGER WITH THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER, CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEMS NUMBER 17 AND 19. ON ITEM NUMBER 19, D.W.C. WISHES TO EXTEND ITS DEEP APPRECIATION TO THE LEADERSHIP OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND HER STAFF, WHO HAVE CHAMPIONED AND HELPED MAKE REAL D.W.C.'S EVERY WOMAN HOUSED ACTION PLAN FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES IN SKID ROW. THE EVERY WOMAN HOUSED ACTION PLAN IS A HISTORIC UNDERTAKING TO PERMANENTLY END HOMELESSNESS FOR THE 600 UNSHELTERED WOMEN IN SKID ROW, THROUGH HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. THANKS TO COUNTY PARTNERS-- L.A.H.S.A. AND ORGANIZATIONS LIKE SKID ROW HOUSING TRUST-- WE HAVE ALREADY HELPED DOZENS OF WOMEN SECURE STABLE HOUSING. BY ALLOCATING THIS PORTION OF THE COUNTY'S HOMELESS HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION FUNDS, WE'LL BE ABLE TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND THESE EFFORTS TO BRING HUNDREDS MORE WOMEN OFF THE STREETS OF SKID ROW. ON ITEM 17, D.W.C. APPLAUDS SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND KUEHL FOR UPLIFTING THE NEXUS OF JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT AND HOUSELESSNESS, AND WORKING TO BETTER ALIGN THE SECTORS TO ADVANCE THE CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST VISION FOR L.A. COUNTY. WE KNOW FOR A FACT THAT HOMELESSNESS AND JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT ARE INEXTRICABLY LINKED, WITH INCARCERATION FORESHADOWING HOUSING INSECURITY, AND JAILS HOLDING UNHOUSED PERSONS UNABLE TO PAY FINES, WHO WERE CHARGED WITH PETTY CRIMES OF SURVIVAL.

ACCORDING TO THE 2019 HOMELESS COUNT, NEARLY 2 OUT OF EVERY 3 ANGELENOS LIVING ON THE STREETS HAVE BEEN JUSTICE INVOLVED; AND PER SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DATA, 25 PERCENT OF WOMEN IN L.A. COUNTY WHO WERE INCARCERATED IN 2020 WERE ALREADY HOUSED PRIOR TO THEIR INCARCERATION. BY MANDATING THE ANNUAL DISSEMINATION OF HOMELESS COUNT DATA ON UNHOUSED JUSTICE-INVOLVED ANGELENOS, INCLUDING JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT IN REGIONAL DATA SUMMARIES, AND ENGAGING ORGANIZATIONS ALREADY WORKING AT THE NEXUS OF HOUSELESSNESS AND JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT, WE WILL BE ABLE TO BETTER IDENTIFY AND THEN ULTIMATELY ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THIS SUBPOPULATION. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, D.W.C. IS SO THANKFUL TO HAVE WORKED ALONGSIDE THE EXTRAORDINARY DUO OF ESTHER LIM AND DANIELA RUBINA TO HELP ACTUALIZE THIS MOTION. LIKEWISE, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, RACHEL SIMON, TANIA ORTIZ, AND A.J., VERONICA, AND SHELBY ARE JUST ABSOLUTE ROCK STARS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL: YES, GOOD MORNING. ON S-2, I AM REALLY CONCERNED, BECAUSE THE NUMBERS ARE GETTING BIGGER AND BIGGER ON INVESTIGATIVE NUMBERS, AND NOW WE ARE OVER 50,000. AND DOCTOR FERRER DOES NOT RETURN CALLS, SO THAT IS NOT VERY GOOD. I LEFT A MESSAGE FOR HER THREE DAYS AGO, AND I WILL NOT GET AN ANSWER, WHILE WE HAVE THOSE UNDER INVESTIGATION-- OVER 50,000. THAT IS VERY SCARY. WE STARTED ABOUT 10,000, TWO WEEKS AGO, AND NOW WE ARE UP TO OVER 50,000. AND ON THE REPORT ON THE HEALTH AGENCY, WE CAN NO LONGER HAVE A RECEIVE AND FILE. THE PUBLIC HAS A RIGHT TO KNOW WHAT THE BOARD THINKS. AND ON 17, I AM TOTALLY IN FAVOR OF GETTING MORE DATA VIS-A-VIS THE HOMELESS, WHEN IT COMES TO RENTAL [INAUDIBLE], AND SO ON, AND PROVIDE [INAUDIBLE]. ANYWAY, THAT IS WHAT I HAVE TO SAY. HAVE A NICE WEEK. HOPE YOU REOPEN SOON TO THE PUBLIC. THANK YOU. BYE.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KATARINA DEL VALLE THOMPSON. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL SPEAK ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN. KATARINA DEL VALLE THOMPSON, PLEASE.

KATARINA DEL VALLE THOMPSON: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KATARINA DEL VALLE THOMPSON, REGISTERED NURSE, S.E.I.U. 721 HEALTHCARE REGIONAL DIRECTOR. AS YOU ARE AWARE, S.E.I.U. REPRESENTS NEARLY 25,000 HEALTHCARE STAFF IN L.A. COUNTY. I AM HERE TO ADAMANTLY OPPOSE THE PRIVATIZATION OF OUR COUNTY PSYCHIATRIC URGENT CARE CENTER AT OLIVE VIEW MEDICAL CENTER TO A PRIVATE ENTITY, PACIFICA OF THE VALLEY. SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND COLLEAGUES, THE STORIES AND SACRIFICES OF OUR UNION MEMBERS MOVED THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ACT, PRIORITIZING UNPRECEDENTED INVESTMENTS IN THIS CONTINUUM OF CARE. YOU CAN ONLY IMAGINE THE GUT PUNCH WE FELT WHEN WE SAW A MOTION TO OUTSOURCE OUR EXISTING OLIVE VIEW PSYCHIATRIC URGENT CARE CENTER, STAFFED BY COMMITTED COUNTY CIVIL SERVANTS IN D.M.H. AND D.H.S. THIS ACTION IS A REFERENDUM ON THEIR WORK AND SERVICE, AT A TIME WHEN MORALE IS ALREADY FRAYED. IN OUR VIEW, OFFERING UP [INAUDIBLE] AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES, OUTSOURCING MORE OF OUR SAFETY NET TO PACIFIC OF THE VALLEY, DOES NOT SERVE THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

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

KATARINA DEL VALLE THOMPSON: -- OF PSYCHIATRIC PATIENTS, BY DIVERTING THEM TO A NON-SAFETY-NET PRIVATE ENTITY? OUR

COMMUNITIES NEED MORE COUNTY CARE, NOT PRIVATIZATION OF OUR CURRENT WORK.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVEN. PLEASE-- ERIC PREVEN.

ERIC PREVEN: YEAH?

MODERATOR: PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ERIC PREVEN: YEAH, I'LL SPEAK ON SEVERAL AGENDA ITEMS. AND FOR STARTERS, I WANT TO JUST EMPHASIZE THAT, IN HOLD, I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO HEAR THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING WHILE WAITING TO SPEAK, WHICH IS A TECHNICAL GLITCH THAT AT&T SHOULD LOOK AT, BECAUSE IT IS COMPLETELY DISORIENTING. THAT SAID, ITEM NUMBER 10 IS INTERESTING. SHEILA KUEHL, THE GREAT ETHICAL LEADER, IS STEPPING FORWARD AND SAYING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THEMSELVES SHOULD NOT BE TAKING OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT WHILE PERFORMING THEIR DUTIES, AND SHE HOPES THAT OTHER JURISDICTIONS TAKE A SIMILAR PAGE. YEAH. I MEAN, I THINK

THAT'S APPROPRIATE. I'M NOT SURE WHAT'S UP THERE. HAS THERE BEEN AN ISSUE? I MEAN, WE KNOW THAT MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS WAS EMBROILED IN A CONTRACTING FRAUD SCANDAL, AND WE KNOW THAT YOU'VE ASKED THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO HIRE A FIRM, BUT THEY HAVEN'T HIRED A FIRM YET, THEY HAVE CONFIRMED. THEY'VE TAKEN THREE MONTHS TO SORT THROUGH. THIS PROCESS COULD BE DESCRIBED AS R.F.P.-- REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS-- FROM A DOG THAT DOES NOT HUNT. BECAUSE, OBVIOUSLY, BY LOOKING AT 2008 TO 2020, YOU ARE LEAVING OUT ALL OF 2021. MANY OF THE KIND OF COVERING UP MIGHT HAVE BEEN DONE, OR WHO KNOWS? I MEAN, THE PLACE IS FRAUGHT AND RIFE WITH DIFFERENT KINDS OF FRAUD, MUCH OF WHICH IS LEGAL. BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS ONE. TODAY, SHELDON SILVER, THE NEW YORK CORRUPTICO, DIED. HE WAS IN JAIL, AFTER THEY TOOK A DECADE TO CHASE HIM AROUND. HE WAS SOMETHING LIKE A LOCAL HERB WESSON, BUT IN NEW YORK. I THINK WE NEED TO TURN THE LIGHTS ON. AND, YOU KNOW, THESE MEETINGS ARE CRYPTIC AND HARD FOR PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND. THERE'S 80 PEOPLE WATCHING YOUR MEETING IN THE 11-MILLION CONSTITUENCY, SO I THINK WE HAVE TO DO A MUCH BETTER JOB, AND START MEETING VIRTUALLY, REGULARLY, OKAY? PLEASE. I MEAN, THIS-- LAST WEEK, YOU EVEN CANCELED YOUR SHORT MEETING. IT IS JUST ABSURD. WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT'S APPROPRIATE? AND WHY ARE WE PROVIDING $10,000 REWARDS? WHICH WE SHOULD BE, BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND. IT IS SO RACIST. WE HAVE, LIKE, ACROSS THE STREET, CORETTE'S AND ALL THOSE GUYS RAISED $250,000 AS A REWARD. HERE WE HAVE, FOR THE POOR SOUL

WHO WAS FOUND ON THE SIDE OF A FREEWAY, A $10,000 REWARD. I MEAN, I DON'T GET IT. IT IS JUST SO GLARING. I DON'T THINK THAT ALL OF THEM SHOULD BE SO BIG, BUT IT SHOULD ALL BE THE SAME, AT LEAST. IT IS JUST SO UPSETTING. GOD, I MEAN-- NOW, COMPENSATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS UP TO $5,000 PER POSITION IS A HOLLY MITCHELL HALLMARK. I KNOW SHE LIKES TO GET THE GOOD FEEDBACK, AND YOU GOT TO PAY FOR WHAT YOU WANT. I'M NOT A BIG FAN OF THAT BUT, YOU KNOW, I DO UNDERSTAND THAT IT TAKES PEOPLE'S TIME, SO-- BUT THEN, IF YOU DO IT FOR ONE, YOU SHOULD DO IT FOR ALL THE COMMITTEES, OBVIOUSLY, OKAY? NOT LEAVING IT TO THE VARIOUS [INAUDIBLE] AND OTHER THINGS. NOW, THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POKING THEIR NOSE INTO THE P.O.S.T. TRAINING IS LONG OVERDUE. THIS IS THE POLICE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING, WHICH IS A SERIES OF OFTEN CRYPTIC AND UNINTELLIGIBLE RULES, WHICH IS WHY I'M SURPRISED THAT MANY OF YOU--

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

MODERATOR: THANK YOU. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CANDICE CHO. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN. CANDICE CHO, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

CANDICE CHO: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS CANDICE CHO. I AM CALLING IN TO SUPPORT AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 18, A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, TO STRENGTHEN LANGUAGE ACCESS IN COUNTY SERVICES. I LIVE AND WORK IN L.A. COUNTY, WHERE I AM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF POLICY AND COUNSEL FOR A.A.P.I. EQUITY ALLIANCE, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE ASIAN PACIFIC POLICY AND PLANNING COUNCIL, OR A.3P.C.O.N. A.A.C.I. EQUITY IS A COALITION OF OVER 40 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT SERVE THE ONE AND A HALF MILLION A.A.P.I.S WHO MAKE UP 15 PERCENT OF THE COUNTY. A.A.P.I. IS A SHARED POLITICAL IDENTITY, ARE A DIVERSE GROUP, OVER 40 ETHNIC GROUPS, WHO SPEAK MORE THAN 30 LANGUAGES IN THE COUNTY ALONE. UNSURPRISINGLY, THIS DIVERSITY IS ACCOMPANIED BY VAST DISPARITIES IN INCOME, EDUCATION, HEALTH OUTCOMES, AND OTHER FACTORS, ALL OF WHICH HAVE BEEN EXACERBATED BY THE PANDEMIC. THIS INCLUDES DISPARITIES AND ACCESS TO COUNTY SERVICES. A.A.P.I. EQUITY APPRECIATES SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S LEADERSHIP AND THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO WORK WITH OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND LEADERS TO IMPROVE LANGUAGE ACCESS AND THE EQUITABLE AND EFFECTIVE DELIVERY OF COUNTY SERVICES. A.A.P.I.S AND L.E.T. RESIDENTS OF ANY BACKGROUND SHOULD BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE AND BE COMMUNICATED WITH IN THE LANGUAGE THEY PREFER. THANK YOU.

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

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

SPEAKER: [INAUDIBLE]

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: PLEASE BEGIN. PLEASE BEGIN. [UNINTELLIGIBLE AUDIO AND BANGING].

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

SPEAKER: IS IT MY TURN? HELLO?

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

SPEAKER: OKAY. I APOLOGIZE. ALL RIGHT. I AM CALLING ON ITEM NUMBER 18. GIVE ME ONE MINUTE. SOMETHING HAPPENED WITH MY... MY NAME IS OLIVIA ROMERO, AND I AM CALLING FOR ITEM NUMBER 18. [SPEAKING IN LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH]. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR. MY NAME IS OLIVIA, AND I AM CALLING IN SUPPORT OF THE ITEM NUMBER 18, TO IMPROVE THE LANGUAGE ACCESS FOR INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE ENTIRE COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

TWO WEEKS AGO, THIS BOARD PASSED A MOTION TO MAKE D.C.F.S. FULLY RECOGNIZE AND ADDRESS [INAUDIBLE] INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES [INAUDIBLE] TO ACCESS SERVICE BECAUSE THEY CAN'T OBTAIN INFORMATION IN THEIR SPOKEN LANGUAGE. TODAY'S MOTION, HOWEVER, WILL ENSURE ALL OF L.A. COUNTY IS ACCESSIBLE TO INDIGENOUS AND IMMIGRANT FAMILIES, IN WHAT WILL BE ONE OF THE MOST HISTORIC VICTORIES FOR THE LANGUAGE RIGHTS OF THE UNITED STATES. THANKS, SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HAHN, FOR THE LEADERSHIP, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU TO HELP DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT A [INAUDIBLE] LANGUAGE ACCESS IN NORTH AMERICA. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GWENDOLYN SNYDER. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

SPEAKER: OH, MY GOSH.

MODERATOR: GWENDOLYN SNYDER, YOU ARE OPEN. GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: OH, MY GOSH. HELLO. SORRY, I WAS NOT THROUGH FOR THE WHOLE MEETING. ACTUALLY, A BUNCH OF MY FRIENDS ARE NOT GETTING

THROUGH, SO LET ME PULL UP MY POINTS REALLY QUICK. OKAY. SO, I WILL SPEAK ON ITEM 7, 11, 17, 20, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. SO, FOR ITEM 7, I AM IN FAVOR. AS WILDFIRES HAVE RAGED THROUGH CALIFORNIA OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, INCARCERATED FIREFIGHTERS HAVE PLAYED A MASSIVE ROLE IN FIGHTING THEM, MAKING UP AS MUCH AS 30 PERCENT OF THE STATE'S WILDLAND FIREFIGHTERS, BUT ONLY MAKING $2 TO $5 A DAY. THIS ADDS UP TO MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN STOLEN WAGES, COMPOUNDED BY THE FACT THAT, UPON RELEASE, BEING HIRED BY A FIRE DEPARTMENT AS A FORMERLY INCARCERATED PERSON IS EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT. WITH THIS MOTION, THE COUNTY WOULD MAKE IMPORTANT STRIDES IN BEGINNING TO RECTIFY THESE ABUSES, AND DECREASING RELIANCE ON PRISON LABOR. AS THE CLIMATE CRISES CONTINUE IN CALIFORNIA, WE WILL ONLY NEED MORE FIREFIGHTERS, AND I THINK THAT THIS BILL IS AN EXCELLENT WAY TO REDUCE OUR JAIL POPULATIONS, GET GOOD JOBS FOR CALIFORNIANS, AND HELP FIGHT THESE FIRES. FOR ITEM 11, ASSEMBLY BILL A.B. 109, I AM IN FAVOR. I THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HAHN FOR THIS CRITICAL MOTION. SINCE 2011, L.A. COUNTY HAS RECEIVED OVER $3 BILLION IN A.B. 109 FUNDING INTENDED TO HELP THE COUNTY DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, LIKE INNOVATIONS IN RE-ENTRY, COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES, AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING. UNFORTUNATELY, THE MAJORITY OF A.B. 109 CONTINUES TO FUND CARCERAL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS LIKE THE SHERIFF AND PROBATION DEPARTMENTS. THIS PROGRAM EVALUATION IS LONG OVERDUE. I THANK THE BOARD FOR

ISSUING THIS MOTION AS A FIRST STEP IN REIMAGINING A.B. 109 FUNDING. RIGHT NOW, THE SAME TWO COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, SHERIFF AND PROBATION, RECEIVE THE MAJORITY OF A.B. 109 FUNDING, YET THEY ARE NO DEMONSTRATABLE OUTCOMES THAT THESE DEPARTMENTS ARE, IN FACT, EFFECTIVELY SERVING THE A.B. 109 POPULATION. FOR 17, I'M IN FAVOR. I THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND KUEHL FOR AUTHORIZING THIS MOTION ADDRESSING THE INTERSECTIONS OF HOUSELESSNESS AND THE CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM. DATA COLLECTION IS INTEGRAL TO A MORE THOROUGH UNDERSTANDING OF COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS. HOWEVER, EFFECTIVE DATA COLLECTION MUST COME WITH COMPETENCY, TRAINING, AND DATA COLLECTION METHODOLOGIES THAT EMPHASIZE SAFE DISCLOSURE. FOR ITEM 20, I AM IN FAVOR. THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES FOR THE FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS IS 27 PERCENT. UNEMPLOYMENT MAKES IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE FOR THOSE WITH CRIMINAL RECORDS TO REENTER THE COMMUNITY, AS THEY ARE UNABLE TO SUPPORT THEMSELVES OR FULFILL ANY OF THEIR BASIC SURVIVAL NEEDS, SUCH AS HOUSING, HEALTHCARE, AND FOOD. EMPLOYERS' STIGMA AGAINST THOSE INVOLVE IN THE CRIMINAL SYSTEM IS UNFOUNDED, BUT IT RESULTS IN HIGH RECIDIVISM, DERAILED LIVES AND OVERFLOWING JAILS AND PRISONS. STABLE EMPLOYMENT IS ASSOCIATED WITH A LOWER CHANCE OF RECIDIVISM AND A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE FOR FORMERLY INCARCERATED PEOPLE. CREATING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOSE WITH A CRIMINAL RECORD MAKES IT EASIER FOR THEM TO SECURE HOUSING, HEALTHCARE, AND CARE FOR THEMSELVES, AND LIVE

FULFILLING LIVES. AND THEN FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, I WANT TO SUPPORT NO JAILING WHERE WE'RE LIVING. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JONATHAN JAGER. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND IF YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN. JONATHAN JAGER, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

JONATHAN JAGER: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JONATHAN JAGER. I AM A STAFF ATTORNEY AT THE LEGAL AID FOUNDATION, SPEAKING ON ITEMS 5, 18, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. ON ITEM 5, WE THANK SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION, AND STRONGLY SUPPORT EXPANDING THE COUNTY'S EVICTION PROTECTION, AND ENACTING PHASES ONE AND TWO OF THE PLAN TODAY. AS AN ORGANIZATION WORKING ON THE FRONT LINES OF OUR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS CRISIS, L.A.F.L.A. HAS GAINED FIRSTHAND HOW THESE PROTECTIONS HAVE, IN SOME CASES, LITERALLY BEEN THE ONLY THINGS TO MAKE FAMILIES HOUSED AND SAFE FROM C.O.V.I.D.-19. WE APPRECIATE THE COUNTY'S THOUGHTFUL PLAN TO ROLL BACK PROTECTIONS RATHER THAN ABRUPTLY END THEM. TODAY'S VOTE IS A SIGNIFICANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT PROTECTING TENANTS IS NOT A ONE- OR TWO-MONTH SOLUTION. OVER THE PAST 22 MONTHS, WE HAVE

LEARNED THAT C.O.V.I.D. DOES NOT FOLLOW CALENDARS OR TIMELINES. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT THE PHASES BE TIED TO ECONOMIC AND PUBLIC HEALTH INDICATORS, RATHER THAN CALENDAR DAYS. THIS WOULD THE COUNTY TO BETTER MATCH THE LEVEL OF PROTECTION NEEDED WITH THE RISK TO TENANTS. WE ALSO REQUEST THAT THE PROTECTION FOR NONPAYMENT BE MEANS-TESTED IN PHASE TWO. LIKE ALL MEANS-TESTED PROGRAMS, IT WILL BE EXCEEDINGLY HARD TO IMPLEMENT, RAISING QUESTIONS OF TIME FRAME AND PROOF, AND WE ASK THAT THE COUNTY USE ITS EMERGENCY AUTHORITY TO EXPAND THE RENT FREEZE TO INCORPORATE ITS CITIES, AND EXTEND IT FOR 12 MONTHS FOLLOWING THE END OF THE EMERGENCY. MANY OF THE MOST VULNERABLE TENANTS WILL CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE TO PAY RENT LONG AFTER THE EMERGENCY PERIOD IS OVER, AND WE DO NOT NEED TO EXACERBATE THEIR [INAUDIBLE] DUE TO RISING RENT. WE ALSO WELCOME THE MOTION'S CALL FOR A REPORT ON HOW PERMANENT TENANT PROTECTIONS [INAUDIBLE] IN BOTH UNINCORPORATED COUNTY AREAS AND INCORPORATED CITIES, AND LOOK FORWARD TO A DAY WHERE FAMILIES' RIGHTS ARE NOT [INAUDIBLE] BY WHICH SIDE OF THE STREET THEY LIVE ON. ON ITEM 18, L.A.F.L.A. ALSO STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE MOTION TO STRENGTHEN LANGUAGE ACCESS IN COUNTY SERVICES. WE APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S AND HAHN'S LEADERSHIP, DURING THIS EXTRAORDINARY TIME, TO ENSURE EQUITABLE ACCESS FOR LINGUISTICALLY MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES. ALTHOUGH EXISTING LEGAL MANDATES REQUIRE THE PROVISION OF MEANINGFUL LANGUAGE ACCESS FOR ALL, THESE REQUIREMENTS HAVE

NOT ALWAYS BEEN FOLLOWED. AS A RESULT, COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS LIKE L.A.F.L.A. HAVE HAD TO FILL THE VOID, BY INTERPRETING, TRANSLATING, OUTREACHING, AND DISSEMINATING CRITICAL INFORMATION IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES, AS WELL AS HELPING INDIVIDUALS ACCESS SERVICES AND BENEFITS. BUT WE CANNOT POSSIBLY SERVE ALL THOSE IN NEED. MANY OF THE MOST VULNERABLE HAVE BEEN LEFT BEHIND, AND RISK LOSSES TO THEIR HEALTH, SAFETY, AND FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS. WE ALL KNOW THAT LANGUAGE BARRIERS ARE [INAUDIBLE], BUT THEY BECAME GREATLY EXPOSED DURING THE PANDEMIC, AS CRITICAL SERVICES AND BENEFITS HAVE BEEN IN CONSTANT FLUX IN THEIR ACCESSIBILITY AND OPERATION. PROVIDING MEANINGFUL LANGUAGE ACCESS MUST CENTER ON HOLISTIC PLANNING TO IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE A WIDE RANGE OF COMPONENTS, NOT ON QUICK-FIX TEXT-BASED SOLUTIONS LIKE GOOGLE TRANSLATE, OR MINIMALLY TRAINED BILINGUAL VOLUNTEERS. THERE SHOULD BE A FOCUS ON WORKING WITH TRAINED PROFESSIONALS, AND INTERSECTING WITH PRACTICES THAT PROACTIVELY ADDRESS LOW LITERACY AND THE DIGITAL DIVIDE. AS THE PLAN IS DEVELOPED, PLEASE REFER TO OUR WRITTEN SUBMISSION FOR THOROUGH AND DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMPONENTS THAT SHOULD BE PART OF THE NEW COUNTYWIDE LANGUAGE ACCESS AND EQUITY PLAN. THANK YOU.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KELLY LOY. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND IF YOU WILL

ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN. KELLY LOY, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

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

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

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

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS AURORA PEDRO. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND IF YOU WILL ALSO ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN. AURORA PEDRO, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: HI. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS AURORA PEDRO, AND I AM FROM THE [INAUDIBLE] NATIONS. I'M CALLING FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AND IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 18, TO IMPROVE LANGUAGE ACCESS FOR INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES ACROSS

THE ENTIRE COUNTY GOVERNMENT. [SPEAKING IN LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH]. I AM THE COORDINATOR OF THE CENTER OF INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES AND POWER AT COMUNIDADES INDIGENAS EN LIDERAZGO, OF C.I.E.L.O., A NONPROFIT IN SOUTH CENTRAL WHO WORK WITH L.A.'S CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES. AT C.I.E.L.O., I COORDINATE THE HUNDREDS OF CALLS WE GET A MONTH, NATIONWIDE, FOR INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE SERVICES. THIS RANGES FROM REMOTE AND ONSITE INTERPRETATION, TRANSLATION, AND AUDIO RECORDINGS. THE MOST REQUESTED LANGUAGES ARE FOR [INAUDIBLE] COMMUNITIES. TWO WEEKS AGO, THIS BOARD PASSED A MOTION FOR ITS D.C.F.S. TO FULLY RECOGNIZE AND ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THE DIVERSE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES, WHO STRUGGLE TO ACCESS SERVICES BECAUSE INFORMATION IN THEIR SPOKEN LANGUAGE IS NOT AVAILABLE OR ACCESSIBLE. HOWEVER, TODAY'S MOTION WILL ENSURE ALL OF L.A. COUNTY'S SERVICES ARE ACCESSIBLE TO INDIGENOUS FAMILIES. THIS WILL BE ONE OF THE MOST HISTORIC VICTORIES FOR LANGUAGE RIGHTS IN THE U.S. TODAY'S VOTES WILL ENSURE THAT THOUSANDS OF INDIGENOUS AND OTHER IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES WILL BE FULLY RECOGNIZED BY L.A. COUNTY FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HAHN, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE. C.I.E.L.O. LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THIS BOARD TO HELP DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT THE SINGLE STRONGEST LANGUAGE ACCESS PLAN IN ALL OF NORTH AMERICA. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANGELA KISSINGER. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND ALSO IF YOU'LL BE SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN. ANGELA KISSINGER, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE CONTINUE. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: MY NAME IS ANGELA KISSINGER. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ANGELA KISSINGER, AND I WISH TO SPEAK TO AGENDA ITEM 25 AND PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM A FAST-FOOD WORKER AT JACK-IN-THE-BOX, AND A LEADER IN THE FIGHT FOR 15 AND A UNION. I AM CALLING TO URGE THE SUPERVISORS TO VOTE YES ON THE MOTION TO SUPPORT A.B. 257, THE FAST RECOVERY ACT. FAST-FOOD WORKERS FACE DIFFICULT WORKING CONDITIONS, AND LACK A VOICE AT WORK. WE ARE SUBJECT TO VERBAL AND PHYSICAL ABUSE, SEXUAL HARASSMENT, AND FACING VIOLENCE IN THE WORKPLACE. A.B. 257 WILL BRING WORKERS LIKE ME TO THE TABLE AND GIVE US THE POWER TO SHAPE SOLUTIONS TO ISSUES LIKE THIS. LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS MORE THAN 130,000 WORKERS WHO NEED A VOICE ON THE JOB TO HELP IMPROVE OUR INDUSTRY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

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

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

SPEAKER: I THINK I AM ABOUT TO GO.

MODERATOR: ANTHONY HERENAS, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

SPEAKER: HELLO? CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS ANTHONY HERENAS, AND I WILL BE SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEMS 11 AND 17. FOR 11, I THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HAHN FOR THE CRITICAL MOTION AS A FIRST STEP IN REIMAGINING A.B. 109 FUNDING. BUT RIGHT NOW, THE SAME TWO COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, THE SHERIFF AND PROBATION DEPARTMENTS, ARE RECEIVING THE MAJORITY OF A.B. 109 FUNDING, AND THERE HAS NOT BEEN DEMONSTRATABLE OUTCOMES THAT THESE DEPARTMENTS ARE EFFECTIVELY SERVING THE A.B. 109 POPULATION. I PERSONALLY BELIEVE THAT ALL A.B. 109 FUNDING MUST BE ALLOCATED TO ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. ANY MONEY GOING TO THE

PROBATION OR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS NOT SUPPORTING ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. IT IS JUST GIVING MONEY BACK TO THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM. WHAT YOUR CONSTITUENTS NEED ARE RESOURCES THAT ARE COMMUNITY-BASED, NOT MORE CHANCES TO BE INCARCERATED. AND FOR AGENDA ITEM 17, I THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND KUEHL FOR AUTHORING THIS MOTION ADDRESSING THE INTERSECTIONS OF HOUSELESSNESS AND THE CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM. DATA COLLECTION IS INTEGRAL TO A MORE THOROUGH UNDERSTANDING OF COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS, BUT EFFECTIVE DATA COLLECTION HAS TO COME WITH COMPETENCY TRAINING AND DATA COLLECTION METHODOLOGIES THAT EMPHASIZE SAFE DISCOURSE. WHILE THIS MOTION DEMONSTRATES A SOLID UNDERSTANDING OF THE OVERLAPPING CRISES OF HOMELESSNESS AND MASS INCARCERATION, IT DOES NOT SPELL OUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF COLLECTING JUSTICE SYSTEM INVOLVEMENT DATA. I URGE THE BOARD, IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS MOTION, TO FIRST PRIORITIZE CONSULTING WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS WHO CONSISTENTLY WORK WITH THE HOUSELESS POPULATION. THOSE ON THE GROUND MUST GUIDE THESE NEW PARAMETERS FOR DATA COLLECTION, AND THE BOARD MUST ENSURE THAT ANY DATA COLLECTED RELATED TO JUSTICE SYSTEM INVOLVEMENT IS KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AND SECURE, AND WILL NOT BE USED IN A PUNITIVE MANNER. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS-- SORRY FOR THE FEEDBACK THERE-- MR. JOHN KIM. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

JOHN KIM: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JOHN KIM. I AM CALLING IN FAVOR OF MOTION AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 18, PROPOSED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, TO STRENGTHEN LANGUAGE ACCESS IN COUNTY SERVICES. I AM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF CLIENT SERVICES IN THE ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE L.A. ADVANCING JUSTICE L.A. IS THE LARGEST CIVIL RIGHTS AND LEGAL SERVICES FOR ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITIES. I AM IN CHARGE OF THE ASIAN LANGUAGE LEGAL INTAKE PROJECT, WHICH PROVIDES SERVICES IN MANDARIN, CANTONESE, KOREAN, TAGALOG, THAI, AND VIETNAMESE. OUR PRIMARY GOAL IS TO PROVIDE LEGAL ASSISTANCE AND RESOURCES TO THE ASIAN COMMUNITY, IN THE LANGUAGES THAT CALLERS NEED. WE RECEIVE ABOUT 800 CALLS A MONTH FROM CALLERS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH SKILLS. THE NEED FOR THE ACCESS IN THE COUNTY SERVICES IS URGENT AND IMMEDIATE. MANY OF THE CALLS WE RECEIVE SEEK ASSISTANCE IN FINDING THE RIGHT DEPARTMENT FOR SERVICES TO REACH WITHIN L.A. COUNTY. IT COULD BE HOUSING A ISSUE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS, OR EVEN AS SIMPLE AS WHERE TO GET A MARRIAGE LICENSE. THE PROBLEM IS, WHEN WE PROVIDE THESE RESOURCES AND NUMBERS TO THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT, WHEN THEY GO TO THE SPECIFIC DEPARTMENT, THEY

SOMETIMES HAVE TO MAKE MULTIPLE VISITS, SO THEY'RE TURNED AWAY BECAUSE OF LACK OF LANGUAGE ACCESS. AND THAT'S WHERE AGENDA ITEM 18 WOULD BE ABLE TO MEET OUR NEEDS TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY.

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

JOHN KIM: THANK YOU.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS J. STEPHEN BRANTLEY. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE SPEAKING ON, AND IF YOU'RE ALSO ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. J. STEPHEN BRANTLEY, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

J. STEPHEN BRANTLEY: MY NAME IS J. STEPHEN BRANTLEY, AND I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT FIVE. I WILL BE SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF AGENDA ITEMS 7, 11, 17, 20, AND MAKING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. ON ITEM SEVEN, THIS PROGRAM OFFERS A TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COUNTY TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM AND PREVENT CRIME, WHILE OFFERING THE FAIR WAGES AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES THAT PRISON LABOR DOES NOT. BUT IN ORDER TO BE EFFECTIVE, PARTICIPANTS SHOULD NOT BECOME MERELY ELIGIBLE FOR FIREFIGHTING JOBS UPON COMPLETION OF TRAINING, BUT SHOULD BE AWARDED POSITIONS. AND IT CAN AND SHOULD HAPPEN WITHOUT THE HARMFUL PRESENCE OF LAW

ENFORCEMENT. POLICE SUPERVISION RUNS COUNTER TO THIS PROGRAM'S PURPOSE IN CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SELF-REALIZATION AND AUTONOMY. THE L.A.T.C. SHOULD INSTEAD CONNECT PARTICIPANTS WITH SECURE HOUSING, HEALTHCARE, LEGAL ASSISTANCE, AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. FOR ALL THIS PROGRAM MIGHT DO FOR THOSE REENTERING THE COMMUNITY, IT MUST ALSO ENSURE THAT INCARCERATED FIREFIGHTERS ARE ALSO PAID A FAIR LIVING WAGE WITH ACCESS TO SOCIAL SERVICES. WHAT THEY CURRENTLY EARN, UNDER LIFE-THREATENING CONDITIONS, IS APPALLING, EXPLOITATIVE, AND POINTS TO A SYSTEM THAT IS NOT MEANT TO REHABILITATE, BUT TO TERRORIZE. THE L.A.T.C. COULD BE A SMALL STEP TOWARD CHANGING THAT. ON NUMBER 11, L.A. COUNTY HAS RECEIVED BILLIONS IN A.B. 109 FUNDING MEANT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, NOT THE SHERIFF AND PROBATION DEPARTMENTS, WHICH CURRENTLY RECEIVE MOST OF THIS MONEY, DESPITE NO EVIDENCE THAT THEY ARE SERVING THE A.B. 109 POPULATION. WE NEED TO SEE SOME LEGAL JUSTIFICATION FOR WHY THESE DEPARTMENTS HAVE BEEN PRIORITIZING A.B. 109 FUNDING ALLOCATIONS INSTEAD OF REENTRY AND DIVERSION, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, HARM REDUCTION, AND OTHER COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES. ON ITEM 17, I SPEAK TO YOU AS SOMEONE WHO WAS BOTH FORMALLY UNHOUSED AND LEGALLY IMPACTED, WHEN I SAY THIS ITEM MAKES ME NERVOUS. IT IS IMPORTANT TO EXAMINE THE OVERLAP OF HOUSELESSNESS, THE LEGAL SYSTEM, AND MASS INCARCERATION, BUT I AM CONCERNED ABOUT HOW THIS DATA MIGHT BE USED AGAINST THOSE IT CONCERNS. I URGE THE BOARD TO

CONSULT WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS WHO WORK WITH THE HOUSELESS POPULATION IN ESTABLISHING ANY NEW METHODS FOR COLLECTING, COMPILING, AND SHARING DATA ON PEOPLE WHO ARE FACING INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT CHALLENGES TO THEIR SURVIVAL, ALREADY. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE RESULTS OF THE COUNTY ARE USED TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND SOLUTIONS, AND NEVER BE WEAPONIZED AGAINST THEM. FINALLY, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING ITEM 20, IMPLEMENTING FAIR CHANCE HIRING FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS, AND URGE YOU TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE THAT ALLOWS FOR LOCAL ENFORCEMENT OF FAIR CHANCE HIRING POLICIES. PASSING THIS MOTION MEANS MORE THAN JUST EMPLOYMENT AND SERVICES FOR THOSE WITH A CRIMINAL RECORD. IT MEANS CARE FOR THEIR FAMILIES, TOO. IT DECREASE AN OVERCROWDED JAIL POPULATION DURING A TIME OF PANDEMIC; AND, LIKE OTHER MOTIONS BEING HEARD TODAY, IT REDUCES RECIDIVISM AND PREVENTS CRIME BY PROVIDING FOR PEOPLE'S ESSENTIAL NEEDS. IF YOU BELIEVE IN THE NARRATIVE BEING ADVANCED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT THAT OUR CITIES ARE UNDER SIEGE BY PETTY CRIMINALS, YOU MUST ALSO CONSIDER THAT POLICING AND INCARCERATION ARE NOT WORKING, AND IT IS TIME TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO. TAKE IT FROM ME: WHEN PROVIDED WITH SECURE HOUSING, HEALTHCARE, AND OPPORTUNITIES TO PROVIDE FOR THEMSELVES THROUGH GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT, PEOPLE ARE LESS LIKELY TO ENGAGE IN CRIMES OF POVERTY, AND THEREFORE LESS LIKELY TO RETURN TO JAIL. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS EMMANUEL ESTRADA. EMMANUEL ESTRADA, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR GENERAL ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

EMMANUEL ESTRADA: HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS EMMANUEL ESTRADA. I AM THE MAYOR OF BALDWIN PARK, AND I AM SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM NO. 19 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. HERE IN THE CITY OF BALDWIN PARK, WE HAVE LEVERAGED EVERY SINGLE DOLLAR AND OPPORTUNITY TO FIGHT HOUSING INSECURITY AND HOMEOWNER-- SORRY. WE HAVE LEVERAGED EVERY SINGLE DOLLAR AND OPPORTUNITY TO FIGHT HOUSING INSECURITY. IN THE PAST YEAR, WE HAVE EXPANDED OUR RENT CONTROL ORDINANCE, WE'VE INVESTED HEAVILY IN AFFORDABLE HOME OWNERSHIP, AND WE BECAME THE FIRST CITY IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY TO OPEN A TINY HOME VILLAGE. I AM PROUD TO SAY THAT WE ARE NOW WORKING ON A SECOND LOCATION THAT WILL HOUSE HOMELESS FAMILIES. THE CITY ACQUIRED A PROPERTY AND WAS ABLE TO ALREADY GRANT SOME SAN GABRIEL VALLEY REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST. THE POTENTIAL $10 MILLION FUNDS WOULD ALLOW FOR LEVERAGING OF MULTIPLE FUNDS TO EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS. THIS FUND CAN ALSO BE THE CATALYST TO

JUMP-START THE EFFORTS IN OTHER CITIES THAT HAVEN'T YET STARTED THEIR EFFORTS. MOST CITIES DO NOT HAVE THE FUNDING TO STAND UP INTERIM HOUSING SITES AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, PAY FOR THE INTENSIVE SERVICES NEEDED TO ENSURE PEOPLE LEAVE INTERIM HOUSING AND MOVE ON TO PERMANENT HOUSING. THIS FUND WILL HELP TACKLE THE HOUSING INSECURITY CRISIS WHEN IT IS NEEDED MORE THAN EVER. THE PANDEMIC HAS SHINED A SPOTLIGHT ON THE VULNERABILITIES OUR COMMUNITIES FACE. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION, WHICH WILL FIGHT HOMELESSNESS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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

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

SPEAKER: HI. I AM SPEAKING ON LINE ITEM 5. MY HUSBAND AND I ARE MOM-AND-POP LANDLORDS. WE OWN A COMMERCIAL PROPERTY, WHICH IS HOW WE SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN AND OUR PARENTS. OUR COMMERCIAL TENANT HAS RECEIVED OVER $5 MILLION IN P.P.P., WHICH HAS SINCE BEEN FULLY FORGIVEN, BUT HASN'T PAID RENT FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS. WE LOST OUR OWN HOME TRYING TO [INAUDIBLE] OUR EXPENSES

ON THE BUILDING, WITH NO HELP FROM ANY STATE OR FEDERAL PROGRAMS, AS THEY ONLY APPLIED TO RESIDENTIAL, NOT COMMERCIAL. MY TENANT'S BUSINESS WAS OPEN THROUGHOUT THE MAJORITY OF THE PANDEMIC, AND HAS BEEN THRIVING. BECAUSE OF HOW WEALTHY THEY ARE, THEY'VE UTILIZED ATTORNEYS TO FIND EVERY LOOPHOLE THAT EXISTS IN YOUR MORATORIUM TO ESCAPE PAYING RENT, AND SUGGESTS THAT IT NEVER NEEDS TO BE REPAID. WHILE MY TENANT CONTINUES TO LIVE IN THEIR $16 MILLION HOME AND MAINTAIN THEIR INCOME, I WONDER WHY YOU FEEL PROPERTY OWNERS DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO AN INCOME TO FEED THEIR FAMILIES AND STAY HOUSED. WE HAVE LOST NEARLY EVERYTHING WE HAVE IN ORDER TO CONTINUE PAYING OUR MORTGAGE, PROPERTY TAX, AND UTILITIES ON A PROPERTY WE CANNOT COLLECT RENT FROM. WHILE I AM SO RELIEVED TO SEE YOUR MOTION SAYS THE COMMERCIAL MORATORIUM WILL END THIS MONTH, BECAUSE YOU ARE PRE-EMPTED BY STATE LAW, WHAT YOU HAVE DONE OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS HAS DESTROYED THE LIVELIHOOD OF MY FAMILY AND SO MANY OTHER SMALL PROPERTY OWNERS. WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE FOR OUR CHILDREN, AND TO PAY FOR OUR OWN HOMES, AS WELL. I ASK YOU TO PLEASE CONSIDER OUR RIGHTS, AND NOT JUST THE TENANTS'. THANK YOU.

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

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

PAMELA AUGUSTIN: HI, GOOD MORNING. PAMELA AUGUSTIN, SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 5, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

MODERATOR: PLEASE BEGIN.

PAMELA AUGUSTIN: HELLO? THANK YOU. SUPERVISORS, GOOD MORNING. I WORK IN COALITION WITH EASTSIDE L.E.A.D.S., BASED IN DISTRICT ONE, AND I AM A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT FIVE. AND AS I SHARED, I'M SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 5. SUPERVISORS, IN MY ROLE AS A STAY HOUSED L.A. ORGANIZER, AND A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZER IN GLENDALE, I HAVE WITNESSED FIRSTHAND THE CHALLENGES THAT TENANTS HAVE FACED SINCE THE START OF THIS PANDEMIC, AND THE LIFELINE THAT YOUR PROTECTIONS HAVE PROVIDED MANY. BETWEEN SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER OF LAST YEAR, MY COALITION HAS COMPLETED OVER 150 [INAUDIBLE] APPLICATIONS TO TENANTS IN THE COUNTY, AND A MAJORITY OF THESE ARE STILL PENDING APPROVALS FROM THE STATE. MOST TENANTS HAVE NOT RECEIVED THEIR RENTAL ASSISTANCE, AND WILL NOT RECEIVE ENOUGH ASSISTANCE TO COVER ALL THEIR DEBT. BECAUSE OF THIS, TENANTS ARE EXPERIENCING INCREASED HARASSMENT BY LANDLORDS, BUT IN

ADDITION TO THIS HARASSMENT, WE ARE SEEING AN INCREASE IN OWNER MOVE-IN CASES. WE MUST KEEP YOUR PROTECTIONS IN PLACE. IN DISTRICT THREE, MR. JUAN JIMENEZ'S NEW LANDLORD WILL NOT TAKE HIS RENT, AS OF JANUARY OF THIS YEAR. AND HE HAS BEEN A TENANT THERE FOR OVER 20 YEARS. IN DISTRICT FIVE, MR. SAMI TAMORYA, A JAPANESE-AMERICAN SENIOR CITIZEN, IS FACING EVICTION FROM OWNER MOVE-IN. YOUR PROTECTIONS ARE KEEPING BOTH HOUSEHOLDS HOUSED. PLEASE, PLEASE, IT IS CRUCIAL TO KEEP THEM IN PLACE. THANK YOU FOR EXTENDING THEM, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH YOUR OFFICES TO ENSURE THAT ALL TENANTS ARE ABLE TO WEATHER THIS PANDEMIC SAFELY, AND RECOVER. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS TEDDY KWAN. TEDDY KWAN, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND IF YOU ARE SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN. TEDDY KWAN, YOUR LINE IS OPEN, SIR.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: PLEASE BEGIN.

SPEAKER: YES, I CAN. DO YOU WANT ME TO SPEAK NOW?

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

SPEAKER: OKAY. GOOD MORNING, BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS TEDDY KWAN. I LIVE IN DISTRICT 2. I AM CALLING BECAUSE, FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND, YOU ARE TRYING TO HELP [INAUDIBLE]. I WANTED TO SHED SOME LIGHT THAT THERE ARE SOME BAD ACTORS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THIS SITUATION, AND HURTING [INAUDIBLE], LIKE MYSELF. I PERSONALLY HAVE A LODGER THAT OCCUPIES A BEDROOM INSIDE MY OWN HOME. THE ALLEGED C.O.V.I.D.-19 FINANCIAL HARDSHIP, HE HAS ONLY PAID 25% OF RENT SINCE OCTOBER 2020, YET HAS TAKEN MULTIPLE TRIPS TO HAWAII, LAS VEGAS, MEXICO, AND NASHVILLE, WHICH HE FLAUNTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA. HE ALSO BOASTS OF WHEN [INAUDIBLE] SAME TIME. I FIND IT VERY UNFAIR THAT THE LAW OBLIGED ME TO LEAVE THIS PROBLEMATIC TENANT [INAUDIBLE] MORATORIUM [INAUDIBLE]. I AM ASKING THE BOARD TO DEVELOP OPTIONS FOR PEOPLE IN UNIQUE POSITIONS LIKE MYSELF, WHO ARE BEING CLEARLY HURT BY THIS POLICY, WITH NO OPTION OUT. I NEED TO BE ABLE TO END THE TENANCY OF THE MONTH-TO-MONTH LEASE AGREEMENT WE AGREED UPON. HE OWES ME MORE THAN $7,000 OF UNPAID RENT, AND HE'S EXTREMELY HOSTILE TO LEAVING, AND I AM AT RISK OF LOSING MY HOUSE AND MY PROPERTY IF I'M FORCED TO LIVE WITH HIM LONGER. I'M NOT EVEN MENTIONING THE CRITICAL DEBT THAT I HAVE ACCRUED. PLEASE RECONSIDER EXTENDING THIS MORATORIUM, OR AT LEAST MODIFYING FOR PEOPLE LIKE MYSELF,

SHARING THEIR OWN PLACE TO LIVE, TO BE ABLE TO [INAUDIBLE] THE TERM OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT THEY AGREED UPON, WITHOUT RESTRICTION FOR THE MORATORIUM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS YESENIA MIRANDA MEZA. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: PLEASE BEGIN.

MODERATOR: ONCE AGAIN, YESENIA MIRANDA MEZA, PLEASE BEGIN.

YESENIA MIRANDA MEZA: HI. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

YESENIA MIRANDA MEZA: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS YESENIA MIRANDA MEZA. I AM A MEMBER OF P.U.S.H., WHICH IS POMONA UNITED FOR STABLE HOUSING, AS WELL AS A MEMBER OF A.C.E., AND I AM HERE IN FULL SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM NO. 5, FOR THE EXTENSION OF TENANT PROTECTIONS. I LIVE IN THE CITY OF POMONA, AND OUR

MAYOR HAS DECIDED TO ADOPT ANYTHING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES, SO THIS DIRECTLY AFFECTS THE CITY OF POMONA. SO I AM HERE, URGING YOU TO PLEASE EXTEND THE PROTECTIONS. NOT ONLY THAT, WE NEED A PERMANENT SOLUTION FOR THIS, ALREADY. WE HAVE BEEN COMING TO YOU GUYS FOR YEARS. FOR YEARS! DO YOU KNOW HOW EXHAUSTING THIS IS? I HAVE PERSONALLY DEVOTED FOUR YEARS OF MY LIFE TO THIS CAUSE, AND WE ARE STILL FIGHTING. WE ARE STILL ASKING FOR PROTECTIONS. RIGHT NOW, HOMELESSNESS IS AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH. YOU GUYS KNOW THIS. IT SHOULD BE A NUMBER-ONE PRIORITY FOR YOU GUYS TO PREVENT ANY MORE TYPE OF HOMELESSNESS HAPPENING, ESPECIALLY DURING A PANDEMIC. SO, PLEASE, I URGE YOU GUYS TO PLEASE EXTEND ALL OF THE PROTECTIONS THAT ARE NEEDED AT THIS TIME. AND, YOU KNOW, I ALSO SUPPORT ALL OF THE OTHER PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF ALL OF THE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF ALL AND ANY EXTENSIONS TO TENANT PROTECTIONS. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

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

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

[INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN IN SPANISH].

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

MODERATOR: AND, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THIS IS ANOTHER REMINDER HERE: IF YOU'RE NOT HEARING ANYTHING, IF YOUR LINE IS SILENT, WE ARE ASKING YOU NOT TO HANG UP. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS COMING FROM ALBA GONZALEZ. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND IF YOU WILL ALSO ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. ALBA GONZALEZ, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN. ALBA GONZALEZ, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN. YOU MAY BE MUTED. CHECK YOUR PHONE, PLEASE.

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

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

GLORIA GONZALEZ: HI, GOOD MORNING. CAN YOU ALL HEAR ME?

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

GLORIA GONZALEZ: HI. GOOD MORNING. THIS IS GLORIA GONZALEZ, WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION AND THE LOS ANGELES YOUTH UPRISING COALITION. TODAY AND EVERY DAY, YOUNG PEOPLE HOLD THE KEYS TO OUR FUTURES. BARRY J. DOES NOT REPRESENT THAT. BARRY J. REPRESENTS THE KEYS TO INCARCERATION, THE SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE, AND FURTHER PERPETRATES THE HARM THAT WE NO LONGER WILL BE TOLERATING. THE YOUTH JUSTICE WORKGROUP AUTHORED A REPORT, SIGNED OFF BY THE COMMUNITY, YOUNG PEOPLE, SYSTEM-IMPACTED YOUNG PEOPLE, THE D.A., PROBATION, PUBLIC DEFENDERS, SAYING THAT THIS IS NOT THE VISION. THIS IS NOT WHERE WE WANT TO GO. AND THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF CONFUSION AROUND HOW TO GET INTO THIS PUBLIC COMMENT NOW. FOLKS HAVE BEEN ON HOLD FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR AND STILL HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO BE HEARD, FOR WANTING TO [INAUDIBLE] YOU ALL THE INCONSISTENCIES OF HOW HARD IT IS TO COME TO THESE BOARD OF SUPERVISOR MEETINGS ON TUESDAY AND GIVE PUBLIC COMMENT, WHEN IT IS VERY DIFFICULT. BUT ALSO, FOLKS HAVE BEEN WAITING, AND YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE BEEN WAITING, AND COMMUNITY HAS BEEN WAITING TO BE ABLE TO EXERCISE THEIR VOICE AND COME ON TO THESE PUBLIC FORUMS. AND YET, IT BECOMES VERY DIFFICULT TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT, AND VERY CONFUSING. THANK YOU.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: BEFORE WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, LET ME JUST ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION THAT AT&T IS HAVING TECHNICAL ISSUES THIS WEEK THAT IS NOT ALLOWING THE CALLERS TO ACTUALLY HEAR THE MEETING WHILE THEY ARE WAITING IN THE QUEUE. AND SO I AM CLEAR THAT THEY PROBABLY CAN'T HEAR ME NOW, AND SO I THINK THE AT&T OPERATOR SHOULD PROBABLY RESTATE WHAT I HAVE JUST SAID. AND SO, IF YOU ARE CALLING IN, PLEASE REMAIN ON THE LINE DURING THE SILENCE, AND DON'T HANG UP. AND IF CALLERS CAN WATCH THE MEETING ON ANOTHER DEVICE-- JUST FOR THIS MEETING, WHILE AT&T TRIES TO FIGURE OUT THEIR TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES-- THAT MIGHT HELP IN THEIR ABILITY TO HEAR OTHER CALLERS, HEAR WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE MEETING, AS WELL AS CALL IN. BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, EVEN THOUGH YOU HEAR SILENCE, DON'T HANG UP. AGAIN, THIS IS A TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY THAT AT&T IS HAVING, THAT WE WILL WORK VERY HARD TO MAKE SURE DOES NOT CONTINUE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS. SO, AT&T OPERATOR, IF YOU COULD PROVIDE THAT CLARIFICATION TO THE CALLERS AGAIN, AGAIN SUGGEST THAT PERHAPS THEY TRY TO MONITOR THE MEETING ON A SEPARATE DEVICE, THAT MIGHT HELP WITH THE CHALLENGE THEY ARE EXPERIENCING.

MODERATOR: THANK YOU. ONCE AGAIN, IF YOU ARE HAVING TROUBLE HEARING THE MEETING, PLEASE DON'T HANG UP. YOU MAY TRY A DIFFERENT DEVICE. I UNDERSTAND FROM OUR FEEDBACK HERE THAT THE AUDIO ON THE WEB PRESENTATION IS COMING THROUGH LOUD AND CLEAR ON THIS SIDE.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS FAIZAH MALIK. FAIZAH MALIK, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN. FAIZAH MALIK, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. GO AHEAD.

FAIZAH MALIK: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS FAIZAH MALIK, FROM PUBLIC COUNSEL. I AM CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 5, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND SOLIS, FOR INTRODUCING THE MOTION TO EXTEND THE COUNTY'S EMERGENCY TENANT PROTECTIONS. AS A LEGAL AID ORGANIZATION THAT REPRESENTS TENANTS, IN EVICTION PROCEEDINGS, WE HAVE SEEN FIRSTHAND HOW CRUCIAL THE COUNTY'S PROTECTIONS HAVE BEEN TO KEEP LOW-INCOME, VULNERABLE TENANTS SAFELY HOUSED THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC. AS WE ARE STILL IN THE MIDST OF ANOTHER SURGE, AND LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS CONTINUE TO FACE FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS OR ARE NOT BACK ON THEIR FEET, IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE COUNTY

TO EXTEND THESE PROTECTIONS. THEREFORE, WE SUPPORT THE MOTION TO EXTEND THE PROTECTIONS THROUGH DECEMBER 2022, REINSTATE NONPAYMENT PROTECTION, AND EXTEND THE RENT FREEZE. WE ALSO SUPPORT A REPORT-BACK ON RECOMMENDATIONS TO STRENGTHEN PERMANENT TENANT PROTECTIONS COUNTYWIDE. WE URGE THE COUNTY TO NOT CHOOSE AN ARBITRARY END DATE FOR PROTECTIONS, AND KEEP THEM IN PLACE UNTIL THE END OF THE EMERGENCY. LANDLORDS WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED SHOULD RECEIVE RELIEF, AS WELL, TO ADDRESS DEFERRED MORTGAGES AND MAINTENANCE, BUT THE SOLUTION SHOULD NOT BE TO ALLOW MORE EVICTIONS AND DISPLACEMENT RIGHT NOW. IN OUR WORSENING HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS CRISIS, WE CANNOT RETURN TO THE STATUS QUO OF 40,000 EVICTIONS BEFORE THE PANDEMIC. WE STRONGLY URGE THE SUPERVISORS TO ADOPT THE MOTION TODAY. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND SOLIS, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.

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

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

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: PLEASE BEGIN.

MODERATOR: THEY HAVE MUTED THEMSELVES. LET'S OPEN BACK UP AGAIN. ONE MOMENT, HERE. THEY HAVE REMOVED THEMSELVES FROM THE QUEUE. I DO APOLOGIZE. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LYRIC KELKAR. LYRIC KELKAR, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND IF YOU ARE ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

LYRIC KELKAR: HI THERE. HI. MY NAME IS LYRIC KELKAR, GOOD MORNING, AND I AM A POLICY DIRECTOR OUT OF INCLUSIVE ACTION FOR THE CITY. I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM SIX, 18, AND ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, WITH A COMMENT ON FIVE. I WANT TO PROVIDE MY SUPPORT FOR ITEM 6. FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR PUTTING FORWARD A MOTION TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF A.D. YOUTH. THIS IS A MAJOR OPPORTUNITY TO SHOWCASE HOW WEALTH-BUILDING AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING CAN BOTH BE ADVANCED THROUGH TARGETED AND INTENTIONAL FINANCIAL PRODUCTS, AS WELL AS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THAT DEMYSTIFIES THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. I APPRECIATE THE INTENT BEHIND THIS MOTION AND LOOK FORWARD TO ITS SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE, WITH MORE INFORMATION FROM THE COUNTY AND THE DEPLOYMENT OF INNOVATIVE LOAN PRODUCTS THAT TRULY SERVE THE ANGELENO POPULATION. I WANT TO ALSO PROVIDE MY SUPPORT FOR ITEM 18. SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S AND HAHN'S MOTION TO STRENGTHEN LANGUAGE ACCESS IN COUNTY SERVICES IS PRECISELY THE TYPE OF

TARGETED AND DIRECT ASSISTANCE WE WANT OUR LEADERS TO CHAMPION IN SUPPORT OF OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES. WE APPLAUD THESE EFFORTS, AND OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS, LANGUAGE BARRIERS HAVE BEEN AN IMMENSE BARRIER FOR MANY IMMIGRANT POPULATIONS TO ACCESS DESPERATELY NEEDED RESOURCES FROM THE COUNTY. THIS INITIATIVE WILL HELP ENSURE THAT, IN THE FUTURE, WE ARE BETTING EQUIPPING THE COUNTY TO SERVE THE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WHO SPEAK A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH AT HOME. I'D ALSO LIKE TO COMMENT ON ITEM FIVE DURING MY TIME FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. COMMERCIAL TENANT EVICTION PROTECTIONS MUST BE INCLUDED PAST JANUARY 31ST, 2022. UNDER THE CURRENT PROPOSAL, ONE WEEK FROM NOW, COMMERCIAL TENANTS CAN BE EVICTED FOR NONPAYMENT OF FEBRUARY RENT. WITH OMICRON CONTINUING TO WREAK HAVOC ON SMALL BUSINESSES ACROSS L.A., WE SHOULD BE SUPPORTING THEM BY ENSURING THAT THEY CAN STAY IN PLACE THROUGH YET ANOTHER SURGE. PLEASE AMEND ITEM 5 TO ENSURE THAT SMALL BUSINESSES, WHO MAKE UP THE FABRIC OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, ARE ABLE TO REMAIN IN PLACE. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS EZEKIEL NISHIYAMA. EZEKIEL NISHIYAMA, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE

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

EZEKIEL NISHIYAMA: HELLO. MY NAME IS EZEKIEL NISHIYAMA. I AM WITH THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM 7 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK BOTH SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND KUEHL FOR PRESENTING THIS MOTION. AS A YOUNG PERSON, I EXPERIENCED L.A. COUNTY JUVENILE HALL, D.J.J. [INAUDIBLE] CAMP PROGRAM. IT IS GREAT TO SEE THAT THE BOARD HAS MADE A TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE TO CAMP GONZALEZ, AND HAS MADE AN INVESTMENT INTO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE'S REENTRY BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY. I, MYSELF, REACHED [INAUDIBLE], WHERE I WAS ABLE TO TAKE ON NEW SKILLS AND LEARN A LOT, ALL WHILE GETTING CLOSER TO COMING HOME. AS WE LOOK AT THE DIFFERENT ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, WE CAN'T FORGET RESOURCES AND SERVICES MUST NEED TO START INSIDE FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. SINCE D.J.J. STOPPED INTAKE, MANY OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE INSIDE THE COMPOUND HAVE NOT BEEN EXPOSED TO THE SERVICES AND PROGRAMS THAT ARE NEEDED FOR THEM, OR HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO REACH UP TO WHERE THERE ARE REENTRY SERVICES IN PLACE. WE NEED TO FOCUS WHOLEHEARTEDLY ON THE ISSUES HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. YES, WE HAVE A GREAT CLOSED INCARCERATION FACILITY THAT WILL SUPPORT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO EXPERIENCE CAMP REENTRY. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, WE ARE STRUGGLING WITH TRYING TO FIND A LOCATION THAT WILL SUPPORT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE STUCK AT

THE BARRY J. NIDORF COMPOUND. THE GROWTH IN HEALTH NEEDS TO START ON THE INSIDE. MORE TRANSFORMATIVE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES ARE GOING TO MEET THE MAJORITY OF A YOUNG PERSON'S INTEREST, BECAUSE THE FIRE CAMP CAREER PATHWAY ISN'T FOR ALL OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, AND THE PINE GROVE CAMP FACILITY IS A LONG WAY FROM HOME. WE ASK TO CREATE MORE AND MORE MEANINGFUL CHANGE IN THE COUNTY BY FOCUSING ON HOW WE AREN'T GOING TO DUPLICATE ANOTHER D.J.J. HERE IN L.A. YOUTH WHO ARE IMPACTED BY OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM IN OUR COUNTY NOT ONLY DESERVE REAL PATHWAYS TO CHANGING THEIR LIVES AROUND, BUT ALSO PATHWAYS THAT LEAD OUR COMMUNITIES TO MORE PUBLIC SAFETY. THIS IS A GREAT STEP OF RE-VISIONING THE WAY OUR COUNTY FOCUSES ON JUVENILE JUSTICE ISSUES, AND WE HAVE TO TAKE THAT VISION FORWARD AND REALLY SET OUR EYES ON THE BIGGER PICTURE: UPLIFT YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, A ROLE MODEL TO TRANSFORM AND CHANGE THE [INAUDIBLE] IN THE COUNTY. THANK YOU FOR THE TIME TODAY.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RUBY RIVERA. RUBY RIVERA, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE SPEAKING ON TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

RUBY RIVERA: HELLO. THIS IS RUBY RIVERA. I AM WITH INNERCITY STRUGGLE. I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF OUR EASTSIDE MEMBERS, AND AS A TENANT AND DAUGHTER OF A SMALL LANDLORD IN LYNWOOD, CALIFORNIA. I WANT TO FIRST THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND KUEHL FOR TAKING ACTION TO PROTECT TENANTS IN THIS TIME OF NEED. TENANTS ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY CONTINUE TO CARRY THE BRUNT OF THE DEVASTATING IMPACT OF THIS ONGOING PANDEMIC, AND WITH OMICRON CASES SURGING, WE NEED PROTECTION NOW MORE THAN EVER. MOST TENANTS HAVE NOT RECEIVED RENTAL ASSISTANCE, OR WILL NOT RECEIVE ENOUGH RENTAL ASSISTANCE TO COVER ALL OF THEIR DEBT, AND ARE EXPERIENCING INCREASED HARASSMENT BY LANDLORDS. THEREFORE, I SUPPORT THE COUNTY'S EXTENSION OF CURRENT EVICTION PROTECTIONS, PLUS THE REINSTATEMENT OF NONPAYMENT PROTECTIONS ON APRIL 1ST. I HAVE SERIOUS CONCERNS AND OPPOSE ANY RECOMMENDATION FOR LIFTING THE PROTECTIONS ON AN ARBITRARY DATE THAT IS NOT TIED TO PUBLIC HEALTH OR ECONOMIC METRICS. I ALSO HAVE CONCERNS OF MEANS-TESTING THE NONPAYMENT PROTECTIONS, AND RECOMMEND APPLYING THE PROTECTIONS TO ALL TENANTS IMPACTED BY C.O.V.I.D.-19. I AM ENCOURAGED BY THE REPORT-BACK ON RECOMMENDATIONS TO STRENGTHEN THE COUNTY'S PERMANENT TENANT PROTECTIONS, AND PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO INCORPORATE CITIES IN THE COUNTY ON ADOPTING THEIR OWN PERMANENT TENANT PROTECTIONS. WE CAN'T GO BACK TO ALLOWING EVICTION AND DISPLACEMENT AS A NORM. WE NEED THE LEADERSHIP OF

THIS BOARD IN ESTABLISHING POLICIES THAT ENCOURAGE LONG-TERM TENANT STABILITY. THANK YOU.

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

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

SPEAKER: HELLO? CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

SPEAKER: HI THERE. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME'S ESTEFANIA. I AM CALLING ON BEHALF OF INCLUSIVE ACTION FOR THE CITY, TO SUPPORT ITEM 5, TO PRESERVE ANTI-HARASSMENT AND RETALIATION PROTECTIONS FOR COMMERCIAL TENANTS. HOWEVER, I AM ALSO CONCERNED OVER THE LACK OF COMMERCIAL EVICTION PROTECTIONS PAST THE JANUARY 31ST, 2022, DEADLINE. WE CALL ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO EXTEND COUNTY TENANT PROTECTIONS FOR COMMERCIAL TENANTS PAST THE JANUARY 31ST DEADLINE, SO THAT COMMERCIAL TENANTS MAY HAVE ADDITIONAL TIME TO RECOUP THE MONEY NEEDED TO PAY BACK THEIR RENT, WHILE ALSO SUSTAINING THEIR BUSINESS. WE

WORK WITH SMALL BUSINESSES AND LOW-INCOME ENTREPRENEURS, AND HAVE SEEN FIRSTHAND HOW OUR CLIENTS ARE STILL REELING FROM THE LOSS OF BUSINESS, STAFF SHORTAGES, AND INCREASED PROCESS SUPPLIES DUE TO THE PANDEMIC AND RECENT VARIANTS. THE COUNTY SHOULD NOT EXCLUDE SMALL BUSINESSES FROM CRUCIAL TENANT PROTECTIONS AT THIS TIME. PRESERVING ANTI-HARASSMENT AND RETALIATION PROTECTIONS FOR COMMERCIAL TENANTS WILL ENSURE THAT HARDWORKING COMMERCIAL TENANTS WILL REMAIN PROTECTED FROM EVICTIONS AND LAWSUITS FOR NONPAYMENT BY THEIR LANDLORDS. I AM ALSO CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 18, TO STRENGTHEN LANGUAGE ACCESS IN COUNTY SERVICES. I BELONG TO THE IMMIGRANTS ARE L.A. COALITION CAMPAIGN, A DIVERSE, COMMUNITY-LED L.A. COUNTY INITIATIVE LAUNCHED BY THE IMMIGRATION TASK FORCE, AND CONVENED BY THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, TO BUILD A JUST AND EQUITABLE FUTURE FOR IMMIGRANTS AND EVERYONE IN LOS ANGELES. IMMIGRANTS MAKE UP APPROXIMATELY 36% OF THE COUNTY'S TOTAL POPULATION; AND YET, LIMITED LANGUAGE ACCESS AND LINGUISTIC ISOLATION CONTINUE TO BE BARRIERS FOR THEM IN ACCESSING COUNTY RESOURCES AND SERVICES. EQUITABLE LANGUAGE ACCESS IS CRUCIAL FOR SUPPORTING IMMIGRANTS AND THEIR FAMILIES, WHO HAVE BEEN HISTORICALLY MARGINALIZED AND CURRENTLY DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY THE PANDEMIC. SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S AND HAHN'S MOTION TO STRENGTHEN LANGUAGE ACCESS IN COUNTY SERVICES IS THE TYPE OF TARGETED AND DIRECT ASSISTANCE WE WANT OUR LEADERS TO CHAMPION IN SUPPORT OF OUR

IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES: COMMUNITIES THAT ARE CRITICAL IN THE FABRIC OF LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

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

OLIVIA SHIELDS: HI. MY NAME IS OLIVIA SHIELDS, WITH URBAN PEACE INSTITUTE AND LOS ANGELES YOUTH UPRISING COALITION, SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM 7 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I WANT TO VOICE MY RESOUNDING OPPOSITION TO PLACING YOUNG PEOPLE ANYWHERE IN BARRY J. AS AN INTERIM SECURE TRACKING FACILITY, OR PLACING YOUTH THERE AT ALL. THE B.S.D.C. JUST RECENTLY FOUND BARRY J. UNSUITABLE FOR THE CONFINEMENT OF YOUTH, BECAUSE OF ITS NUMEROUS FAILINGS. TIME AND TIME AGAIN, WE HAVE HEARD HORROR STORIES REGARDING THE PRISON-LIKE CULTURE OF BARRY J.: LACK OF ACCESS TO THE RESTROOM, TINY WINDOWS AND BARBED WIRE, SHACKLES USED TO TRANSPORT KIDS AROUND THE COMPOUND. YOUTH NEED TO BE PLACED IN A FACILITY WITH A CULTURE THAT PROMOTES THEIR GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT, WITH PROGRAMMING WITHIN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT FEELS LIKE HOME, VERSUS AN

INTRODUCTION TO INCARCERATION AS AN ADULT. I CAN'T SAY IT LOUDLY ENOUGH: MOVE THESE KIDS TO CAMP KILPATRICK. THERE IS NO EXCUSE THAT CAN JUSTIFY LEAVING KIDS TO SUFFER WHILE THE COUNTY CAN'T GET IT TOGETHER. REGARDING THE REENTRY JOB TRAINING FIRE CAMP PROGRAM, THIS SHOULD SERVE AS A STEP-DOWN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, INTEGRAL TO THIS CARE-FIRST APPROACH OUTLINED IN YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. FUNDING PROGRAMS LIKE THIS AND ENSURING COMMUNITY INPUT IN THE PROCESS OF CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION WILL CONTRIBUTE TO SKILL-BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT FOR YOUTH INSIDE. LASTLY, I WANT TO ALSO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR ITEM 13, REGARDING THE YOUTH COMMISSION, ELEVATE AND CENTER YOUTH VOICES IN MENTAL HEALTH; AS WELL AS ITEM 20, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS, THAT TAKES CONCRETE STEPS THROUGH THE FAIR CHANCE ACT, DIRECTED BY SOME OF THE SYSTEMIC ISSUES THAT ARE BARRING JUSTICE-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS FROM GAINING EMPLOYMENT. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: THANK YOU, AND OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LINDA LOGAN. LINDA LOGAN, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM NO. 5, AND WE ARE OPPOSED TO THE EXTENSION OF THE RENT MORATORIUM. I WILL GIVE YOU TWO EXTREMES. A COMMERCIAL LANDLORD HAS A TENANT. HE HAS BROUGHT IN $400,000 IN A MONTH, YET HE REFUSES TO PAY RENT, BECAUSE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS PASSED A RENT MORATORIUM. THIS TENANT HAS PURCHASED A CUSTOM-PAINTED BENTLEY, NOT PAID RENT, TRAVELED THE WORLD, AND IS LIVING A LIFE OF REILLY. THE LANDLORD IS STILL OBLIGATED TO PAY FOR TRASH, WATER, MAINTENANCE, AND MORTGAGE PAYMENTS. THE LANDLORD ALSO MUST PAY PROPERTY TAXES. SO YOU SIT ON THE DAIS, AND YOU THINK, "WELL, WE HAVE A PAYMENT PROGRAM FOR THAT." WELL, NO, YOU DON'T. IF PROPERTY TAXES ARE NOT PAID ON TIME, LANDLORDS ARE IN DEFAULT OF THEIR LOAN COVENANTS. YOU PROBABLY NEVER EVEN CONSIDERED THE FAR-REACHING EFFECTS OF YOUR DECISIONS. EXTREME NUMBER TWO, AND YOU HEARD IT FROM ONE OF THE LADIES ALREADY. YOU HAVE A SMALL LANDLORD WHO BUYS A SMALL DUPLEX, FIXES IT UP TO RENT. NOW THEY HAVE NO RENT. THEY STILL HAVE THE SAME PROBLEMS THAT A COMMERCIAL LANDLORD HAS, BUT IT IMPACTS THEM PROBABLY EVEN MORE. THE POLICIES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS-- THIS IS DETRIMENTAL TO OUR PUBLIC. YOU'RE CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT THAT PEOPLE FEEL ENTITLED AND DO NOT HAVE TO WORK. THERE ARE "HELP WANTED" SIGNS EVERYWHERE. LET THE ECONOMY WORK, AS IT HAS FOR CENTURIES. GET PEOPLE OFF THEIR COUCHES AND BACK TO WORK. WE NEED THAT. OUR ECONOMY NEEDS THAT. ALTHOUGH THE CONTRACTS

CLAUSE OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION ALLOWS THE STATE TO MODIFY PRIVATE CONTRACTS, IT ALSO IS CLEAR THAT THE STATE MUST MAKE NO CHANGES IN REMEDIAL OR PROCEDURAL LAW THAT AFFECTS EXISTING CONTRACTS, PROVIDED--

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

SPEAKER: -- BY MEANS OF WHICH A PARTY MAY ENFORCE ITS RIGHTS OF CONTRACT.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MEGAN EDNER. MEGAN EDNER, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND IF YOU WILL SPEAK ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HELLO?

