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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022, 9:30 AM

SUP. BARGER: HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU. HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAR SHEILA. HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU. NOW,
THAT'S LOVE IF I SING BECAUSE I DON'T SING.

SUP. KUEHL: WELL, THAT WAS PRETTY GOOD, K.B. CONSIDERING. AND
OF COURSE, TOMORROW IS THE BIG DAY, AND IT'S FUNNY TO HAVE ALL
THESE BIRTHDAYS, YOU KNOW, WITH COVID BECAUSE IT'S KIND OF
LIKE I ALWAYS HAD LIKE GIANT PARTIES AND--

SUP. BARGER: COFFEE AND ICE CREAM.

SUP. KUEHL: YEAH, OUT ON THE BALCONY OR SOMETIMES CHIPS AND
HOT CHOCOLATE, REMEMBER?

SUP. BARGER: OH NO, IT WAS-- YEAH.

SUP. KUEHL: I HOPE I CAN DO THAT ONE MORE TIME BEFORE WE--
BEFORE I LEAVE. YOU'RE NOT LEAVING. I'M LEAVING.

SUP. SOLIS: WELL, HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHEILA. FELICIDADES, FELIZ
CUMPLEANOS

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2 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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4 **SUP. SOLIS:** DO I HAVE TO SING? [SINGING IN SPANISH] THAT'S ALL
5 I KNOW.

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7 **SUP. BARGER:** I'M IMPRESSED.

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9 **SUP. KUEHL:** THAT WAS PRETTY GOOD. THANK YOU SO MUCH. YOU GUYS
10 ARE REALLY SO NI-- I JUST-- THIS IS REALLY FUN. WHO THOUGHT A
11 BOARD MEETING WAS FUN? YOU KNOW.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** PORTIONS ARE. GOOD MORNING.

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WHAT A WONDERFUL WAY TO START THE BOARD
16 MEETING BY HEARING THE FABULOUS BIRTHDAY SONG THAT EVERYONE
17 LOVES TO HEAR AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR. AGAIN, SUPERVISOR, HAPPY
18 BIRTHDAY. SO GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WELCOME TO THE REGULARLY
19 SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
20 WHICH IS BEING HELD REMOTELY. TODAY IS TUESDAY FEBRUARY 8TH,
21 2022. I WILL NOW TAKE ROLL CALL TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE.
22 EVERYBODY READY? SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** PRESENT.

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

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3 **SUP. KUEHL:** HERE.

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

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7 **SUP. HAHN:** HERE.

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

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11 **SUP. BARGER:** HERE.

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13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** FESIA DAVENPORT CHIEF, EXECUTIVE
14 OFFICER.

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

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

19

20 **ATTORNEY:** HERE.

21

22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** CELIA ZAVALA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE
23 BOARD.

24

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

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2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, WOULD YOU DO US THE
3 HONORS BY LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE?

4

5 **SUP. HAHN:** YES, PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE. READY, BEGIN. I
6 PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
7 AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION, UNDER
8 GOD, INDIVISIBLE WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. SOMEDAY.

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AS INDICATED ON THE
11 POSTED AGENDA, WE WILL BE TAKING TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENTS
12 DURING TODAY'S MEETING. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD
13 RECEIVED OVER 4,600 WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TODAY'S
14 MEETING. AND AS THOSE WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED, ALL OF
15 THEM WERE AVAILABLE TO THE SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR
16 CONSIDERATION, CONSISTENT WITH THE BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS. WE
17 WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS THROUGHOUT
18 THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD.
19 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

20

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

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1 OF NECESSARY ACTION. SET MATTER 2 IS A DISCUSSION AND
2 CONSIDERATION OF NECESSARY ACTION ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER
3 RELATED TO COVID-19 AND THE STATUS OF COVID-19 VACCINE. THESE
4 ITEMS WILL BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION. ON PAGE 3, CONSENT
5 CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 3 THROUGH 21. ON ITEMS 5
6 AND 6, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM
7 7, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
8 AGENDA. ON ITEM 9 AND 10, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THESE
9 ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEMS 12-16, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL WOULD LIKE
10 TO REVISE THESE MOTIONS TO FIND THAT THE CRIMES COMMITTED WERE
11 HEINOUS AND THEREFORE INCREASE THE REWARD FOR EACH ITEM TO
12 \$20,000. ON ITEM 17, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE
13 HELD. ON ITEM 18, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD.
14 ALSO THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
15 AGENDA. ON PAGE 14, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 22-71. ON
16 ITEM 22, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE
17 CONTINUED TO APRIL 5TH, 2022, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
18 AGENDA. ON ITEM 31, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE
19 CONTINUED TO APRIL 5TH, 2022, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
20 AGENDA. ON ITEM 37, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE
21 CONTINUED ONE WEEK, TO FEBRUARY 15TH, 2022. ON ITEM 43,
22 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO MARCH
23 15TH, 2022. ON ITEM 58, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS
24 ITEM BE HELD. I AM GOING TO DO A CORRECTION, SUPERVISOR HAHN
25 IS HOLDING ITEMS 4 AND 5 AND NOT 6. ON PAGE--

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, I WAS GOING TO OFFER THAT CORRECTION.
3 THANK YOU.

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 44, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS
6 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA THAT WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN
7 ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
8 AGENDA. ON ITEM 69C, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS
9 ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 45, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEMS 72
10 AND 73. ON PAGE 46, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA. THIS IS THE
11 AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ON
12 ITEM 7D IS AN ADDITION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
13 AGENDA. THE REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES THROUGH 7D ARE BEFORE
14 YOU.

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
17 KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS.
18 SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

19

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

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23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** NEXT, WE WILL HEAR FROM SHERIFF
24 VILLANUEVA WHO HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD WITH REGARD

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1 TO ITEM 18. GOOD MORNING, SHERIFF VILLANUEVA. YOU WILL HAVE
2 THREE MINUTES, PLEASE BEGIN, SIR.

3

4 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. ITEM
5 NUMBER 18 IS GOING TO BE A DEATH BLOW TO PUBLIC SAFETY IN LOS
6 ANGELES COUNTY. RIGHT NOW, WE ARE FACING 897 SWORN VACANCIES,
7 893 PROFESSIONAL STAFF VACANCIES AS OF APRIL 1ST, ASSUMING NO
8 FURTHER PEOPLE CALL -- SIGN UP FOR RETIREMENT. WE ARE ALREADY
9 AT IMPAIRMENTS OF OVER 1500 PERSONNEL DUE TO LONG TERM I.O.D.S
10 AND SO FORTH. AND RIGHT NOW WE HAVE LIFTED THE CAP ON
11 OVERTIME, SO EACH EMPLOYEE CAN WORK NOT JUST 96, NOW WE HAVE
12 RAISED IT UP TO 120 HOURS OF OVERTIME A MONTH, WHICH IS AN
13 ASTRONOMICALLY HIGH LEVEL. WE HAVE HAD TO LIFT THE CAP ON
14 WORKING CONSECUTIVE DAYS OFF AND REGULAR DAYS OFF, SO NOW AN
15 EMPLOYEE CAN WORK 30 DAYS. I SAY CAN. IT IS THAT WE ARE
16 FORCING EMPLOYEES TO WORK THESE DAYS. AND THAT IS WITH OUR
17 CURRENT VACANCIES. AND THE IMPOSING OF ITEM NUMBER 18 WOULD
18 MEAN A LOSS OF 4,000 SWORN STAFF MEMBERS ON THE DEPARTMENT
19 ALONE. AND THAT WOULD BE JUST A DEATH BLOW TO THE PUBLIC
20 SAFETY IN L.A. COUNTY. WE HAVE FULLY VACCINATED, WE HAVE 9,881
21 IN THE LAST 30 DAYS. 342 TESTED POSITIVE FOR 3.46% POSITIVITY
22 RATE. WE HAVE 5,766 NOT VACCINATED. AND WE HAD 221 TEST
23 POSITIVE FOR A 3.83% VACCINATION RATE-- OR POSITIVITY RATE. SO
24 YOUR MOTION IS GOING TO SEEK TO BASICALLY CAUSE US TO ACTUALLY
25 LOSE 4,000 EMPLOYEES FOR A GRAND TOTAL OF 0.4% IMPROVEMENT IN

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1 POSITIVITY RATE. IT IS NOT EXACTLY A BENEFIT TO PUBLIC SAFETY.
2 WE ARE COMING OFF TWO YEARS OF A HISTORICALLY HIGH 94%
3 INCREASE IN MISDEMEANOR RATE, 64% INCREASE IN GRAND THEFT
4 AUTO, AND THIS IS JUST NOT -- IT IS NOT SUSTAINABLE. THE
5 CURRENT SITUATIONS IS NOT SUSTAINABLE. THE HIRING FREEZE IS
6 NOT SUSTAINABLE. AND THIS IS REALLY -- IT IS ALMOST AMOUNTS TO
7 A SUICIDE PACT, WHICH IS IF YOU CARE TO JOIN IT, I THINK YOU
8 SHOULD LEAVE PUBLIC SAFETY OUT OF IT AND LEAVE THAT TO OTHER
9 PUBLIC DEPARTMENTS, BUT I HAVE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE
10 COMMUNITY AND ON BEHALF OF THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE SHERIFF'S
11 DEPARTMENT. AND I WILL LET YOU KNOW THIS IS ILL- ADVISED,
12 ILLOGICAL, AND PROBABLY IN THE LONG RUN ILLEGAL. AND BY THE
13 TIME YOU FIGURE OUT THE LEGALITY OF IT, WE WILL BE PAST THE
14 PANDEMIC WHICH WILL MAKE THE RESULT IRRELEVANT. SO THIS IS
15 GOING BE YOUR CHOICE, AND I JUST URGE YOU TO DEESCALATE AND
16 DIAL BACK THE RHETORIC, AND LET'S FIND SOME COMMON GROUND,
17 TESTING OR VACCINATION. AND WE ARE DOING THAT RIGHT NOW, THANK
18 YOU.

19
20 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, APPRECIATE YOUR
21 CALLING IN AND, AGAIN, FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, ITEM 18 WILL
22 BE HELD, AND WE WILL HAVE A PRESENTATION ON IT LATER IN
23 TODAY'S MEETING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE WILL NOW TAKE PUBLIC
24 COMMENT FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ
25 THE CALL IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA

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1 AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
2 WHO ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

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4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE
5 PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT SHOULD CALL (877) 336-
6 4437 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 1366786. TO REPEAT,
7 PLEASE CALL (877) 336-4437 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER
8 136786. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO
9 THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL (877) 873-8017 AND
10 FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING IN,
11 WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND
12 WHICH AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. WE WILL ALLOCATE 90
13 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL THE ITEMS POSTED ON TODAY'S
14 AGENDA. YOU WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK ON ONE AGENDA ITEM
15 OR TWO MINUTES TO SPEAK ON TWO OR MORE AGENDA ITEMS. IN
16 ADDITION, THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD WITH
17 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED ONE ADDITIONAL MINUTE
18 FOR A MAXIMUM TOTAL UP TO THREE MINUTES. WE WILL CONTINUE TO
19 ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING,
20 WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. WHEN SPEAKING ON THE
21 AGENDA ITEMS, YOU MUST BE ON TOPIC. OUR GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH
22 AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE CAN. IF YOU ARE NOT SPEAKING ON TOPIC,
23 OR IF WE CAN'T TELL IF YOU ARE SPEAKING ON AN AGENDA ITEM, YOU
24 WILL GET ONE WARNING FROM COUNTY COUNSEL OR THE CHAIR. IF YOU
25 DO NOT IMMEDIATELY OR CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC, OR YOU STRAY OFF

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1 TOPIC AGAIN, YOU WILL FORFEIT THE REST OF YOUR TIME, AND THE
2 CHAIR WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE, IF YOU ARE
3 ALSO LISTENING TO THE BOARD MEETING ON A COMPUTER OR
4 SPEAKERPHONE, YOU WILL NEED TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON THOSE
5 DEVICES AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU. IF YOU DO NOT
6 TURN DOWN THE VOLUME, THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. MODERATOR, MAY WE
7 HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

13

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

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17 **[INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN IN SPANISH]**

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

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22 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ANDRES KWAN. PLEASE STATE
23 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL
24 PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1 **ANDRES KWAN:** ANDRES KWAN, A.C.L.U., SPEAKING TO ITEMS 18, 64,
2 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. ON A PERSONAL NOTE, I WAS NOT
3 EXPECTING TO HEAR SUPERVISOR SOLIS SINGING [SPEAKING SPANISH]
4 THIS MORNING. IT MADE MY DAY. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SUPERVISOR
5 KUEHL. YOU INSPIRE FOR SO MANY OF US TO STAND STRONG FOR
6 CIVIL LIBERTIES. ESTEEMED SUPERVISORS, WE ARE FACING CRISES
7 YET AGAIN UNDER SHERIFF VILLANUEVA, WHOM WE AT THE A.C.L.U. OF
8 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HAVE DEEMED A SINGLE GREATEST THREAT TO
9 OUR CIVIL LIBERTIES HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. FROM HIS REPEATED
10 VIOLATIONS OF LAW AND COMPLETE OBSTRUCTION OF OVERSIGHT AND A
11 SPECIAL POLICE UNIT INTENDED TO INTIMIDATE AND HARASS
12 OVERSIGHT OFFICIALS TO THE SCORES OF DEPUTY GANG VIOLENCE THAT
13 HE HAS ENABLED AND THE DRAMATIC INCREASE IN DEPUTY SHOOTINGS
14 AND RECORD LEVEL DEATHS IN THE JAILS UNDER HIS WATCH, WE HAVE
15 THE TRUMP OF LOS ANGELES. IN 2021, WE WITNESSED DEATHS RATES
16 IN THE JAILS OF AT LEAST ONE PERSON DYING EVERY WEEK. MORE
17 THAN 90 PEOPLE DIED IN THE JAILS IN 2020 AND 2021. ON DEPUTY
18 GANGS, VILLANUEVA HAS GONE FROM DENYING THE EXISTENCE OF
19 DEPUTY GANGS TO CLAIMING THAT THEY ARE HARMLESS FRATERNITIES
20 AND THEN ADOPTING A POLICY THAT IS NOT ONLY MEANINGLESS BUT
21 DOES NOT COMPLY WITH NEW STATE LAW, ALL THE WHILE, DEFYING
22 LAWFUL SUBPOENAS AND VIOLATING LAWS ON TRANSPARENCY AND
23 OVERSIGHT. AND NOW RELATED TO ITEM 18, HIS REFUSAL TO FOLLOW
24 THE COUNTY VACCINE MANDATE IS YET ANOTHER ONE OF HIS LITTLE
25 INSURRECTIONS, BEHAVING AS IF HE IS ABOVE THE LAW, BUT WE

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1 FIRMLY BELIEVE AND ASSUME, YOU DO SO TOO, THAT NO SHERIFF IS
2 ABOVE THE LAW, NOT THE CURRENT SHERIFF OR WHOEVER COMES NEXT.
3 AND WE MUST ACT NOW. WHAT WE REALLY NEED IS SIGNIFICANT
4 STRUCTURAL CHANGE. SUPERVISORS, THE BUCK STOPS AT YOU.
5 PURSUANT TO STATE LAW, THIS BOARD HAS AN INDEPENDENT DUTY TO
6 SUPERVISOR THE SHERIFF, AND WE CANNOT WAIT FOR THE ATTORNEY
7 GENERAL TO SEEK A CONSENT DECREE, WHICH WILL STILL BE LIMITED.
8 YOU CAN DO MORE. AND IN FACT, YESTERDAY, A.C.L.U. SO-CAL WAS A
9 PROUD MEMBER OF A COALITION OF MORE THAN 70 COMMUNITY
10 ORGANIZATIONS AND LABOR UNIONS. AND WE ARE URGING TO PROPOSE
11 TO THE VOTERS A CHARTER AMENDMENT THAT WILL STRENGTHEN SHERIFF
12 ACCOUNTABILITY AND CREATE A COMMON SENSE STRUCTURE OF CHECKS
13 AND BALANCES. THE LAST TIME THE BOARD BROUGHT A CHARTER
14 AMENDMENT DIRECTLY RELATING TO THE SHERIFF OR THE SHERIFF'S
15 DEPARTMENT WAS 20 YEARS AGO. A GENERATION LATER, IT IS PAST
16 TIME FOR THE BOARD TO BRING THE VOTERS A CHARTER AMENDMENT
17 PROPOSAL THAT WOULD MAXIMIZE THE POWER OF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
18 OVER THE PARAMILITARY OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF. AND THIS
19 PROPOSALS IS NOT ONLY UNDEMOCRATIC, IT ACTUALLY STRENGTHENED
20 THE DEMOCRATIC ACCOUNTABILITY. FOR ONE, U.S. CONGRESS HAS A
21 DUTY AND AUTHORITY TO IMPEACH AND REMOVE AN ELECTED PRESIDENT
22 WHEN NECESSARY. EVEN MORE SO SHOULD THE CIVILIAN BOARD HAVE
23 THE POWER TO IMPEACH AND REMOVE AN ELECTED SHERIFF, A
24 PARAMILITARY OFFICIAL AKIN TO AN ELECTED GENERAL. AND THIS IS
25 NOT JUST FOR THE CURRENT SHERIFF, BUT FOR SHERIFFS TO COME.

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1 AND DON'T ELECT ME [INDISCERNIBLE] SHERIFF ACCOUNTABILITY
2 EVERY FOUR YEARS HAS PROVEN WHOLLY INADEQUATE, AND A RECALL
3 ELECTION IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE IN COUNTIES AS LARGE AS L.A.
4 COUNTY. SO WE ARE URGING YOU TO IMMEDIATELY PROPOSE TO THE
5 BOARD A CHARTER AMENDMENT. WE HAVE SUBMITTED A LETTER TO
6 DETAIL WHAT WE PROPOSE. WE HAVE THE TRUMP OF LOS ANGELES. WE
7 HAVE A CRISIS ON THE WAY. WE ALL TOGETHER NEED TO CHECK --

8

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

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12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF DANIEL
13 GONZALES. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
14 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
15 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

16

17 **DANIEL GONZALES:** HI THERE, MY NAME IS DANIEL GONZALES. I WILL
18 BE SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM 69A. I AM A POLICY ADVOCATE AND
19 COMMUNITY ORGANIZER AT THE LOS ANGELES L.G.B.T. CENTER. I
20 WANTED TO SAY I AM VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THE BOARD OF
21 SUPERVISORS' SUPPORT FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE BAN THAT PREVENTS
22 MANY GAY AND BISEXUAL MEN FROM DONATING BLOOD. AT THIS TIME,
23 THERE IS CURRENTLY A SEVERE BLOOD SHORTAGE ACROSS THE NATION,
24 WHICH IS WORSE THAN THE NATION HAS EVER SEEN BEFORE. AND WE
25 HAVE A WILLING POPULATION WILLING TO DONATE. I SUPPORT THE

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1 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REMOVAL OF THIS DISCRIMINATORY BAN. THANK
2 YOU SO MUCH.

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE CANDACE ZENA. PLEASE
7 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
8 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **CANDACE ZENA:** HELLO. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

11

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

13

14 **CANDACE ZENA:** HELLO, ARE YOU ABLE TO HEAR ME?

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

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18 **CANDACE ZENA:** OKAY, THANK YOU. I AM COMMENTING ON NUMBER 2,
19 SPECIFICALLY FOR MY DAUGHTER. SHE IS AT L.A.U.S.D., AND SHE
20 HAS BEEN WEARING A MASK FOR THIS ENTIRE YEAR, SEVEN HOURS A
21 DAY. I'M GIVING YOU A BEST CASE SCENARIO FOR A KID THAT IS
22 MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY STRONG AND HEALTHY, YET SHE COMES HOME
23 WITH A TICK. EVERY MINUTE SHE IS BLOWING AIR OUT OF HER NOSE.
24 SHE HAS RASHES ALL OVER HER FACE WHERE THE MASK IS. SHE COMES
25 HOME, OUT OF SCHOOL, WALKS A BLOCK AND A HALF TO MEET ME, AND

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1 SHE STILL HAS HER MASK ON. SHE IS NOT TAKING THAT OPPORTUNITY
2 TO TAKE IT OFF TO BREATHE. THIS IS HER ONE CHANCE AFTER
3 SEVEN HOURS. SHE IS ALONE. SHE IS ALLOWED TO TAKE IT OFF, BUT
4 SHE IS PROGRAMMED TO KEEP THE MASK ON. HER COGNITIVE ABILITY
5 TO REALIZE THAT SHE IS ALONE, AND SHE IS NOT A THREAT TO
6 ANYONE, IS NOT PROCESSED THROUGH HER. SHE CAN'T TAKE THE MASK
7 OFF AND BREATHE BECAUSE SHE THINKS SHE HAS TO OPEN KEEP IT ON.
8 SHE IS NOT AFRAID SHE IS GOING TO GET COVID. SHE IS HEALTHY.
9 SHE HAS DONE EVERYTHING SHE IS SUPPOSED TO DO. THIS IS NOT A
10 CHILDHOOD DISEASE. WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO KEEP OUR CHILDREN
11 MASKED. OUTSIDE WHEN SHE IS DOING SPORTS AT SCHOOL, SHE CAN'T
12 BREATHE. SHE TELLS ME --

13

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

16

17 **CANDACE ZENA:** BECAUSE SHE'S YELLED AT IF SHE TAKES HER MASK
18 OFF AND THEN DOESN'T PUT IT RIGHT BACK ON AFTER SHE IS DONE
19 DRINKING OR EATING. SHE IS A HEALTHY CHILD, AND THIS IS THE
20 BEST CASE SCENARIO FOR KIDS LIKE HER.

21

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

24

25 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. YES, ONE MOMENT PLEASE.

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2 **CANDACE ZENA:** WE NEED TO END IT, PLEASE. I AM BEGGING YOU.
3 THANK YOU.

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5 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS FROM THE LINE OF N.J. KING.
6 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY
7 AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU
8 MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **N.J. KING:** GOOD MORNING, AND HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.
11 THIS IS N.J. KING, AND I AM A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT ONE,
12 SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEMS 11, 64, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT,
13 PLEASE. I STRONGLY SUPPORT ITEM 11. THE GOAL OF G.I. IS TO
14 SUPPLEMENT NOT REPLACE ACCESS TO EXISTING WELFARE PROGRAMS.
15 FOR ITEM 64, I STRONGLY OPPOSE IT. IN JULY OF 2020, THE BOARD
16 VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO INCREASE THE TRANSPARENCY AND
17 ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE L.A.S.D., INCLUDING REMOVING L.A.S.D.
18 PATROL FROM COUNTY PARKS IN OCTOBER OF 2020. THAT SAME MONTH,
19 THE SHERIFF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO
20 DEMAND SHERIFF VILLANUEVA'S RESIGNATION. IN MAY OF 2021, THE
21 BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO PROTECT SURVIVING FAMILIES FROM
22 RETALIATION AND HARASSMENT BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THE
23 BOARD IS WELL AWARE THAT WE NEED TO DIVERT FUNDING OUT OF THE
24 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT RATHER THAN EMBOLDENING THIS TOXIC
25 DEPARTMENT WITH MORE FUNDING TO HARM OUR COMMUNITIES. WHAT THE

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1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS ASKING FOR IS TWO MILITARY GRADE TANKS
2 THAT TOGETHER COST OVER \$1 MILLION. NO MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT
3 NEEDS AN ARMORED VEHICLE. THIS IS EXCESSIVE AND WOULD BE A
4 HUGE WASTE OF COUNTY RESOURCES. THE BOARD MUST NOT APPROVE
5 THESE REQUESTS. WE MUST ACKNOWLEDGE THE COUNTY'S ALREADY
6 EXISTING DISPARITIES IN BUDGET PRIORITIES. I URGE THE BOARD
7 OFFICERS TO THINK ABOUT WHAT COULD \$1 MILLION CHANGE THE LIFE
8 OF A COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION. THROWING ANOTHER \$1 MILLION
9 AT THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT THAT ALREADY RECEIVED OVER \$3
10 BILLION A YEAR TO PURCHASE UNNECESSARY MILITARY VEHICLES IS A
11 MISUSE OF COUNTY FUNDS. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MUST ACCOUNT
12 FOR THEIR MISMANAGEMENT OF FUNDS BEFORE RECEIVING ANY MORE
13 FUNDING FOR EQUIPMENT. FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, TWO THINGS.
14 FIRST, I SUPPORT AN L.A. COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT TO KEEP THE
15 SHERIFF ACCOUNTABLE, SPECIFICALLY THE BOARD SHOULD PROPOSE TO
16 THE VOTERS A CHARTER AMENDMENT THAT WILL 1) ESTABLISH AN
17 IMPEACHMENT PROCESS TO ALLOW REMOVAL OF THE SHERIFF FOR
18 SERIOUS MISCONDUCT, 2) REINFORCE THE BOARD'S POLICY MAKING
19 AUTHORITY OVER THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND 3) ESTABLISH
20 PERMANENT AND INDEPENDENT CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT. SECOND, I WOULD
21 LIKE YOU -- I URGE YOU TO MOVE FORWARD WITH MEASURE J FUNDING.
22 ALL THIS TALK ABOUT THE SHERIFF AND THEIR OVER \$3 MILLION
23 BUDGET, AND WE CAN'T GET 300 -- I AM SORRY, THREE -- GEEZ, THE
24 BUDGET IS SO HUGE, IT TRIPS ME UP IN MY WORDS. WE CAN'T GET
25 \$300 MILLION WORKING FOR THE RESOURCES THAT THIS VERY BOARD

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1 HAS ACKNOWLEDGED OUR COMMUNITIES SO DESPERATELY NEED. THE
2 COMMUNITY WAS HEAVILY ENGAGED IN OVER DOZENS OF PLANNING
3 MEETINGS LAST YEAR, AND ONLY PASSED \$187 MILLION FOR THE FIRST
4 YEAR. I REALLY URGE YOU TO MOVE FORWARD TO FULLY FUND THE 10%
5 THAT THE VOTERS THAT WE VOTED FOR, AND URGE THE C.E.O. TO
6 THOUGHTFULLY ENGAGE OUR COMMUNITY TO MAKE -- TO FULLY FUND
7 THESE MEASURES. THANK YOU.

8

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

10

11 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF ROY
12 HUMPHREYS. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
13 ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
14 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

15

16 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** I'LL BE ON ITEMS 9, 11, 31, 52, AND GENERAL
17 PUBLIC COMMENT. AND ON REPURPOSING OF THE U.S.C. GENERAL
18 HOSPITAL FOR HOUSING AND MIXED USE, BUT MY PURPOSE -- MY
19 PROPOSAL FOR THE REPURPOSING OF THE MEN'S JAIL HAS FALLEN ON
20 DEAF EARS, A PROFOUND WASTE. 11, SUSPENSION OF GENERAL
21 REQUIREMENT FOR A GUARANTEED INCOME, TRANSIENTS WILL LOVE THAT
22 ONE. ANNUAL LITIGATION COSTS, THE ME TOO GROUP WOULD
23 TERMINALLY BANKRUPT THE COUNTY AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IF
24 ALL JAIL AND PRISON SEXUAL ASSAULTS WERE COMPENSATED. 52,
25 THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SOLIS FOR EXCLUDING ROWLAND HEIGHTS

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1 FROM THE TRAFFIC SAFETY AND PERPETUATING THE GHETTO-FICATION
2 OF MY COMMUNITY. YOU'RE THE BEST. AN GENERAL COMMENT, YOUR
3 EVALUATION OF DEPARTMENT HEADS SHOULD INCLUDE THE SACKING OF
4 REGIONAL PLANNING FOR REFUSAL TO POST ZOOM ON DEMAND LINKS FOR
5 THE COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT MEETING, WHICH, AS A MATTER
6 OF FACT, OF A DUTY AND INCLUSION AND BRINGING TRANSPORTATION
7 PAIN TO ROWLAND HEIGHTS A LA GHETTO STYLE. THE COUNTY ROADS
8 DEPARTMENT IN BALDWIN PARK HAS TAKEN ONE YEAR TO DO A SIX
9 MONTH PROJECT ON OTTER VINE. AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS' RING
10 DOORBELL PUBLIC SAFETY RESPONSE IS UNIQUE IN A \$72 BILLION
11 BUDGET EXCESS ENVIRONMENT, BUT WHAT THE HECK, WE HAVE A
12 MILLION DOLLAR DOG PARK. WHAT'S TO ASK FOR? AND AGAIN, YOU
13 FAILED TO TAKE ACTION WITH THE STATE AND SO FORTH TO GET THE
14 SEPARATION OF THE JAILS FROM THE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
15 AND YOU FAILED TO COME FORTH WITH A CAMPAIGN TO ESTABLISH
16 TRANSIENT CAMPSITES TO GET THE GHETTO-FICATION OUT OF ROWLAND
17 HEIGHTS AND GET THESE TRANSIENTS OFF OF OUR COMMERCIAL
18 PROPERTIES. YOU CAN SEE DEPUTY DENVER'S LITTLE VIDEO ON MY
19 YOUTUBE CHANNEL TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE INSIGHT ON THAT. OKAY,
20 AND WE ALL REALIZE THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS IN NEED OF
21 A REMAKE, BUT HEY, WE HAVE PUT UP WITH THIS AND FAILED TO DEAL
22 WITH IT FOR DECADES. THANK YOU.

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

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

5

6 **KEN HEPBORN:** I WILL BE ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
7 REGARDING THE D.J.J. SECURE YOUTH [INDISCERNIBLE] HOME, AND
8 ALSO I WANT TO THANK GOOD MORNING TO CHAIR MITCHELL AND TO
9 SUPERVISORS, AND HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHEILA KUEHL, SUPERVISOR. AND
10 I WOULD RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT WE REMOVE AFFLERBAUGH PAIGE FROM
11 CONSIDERATION FOR THE S.Y.T.F. SECURITY YOUTH FACILITY AND
12 INSTEAD USE THE BARRY J. NIDORF AND ALSO KILPATRICK, AS THEY
13 ARE ALREADY HOUSED THERE. WHEN OUR COMMUNITY WAS FACED WITH
14 THE WINDSTORMS AND DAMAGES, AFFLERBAUGH PAIGE WAS EVACUATED
15 AND PUT INTO BARRY J. NIDORF. SO OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE THE
16 FACILITIES THERE. OBVIOUSLY, WE NEED MONEY TO REPURPOSE IT AND
17 MAKE IT A BETTER FACILITY AND MAKE IT LIKE THE KILPATRICK L.A.
18 MODEL. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

19

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

21

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

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1

2 **ROXANNE HOGUE:** GOOD MORNING. AND HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE
3 BIRTHDAY GIRL. [SPEAKING SPANISH] BUT IT IS NOT GOING TO BE
4 GOOD, SO I WON'T. I AM AN IMMIGRANT, A MOTHER OF FOUR, AND I
5 AM SPEAKING ON SET ITEM 2, OPPOSING ITEM 18, AND A GENERAL
6 PUBLIC COMMENT. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR RAISING
7 A VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION THAT HAS OCCURRED TO PARENTS OF
8 CHILDREN ALL ACROSS L.A. COUNTY IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS
9 FOR THE PAST YEAR AND A HALF, DURING WHICH THEIR YOUNG LIVES
10 HAVE BEEN DISRUPTED, DESTROYED, THEIR LIVING THROUGH DESPAIR,
11 AS THE PREVIOUS CALLER STATED. EVEN KIDS THAT SHOULD BE QUOTE
12 UNQUOTE RESILIENT, OR THRIVING, ARE NOT GETTING THE BEST OUT
13 OF THE SCHOOLING EXPERIENCE. MY KIDS ARE MASKED FOR 47 HOURS A
14 WEEK. THAT'S INCLUDING DANCING ON POINT, OUTDOORS. IT NOT ONLY
15 MAKES NO SENSE, IN A TIME WHEN NATURAL IMMUNITY, VACCINES ARE
16 AVAILABLE, AND OMICRON, AS EVERYONE IS MAKING THE PIVOT NOW,
17 HAS SHOWN TO BE MILD, AND WE ALL KNOW THAT COVID IS AGE
18 STRATIFIED, AND THAT CHILDREN HAVE NEVER BEEN AT RISK, THESE
19 ALL NEED TO END. IT IS HIGHLY DISCRIMINATORY. BLACK AND BROWN
20 CHILDREN ARE SUFFERING THE MOST. THE PROBLEMS AND CHALLENGES
21 WE ARE ALL FACING ARE DUE TO THE PANDEMIC RESPONSE, NOT ACTUAL
22 MEDICAL ISSUES. BARBARA FERRER, PH.D., HAS BEEN A DISASTER AT
23 THE HEAD OF L.A. PUBLIC HEALTH, AND IT IS FAR BEYOND TIME TO
24 LISTEN TO HER. WE NEED TO BE AT LEAST IN LINE WITH THE
25 CALIFORNIA STATE GUIDELINES. IN TERMS OF ITEM 18, IT IS

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1 UNCONSCIONABLE, UNAMERICAN, AND I WOULD DARE SAY ANTI ---
2 AGAINST EVERYTHING WE HOLD DEAR, TO FIRE PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT --
3 AND NOT RESPECT TO THEIR PERSONAL BODY AUTONOMY. MANY OF OUR
4 FIRST RESPONDERS AND THE PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO BE FIRED
5 ACTUALLY ARE IMMUNE TO COVID BECAUSE THEY WERE THERE ON THE
6 FRONTLINES. THEY GOT SICK. I AM NOT ANTI-MASK OR ANTI-
7 VACCINE. I AM PRO CHILDREN. I AM PRO FREEDOM. I'M PRO FACES. I
8 AM PRO SMILES. I AM PRO OXYGEN. THE LAST THING I JUST WANT TO
9 SAY, ADDING A WORD TO THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE IS BENEATH THE
10 DIGNITY OF THIS OFFICE. I TOOK AN OATH TO THE CONSTITUTION OF
11 THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. AND I PLEDGED ALLEGIANCE TO THIS
12 COUNTRY WHEN I BECAME A CITIZEN, LEGALLY. AND I HAVE TO SAY,
13 THAT IT IS DISGUSTING TO SAY LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. OH,
14 ONE CAVEAT, IT WOULD BE GREAT IF OUR CHILDREN, WHO DO NOT HAVE
15 A UNION REPRESENTING THEM, COULD GET LIBERTY AND JUSTICE TODAY
16 BY REMOVING THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER THAT IS HURTING SO MANY
17 LIVES. THANK YOU. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AND MAY YOU ALL DO WHAT IS
18 RIGHT FOR THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES.

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

22
23 **MODERATOR:** AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE IN
24 THE ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS ONE AND THEN ZERO AT THIS

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

3

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

6

7 **[INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN SPANISH]**

8

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

10

11 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF
12 BRIAN SMITH. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
13 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
14 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

15

16 **BRIAN SMITH:** YES, GOOD MORNING. I WAS GOING TO SPEAK ON SET
17 MATTER 2, AND 18, AND JUST PIGGYBACK -- AND ON GENERAL PUBLIC,
18 AS WELL. TO PIGGYBACK ON WHAT THE LAST SPEAKER JUST SPOKE ON,
19 THESE ORDERS THAT HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED ACROSS LOS ANGELES
20 COUNTY, EMPLOYEES AND GENERAL PUBLIC, IS ABSOLUTELY
21 RIDICULOUS. THE KIDS, NUMBER ONE, THANK YOU BARGER FOR
22 SPEAKING UP AND STARTING TO MOVE IN THE DIRECTION OF GETTING
23 MASKS OFF OUR CHILDREN AND GETTING THESE MANDATES OFF OUR
24 CHILDREN. THAT SHOULD BE NUMBER ONE BECAUSE WE SHOULD BE
25 LEADING BY EXAMPLE, AND YOU HAVE KIDS ALL AROUND THIS COUNTY

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1 THAT ARE CONTINUING TO STAND UP AND BEGINNING TO SPEAK OUT AND
2 STEP OUT WITH THEIR MASKS OFF AND BEING SUSPENDED, RISKING
3 GETTING SUSPENDED AND MESSING UP THEIR SCHOOL RECORD SO THEY
4 WON'T HAVE TO BE COMPELLED TO CONTINUE THIS MADNESS. SO THAT
5 NEEDS TO STOP NUMBER ONE. NUMBER TWO, WITH THE EVER- CHANGING
6 ENVIRONMENT OF COVID, WE OBVIOUSLY HAVE SEEN, AGAIN,
7 PIGGYBACKING ON THE LAST COMMENT, THAT THE OMICRON VARIANT IS
8 EFFECTING EVERYBODY, THE VACCINATED AND THE UNVACCINATED. WE
9 HAVE PEOPLE THAT ARE DOUBLE, TRIPLE VAXXED, AND SOMETIMES EVEN
10 GETTING QUADRUPLD VAXXED, AND THEY ARE STILL CATCHING, AND
11 THEY ARE STILL GETTING SICK. THAT MAKES YOUR VACCINE POLICY
12 COMPLETELY OBSOLETE. THE VACCINE POLICY ORIGINALLY STATED THAT
13 IT WAS SET UP THE WAY THAT IT WAS SO THAT THOSE THAT CHOSE NOT
14 TO BE VACCINATED WERE VIEWED AS A DANGER TO THE WORK FORCE AND
15 THE PUBLIC THAT THEY ENCOUNTER. HOWEVER, IF THE VACCINATED CAN
16 STILL GET SICK, THEN NOW EVERYBODY IS STILL THAT DANGER. SO
17 NOW, EVERYBODY SHOULD EITHER BE REQUIRED TO TEST, OR NOBODY
18 SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO TEST. THE QUESTIONS YOU GUYS NEED TO
19 START ASKING YOURSELVES IS WHEN WILL THIS END. THIS IS A POWER
20 GRAB ON BEHALF OF ALL OF YOU THAT SIT IN THESE IVORY TOWERS.
21 KUEHL, I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT SOMEBODY WILL CATCH YOU ON CAMERA
22 LATER TODAY CELEBRATING YOUR BIRTHDAY IN AN UNMASKED
23 ENVIRONMENT AROUND A BUNCH OF UNMASKED PEOPLE JUST LIKE THAT
24 HAPPENED THE LAST TIME YOU EXTENDED THESE ORDERS. THIS STUFF

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1 JUST NEEDS TO STOP NOW. SO YOU GUYS ARE BEING PUT ON NOTICE.

2 NOW, THE PUBLIC --

3

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

6

7 **BRIAN SMITH:** AND THEN THEY WILL BEGIN TO FILE LAWSUITS AGAINST
8 ALL THE POWER --

9

10 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL COME FROM THE
11 LINE OF CARRIE MATKINSON. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
12 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON
13 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

14

15 **CARRIE MATKINSON:** HELLO, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. I AM
16 SPEAKING ON SET MATTER NUMBER 2. I AM A MOM, AND I AM A
17 CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST LICENSED IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. AS
18 HELPLESS AS IT SOUNDS, I BEG ALL OF YOU WOMEN TO DROP THE MASK
19 MANDATE AT OUR CHILDREN'S SCHOOLS. I DO FEEL HELPLESS AS A
20 MOM. MY HEART ACHES AND MY ANGER GROWS. AS A PSYCHOLOGIST, I
21 FEEL AFRAID FOR OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE. I AM NOT SURE HOW MUCH
22 YOU KNOW ABOUT NEUROBIOLOGY, SPECIFICALLY THE BRAIN'S
23 DEVELOPMENT FOR EMPATHY. MASKING OUR CHILDREN IS A DETRIMENTAL
24 TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF EMPATHY FOR OTHERS. MOTOR NEURONS AND
25 THE PREFRONTAL CORTEX ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR AN EMPATHETIC

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1 RESPONSE. WHEN OUR CHILDREN DON'T SEE FACIAL EXPRESSIONS, AND
2 I AM NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT SMILES, I AM TALKING ABOUT SORROW,
3 HURT, EMBARRASSMENT, THEIR MOTOR NEURONS DO NOT FIRE. IN THE
4 MIDDLE EAST --

5

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

8

9 **CARRIE MATKINSON:** THEY COVER THEIR FACE IN ORDER TO STOP THE
10 EMPATHY TOWARDS THEM.

11

12 **MODERATOR:** YES, OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GOING TO FROM THE LINE
13 OF OLGA NAGEL. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
14 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
15 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

16

17 **OLGA NAGEL:** GOOD MORNING. I AM CALLING REGARDING 2 AND
18 REGARDING 18. REGARDING 2, I THINK IT IS SO WRONG TO HAVE
19 THESE CHILDREN MASKED. I DID NOT SEND MY -- MASKS AND MY
20 GRANDCHILDREN TO SCHOOL FOR THE SAME REASON. I AM SO AGAINST
21 IT. IT IS INHUMANE, AND IT HAS TO END. ALSO, ON 18, AS YOU
22 KNOW, OVER THE PAST TWO PLUS YEARS, WE HAVE LEARNED SO MUCH
23 ABOUT COVID, AND WE ARE AT A PERIOD WHERE WE SHOULD FOCUS MORE
24 ON THERAPEUTICS AND ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO BE MORE HEALTHY,
25 INSTEAD OF FORCING THESE VACCINES ON PEOPLE, VACCINES THAT WE

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1 DON'T KNOW WHAT THE LONG TERM EFFECT IS GOING TO BE ON THE
2 BODY. IT IS VERY WRONG, AND I THINK THAT FOR YOU TO BE SO
3 GIDDY THIS MORNING DEALING WITH THESE ISSUES IS JUST VERY
4 DISTURBING. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THE LAST THING IS -- ONLY
5 GOD -- ONLY GOD CAN DECIDE THE FATE OF THESE HARDWORKING
6 PEOPLE. WE ARE NOT GOD. WE ARE NOT. EVEN YOU THAT YOU'RE THAT
7 HIGH POSITION THAT YOU FEEL THAT POWER, YOU'RE NOT. THANK YOU.

8

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

10

11 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF
12 VANESSA AND ANTHONY ESTRADA. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
13 ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON
14 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

15

16 **VANESSA ESTRADA:** YES, I AM ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 18. WE
17 STRONGLY OPPOSE THE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL TO
18 SUBMIT AMENDMENTS TO THE CIVIL RULES TO DISCIPLINE THE COUNTY
19 EMPLOYEES WHO WOULD REFUSE TO TAKE THE COVID SHOT. WE STRONGLY
20 FEEL THAT THE BOARD SHOULD RESPECT EMPLOYEES' PERSONAL
21 FREEDOMS, AND THAT ANY DISCIPLINE MEASURES AGAINST THEM WOULD
22 ENDANGER PUBLIC SAFETY. WE CONCUR WITH WHAT SHERIFF VILLANUEVA
23 SHARED IN HIS TESTIMONY. IT IS A VERY CONCERNING BUT IT IS
24 HAPPENING IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES WITH SAFETY, AND THE
25 COUNTY, THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY, AND TO FURTHER REMOVE FUNDS

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1 FOR -- FUNDING OFFICERS WOULD VERY MUCH ENDANGER OUR CITIES
2 MUCH MORE THAN IT ALREADY IS AND OUR COUNTY, THE COUNTY OF LOS
3 ANGELES. A LOOK AT THE JOHN HOPKINS REPORT THAT CAME OUT
4 SPEAKING ABOUT THE TRUTH OF THE MANDATES. AND PLEASE LOOK AT
5 THAT AS A CONSIDERATION BEFORE A DECISION IS MADE. THANK YOU
6 FOR HEARING MY COMMENTS.

7

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

9

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

14

15 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD MORNING. THIS IS DR.
16 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I WANT TO SPEAK TO ITEM 2, 20, AND 18. I
17 AM VERY CONCERNED WHEN A LOT OF THE RESEARCH COMING OUT
18 SHOWING THAT LOCKDOWN IS NOT EFFECTIVE OR VERY LITTLE
19 EFFECTIVE. WHEN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IS GOING TO RELEASE
20 SOME OF THE MASK, YOU KNOW, WEARING ON, WHY L.A. COUNTY DECIDE
21 TO NOT FOLLOW EVEN THE STATE GUIDANCE. I AM APPALLED. IT IS
22 TIME WE REOPEN. I MEAN YOU CANNOT STAY CLOSED FOREVER. AND
23 IT'S REALLY EVIDENT RIGHT NOW THAT MANY PEOPLE SUFFER BECAUSE
24 OF THAT. THIS NEED TO CHANGE. YOU NEED TO WAKE UP, AND YOU
25 NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE DO NOT SUFFER ANY MORE, THE

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1 ECONOMY DOES NOT SUFFER ANY MORE. IT IS TIME TO GO BACK TO
2 DAILY MEETINGS. IT IS BACK TO REOPEN. AND PLEASE, FOLLOW THE
3 GUIDANCE OF SCIENCE AND NOT POLITICAL DESIRE. AND HAPPY
4 BIRTHDAY FOR YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. ANYWAY, I HOPE YOU ARE
5 HAVING A GOOD WEEK. I HOPE THAT YOU STOP TO DO THE RIGHT
6 THING, AND I HOPE THAT YOU RELEASE SOME OF THOSE
7 [INDISCERNIBLE] MEASURES. BYE.

8

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

10

11 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE TRACY HOUSER. PLEASE
12 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
13 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
14 BEGIN.

15

16 **TRACY HOUSER:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU ALL OF YOU FOR THE
17 OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL OF US TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK WHAT WE -- SO
18 MANY OF US HAVE BEEN FRUSTRATED. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON --
19 COMMENTING ITEM 2 AND 18. I AM THE MOTHER OF FOUR, GRANDMOTHER
20 OF SEVEN, AND A SMALL LOCAL BUSINESS OWNER IN THE CITY OF
21 SANTA CLARITA. AND NUMBER ONE, AND FIRST AND FOREMOST, IS
22 MASKING THE CHILDREN, AND I AM JUST GOING TO ECHO WHAT
23 EVERYONE ELSE HAS SAID. IT NEEDS TO STOP. THIS IS A RIDICULOUS
24 THING THAT HAS HAPPENED. THE -- AND I ALSO WANTED TO ECHO WHAT
25 SHERIFF VILLANUEVA SAID. MY SON IS ALSO A FIREMAN. AND THEY

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1 FACE A LOT WORSE DANGER THAN WHAT THIS IS HAS ALL BEEN. AND AS
2 SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS, YOU KNOW, SHUTTING DOWN THE RESTAURANTS
3 HAS DONE IRREPARABLE DAMAGE. AND WHAT IT IS DOING NOW IS
4 MAKING PEOPLE THAT ARE REASONABLY THINKING PEOPLE EXTREMELY
5 SUSPICIOUS OF OUR LEADERS. AND YOU KNOW, THE NUREMBERG CODE,
6 YOU KNOW, NAZI GERMANY WAS NOT SO FAR AWAY. AND AS THE
7 RHETORIC KEEPS GOING, THEM AND OTHERING PEOPLE, WHERE YOU ARE
8 GETTING PEOPLE, IF YOU ARE VACCINATED OR NOT VACCINATED,
9 FAMILIES HAVING FIGHTS OVER SUCH A SILLY THING, IT FEELS LIKE
10 THERE'S A DEEPER BIGGER AGENDA GOING ON, AND I FEEL THAT'S
11 WHAT THESE VOICES ARE ALL TRYING TO TELL YOU. WE WONDER HOW
12 MANY OF OUR POLITICIAN HAVE SOLD OUT TO THE BIG INDUSTRIES AND
13 BIG PHARMA? WE HAVE GIVEN BIG PHARMA FREE LICENSE TO
14 EXPERIMENT ON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. AND NOW THEY ARE GOING
15 AFTER OUR KIDS. AND THIS IS WHAT YOU ARE HEARING. YOU ARE
16 HEARING THE ANGER AND THE FRUSTRATION OF PEOPLE ARE GOING TO
17 DRAW THE LINE AT THE CHILDREN. AND LET ME TELL YOU, PEOPLE
18 THAT ARE VACCINATED ARE DRAWING THE LINE AT THE CHILDREN. SO
19 PLEASE SHOW SOME REASON AND GET THIS -- THIS NEEDS TO STOP. WE
20 ARE LOSING PEOPLE OUT OF CALIFORNIA AT A MASS PACE BECAUSE
21 THEY WON'T VAX THEIR KIDS. I APPRECIATE THIS OPPORTUNITY, AND
22 I, AGAIN, I DON'T HAVE ANY ILL WILL TOWARDS LEADERS. I JUST
23 QUESTION NOW THESE THOUGHTS BEHIND --

24

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

3

4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF LISA
5 RAMIREZ. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
6 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
7 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

8

9 **LISA RAMIREZ:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU FOR TAKING MY CALL. I AM
10 ADDRESSING A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM SPEAKING AGAINST
11 AGENDA NUMBER 18. AND I WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT AS A
12 PERSON OF COLOR, I AM SKEPTICAL OF ANY MEDICAL PROCEDURE BEING
13 FORCED UPON ME. YOU TAKE THAT AND THE RISK OF MYOCARDITIS OF
14 THESE VACCINES, AND YOU CAN UNDERSTAND OUR VIEW AGAINST FORCED
15 VACCINATIONS. WE HAVE ALL PRAYED TO GOD ALMIGHTY, AND HE
16 STANDS WITH US, AND WE HOPE HE ENLIGHTENS THE BOARD OF
17 SUPERVISORS. I AM A LICENSED UNVAXXED REGISTERED NURSE AT A
18 LARGE HEALTHCARE FACILITY IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
19 SEVERAL TRIPLE VAXXED AT OUR LARGE FACILITY GOT AND SPREAD
20 COVID TO ONE ANOTHER, ALL WHILE TAKING CARE OF PATIENTS. I
21 HOPE YOU GUYS REALLY TAKE ALL OF THIS INTO CONSIDERATION.
22 THANK YOU.

23

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

25

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

5

6 **JIM CUNNINGHAM:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I WILL BE SPEAKING
7 ON ITEM NUMBER 18. I AM AN ATTORNEY FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
8 PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, P.O.P.A. WE REPRESENT OVER 6,000
9 OF OUR COUNTY'S BRAVEST AND MOST DEDICATED EMPLOYEES, WHO, 24
10 HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, ARE SERVING THIS GREAT
11 COMMUNITY, CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT COUNTY, AND WE STAND IN
12 STRONG OPPOSITION TO ANY CHANGES IN THE CIVIL SERVICE RULES,
13 WHICH ARE ALREADY EXTREMELY ROBUST IN TERMS OF DISCIPLINE AND
14 DISCIPLINARY APPEALS, ANY CHANGES THAT WOULD HAVE A DIRECT
15 IMPACT ON OUR EMPLOYEES. THERE HAS TO BE OTHER TOOLS AND OTHER
16 AVAILABLE AVENUES TO ADDRESS CONCERNS THAT THE BOARD OF
17 SUPERVISORS MAY HAVE WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OR WITH THE
18 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, BUT TO PUNISH THE SHERIFF'S EMPLOYEES BY
19 A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE CHARTER, WE WOULD SUBMIT IS NOT
20 ONLY POTENTIALLY ILLEGAL AND MAY RUN AFOUL OF THE STATE
21 CONSTITUTION AND THE PEACE OFFICER BILL OF RIGHTS, BUT WILL
22 ALSO BE INCREDIBLY DISRUPTIVE, DISRUPTIVE TO THE VERY MEN AND
23 WOMEN THAT YOU ARE COUNTING IN AND DAY IN AND DAY OUT,
24 OVERTIME, LOSS OF VACATION, ALL OF THE IMPACT THAT THE
25 EMPLOYEES ALREADY SUFFER.

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

4

5 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF PAUL
6 SCRIVANO. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
7 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
8 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **PAUL SCRIVANO:** THANK YOU. PAUL SCRIVANO, I WILL COMMENT ON 2
11 AND 18 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. ON 2, VERY SIMPLY, FOR HER
12 ARROGANCE OVERREACH AND MISHANDLING, BARBARA FERRER SHOULD BE
13 FIRED IMMEDIATELY. ON 18, I SAY GOD BLESS SHERIFF VILLANUEVA.
14 THESE MEN AND WOMEN THAT ARE IN FEAR OF LOSING THEIR JOBS ARE
15 THE STRONGEST FITTEST PEOPLE IN OUR COUNTY. VAX OR NO VAX, IT
16 IS OBVIOUS THAT IT DOES NOT MATTER THAT YOU WILL CATCH OR
17 TRANSMIT COVID. IT IS A VERY WEAK STRAIN RIGHT NOW. WE
18 CURRENTLY LIVE IN A ZOO WITHOUT WALLS ON THE STREETS OF LOS
19 ANGELES, FLAILING, CONVULSING, ANGRY, PEOPLE ROAM THE STREETS.
20 MY SHOPPING CENTERS HAVE BEEN BROKEN INTO TEN TIMES SINCE
21 AUGUST, AND I HAVE BEEN ASSAULTED MULTIPLE TIMES TRYING TO
22 KEEP THESE PEOPLE OF OF MY SHOPPING CENTERS. THIS CANNOT GO
23 ON. THIS CRIME WAVE IS RIDICULOUS. FIRING THESE PEOPLE, FIRING
24 THESE DEPUTIES, DEFUNDING, AS SHEILA KUEHL CONTINUES TO DO, IT
25 IS NO SHOCK THAT SHE BROUGHT THIS RECOMMENDATION. ON GENERAL

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1 PUBLIC COMMENT, FOR CONTEXT AS TO WHY SHEILA KUEHL LOVES
2 CRIME, HATES THE SHERIFFS, IN APRIL OF 2018, SHE CAME INTO
3 THE CITY OF CALABASAS AND SPENT \$3 MILLION FROM HER
4 DISCRETIONARY FUND TO PUT LIGHTING ON ABOUT HALF A MILE'S
5 WORTH OF THE MOST VILE VIOLENT GANG GRAFFITI AND TAGS
6 UNDERNEATH THE 101 FREEWAY. SHE SAID, SHE STATED IN THE ACORN,
7 WE KEPT THE GRAFFITI ARTWORK IN THE TUNNELS BECAUSE THAT'S
8 HISTORIC. THE L.A. COUNTY CODE 13.12.090 SAYS THE SUPERVISORS
9 DEEM GRAFFITI TO BE A NUISANCE SUBJECT TO ABATEMENT BECAUSE OF
10 ITS DELETERIOUS AND DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE COUNTY AND LEADS
11 TO MORE VIOLENT CRIMES. SHEILA KUEHL SHOULD STEP DOWN
12 IMMEDIATELY. WE DON'T NEED TO WAIT FOR NOVEMBER. I WILL RUN
13 FOR SUPERVISOR IN NOVEMBER, AND I WILL CHANGE THIS COUNTY
14 AROUND.

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

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19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF ANDRE
20 ZENDEK. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
21 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
22 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23
24 **ANDRE ZENDEK:** YES, HI, GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, AND HAPPY
25 BIRTHDAY. MY NAME IS ANDRE ZENDEK. AND THIS IS GENERAL PUBLIC

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1 COMMENT. ALSO, I AM CALLING REPRESENTING ALL THE HOMEOWNERS UP
2 HER AT FERDINAND FALLS. WE HAVE BEEN LANDLOCKED HERE AND
3 TRAPPED IN OUR HOMES WITH NO VEHICULAR ACCESS SINCE THE LAST
4 RAINSTORM WASHED OUT OR ONLY WAY IN AND OUT. AND UP TO THIS
5 POINT, IT REALLY HASN'T BEEN AN ISSUE, BUT NOW IT IS STARTING
6 TO BE A CRISIS. MOM HAS ALREADY MISSED TWO DOCTORS'
7 APPOINTMENTS AND HAS AN EYE INFECTION. I HAVE NO WAY TO GET
8 HER TO THE DOCTOR. TO GET TO MY CAR, I HAVE WALK A QUARTER
9 MILE DOWN A HILL OVER A BRIDGE A CREEK AND UP ANOTHER HILL,
10 WHICH IS FINE FOR ME. I'M 65 AND STILL RELATIVELY YOUNG, BUT
11 BUT MOM IS 97. I CAN'T PUT HER ON MY BACK AND DO ALL THIS.
12 NOW, I AM NOT JUST HERE TO COMPLAIN, I HAVE A SOLUTION. SO
13 THERE IS ANOTHER WAY OUT TO THE WEST. IT GOES OVER THE H.O.A.
14 PRIVATE STREETS, WHICH WE'RE NOT ALLOWED TO DRIVE DUE TO A
15 1999 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE HOMEOWNERS ON THE
16 H.O.A. THE COUNTY CAN COME IN WITH THEIR LAWYERS TOMORROW, AND
17 WE NEED THIS DONE NOW. WE ARE IN A CRISIS MODE. WE CAN'T FEED
18 OUR ANIMALS. MY MOTHER CAN'T GET MEDICAL HELP. GOD FORBID SHE
19 DIES BECAUSE SHE CAN'T GET MEDICAL CARE. THE COUNTY COULD
20 BRING A LAWYER IN AND --

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

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

5

6 **KATHY LEDGERWOOD:** YES, GOOD MORNING. I AM SPEAKING ON AGENDA
7 NUMBER 18 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, CHAIR
8 MITCHELL AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS. THIS
9 MOTION NUMBER 18 IS COMPLETE OVERREACH TO OUR SHERIFF'S
10 DEPARTMENT. WE, THE PEOPLE, VOTED FOR OUR SHERIFF AND HIS
11 AUTONOMY AS DIRECTOR OF HIS DEPARTMENT. THE SHERIFF'S
12 DEPARTMENT SINCE HE IS ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE. UNDER THE LAWS
13 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND UNDER THE
14 CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION, THE SHERIFF OPERATES THE SHERIFF'S
15 DEPARTMENT. THIS MOTION ATTEMPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
16 IS ILLEGAL. IN ADDITION, I REQUEST YOU FULLY FUND THE
17 SHERIFF'S BUDGET AND REMOVE THE HIRING FREEZE, AND FINALLY,
18 OUR BODIES ARE OUR OWN. AGAIN, OVERREACH. TO FIRE COUNTY
19 EMPLOYEE WHOSE HAVE CHOSEN NOT TO COMPLY WITH THE VACCINATION
20 VIOLATES OUR FREEDOM WITHIN THE CONSTITUTION AND OF OUR BILL
21 OF RIGHTS. MANY OF THESE EMPLOYEES HAVE HAD COVID AND HAVE
22 NATURAL IMMUNITY, WHICH THE C.D.C. HAS, AT THIS POINT, DEEMED
23 20 MONTHS OF IMMUNITY. IT IS ONLY 20 MONTHS BECAUSE THAT'S ALL
24 THE TIME THAT THEY HAVE LOOKED AT IT. AND LET ME REMIND ONE
25 FINAL THING, THE E.U.A. AUTHORIZATION IS NOT AN F.D.A.

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1 APPROVED VACCINE. AND SO, AT THIS POINT, TO REQUIRE
2 INDIVIDUALS TO PUT AN E.U.A. VACCINE INTO PEOPLE IS TOTALLY
3 ILLEGAL AND AGAINST OUR BILL OF RIGHTS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
4 TIME AND HAVE A GREAT DAY.

5

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

7

8 **MODERATOR:** ONE MOMENT PLEASE. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM
9 THE LINE OF BRENDA VILLANOVA. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA
10 ITEMS YOU WISH TO ADDRESS TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS
11 ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

12

13 **BRENDA VILLANOVA:** YES. I AM GOING TO ADDRESS ITEM 69A. GOOD
14 MORNING, MY NAME IS BRENDA VILLANOVA. I AM A HEALTH POLICY
15 ADVOCATE AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZER AT THE LOS ANGELES L.G.B.T.
16 CENTER. I AM EXTREMELY APPRECIATIVE OF THE BOARD OF
17 SUPERVISORS SUPPORT FOR THE REMOVAL OF A BAN THAT PRESENTS
18 MANY GAY AND BISEXUAL MEN FROM BECOMING BLOOD DONORS. THE BAN
19 IS DISCRIMINATORY AND OUTDATED, AND ALL DONORS SHOULD BE
20 TREATED EQUALLY. AS OTHER COUNTRIES ARE LIFTING BANS, WE
21 BELIEVE THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD FOLLOW SUIT. THANK YOU.

22

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

25

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1 **MODERATOR:** YES, ONE MOMENT, PLEASE. OUR NEXT SPEAKER -- ONE
2 MOMENT. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF SUSANNA
3 SHIELD. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
4 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
5 PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

6

7 **SUSANNA SHIELD:** YES, HI THERE. 2 AND 18, AND YES ON GENERAL
8 COMMENT. WE ARE IN COMPLETE -- OUR FAMILY IS IN COMPLETE
9 SUPPORT OF SHERIFF VILLANUEVA AND AGAINST ANY TYPE OF FORCED
10 INJECTIONS. I AM ALSO A PROUD IMMIGRANT TO THE UNITED STATES,
11 AND I WAS SURPRISED BY THE LAST WORDS OF OUR PLEDGE OF
12 ALLEGIANCE, BUT YES I DO HOPE OUR CHILDREN RECEIVE JUSTICE
13 TODAY. AND IF NOT, WE ARE PULLING OUR CHILDREN FROM THE PUBLIC
14 SCHOOL SYSTEM. PLEASE UNMASK OUR KIDS. STOP THE SIX FEET
15 DISTANCING AND STOP THE TESTING TODAY. THESE MANDATES ARE
16 CAUSING MORE HARM REGARDING SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING, MENTAL
17 WELLNESS, THE OVERALL HEALTH OF OUR CHILDREN. AS PER O.S.H.A.
18 THESE SURGICAL AND N95 MASKS CAUSE ADVERSE HEALTH CONDITIONS
19 AND SHOULD NOT BE USED IN EVERY DAY LIFE, ESPECIALLY ON OUR
20 CHILDREN. PLEASE REFER TO O.S.H.A. AND PUBMED FOR MANY OTHER
21 STUDIES AND VIRUSES THAT ARE NOT CONTAINED, AND KNOW THAT
22 VIRUSES ARE NOT CONTAINED BY WEARING MASKS. THAT MEANS YOU
23 WOULD HAVE TO COVER UP YOUR EYES, ORIFICES OF YOUR EARS, AND,
24 OF COURSE, THE PORES OF YOUR SCREEN. YOU ARE TAKING ADVICE
25 FROM A BARBARA FERRER, WHO IS A PSYCHOLOGIST AND NOT A MEDICAL

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1 DOCTOR. THE HIPPOCRATIC OATH STATES DO NO HARM. IF GOVERNOR
2 NEWSOM SENDS HIS CHILDREN TO MASKLESS SCHOOLS, MASKLESS CAMPS,
3 MASKLESS SPORTS CLUBS, THEN IT IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR US TO UNMASK
4 OUR CHILDREN. RECENTLY, GOVERNOR NEWSOM AND MAYOR GARCETTI
5 ATTENDED A LARGE GATHERING INSIDE A FANCY -- INSIDE FANCY SKY
6 BOXES WITHOUT MASKS AND WITHOUT SIX FEET APART. MOST OF THESE
7 TESTS ARE QUOTE, MADE IN CHINA. AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS
8 A D.N.A. DATA COLLECTION EXERCISE. WHY ARE WE DOING THIS? WHY
9 ARE YOU ALSO TAKING MONEY FROM THE GOVERNMENT TO FORCE THESE
10 MANDATES ON OUR CHILDREN? WHY ARE OUR SCHOOLS BEING PAID OFF
11 TO ENFORCE THESE UNLAWFUL MANDATES? THESE MANDATES NEED TO
12 STOP FOR OUR CHILDREN TODAY. WE ARE WATCHING VERY CLOSELY ON
13 HOW YOU VOTE, AND WE WILL VOTE ACCORDINGLY. GOD BLESS YOU AND
14 DO THE RIGHT THING.

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

17
18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE BURTON BRINK. PLEASE
19 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
20 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
21 BEGIN.

22
23 **BURTON BRINK:** HI, I WILL BE ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 2
24 AND NUMBER 18. MY NAME IS COMMISSIONER BURTON BRINK. I AM A
25 RETIRED SERGEANT FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S

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1 DEPARTMENT, AND I MA ALSO RUNNING FOR STATE ASSEMBLY IN THE
2 SPECIAL ELECTION ON FEBRUARY 15TH. I AM AGAINST MASKING OUR
3 CHILDREN. IT IS TIME TO LET OUR CHILDREN BREATHE AND HAVE AN
4 OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN PROPERLY. WE HAVE SHOWN THAT THE MASKS
5 ARE ALSO AFFECTING PEOPLE'S IMMUNE SYSTEMS. THE CHILDREN ARE
6 HAVING PROPER -- TO HAVE A PROPER IMMUNE SYSTEM, YOU NEED TO
7 BREATHE PROPERLY AND BREATHE IN THE ELEMENTS TO HELP GET THEIR
8 IMMUNE SYSTEM GOING, SO THIS IS REALLY BAD, AND IT IS TIME TO
9 ADDRESS THIS AND STOP THE MASK MANDATES FOR OUR CHILDREN. IN
10 REGARDS TO ITEM NUMBER 18, I AM AGAINST FIRING OUR LOS ANGELES
11 COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO FAIL TO GET THE VACCINE. WE JUST LOST A
12 MEMBER WHO RECEIVED THE VACCINE, THE SECOND DOSE, AND WAS
13 HOSPITALIZED SHORTLY THEREAFTER, AND HE PASSED AWAY THIS
14 MORNING. HE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
15 MANY MEMBERS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET THE VACCINE OR THE
16 SHOT ON THEIR OWN. THEY DON'T NEED TO HAVE A VACCINE MANDATE
17 BROUGHT ON TO THEM BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NOR
18 SHOULD THERE BE A MANDATORY VACCINE FOR THEM TO DO SO. PEOPLE
19 HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY ALREADY TO HAVE A VACCINE IF THEY CHOOSE
20 TO DO SO THROUGH THEIR DOCTORS, AND IT SHOULD BE BETWEEN THEIR
21 DOCTORS AND THEM. FORCING OUT THESE MEMBERS OF OUR SHERIFF'S
22 DEPARTMENT AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY THAT
23 HAVE BEEN WORKING THROUGH THIS PANDEMIC, DAY IN AND DAY OUT,
24 WITHOUT A VACCINE, GOT SICK. I KNOW MANY OF MY FRIENDS WHO
25 HAVE BEEN SIX THROUGH THE VACCINE -- THROUGH THE PANDEMIC. AND

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1 SOME ARE VACCINATED, AND SOME ARE NOT. WE HAVE SHOWN THAT THE
2 VACCINE DOES NOT STOP THE COVID, AND THEREFORE, IT SHOULD NOT
3 BE A MANDATORY TAKE THE SHOT OR LOSE YOUR JOB. IT COSTS
4 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO PUT OUR PEOPLE THROUGH THE --

5

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

8

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

13

14 **MATTHEW BOYCE:** THANK YOU FOR THE TIME, ITEM 2 AND GENERAL
15 PUBLIC COMMENT. FOR TWO YEARS, WE WITNESSED THIS BOARD AND THE
16 HEALTH DEPARTMENT MAKE DECISIONS FOR US AS PARENTS AND OUR
17 CHILDREN THAT DID NOT ALIGN WITH QUALIFIED HEALTH EXPERTS AND
18 THE C.D.C. WE HAVE HAD TWO CHILD SUICIDES AMIDST COVID
19 DISTANCE LEARNING PRESSURES IN OUR COMMUNITY, YOUR COMMUNITY,
20 SUPERVISOR HAHN. OUR CHILDREN ARE IN CRISIS. SUPERVISOR
21 MITCHELL, YOU CRITICIZED YOUR PEER, SUPERVISOR BARGER. IT IS
22 YOU WHO NEEDS TO HEAR CRITICISM, AND WE ARE GOING TO DO THAT
23 TODAY. YOU HOSTED THE GOVERNOR LAST MONDAY IN A PRESS
24 CONFERENCE TO BLATANTLY LIE ABOUT FOLLOWING YOUR RULES. WHY
25 ARE THE SAME PUBLIC HEALTH VIOLATION FINES ENFORCED ON

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1 BUSINESSES IN YOUR DISTRICT NOT BEING LEVIED ON SO FRY
2 STADIUM, THE GOVERNOR, AND THE L.A. MAYOR. SUPERVISOR BARGER
3 SHOULD BE APPLAUDED. IN CLOSING, THIS WEEK, YOU ALL IN THE
4 PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO EFFECTIVELY
5 ENFORCE YOUR DRACONIAN MANDATES WHILE 100,000 PEOPLE ATTEND
6 THE SUPER BOWL IN INGLEWOOD. THE DAY AFTER THE SUPER BOWL, OUR
7 CHILDREN, MY CHILDREN, WILL GO BACK TO BEING DISTANCED AND
8 MASKED FOR OVER SEVEN HOURS A DAY. CHILDREN ARE BEING FORCED
9 TO WEAR MASKS WHEN THEY RUN, PLAY SPORTS, OUTDOORS. THEY ARE
10 BEING MADE TO BELIEVE THAT PEOPLE CAN GET SICK AND DIE FROM
11 THEIR SIMPLE ACT OF BREATHING. WE ARE GOT GOING TO LET YOU
12 IGNORE US ANY MORE. WE ARE NOT GOING TO LET YOU HARM OUR
13 CHILDREN ANY LONGER. ALIGN WITH THE STATE OR RESIGN. THANK
14 YOU.

15

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

17

18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF ASHLEY
19 PRESLEY. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
20 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
21 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

22

23 **ASHLEY PRESLEY:** GOOD MORNING. I AM CALLING TO ADDRESS ITEM
24 NUMBER 18. I AM IN COMPLETE OPPOSITION OF THIS AND MORTIFIED
25 THAT IT IS EVEN BEING CONSIDERED. AS AN L.A. COUNTY DEPUTY, MY

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1 HUSBAND HAS SHOWN UP TO PROTECT AND SERVE THIS COUNTY DURING
2 THE ENTIRE COVID PERIOD. I AM A FEDERAL EMPLOYEE AND RECALL
3 WORKING FROM HOME, AS I AM SURE MANY OF YOU BOARD MEMBERS WERE
4 AS WELL, AND I CAN TELL YOU ARE STILL REMOTELY WORKING, DURING
5 THE 2020 RIOTS AND WATCHING IN HORROR ON T.V. WITH MY THREE
6 KIDS WHILE MY HUSBAND WAS ON THE FRONTLINE, AND TO THINK THESE
7 ARE THE MEN AND WOMEN THAT YOU GUYS ARE CONSIDERING FIRING IS
8 VERY DISAPPOINTING. NOW THAT IT HAS BEEN PROVEN THAT YOU CAN
9 TEST POSITIVE AND TRANSMIT WHILE VACCINATED, THERE IS ZERO
10 LOGICAL ARGUMENTS FOR FIRING EMPLOYEES WHO CHOOSE NOT TO BE
11 VACCINATED. IN FACT, I WOULD ARGUE THAT SOME OF THESE
12 UNVACCINATED EMPLOYEES THAT TEST NEGATIVE WEEKLY ARE SAFER TO
13 BE AROUND THAN THE VACCINATED ONES. LET'S NOT MAKE THIS COUNTY
14 MORE UNSAFE THAN IT ALREADY IS. WE VALUE OUR SAFETY AND OUR
15 DEPUTIES AND DON'T WANT TO LOSE THESE VALUABLE MEN AND WOMEN
16 JUST BECAUSE OF AN ILLOGICAL MANDATE. THANK YOU.

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

19
20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF
21 STEPHANIE LUNA. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
22 ADDRESSING TODAY. AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
23 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1 **STEPHANIE LUNA:** GOOD MORNING. I WILL BE ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEM
2 18 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. IT IS NOT SURPRISING HOW ALEX
3 VILLANUEVA IS CALLING IN TO ENSURE THAT HIS MURDEROUS DEPUTIES
4 DO NOT GET RELIEVED OF DUTY FOR THEIR NONCOMPLIANCE WITH THE
5 COUNTY'S COVID-19 POLICIES AND TALKING ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY AS
6 IF HIS DEPARTMENT ISN'T RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BRUTALIZATION OF
7 OUR COMMUNITIES. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS CONSISTENTLY
8 BROKEN THE LAW AND GOTTEN AWAY WITH IT BECAUSE THEY ARE TAUGHT
9 TO ACT AS IF THEY ARE ABOVE THE LAW. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE
10 BOARD TAKES A STAND AGAINST THE CORRUPTION AND MISCONDUCT THAT
11 SURROUNDS THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND PUT THIS CHARTER
12 AMENDMENT ON THE BALLOT BECAUSE, WHILE SOME OF YOU THINK WE
13 HAVE THE TIME TO SIT AND WAIT FOR THE SHERIFF ELECTIONS TO
14 COME AROUND, WE DON'T. THESE ELECTIONS COME AROUND EVERY TWO
15 YEARS. AND BY THEN, WE HAVE A ROGUE UNHINGED SHERIFF SIMILAR
16 TO THE ONE WE DO NOW, AND ANY OTHER SHERIFF THAT IS TO COME.
17 HOW MANY MORE LIVES DO THESE DEPUTIES HAVE TO TAKE FOR YOU TO
18 REALIZE WE ARE RUNNING OUT OF TIME. THIS IS A HUMAN RIGHTS
19 CRISIS THAT HAS BEEN BROUGHT UPON US BY THE SHERIFF'S
20 DEPARTMENT. LAW ENFORCEMENT CAN'T BE TRUSTED TO POLICE
21 THEMSELVES. YOU HEAR OF DEPUTIES GETTING CHARGED WITH PERJURY,
22 BUT WHAT ARE THEIR CONSEQUENCES? YOU HEAR OF DEPUTIES
23 MURDERING OUR CHILDREN, BUT WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES? YOU
24 HAVE HEARD OF DEPUTIES HARASSING GRIEVING FAMILIES AND EVEN
25 SOME OF YOU THAT ARE SITTING ON THE BOARD TODAY, BUT WHAT ARE

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1 THEIR CONSEQUENCES? THERE ARE NONE BECAUSE THEY HIDE BEHIND
2 THEIR DEPUTY LAWS, [INDISCERNIBLE], AND ARE PROTECTED BY
3 VILLANUEVA. THIS CHARTER AMENDMENT HAS EVERYTHING TO DO WITH
4 US BEING CAPABLE OF PROTECTING OUR FAMILY AND COMMUNITY FROM
5 THE ABUSE THIS DEPARTMENT IS CAPABLE OF CONTINUING TO INFLICT
6 ON US. THANK YOU.

7

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

9

10 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF TINA
11 MASERAMICO. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
12 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
13 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

14

15 **TINA MASERAMICO:** HI. ITEM 18 AND GENERAL COMMENT, AND HAPPY
16 BIRTHDAY TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR YEARS OF
17 SERVICE. PLEASE KEEP OUR OFFICERS, OUR DEPUTIES, EMERGENCY
18 PERSONNEL, REGARDLESS OF VACCINE STATUS. IT IS A DRASTIC
19 MEASURE TO TAKE THEIR JOBS AWAY. IT PUTS OUR COMMUNITY IN
20 DANGER, AND OVER-STRESSES THE EMPLOYEES. ISN'T THERE A -- SOME
21 KIND OF COMPROMISE, EDUCATION, COVID VACCINE EDUCATION, OR
22 TESTING, WE ARE ALREADY DOING TESTING, SOME COMPROMISE BECAUSE
23 THESE PEOPLE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT SHOWED UP IN MARCH OF 2020,
24 APRIL OF 2020, WHEN IT WAS REALLY DANGEROUS, WHEN WE REALLY
25 DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON. AND I UNDERSTAND THINGS CHANGE,

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1 BUT WE WENT FROM TWO WEEKS TO SLOW THE SPREAD, TO NOW WE ARE
2 GOING TO LET GO OF THOUSANDS OF OUR GOOD EMPLOYEES. SO I AM
3 ASKING, I'M BEGGING YOU TO SAVE OUR COMMUNITIES, TO NOT DO
4 THIS TO OUR OFFICERS. AND A GENERAL COMMENT, THANK YOU TO
5 SHERIFF VILLANUEVA FOR BEING THE VOICE OF REASON AND FOR
6 STANDING UP FOR YOUR DEPUTIES AND FOR THE COMMUNITY.