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

MODERATOR: MEGAN EDNER, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN. GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: YES, HI. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I AM CALLING ON ITEM NO. 5 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. AFTER 692 DAYS UNDER

THIS RENT FREEZE AND MORATORIUM, THIS MOTION IS SEEKING TO EXTEND THIS OUT ALMOST ANOTHER YEAR AND A HALF. AS A SMALL LANDLORD, THIS -- IT IS A HUGE CONCERN TO ME, JUST BASED ON THE LENGTH OF TIME THIS HAS ALREADY GONE ON. SMALL LANDLORDS, PEOPLE THAT SACRIFICED, SAVED, TO BUY A BUILDING, DON'T HAVE THE DEPTHS OF RESERVES TO CONTINUE OUT FOR ANOTHER YEAR AND A HALF. WE HAVE BEEN DRAINED BY THIS MORATORIUM. THERE IS NO PROOF OF HARDSHIP. TENANTS ARE ALLOWED TO ABUSE THIS, AND WE HAVE A TENANT WHO STAYED FOR OVER A YEAR, RACKED UP OVER $30,000 IN UNPAID RENT, DESTROYED THE PROPERTY. AND WHEN WE TRIED TO APPLY FOR RENT RELIEF, OUR APPLICATION WAS SUBMITTED, BUT OUR TENANT REFUSED TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION. AND WE WERE DENIED RENT RELIEF BECAUSE, THE WAY THE PROGRAM WORKS, TENANTS HAVE TO COOPERATE. SO, WITHOUT THE COOPERATION OF OUR TENANT, WE'RE JUST OUT ALL THAT MONEY. PLUS, WE STILL HAVE TO CONTINUE TO PAY OUR MORTGAGE, TO PAY OUR PROPERTY TAXES, TO MAINTAIN THE BUILDING, TO PAY THE UTILITIES. AND THE PROBLEM WITH GOING OUT SO FAR IS THAT PEOPLE ARE ALREADY AT THEIR LIMIT. PEOPLE ARE ALREADY AT THE POINT WHERE THEY ARE GOING TO LOSE THEIR BUILDINGS. AND THESE ARE PEOPLE OF LOW INCOME, HARDWORKING PEOPLE, IMMIGRANTS, PEOPLE OF COLOR, THAT YOU ARE STRIPPING THEM OF THEIR GENERATIONAL WEALTH. YOU ARE STRIPPING THEM OF THEIR PROPERTY. AND TENANTS HAVE HAD ALMOST TWO FULL YEARS OF VERY, VERY GENEROUS PROTECTIONS. WE HAVE RENT RELIEF PROGRAMS TO COVER PEOPLE WHO ARE TRULY IN NEED. PEOPLE WHO HAVE APPLIED

TO RENT RELIEF SHOULD BE PROTECTED FOR A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME. BUT PEOPLE WHO REFUSE TO APPLY, PEOPLE WHO ARE ABUSING IT, THE NUISANCE CASES-- WE HAVE NUISANCE CASES, WHERE WE CAN'T ADDRESS THE NUISANCES-- WASTING OF WATER, ALL SORTS OF THINGS THAT AFFECT OTHER TENANTS IN OUR COMMUNITY-- BECAUSE NUISANCES ARE NOT APPLICABLE FOR EVICTION MORATORIUMS.

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

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

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: PLEASE BEGIN.

MODERATOR: SOPHIA DO, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: OKAY, THANK YOU. HELLO. I WOULD LIKE TO-- MY NAME IS SOPHIA DO, AND I OPPOSE ITEM NUMBER FIVE ON THE AGENDA. AS YOU KNOW, THE RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO LANDLORDS AND TENANTS HAD EXPIRED AT 18 MONTHS, WHICH WAS JULY 2021. WE UNDERSTAND THE GOOD INTENTION OF THE BOARD, THAT THE BOARD HAS IN PROTECTING PEOPLE FROM EVICTION, BUT PLEASE THINK ABOUT THE FINANCIAL IMPACT THE MORATORIUM PUTS ON LANDLORDS. WE DON'T

GET ANY BREAK ON MORTGAGE, INSURANCE, AND PROPERTY TAXES, WHILE WE DO NOT GET PAID BY TENANTS TO LIVE IN OUR HOME. WE URGE YOU TO END THE MORATORIUM, AND PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO TENANTS TO PAY LANDLORDS INSTEAD, TO AVOID EVICTION. THE LANGUAGE INCLUDED, ON ITEM NUMBER 5, "ALLOW TENANTS TO SELF-VERIFY THAT THEY QUALIFY TO BE PROTECTED BY THE MORATORIUM." I WOULD LIKE TO BEG THE QUESTION, WOULD THE COUNTY, CITY, OR THE STATE ALLOW ANY CITIZEN TO SELF-ATTEST WHEN ASKING FOR FINANCIAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE? I WOULD LIKE TO CONCLUDE THAT LANDLORDS CAN NO LONGER CARRY THE BURDEN OF THE EVICTION MORATORIUM. UNLESS THE COUNTY IS WILLING TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LANDLORDS FOR BACK RENT, JUST DO NOT EXTEND THE MORATORIUM. WE ARE VACCINATED. JOBS ARE AVAILABLE. WE DON'T FEEL THERE IS A NEED FOR EXTENSION ANY LONGER. YOU CAN READ THE MORE THAN 800 PAGES OF PUBLIC COMMENTS OPPOSING THE EXTENSION.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS PAUL MCFALL. PLEASE STATE YOUR REGULAR AGENDA ITEM YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN. ONCE AGAIN, PAUL MCFALL, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS PAUL MCFALL. I AM CALLING IN OPPOSITION TO AGENDA ITEM NO. 5, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM A PROPERTY MANAGER, AND I AM MANAGING A PROPERTY FOR DEBORAH SYLVIA. SHE'S OWNED A HOME. IT'S BEEN IN HER FAMILY FOR 60 YEARS NOW, AND THE PROPERTY HAS BEEN RENTED SINCE 2018. THE RENTS HAVE BEEN PARTIALLY PAID BY THE HOUSING IS KEY. HOWEVER, SHE HASN'T HEARD ANYTHING FROM THEM FOR OVER SIX MONTHS NOW, AND SHE DOES HAVE A MORTGAGE TO PAY. THE TENANTS, FROM THEIR APPLICATION, WE KNOW THEY'VE GOT ALMOST 4,000 DOLLARS A MONTH COMING IN, MOTHER AND DAUGHTER, AND THE MORATORIUM IS ALLOWING THEM TO STAY THERE. AND THEY HAVE RECEIVED ALMOST $27,000 IN RENT, WHICH THEY HAVEN'T HAD TO PAY, AND THEY HAVE GOT THIS MONEY COMING IN, AND THEY'RE STILL CONTINUING TO CERTIFY THEY CAN'T PAY ANY OR PART OF THE RENT. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THE PEOPLE, THE RENTERS, DO NEED SOME HELP, BUT NOT REALLY ON THE BACKS OF THE HOMEOWNERS. YOU KNOW, A MA-AND-PA HOMEOWNER HAS HAD THIS PROPERTY, AND NOW THE LENDER HAS FILED NOTICE OF DEFAULT ON THE PROPERTY AND IS FORECLOSING. SHE HAS BEEN TO COURT, TRIED TO SELL IT, PUT IT IN ESCROW. GAVE THE TENANTS A 30-DAY NOTICE; THEY REFUSED TO MOVE. THEY GOT A PUBLIC DEFENDER, AND WE LOST THE CASE ON THAT, AND NOW SHE IS HAVING TO PAY THE ATTORNEY FEES FOR THAT. PLUS, SHE'S HAVING TO PAY THE MORTGAGE. PLUS, SHE'S HAVING TO PAY THE TAXES, AND AGAIN, HASN'T HEARD ANYTHING FROM HOUSING IS KEY, AND THE HOUSE IS IN FORECLOSURE. WHAT DOES SHE DO? SHE

IS STUCK IN A POSITION WHERE SHE DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO. AND I JUST URGE YOU TO REJECT ITEM NUMBER 5. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS EDNA MONROY. EDNA MONROY, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEM YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

EDNA MONROY: HI. GOOD MORNING. THIS IS EDNA MONROY, WITH S.A.J.E., STRATEGIC ACTIONS FOR A JUST ECONOMY, AND I AM CALLING ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PLEASE EXTEND THE L.A. COUNTY C.O.V.I.D.-19 TENANT PROTECTIONS FOR ITEM NO. 5. WE AT S.A.J.E. WORK WITH A LOT OF TENANTS THAT ARE CURRENTLY STRUGGLING-- AND HAD BEEN STRUGGLING, EVEN BEFORE THE PANDEMIC STARTED-- DEALING WITH JUST HORRENDOUS MENTAL HARASSMENT, DEALING WITH A LOT OF... ALSO, A LOT OF RENT INCREASES, AND EVEN ALSO DEALING WITH A LOT OF EVICTIONS, ESSENTIALLY, BECAUSE THEY HAVEN'T PAID RENT. SO, EVEN THOUGH THERE IS THE [INAUDIBLE] PROGRAM, TENANTS ARE JUST STRUGGLING, AND ONE MORE EXTENSION IS NOT GOING TO CUT IT. WE NEED FULL EXTENSIONS, AND WE NEED THEM UNTIL 2023. RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE A LOT OF TENANTS THAT ARE WAITING TO SHARE THEIR STORY, AS WELL. A LOT OF THESE

TENANTS ARE STRUGGLING, ARE SINGLE PARENTS, ARE ONLY GETTING A FEW HOURS A WEEK, AND ARE STILL RECOVERING FROM C.O.V.I.D. THAT HAS IMPACTED EVERYONE IN THEIR FAMILY. SO IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, LISTEN TO THOSE STORIES. AND, HONESTLY, STOP LISTENING TO THE LANDLORDS, BECAUSE A LOT OF THESE LANDLORDS ARE LYING. THEY ARE REJECTING [INAUDIBLE] APPLICATIONS. THEY ARE MAKING IT VERY HARD FOR TENANTS TO APPLY, AND ARE STILL HARASSING TENANTS, FORCING THEM TO TAKE CASH FOR KEYS, AND FORCING THEM TO JUST GIVE UP, RIGHT? GIVE UP ON LIFE.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS A SASHA HARNDEN. SASHA HARNDEN, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SASHA HARNDEN: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SASHA HARNDEN, WITH THE INNER CITY LAW CENTER. I'M CALLING IN STRONG SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 5. I WANT TO BEGIN BY THANKING SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND KUEHL FOR THEIR MOTION. WE KNOW THAT VULNERABLE TENANTS CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE WITH THE UNCERTAINTY OF THE OMICRON SURGE, THE LONG ROAD TO RECOVERY, AND CONTINUED DELAYS AND

CHALLENGES WITH THE STATE RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. EVICTING TENANTS DOES NOTHING TO MAKE THEIR LANDLORDS WHOLE, AND TODAY'S ACTION WILL PROVIDE THE STABILITY TO ENSURE TENANTS REMAIN HOUSED, IN TURN ALLOWING THOSE RENTAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS TO BE SUCCESSFULLY PROCESSED. WE HAVE SOME REMAINING CONCERNS AROUND ITEM 5 TYING PHASES TO FIXED DATES, AND QUESTION THE INCLUSION OF INCOME REQUIREMENTS, WHICH WE HAVE OUTLINED IN A SUPPORT LETTER SIGNED BY 45 ORGANIZATIONS. HOWEVER, YOUR ACTION TODAY PROVIDES THE STABILITY AND PREDICTABILITY TENANTS NEED AS WE CONTINUE TO WEATHER THE STORM, AND WE URGE YOU TO VOTE IN FAVOR. WHEN STATE PROTECTIONS EXPIRE, THERE WILL BE LITTLE PROTECTION FOR TENANTS CONTINUING TO STRUGGLE TO RESTORE THEIR INCOMES AND GET BACK ON THEIR FEET. TODAY'S ACTION WILL PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL LAYER OF PROTECTION FOR TENANTS WHO CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE TO MEET RENT OBLIGATIONS, DUE TO THE PANDEMIC. WE ALSO APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S RECOGNITION THAT OUR HOUSING AND EVICTION CRISIS EXISTED LONG BEFORE THE PANDEMIC, AND WE CAN'T RETURN TO A WORLD WHERE TENANTS CAN BE EVICTED FOR MISSING 50 CENTS OR $1 OF RENT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE BOARD AND DEPARTMENTS, AS THE POLICIES ARE DEVELOPED, TO ENSURE WE BUILD ON THE LESSONS LEARNED DURING THE PANDEMIC, AND EMERGE WITH A MORE JUST AND EQUITABLE SET OF HOUSING POLICIES THAT BALANCE THE NEEDS AND INTERESTS OF LANDLORDS AND TENANTS. AS HAS BEEN NOTED, THIS HAS BEEN A VERY DIFFICULT MEETING TO

PARTICIPATE IN, AS THERE HAS BEEN NO AUDIO ON THE PUBLIC COMMENT LINE, INCLUDING INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE OPERATOR, AND I THINK THE FACT THAT IMPACTED RENTERS HAVE SOMEHOW STILL MANAGED TO VOICE THEIR SUPPORT WITH THOSE CHALLENGES IS A TESTAMENT TO THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR ACTION TODAY. I THANK YOU, AND I URGE YOUR VOTE IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 5. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GREG BONETT. GREG BONETT, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN. ONCE AGAIN, GREG BONETT, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

GREG BONETT: HI, THIS IS GREG BONETT. I'M A STAFF ATTORNEY WITH PUBLIC COUNSEL, AND PART OF THE KEEP L.A. HOUSED CAMPAIGN. I AM CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 5, EXTENDING THE COUNTY'S EMERGENCY TENANT PROTECTIONS. I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION. L.A. COUNTY IS YET AGAIN IN THE MIDST OF ANOTHER C.O.V.I.D.-19 SURGE, AND THE COUNTY'S EMERGENCY PROTECTIONS ARE SET TO EXPIRE IN ONE WEEK, AT THE END OF THE MONTH. ON ANY GIVEN DAY IN JANUARY, THERE WERE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS THAT WERE REQUIRED TO ISOLATE OR QUARANTINE DUE TO

C.O.V.I.D.-19 INFECTION OR EXPOSURE. THE SURGE HAS AGAIN STRAINED OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM AND CAUSED WIDESPREAD DISRUPTIONS TO CHILDCARE AND BUSINESS CLOSURES. AS MUCH AS WE WOULD LIKE IT TO BE, THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC IS NOT OVER. THE COUNTY'S EMERGENCY TENANT PROTECTIONS ARE AS IMPORTANT AS EVER. THESE PROTECTIONS HAVE KEPT COUNTLESS FAMILIES HOUSED, AND HAVE SUPPORTED THE COUNTY'S PUBLIC HEALTH EFFORT. WE URGE THE BOARD TO ADOPT ITEM FIVE AND EXTEND THESE TRULY LIFE-SAVING PROTECTIONS THAT HAVE COVERED MILLIONS OF TENANTS IN L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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

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

GREG BONETT: -- THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, AND CAUSE WIDESPREAD DISRUPTIONS TO CHILDCARE AND BUSINESS CLOSURES. AS MUCH AS WE'D LIKE IT TO BE, THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC IS NOT OVER. THE COUNTY'S EMERGENCY TENANT PROTECTIONS ARE AS IMPORTANT AS EVER.

MODERATOR: ZOE ROSSON, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

SPEAKER: YES. AM I ON PUBLIC COMMENT?

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

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING. ZOE ROSSON, [INAUDIBLE] AND JUSTICE NETWORK. OBVIOUSLY, I AM ASKING BECAUSE THIS MEETING HAS BEEN REALLY CONFUSING AND DIFFICULT TO FOLLOW, AND I AM CURIOUS WHETHER THIS CONSTITUTES ACCESS TO THE PUBLIC, BUT I AM HERE TO SUPPORT AGENDA ITEM 7. I THINK IT NEEDS TO BE CONSISTENT WITH YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, BUT I SUPPORT IT BECAUSE IT PROVIDES INCENTIVES FOR REAL, MEANINGFUL TRANSFORMATION, CONNECTION, AND HEALING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, AND I HAVE HEARD THAT FROM THEM. I'M ALSO HERE TO REGISTER STRONG OPPOSITION TO NIDORF AS A CONSIDERATION FOR THE SECURE TRACK. I HAVE BEEN TO NIDORF. I HAVE WORKED WITH YOUTH IN THE COMPOUND. I HAVE BEEN TO MOST OF THE PROBATION FACILITIES, AND THIS IS THE ONE THAT IS THE MOST PRISON-LIKE, FAR MORE THAN THE MAJORITY OF THE FACILITIES, EVEN CONSIDERING NIDORF IS A DISTANCING FROM CONNECTION, TRUST, AND BELONGING. THAT'S FUNDAMENTAL TO ALL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, AND WE ALSO KNOW THAT THESE ARE HEIGHTENED DURING ADOLESCENCE. I AM DEMANDING THAT THIS CONVERSATION BE FOCUSED ON THE NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND ON OUR COLLECTIVE NEED FOR PUBLIC SAFETY, WITH A PRIMARY FOCUS BEING ON THOSE

THAT ARE MOST HARMED. AND THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN THESE FACILITIES ARE THE MOST HARMED YOUTH. PRACTICING YOUTH DEVELOPMENT MEANS THAT NIDORF IS NEVER AN OPTION. IT IS NOT A SETTING THAT CAN BE ADJUSTED IN A WAY TO SUPPORT EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL SAFETY. YOUTH MIRROR WHAT THE ADULTS AND THE DOMINANT CULTURE PROVIDE TO THEM. FOR ACCOUNTABILITY TO BE REAL, THE ADULTS SHOW THEIR VALUES-- IN THE FACILITY THAT THEY CHOOSE, IN THE STAFF, AND THE WAY THEY INTERACT. I CHOOSE TO FOCUS THE MAJORITY OF MY WORK WITHIN A YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK, BECAUSE IT IS THE FRAMING THAT MOST SUPPORTS RACIAL JUSTICE, CULTURAL RESPONSIVENESS, AND REAL HEALING FROM TRAUMA. THERE IS NO SPACE FOR THIS MEANINGFUL WORK TO TAKE PLACE AT NIDORF. THE PHYSICAL SETTING IS INTENTIONALLY DESIGNED AS A PRISON, FOR INTIMIDATION, FOR COERCION, FOR SUPPRESSION. THE LIVING QUALITY IS POOR. THERE'S A HISTORY OF VIOLENT INCIDENTS THERE, AND IT IS A REFLECTION OF HOW FAR AWAY WE ARE FROM--

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: BEFORE WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, FIRST OF ALL, AGAIN, LET ME APOLOGIZE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR THE TECHNICAL CHALLENGES THAT YOU ARE EXPERIENCING. AND TRUST ME, WE ARE DOING ALL THAT WE CAN TO WORK THROUGH THEM. AGAIN, WE CAN HEAR THAT MANY OF YOU HAVE BEGUN TO MONITOR THE

BOARD MEETING USING OTHER DEVICES. I JUST WANT TO REMIND YOU THAT THIS IS THE NORMAL COURSE OF BUSINESS; THAT WHEN YOU ARE WATCHING IT THROUGH THE WEBSITE, THERE'S A DELAY, AND SO YOU HAVE TO CONTINUE TO LISTEN TO THE PHONE FOR WHEN THE AT&T OPERATOR TELLS YOU THE LINE IS OPEN, AND YOU ARE READY TO BEGIN YOUR TESTIMONY. AGAIN, EXTENDING APOLOGIES. WE ARE GOING TO EXTEND THE PUBLIC COMMENT CALL-IN TIME, GIVEN WHAT WE ARE EXPERIENCING, TO 11:30. WE APPRECIATE THAT IT IS A FULL AGENDA AND A NUMBER OF PEOPLE ARE CALLING IN ON A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT ISSUES, SO WE'RE GOING TO EXTEND PUBLIC COMMENT TO 11:30, TO TRY TO ACCOMMODATE AS MANY ADDITIONAL CALLERS AS POSSIBLE. AT&T OPERATOR, IF YOU WOULD REPEAT THAT FOR PEOPLE ON THE LINE, I WOULD APPRECIATE IT, AND WE WILL THEN HEAR FROM THE NEXT CALLER. THANK YOU.

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

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW HEAR--

MODERATOR: ANTHONY ROBLES, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

ANTHONY ROBLES: HELLO? THIS IS-- I AM WATCHING AND HEARING A MESSAGE. I THINK IT IS DELAYED, BUT THIS IS ANTHONY ROBLES, WITH YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION, COMMENTING IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM SEVEN, AND ALSO GENERAL COMMENT, ABOUT SAYING NO TO SENDING PEOPLE TO BARRY J. I AM ALSO THE EMPLOYMENT CONSULTANT ON D.H.S.'S WORKGROUP, AND WILL BE WORKING ON THE YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED FOR THIS YEAR, AND AS WE DISCOVER WAYS TO-- OR CREATE WAYS AND IMPLEMENT WAYS TO START ENDING YOUTH INCARCERATION, AND START DEVELOPING YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SYSTEMS HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE DON'T KEEP EXACERBATING CYCLES OF THE CURRENT SYSTEM. AND BY MOVING YOUNG PEOPLE TO BARRY J., THAT WILL ONLY FURTHER ENTRENCH US INTO THE THINGS WE ARE TRYING TO TRANSFORM. SO, I AM JUST CALLING HERE WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION, AND WITH THE LOS ANGELES YOUTH UPRISING COALITION, AND WE ARE HERE TO SAY NO TO BARRY J., AND TO FULLY SUPPORT THE VISION AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS EDITH MACIAS. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HELLO?

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

EDITH MACIAS: CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

EDITH MACIAS: OKAY. HI. MY NAME IS EDITH, AND I AM WITH THE ARTS FOR HEALING AND JUSTICE NETWORK, AND THE LOS ANGELES YOUTH UPRISING COALITION. I AM HERE TO URGE THE BOARD TO NOT SELECT BARRY J. NIDORF AS THE PLACEMENT FOR SECURE TRACK. THE J.J.R.B.G. ALREADY REPORTED THAT NIDORF ISN'T CONSIDERED A FEASIBLE SITE, SO IT IS OUTRIGHT EVIL TO CONSIDER NIDORF AS A SECURE-TRACK FACILITY, WHERE YOUTH ARE SUBJECT TO ABUSE LIKE BEING PEPPER-SPRAYED, DENIED THE RIGHT TO USE THE RESTROOM, AND WHERE YOUTH ARE SHACKLED. I URGE YOU TO MAKE THE DECISION THAT PUTS THE SAFETY AND WELLNESS OF THE YOUTH FIRST. BOARD MEMBERS, YOU HAVE TO SAY NO TO BARRY J. NIDORF. THANK YOU.

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

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

SPEAKER: HELLO?

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

KRUTI PAREKH: HI. GREETINGS. MY NAME IS KRUTI PAREKH, AND I'M THE COORDINATOR FOR THE LOS ANGELES YOUTH UPRISING COALITION. I WANTED TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEM 7, 11, 13, 16, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM VERY, VERY CONCERNED THAT YOUNG PEOPLE ARE STILL IN BARRY J. NIDORF, ALSO KNOWN AS SYLMAR JUVENILE HALL. IT HAS BEEN STATED REPEATEDLY BY YOUNG PEOPLE, BY ADVOCATES, BY YOUTH WORKERS, BY LAWYERS, BY STATE OFFICIALS, THAT THAT IS NOT A GOOD AND SAFE PLACE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. THE FACT THAT THE COUNTY WANTS TO MOVE IN A CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST DIRECTION, ANY MOMENT THAT YOUNG PEOPLE THAT WERE SUPPOSED TO GO TO D.J.J. STAY AT BARRY J. IS A JAILS FIRST, CARE LAST MODEL. PLEASE REMOVE YOUNG PEOPLE OUT OF BARRY J. TODAY. TODAY, REDIRECT THEM TO KILPATRICK. THE FACT THAT THE COUNTY IS STRUGGLING WITH THIS DECISION, I CAN ONLY IMAGINE THE CHALLENGES THAT YOU ARE EXPERIENCING. BUT I URGE YOU, TODAY, TO STAY TOWARDS THE DIRECTION OF YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, TO REMOVE YOUNG PEOPLE FROM BARRY J. THEY HAVE BEEN THERE A YEAR

TOO LONG, AND PLEASE REDIRECT THEM TO KILPATRICK. THE OTHER THING THAT I WANT TO MENTION IS, REALLY APPRECIATE EZEKIEL NISHIYAMA, IN PARTICULAR, ONE OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT SPOKE TODAY, AS A YOUTH COMMISSIONER, HAS ENCOURAGED THE COUNTY TO CENTER YOUTH VOICES IN MENTAL HEALTH. WE KNOW THAT INCARCERATION IS A DETERIORATION FOR YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH. IF WE DO NOT CENTER MENTAL HEALTH IN OUR CONVERSATIONS AROUND YOUTH INCARCERATION, AND IN THIS MOMENT OF YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, WE ARE MISSING THE MARK. THE YOUTH COMMISSION, PLUS OTHER COUNTY FACILITIES AND DEPARTMENTS, WILL HAVE TO DO EXTRA WORK TO HEAL YOUNG PEOPLE AFTER COMING HOME FROM PRISON AND PUNITIVE AND VERY UNHEALTHY PLACES LIKE BARRY J. SO PLEASE MAKE A COMMITMENT TODAY TO SAY NO TO BARRY J, AND PLEASE LEAN ON YOUTH LEADERS, LIKE THE ONES THAT SPOKE TODAY, TO HELP YOU MOVE TOWARDS YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANDREW LEON. ANDREW LEON, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN. ANDREW LEON, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

KRUTI PAREKH: -- SAY NO TO BARRY J., AND PLEASE LEAN ON--

ANDREW LEON: HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ANDREW LEON. I AM A SENIOR MANAGEMENT ANALYST FOR THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO, AND I'M SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM 19 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION, WHICH WILL HELP SUPPORT CITIES THAT WANT TO EXPAND HOMELESSNESS SERVICES IN THEIR JURISDICTION.

MODERATOR'S VOICE ECHOING: ANDREW LEON, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ANDREW LEON: AND I AM GLAD THAT THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE WAS ABLE TO FIND FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE 10 MILLION INTERIM HOUSING FUND CREATED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. MANY CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTY ARE DEALING WITH GROWING NUMBERS OF UNHOUSED RESIDENTS. WE KNOW THAT THE SOLUTION TO HOMELESSNESS IS MORE HOUSING.

MODERATOR'S VOICE ECHOING: ANDREW LEON, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

ANDREW LEON: HELLO? CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

ANDREW LEON: OKAY. SORRY, THERE WAS A LAG. SORRY ABOUT THAT.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: PLEASE CONTINUE.

ANDREW LEON: YES, MOST CITIES DON'T HAVE THE FUNDING TO STAND UP INTERIM HOUSING SITES AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, PAY FOR THE INTENSIVE SERVICES NEEDED TO ENSURE PEOPLE LEAVE INTERIM HOUSING AND MOVE ON TO PERMANENT HOUSING. SPECIFICALLY, IN THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO, THROUGH THE SUPPORT OF A LOCAL CITY COUNCIL, A SAN GABRIEL VALLEY C.O.G., AND REGIONAL HOUSING FOR TRUST, AND THE COMMUNITY, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CONTINUE WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OPERATION STAY SAFE, WHICH IS A TINY HOMES INTERIM HOUSING PROJECT, WHICH WILL PROVIDE 30 TINY HOMES AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR OUR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS IN MONTEBELLO. THIS FUND WILL HELP CITIES TO PARTNER WITH THE COUNTY IN THE SERVICE OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE NEIGHBORS. THANK YOU AGAIN TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND I HOPE THE BOARD WILL CONTINUE THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ZEKE SANDOVAL. ZEKE SANDOVAL, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE

ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN. ONCE AGAIN, ZEKE SANDOVAL, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS P.J. ATTERBURY. P.J. ATTERBURY, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

MODERATOR'S VOICE ECHOING: ONCE AGAIN, ZEKE SANDOVAL, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: PLEASE BEGIN.

P.J. ATTERBURY: MY NAME IS P.J. ATTERBURY. I AM NOT ZEKE SANDOVAL. IS THAT OKAY?

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

P.J. ATTERBURY: OKAY, THANK YOU. I AM SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM NO. 15, A MOTION BROUGHT BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, IN REGARDS TO DESIGNATING FEBRUARY AS CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH, AND I AM A DENTAL HYGIENIST IN COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE FOR THE LOS

ANGELES DENTAL HYGIENISTS SOCIETY. I'M SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF FORMALLY PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY AS NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, TO RAISE AWARENESS IN OUR COUNTY OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ORAL HEALTH FOR THE OVERALL WELLBEING OF CHILDREN AS THEY GROW INTO HEALTHY ADULTS, AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR COMMUNITY. AS RESULTS OF THOROUGH ANALYSIS COMPLETED BE THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM, IT IS EVIDENT THERE ARE STILL SIGNIFICANT DISPARITIES FOR SOCIALLY, ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN IN L.A. COUNTY. PREVENTION AND EDUCATION STRATEGIES ARE ESSENTIAL TO IMPROVE THE ORAL HEALTH OF THESE CHILDREN. THE KINDERGARTEN ORAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT IS A CRITICAL TOOL TO IDENTIFY DENTAL PROBLEMS IN AN EARLY STAGE, SO INTERVENTION CAN BE ENGAGED. THIS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A MANDATE FOR ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THE COUNTY, AND PASSIVE CONSENT TO BE APPLIED, SO THAT NO CHILD MISSES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ASSESSMENT. ADVOCACY REGARDING EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION BY AGE ONE IS ESSENTIAL FOR FAMILIES TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPACT OF PREVENTION ON LONG-TERM ORAL HEALTH AND SYSTEMIC WELLNESS. PLEASE ASSIST IN THE PROMOTION AND SUPPORT OF THIS VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS, AND PROTECT THE HEALTH OF OUR YOUNGEST MEMBERS IN THE COMMUNITY BY SUPPORTING THIS MOTION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME THIS MORNING.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DAVID GREEN. DAVID GREEN, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

DAVID GREEN: HELLO?

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

DAVID GREEN: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DAVID GREEN, AND I AM THE PRESIDENT OF S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721. I REPRESENT 98,000 PUBLIC-SECTOR WORKERS, AND I AM HERE SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 16 AND PUBLIC COMMENT. AS A 21-YEAR VETERAN SOCIAL WORKER IN L.A. COUNTY, AND EDUCATOR, I HAVE SEEN THE COMPLEXITIES THAT PRESENT THEMSELVES IN OUR CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM. AS THE LARGEST AGENCY OF ITS KIND IN THE NATION, IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO LEAD THE WAY IN INNOVATION AND AS AN EXAMPLE, AND OUR WORKERS HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS. THIS EXAMINATION WILL NOT ONLY HELP US TO UNDERSTAND BEST PRACTICES WITHIN D.C.F.S., BUT WILL ASSIST IN OUTLINING WAYS AS WE, AS FRONTLINE WORKERS, COMMUNITY ADVOCATES, AND THIS BOARD, CAN FURTHER OUR WORK TOGETHER IN THE PRESERVATION OF

CHILD SAFETY. I WANT TO THANK D.C.F.S. DIRECTOR GINGER PRYOR; SUPERVISORS BARGER AND HAHN, FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF OUR D.C.F.S. WORKFORCE. OUR MEMBERS HAVE ADVOCATED ON ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT TO MAKE SURE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES HELPING OUR FAMILIES ARE PRESERVED THROUGH PROPER FUNDING AND OVERSIGHT, INCLUDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT, AND OUR RESOURCE URGENT RESPONSE SYSTEM, AND COUNTLESS OTHER PIECES OF LEGISLATION. WE HAVE DIRECTLY SEEN THE LIFT-UP IN FAMILY PRESERVATION AND HOLISTIC WELLBEING OF THE CHILDREN WE SERVE, AND I AM ASKING ON BEHALF OF THE THOUSANDS OF L.A. COUNTY CHILDREN'S SOCIAL WORKERS, SUPERVISING SOCIAL WORKERS, AND SUPPORT STAFF REPRESENTED BY S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721, FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF ITEM 16, AND TO INVOLVE OUR FRONTLINE WORKERS IN MOVING FORWARD WITH THE PROCESS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

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

SPEAKER: OH. HOLD ON. LET ME... OKAY. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

SPEAKER: ALL RIGHT. MY NAME IS JILL LEWIS, AND I WANT TO SPEAK ABOUT ITEM NUMBER FIVE, AND I ALSO WANT TO SPEAK ABOUT PUBLIC COMMENT. SO, I KNOW THIS IS DIFFICULT, BUT I AM THROWING MYSELF ON YOUR MERCY. I AM URGING YOU. I AM PLEADING WITH YOU. I'M A SENIOR, AND I HAVE ONE HOUSE, AND I AM LOSING MY SAVINGS. I'M LOSING MY HOUSE. I'M FIGHTING FOR SURVIVAL. I'VE BEEN PAYING THIS GUY'S RENT FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS, AND YOU HAVE TO LOOK AT THIS THROUGH A MORE NUANCED-- YOU HAVE TO LOOK AT THIS IN A DIFFERENT WAY. I'M NOT LIKE A BIG ONE-PERCENTER. I HAVE ONE HOUSE, AND YOU GUYS ARE BEATING UP YOUR GRANDMOTHER. THIS SELF-VERIFICATION ISSUE, YOU HAVE HEARD TIME AND TIME AGAIN, IS AN OPEN DOOR FOR ABUSE. I CAN'T WALK INTO A GROCERY STORE AND SAY I HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY C.O.V.I.D., AND YOU HAVE TO GIVE ME FREE FOOD. EVERYBODY HAS BEEN AFFECTED BY C.O.V.I.D. I KNOW HOW HARD HOUSING IS IN L.A. IT'S A BIG ISSUE FOR SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTS. THE GUY, HE IS ABLE TO AFFORD ANOTHER HOUSE, ANOTHER APARTMENT, MAYBE; NOT THIS HOUSE. THE ELLIS ACT WON'T WORK FOR ME. I HAVE BEEN PAYING HIS RENT FOR TWO YEARS. I CAN'T PAY TO GET HIM OUT. SO, WHO DO YOU THINK THESE SMALL LANDLORDS ARE? I MEAN, WE ARE NOT THE BIG 1-PERCENTERS. WE ARE JUST PEOPLE. WE'RE THE POOR, STRUGGLING PEOPLE, JUST LIKE THE TENANTS ARE POOR AND STRUGGLING. I AM

NOT ASKING YOU NOT TO PAY ATTENTION TO THEM, BUT YOU HAVE TO NUANCE IT. YOU HAVE TO PROTECT THE TENANTS. I KNOW THAT. BUT YOU HAVE TO PROTECT THE LANDLORDS. YOU CAN'T PUNISH PEOPLE LIKE ME, THAT ARE SENIORS. YOU HAVE TO BE BALANCED. IT HAS TO BE NUANCED. YOU'RE NOT LISTENING TO THE LANDLORDS.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ASMAA AHMED. ASMAA AHMED, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN. AGAIN, ASMAA AHMED, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

ASMAA AHMED: HI, YES.

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

ASMAA AHMED: AM I ON? HELLO?

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

ASMAA AHMED: OH, OKAY, THANK YOU. HI. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ASMAA AHMED. I'M THE COORDINATOR FOR THE IMMIGRANTS ARE L.A. COALITION CAMPAIGN. IT'S A DIVERSE,

COMMUNITY-LED L.A. COUNTY INITIATIVE, LAUNCHED BY THE IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION TASK FORCE, AND CONVENED BY THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, AND WE ARE WORKING ON BUILDING A JUST AND EQUITABLE FUTURE FOR IMMIGRANTS AND L.A., BECAUSE, AS YOU ALL KNOW, IMMIGRANTS ARE PART OF THE FABRIC OF L.A., AND THEIR ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL CONTRIBUTIONS MAKE IT THE DYNAMIC AND VIBRANT COUNTY THAT IT IS TODAY. I AM SPEAKING TODAY IN FAVOR OF ITEM 18. SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S AND HAHN'S MOTION TO STRENGTHEN LANGUAGE ACCESS IN COUNTY SERVICES IS REALLY THE TYPE OF SUBSTANTIAL, DIRECT ASSISTANCE WE WANT OUR LEADERS TO CHAMPION IN SUPPORT OF OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES. AND EVEN THOUGH IMMIGRANTS MAKE UP 36 PERCENT OF THE COUNTY'S POPULATION, LIMITED LANGUAGE ACCESS AND LINGUISTIC ISOLATION CONTINUE TO BE BARRIERS FOR THEM IN ACCESSING COUNTY RESOURCES AND SERVICES, AND THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 PANDEMIC HAS ONLY MADE THESE OBSTACLES WORSE. 2022 WILL BE CRUCIAL FOR HIGH-NEED COMMUNITIES, SUCH AS THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY, WHO CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE TO RECOVER FROM THE PANDEMIC'S DISPROPORTIONATE HEALTH AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS. THEY REALLY NEED DIRECT AID SUPPORTS TAILORED TO THEIR UNIQUE NEEDS, AND SO IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER BEFORE THAT THE COUNTY HAVE THE LANGUAGE CAPACITY TO EQUITABLY SERVICE IMMIGRANT RESIDENTS. THE COUNTY MUST ALSO PARTNER WITH TRUSTED COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT SERVE IMMIGRANTS AND THEIR FAMILIES. THESE PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS WILL ENSURE THAT THE

OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS AND OTHER RELEVANT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE COUNTYWIDE LANGUAGE ACCESS AND EQUITY PLAN THAT ENSURES A JUST RECOVERY FOR ALL IMMIGRANT RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES. AND ALSO, I'D LIKE YOU TO KINDLY CONSIDER THAT THE REPORT-BACK PERIOD-- THE 180 DAYS, SIX MONTHS-- IS VERY LONG. IMMIGRANT RESIDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN SUFFERING DURING THIS PANDEMIC REALLY CAN'T WAIT SIX MONTHS JUST FOR A REPORT-BACK. THEY NEED ACCESS TO--

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

MODERATOR: YEAH. SORRY ABOUT THAT. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS VLAD POLISHEK. VLAD POLISHEK, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: YEAH, THANK YOU. I WILL ADDRESS BOTH ITEM 5 AND GENERAL COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, COMRADES. MY NAME IS VLAD POLISHEK, AND I KNOW A LITTLE ABOUT COMMUNISM, COMING FROM THE FORMER SOVIET UNION. SO I WISH TO ADDRESS THE EVILS OF NUMBER 5, THE EXTENSION OF THE EVICTION MORATORIUM. A VOTE TO EXTEND THE EVICTION MORATORIUM WILL RESULT IN HIGHER MARKET RENTS, AS HOUSING PROVIDERS SELL TO OWNER OCCUPANTS OR TAKE THEIR HOUSES

OFF THE MARKET. PRICES GO UP AS SUPPLY GOES DOWN. HIGHER MARKET RENTS, AS COST AND RISK TO PROPERTY OWNERS GOES UP, FROM YOUR EVICTION MORATORIUM. PRODUCERS PASS ON THE COST TO THE CONSUMER, THE RENTER. STRICTER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PROSPECTIVE RENTERS. MANY PEOPLE WON'T EVEN QUALIFY TO RENT, WHEREAS BEFORE, THEY WOULD. I AM PERSONALLY THINKING OF RENTAL QUALIFICATION 720, THREE TIMES THE INCOME AND PROOF OF THREE PREVIOUS MONTHS. REDUCING L.A. COUNTY'S NEW RENTAL INVENTORY BY CAPITAL, CROSSING COUNTY LINES TO SEEK BASIC PROPERTY RIGHTS, AND [INAUDIBLE] TO ENFORCE CONTRACT. SMALL LANDLORDS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND ANOTHER YEAR AND A HALF IN A CONTINUATION OF THIS. FORECLOSURE MORATORIUMS OR FORBEARANCE IS DONE, AND RENTAL ASSISTANCE IS TAPPED OUT. OWNERS WILL LOSE THEIR HOMES. THERE IS NO NEED FOR THIS. THE ECONOMY IS GROWING, THE MOST JOB OPENINGS EVER, WAGE INCREASES, BEST TIME TO BE A WORKER, THE BIGGEST STIMULUS TO THE BOTTOM INCOME BRACKET IN THE FORM OF RENTAL ASSISTANCE, EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, INCREASE IN CHILD TAX CREDITS, FOOD STAMPS, AND NEARLY TWO YEARS OF EVICTION MORATORIA AND RENT FREEZE IN L.A. CITY. HAVE YOU NO DECENCY, SHEILA AND SOLIS, TO CONTINUE STEALING OUR HOMES? WHAT IS PROPERTY? IT REPRESENTS SOMEONE'S PAYMENT FOR IT. I WORKED HARD FOR MY MONEY, AND AT SOME POINT, SOMEONE HAD TO WORK HARD AND PUT THE SWEAT, BLOOD, AND TEARS INTO THE MONEY THAT BOUGHT THE HOUSES YOU SEE. NOW YOU CONFISCATE IT, AND IN SO DOING, YOU ARE

ROBBING THAT PERSON OF THEIR LABOR. WE USED TO CALL THAT SLAVERY. THE BRITISH USED TO MANDATE CIVILIANS HOUSE THEIR ARMY IN COLONIAL AMERICA: THE QUARTERING ACT. WE FOUGHT THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR PARTLY DUE TO THIS. ASK SHEILA KUEHL, WHO WAS THERE.

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

SPEAKER: -- AGAINST INTRUSION. WE PASSED IT, IN THE CONSTITUTION, AS THE THIRD AMENDMENT.

MODERATOR: I AM BEING ASKED TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT, THAT IF YOU ARE USING A SECONDARY DEVICE TO LISTEN, PLEASE TURN DOWN WHEN CALLED UPON. A SECONDARY DEVICE TO LISTEN, PLEASE TURN IT DOWN WHEN CALLED UPON. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS THOMAS MARKHAM. THOMAS MARKHAM, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS THOMAS MARKHAM. I WANT TO SPEAK AGAINST THE EXTENSION OF THE TENANT PROTECTION RESOLUTION, ITEM 5. AS WRITTEN, THE RESOLUTION IS TOO BROAD, TOO FAR INTO THE FUTURE, AND IS PUSHING A PROBLEM FOR TENANTS INTO A PROBLEM FOR LANDLORDS. WE NEED MORE BALANCE. A FIRST STEP

WOULD BE TO HAVE SOME SORT OF RAMP-UP WITH PARTIAL PAYMENTS. TENANTS SHOULD NOT LIVE RENT-FREE. ALLOWING THEM TO DO SO WILL PUSH THE PROBLEM INTO LANDLORD FORECLOSURES. IT ALSO INCREASES THEIR DEBT. TENANTS WHO ARE NOT [INAUDIBLE] IN THE SYSTEM SHOULD BE ABLE TO PAY AT LEAST A PORTION OF THEIR RENT. ANOTHER ISSUE WITH THE RESOLUTION AS WRITTEN IS, WE HAVE NO RECOURSE FOR TENANTS WHO ARE AGGRESSIVE, ABUSIVE, CAUSING DAMAGE, OR LIE ABOUT THEIR SELF-CERTIFIED FINANCIAL STATUS. WE NEED AN EVICTION OPTION, EVEN IF IT IS 90 OR 120 DAYS OUT. TENANT PROTECTIONS ARE IMPORTANT, BUT SO ARE LANDLORD RIGHTS. I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU WOULD COME UP WITH A BETTER, MORE BALANCED STRATEGY. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT [ECHOING]...

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: COLLEAGUES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, IF YOU WOULD JUST BEAR WITH US AS WE CONTINUE TO WORK THROUGH OUR TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES TODAY. GIVE US ONE MOMENT.

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

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

SPEAKER: -- A PROPERTY OWNER, AND I AM CALLING REGARDING AN INCIDENT THAT HAPPENED A YEAR AGO, JANUARY 15TH, 2021, IN WHICH THE COUNTY SEWER LINE BACKED UP INTO MY PROPERTY, AND SPILLED SEWAGE ONTO MY PROPERTY. I HAVE A CLAIM IN WITH THE COUNTY, BUT THE COUNTY HAS BEEN VERY-- WELL, THE COUNTY HAS REFUSED TO PAY MY LEGAL FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CLAIM, IN WHICH THE DOCUMENT THAT THE COUNTY SENT ME TO FINE REQUIRES THAT I ATTEST THAT I HAVE SEEKED COUNSEL. NOW, I DON'T HAVE A LEGAL COUNSEL, SO I HAD TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY. THEN THE COUNTY TURNS AROUND AND TELLS ME THAT I CHOSE TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY, SO THEREFORE THEY WILL NOT REIMBURSE ME FOR THOSE FEES. IN ADDITION TO THAT, THE COUNTY IS INSISTING, AS A CONDITION OF THE REIMBURSEMENT, THAT I INSTALL A BACKWATER PREVENTER, BUT THERE IS NO CODE REFERENCE FOR ME TO INSTALL A BACKWATER PREVENTER, AND THEY ARE MAKING THAT A CONDITION. ADDITIONALLY, I HAVE HAD TO COME OUT OF POCKET A TOTAL OF $15,000, AND THAT IS JUST EGREGIOUS THAT THE COUNTY WOULD MAKE A HOMEOWNER COME OUT OF THEIR POCKET $15,000 TO REPAIR AN ITEM THAT THEY THEMSELVES CAUSED WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO--

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DONITA BEAUCHAMP. DONITA BEAUCHAMP, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN. ONCE AGAIN, DONITA BEAUCHAMP, YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I AM CALLING TO SPEAK ON ITEMS 7, 11, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. CAMP GONZALEZ IS SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE FUTURE USE THAT WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FIRE TRAINING PROGRAM. THE FUNDING IS BEING UTILIZED BY THE P.O.C. AND L.A.S.D., AS THE C.C.P. REPORT DOES NOT SHOW THAT THE COUNTY CAN ENTERTAIN THE IDEA OF ALLOWING MURDERERS, RAPISTS, AND ESPECIALLY OF ALL, ARSONISTS, TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH A PROGRAM. WILL THE COUNTY BE WILLING TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY AND THE LIABILITY THAT ACCOMPANIES SUCH A DECISION? ITEM NUMBER 11. A.B. 109 VERBIAGE SPECIFICALLY STATES "NONVIOLENT, NON-SERIOUS, AND NON-SEX OFFENDERS," SO WHY ARE THE 707-B LEVEL-4 OFFENDERS INCLUDED IN THE C.C.P./C.C.J.C.C. AND P.S.R.T. PLANS AND GOALS TO FACILITATE SUCH USE? HOW CAN THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF THE LOCATION OF WHERE THE YOUTH WILL

BE PERMANENTLY HOUSED TRUST THE P.O.C. AND COUNTY SUPERVISORS WHEN, BACK ON DECEMBER 7TH, 2021, WE WERE TOLD BY MR. BETTINO THAT THERE WERE ONLY 13 YOUTHS? AND THEN, IN THE LAST TWO MEETINGS, IT HAS NOW INCREASED TO 14. MR. BETTINO SPEAKS OF A CERTAIN INCREASE IN POPULATION. SO, BY THE TIME THE COUNTY MAKES A DECISION AND THE CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS ARE MADE, HOW MUCH HIGHER WILL THE QUANTITY OF YOUTH BE? THERE ARE MANY DETAILS THAT ARE INTENTIONALLY BEING LEFT OUT, AND THE RESIDENTS ARE LEFT IN THE DARK. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT: IN REGARDS TO THE P.O.C. D.J.J./J.J.R.B.G. PROGRAM FOR THE YOUTH, IF REHABILITATION WITH MINIMAL RECIDIVISM IS TRULY THE GOAL, THEN YOU MUST UNDERSTAND THE NEEDS OF THE YOUTH, WHICH ARE MOSTLY MENTAL/EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND SUPPORT, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT. THE DREAM OF THIS PROGRAM CANNOT BE FULLY REALIZED WITH THE CAMPS AFFLERBAUGH AND PAIGE. THEY ARE UNABLE TO FACILITATE SUCH NEEDS. NOT TO MENTION, YOU CANNOT HAVE A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM WHEN THE COMMUNITY RESIDENTS ARE AGAINST THIS TYPE OF YOUTH BEING HOUSED WITHIN THEIR CITY LIMIT. AT LAST WEEK'S L.A. COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY CLUSTER MEETING, THERE WERE MANY WHO STATED, "TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, AND THEY ARE BEHIND SCHEDULE." BUT MAKING A DECISION BASED ON A TIMELINE THAT CAN COST TAXPAYERS MILLIONS OF DOLLARS CANNOT BE UNDONE. I IMPLORE ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS TO REQUIRE MUCH MORE RESEARCH TO BE CONDUCTED BEFORE THEY MAKE A PROPER AND LEGAL DECISION. AND MEANWHILE, THEY CAN CONTINUE TO HOUSE YOUTH AT BARRY J.

NIDORF AND/OR KILPATRICK LOCATION, WHICH ARE ABLE TO FACILITATE THE NEEDS OF THE YOUTH THAT ARE DISCUSSED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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

MODERATOR: NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF STEVEN SIMON. STEVEN SIMON IS OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN. ONCE AGAIN, STEVEN SIMON, YOU MAY BEGIN.

STEVEN SIMON: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS STEVEN SIMON, FROM THE WORKER EDUCATION AND RESOURCE CENTER. I AM HERE TO SUPPORT TODAY'S MOTION NUMBER 20, TO CREATE A FAIR CHANCE HIRING POLICY. IN 2017, THE BOARD WORKED TO CREATE OUR SIGNATURE JOB TRAINING PROGRAM. IT'S CALLED PREPARING LOS ANGELES FOR COUNTY EMPLOYMENT. THAT IS P.L.A.C.E., FOR SHORT. SINCE LAUNCHING IN 2018, ABOUT 20 PERCENT OF OUR PARTICIPANTS HAVE BEEN FORMERLY INCARCERATED, AND OVER 25 OF THOSE JUSTICE-SYSTEM-IMPACTED PLACE ALUMNI ARE WORKING FOR THE COUNTY TODAY. THE COUNTY IS A FAIR CHANCE EMPLOYER, AND HAS A MEANINGFUL NEXUS ASSESSMENT PROCESS IN PLACE. SOME PARTICIPANTS DON'T GET THE JOB AFTER THE LIVE SCAN, BUT MANY DO. THESE ARE PARTICIPANTS WHO NEVER

BELIEVED THEY COULD HAVE A CAREER IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR: PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED, WORK LOW-WAGE JOBS, AND MANY ARE IN TRANSITIONAL SHELTERS OR LITERALLY UNSHELTERED, LIVING IN THEIR CARS. AND FOR ALL OF THESE WORKERS, A COUNTY JOB IS LIFE-CHANGING. WE HAVE SEEN THE CULTURE OF HIRING AT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS CHANGE FOR THE BETTER, TO LET MORE PEOPLE IN, SINCE THE FAIR CHANCE ACT PASSED AND SINCE P.L.A.C.E. WAS CREATED. [ECHOING].

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

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

SPEAKER: YES, I AM ADDRESSING YOU ON GENERAL COMMENT, REGARDING THE PERMANENT SITE OF THE SECURE YOUTH TREATMENT FACILITY. DURING THE RECENT PROBATION OVERSIGHT AND PUBLIC SAFETY CLUSTER MEETING, ADAM BETTINO STATED THAT THE NUMBER OF YOUTH COULD BE AS HIGH AS 100 TO 150. NIDORF JUVENILE HALL WOULD BE BEST SUITED TO ACCOMMODATE THE CAPACITY OUR COUNTY WOULD NEED, NOW AND IN THE FUTURE. NIDORF HAS ALREADY BEEN SLATED FOR RENOVATIONS, AND THE FUNDS GIVEN BY THE STATE

SHOULD COVER MOST, IF NOT ALL, THE NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS. USING NIDORF WILL ALLOW THE FAMILIES EASY ACCESS FOR VISITS AND SERVICES, BECAUSE IT IS IN THE CENTER OF THE COUNTY, GEOGRAPHICALLY. THERE WAS ALSO DISCUSSION AT THE PUBLIC SAFETY CLUSTER MEETING REGARDING THE PAST ISSUES AT NIDORF. WHEN ADAM BETTINO WAS ASKED IF THIS FACILITY COULD BE REIMAGINED TO OVERCOME THOSE ISSUES, HIS ANSWER WAS YES. GIVEN ALL THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO NIDORF, THE CAPACITY, AND THE CENTRAL LOCATION, THIS FACILITY MAKES THE MOST SENSE, FISCALLY AND LOGISTICALLY. IT WILL BE THE LEAST DISRUPTIVE TO THE MINORS, AND MOST COST-EFFECTIVE FOR THE COUNTY AS A LONG-TERM SOLUTION. THANK YOU.

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

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

SPEAKER: MY NAME IS LAQUAN JUDY, AND I AM CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 5. MOST TENANTS HAVE NOT RECEIVED RENTAL ASSISTANCE, OR WILL NOT RECEIVE ENOUGH ASSISTANCE TO COVER ALL THEIR DEBT, AND ARE EXPERIENCING INCREASED HARASSMENT BY

LANDLORDS. TENANTS NEED PROTECTIONS NOW MORE THAN EVER. THEREFORE, I SUPPORT THE COUNTY'S EXTENSIONS OF CURRENT EVICTION PROTECTION, PLUS THE REINSTATEMENT OF NONPAYMENT PROTECTION TILL APRIL 1ST. I HAVE SERIOUS CONCERNS AND OPPOSE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LIFTING PROTECTIONS ON AN ARBITRARY DATE THAT IS NOT TIED TO PUBLIC HEALTH OR ECONOMIC METRICS. I ALSO HAVE CONCERNS WITH MEANS-TESTING NONPAYMENT PROTECTION, AND RECOMMEND APPLYING THE PROTECTION TO ALL TENANTS IMPACTED BY C.O.V.I.D.-19. I SUPPORT THE REPORT-BACK ON RECOMMENDATIONS TO STRENGTHEN THE COUNTY'S PERMANENT TENANT PROTECTIONS, AND PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO INCORPORATE CITIES IN THE COUNTY ON ADOPTING THEIR OWN PERMANENT TENANT PROTECTIONS. THE BOARD SHOULD EXTEND THE RENT FREEZE UNTIL 12 MONTHS AFTER THE END OF THE EMERGENCY [INAUDIBLE] EXPAND THE RENT FREEZE.

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

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

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

MODERATOR: OKAY, THANK YOU. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANA CARION. ANA CARION, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: I NEED TRANSLATE.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: PLEASE BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HELLO?

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: YES, WE WILL HAVE AN INTERPRETER TRANSLATE AFTER YOU'VE FINISHED SPEAKING. MODERATOR, PLEASE HAVE HER SPEAK IN SPANISH.

SPEAKER: I SPEAK SPANISH.

SUP. SOLIS: [SPEAKS SPANISH].

SPEAKER: OKAY. [SPEAKS SPANISH].

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW HEAR THE ENGLISH INTERPRETATION.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

INTERPRETER: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ANA CARION, AND I AM CALLING HERE IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 5. THE POINT IS THAT MOST TENANTS HAVE NOT RECEIVED RENTAL ASSISTANCE, AND NOT RECEIVED ENOUGH ASSISTANCE TO COVER THEIR DEBTS, AND ARE EXPERIENCING INCREASED HARASSMENT FROM LANDLORDS. WE NEED MORE PROTECTION, AND WE ALSO NEED THE SUPPORT OF THE COUNTY TO EXTEND THOSE SAME PROTECTIONS. I WORRY ABOUT THE TENANT PROTECTIONS THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN PLACE, AND I ASK FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT PROTECTING THE TENANTS IN THE COUNTY. THE BOARD SHOULD EXTEND THE MORATORIUM FOR AN ADDITIONAL 12 MONTHS. LASTLY, THE STATUS QUO DURING THE PANDEMIC DID NOT WORK. I ASK THAT WE CONTINUE AND EXTEND ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE TO US TENANTS HERE, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

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

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

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS HASSAN. I AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF A.C.E., ALLIANCE OF CALIFORNIA FOR COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT. I AM SPEAKING ON ARTICLE 5, WHICH I AM IN FAVOR. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK OUR SUPERVISORS TO MAKE SURE TO EXTEND THE PROTECTION FOR TENANTS THAT ARE OWING RENT, OR THEY'RE BEING HARASSED BY LANDLORDS, OR THAT ARE STILL WAITING FOR THEIR RENTAL ASSISTANCE. I'VE BEEN SPEAKING TO MANY OF THESE CONSTITUENTS THAT YOU REPRESENT. IT WOULD HELP A LOT TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAVE AN EXTENSION, ALWAYS, TO BE ABLE TO NOT LOSE THEIR HOME, NOT BE ABLE TO GET EVICTED WITH THEIR FAMILIES, SOME OF THEM CONTRACTED WITH C.O.V.I.D. SO IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT, SUPERVISORS, TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR COMMUNITY DOES NOT DIE ON THE STREET, BECAUSE WE CHOOSE TO NOT PROTECT OUR TENANTS, AND WE ARE LOOKING AT THE HIGH NUMBERS NOW RACING DOWN. AND SO THIS IS GOING TO CONTINUE BEING MORE DANGEROUS TO CONTAIN OUR C.O.V.I.D. EPIDEMIC, IF WE CREATE THIS EXTENSION UNTIL THE END OF 2023. AND ALSO, AS YOU HEARD OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND TENANTS, THIS WILL ALSO HAVE ENOUGH TIME FOR THE RENTAL ASSISTANCE TO BE ABLE TO GET THE MONEY FOR THE LANDLORDS. AND ONCE AGAIN, JUST TO REMIND YOU, THE SYSTEM IS NOT PERFECT. PEOPLE HAVE TO CONTINUE MAKING CALLS TO RENTAL ASSISTANCE, TO MAKE SURE THAT THEIR MONEY GETS INTRODUCED TO THEIR LANDLORD, AND EVEN THE LANDLORD ASSISTANCE DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE SAME WAY. IT IS HARD FOR THEM--

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ENDURED ALL OF THE DIFFICULTIES WE'VE HAD IN PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE KNOW THAT WE EXTEND OUR APOLOGIES, AND WE'RE GOING TO WORK DILIGENTLY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T EXPERIENCE THOSE KIND OF CHALLENGES EVER AGAIN. BUT THANK YOU FOR STICKING WITH US, AND CONTINUING TO PROVIDE YOUR INPUT IN TODAY'S DISCUSSION. WE EXTENDED THE TIME BY APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES, AND WERE ABLE TO HEAR FROM 50. THERE WERE SOME ADDITIONAL CALLERS LEFT IN THE QUEUE, BUT WE EXTENDED OUR TIME TO TRY TO HEAR FROM AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE, GIVEN THE TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES, AND WE APPRECIATE YOU. SO, AGAIN, THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CALLED IN. IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS, YOU MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS, AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME A PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU: 1-D; 4 AS REVISED, TO REFER BACK TO SUPERVISOR HAHN'S OFFICE, THE REMOVAL OF RICHARD MONTGOMERY FROM THE SMALL CRAFTS HARBOR

COMMISSION; ITEMS 8 THROUGH 10, 12, 14 AND 15, 21, 23 AND 24, 26 THROUGH 42, 44 THROUGH 54, 55-B, AND 55-C.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY BARGER TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS, WITH THE EXCEPTIONS NOTED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

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

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

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: FOR THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, PLEASE PREPARE TO BE SWORN IN. IN THE TESTIMONY THAT YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD? ITEM 1 IS HEARING ON THE ANNEXATION OF TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION PROJECTS AND SINGLE-LOT PROJECTS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF VALINDA, EAST ARCADIA, GORMAN, AND LITTLEROCK, TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT-1; AND TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION PROJECTS IN THE CITY OF CARSON, TO COUNTY LIGHTING

MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1697. A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM 2 IS A HEARING ON ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE AMAR ROAD UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT PROJECT IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF VALINDA AND WEST PUENTE VALLEY. NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM 3 IS A HEARING ON ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION UPDATING THE DEVELOPER FEE PROGRAM TO APPROVE THE DEVELOPER FEE FIRE STATION PLAN, THE DISTRICT'S DEVELOPER FEE FUNDS 2020-21 FISCAL YEAR-END REPORT, THE 2021 DEVELOPER FEE UPDATE FEE CALCULATION SUMMARY TO INCREASE THE DEVELOPER FEE RATE IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF MALIBU, SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS, CITY OF CALABASAS, SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, AND ANTELOPE VALLEY, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1ST, 2022. NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: SO, WE WILL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3. IF YOU CALLED IN TO PARTICIPATE IN GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, THAT TIME IS OVER. WE ARE ONLY TAKING PUBLIC COMMENT ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3. AGAIN, AS WE STATED EARLIER, IF YOU HEAR SILENCE ON THE PHONE, DON'T ASSUME THAT YOU ARE NOT STILL IN THE QUEUE. JUST BECAUSE WE'RE HAVING TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES ON THE PHONE, YOU CAN'T HEAR THE BOARD MEETING. IF YOU TUNE INTO THE BOARD MEETING ON ANOTHER DEVICE, AGAIN, THE WEBSITE FEED IS SLIGHTLY

DELAYED, SO YOU STILL NEED TO LISTEN TO THE PHONE TO HEAR YOUR NAME CALLED BY THE AT&T MODERATOR. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA, AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3 ONLY.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3 SHOULD CALL 877-226-8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 852-761. TO REPEAT: PLEASE CALL 877-226-8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 852-761. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL 877-873-8017 AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING IN: WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND WHICH PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. WE WILL ALLOCATE 5 MINUTES FOR ALL PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. EACH PERSON WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR ONE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM, AND TWO MINUTES FOR TWO OR MORE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. WHEN SPEAKING ON A PUBLIC HEARING ITEM, YOU MUST BE ON TOPIC. OUR GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE CAN. IF YOU ARE NOT SPEAKING ON TOPIC, OR IF WE CANNOT TELL IF YOU ARE

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

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

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

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

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ANI PAPARIAN. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN. ANI PAPARIAN, YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I THINK THERE'S A MISCOMMUNICATION. MY COMMENT HAS TO DO WITH ARTICLE 5 AND GENERAL COMMENT, NOT NECESSARILY ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3. COULD I CONTINUE HOLDING? WILL THAT BE ADDRESSED LATER?

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: NO, IT WILL NOT. OUR PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE OVERALL AGENDA HAS ENDED, AND SO WE ARE ONLY TAKING PUBLIC COMMENT NOW FOR ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3. IF YOU FEEL FREE TO SUBMIT THE COMMENTS YOU HAVE IN WRITING TO THE BOARD, IT WILL BECOME A PART OF OUR PUBLIC RECORD, BUT THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE OVERALL AGENDA HAS ENDED.

SPEAKER: NO, I APPRECIATE THAT. I WILL SUBMIT A WRITTEN COMMENT THROUGH THE...

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

SPEAKER: I JUST NEED TO GET ON MY COMPUTER TO DO SO.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: IS THERE A TIME FRAME WHEN IT ENDS, OR...

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: YOU CAN SUBMIT IT AT ANY TIME, AND IT WILL BECOME A PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD FOR TODAY'S MEETING.

SPEAKER: I APPRECIATE THAT. THANK YOU FOR THE INSTRUCTION.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROXANNE HOE. ROXANNE HOE, PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI THERE. I AM ADDRESSING, ALSO, MY THANKS TO KATHRYN BARGER. I AM AN IMMIGRANT AND A BLACK WOMAN, AND I WANT TO SAY THAT ITEM 2 IS WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT-- THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER. IT IS DEVASTATING, WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO OUR CHILDREN. BASED ON LISTENING TO BARBARA FERRER, WHO IS NOT A DOCTOR AND USES THE HONORIFIC TITLE TO APPEAR THAT SHE IS ONE, SHE HAS BEEN DICTATED TO BY THE PUBLIC-SECTOR UNIONS, AND OUR KIDS ARE BEING DESTROYED. GIVEN THAT NATURAL IMMUNITY IS A POSITIVE THING AND ADMITTED TO NOW--

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: LET ME INTERRUPT YOU, MA'AM. AGAIN, YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT AN ISSUE THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN UP IN GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THAT TIME FRAME IS OVER.

SPEAKER: [INAUDIBLE]

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: NO, THAT'S SPECIAL ORDER 1, S-1. THAT IS A DIFFERENT AGENDA ITEM. WE ARE HEARING PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3 ONLY. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SUBMIT YOUR COMMENTS IN WRITING TO THE BOARD. WE APPRECIATE THAT. MODERATOR, WILL YOU PLEASE TAKE US TO THE NEXT CALLER? HOPEFULLY, ON AGENDA ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DOVE MAYO. DOVE MAYO, IS YOUR LINE OPEN? IF YOUR LINE IS OPEN, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEM YOU ARE SPEAKING ON TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: OKAY, YEAH. HI. MY NAME IS DOVE MAYO, AND I AM SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM 2. I REALLY WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHY L.A. COUNTY IS ALLOWING THE SUPER BOWL TO COME INTO OUR CITY WHEN THERE IS A SURGE, AND OUR CHILDREN ARE BEING NOT ABLE TO GO AND WATCH THEIR FRIENDS PLAY SPORTS IN THEIR HIGH SCHOOLS, IN THEIR LITTLE LEAGUES, AND I DON'T--

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: MA'AM, I'M GOING TO HAVE TO INTERRUPT YOU. MA'AM, I'M GOING TO HAVE TO INTERRUPT YOU. I'M SORRY. LET ME PROVIDE SOME CLARIFICATION ON THE AGENDA. I KNOW THE COUNTY BOARD AGENDA IS RATHER COMPLEX, SO LET ME SEE IF I CAN PROVIDE SOME CLARITY. WE HAVE TWO AGENDA ITEMS: S-1 AND S-2. THOSE ARE

SET ITEMS. THEY ARE NOT THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3 THAT WE ARE CURRENTLY TAKING PUBLIC COMMENT ON. IF YOU HAVE COMMENTS ON THE THE OVERALL AGENDA OR ON SET ITEMS 1 AND 2, WHICH IS OUR PUBLIC HEALTH PRESENTATION, THE TIME TO PROVIDE THAT TO THE BOARD, ORALLY, IS OVER. FEEL FREE TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS TO EXPRESS YOUR CONCERNS ABOUT SET ITEMS 1 OR 2. WE ARE CURRENTLY TAKING PUBLIC COMMENT ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3. AGENDA ITEM 1, FOR EXAMPLE, IS TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA ANNEXATION. SO, IT IS PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3, NOT GENERAL COMMENT FOR THE GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS, NOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON SET ITEMS 1 AND 2. SO WE WILL GO BACK TO THE QUEUE TO SEE IF THERE IS ANYONE THAT HAS PUBLIC COMMENT ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 1, 2, OR 3.