7

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

9

10 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF APRIL
11 DRAUGHTY. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
12 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
13 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** HELLO. PLEASE BEGIN.

16

17 **APRIL DRAUGHTY:** I AM SPEAKING ON SET MATTERS 2 AND GENERAL
18 PUBLIC COMMENT. GREETINGS, LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
19 AND ALL PRESENT. I AM APRIL DRAUGHTY. I'VE BEEN A PART OF THIS
20 COMMUNITY FOR 18 YEARS AND I'M RAISING MY 13 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER
21 HERE, WHO ATTENDS L.A.U.S.D. SCHOOLS. I WANT TO FIRST ADDRESS
22 SUPERVISOR BARGER. SUPERVISOR BARGER, IF WE HAD A CITY FULL OF
23 OFFICIALS WITH YOUR LEVEL OF INTEGRITY, SENSIBILITIES,
24 SINCERITY, AND GALL, I BELIEVE THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR THIS
25 MEETING. SINCE THIS COVID REGIME WAS EXECUTED IN OUR CITY, I

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1 HAVE WATCHED YOU BOLDLY GO AGAINST THE GRAIN AND TAKE MANY
2 MANY STANDS AGAINST OUR GOVERNOR, OUR TEACHERS' UNION, OUR
3 MAYOR, AND MANY OTHERS WHILE YOUR CONSTITUENTS LEFT YOU
4 STANDING THERE AS THEY TOWED THE CROOKED LINE. I HOPE THEY
5 DON'T DO THAT TODAY. SUPERVISORS, I DON'T CLAIM TO KNOW THE
6 FULL SCOPE OF YOUR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS NOR WHAT YOU DO OR
7 DO NOT HAVE TO POWER TO CHANGE, BUT YOU DO KNOW. YOU WILL HAVE
8 TO FORGIVE ME. I HAVEN'T BEEN IN POLITICS VERY LONG. I DIDN'T
9 GET INTO POLITICS UNTIL POLITICIANS AND LEADERS IN THIS CITY
10 BECAME MY CHILD'S DIRECT PERPETRATORS. THERE IS NO LEGAL,
11 SCIENTIFIC, OR MEDICAL BASIS FOR THIS MASK REQUIREMENT. YOU
12 ARE SUFFOCATING OUR CHILDREN, LITERALLY, AS WELL AS MENTALLY
13 AND SPIRITUALLY. AS ELECTED OFFICIALS, WE ARE ASKING YOU TO
14 DEMAND THAT ALL SCHOOLS STOP TESTING, INJECTING, QUARANTINING,
15 AND MASKING CHILDREN THAT HAVE A 99.98% CHANCE OF RECOVERY
16 SHOULD THEY LEGITIMATELY CONTRACT COVID-19 OR ANY OTHER
17 VARIANT. IF YOU TRULY ARE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO FOCUS ON
18 REGARDING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN, WE DON'T NEED
19 ANY MORE FOOD. WE CAN FEED OUR OUR CHILDREN. WE DON'T NEED
20 GOOD BANKS. WE DON'T NEED GRAB AND GOES. WE NEED TO WORK, AND
21 WE NEED OUR KIDS TO GO TO SCHOOL. WE ASK THAT YOU LOOK AT
22 L.A.U.S.D.'S ADMITTED DRAMATIC INCREASE IN RATES OF
23 DEPRESSION, ANXIETY, SUICIDE, ALONG WITH THE EFFECTS OF
24 CONSTANTLY TELLING OUR CHILDREN THEY ARE A LITERAL DEATH
25 THREAT TO THEMSELVES AND OTHERS AND MUZZLING THEIR BREATH AND

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1 SPEECH TO THAT END. PLEASE LOOK AROUND. THERE IS MORE OF A
2 CHANCE AND THREAT OF OUR CHILDREN GETTING ILL FROM BEING
3 HARMED FROM TRACKING IN HUMAN FECES AND URINE THAT THEY STEP
4 IN AND AROUND OUR CITY, OR BEING SHOT, STABBED, RAPED, OR
5 ROBBED ON OUR STREETS THAN THERE IS OF COVID, WHICH IS ANOTHER
6 REASON TO STOP HARASSING OUR POLICE AND FIREMEN AND WOMEN
7 ALONG WITH OUR CHILDREN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. HAVE A
8 BLESSED DAY.

9

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** THE NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF
13 MADISON LEE. PLEASES STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
14 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
15 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

16

17 **MADISON LEE:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS MADISON LEE. I WILL BE
18 SPEAKING ON ITEM NUMBER 18. I HAVE LIVED IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT
19 FOR 26 YEAR, WHICH HAS A 43% HIGHER CRIME RATE THAN OTHER
20 CITIES AND TOWNS OF ITS SIZE. IT HAS A HIGHER CRIME RATE THAN
21 THE NATIONAL MEDIAN, AND WITH VIOLENT CRIMES EXTREMELY HIGH
22 AND CONTINUING TO CLIMB, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS FOCUSED
23 ON TAKING DEPUTIES AND FIREFIGHTERS OFF THE STREET AND FIRING
24 THEM. THE VACCINE DOESN'T PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID FROM THE
25 PERSONNEL HAVING COMPLIED WITH MASK MANDATES AND REPORTING

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1 MEASURES. THE EMPLOYEES HAVE ALSO BEEN TESTING, AND THIS WILL
2 GREATLY IMPACT COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN LOW INCOME
3 AREAS. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE NOT LIVING IN LOW INCOME
4 AREAS, SO THIS DOES NOT AFFECT THEM. THIS IS A HUGE SAFETY
5 RISK, AND WE ARE ROLLING THE DICE ON OUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY.
6 PLEASE VOTE TO OPPOSE THIS. LASTLY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHEILA. I
7 CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOUR MASKLESS PHOTOS LATER. THANK YOU.

8

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

10

11 **MODERATOR:** THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF ASHLEY
12 GARENO. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING
13 TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU
14 MAY BEGIN.

15

16 **ASHLEY GARDENO:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD. THANK YOU FOR HEARING ME.
17 I WILL BE ADDRESSING LINE ITEM NUMBER 2 AND NUMBER 18, YES,
18 PUBLIC. FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SHERIFF VILLANUEVA. YOU
19 ARE A TRAILBLAZER AND A LEADER. AND I THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU
20 DO. ALSO KATHRYN BARGER, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR WHAT YOU DO. I
21 HAVE MET YOU IN PERSON AT EVENTS, AND I HAVE ALWAYS THOUGHT
22 THAT YOU SPEAK SENSE IN A WORLD OF CRAZY. MY CHILDREN ARE 9
23 AND 11. THEY GO TO PUBLIC SCHOOL IN SANTA CLARITA VALLEY AND
24 HAVE ALWAYS LOVED SCHOOL, ALWAYS LOVED GOING, HAVE ALWAYS BEEN
25 EXCITED TO LEARN AND BE THERE. AND THEY HAVE NOT LATELY. FOR

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1 THE FIRST TIME, MY SON IS IN SIXTH GRADE, FOR THE FIRST TIME I
2 GOT A CALL FROM SCHOOL, FROM THE VICE PRINCIPAL. HE WASN'T IN
3 A LOT OF TROUBLE, BUT HE IS BORED. AND HE CAN'T CONCENTRATE.
4 AND THEY CAN'T FOCUS. AND THESE MASKS ARE TERRIBLE. IT IS NOT
5 OKAY. I COME FROM A FAMILY WITH FIRST RESPONDERS, A LONG LINE
6 OF FIRST RESPONDERS. THEY WERE EXPECTED TO GO OUT THERE, DO
7 THEIR JOB, AND BE IN WHAT WE CONSIDER HARM'S WAY WITH COVID.
8 AND THEY WENT. THEY DID THEIR JOBS. THEY RISKED THEIR LIVES.
9 THEY DID EVERYTHING THEY NEEDED TO DO, AND TO NOW FORCE THIS
10 UPON THEM IS HORRIFIC AND WRONG. MY SON -- I AM NOT ANTI-VAX.
11 I AM NOT ANTI-ANYTHING. I AM PROTECT MY CHILDREN. MY SON DID
12 HAVE AN ADVERSE REACTION TO A VACCINE WHEN HE WAS YOUNGER. AND
13 NOW, I CAN'T GET HIM AN EXEMPTION BECAUSE DOCTORS WON'T GIVE
14 IT ANYMORE BECAUSE THEY ARE AFRAID TO LOSE THEIR LICENSE. THIS
15 IS TERRIBLE AND WRONG. AND I WORK IN REAL ESTATE IN THE SANTA
16 CLARITA VALLEY, AND I CAN TELL YOU RIGHT NOW THE PEOPLE THAT
17 WE WANT, THE PEOPLE THAT CONTRIBUTE TO --

18

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

21

22 **MODERATOR:** THE NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF
23 KARLA HOWELL. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
24 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
25 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1

2 **KARLA HOWELL:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS KARLA PLEITEZ HOWELL,
3 AND I AM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR WITH THE CHILDCARE
4 AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
5 SOCIAL SERVICES. I AM CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 10.
6 BEFORE JOINING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, I WAS AN
7 ATTORNEY WITH A COMMUNITY-BASED NONPROFIT LAW FIRM. AND TO
8 PROVIDE YOU A BETTER PICTURE OF THE TYPE OF OBSTACLES THAT
9 CHILDCARE PROVIDERS FACE AS THEY TRY TO OPEN NEW PROGRAMS, LET
10 ME SHARE A CLIENT'S STORY. SHARON IS A SAVVY CHILDCARE
11 PROVIDER THAT DECIDED TO OPEN A SECOND CHILD CARE FACILITY,
12 AND IN LOOKING FOR SPACE AND LOCATION, IT BECAME A PART-TIME
13 JOB. SHARON FOUND A GREAT LOCATION AT A LOCAL PARK, BUT THE
14 LOCAL JURISDICTION WAS UNWILLING AND UNABLE TO MAKE PROPERTY
15 CHANGES TO COMPLY WITH COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING. OTHER
16 LOCATIONS WERE IDENTIFIED BY SHARON, BUT IN ORDER TO LOOK AT
17 THOSE LOCATIONS, SHE HAD TO ASK HERSELF A QUESTION AND APPLY
18 FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT. THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
19 BASICALLY ASKS THE QUESTION CAN I OPEN A CHILDCARE CENTER AT
20 THIS LOCATION. SHARON DISCOVERED THAT ANSWERING THIS QUESTION
21 CAN COST UP TO \$10,000. LUCKILY, SHE APPLIED AND GOT A YES
22 THIS LOCATION WILL ALLOW YOU TO RUN A CHILDCARE PROGRAM.
23 HOWEVER, THERE WERE CERTAIN CONDITIONS --

24

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

3

4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF
5 JASON. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
6 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
7 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

8

9 **JASON CARPENTER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS JASON CARPENTER. I AM
10 CALLING REGARDING AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 2, AND ITEM NUMBER 18.
11 CAN YOU HEAR ME?

12

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

14

15 **JASON CARPENTER:** OKAY, THANK YOU. REGARDING NUMBER. 2, I HAVE
16 A STUDENT, WHO IS A 16 YEARS OLD IN L.A. UNIFIED. I'M CALLING
17 REGARDS THE MASKS, I GUESS THE LATEST FACE ORNAMENT WHICH
18 DOESN'T WORK, WOULD BE THE N95 MASKS, WHICH I HAVE IN MY HAND
19 RIGHT NOW A BOX THAT I WAS GIVEN HERE AT MY COUNTY JOB, AND IT
20 DOES SAY RIGHT ON THE SIDE THAT THE RESPIRATOR HELPS PROTECT
21 AGAINST CERTAIN CONTAMINATES, BUT IT MAY NOT ELIMINATE THE
22 RISK OF DISEASE OR INFECTION. SO I AM WONDERING WHY KIDS ARE
23 BEING FORCED TO WEAR SOMETHING THAT THE BOX ALONE SAY IT
24 DOESN'T WORK, AS WELL AS IF THE VACCINES AND THE MASKS WORK,
25 THEN AFTER TWO YEARS, WHY AREN'T THEY WORKING? REGARDING

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1 NUMBER 18, AS AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS NOW UNDER THIS MANDATE, I AM
2 UNVACCINATED. AND IT'S ODD TO HEAR THAT THE COUNTY IS
3 CONSIDERING WHETHER TO LET GO OF MANY OF US EMPLOYEES BECAUSE
4 I HAVEN'T EVEN HAD MY RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION I FILED RESPONDED TO
5 YET. SO THAT'S KIND OF ODD. MY PERSONAL FREEDOMS ARE BEING
6 VIOLATED. CONSCIENTIOUSLY OBJECTING IS BEING VIOLATING. AND I
7 HAVE ALREADY HAD COVID IN OCTOBER OF LAST YEAR. SO I HAVE
8 NATURAL IMMUNITY, AND AN ISRAELI STUDY FOUND THAT 6.7 TIMES
9 GREATER PROTECTION IS GIVEN THAN THE VACCINE, WHICH IS
10 ACTUALLY NOT A VACCINE. IT IS A GENE THERAPY. AND IT IS NOT
11 EVEN, AS OTHERS HAVE SAID, F.D.A. APPROVED. AND I ALSO WOULD
12 LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO SHERIFF VILLANUEVA FOR THE HARD WORK
13 HE IS DOING. AND AS FAR AS TO ANY ONE ELSE WHO MAY BE
14 LISTENING AND THOSE WHO MAY BE CALLING SOON, THERE IS NO NEED
15 TO THANK THESE PAID POLITICIANS, CAREER POLITICIANS, FOR
16 LISTENING TO US. THEY ARE OUR WORKERS. WE EMPLOY THEM. I HAVE
17 NOTHING LEFT TO SAY. SHEILA KUEHL, YOU ARE A DISGRACE AND MAY
18 YOU HAVE A HORRIBLE BIRTHDAY.

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

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

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1 **MARK DONIDA:** HELLO. MY NAME IS MARK DONIDA. I AM CALLING IN
2 FOR GENERAL COMMENT ABOUT THE YOUTH FROM THE D.J. FACILITY FOR
3 IT TO BE CLOSED DOWN AND THE YOUTH BE TRANSPORTED TO
4 KILPATRICK. AT THE END OF THE THING, IT SELLS OURSELF, AND IF
5 WE CONTINUE TO LOOK AT THE YOUTH AS FARM ANIMALS THAT
6 BASICALLY ARE USED FOR JOB SECURITY, THEN THAT'S SOMETHING
7 THAT WE ALL NEED TO COME TO TERMS WITH. REHABILITATION CENTERS
8 TO BE PROPERLY DEVELOPED IN ORDER FOR THEM TO BECOME MATURE
9 INDIVIDUALS SO THAT WAY THEY CAN INCORPORATE THEMSELVES WITHIN
10 SOCIETY AND FEED POSITIVE VIBES FOR EVERYONE THAT EXISTS
11 WITHIN OUR WONDERFUL WORLD. THANK YOU. AND THAT'S ALL FROM ME.

12

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

14

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

19

20 **SEVERNA MYSTERY:** I AM SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM 2, 18, AND
21 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. OUR CHILDREN HAVE NOT HAD A NORMAL
22 SCHOOL YEAR SINCE 2019. FOR TWO YEARS, I, AND SEVERAL PARENTS,
23 HAVE WRITTEN TO THIS BOARD, BEGGING FOR RELEASE FOR OUR
24 CHILDREN. FOR TWO YEARS. YOU HAVE PUT THE UNION AND SPECIAL
25 INTERESTS AHEAD OF OUR CHILDREN. EXPERTS AROUND THE WORLD AND

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1 OUR OWN U.S. SURGEON GENERAL HAVE SOUNDED THE ALARM OF A
2 MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS IN OUR CHILDREN DUE TO THE PANDEMIC
3 SCHOOL CLOSURES AND THE CONTINUED RESTRICTIONS. OUR CHILDREN
4 ARE IN CRISIS AND YOU CONTINUE TO IGNORE IT. NOT A SINGLE
5 MESSAGE HAS COME FROM L.A. COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ADDRESSING THE
6 SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL, AND MENTAL HARM THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE
7 DOING TO OUR CHILDREN. THIS IS AN EPIC FAILURE BY THIS BOARD
8 AND BY PUBLIC HEALTH. OUR CHILDREN WERE LOCKED OUT OF THEIR
9 SCHOOLS AND SPORTS FOR OVER A YEAR. NOW THAT THE SCHOOL DOORS
10 ARE OPEN, OUR CHILDREN ARE DISTANCED FROM FRIENDS, MASKED FOR
11 SEVEN PLUS HOUR AS DAY WITH NO PARTIES, NO FIELD TRIPS, NO
12 FUN. CHILDREN ARE BEING FORCED TO WEAR MASKS OUTSIDE IN THIS
13 HEAT TO EXERCISE, RUN, AND PLAY SPORTS. CHILDREN ARE MADE TO
14 BELIEVE THAT PEOPLE WILL GET SICK BY THEIR VERY SIMPLE ACT OF
15 BREATHING. NONE OF THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE ENFORCED ON ADULTS.
16 WE HAVE ALL SEEN THE SUPER BOWL. WE HAVE ALL SEEN THE STADIUMS
17 AND CONCERT HALLS FULL, JAM-PACKED, OF ADULTS WITHOUT MASKS.
18 THIS NEEDS TO END. WE ARE TAKING A STAND. WE ARE TAKING
19 CONTROL BACK. THIS BOARD HAS UTTERLY FAILED CHILDREN IN THE
20 PAST. I HATE THIS BRING THIS UP, BUT LET ME REMIND YOU WHAT
21 YOU HAVE DONE TO CHILDREN THAT HAVE BEEN ABUSED, AND YOU HAVE
22 FAILED THEM. THIS NEEDS TO END. AS FOR ITEM NUMBER 18,
23 ESSENTIAL WORKERS HAVE BEEN WORKING THIS ENTIRE PANDEMIC.
24 FIRING UNVACCINATED WORKERS SERVES ABSOLUTELY NO PURPOSE FOR
25 PUBLIC HEALTH OTHER THAN COERCING VACCINES. EVERYBODY HAS

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1 ALREADY SPOKEN ABOUT YOU CAN STILL CATCH AND TRANSMIT THE
2 DISEASE OR COVID-19 EVEN IF YOU ARE FULLY VACCINATED.
3 EVERYONE SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO THEIR OWN PERSONAL HEALTH
4 CHOICES. YOU ARE RUNNING L.A. COUNTY INTO THE SEWER. YOU NEED
5 TO END ALL THESE RESTRICTIONS. YOU NEED TO RESTORE FREEDOM TO
6 THE PEOPLE OF L.A. COUNTY. I LIVE IN L.A. COUNTY. I LIVE IN A
7 FIRE HAZARD. I DON'T GIVE A CRAP WHETHER THE FIREMAN THAT
8 COMES TO MY HOUSE TO EXTINGUISH THE FLAMES AT MY BACKYARD IS
9 VACCINATED OR NOT. I DON'T CARE IF I CALL A POLICE OFFICER TO
10 COME HELP ME, AS I AM BEING MURDERED IN THE STREETS, IF HE IS
11 VACCINATED OR NOT. YOU NEED TO STOP THIS DISCRIMINATION, AND
12 WE NEED TO RESTORE FAITH AND CONFIDENCE IN OUR PUBLIC
13 OFFICIALS AND OUR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT. THANK YOU.

14

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

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

19

20 **MAYNAR X:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. JUST GENERAL PUBLIC
21 COMMENT. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON THE 15 YOUTH THAT ARE IN THE
22 SECURE TRACK THAT ARE CURRENTLY STILL IN NIDORF. YOU KNOW,
23 BACK IN JULY OF 2021, THEY PASSED A MOTION TO MOVE THEM TO
24 KILPATRICK, BUT YET, SEVEN MONTHS LATER, THEY ARE STILL THERE.
25 THE B.F.C.C. ON SEPTEMBER 2019, FOUND THE FACILITIES

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1 UNSUITABLE FOR ANYBODY TO LIVE THERE, LET ALONE A KID. SO
2 YEAH, I AM HERE TO SAY NO TO NIDORF. MOVE THESE KIDS TO
3 KILPATRICK. AND ALSO THE COMMISSIONERS WENT, AND THEY WENT AND
4 INSPECTED AND TRIED TO TALK TO THE YOUTH IN THE COMPOUND. AND
5 THEY SAID THAT EVERY TIME THERE'S A FIGHT THERE, LOCKDOWN FOR
6 A WEEK, REGARDLESS IF YOU INVOLVED OR NOT INVOLVED IN THE
7 FIGHT. AND ONLY 40 MINUTES TO SHOWER. IF WE WERE TO DO THIS TO
8 OUR KIDS OUR HERE IN THE COMMUNITY, WITH NO DOUBT YOU GUYS
9 WOULD TAKE THEM AWAY FROM US. BUT YET, YOU GUYS ARE HERE DOING
10 THE SAME THING. SO PLEASE, STOP ALL THAT SHIT --

11

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

14

15 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RICHARD O'NEILL. PLEASE
16 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU AREA ADDRESSING TODAY AND
17 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
18 BEGIN.

19

20 **RICHARD O'NEILL:** HELLO. I AM RICHARD O'NEILL, SPEAKING ON
21 AGENDA ITEM 18. I OPPOSE IT AS IT IS AN INFRINGEMENT OF OUR
22 U.S. AND CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO PROVIDE FOR THE
23 COMMON DEFENSE. THOUSANDS OF OFFICERS WILL BE TERMINATED,
24 NEGATIVELY AFFECTING PUBLIC SAFETY. FOR THOSE TERMINATED
25 OFFICERS, IT IS A FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT VIOLATION AS IT DOES

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1 NOT PROVIDE EQUAL PROTECTIONS UNDER THE LAW FOR THOSE
2 UNVACCINATED. CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION ARTICLE SECTION --
3 ARTICLE 1, SECTION 28, SUBSECTION 4 WOULD BE INFRINGED AS IT
4 WOULD VIOLATE OUR VOTING RIGHTS IN THAT WE EMPOWERED THE
5 SHERIFF WITH OUR COLLECTIVE VOTES AND DISEMPowering HIM IS
6 SILENCING VOICE OF THOSE PEOPLE OF L.A. COUNTY WHO ELECTED
7 HIM. IF THE PEOPLE DO NOT LIKE HIS LEADERSHIP, THEN THEY CAN
8 SPEAK IN THE UPCOMING ELECTION. IT HAS BEEN PROVEN THAT
9 VACCINATED PEOPLE CAN STILL CONTRACT AND SPREAD THE PATHOGEN.
10 SO TERMINATING UNVACCINATED OFFICERS IS NOT PROTECTING OTHERS.
11 FURTHERMORE, THERE ARE OTHER MEASURES TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC,
12 WHICH ARE ALSO EFFECTIVE SUCH AS WEEKLY TESTING, WHICH IS
13 CURRENTLY PRACTICED --

14

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

17

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

22

23 **WALDO GONZALES:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
24 WALDO GONZALES, AND I AM REPRESENTING INNER CITY STRUGGLE, A
25 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION BASED IN THE EAST SIDE OF LOS ANGELES.

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1 I AM SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 9. I.C.S. SERVES SOME
2 OF THE HIGHEST NEED AND MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES IN LOS
3 ANGELES COUNTY. AS SUCH, THE COMMUNITIES THAT WE SERVE BEAR A
4 HIGHER BURDEN WHEN RESOURCES FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND AFFORDABLE
5 HOUSING ARE LACKING. THE NOW TWO YEAR COVID-19 CRISIS HAS
6 EXPOSED JUST HOW VULNERABLE OUR COMMUNITIES ARE TO THE
7 PREEXISTING INEQUITIES. NOW, THOSE HAVE BECOME EXACERBATED
8 DURING THIS TIME. THEREFORE, WE URGE THE BOARD TO ADOPT THIS
9 MOTION TO ALLOW US TO REALIZE THE REUSE OF THE ICONIC AND
10 HISTORIC GENERAL HOSPITAL BUILDING AND WEST CAMPUS. THIS WOULD
11 BRING A REGIONAL SOLUTION TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, COMMUNITY
12 HEALTH AND WELLNESS NEEDS, JOB CREATION, AND ADDRESS THE
13 IMPACTS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. AS A MEMBER OF THE HEALTH
14 INNOVATION COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AND THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
15 STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE GENERAL HOSPITAL REUSE FEASIBILITY
16 STUDY, WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT HAVING SUPPORTED THE CONSTRUCTION
17 OF A NEW CHILDCARE CENTER AND ENSURING THAT THIS PROJECT
18 BENEFITS LOCAL RESIDENTS BY INCORPORATING AN ASPIRATIONAL GOAL
19 OF 50% TARGETED WORKER AND LOCAL HIRE. WE APPLAUD SUPERVISOR
20 SOLIS FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO HAVING AN ACTIVE
21 ENGAGEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY AND REALIZING THE HEALTHY VILLAGE
22 VISION AT THE L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. CAMPUS. WE STAND READY TO
23 WORK WITH THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON THIS HISTORIC
24 PROJECT. THANK YOU.

25

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

3

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

8

9 **JACQUELINE MCCROWSKI:** YES. JACQUELINE MCCROWSKI. I AM
10 ADDRESSING ITEM 10 AND PUBLIC COMMENT. I REALLY WANT TO THANK
11 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND ACTUALLY THE WHOLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
12 FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT OF THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
13 SYSTEM IN L.A. COUNTY. THIS MOTION IS DESIGNED TO HELP LOCAL
14 LOS ANGELES COUNTY EARLY EDUCATION PROVIDERS COMPETE
15 SUCCESSFULLY FOR STATE INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM DOLLARS.
16 THERE ARE I WOULD SAY THREE IMPORTANT COMPONENTS OF THE
17 MOTION. ONE WILL HELP OUR L.A. COUNTY PROVIDERS WHO ARE
18 INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING NEW CHILDCARE FACILITIES NAVIGATE THE
19 COMPLEX LANDSCAPE OF LAND USE AND PERMITTING PROCESSES IN L.A.
20 MY COLLEAGUE, KARLA PLEITEZ HOWELL, LAID OUT SOME OF THOSE IN
21 HER DESCRIPTION EARLIER. IT ALSO DIRECTS COLLABORATION BETWEEN
22 REGIONAL PLANNING AND OUR KEY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
23 OFFICES, INCLUDING THE OFFICER OF THE ADVANCEMENT OF EARLY
24 CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND THE POLICY ROUND TABLE FOR CHILD CARE
25 AND DEVELOPMENT. I AM A MEMBER OF THE POLICY ROUND TABLE. WE

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1 ARE VERY, VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CONTINUING
2 COLLABORATION WITH REGIONAL PLANNING. BUT THE MOTION GOES
3 FURTHER THAN JUST THAT AND ALSO SUPPORTS DEVELOPMENT OF A
4 COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR PROVIDERS, INCLUDING SOME OF
5 OUR KEY FRIENDS OUTSIDE OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT FROM FIRST FIVE
6 L.A., THE CHILD CARE ALLIANCE, AND THE PARTNERSHIP FOR EARLY
7 CHILDHOOD INVESTMENT. WE ARE SO DELIGHTED TO SEE THE STATE
8 RELEASE DOLLARS FOR FACILITY DEVELOPMENT. THESE ARE VERY
9 PRECIOUS RESOURCES. AND TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE FOR
10 THEM IS A VERY EXCITING AND IMPORTANT MOMENT. IN MY
11 EXPERIENCE, HOWEVER, I HAVE SEEN THAT SOMETIMES IT IS VERY
12 DIFFICULT FOR L.A. PROPOSERS TO COMPETE SUCCESSFULLY IN SUCH
13 DATED PROCESSES, AND THAT'S FOR TWO REASONS. ONE IS BECAUSE
14 OUR OWN COUNTY PROCESSES CAN BE COMPLICATED AND COMPLEX AND
15 CERTAINLY IN LAND USE.

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

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20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JESSICA PERAL. PLEASE STATE
21 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
22 YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.
23 JESSICA PERAL, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

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1 **JESSICA PERAL:** HELLO. THIS IS JESSICA PERAL FROM THE LOS
2 ANGELES L.G.B.T. CENTER. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS FOR MOVING TO SUPPORT AN END TO THIS
4 DISCRIMINATORY AND OUTDATED BAN THAT PREVENTS GAY AND BISEXUAL
5 MEN FROM DONATING BLOOD. THIS BAN WAS IMPOSED IN AN ERA WHEN
6 H.I.V. WAS POORLY UNDERSTOOD, WHEN NO RELIABLE AND PRACTICAL
7 TESTS FOR DETECTING H.I.V. IN THE BLOOD EXISTED, AND IT HAS
8 STILL PERSISTED FOR DECADES, EVEN AS BLOOD SCREENING
9 TECHNOLOGY HAS IMPROVED DRAMATICALLY. TODAY, EVERY UNIT OF
10 DONATED BLOOD IS RIGOROUSLY TESTED AND CAN DETECT ANY TRACE OF
11 H.I.V., SYPHILIS, HEPATITIS, WEST NILE VIRUS, OR OVER BLOOD
12 BORNE DISEASES. AND FOR THIS REASON, THE AMERICAN MEDICAL
13 ASSOCIATION HAS CALLED FOR THE BAN TO END. I STRONGLY URGE THE
14 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO MOVE AHEAD WITH THEIR MESSAGE WITH
15 THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION IN SUPPORT OF ENDING THE BAN.
16 THANK YOU.

17

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

19

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

23

24 **ZOE ROSSEN:** GOOD MORNING. ZOE ROSSEN FROM ARTS OF HEALING AND
25 JUSTICE NETWORK AND L.A. YOUTH UPRISING. I WILL SPEAK TO

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1 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AND ALSO THE ITEM ON THE SHERIFF, WHICH
2 I DON'T KNOW THE NUMBER OF. SO I AM A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN
3 HARMED BY PROBATION AND THE SHERIFF FACILITIES. I AM SOMEBODY
4 WHO IS COMMITTED TO TRAUMA INFORMED PRACTICE. IN MY OWN
5 HEALING AND THE HEALING OF OTHER PEOPLE, I CARE FOR PEOPLE WHO
6 ARE BEING HARMED IN THESE FACILITIES. WHEN I ENTER THEM, I CAN
7 FEEL, BECAUSE I AM SO FOCUSED ON TRAUMA AND HEALING, I CAN
8 FEEL THAT THERE'S NO COMPASSION AND NO RESPECT AND NO DIGNITY.
9 AND WHEN I PUSH BACK TO ACHIEVE THAT FOR MYSELF AND THE PEOPLE
10 I LOVE INSIDE OF THESE BARBARIC PLACES, I AM TREATED THE SAME
11 WAY. SO I WONDER WHERE -- WHERE THAT HARM IS IN THIS
12 CONVERSATION. NIDORF NEEDS TO SHUT DOWN. IT IS HARMFUL AND
13 ABUSIVE. IT IS NOT TRAUMA INFORMED. I WAS RECENTLY BANNED FROM
14 VISITING A LOVED ONE IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL FOR A MONTH. AND I
15 WAS NOT EXPLAINED THAT THERE WAS A WRITTEN POLICY FOR THAT. I
16 WAS NOT EXPLAINED WHO INSTITUTED THAT BAN. I WAS NOT EXPLAINED
17 HOW TO APPEAL THAT BAN. AND IN THE MEANTIME, THE PERSON IN
18 PRISON, GOES WITHOUT -- IT IS A YOUNG PERSON BECAUSE WE LOCK
19 UP YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR ADULT JAILS, AND THAT PERSON HAS
20 SUFFERED HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS WHILE THERE. AND NOW, HE
21 -- I AM BANNED FROM SEEING HIM. AND IT IS BECAUSE THE SHERIFFS
22 ARE ABUSING THEIR POWER AND TREATING OTHERS WITHOUT
23 COMPASSION. I AM REALLY UPSET ABOUT IT, AND, BECAUSE I AM A
24 PERSON THAT IS COMMITTED TO HEALING, I WORK ON MY OWN --

25

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

3

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

7

8 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, THANK YOU. I INTEND TO ADDRESS SEVERAL ITEMS
9 AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AS WELL. MAY I BEGIN?

10

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

12

13 **ERIC PREVEN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. I WANTED TO SAY, FIRST OF ALL,
14 THAT THIS IS A VERY, VERY DENSE AGENDA. AND I HAVE BEEN TRYING
15 TO FOLLOW ALONG. AND ALSO I WANTED TO SAY THAT LAST MONTH
16 MARKED THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TREATY
17 OF CAHUENGA, WHICH WAS SIGNED RIGHT HERE NEAR STUDIO CITY IN
18 COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 OR 4. I BELIEVE NOW BARGER'S DISTRICT, I AM
19 NOT SURE. MAYBE SHEILA'S DISTRICT. IT USED TO BE SHEILA'S
20 DISTRICT. IT IS WHERE UNIVERSAL STUDIOS IS, F.Y.I., WHERE ONE
21 OF THE LAWYER WHOSE IS INVESTIGATING THE M.R.T. THING WORKS.
22 IT IS ACTUALLY HIS WIFE. BUT LOOK, THIS IS A HISTORIC PACT
23 THAT WAS SIGNED RIGHT THERE AT THE CAHUENGA AREA DURING THE
24 MEXICAN AMERICAN WAR, AND IT MADE L.A., IT WAS THE FIRST TIME
25 THAT L.A. BECAME AN AMERICAN CITY. IT IS A MAGNIFICENT OR

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1 MAGNANIMOUS TREATY, MADE IN THE SPIRIT OF MUTUAL RESPECT WITH
2 THE EXPECTATION THAT PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT CULTURES WOULD LIVE
3 SIDE BY SIDE IN PEACE. IT GUARANTEED PROTECTIONS OF LIFE AND
4 LIBERTY TO THE CALIFORNIAS, AS THEY WERE CALLED, AND FURTHER
5 PROVIDED THAT EQUAL RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES ARE VOUCHSAFED,
6 QUOTING HERE, TO EVERY CITIZEN OF CALIFORNIA AS ARE ENJOYED BY
7 THE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES. SO I WAS REFLECTING ON
8 THAT. WHAT THESE ACTIONS HAVE IN COMMON IS A FUNDAMENTAL
9 PRINCIPLE UPON WHICH THE TREATY OF CAHUENGA WAS BASED, WHICH
10 IS THAT DESPITE THE DIFFERENCES IN OUR BACKGROUND, OUR
11 ETHNICITY, AND OUR MATERIAL WEALTH, ALL OF US HUMAN BEINGS ARE
12 ENTITLED TO RESPECT AND DIGNITY AND PEACE. AND NOW, MORE THAN
13 EVER, AS OUR NATION SEEMS SO DIVIDED AND SO TORN BY OUTRAGE
14 AND ANGER, WE NEED TO REALIZE THAT OUR FUTURE RISES OR FALLS
15 FOR ALL OF US TOGETHER. BUT THIS BOARD, UNFORTUNATELY, UNDER
16 HOLLY MITCHELL, WHO I ACTUALLY TRIED TO HELP GET ELECTED
17 BECAUSE I WAS SO DISGUSTED BY HERB WESSON, HER OPPONENT'S,
18 CONDUCT, THAT INCIDENTALLY, COVINGTON BURLING, THE FIRM YOU
19 HIRED, WAS HERB WESSON'S LAWYER WHEN THE FEDERAL PROBE SWUNG
20 THROUGH CITY HALL. SO I REALLY THINK THEY HAVE TO BE
21 RECONSIDERED. THEY CAN'T BE THE RIGHT FIRM FOR THE PUBLIC. IT
22 IS JOE BIDEN, WHO I VOTED FOR'S, CAMPAIGN ATTORNEYS, WHO WRITE
23 BIG MULTIMILLION DOLLAR, A \$6 MILLION REPORT, FOR AN OREGON
24 HOSPITAL, TO COVER UP SEXUAL HARASSMENT, AND THEY BRING IN AT
25 \$2,500 AN HOUR ERIC HOLDER, WHO WHEN I TOLD MY MOM, SHE SAID I

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1 LOVER ERIC HOLDER, HOW DARE YOU? I SAID MOM, IT IS NOT ABOUT
2 THAT. THEY ARE COVERING -- WE DON'T NEED AN INVESTIGATION INTO
3 OUR PARTNERS BY OUR PARTNERS. THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE.

4

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

7

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

11

12 **SONIA FUENTES:** HELLO, GOOD MORNING. SORRY ABOUT THAT. CAN YOU
13 HEAR ME?

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WE CAN HEALTH ORDER YOU, PLEASE BEGIN.