MODERATOR: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. IF YOU ARE IN QUEUE, AND YOU ARE NOT ADDRESSING ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3, YOU MAY PRESS 1-0 AGAIN NOW TO RELEASE YOURSELF FROM THE QUEUE. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS GOING TO BE TOM HARKINS. TOM HARKINS, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEM YOU ARE SPEAKING ON TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: OKAY, YES, I WILL REMOVE MYSELF, BECAUSE IT WAS ON ITEM S-2. SO, I GUESS I WILL BE PUTTING A PUBLIC COMMENT ON. AND THERE WAS SOME CONFUSION ON THAT: S-2 AND ITEM 2. SO, ALL RIGHT. VERY GOOD.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVEN. ERIC PREVEN, PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM YOU ARE SPEAKING ON. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ERIC PREVEN: I WILL TRY TO SPEAK ON THE PUBLIC HEARINGS. I KNOW YOU HAVE GOT THE DEVELOPER FEE UPDATE, WHICH I BELIEVE IS AN INCREASE IN THE DEVELOPER FEE FOR THREE AREAS OF BENEFIT: SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, ANTELOPE VALLEY, AND, INTERESTING TO ME, MALIBU AND THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. I CAN SEE THE DEVELOPER FEE AMOUNT PER SQUARE FOOT, WHICH IS OVER A DOLLAR, BUT IF IT IS A DOLLAR-- SO, DOES THAT MEAN IF I BUILD A 2,600-SQUARE-FOOT HOUSE, THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL $2,600 AND A FEE TO COVER SOME OF THE FIRE COSTS? I GUESS THAT'S-- I MEAN, WE DO HAVE TO FUND THIS STUFF, AND THERE'S A STRUCTURAL DEFICIT AT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, DUE TO THE YEARS OF MISMANAGEMENT AND KNABE RAIDING IT AND PAYING OUT ALL THIS MONEY WE DON'T REALLY HAVE. I WONDER IF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND HOLLY MITCHELL WANT TO TAKE WHAT THESE PEOPLE ARE SAYING SERIOUSLY, WHICH IS THAT THE MEETING IS BEING RUN BADLY, AS YOU ADMIT YOURSELF, BUT THEN SEEM TO ALLOW THAT TO HAPPEN WEEK IN, WEEK OUT, SO THAT REGULAR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, WHO HAVE A LOT OF COHERENT THINGS TO SAY, ARE BEING SHUNTED AWAY, BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT. I FIND THAT THAT SO DISMISSIVE AND SO INSULTING,

ESPECIALLY SINCE WE ARE THE ONES WHO PAY THE SALARIES OF THE ENTIRE SWOLLEN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' BUDGET, WHO-- YOU KNOW, I KNOW YOU ARE PROVIDING A LOT OF GOOD STUFF, BUT NOT THAT MUCH. AND YOU ARE DOING A TERRIBLE JOB OF RUNNING THESE MEETINGS.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROSANNE COLABA. ROSANNE COLABA, PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. AGAIN, WE ARE ADDRESSING ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: I AM NOT ABLE-- YOU'RE NOT DISCUSSING WHAT I NEED. I WANTED TO OPPOSE THE RENTAL MORATORIUM. YOU DIDN'T CALL ME IN TIME. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MARTHA AGUILERA. MARTHA AGUILERA, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: OKAY, I HAVE BEEN ON THIS CALL SINCE 9:00 THIS MORNING, AND THE SET ITEM, NUMBER 2, THAT I CALLED TO TALK ABOUT, APPARENTLY, IS NOT ON THE AGENDA, AND IT WAS UNABLE TO BE COMMENTED ON BY ME IN THE THREE HOURS THAT I HAVE BEEN SITTING ON THIS CALL, TRYING TO MAKE MY VOICE AND THE VOICE OF MY CHILD HEARD.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT, AND LET ME CLARIFY: SET ITEMS 1 AND 2 CAN BE HEARD DURING REGULAR PUBLIC COMMENT AT THE TOP OF THE MEETING. WE APOLOGIZE THAT EVERYONE CANNOT BE HEARD. WE HAVE A SET TIME FRAME. IT IS TYPICALLY 90 MINUTES. WE ADDED 30 MINUTES TODAY, BECAUSE OF THE TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES. AND SO I APOLOGIZE THAT EVERYONE COULDN'T GET THROUGH.

SPEAKER: I APPRECIATE THAT, BUT I HAVE BEEN ON THIS CALL SINCE 9:00 THIS MORNING.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: I APPRECIATE THAT, AND I WOULD STRONGLY SUGGEST--

SPEAKER: I'M TRYING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MY TIME AND SPEAK TO YOU AND ADDRESS YOU, BUT YOU ARE NOT LETTING ME. I AM ASKING FOR THE KNOWLEDGE OF EVERYONE THAT IS CALLING, THAT'S HAVING THE SAME--

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT HAS EXTENDED, SO I'M GOING TO ASK THAT THIS CALL BE ENDED, AND STRONGLY ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO SUBMIT THEIR TESTIMONY IN WRITING. WE HAVE 90 MINUTES AT THE TOP OF THE MEETING SET ASIDE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, AND WHEN THAT TIME ENDS, WE MOVE ON WITH THE REST OF THE AGENDA. I WOULD ASK, ONCE AGAIN, IF YOU ARE NOT CALLING IN ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3, THAT YOU DISCONNECT FROM THE CALL-IN LINES, BECAUSE WE ARE NOT TAKING PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY OF THOSE OTHER ISSUES, VERBALLY. YOU CAN FEEL FREE TO SUBMIT THAT IN WRITING, AND THEY'LL BE A PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR TODAY'S MEETING. AGAIN, PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3 ONLY. MR. MODERATOR?

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROSS NOVI. ROSS NOVI, STATE YOUR PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY; PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3. YOU MAY BEGIN. MR. ROSS NOVI, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BEGIN, SIR.

SPEAKER: YES, I AM TALKING ABOUT THE AMAR ROAD UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT PROJECT. GOOD MORNING. SO, ACTUALLY, I AM... I WANTED TO MENTION THAT DR. FERRER NEEDS TO STEP DOWN IMMEDIATELY, BECAUSE PUBLIC HEALTH HAS LOST THE CONSCIENCE OF THE CITIZENS OF L.A. SO MANY OF US WERE WAITING. I ONLY WENT TO AN IVY LEAGUE, AND COULD NOT FIGURE OUT WHAT YOUR

COMMENTING SYSTEM WAS. SO, WHATEVER IT WAS, IT WAS NOT SIGNIFICANT FOR THE GREATEST PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTER THAT WE'RE LIVING THROUGH IN OUR ENTIRE LIVES. IT WOULD BE NICE TO BE ABLE TO HEAR FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE SEEING THEIR CHILDREN SUFFER EVERY DAY, IN A SYSTEMIC WAY THAT WE UNDERSTAND WHEN WE CAN TALK AND PLAY BY THE RULES, BUT YOU ARE NOT, APPARENTLY, LETTING US DO THAT. PLEASE, READ THE DOCUMENTS WE'VE SUBMITTED. LOOK AT HOW THE SCIENCE IS CHANGING. LET'S JOIN OTHER NATIONS AND STATES LIKE ENGLAND, IRELAND, SWEDEN, SPAIN, EVERYONE ELSE WHO IS SEEING THAT WE HAVE TO LIVE WITH THIS VIRUS, AND LIVE SENSIBLY, AND STOP DESTROYING OUR CHILDREN. THANK YOU.

ATTORNEY: AGAIN.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LILIANA DEL GALLO. SORRY ABOUT THE PRONUNCIATION THERE, LILIANA. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE SPEAKING ON TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LILIANA. I WAS GOING TO SPEAK REGARDING ARTICLE NUMBER FIVE, AND I AM OPPOSING TO IT. I KNOW THAT THE ONLY ONE--

ATTORNEY: EXCUSE ME, YOU ARE OFF TOPIC. WE ARE SPEAKING ON 1 THROUGH 3.

SPEAKER: YEAH. YEAH, I WAS ON THE LINE FOR FOUR HOURS, SO I JUST WANTED TO MENTION THAT, BUT ALSO MY COMMENT ON THE WEBSITE. THANK YOU.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RAYMOND YOUNG. RAYMOND YOUNG, PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEM YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: HI. I HAVE BEEN ON THE CALL FOR SOME TIME NOW, TOO, AND I AM OPPOSED TO 5, BECAUSE OF--

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: MR. YOUNG, I AM GOING TO HAVE THE OPERATOR TERMINATE THE CALL, AND AGAIN STATE THAT THE TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA IS THE FIRST 90 MINUTES OF THE MEETING. WE EXTENDED IT AND DID A TWO-HOUR PERIOD OF TIME. I APPRECIATE ALL OF YOU WHO WANTED TO ENGAGE AND PROVIDE US WITH YOUR INFORMATION, AND I APOLOGIZE TO THOSE WHO WEREN'T ABLE TO

DO SO. I WANT TO GIVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE WHO ALSO HAVE BEEN WAITING TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT TO PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3 TO DO SO. AND SO, IF YOU ARE NOT HERE TO PROVIDE COMMENTS TO PUBLIC ITEMS ONE THROUGH THREE, WE'RE GOING TO ASK THAT YOU HANG UP. THE TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT BEYOND THESE ITEMS IS OVER, TO ALLOW THOSE WHO ARE CALLING IN FOR PUBLIC ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3 TO MAKE COMMENT, BECAUSE WE WILL BE ENDING PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3, SHORTLY. MS. HAHN?

SUP. HAHN: MADAM CHAIR? MADAM CHAIR?

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: YES.

SUP. HAHN: I AM WONDERING IF TECHNOLOGY WOULD ALLOW OUR MODERATOR TO DO A VOICEOVER INTO THE TELEPHONE FOR EVERYBODY LISTENING WHEN OUR PUBLIC COMMENT ENDS, AND TELL ALL OF THEM, "PUBLIC COMMENT HAS NOW ENDED. YOU KNOW, SORRY IF YOU DIDN'T GET TO SPEAK. TURN YOUR COMMENTS IN, BUT THE TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT IS NOW OVER." JUST SO EVERYBODY WAITING ON THE LINE UNDERSTANDS IT. BECAUSE I WAS THINK THERE WAS SOME QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER THEY COULD HEAR OUR MEETING. AND I JUST FEEL LIKE THAT WOULD BE A HUGE COURTESY TO PEOPLE, FOR THE MODERATOR TO SOMEHOW GET THEIR EAR AND SAY, "THE TIME FOR

PUBLIC COMMENT HAS NOW ENDED. PLEASE HANG UP." RIGHT? AND THEN START THE CALLS FOR OUR PUBLIC HEARING.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: YES.

SUP. HAHN: I AM JUST WONDERING WHAT WE COULD DO TO BE MORE-- BECAUSE YOU HAVE BEEN MORE THAN ACCOMMODATING, AND YOU HAVE BEEN SO DIPLOMATIC, AND WE GAVE MORE TIME. BUT I AM JUST WONDERING IF THERE'S A WAY FOR ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE STILL HANGING ON TO UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS OVER, BESIDES EACH ONE OF THEM HAVING TO BE TOLD THAT, WHEN THEY COME TO THE TOP OF THE QUEUE. I DON'T KNOW.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: I APPRECIATE THAT, MS. HAHN. I THINK THERE ARE TWO THINGS. TYPICALLY, THAT-- MS. BARGER?

SUP. BARGER: THERE'S TWO DIFFERENT PASSCODES. AND SO, FOR THE NEXT BOARD MEETING, I WOULD LIKE A FULL EXPLANATION AS TO WHY. BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE ON THIS LINE, AND THIS IS FOR PUBLIC HEARING. IT'S A DIFFERENT PASSCODE. AND SO I AM WONDERING, WHAT IN THE HECK IS GOING ON? BECAUSE WE ARE GETTING PEOPLE THAT ARE TESTIFYING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, SUPERVISOR HAHN, THAT ARE USING A DIFFERENT PASSCODE THAT'S ONLY FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING. SO I AM GOING TO ASK OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PROVIDE US WITH A REPORT, IN TERMS OF HOW WE CAN PREVENT THIS, AND

MAYBE WE NEED TO HAVE TWO DIFFERENT PHONE NUMBERS VERSUS TWO DIFFERENT PASSCODES. BECAUSE IT IS UNFAIR TO YOU, CHAIR MITCHELL, TO HAVE TO REFEREE THIS TYPE OF THING. AND WE HAVE GOT, PROBABLY, A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THE QUEUE RIGHT NOW, AND IT IS JUST ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR BARGER, ABSOLUTELY. WE WILL PROVIDE THAT REPORT. AS FAR AS I KNOW, AT&T WAS HAVING AN ISSUE WITH THE FIRST LINE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING, FOR THE OVERALL. THIS PUBLIC HEARING LINE IS OKAY. THEY COULD HEAR US. THE ISSUE WAS ON THE FIRST LINE. SO WE WILL GET BACK WITH AT&T TO KIND OF DIAGNOSE WHAT THE ISSUE IS, AND I WILL DEFINITELY REPORT BACK TO ALL OF YOU.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: WELL, THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS HAHN AND BARGER. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

SUP. KUEHL: I AM SORRY, I THINK THERE WAS ALSO A REQUEST TO BE MORE SEPARATE, IN TERMS OF HOW PEOPLE CALL IN FOR ONE THING OR ANOTHER. I KNOW IT IS HARD, ESPECIALLY SINCE S-1 AND S-2 SOUND LIKE 1 AND 2. SO WE KEEP ADDING ON WHAT WE TELL PEOPLE, AND I THINK IT IS A GOOD THING. IT'S NOT ANYONE'S FAULT. BUT THE MORE SEPARATE THAT THEY CAN BE ON OUR PUBLIC HEARING DAYS, I THINK, THE BETTER. BUT WE SHOULD TELL PEOPLE CALLING IN FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING THAT IT IS GOING TO BE 90 MINUTES, AND THEN

A VOTE, BEFORE WE EVEN GET TO THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. SO I THINK THEY SHOULD ALSO KNOW, IF THEY CALL IN AT 9:00 OR 9:30, THAT THEY CAN CALL BACK, AND THEY'LL BE FIRST IN THE QUEUE, AND ALL THAT STUFF. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN: AND MAYBE SOMETHING AS SIMPLE-- INSTEAD OF S-1, WE ACTUALLY SPELL IT OUT ON THE AGENDA, ON THE PUBLIC AGENDA: "SET ITEM 1." WE GET SO USED TO USING JUST THE LETTER, BECAUSE WE KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS. BUT I THINK YOU ARE RIGHT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL: S-1 AND ITEM 1 SEEMS VERY SIMILAR, SO MAYBE "SET ITEM 1," JUST SPELL IT OUT, MIGHT ALSO BE OF BENEFIT TO THE PUBLIC.

SUP. KUEHL: OR WE COULD DO SOMETHING RADICAL, LIKE SET ITEM "A," SO THAT IT ISN'T THE SAME AS SOMETHING ELSE. SO LET'S JUST THINK ABOUT THAT, IF YOU WOULD, MADAM CHAIR, AND WE CAN INVENT SOMETHING TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR THOSE CALLING IN. THANK YOU.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: I COMPLETELY AGREE WITH ALL THE SUGGESTIONS, AND WE WILL TAKE THEM ALL UNDER CONSIDERATION. AND AGAIN, REALLY STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC THAT, EVEN THOUGH IT MAY SOUND ROTE, OR YOU CALL IN WEEKLY, YOU THINK YOU KIND OF KNOW THE PROCESS, TO PAY ATTENTION, BECAUSE IT IS UNIQUE. AGAIN, TODAY WAS A UNIQUE CHALLENGE. WE WILL GET TO THE BOTTOM OF IT AND WORK TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE A

TELEPHONIC SYSTEM THAT'S CLEAR AND AS SEAMLESS AS POSSIBLE, AND WORK TO MAKE OUR AGENDAS A LITTLE MORE USER FRIENDLY. I CERTAINLY VOTE FOR THAT, BEING THE NEWEST MEMBER ON THE BOARD, AND IT TOOK ME A COUPLE MEETINGS TO FIGURE OUT WHO WAS ON FIRST, WHAT WAS ON SECOND, MYSELF, SO I CERTAINLY SUPPORT THAT. WITH THAT, I AM GOING TO ASK THE MODERATOR IF YOU COULD INQUIRE AND TRY TO GUARANTEE FOR US THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE CALLING IN ARE CALLING IN ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS ONE, TWO, AND THREE. AND JUST FOR THE RECORD, LET ME READ THE TOP LINE OF WHAT THOSE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS ARE, SO PEOPLE ARE CLEAR. AGENDA ITEM 1 IS THE TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS FOR COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICTS. AGENDA ITEM 2 IS THE PUBLIC HEARING ON CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CORE SERVICE AREA AMAR ROAD UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT PROJECT. AND AGENDA ITEM 3 IS THE FISCAL YEAR-END REPORT AND UPDATED DEVELOPER FEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THOSE ARE THE THREE AGENDA ITEMS THAT WE ARE INVITING PUBLIC COMMENT ON. MR. MODERATOR, WILL YOU PLEASE INVITE OUR NEXT CALLER?

MODERATOR: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, ONCE AGAIN, AS A REMINDER, THIS IS NOT FOR ITEMS S-1 THROUGH S-3 ON THE REGULAR MEETING. THIS IS THE PUBLIC AGENDA; PUBLIC HEARING

AGENDA ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3. TO QUEUE UP TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THOSE ITEMS, PLEASE PRESS ONE THEN ZERO AT THIS TIME.

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

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS 1, 2, AND 3 HAS ENDED. WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT CALLED IN TO SPEAK. AGAIN, IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS, YOU MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS, AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME A PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD. TODAY WE WILL BEGIN WITH THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 1, 2, AND 3, FOLLOWED BY THE SET MATTERS, ITEMS S-1 AND S-2, THEN RETURN TO ITEM 1 FOR THE TABULATION RESULTS, FOLLOWED BY THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS: 5, 6, 7, 11, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 43, 55-A, AND FINISHING WITH ITEMS 55-D AND 55-E, WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER. MOVING INTO THE PUBLIC HEARING SECTION OF THE AGENDA, WE'LL NOW TAKE UP PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 1: HEARING ON THE ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS FOR COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICTS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF VALINDA, EAST ARCADIA, GORMAN, LITTLEROCK, AND THE CITY OF

CARSON. COLLEAGUES, MR. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MARK PESTRELLA, IS AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS IF YOU HAVE ANY. ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS OR POSE A QUESTION TO DIRECTOR PESTRELLA? SEEING NO HANDS, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, DIRECT THE TABULATION OF THE BALLOTS, AND TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL LATER IN THE MEETING FOR TABULATION RESULTS AND ACTION BY THE BOARD. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. MOVING ON TO PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NO. 2, WE WILL NOW TAKE UP THAT ITEM: THE HEARING ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AMAR ROAD UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT PROJECT IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF VALINDA AND WEST PUENTE VALLEY. AGAIN, DIRECTOR PESTRELLA IS AVAILABLE IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, MEMBERS. ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WHO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS, OR HAVE QUESTIONS ON ITEM 2? SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 2 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: MITCHELL, AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW TAKE UP PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 3, THE HEARING ON FISCAL YEAR-END REPORT AND UPDATED DEVELOPER FEES. THERESA BARRERA, DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF, IS AVAILABLE IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, COLLEAGUES. ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS WHO HAVE QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO MAKE COMMENTS ON THIS AGENDA ITEM? SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 3 IS

BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. SOLIS: YES.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE WILL NOW MOVE INTO ITEMS HELD BY THE BOARD, AND WE WILL START WITH OUR STANDING ITEMS 1 AND 2, BEGINNING WITH STANDING ITEM ONE, THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING. WE WILL HEAR OUR PRESENTATION FROM FESIA DAVENPORT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER; AND KELLY LOBIANCO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT; AND DR. D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OUR RACIAL EQUITY UNIT.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR. GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. FESIA DAVENPORT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER. WE HAVE A POWERPOINT, IF WE COULD BRING UP THE POWERPOINT, AND I WILL GET STARTED. THANK YOU. TODAY'S PRESENTATION ON THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN WILL BE OUR THIRD IN OUR SERIES OF REGULAR PRESENTATIONS TO YOUR BOARD, REGARDING THE PROGRESS OF THIS INITIATIVE. JUST BY WAY OF BACKGROUND, DURING THE LAST PRESENTATION, WE DID THREE THINGS. WE SHARED DETAILS ABOUT THE A.R.P. PHASE ONE SPENDING PLAN, AND HOW THAT PLAN INTERSECTS WITH THE YEAR 1 C.F.C.I. SPENDING PLAN. WE ALSO PROVIDED YOU A SUMMARY OF THE REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED AND RECOMMENDED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN ITS RECENTLY RELEASED GUIDANCE IN A FINAL RULE. WE ALSO REVIEWED THE EQUITY

REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED AND MANDATED BY YOUR BOARD, IN A MOTION THAT WAS ADOPTED ON JULY 13TH, 2021. AND FINALLY, WE PROVIDED YOU WITH UPDATES ON SOME OF OUR IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES, INCLUDING OUR EFFORTS TO INCREASE ACCESSIBILITY OF A.R.P. CONTRACTS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, ALONG WITH AN OVERVIEW OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY'S A.R.P.-FUNDED SMALL BUSINESS RENT RELIEF PROGRAM. SO THAT'S WHERE WE WERE LAST WEEK. CAN WE GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE? THIS SLIDE GIVES YOU AN OVERVIEW OF WHAT WE INTEND TO COVER DURING TODAY'S MEETING. DR. SCORZA WILL ADDRESS ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3. AND THEN, AS YOU STATED, MADAM CHAIR, KELLY LOBIANCO, OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, AT THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICE DEPARTMENT, WILL PRESENT ON ITEM NO. 4. AND HERE, SHE WILL SPOTLIGHT THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO OVERCOME THE PANDEMIC'S IMPACT ON OUR LOCAL ECONOMY. MORE SPECIFICALLY, SHE WILL DISCUSS TWO A.R.P.-FUNDED PROGRAMS FOCUSED ON ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, TO SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THEIR WORKFORCE, TO ENSURE AN INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE RECOVERY. NEXT, SHE WILL COVER COUNTY EFFORTS TO INCREASE THE VISIBILITY OF OUR A.R.P. CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES, AND HER ROLE LEADING OUTREACH EFFORTS TO SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITIES AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS ON THE A.R.P. PHASE ONE PROGRAMS. I WILL NOW TURN THE PRESENTATION OVER TO DR. SCORZA.

DR. D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA: THANK YOU, MS. DAVENPORT, AND GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE HERE WITH YOU TODAY. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. PER YOUR BOARD'S DIRECTIVES, C.O. WORKED CLOSELY WITH I.S.D. TO DEVELOP THE A.R.P.A. EQUITY DASHBOARD, A PUBLIC-FACING DATA VISUALIZATION TOOL THAT REPORTS ON YOUR BOARD'S APPROVED A.R.P.A. PROJECTS, ALONG WITH THEIR EXPENDITURES AND OUTCOMES, BY PROJECT AND DEPARTMENT. AS PROJECTS LAUNCH, THE DASHBOARD IS UPDATED WITH INFORMATION ON THE AMOUNTS ALLOCATED, USE OF A.R.P.A. FUNDS, PROJECTED OUTCOMES, NUMBER OF RESIDENTS SERVED, JOBS CREATED, GRANTS PROVIDED, AND OUTCOMES ACHIEVED, AS WELL AS EQUITY METRICS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE PERCENTAGE OF FUNDS ALLOCATED TO HIGHEST-NEED COMMUNITIES. THE DASHBOARD LAUNCHED PUBLICLY IN JANUARY 2022, AND IS NOW FEATURED ON THE COUNTY'S A.R.P.A. WEBSITE, AT C.E.O.LACOUNTY.GOV/RECOVERY. THE DASHBOARD CURRENTLY DISPLAYS A GROWING NUMBER OF APPROVED PROJECTS, AND MAKES AVAILABLE PUBLIC CONTACT INFORMATION FOR EACH PROJECT, AS WELL AS LINKS TO THE WEBSITES OF THOSE PROJECTS, SO THAT THE PUBLIC CAN ACCESS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON A.R.P.A. SERVICES, GRANTS, AND/OR CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES. TO INCREASE OUR COMMUNITY'S AWARENESS OF THIS RESOURCE, [INAUDIBLE], IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS, DEVELOPED A SOCIAL MEDIA KIT, NEWSLETTER, AND OTHER TOOLS TO PROMOTE THE A.R.P. RECOVERY WEBSITE, DASHBOARD, CONTRACTING AND RENT OPPORTUNITIES TO REACH A DIVERSE AUDIENCE, INCLUDING

COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS, COUNTY RESIDENTS, PUBLIC AGENCY PARTNERS, AND INTERNAL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, THIS FIRST PAGE FEATURES A SUMMARY OF A.R.P. FUNDING AND ALLOCATIONS. IT SHOWS THE AMOUNT OF A.R.P.A. FUNDS ALLOCATED TO EACH DEPARTMENT, APPROVED USE OF FUNDS BY DEPARTMENT AND SPENDING PLAN CATEGORY, PROJECT CONTRACTING METHOD, PERCENTAGE OF PROJECT SERVICES DISTRIBUTED, AND HIGH- AND HIGHEST-NEED CENSUS TRACTS. WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE IS THAT THE DATA CURRENTLY AVAILABLE WILL BE CONTINUOUSLY UPDATED AS THE DEPARTMENTS REPORT ON THEIR SPENDING AND OUTCOMES. AS MORE PROJECTS LAUNCH AND BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION, ADDITIONAL DATA WILL BE ADDED TO THE DASHBOARD ON A WEEKLY BASIS. A.R.D.I. IS CURRENTLY WORKING WITH I.S.D. TO INCORPORATE THESE ADDITIONAL FEATURES ONTO THE DASHBOARD, INCLUDING THE MAPPING FEATURES CURRENTLY HOUSED IN THE EQUITY EXPLORER MAPPING TOOL, WHICH WE WILL HIGHLIGHT AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. WE ARE EXCITED TO NOTE THAT EACH FUNDED PROJECT WILL HAVE ITS OWN PAGE, FEATURING A SYNOPSIS OF FUNDED SERVICES. THESE SUMMARIES ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO UNDERSTAND THE PURPOSE AND INTENDED IMPACT OF EACH PROJECT, AS WELL AS TIES INTO THE COUNTY'S ANTIRACIST POLICY AGENDA, BY LINKING INTENDED PROJECT OUTCOMES TO AREAS OF NEED. THIS PAGE ALSO INCORPORATES YOUR BOARD'S DIRECTIVES TO ALIGN EACH PRODUCT WITH EQUITY PRINCIPLES, AND DEMONSTRATES THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN A PROJECT'S DESIGN AND FOCUS ON

COMMUNITIES MOST IMPACTED BY THE PANDEMIC. INFORMATION SHARED ON THIS PAGE INCLUDES PROJECT GOALS AND ACTIVITIES; ALIGNED EQUITY PRINCIPLES AND IDEAL PROJECT RESULTS; AGAIN, THE PUBLIC CONTACT INFORMATION AND WEBSITE LINK. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THIS PAGE FEATURES INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAMS. AS REQUIRED BY TREASURY, WE ARE PROVIDING INFORMATION ON TARGET POPULATIONS AND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PROJECTED RESIDENTS AND FAMILIES SERVED, AS WELL AS PROJECT OUTCOMES AND FEDERALLY REQUIRED PROJECT METRICS. THIS WILL ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO UNDERSTAND PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA, AS WELL AS ENSURING TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY, DEMONSTRATING WHAT WE ARE HOLDING OURSELVES ACCOUNTABLE TO, WITH RESPECT TO EACH PROJECT AND THEIR EXPECTED SERVICE DELIVERY OUTCOMES. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. ON NOVEMBER 30TH, YOUR BOARD OF 2021, YOUR BOARD, ADOPTED A MOTION TO FURTHER STREAMLINE THE COUNTY'S CONTRACTING PROCESS FOR A.R.P.-FUNDED PROGRAMS, AND MODIFIED AS NEEDED THE A.R.P.A. COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROCESS. WHILE THESE EFFORTS ARE EXPECTED TO DECREASE THE [INAUDIBLE] CONTRACTING TIMELINE FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FROM CONTRACT EXECUTION BY FOUR TO TEN MONTHS, AS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY SHARED, A.R.P.A. SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS LIMIT QUICK IMPLEMENTATION OF A.R.P.A.-FUNDED PROGRAMS. HOWEVER, WE ARE EXCITED TO SHARE THAT THIS PROCESS CREATES OPPORTUNITIES FOR INNOVATION. IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE OUR CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES MORE ACCESSIBLE, AND POTENTIALLY INCREASE OUR CONTRACTING POOL, C.O.'S

PREPARING NEW, A.R.P.-COMPLIANT MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENTS FOR COMMON GOODS AND SERVICES, SO THAT DEPARTMENTS CAN UTILIZE THEM IN ORDER TO EXECUTE ON THEIR A.R.P.-FUNDED PROGRAMS. EXAMPLES OF THESE INCLUDE COMMUNITY OUTREACH SERVICES, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES, DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS SERVICES, TRAINING SERVICES, AS WELL AS THE PROCUREMENT OF P.P.E. GOODS AND PROGRAM EVALUATION SERVICES. THE C.O. IS ALSO CONVERTING AN EXISTING COMMUNICATIONS MASTER AGREEMENT TO AN A.R.P.-COMPLIANT MASTER AGREEMENT, TO ALLOW FOR AN EXPANSION OF ETHNIC AND HYPERLOCAL MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS. AND AS YOU ALL HAVE POINTED OUT, IT'S INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT FOR US TO CONTINUE TO LEARN AND DEVELOP STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE OUR ABILITY TO STREAMLINE SOLICITATION AND CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES, AS WELL AS SERVICE DELIVERY AND GRANTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND SMALL BUSINESSES. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. NOW, BOARD, AS YOU'VE REQUESTED, WE ARE PROVIDING AN ONGOING UPDATE TO LET YOU KNOW WHERE PROJECTS ARE IN THE DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROVAL PHASE. C.E.O. AND A.R.D.I. CONTINUES TO PARTNER WITH DEPARTMENTS TO DEVELOP AND MOVE PROJECTS THAT COMPLY WITH FEDERAL AND YOUR BOARD'S REQUIREMENTS TO FOCUS ON EQUITY THROUGH THE APPROVAL PROCESS. THIS WILL ULTIMATELY LEAD TO EQUITABLE INVESTMENTS IN COMMUNITIES HARDEST HIT BY THE PANDEMIC, AND AT GREATEST RISK FOR A SLOW RECOVERY. AS OF JANUARY 21ST, 65 PROJECTS ARE IN THE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT PHASE, WHICH ENTAILS A PROCESS TO CLARIFY THE GOALS AND

OUTCOMES OF EACH PROJECT, ITS POTENTIAL IMPACT ON REDUCING DISPARITIES CAUSED BY OR EXACERBATED BY THE PANDEMIC, AND STRATEGIES TO MEASURE THAT IMPACT. TWO PROJECTS ARE CURRENTLY UNDER A.R.D.I. AND COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW, AND A TOTAL OF 16 PROJECTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR LAUNCH AND IMPLEMENTATION. NOW, AT THIS TIME, I'D LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO KELLY LOBIANCO, WHO WILL PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON SOME OF THE INCREDIBLE OUTCOMES AND IMPACTS OF PROJECTS THAT HER TEAM IS LEADING IN HER DEPARTMENT; AND SHE WILL HIGHLIGHT HER A.R.P.-FUNDED PROGRAMS, AS WELL AS SHOWCASE SOME OF THE INITIATIVES THE COUNTY IS SUPPORTING DURING OUR FIRST PHASE OF A.R.P. FUNDING. NEXT SLIDE.

KELLY LOBIANCO: GREAT. THANK YOU, DR. SCORZA, AND THANK YOU TO OUR C.E.O., FESIA DAVENPORT. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KELLY LOBIANCO, NEWLY APPOINTED BY THIS BOARD TO LEAD THE ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS FOR THE COUNTY. I AM THRILLED TO BE HERE TODAY. THANK YOU FOR WELCOMING ME. I WANT TO, FIRST AND FOREMOST, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE L.A. COUNTY, AND THANK YOU FOR THIS CHANCE TO HIGHLIGHT HOW WE ARE SUPPORTING AND UPLIFTING OUR WORKERS, OUR BUSINESSES, AND OUR COMMUNITIES, WHILE WE ARE BUILDING A PATH TO AN EQUITABLE RECOVERY, AND SETTING OURSELF UP FOR MORE INCLUSIVE GROWTH. SO, CAN WE MOVE TO THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE? THANK YOU. SO, WE ARE ALL-- I WANT TO START OUT WITH SOME

FRAMING. WE ARE ALL TOO FAMILIAR RIGHT NOW WITH THE HEALTH, THE SOCIAL, THE ECONOMIC DEVASTATION THAT THE PANDEMIC HAS HAD ON US HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, NOT TO MENTION GLOBALLY. WE HAVE LOST LOVED ONES, AND WE HAVE LOST LIVELIHOODS. BACK IN 2020, WHEN WE'D JUST PUT THE SAFER AT HOME ORDER IN PLAY, WE LOST OVER 700,000 JOBS, AND 15,000 SMALL BUSINESSES EITHER TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY CLOSED THEIR DOORS IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE PANDEMIC. IT IS REALLY A DEVASTATING VOLUME OF LOSS, IN TERMS OF LIVELIHOOD. BUT IN 2020 AND 2021, THE COUNTY MOBILIZED, LEVERAGING LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL FUNDS, REALLY COMING TOGETHER WITH OUR PARTNERS TO DEPLOY FUNDING, TO DEPLOY RESOURCES, TO DEPLOY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, TO MAKE SURE THAT WE COULD HELP BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITIES WEATHER THIS MOMENT. WE'RE REALLY PROUD OF SOME OF THE THINGS WE WERE ABLE TO DO, INCLUDING GETTING $47 MILLION-PLUS OUT TO SMALL BUSINESSES AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE THROUGH OUR EMPLOYER ASSISTANT GRANT FUND, WHICH HELPED AVERT OVER 6,000 LAYOFFS, AND HELPED BUSINESSES RETAIN OVER $100 MILLION IN THEIR REVENUES. WE SUPPORTED NEARLY 8,000 MICRO-ENTREPRENEURS, SMALL BUSINESSES, AND NONPROFITS, WITH NEARLY $110 MILLION FROM THE L.A. REGIONAL C.O.V.I.D.-19 RECOVERY FUND. THROUGH TRANSITIONAL WORK AND CONNECTION TO OTHER UNSUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT, WE CONNECTED NEARLY 30,000 WORKERS TO HUMANITARIAN RELIEF-- HOSPITALITY, CONSTRUCTION, HEALTHCARE, AND OTHER KEY SECTORS. WE PUT CASH IN FOLKS' POCKETS-- OVER 3 MILLION, TO SUPPORT MORE THAN 2,000

DISPLACED WORKERS IN VULNERABLE HOUSEHOLDS. AND WE ALSO MADE SURE PEOPLE HAD THE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION ALONGSIDE OUR OTHER COUNTY PARTNERS, SO THAT PEOPLE COULD KEEP THEIR DOORS OPEN TO THEIR BUSINESSES, THAT WORKERS COULD STAY ON SHIFTS, AND THAT PATRONS COULD GET THE GOODS AND SERVICES THAT THEY NEEDED DURING THIS TIME. WE SUPPORTED OVER 51 MILLION UNITS OF HIGH-QUALITY P.P.E. GETTING TO 66,000 BUSINESSES. I WAS REALLY PROUD OF THAT. SO, WHILE THAT WAS 2020 TO 2021, IN THE EARLY DAYS OF OUR PANDEMIC, WE ARE STILL IN IT, AND THE NEED IS STILL HERE, AND IT IS STILL URGENT. SO, WHILE WE ARE NO LONGER AT THAT 700,000 JOB LOSS, WE STILL HAVEN'T RECOVERED OVER 200,000 OF THOSE JOBS. AND SO WE ARE STILL COMMITTED TO RECOVERING RESILIENCY IN 2022. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE MORE THAN 100 MILLION IN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS THAT OUR DEPARTMENT, ON THE ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SIDE, IS DEPLOYING FOR OUR WORKERS THROUGH RAPID RE-EMPLOYMENT AND JOB TRAINING AND HIGH ROAD TRAINING PARTNERSHIPS, AS WELL AS FOR OUR SMALL BUSINESSES, WHETHER IT IS GRANTS, OR LEGAL ASSISTANCE, OR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, OR ACCESS TO PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT. SO, THANK YOU TO THE BOARD FOR YOUR SUPPORT THERE. AND THROUGHOUT ALL OF THIS, IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT WE ARE USING AN EQUITY LENS. IT'S CENTRAL TO EVERYTHING WE DO. THANK YOU TO DR. SCORZA AND HIS TEAM. WE ARE LEVERAGING ALL OF THE TOOLS THEY PUT TOGETHER-- THEIR C.O.V.I.D. VULNERABILITY INDEX, THE EQUITY EXPLORER

TOOLS-- TO MAKE SURE THAT THESE FUNDS ARE GOING TO BE DIRECTED TO THOSE MOST AT RISK, THOSE THAT ARE EXPERIENCING THE PANDEMIC MOST SEVERELY, AND THOSE WHO ARE IN MOST DESPERATE NEED OF RECOVERY. SO THEY ARE GETTING THE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AND RESOURCES THAT WE HAVE TO OFFER. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, TODAY, AS EVERYONE MENTIONED, WE'RE GOING TO FOCUS ON TWO OF OUR 11 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PROJECTS THAT WE ARE VERY, VERY EXCITED ABOUT. THE FIRST ONE IS OUR YOUTH AT WORK PROGRAM. WE ARE CALLING IT "YOUTH AT WORK ELEVATE." THIS IS A $5 MILLION PROJECT THAT WE ARE IN LATE STAGES OF APPROVAL, AND GETTING CLOSE TO OUR FINAL APPROVAL, AND GEARING UP FOR LAUNCH. WE ARE HOPING FOR APRIL 1 OR SOONER. AND THIS PROGRAM IS AN EXPANSION OF OUR YOUTH AT WORK PROGRAM, WHICH ANNUALLY SERVES OVER 10,000 YOUNG ADULTS, COUNTYWIDE. AND TYPICALLY, THIS PROGRAM SERVES FOLKS THAT ARE 14 TO 24, BUT WHAT WE ARE DOING WITH THIS NEW ELEVATE PROGRAM IS FOCUSING ON DEEPER OUTCOMES FOR THOSE MOST HIGH-NEED POPULATIONS. SO, THROUGH THIS INVESTMENT, WE ARE FOCUSED ON YOUNG ADULTS BETWEEN 17 AND 24, WHO ARE TRANSITIONING FROM THE COUNTY SYSTEMS OF CARE AND FACING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT, AND SUPPORTING THEM AND CONNECTING TO WORK READINESS AND MENTORING AND FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES. SO, THROUGH THIS INVESTMENT, WE'RE GOING TO BE SUPPORTING 500 YOUNG ADULTS WHO IDENTIFY AS FOSTER YOUTH, JUSTICE-INVOLVED, UNHOUSED, L.G.B.T.Q.+, IN PAID WORK EXPERIENCES AND MENTORING, ENSURING

THAT THEY CONNECT TO FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT AFTER THAT, OR WHATEVER THEIR PATHWAY IS. SO, WE ARE ENHANCING OUR YOUTH AT WORK PROGRAM THROUGH THIS INVESTMENT. A COUPLE THINGS TO POINT OUT IS THAT, TYPICALLY, WE SUPPORT 120 HOURS OF PAID WORK EXPERIENCE. WE ARE EXPANDING THAT TO OVER 400 HOURS OF PAID WORK EXPERIENCE. THAT MEANS A DEEPER LEVEL OF WORK EXPERIENCE FOR EACH OF OUR YOUNG ADULTS, AND MORE MONEY IN THEIR POCKETS AT A TIME WHEN THEY REALLY NEED IT. WE ARE ALSO ADDING THAT MENTORING COMPONENT, SO THAT FOLKS WHO ARE PARTICIPATING WILL HAVE ONE-ON-ONE ENGAGEMENT AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND JUST THAT GENERAL SUPPORT THAT THEY NEED, AS THEY ACCLIMATE TO THE WORLD OF WORK AND THINK ABOUT THEIR NEXT STEPS. WE ARE FOCUSED ON CONNECTING AT LEAST 60% OF THOSE WHO ARE JOINING OUR PROGRAM TO UNSUBSIDIZED WORK PROGRAMS, SO THAT'S ABOUT 300 YOUNG ADULTS. AND SO WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO ENHANCING YOUNG ADULT SKILLS, AND GETTING THEM ON A TRAJECTORY FOR UPWARD CAREER AND ECONOMIC MOBILITY. THE SECOND PROGRAM I WANT TO TALK ABOUT TODAY IS OUR SAFER AT WORK PROGRAM. THIS IS ALSO AN EXPANSION OF OUR PROGRAM FROM THE EARLY DAYS OF THE PANDEMIC. WE ARE CONTINUING OUR P.P.E. DISTRIBUTION AND PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN WITH OUR PARTNERS, P.P.E. UNITE, AIMED AT KEEPING BUSINESSES OPEN, AND ENSURING THE WORKERS AND PATRONS HAVE QUALITY P.P.E. AND INFORMATION ON HOW TO MAKE THEIR WORKPLACES AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE. WE ARE ALSO EXCITED TO SHARE THAT WE HAVE GOTTEN LATE-BREAKING NEWS THAT WE ARE CONDITIONALLY APPROVED

FOR THIS PROJECT, SO WE ARE SET UP FOR NEAR IMMEDIATE LAUNCH. AS PART OF THIS PROGRAM, WE HAVE $500,000 IN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS, AND ARE WORKING TO EXPAND THAT AS WE SPEAK, KNOWING THAT THIS SURGE HAS PUT MORE PRESSURE ON OUR SYSTEM. SO, WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THIS $500,000, OUR GOAL IS TO PROVIDE AT LEAST 5,000 BUSINESSES AND 25,000 WORKERS WITH P.P.E., AND ENGAGE AT LEAST 10,000 BUSINESSES THROUGH OUR SAFER AT WORK PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN. WITH SOME OF THE INVESTMENTS WE ARE TALKING ABOUT LATER ON THE AGENDA TODAY, WE ARE HOPING TO ENHANCE THIS TO MORE THAN 23,000 BUSINESSES ACCESSING P.P.E. AND TESTING KITS. SO, WE ARE FOCUSING ON BUSINESSES AND INDUSTRIES AND WORKERS IN THE HIGHEST-NEED AREAS. THAT INCLUDES SMALL AND MICRO BUSINESSES, C.B.O.S, SOCIAL ENTERPRISES, AS WELL AS WOMEN, MINORITY, AND VETERAN AND DISABLED-OWNED BUSINESSES. AND LIKE I JUST MENTIONED, WITH THE LATEST SURGE, WE ARE ALSO HOPING TO EXPAND OUR DISTRIBUTION TO INCLUDE TESTING KITS, AND COLLABORATING WITH OUR PARTNERS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO PURCHASE THESE UNITS OF P.P.E. AND TESTING KITS, AND GET THEM DEPLOYED. AND WE WANT TO THANK THE C.E.O. TEAM AND FESIA DIRECTLY FOR HER SUPPORT IN GETTING THESE UP AND RUNNING. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. AND NOW I WANT TO FOCUS FOR JUST A COUPLE MINUTES ON OUR COUNTYWIDE EFFORT TO EFFECTIVELY REACH AND CONNECT SMALL BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO COUNTY

PROGRAMS, SERVICES, AND CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES. OUR FIRST STEP IS REALLY TO SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES AND C.B.O.S WHO MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR EITHER ACCESSING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, OR ELIGIBLE FOR CONTRACTING OR SUBCONTRACTING THROUGH ALL OF THESE EMERGENCY INVESTMENTS; SO, THROUGH OUR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN, AS WELL AS OUR CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS. AND SO I'LL JUMP TO SOME OF OUR ACTIVITIES. AS YOU CAN SEE HERE, THERE'S A LOT OF OPPORTUNITY. THERE'S OVER 250,000 SMALL BUSINESSES, OVER 600 C.B.O.S, 1.1 MILLION IN SOLE PROPRIETORSHIPS. THERE'S A LOT OF FOLKS THAT COULD BENEFIT, NOT JUST ON THE RECEIVING END OF OUR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, BUT REALLY WHEN YOU TAKE PART IN DELIVERING THOSE. SO, IN THE SHORT TERM, WE WANT TO LEVERAGE OUR EXISTING PLATFORMS AND PARTNERSHIPS. WE'RE GOING TO BE-- AS DR. SCORZA MENTIONED, THERE'S SOCIAL MEDIA KITS. WE'RE GOING TO BE MAKING SURE OUR MARKETING COLLATERAL IS OUT THERE WITH A UNIFIED MESSAGE TO THE MORE THAN 4,000 SUBSCRIBERS THAT WE HAVE IN OUR DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS, C.B.O.S, AND SMALL BUSINESSES. WE'RE GOING TO BE ATTENDING LOCAL EVENTS-- VIRTUALLY, AND IN PERSON WHERE IT IS SAFE. WE'RE GOING TO BE ALSO DRIVING SUBSCRIPTION OF FOLKS TO THE L.A. COUNTY RECOVERS CONTRACT PAGE, SO EVERYONE WHO POTENTIALLY COULD BENEFIT IS GETTING ALERTS ABOUT THOSE OPPORTUNITIES. AND WE ARE REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP COUNTYWIDE STRATEGY AND CAPACITY TO GET THE WORD OUT TO SMALL BUSINESSES

AND TO C.B.O.S FOR WAYS THAT THEY CAN LEVERAGE THE PURCHASING POWER OF THE COUNTY, AND ALSO LEVERAGE THE RESOURCES OF THE COUNTY. SO WE ARE LOOKING AT ENHANCING OUR OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS, AND CUSTOMIZING OUR SERVICES TO CATER TO THE NEEDS OF SMALL BUSINESSES AND MICRO-ENTREPRENEURS AND C.B.O.S. THAT INCLUDES MULTILINGUAL OUTREACH. THAT INCLUDES NEW AND INNOVATIVE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS. THAT INCLUDES EXPANDING LEGAL AID TO OUR BUSINESSES. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING INTO HIRING AND ONBOARDING COMMUNITY NAVIGATORS, BECAUSE WE KNOW HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO PROVIDE GRASSROOTS SUPPORT TO OUR DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES, OUR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES, AND MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE DIRECTLY PROVIDING INFORMATION, BUT ALSO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, TO SUCCESSFULLY ACCESS OUR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AND CONTRACTS. WE'RE GOING TO BE ALIGNING OUR EFFORTS WITH ONE L.A. REGIONAL COLLABORATIVE, AN EQUITY IN COUNTY CONTRACTING INITIATIVE. THERE'S A LOT OF GOOD WORK UNDERWAY, AND WE WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT. AND THEN, BROADLY, WE'RE GOING TO BE LAUNCHING A COMPREHENSIVE COUNTYWIDE MARKETING STRATEGY, AND ALSO SUPPORTING FOLKS IN GETTING TO A CENTRALIZED LOCATION FOR COUNTY CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES, AS WELL AS SUPPORT SERVICES. WE KNOW THE TWO THINGS GO HAND IN HAND. YOU MAY PRESENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AND CONTRACTING AND SUBCONTRACTING, BUT IT IS OUR JOB, WITH THE ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE CAN ADEQUATELY ACCESS IT, AND THOSE THAT NEED

IT MOST, ACCESS IT. SO, IN CLOSING, BECAUSE I KNOW I'VE ALREADY TAKEN A LOT OF TIME, THANK YOU TO EVERYONE. THANK YOU TO MY TEAM. SUPERVISORS, AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THESE AND OTHER EFFORTS, I LOOK FORWARD TO COLLABORATING WITH YOU, YOUR TEAMS, OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENT TIERS, AND OUR PARTNERS ACROSS THE REGION, TO MAKE SURE WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR WORKERS AND OUR BUSINESSES. AND TOGETHER, WITH YOUR LEADERSHIP, I KNOW WE WILL CREATE A MORE EQUITABLE, SUSTAINABLE, AND RESILIENT LOCAL AND REGIONAL ECONOMY. THANK YOU.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU, KELLY LOBIANCO. THIS CONCLUDES OUR PRESENTATION FOR TODAY. WE ARE HAPPY TO HEAR ANY COMMENTS OR ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: EXCELLENT. WE WILL START WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND I WANT TO THANK THE TEAM, OUR C.E.O., AND OBVIOUSLY FOLKS THAT PUT ALL THIS TOGETHER. I THINK IT IS REALLY GREAT THAT WE HAVE THE DASHBOARD UP NOW. IT IS COMING ALONG, HELPING TO CENTRALIZE A LOT OF GOOD INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY, HOPEFULLY, THOSE MOST VULNERABLE, THAT WILL KNOW HOW TO ACCESS IT. AND I GUESS MY ONLY CONCERN IS CONSTANTLY MAKING SURE THAT WE REALLY

REACH THE RIGHT PEOPLE THAT IT IS INTENDED TO SERVE, AND THAT-- - I KNOW, DIRECTOR KELLY LOBIANCO, THROUGH YOUR PRESENTATION, I AM REALLY HAPPY ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE FOCUSING IN ON, IN TERMS OF GETTING OUT THE FUNDING RIGHT AWAY, TRYING TO STREAMLINE ANY PROCESSES THERE THAT WOULD KEEP, SAY, A GRANT FROM GOING OUT TO A C.B.O. THAT MIGHT TAKE, NORMALLY, SIX MONTHS, GET IT OUT IN LESS THAN 20 DAYS, 21 DAYS, OR SOMETHING. BUT I THINK THOSE ARE GOALS THAT WE NEED TO KIND OF FOCUS ON, AND KEEP OUR EYE ON THE BALL. AS YOU SAID, WE HAVE STILL SO MANY JOB LOSSES AND BUSINESSES THAT WENT UNDER DURING THE PANDEMIC, AND I-- GOD FORBID THAT WE'RE GOING TO SEE MORE OF THAT, UNLESS WE GET THIS WORK OUT THERE, AND FUNDING. I DO WANT TO SAY THAT THE YOUTH AT WORK, THE ELEVATE PROGRAM, IS VERY EXCITING FOR US. I KNOW THAT YOU ARE REALLY DRILLING DOWN, AND I LOVE THAT, THAT YOU ARE REALLY GOING TO GET TO THE MORE GRANULAR LEVEL OF POPULATIONS THAT REALLY DESERVE AND NEED THIS ASSISTANCE. SO I AM EXCITED TO SEE THAT YOU ARE EXTENDING THEIR HOURS, AND YOU ARE GOING TO INCLUDE 500 NEW PARTICIPANTS IN THIS, TARGETING HOMELESSNESS, L.G.B.T.Q.+, AND THE REENTRY POPULATIONS. I THINK WE HEARD A LOT TODAY ABOUT HOW WE NEED TO DO MORE, AND THIS OBVIOUSLY IS GOING TO HELP THIS POPULATION. MY QUESTION IS CENTERING, REALLY, MOSTLY AROUND OUR OUTREACH, AND YOU HAVE IN YOUR PACKET THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE DOING A LOT OF OUTREACH TO MINORITY COMMUNITIES AND MEDIA. AND I REALLY DO WANT TO UNDERSCORE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO REALLY CONTRACT OUT AND

REACH THOSE RADIO STATIONS THAT SPEAK OUR IMMIGRANT LANGUAGES. WE HEARD SO MUCH TODAY ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE'RE NOT REALLY REACHING ENOUGH OF OUR POPULATION IN THE LANGUAGE THAT THEY PREFER, AND THAT THEY KNOW, AND PART OF THAT IS BREAKING DOWN THE BARRIER AND GETTING STAFF IN, AND ALSO WORKING WITH THESE DIFFERENT MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES. SO, I DON'T MEAN GO TO THE FOLKS THAT WE ALWAYS GO TO; I MEAN, GO GRANULAR, AS WELL: THOSE NICHES THAT ARE OUT THERE RIGHT NOW. AND CERTAINLY OUR OFFICE, AND I AM SURE THE OTHER OFFICES, WILL WANT TO HELP YOU. WITH RESPECT TO NAVIGATORS, I AM EXCITED ABOUT THAT. I THINK THAT THAT, AGAIN, GIVES OPPORTUNITY TO HIRE UP PEOPLE OR BRING PEOPLE IN THAT CAN KNOW THE COMMUNITY, SPEAK THEIR LANGUAGE, HAVE THAT CULTURAL COMPETENCY, AND BE ABLE TO GET THE WORD OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR ALL OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES. THIS IS A TREMENDOUS EFFORT ON YOUR PART AND ON THE PART OF THE BOARD, A BIG PRIORITY FOR ALL OF US, AND I CERTAINLY WANT TO WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT YOU, THE C.E.O., AND EVERYONE THAT'S MADE THIS POSSIBLE, INCLUDING MY COLLEAGUES, WHO I KNOW ARE JUST AS ANXIOUS TO SEE THIS OFF THE GROUND. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND HAPPY TO WORK WITH YOU THROUGH ALL OF THIS, AND GETTING SURE THAT WE GET OUT TO THE RIGHT MEDIA OUTLETS THAT ARE MUCH MORE GRANULAR THAN WE KNOW. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

KELLY LOBIANCO: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. VERY BRIEFLY, THANK YOU TO OUR C.E.O., TO DR. SCORZA, AND TO DIRECTOR LOBIANCO, NOT ONLY FOR THE PRESENTATION, BUT FOR THE WORK. I JUST WANTED TO POINT OUT, OVER THE DECADES, AND PROBABLY MORE THAN DECADES, THERE'S A LOT OF, I THINK, SOMETIMES APPROPRIATE CRITIQUE OF GOVERNMENT: HOW IT MOVES, HOW FAST IT MOVES, WHAT IT DOES. BUT I THINK ONE OF THE VERY INTERESTING THINGS IN THIS PANDEMIC IS HOW EVERYTHING HAD TO PIVOT AND TURN TO OUR GOVERNMENTS AT THE DIFFERENT LEVELS, AND SAY, "WE ARE NOT ABLE TO SUSTAIN OURSELVES. THING THAT WE TAKE FOR GRANTED, IN TERMS OF COMMERCE, IN TERMS OF HOWEVER WE EXCHANGE OUR WORK FOR MONEY, AND SERVICES FOR MONEY, ET CETERA, IT JUST DOESN'T WORK, BECAUSE NOW WE CAN'T GO OUT AND DO IT. WHAT SHALL WE DO?" AND I SIMPLY WANT TO POINT OUT THAT I THINK-- I WILL SAY, IN MY OPINION, OUR GOVERNMENTS ACTUALLY DID VERY WELL IN RESPONDING TO THIS PANDEMIC. I UNDERSTAND IT IS MOSTLY MONEY, AND MONEY HAS TO GET OUT. BUT FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, IN THIS ADMINISTRATION-- CERTAINLY NOT THE LAST, BUT THIS ADMINISTRATION-- TO GET THIS AMOUNT OF HELP OUT TO THE STATES, AND THEN TO THE COUNTIES, AND FOR THE COUNTIES THEN TO SAY, "THIS IS HOW WE WILL SPEND THIS, IN ORDER TO LET OUR

BUSINESSES OPEN AGAIN, IN ORDER TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT THEY CAN, IN ORDER THAT PEOPLE CAN GO BACK TO WORK." BUT, OF COURSE, WE RELY ON THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE TO CARRY IT OUT. AND SO THAT'S MY THANKS TO THE THREE OF YOU AND EVERYONE IN YOUR DEPARTMENTS IN YOUR INITIATIVE, AND THROUGHOUT THE C.E.O.'S STAFF, BECAUSE YOU REALLY STOOD UP. I DON'T THINK PEOPLE KNOW HOW MANY EXTRA HOURS PEOPLE PUT IN. I DON'T THINK THEY KNOW HOW WE COVERED FOR EACH OTHER, BECAUSE WE GOT SICK, AS WELL. AND I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU, AND SAY, YOU KNOW, I WAS NOT A BIG BELIEVER IN GOVERNMENT WHEN I WAS WORKING IN NONPROFITS, I HAVE TO SAY. AND THEN IN '94, I DECIDED, "WELL, I WILL RUN, BECAUSE THEN I CAN TELL THEM HOW TO DO THIS RIGHT." AND WHAT YOU FIND IS, THERE ARE SO MANY THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE JUST LAYING THEMSELVES ON THE LINE SO THAT THIS KIND OF ASSISTANCE CAN GET OUT. AND IT IS NOT LIKE ANYBODY NEEDS THANKS, ALTHOUGH I AM SURE OUR WORKERS WOULD LOVE IT, BUT ONLY TO SAY, GOVERNMENT HAS ITS PLACE, AND I THINK WE SHOWED THE POSITIVE NATURE OF WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, AND WHAT WE DO. SO, JUST THANKS TO ALL OF YOU AND EVERYONE WHO STEPPED UP, AND WILL CONTINUE TO STEP UP, BECAUSE WE'RE NOT THROUGH THIS YET. SO THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. ANY OTHERS HAVE QUESTIONS? VERY QUICKLY, LET ME ACKNOWLEDGE, DR. SCORZA, THE EQUITY DASHBOARD YOU HAVE CREATED, I BELIEVE, IS

GROUNDBREAKING. AS SUPERVISOR KUEHL SAYS, WHEN WE LOOK AT THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT-- AND I BELIEVE GOVERNMENT'S ROLE IS TO STAND IN THE GAP FOR PEOPLE WHO NEED US, AND CERTAINLY, AT TIMES SUCH AS THIS, PEOPLE NEED EVERY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT, AND IT IS THIS KIND OF DASHBOARD WHERE WE MODEL HOW PUBLIC ENTITIES REALLY CAN ALLOCATE RESOURCES, GOING FORWARD, IN THE MOST EQUITABLE WAY IS REALLY GROUNDBREAKING, AND I HOPE IT WILL SPREAD LIKE WILDFIRE, IF YOU WILL. I HAVE ONE QUICK QUESTION OF YOU, THEN I WILL MOVE ON TO MS. LOBIANCO. YOU MENTIONED THAT 16 PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN APPROVED. I THINK THAT'S OUT OF A TOTAL OF 80, IF I DID MY MATH PRETTY QUICKLY. I WANT TO KNOW IF "APPROVED" MEANS THAT THEY ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED, OR NO, AND WHAT YOU THINK YOUR TIMELINE IS TO GET ALL 80.

DR. D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA: THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT QUESTION, SUPERVISOR. SO, YES, "APPROVED" MEANS THAT THEY ARE READY TO LAUNCH AND ARE MOVING TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION. THE IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE LARGELY DEPENDS ON WHEN A DEPARTMENT IS READY TO ACTUALLY ROLL THE PROGRAM OUT. BUT ONCE THEY GET THROUGH C.E.O. AND COUNTY COUNSEL APPROVAL, THE DEPARTMENT IS ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD, PENDING ANY BUDGET APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY. IN TERMS OF--

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: JUST TO CLARIFY, SO THAT COULD BE, THEN, A LAUNCH OF A MONTH? 90 DAYS? JUST GIVE ME A GENERAL IDEA OF WHAT WE ARE TALKING, IN TERMS OF LAUNCHING.

DR. D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA: YES. THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION. SO, ONCE THEY ARE APPROVED, THEY CAN LAUNCH IMMEDIATELY. SO, THERE'S NO RESTRICTION THAT WE PUT ON THEM TO LAUNCH THEIR PROJECTS, SO THEY CAN LAUNCH TOMORROW, IF THEY CHOOSE TO DO SO. BUT EVERY DEPARTMENT HAS THEIR OWN SORT OF PROJECT TIMELINE, AND THAT WILL DICTATE LARGELY WHEN THEY DECIDE TO OPERATIONALIZE THEIR PROJECTS. THANK YOU. AND IN TERMS OF THE SECOND QUESTION THAT YOU ASKED, "HOW LONG IT'S GOING TO TAKE," WE'RE AIMING TO COMPLETE ALL PROJECT DESIGNS BY THE END OF THIS FISCAL YEAR, SO NO LATER THAN JUNE. AGAIN, WE'RE WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH DEPARTMENTS. WE'RE ACCELERATING THEIR PROJECTS. I HAVE A NUMBER OF PROJECTS THAT ARE IN THE QUEUE, READY TO GO, THAT WE'RE WORKING WITH IN THE PROJECT DESIGN PROCESS, BUT WE ARE WORKING WITH EACH DEPARTMENT TO ACCELERATE THEIR LAUNCH TIMELINE, SO THAT THESE FUNDS CAN BE EXPENDED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU FOR THAT, AND I THINK THAT MAYBE, IN FUTURE PRESENTATIONS, IF YOU COULD JUST KEEP A RUNNING TALLY FOR US, SO WE KNOW WHOSE LAUNCHED. APPROVAL IS VERY IMPORTANT, BUT REALLY THE LAUNCH, I THINK, IS MOST

SIGNIFICANT, I THINK, TO ME, AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. SO, THANK YOU FOR THAT. MS. LOBIANCO, I ECHO THE COMMENTS MADE BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THE YOUTH AT WORK IS A WONDERFUL PROGRAM. WE WORK CLOSELY WITH IT, IN TERMS OF OUR OWN 100 INTERNS INITIATIVE, WHERE WE GOT 100 INTERNS, SPECIFICALLY IN SOUTH L.A., PAID INTERNSHIPS THIS PAST SUMMER IN TECHNOLOGY, SO IT IS A GREAT PROGRAM. GLAD THAT YOU ARE GOING TO BROADEN IT AND DEEPEN IT. THAT'S WONDERFUL. AND I AM CURIOUS, BECAUSE I KNOW, IN THE PAST-- AND IT'S NOT JUST THE COUNTY. REALLY, FRANKLY, EVERY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT OFTEN HAS DIFFICULTY IN REACHING HARDLY SERVED POPULATIONS; IN THIS CASE, HARDLY SERVED YOUTH POPULATIONS WHO HAVE RARELY HAD ACCESS TO JOB OPPORTUNITIES, IN THIS INSTANCE, WITH THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT. SO, HOW ARE WE ENSURING THAT OUR MOST VULNERABLE YOUTH AND WORKERS ARE REACHED, EITHER BY THE COUNTY OR TRUSTED ORGANIZATIONS? WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO TO INCREASE THAT LIKELIHOOD?

KELLY LOBIANCO: SURE, THANK YOU. AND BEFORE I JUMP INTO THAT QUESTION, I WILL SAY, FOR OUR SAFER AT WORK, WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO LAUNCHING THAT IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, AND GETTING IMPLEMENTATION UNDERWAY, AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER FOR YOUTH AT WORK. AND SO, WE CERTAINLY BELIEVE THAT ALL OF OUR 11 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PROJECTS ARE A PRIORITY, AND LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING THEM MOSTLY ROLLING IN THE EARLY SPRING, IF NOT SOONER. I COMPLETELY AGREE THAT GOVERNMENT IS WONDERFUL IN

MANY THINGS, AND SOMETIMES DOES STRUGGLE IN CONNECTING TO THOSE MOST IN NEED OF OUR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. AND SO I WOULD SAY-- I'LL START SORT OF BROADLY, AND THEN GO MORE LOCALLY-- COMMUNITY TRUST IS KEY. SO, WE KNOW THAT GOVERNMENT SERVICES CAN SOMETIMES BE MET WITH SKEPTICISM, PARTICULARLY FOR YOUNG ADULTS AND FOR OTHER HISTORICALLY MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES. AND SO IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE BOTH BUILD RELATIONSHIPS, BUT ALSO SHOW RESULTS WITH OUR TRUSTED COMMUNITY PARTNERS, WHO CAN REALLY BE OUR BOOTS ON THE GROUND AND GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS, OUR SERVICES, AND, LIKE I WAS SAYING EARLIER, SOME OF OUR CONTRACTING AND SUBCONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES. BUT THAT IS REALLY KEY. WE CANNOT SORT OF SIT ON OUR LAURELS AND THINK THAT OUR WEBSITES AND SOCIAL MEDIA AND THOSE THINGS ALONE WILL DO IT. THOSE ARE SUPER IMPORTANT PLATFORMS FOR US TO LEVERAGE, BUT REALLY, WORKING WITH OUR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND OUR PEERS IS GOING TO BE CRITICAL TO MAKING SURE THAT WE GET THE RESOURCES INTO THE HANDS OF FOLKS THAT NEED IT MOST. AND SO, BEYOND COMMUNITY TRUST, I WOULD SAY, TARGETING OUR OUTREACH EFFORTS SO THAT WE ARE SPENDING MORE TIME BUILDING TRUST IN AREAS AND AMONG COMMUNITIES WHO HAVE BEEN THE HARDEST HIT BY SYSTEMIC ISSUES, NOT TO MENTION THE PANDEMIC, IS GOING TO BE CRITICAL FOR US. AND SO, WE HAVE HISTORICALLY FOCUSED ON PARTNERS WITH EXPERTISE IN PARTICULAR AREAS AND IN GEOGRAPHIC LOCATIONS THAT ARE SERVING THOSE WHO MAY BENEFIT MOST; AND WE

ARE ENHANCING OUR EFFORTS, ALONGSIDE DR. SCORZA, WITH A LOT OF EQUITY TOOLS THAT THEY HAVE CREATED, THAT HELPS US NARROW IT EVEN FURTHER. AND SO, I CAN SHARE A COUPLE OF THE WAYS THAT WE ARE SORT OF APPROACHING THIS. SOME IS THROUGH OUR NETWORK OF AMERICAN JOB CENTERS. THOSE ARE RUN BY TRUSTED COMMUNITY PARTNERS, AND THEY, ALONGSIDE OUR AGENCY, WORK TO RECRUIT CANDIDATES FOR TRAINING AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND BUSINESS SERVICES, DIRECTLY WITH C.B.O.S: WITH FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, WITH ADULT SCHOOLS, WITH SCHOOL DISTRICTS, WITH A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT ENTITIES. WE WORK CLOSELY WITH OUR OTHER SIX WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARDS, AND WE WORK CLOSELY WITH OUR PARTNER AGENCIES. I CAN GIVE YOU A COUPLE EXAMPLES, PARTICULARLY WHEN WE'RE THINKING ABOUT YOUTH, THAT HAVE BEEN REALLY SUPPORTIVE OF MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE CONNECTING TO THE RIGHT FOLKS THAT NEED OUR SERVICES. 10,000 YOUNG ADULTS IN WORK-BASED EXPERIENCES SOUNDS LARGE, ESPECIALLY 500 WITH ADDITIONAL SERVICES. BUT WHEN YOU ARE LOOKING AT A COUNTY OF 10 MILLION PEOPLE, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE DIRECTING THOSE SCARCE RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES TO THOSE THAT NEED IT MOST. SO, WE ARE WORKING WITH THE CITY, WE'RE WORKING WITH L.A.U.S.D., TO FUND COUNSELORS WHO TARGET DISCONNECTED YOUTHS. WE'RE WORKING WITH D.P.H.S, TRAUMA PREVENTION, AND INTERVENTION ADVISORY COMMITTEES. WE'RE WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES TO CONNECT WITH FOSTER YOUTH; WITH PROBATION, FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT; WITH

L.A.H.S.A., FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING HOUSING INSTABILITY; AND EVEN WITH OUR COMMUNITY AND SENIOR CENTERS WITHIN THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, AGING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WITH WHICH I AM HOUSED RIGHT NOW. SO, WE ARE SORT OF DIRECTLY WORKING WITH OUR AGENCY PARTNERS, WHO OFTEN EITHER WORK DIRECTLY WITH OR CONTRACT WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS SERVING THOSE MOST IN NEED OF THE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT WE ARE PUTTING FORTH TO GET PEOPLE BACK TO WORK AND KEEP BUSINESS DOORS OPEN. AND WE'RE ALSO WORKING WITH COLLABORATIVES, LIKE THE L.A. OPPORTUNITY YOUTH COLLABORATIVE OR THE L.A. PERFORMANCE PARTNERSHIP PILOT, WHERE WE ARE BUILDING CRITICAL MASS AMONG PARTNERS WHO ARE FOCUSED ON A PARTICULAR ADVANCEMENT, OR OUTCOME, OR A COLLECTIVE IMPACT OR GROUP; IN THESE CASES, THESE YOUNG ADULTS. SO THOSE ARE SOME OF THE EXAMPLES, BUT I THINK WE CAN CONTINUE TO DO MORE-- I HEAR SUPERVISOR SOLIS LOUD AND CLEAR-- LIKE LEVERAGING ETHNIC MEDIA, THINKING OF NEW AND CREATIVE WAYS FOR A GROUND GAME. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO EXPAND OUR TARGETED EFFORTS AND WORKING ALONGSIDE THE BOARD OFFICES, PARTICULARLY WHERE YOU ARE ON THE GROUND IN COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT CAN HELP US CONNECT TO WORKERS AND BUSINESSES THAT MIGHT NEED OUR HELP.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THAT COMPREHENSIVE ANSWER. AND IF THERE AREN'T ANY OTHER QUESTIONS,

I'D LIKE TO THANK ALL THREE OF YOU. I THINK THIS STANDING ITEM IS VERY HELPFUL. YOUR VISUALS ARE HELPFUL FOR NOT ONLY US, BUT FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC. THIS IS PERHAPS A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME INVESTMENT FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND WE ARE SHOWING VERY CLEARLY THE WAYS IN WHICH WE INTEND TO PUSH THESE RESOURCES OUT ACROSS L.A. COUNTY, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATIONS. THAT'S VERY HELPFUL. WITH THAT, WE WILL MOVE ON TO STANDING ITEM 2, THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER. WE WILL NOW HEAR A PRESENTATION FROM DR. BARBARA FERRER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND DR. CHRISTINA GHALY, DIRECTOR OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES. DR. FERRER, DR. GHALY, GOOD AFTERNOON.