16

17 **SONIA FUENTES:** THIS IS SONIA FUENTES. I AM A PSYCHIATRIC
18 SOCIAL WORKER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. I WORK FOR
19 THE MENTAL EVALUATION TEAM. I HAVE FIRSTHAND KNOWLEDGE ON, OR
20 KIND OF OBSERVATION, ON THE IMPACT OF COVID AND THE PUBLIC
21 POLICY. DEFINITELY MENTAL HEALTH HAS BEEN AFFECTED. WE ARE A
22 TEAM. AND PRETTY MUCH WE ARE THE ONLY FIELD-BASED TEAMS, APART
23 FROM THE PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAM, THAT HAS BEEN OUT
24 IN THE FIELD. IT WOULD BE GREATLY AFFECTED IF, IN TERMS OF
25 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, IF WORKERS WERE TO BE FIRED. A

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1 LOT OF THE EMPLOYEES CURRENTLY ARE STILL TELEWORKING, WHICH
2 CREATES A LOT OF IMPACT ON THE WORK THAT WE DO. THE RESOURCES,
3 THE LINKAGE THAT WE DO IS AT CAPACITY. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, FULL
4 SERVICE PARTNERSHIP IS COMPLETELY -- THEY ARE NOT ACCEPTING
5 NEW CLIENTS. IN TERMS OF CLINICIANS TELEWORKING, A LOT OF OUR
6 CLIENTS THAT ARE GETTING HOSPITALIZED OR DESTABILIZED IS
7 BECAUSE THEY ARE EITHER PSYCHOTIC, OR --

8

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

11

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

16

17 **ARI GUTIERREZ:** HELLO, DID YOU CALL ARI GUTIERREZ?

18

19 **MODERATOR:** YES, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

20

21 **ARI GUTIERREZ:** SORRY. I AM SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF ITEM 9. THE
22 RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES HAVE A UNIQUE AND VERY SPECIAL
23 OPPORTUNITY TO RETURN HISTORIC GENERAL HOSPITAL TO FULL
24 SERVICE. THROUGH YEARS OF THOUGHTFUL STUDY AND INCLUSIVE
25 COMMUNITY INPUT, THE VISION FOR THE REUSE OF GENERAL HOSPITAL

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1 TO ADDRESS THE MOST PRESSING SOCIAL SERVICE NEEDS OF OUR
2 COMMUNITY AT LARGE IS READY FOR THE NEXT STEP. BY INVESTING IN
3 THE R.F.P. PROCESS FOR THIS PROJECT, L. A. COUNTY CAN BEGIN TO
4 ACTIVELY SEEK FUNDING SOURCES AND ADMINISTRATE THE PROCESS OF
5 PUTTING THE HISTORIC NATURAL RESOURCE BACK TO WORK. FOR ALL.
6 PLEASE VOTE YES ON THIS MOTION. ARI GUTIERREZ, ON BEHALF OF
7 THE LATINO EQUALITY ALLIANCE.

8

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

10

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

14

15 **KIMBERLY GONZALES:** HI. I AM ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 18. AS
16 OTHERS HAVE EXPRESSED AND OPPOSED THIS AGENDA, I AGREE
17 ENTIRELY WITH ALL STATEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN SAID BY THEM AND
18 BY SHERIFF VILLANUEVA. BY PROCEEDING WITH THIS ENHANCEMENT
19 CODE, IT IS GOING TO ACTUALLY ENDANGER OUR COMMUNITIES.
20 THERE'S GOING TO BE MORE VIOLENCE THAN THERE ARE IS WITHIN THE
21 CITY AND WITHIN THE COUNTY. AND ULTIMATELY, WE SHOULD ALL
22 RESPECT OUR PERSONAL CHOICES. THANK YOU.

23

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

25

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

4

5 **KATE HANEY:** THANK YOU, AND GOOD MORNING TO EVERYBODY. I WOULD
6 LIKE TO START BY SAYING THANK YOU TO KATHRYN BARGER FOR
7 STANDING UP TO UNMASK OUR CHILDREN. I HAVE THREE CHILDREN IN
8 L.A. COUNTY. AND MY DAUGHTERS WHO DO MUSIC AND GYMNASTICS ARE
9 MASKED 50 HOURS A WEEK. AND THAT'S JUST NOT ACCEPTABLE. I
10 DON'T THINK THAT THE BOARD MEMBERS OR BARBARA FERRER HAVE ANY
11 IDEA OF THE MENTAL HEALTH IMPACT OF THESE MASKS ON CHILDREN AS
12 WELL AS THE VACCINE MANDATES. MY DAUGHTER PLAYS THE TENOR
13 SAXOPHONE, AND SHE IS REQUIRED TO GET TESTED WEEKLY, EVEN
14 THOUGH SHE IS VACCINATED. I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE
15 FACTS RELATED TO MENTAL HEALTH ON CHILDREN ARE NOT
16 COMMUNICATED. BARBARA FERRER JUST STATES THE SAME FACTS OVER
17 AND OVER AGAIN. SHE DOES NOT PROVIDE ANY STATISTICS ON
18 CHILDREN AND THE FACT THAT COVID HAS -- CHILDREN THAT GET
19 COVID HAVE MILD SYMPTOMS. MY FAMILY, THE ADULTS ARE ALL
20 VACCINATED, GOT COVID IN DECEMBER, AND MY TEN-YEAR-OLD WAS
21 CRYING BECAUSE SHE WAS AFRAID THAT SHE INFECTED SOMEBODY.

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

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS THE LINE [AUDIO ECHO]. ONE
2 MOMENT PLEASE. NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MR. [AUDIO ECHO] OUR NEXT
3 PARTICIPANT IS ROBERT FIELD. ROBERT FIELD, PLEASE STATE THE
4 REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU
5 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **ROBERT FIELD:** YES, THANK YOU. I AM SPEAKING TODAY AGAINST THE
8 PASSAGE OF AGENDA 18. THE PROPOSAL IN THIS MOTION TO TERMINATE
9 THE EMPLOYMENT OF 18,000 COUNTY EMPLOYEES, 4,000 OF WHICH ARE
10 SHERIFF DEPUTIES AND MAY INCLUDE THE RELIGIOUS AND MEDICAL
11 EXEMPTIONS, IS RECKLESS. THIS PROPOSAL VIOLATES NUMEROUS LABOR
12 LAWS AND PRIVACY LAWS, POTENTIALLY EXPOSING COUNTY TO HUNDREDS
13 OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN DAMAGES IN EMPLOYEE LAWSUITS. THAT
14 IS OUR MONEY, THE TAXPAYER'S MONEY, OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I
15 URGE YOU TO VOTE AGAINST THIS RECKLESS MOTION, AGENDA 18.
16 THANK YOU.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

19

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

23

24 **GLORIA CRADLE:** YES, THANK YOU. I AM ADDRESSING AGENDA 18 IN
25 WHICH I STRONGLY OBJECT TO. TO FIRE 18,000 COUNTY EMPLOYEES IS

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1 ATROCIOUS. THIS IS -- THESE ARE THE SAME PEOPLE THAT WE CALLED
2 HEROES JUST A SHORT TIME AGO AND HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PERFORM
3 THEIR JOBS WITH OR WITHOUT THE VACCINE. IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY
4 SENSE. THE PEOPLE -- YOU ARE CRIMINALIZING PEOPLE WHO HAVE
5 CHOSEN TO NOT BE VACCINATED AND TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO
6 FREE CHOICE. WE KNOW NOW THROUGH NEW STUDIES THAT HAVE ALL
7 COME OUT THAT THE M.R.N.A. VACCINE DOES NOT WORK. NEEDLESS TO
8 SAY, THAT IT IS STILL AN E.U.A. AND NOT F.D.A. APPROVED. SO
9 TODAY, I SPEAK TO YOU, AND I AM IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO AGENDA
10 18. AND I HOPE THAT YOU MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION AND VOTE
11 AGAINST IT.

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

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

18
19 **ASHLEY RACY:** YES, HI, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

20
21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, WE CAN. PLEASE BEGIN.

22
23 **ASHLEY RACY:** HELLO. I AM CALLING TO OPPOSE NUMBER 18. I FIRST
24 WANT TO SAY, AS A RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY, IT IS NOT NEWS THAT
25 THIS COUNTY IS LACKING FULL RESOURCES TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE

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1 PUBLIC SAFETY. CRIME HAS DRASTICALLY INCREASED THE LAST FEW
2 YEARS, ESPECIALLY WITH THE HORRIBLE D.A., GARCON. THE THOUGHT
3 OF POSSIBLY LOSING 4,000 L.A.S.D. MEMBERS SICKENS ME, LET
4 ALONE THE ENTIRE 18,000. MOST MEMBERS HAVE NATURAL IMMUNITY.
5 THE VACCINE IS NOT AN END ALL. IT DOES NOT STOP OR PREVENT THE
6 SPREAD. SHERIFF VILLANUEVA, THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STAND FOR
7 CHOICE AND DOING WHAT YOU WERE VOTED IN TO DO. NO ONE SHOULD
8 HAVE TO FACE LOSING THEIR JOB, FEEDING THEIR FAMILY, OVER A
9 HEALTH DECISION. A MANDATE IS FORCED. FORCE IS NOT CHOICE.
10 STOP THE MANDATE. STOP THE VACCINE MANDATES AND THE TESTING. I
11 KNOW FOR A FACT WHEN PEOPLE -- WHEN SOMEONE IS IN NEED OF
12 REQUIRING EMERGENCY SERVICES OR HEALTHCARE, NO ONE IS GOING TO
13 STOP SOMEONE IN THE LIFE THREATENING CIRCUMSTANCES AND ASK FOR
14 PROOF OF VACCINATION. IF YOU FEEL THAT WAY, YOU SHOULD NOT BE
15 SERVING OUR COMMUNITY. PLEASE TAKE A JOB TRANSFER TO CHINA AND
16 WORK WITH THAT COMMUNISM. NUMBER TWO, I AM ALSO OPPOSED TO
17 THESE MASK MANDATES. BARGER, HOW WAS THAT AWESOME --

18

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

21

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

25

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1 **QUINT MILLEY:** YES. I AM IN DISTRICT NUMBER FIVE. I AM SPEAKING
2 ON NUMBER 2 AND NUMBER 18. FIRST OF ALL, ON NUMBER 2, RECENTLY
3 I AM SURE YOU ARE AWARE THE U.K. DROPPED ALL OF ITS MANDATES.
4 AND ON A U.K. TELEVISION SHOW, THEY WERE INTERVIEWING A WOMAN,
5 A YOUNG LADY, SHE IS ABOUT 13. I GUESS SHE WAS 15 NOW. SHE WAS
6 13 WHEN ALL THIS STARTED. AND SHE STARTED TALKING ABOUT HOW
7 THAT THEY WERE CONSTANTLY FEELING LIKE THEY WERE DOING
8 SOMETHING WRONG AS STUDENTS AND THAT THEY WANTED TO TALK TO
9 EACH OTHER, SO THEY WENT INTO LIKE JANITOR'S CLOSETS TO TALK.
10 AND SHE WAS TELLING US ALL OF THE STORY, AND SHE JUST BROKE
11 DOWN CRYING AND SAID THAT TWO YEARS OF HER LIFE WERE GONE. AND
12 YOU CAN SENSE THE PAIN. AND YOU CAN SENSE THE LOSS. AND YOU
13 CAN -- IF YOU CAN SEE WITH THE EYES OF UNDERSTANDING, YOU CAN
14 SENSE THAT SHE IS GOING TO HAVE P.T.S.D. FOR MANY YEARS TO
15 COME. AND I REALLY WANT YOU TO THINK ABOUT THE VISUALS ON
16 THAT. SECONDLY, ON NUMBER 18, AND ALSO WANT TO DO GENERAL
17 PUBLIC COMMENT, SORRY. ON NUMBER 18, I RECENTLY SPOKE WITH AN
18 EMERGENCY WORKER, WHO TOLD ME WHEN I WAS LIKE YOU GUYS GET ALL
19 KINDS OF VACCINES AND STUFF LIKE THAT, HEPATITIS A, B, C, ALL
20 THESE THINGS EVERY YEAR JUST TO BE ABLE TO HAVE YOUR JOB. WHAT
21 WAS IT ABOUT THIS ONE IN PARTICULAR? WAS THERE SOMETHING YOU
22 WERE SEEING? AND HE SAID YES. HE SAID THAT WHEN WE ROLL OUT TO
23 DO WELFARE CHECKS BECAUSE THEY HAVEN'T HEARD FROM UNCLE JOE OR
24 SOMETHING LIKE THIS, WHAT THEY WERE SEEING WERE HEART ATTACKS
25 AND STROKES THAT THE COMMON DENOMINATOR IN ABOUT 90% OF THEM

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1 WAS THAT THE PERSON HAD BEEN VACCINATED WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF
2 HAVING THAT EVENT, OF HAVING A STROKE. AND THAT'S THE REASON
3 WHY THESE EMERGENCY WORKERS DO NOT WANT TO GET THIS. IT ISN'T
4 -- IT IS NOT ANY TYPE OF PHOBIA, OR THEY ARE ANTI-VAX OR
5 SOMETHING LIKE THAT. THEY HAVE SEEN THE EFFECTS OF WHAT THIS
6 M.R.N.A. GENE THERAPY IS DOING TO PEOPLE. AND THEY KNOW.

7

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

10

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

14

15 **LISA LEE:** HI, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

16

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

18

19 **LISA LEE:** THANK YOU. I AM ADDRESSING NUMBER ITEM 18, AND THIS
20 IS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM PERPLEXED THAT THE VACCINE MANDATE
21 IS EVEN ON THE TABLE FOR DEBATE, WITH EVERYBODY AND ESPECIALLY
22 OUR L.A.P.D. AS A YOUNG SINGLE WOMAN LIVING IN CENTRAL
23 HOLLYWOOD WITH MY CITIZENS APP NOTIFICATIONS GOING OFF AND
24 CHOPPERS FLYING OVER MY HOUSE, THE LAST THING THAT ME AND MY
25 FRIENDS WANT IS OUR L.A.P.D. TO BE FIRED. IT IS NOT A GOOD

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1 IDEA. THE CRIME IS RAMPANT IN L.A., AND WE ALL KNOW THAT THE
2 VACCINES DON'T ACTUALLY PREVENT THE SPREAD, SO IT IS A
3 COMPLETE FALLACY. AND IF YOU DECIDE TO VOTE THAT THEY SHOULD
4 HAVE THE MANDATE, YOU GUYS SHOULD BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL
5 THE CRIME THAT IS ABOUT TO ENSUE IN THIS CITY. THANK YOU.

6

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

11

12 **NICOLE GOODFELLOW:** HI, I AM ADDRESSING SET MATTER 2, OPPOSING
13 ITEM 18, AND GENERAL COMMENT. I AM A PARENT AND L.A. COUNTY
14 FIFTH DISTRICT RESIDENT. DURING THE PANDEMIC, ALL I HAVE SEEN
15 IS PEOPLE TRYING TO DO THE RIGHT THINGS, WEARING MASKS,
16 GETTING VACCINATED, COMPLYING IN HOPES THAT WE CAN GET OUT OF
17 THIS. WE ARE RULE FOLLOWERS HERE, YET NONE OF THESE MEASURES
18 HAVE ACTUALLY WORKED EXCEPT TO DESTROY LIVES. YOU MAY DREAM OF
19 ZERO COVID, BUT IT ISN'T REALISTIC. THE STATE IS ENDING THE
20 INDOOR MASK MANDATES ON FEBRUARY 15TH, BUT L.A. COUNTY IS NOT.
21 WE CANNOT CONTINUE WITH DRACONIAN MANDATES, RESTRICTIONS, AND
22 METRICS THAT ARE IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE. PUBLIC HEALTH HAS
23 CHANGED DIRECTIONS SO MANY TIMES, YOU NO LONGER HAVE
24 CREDIBILITY. WE NEED TO ALIGN WITH THE STATE ON THESE MATTERS.
25 OUR CHILDREN HAVE NOT HAD A NORMAL SCHOOL YEAR SINCE 2018-2019

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1 CAME TO AN END. 2019-2020 WAS ABRUPTLY HALTED ON MARCH 13TH,
2 2020, WHEN WE LEARNED IN PERSON EDUCATION IS NOT ESSENTIAL.
3 FACES ARE NOT ESSENTIAL. SMILES ARE NOT ESSENTIAL. HUMAN
4 CONNECTIONS ARE NOT ESSENTIAL. ALL THAT IS ESSENTIAL ARE THE
5 DEMANDS OF ORGANIZED LABOR AND THE GOVERNMENT ATTEMPTS TO DO
6 SOMETHING, ANYTHING, REGARDLESS IF IT HELPS OR HARMS. I OPPOSE
7 ITEM 18. MANY WHO HAVE CHOSEN TO REMAIN UNVACCINATED ARE
8 ESSENTIAL WORKERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS THAT ARE ALREADY
9 EXPOSED ON THE JOB. NATURAL IMMUNITY DOES ACTUALLY EXIST, PER
10 THE C.D.C. WHILE YOU SAT HOME ON LAPTOPS AT PEAK COVID AND
11 PRE-VACCINE, MILLIONS OF ANGELENOS WENT TO WORK AND HOPED FOR
12 THE BEST. WE CALLED THEM HEROES. THEIR REWARD NOW TO LOSE
13 THEIR JOB IF THEY DON'T TAKE A VACCINE THAT MANY DON'T WANT OR
14 NEED. IT IS DISGRACEFUL TO EVEN CONSIDER FIRING COUNTY WORKERS
15 AND FIRST RESPONDERS OVER A VACCINE MANDATE. IT IS TIME TO
16 MOVE TO A VACCINE AND MASK OPTIONAL SITUATION FOR STUDENTS,
17 WORKERS, AND ALL ANGELENOS. WE CANNOT ALLOW YOU TO CONTINUE TO
18 TAKE THE PATH OF LEAST RESISTANCE WITH MANDATES ON OUR
19 CHILDREN BECAUSE OF UNSCIENTIFIC DEMANDS OF LABOR UNIONS. WHEN
20 THE STATE AND LOCAL RESTRICTIONS END, THE UNION AND SCHOOL
21 DISTRICT RESTRICTIONS ON OUR KIDS MUST END, TOO. THE MAJORITY
22 OF AMERICANS ARE LIVING IN A MASK AND VACCINE OPTIONAL
23 ENVIRONMENT AND DOING JUST FINE. WE DESERVE THE SAME FREEDOM
24 OF CHOICE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AND THANK YOU TO EACH AND EVERY MEMBER
2 OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC WHO TOOK YOUR TIME TODAY TO CALL IN AND
3 EXPRESS YOUR PERSPECTIVE. WE APPRECIATE YOU. WITH 90 MINUTES
4 HAVING LAPSED, OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC SPEAKERS HAS ENDED. AGAIN,
5 THANK TO ALL WHO HAVE CALLED IN. IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE
6 YOUR COMMENTS ORALLY, YOU MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS AS
7 INDICATED ON THE AGENDA. WE'LL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN
8 COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME
9 PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE
10 THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE'LL BE VOTING TODAY.

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12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU, 3, 6-
13 8, 11, 12-16, AS REVISED, AND 19-21, 23-30, IS 32-36, 38-42,
14 44-57, 59-68, 69A AND 69B, 72 AND 73, 1D, 2D, AND I AM GOING
15 TO READ A STATEMENT. 1D IS A RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A
16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE, AND DELIVERY OF THE
17 VERMONT MANCHESTER NOTES IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT
18 TO EXCEED \$46,338,493 FOR A 118-UNIT AFFORDABLE HOUSING
19 PROJECT IN THE VERMONT MANCHESTER SENIOR PROJECT NOTES IN AN
20 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$26,094,717 FOR A 62-
21 UNIT AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT, BOTH LOCATED IN THE CITY OF
22 LOS ANGELES. 3D THROUGH 7D ARE BEFORE YOU.

23
24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER,
25 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS WITH THE

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1 EXCEPTIONS NOTED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
2 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

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6 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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10 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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14 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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18 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

21 MITCHELL.

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

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

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL BEGIN WITH SET MATTERS
5 1 AND 2 AND THEN PROCEED TO AGENDA ITEMS 4, 5, 9, 10, 17, 18,
6 58, AND CONCLUDING WITH ITEM 69C. WE'LL BEGIN WITH SET MATTER
7 1, THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING. WE WILL HEAR A
8 PRESENTATION FROM FESIA DAVENPORT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
9 AND DR. BARBARA FERRER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

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11 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, AND GOOD
12 MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I WILL GO AHEAD AND GET STARTED TALKING
13 WHILE THE POWER POINT IS BEING BROUGHT UP. SO TODAY'S
14 PRESENTATION WILL BE THE 4TH IN OUR SERIES OF REGULAR
15 PRESENTATIONS ON THE COUNTY'S PROGRESS IMPLEMENTING PHASE 1 OF
16 THE COUNTY'S AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN, THE SPENDING PLAN. AS YOUR
17 BOARD WILL SEE FROM TODAY'S PRESENTATION, DEPARTMENTS CONTINUE
18 TO MAKE STEADY PROGRESS FINALIZING THEIR FEDERALLY COMPLIANT
19 PROGRAM DESIGNS, EACH OF WHICH INCORPORATES YOUR BOARD'S
20 EQUITY MANDATES AND MOVING INTO AN IMPLEMENTATION PHASE, BUT
21 THE INITIAL FOCUS OF OUR PRESENTATION THIS MORNING WILL WITH
22 BE ON THE LARGER SYSTEMS CHANGE INSTIGATED BY YOUR BOARD. AS
23 YOUR BOARD WILL RECALL, WEEKS PRIOR TO CONSIDERING AND
24 APPROVING THE PHASE 1 SPENDING PLAN, YOUR BOARD DIRECTED MY
25 OFFICE TO CREATE SPECIALIZED TOOLS AND A FUNDING FORMULA TO

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1 SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT AND LAUNCH OF A NEW EQUITY-BASED
2 SERVICE ALLOCATION THAT IS TIED TO YOUR BOARD'S APPROVAL OF
3 THE A.R.P. SPENDING PLAN. WE'LL BE PRESENTING A CORE COMPONENT
4 OF THIS NEW INFRASTRUCTURE, WHICH IS BASICALLY A MAPPING TOOL
5 CALLED THE EQUITY EXPLORING MAPPING TOOL. AND WHILE DR. SCORZA
6 WILL TALK MORE SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE TOOL'S CAPABILITIES, I
7 WANTED TO TAKE A MOMENT JUST TO HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF
8 THE TOOL. FIRST, IN TERMS OF ITS CAPABILITIES, THE EXPLORER
9 TOOL LEVERAGES NUMEROUS DATA INDICES, ALLOWING DEPARTMENTS TO
10 IDENTIFY SERVICE POPULATION BY NEEDS TIERS, THOSE IN THE
11 HIGHEST NEED, HIGH NEED, ETC. DEPARTMENTS CAN THEN LEVERAGE
12 SPATIAL DATA TO IDENTIFY GEOGRAPHICALLY CONCENTRATED SERVICE
13 POPULATIONS. THEY CAN ALSO TAP INTO DATASETS TO IDENTIFY NON-
14 GEOGRAPHICALLY CONTIGUOUS POPULATIONS WHO MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR
15 SERVICES BUT ARE NOT NECESSARILY CONCENTRATED BY CENSUS TRACT
16 OR BY GEOGRAPHIC INDICATOR. DR. SCORZA WILL DISCUSS SOME
17 EXAMPLES OF THESE TYPES OF POPULATIONS LATER IN THE
18 PRESENTATION. DEPARTMENTS CAN ALSO FOCUS ON DATASETS MOST
19 INFORMATIVE TO THEIR SERVICE POPULATION. FOR EXAMPLE, THE
20 ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY WILL ESSENTIALLY
21 FOCUS ON DATASETS THAT ARE MOST INFORMATIVE TO THEIR SERVICE
22 POPULATION. W.D.A.C.S. WILL FOCUS ON DIFFERENT DATA WHEN
23 DESIGNING A SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAM. THEN, EXCUSE ME,
24 W.D.A.C.S. WILL FOCUS ON DIFFERENT DATA WHEN DESIGNING A SMALL
25 BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAM THAN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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1 WILL USE WHEN DESIGNING THEIR HOME VISITATION PROGRAMS.

2 SECOND, THE EQUITY EXPLORER MAPPING TOOL MARKS AN IMPORTANT

3 EVOLUTION IN THE WAY COUNTY DEPARTMENTS EVALUATE HOW TO DEPLOY

4 LIMITED RESOURCES TO THOSE MOST IN NEED. IN SHORT, AN EQUITY

5 BASED PROCESS THAT CAN BE REPLICATED AND PROGRAMS FROM ART TO

6 C.F.C.I. AND BEYOND. I ALSO WANTED TO QUICKLY NOTE THAT YOUR

7 BOARD'S EFFORTS ARE RECEIVING NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR ITS

8 EFFORTS TO ENSURE EQUITABLE INVESTMENT OF A.R.P.A. FUNDS. LAST

9 MONTH, THE DEPARTMENT OF THE U.S. TREASURY ISSUED ITS FINAL

10 RULE GOVERNING THE EXPENDITURE AND REPORTING OF A.R.P. FUNDS.

11 THE FINAL RULE CALLS OUT YOUR BOARD'S CARE FIRST/JAILS LAST

12 PROGRAMMING AS AN EXAMPLE OF LOCAL STRATEGIES USING A.R.P.A.

13 FUNDS TO INVEST IN HOLISTIC APPROACHES IN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

14 THAT ARE ROOTED IN TARGETED OUTREACH AND ADDRESSING ROOT

15 CAUSES. THEY HIGHLIGHT THIS USE OF A.R.P.A. FUNDS AS AN

16 EXAMPLE OF A.R.P. ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS THAT AIM TO REPLACE ARREST

17 AND INCARCERATION RESPONSES WITH HELP INTERVENTIONS. NEXT

18 SLIDE, PLEASE. SO THE NEXT SLIDE ESSENTIALLY SHOWS WHAT WE'LL

19 BE COVERING TODAY. AS I MENTIONED, DR. SCORZA WILL ADDRESS

20 ITEMS 1-3 BY PROVIDING AN OVERVIEW OF THE EQUITY EXPLORER

21 MAPPING TOOL AND A STATUS UPDATE A.R.P.A. IMPLEMENTATION, AND

22 THEN DR. BARBARA FERRER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, WILL

23 PRESENT ON ITEM NUMBER 4. SHE'LL SPOTLIGHT PUBLIC HEALTH'S

24 A.R.P. FUNDED PROGRAMS FOCUSED ON HOME VISITING AND NURSE

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1 FAMILY PARTNERSHIP. WITH THAT, I'LL TURN IT OVER TO DR.
2 SCORZA.

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4 **DR. SCORZA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MS. DAVENPORT. GOOD MORNING,
5 BOARD. IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE HERE WITH ALL OF YOU TODAY. NEXT
6 SLIDE, PLEASE. AS OUR C.E.O. HAS MENTIONED, WE WORKED CLOSELY
7 WITH OUR PARTNERS IN I.S.D. TO DEVELOP THE EQUITY EXPLORER
8 MAPPING TOOL, WHICH USES YOUR BOARD'S DIRECTED COVID-19
9 VULNERABILITY AND RECOVERY INDEX TO INDICATE AREAS OF HIGHEST,
10 HIGH, MODERATE, LOW, AND LOWEST NEED TIERS IN ORDER TO ASSIST
11 DEPARTMENTS WITH THEIR PROJECT DESIGN EFFORTS. THE USE OF THIS
12 INDEX CAN HELP DEPARTMENTS, AS THE C.E.O. MENTIONED, IDENTIFY
13 COMMUNITIES THAT ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY THE COVID-
14 19 PANDEMIC BASED UPON RISK FACTORS FOR INFECTION AND
15 SEVERITY, AS WELL AS THEIR ABILITY TO RECOVER FROM THE HEALTH,
16 ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL IMPACTS OF THE PANDEMIC. USING THIS
17 INFORMATION, DEPARTMENTS CAN BEST TARGET THEIR A.R.P.A.
18 FUNDING AND RESOURCES TOWARDS COMMUNITIES WITH THE GREATEST
19 NEED. IT ALSO PROVIDES DEPARTMENTS WITH TRAINING AND GUIDANCE
20 ON HOW TO USE THE MAPPING TOOL IN THEIR PROJECT DESIGNS IN
21 ORDER TO INFORM THEIR DECISION-MAKING AND BETTER ALIGN PROGRAM
22 INVESTMENTS WITH RECOVERY NEED. THE MAPPING TOOL IS NOW
23 PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE ON OUR A.R.P.A. WEBSITE AT THE LINK YOU
24 SEE ON THE SCREEN, WHICH IS NOW AT CEO.LACOUNTY.GOV/RECOVERY.
25 NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. RACE, CLASS, AND PLACE ARE CLOSELY LINKED

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1 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND THE IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
2 HAS DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WHO
3 LIVE AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF THESE FACTORS FOR SEVERAL
4 REASONS. DECADES OF DISCRIMINATORY HOUSING, BANKING, AND
5 ECONOMIC POLICIES HAVE LIMITED OPPORTUNITIES FOR AFRICAN
6 AMERICAN, INDIGENOUS, LATINA, LATINO, LATINX RESIDENTS, ASIAN
7 AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, PACIFIC ISLANDER, AND MANY
8 MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES, WHO RESIDE IN THE COUNTY WHO NEED
9 OUR SERVICES TO MAINTAIN THEIR ECONOMIC SECURITY AND WEATHER
10 CRISES. THE COVID-19 VULNERABILITY RECOVERY INDEX IS THE
11 PRIMARY MAP LAYER IN THE EQUITY EXPLORER MAPPING TOOL AND WAS
12 DEVELOPED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COALITION FOR EQUITABLE
13 A.R.P.A. IMPLEMENTATION BASED ON AND ADAPTED FROM A STATEWIDE
14 PLACE- BASED INDEX. THE COUNTY'S INDEX USES CENSUS TRACT, ZIP
15 CODE, AND NEIGHBORHOOD LEVEL DATA TO HELP IDENTIFY POPULATIONS
16 ACCORDING TO NEED TIER AS WELL AS IDENTIFY AGAIN COMMUNITIES
17 THAT ARE MOST IMPACTED AND IN NEED OF LONG TERM ECONOMIC
18 RECOVERY INTERVENTIONS BASED UPON RELATIVE RISK. THE INDEX
19 ASSESS RISK FACTORS FOR COVID-19 INFECTION AND SEVERITY AND
20 INCLUDES MEASURES THAT WERE MEANT TO MEASURE THE HEALTH RISKS
21 OF COMMUNITIES AND THE LONG TERM SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT.
22 THE NEED TIERS ARE BASED UPON AN ANALYSIS THAT CATEGORIZES
23 RISK SEVERITY AND RECOVERY NEEDS USING INDICATORS THAT ARE
24 KNOWN FACTORS FOR RISK OF COVID-19 INFECTIONS, INCLUDING HIGH
25 DEGREES OF VULNERABILITY TO SEVERE CHALLENGES IF INFECTED AND

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1 THE NEED, AGAIN, TO RECOVER FROM THE HEALTH, ECONOMIC, AND
2 SOCIAL IMPACTS OF THE PANDEMIC. THIS SLIDE SHOWS THE CURRENT
3 LIST OF INDICATORS UNDER EACH OF THESE 3 INDICES AND THEIR
4 SUBCATEGORIES, RISK SEVERITY AND RECOVERY NEED. THE
5 COMMUNITIES ARE ALSO AT GREATER RISK TO EXPOSURE TO THE VIRUS
6 DUE TO THEIR INCREASED LIKELIHOOD OF BEING ESSENTIAL WORKERS,
7 PUBLIC TRANSIT DEPENDENT, AND LIVING IN HOUSING THAT IS FAR
8 FROM SUPERMARKETS AND OTHER ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES. THIS DATA IS
9 THEN GEOGRAPHICALLY MAPPED, AND THE EQUITY EXPLORER ASSISTS
10 DEPARTMENTS AND THEIR PROGRAM LEADS BY PROVIDING A VISUAL
11 REPRESENTATION OF COMMUNITIES WHERE THE GREATEST NEEDS EXIST.
12 NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. RECOGNIZING THAT NOT ALL POPULATIONS WILL
13 BE CAPTURED OR IDENTIFIED IN PUBLICLY AVAILABLE DATA, YOUR
14 BOARD OF DIRECTED C.E.O. TO DEVELOP STRATEGIES THAT WOULD HELP
15 IDENTIFY COMMUNITIES THAT ARE NOT GEOGRAPHICALLY CONCENTRATED
16 OR MAY BE HARD TO LOCATE. TO ENSURE THESE NON- GEOGRAPHICALLY
17 CONCENTRATED COMMUNITIES WHO ARE ALSO DISPROPORTIONATELY
18 IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC ARE IDENTIFIED AND
19 PRIORITIZED, R.D. CONSULTED WITH SEVERAL SUBJECT MATTER
20 EXPERTS, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES FROM, BUT NOT LIMITED,
21 COMMUNITY- BASED, IMMIGRANT, NATIVE AMERICAN, AMERICAN INDIAN
22 ORGANIZATIONS TO HELP US DEVELOP STRATEGIES THAT WOULD ENSURE
23 THESE COMMUNITIES ARE CONSIDERED AND INCLUDED AS DEPARTMENTS
24 DESIGN THEIR PROJECTS. TO HELP MEET YOUR BOARD'S DIRECTIVES,
25 WE IDENTIFIED INDICATORS FOR HARD TO REACH POPULATIONS AND

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1 DEVELOPED OUTREACH STRATEGIES TO INCREASE INCLUSION OF NON-
2 GEOGRAPHICALLY CONCENTRATED COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING AND EFFORT
3 TO SOURCE DATA THROUGH WHAT'S CALLED PARTICIPATORY MAPPING.
4 TO FURTHER TAILOR THEIR PROGRAM POPULATIONS, DEPARTMENTS MAY
5 ALSO IDENTIFY AND OTHER VALIDATED INDICATORS THAT TARGET
6 COMMUNITIES MOST IMPACTED BY THE PANDEMIC, PROVIDED THEY CAN
7 BE JUSTIFIED AND SUBSTANTIATED TO ALIGN WITH THE FOCUS ON
8 EQUITY AND DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED POPULATIONS. WE
9 STRONGLY ENCOURAGE DEPARTMENTS TO USE THE COVID INDEX AS A
10 STARTING PLACE FOR THEIR ANALYSIS OR ESSENTIALLY THE FLOOR
11 NOT THE CEILING, AND TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL FACTORS TO
12 IDENTIFY THEIR POPULATION'S MOST IN NEED, INCLUDING VETERAN,
13 UNHOUSED, IMMIGRANT, AND OTHER SOCIAL VULNERABILITY STATUSES,
14 AMONGST MANY OTHERS, TO BETTER TARGET SERVICES TO THE
15 POPULATIONS WHO WOULD RECEIVED THE GREATEST BENEFIT FROM THEIR
16 PROGRAMS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. BASED UPON THE NEED LEVELS USING
17 THE COVID-19 VULNERABILITY AND RECOVERY INDEX ACROSS L.A.
18 COUNTY'S POPULATION, WE WERE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE THE TOTAL
19 NUMBER OF RESIDENTS WHO FALL WITHIN EACH NEED TIER. AS YOU CAN
20 SEE, NEARLY 63% OF THE COUNTY'S POPULATION FALL WITHIN THE
21 MODERATE TO HIGHEST NEED TIERS. WHILE NOT COMPREHENSIVE, THE
22 LOCATIONS IDENTIFIED HERE ARE EXAMPLES OF COMMUNITIES THAT
23 FALL WITHIN THOSE MULTIPLE NEED TIERS. 42% OF ARE RESIDENTS
24 FALL WITHIN THE HIGH AND HIGHEST NEED TIERS AND ARE
25 CONCENTRATED WITHIN COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT ALL FIVE

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1 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS. THESE NEIGHBORHOODS ARE OFTEN
2 COMMUNITIES WHERE HIGH DEGREES OF CONCENTRATED AND ACCUMULATED
3 DISADVANTAGE EXIST AND ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY THE
4 PANDEMIC AT HIGHER RATES THAN IN LOW OR LOWEST NEEDS
5 NEIGHBORHOODS. ZIP CODES WITHIN THE HIGHEST NEEDS ON THE INDEX
6 HAVE NEARLY FOUR HIGHER TIMES UNINSURED RATES COMPARED TO ZIP
7 CODES WITHIN THE LOWEST NEED. ZIP CODES WITHIN THE HIGHEST
8 NEED ON THE INDEX HAVE NEARLY FOUR TIMES THE RATE OF
9 INDIVIDUALS LIVING BELOW 200% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL
10 COMPARED TO ZIP CODES WITH THE LOWEST NEED. OVERALL, THESE
11 DATA SHOW THAT ROUGHLY 3 OUT OF 5 RESIDENTS FALL WITHIN THE
12 MODERATE, HIGH, AND HIGHEST NEED TIERS, WHERE HIGHEST NEED
13 COMMUNITIES WERE OFTEN BETWEEN 4-7 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE AT
14 GREATER RISK FOR INFECTION, SEVERELY IMPACTED BY PANDEMIC, OR
15 IN NEED FOR RECOVERY SUPPORT. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. NOW, GIVEN
16 THE INFUSION OF A.R.P.A. DOLLARS IN OUR COUNTY, YOUR BOARD HAS
17 DIRECTED THAT L.A. COUNTY ACTS UPON THE COMMITMENT TO ADVANCE
18 EQUITY BY IMPLEMENTING STRATEGIES TO ALLOCATE FUNDS FAIRLY AND
19 TRANSPARENTLY. YOUR BOARD'S APPROVED SPENDING PLAN ALIGNED
20 WITH STRATEGIC PILLARS CALLS FOR EQUITY AS A PRIMARY
21 CONSIDERATION ALLOCATING RESOURCES AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES IN
22 ORDER TO ADVANCE AN EQUITABLE RECOVERY. SYSTEMATICALLY
23 IMPLEMENTING OUR COUNTY-WIDE EQUITY PRINCIPLES AND THE USE OF
24 THE EQUITY EXPLORER WILL HELP FULFILL AND FURTHER YOUR BOARD'S
25 DIRECTIVES BY PRIORITIZING THE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN OUR