DR. BARBARA FERRER: HI. GOOD AFTERNOON, AND THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AND TO THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, ADVOCACY, AND SUPPORT AS WE CONTINUE WORKING TO LIMIT THE SPREAD OF C.O.V.I.D.-19 DURING THE CURRENT SURGE. I DO APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE YOU AND THE PUBLIC WITH AN UPDATE ON THE STATE OF THE PANDEMIC IN L.A. COUNTY. IN TODAY'S PRESENTATION, I WILL SHARE OUR CURRENT METRICS ON CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND DEATH RATES, OUR LATEST VACCINATION COVERAGE DATA, AND AN UPDATE ON EFFORTS TO ENSURE SAFETY AT SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES. I WILL END WITH A REVIEW OF THE STEPS THAT EACH OF US CAN TAKE TO REDUCE OUR RISK OF EXPOSURE TO C.O.V.I.D.-19, AND INFORMATION REGARDING PREPAREDNESS FOR THE UPCOMING SUPER BOWL, WHICH AS MANY KNOW

IS BEING HELD HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. I'LL GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE. OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS, FORTUNATELY, WE'VE SEEN A DOWNWARD TREND IN CASES AND THE TEST POSITIVITY RATE. ON MONDAY, THE SEVEN-DAY AVERAGE DAILY CASE RATE DROPPED TO ABOUT 310 NEW CASES PER 100,000 RESIDENTS. COMPARE THAT TO ABOUT 380 CASES PER 100,000 RESIDENTS JUST A WEEK EARLIER, ON JANUARY 18TH. SIMILARLY, THE TEST POSITIVITY RATE DECREASED SLIGHTLY, AND NOW IS AT ABOUT 14%, COMPARED TO 17% ON TUESDAY OF LAST WEEK. THIS DOWNWARD TREND IS ENCOURAGING, AND IT SIGNALS THAT WE ARE LIKELY TO HAVE PASSED THE PEAK OF OMICRON TRANSMISSION, AND ARE BEGINNING TO SEE A REAL DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF NEWLY INFECTED INDIVIDUALS. HOWEVER, AS YOU CAN SEE ON THIS SLIDE, THE CASE NUMBERS ARE STILL EXTRAORDINARILY HIGH. OUR DAILY CASE NUMBERS OVER THE PAST WEEK AVERAGED JUST ABOUT 32,000 NEW CASES A DAY. IN ADDITION, DESPITE A DECLINE IN THE TEST POSITIVITY RATE, ONE OUT OF SEVEN PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY WHO HAS TESTED FOR C.O.V.I.D.-19 END UP INFECTED. AND UNFORTUNATELY, BECAUSE HOSPITALIZATIONS AND DEATHS LAG CASES, THERE CONTINUE TO BE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY WITH SEVERE ILLNESS. THIS WEEK, HOSPITALIZATIONS, ALTHOUGH THEY TOO HAVE DROPPED SLIGHTLY, REMAIN HIGH, WITH NEARLY 4600 PEOPLE HOSPITALIZED WITH C.O.V.I.D.-19. SADLY, GIVEN THE HIGH NUMBER OF HOSPITALIZATIONS, DEATHS INCREASED THIS PAST WEEK, WITH AN AVERAGE OF 61 INDIVIDUALS DYING EACH DAY. I DO SEND MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TO EVERYONE WHO IS

MOURNING THE PASSING OF A FRIEND, COWORKER, OR LOVED ONE. NEXT SLIDE. WE CAN LOOK AT TREND LINES OF CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND DEATHS BETWEEN JULY 1ST OF LAST YEAR, TO MONDAY, JANUARY 24TH, OF THIS YEAR, AND YOU DO SEE THE BEGINNINGS OF THIS DOWNWARD TREND IN CASES AND HOSPITALIZATIONS THAT I NOTED EARLIER, AND A VERY SLIGHT, SMALL INCREASE IN DEATHS. WE CAN GO ON TO THE NEXT SLIDE. AND AS YOU CAN SEE ON THIS SLIDE, THE INCREASES IN HOSPITALIZATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH C.O.V.I.D., WHICH IS THE ORANGE LINE, HAS CONTRIBUTED NOW TO AN INCREASE IN THE OVERALL AVERAGE DAILY TOTAL HOSPITAL CENSUS, WHICH IS REPRESENTED BY THE RED LINE. GIVEN THAT THE TOTAL HOSPITAL CENSUS IS AT ONE OF THE HIGHEST LEVELS SINCE THE START OF THE PANDEMIC, PROTECTING OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM DOES REMAIN AN IMPORTANT PRIORITY. I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT, IN OUR ANALYSIS, WE HAVE SEEN THAT ABOUT HALF OF CURRENTLY HOSPITALIZED PATIENTS WHO ARE C.O.V.I.D.-POSITIVE WERE ADMITTED FOR A NON-C.O.V.I.D. ILLNESS. BUT REGARDLESS OF THE REASON FOR THEIR HOSPITALIZATION, ALL C.O.V.I.D.-POSITIVE PATIENTS REQUIRE EXTRA PRECAUTIONS TO REDUCE THE CHANCE FOR C.O.V.I.D.-19 TRANSMISSION IN THE HOSPITAL, AND THAT DOES PLACE ADDITIONAL STRAIN ON OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE MANY FACILITIES ACROSS THE COUNTY CONTINUE TO EXPERIENCE STAFFING SHORTAGES. NEXT SLIDE. THROUGH THESE TIME-SEQUENCED MAPS, YOU CAN SEE THE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF C.O.V.I.D.-19 CASES IN L.A. COUNTY, FROM EARLY DECEMBER, WHEN OMICRON BEGAN

CIRCULATING MORE WIDELY, ALL THE WAY THROUGH JANUARY 18TH. THE DARKEST GREEN COLOR ON EACH MAP REPRESENTS THE 20% OF COMMUNITIES WITH THE HIGHEST CASE RATES OF C.O.V.I.D.-19 AT A GIVEN POINT IN TIME. AS OMICRON HAS BECOME MORE WIDESPREAD, CASE NUMBERS HAVE RISEN ACROSS VIRTUALLY EVERY SINGLE COMMUNITY IN L.A. COUNTY. EARLY IN THE SPREAD OF OMICRON, THOSE MOST LIKELY TO BECOME INFECTED WERE OFTEN TRAVELERS, THOSE ATTENDING ENTERTAINMENT VENUES, AND PEOPLE WHO WERE IN PLACES WHERE MANY PEOPLE WERE CLOSE TOGETHER WHILE UNMASKED. SOME OF THE RECENT SHIFTS ASSOCIATED WITH WIDESPREAD COMMUNITY SPREAD LIKELY REFLECT INCREASED TRANSMISSION AMONG THOSE WHOSE JOBS PUT THEM IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH OTHERS, AND WHO MAY LIVE IN CROWDED HOUSING. NEXT SLIDE. WHILE THE SPREAD OF OMICRON HAS EXTENDED ACROSS THE COUNTY OVER THE PAST TWO MONTHS, THE RISK FOR INFECTION, HOSPITALIZATION, AND DEATH IS NOT EQUALLY DISTRIBUTED, AS THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES, AS YOU WILL SEE HERE, BY VACCINATION STATUS. THIS GRAPH SHOWS THE SEVEN-DAY CUMULATIVE AGE-ADJUSTED CASE RATES PER 100,000 PEOPLE BY VACCINATION STATUS, FROM JUNE 1ST OF 2021 THROUGH JANUARY 15TH OF 2022. THE TOP DOTTED LINE REPRESENTS THE AGE-ADJUSTED CASE RATE FOR UNVACCINATED CASES; THE DASHED LINE REPRESENTS THIS RATE FOR FULLY VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED AN ADDITIONAL OR BOOSTER DOSE; AND THE SOLID LINE REPRESENTS THIS RATE FOR THOSE WHO ARE FULLY VACCINATED AND BOOSTED. WHILE CASES HAVE RISEN DRAMATICALLY AMONGST ALL INDIVIDUALS, THE

RATES OF INFECTION, AS YOU CAN SEE, ARE SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER AMONG INDIVIDUAL WHO ARE UNVACCINATED. FOR THE WEEK THAT ENDED JANUARY 15, THOSE VACCINATED BUT UNBOOSTED WERE APPROXIMATELY TWO TIMES LESS LIKELY TO GET INFECTED THAN UNVACCINATED PEOPLE, AND THOSE WHO WERE FULLY VACCINATED AND BOOSTED HAD EVEN MORE PROTECTION, AS THEY WERE MORE THAN FOUR TIMES LESS LIKELY TO GET INFECTED THAN THOSE WHO ARE UNVACCINATED. NEXT SLIDE. THIS NEXT GRAPH SHOWS THE 7-DAY CUMULATIVE AGE-ADJUSTED HOSPITALIZATION RATES PER 100,000 INDIVIDUALS, AGAIN BY VACCINATION STATUS; AND AGAIN, THERE ARE STRIKING DIFFERENCES IN HOSPITALIZATION RATES AMONG THOSE UNVACCINATED, COMPARED TO THOSE WHO ARE VACCINATED, AND THEN COMPARED TO THOSE WHO ARE VACCINATED AND BOOSTED. THE TOP LINE REPRESENTS THE AGE-ADJUSTED HOSPITALIZATION RATE PER 100,000 INDIVIDUALS FOR UNVACCINATED HOSPITALIZED INDIVIDUALS. HERE, AGAIN, THE DASHED LINE IS THE RATE FOR FULLY VACCINATED HOSPITALIZED INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVEN'T RECEIVED AN ADDITIONAL OR BOOSTER DOSE, AND THE LINE AT THE BOTTOM REPRESENTS THE RATE FOR FULLY VACCINATED HOSPITALIZED INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE BOOSTED. AS YOU CAN SEE, THE DIFFERENCE IN HOSPITALIZATION RATES BETWEEN UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS AND THOSE WHO ARE FULLY VACCINATED AND BOOSTED IS EVEN MORE PRONOUNCED THAN THE DIFFERENCES WE SAW IN CASE RATES. WHEN WE LOOK AT THE MOST RECENT RATE OF HOSPITALIZATION FOR THE UNVACCINATED THAT ENDED THE WEEK OF JANUARY 15TH, THEIR RATE OF BEING HOSPITALIZED IS SIX TIMES HIGHER COMPARED

TO THOSE WHO ARE FULLY VACCINATED WITHOUT BOOSTERS, AND NEARLY 24 TIMES HIGHER COMPARED TO THOSE WHO ARE FULLY VACCINATED WITH BOOSTERS. SO, EVEN IN TIMES WHERE WE ARE SEEING SO MUCH INCREASED TRANSMISSION, VACCINES, AND PARTICULARLY VACCINES PLUS BOOSTERS, CONTINUE TO BE HIGHLY PROTECTIVE AGAINST HOSPITALIZATION. NEXT SLIDE. THE DIFFERENCES IN DEATH RATES IS EQUALLY STRIKING, AS ONLY A VERY SMALL NUMBER OF FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE ARE PASSING AWAY. HERE, THE DOTTED LINE REPRESENTS THE 7-DAY CUMULATIVE AGE-ADJUSTED DEATH RATES PER 100,000 FOR UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS, AND THE SOLID LINE AT THE BOTTOM REPRESENTS THE RATE FOR FULLY VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS. UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS ARE MORE THAN 15 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO DIE FROM C.O.V.I.D.-19, WHEN COMPARED TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE FULLY VACCINATED. WE CAN GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE. THE DATA WE JUST REVIEWED ON C.O.V.I.D. OUTCOMES ACROSS L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS IS CLEAR THAT, DESPITE INCREASING C.O.V.I.D.-19 TRANSMISSION, THE VACCINES AND BOOSTERS ARE HIGHLY EFFECTIVE, PREVENTING INFECTIONS, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND DEATHS. PRELIMINARY DATA FROM A GROUP OF U.S.C. SCIENTISTS POWERFULLY DEMONSTRATES THE PROMISE AND POTENTIAL OF VACCINATION TO CONTROL THIS PANDEMIC. THESE SCENARIO ESTIMATES ARE PRODUCED FROM A MODEL BASED ON VALUES THAT AREN'T PERFECTLY KNOWN, AND THEY DO HAVE WIDE CONFIDENCE INTERVALS, MEANING THAT THE CERTAINTY AMONG THE ESTIMATES IS NOT PRECISE. NONETHELESS, THESE PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES SHOW A PROFOUND

IMPACT OF VACCINATIONS ON THE TRAJECTORY OF C.O.V.I.D. ACROSS OUR COUNTY. WHEN LOOKING AT CASES IN L.A. COUNTY BETWEEN DECEMBER 1ST OF 2021, AND JANUARY 13TH OF 2022, ESTIMATES FROM THIS MODEL PREDICT THAT IF EVERYONE ELIGIBLE WERE VACCINATED, THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN 85 PERCENT FEWER CASES, OR APPROXIMATELY 604,000 CASES OF C.O.V.I.D.-19 PREVENTED. IF EVERYONE ELIGIBLE WERE BOOSTED, THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN 96 PERCENT FEWER CASES, APPROXIMATELY 680,000 CASES PREVENTED. WHEN LOOKING AT HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS, THE RESULTS ARE EQUALLY COMPELLING. ESTIMATES FROM THE MODEL PREDICT THAT IF EVERYONE ELIGIBLE WAS VACCINATED, THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN 87-PERCENT FEWER HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS, OR APPROXIMATELY 9,300 HOSPITALIZATIONS PREVENTED. AND IF EVERYONE ELIGIBLE WERE BOOSTED, THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN 98-PERCENT FEWER HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS. JUST ABOUT 10,500 HOSPITALIZATIONS WOULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED. EVEN WITH THE LIMITATIONS OF THIS MODEL, THESE ESTIMATES, WHICH ALIGN WITH MUCH OF THE DATA I JUST PRESENTED ON VACCINE PROTECTION, SHOW THE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT THAT LARGE-SCALE VACCINE ADOPTION, AT A POPULATION LEVEL, COULD HAVE ON THE PANDEMIC'S TRAJECTORY, CASES AND HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND ULTIMATELY AN END TO THE PANDEMIC. NEXT SLIDE. SINCE THE POWERFUL PROTECTIONS PROVIDED BY THE VACCINES CONTINUE TO BE APPARENT, TRACKING OUR PROGRESS ON VACCINATION COVERAGE REMAINS ESSENTIAL. OVER THE PAST YEAR, MORE THAN 78 PERCENT OF RESIDENTS 12 AND OLDER BECAME FULLY VACCINATED, INCLUDING NEARLY 90 PERCENT OF RESIDENTS 65 AND

OLDER. THIS DOES REPRESENT REAL PROGRESS, WHICH IS OWED TO THE EFFORTS OF MANY PARTNERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, AND THE MILLIONS OF RESIDENTS WHO MADE THE CHOICE TO BE VACCINATED. HOWEVER, THERE REMAIN OPPORTUNITIES TO PROTECT MANY MORE INDIVIDUALS AND TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF C.O.V.I.D.-19 BY INCREASING OUR VACCINATION COVERAGE LEVELS. IN PARTICULAR, THE NUMBERS OF CHILDREN AGES 5 TO 11 WITH AT LEAST ONE DOSE STANDS AT ONLY 30 PERCENT. THIS IS FAR BELOW ALL OTHER ELIGIBLE AGE GROUPS ACROSS L.A. COUNTY, AND IT DOES CREATE SIGNIFICANT VULNERABILITY FOR SPREAD. SO, WHILE WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR EVERYONE WHO HAS COME IN, WE'VE REALLY GOT TO CONTINUE OUR WORK, SO THAT PEOPLE FEEL COMFORTABLE THAT THESE VACCINES ARE SAFE, PARTICULARLY FOR THEIR CHILDREN. WE'RE ALSO GRATEFUL THAT MORE THAN 3 MILLION L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS ALREADY RECEIVED THEIR BOOSTER DOSES, BUT THERE ARE AN ADDITIONAL SLIGHTLY LESS THAN 3 MILLION MORE RESIDENTS 12 AND OLDER, WHO ARE BOOSTER ELIGIBLE, AND DIDN'T YET RECEIVE THIS PROTECTIVE DOSE. BECAUSE WE CONTINUE TO SEE THAT THE BOOSTER SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCES C.O.V.I.D.-19 CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND DEATHS, PARTICULARLY WITH OMICRON, THIS WOULD BE THE TIME FOR THOSE BOOSTER-ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THEIR RECOMMENDED BOOSTER DOSE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. NEXT SLIDE. THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC, PUBLIC HEALTH AND OUR PARTNERS HAVE WORKED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS THAT LIVE IN OUR COUNTY'S HIGHEST-NEED AREAS, WHICH OFTEN HAVE THE FEWEST HEALTH-SUPPORTING

RESOURCES. THESE AREAS ARE NOTED ON THIS TABLE AS THE HEALTHY PLACES INDEX ZIP CODES. AS YOU CAN SEE, VACCINE COVERAGE LEVELS IN OUR HEALTHY PLACES INDEX ZIP CODE AREAS LAG BEHIND RATES IN BETTER RESOURCED COMMUNITIES. THE STARKEST DIFFERENCE IS AMONG CHILDREN 5 TO 11. AS YOU CAN SEE ON THE GRAPH, AS OF JANUARY 16, ONLY 22 PERCENT OF CHILDREN AGED 5 TO 11, LIVING IN THESE HIGH-NEED COMMUNITIES, HAD RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE OF C.O.V.I.D.-19 VACCINE, WHILE TWICE THAT PROPORTION-- 44 PERCENT OF CHILDREN WHO ARE LIVING IN BETTER-RESOURCED NEIGHBORHOODS-- WERE VACCINATED. REGRETTABLY, THIS DISPARITY CAN LEAD TO HIGHER RATES OF SPREAD AND ILLNESS IN THE VERY COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN HARDEST HIT BY THE PANDEMIC. NEXT SLIDE. IN ORDER TO CLOSE THESE GAPS BETWEEN HIGHER- AND LOWER-RESOURCED NEIGHBORHOODS, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE'RE SURE THAT VACCINATIONS ARE EASILY ACCESSIBLE IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES. IN ADDITION TO THE OVER 1,000 FIXED VACCINATION SITES, THIS WEEK WE HAVE 663 SCHEDULED MOBILE VACCINATION EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, INCLUDING 140 CLINICS AT SCHOOLS. OVER 3/4 OF THE EVENTS, 78 PERCENT, ARE LOCATED IN THE HARDEST-HIT COMMUNITIES. OUR HOPE IS THAT EASY ACCESS, COUPLED WITH INCREASED EFFORTS TO PROVIDE ACCURATE INFORMATION ABOUT VACCINE SAFETY, WILL HELP INCREASE OUR COVERAGE. NEXT SLIDE. WE DO ALSO CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND TO CONTACT OUR CALL CENTER AND REQUEST AN IN-HOME VACCINATION. OUR IN-HOME VACCINATION

PROGRAM OFFERS HOME VISITS, WHERE WE CAN PROVIDE VACCINES TO THOSE THAT ARE UNABLE TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES BECAUSE OF A MEDICAL ILLNESS. INDIVIDUALS CAN SELF-REFER, AND CAREGIVERS, FAMILY MEMBERS, HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND OTHERS ARE ALSO WELCOME TO MAKE REFERRALS. AS OF JANUARY 11TH, WE'VE RECEIVED OVER 12,500 REQUESTS FOR IN-HOME VACCINATIONS. IN PARTNERSHIP WITH A NETWORK OF PROVIDERS, WE'VE CONTACTED OVER 9800 PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN REFERRED. OF THOSE, WE'VE VACCINATED 4,700. MANY HAD ALREADY BEEN VACCINATED OR WANTED SOME OTHER SERVICE, NOT NECESSARILY VACCINES. AND WE HAVE ABOUT 2700 REFERRALS WHERE APPOINTMENTS HAVE EITHER ALREADY BEEN SCHEDULED, OR CONTACT IS UNDERWAY. UNFORTUNATELY, BECAUSE OF THE SURGE, ONE OF OUR PRIMARY PARTNERS, THE CITY OF L.A., HAS NOT HAD THE RESOURCES TO CONTINUE THEIR SUPPORT. BECAUSE L.A. CITY WAS RESPONDING TO ABOUT HALF OF THE REQUESTS, IT IS TAKING US LONGER TO REACH ALL THOSE THAT HAVE ASKED FOR OUR ASSISTANCE. WE RECENTLY REASSIGNED 10 OF OUR MOBILE TEAMS, AND ARE HIRING ADDITIONAL STAFF, SO THAT WE'RE ABLE TO RESPOND MORE QUICKLY TO THE PENDING REFERRALS, AND REALLY FILL IN THE GAP THAT'S LEFT BEHIND WITH L.A. CITY NOT BEING ABLE TO CONTINUE TO HELP WITH THE HOMEBOUND PROGRAM. I DO WANT TO APOLOGIZE TO EVERYONE WHO HAS BEEN WAITING FOR A RESPONSE TO THEIR REQUEST. IN GENERAL, WE WERE TRYING TO GET BACK TO PEOPLE WITHIN 7 DAYS. WE ARE HOPING THAT, WITH THE INCREASED STAFF AND THE REASSIGNMENT OF SOME OF OUR MOBILE TEAMS, WITHIN

THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, EVERYONE WHO HAS ALREADY SUBMITTED A REQUEST AND NOT YET HEARD FROM US WILL ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO HEAR FROM US, GET THEIR VACCINATION APPOINTMENTS SCHEDULED. I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT WE ARE GOING TO HELP EVERYONE, AND WE WANT TO URGE THOSE WHO STILL NEED AN IN-HOME VACCINATION, AND YOU HAVEN'T YET CONTACTED US, YOU CAN EITHER VISIT OUR WEBSITE AND FILL OUT AN IN-HOME VACCINATION REQUEST-- ON THIS SLIDE, WE LIST THAT WEBSITE-- OR YOU CAN JUST CALL US AT 833-540-0473, BETWEEN 8:00 A.M. IN THE MORNING AND 8:30 AT NIGHT, 7 DAYS A WEEK. WE DO HAVE CAPACITY TO ANSWER CALLS IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES. AND ONCE AGAIN, ONCE WE RECEIVE YOUR INQUIRY, WE WILL HAVE A MOBILE PROVIDER CONTACT YOU DIRECTLY, USUALLY WITHIN 7 DAYS, TO SCHEDULE THAT APPOINTMENT. NEXT SLIDE. IN EVERY SURGE, OUR TOP PRIORITY IS TO PROTECT THOSE MOST VULNERABLE, INCLUDING RESIDENTS AT NURSING HOMES, WHO ARE OFTEN MEDICALLY FRAGILE. WEEKLY TESTING, UPGRADED MASKING AND VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR STAFF, AND VISITOR TESTING ARE SAFETY MEASURES CURRENTLY IN PLACE TO TRY TO REDUCE TRANSMISSION AND SEVERE ILLNESS DURING THE SURGE. THE NEXT FEW SLIDES WILL LOOK AT SOME TREND LINES ON CASES AND DEATHS AMONG RESIDENTS AND STAFF AT OUR SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES. AND AS YOU CAN SEE ON THIS SLIDE, DURING THE OMICRON SURGE, RESIDENTS AT NURSING HOMES, AS WITH RESIDENTS ACROSS THE COUNTY, HAVE EXPERIENCED THEIR HIGHEST CASE RATES SINCE THE START OF THE PANDEMIC. WE WILL GO ON TO THE NEXT SLIDE. FORTUNATELY, AS YOU

CAN SEE ON THIS SLIDE, THE EXTRAORDINARILY HIGH CASE RATE HAS NOT CAUSED A SIMILAR HIGH INCREASE IN DEATHS AMONG RESIDENTS, COMPARED TO OUR PREVIOUS SURGES. AND AS I WILL SHOW YOU IN A MINUTE, WE ATTRIBUTE THESE LOWER NUMBERS TO VERY HIGH VACCINATION RATES AMONGST NURSING HOME RESIDENTS. NEXT SLIDE. WHEN WE LOOK AT CASES AMONGST STAFF AT THE SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES, WE ALSO SEE THIS HUGE INCREASE IN CASES. AND FORTUNATELY, WITH BOTH, AGAIN, A DECLINE HAS STARTED. ON THE NEXT SLIDE, AND AGAIN, FORTUNATELY, THIS HUGE CASE INCREASE HAS NOT RESULTED IN A CORRESPONDING SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN DEATHS AMONG STAFF, EITHER. YOU CAN GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE. THANK YOU. AS YOU CAN SEE HERE, WE'VE ACTUALLY HAD NO RECENT DEATHS AMONGST STAFF. AGAIN, LIKELY THAT THE HIGH VACCINATION RATES AMONG STAFF ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS VERY LOW DEATH RATE AMONG OUR NURSING HOME STAFF. NEXT SLIDE. WHILE THE MULTILAYERED PROTECTION STRATEGY AT NURSING HOMES HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO PREVENT THE INCREASE OF CASES DURING THIS OMICRON SURGE, SINCE, AS WE'VE SEEN ACROSS THE COUNTY, THIS MORE INFECTIOUS VARIANT HAS MADE IT MUCH HARDER TO PREVENT TRANSMISSION, BECAUSE THE APPROACH INCLUDED ENSURING HIGH VACCINATION, AND NOW BOOSTER COVERAGE, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PROTECT RESIDENTS AND STAFF FROM THE WORST OUTCOMES ASSOCIATED WITH C.O.V.I.D. IN THE BLUE BARS, YOU CAN SEE THE VACCINATION RATES AT ABOUT 90 PERCENT FOR RESIDENTS AT SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES; AND THE ORANGE BAR SHOWS THAT, FOR SKILLED NURSING

FACILITY RESIDENTS, WE'RE ABOVE 80 PERCENT ON THOSE ELIGIBLE BEING BOOSTED. 97 PERCENT OF STAFF ARE FULLY VACCINATED, AND WITH THIS NEW REQUIREMENT FOR STAFF TO BE FULLY BOOSTED BY FEBRUARY 1ST, MORE STAFF HAVE BEEN COMING IN AND GETTING THEIR BOOSTER DOSES. YOU CAN SEE THE INCREASE, FROM EARLIER IN DECEMBER TO NOW. AND AGAIN, THIS IS REALLY JUST THROUGH THE BEGINNING OF JANUARY. SO WE ANTICIPATE, BY THE END OF THIS MONTH, WE WILL HAVE VERY HIGH BOOSTER NUMBERS, AS WELL, AMONG STAFF. NEXT SLIDE. WHILE WE'RE FINALLY TURNING THE CORNER IN THIS SURGE, WE DO NEED TO REMAIN CAUTIOUS, IN ORDER TO REDUCE TRANSMISSION TO A LOW ENOUGH LEVEL THAT OPPOSES LESS RISK FOR THOSE MOST VULNERABLE, AND LESS RISK FOR OUR RECOVERY JOURNEY. WITH HIGH TRANSMISSION, WE'VE SEEN OUTBREAKS SKYROCKET ACROSS EVERY SECTOR, AND CORRESPONDING STAFF SHORTAGES THAT AFFECT OPERATIONS AT SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, BUSINESSES, AND ENTERTAINMENT VENUES. FIGURING OUT WHAT TO DO DURING SURGE IS NOT EASY, AND REQUIRES EACH OF US TO EVALUATE OUR PERSONAL HEALTH, THE SAFETY OF THOSE AROUND US, AT WORK AND AT HOME, AND OUR WORK RESPONSIBILITIES. ACTIVITIES WHERE PEOPLE ARE MASKED, DISTANCING, VACCINATED, OUTDOORS, AND PROVIDING NEGATIVE TEST RESULTS, POSE LESS RISK. THE MORE LAYERS OF PROTECTION, THE SAFER THE ACTIVITY. ACTIVITIES WHERE PEOPLE ARE UNMASKED, WHERE THERE IS CROWDING, WHERE YOU ARE AMONG PEOPLE WHOSE VACCINATION STATUS YOU ARE UNSURE OF, WHERE YOU ARE INDOORS, AND WHERE THERE IS NO TESTING PRECEDENT, ARE

OBVIOUSLY MORE HAZARDOUS, PARTICULARLY IF THERE ARE MULTIPLE RISKS PRESENT AT THE ACTIVITY. CLEARLY, THOSE WHO ARE IN GOOD HEALTH AND FULLY VACCINATED AND BOOSTED, WHERE ELIGIBLE, SHOULD FEEL COMFORTABLE PARTICIPATING IN ACTIVITIES WHERE THEY CAN LAYER IN PROTECTIONS TO MINIMIZE EXPOSURE RISKS. UNFORTUNATELY, FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNVACCINATED, NOT FULLY VACCINATED, OR NOT UP TO DATE WITH THEIR BOOSTER, THE CONTINUED HIGH RATE OF TRANSMISSION CREATES A LOT MORE RISK, AND THE NEED TO MINIMIZE PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES WHERE EXPOSURES ARE MORE LIKELY. WE'RE IN A DIFFERENT PLACE TODAY, BECAUSE WE HAVE MORE EFFECTIVE TOOLS FOR MANAGING TRANSMISSION, AND THESE TOOLS ALLOW US TO USE DIFFERENT STRATEGIES FOR GETTING THROUGH THE SURGE. EVEN DURING THE SURGE, IT HAS BEEN POSSIBLE TO CONTINUE MANY OF OUR CUSTOMARY ACTIVITIES, AS LONG AS WE'RE WILLING TO LAYER IN THE ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS THAT ARE NOW AVAILABLE, AND AS LONG AS WE'RE WILLING TO TAKE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR RECOGNIZING OUR ROLE IN REDUCING TRANSMISSION, PROTECTING THOSE WE LOVE, AND PROTECTING THOSE MOST VULNERABLE. NEXT SLIDE. SINCE THE SUMMER, THOSE OF US LIVING OR WORKING IN L.A. COUNTY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ATTEND THE THEATER, CONCERTS, AND SPORTING EVENTS BY COMPLYING WITH PUBLIC HEALTH SAFETY MEASURES THAT INCLUDE VERIFICATION OF VACCINATION OR A NEGATIVE TEST, AND MASKING WHENEVER NOT ACTIVELY EATING OR DRINKING. FOR THE PAST THREE MONTHS, D.P.H. STAFF HAVE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE N.F.L.

AND SOFI STADIUM TO PLAN FOR AN EXCITING AND SAFE SUPER BOWL EXPERIENCE IN L.A. FOR FANS, RESIDENTS, AND WORKERS. THERE HAS BEEN AN EXTRAORDINARY LEVEL OF COOPERATION FOCUSED ON A SHARED COMMITMENT TO COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC HEALTH SAFETY MEASURES AT ALL N.F.L.-SPONSORED EVENTS, AND THIS INCLUDES THE SUPER BOWL EXPERIENCE, WHICH WILL BE AT THE L.A. CONVENTION CENTER SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH, AND SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH, AND THEN AGAIN THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, THROUGH SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH. IT ALSO INCLUDES EVENTS FOR THE WEEK PRECEDING THE SUPER BOWL AT YOUTUBE THEATER, CRYPTO ARENA, AND SOFI STADIUM, AND, OF COURSE, SUPER BOWL SUNDAY AT SOFI STADIUM. ALL OF THESE EVENTS WILL COMPLY WITH VACCINATION AND TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR MEGA-EVENTS; AND FOR SOME OF THE SMALLER EVENTS, THEY WILL COMPLY WITH L.A. CITY'S REQUIREMENTS FOR PEOPLE TO BE FULLY VACCINATED TO ENTER INTO THOSE VENUES. STAFF WILL BE ASSIGNED TO BE AT ALL EVENT LOCATIONS, THAT WILL ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS. AND SINCE SOFI STADIUM HAS ALREADY HOSTED 21 HOME GAMES THIS YEAR, AND WELCOMED OVER 1.2 MILLION FANS, USING SIMILAR VACCINE OR NEGATIVE TEST VERIFICATION SYSTEMS, THE SUPER BOWL PLAN CAN BUILD UPON THEIR EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE. D.P.H. WILL BE HOSTING VACCINATION CLINICS AT THE CONVENTION CENTER DURING THAT SUPER BOWL EXPERIENCE, AND ANYONE RECEIVING A VACCINE-- FIRST DOSE, SECOND DOSE, OR A BOOSTER DOSE-- WILL BE GIVEN FREE ENTRY TO THE SUPER BOWL EXPERIENCE. THE N.F.L. WILL ALSO OFFER FREE RAPID TESTING AT BOTH THE CONVENTION

CENTER AND SOFI STADIUM, SO THAT ALL ATTENDEES CAN TEST TO KNOW THEIR STATUS BEFORE THEY ENTER EVENTS. MESSAGING HAS ALREADY COMMENCED TO FANS AND SPECTATORS ABOUT THE VACCINATION TESTING VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AND THE MASKING RULES. AT THE SUPER BOWL, EVERY FAN WILL RECEIVE A KN95 MASK, AND SAFETY TEAM MEMBERS WILL BE REMINDING FANS, AT BOTH SOFI AND THE L.A. CONVENTION CENTER, TO KEEP THEIR MASKS ON UNLESS THEY ARE ACTIVELY EATING OR DRINKING. MASKS ARE REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES TO ENTER ALL OF THE EVENTS, TO BE IN COMMON AREAS, TO PURCHASE AT CONCESSION STANDS AND AT INDOOR SHOPS. THE N.F.L. WILL ALSO BE URGING ALL FANS TO CELEBRATE SAFELY WHEREVER THEY WILL BE GATHERING, AND WILL OFFER ATTENDEES AT THE SUPER BOWL EXPERIENCE, AT THE L.A. CONVENTION CENTER, A FREE TEST KIT TO TAKE HOME, WITH MESSAGING TO TEST BEFORE GATHERING FOR THE BIG GAME. THEY ANTICIPATE DISTRIBUTING OVER 60,000 TEST KITS. A FAN'S EXPERIENCE COMING THROUGH THE L.A. CONVENTION CENTER, IF THEY TOOK ADVANTAGE OF ALL OF THE RESOURCES AT THE CONVENTION CENTER, COULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: THEY COULD GET A FREE RAPID ANTIGEN TEST ON THEIR WAY INTO THE CENTER; THEY COULD GET A FREE BOOSTER SHOT, WHICH WOULD GET THEM FREE ENTRY INTO THE SUPER BOWL EXPERIENCE; AND THEY WOULD GET A FREE AT-HOME TEST KIT ON THEIR WAY OUT OF SUPER BOWL EXPERIENCE, TO USE BEFORE GATHERING FOR THE BIG DAY. WE KNOW THAT MANY ACROSS THE COUNTY WILL BE WATCHING THE SUPER BOWL AT GATHERINGS IN THEIR HOMES, OR AT RESTAURANTS AND BARS. WE ANTICIPATE LAUNCHING

SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGNS, STARTING NEXT WEEK, TO HELP RESIDENTS WITH INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO PREPARE FOR EXCITING, ENJOYABLE, AND SAFE L.A. SUPER BOWL ACTIVITIES. THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION, AND I WILL BE HAPPY TO TAKE YOUR QUESTIONS AFTER DR. GHALY PRESENTS.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. DR. GHALY?

DR. CHRISTINA GHALY: GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. THANKS FOR THE CHANCE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON A FEW ISSUES RELATED TO D.H.S.'S STATUS UPDATE FOR C.O.V.I.D.-19. I WILL COVER HOSPITALIZATIONS, A LITTLE BIT MORE ON THE STAFFING CHALLENGES WITHIN D.H.S., AND THEN ALSO TALK BRIEFLY ABOUT COMMUNITY TESTING. IF YOU WILL GO TO SLIDE THREE, PLEASE? OUR HOSPITALIZATIONS STEEPLY INCREASED, AS YOU CAN SEE ON THIS SLIDE, THROUGH MID-JANUARY, BUT HAVE NOW BEEN STABLE FOR THE PAST WEEK OR SO. AS OF THIS MORNING, D.H.S.'S FOUR HOSPITALS HAD 359 PATIENTS WHO WERE C.O.V.I.D.-POSITIVE ADMITTED TO THEM. 10 OF THOSE WERE INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF 18, AND 15 PERCENT OF THE 359 PATIENTS WERE IN THE I.C.U. AS SHOWN ON SLIDE 4, AND AS HAS BEEN TRUE THROUGHOUT THE OMICRON SURGE-- COULD YOU GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE?-- THE MAJORITY OF HOSPITALIZATIONS AMONG THOSE WHO ARE C.O.V.I.D.-POSITIVE ARE THERE, STILL, FOR INCIDENTAL C.O.V.I.D. INFECTION. ONLY A THIRD OF THEM ARE ADMITTED FOR SOMETHING RELATED DIRECTLY TO

THEIR C.O.V.I.D.-POSITIVE STATUS. THIS IS A GOOD THING, AND REFLECTS THE IMPACT, REALLY, OF VACCINATIONS, AND HOW EFFECTIVE THEY ARE AT PREVENTING SERIOUS ILLNESS AND DEATH. ADMISSIONS FOR C.O.V.I.D. AMONG THOSE WHO ARE FULLY VACCINATED ARE MUCH LESS COMMON, AND WHEN THEY DO OCCUR, WE FIND CONSISTENTLY THAT THOSE ADMISSIONS ARE PRIMARILY AMONG INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT UP TO DATE WITH THEIR BOOSTERS. WHILE ONLY A THIRD OF THE ADMISSIONS FOR C.O.V.I.D.-POSITIVE PATIENTS ARE DUE TO C.O.V.I.D.-RELATED ILLNESS, HOSPITALS ARE STILL UNDER IMMENSE STRESS, DUE TO STAFFING SHORTAGES. CAN YOU GO TO SLIDE 5, PLEASE? THIS SLIDE LOOKS SPECIFICALLY AT THE IMPACT JUST FOR NURSE STAFFING, LICENSED NURSE STAFFING, DEFINED AS REGISTERED NURSES AND LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSES, L.V.N.S, THOUGH I WILL MENTION THAT SIMILAR CHALLENGES EXIST FOR STAFF IN OTHER CLASSIFICATIONS, AS WELL. YOU CAN SEE ON THE BOTTOM PART OF THE SLIDE THE STAFF THAT HAVE HAD TO BE REMOVED FROM DIRECT CLINICAL SERVICE IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY, DECEMBER SHOWN IN YELLOW, AND JANUARY IN BLUE. WE STILL HAVE ABOUT 170 LICENSED NURSES WHO ARE REASSIGNED OUT OF CLINICAL FACILITIES WITHIN D.H.S., DUE TO THE LACK OF DOCUMENTATION FOR THEIR BEING FULLY VACCINATED. IN ADDITION, IN DECEMBER, WE HAD TO REMOVE ALMOST 850 NURSING STAFF FOR VARIOUS PERIODS OF TIME FROM WORK, AND SO FAR, TO DATE, HAVE HAD TO DO SO FOR ALMOST 500 STAFF TO THIS POINT IN JANUARY, DUE TO THEIR BEING POSITIVE FOR C.O.V.I.D. AND BEING IN ISOLATION, OR HAVING

EXPERIENCED A HIGH-RISK EXPOSURE, WHICH TYPICALLY HAPPENS IN THE COMMUNITY. PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE NUMBERS ARE TOTALS FOR THE MONTH OVERALL IN QUESTION, AND SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS US HAVING ALL OF THESE STAFF OUT FOR THE ENTIRE MONTH, OR ALL AT THE SAME TIME. TYPICALLY, STAFF ARE OUT FOR ABOUT 7 TO TEN DAYS AT A TIME, DEPENDING ON THEIR SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES AND SYMPTOMS. THIS DATA, AS I MENTIONED, REPRESENTS JUST LICENSED NURSES, AND DOESN'T COVER THE MANY OTHER CLASSIFICATIONS THAT HOSPITALS NEED TO OPERATE, INCLUDING RADIOLOGY TECHNICIANS, RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS, NURSING ATTENDANTS, PHARMACY STAFF, LAB STAFF, AND OTHER STAFF THAT ARE ESSENTIAL FOR RUNNING A HOSPITAL. THE SAME TRENDS THAT YOU SEE HERE APPLY TO STAFF IN THOSE OTHER CLASSIFICATIONS, AS WELL. AS I KNOW YOU ARE AWARE, THE STATE HAS MADE AVAILABLE, THROUGH ITS ALL-FACILITY LETTERS, OPTIONS TO HAVE STAFF RETURN TO WORK EARLY AFTER A HIGH-RISK EXPOSURE OR A POSITIVE C.O.V.I.D. TEST. THIS AUTHORITY ALLOWS HOSPITALS, WHEN IN CRISIS CONDITIONS, TO ALLOW STAFF TO RETURN TO WORK IMMEDIATELY WITHOUT TESTING. PLEASE KNOW THAT D.H.S. HAS NOT BEEN IN CRISIS CONDITION THROUGHOUT THIS MOST RECENT SURGE, AND AS A RESULT, D.H.S. HAS NOT IMPLEMENTED THE FULL FLEXIBILITY PERMITTED IN THIS GUIDANCE, AND WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF DOING SO. WE HAVE, IN SPECIFIC LOCATIONS WHERE WE HAVE BEEN SHORT-STAFFED, OFFERED STAFF OPPORTUNITIES TO RETURN TO WORK AFTER A MINIMUM OF A 5-DAY ISOLATION PERIOD, AND THEN

ONLY IF THEY ARE ASYMPTOMATIC; OR, IF THEY ARE SYMPTOMATIC, IF THEY TEST NEGATIVE ON AN ANTIGEN TEST, AS PERMITTED BY THE STATE AND COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE. THIS AUTHORITY HAS IN FACT, THOUGH, ONLY BEEN USED, EVEN STILL, VERY MINIMALLY. WE HAVE FOUND THAT A MAJORITY OF STAFF, OVER 2/3, ARE STILL EXPERIENCING SYMPTOMS, AND PREFER TO REMAIN AT HOME FOR THE FULL 7 TO TEN DAYS OF THE ISOLATION OFFERED, DEPENDING ON THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES. A MAJORITY OF STAFF ALSO WITH SYMPTOMS, WHO ARE WILLING TO RETURN, ARE ALSO THOSE STILL POSITIVE ON AN ANTIGEN TEST, AND UNABLE TO RETURN TO WORK EVEN IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO. STAFF WHO ARE ASYMPTOMATIC ARE ABLE TO RETURN AFTER DAY 5 WITHOUT A TEST, BUT ALL RETURNS THAT ARE NOTED AS BEING, QUOTE, "EARLY" ARE VOLUNTARY, AND FEW STAFF HAVE EXERCISED THIS OPTION. D.H.S. HAS BEEN ABLE TO AVOID A HEAVIER RELIANCE ON THE STATE AND COUNTY ORDERS AND AUTHORITY BY USING OTHER MITIGATION STRATEGIES, SOME OF WHICH I HAVE DESCRIBED IN THIS SLIDE, AND THESE HAVE BEEN ESSENTIAL FOR IMPROVING STAFFING. THOUGH WE'VE RELIED TO A SMALL EXTENT ON ONBOARDING ADDITIONAL NURSES THAT HAVE BEEN OBTAINED THROUGH STATE AND FEDERAL STAFFING REQUESTS-- THAT'S 54, TO DATE, IN JANUARY-- WE'RE DEPLOYING NURSES WITH APPROPRIATE SKILLS AND TRAINING FROM OUTPATIENT AREAS TO INPATIENT UNITS. OVER 100 SUCH NURSES HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED IN THAT REGARD, ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS. WE'RE ADDING REGISTRY NURSES WHEREVER POSSIBLE. WE'RE ACCELERATING THE HIRING PROCESS WITHIN D.H.S. OVER THE PAST TWO MONTHS,

WE'VE HIRED ABOUT 200 NURSES, WITH ANOTHER 179 IN THE PROCESS, AND ARE SEEKING ADDITIONAL HIRES ON TOP OF THAT. WE'RE ALSO WORKING WITH COUNTY COUNSEL AND C.E.O. ON ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS TO ENHANCE OVERTIME AVAILABILITY FOR OUR EXISTING COUNTY NURSES. EVEN WITH THESE EFFORTS, WE HAVE A SHORTAGE OF NURSES THAT ARE NEEDED TO OPEN ALL OF OUR AVAILABLE BEDS. CURRENTLY, ACROSS OUR FOUR HOSPITALS, WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY 200 INPATIENT BEDS CLOSED, DUE TO STAFFING SHORTAGES. THIS IS BOTH DUE TO A SHORTAGE OF NURSES THAT ARE WORKING IN PROCEDURAL AREAS, AS WELL AS A SHORTAGE OF BEDS. AND AS A RESULT, WE'VE ALSO HAD TO TEMPORARILY POSTPONE A NUMBER OF SURGERIES AND PROCEDURES. AS COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION DECLINES, AND WE ARE ABLE TO HIRE ADDITIONAL NURSES THAT MEET THE STATE AND COUNTY VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS, WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY WHEN WE CAN OPEN UP THOSE CURRENTLY CLOSED BEDS, AND RESTORE NONESSENTIAL SURGERIES AND PROCEDURES BACK TO THEIR PRE-SURGE LEVELS. IF YOU COULD GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE? THIS SHOWS OUR CURRENT COMPLIANCE WITH THE MANDATED BOOSTER SHOT. IF YOU WILL REMEMBER, AS OF FEBRUARY 1ST, ALL HEALTHCARE WORKERS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE RECEIVED A BOOSTER SHOT, IF THEY ARE ELIGIBLE. CURRENTLY, 68 PERCENT OF OUR STAFF WHO WORK IN CLINICAL FACILITIES ARE COMPLIANT WITH THIS MANDATE. STAFF ARE COMPLIANT IF THEY HAVE RECEIVED A BOOSTER, OR ARE STILL WITHIN THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD AFTER COMPLETING A TWO-DOSE VACCINATION SERIES, AND THUS ARE NOT YET ELIGIBLE FOR THE BOOSTER SHOT. WE

KNOW THAT SOME OF THESE STAFF ARE ON LEAVE, SHORT TERM OR LONG TERM, AND WE KNOW THAT SOME-- PERHAPS MANY-- OF THESE STAFF MAY HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED A BOOSTER SHOT OUTSIDE OF D.H.S., BUT HAVE NOT YET PROVIDED US WITH THE DOCUMENTATION TO OUR EMPLOYEE HEALTH SERVICES OF THAT DOSE. CURRENTLY, ACCORDING TO THE CURRENT REGS FROM THE STATE, AFTER FEBRUARY 1ST, WE WOULD BEGIN TO MANAGE, THROUGH OUR EXISTING LABOR AGREEMENT AND OUR PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT PROCESS, ANY STAFF WHO ARE NOT COMPLIANT WITH THAT STATE DEADLINE. D.H.S. IS IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS ADDITIONAL BOOSTER MANDATE. IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR SAFEGUARDING THE HEALTH OF OUR STAFF, BUT ALSO FOR SAFEGUARDING THE HEALTH OF OUR PATIENTS, MANY OF WHOM ARE EXTREMELY VULNERABLE. OUR PATIENTS-- AND I WOULD ASSERT ALL PATIENTS-- DESERVE TO BE CARED FOR BY STAFF WHO ARE UP TO DATE WITH THEIR VACCINATIONS, AS SUCH INDIVIDUALS ARE CONSISTENTLY SHOWN TO BE INFECTED LESS FREQUENTLY, HAVE LOWER VIRAL LOADS, AND TRANSMIT THE VIRUS LESS FREQUENTLY TO OTHERS. THAT SAID, WE DO FACE A SITUATION IN WHICH WE WILL HAVE EVEN MORE STAFF OFF OF WORK, IF THOSE STAFF DO NOT PROVIDE US WITH PROOF OF THEIR VACCINATION BY THE FEBRUARY 1ST DEADLINE. SHIFTING NOW TO SLIDE 7: TURNING TO OVERALL BOOSTER DOSES, WE ARE CERTAINLY FOCUSED ON GETTING THE BOOSTER OUT TO OUR STAFF, BUT WE ARE ALSO FOCUSED ON PATIENTS. AND YOU CAN SEE THE EFFORTS AND THE STATUS OF GETTING BOOSTER DOSES OUT. THESE ARE DELIVERED BY D.H.S. WE ARE USING A VARIETY OF MODALITIES, INCLUDING TEXT

MESSAGES AND PHONE CALLS TO PATIENTS; ALSO USING MOBILE VACCINE CLINICS, PARTICULARLY AMONG P.E.H. COMMUNITIES, AMONG OTHER EFFORTS TO GET THE BOOSTER DOSE OUT. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. IN ADDITION TO WORK ON GETTING FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE VACCINATION, D.H.S. ALSO OPERATES THE COUNTY'S QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION SITES, PROVIDING SAFE LOCATIONS IN WHICH INDIVIDUALS CAN ISOLATE OR QUARANTINE, IF THEY CAN'T DO SO AT HOME. INDIVIDUALS ARE REFERRED THROUGH THE D.P.H. CALL LINE, AND INCLUDE DISCHARGES FROM ALL HOSPITALS IN THE COUNTY, BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE. WE HAVE RAMPED UP CAPACITY DURING THE SURGE, TO STAFF UP ADDITIONAL SITES, AND REMAIN CONSISTENTLY WITH ABOUT 2/3 OF THE BEDS FILLED EVERY DAY. AND I JUST WANT TO EXTEND MY THANKS TO THE C.E.O. AND TO THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, AS WELL AS TO I.S.D., FOR THEIR PARTNERSHIP IN HELPING US LAUNCH SO QUICKLY THESE ADDITIONAL SITES. IN ADDITION TO THE Q&I BEDS, IF YOU WILL GO TO NEXT SLIDE, SLIDE 9, THE E.M.S. AGENCY ALSO WORKS IN COLLABORATION WITH THE STATE TO MANAGE ADMISSIONS TO THREE SURGE UNITS THAT ARE PLACED WITHIN PRIVATE HOSPITALS. THOSE HOSPITALS ARE LISTED HERE. TO DATE, THESE THREE HOSPITALS HAVE ACCEPTED 321 TRANSFERS FROM HOSPITALS ALL ACROSS THE COUNTY, BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE. THE PAIN POINTS IN THE CURRENT SYSTEM CONTINUE TO BE ADEQUATE AND TIMELY, DISCHARGED TO NON-LICENSED LOCATIONS, ESPECIALLY BOARD AND CARE, AS WELL AS SITES WITHIN THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM OF CARE. FINALLY, I WILL COMMENT BRIEFLY ON

COMMUNITY TESTING. IF YOU COULD GO TO SLIDE 11, PLEASE? OVER THE THREE WEEKS AFTER CHRISTMAS, D.H.S. INCREASED COUNTY- AND STATE-SUPPORTED COMMUNITY TESTING CAPACITY BY ALMOST 275 PERCENT, WITH ADDITIONAL CAPACITY THAT WAS ADDED IN THE PAST WEEK, AND IS CONTINUING TO BE ADDED ON A DAILY BASIS, AND NOT YET REFLECTED IN THIS SLIDE. ON THE NEXT SLIDE, IF YOU WILL LOOK AT THE TREND OVER A LONGER PERIOD, YOU CAN SEE THE MOST RECENT CAPACITY AT THE COUNTY- AND STATE-OPERATED TESTING SITES. NOTE THE ACTUALS ARE ON THE RIGHT, AND THE WEEKLY AVERAGES ARE ON THE LEFT OF THE SLIDE. THESE NUMBERS DO NOT INCLUDE TESTING CAPACITY. THAT IS OFFERED THROUGH THE HOME TEST COLLECTION PROGRAM, OR THE COMMUNITY P.C.R. TEST KIT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM. I WILL TALK ABOUT THAT MORE IN JUST A MINUTE. AFTER A FEW CHALLENGING WEEKS, WE DO HAVE SAME-DAY APPOINTMENTS IN COUNTY- AND STATE-SUPPORTED SITES, AND SITES ARE CONTINUING AND ABLE TO TAKE WALK-UPS EVERY DAY. WAIT TIMES ARE DOWN TO ABOUT 10 TO 15 MINUTES FOR THOSE WITH APPOINTMENTS, AND APPOINTMENTS ARE AVAILABLE. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS CAPACITY INCLUDES ONLY WHAT IS REPORTED TO D.H.S. AT FIXED OR POP-UP COUNTY- AND STATE-SUPPORTED TESTING SITES. THERE IS ADDITIONAL TESTING VOLUME OFFERED AT OVER 100 OTHER COMMUNITY TESTING SITES THAT ARE OPERATED BY RETAIL PHARMACIES, AS WELL AS F.Q.H.C.S AND OTHER PARTNERS. THESE SITES ARE POSTED AS COMMUNITY TESTING OPTIONS ON OUR WEBSITE, BECAUSE THEY ACCEPT EVERYONE, REGARDLESS OF INSURANCE AND

REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS. THEY DON'T CHARGE PATIENTS FOR TESTING, AND THEY ARE VERIFIED AS USING AN E.U.A.-APPROVED TEST. HOWEVER, BECAUSE THEY DON'T REPORT THEIR TESTING VOLUME OR RESULTS TO D.H.S., THEIR CAPACITY IS NOT CAPTURED HERE. A MAP OF COMMUNITY TESTING SITES IS SHOWN ON SLIDE 13. THESE SITES ARE SEARCHABLE THROUGH THE COUNTY TESTING WEBSITE. IN TOTAL, WE HAVE 50 COUNTY-OPERATED, 7 STATE-SUPPORTED TESTING SITES, AND OVER 200 OTHER TESTING PARTNERS, WITH MORE ON THE WAY. THESE COMMUNITY TESTING SITES ALSO DON'T REFLECT ANY OF THE TESTING THAT'S MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE ESTABLISHED HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, AND TESTING IS GENERALLY WIDELY AVAILABLE WITHIN THE ESTABLISHED HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. AND THEN, FINALLY, SLIDE 14 SHOWS THE LOCATION OF OUR GROWING FOOTPRINT OF PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF LOCATIONS FOR P.C.R. TESTS, WITH CURRENT AND FUTURE SITES SHOWN ON THE MAP HERE. CURRENTLY, 16 SUCH SITES ARE ACTIVE, HAVING BEEN LAUNCHED WITHIN THE LAST TWO WEEKS, WITH 11 ADDITIONAL LIBRARY SITES PLANNED TO OPEN SOON. THOSE ARE LISTED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SLIDE. OF THE 11 LISTED THERE, 5 OF THEM WILL OPEN TODAY, IN ABOUT A HALF-HOUR, AT 2:00 P.M. THOSE INCLUDE ROSEMEAD, LAWNDALE, LENNOX, WEST HOLLYWOOD, AND SAN FERNANDO. THOSE 5 ADDITIONAL LIBRARIES WILL OPEN TODAY. THAT'S IN ADDITION TO THE THREE LIBRARY SITES THAT ARE ALREADY LIVE IN HUNTINGTON PARK, LYNWOOD, AND PICO RIVERA. THERE ARE SIX ADDITIONAL LIBRARY SITES PLANNED: ONE IN SOUTH L.A., AT THE A.C. BILBREW LIBRARY; ONE IN ACTON; ONE IN EL MONTE; ONE

IN HIGH DESERT; ONE IN LA PUENTE; AND ONE IN WHITTIER. AND I WANT TO EXTEND MY THANKS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARIES FOR THEIR PARTNERSHIP, AND ALSO TO C.E.O., O.E.M., AND AGAIN I.S.D., FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE WITH GETTING THESE LAUNCHED, AND ALSO FOR OBTAINING THE DISASTER SERVICE WORKER STAFF THAT ARE NEEDED TO STAFF UP THESE SITES. D.H.S. STAFF ARE SPREAD INCREDIBLY THIN, PARTLY FOR THE REASONS I COVERED EARLIER, AND WE DON'T HAVE THE STAFF THAT IS NEEDED TO LAUNCH THESE ADDITIONAL SITES. SO, BECAUSE WE ARE REALLY RELIANT ON OUR COUNTY FAMILY AND THE DISASTER SERVICE WORKER PROGRAM TO BE ABLE TO OPEN UP THESE AND ANY NEW ADDITIONAL SITES, WE ARE HOPEFUL TO HAVE THESE ADDITIONAL 6 SITES LAUNCHED BY THE END OF THE WEEK, BUT IT DEPENDS ON THAT D.S.W. AVAILABILITY. CURRENTLY, THERE ARE 16,000 KITS THAT ARE AVAILABLE EVERY DAY THROUGH THESE PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF SITES, AND WE'RE WORKING WITH OUR PARTNER VENDOR, FULGENT, TO BE ABLE TO EXPAND CAPACITY AS WE LAUNCH ADDITIONAL SITES. JUST REMEMBER THAT THIS PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE FOR ANY INDIVIDUALS WHO MIGHT NEED A C.O.V.I.D. TEST, SPECIFICALLY THOSE WHO HAVE SYMPTOMS OR CLOSE CONTACTS OF SOMEONE WHO HAS C.O.V.I.D. THEY CAN REGISTER ON THE SITE WITH THEIR SMARTPHONE, PICK UP A TEST, COMPLETE THE TEST AND RETURN IT, WITH THE RESULT IN 24 TO 48 HOURS VIA E-MAIL. ON TOP OF THOSE TESTS, THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL 4,000 TESTS THAT ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY THROUGH THE HOME TESTING PROGRAM, IN WHICH A TEST KIT IS MAILED TO SOMEONE'S HOME. WE

WILL KEEP TRACKING CASES AND TESTING DEMAND, AND WORK TO ADD CAPACITY AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, WITHIN STAFFING AVAILABILITY, TO ENSURE THAT C.O.V.I.D. TESTING IS AVAILABLE FOR EVERYONE WHO NEEDS IT. I WOULD ALSO REMIND EVERYONE ABOUT THE WIDESPREAD AVAILABILITY OF TESTING IN THAT ESTABLISHED HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, AND WOULD ENCOURAGE PEOPLE ALSO TO CHECK WITH THEIR PROVIDER ABOUT WHAT OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR EASY ACCESS TO TESTING WITHIN THEIR SPECIFIC NETWORK. AND WITH THAT, I WILL CLOSE, AND HAPPY TO TAKE QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU TO YOU BOTH. WE WILL START WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, DR. FERRER AND DR. GHALY, FOR THE PRESENTATION. SO MUCH INFORMATION TO TAKE IN, AND IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE MAY BE, HOPEFULLY, PLATEAUING, AND IT LOOKS LIKE IT. BUT, AGAIN, I AM PRETTY FEARFUL WITH RESPECT TO THE NUMBERS I'VE SEEN WITH THE INDIVIDUALS FROM, SAY, COMMUNITIES IN MY DISTRICT, LIKE POMONA AND EAST L.A., WHERE WE STILL HAVE FEWER THAN ONE IN FOUR PEOPLE THAT HAVE RECEIVED A BOOSTER SHOT, AND ONE IN FIVE LATINO RESIDENTS, OVERALL, HAS BEEN BOOSTED. THOSE ARE VERY, VERY LOW RATES. AND I AM NOT PUTTING THE ONUS ON YOU, BUT I'M JUST SAYING, WHAT CAN WE DO TO MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY? AND

I'M EQUALLY FEARFUL THAT THE PARENTS OF SOME OF OUR IMMIGRANT CHILDREN ARE NOT ENCOURAGING-- YOU KNOW, FOR SOME REASON, THEY MAY HAVE GOT BOOSTED, BUT THEY ARE NOT TAKING THEIR YOUNG CHILDREN, THE ONES THAT ARE IN THAT 5 YEARS TO 12 YEAR AGE GROUP. SO, A QUICK QUESTION ON THAT. AND THEN, CONCERNED, ALSO, ABOUT THE NURSE SHORTAGE. THAT, TO ME, REALLY IS DISTURBING, BECAUSE, OBVIOUSLY, OUR HOSPITALS AND OUR FACILITIES ARE OVERWHELMED, AND I HEAR THAT. AND I HOPE THAT THE C.E.O. WILL DO EVERYTHING IN HER POWER TO HELP ALLEVIATE THAT. I KNOW WE HAVE OTHER ASSISTANCE COMING FROM THE STATE TO HELP US OUT A BIT, BUT IT IS CERTAINLY NOT WHERE IT NEEDS TO BE. AND I THINK WE ARE STILL IN THIS VERY TRICKY PHASE WHERE EVEN CELEBRATIONS LIKE LUNAR NEW YEAR'S, AND OF COURSE THE UPCOMING FOOTBALL GAMES, AND ALL OF THAT, WHAT KIND OF CAUTION DO WE NEED TO BE PROVIDING TO OUR COMMUNITIES THAT STILL ARE NOT WHERE THEY NEED TO BE? FOR BOTH OF YOU.

DR. BARBARA FERRER: THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND THANKS TO YOU AND YOUR OFFICE FOR ALL THE WORK, REALLY HELPING US WITH THE MESSAGING. I KNOW HOW MUCH OUR TEAM HERE APPRECIATES IT, BUT I ALSO THINK IT HAS BEEN SUPER IMPORTANT IN OUR COMMUNITIES, AS WELL. WE HAVE AN AGGRESSIVE CAMPAIGN ON MESSAGING BOOSTERS, THAT INCLUDES A LOT OF SOCIAL MEDIA. WE HAVE A CAMPAIGN THAT JUST WAS LAUNCHED, THAT REALLY FEATURES RESIDENTS IN DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES. IT IS IN MULTIPLE

LANGUAGES. IT INCLUDES NOT JUST BILLBOARDS AND BUS SHELTER POSTERS, BUT IT ALSO INCLUDES RADIO SPOTS THAT I REALLY THINK COME FROM PEOPLE'S HEART. THESE ARE RESIDENTS WHO THEMSELVES, AT TIMES, FELT CONFLICTED, BUT MADE DECISIONS AND WERE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CAMPAIGN. SO OUR HOPE IS, AGAIN, THAT THAT WILL REACH SOME PEOPLE, BECAUSE THEY WILL BE ABLE TO RELATE. I THINK WE ALSO HAVE OUR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS, STILL. WE HAVE HUNDREDS OF COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS THAT CONTINUE TO DO OUTREACH, WITH A REAL FOCUS IN THE COMMUNITIES WHERE WE HAVE THE LOWEST COVERAGE RATES, TO MAKE SURE THAT, AGAIN, PEOPLE HAVE ACCURATE INFORMATION. WE HAVE AN ENTIRELY SEPARATE CAMPAIGN FOR CHILDREN 5 TO 11, WORKING, OF COURSE, WITH PEDIATRICIANS, AS WELL. WE'VE ASKED PEDIATRICIANS TO SEND LETTERS TO THEIR FAMILIES, LETTING THEM KNOW OF HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR CHILDREN TO GO AHEAD AND GET THAT VACCINE, AND ALSO LINKING THEM TO RESOURCES WHERE CHILDREN CAN EASILY GET VACCINATED. BUT WE DO KNOW IT IS GOING TO TAKE A WHILE. WE DO KNOW, WE HEAR FROM PEOPLE, THEY WANT TO WAIT. THEY WANT TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS. THEY ARE COMFORTABLE TAKING ON RISK FOR THEIR OLDER CHILDREN AND FOR THEMSELVES, BUT ARE MUCH MORE CAUTIOUS WITH THE YOUNGER CHILDREN. SO, YOU KNOW, AGAIN, SIMILAR TO WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING ALL ALONG ON ADDRESSING PEOPLE'S FEARS AND ADDRESSING PEOPLE'S, YOU KNOW, SORT OF THE MISINFORMATION, AND TRYING TO LISTEN INTENTLY, SO THAT WE CAN REALLY HELP PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THAT, PARTICULARLY THE PEDIATRIC DOSES, YOU

KNOW, THEY ARE EXTRAORDINARILY SAFE. AND NOW, THERE ARE MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF CHILDREN THAT HAVE, IN FACT, BEEN VACCINATED. AND I DO THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT PART OF WHAT WE'RE ALL GRAPPLING WITH RIGHT NOW IS HOW WE'RE GOING TO LIVE WITH C.O.V.I.D. WE'RE NOT SHUTTING DOWN OUR COMMUNITIES. WE'RE NOT SHUTTING DOWN, YOU KNOW, ACTIVITIES, BECAUSE WE HAVE SOME VERY POWERFUL TOOLS THAT REALLY OFFER A LOT OF PROTECTION. IF WE DIDN'T HAVE VACCINES, AND WE DIDN'T HAVE OUR BOOSTERS, I DON'T THINK WE COULD ACTUALLY MOVE FORWARD THE WAY WE ARE. BUT WE DO HAVE VACCINES, WE HAVE BOOSTERS, WE HAVE MASKS. I WANT TO THANK D.H.S., BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE SORT OF STAPLES OF MAKING IT THROUGH THE SURGE HAS BEEN ALLOWING PEOPLE TO GET TESTED FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS, AND OBVIOUSLY, YOU KNOW, INCREASING OUR CAPACITY AS A COUNTY TO BE ABLE TO OFFER TESTING. I WANT TO THANK THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, AS WELL, THAT NOW HAS MADE IT EASIER FOR OUR EMPLOYEES WHO NEED TESTING TO, YOU KNOW, LEAVE QUARANTINE, OR LEAVE ISOLATION, OR REALLY JUST KNOW THAT IT IS SAFE FOR THEM TO GATHER. THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE, AS WELL. SO, I APPRECIATE THE COUNTY FAMILY FOR STEPPING UP, AND I THINK THAT THIS IS THE STRATEGY THAT WE NEED TO EMBRACE, AS WE MOVE FORWARD. YOU KNOW, PEOPLE DO HAVE TO ASSESS THEIR OWN RISK. I AM REALLY CLEAR: IF YOU ARE NOT VACCINATED, YOU ARE NOT FULLY VACCINATED, YOU ARE NOT BOOSTED, YOU HAVE MUCH HIGHER RISK WHEN TRANSMISSION IS HIGH, EVEN IF WE ARE GOING DOWN, BECAUSE

WE ARE STILL SUPER HIGH. BUT FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE TAKEN ALL THEIR CAUTIONS, ARE WILLING TO LAYER IN-- THEY ARE KEEPING THEIR MASKS ON WHEN THEY ARE OUT AND ABOUT, THEY ARE BEING SUPER CAREFUL ABOUT TESTING BEFORE GATHERING WITH HIGH-RISK INDIVIDUALS-- A LOT OF THE ACTIVITIES THAT ARE AVAILABLE ARE RELATIVELY SAFE. AND I DON'T THINK THERE IS SORT OF A SOLUTION ANY LONGER THAT SAYS EVERYONE HAS TO DO EVERYTHING THE SAME. I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE A TAILORED APPROACH. WE NEED TO STAY VERY FOCUSED ON INCREASING VACCINATION COVERAGE FOR BOTH FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD DOSES, AND THEN WORK TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE KNOW HOW TO LAYER IN THOSE PROTECTIONS.

SUP. SOLIS: AND, DR. FERRER, JUST QUICKLY ON THAT NOTE, TOO, I HEAR THAT ROUGHLY ONE IN THREE OF THESE TESTS THAT PEOPLE TAKE HOME, OR THEY PICK IT UP AT ONE OF OUR SITES, THEY ARE NOT RETURNING THEM.

DR. BARBARA FERRER: I THINK I WILL DEFER TO DR. GHALY, FOR HER PROGRAMS ON THAT.

DR. CHRISTINA GHALY: YEAH, SUPERVISOR, THANKS FOR THAT QUESTION. I WILL GET THE LATEST DATA TO YOU, ON THAT PARTICULAR POINT. BUT YES, AS OF A COUPLE WEEKS AGO, ABOUT A QUARTER OR A THIRD OF THE TESTS THAT HAD BEEN MAILED OUT, WE WERE HAVING PRETTY LOW RESPONSE RATE ON THEM, AND A PRETTY LOW

RETURN RATE. AND WE ASK THAT PEOPLE USE THE TEST RIGHT AWAY, AND RETURN IT RIGHT AWAY. IT IS REALLY MEANT TO BE ORDERED IF SOMEONE HAS AN INDICATION FOR USE RIGHT AWAY. IT IS NOT MEANT TO BE ORDERED JUST TO KEEP ON HAND AT HOME, IF SOMEONE HAPPENS TO HAVE A NEED TO TEST. WE WOULD ASK THAT PEOPLE NOT USE THE RESOURCE IN THAT WAY, BUT THE WAY TO MAKE IT AVAILABLE FOR AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE IS TO REALLY ONLY ORDER THAT TEST, OR PICK UP ONE AT A PICK-UP/DROP-OFF LOCATION, IF YOU INTEND TO USE IT RIGHT AWAY. SO, WE'D JUST ASK FOR THE COMMUNITY'S PARTICIPATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF WHY THAT IS SO IMPORTANT, BUT I AM HAPPY TO GET YOU THE LATEST DATA.

SUP. SOLIS: AND THANK YOU FOR ADDRESSING OUR NEEDS IN OUR DISTRICT, TO HELP US PUT THESE TESTING POP-UPS, MOBILES, ALL OF THAT, AND PLACING THEM IN COMMUNITY CENTERS, LIBRARIES, AND PARKS. ALL OF THAT HAS JUST BEEN TREMENDOUS. I'VE HAD A CHANCE TO SEE PARTS OF MY NEW DISTRICT, WHERE WE'RE RELYING ON HELP. AND QUICKLY, THE COUNTY CAME TOGETHER, YOUR OFFICE AND OTHERS, THAT REALLY HELPED US PIECE THIS TOGETHER. SO I AM REALLY VERY, VERY GRATEFUL FOR ALL OF THAT, AND JUST WANT TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOU BOTH IN ANY WAY THAT WE CAN, WITH INFORMATION WE HAVE OF WHERE THE NEED IS HIGHEST. SO, THANK YOU BOTH FOR YOUR WORK, AND I LOOK FORWARD, ALSO, FOR THE C.E.O. TO GIVE US AN UPDATE ON WHERE WE ARE WITH OUR DISASTER WORKERS, BECAUSE I THINK THAT IS ALSO GOING TO BE EQUALLY IMPORTANT, ONCE WE GET

THESE SITUATED, THAT WE HAVE ENOUGH STAFFING TO HELP HONOR THIS SYSTEM OF CARE THAT WE'RE PUTTING UP AGAIN SO QUICKLY.

DR. CHRISTINA GHALY: THANK YOU.

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN.

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU. FIRST OF ALL, FULL DISCLOSURE: I HAVE TWO OF THOSE KITS SITTING AT MY HOUSE THAT I GOT, TWO WEEKS AFTER I ORDERED THEM. AND QUITE FRANKLY, DR. GHALY, I WAS ABLE TO GET THE OVER-THE-COUNTER ONES, AND I'D ALREADY ORDERED THOSE. SO, I MEAN, ARE WE SUPPOSED TO RETURN THEM? I MEAN, I DON'T NEED TO GET TESTED. OR WHAT DO WE DO WITH THEM? BECAUSE I'M SURE I AM NOT UNIQUE, IN THAT I GOT IT ABOUT TWO WEEKS AFTER I ORDERED IT, WHICH I UNDERSTAND. I AM NOT UPSET, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT WE HAD A BACKLOG. BUT WHAT DO YOU RECOMMEND THAT WE DO WITH THEM, IF WE GET THEM AND WE NO LONGER NEED THEM?

DR. CHRISTINA GHALY: YEAH, THANKS, SUPERVISOR, FOR RAISING THAT, AND I AM SORRY THAT THERE WAS SUCH A DELAY AT THE TIME THAT YOU ORDERED IT. AND I WONDER IF THAT'S MAYBE PART OF WHAT

MANY PEOPLE HAVE EXPERIENCED, IS THAT THEY ORDERED A KIT, AND EITHER THEY NO LONGER HAVE A NEED FOR TESTING, OR THEY WERE ABLE TO FULFILL THAT NEED THROUGH OTHER WAYS. I WILL VERIFY WITH THE TEAM WHAT THE BEST WAY TO MANAGE THAT IS, AND WE WILL SEND OUT MESSAGING BROADLY, POST IT ON THE WEBSITE, AND LET ALL THE BOARD OFFICES KNOW. I BELIEVE THAT IF THE TEST KIT IS UNOPENED, AND THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT IT HAS BEEN OPENED, THAT IT WOULD BE ABLE TO BE DROPPED OFF AT ONE OF THE PICK-UP/DROP-OFF LOCATIONS. BUT I WILL VERIFY THAT, AND WE WILL BROADCAST INFORMATION ON THAT POINT. THAT'S A GREAT POINT TO RAISE.

SUP. BARGER: OKAY, BECAUSE I WAS JUST GOING TO HOLD ON TO IT, BUT KNOWING WHAT YOU JUST SAID, I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE. AND AGAIN, I THINK OTHER PEOPLE ARE IN THAT POSITION, AND I KNOW WE WERE OVERWHELMED, AND I HAVE TO TAKE MY HAT OFF AND APPLAUD YOU ALL FOR THE ROLLOUT OF THE TESTING SITES, BASED ON SUPPLY AND DEMAND, AND I THINK YOU DID A TREMENDOUS JOB. AND I APPRECIATE THE JOB THAT THE D.C.B.A. IS DOING, AS IT RELATES TO THE ILLEGAL SITES THAT HAVE POPPED UP. I'VE TALKED TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE SAID THAT THEY HAVE GIVEN THEIR DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER, THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. AND AS FAR AS I KNOW, THAT IS NOT MANDATED WHEN YOU'RE GOING TO GET A TEST. CORRECT?

DR. CHRISTINA GHALY: THAT IS CORRECT. YOU DO NOT NEED TO PROVIDE IDENTIFICATION OR INSURANCE. PEOPLE DO ASK FOR INSURANCE, JUST SO THAT THE COUNTY AND THE VENDOR CAN BILL, BUT IT'S NOT REQUIRED. PEOPLE ARE WELCOME TO COME IN IF THEY DON'T HAVE INSURANCE, WITHOUT I.D. NO ONE WILL EVER BE ASKED FOR THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY CARD, OR TO PROVIDE PROOF OF IMMIGRATION STATUS.

SUP. BARGER: GREAT. AND THEN, DR. FERRER, AND I'M JUST GOING TO BRING UP THE WHOLE MASK ISSUE, BECAUSE THAT SEEMS TO BE THE LEAD, EVERYWHERE TALKING ABOUT IT. AND THE STATE HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WILL BE REEVALUATING THEIR STATEWIDE MASKING REQUIREMENT ON FEBRUARY 15TH. I KNOW THAT I'M HEARING THAT SOME MAJOR CITIES ON THE EAST COAST ARE NOW A FEW WEEKS AHEAD OF US, AND ARE BEGINNING TO CONSIDER RELAXING THE MASK REQUIREMENTS. I KNOW THAT YOU'VE SAID THAT WE WILL REVISIT THAT WHEN WE REACH MODERATE TRANSMISSION. BASED ON THE NUMBERS, WE'VE COME CLOSE TO GETTING INTO THE C.D.C.'S MODERATE TRANSMISSION CATEGORY IN THE PAST, BUT OUR CASE RATE HAS CONSTANTLY NOT REACHED THAT THRESHOLD. GIVEN THAT MOST PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERTS HAVE TESTIFIED THAT WE SHOULD BE FOLLOWING HOSPITALIZATIONS AND SERIOUS CASES, NOT NECESSARILY CASES OR CASE RATES ANYMORE, HOW WOULD YOU RESPOND TO THAT? BECAUSE I AM GETTING THAT, AND I'M SURE MY COLLEAGUES ARE, IN E-MAILS AND PHONE CALLS TO OUR OFFICE. AT WHAT POINT WILL WE

QUALIFY FOR MODERATE TRANSMISSION, BASED ON HOSPITALIZATIONS? OR WILL WE, ACTUALLY, QUALIFY FOR MODERATE TRANSMISSION, BASED ON HOSPITALIZATIONS?

DR. BARBARA FERRER: YEAH. THANKS SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND ALSO TO YOUR OFFICE, FOR ALL THEIR HELP THESE PAST FEW WEEKS. AT THE MOMENT, WE ARE COMPLETELY ALIGNED WITH C.D.C. ON THE MASKING REQUIREMENT. AND C.D.C. CONTINUES, AS YOU JUST NOTED, TO BASE THAT MASKING REQUIREMENT ON TRYING TO REALLY PREVENT THE TRANSMISSION OF THE VIRUS, AND I DON'T THINK IT IS AN EITHER/OR. I DON'T THINK YOU NEED TO SORT OF SEPARATE WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO SLOW DOWN TRANSMISSION WITH WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO ACTUALLY MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE CAPABLE OF MANAGING THE DISEASE THAT RESULTS FROM TRANSMISSION. SO, YOU KNOW, I THINK THE TWO GO HAND IN HAND. THE HIGH CASE RATES DRIVE MORE PEOPLE INTO THE HOSPITAL, AND MORE ILLNESS, AND TRAGICALLY, MORE PEOPLE DYING. SO WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO NEED TO PAY ATTENTION TO OUR CASE NUMBERS. I THINK THE ISSUE THAT-- YOU KNOW, SO C.D.C. BASICALLY SAYS, IF A COMMUNITY IS EXPERIENCING HIGH TRANSMISSION, OR SUBSTANTIAL TRANSMISSION, THOSE MASKS FORM A REALLY GOOD PROTECTIVE BARRIER. YOU WILL NOTE, ALSO, IN THE CRITERIA THAT WE ARE THINKING OF USING TO ASSESS THE ABILITY OF US TO NOT HAVE TO WEAR THOSE MASKS IN THE PLACES WHERE IT IS REQUIRED, ALSO REALLY COUNTS ON THE PROTECTION THAT WE GET FROM OUR VACCINATIONS, AND THAT WE ARE VERY CLOSE

TO MEETING THE THRESHOLD OF HAVING 80 PERCENT OF ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS 12 AND OLDER FULLY VACCINATED, AND THAT IS REALLY GOOD NEWS, UNLESS YOU HAVE A VARIANT LIKE OMICRON, WHICH WE HAVE ALL LEARNED REALLY ESCAPES SOME OF THE PROTECTION ON TRANSMISSION, SO THAT, YOU KNOW, REALLY, THESE MASKS BECAME AN EXTRA TOOL THAT BECAME ESSENTIAL NOT TO AGAIN HAVE SUCH EXPLOSIVE SPREAD THAT YOU REALLY, YOU KNOW, JEOPARDIZE ALL KINDS OF BUSINESSES. I MEAN, IT WASN'T EVEN JUST HOSPITALS. EVERYWHERE YOU GO, AT OUR OWN DEPARTMENTS, WE HAVE EXTRAORDINARILY HIGH NUMBERS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE TESTED POSITIVE FOR C.O.V.I.D., AND ARE UNABLE TO WORK BECAUSE OF THAT. SO, I WANT TO SAY, YOU KNOW, WE SHOULDN'T JUST SAY WE'RE NOT GOING TO WORRY ABOUT CASES. IT HAS IMPLICATIONS ON THE ILLNESS SIDE, BUT IT ALSO HAS IMPLICATIONS ON WHAT IT DOES TO OUR ENTIRE WORKFORCE, AND THEREFORE OUR RECOVERY JOURNEY. BUT WE WILL BE, OBVIOUSLY, PAYING ATTENTION TO THE STATE, PAYING ATTENTION TO ANY CHANGES THAT C.D.C. MAKES, AND THEN DO A FURTHER EVALUATION. I DO SAY THE TASK IN FRONT OF US, I THINK WE ALL CAN AGREE, IS WE NEED TO GET DOWN TO A MUCH MORE REASONABLE NUMBER OF CASES EVERY DAY; NEW CASES EVERY DAY. THIS IS HURTING US ACROSS THE BOARD, HAVING SUCH AN EXPLOSION OF CASES. SO, I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYBODY THAT DISAGREES WITH OUR NEED TO REALLY CONCENTRATE ON THAT.

SUP. BARGER: ARE WE AT 77 PERCENT, RIGHT NOW, VACCINATION RATE IN L.A. COUNTY?

DR. BARBARA FERRER: WE'RE AT-- FOR FOLKS 12 AND OLDER, FULLY VACCINATED, WE'RE OVER 78 PERCENT.

SUP. BARGER: OKAY, 78. I SAW THAT.

DR. BARBARA FERRER: WHICH IS FULLY VACCINATED, WHICH IS REALLY-- I MEAN, WE'RE GETTING THERE.

SUP. BARGER: RIGHT. AND THAT LEADS ME TO MY NEXT QUESTION, AND THANK YOU FOR THAT ANSWER. I MEAN, I AM NOT WHANGING ON EITHER SIDE. I AM JUST, YOU KNOW, HEARING DIFFERENT SIDES, AND I ALWAYS LIKE TO GET YOUR FEEDBACK, AS IT RELATES TO THE WHOLE ISSUE OF GUIDANCE, BASED ON HOSPITALIZATIONS. AND WE'RE GOING TO BE LOOKING AT THE STATE ON FEBRUARY 15TH, AND EVEN LOOKING AT WHAT OUR NUMBERS ARE, AND THE GOOD NEWS IS, WITH OMICRON, WE'RE SEEING IT GO DOWN. HOWEVER, I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD LET OUR GUARD DOWN, BY ANY MEANS, AND I THINK SUPERVISOR KUEHL WOULD AGREE WITH ME. HAVING THE VACCINATION, HAVING THE BOOSTER, I AM CONVINCED IS WHAT MADE THE VIRUS, FOR ME, SOMETHING THAT LASTED 5 DAYS, AND THANK GOD IT WAS NOT SERIOUS. BUT IT WAS HIGHLY TRANSMISSIBLE, AND I KNOW THAT I TELL PEOPLE THE VACCINATION AND THE BOOSTER ARE WHAT SAVED ME,

AND I WILL CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE FOR THAT TO ANYONE THAT'LL LISTEN. BUT AS IT RELATES TO THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND THE VACCINE MANDATE, I HAVE TO, FIRST OF ALL, SAY THAT COUNTY EMPLOYEES HAVE DONE AN ADMIRABLE JOB SETTING AN EXAMPLE OF THE SAFETY AND EFFICACY OF THE VACCINE, LEADING AT A VERY HIGH VACCINATION RATE IN OUR WORKFORCE AND THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE. AND I TAKE MY HAT OFF TO OUR DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES FOR GIVING US UPDATES IN TERMS OF EACH DEPARTMENT, AND HOW THEY ARE MEETING THE VACCINE MANDATE. BUT WHEN I HEARD SUPERVISOR SOLIS TALK ABOUT THE EMERGENCY WORKERS, ONE OF THE THINGS I'M HEARING IN MY DISTRICT IS THAT, BECAUSE OF OMICRON AND PEOPLE BEING OUT, OUR WORKFORCE IS SUFFERING, AS IT RELATES TO NOT ONLY THOSE INFECTED WITH C.O.V.I.D., BUT ALSO THOSE THAT ARE REFUSING TO GET VACCINATED, THAT MAY BE ON LEAVE. AND SO MY QUESTION IS-- AND I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS FOR YOU, OR EVEN FOR FESIA, OR FOR US AS A BOARD TO DISCUSS, BUT I HAVE TO WONDER, AT WHAT POINT, FROM A PUBLIC HEALTH PERSPECTIVE, WHERE WOULD THE TIPPING POINT BE, WHERE IT WOULD MAKE SENSE TO SUNSET THE VACCINE MANDATE FOR OUR EMPLOYEES? I MEAN, I DON'T KNOW. AND I KNOW SHEILA IS NODDING HER HEAD "NO," BUT I HAVE SERIOUS CONCERNS, ESPECIALLY UP IN MY DISTRICT, WHERE SERVICES ARE SUFFERING RIGHT NOW. AND I JUST WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE TIPPING POINT IS, AS IT RELATES TO THE SCIENCE BEHIND GETTING PEOPLE VACCINATED, AND WHAT PERCENTAGE IS THEN CONSIDERED HERD IMMUNITY.

DR. BARBARA FERRER: THANK YOU SO MUCH. I APPRECIATE THE QUESTION. I AM NOT SURE I'M THE RIGHT PERSON TO ANSWER ALL THE DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE QUESTION. I MEAN, I CERTAINLY CAN TALK TO THE SCIENCE OF WHY IT HAS BEEN IMPORTANT TO HAVE PEOPLE GET VACCINATED, AND THE PROTECTION THAT IT'S AFFORDED US, AND THEN THE DISRUPTION THAT HAPPENS IF PEOPLE GET ILL. SO, FOR ME, IT IS JUST SORT OF A CONTINUUM OF ISSUES HERE. AND I WANT TO START WITH THE ISSUE ON NATURAL IMMUNITY, BECAUSE MANY PEOPLE HAVE SORT OF HELD THAT UP AS, "I DON'T REALLY NEED TO GET VACCINATED, BECAUSE I ALREADY GOT INFECTED, AND I'VE GOT A LOT OF PROTECTION." I MEAN, OMICRON WAS AN EYE-OPENER, IN PART BECAUSE PEOPLE WHO HAD GOTTEN INFECTED WITH DELTA SEEMED TO HAVE ALMOST NO PROTECTION AGAINST OMICRON. AND I DON'T THINK OMICRON IS OUR LAST VARIANT. SO I WANT TO NOTE THAT IT IS GOING TO HELP US IN THE SHORT RUN THAT PEOPLE ARE GOING TO HAVE SOME NATURAL IMMUNITY, WHO HAVE BEEN INFECTED, BUT THE EVIDENCE CONTINUES TO BE CLEAR: IT DOESN'T REALLY LAST ALL THAT LONG. AND IN THIS CASE, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE SO MANY REINFECTIONS FROM PEOPLE WHO WERE INFECTED WITH DELTA, BECAUSE IT JUST DIDN'T PROTECT AGAINST OMICRON. SO, I AM GOING TO CONTINUE TO SAY, WHERE WE SEEM TO HAVE THE SCIENCE TELLING US WE'RE ALL GETTING THE BETTER PROTECTION IS OBVIOUSLY FROM OUR VACCINES AND OUR BOOSTERS, AND WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO PAY A LOT OF ATTENTION TO THAT. I THINK IT'S A DECISION THAT I AM

IMAGINING THE BOARD WOULD WANT TO DISCUSS, AND HAVE OTHER CONSIDERATIONS WEIGH IN. I CAN JUST SAY THAT THE BIGGEST DISRUPTION THAT WE'RE ALL EXPERIENCING IS BEING DRIVEN BY THE HIGH RATE OF TRANSMISSION OF OMICRON, AND IT IS, IN FACT-- YOU KNOW, NO MATTER HOW YOU CUT THIS DATA, PEOPLE WHO ARE UNVACCINATED ARE MUCH MORE LIKELY TO GET INFECTED THAN PEOPLE WHO ARE VACCINATED, AND ESPECIALLY THAN PEOPLE WHO ARE VACCINATED AND BOOSTED. SO WHILE, YOU KNOW, GETTING VACCINATED AND BOOSTED DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET INFECTED, AND YOU ALL KNOW THAT, THE VAST MAJORITY OF FOLKS THAT ARE DRIVING THIS INCREDIBLE SURGE IS BECAUSE WE STILL HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO ARE UNVACCINATED. SO, I WANT TO JUST NOTE THAT THIS IS A PANDEMIC. IT IS THE MOST UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCE THAT I HOPE ANY OF US EVER HAVE TO LIVE THROUGH. IT HAS CAUSED MORE DEATH THAN ANYTHING ELSE I CAN RECALL IN MY LIFETIME, IN THIS SHORT SPAN OF TIME, AND WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO USE THE TOOLS THAT WE HAVE, AND THAT IS VACCINATION AND BOOSTERS RIGHT NOW.

SUP. BARGER: SO, CAN I JUST ASK-- JUST, I WANT YOU TO REPEAT THIS. IF I UNDERSTAND YOU CORRECTLY, IF YOU ARE NOT VACCINATED, YOU CAN TRANSMIT C.O.V.I.D. AT A HIGHER RATE THAN IF YOU ARE VACCINATED? DO I HAVE THAT CORRECTLY?

DR. BARBARA FERRER: YEAH, PEOPLE WHO ARE VACCINATED ARE TWO TIMES LESS LIKELY TO GET INFECTED. SO, IF YOU DON'T GET INFECTED, YOU CAN'T TRANSMIT. AND IF THEY ARE VACCINATED AND BOOSTED, THEY ARE FOUR TIMES LESS LIKELY. AND WHEN THE U.S.C. SCIENCES DID THAT MODELING, THEY ACTUALLY SAID, IF 100 PERCENT OF PEOPLE HAD BEEN VACCINATED, 85 PERCENT OF OUR CASES THAT WE CURRENTLY SAW BETWEEN DECEMBER AND MID-JANUARY OF THIS YEAR WOULD NOT HAVE OCCURRED. SO, AGAIN, IT IS BECAUSE-- IT IS NOT THAT THEY NECESSARILY ARE SUPER-SPREADERS; IT'S THEY ARE MUCH MORE LIKELY TO GET INFECTED.

SUP. BARGER: RIGHT. AND I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS FOR FESIA OR FOR DR. GHALY, OR EVEN FOR YOU, DR. FERRER, AND THIS IS MY LAST QUESTION, MADAM CHAIR. AS IT RELATES TO THOSE THAT HAVE NOT GOTTEN VACCINATED, THAT ARE IN CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS, ARE WE MONITORING THE TESTING AND THE COST AND HOW THAT IS BEING BILLED, AND ALL THAT, AS IT RELATES TO THE ACCESS TO TESTING FOR THOSE EMPLOYEES?

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: SUPERVISOR, THIS IS FESIA DAVENPORT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER. THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION. SO, THE ANSWER IS YES. WE HAVE RECENTLY AMENDED OUR FULGENT CONTRACT TO ALLOW FOR MORE FREQUENT TESTING FOR OUR EMPLOYEES WHO ARE CURRENTLY VACCINATED. THAT WAS A CHANGE THAT WAS DRIVEN BY OMICRON. EARLIER ON, WHEN WE HAD THE FULGENT CONTRACT, ONCE

YOU WERE VACCINATED, WE THOUGHT IT WAS GOING TO BE A ONE-AND-DONE, AND FULGENT WOULD NOT ALLOW YOU TO GET TESTED, ONCE YOU WERE IN YOUR SYSTEM AS FULLY VACCINATED. SO WE PIVOTED WITH OMICRON. THAT IS AN ADDITIONAL COST TO THE COUNTY, AND WHAT WE HAVE DONE IS WE'VE RECENTLY ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS TO COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO START BRINGING THEIR MEDICAL INSURANCE AT THE TIME THAT THEY GET THEIR TESTING, SO THAT WE CAN BILL THE INSURANCE. THE COUNTY IS GOING TO HAVE TO PAY FOR THE TESTS, ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. EITHER WE PAY FULGENT UP FRONT, OR WE PAY ON THE BACK END, THROUGH THE MEDICAL INSURANCE. SO WE ARE TRYING TO CAPTURE THOSE NUMBERS. IT IS EARLY FOR US RIGHT NOW. I DON'T THINK OUR TAKE-UP RATE IS VERY HIGH, AT THE MOMENT, BUT-- AND IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER IT IS ACTUALLY GOING TO INCREASE, SINCE IT SEEMS LIKE THE SURGE IS SORT OF SLOWING DOWN.

SUP. BARGER: SO, FESIA, THEN IS IT MY UNDERSTANDING THAT PRIVATE INSURANCE WILL PAY FOR UP TO 8 TESTS PER MONTH?

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: I BELIEVE THAT THERE WAS SOME FEDERAL GUIDANCE ISSUED REGARDING THAT, SUPERVISOR. I WILL HAVE TO GET BACK TO YOU ON THE SPECIFICS.

SUP. BARGER: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR INDULGING ME FOR SO LONG.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: OF COURSE. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, OF COURSE, TO DR. FERRER AND DR. GHALY FOR THIS REPORT. IT IS AMAZING HOW EASILY AND QUICKLY THIS OMICRON VARIANT HAS SPREAD. I THINK IT SORT OF CAUGHT US ALL A LITTLE BIT OFF GUARD. I DO KNOW THAT IT SEEMS LIKE WE'VE CLEARED THE PEAK NUMBER OF NEW CASES, AND WE HAVE STARTED TO SEE A DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND THAT IS GOOD. BUT YOU KNOW WHAT? I STILL WANT TO GIVE A HUGE SHOUT-OUT TO OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS-- DOCTORS, OUR NURSES, STAFF IN OUR HOSPITALS-- BECAUSE THERE ARE STILL, YOU KNOW, PEOPLE HAVING TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL, WE ARE STILL SEEING SOME PEOPLE DIE, AND WE KNOW THAT OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS CERTAINLY ARE FATIGUED, AS I THINK EVERYBODY IS. WE ALL HAVE C.O.V.I.D. FATIGUED, BUT NOT IN A WAY THAT I THINK THEY ARE EXPERIENCING. IF YOU ALL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY, I CAUGHT A GREAT SEGMENT THIS MORNING, ON "C.B.S. THIS MORNING," OF A NURSE IN CHARLESTON WHO ACTUALLY GOT PERMISSION TO PHOTOGRAPH-- YOU SAW IT, TOO, HOLLY-- PHOTOGRAPH WHAT WAS HAPPENING BEHIND CLOSED DOORS IN A HOSPITAL; GOT PATIENTS' AND FAMILIES' PERMISSION TO DOCUMENT IT. IT WAS A VERY EMOTIONAL AND INTENSE SEGMENT. AGAIN, IF YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO WATCH IT, YOU SHOULD. BECAUSE I STILL FEEL LIKE WE'VE GOT THIS DIVIDE IN OUR SOCIETY, SOME PEOPLE WHO THINK,

"OH, EVEN IF WE GET IT, IT IS NOT THAT BAD. OH, IT IS LIKE THE FLU." AND THIS WAS A GREAT DOCUMENTING OF THE ACTUAL PAIN AND DISTRESS FOR PERFECTLY HEALTHY PEOPLE, UNTIL THEY GOT THIS, AND WHAT THEIR FAMILIES WENT THROUGH. SO I REALLY WANT TO THANK ALL OF OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS FOR REALLY PUSHING ON. AND THERE WAS A POINT IN THIS WHERE THIS NURSE ACTUALLY SAID-- AT ONE POINT, WHEN PEOPLE COME IN THE HOSPITAL, WHO WEREN'T VACCINATED, YOU KIND OF WANT TO SAY, "YOU ARE HERE BECAUSE OF YOUR OWN DOING." RIGHT? "YOU CAUSED THIS TO YOURSELF." BUT THEN THEY SAID, LIKE ALL NURSES AND DOCTORS, THAT EMPATHY OVERTAKES THEM. THE REASON THEY WENT INTO THE PROFESSION OVERTAKES THEM, AND THEY REALIZE, "NO, WE HAVE TO HELP THESE PEOPLE. WE HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN." SO, AGAIN, I JUST FEEL LIKE PEOPLE ARE FORGETTING OUR FRONTLINE WORKERS, AS WE CONTINUE TO BATTLE THIS PANDEMIC. AND THE OTHER THING: I WATCHED ANOTHER NEWS SEGMENT THIS MORNING ON... I THINK IT WAS "AMANPOUR & COMPANY," FROM SOMEONE WHO'S A DISABILITY ADVOCATE, WHO ALSO IS SAYING THAT SOME OF OUR POLICY DECISIONS ABOUT HOW WE'RE GETTING OUT OF THIS, EVEN FROM THE C.D.C., SOMETIMES MIGHT BE EXCLUDING THE NEEDS OF OUR DISABLED COMMUNITY. FOR INSTANCE, WHEN YOU SAY, "AFTER QUARANTINE, YOU CAN GO BACK INTO THE PUBLIC WITHOUT TESTING. JUST STAY CLEAR OF PEOPLE WHO ARE AT RISK." AND HE WAS SAYING, "GOSH, WHEN I'M IN THE"-- AND HE HAS SEVERE HEALTH CHALLENGES, AND I THINK HE'S IMMUNE-CHALLENGED. AND HE'S LIKE, "I DON'T WEAR A

SANDWICH BOARD WHEN I GO TO THE GROCERY STORE. YOU DON'T KNOW THAT I AM A HEALTH RISK." SO, EVEN OUR SUGGESTIONS TO TELL PEOPLE TO STAY AWAY FROM THOSE WHO ARE MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR SOCIETY, WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO THOSE PEOPLE ARE, NECESSARILY. SO, COLLEAGUES, I AM EVEN THINKING ABOUT BRINGING IN, MAYBE, A MOTION NEXT TIME, AND ASKING OUR NEW DIRECTOR, LAURA TREJO, WHO WILL ULTIMATELY BE OVER OUR DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND DISABILITY, TO MAYBE TELL US, AS POLICYMAKERS, EVEN ON SOME OF OUR HEALTH ORDERS OR OUR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PUBLIC, ARE WE FORGETTING THAT VERY VULNERABLE PART OF OUR POPULATION THAT IS FEELING A LITTLE BIT EXCLUDED WHEN WE MAKE POLICY CHANGES? SO, THERE'S THAT. I WANT TO JUST SHIFT, DR. GHALY, TO OUR TESTING SITES. AND YES, WE ARE GETTING THEM UP AND RUNNING. I KNOW AT LAST MEETING I HAD REQUESTED THAT WE BEGIN OFFERING THESE POP-UP SITES AT OUR COUNTY LIBRARIES, AND YOUR TEAM WAS ABLE TO LAUNCH SOME OF THESE LIBRARY SITES. WE WERE GOING TO HAVE 13 NEW SITES, BUT WE LAUNCHED ONLY TWO NEW SITES YESTERDAY, AT LYNWOOD AND PICO RIVERA. WE ALSO HAVE ONE AT THE HUNTINGTON PARK LIBRARY. BUT IT DIDN'T SEEM TO BE ROLLING OUT AS SMOOTHLY AS I THINK WE'D ALL HOPED FOR IT TO, BECAUSE, COLLEAGUES, THERE'S NOTHING MORE TRUSTED IN A CITY'S CIVIC CENTER THAN THEIR LIBRARY, RIGHT? OUR LIBRARY STAFF IS FABULOUS. THANKS, SKYE PATRICK, FOR EVEN ALLOWING US TO DO THIS AT YOUR LIBRARIES. BUT PEOPLE DO TRUST THEIR LIBRARIES, WE'RE BATTLING THESE FRAUDULENT SITES RIGHT NOW. SO, DR. GHALY, WHAT IS YOUR

PLAN? I THINK IT WAS A STAFFING ISSUE. SO, WE THOUGHT DISASTER SERVICE WORKERS WERE GOING TO STAFF THESE SITES, BUT I THINK WE WERE TOLD MONDAY THAT MAYBE ONLY SIX PEOPLE SHOWED UP, FROM THEIR WHOLE POOL OF DISASTER SERVICE WORKERS. SO, GOT ANY IDEAS ON HOW WE CAN FIX THIS STAFFING ISSUE, AND THE REALISTIC TIMELINE TO GET MORE OF THESE LIBRARY SITES UP AND RUNNING?

DR. CHRISTINA GHALY: YEAH, SUPERVISOR, THANKS FOR THAT QUESTION. WE HAVE 14 LIBRARY IDENTIFIED: THREE THAT WENT LIVE BEFORE TODAY, OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS-- AS YOU MENTIONED, LYNWOOD, PICO RIVERA, AND HUNTINGTON PARK-- AND THEN THE FIVE MORE THAT LAUNCHED OFFICIALLY FOUR MINUTES AGO, AT 2:00. SO, THOSE ARE THE OTHER FIVE, WHICH ARE SAN FERNANDO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, ROSEMEAD, LAWNDALE, AND LENNOX. SO, THOSE EIGHT LIBRARIES ARE NOW LIVE. WE HAVE SIX MORE THAT ARE STILL PENDING, AND THE LIMITING FACTOR THERE IS STAFF, AS YOU POINT OUT. SO WE ARE WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. THEY'VE BEEN GREAT, VERY SUPPORTIVE, IN HELPING US TO IDENTIFY DISASTER SERVICE WORKERS FROM OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. I THINK THE CHALLENGE THERE IS JUST THE SAME THING THAT WE HAVE HEARD ACROSS THE BOARD TODAY, WHICH IS THAT STAFFING IS HARD EVERYWHERE. CERTAINLY, IT IS HARD WITHIN D.H.S., BUT I DON'T PRETEND TO BELIEVE THAT IT IS ONLY HARD WITHIN D.H.S., AND I KNOW COUNTY DEPARTMENTS EVERYWHERE-- AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AS WELL-- HAS REALLY PUSHED ON STAFFING.

THERE'S SO MANY REASONS FOR THAT: PEOPLE LEAVING THE WORKFORCE, CHOOSING RETIREMENT, OPTING FOR NON-HEALTHCARE.

SUP. HAHN: I HEAR YOU, BUT DO YOU THINK THIS IS POSSIBLE TO GET ENOUGH STAFF TO STAFF THESE LIBRARY SITES FROM OPENING TO CLOSING, NOT JUST FOR A COUPLE HOURS IN THE AFTERNOON?

DR. CHRISTINA GHALY: YEAH, THE PLAN IS THAT THEY ARE OPEN FOR SEVERAL HOURS, MORNING TO AFTERNOON, AND WE DO ANTICIPATE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE STAFF THAT WILL ALLOW THOSE ADDITIONAL SIX SITES TO OPEN OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS. BUT I AM NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE A DATE AT THIS POINT, RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE THOSE STAFF ARE NOT YET IDENTIFIED. SO, AS SOON AS--

SUP. HAHN: OKAY, WELL, AGAIN, IF THERE'S ANYTHING WE CAN DO, I REALLY WANT TO ASK KEVIN MCGOWAN TO REALLY UP HIS GAME ON THIS ISSUE. COLLEAGUES, I KNOW YOU KNOW HOW IMPORTANT OUR LIBRARIES ARE TO YOUR COMMUNITIES, AND THESE ARE PERFECT SITES FOR THESE TEST SITES. SO, IF IT IS JUST STAFF, THEN WE'VE JUST GOT TO FIGURE THIS ONE OUT, BECAUSE THE LINES AT THESE LIBRARIES IS AMAZING. IT IS NONSTOP FOR THE WHOLE TIME. AND I THINK THEY SHOULD BE OPEN THE SAME TIME THE LIBRARIES ARE OPEN, LIKE 10:00 IN THE MORNING UNTIL 4:00 OR 5:00 IN THE AFTERNOON. I MEAN, I KNOW THAT'S A LOT OF STAFF TIME, BUT I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT. OUR RESIDENTS WANT TO GET TESTED, AND WHICH I

APPLAUD THE FACT THAT THEY WANT TO GET TESTED. THEY WANT TO KNOW, ARE THEY SAFE? ARE THEIR FAMILIES SAFE? ARE THEIR KIDS SAFE ENOUGH TO GO TO SCHOOL, TO RETURN TO SCHOOL, BEING IN SCHOOL? SO I REALLY THINK THIS IS IMPORTANT THAT WE DO THIS, BECAUSE-- I AM GOING TO GO INTO MY NEXT COMMENT-- BECAUSE THESE FRAUDULENT SITES ARE CROPPING UP. AND WHY ARE THEY CROPPING UP? BECAUSE THERE'S NOT ENOUGH LEGITIMATE SITES OUT THERE, AND PEOPLE WANT TO GET TESTED. JUST IN SOUTH GATE AND BELL GARDENS, WE SHUT DOWN SIX FRAUDULENT SITES. I MEAN, THESE SITES ARE CHARGING PEOPLE FOR THE TESTS. THEY ARE ASKING FOR PEOPLE'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS, WHICH WE HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO WITH THOSE, AND THEY ARE NOT GETTING THE RESULTS BACK; SOMETIMES NEVER, BUT SOMETIMES THEY HAVE BEEN LIKE 14 DAYS. SO WE HAVE ASKED THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS TO BEGIN MONITORING THESE POP-UP SITES, TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE LEGIT. BUT, COLLEAGUES, I THINK THE LEGITIMATE ONES THAT THE COUNTY CAN PUT, PARTICULARLY, UP AT LIBRARIES COULD HELP SOLVE THAT PROBLEM. AND I DO KNOW THAT PEOPLE ARE CALLING MY OFFICE, AND I AM SURE THEY ARE CALLING ALL OF YOUR OFFICES: WHERE DO THEY GO TO A LEGITIMATE SITE? SO, DR. GHALY, WHAT CAN WE DO TO PROMOTE MORE OF THE VETTED SITES TO PEOPLE, MAYBE PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT CONNECTED TO SOCIAL MEDIA OR DON'T KNOW HOW TO SIGN UP ONLINE? IS THERE A PHONE NUMBER PEOPLE CAN CALL? WE DON'T MIND IF THEY CALL OUR OFFICE. WE WILL BE HAPPY TO TELL THEM WHERE THE LEGITIMATE SITES ARE.

BUT IS THERE SOMETHING MORE WE CAN DO, COUNTYWIDE, TO VET THESE SITES AND MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE LETTING PEOPLE KNOW WHERE THE LEGIT ONES ARE?

DR. CHRISTINA GHALY: YEAH, SUPERVISOR. THANKS FOR RAISING THIS, AND FOR THE ATTENTION ON THE ILLEGITIMATE SITES. YOU KNOW, WHEN THERE'S MONEY TO BE MADE, SADLY, THERE'S BAD ACTORS THAT WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PEOPLE. AND WE DO KEEP THE WEBSITE CONTINUOUSLY UPDATED ABOUT WHERE THE VETTED SITES ARE. THE INFORMATION, IF PEOPLE DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET, IS ALSO AVAILABLE THROUGH 2-1-1. PEOPLE SHOULD VERIFY THAT, IF POSSIBLE, AND THEN, OBVIOUSLY, THROUGH THEIR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER, AS WELL. PEOPLE SHOULD TRY TO USE A SITE THAT IS LISTED ON THAT WEBSITE, OR LISTED ON 2-1-1, OR THROUGH THEIR ESTABLISHED HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. IF THEY'RE NOT LISTED THERE, WE CAN'T INDEPENDENTLY VALIDATE THAT THEY ARE USING A LEGITIMATE TEST, ABLE TO PROVIDE RESULTS, OR THAT THEY WON'T BE CHARGED SOMEHOW. AND NO ONE SHOULD BE CHARGED FOR A C.O.V.I.D. TEST, AND I THINK THAT'S ONE RED FLAG FOR PEOPLE TO WATCH OUT FOR. IF YOU ARE BEING CHARGED FOR A TEST, THAT'S A RED FLAG THAT THAT'S POTENTIALLY AN ILLEGITIMATE SITE. AND TAKE CAUTION: YOU SHOULD NEVER HAVE TO PAY FOR A C.O.V.I.D. TEST. AND THEN, WE WILL CONTINUE TO RAMP UP OTHER COMMUNITY SITES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. I LOVE THE LIBRARY IDEA. I THINK IT'S GREAT, AND WE'RE GOING TO RAMP THOSE ADDITIONAL LIBRARIES UP. I HEAR YOUR

POINT AROUND THE HOURS; WOULD LOVE THAT, AS WELL, JUST AS MUCH AS STAFFING ALLOWS. SO I THINK WE HAVE TO TIP THE BALANCE TO MAKE IT EASIER AND EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO FIND THE GOOD SITES. BUT, SADLY, I WISH I COULD MAKE ALL OF THOSE BAD SITES GO AWAY, BUT CERTAINLY APPRECIATE D.C.B.A.'S WORK, AND WE ARE VERY HAPPY TO PARTNER WITH THEM AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE ON CALLING OUT AND REALLY HOLDING ACCOUNTABLE THOSE ILLEGITIMATE SITES THAT, SADLY, ARE OUT THERE.

SUP. HAHN: AGAIN, I THINK WE NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB FOR PEOPLE WHO CAN'T DO A WEBSITE. 2-1-1 IS GOOD, BUT MANY OF THESE PEOPLE ALSO DON'T HAVE A REGULAR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER, RIGHT? THIS IS WHY THEY ARE KIND OF COMING TO US FOR HELP IN GETTING TESTED, SO LET'S DO MORE ABOUT MARKETING THESE LEGIT SITES. LET ME JUST CLARIFY ONE THING. SO, I FEEL LIKE I HEARD ONE OF YOU SAY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO SHOW ANY I.D. AT A COUNTY TESTING SITE. OR DO YOU HAVE TO SHOW YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE?

DR. CHRISTINA GHALY: WE ASK FOR PEOPLE TO REGISTER AT THE SITES. WE NEED PEOPLE TO REGISTER, SO THAT WE CAN KEEP TRACK OF WHERE THE TESTS ARE GOING, AND GET PEOPLE THE RESULTS.

SUP. HAHN: YEAH, BUT DO THEY NEED TO SHOW A FORM OF I.D.?

DR. CHRISTINA GHALY: THEY ARE NOT REQUIRED TO SHOW ANY FORM OF IDENTIFICATION.

SUP. HAHN: OKAY, SO I THINK THAT'S HAPPENING AT OUR LIBRARY SITES. THEY WERE ASKING PEOPLE FOR THEIR I.D., AND IT HAD TO DO WITH SOMETHING-- THEY FELT LIKE WE WERE ONLY TESTING RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY.

DR. CHRISTINA GHALY: I WILL LOOK INTO WHAT THE PROTOCOL IS ON THOSE LIBRARY SITES, AND WE WILL VERIFY. THE COUNTY TESTING PROGRAM IS SUPPOSED TO BE FOR L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS, BUT IF PEOPLE-- WE JUST ASK THAT PEOPLE ATTEST THAT THEY USE THE PROGRAM APPROPRIATELY. BUT IF THEY ARE IN L.A. COUNTY, THEY ARE OBVIOUSLY HERE, WE'RE HAPPY TO HELP THEM.

SUP. HAHN: RIGHT. I WAS GOING TO SAY, EVEN IF THEY ARE FROM ORANGE COUNTY, BUT THEY ARE HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, YOU KNOW, I AM OKAY WITH THEM GETTING TESTED. AGAIN, THIS VIRUS DOESN'T CARE WHETHER IT IS ORANGE COUNTY OR L.A. COUNTY. SO, ONE MORE THING, AND I'LL CLOSE. DR. FERRER, I HAVE BEEN HEARING FROM WORKING MOMS WHO ARE FRUSTRATED THAT THEIR KIDS ARE SENT HOME BECAUSE OF A POTENTIAL EXPOSURE, EVEN THOUGH THEIR KIDS TEST NEGATIVE AND HAVE NO SYSTEMS. AND THE DAYCARE CENTERS ARE NOT BEING PERMITTED TO FOLLOW THE SAME GUIDELINES AS A KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM, THAT AIMED TO HELP KEEP KIDS IN THE

SCHOOLS AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. ESSENTIAL WORKERS AND, WE KNOW, MANY OF OUR WORKING PARENTS RELY ON THESE DAYCARES TO STAY OPEN. SO, DR. FERRER, HAS THE STATE GIVEN YOU ANY REASON WHY PRESCHOOLS CAN'T FOLLOW THE SAME PROTOCOLS AS KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOMS, PARTICULARLY FOR THE KIDS AGE TWO TO FIVE, WHO ARE WEARING MASKS IN PRESCHOOL? THESE ARE THE SAME PRESCHOOLS THAT WERE DETERMINED ESSENTIAL BY THE STATE, AND ALLOWED TO STAY OPEN EARLY ON DURING THE PANDEMIC, WHEN EVERYTHING ELSE WAS SHUT DOWN. WHAT CAN WE DO TO WORK WITH OUR STATE HEALTH OFFICER, SO THE RISK AT PRESCHOOLS AND KINDERGARTENS IS MANAGED IN THE SAME WAY? THANK YOU, AND I WILL CLOSE WITH THAT, SO AFTER DR. FERRER ANSWERS, I'M DONE. THANK YOU.

DR. BARBARA FERRER: THANKS SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND FOR ALL THE ADVOCACY ON MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO KEEP SCHOOLS AND DAYCARES OPEN. THIS IS REALLY AN ISSUE THAT JUST RELATES TO THE QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION RULES THAT RECENTLY GOT CHANGED. AND THERE'S A DIFFERENT SET OF RULES FOR THE T.K.-12 SCHOOLS, THAT ALLOWS FOR THERE TO BE SOME MODIFICATIONS. IT IS REALLY ON THE QUARANTINE SIDE, NOT ON THE ISOLATION SIDE. ANYBODY WHO IS POSITIVE DOES NEED TO GO HOME AND STAY HOME FOR THE MINIMUM OF THOSE FIVE DAYS. BUT ON THE QUARANTINE SIDE, THERE IS A RELAXING OF THE RULES THAT ALLOWS CHILDREN AND STAFF TO BE TESTING OUT OF THAT QUARANTINE PERIOD AFTER DAY 5, WITH A NEGATIVE TEST RESULT, AND THEN THEY

ARE ABLE TO RETURN, AS LONG AS THEY ARE WEARING THEIR MASK AND THEY ARE ASYMPTOMATIC. BUT IT DOES JUST APPLY TO THE T.K.-THROUGH-GRADE-12 SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT. WE WOULD NEED THE STATE TO AUTHORIZE IT, FOR IT TO APPLY IN THE CHILDCARE SETTINGS, AND FOR THEIR LICENSING BOARDS TO ALSO GO AHEAD AND AGREE WITH THAT. WE ACTUALLY HAVE TALKED WITH THE STATE AND INDICATED OUR SUPPORT FOR MATCHING THE REQUIREMENTS. I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY, IT IS A LITTLE BIT HARDER FOR THE INFANTS; THEY ARE NOT GOING TO BE MASKED. BUT WE CERTAINLY THINK, FOR THE TWO- TO FIVE-YEAR-OLDS, IT WOULD MAKE A LOT OF SENSE TO OFFER THIS. IT IS SUPER HARD, WHEN WE HAVE THIS MANY CASES, ON PARENTS. I MEAN, CHILDREN CAN JUST BOUNCE IN AND OUT OF BEING A CLOSE CONTACT IN A CHILDCARE SETTING, SO WE DO THINK IT IS A SENSIBLE WAY TO MOVE, AND HAVE INDICATED THAT TO THE STATE. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE STATE IS GOING TO GO AHEAD AND ISSUE NEW GUIDANCE FOR THE E.C.E. SETTINGS. I HAD HOPED THAT THAT WAS COMING EARLY THIS WEEK. WE CONTINUE TO ASK FOR IT, AS DOES EVERYBODY ELSE, BECAUSE IT IS A BIG ISSUE, AND LOTS OF PARENTS, AS YOU NOTED, WOULD LIKE THIS ACCOMMODATION TO BE AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN, AS WELL, AND TO BE CLEAR THAT IT'S AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN, AS WELL. YEAH. I MEAN, IT'S COMPLICATED, WHAT CAN HAPPEN AT SCHOOLS, BUT WE THINK, AGAIN, WITH AMPLE TESTING--AND WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH OUR CHILDCARE PROVIDERS TO INCREASE THEIR ABILITY TO HAVE ACCESS TO GOOD TESTING, SO THAT THEY, TOO, CAN GO AHEAD AND DO WHAT IS ABLE TO HAPPEN AT THE

K-12 SCHOOLS. SO WE THINK IF WE PUT ALL THOSE PIECES TOGETHER, IT IS SENSIBLE TO BE ABLE TO RELAX THE PRECAUTIONS FOR CHILDREN; VERY YOUNG CHILDREN. SO, THANK YOU.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR KUEHL? NO? QUESTION?

SUP. KUEHL: NO, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK I WILL SAY WHAT I NEED TO SAY AT THE INTRODUCTION TO ITEM 5.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: OKAY, GREAT. THANK YOU. VERY QUICKLY, FOR ME, DR. FERRER, QUICK FOLLOW-UP QUESTION WITH REGARD TO THE HOMEBOUND VACCINATION PROGRAM. WE ARE HEARING A LOT FROM CONSTITUENTS WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT OUR LEVEL OF OUTREACH. THEY'RE CONCERNED THAT PEOPLE DON'T KNOW THAT L.A. COUNTY HAS A HOMEBOUND VACCINATION PROGRAM. SO I WANT TO JUST FOLLOW UP QUICKLY ABOUT HOW WE ARE DOING OUTREACH TO TARGET THAT POPULATION. AND SECONDLY, IS OUR HOMEBOUND PROGRAM BOTH VACCINATION AND TESTING, OR JUST VACCINATION?

DR. BARBARA FERRER: YEAH, THANKS SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AND FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT. IT IS A VACCINATION PROGRAM. THAT'S THE SERVICE WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE. I WANT TO NOTE, DR.

GHALY HAS THAT TESTING PROGRAM WHERE SHE CAN SEND TEST KITS TO FOLKS, SO MAYBE THERE'S A WAY THAT PEOPLE CAN CALL IN TO JUST OUR NUMBER, AND WE CAN CONNECT THEM, IF THEY NEED THAT TESTING RESOURCE, TO THE D.H.S. PROGRAM. I AM HAPPY TO WORK WITH DR. GHALY AND HER TEAM ON THAT. RIGHT NOW, WE ARE OFFERING VACCINATIONS. I DO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE THINK WE HAVE DONE A LOT OF OUTREACH ON THIS PROGRAM, BUT WE DO HEAR, AS I KNOW YOU ARE HEARING, THAT SOME FOLKS DON'T KNOW ABOUT IT. WE HAVE OUTREACHED, PRIMARILY, TO CAREGIVERS THAT ARE SIGNED UP WITH ANY OF THE NUMBER OF HOME HEALTH PROGRAMS, AS WELL AS THE PROGRAM THAT ACTUALLY ALLOWS FAMILY MEMBERS TO BE CAREGIVERS, KNOWING THAT IT WOULD BE HARD, IN SOME WAYS, FOR US TO REACH ALL OF THE HOMEBOUND INDIVIDUALS. WE ARE OPEN TO ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL WAYS. THERE IS A FACEBOOK POST ON TODAY. I MEAN, WE WILL CONTINUE-- WE WILL USE WHATEVER PEOPLE THINK MAKES SENSE, BUT I WANT TO NOTE THAT WE HAVE TRIED TO GO THROUGH THE CAREGIVER POPULATION, WHO WE KNOW IS ALREADY PROVIDING SERVICES TO MANY OF THE HOMEBOUND RESIDENTS. BUT HAPPY TO TALK WITH YOUR STAFF, OR ACTUALLY WITH ANYBODY ELSE, WHO HAS SUGGESTIONS ABOUT BETTER WAYS TO DO OUTREACH FOR THIS PROGRAM.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: I APPRECIATE THAT. WE WILL REACH OUT, BECAUSE I THINK THAT THERE IS A POPULATION, PERHAPS LARGELY SENIORS-- THAT'S MY EXPERIENCE AND ORIENTATION-- WHO ARE

HOMEBOUND, BUT ARE LIVING ALONE AND CARING FOR THEMSELVES, WHO MAY NOT HAVE A CAREGIVER, MAY NOT HAVE AN I.H.S.S. OR SOME KIND OF CAREGIVER, OR CAREGIVER IN SOME KIND OF FORMALIZED, STRUCTURED SYSTEM, WHERE THEY WOULD HAVE ACCESS. I KNOW THAT THERE ARE OTHER GOVERNMENTS WHO HAVE DONE WORK, IN TERMS OF DOING OUTREACH. SO WE WILL SHARE SOME OF THE RESOURCES THAT HAVE COME TO MY ATTENTION WITH YOU, TO SEE IF IT'S SOMETHING THAT WORKS FOR US, THAT WE CAN, PERHAPS, REPLICATE. WE WILL.

DR. BARBARA FERRER: YEAH, I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE THAT CONVERSATION. THANKS SO MUCH.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: WE'LL ABSOLUTELY FOLLOW UP. I WILL MOVE ON, COLLEAGUES. I'VE GOT A READ-IN MOTION, AND IT REALLY IS IN KEEPING WITH WHAT MANY OF YOU HAVE RAISED, IN TERMS OF OUR CONTINUING CONCERN WITH REGARD TO PEOPLE SEEKING TESTING SITES, DEALING WITH THE FAKE TESTING SITES. HOPING EVERYONE WHO IS WATCHING THE BOARD MEETING UNDERSTANDS THAT IF YOU DO SEE A TEST SITE THAT YOU THINK IS QUESTIONABLE, THAT YOU CAN REPORT THAT TO THE COUNTY BY CALLING 800-593-8222. AND IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR TESTING SITES AND HOME KITS, THERE IS A WEBSITE: C.O.V.I.D.19.LACOUNTY.GOV/TESTING. SOMETIMES I WISH OUR WEBSITES WERE JUST A LITTLE MORE USER-FRIENDLY OR INTUITIVE, BUT C.O.V.I.D.19.LACOUNTY.GOV/TESTING SHOULD DIRECT YOU TO COUNTY-SANCTIONED TESTING SITES, AND THE PHONE NUMBER

IS IF YOU ARE SUSPICIOUS OF ONE. AS WE WERE REMINDED IN STANDING AGENDA ITEM 1, MANY OF OUR COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE ESSENTIAL WORKERS, WHO HAVE NO CHOICE AND MUST CONTINUE TO GO TO WORK. AND SO, WITHOUT ACCESS TO TESTS, VULNERABLE WORKERS ARE OFTEN LEFT UNABLE TO LEAVE QUARANTINE AND RETURN TO WORK, MISSING VITAL EARNINGS IN THE WAKE OF THE EXPIRATION OF THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 SICK PAY. THE LACK OF TESTS IS HITTING OUR VITAL SMALL BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITIES VERY HARD. W.D.A.C.S., THE COUNTY'S WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, REPORTS IT HAS RECEIVED HUNDREDS OF URGENT REQUESTS FOR C.O.V.I.D.-19 TESTING KITS FROM VARIOUS CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND PARTNERS, AS WELL AS LOCAL CITIES. P.P.E. UNITE SUCCESSFULLY PROVIDED OVER 45,000 SMALL BUSINESSES WITH MORE THAN 710,000 EMPLOYEE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT KITS TO ADDRESS C.O.V.I.D.-19 WORKER SAFETY CHALLENGES. W.D.A.C.S. AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH BOTH AGREE THAT P.P.E. UNITE HAS THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO ALSO EFFECTIVELY DISTRIBUTE FREE TESTS FOR A COUNTY'S SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY. AND SO THE READ-IN MOTION IS TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO FREE TESTS FOR OUR COUNTY'S SMALL AND MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESS COMMUNITIES. COLLEAGUES, I AM GOING TO SKIP THE PREAMBLE AND JUST READ THE DIRECT ACTIONS THIS READ-IN MOTION IS STATING. AND SO, THE READ-IN MOTION IS AS FOLLOWS: "THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZE THE C.E.O. TO REALLOCATE $7 MILLION IN THE TRANCHE-ONE SPENDING PLAN FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT CORONAVIRUS

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS SPENDING PLAN, APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON JULY 27TH, 2021, TO INCREASE THE SAFER AT WORK LINE ITEM FROM $500,000 TO $7.5 MILLION. REALLOCATED FUNDS SHOULD BE SUBTRACTED FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY LINE ITEM AND THE A.R.P. SPENDING PLAN; TWO, TO APPROVE THE ATTACHED APPROPRIATION BUDGET ADJUSTMENT THAT REFLECTS AN INCREASE OF $7 MILLION IN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, AGING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES' FINAL ADOPTED BUDGET, OFFSET BY A CORRESPONDING INCREASE OF $7 MILLION IN FEDERAL REVENUE FROM THE A.R.P. ACT, TO FUND A C.O.V.I.D.-19 TESTING KIT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM, AS PART OF THE SAFER AT WORK LINE ITEM, TO PROVIDE FREE TESTING KITS TO SMALL BUSINESSES, COMMUNITY- AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, IN HIGH-VULNERABILITY COMMUNITIES; AND THREE, AUTHORIZE AND DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF W.D.A.C.S., OR HIS DESIGNEE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE C.E.O. AND COUNTY COUNSEL, TO ENTER INTO, EXECUTE, AMEND, AND IF NECESSARY TERMINATE AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING SOLE SOURCE AGREEMENTS OR ANY RELATED AGREEMENTS FOR THE SAFER AT WORK PROGRAM, UP TO $7 MILLION, FOR THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 TESTING KIT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM, TO IMMEDIATELY SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES WHILE PRIORITIZING VULNERABLE FRONTLINE WORKERS." ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE READ-IN MOTION?

SUP. SOLIS: MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE ONE QUESTION, BUT THIS IS FOR THE C.E.O., IF I MIGHT.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: OKAY, GO AHEAD.

SUP. SOLIS: YES, THANK YOU. I AGREE WITH YOUR MOTION. I THINK IT IS GREAT THAT WE CAN HELP ENHANCE ANY P.P.E. UNITE EFFORT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE COVERING OUR EMPLOYEES' TESTING KITS, ESPECIALLY SMALL BUSINESSES AND THOSE MICRO BUSINESSES, AS WELL. AND I JUST WANTED TO ASK THE C.E.O., FESIA DAVENPORT, IF SHE COULD JUST MAYBE GIVE ME SOME INFORMATION. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE FUNDING WILL BE REALLOCATED FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY LINE ITEM IN THE A.R.P. SPENDING PLAN, AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE HOW WE CAN ENSURE THAT THIS WON'T DISRUPT THE SERVICES OF OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NEEDS, AS WE CONTINUE TO PROTECT OUR RESIDENTS. SO, IN OTHER WORDS, I HOPE THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE FROM ONE AND THEN FORGET IT, AND THEN MOVE MONEY OUT FOR SOMETHING ELSE, AND THEN LEAVE PUBLIC HEALTH KIND OF HANGING HERE. SO, CAN I GET CLARIFICATION FROM FESIA?

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: YES. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THAT IS AN EXCELLENT QUESTION. I THINK THE ISSUE IS MORE OF TIMING AND SEQUENCING. SO, PREVIOUSLY, THE BOARD HAD ALLOCATED A POT OF $20 MILLION UNDER A.R.P. FUNDING, THE TRANCHE ONE,

FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH BUCKET. IT WAS UNDESIGNATED, AND WE WANTED IT THAT WAY, SO THAT WE COULD HAVE FLEXIBILITY TO SUPPORT OUR PUBLIC HEALTH EFFORTS, WHATEVER THEY MIGHT BE. WE DIDN'T EVEN THINK THAT WE WOULD BE IN A SURGE. AND SO IT IS OKAY FOR US TO TRANSFER $7 MILLION FROM THIS BUCKET, BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT THE BOARD IS ABOUT TO ALLOCATE TRANCHE 2 OF THE A.R.P. FUNDING IN MAY. AND SO, IF D.P.H. HAS ADDITIONAL NEEDS THAT WE ARE NOT ABLE TO MEET, WE ARE ALREADY WORKING WITH THEM VERY CLOSELY. BUT IF THEY HAVE ADDITIONAL NEEDS THAT WE'RE NOT ABLE TO MEET WITH TRANCHE ONE, TRANCHE TWO IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER, AND WE WILL BE COMING BACK TO THE BOARD TO ASK FOR, I AM SURE, AN ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION TO INCREASE THE PUBLIC HEALTH BUCKET, TO ADD TO THE $20 MILLION THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY ALLOCATED.

SUP. SOLIS: OKAY, SO THAT WON'T COMPROMISE. THAT'S REALLY WHAT I WANTED TO GET TO.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: NO, SUPERVISOR. I'M SORRY. I THINK IT'S MORE OF A MATTER OF SEQUENCING. SO, IF D.P.H. NEEDED ADDITIONAL FUNDING, LET'S SAY, NEXT MONTH, THAT EXCEEDED THE $20 MILLION, WE WOULD JUST FIGURE OUT A WAY TO FLOAT THAT FUNDING TO THEM UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE BOARD APPROVED AN ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION OF FUNDING TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH BUCKET UNDER A.R.P. TRANCHE TWO, WHICH WE EXPECT TO RECEIVE IN MAY.

SUP. SOLIS: GREAT. OKAY, WITH THAT, MADAM CHAIR, I SUPPORT YOUR MOTION. THANK YOU.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND I APPRECIATE THE QUESTION. I HOPE YOU KNOW THAT I WOULD NEVER DO ANYTHING TO COMPROMISE D.P.H.S AND THEIR FULL FUNDING TO FIGHT THIS PANDEMIC, BY NO MEANS. WE WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH THEM, AND WANTED TO JUST MAKE SURE THAT WE COULD MAKE BOTH OF THESE THINGS HAPPEN, SIMULTANEOUSLY. AND THANK YOU, MS. DAVENPORT, FOR THAT CLARIFICATION. THE REPORT-- ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS? SEEING NONE, THE REPORT IS RECEIVED AND FILED, AND MY MOTION IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE, AND ASK THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS SECOND TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S MOTION IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WE ARE GOING TO RETURN TO AGENDA ITEM NO. 1, THAT WE HEARD UNDER THE PUBLIC HEARING, THE HEARING ON THE ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS FOR COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICTS IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF VALINDA, EAST ARCADIA, GORMAN, LITTLEROCK, AND THE CITY OF CARSON. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE REPORT ON THE BALLOT TABULATION RESULTS.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AFTER TABULATING THE BALANCE, A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS FOR TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION PROJECTS KNOWN AS PARCEL MAP 74517 AND 74931, AND TRACT 74940, SINGLE-LOT PROJECT NUMBER KNOWN AS L 043-2020 AND L 065-2020, IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF VALINDA, EAST ARCADIA, GORMAN, LITTLEROCK, AND THE CITY OF CARSON, PROPOSED FOR ANNEXATIONS TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687, 1697, AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICTS LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT-1, UNINCORPORATED AND CARSON ZONES. AS A RESULT, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION, ORDERING THE ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS AND THE JOINT RESOLUTIONS, ACCEPTING THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUE RESULTING FROM THE ANNEXATION OF SUBDIVISION AND SINGLE-LOT TERRITORIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: ITEM ONE IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL ROLL.

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

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. PROCEEDING ON TO ITEM 5, UPDATING THE COUNTY'S C.O.V.I.D.-19 TENANT PROTECTIONS RESOLUTION TO EXTEND, CLARIFY, AND GRADUALLY PHASE OUT TEMPORARY EMERGENCY PROTECTIONS.

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THE ITEM WAS-- I'M SORRY. THE ITEM WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. GO AHEAD.