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1 COUNTY WHO ARE MOST IMPACTED BY THE PANDEMIC AND NEED THE MOST
2 RESOURCES TO RECOVER FROM THE PANDEMIC'S DISPROPORTIONATE
3 EFFECTS. BY USING THE EQUITY EXPLORER MAPPING TOOL, AS YOU CAN
4 HERE ON THIS SLIDE, DEPARTMENTS AND NOW THE PUBLIC CAN
5 EXPLORE CENSUS TRACTS THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY TO IDENTIFY AREAS
6 OF HIGHEST, HIGH, MODERATE, LOW, AND LOWEST NEEDS WHEN EITHER
7 CONDUCTING PROJECT DESIGN PLANNING OR EXAMINING PROJECTS
8 THEMSELVES. WHAT YOU SEE BEFORE YOU IS A VISUAL REPRESENTATION
9 OF THAT COVID INDEX ALONG WITH ADDITIONAL DATA LAYERS TO THE
10 TOP RIGHT, SUCH AS INCARCERATION, TENANT VULNERABILITY, CAL
11 FRESH PARTICIPATION RATES, LANGUAGE DIVERSITY, COMPUTER AND
12 INTERNET ACCESS, AMONGST MANY OTHERS THAT DEPARTMENTS ARE
13 CURRENTLY UTILIZING TO BETTER TARGET THEIR RESOURCES. WE'RE
14 EVEN ABLE TO IDENTIFY COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN HISTORICALLY
15 RED-LINED TO BETTER LOCATE NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE DISADVANTAGE
16 HAS ACCUMULATED OVER TIME. INCLUDED IN THIS MAPPING TOOLS ARE
17 LINKS TO THE DATA SOURCES, OPTIONS TO FILTER THAT DATA,
18 FEATURE TO SEARCH FOR A SPECIFIC NEIGHBORHOOD OR SUPERVISORIAL
19 DISTRICT CHARACTERISTICS, BUTTONS TO EXPORT THAT DATA, AND
20 TOOLS TO SEE THE RESULTS IN REAL TIME. I'D LIKE TO THANK AND
21 ACKNOWLEDGE OUR PARTNERS IN I.S.D., INCLUDING STEVE STEINBERG
22 AND HIS TEAM, WHO HELPED US DRIVE AND DEVELOP THIS TOOL. NEXT
23 SLIDE, PLEASE. AS YOUR BOARD HAS REQUESTED, THIS SLIDE
24 PROVIDES YOU WITH A CURRENT UPDATE ON WHERE PROJECTS ARE IN
25 THE DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROVAL PROCESS. R.D. CONTINUES

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1 TO PARTNER WITH DEPARTMENTS TO DEVELOP AND COMPLETE PROJECT
2 DESIGNS THAT COMPLY WITH YOUR BOARD'S DIRECTIVES AND U.S.
3 TREASURY'S GUIDELINES. THE FOCUS ON EQUITY WILL ULTIMATELY
4 LEAD TO INVESTMENTS IN COMMUNITIES HARDEST HIT BY THE PANDEMIC
5 AND AT GREATEST RISK FOR A SLOW RECOVERY. AS OF FEBRUARY 4TH,
6 59 PROJECTS ARE IN THE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT PHASE. THIS
7 INCLUDES EFFORTS TO CLARIFY THE GOALS AND OUTCOMES OF EACH
8 PROJECT, THE PROJECT'S POTENTIAL IMPACT IN REDUCING
9 DISPARITIES, AND STRATEGIES TO MEASURE THAT IMPACT. I SHOULD
10 NOTE THAT TREASURY REQUIRES A STRONG FOCUS ON EVIDENCE AND
11 EVALUATIONS, AND DEPARTMENTS MUST BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE THE
12 IMPROVEMENTS OCCURRING IN COMMUNITIES MOST IMPACTED BY THE
13 PANDEMIC. ONE PROJECT IS UNDER R.D. AND COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW,
14 AND A TOTAL OF 23 PROJECTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR LAUNCH AND
15 IMPLEMENTATION. AND AS C.E.O. SHARED, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF
16 PROJECTS APPROVED FOR LAUNCH HAS MORE THAN DOUBLED FROM 11 TO
17 23 WITHIN THE PAST MONTH, AND SOME PROJECTS HAVE BEGUN
18 IMPLEMENTATION. NEXT SLIDE. DURING OUR LAST BOARD
19 PRESENTATION, YOU ASKED US TO TRACK ESTIMATED DEPARTMENT
20 LAUNCH DATES AND REPORT ON THE PROJECTS CURRENTLY LAUNCHED.
21 THIS SLIDE DETAILS THOSE PROJECTS THAT ARE NOW MADE AVAILABLE
22 ON THE A.R.P.A. WEBSITE. THE WEBSITE WAS AN EFFORT IN RESPONSE
23 TO YOUR BOARD'S COMMENTS FROM TWO WEEKS AGO TO PROVIDE A
24 SINGLE PLACE ONLINE WHERE THE PUBLIC CAN VIEW WHICH PROGRAM
25 ARE AVAILABLE AND WHICH ONES ARE COMING SOON. WE WILL CONTINUE

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1 TO REFINE THIS SITE WITH INFORMATION AS WE RECEIVE IT FROM
2 DEPARTMENTS. AND FOR THE TIME BEING, PROGRAMS THAT HAVE
3 LAUNCHED OR ARE ON THEIR WAY TO LAUNCH MAY HAVE AN ESTIMATED
4 LAUNCH DATE AND ARE CURRENTLY LISTED ON THE SITE WHERE MORE
5 WILL BE ADDED LATER. I WOULD LIKE TO NOTE THAT, WHILE WE ARE
6 WORKING TO GET THIS INFORMATION QUICKLY AND OUT TO THE PUBLIC,
7 WE WILL CONTINUE TO REFINE AND IMPROVE OVER TIME. MANY
8 PROGRAMS ARE AT MULTIPLE STAGES, AND OTHERS HAVE APPROVED
9 PROGRAM DESIGNS AND ARE MOVING TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION. NEXT
10 SLIDE, PLEASE. NEXT, THE DR. BARBARA FERRER, DIRECTOR OF
11 PUBLIC HEALTH, WILL HIGHLIGHT TWO OF THEIR A.R.P.A. FUNDED
12 PROGRAMS TO SHOWCASE SOME OF THE INITIATIVES THE COUNTY IS
13 SUPPORTING DURING OUR FIRST PHASE OF A.R.P.A. FUNDING. DR.
14 FERRER?

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16 **DR. FERRER:** GREAT. THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISORS, MS.
17 DAVENPORT, AND DR. SCORZA FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS IS
18 WITH YOU HOW THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IS ADMINISTERING
19 THE A.R.P.A. FUNDING TO SUPPORT TWO ESSENTIAL HOME VISITING
20 PROGRAMS, HEALTH FAMILIES AMERICA AND THE NURSE-FAMILY
21 PARTNERSHIP. FOR SOME BACKGROUND, AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, HOME
22 VISITING IS A PREVENTION STRATEGY USED TO SUPPORT PREGNANT
23 MOMS AND NEW PARENTS TO PROMOTE INFANT AND CHILD HEALTH,
24 FOSTER EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCHOOL READINESS, AND HELP
25 PREVENT CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT. ACROSS THE COUNTY AND THE

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1 COUNTRY, HIGH QUALITY HOME VISITING PROGRAMS OFFER VITAL
2 SUPPORT TO PARENTS AS THEY DEAL WITH THE CHALLENGES OF RAISING
3 BABIES AND YOUNG CHILDREN. HOME VISITING MODELS VARY. THEY MAY
4 RELY ON NURSES, SOCIAL WORKERS, CHILD DEVELOPMENT SPECIALISTS,
5 OR TRAINED PROFESSIONALS. ALL COME WITH PRESCRIBED TRAINING
6 REQUIREMENTS, AND PUBLIC HEALTH SUPPLEMENTS REQUIRED TRAINING
7 WITH MODULES ON MENTAL HEALTH AND TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE. HOME
8 VISITING CLIENTS ALSO OFTEN VARY BY PROGRAM MODEL. ACROSS
9 PROGRAMS, CLIENTS INCLUDE HIGH RISK, FIRST TIME PREGNANT
10 WOMEN, NEW PARENTING FAMILIES, HOMELESS WOMEN WHO ARE
11 PREGNANT, SURVIVORS OF VIOLENCE AND TRAUMA, AND TEENAGERS IN
12 FOSTER CARE TRANSITIONING FROM JUVENILE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
13 SERVICES. L.A. COUNTY PROVIDES HOME VISITING THROUGH THE
14 DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES AND THROUGH CONTRACTS WITH
15 19 COMMUNITY-BASED AGENCIES WHO IMPLEMENT THREE EVIDENCE-BASED
16 MODELS OF CARE. IN ADDITION, WE'RE PARTNERED WITH FIRST 5
17 L.A., AND THEY PROVIDE A LOW TOUCH MODEL CALLED WELCOME BABY,
18 WHICH IS EVIDENCE-INFORMED. THIS MODEL ALLOWS US TO OFFER A
19 SINGLE CONTACT TO A LARGE NUMBER OF WOMEN IDENTIFYING THOSE
20 WITH NEEDS THAT CALL FOR REFERRALS TO OTHER PROGRAMS. HOME
21 VISITING IS PART OF THE COUNTY'S CONTINUUM OF SERVICES FOR
22 PREGNANT WOMEN AND FAMILIES OF YOUNG CHILDREN. THIS CONTINUUM
23 OF SERVICES IS VITAL TO ACHIEVING COUNTY GOALS AROUND
24 IMPROVING BIRTH OUTCOME EQUITY AND AVERTING RISK, INCLUDING
25 THE RISK OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT. IT PROVIDES NON-JUDGMENTAL,

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1 CULTURALLY-APPROPRIATE AND COMPETENT EDUCATION AND SUPPORT TO
2 FAMILIES WITH A WIDE RANGE OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL NEEDS. WE'RE
3 GRATEFUL FOR THE \$11.9 MILLION IN A.R.P.A. FUNDS THAT HAVE
4 BEEN DIRECTED BY THE BOARD FOR THESE TWO HOME VISITING
5 PROGRAMS WITH \$5.6 MILLION OF FUNDING FOR THE HEALTHY FAMILIES
6 CONTRACTS AND \$6.3 MILLION FUNDING FOR THE NURSE-FAMILY
7 PARTNERSHIP. THESE DOLLARS FILL IN GAPS IN HOME VISITING
8 FUNDING ALLOWING US TO MITIGATE THE DECREASE IN HOME VISITING
9 SERVICES THAT RESULTED WHEN THERE WAS A FUNDING REDUCTION FROM
10 THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IN THIS LAST FISCAL YEAR. IT
11 PROVIDES FUNDING FOR SEVEN PERMANENT COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH
12 NURSES UNDER THE NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP AND ALLOWS US TO
13 CONTINUE WITH PROGRAMMATIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR THE
14 NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP AND THE HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM AS
15 WELL, HEALTHY FAMILIES OF AMERICA. THE A.R.P.A. FUNDS FOR THE
16 NURSE- FAMILY PARTNERSHIP WILL ALLOW US TO SERVE AT LEAST 175
17 NEW CLIENTS ADDING TO THE CURRENT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
18 CASELOAD OF OVER 3600 CLIENTS. THE A.R.P.A. FUNDS FOR HEALTHY
19 FAMILIES AMERICA WILL ALLOW US TO SERVE AT LEAST 600 NEW
20 CLIENTS. COMBINED, THE POPULATION IS OVER 770, WHO ARE LOW
21 INCOME, HIGH RISK, AND HIGH NEED PREGNANT AND PARENTING
22 FAMILIES IDENTIFIED USING THE COVID-19 VULNERABILITY AND
23 RECOVERY INDEX, TARGETING THE POPULATIONS THAT ARE NOTED ON
24 THIS SLIDE, INCLUDING THOSE THAT ARE INVOLVED IN FOSTER CARE
25 AND THOSE EXPERIENCING VIOLENCE, HOMELESSNESS, AND/OR

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1 SUBSTANCE ABUSE. THE A.R.P.A. FUNDING, IN PARTICULAR, IS
2 CRITICAL AT THE PRESENT TIME GIVEN THE CHALLENGES IMPOSED ON
3 LOW INCOME FAMILIES BY THE PANDEMIC. THESE FAMILIES,
4 ESPECIALLY FAMILIES HEADED BY WOMEN OF COLOR, HAVE FACED
5 UNIQUE STRESSES DUE TO EMPLOYMENT IN ESSENTIAL POSITIONS THAT
6 ENTAIL HIGH LEVELS OF RISK, OFTEN WITHOUT THE PROTECTION OF
7 PAID SICK LEAVE, PARTICULARLY SEVERE LOSS OF EMPLOYMENT THAT
8 HAS BEEN -- THAT HAS NOT BEEN RECOUPED WITH THE REOPENING OF
9 BUSINESSES, AND THE NEED TO HOME SCHOOL OLDER CHILDREN, OFTEN
10 WITH INADEQUATE TECHNOLOGY AND MINIMAL SUPPORT. THEIR NUMBERS
11 HAVE SWELLED DEMANDS FOR EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER AND
12 SERVICES ACROSS THE COUNTY. WE CAN GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE. THE
13 THE PROJECT'S GOALS, AS I BRIEFLY -- I THINK YOU CAN GO TO THE
14 NEXT SLIDE. THE PROJECT'S GOALS, AS I BRIEFLY MENTIONED
15 EARLIER, ARE TO WIDELY SCREEN AND IDENTIFY, REFER, ADVOCATE,
16 AND COORDINATE SUCCESSFUL MENTAL HEALTH AND FAMILY SUPPORT
17 LINKAGES, THEREBY PREVENTING TRAUMA RISK FOR YOUNG CHILDREN
18 AND STRENGTHENING ALL EXPECTANT AND PARENTING FAMILIES TO HAVE
19 HEALTHY, SAFE, AND READY TO LEARN CHILDREN IN THE COUNTY. THE
20 DEPARTMENT IS CURRENTLY WORKING WITH COUNTY COUNSEL ON THE
21 CONTRACTING MECHANISM UNDER THE A.R.P.A. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
22 PROCESS TO CONTINUE TO FUND THE 12 HEALTHY FAMILIES OF AMERICA
23 AGENCIES. UPON FINAL APPROVAL, WE WILL AMEND THESE 12
24 AGREEMENTS AND CONDUCT A WORK ORDER SOLICITATION FOR A
25 TEMPORARY PERSONNEL SERVICES CONTRACT. MEANWHILE, WORK IS

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1 UNDERWAY BY OUR PROGRAM STAFF TO FINALIZE THE DRAFT SCOPES OF
2 WORK FOR THE HEALTHY FAMILIES CONTRACTORS AND THAT -- BECAUSE
3 THESE NEED TO INCLUDE THE A.R.P.A. REQUIREMENTS. AND WE'RE
4 FINALIZING THE WORK ORDER SOLICITATION. WHILE THIS A.R.P.A.
5 FUNDING OFFERS AN URGENT RESPONSE TO THE INTENSIFIED HARDSHIP
6 EXPERIENCED BY FAMILIES, IT IS ALSO A STEP TOWARD THE
7 ACHIEVEMENT OF A SYSTEM WITH LONG TERM CAPACITY TO MEET THE
8 NEEDS OF ALL FAMILIES WHO WANT AND COULD BENEFIT FROM SOME
9 MODEL OF HOME VISITING SUPPORT. WE'RE CURRENTLY WORKING WITH
10 PARTNERS, INCLUDING FIRST 5 OTHER L.A., D.P.S.S., AND D.C.F.S.
11 TO SECURE EXPANDED AND SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR HOME VISITING
12 THROUGH THIRD PARTY PAYMENT THROUGH MEDI-CAL AND INSURANCE IN
13 ADDITION TO CURRENT FUNDING SOURCES. THANK YOU, AND I'M HAPPY
14 TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS.

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16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT
17 PRESENTATION. ARE THERE MEMBERS WHO HAVE QUESTIONS? GET FROM
18 THE SLIDES BACK TO -- EXCELLENT, THANK YOU. I SEE SUPERVISOR
19 KUEHL, WHO WILL BE FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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21 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO THANK
22 OUR TRULY VISIONARY C.E.O., WHOM WE HAVE ASKED TO BEGIN TO
23 THINK THIS THROUGH IN TERMS OF OUR A.R.P. DOLLARS, DR. SCORZA,
24 WHO HAS PUT IN SO MUCH TIME, AND, OF COURSE, DR. FERRER, IN
25 TERMS OF THE PRESENTATION THAT SHE MADE. WHEN I FIRST WAS

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1 ELECTED ALMOST 8 YEARS AGO, THE HOME VISITATION PROGRAMS WERE
2 SCATTERED, AND A WHOLE LOT OF DIFFERENT ENTITIES. COUNTY
3 DIDN'T REALLY KNOW EVERYTHING THAT WAS OUT THERE, AND WE
4 TASKED OURSELVES TO BEGIN TO TRY TO BRING SOME OF THESE THINGS
5 TOGETHER. AND I'VE BEEN FORTUNATE TO BE APPOINTED BY ALL THE
6 BOARD CHAIRS ALONG THE WAY TO CHAIR THE FIRST 5 BOARD OF
7 COMMISSIONERS EACH YEAR AND HAVE REALLY TRIED TO INTEGRATE
8 WHAT THEY ARE DOING, BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF INVESTMENT THERE
9 AS WELL, WITH A LOT OF WHAT THE COUNTY IS DOING. SO, I'M VERY
10 PLEASED TO SEE, IN THIS PARTICULAR ARENA OF HOME VISITATION
11 AND PUBLIC HEALTH, HOW WELL THAT HAS COME ALONG. NOTHING IS
12 EVER DONE. NOTHING'S EVER PERFECT, BUT -- SO THAT WAS ONE
13 THING. THE SECOND THING IS I'M VERY IMPRESSED BY THE TOOL THAT
14 DR. SCORZA SHOWED US. WE ENVISION AN OUTCOME WHEN WE PASS ANY
15 SET OF MOTIONS AND THEN HOPE THAT SOMEONE WILL FIGURE OUT HOW
16 GET FROM HERE TO THE OUTCOME THAT WE WANT, WHICH TAKES A LOT
17 OF STEPS. AND THIS TOOL LOOKS TO ME TO BE A VERY, VERY
18 IMPORTANT ONE, INFORMATIVE AND COMPLEX FOR SURE, BUT THE
19 OVERLAY OF ALL THE DIFFERENT INDICATORS OF NEED ARE COMPLEX,
20 IN AND OF THEMSELVES. SO I SIMPLY WANTED TO PRAISE THE WORK
21 AND THANK EVERYONE FOR ALL THE TIME THAT THEY'RE PUTTING IN ON
22 THIS. IT'S GOING, I HOPE, TO HELP US REALLY FOCUS OUR A.R.P.
23 FUNDING IN AN EQUITABLE WAY AND IN A TRANSPARENT MANNER. THANK
24 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

25

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

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3 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I ALSO WANT TO EXTEND
4 MY THANKS TO FESIA, DR. SCORZA, AND DR. FERRER FOR THE
5 PRESENTATION. I KNOW A LOT OF WORK HAS GONE INTO THIS, AND,
6 QUITE FRANKLY, I HOPE WE CAN USE THIS TOOL FOR ALL OF OUR
7 FUNDING THAT WE HAVE TO OVERSEE BECAUSE IT MAKES SENSE. AND
8 DATA AND LOOKING AT TRENDS ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO HOW WE PLAN
9 OUT WHERE WE NEED TO GO AS A COUNTY. SO I'M REALLY VERY
10 IMPRESSED WITH THE AGILITY AND THE EFFICIENCY IN PUTTING ALL
11 THIS WORK TOGETHER. I THINK IT'S VERY COMMENDABLE, BUT I
12 CONTINUE TO HAVE SOME CONCERNS BECAUSE I KNOW WE HAVE A WAYS
13 TO GO, AND PART OF IT DEALS WITH CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES
14 THAT WE HAVE WITH OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND MAKING SURE THAT
15 THEY REALLY DO UNDERSTAND THESE TOOLS AND THE USEFULNESS OF
16 THEM, AND I HOPE THAT WE CAN REALLY CREATE STANDARDS WITH ALL
17 OF OUR DEPARTMENTS SO THEY ALL FULLY UNDERSTAND WHAT IT IS
18 WE'RE LOOKING AT HERE. AND I, AGAIN, JUST WANT TO ASK THE
19 QUESTIONS HOW ARE WE GOING TO REACH OUT TO THESE ORGANIZATIONS
20 SO THEY KNOW HOW TO APPLY FOR THE FUNDING, AND PART WHAT I'M
21 ALREADY LEARNING IN MY NEW DISTRICT IS THAT WE HAVE
22 SIGNIFICANT LINGUISTIC BARRIERS, A FACT THAT WE DON'T HAVE
23 MANY OF OUR MATERIALS IN OTHER LANGUAGES. I WAS JUST VISITING
24 OUT IN THE EAST HOLLYWOOD AREA, WHERE A LARGE NUMBER OF THE
25 THAI COMMUNITY RESIDES, AND THEY WERE TELLING ME HOW HARD IT

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1 WAS DURING THE PANDEMIC TO TRY TO GET INFORMATION TO SMALL MOM
2 AND POP OWNERS, THAT THERE WAS NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN
3 THEIR LANGUAGE, AND THEY, IN FACT, HAD TO GET VOLUNTEERS TO
4 HELP THEM GO ONLINE. MANY WERE NOT EVEN ABLE TO ACCESS
5 COMPUTERS SO THEY HAD TO GO SOMEWHERE ELSE TO GET THAT
6 ASSISTANCE. SO I'M HOPING THAT WHEN WE THINK ABOUT REALLY
7 GETTING INFORMATION OUT TO OUR DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS THAT THEY
8 THINK ABOUT THE POPULATIONS AND THE DIFFERENT LANGUAGES THAT
9 THEY SPEAK, THAI, VIETNAMESE, JAPANESE, TAGALOG, MANDARIN,
10 CANTONESE, JUST TO NAME A FEW. SO I HOPE -- IT'S MORE OF A
11 COMMENT, BUT I DO THINK IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT. I DID HAVE A
12 QUESTION FOR DR. SCORZA. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE LIST YOU PUT
13 TOGETHER OF THE HIGH NEEDS COMMUNITIES IS NOT COMPREHENSIVE.
14 AND I'D JUST LIKE TO KNOW IF WE'RE GOING TO SEE REVISIONS OR
15 ADDITIONS WHERE WE'LL SEE MORE UNINCORPORATED AREAS ALSO
16 REFLECTED, SUCH AS BASSETT, VALINDA, ROWLAND HEIGHTS, AND
17 OTHER HIGH NEED AREAS THAT BELIEVE I DESERVE EQUAL ATTENTION.
18 THEY'RE NOT CITIES. THEY'RE UNINCORPORATED SO WE, THEREFORE,
19 ARE THEIR SO-CALLED MAYOR. SO DR. SCORZA, A RESPONSE FROM ON
20 THAT?

21

22 **DR. SCORZA:** YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT QUESTION,
23 SUPERVISOR. THAT IS SUCH AN INCREDIBLE CONSIDERATION. I WANT
24 TO THANK YOU FOR LIFTING IT UP. WHAT'S GREAT ABOUT THE
25 EQUITY EXPLORER IS THAT IT CAPTURES THE NEEDS IN THOSE

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1 NEIGHBORHOODS, AND IT ALLOWS OUR DEPARTMENTS TO FILTER OUT BY
2 THOSE LOCATIONS AS WELL. SO, AS YOU NOTED, THE LIST THAT WE
3 PROVIDED WAS JUST A SHORT SAMPLE OF THE COMMUNITIES WITH THE
4 HIGHEST AND HIGH NEEDS, BUT THE DEPARTMENTS ARE ABLE TO SEE
5 THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS THAT YOU JUST LISTED AND UTILIZE THE
6 INFORMATION THEY HAVE FOR THOSE LOCATIONS IN THEIR PROGRAM
7 DESIGNS AND IN THEIR DATA. WE ARE ENSURING THAT THEY ARE
8 CONSIDERING UNINCORPORATED AREAS, BUT THEY ARE ALSO LARGELY
9 FOLLOWING THE DIRECTION THAT THEY'RE RECEIVING FROM THE
10 DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR AND FROM THEIR SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTISE,
11 AND THEY'RE UTILIZING THAT TO HELP DRIVE PROJECT DESIGN. SO
12 IN SHORT, YES, THEY ARE ABLE IT SEE THE COMMUNITIES OF NEED IN
13 UNINCORPORATED AREAS, AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ACCESS AND
14 UPDATES TO THE TOOL FOR ALL THE SUPERVISOR -- FOR ALL OF YOUR
15 THE STAFF SO THAT THEY CAN ALSO MAKE NOTE OF AREAS THAT WE
16 SHOULD FOCUS ON.

17
18 **SUP. SOLIS:** AND MAYBE THIS IS A QUESTION FOR FESIA, BUT WITH
19 RESPECT TO THE LANGUAGE, LANGUAGE ACCESSIBILITY, I THINK
20 THAT'S GOING TO BE REALLY CRITICAL. AS I SAID, THERE ARE SO
21 MANY DIVERSE A.A.P.I. COMMUNITIES AS WELL AS INDIGENOUS
22 LANGUAGES BEING SPOKEN, AND I'M JUST WANTING TO HEAR IF WE'RE
23 GOING TO BE ABLE TO ALSO FIT WITHIN OUR INFRASTRUCTURE THE
24 CAPABILITY OF HAVING STAFF THAT SPEAK THESE LANGUAGES OR
25 WORKING WITH C.B.O.'S THAT CAN DO THAT WORK FOR US. I THINK

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1 THAT JUST REALLY HAS TO BE UNDERSCORED. I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO
2 HEAR A RESPONSE ON THAT.

3

4 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, IF I COULD
5 JUST RESPOND TO YOUR FIRST QUESTION, ALSO TO DR. SCORZA, ONE
6 OF THE THINGS THAT WE CAN DO, WE KNOW THAT SOMETIMES WHEN WE
7 SHOW INFORMATION TO PREVIEW INFORMATION, WHETHER IT'S FOR OUR
8 DEPARTMENTS OR ANYONE ELSE, PEOPLE MIGHT THINK THAT THAT IS
9 THE SET LIST. SO DR. SCORZA HAS ALREADY INDICATED THAT THE
10 DEPARTMENTS CAN USE THE DATA. THEY CAN SLICE IT AND DICE IT TO
11 KIND OF PULL OUT, FOR EXAMPLE, UNINCORPORATED AREAS BUT I ALSO
12 THINK WE CAN UPDATE THE LIST JUST IN TERMS OF IT BEING
13 ILLUSTRATIVE AS AN EXAMPLE TO THE DEPARTMENTS SO IT DOESN'T
14 JUST INCLUDE CENSUS TRACTS IN CITIES BUT ALSO IN
15 UNINCORPORATED AREAS. SO, WE'LL WORK ON THAT. ON THE ISSUE OF
16 THE DIVERSITY OF LANGUAGES, SO WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF -- OR
17 WE ACTUALLY HAVE SECURED TRANSLATION SERVICES FOR OUR A.R.P.
18 MATERIALS. WE WANT TO HAVE THEM TRANSLATED -- I THINK IT'S 12
19 -- IS IT 12? IN ABOUT 7 OR 8 DIFFERENT LANGUAGES. THAT
20 INFORMATION WE ACTUALLY WANT TO PUSH OUT IN A VERY SPECIFIC
21 WAY TO THE COMMUNITY -- TO THE RELEVANT COMMUNITIES THAT SPEAK
22 THOSE LANGUAGES. AND WE WANT TO DO IT IN A VERY INTENTIONAL
23 WAY USING SOCIAL MEDIA, PROVIDING TOOLKITS, ETC. ON THE ISSUE
24 OF CONTRACTING, I BELIEVE YOU MENTIONED, WITH COMMUNITY-BASED
25 ORGANIZATIONS TO CARRY THAT MESSAGE, I THINK WE ACTUALLY HAVE

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1 AN INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THAT ALREADY THAT WE HAVE ACTUALLY
2 FUNDED WITH C.R.F., AND WE ACTUALLY SET ASIDE FUNDING UNDER
3 A.R.P., YOUR BOARD DID, TRAUNCH 1, FOR HYPER LOCAL
4 COMMUNICATION, AND I THINK THAT THAT'S WHERE THAT FALLS.
5 THAT'S WHERE THAT EFFORT WOULD FALL. SO WE'LL MAKE SURE THAT,
6 AS WE TRANSLATE THESE MATERIALS, THAT WE DON'T JUST PUSH IT
7 OUT USING SOCIAL MEDIA, BUT THAT WE ALSO INCLUDE IT AS PART OF
8 OUR HYPER LOCAL ETHNIC MEDIA OUTREACH.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. LASTLY, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR THE
11 TIME, AND I WANTED TO THANK THE DR. FERRER FOR HER WORK ON THE
12 UPDATES ON THIS CRITICAL PROGRAM, THE HOME VISITATION PROGRAM,
13 AND ESPECIALLY THE NURSE- FAMILY PARTNERSHIP. IN FACT, I KNOW
14 MY TEAM RECENTLY MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM YOUR
15 DEPARTMENT, AS WELL AS D.P.S.S., D.C.F.S., AND D.M.H.
16 REGARDING THE PROGRAM AND ITS FUTURE VIABILITY. D.P.S.S. AND
17 D.C.F.S. SHARED HOW CRITICAL THE WORK THAT YOU ALL ARE DOING
18 WITH THE N.F.P. IS TO SUPPORT SOME OF THE MOST HIGH ACUITY
19 CLIENTS. THERE'S NO DOUBT IN MY MIND HOW IMPORTANT THIS
20 PROGRAM IS. AND I WAS GLAD TO HELP ADVOCATE FOR A.R.P.A.
21 FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAM AND ALSO LEAD A MOTION TO
22 SUPPORT N.F.P., AND I'M THANKFUL FOR YOUR PRESENTATION TODAY,
23 BUT I KNOW THE LONG TERM FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAM REMAINS AN
24 OPEN QUESTION. AND I WANT TO BEGIN HERE. HOW LONG WILL THIS
25 FUNDING SUPPORT A.R.P.A. PROGRAM, AND WHAT ARE D.P.H.'S PLANS

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1 TO PRESERVE THE LONG TERM VIABILITY OF THE PROGRAM, AND IF YOU
2 CAN DISCUSS SOME OF THE PAST FUNDING CHALLENGES WHAT SUPPORT
3 YOU COULD USE FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND THE BOARD TO SUSTAIN
4 THE PROGRAM, AND BEYOND SIMPLY SUSTAINING THE PROGRAM, WHAT
5 SUPPORT DO YOU THINK WOULD BE NEEDED TO HELP US EXPAND AND
6 ELEVATE THE LEVEL OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE N.F.P.
7 PRACTITIONERS? THOSE ARE MY QUESTIONS FOR DR. FERRER.

8

9 **DR. FERRER:** YEAH, THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND I
10 WANT TO THANK ALL THE BOARD FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP
11 AND RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANT ROLE THAT HOME VISITING
12 PLAYS, AND THERE ARE LOTS OF DIFFERENT MODELS, AND THE NURSE-
13 FAMILY PARTNERSHIP MODEL, OBVIOUSLY, IS ONE OF THE MORE
14 INTENSIVE MODELS BECAUSE IT REQUIRES CLINICAL PROVIDERS TO
15 HELP ROUND OUT THAT TEAM. BUT MANY FAMILIES ARE ASKING FOR
16 DIFFERENT LEVELS OF SUPPORT, AND I'M PROUD THAT HERE IN L.A.
17 COUNTY, EVEN BEFORE WE HAD THIS AMAZING NEW INVESTMENT WITH
18 THE A.R.P.A. FUNDS, WE HAD PROBABLY CLOSE TO \$30 MILLION
19 INVESTED IN A VARIETY OF HOME VISITING EFFORTS. D.P.S.S. HAS
20 BEEN REALLY ONE OF OUR MOST IMPORTANT PARTNERS, AND WE WORK
21 WITH THEM THROUGH THE CAL WORKS PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE A LOT OF
22 SUPPORT FOR THEIR ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS AROUND THE ADDITIONAL
23 SUPPORT THAT PEOPLE NEED AS THEY'RE TRANSITIONING INTO A WORK
24 ENVIRONMENT. SO WE'VE JUST BEEN REALLY PLEASED WITH THAT
25 PARTNERSHIP. WE ALSO HAVE A FAMILY STABILIZATION PROGRAM THAT

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1 WE WORK WITH THEM, AND WE HAVE RECEIVED A LOT OF FUNDING AS
2 WELL, OR A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF FUNDING, THAT WE GET FROM THE
3 STATE AROUND EXPANDING SOME OF OUR MATERNAL, INFANT, AND EARLY
4 CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING INVESTMENTS. SO I FEEL THAT WE'VE
5 CARVED A PATH WITH MULTIPLE SOURCES OF FUNDING, BUT YOU'RE
6 RIGHT. I THINK THE VISION HERE IN L.A. COUNTY IS THAT EVERY
7 SINGLE FAMILY THAT'S WELCOMING A NEW CHILD HAS AN OPPORTUNITY
8 TO GET THE SUPPORT THAT THEY NEED, AND THAT SUPPORT WILL BE
9 VARIED DEPENDING ON THOSE INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES. AND
10 IDEALLY, IN SOME WAYS, THERE IS A MENU THAT FAMILIES GET TO
11 SELECT FROM, SO THAT NO FAMILIES FEEL UNSUPPORTED DURING WHAT
12 CAN BE SOME OF THE MOST CHALLENGING TIMES, WITH A PARTICULAR
13 EMPHASIS ON THOSE FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE ALREADY
14 FACING SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES. SO I LOVE THE FACT THAT WE'RE
15 ABLE TO USE THE A.R.P.A. FUNDING TO ACTUALLY EXTEND SERVICES
16 AND SUPPORT FOR SOME OF OUR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WHO HAVE
17 REALLY SIGNIFICANT NEEDS THAT WE, AS A COUNTY, CAN BE HELPING
18 WITH. SO I WANT TO RECOGNIZE WHAT YOU SAID WAS REALLY
19 IMPORTANT, SUPERVISOR, ABOUT CONNECTING TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS,
20 BOTH BECAUSE OFTENTIMES THEY MAY BE WORKING WITH OR SUPPORTING
21 A FAMILY WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM HOME VISITING. AND WE LOVE TO
22 GET -- MAKE SURE THE REFERRALS ARE HAPPENING, BUT ALSO THERE
23 ARE TIMES WHEN A FAMILY RECEIVING HOME VISITING SERVICES WOULD
24 BENEFIT FROM SOME OF THE SERVICES AND SUPPORT THAT ARE OFFERED
25 ACROSS OUR MANY DEPARTMENTS. SO I THINK, AGAIN, OPPORTUNITY

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1 HERE TO STRENGTHEN BOTH THE COUNTY NETWORK AND THEN OUR
2 NETWORK OF SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FROM OUR COMMUNITY-BASED
3 ORGANIZATIONS THAT ALSO PROVIDE A LOT OF SUPPORT FOR HOME
4 VISITING.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO ALL, AND THANK YOU, AGAIN,
7 MADAM CHAIR, FOR ALLOWING ME TO ASK QUESTIONS.

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OF COURSE, HELPFUL INFORMATION. ANY
10 OTHER QUESTIONS FROM ANY OTHER SUPERVISORS? OKAY. THANKS TO
11 THE TEAM FOR AGAIN BRINGING US VALUABLE INFORMATION IN THIS
12 STANDING ITEM. I THINK THE EQUITY EXPLORER TOOL JUST SHOWS YOU
13 THE POWER OF DATA COLLECTION AND THE POWER OF TECHNOLOGY THAT
14 CREATES OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO DIG VERY DEEP ON A GRANULAR
15 LEVEL TO REALLY UNDERSTAND THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND
16 WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN USE THESE FUNDS TO MEET THEIR NEEDS, AND,
17 AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS SAID, TO RETHINK OUR BUDGETING PROCESS
18 BASED ON THAT REALLY MICROLEVEL OF DATA ANALYSIS. SO THANK YOU
19 VERY MUCH. THIS REPORT IS RECEIVED AND FILED, HEARING NO
20 OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL WITH BE THE ORDER. SET MATTER 2. WE'LL
21 NOW HEAR PRESENTATION, ONCE AGAIN, FROM DR. BARBARA FERRER,
22 DIRECTOR OF OUR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND DR. CHRISTINA
23 GHALY, DIRECTOR OF OUR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. DR.
24 FERRER, WE'LL BEGIN WITH YOU.