SUP. KUEHL: YES, IT WAS. THANK YOU SO MUCH. I REALLY APPRECIATE MY CO-AUTHOR, AND I AM VERY, ACTUALLY, VERY PROUD TO BRING THIS, BECAUSE, GIVEN THE LONG CONVERSATION THAT WE HAVE HAD ABOUT THE SURGE, AND ABOUT THE IMPACTS OF C.O.V.I.D. REMAINING ON OUR POPULATION, I MEAN, IT IS STUNNING TO ME THAT A QUARTER OF A MILLION PEOPLE BECAME NEWLY INFECTED IN THE LAST WEEK. SO, WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT ALL THESE PEOPLE AND WHAT THEY NEED WHEN THEY BECOME INFECTED-- I KNOW KATHRYN AND I CERTAINLY KNOW, BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN THROUGH IT-- AND I CAN'T IMAGINE NOT HAVING A PLACE TO BE. AND SO THIS IS REALLY ABOUT HOUSING AND ABOUT OUR RESIDENTS, AND CONTINUING TO PROTECT THEM UNTIL THERE IS A REAL DIMINUTION IN THESE CASES, AND WE KNOW THAT THERE IS SOME RETURN TO NORMAL. WE ALL WISHED THAT IT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN THE END OF LAST YEAR. WE ALL STARTED TO GET REALLY EXCITED IN THE FALL, AND THEN WE HAD THIS SURGE. SO THIS IS A TEMPORARY CONTINUANCE OF SOME OF THE PROTECTIONS THAT WE ADOPTED IN THIS COUNTY FOR OUR RENTERS. AND AS YOU KNOW, THERE ARE MILLIONS OF THEM IN THE COUNTY, IN ALL OF OUR DISTRICTS. BUT LAST FALL, MY COLLEAGUES ASKED OUR DEPARTMENTS TO LOOK AT A PHASE-OUT PLAN, WHICH WE THOUGHT WOULD ACTUALLY

GO A LOT FASTER, BECAUSE WE DIDN'T KNOW THERE'D BE A SURGE. BUT IT WAS-- WE ASKED THE DEPARTMENTS TO LOOK AT OUR CURRENT ECONOMIC AND HOUSING AND HEALTH AND PROGRAMMATIC DATA, AND THEY DID. AND THIS MOTION IS THE RESULT OF THAT, AND, I THINK, ONE THAT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT TWO OF THE THREE RECOMMENDED PHASES TO BEGIN RESPONSIBLY PHASING OUT THE PROTECTIONS, BUT ALSO RESPONSIBLY RETAINING POLICIES THAT REMAIN ESSENTIAL. I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THE PROCESS THAT WAS GONE THROUGH, IN ORDER TO COME TO THESE CONCLUSIONS. THIS IS WHAT IS IN THE MOTION: PHASE ONE WOULD GO INTO EFFECT FEBRUARY 1ST, AND IT WOULD LAST THROUGH THE END OF MAY. AND DURING THAT PHASE, FOR COMMERCIAL TENANTS, WE PRESERVE ONLY THOSE PROTECTIONS RELATING TO ANTI-HARASSMENT OR ANTI-RETALIATION, AND WE PROHIBIT ENFORCEMENT OF PERSONAL GUARANTEES FOR RENT THAT WERE INCURRED BY COMMERCIAL TENANTS, BUT ONLY THOSE WITH NINE OR FEWER EMPLOYEES. NONPAYMENT OF RENT PROTECTIONS FOR OUR COMMERCIAL TENANTS WILL BE PHASED OUT, BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1ST. FOR RESIDENTIAL TENANTS, WE ARE CONTINUING ALL THE EXISTING RESIDENTIAL PROTECTIONS AGAINST EVICTIONS, INCLUDING THE DEFENSES THAT THEY HAVE FOR NUISANCE UNAUTHORIZED OCCUPANTS, BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, YOUR KIDS HAD TO MOVE IN WITH YOU, OR PETS, FOR THE C.O.V.I.D. DOG; AND A PROHIBITION ON RENT INCREASES CONTINUING FOR ONLY SPECIFIC RENT-STABILIZED UNITS, AND ONLY IN OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS. WE ARE ALSO BRINGING BACK, BECAUSE NOW THE STATE IS ALLOWING US TO, A RESIDENTIAL PROTECTION THAT WE

HAD IN PLACE ALREADY, FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE PANDEMIC, WHERE THE COUNTY ADOPTED RESIDENTIAL NONPAYMENT-OF-RENT PROTECTIONS IN THE BEGINNING, BUT STATE LAW SAID WE COULDN'T CONTINUE THEM UP UNTIL NOW. BUT THE STATE PREEMPTIONS EXPIRE MARCH 31, SO THIS MOTION INTRODUCES-- THAT IS, AGAIN-- WHAT WE HAD BEFORE, WHICH IS NONPAYMENT-OF-RENT PROTECTIONS, BEGINNING IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR. PHASE TWO DOESN'T BEGIN UNTIL JUNE 1ST, AND IT GOES THROUGH THE END OF THIS YEAR. FOR COMMERCIAL TENANTS, WE CONTINUE TO PRESERVE PROTECTIONS RELATING TO ANTI-HARASSMENT AND RETALIATION, AND CONTINUE TO PROHIBIT THE ENFORCEMENT OF PERSONAL PAYMENT GUARANTEES, WHICH THEY REQUESTED. FOR RESIDENTIAL TENANTS, WE WILL CONTINUE TO EXTEND RESIDENTIAL PROTECTIONS RELATED TO NUISANCE, UNAUTHORIZED PETS AND OCCUPANTS, AND A PROHIBITION ON RENT INCREASES. THE NONPAYMENT-OF-RENT PROTECTIONS WILL CONTINUE. HOWEVER, STARTING JUNE 1, IT WOULD ONLY BE FOR TENANTS WHOSE INCOMES ARE AT THE 80% AREA, MEDIUM INCOME OR BELOW. AND I KNOW THAT SOUNDS LIKE A LOT, BUT IT IS ACTUALLY QUITE LOW. WE ARE ALLOWING AN ADDITIONAL NUMBER OF LIMITED OWNER MOVE-INS, BECAUSE MANY OWNERS SAID, "WE HAVE GOT TO BE ABLE TO MOVE BACK INTO OUR OWN PLACES." AND WE ALLOW EVICTIONS TO RETURN IF YOU DENY ENTRY TO A LANDLORD, EXCEPT WHEN THOSE ENTRIES CONSTITUTE HARASSMENT. NOW, UNDERSTAND, THESE PROTECTIONS DON'T BAR EVICTIONS BEING FILED. THEY SIMPLY PROVIDE RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL TENANTS WITH A DEFENSE, IF THEIR LANDLORDS FILE AN

EVICTION THEY SHOULDN'T BE FILING, AND IT IS HEARD IN COURT. BUT A TENANT HAS TO ANSWER ALL THE EVICTION NOTICES THAT THEY RECEIVE. IF YOU ARE A RESIDENTIAL RENTER BEHIND ON YOUR RENT, WE ARE BEGGING YOU, PLEASE APPLY FOR HELP THROUGH THE STATE'S RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. IT'S CALLED HOUSINGISKEY-- ALL ONE WORD-- .COM, BECAUSE THEY WILL HELP YOU PAY YOUR LANDLORD. AND THAT WAY, YOU WILL BOTH BENEFIT. NOW, I REALLY UNDERSTAND: RENTERS HAVE NOT BEEN THE ONLY PEOPLE TO SUFFER FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DURING THE PANDEMIC. PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE ALSO TAKEN A HIT. I REPRESENT THE THIRD DISTRICT. OKAY? I UNDERSTAND. PEOPLE WHO OWN PROPERTY, THEY ARE VERY MUCH IN CONTACT WITH ME, AND I SEE THEM. BUT WE ARE GOING TO RAMP DOWN PROTECTIONS SO THAT THERE WILL BE FEWER AND FEWER, AND WE HAVE TALKED TO MANY LANDLORDS WHO DON'T-- THEY ARE NOT ALL AGREEING, BUT THEY KNOW WE ARE TRYING, BECAUSE WE HAVE TO BE THOUGHTFUL IN HOW WE DO THIS. WE ARE STILL IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS PANDEMIC. WE ARE NOT AT THE END. BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT ONLY NOT REACHED HERD IMMUNITY, WE HAVEN'T EVEN REACHED HERD INTELLIGENCE. I MEAN, PEOPLE ARE NOT THINKING ABOUT HOW THEY CAN HELP STOP THIS. WE HAVE SEEN OUR HIGHEST CASE NUMBERS TO DATE THIS MONTH, AND WE STILL HAVE THOUSANDS OF LOW-INCOME TENANTS AWAITING RENT RELIEF. SO, I HONESTLY THINK WE HAVE TO ENSURE OUR LOWEST-INCOME RENTERS, MANY OF WHOM FACED COMPLETE INCOME LOSS AND ILLNESS DURING THE PANDEMIC, THEY NEED ENOUGH TIME TO RECOUP THEIR PANDEMIC-RELATED LOSSES, SECURE REPAYMENT SUBSIDIES THAT

THE STATE CAN HELP THEM WITH, AND BE ABLE TO PAY BACK THEIR LANDLORDS. NO COUNTY RESIDENT SHOULD FACE THE PROSPECT OF HOMELESSNESS BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC. SO I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR THIS. I KNOW THAT SOME THINK THAT IT IS TOO LONG, BUT A LOT OF PEOPLE WORKED TO PUT THIS TOGETHER AND TAKE INTO ACCOUNT WHAT WE SEE FOR THE PANDEMIC. SO, THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, FOR LETTING ME PRESENT THIS. THANKS TO MY CO-AUTHOR, AND I ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT, WE WILL HEAR FROM YOUR CO-AUTHOR, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR INVITING ME TO JOIN YOU AGAIN AS A CO-AUTHOR TO THIS SUBJECT MATTER THAT I THINK IS SO VERY IMPORTANT. WE HEARD TODAY FROM MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE CALLED IN, BUT ALSO HAVE BEEN CONTACTING OUR OFFICES, ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ISSUE. BUT WHAT KEEPS ME-- OR REMAINS TO BE SEEN IS, HOW ARE WE GOING TO HELP THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE STILL SUFFERING, THAT HAVEN'T COME OUT, AS YOU WELL STATED, FROM THIS PANDEMIC? AND OUR BUSINESSES, YES, THEY ARE STRUGGLING. OUR SMALL LANDLORDS ARE STRUGGLING. BUT, IN FACT, THERE ARE A LOT OF TENANTS THAT WE HEARD TODAY-- MANY FROM MY DISTRICT AND, I THINK, FROM AROUND THE COUNTY-- WHO SAID THAT THIS IS JUST NOT THE RIGHT TIME. AND IF WE COULD PROVIDE AN EASING PROGRAM, SOMETHING THAT CAN BE EASED INTO,

AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT THIS PLAN DOES, BEFORE US TODAY. AND I JUST WANT TO REMIND PEOPLE THAT, AS OF THIS YEAR, ALMOST $1.6 BILLION HAS BEEN REQUESTED FROM THE CALIFORNIA RENT RELIEF PROGRAM, BUT ONLY $915 MILLION HAS BEEN PAID OUT TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY FROM THE PROGRAM, AND THAT ONLY REPRESENTS 32% OF THE HOUSEHOLDS THAT HAVE APPLIED. SO IT TELLS YOU THERE'S STILL A BIG GAP THAT EXISTS OUT THERE, JUST WITH ACQUIRING THIS KIND OF ASSISTANCE THAT WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO SO MANY PEOPLE. THE PRESENT STATE OF RENTAL DEBT UNDERSCORES THE URGENCY FOR US TO CONTINUE TENANT PROTECTIONS AND DISTRIBUTING RENTAL ASSISTANCE, TO AVERT WHAT WE KNOW CAN BE MASS EVICTION AND SKYROCKETING HOMELESSNESS. GOD FORBID THAT THAT'S WHAT WE SEE HAPPENING AGAIN. SO, I KNOW THAT WE HEARD TODAY FROM A LOT OF COMMERCIAL TENANTS AND INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE LANDLORDS. WE KNOW WE ARE TRYING TO DO THE BEST THAT WE CAN, BUT I THINK THE PHASED-IN PROGRAM THAT WAS JUST REVIEWED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL-- PHASE ONE, FOR EXAMPLE, FEBRUARY 1ST TO MAY 31ST, 2022, A RANGE OF PROTECTIONS WILL CONTINUE FOR TENANTS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE COUNTY-- IT WILL BE ESPECIALLY CRITICAL TO INCREASE THE AWARENESS AGAIN, AS WAS UNDERSTATED BY SHEILA KUEHL, THAT THE STATE RENT RELIEF PROGRAM, IN LIGHT OF THE EXPIRING STATE PROTECTIONS, IT ENDS ON MARCH 31ST. SO WE NEED TO CONTINUE OUR PROTECTIONS HERE. PHASE TWO: JUNE 1ST TO DECEMBER 31ST, 2022, PROTECTIONS WILL CONTINUE, BUT AMENDED TO APPLY TO HOUSEHOLDS, AS WAS STATED, AT 80% A.M.I. AND BELOW, AS PART OF THE VARIOUS

PROTECTIONS PRESERVED. A BALANCE IS CREATED WITH THE LIFT OF CERTAIN PROTECTIONS, AND THAT'S WHAT I THINK WE ARE STRIVING FOR. THE DIRECTIVE ALSO ASKS FOR A 120-DAY REPORT-BACK ON RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW WE CAN STRENGTHEN OUR PERMANENT PROTECTIONS TO ASSIST THE INCORPORATED CITIES IN ADOPTING PROTECTION ORDINANCES. AND MANY OF THEM, BY THE WAY, I REPRESENT IN MY DISTRICT HAVE ACTUALLY FOLLOWED ALONG THE LINES OF THE COUNTY, BUT ALSO NEED TO HAVE SUPPORT. AND I THINK, BY US MOVING FORWARD, WE CAN CONTINUE TO WORK HAND IN HAND, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THEM, BECAUSE THEY ALSO HAVE AN OMINOUS RESPONSIBILITY. SO, WITH THE OMICRON SURGE THAT IS STILL HERE WITH US, IN OUR FAMILIES AND HOUSEHOLDS THAT ARE STILL TRYING TO MAKE IT THROUGH AND MAKE THE RENT, WE HAVE HEARD A LOT ABOUT THAT, WHERE WE KNOW THAT THERE'S STILL A LOT OF HARASSMENT BY LANDLORDS THAT ARE TRYING TO COLLECT, AND WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE SOME BAD ACTORS THAT ARE CREATING ATMOSPHERES OF ANXIETY AND FEAR FOR THEIR TENANTS, WHO ARE ALREADY HAVING TROUBLE MAKING ENDS MEET. SO, OUR TEMPORARY EMERGENCY-- AND UNDERSCORE THAT AGAIN: TEMPORARY EMERGENCY PROTECTIONS-- WILL CONTINUE, IN MY OPINION, TO PROVIDE ROBUST HARASSMENT PROTECTIONS TO KEEP OUR FAMILIES SAFE, AND TO GIVE THEM THAT PEACE OF MIND. I HAVE HAD STORIES UPON STORIES TOLD TO ME, WHERE FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE HAD THEIR LANDLORDS COMING IN UNANNOUNCED WITH THEIR KEYS, GOING INTO THEIR APARTMENTS OR TO THEIR UNITS, WITHOUT ANY NOTICE, AND HARASSING THEM. TO ME,

THAT'S NOT RIGHT, AND WE NEED TO PROVIDE WHATEVER PROTECTIONS THAT WE CAN. SO I ALSO ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO PLEASE SUPPORT THIS TEMPORARY RELIEF FOR THOSE THAT ARE SUFFERING RIGHT NOW, AND HOPEFULLY WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THE SOUL OF THIS BOARD. I THINK WE HAVE ALWAYS, FIRST AND FOREMOST, TALKED ABOUT BEING THE SAFETY NET FOR THE RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY, THOSE WHO HAVE REACHED THE END OF THEIR ROPE, WHETHER IT IS MENTALLY, PHYSICALLY, FINANCIALLY. AND THAT IS A LOT OF WHAT THIS IS. I AM JUST GOING TO VENT A LITTLE BIT ON THE SO-CALLED "PROCESS," WHICH YOU DON'T USUALLY HEAR ME TALKING ABOUT, BUT I DO KNOW OUR CHAIRWOMAN ALSO SPEAKS A LOT ABOUT PROCESS. AND JUST TO REMIND EVERYBODY, BACK IN SEPTEMBER, SUPERVISOR BARGER AND I DID A MOTION WHICH WE ALL APPROVED, DIRECTING THE C.E.O., THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND COUNTY COUNSEL TO REPORT BACK TO US WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR METRICS ON HOW TO EVALUATE FURTHER EXTENSIONS OF THIS EVICTION MORATORIUM, AND GIVE US A FULL PLAN FOR RESPONSIBLY PHASING OUT THE

COUNTY'S EVICTION PROTECTIONS. AND THE THOUGHT WAS, WE COULD BRING THE PUBLIC ALONG WITH US. WE COULD LET THEM KNOW, "HERE IS WHAT WE'LL BE LOOKING AT, AS WE MOVE TO EITHER EXTEND THIS MORATORIUM OR SCALE BACK ON IT," VERY MUCH LIKE WHAT WE ASK OF DR. FERRER AND DR. GHALY. YOU KNOW, GIVE THE PUBLIC SOME METRICS THAT THEY CAN LOOK AT WHEN THINGS WILL EASE UP. ARE WE LOOKING AT HOSPITALIZATIONS OR CASES? SO IT GIVES THE PUBLIC A SENSE OF EITHER ROOTING FOR SOMETHING, OR UNDERSTANDING HOW WE ARE BRINGING THEM ALONG IN THE POLICIES THAT WE ENACT HERE. THAT REPORT WAS DUE BACK TO US ON JANUARY 14TH. AND I FULLY EXPECTED TO GET THAT REPORT, AND THEN, LIKE ALL OF YOU, TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT IT, HAVE MY STAFF LOOK AT IT, AND THEN SORT OF HAVE THIS DISCUSSION THAT WE ARE HAVING TODAY ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT IT MAKES SENSE TO CONTINUE OUR TENANT PROTECTIONS. BUT I, OF COURSE, WOULD-- YOU KNOW, IN NO WAY DO I THINK THEY SHOULD END JANUARY 31ST. I MEAN, THAT WOULD BE A DISASTER FOR EVERYONE. BUT THAT REPORT DIDN'T GET RELEASED YET. I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT THAT REPORT-BACK WILL BE RELEASED THIS AFTERNOON, AFTER WE, I AM ASSUMING, PASS THIS MOTION. AND THAT'S A PROBLEM FOR ME. THE MOTION BEFORE US TODAY CERTAINLY HAS MASSIVE IMPLICATIONS FOR TENANTS: GOOD. LANDLORDS, NOT SO GOOD, AND I THINK THE PUBLIC SHOULD HAVE HAD A LITTLE MORE AMPLE TIME TO WEIGH IN ON WHAT THE FINDINGS OF THIS REPORT WERE. ADDITIONALLY, AS STATED IN THIS MOTION, APPROXIMATELY $915 MILLION IN PANDEMIC RELIEF HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO LANDLORDS

AND TENANTS THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY, AND THIS SEEMS LIKE A MASSIVE AMOUNT OF MONEY, BUT TWO-THIRDS OF THE APPLICANTS HAVE STILL NOT RECEIVED THE RELIEF THAT THEY NEED, AND THERE IS NOT THE MONEY TO PAY THEM. SO THAT MEANS THOUSANDS OF LANDLORDS WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED A PENNY IN RENT IN ALMOST TWO YEARS, AND MANY OF THOSE PEOPLE WE HEARD CALL IN TODAY, AND VERY EMOTIONAL, PARTICULARLY THE MOM-AND-POP LANDLORDS, WHO REALLY DEPEND ON THIS FOR THEIR LIVELIHOOD. THEY DON'T HAVE DEEP POCKETS, AND MANY OF THEM TALKED ABOUT NOT BEING ABLE TO MAKE IT MUCH LONGER WITHOUT HELP. AND I KNOW YOU KNOW THIS, BUT THERE'S TWO SIDES TO THIS EQUATION. THERE'S THE LANDLORDS, AND THERE'S THE TENANTS. AND I THINK FOR THIS TO WORK, WE HAVE TO MAKE BOTH SIDES WHOLE, AND I DON'T THINK WE HAVE DONE THAT, AND I DON'T THINK THIS MOTION DOES THAT. THERE CONTINUES TO BE A HUGE FINANCIAL BURDEN PLACED ON OUR LANDLORDS, AND WE JUST HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO MAKE THEM WHOLE. I KNOW I AM HEARING FROM BOTH SIDES, AS WELL. YOU KNOW, E-MAILS, OVERWHELMINGLY; 1,000 E-MAILS THIS WEEKEND, FROM BOTH SIDES. I HAVE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN BANGING ON MY DOOR AT HOME-- LANDLORDS WHO ARE VERY UPSET. I HAD LANDLORDS TEXTING ME AFTER THE AGENDA CAME OUT, SAYING, "ARE YOU REALLY CONSIDERING EXTENDING THIS EVICTION MORATORIUM?" AND IT JUST-- IT DIDN'T SEEM TO COME AS THE WAY I HAD ENVISIONED IT, IF THAT REPORT HAD BEEN RELEASED FIRST, AND WE ALL HAD A TIME TO SEE WHAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE, WHAT THE METRICS WERE, AND GIVEN THE PUBLIC A BETTER SENSE OF WHY

WE ARE MAKING THESE DECISIONS. I THINK IT GOES A LONG WAY WHEN WE BRING THE PUBLIC ALONG, WHETHER IT IS WITH OUR HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS, OUR RESTAURANT RESTRICTIONS. IT JUST HELPS THE PUBLIC WHEN THEY CAN TRUST THE TRANSPARENCY IN WHAT WE DO TO BRING THEM ALONG. SO I WOULD JUST URGE-- YOU KNOW, I KNOW THIS MOTION'S GOING TO PASS TODAY, BUT I WOULD JUST URGE OUR C.E.O. TO WORK HARDER WITH OUR ADVOCATES IN SACRAMENTO AND WASHINGTON, D.C., TO GET MORE FUNDING, SO THAT OUR LANDLORDS CAN BE MADE WHOLE. I THINK THEY WOULDN'T CARE IF THIS EVICTION MORATORIUM WENT ON FOREVER, IF THEY WERE MADE WHOLE. I FELT THAT WHEN PEOPLE WERE STAYING HOME FROM-- WE HAD THE STAY-AT-HOME-- THE SO-CALLED LOCKDOWNS. PEOPLE WOULDN'T CARE, IF WE WERE ABLE TO PAY PEOPLE TO STAY HOME. BUT WE GOT IN A BIG MESS, BECAUSE PEOPLE WERE TOLD TO STAY HOME. BUSINESSES CLOSED. THEY HAD NO SENSE OF FINANCIAL HELP OR STREAM OF REVENUE. I MEAN, WE JUST KIND OF MUDDLED THROUGH THIS WHOLE PANDEMIC, IN TERMS OF MAKING PEOPLE WHOLE. AND SO I JUST WISH, SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND SOLIS, I JUST WISH WE HAD GOTTEN THAT REPORT FIRST, SO WE COULD HAVE ALL BEEN ON THE SAME PAGE. I SEE YOU GETTING AGITATED THERE, SHEILA, AND I KNOW WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO SAY, BUT AGAIN, I JUST THINK WE NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB. I AM ALL FOR PROTECTING OUR TENANTS, OF COURSE. THEY DESERVE PROTECTION. BUT I JUST FEEL LIKE WE HAVE MESSED UP A LITTLE BIT ON THE SIDE OF LANDLORDS. LANDLORDS ARE PEOPLE, TOO. AND I JUST WOULD URGE YOU, FESIA, TO GET YOUR

LEGISLATIVE TEAM IN ACTION, AND LET'S WORK A LITTLE HARDER TO GET MORE MONEY, SO THERE IS ENOUGH MONEY TO MAKE OUR LANDLORDS WHOLE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: YOU ARE WELCOME. SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU. I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN, OTHER THAN TO SAY, AS YOU KNOW, THE COUNTY'S C.O.V.I.D.-19 EVICTION MORATORIUM HAS NOW BEEN IN PLACE FOR 22 MONTHS. WE TOOK QUICK AND DECISIVE ACTION, WHEN THE PANDEMIC EMERGENCY STARTED, TO ENSURE THAT TENANT PROTECTIONS WERE PUT IN PLACE. WE WERE FORCED TO TAKE HISTORIC ACTION TO SUPPRESS THE SPREAD OF C.O.V.I.D.-19 THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY. AT THE TIME, I WAS CHAIR OF THE BOARD, AND I SIGNED THE EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING THE MORATORIUM, UNDERSTANDING THAT IMMEDIATE ACTION WAS NECESSARY. HOWEVER, AS THE COUNTY CONTINUES TO TAKE STEPS TOWARD RECOVERY FROM THE PANDEMIC, OUR ACTIONS TODAY SHOULD BE IN LINE WITH THE CURRENT REALITIES THAT ARE TAKING PLACE. ON THAT NOTE, I AUTHORED A MOTION IN SEPTEMBER, AS SUPERVISOR HAHN REFERRED TO, WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN, CALLING FOR AN EVALUATION AND REPORT-BACK ON A PHASE-BY-PHASE BLUEPRINT FOR THIS COUNTY TO CONSIDER, AS WE ADOPT AND TRY TO NAVIGATE THIS ISSUE. TO SAY I AM DISAPPOINTED IS PUTTING IT MILDLY, AT THE RESPONSE THE DEPARTMENT'S BROUGHT FORWARD, AND THE FACT

THAT IT WAS A LAST-MINUTE DRAFT, TO OUR OFFICES, AND IT TOTALLY DISREGARDED THE PRIMARY DIRECTIVE OF DEVELOPING AN EXIT PLAN. THE MOTION WAS VERY SPECIFIC. AND THAT WAS A BOARD ACTION: UNANIMOUS. INSTEAD, THEY PROPOSED AN EXPANSION AND EXTENSION OF THE MORATORIUM, LIKE WHAT WE HAD AND WHAT WAS BEING PRESENTED WITH US TODAY. I AM AWARE THE DEPARTMENTS FELT THAT THE SURGE PROVIDED TOO MANY UNKNOWNS TO SAFELY BEGIN ROLLING BACK EVICTION PROTECTIONS. BUT I FIRMLY, AND I MEAN I FIRMLY BELIEVE, WE MUST CONTINUE TO RELY ON SCIENCE, AND NOT FEAR, WHEN MAKING POLICY DECISIONS. ONE OF THE WOMEN THAT CALLED IN SAID THAT SHE'S BEEN WORKING ON THIS FOR OVER FOUR YEARS, SO LET'S NOT PUT IT ON C.O.V.I.D.'S BACK. IF THIS MORATORIUM IS BASED ON HOUSING, IT SHOULDN'T BE DISCUSSED WITH C.O.V.I.D., BUT THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HAS HAPPENED. AN OPPORTUNITY AROSE, AND THIS BOARD SEIZED IT. NOTWITHSTANDING THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 OMICRON VARIANT SURGE AND CASE COUNTS, I BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE WHERE WE ARE TODAY IN COMPARISON TO TWO YEARS AGO. I'D LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT THREE IMPORTANT TRUTHS. FIRST, ALL SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY HAVE BEGUN REOPENING, AND WE NOW HAVE WIDESPREAD VACCINATION AND BOOSTER SHOT OPTIONS READILY AVAILABLE. ACCORDING TO THE COUNTY'S PUBLIC HEALTH WEBSITE AND WHAT DR. FERRER SAID TODAY, 78% OF ALL LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE FULLY VACCINATED. WITH A HIGH VACCINATION RATE AND WIDESPREAD NATURAL IMMUNITY, WE ARE EFFECTIVELY LIVING WITH C.O.V.I.D.-19 IN OUR COMMUNITY.

SECOND, WHILE THERE ARE UNKNOWNS WITH THE VIRUS, WE DO KNOW WE CAN KEEP OUR ECONOMY OPEN AS CASES EBB AND FLOW. THIS WAS PROVEN THIS WINTER. WE ARE JUST NOW COMING DOWN FROM A SURGE WHERE CASES EXCEEDED 40,000 A DAY. AND WE DID NOT CONSIDER ANY ECONOMIC CLOSURES. IN FACT, WE ARE PLANNING THE SUPER BOWL IN TWO WEEKS. WE'RE GOING TO BE HAVING THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE COMING INTO THIS COUNTY, AND WE ARE WELCOMING THEM WITH OPEN ARMS. WE ARE SAYING WE ARE READY TO WELCOME THE TWO TEAMS AND THEIR FANS. THIRDLY, OUR OWN PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERTS HAVE ADVISED THAT, WHILE C.O.V.I.D. WILL NOT GO AWAY, IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT WE WILL BE AT A POINT WHERE THE RISK FROM THE VIRUS RETURNS TO WHERE IT WAS LAST WINTER. THE BOTTOM LINE IS, PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERTS ARE ADVISING THAT WE ARE NOT GOING TO HAVE TO RETURN TO THE MEASURES THAT RESTRICTED PEOPLE FROM BEING ABLE TO WORK, AS WE SAW WHEN THIS PANDEMIC FIRST HIT THIS COUNTY. IN CONTINUING THE EVICTION MORATORIUM, WE ARE LEGISLATING FOR THE EXCEPTION, NOT THE NORM. WE ARE CREATING RULES PURELY IN ANTICIPATION OF A SCENARIO THAT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY, AND IN MY OPINION, THIS IS BAD POLICY. UNDER THE SAFER AT HOME PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS, COUNTY RESIDENTS EXPERIENCED SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC CHALLENGES. THE PANDEMIC'S NEGATIVE IMPACT ON MANY BUSINESSES AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS WAS UNAVOIDABLE. IT WAS HIGHLY ANTICIPATED THAT MANY WOULD FACE A LOSS OF EMPLOYMENT, WHICH MEANT A LOSS OF INCOME. THIS WOULD, OF COURSE, AFFECT A RENTER'S ABILITY TO

PROVIDE TIMELY MONTHLY PAYMENTS. HOWEVER, LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS BEEN RECOVERING AND REOPENING FOR MONTHS NOW, WITH MANY BUSINESSES AND SECTORS RETURNING TO PRE-PANDEMIC LEVELS. AND I LOOK TO MY E-MAILS, AND I HAVE AN E-MAIL FROM A PERSON WHO SENT ME A SCREENSHOT OF A FACEBOOK WHERE A GENTLEMAN NAMED HOWARD TALKED ABOUT WHAT A GREAT YEAR HE HAD. HE BOUGHT A CAR. HE HAS BEEN BUSIER THAN EVER WITH WORK. HE HAS GOT MORE WORK THAN HE KNOWS WHAT TO DO WITH. HE'S GOT A DOG. BUT HE WON'T PAY $18,000 IN BACK RENT. YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT FLAGRANT, TOTAL LACK OF RESPECT? TAKING ADVANTAGE OF A SYSTEM THAT WAS SET UP, EARLY ON, FOR PEOPLE THAT GENUINELY WERE NOT ABLE TO PAY THEIR RENT. SHAME ON HIM, AND I HAVE GOT COUNTLESS MORE LIKE THIS FROM LANDLORDS THAT ARE SAYING, "ENOUGH IS ENOUGH." IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE HAVE BEEN RECOVERING, AND WE ARE REOPENING, AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT NONE OF US CAN ARGUE. MANY BUSINESS SECTORS ARE RETURNING TO PRE-PANDEMIC LEVELS. IN FACT, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN L.A. COUNTY WAS ESTIMATED TO BE AT 6.2% IN DECEMBER OF 2021. THIS RATE PALES IN COMPARISON TO THE PEAK UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN DECEMBER OF 2020, OF ALMOST 12.3%, THE HIGHEST IN THE ENTIRE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. I WANT TO NOTE THAT OUR PRESENT UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBERS ARE OCCURRING AT A TIME WHEN THERE ARE MORE JOBS THAN APPLICANTS. THIS CONTINUES TO HINDER THE ECONOMY, AND AFFECTS OUR ABILITY TO RECOVER, AND IMPACTS BUSINESSES SMALL AND LARGE ALIKE. THE COUNTY IS ALSO INCREDIBLY PROACTIVE AT TAKING STEPS

TO UTILIZE STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING DESIGNATED FOR EMERGENCY RENT RELIEF. WE HAVE HELPED BRING RENT RELIEF TO TENANTS WITH OVERDUE RENT PAYMENTS, AND LANDLORDS WHO HAVE MISSED OUT ON NEARLY 22 MONTHS OF RENTAL INCOME. THIS RENTAL INCOME SHOULD NOT BE CHARACTERIZED AS STRICTLY A LANDLORD'S PROFIT. RENTAL INCOME PAYS MORTGAGES, PROPERTY TAXES, HOME AND TENANT IMPROVEMENTS, AND A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF THE OTHER COSTS BORNE BY THE PROPERTY OWNER. SINCE THE ONSET OF THE PANDEMIC, THE COUNTY HAS DISTRIBUTED $110 MILLION IN EMERGENCY RENT RELIEF, WHILE THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HAS DISTRIBUTED NEARLY HALF A BILLION DOLLARS IN RENT RELIEF THROUGH THE HOUSING IS KEY RENT RELIEF PROGRAM. THIS IS PROOF THAT THERE HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT EFFORT TO HELP REDUCE RENTAL AREARS FOR THOSE IMPACTED BY THE ECONOMIC TURMOIL OF THE PANDEMIC. I'D ALSO LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT, OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, THE RENTAL AND HOUSING INDUSTRY HAS BEEN GREATLY RESTRICTED, RECEIVING MORE GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS THAN PERHAPS ANY OTHER SECTOR. WE HAVE HEARD FIRSTHAND FROM OUR RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS' ROUNDTABLE MEETINGS THAT THEY WERE DESIGNED TO ENGAGE LANDLORDS. MANY OF THEM SHARED THEIR STORIES CONCERNING THE DEVASTATING FINANCIAL TOLL THIS PANDEMIC HAS TAKEN ON THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES. TO SURVIVE FINANCIALLY, AS YOU HEARD TODAY, SOME HAVE HAD TO LOSE THEIR PROPERTIES ENTIRELY, AND OTHERS HAVE MADE THE TOUGH CHOICE TO LEAVE THE STATE. THIS IS HEARTBREAKING, AND TO ME, IT IS NOT OKAY. I AM SPEAKING ON

BEHALF OF MANY INDIVIDUALS WHO'VE SAVED THEIR ENTIRE LIVES TO BUY A RENTAL UNIT, AND ARE COUNTING ON THAT INCOME TO SURVIVE ONCE THEY HAVE RETIRED. SOME OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE ELDERLY PEOPLE, AS YOU HEARD FROM THE WOMAN THAT CALLED TODAY. OTHERS ARE FAMILY MEMBERS WHO USE RENTAL INCOME TO PAY FOR THEIR CURRENT CARE. AND THERE ARE OTHERS WHO ARE SIMPLY UNABLE TO FINANCIALLY REMAIN SOLVENT WHEN FACED WITH NO INCOME, AND WILL BECOME DESTITUTE. MY OFFICE CONTINUES TO GET CALLS AND E-MAILS FROM LANDLORDS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE-- ALL WALKS OF LIFE-- WHO HAVE BEEN FORCED TO ENDURE THIS FINANCIAL HARDSHIP FOR NEARLY 22 MONTHS. SO, I WANT TO SAY TO ALL MY CONSTITUENTS LOOKING FOR RELIEF FROM THE HARDSHIPS IMPOSED BY EMERGENCY RENTER PROTECTIONS, I WANT TO PUBLICLY SAY, "I HEAR YOU, AND I AM LISTENING TO YOU." THE STATE'S SAFER AT HOME ORDERS HAVE BEEN LIFTED, AND THE JOB MARKET IN LOS ANGELES CONTINUES TO MOVE TOWARDS RECOVERY. I BELIEVE WE HAVE REACHED A POINT WHERE IT IS TIME TO CONSIDER A COMPLETE PHASE-OUT APPROACH FOR RENT PROTECTIONS, WHICH IS WHY LAST TIME I SUPPORTED THIS EXTENSION, UNDERSTANDING THAT THAT'S WHAT WE WERE GOING TO DO. WE ARE BEING PRESENTED HERE TODAY WITH AN APPROACH THAT DOES NOT MOVE OUR COUNTY TOWARD A DEFINITIVE END, NOR HAS IT EVEN PROPOSED A PHASED-OUT PLAN. WHAT WE ARE LEFT WITH INSTEAD IS A GROSS EXPANSION OF RENTER PROTECTION POLICY, WITH NO CLEAR END IN SIGHT. THEREFORE, I WILL VOTE NO ON PASSING THIS RESOLUTION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I HAD A REPUTATION IN SACRAMENTO FOR BEING ABLE TO WORK ACROSS THE AISLE, AND I THINK I HAVE DONE, ACTUALLY, PRETTY WELL WITH OUR... WITH MY FRIEND, KATHRYN BARGER. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY A COUPLE OF THINGS ABOUT THE STATEMENTS THAT WERE JUST MADE BY BOTH OF MY COLLEAGUES, OF WHOM I AM VERY FOND, AND I HOPE THAT THEY KNOW THAT. I MEAN, I THINK YOU DO, EVEN THOUGH WE HAVEN'T SEEN EACH OTHER, EXCEPT TO TAKE A PICTURE FOUR DAYS BEFORE I GOT SICK. I'M NOT SAYING THAT WAS IT, BUT... FIRST OF ALL, IN TERMS OF THE RETURN TO WORK AND THE UPSWING IN PEOPLE'S ABILITY TO MAKE MONEY, I AM VERY HAPPY TO SEE OUR BUSINESSES REOPENING AND PEOPLE GOING BACK TO WORK. AND THEY'RE, FOR THE MOST PART, HAPPY, AS WELL, SO LONG AS THEY CAN BE SAFE. BUT THE 250,000 PEOPLE WHO BECAME INFECTED IN THE LAST 7 DAYS MOST LIKELY DO NOT HAVE SICK LEAVE. AND SO, WHEN THEY HAVE TO QUARANTINE IN A HOME OR PLACE THAT THEY COUNT ON, TO BE ABLE TO SLEEP AND TRY TO GET WELL, THEY ARE NOT EARNING MONEY, BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT BEING PAID FOR BEING SICK. AND THIS IS HAPPENING TO HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF OUR RESIDENTS EVERY WEEK, SO JUST THINK ABOUT THE ACCUMULATION. THE SLIDE THAT WE SAW ABOUT WHERE THE CASES ARE MOST SERIOUS, AND HOW THEY HAVE SHIFTED IN PLACES IN THE COUNTY, AND WHAT DR. FERRER AND DR. GHALY SAID WAS THAT IT'S

THOSE PEOPLE, ESSENTIALLY, LATELY, WHO ARE PROVIDING THESE ESSENTIAL SERVICES, WHO ARE GOING BACK TO WORK, WHO ARE SERVING US IN THE RESTAURANTS AND WORKING IN PLACES THAT REOPENED-- RETAIL, ET CETERA. SO WE HAVE TO PROTECT THEM, AS WELL. I MEAN, THEY'RE GOING BACK TO WORK, BUT IT DOESN'T PAY ENOUGH MONEY FOR THEM TO PAY BACK RENT AND CURRENT RENT AT THE SAME TIME. THE SECOND POINT I WANT TO MAKE IS ABOUT THIS REPORT. FAIRLY SPEAKING, I DON'T THINK I CAN CALL ON FESIA TO SAY IT, BECAUSE SHE HATES TO GET IN BETWEEN THE 5 OF US WHEN WE DON'T HAVE THE SAME IDEA OF WHAT HAPPENED. AND I THINK, IN THIS CASE, WE DON'T. SO LET ME JUST SAY, FROM MY POINT OF VIEW, WHAT I THINK HAPPENED. THIS REPORT WAS READY ON JANUARY 14TH. IT WAS TOLD TO ALL THE OFFICES THAT THE DEPARTMENTS WOULD COME AND BRIEF US ON IT, TALK TO US ABOUT IT. WHAT I UNDERSTAND IS THAT ONE OF MY ESTEEMED COLLEAGUES HAD MANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE REPORT, AND THAT MADE THE C.E.O. THINK, WHETHER THAT WAS THE INTENTION OR NOT-- I'LL TRY TO BE GENEROUS ABOUT IT-- THAT THEY SHOULDN'T RELEASE IT UNTIL THEY HAD HEARD SATISFACTION ABOUT THOSE QUESTIONS. IT MAY ALSO BE THAT ANOTHER OFFICE DID NOT KNOW IT WAS AVAILABLE, OR DID NOT REVIEW IT, OR WHATEVER. THIS ALSO HAPPENS. BUT I CAN TELL YOU, THAT REPORT WAS READY TO COME OUT ON JANUARY 14TH. AND IT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN EVERYTHING YOU WANTED, MAYBE, SUPERVISOR BARGER. BECAUSE REMEMBER, IN YOUR OWN MOTION, YOU ASKED THEM TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CURRENT ECONOMIC HOUSING, HEALTH, AND

PROGRAMMATIC DATA. AND I THINK THEY DID, AND IT JUST SHOWED THAT WE WERE NOT READY TO REALLY END THESE PROTECTIONS. WELL, WE SAID THAT WE WOULD MODIFY THEM, AND THAT'S WHAT THIS MOTION DOES. AND IT'S A PHASE-OUT PERIOD. IT IS JUST, PROBABLY, LONGER THAN YOU WOULD LIKE. SO, I AM SORRY THAT WE DON'T ALWAYS AGREE ON EVERYTHING. SOMETIMES, I'M ACTUALLY NOT SORRY. THIS IS KIND OF AN INTERESTING THING TO HAVE, JUST 5 OF US ON A BOARD, BECAUSE WE ACTUALLY GET TO TALK ABOUT STUFF. BUT I APPRECIATE YOU FOLLOWING YOUR OWN FEELINGS AND THOUGHTS AND INTELLIGENCE ABOUT IT. AND I STILL HOPE THAT THIS MOTION WILL PASS, BECAUSE I THINK OUR RENTERS DESPERATELY NEED IT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. BACK TO YOU.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: WHAT AN INTERESTING DISCUSSION THIS HAS BEEN. THANK YOU TO THE TWO CO-AUTHORS. FIRST OF ALL, LET ME JUST SAY, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME CONFUSION AS TO WHAT THIS EXTENSION ACTUALLY DOES. PEOPLE STILL DO HAVE TO PAY THE RENT. PEOPLE ARE STILL SAYING THAT NO RENT IS DUE. IT IS JUST THAT FOLKS WHO OWE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN BACK RENT, AND THEY NEED PROTECTION FROM EVICTION. IT IS VERY DISHEARTENING TO HEAR ABUSE ON BOTH SIDES. IT IS VERY DISHEARTENING TO HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT THE LANDLORD WANTS TO APPLY FOR THE RELIEF PROGRAM, BUT THE TENANT DOESN'T. THAT IS DISHEARTENING. IT IS DISHEARTENING TO HEAR FROM LANDLORDS THAT THERE ARE TENANTS

WHOSE INCOME WASN'T DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY C.O.V.I.D., AND THEY ARE REFUSING TO PAY. THAT IS DISHEARTENING. IT IS DISHEARTENING TO HEAR THE SENIOR TALK ABOUT THE POSITION SHE IS CURRENTLY IN, AND I APPRECIATE HER CHALLENGE TO US, TO THREAD THIS NEEDLE THOUGHTFULLY. I APPRECIATE THAT. I THINK THAT ALL OF US CAN POINT TO DATA, TO JUSTIFY OUR OWN CORE BELIEFS IN THE ACTIONS WE INTEND TO TAKE TODAY. I GET THAT. SO LET'S BE CLEAR: THERE'S AN 8.4-PERCENT UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN L.A. COUNTY, COMPARED TO 6.5 PERCENT STATEWIDE, AND 3.9 PERCENT NATIONWIDE, AND WE ALL KNOW THAT THAT IS AN AVERAGE. IT IMPACTS CERTAIN POPULATIONS DIFFERENTLY. THE STATE'S RENT RELIEF PROGRAM HAS GRANTED FUNDING TO 32 PERCENT OF THE COUNTY HOUSEHOLDS WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR ASSISTANCE. HOWEVER, MORE TIME IS NEEDED TO PROVIDE RELIEF TO THE REMAINDER OF THE APPLICANTS. AND I WOULD ARGUE THAT IT IS NOT JUST ON THE C.E.O. TO ENCOURAGE OUR LEG STAFF, BUT IT IS UP TO ALL OF US TO DO ALL THAT WE CAN, BY CALLING MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, CALLING THE GOVERNOR, CALLING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS-- WE HAVE RELATIONSHIPS-- TO STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THOSE BODIES TO COME FORWARD WITH ADDITIONAL RESOURCES. IT IS UP TO US, AS WELL. OF THESE FUNDS, THE STATE HAS PAID L.A. COUNTY LANDLORDS, DIRECTLY, NEARLY $4 MILLION, AND DIRECTLY TO TENANTS A LITTLE OVER $1 MILLION. AGAIN, TOO MANY HOUSEHOLDS ARE IN A PRECARIOUS ECONOMIC SITUATION FOR US NOT TO ACT. IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING THE PATH FORWARD ON PHASING OUT THE COUNTYWIDE

TENANT PROTECTIONS WITH TODAY'S MOTION, OUR COUNTY TEAMS ARE IN COMMUNICATION AND, AS I SAID, WE HAVE TO STEP UP TO THE PLATE, AS WELL. THE TOTAL RENT REQUESTED FROM BOTH L.A. COUNTY LANDLORDS AND TENANTS IS OVER $1.5 BILLION. WE HAVE TO DO ALL THAT WE CAN TO GET THOSE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO HELP BOTH TENANTS AND LANDLORDS ACROSS THE COUNTY. COUNTY STAY HOUSED L.A. PROGRAM PROVIDES FREE ASSISTANCE FOR BOTH PROPERTY OWNERS AND TENANTS, ON THEIR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, AND THE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS RENT RELIEF PROGRAM IS STARTING TO PROVIDE PAYMENTS TO PREVENT COMMERCIAL TENANT EVICTIONS, AS WELL. SO, I'M GOING TO SUPPORT THE MOTION TODAY TO EXTEND THE PHASE-OUT. YES, COLLEAGUE, I DO SUPPORT PROCESS, AND I SUPPORT PROCESS THAT IS CLEAR AND TRANSPARENT FOR EVERYONE. NOT SURE WHY THE REPORT WAS NOT RELEASED, BUT IT WAS CERTAINLY OUR ANTICIPATION THAT IT WOULD BE, HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW IT. AND SO I THINK, GIVEN WHAT WE ARE FACING, GIVEN THE... AN EQUITABLE IMPACT THIS DUAL PANDEMIC HAS HAD ACROSS THE COUNTY, BOTH THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND ECONOMIC PANDEMIC, THAT WE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD, STRATEGICALLY, THOUGHTFULLY, TO TRY TO HELP THOSE MOST AT RISK AND MOST VULNERABLE. I AM CLEAR THAT THERE ARE MOM-AND-POP LANDLORDS THAT HAVE SUFFERED, TOO. AND SO, DOING ALL THAT WE CAN TO GET THE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND THE ADDITIONAL TIME TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO APPLY, THROUGH THE PUBLICLY FUNDED PROGRAMS AND PROCESSES, TO GET 100 PERCENT OF THEIR RENT COVERED IS WHAT WE MUST DO, EARNESTLY. ARE THERE

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS BEFORE WE TAKE THIS MATTER UP FOR A VOTE? SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN: YES, I JUST-- I MEAN, I APPRECIATE YOU SAYING WE NEED TO STEP UP, AND THAT'S FINE. BUT I THINK IN MY COMMENTS, YOU KNOW, I REALLY AM DIRECTING C.E.O. I MEAN, JUST TO LET EVERYBODY KNOW, WE PAY FOR A FULL-TIME LEGISLATIVE STAFF IN OUR C.E.O.'S OFFICE, BOTH IN SACRAMENTO AND IN WASHINGTON, D.C., SO THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE ON THE PAYROLL. AND I'M JUST SAYING, COME ON, LET'S STEP UP OUR GAME AND TRY TO GET MORE DOLLARS TO OUR LANDLORDS TO MAKE THEM WHOLE. I AM HAPPY TO STEP UP, BUT I THINK MY COMMENTS WERE BIGGER THAN THAT, AND I WANT FESIA TO TAKE THAT TO HEART. WE HAVE A REALLY LARGE LEGISLATIVE STAFF. THAT IS ALL THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO DO, IS WORK WITH OUR SACRAMENTO PARTNERS AND OUR FEDERAL PARTNERS IN D.C., TO BRING RESOURCES TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND THIS IS A CRY FOR HELP, PARTICULARLY FOR OUR LANDLORDS, TO MAKE THEM WHOLE AS WE MOVE FORWARD, EXTENDING THIS EVICTION MORATORIUM. THANK YOU.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: I COMPLETELY SUPPORT THAT AND AGREE WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. THAT IS WHAT THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO DO. MY POINT WAS JUST THAT, HAVING BEEN IN THE LEGISLATURE UP UNTIL A YEAR AGO, I WAS OFTEN ON THE RECEIVING END OF CALLS FROM MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD WHEN IT WAS ISSUES OF CRITICAL

IMPORTANCE. SO MY POINT WAS, WE, TOO, CAN LEAN IN AND PLACE THOSE CALLS. LIKE, I RECEIVED MANY CALLS FROM ALL OF YOU, IN ADDITION TO THE WORK OF OUR LEG UNIT. I WASN'T TRYING TO SUGGEST THAT THEY DON'T DO THEIR JOB. THEY NEED TO DO THEIR JOB, AND WE CAN ADD OUR SHOULDER TO THE GRINDSTONE, ADDITIONALLY. THAT WAS MY ONLY POINT. ANYONE ELSE HAVE QUESTIONS?

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: MADAM CHAIR, THIS IS FESIA. SUPERVISOR HAHN, WE WILL MAKE SURE THAT OUR LEG TEAMS ARE ON IT. YOU MAY RECALL, FROM TWO WEEKS AGO, THE REPORT FROM L.A.C.D.A. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS LOOKING AT THE RENT RELIEF PROGRAM NATIONWIDE, AND FOR THOSE JURISDICTIONS THAT ARE NOT USING THEIR MONEY, OR THEY'RE UNDERSPENDING THEIR MONEY, WE ARE ACTIVELY ADVOCATING THAT IT COMES TO L.A. COUNTY. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE FOR FUNDING FROM THE STATE LEGISLATURE, AS WELL, PER YOUR REQUEST.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: ANY FINAL QUESTIONS BEFORE WE TAKE THIS ITEM UP?

SUP. SOLIS: MADAM CHAIR, CALL FOR THE QUESTION.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WITH THAT, ITEM 5 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL,

SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. SOLIS: YES.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: I ASKED MY LANDLORDS TO FORGIVE ME. AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: ABSOLUTELY NO.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: NO, NO, NO. I THINK SHE WAS SAYING, "ABSOLUTELY"-- SUPERVISOR BARGER, THAT'S A NO, CORRECT?

SUP. BARGER: I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH MORE I CAN SAY NO. I'VE SAID IT 15 TIMES.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: WELL, YOU STARTED WITH "ABSOLUTELY," SO I THINK THAT'S-- WE MADE AN ASSUMPTION.

SUP. BARGER: [INAUDIBLE] NO.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: A CLEAR NO. THANK YOU.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR BARGER, NO. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 4-1.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. BARGER: SINCE THIS WAS JUST APPROVED, I WOULD LIKE TO READ IN A SEPARATE REPORT-BACK MOTION RELATED TO THE ISSUE. IN HEARING FROM OUR CONSTITUENTS, MANY OF WHOM ARE SMALL MOM-AND-POP LANDLORDS, IT'S BECOME CLEAR TO ME THAT OUR COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE ENOUGH SKIN IN THIS GAME. THIS BOARD IS ASKING

LANDLORDS TO SHELTER A BURDEN FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY C.O.V.I.D.-19, AND AS SUCH, I THINK THAT WE SHOULD DO THE SAME. SO I THINK, ALONG WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN, MY MOTION IS AS FOLLOWS: "I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COUNTY COUNSEL AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, TO REPORT BACK TO THIS BOARD WITHIN 14 DAYS ON THE FEASIBILITY OF FORGIVING PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS FOR ALL RENTAL PROPERTIES WHERE THE LANDLORD DID NOT RECEIVE RENT AS A RESULT OF THE EVICTION MORATORIUM." SO, I WOULD ASK THIS TO BE A REPORT-BACK TO THE BOARD, FOR THOSE THAT ACTUALLY TALKED ABOUT THAT TODAY. THAT IS MY REQUEST FOR A REPORT-BACK.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. LET ME JUST GET CLARIFICATION FROM COUNSEL. I APPRECIATE THAT WAS A READ-IN. I DON'T HAVE ANY NOTES ON IT, AS THE BOARD CHAIR. IF COUNTY COUNSEL CAN WEIGH IN, ARE WE IN ORDER, PARLIAMENTARIAN?

COUNTY COUNSEL: SUPERVISOR, YES, THERE WOULD NEED TO BE A SECOND ON THE MOTION, AND THEN A VOTE ON THE MOTION.

SUP. BARGER: JANICE IS A CO-AUTHOR WITH ME, SO SUPERVISOR HAHN IS THE SECOND.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: WELL, LET ME CALL ON SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SEE WHAT SHE HAS TO SAY. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN: YES, I SECOND THIS MOTION.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. FORGIVE ME. I HAVE NOTHING TO READ HERE, BUT DID YOU SAY THE TREASURER-- JUST TO BE CLEAR, SO THAT OUR POOR TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR KNOWS WHAT HE IS COMING BACK WITH IN TWO WEEKS-- THE FEASIBILITY, DID YOU SAY, OF FORGIVING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES?

SUP. BARGER: THE FEASIBILITY, YES. I MEAN, I HAVE TO SAY THAT ONE OF THE COMMON THEMES AMONGST THE PEOPLE THAT I LISTENED TO TODAY, AND THE LETTERS THAT WE GOT, WAS THAT WE ACTUALLY PENALIZE WHEN YOU ARE LATE ON YOUR PROPERTY TAXES. THEY ARE NOT GETTING RENT, YET WE ARE DEMANDING THAT THEY PAY THEIR PROPERTY TAXES. SO I THINK IT IS ONLY FAIR THAT, IF WE ARE GOING TO EXTEND THIS MORATORIUM, THAT WE SHOULD LOOK AT THE FEASIBILITY OF FORGIVING PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS FOR ALL RENTAL PROPERTIES WHERE THE LANDLORD DID NOT RECEIVE RENT AS A RESULT OF THE EVICTION MORATORIUM. I DON'T THINK THAT IS UNREASONABLE.

SUP. KUEHL: I DIDN'T SAY IT WAS UNREASONABLE. I DON'T WANT YOU TO FEEL DEFENSIVE. I WAS JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND, BECAUSE YOU READ IT, AND I JUST LISTENED--

SUP. BARGER: DID WE GIVE COPIES TO EVERYONE, MICHELLE?

SPEAKER: NO.

SUP. BARGER: OKAY. WE WILL FORWARD IT TO YOU. I MEAN, THIS LITERALLY JUST HAPPENED. SO, I MEAN, I LISTEN TO WHAT PEOPLE SAY, AND I THINK THAT WE SHOULD HAVE SKIN IN THE GAME. IF WE ARE MAKING DECISIONS-- SHEILA, AND I AM NOT BEING DEFENSIVE. I AM JUST TRYING TO EXPLAIN MY THOUGHT PROCESS.

SUP. KUEHL: REFRAME MY TIME HERE. I AM NOT AGAINST THIS. I JUST WANTED TO UNDERSTAND IT, BECAUSE IT COULD BE POPPING UP IN MY PHONE AT THE MOMENT, AND I AM SORRY THAT, YOU KNOW, I DIDN'T SEE IT. AND COULD I JUST ASK A QUESTION? DID THE TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR DO SOMETHING ALREADY DURING THE PANDEMIC? BECAUSE COULD THAT BE PART OF THE REPORT-BACK, JUST TO REMIND US?

SUP. BARGER: I THINK WHAT HE DID WAS--

SUP. KUEHL: IT IS A SMALL AMENDMENT, AND SINCE WE ARE KIND OF-- I HAVEN'T SEEN THIS IN WRITING. IF YOU WOULD AGREE TO LET HIM TELL US THAT, AS WELL, WHAT THEY ALREADY HAD DONE. BECAUSE I THOUGHT THERE WAS SOME OF THIS GOING ON.

SUP. BARGER: ABSOLUTELY. I THINK WHAT THEY DID-- I KNOW WHAT THEY DID. THEY ACTUALLY ALLOWED PEOPLE TO APPLY, THAT WERE LATE ON THEIR TAXES, TO HAVE THE PENALTY FEE WAIVED. AND SO YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT: THEY HAVE DONE THAT. BUT WHAT I'M SAYING TAKES IT A STEP FURTHER, FOR THOSE [INAUDIBLE] THE HARDSHIP. YEAH. NO, BUT THAT'S...

SUP. KUEHL: I TOTALLY UNDERSTAND. I JUST WONDERED IF WE COULD HAVE THAT ALL IN THE SAME PLACE, SO THAT WHEN WE LOOK AT IT, WE'D KNOW WHAT WE DID, AND WHAT MORE WOULD BE FEASIBLE.

SUP. BARGER: YEP.

SUP. KUEHL: SO, YOU KNOW, I HAVE NO OBJECTION, MYSELF, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: SO, FIRST OF ALL, LET ME JUST PROVIDE CLARIF-- SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: YEAH, I'M SORRY, BUT I JUST WANT-- I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THE T.T.C. REPORTED IN THE PAST THAT WE CANNOT FORGIVE TAXES. WE CAN WAIVE PENALTIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEES. THAT IS WHAT WE DID.

SUP. BARGER: SO, I WILL LOOK FOR THAT IN THE REPORT-BACK IN 14 DAYS.

SUP. SOLIS: I'M SORRY, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: OH, NO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT CLARIFICATION. SO, SINCE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE-- DO YOU HAVE IT NOW? SO, I'M GOING TO READ THE MOTION AGAIN, AND WITH ALL OF THESE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, SUPERVISOR BARGER. YOU TELL ME IF YOU ARE GOING TO CHANGE IT, BECAUSE I JUST GOT A COPY IN MY HANDS. AND WHAT I HAVE READS, "THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COUNTY COUNSEL AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, TO REPORT BACK TO THIS BOARD WITHIN 14 DAYS ON THE FEASIBILITY OF FORGIVING PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS FOR ALL RENTAL PROPERTIES WHERE THE LANDLORD DID NOT RECEIVE RENT"-- THERE WAS A LITTLE TYPO, GIVE ME A MINUTE-- "AS A RESULT OF THE EVICTION MORATORIUM."

SUP. BARGER: BASED ON WHAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS SAID, I WOULD ASK THAT IT BE, RATHER THAN "FORGIVING PROPERTY TAX," "POSTPONING PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES," AS WELL; BOTH FORGIVING PROPERTY TAX AND/OR POSTPONING PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: COUNTY COUNSEL, HAVING HEARD THE INTENTION OF THE READ-IN, DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, EITHER ON THE CONTENT OR PROCESS?

COUNTY COUNSEL: NO, SUPERVISOR. THE ONLY THING I WOULD ADD IS THAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL DID MAKE AN AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE IN THE REPORT-BACK WHAT HAS BEEN DONE PREVIOUSLY BY THE TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR. SO, IF THE BOARD IS GOING TO VOTE, SINCE IT HAS BEEN SECONDED, IT WOULD HAVE TO VOTE "AS AMENDED," ASSUMING SUPERVISOR BARGER ACCEPTS SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S AMENDMENT AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.

SUP. BARGER: I GLADLY ACCEPT THAT. I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO SEE WHAT WE HAVE DONE, AND THEN, MOVING FORWARD, WHAT WE CAN DO.

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: SO, ARE ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD CLEAR ABOUT THE READ-IN MOTION, AS AMENDED, SUGGESTIONS MADE BY BOTH SOLIS AND KUEHL?

SUP. SOLIS: YEP.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: OKAY, WITH THAT, IT HAS BEEN MOVED BY BARGER, SECONDED BY HAHN. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SO, ITEM 5, AS AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO INCLUDE THE FEASIBILITY ON POSTPONING--

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: WAIT. HOLD ON, A QUICK SECOND. I AM NOT SURE THAT IT IS AN AMENDMENT TO ITEM FIVE. WE ALREADY TOOK A VOTE ON ITEM 5.

SUP. BARGER: BUT IT'S AN ADDITION TO ITEM FIVE.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: YEAH. WE TOOK ACTION ON ITEM 5. THIS WAS A READ-IN, SO I DON'T KNOW IF IT HAS AN ITEM NUMBER, OR IT'S JUST A READ-IN. BUT IT'S NOT AN AMENDMENT TO ITEM 5.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: OKAY, SO AN ADDITIONAL READ-IN FOR ITEM 5, AS SUPERVISOR BARGER'S AMENDMENT.

SUP. HAHN: ACTUALLY, WOULD IT BE CONSIDERED A SPECIAL? LIKE A READ-IN MOTION?

SUP. BARGER: BUT I BROUGHT IT IN.

SUP. HAHN: IT DOESN'T REALLY HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH ITEM 5, RIGHT?

SUP. SOLIS: COUNTY COUNSEL?

SUP. KUEHL: WELL, I THINK THE THING THAT MAKES IT OKAY, SINCE WE'RE ALREADY DISCUSSING THE SUBJECT MATTER, AND WE HAVE OFTEN BROUGHT IN MOTIONS RELATED, FOR INSTANCE, TO REPORT-BACKS, ET CETERA, AND NOT ONLY ABOUT REPORT-BACKS, BUT THAT WE READ IN, IF I'M CORRECT, COUNSEL, PERHAPS WE COULD SIMPLY REFER TO IT--

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: IT'S RELATED TO ITEM 5.

SUP. KUEHL: RIGHT. THE READ-IN MOTION PRESENTED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER RELATED TO ITEM FIVE. THAT WOULD MAKE IT MORE KOSHER.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AND SIMILAR TO THE ACTION WE TOOK, UNDERSTANDING ITEM TWO. SO, ON THE AGENDA-- HAND ON ONE SECOND.

COUNTY COUNSEL: SO, SUPERVISOR, THIS IS COUNTY COUNSEL. WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO CHIME IN?

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: GIVE ME ONE SECOND, COUNTY COUNSEL. ONE SECOND, PLEASE. SO, UNDER "MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS," ITEM 56 IN THE AGENDA, IT STATES: "ITEMS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA, TO BE PRESENTED AND, IF REQUESTED, REFERRED TO STAFF OR PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR ACTION AT A FUTURE MEETING OF THE BOARD, OR MATTERS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ACTION BECAUSE OF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION, OR WHERE THE NEED TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION CAME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD SUBSEQUENT TO THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA." SO THAT'S SAYING THAT WE CAN TAKE ACTION ON IT TODAY.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: WELL, IT IS A REPORT-BACK. SO, REPORT-BACKS, YOU CAN TAKE ACTION TODAY.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: RIGHT. COUNTY COUNSEL?

COUNTY COUNSEL: THAT'S ABSOLUTELY CORRECT, SUPERVISOR, THAT THE BOARD CAN TAKE ACTION ON THIS REPORT-BACK MOTION IN TWO WAYS: ONE, AS RELATED TO ITEM 5, OR AS A SPECIAL. SO, EITHER WAY, IT IS AN OKAY MOTION TO PROCEED AND TO BE VOTED ON.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AND SO, I JUST HEARD SUPERVISOR KUEHL SAYING THAT SHE WAS COMFORTABLE, BECAUSE IT IS RELATED TO ITEM 5, THAT WE COULD TAKE IT UP IN THE CONTEXT OF, "AS IT RELATES TO ITEM 5." CORRECT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

SUP. KUEHL: YES, WE WOULD SAY IT WAS "IN THE PENUMBRA" OF ITEM 5.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: SO, EXECUTIVE OFFICER...

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU, COUNSELOR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OKAY, LET'S GO AHEAD AND MAKE THE-- YOU CAN OFFER THE MOTION, OR OFFER HOW IT IS TO BE UNDERSTOOD, AND THEN I'LL LET YOU CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SO, THIS IS AN ADDITIONAL-- WELL, UNDER ITEM 5, AS IT RELATES TO ITEM 5, SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, MOTION ON THE FEASIBILITY FOR POSTPONING PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES FOR ALL RENTAL PROPERTIES WITHIN THE LANDLORDS DID NOT RECEIVE AS A RESULT OF THE EVICTION MORATORIUM. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

SUP. KUEHL: BUT IT WAS AMENDED BY...

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: AS AMENDED. AS AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

COUNTY COUNSEL: BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. IT WAS AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

SUP. BARGER: SUPERVISOR KUEHL AMENDED IT.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AND SOLIS.

SUP. SOLIS: YEAH, AND SOLIS.

SUP. HAHN: COULD I ASK A QUESTION? DID WE TAKE OUT "FORGIVING," BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN TOLD THAT WE CAN'T DO THAT? IS THAT WHAT HAPPENED?

SUP. BARGER: TIMEOUT. I DID NOT KNOW THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS AMENDED IT, AS WELL. WHAT WAS SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S AMENDMENT?

SUP. SOLIS: TO CLARIFY WHAT THE ACTION THAT OUR TAX--

SUP. BARGER: WHAT WAS YOUR AMENDMENT? I'M SORRY, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I DIDN'T HEAR YOUR AMENDMENT.

SUP. SOLIS: ACTUALLY, WHAT I SAID: THAT THE T.T.C. HAS REPORTED IN THE PAST THAT WE CANNOT FORGIVE TAXES, BUT CAN WAIVE PENALTIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEES. SO WE HAVE DONE THIS IN THE PAST, SO WE NEED TO LOOK AT THAT: WHAT IMPACT THAT HAS HAD. RIGHT?

SUP. BARGER: OKAY, I DIDN'T KNOW THAT YOU WERE AMENDING IT. I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST POINTING IT OUT, AND THAT'S WHEN I ACTUALLY SAID, "FORGIVING AND/OR POSTPONING PROPERTY TAX."

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: YES, AND SO I WAS EQUATING THAT TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S COMMENT.

SUP. HAHN: CELIA JUST READ IT WITHOUT THE "FORGIVING."

SUP. KUEHL: WELL, YOU KNOW WHAT? I THINK IT IS ACTUALLY OKAY TO ASK THE TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR TO REPORT THE FEASIBILITY OF FORGIVING, POSTPONING, DEFERRING FEES, AND WHATEVER, BECAUSE THE TAX COLLECTOR COULD THEN COME BACK AND SAY, "WE ARE NOT ALLOWED BY STATE LAW TO FORGIVE, BUT." SO I THINK THAT WOULD CLARIFY THE WHOLE THING FOR US, AND PROBABLY MAKE SUPERVISOR BARGER FEEL LIKE HER MOTION WAS WHOLE, STILL. SO, IF IT COULD BE AS SHE READ IT. AND THEN I WANTED TO ADD, AS MY AMENDMENT, TO TELL US WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE BY THE TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR. AND I THINK THAT WHAT SUPERVISOR

SOLIS WANTED WAS TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT IT WAS ABOUT EVERYTHING-- - POSTPONING, DEFERRING FEES, FORGIVING PENALTIES, ALL OF IT-- SO THE TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR KNOWS. AND I THINK THAT, IF WE ALL UNDERSTAND THAT, AND REFER TO IT AS "SUPERVISOR BARGER'S READ-IN MOTION RELATED TO ITEM 5, AS AMENDED," I THINK WE'RE ALL COVERED.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AND, SUPERVISOR BARGER, I WAS REFERRING TO IT AS "SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S AMENDMENT," BECAUSE SHE'S THE ONE THAT RAISED THE ISSUE, AND I THOUGHT YOU AGREED. SO THAT'S WHY I REFERRED TO HER.

SUP. BARGER: I DID NOT HEAR IT AS AN AMENDMENT. I THOUGHT SHE WAS POINTING IT OUT, AND THAT'S WHEN I SAID, THEN, THAT TREASURER-TAX CAN INCLUDE THAT IN HIS REPORT. SO I APOLOGIZE, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I DID NOT HEAR IT AS AN AMENDMENT.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUMMATION, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. IS EVERYONE NOW CLEAR ABOUT WHAT'S BEFORE US TO VOTE ON? ANY FURTHER CLARITY SOUGHT? COUNTY COUNSEL, ANYTHING YOU WANT TO ADD BEFORE WE ACTUALLY TAKE THIS VOTE?

SUP. HAHN: COULD WE READ IT ONE MORE TIME. [LAUGHTER].

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: I WILL TRY MY BEST. SO, HERE GOES. BARGER'S READ-IN MOTION RELATED TO ITEM 5, AS AMENDED: "THEREFORE MOVE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR, IN COLLABORATION WITH COUNTY COUNSEL AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, TO REPORT BACK TO THIS BOARD WITHIN 14 DAYS ON THE FEASIBILITY OF FORGIVING OR POSTPONING PAYMENTS OF PROPERTY TAXES FOR ALL REAL PROPERTIES WHERE THE LANDLORD DID NOT RECEIVE RENT AS A RESULT OF THE EVICTION MORATORIUM." DID I GET IT?

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AND FOR THE TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR-- AND FOR THE REPORT TO ALSO INCLUDE ALL THAT THE TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR HAS ALREADY DONE IN THIS AREA.

SUP. BARGER: CORRECT.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR HAHN, ARE YOU-- IS THAT HELPFUL?

SUP. HAHN: RIGHT. I MEAN, AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL DID HER SUMMATION. SHE ALSO SAID ALL THOSE THINGS: WAIVE PENALTIES. WE KIND OF WANT THAT REPORT-BACK. NOT NECESSARILY WHAT THEY HAVE DONE BEFORE, BUT THE POSSIBILITIES OF WHAT WE CAN DO, GOING FORWARD, FOR ALL RENTAL PROPERTIES WHERE THE LANDLORD DID NOT RECEIVE RENT. I THINK WHAT WE WANT IS A REPORT-BACK THAT SAYS,

"HERE IS EVERYTHING IN OUR TOOLBOX THAT WE CAN DO FOR LANDLORDS WHO DID NOT RECEIVE RENT." THAT'S WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR, AND I THINK WE ARE STILL MISSING THE ONE PIECE OF REPORTING BACK.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: SO, LET ME TAKE A STAB AT IT. "WE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR, IN COLLABORATION WITH COUNTY COUNSEL AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, TO REPORT BACK TO THIS BOARD WITHIN 14 DAYS ON THE FEASIBILITY OF FORGIVING, POSTPONING, OR WAIVING PENALTIES ON PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS OR OTHER ACTIONS THEY CAN TAKE...

SUP. KUEHL: AND HAVE TAKEN.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AND HAVE TAKEN, FOR ALL RENTAL PROPERTIES WHERE THE LANDLORD DID NOT RECEIVE RENT, AS A RESULT OF THE EVICTION MORATORIUM." SUPERVISOR HAHN, DOES THAT MEET YOUR NEED? SUPERVISOR BARGER, ARE YOU FINE? KUEHL?

SUP. BARGER: YES.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: YES.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THAT IS THE MOTION, AS IT RELATES TO ITEM FIVE ON THE AGENDA. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: MOVING ON TO AGENDA ITEM 6: CREATING FINANCING PROGRAMS, INCENTIVES, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO INCREASE PRODUCTION OF A.D.U.S, ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. BEFORE THE PANDEMIC, WE WERE TOLD THAT THE COUNTY NEEDED OVER 500,000 UNITS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AND IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, WE'VE ONLY SEEN THE NEED EXACERBATED, AND THAT'S A STAGGERING NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS AT RISK OF FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS. SO THIS MOTION TODAY ASKS OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO EXPLORE FINANCING, INCENTIVES, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TOOLS THE COUNTY COULD CREATE AND SUPPLY, TO SUPPORT HOMEOWNERS WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN CONSTRUCTING AN ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT. THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS MOTION ARE BASED ON A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT THAT WAS COMPLETED BY INCLUSIVE ACTION FOR THE CITY-- THAT'S THE NAME OF IT-- A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION WITH EXPERTISE IN WORKING WITH LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES. SO, THE GOAL OF THIS MOTION IS FOR A.D.U.S TO ACTUALLY BE A VIABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR PROPERTY OWNERS TO BUILD WEALTH, WHILE ALSO INCREASING THE STOCK OF SOME HIGH-QUALITY, AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPTIONS. THERE WAS SWEEPING STATE LEGISLATION IN 2016, AND AGAIN IN 2019, TO

MAKE IT EASIER THAN EVER TO BUILD A.D.U.S, OR TO PERMIT EXISTING A.D.U.S IN MANY JURISDICTIONS. BECAUSE SOME OF THEM, AS YOU KNOW, PEOPLE CONVERTED THEIR GARAGE AND DIDN'T ASK PERMISSION, SO THE LEGISLATION ALSO SAID THEY COULD BE PERMITTED, AS WELL. AND THE COUNTY REALLY NEEDS TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THESE CHANGES. I THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BEING MY CO-AUTHOR, BECAUSE THIS BUILDS ON ONE OF HER PREVIOUS MOTIONS TO CREATE A STANDARD A.D.U. PLAN. WE DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO KEEP PEOPLE IN THEIR CURRENT HOMES, BUT IT IS GOOD TO SIMULTANEOUSLY EXPAND POTENTIAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPTIONS, MOVE THIS WORK FORWARD, MAKE A.D.U.S AN EVEN MORE VIABLE AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPTION FOR AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE. AND I WANT TO THANK INCLUSIVE ACTION AND OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS FOR THEIR COLLABORATION, AND THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP. ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. SOLIS: YES, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. THIS HAS BEEN, I THINK, A LOVE OF OURS, TRYING TO SEE HOW WE CAN CREATE MORE UNITS OF HOUSING, AND WHAT BETTER WAY TO DO IT THAN TO HAVE AN EXTENSION IN YOUR HOME, TO EITHER CONVERT A GARAGE, OR PUT IN, AS THEY USED TO CALL, GRANNY HOMES OR COTTAGES IN THE BACK? AND WE SEE THIS HAPPENING ALREADY IN MANY PARTS OF THE

DISTRICT, ESPECIALLY IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS, LIKE EAST LOS ANGELES AND THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, THAT I KNOW OF. AND I THINK IT IS TIME FOR US TO PROVIDE CONFORMITY, BUT ALSO TO PROVIDE THE TOOLS NECESSARY, SO WE CAN EASE THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION, HELP WITH ZONING, BUILDING, CREATING A BETTER PERMIT PROCESS, AND ALSO HELPING TO CREATE OTHER TRADITIONAL MEANS-- OR NONTRADITIONAL MEANS-- OF REFINANCING, SO PEOPLE CAN CREATE A LINE OF EQUITY, SO THAT THEY CAN BEGIN TO DO THIS, AND EMPOWER THEMSELVES, AND CREATE BETTER ASSETS IN THEIR HOME. SO THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT. I AM VERY HAPPY THAT THE COUNTY IS VERY MUCH ENGAGED, AND I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THEM TO HAVE THE DEPARTMENTS THAT WILL COME TOGETHER TO HELP CREATE A GUIDE, ALSO IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES, WHICH WILL HELP PROPERTY OWNERS ON HOW TO BUILD A NEW A.D.U. FROM THE GROUND UP, AND HOW TO BRING PERMITTED UNITS UP TO CODE, AND HOW TO RENOVATE EXISTING STRUCTURES TO TURN THEM INTO A.D.U.S. SO, FOR ALL THOSE REASONS, I SUPPORT THIS, AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HAVING ME AS YOUR CO-AUTHOR. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, THIS HELPS US PUT A DOWN PAYMENT ON BUILDING OUT MORE HOUSING. THANK YOU.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON ITEM 6? HEARING NONE, ITEM 6 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY KUEHL, SECONDED BY SOLIS TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 7, IMPLEMENTING THE L.A. TRAINING CENTER PROGRAM AT CAMP GONZALEZ, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR?

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. SORRY TO HOLD SO MANY ITEMS TODAY, BUT I'M KIND OF EXCITED ABOUT THEM, AND EXCITED ABOUT THIS ONE FOR REAL. I WANT TO BEGIN BY THANKING ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION INITIATIVE, AND ALL THE OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS FOR THE HARD WORK THEY ALREADY PUT INTO DESIGNING THIS PROGRAM. THROUGH THIS MOTION, I HOPE TO FURTHER THE DEVELOPMENT OF A REENTRY JOB TRAINING PROGRAM AT CAMP GONZALEZ. CAMP GONZALEZ IS A CLOSED JUVENILE DETENTION CAMP IN MY DISTRICT, AND THIS PROGRAM WILL SERVE TRANSITION-AGED YOUTH, AGED 18 TO 25, WHO HAVE PRIOR JUSTICE AND FOSTER SYSTEM INVOLVEMENT: THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED THEIR TIME IN JUVENILE FACILITIES, OR AGED OUT OF THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. AND IT WILL PROVIDE THE SERVICES AND THE SUPPORT NECESSARY TO SUCCEED IN A CAREER IN THE FIRE SERVICE. YOU KNOW, OUR FIRE SEASONS HAVE ONLY GOTTEN WORSE OVER THE YEARS, AND WE NEED ALL THE RESOURCES THAT WE CAN GET TO PREVENT AND FIGHT WILDFIRES. AND WE HAVE BEEN VERY DEPENDENT ON PRISON LABOR TO FIGHT THOSE FIRES, AS YOU KNOW. PART OF THE BOARD'S PUSH FOR CARE FIRST, WE ARE TRYING TO CONNECT PEOPLE WITH LIVING-WAGE JOBS, WITH SERVICES, WITH GOOD TRAINING, IN ORDER TO HELP THEM SUCCEED AFTER INCARCERATION, AND AFTER EXITING OUR FOSTER CARE SYSTEM.

SO, ESTABLISHING THIS PROGRAM AT CAMP GONZALEZ WILL ALSO POSITION L.A. COUNTY TO PARTNER WITH THE STATE IN PROVIDING A UNIQUE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR SECURE YOUTH TRACK POPULATION, BY PASSING S.B. 823, THE LEGISLATION THAT CLOSED THE STATE'S D.J.J. FACILITIES, AND SAYS WE HAVE TO ESTABLISH A SECURE YOUTH TRACK AT THE COUNTY LEVEL. LEGISLATORS HAVE ACTUALLY RECOGNIZED THE VALUE OF PROGRAMS LIKE THIS, BY STIPULATING THE D.J.J. FIRE CAMP AT PINE GROVE, WHICH IS UP IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, SHOULD REMAIN OPEN, EVEN AFTER THEY CLOSED THEIR OTHER D.J.J. FACILITIES. THAT CAMP, IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, SERVES YOUNG PEOPLE WHILE THEY ARE IN CONFINEMENT, AND OUR LOCAL PROGRAM AT CAMP GONZALEZ CAN SERVE YOUNG PEOPLE AFTER THEY'VE FINISHED THEIR CONFINEMENT TIME AND SERVED THEIR TIME, AND THEY'RE TRYING TO TRANSITION BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. AND AS YOU KNOW, A LOT OF TIMES YOU CAN'T EVEN GET INTO OUR FIRE SERVICE, BECAUSE YOU HAD A PREVIOUS RECORD. AND I THINK THIS PROGRAM WILL HELP TRANSITION JUST OUR YOUTH-- WE'RE LOOKING AT YOUTH HERE-- TO HELP THEM WITH THAT ABILITY TO FIND THAT GOOD-PAYING CAREER. SO, TO THAT END, IT CALLS ON OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO WORK TOGETHER, TO COLLABORATE WITH STATE AGENCIES, TO BUILD A SUCCESSFUL REENTRY JOB TRAINING PROGRAM. THIS IS THE PERFECT PLACE FOR IT. IT IS A HIGH-NEED SECTOR, LIKE FIRE SERVICE, AND I THINK IT WILL BENEFIT OUR WHOLE COUNTY. THANK YOU SO MUCH, AND I HOPE YOU CAN SUPPORT ITEM 7. THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. THIS HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL DAY. I THINK WE'RE BATTING PRETTY GOOD HERE, SO THANK YOU FOR BEING ONE OF THOSE GOOD HITTERS OUT THERE. I WANT TO JUST SAY THAT THIS IS AN EXCITING PROGRAM, I RECALL. SEVERAL YEARS BACK, WHEN WE HAD A PREVIOUS PROBATION CHIEF, WE WERE TALKING ABOUT HOW WE COULD CREATE BETTER WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAMS, AND OF COURSE THIS CAME TO MIND, THINKING WHY COULD WE NOT CONVERT SOME OF OUR CAMPS? AND GONZALEZ CAME UP AS ONE THAT COULD POTENTIALLY BE USEFUL IN HELPING TO RETRAIN OUR YOUTH, CURRENTLY IN OUR SYSTEM, AND PROVIDE THEM WITH OPPORTUNITIES IN THIS WONDERFUL CAREER PATH, IN BECOMING FIREFIGHTERS. AND MANY OF THEM PREVIOUSLY, THE YEARS PAST, HAD THAT EXPERIENCE AT SOME OF OUR CAMPS, BUT IT WENT AWAY. AND NOW WE FIND OURSELVES WHERE THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY THAT I THINK IS NECESSARY FOR US TO TAKE A PROACTIVE STEP, SO I AM HAPPY THAT THIS IS BEFORE US. I AM HAPPY WITH THE PARTNERSHIP THAT WE HAVE WITH ALL OF THE RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS: THE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE FIRE CAMP PARTICIPANTS; THE FACT THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO CREATE A FIRE SUPPRESSION AIDE, A POSITION THAT ACTUALLY WILL HELP PROVIDE A JOB AND OPPORTUNITY TO BOTH YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN THAT MIGHT SEEK A CAREER IN THIS AREA. CURRENTLY, MANY OF THEM

ARE DOING THIS WORK NOW. WE'VE HEARD ABOUT THAT EXPERIENCE, WHERE SOME OF THEM GET PAID $2 TO GO OUT AND FIGHT FIRES. THEY GET TRAINED, THEY GO THROUGH RIGOROUS TRAINING, THEY DO A HELL OF A GOOD JOB, BUT BECAUSE THEY HAVE A RECORD, ONCE THEY GET OUT, THEY CAN'T GET A JOB. SO WE'VE GOT TO FIGURE THIS OUT. WE'VE GOT TO BRING ALL THOSE RESOURCES TOGETHER TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, SO THAT THEY HAVE STEADY CAREERS, AND THAT THEY ALSO GET THE KIND OF ASSISTANCE THAT THEY NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE REALLY DO TAKE THIS WHERE IT NEEDS TO GO. I WANT TO THANK OUR FRIENDS, LIKE DAVE GILLOTTE, LOCAL 1014, A.R.C., A BUNCH OF FOLKS THAT HAVE BEEN ENGAGED HERE, INCLUDING YOURSELF, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND MANY OTHERS. SO THANK YOU, AND I ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE ON THIS WONDERFUL PROGRAM.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: OTHER MEMBERS WISHING TO SPEAK? LET ME JUST SAY THAT I AM EXCITED TO SEE THE OUTCOMES OF THIS PROGRAM THAT REALLY PROMOTES OUR CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST VISION, AND I'M HOPEFUL THAT THE STATE WILL SUPPORT THE PROGRAM FINANCIALLY, IN TERMS OF TRANSITIONING FOLKS BACK TO COMMUNITIES. AND I AM HOPING THAT THE TRAINING REALLY WILL ENCOMPASS TRAINING THAT WILL HELP PEOPLE QUALIFY TO BE ACTUAL FIREFIGHTERS. I THINK, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, THAT IS THE ULTIMATE GOAL: TRAINING TO BECOME FIREFIGHTERS. SO WITH THAT, HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 7 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY

SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: MOVING ON TO ITEM 11, ASSEMBLY BILL A.B. 109, PROGRAM EVALUATION, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. A YEAR AND A HALF AGO, COLLEAGUES, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND I INTRODUCED A MOTION TO RELOOK AT THE A.B. 109 FUNDS THAT WE RECEIVE FROM THE STATE EVERY YEAR. THIS YEAR, WE'RE PROJECTED TO GET A TOTAL OF $531 MILLION, AND YET THESE FUNDS HAVE NOT BEEN REASSESSED SINCE 2011, BUT A LOT HAS CHANGED WITH OUR APPROACH TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE SINCE THEN. OUR PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT TEAM-- AND THAT'S A BODY THAT WAS CREATED TO OVERSEE AND ADVISE ON A.B. 109 IMPLEMENTATION-- WE BEGAN BY FIRST EXPANDING THAT TEAM TO INCLUDE MORE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES AND NEW COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. THEN WE TASKED THEM WITH UPDATING THE A.B. 109 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TO REFLECT THIS BOARD'S PRIORITIES. PROCESS WASN'T EASY, BUT OUR PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT TEAM WORKED HARD TO GET ALL OF THIS DONE, AND I CAN SAY I THINK THEY DID A GREAT JOB. THE NEW A.B. 109 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TAKES A MORE HOLISTIC APPROACH TO PUBLIC SAFETY, BY FOCUSING ON THINGS LIKE REENTRY SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTHCARE, SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT, AND JOB TRAINING. SO, NOW THAT WE HAVE AN

UPDATED PLAN AND A REVITALIZED PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT TEAM, IT IS TIME TO MOVE ON TO THE NEXT STEP AND EVALUATE THE PROGRAMS THAT HAVE BEEN RECEIVING OUR A.B. 109 FUNDS. AND PROGRAM EVALUATION IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF MAKING OUR GOVERNMENT EFFECTIVE, BECAUSE WE DO HAVE LIMITED FUNDING SOURCES, SO WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE SPEND THE MONEY THAT WE HAVE IN A WAY THAT GIVES US THE OUTCOMES WE'RE STRIVING FOR. OUR PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT TEAM HAS GIVEN US SPECIFIC GOALS TO MEET: GOALS THAT INCLUDE ENHANCING AND EXPANDING WORKFORCE TRAINING, JOB LINKAGES, PRE-RELEASE VIDEO CONFERENCING, MENTAL HEALTH DIVERSION HOUSING, AND MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE TEAMS. SO NOW THIS NEXT STEP IS TO EVALUATE THE PROGRAMS THAT RECEIVE OUR FUNDS, TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY'RE MEETING THESE NEW GOALS. THERE HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTS TO EVALUATE A.B. 109 PROGRAMS IN THE PAST, BUT THEY HAVE STALLED, SO THIS MOTION IS JUST PICKING UP THAT CHARGE AGAIN. WE'RE ASKING OUR PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT TEAM TO COME UP WITH EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR OUR A.B. 109 PROGRAMS, AND FOR THE COUNTY TO USE THOSE CRITERIA TO BRING ON A THIRD PARTY TO PERFORM THIS PROGRAM EVALUATION. I REALLY WANT TO THANK OUR PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT TEAM FOR THE HARD WORK THEY'VE DONE TO HELP US GET HERE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WHO HAS BEEN THE CO-AUTHOR ON ALL OF THESE MOTIONS. AND WITH THAT, I THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: I AM NOT GOING TO SAY TOO MUCH. I THINK YOU SAID IT ALL, SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU ASKED ME TO JOIN YOU. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE P.S.R.T. TEAM, AND I BELIEVE THAT THIS IS A TIME THAT WE NEED TO MOVE. WE HAVE TO PUT CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST. WE'VE GOT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE THE RIGHT PROGRAMMATIC STRUCTURE TO FULFILL THE VERY GOALS THAT THIS BOARD HAS PUT FORWARD, AND THAT IS TO SAY THAT WE WANT TO PROVIDE THE BEST SERVICES TO OUR CLIENTELES, TO OUR FOLKS THAT WE HAVE IN OUR CARE, AND TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN EITHER DO IT THROUGH THE COUNTY OR THROUGH C.B.O.S, AND FINDING OUT THE INNOVATIVE, PROGRESSIVE PROGRAMS THAT ARE OUT THERE THAT WE SHOULD BE FUNDING. SO I, TOO, ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS? SEEING NONE, ITEM 11 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: ITEM 13, THE YOUTH COMMISSION, HELPING CENTER YOUTH VOICES IN MENTAL HEALTH, HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. IT HAS BEEN ALMOST TWO YEARS SINCE WE ESTABLISHED THE COUNTY'S FIRST-EVER YOUTH

COMMISSION. AND WE ASK THAT THIS COMMISSION BRING YOUNG PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE TO HELP SHAPE, INFLUENCE, AND IMPROVE OUR COUNTY SYSTEMS. THIS MOTION INSTRUCTS THE YOUTH COMMISSION TO HOST A PANEL ALONGSIDE OTHER YOUTH LEADERS, WITH OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO HELP CENTER THE YOUTH'S VOICE AND NEEDS SURROUNDING THE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS THAT THEY ARE FACING. THERE HAVE BEEN INCREASED RATES OF ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION ACROSS THE NATION, AND YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE BEEN FEELING THE BRUNT OF THIS PANDEMIC'S SOCIAL ISOLATION AND DISRUPTIONS TO THEIR EDUCATION AND THEIR LIVES. FOR OUR YOUTH IN OUR FOSTER CARE AND JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS, THE MENTAL HEALTH OUTCOMES ARE EVEN MORE DIRE. IT IS OUR COUNTY'S YOUNG PEOPLE, SPECIFICALLY OUR YOUTH COMMISSION, WHO CAN HELP LEAD THE CHARGE, GALVANIZING COUNTY AGENCIES BY ELEVATING THIS CONVERSATION. THIS REPORT-BACK BY THE YOUTH COMMISSION WILL PROVIDE US WITH A SNAPSHOT OF THE CURRENT STATE OF MENTAL HEALTH FACING YOUNG PEOPLE, AND WILL IDENTIFY POTENTIAL AREAS OF ACUTE NEED, SO THAT WE CAN RESPOND APPROPRIATELY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER, WOULD YOU LIKE TO COMMENT?

SUP. BARGER: YEAH. I WILL MAKE THIS BRIEF, BUT FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR LETTING ME BE A CO-AUTHOR ON THIS MOTION. THIS TOPIC TRULY IS IMPORTANT, AND I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO FOCUS ON IMPROVING THE MENTAL HEALTH OF OUR YOUTH. I HAD STATED DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE SCHOOL CLOSURES THAT WE SHOULD BE WORRIED ABOUT WHAT IMPACT THIS WILL HAVE ON OUR YOUTH, WHO ARE ISOLATED AND ALONE FOR SUCH A LONG PERIOD OF TIME. THE STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT THERE IS INDEED MUCH FOR US TO WORRY ABOUT, SO I THINK WE HAVE TO TAKE SWIFT ACTION, MOVING FORWARD. THE U.S. SURGEON GENERAL RECENTLY RELEASED A NATIONAL ADVISORY HIGHLIGHTING THE EXTREME YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS THAT WE'RE FACING. STUDIES SHOW THAT EVEN BEFORE C.O.V.I.D.-19, DEPRESSION HAD INCREASED MORE THAN 50 PERCENT FOR TEENS, AND MORE THAN 60 PERCENT FOR YOUNG ADULTS. THESE STATISTICS WORSENED AS A RESULT OF ISOLATION AND UNEASE CAUSED BY THIS PANDEMIC. NOW THAT OUR YOUTH HAVE FULLY RESUMED IN-PERSON LEARNING, OR A HYBRID FORM OF IT, WE MUST FOCUS OUR EFFORTS NOT ONLY ON THEIR EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS, BUT ALSO ON THEIR EMOTIONAL WELLBEING. SO I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE A CO-AUTHOR ON SOMETHING THAT TRULY IS NEAR AND DEAR TO ME. I'VE HEARD IN THE LAST YEAR-- I KNOW OF AT LEAST FOUR PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD SOMEONE, A YOUNG PERSON, COMMIT SUICIDE. AND I BELIEVE THAT IT IS AN ALL-HANDS-ON-DECK FOR US, AS COUNTY LEADERS, TO MAKE SURE WE PROVIDE ALL THE RESOURCES, NOT ONLY FOR THE YOUTH, BUT

ALSO FOR THEIR FAMILIES, AND LOOK AT THIS FROM A MORE HOLISTIC STANDPOINT. SO THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ANY OTHER REMARKS OR COMMENTS? SEEING NONE, ITEM 13 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY BARGER TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 13 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: ITEM 16, ASSESSING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I WANTED TO HOLD THIS ITEM TO EXPLAIN WHY I AM NOT SUPPORTING IT. IT'S A COUPLE OF THINGS. ONE IS A MATTER OF TIMING. WE ARE NOW ACTIVELY SEEKING A NEW DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, AND TO DIRECT THE C.E.O. AND THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO HIRE A CONSULTANT TO CREATE A SWEEPING AUDIT OF D.C.F.S. AT THIS TIME, I FEEL COULD NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE SEARCH FOR A DIRECTOR. AND I THINK THERE WAS A VOTE YESTERDAY, AT THE COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, ABOUT WHETHER TO SEND A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE BOARD FOR THIS MOTION, WHICH HAD A VERY THOUGHTFUL CONVERSATION, BUT DID NOT PASS. I THINK THAT IT COULD POSSIBLY PASS LATER, WHEN WE'VE HEARD FROM A NEW DIRECTOR, WHAT DO THEY HAVE IN MIND? AND THEN WE WANT TO MAYBE

EXPLORE WAYS TO REALLY CHECK UP ON WHAT THE DEPARTMENT IS DOING. BUT TO PRESENT A NEW DIRECTOR WITH A LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS, RATHER THAN, "WE HIRED YOU TO RUN THIS DEPARTMENT," IT MAKES IT, I THINK, VERY, VERY DIFFICULT. THE OTHER THING IS, D.C.F.S. IS ALREADY USING A CONSULTANT TO DO MANY OF THESE THINGS RIGHT NOW: THE CONSULTANT TURNING WEST. AND THEY ARE LOOKING AT, AND GOING TO REPORT ON, D.C.F.S.'S CURRENT ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE. SO I WOULD SAY THAT THE CONSULTANT DIRECTIVES OVERLAP WITH MANY OF THE DIRECTIVES IN TODAY'S MOTION. THEY ARE ASKING THE QUESTION, IS THERE A NEED FOR CHANGE, AND IF SO, WHAT? I REALLY THINK THAT HAS TO HAVE THE INPUT OF THE NEW DIRECTOR. THE OTHER THING IS, AS YOU KNOW, THE HAWKINS GROUP, THAT'S LOOKING FOR A NEW DIRECTOR FOR US, IS DOING A LOT OF COMMUNITY MEETINGS ABOUT WHAT COMMUNITY THINKS A NEW DIRECTOR AND A DEPARTMENT REALLY NEEDS TO DO. I HONESTLY THINK THEY SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO COMPLETE THEIR WORK, INSTEAD OF ADOPTING A MOTION NOW. SO, I THINK THE DEPARTMENT IS PRETTY STRAINED AT THE MOMENT, AND BEING LOOKED AT BY THIS CONSULTANT, AND GOING THROUGH THIS SEARCH. I REALLY UNDERSTAND MY COLLEAGUES' IMPATIENCE, BUT I JUST DON'T FEEL THE TIMING IS RIGHT, AND I THINK, IN MANY WAYS, IT IS DUPLICATIVE. SO, I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT I WON'T BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THE MOTION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. OTHER MEMBERS WISHING TO SPEAK? SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR TAKING THE LEAD ON THIS AND ASKING ME TO CO-AUTHOR IT, TO ASSESS OUR DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. AND I JUST, YOU KNOW, CAN'T THINK OF A BETTER TIME FOR US TO REALLY DECLARE THAT WE ARE NOT-- OR, I'M NOT IN FAVOR OF THE STATUS QUO, IN ANY WAY, SHAPE, OR FORM. AND BY THE WAY, BEFORE I CONTINUE, I HAVE A READ-IN AND THE FOLLOWING REVISION TO THE DIRECTIVE: "THE ANALYSIS AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN WRITING, IN 90 DAYS, AND INCLUDE INPUT FROM COMMUNITY LEADERS AND STAKEHOLDERS THROUGH COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSIONS, THE YOUTH COMMISSION, THE OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION, AND THE COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES." AND WHAT WE ARE ASKING FOR TODAY IS PRETTY SIMPLE, WITH THIS UPDATED MOTION THAT INCLUDES COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSIONS, FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNITY, TO HELP THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES GET BETTER. THIS DEPARTMENT SERVES, AS YOU KNOW, THE CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM. THEY HAVE BEEN TRYING TO BE A SYSTEM FOR CHILD AND FAMILY WELLBEING, THAT FOCUSES ON PREVENTION. THIS ASSESSMENT WILL HELP US HAVE AN OBJECTIVE LOOK AT WHAT SOME OF THE ISSUES AND BARRIERS ARE, SO THAT THE DEPARTMENT CAN BETTER SERVE OUR CHILDREN, OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, AND OUR FAMILIES. AND

GIVEN THE VAST CHANGES UNDERWAY, IT IS A GOOD TIME FOR US TO INITIATE THIS INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT, IN ORDER TO ADJUST AND IMPROVE, AS NEEDED. WE CAN'T PUT THAT COMPLETELY ON THE NEW DIRECTOR THAT WE HIRE. WE ARE RECRUITING FOR A NEW DIRECTOR FOR THIS DEPARTMENT. IT IS A TOP OF OUR PRIORITY LIST. AND SOME MAY THINK THAT IT IS TOO SOON TO ASSESS THIS DEPARTMENT, AND THAT WE SHOULD WAIT FOR A NEW DIRECTOR, SO THAT THEIR VISION CAN BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED. BUT IN MY OPINION, THIS MOTION DOESN'T PREVENT THAT FROM HAPPENING. BUT INSTEAD, I THINK IT COULD HELP OUR FUTURE DIRECTOR HAVE THE NECESSARY TOOLS THEY NEED, AND PROVIDE A LAY OF THE LAND IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR CURRENT BUDGET CYCLE. WHAT THE NEXT DIRECTOR DECIDES TO DO WITH THIS REPORT WILL BE FULLY UP TO THEM. IT IS THEIR DECISION. BUT ONE OF THE THINGS-- I THINK I KNOW, ONLY BEING IN THE COUNTY FOR 5 YEARS NOW, IS THAT OUR COUNTY SYSTEMS ARE COMPLICATED, AND THE BUREAUCRACY SOMETIMES LEADS TO INACTION. AND SOMETIMES, I THINK IT MIGHT BE UNFAIR, BRINGING SOMEBODY IN FROM THE OUTSIDE TO IMMEDIATELY UNDERSTAND AND ASSESS THIS PARTICULAR DEPARTMENT. I THINK WE'RE GIVING THEM A GIFT BY DOING A LOT OF THE HEAVY LIFTING, WHILE WE'RE RECRUITING THEM. AND AGAIN, THIS IS UP TO THEM TO DO WHAT THEY WILL, BUT IT WILL BE GOOD INFORMATION FOR US, AS WELL, AS WE DO MAKE POLICY DECISIONS ABOUT THIS DEPARTMENT, THAT THE DIRECTOR WILL FOLLOW. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD LOSE THIS TIME, WAITING FOR A NEW DIRECTOR. THIS ASSESSMENT WILL NOT

ONLY, IN MY OPINION, EMPOWER THE NEW, INCOMING DIRECTOR, AND ULTIMATELY, THEY ARE GOING TO CHOOSE HOW BEST TO PROCEED. BUT IF WE DO NOTHING, WE ARE ONLY MAINTAINING THE STATUS QUO. AND WHILE THE COMMISSION COULDN'T EXACTLY SUPPORT THIS, I WAS PLEASED TO HEAR THAT S.E.I.U. 721, REPRESENTING OUR SOCIAL WORKERS, ADVOCATED IN FAVOR OF US DOING THIS. SO THAT SPEAKS VOLUMES TO ME, THOSE WHO ARE ON THE FRONT LINES IN THIS DEPARTMENT. I THINK WE HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BY GOING FORWARD WITH THIS, AND DOING A GOOD AUDIT. TO ME, THIS IS GOOD GOVERNMENT, COLLEAGUES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU. AND, SHEILA, NOW, I WILL SAY TO YOU, I LOVE WORKING WITH YOU. I HAVE THE UTMOST RESPECT FOR YOU. BUT ON THIS ONE, I DISAGREE. I TRULY DO BELIEVE THAT TODAY IS PRECISELY THE RIGHT TIME, JUST FOR THE REASONS THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN OUTLINED. I THINK THIS IS A POSITIVE, NOT A NEGATIVE. I LOOK AT THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY, BECAUSE WE'VE ALL TALKED ABOUT HOW LARGE THIS DEPARTMENT IS, HOW COMPLEX IT IS. AND THIS BOARD HAS BEEN PROGRESSIVELY LOOKING AT HOW WE REIMAGINE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE COUNTY, WHETHER IT BE PROBATION, WHETHER IT BE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO BRING IN THE STAKEHOLDERS TO REALLY DO AN ASSESSMENT, EVALUATING THE CURRENT PROGRAMS, AS WELL AS

LEADERSHIP MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE, THAT IS IN PLACE. WE SHOULD USE THIS TIME BEFORE HIRING A PERMANENT D.C.F.S. DIRECTOR, TO INTERVIEW OUR STAKEHOLDERS, STAFF, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS, TO LOOK AT THE MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE IN PLACE. I BELIEVE THIS IS A POSITIVE, MOVING FORWARD. AND I'VE TALKED TO OUR INTERIM D.C.F.S. DIRECTOR, WHO DOES FEEL THE TIME FRAME IS AMBITIOUS. I UNDERSTAND THAT, AND I THINK THAT WE ARE OPEN TO LOOKING AT THAT 90-DAY PERIOD, IF IT CANNOT BE ACCOMPLISHED. BUT TO YOUR POINT, THERE ALREADY IS SOMETHING IN PLACE THAT IS WORKING IN THAT DIRECTION. WE'RE ASKING THEM TO BROADEN IT AND TAKE A LITTLE DEEPER DIVE. SO I THINK THIS IS GOING TO REALLY HELP US TO RECRUIT THE BEST, BECAUSE AS A BOARD, THAT IS WHAT WE WANT. WE WANT SOMEONE THAT HAS TRULY GOT A VISION THAT IS NOT A STATUS QUO, AS IT RELATES TO OUR D.C.F.S. DEPARTMENT, BUT SOMEONE WHO HAS A VISION LOOKING FORWARD, LOOKING AT FOSTER YOUTH THAT ARE CROSSING OVER INTO PROBATION. WE HAVE OPPORTUNITIES HERE, AND I KNOW, AS A BOARD, WE ARE ALL ABOUT SEIZING THOSE OPPORTUNITIES, AND SO SO I WOULD ASK FOR AN AYE VOTE ON THIS ITEM TODAY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. SOLIS: YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I ALSO RECOGNIZE AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE CONCERNS OF MY COLLEAGUES, BUT I WILL SAY THAT I AM SUPPORTIVE OF THE MOTION, AND I WILL TELL YOU WHY:

BECAUSE I DO THINK THAT THERE IS AN URGENCY TO EVERYTHING THAT WE CARE ABOUT REGARDING CHILD WELFARE. AND I KNOW THAT, FOR ME, AT LEAST PROVIDING A REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY PROGRAM, SUCCESSION PLANNING EFFORTS, AND ENSURING THAT D.C.F.S. STAFF HAVE APPROPRIATE NUMBERS OF STAFF IS VERY IMPORTANT. I BELIEVE THAT NONE OF THIS SHOULD HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL WE HAVE A NEW DIRECTOR. I THINK, IF I WERE COMING IN AS A NEW DIRECTOR, I WOULD WANT TO KNOW WHERE WE STAND, AND POSSIBLY WHAT RECOMMENDATIONS OF WHERE WE SHOULD GO. AND THAT PERSON, WHOEVER WE BRING IN, WILL MAKE THAT DETERMINATION, ALONG WITH THIS BOARD. I AM ALSO HAPPY, SUPERVISOR BARGER, THAT YOU TOOK MY RECOMMENDATIONS TO LOOK AT STAFFING LEVELS FOR VARIOUS PROGRAMS, INCLUDING THE ADOPTIONS BUREAU AND MEDICAL CASE MANAGEMENT UNIT. AND I KNOW THAT S.E.I.U. SPOKE ON THIS, AS WELL, BUT I DO BELIEVE IT DOESN'T HURT FOR US TO ENGAGE AND REALLY LET PEOPLE KNOW THAT WE DO WANT TO CHANGE COURSE, AND THAT WE WANT TO DO IT WITH THE BEST INTENTIONS. SO I SUPPORT MOVING FORWARD, AND I HOPE THAT THIS DOESN'T IMPEDE ANYONE FROM APPLYING. I THINK WE REALLY DO WANT TO KNOW THAT SOMEONE IS GOING TO COME IN AND BE ABLE TO DO A HECK OF A GOOD JOB, BECAUSE THIS IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT POSITION, AND WE WANT THAT PERSON TO BE SUCCESSFUL. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I WILL NOT BE SUPPORTING THE MOTION TODAY, FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS. FIRST OF ALL, THIS

PROBABLY IS ONE OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS THAT HAS BEEN ANALYZED AND EVALUATED AND AUDITED MORE THAN ANY OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENT. WHEN I REREAD THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION THAT I READ WHEN IT FIRST CAME OUT, BUT HAVE REREAD IT IN RECENT WEEKS, I CONTINUE TO BE STRUCK BY THE NUMBER OF DIRECTIVES OF THIS DEPARTMENT. I DON'T KNOW THAT THAT IS BECAUSE IT IS BIG AND COMPLEX. PERHAPS THOSE WEREN'T THE PEOPLE AT THE TIME FOR THE JOB, IN THE FIRST PLACE. I AM NOT SURE. I WASN'T HERE. WHAT I WILL SAY IS, THE WORK OF THIS DEPARTMENT IS CRITICAL, AND THE REGULAR WORK MUST CONTINUE UNDER THE CURRENT LEADERSHIP OF OUR ACTING DIRECTOR. I DO NOT BELIEVE, WHATEVER THE OUTCOME OF TODAY'S MOTION, AND IF IT WERE TO PROCEED, THAT A NEW DIRECTOR, COMING IN, WOULDN'T ONCE AGAIN DO A NEW EVALUATION. THEY SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT, AS THE NEW DEPARTMENT HEAD, TO FRAME THE ANALYSIS, ENGAGE IN A WAY THAT WOULD ALSO INTRODUCE THEM TO THE COMMUNITY, AND INTRODUCE THEM TO THE STAFF WHO WORK FOR THE DEPARTMENT. SO TO DO THIS ABSENT A LEADER, I THINK, WILL VERY LIKELY BE REDUNDANT. A DEPARTMENT THAT CURRENTLY HAS A STRUCTURAL DEFICIT OF $345 MILLION, I'M NOT SURE WHY WE WOULD HIRE A CONSULTANT, ASK THE PEOPLE WHO WORK IN THE DEPARTMENT EVERY DAY TO STEP AWAY FROM DOING THEIR WORK-- CRITICAL, LIFE-SAVING, LIFE-SUSTAINING WORK-- TO DO A RE-DO. I'M NOT SURE HOW MANY ELEMENTS-- I'VE LOT TRACK, IN TERMS OF TRYING TO COUNT-- OF WHAT ELEMENTS OF THE LAST BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION WE EVER IMPLEMENTED. AND SO I AM LOOKING TO

THE NEW DIRECTOR TO BE A VISIONARY AND A LEADER, TO DO THEIR ASSESSMENT AND ANALYZE WHAT THEY SEE, WHAT THEY BRING TO THE TABLE, WHAT INFORMATION THEY NEED TO BE EFFECTIVE LEADERS, AND LOOK AT PERHAPS ONE OF THE ANALYSES OR AUDITS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN DONE OF THEIR DEPARTMENT, TO FIGURE OUT WHAT ELEMENTS OF THOSE NEED TO GO FORWARD. TIMING IS AN ISSUE, AS IT WAS COMMUNICATED YESTERDAY BY THE COMMISSION. THIS REPORT-BACK IS IN 90 DAYS. WE CERTAINLY HOPE TO BE FAR ALONG OUR PROCESS, IN TERMS OF HIRING A NEW DIRECTOR WITHIN THAT TIME-FRAME. SO, HOW ABOUT WE LET THE NEW DIRECTOR COME IN, ESTABLISH THEMSELVES AS THE TRUE LEADER OF THE DEPARTMENT, AND DO WHAT THEY THINK IS BEST, IN TERMS OF HOW THEY WANT TO RECEIVE INFORMATION, COMMUNICATE THEIR VISION AND LEADERSHIP TO THEIR STAFF, BY FRAMING AN ANALYSIS AS THEY DEEM APPROPRIATE, AND ENGAGING A CONSULTANT THAT THEY DEEM APPROPRIATE? I JUST THINK WE ARE PUTTING THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE, AND ENGAGING IN AN EXPENSE THAT COULD POTENTIALLY BE DUPLICATIVE, IF THE NEW DIRECTOR COMES IN AND WANTS TO ENGAGE IN ONE, AS WELL. SO WITH THAT, SEEING NO FURTHER HANDS RAISED, ITEM 16 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 16, AS REVISED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: YES.

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

SUP. KUEHL: NO.

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

SUP. HAHN: YES.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: NO.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, NO. MOTION CARRIES, 3-2.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. MOVING ON TO ITEM 17, IMPROVING JUSTICE DATA IN THE ANNUAL GREATER LOS ANGELES HOMELESS COUNT, HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I ALSO WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR JOINING ME AS MY CO-AUTHOR ON THE MOTION TODAY. WITH THE BOARD'S COMMITMENT TO CARE FIRST AND JAILS LAST, AND THROUGH DISCUSSIONS WITH MANY STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING THOSE IMPACTED BY THE LEGAL SYSTEM, WE HAVE GAINED, I BELIEVE, A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE INTRICATE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN HOMELESSNESS AND THE CARCERAL SYSTEM. HOUSING CAN BE A CRITICAL RESOURCE FOR PREVENTING RECIDIVISM OR DIVERSION. YET, OFTEN HOUSING PROVIDED TO FORMALLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS IS FOUND OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTY'S FORMAL HOMELESSNESS SYSTEM. AND TO ENSURE WE HAVE THE RIGHT RESOURCES TO BRING THE CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST VISION TO FRUITION, WE NEED TO CONTINUE GROWING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE OVERLAP: THAT INTERSECTION BETWEEN HOMELESSNESS AND THE CARCERAL SYSTEM, AND THE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE IMPACTED IN THAT INTERSECTION. THE COUNTY'S ANNUAL HOMELESS COUNT IS A GREAT WAY TO START. THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICE AUTHORITY, L.A.H.S.A., CONDUCTS AN ANNUAL HOMELESS COUNT TO GATHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE UNHOUSED POPULATION IN OUR COUNTY, AND EVERY YEAR, THE COUNTY AND COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS, ALONG WITH SERVICE PROVIDERS, OUTREACH WORKERS, AND UNIVERSITY PARTNERS, COUNT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE

EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. THEY COLLECT THAT DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION AND DATA ON THE PREVALENCE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE, MENTAL HEALTH, AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AMONG THE COUNTY'S UNHOUSED RESIDENTS. THE RESULTS, THOUGH, OF THE HOMELESS COUNT ARE USED TO HELP INFORM OUR POLICY AND FUNDING ALLOCATIONS TO ADDRESS THE REGION'S HOMELESSNESS CRISIS. BACK IN 2019, L.A.H.S.A. PUBLISHED A FACT SHEET ON JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT AMONG THE HOMELESS POPULATION, BASED ON THAT DATA THAT THEY COUNTED THAT YEAR. THE FACT SHEET SHOWED THAT 64% OF THE UNHOUSED POPULATION HAD BEEN AFFECTED BY THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, WHICH IS NO SURPRISE: 28% WHO HAVE BEEN IN PRISON, 55% WHO HAVE BEEN IN JAIL, 16% WHO HAVE BEEN ON PAROLE, 25% WHO HAVE BEEN ON ADULT PROBATION, 17% WHO HAVE BEEN IN JUVENILE DETENTION, AND 12% WHO HAVE BEEN ON JUVENILE PROBATION. TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE LINKS BETWEEN JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT AND HOMELESSNESS, AND DRIVE POLICY DECISIONS THAT COULD REDUCE THE NUMBER OF HOMELESS AND INCARCERATED PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY, THE COUNTY SHOULD REVIEW JUSTICE DATA FROM THE HOMELESS COUNT ANNUALLY, NOT JUST AS A ONE-TIME DATA SHEET FROM TWO YEARS AGO. THIS POPULATION, AS YOU KNOW, CONTINUES TO CHANGE, AND WE SHOULD BE GETTING THE RIGHT INFORMATION AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. THAT'S WHY I HAVE INTRODUCED THIS MOTION, WHICH DIRECTS L.A.H.S.A. TO PUBLISH THE JUSTICE DATA COLLECTED DURING THE HOMELESS COUNT ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. THE MOTION DIRECTS L.A.H.S.A. TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY'S JUSTICE PARTNERS TO

IMPROVE THE SURVEY TOOLS USED TO COLLECT DATA ON JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT. THIS WILL ENSURE THAT WE ARE COLLECTING THE BEST DATA TO INFORM POLICY AROUND JUSTICE-INVOLVED PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. WE HAVE MANY COUNTY INITIATIVES WORKING TO ADDRESS THESE ROOT CAUSES, AND WE ARE PROVIDING SOLUTIONS, AND I BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE MANY OF OUR PARTNERS, LIKE THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION INITIATIVE, THE JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM, THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY, THAT CAN ALSO BENEFIT GREATLY FROM THE DATA COLLECTED THROUGH THE HOMELESS COUNT, AND BY CONTINUING TO PARTNER WITH L.A.H.S.A. SO, COLLEAGUES, I ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ANY OTHERS WISHING TO SPEAK? SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR INVITING ME TO CO-AUTHOR. I THINK WE HAVE ALL KNOWN A LONG TIME ABOUT THE INTERSECTION BETWEEN THE JUSTICE AND HOMELESS SYSTEMS, BUT WE HAVE NEVER HAD ENOUGH REAL INFORMATION TO MAKE POLICY DECISIONS THAT CAN BEST SUPPORT THE POPULATION THAT EXISTS AT THIS INTERSECTION. THIS MOTION ASKS TO IMPROVE DATA COLLECTION, ANALYSIS, AND DISSEMINATION, SO WE CAN BETTER UNDERSTAND THE FREQUENCY OF THE OVERLAP, AND PINPOINT CURRENT KNOWLEDGE AND SERVICE GAPS IN EACH OF OUR DISTRICTS AND ACROSS THE COUNTY. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS

DATA, HELPING US BETTER UNDERSTAND, FOR INSTANCE, HOW WOMEN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS HAVE INTERACTED WITH THE CARCERAL SYSTEM. THERE WAS A 2018 ECONOMIC ROUNDTABLE REPORT THAT FOUND THAT 42%-- THAT'S ALMOST HALF-- OF OUR UNSHELTERED WOMEN WHO ARE OLDER THAN 25 HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED, AND THAT ADULT INCARCERATION FORESHADOWS HOMELESSNESS FOR FULLY ONE-THIRD OF ALL THE WOMEN. SO OUR ANNUAL HOMELESS COUNT, AS YOU SAID, IT IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO GET THIS DATA. AND ASKING L.A.H.S.A. TO PARTNER WITH THE C.I.O., TO PUT TOGETHER WITH DATA FROM OTHER INITIATIVES, LIKE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DATA SHARING INITIATIVE, CAN ALSO BE LEVERAGED TO GET A RICHER UNDERSTANDING OF THIS INTERSECTION. SO, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE MOTION, AND FOR ALLOWING ME TO CO-AUTHOR. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: OF COURSE. ANY OTHERS WISHING TO SPEAK? SEEING NONE, ITEM 17 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 17 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: ITEM 18, STRENGTHENING LANGUAGE ACCESS IN COUNTY SERVICES, HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR JOINING ME AS CO-AUTHOR, AND ALL OF

MY COLLEAGUES, BECAUSE I KNOW THIS IS AN ITEM THAT IS VERY TIMELY, AND I APPRECIATE ALL THE PEOPLE THAT CALLED IN TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. COLLEAGUES, AS YOU KNOW, MORE THAN HALF OF THE COUNTY'S POPULATION SPEAKS A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH AT HOME. AND FOR THAT, PERHAPS THAT ISN'T SO SURPRISING, BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS HOME TO THE LARGEST IMMIGRANT POPULATION IN ANY REGION IN THE UNITED STATES. BUT ACCORDING TO A REPORT ON THE STATE IMMIGRANTS IN L.A. COUNTY, ONE-THIRD OF ALL IMMIGRANT-HEADED HOUSEHOLDS ARE LINGUISTICALLY ISOLATED, MEANING THAT NO ONE OVER THE AGE OF 14 IN THAT HOUSEHOLD SPEAKS ENGLISH VERY WELL. THAT INCLUDES 33% OF ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER-- A.P.I. HOUSEHOLDS-- AND 29% OF LATINO HOUSEHOLDS, AND ALMOST ONE IN FIVE BLACK RESIDENTS ARE IMMIGRANTS OR SECOND-GENERATION CHILDREN. FURTHERMORE, THERE ARE OVER 200 INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE GROUPS FROM LATIN AMERICA. THESE STATISTICS SHOULD UNDERSCORE THE CRITICAL NEED TO EXPAND LANGUAGE ACCESSIBILITY IN OUR COUNTY SERVICES. THERE ARE MANY SERVICES THAT THE COUNTY PROVIDES ON A DAILY BASIS TO RESIDENTS, SOME OF WHICH ARE EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO NON-ENGLISH-SPEAKING RESIDENTS BECAUSE OF TRANSLATED MATERIALS, ON-SITE MULTILINGUAL COUNTY EMPLOYEES, ET CETERA. BUT WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT GAPS THAT STILL EXIST WHEN IT COMES TO HAVING CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY COMPETENT COUNTY SERVICES. THE SIMPLE PRACTICE OF JUST TRANSLATING EVENT FLYERS AND HAVING TRANSLATIONS, ESPECIALLY ON TOWN HALLS THAT THE

COUNTY DEPARTMENTS HOST, IS NOT CONSISTENT, AND IT'S NOT ENOUGH. WE HAVE TO TALK ABOUT VULNERABLE POPULATIONS. ONE OF THEIR MAIN OBSTACLES TO ACCESSING GOVERNMENT SERVICES IS THE LACK OF IN-LANGUAGE MATERIALS AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO CAN COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH THEM. IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES OFTEN DISENGAGE FROM GOVERNMENT ALTOGETHER, BECAUSE OF THAT ACCESSIBILITY GAP. AND AS WE ARE SEEING WITH THE PANDEMIC, COUNTY SERVICES PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN SAFEGUARDING THE LIVES AND LIVELIHOODS OF OUR RESIDENTS, AND WE ARE THAT SAFETY NET. BUT IF A LARGE SEGMENT OF THAT POPULATION CAN'T EASILY ACCESS THESE SERVICES, THEN THE SYSTEM ISN'T WORKING FAIR FOR ANYONE. COLLEAGUES, WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TRANSFORM AND STRENGTHEN LANGUAGE ACCESSIBILITY IN THE SERVICES THAT WE PROVIDE. IN FACT, THERE ARE SIX STATE AND 39 LOCAL LANGUAGE ACCESS POLICIES ACROSS 40 GOVERNMENTAL JURISDICTIONS. THESE POLICIES ENSURE THAT THERE ARE STANDARDIZED PLANS THAT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES CAN ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT TO IMPROVE LANGUAGE ACCESSIBILITY. THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES RECENTLY ADOPTED EXECUTIVE ORDER 32, OUTLINING ITS LANGUAGE ACCESS PLAN. THE COUNTY NEEDS TO DO THE SAME. WE HAVE TO STEP UP. THE MOTION, WHICH CALLS FOR A NEEDS ASSESSMENT, IS THE FIRST STEP, WITH THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF A COUNTYWIDE STRATEGIC PLAN TO INSTITUTIONALIZE EQUITABLE LANGUAGE ACCESS STANDARDS. WE WANT TO MARSHAL THE STRENGTH OF OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS THAT MOST OFTEN SERVE IMMIGRANTS AND THEIR FAMILIES. WE WANT TO ALSO

INVOLVE OUR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, AND GET PUBLIC INPUT TO ACCESS THE COUNTY'S LANGUAGE ACCESSIBILITY, AND IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES TO STRENGTHEN THE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE, AND ELIMINATE THOSE LANGUAGE BARRIERS IN COUNTY SERVICES. I RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR INVITING ME TO BE YOUR CO-AUTHOR. IT WAS JUST THIS PAST NOVEMBER THAT WE AUTHORED A MOTION ASKING THE OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION TO REVIEW THE DEVASTATING INCIDENT THAT TOOK PLACE IN NORWALK, TO A LITTLE BOY IN OUR FOSTER CARE SYSTEM, TO SEE IF CULTURAL AND LANGUAGE BARRIERS WERE A FACTOR. WE ASKED THE OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION TO LOOK AT THE NEED TO EXPAND LANGUAGE SERVICES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES, BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF LANGUAGES SPOKEN IN L.A. COUNTY, AND WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT LANGUAGE IS NOT A BARRIER TO FAMILIES PROTECTING THEIR CHILDREN. AND THIS MOTION TODAY TAKES THINGS A STEP FURTHER, TO LOOK AT LANGUAGE SERVICES IN ALL OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. COUNTY IS THE SAFETY NET FOR OUR RESIDENTS. WE PROVIDE SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE WHEN THEY NEED THEM THE MOST, AND WE CANNOT LET LANGUAGE BARRIERS PREVENT PEOPLE FROM ACCESSING THOSE

SERVICES. SO, DEVELOPING A COUNTYWIDE LANGUAGE ACCESS AND EQUITY PLAN WILL HELP US UNDERSTAND WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE CAN ACCESS OUR SERVICES, NO MATTER WHAT LANGUAGE THEY SPEAK. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU TO BOTH YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. I AGREE WITH YOU. THE TIME HAS CERTAINLY COME. I ALWAYS KNEW THAT THE DYMALLY-ALATORRE ACT, AT THE STATE LEVEL, REQUIRES A THRESHOLD LANGUAGE PER JURISDICTION IN THE DELIVERY OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES. AND FRANKLY, IT WASN'T UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF THE PANDEMIC WHEN I LEARNED THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF E.D.D. ONLY PROVIDED INFORMATION IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH. AT A TIME WHEN PEOPLE NEEDED THOSE RESOURCES THE MOST, IT WAS NOT AVAILABLE IN ANY OTHER LANGUAGE BUT ENGLISH AND SPANISH. AND SO THE COUNTY, I AM PROUD THAT YOU ALL BROUGHT THIS MOTION FORWARD, THAT WE NEED TO WALK OUR TALK, IN TERMS OF OUR COMMITMENT AND OUR VALUE OF DIVERSITY, AND THAT INCLUDES LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL COMPETENCY, AS WELL. SO I AM VERY HAPPY TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. ANYONE ELSE CHOOSING TO SPEAK? GREAT. SEEING NONE, ITEM 18 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY HAHN TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 18 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: ITEM 19, UTILIZATION OF HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE, AND PREVENTION, ROUND THREE INITIAL DISBURSEMENT, HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I, TOO, AM HAPPY TO PUT THIS MOTION FORWARD. LAST YEAR, I AUTHORED THREE CRITICAL MOTIONS TO HELP CREATE INTERIM AND PERMANENT HOUSING RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN THE COUNTY. IN JUNE, I PASSED A MOTION WITH YOU, CHAIR MITCHELL, AS MY CO-AUTHOR, TO SUPPORT THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER EVERY WOMAN HOUSED ACTION PLAN FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES ON SKID ROW. THE PLAN WOULD BRING TOGETHER COUNTY, CITY, AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES TO HOUSE 600 WOMEN AND 55 FAMILIES CURRENTLY RESIDING ON SKID ROW. IN NOVEMBER, I PARTNERED WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER TO CREATE AN INTERIM HOUSING FUND FOR CITIES AND COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT, TO SUPPORT SERVICES AND HOMELESS INTERIM HOUSING PROJECTS SITED IN LOCAL JURISDICTIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. LATER THIS MONTH, WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN AS MY CO-AUTHOR, I PASSED A MOTION TO PROVIDE OPERATING FUNDS TO CITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY THAT ARE PURSUING FUNDING THROUGH THE STATE'S PROJECT HOMEKEY ROUND TWO PROGRAM, TO DEVELOP AND ACQUIRE PERMANENT HOUSING FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS; AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WHO AUTHORED AN IMPORTANT AMENDMENT TO ENSURE TRIBAL ENTITIES WERE INCLUDED IN THAT MOTION, AS WELL. THE ENTIRE BOARD, I WANT TO APPLAUD YOU, BECAUSE YOU'VE ALL

PLAYED A VERY, VERY PIVOTAL ROLE IN GETTING THESE MOTIONS THROUGH, WITH THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF GETTING MORE PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS AND INTO HOUSING QUICKLY. BUT, OF COURSE, THESE MOTIONS NEEDED RESOURCES TO BE IMPLEMENTED EFFECTIVELY, AND THANKFULLY, THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE WAS ABLE TO FIND FUNDING TO SUPPORT ALL THREE OF OUR PROJECTS. THEY HAVE RECOMMENDED APPORTIONING THE $16.46 MILLION ADVANCE OF OUR HOMELESS HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION ROUND 3 FUNDS FROM THE STATE TO SUPPORT THESE CRITICAL INITIATIVES. THE MOTION GIVES THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE THE AUTHORITY TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS AS FOLLOWS: TEN MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE CITIES' AND C.O.G.S' INTERIM HOUSING FUND; $4 MILLION FOR EVERY WOMAN HOUSED ACTION PLAN FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES ON SKID ROW; AND $2.46 MILLION TO SUPPORT CITIES AND TRIBAL ENTITIES THAT ARE PURSUING FUNDING THROUGH THE STATE'S PROJECT HOMEKEY ROUND TWO PROGRAM. I APPRECIATE MY COLLEAGUES, THEIR SUPPORT, AND THOSE THAT CALLED IN TODAY, AND ALL THE ADVOCATES AND CITIES THAT ARE JOINING US IN THIS EFFORT. I RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ANY OTHER MEMBERS WISHING TO MAKE REMARKS? SEEING NONE, ITEM 19 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ITEM 20, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS, IMPLEMENTING THE FAIR CHANCE HIRING COUNTYWIDE PROJECT, WHICH I HELD. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR YOUR CO-AUTHORSHIP AND LEADERSHIP IN THIS WORK. THE COUNTY OF L.A. AND ITS PARTNERS INVEST SUBSTANTIAL RESOURCES INTO DEVELOPING PATHWAYS INTO GAINFUL CAREERS FOR THOSE WHO NEED THEM THE MOST. THE GREAT RESIGNATION HAS REVEALED THAT THERE ARE NOW MANY MORE JOB OPPORTUNITIES THAN WORKERS TO TAKE THEM. THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 PANDEMIC CREATED A LABOR SHORTAGE THAT HAS PROMPTED BUSINESSES TO RETHINK THEIR JOB REQUIREMENTS, AND THE COUNTY SHOULD BE NO EXCEPTION. TOO OFTEN, THOSE WITH JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT, WHO COULD BE AN ASSET TO MANY EMPLOYERS, ARE DENIED THAT OPPORTUNITY DUE TO CONTINUING STIGMA. AND SO THIS MOTION ASKS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO TAKE A FRESH LOOK AT THE FAIR CHANCE ACT, AND THE OPPORTUNITIES IT CREATES. THIS WORK STARTS WITH ENSURING THE COUNTY AND ITS CONTRACTORS ARE DOING EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO WALK THE TALK. THIS MOTION ASKS FOR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO REEXAMINE THEIR HIRING PROCESSES, TO ENSURE THAT ALL DEPARTMENTS ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FAIR CHANCE ACT, BUT ALSO REQUEST THAT WE REVIEW OUR CONTRACTING PROCESS TO SEE HOW WE CAN SPUR HIRING OF THOSE WITH JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR. WE NEED TO CHANGE ASSUMPTIONS THAT LEAD US TO BELIEVE THAT CERTAIN JOBS SHOULD BE OFF LIMITS, SIMPLY BECAUSE AN INDIVIDUAL HAS A CRIMINAL

RECORD, OR THAT SYSTEMS-INVOLVED PEOPLE DON'T HAVE THE EXPERIENCE OR CAPACITY TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF JOBS BEYOND ENTRY LEVEL. IT IS TIME THAT WE BE MORE DELIBERATE ACROSS THE COUNTY ABOUT AFFORDING THESE OPPORTUNITIES TO THOSE MOST IMPACTED AFTER YEARS OF BEING LOCKED OUT OF THE HIRING PROCESS, STARTING WITH A MEASURABLE GOAL THAT REFLECTS THAT INTENTION AND HOLDS US ACCOUNTABLE. AFTER CONSULTING WITH OUR C.E.O.'S OFFICE, I'D NOW LIKE TO READ IN A BRIEF REVISION TO DIRECTIVE EIGHT. AFTER THE PHRASE, QUOTE, "FOCUSED ON INDIVIDUALS IMPACTED BY THE JUSTICE SYSTEM," END QUOTE, ADD THE PHRASE, QUOTE, "AN ANALYSIS ON CURRENT COUNTY EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS THAT MAY RESULT IN ARTIFICIAL BARRIERS FOR INDIVIDUALS IMPACTED BY THE JUSTICE SYSTEM," END QUOTE. THANK YOU, AND I ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, MADAM CHAIR, FOR INVITING ME TO CO-AUTHOR THIS MOTION WITH YOU. AS YOU STATED, I WAS A LONGTIME PROPONENT OF THE FAIR CHANCE ACT INITIATIVE, LONG BEFORE I EVEN CAME TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AS SECRETARY OF LABOR, WE CREATED A FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND PROGRAM TO PROVIDE CRITICAL TRAINING AND APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR AT-RISK AND FORMALLY JUSTICE-INVOLVED YOUTH. AND WITH THE GREAT RECESSION AT THAT TIME, THOSE PROGRAMS HELPED TO IMPROVE EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS FOR PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE, TARGETING HIGH-POVERTY, HIGH-CRIME AREAS, TO

PROVIDE TRAINING FOR IN-DEMAND INDUSTRIES AND OCCUPATIONS IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES. BUT NOW, AS SUPERVISOR, I CONTINUE TO CARRY THE WORK, AS WE DID AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL, TO CREATE A MORE INCLUSIVE HIRING CULTURE IN THE COUNTY. IT IS REALLY CENTERED ON GIVING THOSE WHO ARE ABLE AND WILLING, TO GIVE THEM A REAL FIGHTING CHANCE TO SURVIVE AND THRIVE THE POST-LEGAL INVOLVEMENT. AS EXAMPLES, I AUTHORED A MOTION, BACK IN 2017, THAT ESTABLISHED A FAIR CHANCE TASK FORCE TO PROMOTE ADOPTING FAIR CHANCE HIRING PRACTICES WITHIN THE COUNTY, THAT INCLUDED SUPPORTING "BAN THE BOX," UPON THE BILL'S PASSAGE IN 2018. ALSO IN THAT YEAR, I CO-AUTHORED A MOTION DIRECTING THE TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP AN EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO EDUCATE EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYERS ON THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE FAIR CHANCE ACT. AND IN 2019, I AUTHORED A MOTION TO INCREASE THE HIRING OF JUSTICE-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS IN THE COUNTY. AND LATER THAT YEAR, I AUTHORED A MOTION TO LAUNCH THE FAIR CHANCE CAMPAIGN TO ENCOURAGE MORE BUSINESSES TO ADOPT FAIR CHANCE HIRING PRACTICES. THIS RESULTED IN A COUNTY FAIR CHANCE EMPLOYMENT POLICY, ENSURING THAT ENTITIES DOING BUSINESS WITH US INCLUDE STANDARD LANGUAGE IN THEIR COUNTY CONTRACTS, AND PROVIDE COMPLIANCE WITH FAIR CHANCE EMPLOYMENT HIRING STANDARDS. THERE IS RESEARCH THAT SUPPORTS THAT WHEN PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE GET EMPLOYMENT, IT REDUCES THEIR RISK FOR RECIDIVISM, AND THEY HAVE MORE DRIVE AND LOYALTY TO THEIR EMPLOYER, WHICH RESULTS IN STAYING AT COMPANIES MUCH

LONGER. THESE ARE ALL THE SAME INDIVIDUALS WHO GO BACK TO THEIR COMMUNITIES AS ENGAGED TAXPAYERS. THEY SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR SUPPORT NETWORK. IN THE BOARD'S COMMITMENT TO CARE FIRST, IT IS MORE THAN INSTITUTING A SYSTEM OF ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION; IT IS ABOUT DIRECTLY INVESTING IN COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN HISTORICALLY IGNORED, TO ENSURE BASIC NEEDS THROUGH LIVING WAGES, EDUCATION, MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTHCARE, AND EQUITABLE ACCESS TO ALL. FOR ALL THOSE REASONS I SUPPORT THE MOTION. I KNOW ALSO THAT WE CAN EXPECT SUPPORT FROM THE STATE, AS WELL AS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, FOR THE KINDS OF PROGRAMS THAT WE ARE PROMOTING HERE. THIS IS EXACTLY WHERE WE NEED TO GO, AND I BELIEVE THERE IS A NATIONAL MOMENTUM THAT FOLLOWS. SO THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR EVERYONE'S SUPPORT ON THIS, AS WELL. THANK YOU.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR THIS MOTION. I THINK IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE MAKE SURE ALL OF OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ARE IMPLEMENTING THIS FAIR CHANCE HIRING; NOT JUST BECAUSE IT IS THE LAW, BUT BECAUSE IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO. AND I'VE ALWAYS BEEN A FAN OF EDUCATING BUSINESSES, RATHER THAN PUNISHING THEM, AND IMAGINE THERE ARE MANY EMPLOYERS OUT

THERE WHO ARE SIMPLY UNAWARE OF THE RECENT CHANGES IN THE LAW, OR ARE UNSURE OF HOW TO COMPLY WITH THEM. SO I AM GLAD TO SEE THAT THIS MOTION INCLUDES A PLAN TO DO OUTREACH AND EDUCATE EMPLOYERS ACROSS THE COUNTY ON FAIR CHANCE HIRING. AND THAT WAS MY APPROACH ON OUR C.O.V.I.D. PROTOCOLS, AS WELL. I ALWAYS WANTED OUR PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS TO GO OUT AND EDUCATED OUR BUSINESSES AND RESTAURANTS, TO HELP BRING THEM INTO COMPLIANCE, RATHER THAN JUST JUMP RIGHT TO PUNISHMENT. SO I FEEL THE SAME WAY HERE, AND I WANT TO THANK BOTH OF YOU FOR THIS, AND I SUPPORT THIS MOTION.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ANY OTHERS WISHING TO MAKE REMARKS? DONE. ITEM 20 IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THIS ITEM, AS REVISED. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLE.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 20, AS REVISED, IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON TO ITEM 22, PRESERVING REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ACCESS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE, WHICH I TOOK THE LIBERTY OF HOLDING. THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR AGREEING TO CO-AUTHOR WITH ME. THIS WEEKEND, AS YOU ALL KNOW, WE CELEBRATED THE 49TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE. OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS, AND MANY OF OUR STAFF, HAVE NEVER KNOWN A TIME WHEN THIS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO ABORTION SERVICES DIDN'T EXIST. IT FELT TO MANY SACROSANCT. INDEED, 80% OF AMERICANS SUPPORT

LEGAL ABORTION, AND ONLY 33% OF THE PUBLIC BELIEVES THAT ROE WILL BE OVERTURNED. YET, MOST LEGAL SCHOLARS AND THE SUPREME COURT EXPERTS ANTICIPATE THE SUPREME COURT WILL INDEED OVERTURN ROE V. WADE. THE SUPREME COURT IS EXPECTED TO FINALIZE THIS POSITION IN JUNE. AS A RESULT, TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. CRITICAL PLANNING AND ACTION NEED TO HAPPEN NOW, AND NOT WAIT. THE SUPREME COURT'S ACTIONS COULD HAVE TREMENDOUS RIPPLE EFFECTS ON US HERE IN CALIFORNIA, IN L.A. COUNTY, SPECIFICALLY. MAKE NO MISTAKE: WOMEN IN L.A. COUNTY WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE THE RIGHT TO QUALITY REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE SERVICES, INCLUDING COMPREHENSIVE QUALITY REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE SERVICES AND ABORTIONS. THE ELIMINATION OF THIS RIGHT IN OTHER STATES, HOWEVER, COULD LEAD TO AN INCREASED DEMAND FOR CONTRACEPTIVES AND ABORTION SERVICES BY WOMEN FROM THOSE STATES AT OUR COUNTY'S PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS AND CLINICS. THE ELIMINATION OF ABORTION RIGHTS IN OTHER STATES COULD ALSO RESULT IN DELAYED ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE, AND INCREASED MEDICAL COMPLICATIONS AND MORBIDITY. SINCE CALIFORNIA IS INDEED A REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM STATE, INCREASED DEMANDS FOR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE COULD AFFECT OUR COUNTY'S BUDGET FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, AND IMPACT PROGRAMS AIMED TO ELIMINATE HEALTHCARE DISPARITIES AMONG WOMEN OF COLOR AND YOUNG WOMEN AND POOR WOMEN, INCLUDING PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS. THESE ARE IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS THAT WILL HAVE A LASTING IMPACT ON

WOMEN RESIDING IN OUR OWN COUNTY, AND I BELIEVE REQUIRES OUR ATTENTION. AS A RESULT, I AM SEEKING SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW THE COUNTY COULD EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY RESPOND, SHOULD ROE V. WADE BE OVERTURNED. REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE AND JUSTICE LEADERS HAVE SPENT SIGNIFICANT TIME DISCUSSING WHAT THE NEXT CHAPTER OF THIS FIGHT HOLDS FOR THOSE SEEKING ABORTION SERVICES. ONCE THE SUPREME COURT RULES, WOMEN WILL NO LONGER HAVE A PATH TO ASSERT THEIR FULL REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS THROUGH THE COURT SYSTEMS. SO, COLLEAGUES, I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT, PARTICULARLY FOR US, I THINK IT IS INCUMBENT UPON US TO RECOGNIZE WHAT IT WOULD MEAN TO PRESIDE OVER ONE OF THE LARGEST LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE NATION DURING THE DISMANTLING OF THIS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT. WE HAVE NEVER BEFORE BEEN CLOSER TO LOSING IT THAN WE ARE NOW. I AM NOT GOING TO STOP FIGHTING TO PROTECT THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO ABORTION AND A FULL COMPLEMENT OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE SERVICES ON DEMAND, AND WILL NOT STOP FIGHTING FOR ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE SERVICES FOR THOSE IN THE COUNTY WHO RELY ON THE COUNTY FOR THE DELIVERY OF THEIR HEALTHCARE. I HOPE THAT YOU ALL WILL SUPPORT THIS MOTION, TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR COUNTY IS INVESTED IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO ENSURE THAT COUNTY RESIDENTS WON'T BE IMPACTED BY THE VERY LIKELIHOOD OF OTHERS COMING INTO THE COUNTY, JUST SEEKING HELP AND SUPPORT. ALREADY, WE ARE SEEING WHAT HAPPENS WHEN OTHER STATES RESTRICT THIS RIGHT. WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE GETS DELAYED AND DEFERRED. WE NEED TO DO THE WORK

NOW TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IT WILL TAKE TO BECOME A HAVEN COUNTY, IN A REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM STATE LIKE CALIFORNIA, THAT IS CENTERED ON PROTECTING AND EXPANDING THE ABILITY OF EVERY PERSON, REGARDLESS OF WHERE THEY ARE FROM, TO ACCESS ESSENTIAL AND HIGH-QUALITY REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE. WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WELL, THIS IS A MOTION I NEVER WANTED TO HAVE TO HAVE US CONSIDER, BUT I CAN'T SAY THAT IT'S ENTIRELY BEEN OUT OF MY MIND. IN 2002, IT ALREADY LOOKED AS THOUGH A SUPREME COURT WOULD SOMEDAY BE ABLE TO OR DECIDE TO DO AWAY WITH ROE V. WADE. AND I BROUGHT A BILL, ACTUALLY, IN THE LEGISLATURE, CALLED THE REPRODUCTIVE PRIVACY ACT, WHICH EMBEDDED ALL OF THE RIGHTS CONTAINED IN ROE V. WADE IN CALIFORNIA STATUTE. AND IT PASSED, AND GRAY SIGNED IT, AND IT IS THERE NOW. SO THIS IS INDEED A REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM STATE, IN ITS OWN LAWS. AND I THINK, MADAM CHAIR, WHAT YOU SAY IS VERY TRUE, BUT I WANT TO BE VERY CAREFUL NOT TO MAKE IT SOUND LIKE WE ARE GOING TO BE INUNDATED WITH PEOPLE FROM OTHER STATES KIND OF USING UP OUR RESOURCES. AND I KNOW THAT'S NOT IN ANY WAY THE WAY YOU MEAN IT. IN THE L.G.B.T.Q. COMMUNITY, WE TALK ABOUT CHURCHES, OR COMMUNITY CENTERS, OR WHATEVER, AS BEING WELCOMING. AND I THINK THAT I WOULD LIKE TO THINK OF US AS A WELCOMING COUNTY FOR THOSE SEEKING TO EXERCISE THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, IF THEY ARE DENIED BY OTHER STATES FOR

DOING THAT. AND LOOKING TO PLAN FOR THAT IS A REALLY, REALLY GOOD THING. I THINK WE SHOULD BE VERY PROUD THAT WE COULD BE A WELCOMING COMMUNITY. SOME OF US ARE OLD ENOUGH TO REMEMBER, BEFORE ROE, OUR FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES DRIVING WOMEN TO, IN OUR CASE, AT U.C.L.A., TO MEXICO; IN TORY'S CASE, ON THE EAST COAST, TO CANADA. AND SO MANY OTHERS OF US. ACTUALLY, THERE'S TWO GOOD MOVIES COMING OUT ABOUT THAT, A DOCUMENTARY AND A FICTION FILM, ABOUT THE WOMEN WHO DROVE OTHER WOMEN TO GET SAFE ABORTIONS, WHEN THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT ALLOW IT. I CAN'T IMAGINE US RETURNING TO THAT TIME, BUT I GUESS I HOPE YOU ALL LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO SEE THAT MUCH OF YOUR LIFE'S WORK IS ALWAYS AT RISK. AND SO FOR US TO STEP UP HERE, I THINK, IS REALLY IMPORTANT. I KNOW YOU ALL DON'T NEED TO BE CONVINCED, AND IT'S LATE IN THE DAY, BUT THIS IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT THING FOR US TO DO, AND TO LET PEOPLE KNOW THAT WE ARE DOING. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO CO-AUTHOR, AND I CAN'T SAY I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS, BUT I AM PROUD TO BE PART OF IT, IF WE ONCE AGAIN HAVE TO BE PART OF THE RESISTANCE. THANK YOU.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-AUTHORSHIP. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU TO YOU, AND TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR INTRODUCING THE MOTION. LAST

THURSDAY, AS WE RECALL, THE NATION MARKED THE 49TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROE VERSUS WADE. AND UNFORTUNATELY, IT IS NOT LOST ON ME THAT THIS COULD BE THE FINAL YEAR WE OBSERVE THAT LANDMARK SUPREME COURT DECISION. I, LIKE SO MANY OF MY SISTERS, HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTED BY ATTEMPTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO RESTRICT ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL HEALTHCARE SERVICES, THAT ALSO INCLUDES ABORTION RIGHTS. AND AS THE SUPREME COURT DELIBERATES THE FUTURE OF THAT DECISION THAT HAS SAVED THE LIVES OF SO MANY WOMEN IN THE LAST 49 YEARS, I KNOW MANY MUST BE FEELING WORRIED AND ANXIOUS ABOUT THEIR OWN FUTURE. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, I AM ALSO HEARTENED BY THE SOLIDARITY OF SO MANY ACTIVISTS LAST FRIDAY DURING WOMEN'S MARCHES ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND THE WORLD, SPEAKING WITH ONE CLEAR VOICE: WE WON'T BACK DOWN. AND THAT GOES FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, TOO. WE WILL NOT BACK DOWN FROM OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL HEALTHCARE; REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE. REGARDLESS OF WHAT HAPPENS AT THE SUPREME COURT, WE HAVE TO PRESERVE ACCESS TO QUALITY REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE SERVICES. AND WE, AS A COUNTY, MUST BE PREPARED FOR ANY DECISION, AS WAS STATED, THAT COMES FROM THE SUPREME COURT, SO THAT WE CAN RESPOND BY EXPANDING REPRODUCTIVE AND SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES. AND WE MUST DO SO WITH THE LENS OF REDUCING HEALTH DISPARITIES AND LONG-RUNNING INEQUALITIES THAT EXIST IN THAT HEALTHCARE DELIVERY SYSTEM. SO I PROUDLY STAND WITH YOU AND SUPPORT THE MOTION TODAY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND YES, IT IS DISAPPOINTING THAT WE HAVE TO SERIOUSLY CONTEMPLATE THE POSSIBILITY OF ROE V. WADE BEING OVERTURNED BY OUR SUPREME COURT IN THE UNITED STATES, AND WHAT THOSE RAMIFICATIONS COULD MEAN FOR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. AND ANTI-ABORTION LAWS DO NOT STOP ABORTIONS; THEY JUST MAKE THEM DANGEROUS. AND THE STATES WITH MORE RESTRICTIVE ABORTION LAWS HAVE HIGHER RATES OF INFANT AND MATERNAL MORTALITY. THIS IS A RECIPE FOR DISASTER, AND WE HAVE COME TOO FAR IN PROTECTING WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOMS, AND WE SHOULD DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER HERE TO PRESERVE THESE FREEDOMS FOR PEOPLE LIVING HERE IN L.A. COUNTY AND ELSEWHERE. AND I LOVE THAT, THAT WE ARE ACTUALLY THINKING AHEAD, AND THINKING HOW WE CAN ACTUALLY EVEN HELP OUT-OF-STATE WOMEN WHO MIGHT BE COMING HERE FOR HELP, BECAUSE THEIR STATES ARE PASSING THESE RESTRICTIVE ABORTION LAWS. THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES, MITCHELL AND KUEHL, FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION, AND FOR ASKING OUR DEPARTMENTS TO TAKE A CAREFUL LOOK AT HOW WE CAN PREPARE HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE HAVE TO ENSURE THAT OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM AND OUR CLINICS HAVE SUFFICIENT CAPACITY AND SERVICES. I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

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

SUP. BARGER: I WILL MAKE THIS VERY QUICK, BECAUSE I THINK EVERYTHING HAS BEEN SAID. I'D AGREE WHOLEHEARTEDLY WITH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU, AND THE COMMENTS YOU HAVE MADE, AND I SAY A MOTION LIKE THIS SPEAKS VOLUMES, BECAUSE WE REPRESENT 10 MILLION PEOPLE. AND WHAT IS THE STAT, SHEILA? ONE OUT OF EVERY-- IS IT 45?-- LIVE IN L.A. COUNTY. IS THAT WHAT THE FIGURE IS? I CAN'T REMEMBER.

SUP. KUEHL: I THINK IT IS ONE OUT OF EVERY 35, BECAUSE WE ARE 10 MILLION, AND THE COUNTRY IS LIKE 350 MILLION, RIGHT?