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1 **DR. FERRER:** YEAH, GOOD AFTERNOON AND THANK YOU SO MUCH,
2 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR
3 YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT, GUIDANCE, AND LEADERSHIP AS WE CONTINUE
4 NAVIGATING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. I ALSO WANT TO TAKE A MINUTE
5 AND WISH SUPERVISOR KUEHL A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY. WE
6 APPRECIATE, AS ALWAYS, THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROUD YOU AND THE
7 RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY AN UPDATE ON PUBLIC HEALTH'S PANDEMIC
8 RESPONSE. IN TODAY'S PRESENTATION, I'LL SHARE OUR COVID
9 METRICS ON CASE, HOSPITALIZATION, AND DEATH RATES BY
10 VACCINATION STATUS, L.A. COUNTY'S VACCINATION COVERAGE. WE
11 WILL ALSO TALK ABOUT THE UPDATED BUSINESS COMPLIANCE NUMBERS
12 WITH MASKING REQUIREMENTS AND THEN CLOSE WITH INFORMATION
13 ABOUT OUR PLAN AND MITIGATION STRATEGIES AS WE ANTICIPATE
14 ENTERING WHAT WE'RE GOING TO CALL A POST SURGE PHASE. I'LL
15 TAKE THE FIRST SLIDE OR THE NEXT SLIDE. WE DO CONTINUE TO BE
16 ENCOURAGED, AS YOU CAN SEE HERE, BY THE STEEP DECLINE IN CASES
17 AND HOSPITALIZATIONS OVER THE PAST WEEKS. THIS SLIDE SHOWS
18 CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND DEATHS OVER THE COURSE OF THE
19 PANDEMIC. AND IT CLEARLY SHOWS THAT WE RECENTLY EXPERIENCED
20 THE STEEPEST INCREASE IN CASES, THAT'S THAT GREEN LINE, AND A
21 CORRESPONDING SIGNIFICANT RISE IN HOSPITALIZATIONS, THAT'S THE
22 ORANGE LINE, DURING THIS WINTER SURGE. THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT
23 WE'RE EXPERIENCING THIS RAPID DECLINE IN CASES AND A STEADY
24 DECREASE IN DAILY HOSPITALIZATIONS. HOWEVER, AS YOU CAN SEE
25 HERE, OUR CASE AND HOSPITALIZATION NUMBERS ARE STILL ALMOST AS

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1 HIGH AS THEY WERE DURING THE PEAK OF LAST WINTER'S DEVASTATING
2 SURGE. AND TRAGICALLY, THE BLUE LINE AT THE BOTTOM SHOWS THAT
3 OUR DEATHS ARE NOT DECLINING YET, AND WE AVERAGED ABOUT 70
4 DEATHS A DAY OVER THE PAST WEEK. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. AS
5 YOU'LL SEE ON THE NEXT FEW SLIDES, CASE, HOSPITALIZATION, AND
6 DEATH RATES VARY SIGNIFICANTLY BY VACCINATION STATUS. ON THIS
7 SLIDE, AS IN THE NEXT FEW SLIDES, YOU'LL SEE TREND LINES FOR
8 THREE GROUPS, UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS, REPRESENTED BY THE
9 DOTTED LINES, INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE FULLY VACCINATED BUT DIDN'T
10 RECEIVE THEIR BOOSTER DOSE, REPRESENTED BY THE DASHED LINES,
11 AND INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE FULLY VACCINATED PLUS HAD THEIR
12 BOOSTER DOSE, AND THAT'S REPRESENTED BY THE SOLID LINES AT THE
13 BOTTOM. FOR ALL GROUPS, ALTHOUGH CASE RATES ARE STILL VERY
14 HIGH, WE'RE RELIEVED TO SEE THESE SHARP DECLINES. FOR THE
15 WEEKENDING JANUARY 22ND. INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE FULLY VACCINATED
16 BUT HAD NOT RECEIVED A BOOSTER WERE ABOUT 2 TIMES LESS LIKELY
17 TO BE INFECTED WITH COVID-19 THAN UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS.
18 MEANWHILE, THOSE WHO WERE FULLY VACCINATED AND HAD A BOOSTER
19 DOSE WERE ABOUT 4 TIMES LESS LIKELY TO CONTRACT COVID-19 THAN
20 UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS. NEXT SLIDE. IF YOU LOOK AT OUR
21 LATEST HOSPITALIZATION DATA, YOU'LL SEE EVEN MORE STRIKING
22 DIFFERENCES IN OUTCOMES BETWEEN VACCINATED AND UNVACCINATED
23 INDIVIDUALS. FOR THE WEEK HERE THAT ENDED JANUARY 22ND,
24 RESIDENTS THAT WERE FULLY VACCINATED BUT HADN'T YET RECEIVED A
25 BOOSTER DOSE WERE 6 TIMES LESS LIKELY TO BE HOSPITALIZED FOR

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1 COVID-19 THAN THOSE WHO WERE NOT VACCINATED. THOSE WHO WERE
2 FULLY VACCINATED AND BOOSTED HAD EVEN HIGHER LEVELS OF
3 PROTECTION AND WERE ABOUT 22 TIMES LESS LIKELY TO BE
4 HOSPITALIZED THAN UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT
5 SLIDE. DURING THIS WINTER SURGE, AS COVID-19 HOSPITALIZATIONS
6 ROSE, WE ALSO SAW AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF COVID-19
7 PATIENTS REQUIRING CARE IN AN INTENSIVE CARE UNIT. AS
8 EXPECTED, THE DATA SHOW THAT UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS WERE THE
9 MOST LIKELY TO REQUIRE INTENSIVE CARE -- CARE IN THE INTENSIVE
10 CARE UNIT, AND THAT COVID-19 PATIENTS WHO WERE FULLY
11 VACCINATED WITH A BOOSTER DOSE WERE THE LEAST LIKELY TO BE
12 ADMITTED TO THE I.C.U. FOR THE PERIOD THAT ENDED JANUARY 22ND,
13 RESIDENTS WHO WERE FULLY VACCINATED AND HAD A BOOSTER DOSE
14 WERE ABOUT 31 TIMES LESS LIKELY TO NEED CARE IN AN I.C.U. THAN
15 THOSE WHO WERE NOT VACCINATED. FULLY VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS
16 WHO DID NOT HAVE A BOOSTER DOSE WERE ABOUT 8 TIMES LESS LIKELY
17 TO BE ADMITTED TO THE I.C.U. THAN UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS.
18 THE NEXT SLIDE. WHEN REVIEWING DEATH RATES BY VACCINATION
19 STATUS, WE CAN'T CALCULATE STABLE RATES YET FOR VACCINATED
20 INDIVIDUALS SEPARATED BY BOOSTER STATUS BECAUSE THERE ARE JUST
21 SO VERY FEW DEATHS OF PEOPLE HOW ARE VACCINATED AND BOOSTED.
22 SO WE'RE ONLY COMPARING DEATHS BETWEEN ALL FULLY VACCINATED
23 PEOPLE, THAT INCLUDES BOTH BOOSTED AND NOT BOOSTED, AND
24 UNVACCINATED PEOPLE ON THIS SLIDE. WHEN LOOKING AT DEATHS,
25 UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS HAD WORSE OUTCOMES THAN VACCINATED

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1 INDIVIDUALS. FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 15TH, INDIVIDUALS
2 WHO WERE FULLY VACCINATED WERE ABOUT 12 TIMES LESS LIKELY TO
3 DIE FROM COVID-19 THAN THOSE UNVACCINATED. IT'S EVIDENT THAT
4 VACCINES CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT PROTECTION AGAINST
5 COVID-19 AND ESPECIALLY AGAINST SEVERE ILLNESS AND DEATH, AND
6 THE BOOSTER DOSE PROVIDES AN IMPORTANT EXTRA LAYER OF
7 PROTECTION AGAINST DISEASE AND SEVERE ILLNESS. NEXT SLIDE.
8 GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF VACCINATION COVERAGE, WE CONTINUE --
9 GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF UNDERSTANDING WHAT'S GOING ON BY RACE
10 AND ETHNICITY IN TERMS OF OUR OUTCOMES, WE ALSO LOOKED AT CASE
11 RATES BY RACE AND ETHNIC GROUPS, AS WELL AS HOSPITALIZATION
12 RATES. AS YOU CAN SEE HERE -- AND I WANT TO CALL ATTENTION TO
13 THE DIFFERENCES FOR FOLKS WHO ARE VACCINATED. RACE AND
14 ETHNICITY PLAYS A CRITICAL ROLE AS WELL AS VACCINATION STATUS
15 IN AFFECTING BOTH WHETHER OR NOT PEOPLE ARE INFECTED AND
16 WHETHER OR NOT THOSE THAT ARE FULLY VACCINATED END UP
17 HOSPITALIZED. AND UNFORTUNATELY, AS YOU CAN CLEARLY SEE HERE,
18 BLACK AND BROWN RESIDENTS IN L.A. COUNTY WHO ARE VACCINATED
19 HAVE A HIGHER RATE OF INFECTION WHEN COMPARED TO WHITE AND
20 ASIAN RESIDENTS. AND SAME THING HOLDS TRUE FOR THOSE WHO ARE
21 FULLY VACCINATED AND END UP NEEDING HOSPITALIZATION. AND HERE
22 THE DIFFERENCE IS TWO-FOLD. A POSSIBLE EXPLANATION FOR THE
23 FACT THAT FULLY VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS DON'T ALL ENJOY THE
24 SAME LEVEL OF PROTECTION IS MOST LIKELY RELATED TO TWO FACTS.
25 ONE IS THAT BLACK AND BROWN RESIDENTS HAVE HIGHER RATES OF

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1 UNDERLYING COMORBIDITIES THAT PLACE THEM AT GREATER RISK FOR
2 ILLNESS AND SEVERE ILLNESS, AND MANY OF OUR BLACK AND BROWN
3 RESIDENTS ARE ESSENTIAL WORKERS WHO HAVE MORE EXPOSURES BOTH
4 AT WORK AND IN THEIR COMMUNITY SETTINGS. NEXT SLIDE. GIVEN THE
5 IMPORTANCE OF VACCINATION COVERAGE, WE ALSO CONTINUE TO TRACK
6 OUR INCREMENTAL PROGRESS AND VACCINATION RATES, NOTING THAT
7 69% OF L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE FULLY VACCINATED, 90% OF
8 ADULTS 65 AND OLDER ARE FULLY VACCINATED, AND 73% OF THOSE 5
9 AND OLDER ARE FULLY VACCINATED. WHILE THERE ARE ALMOST 8
10 MILLION RESIDENTS VACCINATED, THERE ARE 1.7 MILLION RESIDENTS
11 CURRENTLY ELIGIBLE FOR VACCINES THAT HAVEN'T RECEIVED THEIR
12 FIRST DOSE AND 526,000 CHILDREN UNDER 5 THAT ARE NOT YET
13 ELIGIBLE. AMONG THE 6 MILLION L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS AGES 12
14 AND OLDER CURRENTLY ELIGIBLE FOR AN ADDITIONAL BOOSTER DOSE,
15 2.7 MILLION ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS, THAT'S ABOUT 45% OF ELIGIBLE
16 RESIDENTS FOR BOOSTING, DIDN'T GET THEIR BOOSTER DOSE YET.
17 GIVEN THE WANING PROTECTION OF THE INITIAL VACCINE SERIES, IT
18 IS IMPORTANT THAT THOSE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR BOOSTER DOSE
19 RECEIVE THAT DOSE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE NEXT SLIDE. THE
20 GRAPHIC ON THIS SLIDE HIGHLIGHTS THE RESULTS OF A STUDY
21 PUBLISHED BY THE C.D.C. BASED ON DATA COLLECTED AND ANALYZED
22 BY SCIENTISTS FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
23 AND THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY. THE STUDY ANALYZED
24 THE EFFECTIVENESS OF FACE MASKS OR RESPIRATOR USE IN INDOOR
25 PUBLIC SETTINGS FOR PREVENTING COVID-19 INFECTION BASED ON A

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1 CASE CONTROL STUDY THAT ENROLLED RANDOMLY SELECTED CALIFORNIA
2 RESIDENTS WHO HAD RECEIVED A COVID-19 TEST RESULT BETWEEN
3 FEBRUARY AND DECEMBER OF 2021. SIMILAR TO OTHER STUDIES,
4 WEARING A MASK IN INDOOR PUBLIC SETTINGS WAS ASSOCIATED WITH
5 LOWER ODDS OF HAVING A POSITIVE TEST RESULT, ESPECIALLY WHEN
6 COMPARED WITH NEVER WEARING A FACE MASK OR RESPIRATOR IN THESE
7 SETTINGS. AND WEARING THE RESPIRATORS PROVIDED THE MOST
8 PROTECTION AND WAS ASSOCIATED WITH 83% LOWER ODDS OF A
9 POSITIVE TEST RESULT COMPARED WITH NOT WEARING A FACE MASK OR
10 A RESPIRATOR. THE NEXT BEST PROTECTION WAS PROVIDED BY A
11 SURGICAL MASK, ASSOCIATED WITH 66% LOWER ODDS COMPARED OF A
12 POSITIVE TEST RESULT COMPARED WITH NOT WEARING A MASK. THESE
13 FINDINGS SHOWED CONSISTENTLY WEARING A FACE MASK OR RESPIRATOR
14 IN INDOOR PUBLIC SETTINGS SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED THE RISK OF
15 GETTING INFECTED. THIS IS PARTICULARLY -- THIS IS A
16 PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT LAYER OF PROTECTION TO USE WHEN THERE
17 ARE LARGE NUMBERS OF BREAKTHROUGH CASES, AS WE HAVE SEEN WITH
18 OMICRON, AND DURING TIMES OF HIGH TRANSMISSION. NEXT SLIDE.
19 BECAUSE MASK WEARING IS AN EFFECTIVE STRATEGY FOR REDUCING THE
20 SPREAD OF COVID-19, COMPLIANCE AT BUSINESSES WITH INDOOR
21 MASKING REQUIREMENTS DURING TIMES OF HIGH TRANSMISSION REMAINS
22 IMPORTANT. MASKING REQUIREMENTS CAN REDUCE TRANSMISSION
23 WITHOUT MUCH DISRUPTION TO PEOPLE'S ROUTINES WHILE HELPING
24 BUSINESSES REDUCE RISK FOR THEIR CUSTOMERS AND WORKERS. AND
25 WHILE I KNOW THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF FOCUS ON WHAT WAS

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1 HAPPENING AND WHAT HAPPENS IN OUR LARGE ARENAS, I WANT TO
2 SHIFT A LITTLE BIT AND TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS AT MOST OF OUR
3 BUSINESS SITES. THE HEALTH OFFICER ORDER CURRENTLY REQUIRES
4 THAT, WITH LIMITED EXCEPTIONS, ALL PERSONS TWO YEARS OF AGE
5 AND OLDER WEAR MASKS WHILE IN INDOOR PUBLIC SETTINGS AND
6 BUSINESSES, AND BEGINNING ON JANUARY 17TH, EMPLOYERS ACROSS
7 THE COUNTY WERE ALSO REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THEIR EMPLOYEES WHO
8 WORK INDOORS AND IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH OTHER WORKERS OR THE
9 PUBLIC WITH WELL FITTING MEDICAL MASKS, SURGICAL MASKS, OR
10 HIGHER LEVEL RESPIRATORS. AS WE JUST SAW ON THE PREVIOUS
11 SLIDE, THESE UPGRADED MASKS ARE BETTER AT BLOCKING VIRUS
12 PARTICLES THAN CLOTH MASKS, AND THEY PROVIDE ADDITIONAL
13 PROTECTION BOTH TO WORKERS AND CUSTOMERS. BETWEEN JANUARY 21ST
14 AND FEBRUARY 3RD, PUBLIC HEALTH CONDUCTED OVER 1500 SITE
15 INSPECTIONS TO ASSESS VACCINATION VERIFICATION, WHERE
16 APPROPRIATE, AND MASK COMPLIANCE, INCLUDING WHETHER EMPLOYERS
17 WERE PROVIDING UPGRADED MASKS AND WERE ENCOURAGED TO SEE THAT
18 COMPLIANCE WAS NEAR OR ABOVE 90% AMONG RESTAURANTS, BARS,
19 NIGHT CLUBS, LOUNGES, BREWERIES, FOOD MARKETS, HOTELS, AND
20 FOOD MANUFACTURING PLANTS FOR CUSTOMERS WEARING MASKS,
21 EMPLOYEES WEARING UPGRADED MASKS, AND VACCINATION VERIFICATION
22 WHERE APPLICABLE. FOR GYMS, COMPLIANCE FOR CUSTOMER AND
23 EMPLOYEE MASK WEARING WAS AROUND 80%. FOR GARMENT
24 MANUFACTURERS, COMPLIANCE FOR EMPLOYEE MASK WEARING WAS AT
25 70%. WE APPRECIATE THE BUSINESSES', COMMUNITIES', AND PUBLIC'S

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1 ADHERENCE TO THE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS, WHICH WE KNOW HELPS
2 REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19. ON THE NEXT FEW SLIDES, I DO
3 WANT TO JUST SHARE THE PUBLIC HEALTH PLAN AND STRATEGY AS WE
4 ENTER POST SURGE. I'LL GO ON TO THE NEXT SLIDE. AS OUR COVID-
5 19 METRICS CONTINUE TO IMPROVE, WE HAVE BEGUN TO PLAN FOR POST
6 SURGE APPROACHES THAT CAN MINIMIZE COVID-19 RISK AFTER OUR
7 WINTER SURGE HAS ENDED. I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT POST SURGE
8 DOES NOT MEAN THE PANDEMIC IS OVER OR THAT TRANSMISSION IS LOW
9 OR THAT THERE WILL NOT BE ADDITIONAL UNPREDICTABLE WAVES OF
10 SURGES IN THE FUTURE THAT WILL REQUIRE INTEGRATED PUBLIC
11 HEALTH MEASURES, RATHER POST SURGE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT WE'RE
12 STABILIZING WITH CONSISTENT DECLINES FROM THE SURGE PEAK, AND
13 IT REALIGNS OUR CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE TO MEET CURRENT
14 MITIGATION NEEDS. AND WHILE WE MOVE THROUGH THE SHORT TERM
15 WHERE MASKING IN SOME SETTINGS WILL CONTINUE TO BE A KEY PART
16 OF THE POST SURGE COVID-19 STRATEGY, SOME CHANGES WILL OCCUR
17 SOON. WE SHARE IN THE DESIRE TO TAKE MASKS OFF. THE ISSUE IS
18 ONE OF TIMING. MASKS PROVIDE AN ESSENTIAL LAYER OF PROTECTION
19 WHEN TRANSMISSION IS HIGH, AND THEY HELP US REDUCE EXPOSURES
20 AND DRIVE DOWN CASE NUMBERS. BECAUSE MASK WEARING IS AN
21 EFFECTIVE STRATEGY FOR REDUCING THE SPREAD OF COVID-19, WE ARE
22 GLAD THAT WE CAN USE THAT MASK WEARING TO SAFELY DO ROUTINE
23 ACTIVITIES THAT WE LOVE EVEN WHEN TRANSMISSION IS HIGH BECAUSE
24 WE'RE ABLE TO LAYER IN PROTECTIONS. AND THOSE PROTECTIONS
25 INCLUDE, AS WELL, TESTING, VACCINATIONS, AND INFECTION

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1 CONTROL, ALONG WITH MASKING. ON DECEMBER 15TH, WHEN THE
2 GOVERNOR ISSUED THE STATE-WIDE MASK MANDATE, L.A. COUNTY
3 REPORTED 1600 NEW CASES, AND THERE WERE 772 PEOPLE
4 HOSPITALIZED WITH COVID. ACROSS THE STATE, THERE WERE ABOUT
5 5500 CASES REPORTED ON DECEMBER 15TH AND 3600 PEOPLE
6 HOSPITALIZED. ON FEBRUARY 6TH, WE REPORTED OVER 7,000 NEW
7 CASES AND OVER 2700 PEOPLE HOSPITALIZED WITH COVID IN L.A.
8 COUNTY. ACROSS THE STATE ON FEBRUARY 6TH, THERE WERE OVER
9 73,000 NEW CASES AND ALMOST 10,600 PEOPLE HOSPITALIZED WITH
10 COVID. OUR CASE NUMBERS TODAY ARE MORE THAN FOUR TIMES HIGHER
11 THAN THEY WERE ON DECEMBER 15TH BECAUSE TRANSMISSION REMAINS
12 REALLY HIGH. AND WHILE IT'S ALWAYS IMPORTANT TO ASSESS
13 PERSONAL RISKS AND BENEFITS, PUBLIC HEALTH IS ALSO CHARGED
14 WITH ASSESSING RISKS AND BENEFITS ACROSS POPULATIONS. THE
15 COSTS OF HIGH TRANSMISSION ARE NOT JUST BORNE BY INDIVIDUALS,
16 AND IT'S DISTRIBUTED EQUALLY. HIGH TRANSMISSION, AS WE JUST
17 EXPERIENCED, LEADS TO SEVERE DISRUPTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH
18 STAFFING SHORTAGES, REDUCED ECONOMIC SECURITY FOR THE WITHOUT
19 SICK PAY WHEN QUARANTINING AND ISOLATING, AND HIGHER MORBIDITY
20 AND MORTALITY FOR THOSE MOST VULNERABLE AND THOSE WITH MORE
21 EXPOSURES. IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY, THERE WERE OVER 841,000
22 NEW CASE OF COVID IN L.A. COUNTY, INCLUDING 265,000 CASES
23 AMONG CHILDREN. IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 396 INDIVIDUALS DIED
24 FROM COVID, AND THAT'S COMPARED TO 163 INDIVIDUALS DYING FROM
25 PNEUMONIA AND FLU. AND THERE REMAIN UNKNOWN -- THERE REMAINS A

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1 LOT OF UNKNOWNNS AROUND THE BURDEN OF LONG COVID AND M.I.S.C.
2 IN TERMS OF ONGOING DISABILITIES AND DISRUPTIONS. BEING
3 CAUTIOUS STILL MAKES SENSE AND DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO
4 DRIVE DOWN THE HIGH RATE OF TRANSMISSION IS AN APPROPRIATE
5 GOAL FOR US TO CONTINUE TO EMBRACE AS A COMMUNITY, AND THE
6 STEPS WE ARE TAKING ARE HELPING US MOVE IN THE RIGHT
7 DIRECTION. PUBLIC HEALTH WILL CONSIDER L.A. COUNTY TO BE POST
8 SURGE WHEN COVID DAILY HOSPITALIZATIONS DROP BELOW 2500 FOR
9 SEVEN CONSECUTIVE DAYS. ONE OF THE MOST HARMFUL CONSEQUENCES
10 OF THIS WINTER SURGE HAS BEEN THE EXTRAORDINARY PRESSURE ON
11 THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, FORCING MANY HOSPITALS TO POSTPONE
12 ROUTINE SERVICES AND DIVERT PATIENTS TO OTHER SETTINGS. THE
13 RETURN OF MOST HOSPITALS AND HEALTHCARE FACILITIES TO
14 PROVIDING THE FULL RANGE OF SERVICES NEEDED BY PATIENTS AND
15 RESIDENTS IS AN IMPORTANT INDICATION OF REDUCED DANGER TO THE
16 COUNTY. WHEN L.A. COUNTY MOVES INTO THE POST SURGE PERIOD,
17 MASKING WILL NO LONGER BE REQUIRED WHILE OUTDOORS AT OUTDOOR
18 MEGA-EVENTS OR IN OUTDOOR SPACES AT CHILDCARE AND K-12
19 SCHOOLS. IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE C.D.C. RECOMMENDATIONS, POST
20 SURGE MASKING WILL CONTINUE TO BE REQUIRED FOR INDOOR
21 ESTABLISHMENTS, INCLUDING INDOOR OFFICES AND WORK SITES,
22 INDOOR EVENTS, AND HIGH RISK SETTINGS UNTIL WE CAN MEET ONE OF
23 THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS: L.A. COUNTY HAS HAD TWO CONSECUTIVE
24 WEEKS AT OR BELOW MODERATE TRANSMISSION, WHICH AS DEFINED BY
25 THE C.D.C. IS FEWER THAN 50 NEW CASES IS PER 100,000 PERSONS

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1 IN THE PAST SEVEN DAYS. IT'S A WEEKLY RATE. WE ANTICIPATE
2 BEING ABLE TO GET TO MODERATE TRANSMISSION IF WE CAN CONTINUE
3 TO DRIVE DOWN THE RATES AS WE ARE RIGHT NOW ON OUR CASES
4 WITHIN A FEW WEEKS, BUT WE'RE NOT THERE YET. ANOTHER METRIC
5 THAT WOULD ALLOW US TO ELIMINATE MASKS INDOORS IN MOST
6 SETTINGS WOULD BE WHEN VACCINES HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE FOR
7 CHILDREN UNDER 5 FOR EIGHT WEEKS. EIGHT WEEKS IS HOW LONG IT
8 TAKES FOR A CHILD TO BE FULLY PROTECTED FROM WHAT WILL BE THE
9 PFIZER VACCINE. AND AGAIN, WE ANTICIPATE THAT THAT VACCINE
10 WILL BE AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS HOPEFULLY BY THE END OF THE
11 MONTH. WHERE THERE ARE FEDERAL AND STATE REGULATIONS, MASKING
12 ALSO WILL CONTINUE TO BE REQUIRED, AND THIS INCLUDES WHEN
13 RIDING PUBLIC TRANSIT AND IN TRANSPORTATION HUBS AS REQUIRED
14 BY FEDERAL REGULATIONS, AND IT INCLUDES INDOOR MASKING
15 REQUIREMENTS AT T.K. THROUGH GRADE 12 SCHOOLS, CHILDCARE,
16 YOUTH SETTINGS, HEALTHCARE SETTINGS, CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES,
17 HOMELESS AND EMERGENCY SHELTERS AND COOLING CENTERS AS
18 REQUIRED BY THE STATE. THOSE REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT LIFTED BY
19 THE STATE ON JANUARY 15TH. LOCAL JURISDICTIONS CANNOT BE LESS
20 RESTRICTIVE THAN THE STATE OR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. SO, IT'S
21 IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE SCHOOL INDOOR MASKING REQUIREMENT
22 REMAINS IN EFFECT PER THE STATE ORDER. SITES WILL ALSO NEED TO
23 CONTINUE TO ADHERE TO ANY APPLICABLE MASKING REQUIREMENTS THAT
24 ARE INCLUDED IN HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS OR ALL FACILITY LETTERS
25 FOR HEALTHCARE FACILITIES. WE'LL BE ASKING THAT EMPLOYERS

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1 CONTINUE TO PROVIDE WORKERS WITH HIGH QUALITY AND WELL FITTING
2 MASKS IF THEIR JOBS PUT THEM IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH OTHER
3 WORKERS OR WITH THE PUBLIC. UNTIL TRANSMISSION IS LOW, WE'LL
4 ALSO CONTINUE TO RECOMMEND THAT WE DO KEEP OUR MASKS ON
5 WHENEVER WE'RE IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH OTHERS IN INDOOR OR
6 OUTDOOR CROWDED SPACES. WE KNOW THAT THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC,
7 BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS HAVE VOLUNTARILY PUT EXTRA
8 PRECAUTIONS IN PLACE TO PROTECT WORKERS, CUSTOMERS, OR THE
9 PUBLIC. THEY WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE THE DISCRETION TO REQUIRE
10 MASKING OF WORKERS, CUSTOMERS, AND THE PUBLIC. AS WE HAVE
11 SHARED MANY TIMES, MASKING IS ONE OF THE EASIER STEPS WE CAN
12 ALL TAKE TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19. AND WE THANK
13 RESIDENTS FOR CONTINUING TO TAKE THIS ACTION TO PROTECT
14 THEMSELVES, PROTECT WORKERS, PROTECT THOSE WHO CANNOT GET
15 VACCINATED AND THOSE AT HIGH RISK OF SEVERE ILLNESS WHILE
16 TRANSMISSION RATES REMAIN SO HIGH. I JUST WANT TO MOVE ON TO
17 THE NEXT SLIDES AND JUST BRIEFLY NOTE SOME ADDITIONAL
18 IMPORTANT STRATEGIES IN OUR POST SURGE PLAN THAT WILL POSITION
19 US TO MITIGATE RISK. IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT VACCINATION,
20 TESTING, AND CONTACT TRACING PLAY IMPORTANT ROLES IN POST
21 SURGE. VACCINATION VERIFICATION WILL CONTINUE TO BE REQUIRED
22 AT MEGA-EVENTS AND IN THE INDOOR PORTIONS OF BARS, LOUNGES,
23 NIGHT CLUBS, WINERIES, SORRY, BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES.
24 TESTING WILL CONTINUE TO BE REQUIRED BY BUSINESSES, LOCAL OR
25 STATE HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS, CAL O.S.H.A., OR STATE ALL

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1 FACILITY LETTERS IN HIGH RISK SETTINGS. THIS INCLUDES TESTING
2 AT NURSING FACILITIES, LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES, HEALTHCARE
3 FACILITIES, SHELTERS, CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES, AND SCHOOLS.
4 TESTING CONTINUES TO BE REQUIRED FOR ENTRY INTO MEGA-EVENTS
5 FOR THOSE NOT FULLY VACCINATED, FOR EXITING QUARANTINE AND
6 ISOLATION EARLY, AND FOR OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT. OTHERWISE,
7 TESTING IS OPTIONAL. AND CASE IDENTIFICATION AND CONTACT
8 TRACING WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE ISOLATION OF
9 POSITIVE CASES AND QUARANTINING OF CLOSE CONTACTS AT LEAST
10 UNTIL WE ARE AT LOWER LEVELS OF COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION. WE
11 WILL FOCUS IN FOUR AREAS OF POST SURGE. WE WILL CONTINUE
12 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE WHO HAVE A LAB REPORTED
13 POSITIVE TEST RESULT SO THEY CAN GET INFORMATION ABOUT
14 ISOLATION AND NOTIFICATION OF THEIR CLOSE CONTACTS. WE WILL
15 PRIORITIZE CONTACT TRACING IN SETTINGS WHERE THERE'S A HIGH
16 RISK FOR TRANSMISSION OR SEVERE ILLNESS. WE WILL MAINTAIN OUR
17 CALL CENTER SO THOSE WITH A POSITIVE TEST RESULT CAN CALL US
18 TO GET INFORMATION AND SUPPORT. AND WE WILL BE DISSEMINATING
19 INFORMATION AT TESTING SITES ABOUT HOW TO HANDLE A POSITIVE
20 TEST RESULT. THESE STRATEGIES WILL CONTINUE TO HELP PREVENT
21 COVID TRANSMISSION AND PROTECT OUR WORKERS AND OUR RESIDENTS
22 FROM COVID-19. WE'LL GO ON TO THE NEXT SLIDE. ANOTHER
23 IMPORTANT STRATEGY FOR MITIGATING THE WORST EFFECTS OF COVID
24 IS IMPROVING ACCESS TO AND DISTRIBUTION OF THERAPEUTICS,
25 ESPECIALLY OF THE APPROVED ORAL MEDICATIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH

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1 COVID-19. WHILE CURRENTLY, THERE'S A REALLY SCARCE SUPPLY OF
2 THE NEWER THERAPEUTICS, WE ARE WORKING TO BUILD AN
3 INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WILL ENSURE THAT THOSE IN HARD HIT
4 COMMUNITIES AND THOSE WITH LESS ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE WILL BE
5 ABLE TO GET INFORMATION AND ACCESS TO THERAPEUTICS AS THEY
6 BECOME MORE READILY AVAILABLE. HERE, OUR EFFORTS INCLUDE
7 EXPANDING OUR NETWORK OF PROVIDERS WITH INFORMATION, SUPPLY OF
8 THERAPEUTICS, AND PRESCRIBING ABILITY, EXPANDING OUR NETWORK
9 OF DISTRIBUTION SITES, INCLUDING PHARMACIES AND COMMUNITY
10 CLINICS THAT WILL BE ABLE TO DISTRIBUTE THE ORAL MEDICATIONS.
11 WE WILL BE ESTABLISHING A CALL CENTER WHERE RESIDENTS CAN GET
12 MORE INFORMATION ABOUT AND HOW TO ACCESS -- ABOUT THE
13 THERAPEUTICS AND HOW TO ACCESS THE THERAPEUTICS. AND WE ARE
14 CONSIDERING USING SOME TELEHEALTH PLATFORMS AT PUBLIC HEALTH
15 CLINICS OR OTHER COMMUNITY SITES TO IMPROVE ACCESS IN PLACES
16 WHERE WE THINK THERE'S NOT ENOUGH ACCESS. NEXT SLIDE. WHEN WE
17 MOVE INTO THE POST SURGE PHASE, PUBLIC HEALTH EQUITY FOCUSED
18 RESPONSE WILL REMAIN FOCUSED ON PROTECTING THE MEDICALLY
19 VULNERABLE, PROTECTING ESSENTIAL WORKERS, PROTECTING HOSPITALS
20 AND HEALTH SYSTEM FUNCTIONING, AND SUPPORTING A SUBSET OF
21 VITAL INSTITUTIONS, SUCH AS THOSE THAT PROVIDE GOVERNMENT
22 SERVICES, SCHOOLS, CHILDCARE, AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE. THE ROLE
23 OF PUBLIC HEALTH POST SURGE WILL CONTINUE TO BE TO PROTECT
24 THOSE MOST VULNERABLE AND AT HIGHEST RISK OF SEVERE COVID-
25 RELATED ILLNESS. WE WILL ALSO KEEP WORKING TO ENSURE AN

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1 EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF THE INFORMATION, RESOURCES, AND
2 OPPORTUNITIES NEEDED TO PREVENT COVID TRANSMISSION AND SEVERE
3 ILLNESS. OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, THE PANDEMIC HAS ILLUMINATED
4 STARK INEQUITIES IN THE BURDEN OF DISEASE BY RACE AND
5 ETHNICITY AND GEOGRAPHY, WITH BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES
6 AND THOSE LIVING IN UNDER-RESOURCED NEIGHBORHOODS EXPERIENCING
7 HIGHER CASE, HOSPITALIZATION, AND DEATH RATES. THESE
8 DISPARITIES DIDN'T HAPPEN BY CHANCE. AND THEY REFLECT DECADES
9 OF DISINVESTMENT, MARGINALIZATION, AND RACISM. CALLS FOR
10 MINIMIZING PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE ACTIVITIES TOO EARLY CAN
11 HAVE AN UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCE OF EXACERBATING INEQUITABLE
12 OUTCOMES SINCE THE EXISTING HEALTHCARE AND SOCIAL SERVICE
13 SYSTEMS ARE NOT ADEQUATELY ORGANIZED AND SUPPORTED TO PROVIDE
14 THE MOST VULNERABLE AND MARGINALIZED WITH THE NECESSARY
15 RESOURCES TO MITIGATE THE IMPACT OF THE VIRUS. THE POST SURGE
16 PLAN WE HAVE LAID OUT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT SYSTEMIC HEALTH AND
17 SOCIAL INEQUITIES, THE CONTINUED DISPROPORTIONALITIES THAT THE
18 DATA CONSISTENTLY SHOWS, AND ACKNOWLEDGES THERE'S STEPS WE CAN
19 CONTINUE TO TAKE COLLECTIVELY, TO KEEP OUR ECONOMY OPEN WHILE
20 REDUCING BURDEN OF ILLNESS AND DEVASTATING DEATHS CAUSED BY
21 THIS DANGEROUS AND UNPREDICTABLE VIRUS. THANK YOU, AND I WILL
22 GLADLY TAKE ANY QUESTIONS AFTER DR. GHALY'S PRESENTATION.

23
24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DR. GHALY.

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1 **DR. GHALY:** CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

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3 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YES, IF YOU COULD SPEAK A LITTLE LOUDER,
4 DR. GHALY.

5

6 **DR. GHALY:** SURE. THANK YOU, AND GOOD AFTERNOON OR GOOD
7 MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'LL KEEP MY COMMENTS FAIRLY BRIEF AND
8 MOVE TO THROUGH THE SLIDES QUICKLY, BUT IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
9 COME BACK TO SOMETHING, PLEASE JUST LET ME KNOW. I'M HAPPY TO
10 ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. IF YOU CAN GO TO SLIDE THREE, THIS SHOWS
11 OUR TREND ACROSS THE FOUR D.H.S. HOSPITALS. IF YOU COULD GO TO
12 SLIDE THREE, PLEASE. THANK YOU. THE FOUR D.H.S. HOSPITALS
13 SHOWING THE RATE OF HOSPITALIZATION AMONG INDIVIDUALS WITH A
14 POSITIVE COVID TEST AND SHOWING THE RECENT DECLINE THAT WE
15 HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCING OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF WEEKS. THIS IS
16 A VERY WELCOME CHANGE, AND IT REFLECTS THE OVERALL DECLINE
17 THAT WE ARE ALSO SEEING IN COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION. AS
18 COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION GOES DOWN, WE ARE ALSO SEEING A SMALLER
19 NUMBER OF STAFF CALLING OUT BECAUSE OF THE NEED TO ISOLATE OR
20 QUARANTINE. DESPITE THIS WELCOME IMPROVEMENT, WE STILL DO HAVE
21 STAFFING SHORTAGES RESULTING IN CLOSED BEDS, NON-ESSENTIAL
22 PROCEDURES AND SURGERIES BEING POSTPONED BECAUSE STAFF ARE
23 BEING REASSIGNED TO GENERALLY IN-PATIENT AREAS. WE DO EXPECT
24 WE WILL SEE A GRADUAL IMPROVEMENT IN THAT SITUATION EVERY WEEK
25 OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS. ON THE NEXT SLIDE, SLIDE 4,

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1 YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THIS SLIDE. IT SHOWS THE PERCENT OF
2 CASES FOR INDIVIDUAL WHO ARE HOSPITALIZED WITH A POSITIVE
3 COVID TEST, THE PERCENT OF THOSE PEOPLE THAT ARE ADMITTED FOR
4 COVID. HISTORICALLY, THAT RAN AROUND THE KIND OF MORE RECENT
5 IN THE MOST RECENT SURGE IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY, THAT 40%
6 MARK. AND IT WAS HIGHER EARLIER IN THE PANDEMIC, AS YOU CAN
7 SEE IN THE SLIDE. HOWEVER, MORE RECENTLY, THAT NUMBER HAS ALSO
8 DECLINED. WE, OF NOTE, ONLY USE P.C.R. TESTS. WE DON'T USE
9 ANTIGEN TESTS FOR OUR IN-PATIENTS, AND WE KNOW THAT P.C.R.
10 TESTS REMAIN POSITIVE FOR WEEKS OR SOMETIMES MONTHS AFTER AN
11 INFECTION. AND SO, THIS IS AN EXPECTED SHIFT IN THE DATA, AND
12 WE EXPECT THAT THAT PERCENTAGE WILL CONTINUE TO TREND DOWN
13 OVER TIME AS THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ADMITTED FOR COVID GOES
14 DOWN, AND WHAT WE SEE IS JUST THE RESIDUAL INDIVIDUALS THAT
15 ARE ADMITTED WITH A POSITIVE COVID TEST MOST LIKELY FROM AN
16 INFECTION THAT WAS IN THE MORE DISTANT PAST. NEXT SLIDE, SLIDE
17 5, LOOKS AT OUR STAFF BOOSTER RATE. WE ARE WORKING TOWARD A
18 MARCH 1ST COMPLIANCE DEADLINE ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE. AND
19 CURRENTLY ABOUT THREE-QUARTERS OF OUR STAFF CURRENTLY HAVE
20 PROVIDED DOCUMENTATION OF BOOSTER. NEXT SLIDE, SLIDE 6, SHOWS
21 THE LATEST STATUS OF THE QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION SITES THAT
22 ARE OPERATED BY THE COUNTY. YOU CAN GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE,
23 PLEASE. THANK YOU. YOU WILL SEE WE HAVE BOTH GREATER CAPACITY
24 AND ALSO A GREATER SHARE OF THAT CAPACITY THAT IS CURRENTLY
25 UN-UTILIZED. AS CASES ARE NOW DECLINING IN THE COMMUNITY, WE

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1 WILL BEGIN TO DECOMMISSION SITES TO LOWER OUR OVERALL Q.N.I.
2 FOOTPRINT. SPECIFICALLY, WE WILL BE DOWN-SIZING THE BEDS AT
3 M.L.K. BEGINNING NEXT WEEK. WE WILL ALSO BE TRANSITIONING THE
4 SOBERING CENTER IN DOWNTOWN L.A. BACK OUT OF Q.N.I. OPERATIONS
5 TO SHIFT BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL ROLE OF BEING A SOBERING CENTER.
6 AND THEN WE WILL ALSO PLAN TO END OPERATIONS OF THE SHELTER
7 HOTEL AT THE END OF FEBRUARY. NOW, I WILL SHIFT TO TESTING IF
8 YOU COULD GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE AND THE NEXT AGAIN. THIS SLIDE
9 SHOWS OUR EFFORT TO INCREASE TESTING CAPACITY. THROUGHOUT
10 JANUARY AND FEBRUARY. WE CONTINUE TO INCREASE TESTING CAPACITY
11 THROUGH FEBRUARY WITH ADDITIONAL TEST SITES THAT ARE STILL
12 SLATED TO LAUNCH THIS WEEK. AND I WILL GO OVER THOSE IN JUST A
13 MINUTE. NEXT SLIDE, SLIDE 9, OUR OVERALL TESTING DEMAND IS
14 COMING DOWN AS THE OMICRON SURGE SUBSIDES. IF YOU LOOK ON THE
15 FAR RIGHT OF THE SLIDE, THE BLUE SHADE IS COMPLETED TESTS, AND
16 THE YELLOW AND GREEN SHADING IS UNUSED TESTS, AND YOU WILL SEE
17 THAT CURRENTLY LESS THAN 50% OF THE CAPACITY IS CURRENTLY
18 BEING USED AS OF THE MOST RECENT AVAILABLE DATA. ALL COUNTY
19 AND STATE SITES THAT ARE IN OPERATION HAVE SAME DAY
20 APPOINTMENT ACCESS AND ARE TAKING WALK UPS. NEXT SLIDE, SLIDE
21 10. THE COVID -- THE COUNTY'S COVID TESTING WEBSITE IS
22 AVAILABLE AS A RESOURCE FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS. RESIDENTS CAN
23 SEARCH FOR COUNTY'S DATE AND OTHER PARTNER SITES BY LOCATION
24 AND AVAILABILITY. THE TEST SITES HAVE BEEN VETTED TO ENSURE
25 THAT THEY OFFER AN E.U.A. APPROVED TEST TO ALL COUNTY

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1 RESIDENTS WITH NO OUT OF POCKET COSTS. SO THIS IS A GREAT
2 LOCATION TO GO TO IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT
3 A PARTICULAR TEST SITE HAS BEEN VETTED AND ENSURE THAT THEY
4 MEET THOSE CRITERIA. THE WEBSITE ALSO HAS LINKS TO THE AT-HOME
5 TEST COLLECTION PROGRAM AND SITES FOR PICK UP OF TEST KITS,
6 ALSO HAS A SITE LINK FOR FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS, AND A
7 WEEKLY COVID TESTING DASHBOARD IS ALSO LINKED THERE. NEXT
8 SLIDE, SLIDE 11. THANK YOU. THERE ARE CURRENTLY 28 PICK UP AND
9 DROP OFF TEST KIT LOCATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTY. AT THE PRESENT
10 TIME, ALL OF THOSE ARE IN OPERATION. THERE'S A NUMBER THAT
11 ARE AVAILABLE IN LIBRARIES. GENERALLY, THE HOURS OF OPERATION
12 OF THE PICK UP AND DROP OFF MATCHES THE OPENING HOURS OF THE
13 LIBRARIES, DURING THE WEEK, DURING -- FOR STAFFING REASONS,
14 THE LIBRARIES DO NOT HAVE THAT OPTION THAT'S CURRENTLY
15 AVAILABLE ON WEEKENDS. AND THE PICK UP AND DROP OFF OPTION
16 CLOSES GENERALLY ABOUT AN HOUR EARLIER THAN THE LIBRARY DOES
17 TO ALLOW FOR COURIER PICK UP AND CLOSURE OF THE SITE FOR THE
18 DAY. THE RETURN RATE ON THOSE KITS THAT ARE PICKED UP AT THESE
19 28 SITES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE LIBRARY, REMAINS
20 FAIRLY LOW. AND THAT SAME THING APPLIES TO THE AT HOME MAIL
21 KIT PROGRAM, WHICH IS STILL IN OPERATION. THE PERCENT THAT'S
22 BEEN RETURNED CUMULATIVELY TO DATE SINCE WE RELAUNCHED IT AT
23 THE END OF DECEMBER IS -- THE RETURN RATE IS 24% FOR THE KITS
24 THAT ARE MAILED TO INDIVIDUALS' HOUSES AND 38% FOR THE KITS
25 THAT ARE PICKED UP BY INDIVIDUALS AT THESE PICK UP AND DROP

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1 OFF LOCATIONS. WE'RE STILL EVALUATING APPROACHES TO WORK TO
2 INCREASE THOSE RETURN RATES. I WOULD ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO
3 PLEASE JUST TAKE TESTS AND ASK FOR THE TESTS TO BE MAILED TO
4 YOU IF YOU HAVE AN IMMEDIATE NEED FOR THEIR USE. BUT DUE TO
5 THE LOW RATE OF RETURNED KITS, WHICH HAS A HIGHER COST TO THE
6 COUNTY, WE WILL LIKELY BEGIN TO DISCONTINUE OR AT LEAST RAMP
7 BACK DOWN THOSE TEST COLLECTION PROGRAMS AND THE TEST PICK UP
8 PROGRAM IN CONSULTATION WITH YOUR OFFICES. NEXT SLIDE, SLIDE
9 12, LOOKING FORWARD, THERE ARE EIGHT ADDITIONAL TESTING SITES
10 THAT OPENED SINCE OUR LAST MEETING, INCLUDING TWO FEDERALLY
11 FUNDED SITES. THE PENDING SITES WERE PLANNED WITH TESTING
12 PARTNERS IN JANUARY IS. WE WILL KEEP LOOKING AT TESTING DEMAND
13 IN THE COMING WEEKS AND EVALUATE WAYS TO BETTER MATCH OUR TEST
14 CAPACITY WITH DEMAND. WE DO ANTICIPATE SIGNIFICANTLY LESS NEED
15 FOR TESTING AND REDUCED HOURS AND DAYS OF OPERATION AT TESTING
16 SITES OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS WITH POTENTIAL SITE CLOSURES
17 STARTING LATER THIS MONTH, AND WE WILL KEEP YOU IN THE LOOP ON
18 ALL OF THOSE CONVERSATIONS AS WELL. WE WILL ALSO CONTINUE
19 DISCUSSIONS WITH YOUR TEAMS AND REALLY GRATEFUL FOR THEIR
20 ONGOING PARTNERSHIP ABOUT HOW THE COUNTY WOULD LIKE TO
21 CONTINUE TO SEE THE COMMUNITY TESTING FUNCTION BE PROVIDED AS
22 WE CONTINUE THE COURSE OF THIS PANDEMIC AND WHAT THE ROLE IS
23 OF COMMUNITY TESTING MOVING FORWARD AND WHAT WAYS WE MAY BE
24 RESPONSIVE THE COMMUNITIES NEEDS IN COMBINATION WITH ALSO THE
25 TESTING THAT IS PROVIDED WITHIN THE ESTABLISHED HEALTH SYSTEM.

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1 AND WITH THAT, I'LL CLOSE, AND HAPPY TO TAKE YOUR QUESTIONS.

2 THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, DRS. FERRER AND
5 GHALY. IF I CAN GET MEMBERS BACK ON THE SCREEN TO SEE RAISED
6 HANDS FOR QUESTIONS. I WILL START WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I WANT TO THANK AGAIN
9 DR. BARBARA FERRER AND DR. GHALY FOR THIS PRESENTATION. IT IS
10 RATHER SOBERING TO HEAR THAT WHILE WE CAN SEE WE ARE COMING
11 OUT OF THE PANDEMIC, TO A CERTAIN DEGREE, WE STILL SEE NUMBERS
12 THAT FOR ME ARE STILL VERY ALARMING, ESPECIALLY AMONGST OUR
13 YOUTH AND THE AGES OF 12 THROUGH 17 AND THE FACT THAT WE ONLY
14 HAVE 69% OF L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS THAT ARE FULLY VACCINATED.
15 AND I THINK SOMETIMES THAT'S LOST ON US, BUT I JUST WANT TO
16 SHARE SOMETHING WITH MY COLLEAGUES. THIS PAST WEEK, I WAS OUT,
17 TWO WEEKS AGO, OUT IN NOT JUST EAST LOS ANGELES BUT ALSO IN
18 NEWER PARTS OF MY DISTRICT OUT IN ROWLAND HEIGHTS, WHERE
19 SUPERVISOR HAHN USED TO REPRESENT THE AREA. AND WHAT I FIND IS
20 THERE WERE A LOT OF MULTIPLE FAMILIES COMING IN TOGETHER TO
21 RECEIVE TESTS AND KNOWING THAT THEY COULD ONLY RECEIVE TWO
22 SETS THAT MEANS FOUR. THERE'S TWO TESTS PER EACH KIT. IT WAS
23 PRETTY DISHEARTENING TO KNOW THAT YOU HAD MULTIPLE FAMILY
24 MEMBERS TYPICALLY IN LATINO AND ASIAN FAMILIES WHERE YOU HAVE
25 MORE THAN FIVE OR SIX CHILDREN, INCLUDING PERHAPS AN OLDER

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1 RELATIVE, A GRANDPARENT OR OTHER SIBLINGS THAT LIVE THERE
2 THAT MAY BE RELATED TO THE PARENTS, AND I REALLY THINK THAT WE
3 MAY NOT HAVE A FULL PICTURE OR VIEW OF WHAT THE NEED REALLY IS
4 IN SOME OF OUR AREAS THAT WE REPRESENT. SO I REALLY DO WANT TO
5 SEE HOW WE CAN CONTINUE TO TARGET THIS POPULATION AND MAKE
6 SURE IF I CAN SUGGEST THAT WE USE AS WE DID EARLY ON YOUNGER
7 PEOPLE TO HELP CONVEY THIS MESSAGE BECAUSE I REALLY THINK THAT
8 HEARING FROM MYSELF OR PERHAPS PEOPLE WHO ARE IN THE KNOW MAY
9 NOT TRANSLATE IN THE MANNER THAT WE NEED TO SAY WITH OUR YOUNG
10 PEOPLE AND WITH OUR PARENTS BECAUSE OUR PARENTS ALSO I THINK
11 IN OUR, AT LEAST IN THE LATINO COMMUNITY, I CAN SEE WHERE MANY
12 PARENTS ARE STILL HESITANT TO GET THEIR YOUNGER CHILDREN
13 VACCINATED BETWEEN 5 AND 17. THEY ARE NOT ENCOURAGING THEM
14 ENOUGH. AND I THINK THAT THAT'S GOING TO TAKE US IN THE WRONG
15 DIRECTION AND PROLONG THIS EFFORT THAT I THINK MANY OF US WANT
16 TO SEE RESOLVED. BUT WE NEED TO HAVE VERY VERY STRONG
17 MESSAGING, AND I HOPE THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE CAN DO, DR.
18 FERRER AND DR. GHALY, AS WE DO THAT. AND WITH RESPECT TO THE
19 MASKS, I MEAN IT'S PRETTY CLEAR TO ME THAT WE DO HAVE TO HAVE
20 PEOPLE WEARING MASKS, PARTICULARLY THE YOUNGER POPULATION. AS
21 OUTLINED IN YOUR PRESENTATION, THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE NOT BEEN
22 VACCINATED IS AT QUARTILE, AND THEN LOOKING AGAIN AT TRYING TO
23 MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE HAVE ACCESS TO THE MASKS, AND I AM
24 FINDING THAT THAT IS SOMETHING THAT PEOPLE IN PARTS OF MY
25 DISTRICT DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO. THEY WELCOME US GIVING THEM

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1 OUT, BUT IT IS LIMITED. AND I DO THINK WE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO
2 STILL BE A LOT MORE VIGILANT WITH RESPECT TO THAT. I DO WANT
3 TO MENTION AND THANK DR. GHALY ALSO FOR WORKING WITH C.D.C. I
4 KNOW THERE ARE TWO FEDERAL TESTING SITES THAT ARE OPENING UP
5 THIS WEEK. I THINK SANTA FE DAM IN OUR DISTRICT IS OPENING UP,
6 AND THAT WILL BE I BELIEVE OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK FROM 7:00
7 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M. PROVIDING 1,000 TESTS, BUT IT ISN'T JUST
8 LIMITED TO THE SURROUNDING CITIES AROUND SANTA FE DAM. I WOULD
9 ENCOURAGE US TO MAKE SURE WE GET OUTREACH DONE TO POMONA AND
10 OTHER AREAS THAT HAVE BEEN REALLY HARD HIT BY COVID AND STILL
11 REMAIN WITHOUT ACCESS TO THE TESTS, MASKS, AND VACCINATIONS.
12 SO I HOPE THAT MOVING FORWARD YOU CAN HELP US WITH THIS. I
13 LOVE TO HEAR YOUR RESPONSES ON THAT, ALSO FROM BOTH OF YOU, IF
14 POSSIBLE. DR. FERRER, DR. GHALY?

15

16 **DR. FERRER:** SURE, THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND I
17 COULDN'T AGREE WITH YOU MORE. THERE ARE ALWAYS IS GOING TO BE
18 A LOT OF WORK WE NEED TO DO AROUND COMMUNICATING EFFECTIVELY,
19 MAKING SURE THAT THOSE RESOURCES ARE GETTING OUT. I DO WANT TO
20 NOTE THAT THERE IS A CONTRACT THAT'S BEING SIGNED WITH AN
21 ORGANIZATION TO HELP WITH THE DISTRIBUTION OF HIGHER QUALITY
22 MASKS AND TEST KITS. SO WE ARE AWARE THAT, PARTICULARLY FOR
23 WORKERS IN LOWER WAGE JOBS, AND WORKING IN BUSINESSES WHERE
24 THE OWNERS MAY NOT HAVE A LOT OF RESOURCES EITHER, THAT WE
25 HAVE TO DO A BETTER JOB ON THE DISTRIBUTION THERE. SO I AM

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1 PLEASED THAT WE ARE ABLE TO I THINK IT IS ALLOCATE ABOUT \$7
2 MILLION TO HELP SUPPORT THAT EFFORT TO GET BOTH TEST KITS, AND
3 WE HAVE BEEN WORKING SEPARATELY ON THE MASK ISSUE AS WELL
4 BECAUSE I DO AGREE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT, AND I WANT TO THANK
5 YOUR OFFICE, AND EVERYONE ELSE'S OFFICE, FOR REALLY BEING VERY
6 GOOD ABOUT LETTING US KNOW WHERE THERE ARE COMMUNICATION AND
7 INFORMATION GAPS SO THAT WE CAN GET OUR TEAMS OUT. I DO WANT
8 TO NOTE WE TOTALLY AGREE WITH YOU ON THE MESSENGER MAKES A BIG
9 DIFFERENCE. WE HAVE LAUNCHED A TWO -- WE HAVE LIKE THREE
10 COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR PROGRAMS IN ADDITION TO THE EXPANSIVE
11 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER/PROMOTORA PROGRAM, BUT WE HAVE A
12 COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR PROGRAM, A PARENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM, AND
13 A STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM, WHICH REALLY IS ABOUT PEER TO
14 PEER LEADERSHIP. FOLKS COME IN TO A VIRTUAL TRAINING
15 OPPORTUNITY WITH US AND THEN ONGOING WE HAVE ONGOING CHATS
16 WHERE WE CAN ANSWER PEOPLE'S QUESTIONS SO THAT THEY FEEL WELL
17 INFORMED ABOUT BEING ABLE TO TALK TO OTHERS ABOUT PROTECTIONS
18 AROUND COVID-19. AND WE HAVE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ENROLLED IN
19 THOSE PROGRAMS AT THIS POINT, SO WE WILL CONTINUE. WE WORK
20 VERY CLOSELY WITH THE SCHOOLS OBVIOUSLY ON TRYING TO ENCOURAGE
21 PARENTS AND STUDENTS TO BECOME AMBASSADORS AND REALLY, AS YOU
22 NOTED, BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A WEALTH OF ACCURATE INFORMATION AND
23 ANSWER QUESTIONS TO PEOPLE IN THEIR SOCIAL CIRCLES AND IN
24 THEIR WORK CIRCLES. SO THANKS FOR THAT BECAUSE WE COMPLETELY
25 AGREE WITH YOU.

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2 **DR. GHALY:** SUPERVISOR, THANKS FOR THE COMMENT, AND I AGREE.
3 THE FOCUS ON CHILDREN IS SO IMPORTANT. AND WE HAVE DONE A LOT
4 OF OUTREACH TO OUR PATIENTS THROUGH A VARIETY OF MODALITIES.
5 AND SIMILAR TO EARLIER IN THE PANDEMIC WHEN WE SAW A LOT OF
6 HESITANCY ABOUT UPTAKE OF THE VACCINE, WE ARE SEEING THAT NOW,
7 LESS SO AMONG THE ADULTS. I THINK, WITH TIME, THOSE MESSAGES
8 GET THROUGH, BUT WE ARE SEEING IT MORE WITH PARENTS AND
9 CONCERN FOR THEIR CHILDREN. AND THERE IS A LOT OF EVIDENCE
10 ABOUT THE SAFETY OF THE VACCINE, THE EFFICACY OF THE VACCINE,
11 AND IT JUST I THINK IT REALLY UNDERSCORES, TO YOUR POINT, THE
12 NEED TO MOVE MESSAGING OUT THROUGH MANY DIFFERENT WAYS, AND IN
13 ADDITION TO THAT, REALLY FOCUS ON THOSE ONE ON ONE
14 CONVERSATIONS AND RELATIONSHIPS WHERE PEOPLE HAVE THEM TO HELP
15 PEOPLE GET THEIR QUESTIONS ANSWERED, HELP THEM GET ACCESS TO
16 FACT BASE INFORMATION, AND WORK WITH PEOPLE WHEREVER THEY ARE
17 AT ON THE QUESTIONS THEY MIGHT HAVE ABOUT VACCINATIONS AMONG
18 THEIR CHILDREN.

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS:** A QUICK QUESTION, THOUGH. AS I MENTIONED, WE HAVE
21 FAMILIES, MULTIPLE FAMILIES MAYBE LIVING IN ONE UNIT. AND YOU
22 CAN HAVE MAYBE EIGHT PEOPLE OR TEN LIVING IN ONE HOUSEHOLD,
23 AND WE KNOW WHEN WE HAVE OUR TESTING SITES SET UP, WE LIMIT
24 TWO TESTS PER FAMILY. IS THERE A WAY WHERE WE CAN EXPAND THAT
25 TO ALLOW FOR MORE WHEN IT IS REQUESTED? AND I HAVE EVEN HAD

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1 SENIOR CITIZENS TELL ME, "LOOK, I AM HERE RIGHT NOW, BUT I
2 HAVE SOMEONE WHO LIVES NEXT DOOR WHO KNOWS THAT I WAS COMING.
3 THEY ARE ALSO SENIORS, BUT THEY ARE HOME BOUND." ARE WE ABLE
4 TO KIND OF BE FLEXIBLE IN THAT BECAUSE I REALLY DO THINK THAT
5 WE AREN'T REALLY REACHING EVERYBODY WE THINK WE ARE? THAT'S
6 WHAT I HAVE SEEN ON THE STREET.

7

8 **DR. GHALY:** THANK YOU FOR RAISING THAT. SOME OF THE TEST SITES
9 HAVE DIFFERENT CRITERIA FOR HOW MANY TEST KITS THAT THEY WILL
10 GIVE OUT. ONE OF THE CHALLENGES HAS BEEN, EVEN IF WE HAVE
11 TRIED, SOMETIMES PEOPLE ARE PROVIDING THE NAMES OF THE
12 ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD BE TESTED, AND WHAT OUR GOAL
13 WOULD BE IS TO REGISTER THOSE TESTS UNDER AN INDIVIDUAL'S
14 NAME. SO THAT IF, BY CHANCE, THE TEST IS POSITIVE, WE HAVE
15 THAT RIGHT INFORMATION. D.P.H. HAS THAT RIGHT INFORMATION, BUT
16 THE POINT IS WELL TAKEN, AND WE WILL TAKE THAT BACK TO WORK
17 WITH OUR TESTING PARTNERS ON IT AS WELL AS OUR DIRECT SITES
18 AND WORK WITH D.P.H. ALSO SO THAT WE GET IDEALLY AS MUCH
19 INFORMATION TO THEM AS POSSIBLE ABOUT WHO WOULD BE USING THE
20 TEST.

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

23

24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. QUESTIONS OF OTHER
25 SUPERVISORS? I WILL JUST SAY, TO DR. FERRER, I WANT TO THANK

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1 YOU FOR CLEARLY ARTICULATING HOW YOU DEFINE POST SURGE. AND
2 POST SURGE HAS A TRIGGER, 2500 DAILY HOSPITALIZATIONS FOR
3 SEVEN CONSECUTIVE DAYS. AND I THINK I HAVE ASKED YOU A COUPLE
4 TIMES TO GIVE US A TRIGGER SO WE ALL KNOW KIND OF THE GOAL
5 THAT WE'RE STRIVING TOWARDS. AND I CERTAINLY THINK THAT IS,
6 FRANKLY, MORE RELEVANT THAN AN ARBITRARY DATE. SO THANK YOU
7 FOR THAT. SEEING NO FURTHER HANDS RAISED -- OH, THERE THEY
8 POPPED UP. WE'LL GO WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOLLOWED BY
9 SUPERVISOR HAHN.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, I THOUGHT I HAD TO TEXT, SO I
12 APOLOGIZE. YOU KNOW, I HAVE BEEN CALLING FOR ALIGNING WITH THE
13 STATE AT THIS TIME AND ACTUALLY, WITH THE NEW ANNOUNCEMENT
14 REGARDING THE LIFTING ON FEBRUARY 16TH, I STILL BELIEVE THAT
15 IT IS IMPORTANT FOR, US AS A BOARD, TO DISCUSS THIS. THE BOARD
16 HAS BEEN IN UNISON ON THE CRITICAL EFFICACY OF MASKS TO LIMIT
17 TRANSMISSION AND BLUNT THE HARSHTEST EFFECTS OF THE SPIKES WE
18 HAVE SEEN. WE'VE ALL BEEN IN AGREEMENT ON THAT. AND THERE WERE
19 THOSE THAT TRY TO HIJACK WHAT I SAID LAST WEEK AND MAKE IT
20 ABOUT ELIMINATING MASKS. NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE
21 TRUTH. I WAS ABOUT ALIGNING WITH THE STATE, AND I STILL
22 BELIEVE THAT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO. WE HAVE HAD THE PUBLIC
23 HEALTH MEASURES IN PLACE FOR THE BETTER PART OF THE LAST TWO
24 YEARS, AND WE ALL AGREE THAT THESE MEASURES ARE MOST ESSENTIAL
25 WHEN CASES ARE SPIKING TO PROTECT THE STRESS ON OUR

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1 HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. CRUCIAL TO THESE MEASURES IS ENSURING THE
2 PUBLIC RESPONDS WHEN WE SOUND THE ALARM BY CHANGING THIS
3 BEHAVIOR IN PRIVATE SETTINGS WHERE PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES
4 DON'T REACH AND A MAJORITY OF THE TRANSMISSION OCCURS. MY
5 CONCERN, AND IT WILL CONTINUE TO BE MY CONCERN, IS THAT THESE
6 RESTRICTIONS HAVE BECOME PROVISIONS THAT WILL LAST REALLY IN
7 PERPETUITY. I MEAN WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE NUMBERS THAT YOU PUT
8 OUT, DR. FERRER, I FEEL THAT IT ISN'T EVEN REALISTIC. I MEAN
9 WE WOULD HAVE TO COMPLETELY ELIMINATE COVID IN ORDER TO GET TO
10 A POINT WHERE WE WOULD BE LIFTING MOST OF THESE RESTRICTIONS.
11 PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE ADVOCATING FOR
12 THE RELAXING OF MASK MANDATES NOT ONLY DUE TO THE DRASTICALLY
13 DROPPING CASES BUT ALSO TO SIGNAL THAT BEING WILLING TO REMOVE
14 RESTRICTIONS WE WILL BUILD PUBLIC TRUST WHEN WE NEED TO
15 IMPLEMENT MEASURES AGAIN IN THE FUTURE. I AM IN SUPPORT OF
16 ESSENTIAL MEASURES, BUT COMMITTING TO KEEPING THESE IN PLACE
17 UNTIL LATE SPRING IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE PUBLIC HEALTH
18 APPROACHES FROM ACROSS THE STATE AND THE COUNTRY. WE ALL
19 RECOGNIZE THAT COVID IS NOT GOING TO DISAPPEAR. AND IT IS
20 LIKELY THAT THERE WILL BE ANOTHER SPIKE. I BELIEVE IT IS
21 IMPERATIVE THAT WE CULTIVATE GOOD FAITH AND TRUST WITH OUR
22 RESIDENTS FOR WHEN THAT TIME COMES. SETTING A PATHWAY TO ALIGN
23 WITH THE STATE CLOSELY AFTER THE STATE LIFTS THE MANDATE ON
24 FEBRUARY 16TH PROVIDES CLARITY AND CONSISTENCY TO OUR
25 RESIDENTS, SOMETHING THAT I AM HEARING LOUD AND CLEAR, NOT

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1 ONLY FROM RESIDENTS IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT, BUT FROM ACROSS THE
2 BOARD, AS I AM SURE YOU ALL ARE GETTING CALLS AS WELL. SO I
3 CANNOT SUPPORT THE PUBLIC HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS TO CARVE OUT
4 THIS COUNTY UNTIL LATE SPRING. I BELIEVE IT IS TIME FOR US TO
5 GET BACK TO WHERE WE WERE AS A BOARD IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS
6 PANDEMIC WHERE WE ALL AGREED, OR I THINK A MAJORITY OF US
7 AGREED, THAT ALIGNING WITH THE STATE, WAS THE BEST OPTION. THE
8 STATE HAS PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERTS THAT ARE ALSO ADVISING THE
9 GOVERNOR. AND I BELIEVE THAT THE RECOMMENDATION TO LIFT THAT
10 MANDATE IS BASED ON PUBLIC HEALTH AS WELL. AND SO, I JUST
11 FIND IT VERY FRUSTRATING THAT ONCE AGAIN WE ARE BEING THE MOST
12 RESTRICTIVE WITH, QUITE FRANKLY, I DON'T BELIEVE THE SCIENCE
13 TO BACK UP THAT. WHEN YOU LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED AT THE STADIUM
14 LAST WEEK, IT TOLD ME THAT THE INCONSISTENCY IS CREATING
15 CONFUSION. AND THERE ARE THOSE THAT ARE COMING IN FROM OTHER
16 COUNTIES THAT DON'T REALIZE THE MASK MANDATE THAT WE HAVE HERE
17 IN L.A. COUNTY. AND I HEAR FROM BUSINESSES THAT ARE ON THE
18 BORDER, THAT THEY ARE FRUSTRATED BECAUSE IT IS PUSHING THEIR
19 BUSINESS INTO OTHER COUNTIES BASED ON THESE MANDATES MOVING
20 FORWARD. SO I JUST WANT TO PUT ON THE RECORD THAT I WILL BE
21 OPPOSING THE HEALTH ORDER AS IT RELATES TO KEEPING IN PLACE
22 OUR MANDATE, WHEN THE STATE IS GOING TO BE RELAXING THAT
23 PORTION OF IT. SO HAVING SAID THAT, I HAVE A COUPLE QUESTIONS
24 FOR YOU DR. FERRER. MOST MAJOR CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND
25 OTHER COUNTIES IN THE STATE HAVE MOVED FORWARD WITH LIFTING

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1 MASK REQUIREMENTS IN FULLY VACCINATED ENVIRONMENTS LIKE
2 OFFICES AND GYMS. NOT ONLY DOES THIS PUBLIC POLICY RECOGNIZE
3 THE EFFICACY OF THE VACCINE, BUT IT ALSO IS SHOWN TO ENCOURAGE
4 PEOPLE TO GET VACCINATED. SOMETHING THAT, AS A BOARD, WE ALL
5 AGREE WITH. VACCINATION IS THE FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE AGAINST
6 GETTING HOSPITALIZED OR DEATH. BUT I -- SO I WANT TO ASK THAT
7 WHEN THE STATE LIFTS THE INDOOR MASK MANDATE, IS THIS AN
8 APPROACH YOU WOULD CONSIDER FOR L.A. COUNTY?

9

10 **DR. FERRER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR BARGER. I HAD A
11 MOMENT TRYING TO UNMUTE THERE. AND I APPRECIATE ALL THE
12 SUPPORT AND THE THOUGHTFULNESS OF BOTH THE PERSPECTIVE AND
13 YOUR QUESTION. AND YOU KNOW, I KNOW IN GENERAL WE DO OUR VERY
14 BEST TO ALIGN WITH THE STATE, AS WELL, BECAUSE WE KNOW IT DOES
15 CREATE SOME CONFUSION. I THINK THIS IS JUST A CIRCUMSTANCE
16 WHERE, WHEN WE LOOK AT OUR DATA, AND WE SEE HOW MUCH
17 TRANSMISSION THERE IS STILL, IT IS REALLY -- IT IS REALLY HARD
18 TO JUST GO AHEAD AND TAKE AWAY MASKS, GIVEN THAT THE VACCINES
19 DON'T WORK AS WELL AS THEY WERE BEFORE ON PROTECTING PEOPLE
20 FROM TRANSMISSION. WE HAVE A LOT OF DISPROPORTIONALITY IN WHO
21 IS GETTING INFECTED AND WHO IS HOSPITALIZED, AND WE REMAIN
22 CONCERNED ABOUT PROTECTING ESSENTIAL WORKERS WHO HAVE TO GO TO
23 WORK. SO I THINK WE UNDERSTAND THE FRUSTRATION OF SAYING THIS
24 IS GOING TO BE A FEW MORE WEEKS. OUR NUMBERS ARE DROPPING
25 PRETTY RAPIDLY, SO I JUST WANT TO BE CLEAR, FROM MY

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1 PERSPECTIVE, THERE'S NO WAY THIS IS A FOREVER. THIS HAS AN END
2 POINT, IF NOTHING ELSE, IT IS EIGHT WEEKS AFTER THERE'S
3 APPROVAL OF A CHILD -- AN EARLY CHILD VACCINE, BUT I THINK WE
4 ARE GOING TO GET THERE A LOT FASTER IF WE CONTINUE WITH THE
5 DECLINE. THE ISSUE IS THE DECLINE CONTINUES IF THE PROTECTIONS
6 ARE IN PLACE THAT REALLY HELP US LIMIT TRANSMISSION, AND WHEN
7 WE REMOVE THOSE, AS WE HAVE SEEN IN THE PAST, WE TEND TO SEE
8 OUR NUMBERS GO BACK UP. SO MY MOST IMPORTANT CONCERN RIGHT
9 NOW, IS TO GET TRANSMISSION DOWN AS LOW AS WE CAN BEFORE, AS
10 YOU SAID, THERE MAY BE ANOTHER VARIANT OR SOMETHING ELSE TO
11 WORRY ABOUT BECAUSE WE NEVER REALLY RETURNED TO A LOW RATE
12 AFTER DELTA BEFORE WE GOT HIT WITH OMICRON. SO I WOULD LIKE US
13 TO GET TO A BETTER PLACE. AND I THINK, IN DOING SO, WE PROTECT
14 ALL OF OURSELVES FROM UNNECESSARY DEATH. I DO AGREE WITH YOU
15 THAT THERE IS A SENSIBLE ARGUMENT TO BE MADE THAT IN PLACES
16 WHERE PEOPLE ARE ALL FULLY VACCINATED, OR IN THIS CASE IT
17 WOULD BE UP TO DATE ON THEIR VACCINES, SIMILAR TO LIKE WHAT
18 SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY HAS DONE. AS OUR NUMBERS ARE DROPPING.
19 THE RISK IS SO MUCH LOWER IN THAT ENVIRONMENT, YOU COULD
20 CONCEIVABLY THINK THAT THOSE ARE ENVIRONMENTS WHERE IT IS SAFE
21 TO GO AHEAD AND REMOVE THE MASK. BUT FOR US TO DO THAT HERE
22 WOULD REQUIRE US TO IMPOSE A NEW VACCINATION VERIFICATION
23 REQUIREMENT IN SO MANY SETTINGS. WE ONLY -- AFTER TALKING WITH
24 THE BOARD, WE DECIDED TO STAY RATHER NARROWLY FOCUSED ON THE
25 HIGHEST RISK SETTINGS WITH THE VACCINATION VERIFICATIONS,

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1 BEING MEGA-EVENTS, AND BARS, LOUNGES, ETC., WITH THAT
2 VACCINATION VERIFICATION REQUIREMENT. SO IN ORDER FOR US TO
3 CREATE, AS YOU NOTED, SOME OTHER POSSIBILITY FOR PEOPLE TO
4 REMOVE THEIR MASKS. WE WOULD HAVE TO PUT IN PLACE A
5 VACCINATION VERIFICATION REQUIREMENT AT PLACES LIKE GYMS OR
6 RESTAURANTS OR OFFICES, BUT IF THAT'S SOMETHING THIS BOARD
7 WANTS US TO TAKE BACK AND CONSIDER, WE ARE HAPPY TO DO THAT.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** SO I AM TALKING ABOUT, JUST A POINT OF
10 CLARIFICATION FOR MY COLLEAGUES, IN OFFICE SETTINGS WHERE
11 EVERYONE IS 100% VACCINATED CURRENTLY, UNDER THE MASK
12 REQUIREMENT, ALL ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS IN THAT OFFICE
13 SPACE. AND I HAVE BEEN APPROACHED BY SOME OF THE BUSINESSES
14 ASKING WHY THAT IS IN PLACE WHEN WE KNOW THAT WE ARE -- WE ARE
15 TELLING PEOPLE TO GET VACCINATED. AND WHEN THEY ARE 100%
16 VACCINATED, THEY DON'T FEEL THAT A MASK IS NECESSARY IN THAT
17 ENVIRONMENT. SO THAT WAS WHERE MY QUESTION WAS COMING FROM. I
18 APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT SETTING BENCHMARKS AND THRESHOLDS.
19 I THINK THAT IS VERY HELPFUL THAT THE PUBLIC CAN MONITOR TO
20 TRIGGER OUR COUNTY'S PROGRESSION THROUGH ROLLING BACK PUBLIC
21 HEALTH MEASURES. PER MY REVIEW OF THE DATA, IT IS MY
22 UNDERSTANDING THAT L.A. COUNTY HAS ONLY QUALIFIED FOR THE
23 C.D.C.'S MODERATE TRANSMISSION FOR A FEW WEEKS LATE LAST
24 SPRING. GIVEN THAT OUR CASE NUMBERS WERE EVEN HIGHER THIS
25 WINTER THAN THEY WERE LAST WINTER, I WOULD EXPECT, AND CORRECT

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1 ME IF I'M WRONG, THAT IT IS GOING TO TAKE LONGER FOR OUR CASES
2 TO DROP TO A POINT WHERE WE REACH THE MODERATE TRANSMISSION,
3 AND POTENTIALLY POSSIBLY APRIL OR MAY. MANY BAY AREA COUNTIES
4 PREVIOUSLY USED THE MODERATE TRANSMISSION THRESHOLD BUT MOVED
5 AWAY FROM IT AS THEY FELT THAT IT WAS UNREACHABLE. AS WE HAVE
6 DISCUSSED, L.A. COUNTY DOES SIGNIFICANTLY MORE TESTING PER
7 CAPITA. SOMETHING THAT I THINK IS COMMENDABLE, WHICH ELEVATES
8 OUR CASE RATE. LAST YEAR, THE STATE RELEASED AN ADJUSTED CASE
9 RATE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE DIFFERENT LEVELS OF TESTING. HOW
10 DOES THE C.D.C.'S THRESHOLD CONTROL FOR DIFFERENT TESTING
11 LEVELS? AND IF IT DOES NOT, COULD WE DEVELOP AN ADJUSTED CASE
12 RATE TO USE AS A METRIC TO MORE EFFECTIVELY TRACK OUR
13 PROGRESS?