SUP. BARGER: YEAH. SO I THINK THAT AN ACTION LIKE THIS, COMING FROM A COUNTY OF THIS SIZE, SPEAKS VOLUMES, REPRESENTED BY FIVE WOMEN, WHO UNDERSTAND THIS ISSUE VERY WELL. SO I AM HAPPY TO SUPPORT THIS.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SO, ITEM 22 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I WILL SECOND, TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 22 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: MOVING TO ITEM 43, REPORT TO THE CARSON REPORT ON THE CARSON SEWAGE INCIDENT AND COORDINATION WITH THE L.A. COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS, WHICH I HELD. I WOULD LIKE

TO THANK ROBERT FERRANTE, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE L.A. COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT, FOR HANGING OUT WITH US ALL DAY. I HEARD HIM DOING SOUND CHECKS, SO I KNOW HE CALLED IN AT THE TOP OF OUR MEETING. THANK YOU SO MUCH TO THE SANITATION DISTRICTS, YOU, AND YOUR STAFF, FOR COMING TO THE RESCUE OF CARSON RESIDENTS DURING A HORRIFIC SEWAGE SPILL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE HOLIDAYS-- NEW YEAR'S EVE, LITERALLY. I WANT TO THANK ALL OF THE CREWS ON THE GROUND THAT RESPONDED TO THIS CRISIS, FIXING THE PIPELINE AND CLEANING UP THE MESS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE INVESTIGATION IS UNDERWAY, AND WE HAVE A MORE EXTENSIVE REPORT DUE IN MARCH, BUT YOU DID SUCH A WONDERFUL JOB UPDATING THE DIRECTORS OF THE BOARD OF SANITATION DISTRICT TWO WEEKS AGO, FOLLOWED BY YOUR DETAILED LETTER TO THE BOARD THAT WE RECEIVED LAST WEEK, BUT WE REALLY WANTED TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO PRESENT TO THE BOARD AS A WHOLE, AND BE AVAILABLE TO FIELD OUR QUESTIONS. SO THANK YOU, AND THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

ROBERT FERRANTE: THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR HAVING ME PRESENT TODAY. I THINK YOU MENTIONED, OF COURSE, I HAVE A BRIEF PRESENTATION TODAY, BUT IF ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC OR ANYBODY WOULD LIKE MORE DETAILED INFORMATION, ATTACHED TO THIS AGENDA ITEM IS OUR REPORT; NOT ONLY OUR REPORT TO THE COUNTY, BUT OUR REPORT THAT WENT TO THE STATE WATER BOARD, AS WELL AS ON OUR WEB PAGE, AS WELL. AND ON OUR WEB PAGE, WE HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, AS

WELL. IF I COULD HAVE THE NEXT SLIDE? SO, WE'RE HERE TALKING ABOUT THIS ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30TH. AT 2:00 P.M., WE RECEIVE NOTICE OF A SPILL. THIS IS ON 212TH STREET IN THE CITY OF CARSON. IT IS IN THE NORTHERN AREA OF THE CITY OF CARSON, AND THIS IS AN OVERFLOW THAT OCCURRED OUT OF A COUPLE OF MANHOLES. AND YOU ARE LOOKING EAST ON 212TH. THERE ARE 15 HOMES ON THE SOUTH, OR RIGHT SIDE, AND TWO MORE HOMES ON THE ENDS OF THE BLOCK WERE ALSO IMPACTED. THE OVERFLOW, THANKFULLY, WAS MOSTLY IN THE STREET. HOWEVER, YOU CAN SEE THAT IT DID GO INTO THE PLANTER, AS WELL AS INTO THE DRIVEWAY AND THE PARKWAYS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE STREET. THE SPILL FLOWED INTO A STORM DRAIN, THE DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL, AND THEN ULTIMATELY INTO L.A. HARBOR. NEXT SLIDE. WHENEVER THERE'S A SPILL, OF COURSE, OUR CREWS HAVE TO GO DOWNSTREAM OF THE SPILL TO FIGURE OUT WHERE THE BLOCKAGE IS, AND THIS IS ABOUT A HALF-MILE SOUTH OF THAT LOCATION. IT IS ALONG 220TH STREET, NEAR THE 110 FREEWAY. IT'S RIGHT OFF THE CARSON STREET OFF-RAMP ON THE 110 FREEWAY, AND YOU CAN SEE THAT HERE THERE WAS A COLLAPSE, A SEWER COLLAPSE, AS WELL AS A MANHOLE STRUCTURE COLLAPSE. IT'S ABOUT 25 FEET LONG AND 10 FEET WIDE. THIS CAUSED A BLOCKAGE OF THE SEWER, AND THE FLOW BACKED UP AND CAME OUT AT THE LOW POINT IN THE SYSTEM, WHICH HAPPENED TO BE 212TH STREET. THIS SEWER IS 60 YEARS OLD, AND ITS REPLACEMENT WAS BEING BUILT, BUT THIS FAILURE WAS UNUSUAL FOR TWO REASONS. ONE, THE SEWER LINE ITSELF WAS INSPECTED DECEMBER 1ST, SO JUST LESS THAN 30

DAYS PRIOR TO THE FAILURE, AND THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE CONCERN OF A FAILURE, IN INSPECTING THE PIPE. THERE WERE NO HOLES OR VOIDS. THERE WAS CORROSION OF THE CONCRETE PIPE, BUT THERE WERE NO HOLES OR ANYTHING TO INDICATE IMMINENT FAILURE. SECONDLY, THE FAILURE OCCURRED ALL AT ONCE. IT WASN'T A TYPICAL FAILURE. TYPICALLY, WITH CORROSION, A HOLE WILL DEVELOP IN THE SEWER PIPE IN THE CROWN, OR THE TOP, OF THE SEWER PIPE. SOIL FALLS INTO IT, AND OVER TIME, THAT HOLE GETS BIGGER AND BIGGER. THE SEWER CONTINUES TO FLOW. IN THIS CASE, THIS HAPPENED OVER, AT MOST, AN HOUR OR TWO. IT APPEARS THAT IT COMPLETELY COLLAPSED AND PLUGGED THE SEWER LINE. AND I WILL GET BACK TO THAT A LITTLE BIT LATER, IN WHAT EXACTLY FAILED. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. OUR CREWS, AS WELL AS EMERGENCY CONTRACTORS FROM THE START, FROM THE TIME WE WERE NOTIFIED, UP UNTIL TWO WEEKS, WHEN WE HAD FIXED THE LOCATION, THEY WORKED ROUND THE CLOCK. IF YOU DROVE UP AND DOWN THE 110, YOU ALWAYS PROBABLY SAW THE BRIGHT LIGHTS OVERNIGHT, AS THE CREWS WERE WORKING. YOU CAN SEE HERE, THERE, WE WERE NOT ABLE TO, OBVIOUSLY, EXCAVATE AND REMOVE THE PLUG QUICKLY, SO WE HAD TO PUT IN BYPASS SYSTEMS AND PUMP THE SEWAGE AROUND THE COLLAPSED SECTION, FROM UPSTREAM OF THE COLLAPSE TO DOWNSTREAM, TO WHERE THE SEWER WAS WHOLE AGAIN. SO, WE WERE ABLE TO DO THAT, AND WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK, BY THE NEXT DAY AT 9:00 P.M.-- THIS IS THEN NEW YEAR'S EVE-- THEY WERE ABLE TO GET ENOUGH BYPASS PUMPS ONLINE TO STOP THE SPILL. AND THEN THEY FOCUSED IN ON

CLEARING OUT THE EXCAVATION, OR EXCAVATING OUT THE DIRT AND ALL THE PART OF THE SEWER THAT HAD COLLAPSED INTO THE HOLE. IF I CAN GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE? OUR CREWS, THEN, AFTER THEY STOPPED THE SPILL OVERNIGHT, FROM NEW YEAR'S EVE TO NEW YEAR'S DAY, FLUSHED AND CLEANED THE STREET. AND THIS IS THE ACTUAL STORM DRAIN THAT THE SEWAGE FLOWED DOWN TO 12TH STREET, INTO THAT STORM DRAIN, AND ULTIMATELY INTO THE DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL. IF YOU CAN GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, IT'S A VIEW LOOKING, THEN, THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STREET, OR THE OTHER DIRECTION, TO THE WEST, AND YOU CAN SEE THAT OUR STAFF HAD CLEANED THE STREET THE MORNING OF JANUARY 1ST. DEALING WITH THE RESIDENTS WAS A BIG PRIORITY FOR US, OF COURSE. IT WAS A TREMENDOUS IMPACT ON THE 30TH INTO THE 31ST. ON THE NEXT SLIDE, OUR EFFORTS STARTED IMMEDIATELY TO RESTORE THE AREA. WE KNEW THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO COME BACK AND KIND OF DISINFECT AND CLEAN THE STREET, THE SIDEWALKS, THE DRIVEWAYS, BUT WE ALSO WENT AHEAD AND TALKED TO THE RESIDENTS ABOUT REPLACING THEIR PARKWAY GRASS THAT WAS COVERED IN THE SEWAGE, AS WELL AS ON THE OTHER SIDE, THE CITY PARKWAY. HERE YOU CAN SEE MAYOR OF CARSON ON THE LEFT THERE, MAYOR LULA DAVIS-HOLMES. SHE HAD CALLED ME. SHE WANTED TO GO OUT TO EACH OF THE HOMES. I ASKED IF I COULD GO ALONG WITH HER, AND WE WENT TO EACH OF THE HOMEOWNERS PRESENT. IN THE ORANGE VEST, YOU CAN SEE ONE OF OUR PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICERS, GENESIS RODRIGUEZ. SHE, FROM THE INCEPTION OF THE SPILL THE FIRST WEEK, WAS OUT AT THE SITE EVERY DAY, WORKING

WITH THE HOMEOWNERS. BECAUSE BESIDES THE CLEANING OF THE STREET AND THE PARKWAY, WE ALSO OFFERED ON-SITE CAR WASHES AND DETAILING FOR ALL THE VEHICLES-- OF COURSE, A NUMBER OF THEM WERE PARKED OUT IN THE STREET DURING THE EVENT-- AND ALSO OFFERED TO CLEAN ALL OF THEIR DRIVEWAYS, ALL THE WAY UP TO THEIR GARAGE DOORS. IF I COULD HAVE THE NEXT SLIDE? HERE'S OUR CREWS OUT THERE. MOST OF THE WORK IS COMPLETE OUT AT THE SITE. SOME, WE'RE STILL WAITING ON A FEW PAVERS AND OTHER MATERIAL TO COMPLETE IT, BUT WE HAVE DONE ALL THE CLEANING, SO IT IS JUST A MATTER OF PUTTING IN THE MATERIALS AND COMPLETING THE RESTORATION OF THE STREET. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. WE WERE ABLE TO REPAIR THE SECTION THAT COLLAPSED, AND THIS IS THURSDAY, THE 13TH. SO TWO WEEKS AFTER THE INITIAL COLLAPSE, WE WERE ABLE TO HAVE THE SITE RESTORED. WE REPLACED, ESSENTIALLY, 200 FEET WITH A SLIP-LINED PIPE. IT IS A PIPE WITHIN A PIPE THAT WE COULD PUT INTO THE SEWER, AND IT IS THE WAY WE REHABILITATE ALL OUR SEWERS. SO IT'S GOT A LONG LIFE. WE WERE THEN ABLE TO NOTIFY CALTRANS, AND THEY WERE ABLE TO OPEN THE OFF-RAMP. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. OF COURSE, WITH THE WASTEWATER GOING INTO THE DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS AT THE END OF THE PRETTY SIGNIFICANT STORM, THERE WERE STILL CONCERNS ABOUT WATER QUALITY IN THE CHANNEL, AND POTENTIAL ODORS. HERE, THIS IS AT THE DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL. ONE OF OUR EMPLOYEES IS TAKING SOME WATER SAMPLES. WE'VE BEEN WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, EVER SINCE THE ODOR ISSUES ON THE

DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL. WE WERE HELPING THEM. THEY HELPED US DURING THIS TIME PERIOD, IN TERMS OF SAMPLING AND DATA COLLECTION. THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT THE DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL IS THAT THE DISSOLVED OXYGEN CONCENTRATION IN THE WATER, BEFORE THE SPILL AND AFTER THE SPILL, HAS REMAINED CONSTANT, AND IT HAS REMAINED ABOVE ZERO. AND IF YOU SUPERVISORS RECALL, WHEN IT GOT DOWN TO ZERO WAS WHEN WE HAD THE HYDROGEN SULFIDE GENERATION IN THE CHANNEL, AND THE ODOR ISSUES. SO I AM HAPPY TO REPORT THAT IT HAS CONTINUED; THE DISSOLVED OXYGEN HAS CONTINUED TO BE STEADY. NO HYDROGEN SULFIDE GENERATION, NO ODORS. THAT'S BACKED UP WITH SOME A.Q.M.D. DATA, AS WELL. WE ARE CONTINUING TO DO SAMPLING, AND WILL, WITH PUBLIC WORKS, THROUGH THE END OF THIS MONTH AND INTO EARLY FEBRUARY, AND WE'RE GOING TO BE SUBMITTING ALL OF THIS IN REPORTS TO THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, HERE'S A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE INVESTIGATION. YOU CAN SEE THIS IS AT THE TIME WHEN THEY COMPLETELY EXCAVATED OUT THE SITE, AND THE BLUE LINE SHOWS THE TOP OF THE EXISTING SEWER. SO, THE TOP PART OF THE SEWER COMPLETELY BROKE APART AND FELL DOWN. BUT THE GREEN LINE SHOWS A MANHOLE STRUCTURE, AND THESE TWO GENTLEMEN THAT ARE STILL CLEANING THE SEWER, THEY ARE ABOUT 15 TO 17 FEET BELOW GROUND, BELOW THE SURFACE. SO, ABOUT 14 FEET OR SO, 15 FEET OF THE MANHOLE STRUCTURE ITSELF, COLLAPSED. AND THAT'S WHERE THE FOCUS OF OUR INVESTIGATION IS GOING ON, AND THAT'S WHERE THE THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANT THAT WE'VE HIRED TO

LOOK INTO IT, THEY ARE LOOKING AT THE SEWER PIECES, THE FLOW DATA, THE MANHOLE STRUCTURE, ALL OF OUR RECORDS, ALL OF OUR VIDEO INSPECTIONS. AND WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT OTHER SECTIONS OF THE SEWER ALONG THIS SEGMENT OF SEWER. WE ARE ALSO EXPEDITING SOME REPAIRS IN OTHER SECTIONS, IN AN ABUNDANCE OF CAUTION. I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT WE DO HAVE A ROBUST MONITORING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE SEWER SYSTEM. OVER THE LAST TWO DECADES, WE HAVE DROPPED THE NUMBER OF SEWER SPILLS IN HALF THAT WE HAVE HAD, AND OUR SEWER SPILL NUMBER IS 6 TIMES LOWER THAN THE STATE AVERAGE. NEVERTHELESS, THIS FAILURE OCCURRED. THIS CAUGHT US OFF GUARD, AND WE NEED TO LEARN FROM IT. AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE REINVESTIGATING THE WHOLE SEWER SYSTEM, AND WE HOPE TO HAVE-- AS SUPERVISOR MITCHELL MENTIONED, WE HOPE TO HAVE THAT FINAL REPORT IN MARCH AND APRIL, WITH RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE CAN THEN ACT UPON AND MOVE FORWARD AND PREVENT THIS TYPE OF FAILURE FROM OCCURRING AGAIN. WE HAVE BEEN INSPECTING THE MANHOLES ALONG THE LINE, AND WE ARE GOING TO DO SOME REPAIRS OF THOSE, AS WELL. SO WE ARE LOOKING NOT ONLY AT THE SEWER, BUT THE MANHOLE STRUCTURES, AS WELL. AND FINALLY, I JUST WANT TO THANK THE CITY OF CARSON AND THE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS STAFF FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE INCIDENT, THE REPAIR, AND ALL THE MONITORING. AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO THANK AND APOLOGIZE TO THE RESIDENTS THAT WERE IMPACTED BY THEIR SPILL, BUT I WANT TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING AS WE CLEANED

AND RESTORED THE IMPACTED AREA. AND WITH THAT, I AM AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ABRIDGED VERSION OF YOUR PRESENTATION. I KNOW YOU HAD A LOT MORE DETAIL, AND THE ADDITIONAL SLIDES ARE AVAILABLE. LET ME ASK A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS, AND I'LL OPEN IT UP TO MY COLLEAGUES. YOU MENTIONED THE UNIQUENESS OF THIS COLLAPSE, IN TERMS OF NO DIRT, JUST THE WAY IN WHICH IT COLLAPSED. I'M ASSUMING IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE HEAVY DOWNPOUR OF RAIN, AND WE'VE GOT TO ASSUME THAT, WITH CLIMATE CHANGE, WE ARE GOING TO EXPERIENCE MORE HEAVY RAINS. DO WE NEED TO CONSIDER THE TIME FRAME TO REPLACE OUR AGING INFRASTRUCTURE?

ROBERT FERRANTE: YEAH, THAT'S A VERY GOOD QUESTION. THE RAINS OBVIOUSLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE FAILURE. THAT WAS A SEWER, AND BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT WE HAVEN'T HAD SIGNIFICANT RAINS IN A NUMBER OF YEARS, IT HADN'T SEEN THE TYPES OF FLOW THAT WENT THROUGH IT ON THAT DAY. AND EVEN THOUGH THE RAIN WAS NOT INTENSE AT THAT TIME, IT WAS THE ACCUMULATION OF RAIN OVER THOSE TWO OR THREE DAYS THAT LEADS TO ALL THAT PONDING IN THE STREETS. IT GOES INTO THE MANHOLE COVERS, AND IT IS VERY TYPICAL. AND WE SAW IT THAT DAY, THAT THE FLOW WAS TWO TO THREE TIMES WHAT WE TYPICALLY GET ON A DRY DAY. SO YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. WE ARE LOOKING AT THAT FLOW DATA, AND

LOOKING AT SEGMENTS THAT DO NOT RECEIVE-- YOU KNOW, FOR A PERIOD OF TIME, IF THEY DO NOT RECEIVE A HIGH FLOW, THAT WE NEED TO PUT EXTRA EYES ON THOSE, AND EXTRA TESTS, TO ENSURE, WHEN THE HIGH FLOW COMES, THAT IT WILL BE READY.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: DO YOU HAVE ANY CONCERN-- I AM NOT SURE IF THERE WAS PARTICULAR CHEMICALS USED IN THE STREET AND SIDEWALK CLEANUP THAT YOU SHOWED US, THAT COULD POTENTIALLY GET BACK INTO THE DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL AND PERHAPS IMPACT THE DISSOLVED OXYGEN LEVELS, LIKE WE JUST EXPERIENCED SEVERAL MONTHS BEFORE. DO YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS ABOUT THAT, AND IF SO, WHAT WAS DONE TO PREVENT THAT?

ROBERT FERRANTE: THAT IS ANOTHER GREAT QUESTION THAT HAS COME UP BEFORE. I DON'T HAVE ANY CONCERNS, BECAUSE OUR STANDARD PRACTICE, AND THEN OUR CONTRACTORS, WE REQUIRE THEM TO, WHENEVER THEY ARE CLEANING, FLUSHING ANY OF THE LINES, THEY PLUG OFF THE STORM DRAIN, AND THEY RECOVER THAT FLOW, AND THEN WE PUT IT BACK INTO OUR SEWER SYSTEM. WE DO NOT ALLOW THAT FLOW TO GO INTO ANY OF THE STORM DRAINS WHEN WE ARE CLEANING IT. OR WE SET UP, IF WE ARE WORKING-- IN THIS CASE, WE DIDN'T HAVE TO, BUT WHEN WE ARE WORKING IN THE STORM DRAIN, WE WOULD DAM IT UP, PUMP IT ALL OUT, SO THAT IT DOES NOT GO DOWNSTREAM.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: FINALLY, FROM ME-- I WILL ASK OTHERS, IF THEY HAVE QUESTIONS, JUST TO KNOCK ME ALL THE WAY BACK-- CONSIDERING WHAT WE SAW, IN TERMS OF THE SIZE OF THE HOLE, 8 AND A HALF MILLION GALLONS OF RAW SEWAGE, CAN YOU GIVE ME A GENERAL COST ESTIMATE OF THE SEWAGE SPILL, INCLUDING THE CLEANUP AND THE REPAIRS? BALLPARK, EVEN?

ROBERT FERRANTE: YEAH. YES, I CAN. I MEAN, BETWEEN THE CONTRACTORS AND THE MATERIALS TO REPAIR THE PIPE, AND ALSO THROWING IN AN ADDITIONAL REPAIR THAT WE'RE DOING KIND OF UPSTREAM OF THAT SECTION, IT IS ABOUT $2 MILLION RIGHT NOW.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OTHER QUESTIONS FROM OTHER MEMBERS? SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, ROBERT, FOR THIS PRESENTATION. WE, WHO ARE DIRECTORS ON THE SANITATION DISTRICT BOARDS, DID RECEIVE A DETAILED PRESENTATION ON THE EVENTS OF THAT DAY, AND SO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR PRESENTING TO OUR BOARD AND THE PUBLIC WHO'S WATCHING. YOU KNOW, THIS ACTUALLY COULD HAVE PROBABLY BEEN A LOT WORSE. WE SAW WHAT HAPPENED IN EL SEGUNDO, WHERE THERE WERE 17 MILLION GALLONS OF RAW SEWAGE THAT WAS DISCHARGED FROM THE CITY OF L.A.'S HYPERION TREATMENT PLANT INTO THE OCEAN AT DOCKWEILER BEACH. BUT I THINK I SAID THIS IN THE SANITATION MEETING: I REALLY

WANT TO COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR QUICK RESPONSE, YOU AND YOUR STAFF. THE PHOTOS OF YOU WALKING DOOR TO DOOR IN CARSON WITH MAYOR LULA DAVIS-HOLMES AND YOUR STAFF, YOU KNOW, IN YOUR SHORT-SLEEVED SHIRT, I THINK THE RESIDENTS REALLY APPRECIATE IT. I THINK WHAT HAPPENED WAS HORRIBLE, AND PART OF ME WANTS TO SAY UNFORGIVABLE, BECAUSE OF WHAT IT MEANT TO THE RESIDENTS IN CARSON, HAVING RAW SEWAGE ROLL DOWN THEIR STREETS. BUT I THINK YOUR RESPONSE WAS RIGHT, IT WAS APPROPRIATE, AND I THINK THE NEIGHBORHOODS APPRECIATED SEEING A FACE OF THE L.A. COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT. THE ONLY THING YOU TALKED ABOUT, AND MAYBE JUST FOR THE PUBLIC, I SEE THAT YOU REPAIRED THE COLLAPSED PIPE. AND I THINK I ASKED YOU THIS BEFORE, BUT MAYBE FOR THE PUBLIC THAT IS LISTENING TODAY: IS THAT A TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT SOLUTION? AND THEN MAYBE IF YOU COULD JUST TOUCH ON YOUR PLAN TO INSPECT ALL OF THE SEWER PIPES THROUGHOUT THE SYSTEM, AND THE HIERARCHY OR PRIORITY TO REPAIR THINGS OR MAINTAIN THE SYSTEM WHEN NEEDED. THANK YOU.

ROBERT FERRANTE: WELL, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR YOUR COMMENTS. I WILL PASS THEM ON TO STAFF. YES, OUR PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE DID A GREAT JOB, AS WELL AS OUR SEWER MAINTENANCE FOLKS AND OUR FIELD CONSTRUCTION PEOPLE, GETTING OUT THERE AND WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK. AND UNFORTUNATELY, OF COURSE, THESE FAILURES ALWAYS OCCUR, IT SEEMS, AROUND A MAJOR HOLIDAY, SO THROUGH NEW YEAR'S. WITH RESPECT TO YOUR QUESTION,

YEAH, THE REPAIRS WE ARE MAKING NOW ARE PERMANENT REPAIRS. AND THEY WILL ALLOW US-- AND WE WILL, ULTIMATELY, BY NEXT RAINY SEASON, REHABILITATE THAT WHOLE SEWER. THE ORIGINAL PLANS WERE TO TAKE A SECTION OF IT OUT OF THE SEWER. BUT NOW THAT WE'VE MADE THIS REPAIR, THIS WILL GIVE US A LOT OF FLEXIBILITY IN OUR OPERATION, AND A LOT MORE CAPACITY IN THAT AREA TO PREVENT FUTURE ISSUES. SO IT IS A PERMANENT REPAIR THAT WE'RE MAKING. SO, AS YOU SEE, AS THE RESIDENTS SEE OUR CONSTRUCTION GOING ON, THOSE ARE PERMANENT REPAIRS. WITH RESPECT TO THE QUESTION OF OUR SEWER MONITORING SYSTEM, WE-- SO, WE HAVE SEWER PIPE OF VARIOUS AGES, AND OBVIOUSLY THE OLDEST SEWER PIPE THAT WAS CONCRETE, OR REINFORCED CONCRETE, THAT IS THE ONE THAT IS SUSCEPTIBLE TO CORROSION, AND THOSE WE INSPECT MORE FREQUENTLY, BY PASSING A VIDEO CAMERA THROUGH. WE THEN HAVE STAFF WATCH THOSE VIDEOS AND LOOK FOR ISSUES, AND THEN RATE THE SEWER SEGMENTS AND COME UP WITH A HIERARCHY OF, "THESE HAVE TO BE DONE URGENTLY; THESE HAVE TO BE DONE, MAYBE, IN A FEW YEARS; AND THESE STILL LOOK GOOD AND HAVE A LOT OF LIFE." AND FROM THAT, THEN, WE HAND THE PROJECTS-- AND SOMETIMES, WE DO FIND HAVE TO BE DONE IN AN EMERGENCY. TYPICALLY, THOSE ARE SMALL SECTIONS. SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED. CORROSION IS A BIOLOGICAL PROCESS, SO IT MOVES AT ITS OWN RATE, SOMETIMES, AND SOMETIMES ACCELERATES. SO, WHAT WE ARE DOING WITH THE CONSULTANT, WE ARE HAVING THE CONSULTANT LOOK AT THAT OVERALL PROGRAM, AND TELL US, DO WE HAVE THE RIGHT TOOLS FOR IT? ARE

WE USING THE RIGHT FREQUENCY, AND ARE WE RATING THE SEWERS APPROPRIATELY, AND ARE WE GETTING THESE JOBS OUT IN THE TIME THAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO? AND WHAT OTHER THINGS CAN WE DO? SO-- AND ESPECIALLY, I MENTIONED THAT PERHAPS IT WASN'T SO MUCH THE SEWER THAT FAILED HERE, BUT THE MANHOLE STRUCTURE. WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT THOSE MANHOLE STRUCTURES? WE WALK DOWN THEM. SHOULD WE BE DOING KIND OF PHYSICAL TESTS ON THEM, AND OTHER THINGS? SO THAT WILL BE COMING OUT IN THE CONSULTANT REPORT, AND WE'VE INSTRUCTED THE CONSULTANT TO BE AS DEFINITIVE AS POSSIBLE. THE MORE DEFINITIVE THEY ARE, THE BETTER THAT WE ARE ABLE TO IMPLEMENT THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? AGAIN, MR. FERRANTE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AGAIN, EXTEND OUR THANKS TO YOU, YOUR ENTIRE TEAM, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, AND BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS OF CARSON, THAT YOU ALL SHOWED UP AND SHOWED OUT TO PROVIDE THEM WITH RELIEF AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, AND WE DEEPLY APPRECIATE THAT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME TODAY. THIS REPORT IS RECEIVED AND FILED. HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. MOVING ON TO ITEM 55-A, PURSUING LEGISLATIVE PATHWAYS TO ADVANCE GENDER PARITY IN POLICING REQUIREMENTS, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR?

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. THIS CAME OUT OF RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE WOMEN AND GIRLS INITIATIVE IN THEIR MOST RECENT REPORT. I AM VERY PLEASED TO BRING THIS MOTION WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS. IT IS NOT ONLY ABOUT ADVANCING GENDER PARITY WITHIN OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT; IT IS ALSO ABOUT CHANGING LAW ENFORCEMENT CULTURE MORE BROADLY. WE KNOW THAT WOMEN ARE SIGNIFICANTLY UNDERREPRESENTED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT ACROSS-- WELL, ACROSS THE COUNTRY, ACROSS OUR STATE, ACROSS OUR COUNTY. AND WE CAN ACTUALLY START TO MEANINGFULLY ADDRESS THIS IMBALANCE BECAUSE, AS YOU KNOW, THE PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION, WHICH IS KNOWN AS P.O.S.T., SETS MINIMUM SELECTION AND TRAINING STANDARDS FOR CALIFORNIA LAW ENFORCEMENT. AND SO, BY MAKING SOME CHANGES IN THE P.O.S.T. REQUIREMENTS, WE CAN BEGIN TO AFFECT THIS. BECAUSE, AS WE FOUND AT METRO, WHERE WE CHANGED A NUMBER OF OUR PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS, BECAUSE THE JOBS DIDN'T REALLY REQUIRE THE KIND OF UPPER-BODY STRENGTH THAT WERE KEEPING WOMEN FROM CERTAIN JOBS, WE'VE DONE THE SAME THING IN OUR OWN HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, WHERE WE CHANGED THE DESCRIPTION OF A NUMBER OF JOBS SO THAT WOMEN FELT MORE COMFORTABLE APPLYING, BECAUSE IT DIDN'T REQUIRE THINGS THAT WEREN'T ACTUALLY REQUIRED. AND SO, THROUGH P.O.S.T., WE CAN CHANGE SOME OF THE OUTDATED AND ARBITRARY PHYSICAL ABILITY TRAINING AND TESTING REQUIREMENTS TO MAKE THEM MORE REALISTIC, IN TERMS OF WHAT MODERN POLICING REQUIRES. WE CAN ALSO ADD NEW

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS, FOCUSED ON EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE, ACTIVE LISTENING, CONFLICT RESOLUTION-- SKILLS VERY RELEVANT TO MODERN-DAY POLICING-- AND CHANGING THE TRAINING STYLE AND INSTRUCTIONAL METHODOLOGY TO BE LESS MILITARISTIC, MORE FOCUSED ON WHAT WE KNEW ABOUT ADULT LEARNING MODELS. SO ALL OF THIS, REALLY, THE FIRST STEP IS TO ALLOW OUR LEG TEAM IN SACRAMENTO TO ADVOCATE FOR THIS. AND SO WHAT THIS MOTION DOES IS TO ADD IT TO WHAT THEY ARE ALLOWED TO ADVOCATE FOR. WE ALREADY HAVE SOME INTEREST, ACTUALLY, IN SACRAMENTO, IN SOME MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S CAUCUS, TO DO THESE BILLS. SO I THINK WE'RE READY TO MOVE THESE EFFORTS FORWARD. AND WITH C.E.O., LEG AFFAIRS, THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS TEAM, OUR WOMEN AND GIRLS INITIATIVE, I THINK WE CAN DO IT. SO, THIS IS JUST A SMALL STEP, BUT A NECESSARY ONE, AND I ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK?

SUP. SOLIS: YES, JUST BRIEFLY. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR ALLOWING ME TO CO-AUTHOR THIS VERY IMPORTANT MOTION. AND AS THE FIRST BOARD MADE UP OF ALL WOMEN IN L.A. COUNTY, IT WOULD MAKE SENSE THAT WE, INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY, PUSH AND ADVOCATE FOR GENDER PARITY. SPECIFICALLY, THE MOTION IS IN RESPONSE TO A REPORT BY THE WOMEN AND GIRLS INITIATIVE, TO LOOK AT BOTH TRAINING AND HIRING REQUIREMENTS CREATED BY THE

STATE'S PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION, TO SEE HOW THE BOARD COULD HELP PROMOTE GENDER PARITY ACROSS THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, WITH A PARTICULAR FOCUS ON THE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE RECOGNIZE THAT CANDIDATES FOR PEACE OFFICER POSITIONS ARE ASSESSED AND EVALUATED, AND WE NEED TO LOOK AT HOW WE COULD UPDATE AND REVISE AND BE A MORE INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT. AND BESIDES, WE NEED TO HAVE DIVERSITY IN THOSE RANKS, AND WHY NOT HELP TO CONTINUE TO BREAK THAT GLASS CEILING AND SEE MORE WOMEN REALIZE THEIR POTENTIAL IN THESE VERY MALE-DOMINATED CAREERS? SO, JUST LIKE ANYTHING ELSE, I THINK THIS IS A TIME FOR US TO MOVE ON THIS, AND I BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A LOT OF SUPPORT. SO I THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I THANK THOSE WOMEN THAT WE ARE GOING TO CALL ON IN SACRAMENTO AND EVERYWHERE ELSE, AND THE ADVOCATES THAT WE KNOW, PERSONALLY, THAT HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THESE ISSUES. IT'S VERY, VERY TIMELY. THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND I, TOO, JOIN HER IN ASKING YOU FOR SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR REMARKS? SEEING NONE, ITEM 55-A IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 55-A IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEMS 55-D AND 55-E, WHICH I'VE HELD TOGETHER, WHICH ESTABLISH

THE REWARD OFFERS FOR RICARDO TRUJILLO RAMIREZ AND TIONI THEUS. AND I APPRECIATE YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR JUST INDULGING ME FOR A MOMENT, AS WE, ALL OF US, YOU ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BRING REWARD OFFERS FORWARD IN THE FORM OF MOTIONS. AND I THINK IT IS AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO NOT ONLY LEND OUR RESOURCES AND VOICES TO THESE SENSELESS ACTS OF VIOLENCE AND MURDERS IN OUR DISTRICTS, BUT I ALSO WANTED TO THANK THE OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY ACKNOWLEDGE, SOMETIMES, THE LACK OF ATTENTION MURDERS OF PEOPLE IN SOME COMMUNITIES REALLY GET, QUITE FRANKLY, FROM THE MEDIA. IT IS PAINFUL TO ACKNOWLEDGE, BUT TRUE. SEVERAL MEETINGS AGO, ON CONSENT, YOU ALL SUPPORTED ME IN BRINGING FORWARD MOTIONS FOR CRYSTAL CRAWFORD AND TIMOTHY JACKSON, AND TODAY WE'RE TALKING ABOUT-- AS WELL AS OUR LAST BOARD MEETING, MITRICE RICHARDSON, A YOUNG WOMAN WHO WAS KILLED OVER A DECADE AGO, AND WE RE-UPPED, IF YOU WILL, THE REWARD. BUT TODAY'S MOTIONS ON THE GREEN SHEET AGENDA OFFER REWARDS IN THE TRAGIC MURDERS OF TWO 16-YEAR-OLDS-- TIONI THEUS, RICARDO TRUJILLO RAMIREZ-- WHOSE CASES SUFFER FROM, SOME WOULD ARGUE, A SIMILAR LACK OF ATTENTION. AND THESE ARE OUR CHILDREN, AND THEY DESERVE EVERY EFFORT WE CAN PUT FORWARD, BRINGING THOSE WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THEIR UNTIMELY DEATHS TO JUSTICE. ON BEHALF OF THE FAMILIES OF MITRICE, TIONI, RICARDO, CRYSTAL, TIMOTHY, WE BRING FORWARD THESE MOTIONS. I THINK IT IS CRITICAL, AS ALL OF YOU KNOW, I KNOW, AGREE, THAT WE NOT BECOME DESENSITIZED TO THIS HORRIFIC

LOSS OF LIFE, AND THAT WE GIVE EACH CASE, AS A COUNTY AND AS A COMMUNITY, THE FULL ATTENTION AND RESOURCES THEY DESERVE. SO, WITH THAT, I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. ANY REMARKS OR COMMENTS? THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SEEING NONE, ITEM 55-D IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE, AND ASK THAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL SECOND TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 55-D IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: ITEM 55-E IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE, ASK THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS SECOND, TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 55-E IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM SUPERVISORS ON ITEMS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA, TO BE PRESENTED OR REFERRED TO STAFF OR PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA. ARE THERE ANY SPECIALS? I GUESS WE TOOK THEM ALL UP IN THE MEETING. NONE? OKAY. NOW IS THE TIME WE WILL TRANSITION INTO ADJOURNMENTS. THE ORDER OF THE DAY WILL BE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 3, 4, 5, 1, AND 2. WE WILL START WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF TALK RADIO HOST MICHAEL JACKSON, WHO DIED ON JANUARY 15TH. HE WAS BORN IN ENGLAND IN 1934, AND HIS INTRODUCTION TO THE RADIO BEGAN WHEN HE WAS A STUDENT AT BOARDING SCHOOL DURING WORLD WAR II, IN WHAT BECAME KNOWN, IN ENGLAND, AS THE BLITZ BOMBINGS. AT THAT TIME, HIS FATHER WAS SERVING AS A ROYAL AIR FORCE NAVIGATOR

TRAINER, AND MICHAEL WORRIED CONSTANTLY ABOUT HIS FATHER'S SAFETY. AMID THE UNCERTAINTY, HE SAID HE WOULD HUDDLE WITH CLASSMATES IN THE DINING ROOM OF THE BOARDING SCHOOL HE ATTENDED, FASCINATED AND FOCUSED ON LISTENING TO THE RADIO. FOLLOWING THE WAR, HIS FAMILY MOVED TO SOUTH AFRICA, WHERE HE BEGAN HIS CAREER AT 16 YEARS OLD AS A D.J., BY LYING ABOUT HIS AGE, TELLING EVERYONE HE WAS 22. HIS FAMILY EVENTUALLY LEFT SOUTH AFRICA IN 1958, CAME TO THE STATES, WHERE HE BEGAN WORKING AS A D.J. IN SAN FRANCISCO, THEN MOVED TO L.A. TO WORK AT K.H.J.-A.M., AND THEN NEWS STATION K.N.X.-A.M., BEFORE LANDING AT K.A.B.C., WHERE HE WOULD REMAIN FOR 32 YEARS, AND HE WORE A COAT AND TIE EVERY SINGLE DAY TO HIS STUDIO. HE BECAME KNOWN AS THE DEAN OF L.A. TALK RADIO, WHOSE VOICE GRACED SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AIRWAVES FOR MORE THAN HALF A CENTURY. HE WAS BEST KNOWN FOR HIS COLLEGIAL AND NONCOMBATIVE STYLE AS HE INTERVIEWED PRESIDENTS, CELEBRITIES, AUTHORS, AND ORDINARY ANGELENOS, MOST NOTABLY DURING HIS REIGN AT THE TOP OF LOCAL RATINGS WHILE AT K.A.B.C.-A.M., FROM 1966 TO 1998. HIS UNMISTAKABLE BRITISH ACCENT WAS HEARD BY MILLIONS OF LISTENERS ACROSS SEVERAL CONTINENTS, WITH HIS LENGTHY LIST OF ACCOLADES, INCLUDING A PLACE IN THE RADIO HALL OF FAME, A STAR ON THE HOLLYWOOD WALK OF FAME, AND EVEN AN HONOR FROM THE QUEEN OF ENGLAND. HIS FRIENDLY DEMEANOR AND DESIRE FOR BALANCE IN HIS ON-AIR DISCUSSIONS OF NEWS AND EVENTS STOOD IN STARK CONTRAST TO THE INCREASINGLY BRASH PARTISAN TALK RADIO HOSTS

WHO ROSE IN POPULARITY IN THE EARLY 1990S. HE WAS REASSIGNED IN 1997 AT K.A.B.C., BECAUSE OF LOW RATINGS AGAINST CONSERVATIVE RADIO HOST RUSH LIMBAUGH, BEFORE HE RESIGNED A YEAR LATER. DESPITE THAT, MICHAEL SAID HE REFUSED TO SACRIFICE HIS SIGNATURE CIVILITY SIMPLY FOR A BUMP IN RATINGS. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE L.A. TIMES, HE SAID, "I THINK SOMETIMES I HAVE BEEN OVERLY POLITE TO GUESTS, SHOWING THEM GREATER DEFERENCE, BUT I'M NOT GOING TO BECOME LESS POLITE. RUDENESS IS SUCH AN EASY EXCUSE FOR NOT DOING YOUR HOMEWORK." HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN, ALAN, ALISA, AND DEVON. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ACTRESS YVETTE MIMIEUX, WHO DIED ON JANUARY 17TH. SHE WAS ACTUALLY BORN IN L.A., IN 1942, TO A FRENCH FATHER AND A MEXICAN MOTHER. SHE WAS DISCOVERED AT 15, WHEN PUBLICIST JIM BYRON, AS HE TOLD IT, SPOTTED HER ON A BRIDLE PATH FROM A HELICOPTER WHILE FLYING OVER THE HOLLYWOOD HILLS. SHE AND A FRIEND WERE RIDING ON HORSEBACK. BYRON LANDED RIGHT IN FRONT OF THEM, GAVE HER HIS CARD, AND SO SHE BEGAN AS A MODEL BEFORE M.G.M. SIGNED HER IN 1959. FOR A FEW YEARS AFTER SHE WAS DISCOVERED, SHE WAS UBIQUITOUS. "LIFE" MAGAZINE PUT HER ON THE COVER WITH THE HEADLINE: "WARMLY WISTFUL STARLET." SHE MADE EIGHT FILMS BEFORE SHE WAS 21. SHE BECAME KNOWN AS THE BLOND AND BLUE-EYED 1960S FILM STAR OF "WHERE THE BOYS ARE," "THE TIME MACHINE," AND "LIGHT IN THE PIAZZA." IN THE 1960S "THE TIME MACHINE," BASED ON H. G. WELLS' 1895 NOVEL, SHE STARRED OPPOSITE ROD

TAYLOR AS WEENA, A MEMBER OF THE PEACEFUL, BLOND-HAIRED ELOI PEOPLE IN THE YEAR 800,000, WHO DON'T REALIZE THEY ARE BEING BRED AS FOOD BY THE UNDERGROUND MORLOCKS. THAT ROLE, AND OTHERS THAT SOON FOLLOWED, MADE HER ONE OF THE '60S MOST RADIANT STARLETS. THE SAME YEAR, SHE ALSO STARRED IN THE M.G.M. TEEN MOVIE "WHERE THE BOYS ARE"-- I ALMOST SANG THE SONG-- AS ONE OF 4 COLLEGE STUDENTS ON SPRING BREAK IN FLORIDA. HER CHARACTER, DISTRAUGHT AFTER BEING SEXUALLY ASSAULTED IN A MOTEL, WALKS DESPONDENTLY STRAIGHT INTO TRAFFIC. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE WASHINGTON POST ABOUT THE CHARACTER SHE PORTRAYED, SHE SAID, "I SUPPOSE I HAD A SOULFUL QUALITY. I WAS OFTEN CAST AS A WOUNDED PERSON." WHEN NOT ACTING, SHE TOOK ARCHAEOLOGY CLASSES, FOUNDED A BUSINESS BASED ON HAITIAN FOLK ART, TRAVELED AS FAR AFIELD AS EASTER ISLAND, DABBLED IN REAL ESTATE. IN 2021, SHE PUT THE RUBY ESTATE ON THE MARKET FOR $45 MILLION. SHE ALSO PAINTED LARGE COLORFUL CANVASES. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER SISTER GLORIA, HER BROTHER EDWARD, AND 5 STEPCHILDREN. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ANNA--

SUP. SOLIS: SHEILA, COULD I JOIN YOU ON HERS-- YVETTE?

SUP. KUEHL: YVETTE MIMIEUX? YES, PLEASE. JANICE, TOO?

SUP. HAHN: YES. I WAS JUST THINKING, I REMEMBER HER SO WELL, WHEN SHE STARRED IN AN EPISODE OF "DR. KILDARE," IN THE '60S. AND SHE WAS A SURFER WHO HAD AN EPILEPTIC SEIZURE, AND DR. KILDARE TRIED TO SAVE HER, BUT IT WAS TOO LATE. BUT SHE DIDN'T WANT TO GIVE UP SURFING, AND SHE WAS-- ISN'T THAT FUNNY? THAT EPISODE HAS STUCK WITH ME, MY WHOLE LIFE. I THOUGHT SHE WAS THE GREATEST ACTRESS.

SUP. KUEHL: SHE WAS SO RADIANT. I REMEMBER HER IN "WHERE THE BOYS ARE," WHICH I WAS OF AN AGE TO BE REALLY AFFECTED BY THAT MOVIE. SO, HOLLY, IS IT OKAY TO MAKE IT ALL MEMBERS? I'M SURE SHE'LL SAY YES.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: ABSOLUTELY.

SUP. KUEHL: OH, THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU, ALL. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ANNA NEWMAN TAYLOR. BORN IN VIENNA, IN 1933, HER FAMILY ESCAPED AND MOVED TO THE UNITED STATES IN EARLY 1939, AS THE CURTAIN OF NAZIISM WAS DROPPING OVER EUROPE. SHE WAS RAISED IN CLEVELAND, RECEIVED A DOCTORATE IN NEUROBIOLOGY FROM CASE WESTERN RESERVE IN 1961. SHE DID POSTDOCTORAL WORK IN PARIS, HAD FACULTY APPOINTMENTS FIRST AT AT BAYLOR UNIVERSITY IN HOUSTON, AND FINALLY IN U.C.L.A. IN THE MID-1960S, WHERE SHE REMAINED ON THE FACULTY ALL THE WAY UP UNTIL HER DEATH ON DECEMBER 30TH.

HER LABORATORY WAS ACTIVE FOR OVER 50 YEARS IN RESEARCH IN AREAS SUCH AS FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME AND BRAIN TRAUMA NEUROPHYSIOLOGY, AND ONLY CLOSED WITH THE ONSET OF THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 PANDEMIC. SHE WAS A MENTOR FOR MANY RESEARCHERS IN NEUROBIOLOGY ACROSS THE WORLD, AND ORGANIZED SEVERAL BRAIN RESEARCH CONFERENCES THAT HAVE CONTINUED FOR MANY YEARS. SHE WAS ALSO VERY INVOLVED IN THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND AND A RANGE OF PROGRESSIVE JEWISH ADVOCACY GROUPS. SHE WAS AN ALPINE SKIER AND A SWIMMER, UP INTO HER 80S. SHE ATTENDED OPERA, AND WITH HER HUSBAND COLLECTED FINE ARTS. THERE ARE NO SURVIVORS. JOHN HARRIS: I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY. HE WAS A TRUE ANGELENO, ATTENDING CARTHAY CIRCLE ELEMENTARY, BURROUGHS JUNIOR HIGH, L.A. HIGH, WHERE HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND THE SPORTS EDITOR FOR THE SCHOOL NEWSPAPER. STARTED COLLEGE AT U.C.L.A., TRANSFERRED TO BERKLEY, GOT HIS BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN POLI-SCI, AND HIS LAW DEGREE FROM BOALT HALL IN 1959. AFTER BEING ADMITTED TO THE CALIFORNIA BAR, HE PRACTICED IN HOLLYWOOD BEFORE JOINING THE L.A. CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, WHERE HE PROSECUTED OVER 500 CRIMINAL JURY TRIALS, AND DEFENDED THE CITY IN CIVIL LIABILITY CASES. HE SERVED AS LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL COURT COMMISSIONER FOR 13 YEARS, AND WAS THE FOUNDER AND THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE CALIFORNIA COURT COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION. HE WAS ELECTED A JUDGE OF THE L.A. MUNICIPAL COURT IN '84, AND THE SUPERIOR COURT IN '98. HE WAS ON THE

COURT'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, SERVED ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE CALIFORNIA JUDGES ASSOCIATION; AND AFTER RETIRING FROM THE BENCH IN 2004, HE SERVED AS AN ARBITRATOR AND A HEARING OFFICER OF THE L.A. COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. HE LED AN ACTIVE LIFE OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AS A MEMBER OF THE JEWISH BIG BROTHERS OF L.A., THE PLATO SOCIETY OF L.A., THE U.C.L.A. OSHER LIFE LONG LEARNING INSTITUTE, TEMPLE ISRAEL OF HOLLYWOOD, THE BRANDEIS MEN'S GROUP OF L.A., THE LAUREL CANYON ASSOCIATION, AND WESTSIDE DEMOCRATS. PASSIONATE SPORTS FAN, HE CHEERED ON BOTH THE BRUINS AND THE CAL BEARS, THE DODGERS, THE LAKERS, THE RAMS, AND THE RAIDERS, IN GOOD SEASONS AND IN BAD SEASONS. HE WAS A FAITHFUL DEMOCRAT IN HIS POLITICS, AND A GENUINE DEMOCRAT, WITH A SMALL "D," IN HIS VALUES AND HIS WAY OF LIFE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, MARJORIE, AND THEIR CHILDREN, PAMELA AND TONY. AND FINALLY, I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF OLIVIA DIAZ, WHO DIED ON JANUARY 15, A RESIDENT AND COMMUNITY LEADER IN NORTH HILLS EAST FOR 25 YEARS. SHE TOOK PART IN ESTABLISHING THE NORTH HILLS EAST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL IN 2010, SERVED ON IT UNTIL HER VERY LAST DAYS. SHE LED THE GROUP OF VICTORIOUS AND SUCCESSFUL MOTHERS, AND ADVOCATED FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. SHE LED COMMUNITY CLEANUPS, EDUCATIONAL CLASSES, RESOURCE FAIRS, THREE COMMUNITY EVENTS, ESTABLISHED CHILDREN'S DAY IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, WHERE SHE WOULD GATHER COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES, BOOKS, AND

TOYS, FOR THE CHILDREN. THIS YEAR, SHE WAS ALREADY WORKING ON CELEBRATING THE 7TH ANNIVERSARY. IN ADDITION, SHE VOLUNTEERED FOR SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS: NEW DIRECTIONS FOR YOUTH, SAN FERNANDO PARTNERSHIP, TREEPEOPLE, FIRST 5 L.A., NORTH VALLEY CARING SERVICES, SAN FERNANDO VALLEY DREAMER TEAM, BEST START PANORAMA CITY, THE ROSA PARKS LEARNING CENTER, THE MISSION POLICE STATION, NATURE FOR ALL, AND CENSUS 2020. A BUSY, BUSY, DEDICATED AND DEVOTED, LOVELY WOMAN. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND AND THEIR TWO CHILDREN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ARTHUR HEYMAN, WHO WAS 93 WHEN HE PASSED AWAY. HIS SON, BRIAN HEYMAN, IS MY APPOINTEE TO MY DOWNEY CEMETERY DISTRICT, AND HE WAS THE ONE THAT INFORMED ME OF HIS FATHER'S PASSING. UPON GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL, ARTHUR JOINED THE NAVY. HE WAS A DECORATED WORLD WAR II VETERAN, WHO RECEIVED METALS SUCH AS WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL, THE AMERICAN AREA CAMPAIGN MEDAL, AND THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL. AFTER BEING HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM THE NAVY, ARTHUR RETURNED TO LOS ANGELES, WHERE HE BECAME A RADIO AND TELEVISION TECHNICIAN UNDER THE G.I. BILL. AT ONE POINT IN HIS CAREER, HE WORKED FOR AN ELECTRONICS COMPANY THAT BUILT THE VERY FIRST EMERGENCY CALL BOXES INSTALLED ALONG OUR FREEWAYS,

UNDER THE CONTRACT THAT WAS CHAMPIONED BY MY FATHER, WHEN HE WAS COUNTY SUPERVISOR. ARTHUR WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS WIFE, HELEN, AND TWO OF THEIR CHILDREN. HE IS SURVIVED BY NINE OF HIS 11 CHILDREN, INCLUDING HIS SON BRIAN. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF SANDRA MENDEZ, WHO WAS 77 WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY. SANDRA CAME FROM A LONG LINE OF COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS, INCLUDING HER PARENTS, MARIO AND SARA MENDEZ, LONGTIME COMMUNITY MEMBERS FROM NORWALK; AND HER SISTER, MARIA MENDEZ WIEST, WHO WAS MY APPOINTEE TO OUR OLDER ADULTS COMMISSION, AND THE FORMER CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AT UNITED WAY OF GREATER LOS ANGELES. SANDRA WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY HER FAMILY AND HER COMMUNITY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ASHKEN PILAVJIAN, A LONGTIME FIGURE IN THE COMMUNITY, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 23RD. ASHKEN WAS BORN IN 1932 IN ALEPPO, SYRIA. SHE MARRIED AND HAD TWO SONS: PEKLAR AND VAHRIJ. THE FAMILY MOVED TO BEIRUT, LEBANON, IN 1969, AND LATER MOVED TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1979. ASHKEN WORKED AS A KINDERGARTEN TEACHER. SHE DONATED FUNDING TO REMODEL A COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL, AND SPONSORED A NEW CHAPEL FOR A SCHOOL. THE SCHOOL WAS LATER

RENAMED THE HOLY MARTYRS A.R.S. ASHKEN PILAVJIAN SCHOOL, IN HER HONOR. SHE WAS AN AVID COOK, WHO WAS WELL KNOWN IN HER COMMUNITY. ASHKEN LOVED SPENDING TIME WITH HER SONS, AND WITH HER GRANDCHILDREN. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SON PEKLAR, AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN: ALEX, AREN, HRAAGH, AND HAIG. I ALSO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ANDYN BAE, NICHOLAS TORRES, AND ERIC GULLEKSON, TRAGICALLY KILLED IN A CAR ACCIDENT ON SUNDAY, JULY 16TH, IN PASADENA. ANDYN BAE WAS 17 YEARS OLD AND ATTENDED TEMPLE CITY HIGH SCHOOL. ERIC GULLEKSON WAS 16 YEARS OLD, AND ALSO ATTENDED TEMPLE CITY HIGH SCHOOL. NICHOLAS TORRES WAS 17 YEARS OLD, AND WAS FROM MONTEREY PARK. THEY ALL DIED TOO YOUNG, AND WILL BE MISSED BY THEIR FAMILY AND THEIR FRIENDS.

SUP. SOLIS: KATHRYN, CAN I JOIN YOU ON THAT, FOR NICHOLAS TORRES? HE'S FROM MONTEREY PARK.

SUP. BARGER: ABSOLUTELY.

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU.

SUP. BARGER: ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ANNIE CRAWFORD POLK, A 50-YEAR RESIDENT OF ALTADENA, WHO PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 8TH, AT THE AGE OF 84. ANN ATTENDED TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY, WHERE SHE EARNED A DEGREE IN HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION. SHE TAUGHT HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION AT VARIOUS

SCHOOLS. ANN WAS ACTIVE IN HER CHURCH COMMUNITY AT BOTH ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH AND THEIR SISTER CHURCH, METROPOLITAN BAPTIST CHURCH. IT WAS THERE THAT SHE BECAME PART OF THE GRACIOUS LADIES CLUB, THE ETHEL HARDWICK STUDY GROUP, DEACONESS BOARD, DEBORAH CIRCLE, AND BIBLE STUDY CLASS. ANN IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF 50 YEARS, JAMES, AND FOUR CHILDREN: AARON, WALTER, JEANE, AND ARDYCE. AND WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MERLE HENRY BANTA, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SAN MARINO, WHO PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 12TH, AT THE AGE OF 89. MERLE ATTENDED WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS, WHERE HE EARNED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE WITH HONORS IN CIVIL ENGINEERING. HE LATER EARNED HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY. MERLE SERVED AS AN OFFICER IN THE U.S. NAVY. AFTER HIS TIME IN THE NAVY, HE EARNED HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AT HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL. HE WORKED AS A CONSULTANT AT MCKINSEY & CO. IN LOS ANGELES, BEFORE TEAMING UP WITH MCKINSEY ASSOCIATE STEVE HINCHLIFFE TO FORM THE LEISURE GROUP, INC., LATER KNOWN AS B.H.H. MANAGEMENT, INC., IN 1964. IN 1983, HE TOOK LEAVE FROM MANAGING B.H.H. AND WAS NAMED CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT, AND C.E.O. OF A.M. INTERNATIONAL IN CHICAGO, A FORTUNE 500 COMPANY WITH 12,000 EMPLOYEES AND 16 FOREIGN SUBSIDIARIES. HE RAN A.M. INTERNATIONAL FOR 10 YEARS, BEFORE RETURNING TO B.H.H. IN HIS FREE TIME, MERLE SPENT TIME WITH HIS FAMILY, WHO HE ABSOLUTELY ADORED, AND SERVES AS A CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHER AT SAN MARINO

COMMUNITY CHURCH. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS LOVING AND AMAZING WIFE JUNE, AND THEIR THREE CHILDREN: BRENDA, BERT, AND BRAD. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DOLORES HICKAMBOTTOM, A LONGTIME ACTIVIST AND A 50-YEAR RESIDENT IN ALTADENA, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90. DOLORES SERVED ON THE BOARDS OF NUMEROUS COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, THE PASADENA CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS, PASADENA CITY COLLEGE AFRICAN AMERICAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND THE AMERICAN LEGION. DOLORES WAS MOST PROUD OF BEING A VETERAN OF THE KOREAN WAR, WHERE SHE WAS ONE OF THE FEW WOMEN SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY, AND ONE OF THE FEW PEOPLE OF COLOR. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A FIERCE-- AND I MEAN FIERCE-- ADVOCATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITABLE EDUCATION IN OUR COMMUNITY. DOLORES IS SURVIVED BY HER TWO DAUGHTERS, ANN MARIE AND LESLIE; TWO SONS, ELBIE AND JOHN; AND A SISTER AND GRANDDAUGHTER. I ALSO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN-- WELL, I'M SORRY. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU'RE GOING TO BRING IN THE ADJOURNMENT FOR HENRY VELASCO, CORRECT? ALL RIGHT. MADAM CHAIR, THAT'S MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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

SUP. SOLIS: YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HENRY VELASCO. I HAVE KNOWN THE EL MONTE CITY COUNCILMEMBER HENRY VELASCO SINCE

1984, WHEN I FIRST RAN FOR THE RIO HONDO COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. HE GREW UP IN LOS ANGELES AND GRADUATED FROM LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL AND LOYOLA UNIVERSITY. HE THEN ENLISTED DURING THE KOREAN WAR, AND WENT ON TO WORK IN RADIO AND TELEVISION MOST OF HIS LIFE. LATER, HE BECAME A REALTOR WITH CENTURY 21 AND COLDWELL BANKER. HE WAS ELECTED TO THE EL MONTE CITY COUNCIL, AND THEN CITY TREASURER, AND SERVED FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS BEFORE HE RETIRED AT THE AGE OF 80. HE WAS ALSO AN ACTIVE PARISHIONER IN THE CHURCH NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL, AND HELPED THE STUDENTS THERE, ORGANIZING SPELLING BEES, ESSAY CONTESTS, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES. SCOUTING WAS ALSO ONE OF HIS PASSIONS AND HE WAS THE ASSISTANT SCOUT LEADER FOR TROOP 552. HE ALSO RECEIVED THE PRESIDENTIAL LEGION OF MERIT HONOR ROLL BY PRESIDENTS GEORGE BUSH, RONALD REAGAN, GERALD FORD, AND RICHARD NIXON. HENRY IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE THERESA, WHO WAS ALSO A MEMBER, PREVIOUSLY, WITH THE EL MONTE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND TO WHOM HE WAS MARRIED FOR 64 YEARS; HIS CHILDREN-- 7; 11 GRANDCHILDREN; AND 7 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. HE WAS BURIED AT THE MILITARY CEMETERY IN RIVERSIDE. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU. I JUST-- YOU KNOW, HAVING WORKED FOR A SUPERVISOR PRIOR TO BEING ELECTED, I GOT TO KNOW HIM, AND I KNOW THAT HE WAS VERY CLOSE TO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, AND WAS

TRULY A MAN OF FAMILY, COMMUNITY, AND FAITH. AND MAY HE REST IN PEACE. HE DEFINITELY LEFT THIS PLACE BETTER. THANK YOU.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MEMBERS. WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THREE SECOND-DISTRICT RESIDENTS: LINDA GOMEZ-EVANS, JOSEPH PECOT, SR., AND JOSEPHINE WINSTON RAMSEY. LINDA GOMEZ-EVANS, A DEDICATED COMMUNITY ACTIVIST, WAS BORN ON NOVEMBER 17TH, 1982, IN HEMET, CALIFORNIA, AND PASSED AWAY UNEXPECTEDLY ON THE FOURTEENTH OF THIS MONTH, AT THE AGE OF 39 YEARS OLD, HERE IN L.A. AS A FORMALLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL, SHE EMPATHIZED WITH ALL THOSE WHO HAD NEGATIVE INTERACTIONS WITH THE JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND UNDERSTOOD THE NEED TO END MASS INCARCERATION. TO SUPPORT HER CORE BELIEF SYSTEM, SHE BEGAN WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY COALITION IN 2018, AS A FELLOW OF THE COMMUNITY ORGANIZING FELLOWSHIP, WHERE SHE WORKED ON CAMPAIGNS FOR MEASURE J, MEASURE R, AND PROP 17. MORE RECENTLY, SHE RECEIVED A PROMOTION TO CIVIC ENGAGEMENT MANAGER, WHERE SHE EXCELLED AT ESTABLISHING SAFE SPACES FOR PEOPLE TO EXPRESS THEIR IDEAS, FOSTERING COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS, AND SPREADING AWARENESS REGARDING THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THOSE IMPACTED BY THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. ALSO WAS AN AMAZING LEADER ON BEHALF OF ALL OF US AND COMMUNITY COALITION'S EFFORT TO HELP EDUCATE PEOPLE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF VACCINATION, AND WAS THE LEAD COMMUNITY ORGANIZER IN SEVERAL OF THE POP-UP VACCINATION SITES

THAT WE HOSTED IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. A PROUD MEMBER OF THE SISTERS WARRIORS COALITION, BAIL PROJECT, ALL OF US OR NONE, A NEW WAY OF LIFE, TIME DONE, CALIFORNIANS FOR SAFETY AND JUSTICE, AND L.A. DEFENSX. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED FIRST AS A LOVING WIFE AND MOTHER, AS WELL AS A LEADER AND ADVOCATE. SHE LEFT A LASTING IMPACT ON ALL OF US WHO KNEW HER, AND IS SURVIVED BY HER WIFE-- THEY WERE TRUE PARTNERS IN THE STRUGGLE-- ANGELIQUE; TWO CHILDREN, J'MARI AND JEREMIAH; HER MOTHER GAIL, AND SISTER EVA; AS WELL AS A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS, ALL WHO WILL MISS HER DEARLY. ALSO--

SUP. KUEHL: HOLLY, COULD I JOIN YOU ON THAT? SORRY.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: SORRY. GO AHEAD, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

SUP. KUEHL: MAY I JOIN YOU ON THIS?

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: PLEASE. I WOULD BE HONORED. THANK YOU. JOSEPH PECOT, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE COUNTY FAMILY, WAS BORN AUGUST 30TH, 1935, AND PASSED AWAY ON THE SEVENTH OF JANUARY, AT THE AGE OF 87. IN 1957, HE BEGAN WORKING AT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., MEDICAL CENTER, AND CONTINUED FOR 40 YEARS UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 1997. IN HIS LAST POSITION, HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR RUNNING THE POWER PLANT AT THE HOSPITAL. PRIOR

TO JOINING THE COUNTY, HE SERVED IN THE NAVY DURING THE KOREAN WAR, FROM '54 TO '57. HE ALSO ATTENDED L.A. TRADE-TECH COLLEGE, WHERE HE STUDIED REFRIGERATION AND AIR CONDITIONING. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A LOVING HUSBAND TO HIS WIFE OF 60 YEARS, AND A DEVOTED FATHER. HE LEAVES BEHIND TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS WIFE, ALWITA, AND THEIR TWO CHILDREN, JOSEPH JR. AND JEFFREY, AS WELL AS A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO MOURN HIS LOSS EVERY DAY. JOSEPHINE "JO" WINSTON RAMSEY. JOSEPHINE RAMSEY WAS BORN ON OCTOBER 8TH, 1929, IN EUDORA, ARKANSAS, AND PASSED AWAY ON NOVEMBER 19TH, 2021, AT THE AGE OF 92, AT HER HOME IN VIEW PARK. AFTER RELOCATING TO LOS ANGELES, SHE EARNED AN ASSOCIATE OF ARTS FROM LOS ANGELES MISSION COLLEGE, AND A BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HISTORY. SHE BEGAN HER CAREER AS A TEACHER AT BETHUNE MIDDLE SCHOOL, WHERE SHE FOUNDED THE JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY. WHILE THERE, SHE ALSO MET HER HUSBAND, WADE RAMSEY, WHOM SHE MARRIED IN 1971. THE COUPLE WELCOMED THEIR ONLY DAUGHTER, JOY, IN 1974. IN '78, SHE BEGAN A SUCCESSFUL CAREER AS A REALTOR FOR COLDWELL BANKER, AND CONTINUED FOR 40 YEARS UNTIL HER RETIREMENT IN 2018. SHE TOOK GREAT PRIDE IN HELPING CLIENTS, ESPECIALLY PEOPLE OF COLOR AND FIRST-TIME HOME BUYERS IN THE VIEW PARK COMMUNITY, THE AREA IN WHICH SHE LIVED AND LOVED DEEPLY. IN HER FREE TIME, SHE ENJOYED TRAVELING, LEARNING ABOUT DIFFERENT CULTURES, AND SPENDING TIME WITH HER FRIENDS AND FAMILY. SHE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER DAUGHTER JOY, AND LEAVES BEHIND TO CHERISH HER

MEMORY HER LOVING HUSBAND WADE, SISTER ROSEMARY, BROTHER-IN-LAW HAROLD, COUSINS AND CAREGIVERS DAVID AND NAFISAH, AND A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS, WHO WILL MISS HER WISE AND WITTY SPIRIT DEEPLY. AND LASTLY, COLLEAGUES, AND I HOPE YOU ALL WILL JOIN ME IN ACKNOWLEDGING THE PASSING, AND ALLOW ME TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SANDRA SHELLS, REGISTERED NURSE. MS. SHELLS, LOVINGLY KNOWN AS SANDY, A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY FAMILY WHO SUCCUMBED TO INJURIES SUSTAINED AFTER BEING ATTACKED WHILE WAITING AT A METRO BUS STOP IN DOWNTOWN L.A. ON JANUARY 13TH. SHE PASSED THREE DAYS LATER, ON THE SIXTEENTH, AT THE AGE OF 70. MS. SHELLS DEDICATED 38 YEARS OF HER LIFE TO THE PATIENTS AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER. SHE BEGAN HER CAREER IN 1977, FOR THE DIAGNOSIS AND EVALUATION UNIT, AND TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE IN 1990, WHERE SHE WORKED AS A RELIEF NURSE UNTIL HER PASSING. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER COMMITMENT TO CHRIST, AS WELL AS FOR BEING AN EXTRAORDINARY NURSE, WHOSE PASSION FOR NURSING WAS CLEAR. SHE WAS HAPPY TO SERVE IN ANY WAY SHE COULD, WHETHER IT WAS TRAINING AND MENTORING NEW NURSES, PROVIDING QUALITY AND COMPASSIONATE CARE TO PATIENTS, OR TAKING THE TIME TO PERSONALLY GREET EVERYONE SHE CAME IN CONTACT WITH. SHE WAS ALSO AN AVID FAN OF "STAR WARS." IN HER HONOR, A MEMORIAL FUND WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER FOUNDATION, AND I REQUESTED THAT ALL FLAGS OUTSIDE OF COUNTY BUILDING BE LOWERED TO HALF STAFF YESTERDAY, IN HER MEMORY.

SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER SISTER BEVERLY, NEPHEW RUSSELL, NIECE SHANTEL AND HER TWO CHILDREN, AND A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND COLLEAGUES WHO WILL MISS HER WELCOMING SPIRIT AND KINDNESS AND COMPASSION EACH AND EVERY DAY. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WOULD BE HONORED TO BE ON THIS ADJOURNMENT. I HAVE TALKED TO PEOPLE THAT WORKED WITH HER, AND THIS TRULY DID EPITOMIZE WHAT OUR WORKFORCE AT OUR HOSPITALS, AND ESPECIALLY IN OUR EMERGENCY ROOM, DO EACH AND EVERY DAY. HER COMPASSION WENT BEYOND JUST THE PATIENTS THAT WERE COMING IN THROUGH THE E.R. SHE FOLLOWED THEM ALL THE WAY THROUGH THEIR DISCHARGE. AND I KNOW THAT MANY HEARTS ARE BROKEN, BUT REST ASSURED THAT I HAVE HEARD THAT THEY ARE GOING TO KEEP HER MEMORY ALIVE, EACH AND EVERY DAY, IN THOUGHT AND DEED.

SUP. SOLIS: MADAM CHAIR?

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: YES, SUPERVISOR.

SUP. SOLIS: YES, I WANTED TO ALSO JOIN YOU. I ATTENDED A VIGIL FOR HER, AND MET SOME OF HER COLLEAGUES AT THE SITE WHERE SHE WAS KILLED, ACROSS FROM THE M.T.A. METRO BUILDING, AND I AM HOPING TO GET METRO TO HELP ESTABLISH A MEMORIAL FOR HER THERE-- SOME KIND OF PLACEMENT SO PEOPLE CAN MEMORIALIZE HER.

I ALSO UNDERSTAND SHE WAS A BIG ADVOCATE FOR THE HOMELESS COMMUNITY, AND VERY LOVING. I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO TELL YOU WHAT A LOSS SHE IS FOR L.A.C.+U.S.C. STAFF, NURSES, REGISTERED NURSES THAT CAME AND HELD CANDLES IN HER MEMORY. AND JUST A LOVING PERSON, AND MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. AND WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO HONOR TRUE SOLDIERS THAT STAND OUT AS OUR HEROES, REPRESENTING L.A. COUNTY EMPLOYEES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU, AND HOW ABOUT WE ALL JOIN IN, IN THIS ADJOURNING MEMORY IN HER BEHALF? APPRECIATE THAT. THANK YOU, ALL. WE WILL TAKE ALL THE MOTIONS AS SECONDED. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, SUCH WILL BE THE ACTION. THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S MEETING. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE A SPECIAL CLOSED-SESSION MEETING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST, 2022. THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH, 2022. THANK YOU ALL FOR PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S MEETING.