14
15 **DR. FERRER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. AND AGAIN, I
16 APPRECIATE THAT SUGGESTION. AND YOU KNOW, THERE IS ALWAYS
17 ADVANTAGES TO SORT OF WEIGHTING SOME OF THE DATA THAT WE USE
18 TO SET THESE THRESHOLDS. AND WE ARE HAPPY TO LOOK AT THAT. I
19 MEAN, AT THIS POINT, WE ARE ALIGNING WITH THE C.D.C., WHICH IS
20 WHERE LOTS OF FOLKS WERE. AND I WANT TO NOTE THAT I THINK WHAT
21 WAS REALLY -- WHAT IS REALLY IMPORTANT IS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT
22 SORT OF THOSE OVERALL VACCINATION RATES. I THINK SAN FRANCISCO
23 COUNTY IS 84% OR 82% OF ALL THEIR RESIDENTS ARE FULLY
24 VACCINATED. WE ARE AT 69%, IN SPITE OF HAVING THE MOST
25 EXTENSIVE ACCESS TO VACCINATIONS OF REALLY ANY COUNTY IN THE

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1 ENTIRE COUNTRY. WE ARE STILL MOVING FORWARD BUT MOVING MUCH
2 MORE SLOWLY. I DON'T KNOW THAT IT WILL TAKE US WEEKS. AND I
3 DON'T KNOW THAT WE SHOULD LOOK BACK AT HISTORY OF LAST SPRING.
4 MOSTLY BECAUSE WE DIDN'T HAVE VACCINATED THEN. SO I THINK
5 VACCINATIONS STILL PROVIDE, AS I SHOWED TODAY, TWO TIMES LESS
6 LIKELY TO GET INFECTED, FOUR TIMES LESS LIKELY TO GET INFECTED
7 IF YOU'RE BOOSTED. SO I THINK HAVING VACCINATIONS MAY BE ABLE
8 -- HAVING VACCINATION COVERAGE IS NOT GREAT, BUT IT IS DECENT
9 HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, WILL HELP US GET BACK TO MODERATE
10 TRANSMISSION. AND I THINK WE CAN DO THIS. I'D BE THE FIRST ONE
11 TO SAY IF THIS REALLY ENDS UP LOOKING IMPOSSIBLE, THEN WE HAVE
12 GOT TO REVISIT. AND ONE REASON FOR ADDING IN THE THRESHOLD
13 AROUND THOSE 535,000 CHILDREN HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET
14 VACCINATED WAS TO AGAIN REDUCE RISK AMONG PEOPLE WHO, AT THIS
15 POINT, EVEN IF THERE'S SMALL RISK TO THEM, HAVE RISK, AND THEY
16 ALSO HAVE RISK, AS WE HAVE SEEN, OF SPREADING TO OTHERS. SO I
17 AM HAPPY TO THINK ABOUT IF A WEIGHTING STRATEGY WORKS FOR US
18 BECAUSE WE DO DO A LOT OF TESTING, PARTICULARLY DURING THE
19 WEEK, AND THEN GET BACK TO YOU WITH SOME WAY TO INCLUDE A
20 MODIFIED METRIC THERE THAT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE TESTING. WE
21 ARE NOT TRYING TO SET THE BAR TOO HIGH AT ALL. WE ARE ACTUALLY
22 TRYING TO SET A REASONABLE BAR THAT SAYS TO US IT IS MUCH
23 SAFER FOR OUR WORKERS AND OUR MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE TO HAVE
24 MASKS OFF WHEN THERE'S NOT AS MUCH TRANSMISSION. AND IF
25 THERE'S A WAY TO RETHINK WHAT THAT THRESHOLD IS AND NOT ALIGN

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1 FULLY WITH C.D.C., I AM COMPLETELY OPEN TO THAT. WHAT I THINK
2 OUR TEAM DOESN'T FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH, AND WHICH IS WHY WE
3 HAVE GIVEN YOU THIS PROPOSAL, IS AN ARBITRARY DATE THAT IS
4 ACTUALLY NOT TIED TO THE CONDITIONS IN THE COMMUNITY. AND WE
5 DON'T -- WE FEEL LIKE OUR RISK IS JUST WAY TOO BIG RIGHT NOW
6 WITH THE RATE THAT WE ARE AT.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER:** SO KNOWING THAT, AND THAT ACTUALLY LEADS TO MY
9 LAST QUESTION, AND THAT IS CAN YOU EXPLAIN WHY YOU THINK THE
10 STATE'S DATA IS WHERE IT IS AND WHY THEY ARE LIFTING IT. I
11 MEAN I DON'T THINK THEY ARE BEING ARBITRARY ON THEIR DATE
12 BECAUSE THEIR ANNOUNCEMENT WAS BASED ON PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERTS
13 WHO FELT THAT THE DROPPING CASES AND DECREASING
14 HOSPITALIZATIONS STATE-WIDE, I MEAN THEY SAID STATE-WIDE, WAS
15 SUCH THAT THEY FELT THAT LIFTING THE RESTRICTION BUT STILL
16 MAINTAINING THE FACT, AND I HAVE SAID THIS ALL ALONG, THE
17 FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE, VACCINATION. YOU SHOULD STILL CONTINUE
18 TO WEAR A MASK WHERE YOU -- AT A MARKET. I MEAN I STILL WEAR A
19 MASK IN AREAS BUT NOT MANDATED. AND SO, I AM TRYING TO FIGURE
20 OUT WHAT THE STATE KNOWS THAT WE DON'T.

21

22 **DR. FERRER:** YEAH. THANKS SO MUCH, AND I APPRECIATE THE
23 QUESTION. I OBVIOUSLY DON'T HAVE THE ANSWER NECESSARILY, BUT I
24 WOULD POINT TO A COUPLE OF PIECES OF INFORMATION THAT MAY HELP
25 CLARIFY. WHEN THE STATE IMPOSED THE MASK MANDATE, THEY PUT AN

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1 END DATE ON THAT MASK MANDATE OF FEBRUARY 15TH. AND ALL THAT
2 IS REALLY HAPPENING ON FEBRUARY 15TH IS THAT THE MASK MANDATE
3 IS EXPIRING. SO THEY HAD SET THIS TIME PERIOD WHEN THEY
4 INITIALLY IMPOSED IT AND OBVIOUSLY FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH THE
5 FACT THAT IT WILL EXPIRE. YOU KNOW, THEIR CONSIDERATIONS I
6 THINK ARE JUST AS YOU NOTED. I THINK THEY ARE HEARTFELT. I
7 THINK EVERYONE WHO IS WORKING ON TRYING TO REALLY MITIGATE
8 COVID AND RESPOND TO THE PANDEMIC IS COMING FROM A PLACE OF
9 TRYING TO DO THE BEST THING. I DO THINK THAT THERE ARE
10 PROBABLY TWO WAYS TO THINK ABOUT A PATH FORWARD RIGHT NOW. AND
11 ONE IS TO ALLOW PEOPLE, BECAUSE WE HAVE TOOLS TO MAKE CHOICES
12 ABOUT WHAT TOOLS THEY WANT TO USE AND WHEN THEY WANT TO USE
13 THEM, AND REALLY GO BACK TO THE IDEA THAT PEOPLE CAN TAKE
14 INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR REDUCING THEIR RISK. AND IN
15 DOING SO, THAT'S HELPFUL. I THINK WE'RE NOT IN THAT CAMP,
16 CLEARLY. WE'RE IN THE CAMP THAT SAYS WE HAVE SOME EQUITY
17 GOALS. THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE THAT DON'T HAVE THE SAME
18 OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AS OTHERS.
19 AND IT IS STILL UP TO US, WHEN THERE'S THIS LEVEL OF HIGH
20 TRANSMISSION, TO BUILD IN SOME GUARDRAILS. I TOTALLY AGREE
21 THAT, FOR ALL OF US, WE NEED TO SEE HOW IT'S POSSIBLE TO LIVE
22 WITH THIS VIRUS. AND I THINK WE'VE DONE A GOOD JOB HERE IN
23 L.A. COUNTY. WE HAVE STAYED OPEN THROUGH THE WORST SURGE THAT
24 WE'VE EVER EXPERIENCED. NO BUSINESSES WERE CLOSED. HARDLY ANY
25 SCHOOLS CLOSED, AND WHEN THEY DID, IT WAS FOR STAFFING

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1 SHORTAGE ISSUES. AND SO, I THINK WE ARE GETTING BETTER AT
2 LIVING WITH THE PANDEMIC, BUT I DON'T THINK WE HAVE TO DO THAT
3 AT THE EXPENSE OF NOT RECOGNIZING OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO REALLY
4 PROTECT WORKERS WHO WILL BE IN SITUATIONS WHEN THERE'S THIS
5 MUCH TRANSMISSION OF EXTRAORDINARY AMOUNT OF EXPOSURE STILL
6 WITHOUT A LEVEL OF PROTECTION THAT WE THINK WOULD REALLY BE
7 HELPFUL.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, IS THIS ABOUT EQUITY, OR IS THIS ABOUT PUBLIC
10 HEALTH BECAUSE I KNOW LOOKING AT IT THROUGH AN EQUITY LENS,
11 BUT WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE NUMBERS, BASED ON PUBLIC HEALTH, YOU
12 FEEL THAT THE MASK MANDATE SHOULD REMAIN IN PLAY BASED ON
13 PUBLIC HEALTH NOT ON THE EQUITY LENS BECAUSE YOU JUST SAID
14 YOU'RE LOOKING AT IT THROUGH AN EQUITY LENS?

15

16 **DR. FERRER:** YEAH, I AM SORRY IF THAT WAS CONFUSING. I THINK WE
17 USE DIFFERENT LENSES WHENEVER WE'RE TRYING TO MAKE POLICY
18 DECISIONS. AND WE WEIGH -- YOU WEIGH YOUR RISKS AND YOUR
19 BENEFITS DEPENDING ON WHAT THAT LENS IS, BUT I WILL SAY
20 UNEQUIVOCABLY THAT WE SHOULD NOT BE LIFTING A MASKING MANDATE
21 WHEN WE ARE REPORTING THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF NEW CASES
22 EVERY DAY. THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO US HERE AT PUBLIC HEALTH
23 THAT WE THINK THAT RATE NEEDS TO COME DOWN SIGNIFICANTLY, IN
24 ORDER FOR US TO PROTECT EACH OTHER, AND GETTING TO A PLACE
25 WHERE IT IS SENSIBLE TO REDUCE THE SAFETY MEASURES THAT WE ARE

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1 ALL LIVING WITH, BUT WE JUST DON'T THINK WE ARE THERE YET,
2 SUPERVISOR.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** AND THEN I WILL LET GO, BUT SO WE ARE TYING THE
5 LIFTING OF THE MASKS ON THE MEGA OUTDOOR TO 2500 OR LESS
6 HOSPITALIZATIONS OVER SEVEN DAY PERIOD. CORRECT?

7

8 **DR. FERRER:** YES.

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10 **SUP. BARGER:** SO IN THAT INSTANCE, IT IS NOT TIED TO THE NUMBER
11 OF CASES SO WE ARE STILL AT 4,000 CASES PER DAY?

12

13 **DR. FERRER:** YES.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER:** STILL GOING TO MAKE THAT RECOMMENDATION, SO IT IS
16 TIED TO THE HOSPITALIZATION, SO HOW DO YOU DIFFERENTIATE? WHAT
17 IS YOUR DECISION IN DOING THAT BASED ON HOSPITALIZATION VERSUS
18 NUMBER OF CASES BEING REPORTED?

19

20 **DR. FERRER:** IT IS A GREAT QUESTION, AND WE OBVIOUSLY HERE WENT
21 BACK AND FORTH ON THRESHOLDS. I THINK THE FIRST PRIORITY FOR
22 ALL OF US DURING SURGE IS TO REALLY PROTECT OUR HEALTHCARE
23 SYSTEM BECAUSE WE ALL NEED THAT, AND WE NEED IT TO WORK WELL
24 AND FUNCTIONAL FOR ALL KINDS OF HEALTH ISSUES. AND POST SURGE,
25 FOR US, REALLY MEANS WHEN WE'VE DECLINED ENOUGH THAT THERE'S

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1 NO LONGER A THREAT TO OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. AND WE FEEL VERY
2 COMFORTABLE THAT WHEN WE GET TO NO LONGER A THREAT TO OUR
3 HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, WE CAN GO AHEAD AND, IN THE OUTDOOR
4 SETTINGS, LIFT THAT MASKING MANDATE, KNOWING THAT IN THE
5 OUTDOOR SETTINGS, THE RISK HAS ALWAYS BEEN LOWER THAN IN THE
6 INDOOR SETTINGS. SO THAT WOULD BE ONE PLACE TO START, AND, AT
7 THE TIME THAT WE WERE DEVELOPING THIS PLAN, THAT WOULD HAVE
8 ALIGNED US WITH THE STATE BECAUSE, AT THAT TIME, THE STATE
9 HADN'T ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WERE LIFTING INDOOR MASKING. SO WE
10 DIDN'T REALLY KNOW THAT. BUT AGAIN, WE WERE FEELING GOOD ABOUT
11 THE DECLINE, THAT IT WAS CONSISTENT, AND IT WAS ALLOWING MANY
12 OF OUR HOSPITALS, NOT ALL, AS YOU HEARD FROM DR. GHALY, BUT
13 MANY OF OUR HOSPITALS TO FEEL LIKE THEY WERE APPROACHING A
14 TIME WHERE THEY COULD REOPEN FOR ALL OF THEIR CUSTOMARY
15 SERVICES. AND WE THINK THAT'S REALLY, REALLY IMPORTANT AND A
16 PLACE TO CONTINUE TO PAY ATTENTION AND TO START. WE ALSO KNOW
17 THAT, WHILE PROTECTING HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IS REALLY IMPORTANT,
18 AS YOU SEE, I HAVE OUTLINED PROTECTING ESSENTIAL WORKERS AND
19 PROTECTING THOSE MOST VULNERABLE, INCLUDING RESIDENTS IN
20 SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES AS EQUALLY IMPORTANT. AND WE THINK
21 FOR THAT PIECE OF THE WORK, IT REMAINS ESSENTIAL TO REDUCE
22 TRANSMISSION. I DON'T THINK THAT WE CAN JUST SAY WE ARE AT A
23 POINT RIGHT NOW WHERE TRANSMISSION DOESN'T MATTER ANY LONGER,
24 THAT THAT'S NOT A DRIVER, THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT
25 HOW MANY CASES WE HAVE. CASES STILL DRIVE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE

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1 THAT ARE HOSPITALIZED. AND THEY STILL DRIVE OUR DEATHS. AND WE
2 STILL DON'T HAVE ALL OF THE TOOLS WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE TO SAY
3 GETTING INFECTED IS NO BIG DEAL. WE ARE GETTING CLOSER WHEN
4 THERE ARE THERAPEUTICS, ORAL MEDICINES, THAT PEOPLE CAN TAKE
5 BEFORE THEY DEVELOP SYMPTOMS THAT WOULD HELP THEM AVOID
6 GETTING ILL OR GETTING SIGNIFICANTLY ILL. THAT, AGAIN, ANOTHER
7 TOOL IN THE TOOLKIT THAT ALLOWS US TO REASSESS WHAT OTHER
8 MITIGATION EFFORTS WE NEED. BUT WE GET 3000 COURSES EVERY TWO
9 WEEKS OF PAXLOVID, WHICH IS ORAL THERAPEUTIC THAT EVERYBODY
10 FEELS HAS THE MOST PROMISE. SO, YOU KNOW, WE ARE A VERY BIG
11 COUNTY. THAT'S OBVIOUSLY RIGHT NOW BEING DOLED OUT VERY
12 CAREFULLY TO THE HIGHEST RISK FOLKS AND NOT REALLY AVAILABLE
13 TO MOST PEOPLE. WE HAVE GOT TO BE IN A BETTER PLACE WHERE
14 THOSE THERAPEUTICS AS WELL FOR US TO THINK THAT WE DON'T HAVE
15 TO WORRY SO MUCH ABOUT THE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE THAT ARE GETTING
16 INFECTED. RIGHT NOW, I THINK WE DO HAVE TO KEEP -- WE HAVE TO
17 CONTINUE TO PAY ATTENTION TO THAT.

18
19 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, THANK YOU. THOSE ARE ALL OF MY QUESTIONS.

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

22
23 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THE
24 DISCUSSION WE ARE HAVING. AND I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO THE
25 PUBLIC TO LISTEN TO THE BACK AND FORTH THAT WE JUST HAD

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1 BETWEEN SUPERVISOR BARGER AND DR. FERRER. I REALLY LIKE THAT
2 WE ARE DOING THIS IN PUBLIC. AND BEFORE I GET TO SOME OF MY
3 QUESTIONS TO DR. FERRER, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY TO DR. GHALY
4 THANKS AGAIN FOR THE LIBRARY TESTING SITES, REALLY APPRECIATE
5 IT, KNOW IT WAS SOME LOGISTICS INVOLVED AND WAS GETTING SOME
6 D.S.W. WORKERS INVOLVED, BUT I LIKE THAT WE HAVE ALIGNED WITH
7 THE LIBRARY HOURS. I HAVE BEEN OUT TO A FEW OF MY LIBRARIES IN
8 MY DISTRICT AND SAW THE LINES COINCIDING WITH THE LIBRARY
9 HOURS, AND I THINK THAT'S REALLY A GOOD SERVICE THAT WE ARE
10 OFFERING. I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR THAT. I AM STILL A LITTLE
11 BIT CONCERNED ABOUT SOME OF THESE SCAM POP UP SITES. AND I AM
12 HOPING THAT WE ARE -- WE HAVE SOME SYSTEM IN PLACE TO -- SITE
13 THEM OR TO KNOW WHEN THEY ARE POPPING UP. I KNOW I FOUND ONE
14 THAT WAS CLEARLY NOT LEGITIMATE IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD ON
15 SATURDAY, AND IT WAS JUST DIFFICULT GETTING A HOLD OF ANYONE
16 TO COME OUT AND SHUT THEM DOWN. I KNOW WE'VE INSTRUCTED COUNTY
17 COUNSEL AND OUR DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO SORT OF GET
18 INVOLVED IN THAT. I AM WONDERING, DR. GHALY, FROM YOUR POINT
19 OF VIEW, OR DR. FERRER, IS -- DO WE -- ARE WE WORRIED ABOUT
20 THESE AND DO WE NEED A BETTER SYSTEM THAT, PARTICULARLY ON THE
21 WEEKENDS, THAT WE CAN REALLY SHUT THEM DOWN? AND MAYBE MY TWIN
22 COMMENT ON THIS, IS LOOKING AT YOUR LIST OF LEGITIMATE SITES
23 WE HAVE GOING UP WITH LIBRARIES AND PARKS AND OTHER PLACES,
24 MAYBE WE COULD JUST UP OUR GAME IN TERMS OF MARKETING AND

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1 ALERTING L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS ON WHERE THE LEGIT SITES ARE. I
2 DON'T KNOW IF EITHER ONE OF YOU WANTED TO RESPOND TO THAT.

3

4 **DR. GHALY:** YES, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THANKS FOR THE KIND
5 COMMENTS ON THE LIBRARIES. WE ARE GLAD TO HAVE IT LAUNCHED.
6 AND YES, I SHARE THE CONCERNS ABOUT THE ILLEGITIMATE SITES.
7 VERY SAD THAT THERE'S PEOPLE OUT THERE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE
8 PUBLIC WITH THESE SITES TO MAKE A PROFIT. WE ARE WORKING WITH
9 D.C.B.A., WHO IS THE LEAD ENTITY ON THE ENFORCEMENT SIDE. AND
10 WE'RE WORKING AS THE SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS ALSO PUSHING OUT
11 MESSAGING TO THE PUBLIC, WHAT TO LOOK FOR, WHAT ARE THE RED
12 FLAGS, WHAT SHOULD ALERT YOU THAT THIS IS NOT A LEGITIMATE
13 SITE, AND WE WILL KEEP PUSHING THAT MESSAGING OUT THERE
14 THROUGH AS MANY MEDIA ANGLES AS POSSIBLE, AND I'M HAPPY TO
15 WORK WITH C.E.O. COMMUNICATIONS POTENTIALLY ON HOW WE CAN PUSH
16 THAT MESSAGING OUT MORE BROADLY THAN JUST THROUGH D.H.S.'S
17 CHANNELS AND D.C.B.A. AND REALLY, IT IS THAT MESSAGING THAT IS
18 NEEDED. WE CAN WORK ON ENFORCEMENT. D.C.B.A. CAN WORK ON
19 ENFORCEMENT AND SHUTTING THEM DOWN, BUT IF THE DEMAND IS NOT
20 THERE BECAUSE PEOPLE KNOW, THEY DON'T GO, THEY KNOW WHAT A RED
21 FLAG IS, THEY SEE IT, THEY'RE CONCERNED, AND THEY ARE USING
22 THE LEGITIMATE SITES THAT ARE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE, THEN THEY
23 WILL CLOSE DOWN, AND THEY'LL GO AWAY. SO WE NEED BOTH THE
24 CARROT AND THE STICK AND THAT MESSAGING TO BE PUSHED OUT
25 BROADLY, AND WE WILL KEEP WORKING TO DO JUST THAT.

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2 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT. I KNOW BECAUSE THEY ARE POPPING UP MAYBE
3 RIGHT NEXT TO A PARK, RIGHT, ON A SATURDAY. SO I THINK THAT
4 THE PUBLIC THAT IS GETTING OUTSIDE, GATHERING WITHING FAMILY,
5 HAVING A GOOD AFTERNOON. I DON'T THINK THEY'RE GOING TO SEE
6 THAT AND GO OH, YOU KNOW WHAT, THIS IS A GOOD TIME TO GET
7 TESTED AND THEN KIND OF GET TAKEN. SO, ANYWAY, I APPRECIATE
8 ANY EFFORT WE CAN ALL DO TO ADVERTISE OUR LEGITIMATE SITES
9 AND TRY TO SHUT DOWN THESE, AS YOU SAID, THE SITES ARE
10 UNFORTUNATELY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF PEOPLE. SO DR. FERRER,
11 REALLY, AGAIN, I LISTENED TO YOUR WHOLE EXCHANGE WITH
12 SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND, YOU KNOW, CLEARLY YOU ARE OPERATING
13 FROM, OBVIOUSLY, YOUR ROLE AS THE PROTECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH,
14 AND THAT'S WHAT YOU HAVE ALWAYS DONE THROUGH THIS PANDEMIC,
15 AND WE HAVE RELIED ON YOU, OBVIOUSLY, FOR YOUR ADVICE AND
16 GUIDANCE. I WILL SAY THAT I ALSO HAVE FELT ALL ALONG THAT IT
17 WOULD BE BETTER IF WE ALIGNED OUR PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS WITH
18 THE STATE. I THINK IT MAKES THE RULES LESS CONFUSING FOR OUR
19 PUBLIC, EASIER TO FOLLOW. PLUS, BASED ON A LOT OF THE CALLS
20 COMING INTO MY OFFICE, AND CLEARLY THE ONES WE HEARD THIS
21 MORNING DURING PUBLIC COMMENT, I DO THINK WE ARE ON THE VERGE
22 OF LOSING THE PUBLIC'S TRUST, AGAIN, A LITTLE BIT IN HOW WE
23 MAKE OUR DECISIONS. I PICKED UP BOTH OF MY MORNING PAPERS,
24 L.A. TIMES AND THE DAILY BRIEF, FRONT PAGE IN BOLD BOLD BOLD,
25 STATE LIFTING MASK MANDATES. AND I DO THINK RIGHT THERE, THAT

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1 LEADS TO SOME CONFLICT WITH US AND SOME CONFUSION AND SOME
2 ANGER AND FRUSTRATION WITH THE PUBLIC. AND I THINK, FOR THE
3 PUBLIC, THEY ARE REALLY LATCHING ON TO THE -- TWO THINGS THAT
4 I THINK ARE CATCHING THEIR EAR. ONE IS IF WE WERE TO ALIGN
5 WITH THE STATE, THAT WOULD MEAN THAT KIDS WOULDN'T HAVE TO
6 WEAR MASKS OUTDOORS ON PLAYGROUNDS RIGHT NOW AND THAT MASKS
7 WOULD BE OPTIONAL AT OUTDOOR MEGA-EVENTS. AND IT WOULD ALSO
8 MEAN LIFTING THE INDOOR MASK REQUIREMENT AT THE SAME TIME AS
9 THE STATE DOES, WHICH IS ON THE 15TH, WHICH YOU SAID KIND OF
10 RELATED MORE TO THEIR EXPIRATION OF THE PREVIOUS MANDATE THAN
11 ANY DATA, BUT NEVERTHELESS, I THINK THE PUBLIC IS LOOKING AT
12 FEBRUARY 15TH AS SORT OF BEING THIS DAY WHEN THE INDOOR MASK
13 REQUIREMENT COULD BE LIFTED. AND I -- I THINK, AGAIN, I THINK
14 A LOT OF THE PUBLIC LISTENED TO THE STATE YESTERDAY, AND I
15 THINK THEY HEARD THE STATE MAKE SOME COMPELLING REASONS ON WHY
16 THIS IS THE RIGHT TIME TO LOOSEN RESTRICTIONS.
17 HOSPITALIZATIONS HAVE STABILIZED. STATE-WIDE CASES HAVE
18 DECREASED BY 65% SINCE THE PEAK OF OMICRON. AND HERE IN L.A.
19 COUNTY, EVEN THOUGH WE STILL HAVE NUMBERS, RIGHT, OUR NUMBERS
20 ARE EVEN BETTER THAN THE STATE'S. OUR HOSPITALIZATIONS HAVE
21 STABILIZED. WE SAW A 90% DROP IN CASES FROM THE PEAK OF 45,000
22 CASES ON JANUARY 9TH TO A LITTLE OVER 4,000 REPORTED
23 YESTERDAY. I KNOW YOU WANT TO KEEP OUR MEASURES IN PLACE
24 UNTIL, AS YOU SAID, WE REACH THE C.D.C.'S DEFINITION OF LOW OR
25 MODERATE, WHICH IS ABOUT 500 CASES A DAY, AND/OR UNTIL WE HAVE

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1 HAD THE VACCINES ARE AVAILABLE FOR KIDS 5 AND UNDER FOR EIGHT
2 WEEKS. NOW, I DID HEAR YOU SAY WE MIGHT GET THAT VACCINATION
3 BY THE END OF THE MONTH, BUT I DO THINK, EVERYONE, MYSELF
4 INCLUDED, IS WONDERING IF WE WILL EVER GET TO THAT 500 CASES
5 PER DAY THRESHOLD BECAUSE, EVEN LAST FALL, BETWEEN THE DELTA
6 AND THE OMICRON SURGES, OUR CASES NEVER DROPPED THAT LOW. I
7 HEARD YOU SAY IT I THINK IN AN ANSWER TO SUPERVISOR BARGER,
8 BUT MAYBE ONCE AGAIN TO THE PUBLIC, WHEN DO YOU -- ALL THINGS
9 BEING EQUAL, CAN YOU PREDICT WHEN YOU THINK WE WILL GET TO 500
10 CASES PER DAY? OR DO YOU THINK WE ARE GOING TO GET TO THE
11 VACCINATION OF UNDER 5 IN EIGHT WEEKS FIRST?

12

13 **DR. FERRER:** YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN, ALSO FOR
14 ALL YOUR SUPPORT, AND I KNOW NONE OF THIS HAS BEEN EASY FOR
15 ANYBODY. JUST A COUPLE OF THINGS, ONE IS TO GET TO MODERATE IT
16 IS 730 CASES A DAY. WE DON'T NEED TO GO TO LOW. WE JUST NEED
17 TO GO TO MODERATE. THAT'S ABOUT 730 CASES. RIGHT NOW, WE ARE
18 DROPPING SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 40 AND 50% EVERY WEEK. NOW IF THAT
19 CONTINUED, WE WOULD BE THERE IN A FEW WEEKS.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY.

22

23 **DR. FERRER:** THE QUESTION IS IF THAT CONTINUES. I MEAN IT
24 CONTINUES IF WE ARE CAREFUL AND CAUTIOUS AND AREN'T REALLY
25 NECESSARILY FOOLISH. I THINK IT IS -- WE WOULDN'T HAVE PUT IT

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1 IN THERE IF WE THOUGHT IT WASN'T ATTAINABLE. WE ACTUALLY THINK
2 IT IS ATTAINABLE. WE ARE ON A PRETTY STEEP DECLINE. A COUPLE
3 CONCERNS THAT REMAIN OUT THERE THAT WE DON'T HAVE ANSWERS TO,
4 ONE IS B.A.2. PEOPLE HAVE HEARD US TALK ABOUT SORT OF THE
5 SUBLINEAGE VARIANT OF OMICRON. MOSTLY WHAT WE ARE SEEING IS
6 B.A.1 IN THIS COUNTRY. IT IS ASSOCIATED WITH BEING EVEN MORE
7 INFECTIOUS THAN OMICRON, 30 TO 35% MORE INFECTIOUS. IF IT WERE
8 TO TAKE HOLD HERE, WE SEE VERY LITTLE OF IT, I THINK C.D.C.
9 ESTIMATES THAT ABOUT 8% OF THE OMICRON THAT IS CIRCULATING
10 RIGHT NOW, WHICH IS 100% OF WHAT WE ARE SEEING, IS B.A.2, BUT
11 IF WE WERE TO SEE A LOT OF IT, IT COULD MAKE THE DECLINE GO A
12 LITTLE SLOWER. WE SEE NO EVIDENCE YET THAT IT IS GOING TO
13 RESULT IN SORT OF MORE SERIOUS ILLNESS. WE DON'T SEE EVIDENCE
14 YET THAT PEOPLE THAT GOT OMICRON ASSOCIATED WITH B.A.1, THE
15 B.A.1 SUBTYPE COULD BE VERY SUSCEPTIBLE TO GETTING REINFECTED
16 WITH B.A.2. THAT'S A CONCERN BECAUSE PEOPLE THAT GOT DELTA HAD
17 A LOT OF REINFECTIONS WITH OMICRON, BUT WE DON'T SEE EVIDENCE
18 OF THAT, YET. BUT WE HAVE TO PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT COULD SLOW
19 DOWN OUR PROGRESS. AS FAR AS I CAN SEE, HAVING B.A.2 TAKE
20 OVER MIGHT SLOW US DOWN A LITTLE OR HAVING US NOT ATTEND TO
21 THE BASIC PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES THAT WE --

22
23 **SUP. HAHN:** I THINK WE'VE GOT TO GIVE THE PUBLIC, YOU KNOW,
24 SOMETHING TO HANG ON TO, TO HOPE FOR. I THINK THAT'S PART OF
25 WHAT I THINK -- IF YOU THOUGHT TWO WEEKS, WE COULD GET THERE,

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1 I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING, LIKE YOU SAID, VERY ATTAINABLE. BUT
2 NOW YOU ARE TALKING A LITTLE BIT ABOUT SLOWING DOWN. I THINK
3 WE REALLY NEED TO SPEAK TO THE PUBLIC IN WAYS THAT THEY CAN
4 HANG ON TO.

5

6 **DR. FERRER:** YEAH. I HEAR YOU. I THINK IT IS DIFFICULT BECAUSE
7 I AM NOT GOING TO LIE. AND I AM NOT GOING TO MAKE PROMISES
8 THAT I CAN'T MAKE. AND I AM AWARE THAT WITH THIS VIRUS,
9 THERE'S A LOT OF UNPREDICTABILITY.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT, WE ALL KNOW THAT. YEAH.

12

13 **DR. FERRER:** I THINK THE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDS THAT. THEY HAVE
14 BEEN WITH US FOR TWO YEARS. THEY HAVE LIVED EVERY SINGLE DAY
15 WITH THIS UNPREDICTABILITY. I THINK IF THINGS GO REALLY WELL,
16 LIKE YOU SAID, WE WILL BE THERE IN A FEW WEEKS. IF SOMETHING
17 INTERFERES WITH THINGS GOING REALLY WELL, AND THAT'S THE
18 UNPREDICTABILITY OF THIS VIRUS, THEN IT MIGHT TAKE US A LITTLE
19 LONGER. IN NO CASE, SHOULD IT TAKE US MORE THAN SORT OF, WE
20 ARE HOPING -- WE THINK THE END OF APRIL IS SORT OF THE END
21 POINT FOR US BECAUSE EVERYTHING WE'RE HEARING INDICATES THAT
22 WE'VE GOT --

23

24 **SUP. HAHN:** I THINK THAT'S -- YEAH. I MEAN I APPRECIATE THAT.
25 BEFORE I LISTENED TO THE PRESENTATION TODAY, AND BEFORE I

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1 HEARD YOU KIND OF DOING YOUR BACK AND FORTH, I WAS READY TO
2 ASK YOU WOULD YOU CONSIDER -- BECAUSE I KNEW YOU WEREN'T GOING
3 TO ALIGN WITH THE STATE, WHICH I STILL THINK IS THE BEST
4 COURSE TO FOLLOW, BUT I WAS EVEN GOING TO SAY WOULD YOU
5 CONSIDER REASSESSING SOMETHING THAT WAS MORE ATTAINABLE, BUT
6 IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU THINK THIS IS ATTAINABLE. I SURE HOPE THIS
7 SUPER BOWL -- YOU KNOW, GO RAMS, BUT I HOPE THIS SUPER BOWL
8 DOESN'T IN ANY WAY SLOW US DOWN, AND, AGAIN, BASED ON THE
9 PHOTOS I SAW FROM THE LAST FEW GAMES, PEOPLE WERE NOT WEARING
10 MASKS INDOORS. AND SO, I HOPE IT IS NOT A SUPER SPREADER BOWL
11 BECAUSE THAT WOULD BE VERY UPSETTING TO ALL THE WORK THAT WE
12 HAVE DONE, ALL THE SACRIFICES THAT PEOPLE HAVE MADE, THAT IF
13 ONE GAME ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON IN L.A. COUNTY, IN ANY WAY,
14 NEGATIVELY IMPACTS OUR PROGRESS OR THE ABILITY FOR KIDS TO GO
15 TO SCHOOL OR PLAY OUTDOORS WITHOUT A MASK. SO EVERYBODY SHOULD
16 DEFINITELY DO THEIR PART, BUT I WORRY ABOUT THAT, AND I HOPE
17 WE WON'T BE -- IT HOPE IT WON'T COUNT AGAINST US, SOME OF
18 THOSE CASES. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR
21 KUEHL.

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU TO BOTH OF
24 OUR DOCTORS. ALL THE QUESTIONS I WAS GOING TO ASK HAVE BEEN
25 ANSWERED IN TERMS OF THE DATA. AND I JUST WANTED TO SAY SORT

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1 OF TWO THINGS. THIS -- I LOVE THIS BOARD BECAUSE IT IS FILLED
2 WITH HOPE, BUT, IN THIS CASE, I THINK WE HAVE TO BE VERY
3 CAREFUL TO BALANCE OUR HOPE AND DESIRE AND WANT OF SOME RELIEF
4 AGAINST WHAT DR. FERRER HAS PRESENTED ABOUT THE EFFICACY OF
5 MASKS AND HOW PEOPLE WHO WEAR THEM GET LESS INFECTIONS, BUT I
6 AM THINKING MORE OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE TO GO TO WORK AND BE
7 EXPOSED TO ALL THE PEOPLE NOT WEARING MASKS. WE WERE VERY
8 HOPEFUL A YEAR OR SO AGO WHEN WE REOPENED OUR BUSINESSES, AND
9 IT TURNED OUT NOT AS WELL AS WE HAD HOPED. WE HAD A SURGE. WE
10 DIDN'T SEE IT COMING. WE THOUGHT WE WERE DOING THE RIGHT
11 THING. I THINK, IN THIS CASE, WE HAVE BEEN WEARING MASKS NOW
12 FOR TWO YEARS. I THINK THAT WE CAN PROBABLY DO IT FOR ANOTHER
13 MONTH OR TWO. AND I KNOW PEOPLE ARE TIRED. I KNOW THEY ARE
14 WONDERING, BUT I AM REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT, YOU KNOW WHEN THE
15 WEATHER GETS WARMER, PEOPLE SPEND MORE TIME SORT OF TOGETHER,
16 EVEN WHEN IT IS OUTSIDE. AND THE FACT THAT THIS CAN CONTRIBUTE
17 TO GREATER NUMBERS I THINK IS A POTENTIAL PROBLEM. SO, I
18 SUPPORT THE I THINK VERY THOUGHTFUL APPROACH THAT DR. FERRER
19 HAS PRESENTED BECAUSE IT ACTUALLY TAKES THE REAL DATA IN LOS
20 ANGELES COUNTY INTO ACCOUNT NOT WHAT SACRAMENTO THINKS SHOULD
21 BE SORT OF A FLAT NUMBER OR APPROACH FOR THE WHOLE STATE. AND
22 I THINK THAT THAT IS ALSO A GOOD IDEA FOR US AS A BOARD TO
23 REALLY LOOK AT OUR OWN NUMBERS, PROJECT FROM THEM, AND TRY TO
24 PROTECT AS WELL AS WE CAN. I THINK WHEN DR. FERRER TALKS ABOUT
25 EQUITY, IT'S ALSO A RECOGNITION THAT MANY OF OUR WORKERS

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1 TRAVEL FROM LET'S SAY MORE IMPACTED AREAS, LESS AFFLUENT
2 AREAS, TO WORK IN AREAS THAT MIGHT HAVE A LOWER TRANSMISSION
3 RATE BECAUSE THEY DON'T COUNT WHAT YOU CATCH AT WORK. THEY
4 ONLY COUNT WHERE YOU LIVE. SO I THINK THIS IS A REASONABLE
5 APPROACH. I THINK WE'RE GOING TO MAKE IT. I'M JUST AS HOPEFUL
6 AS EVERYBODY ELSE. I'M DYING TO SEE THE END OF THIS, BUT A
7 DISEASE THAT'S KILLED MORE PEOPLE IN AMERICA THAN WORLD WAR II
8 DID IN BATTLE AND A DISEASE THAT IS THE HIGHEST CAUSE OF DEATH
9 AMONG LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS I THINK WE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO
10 TAKE REALLY SERIOUSLY AND FOLLOW WHAT I THINK IS A REASONABLE
11 APPROACH TO THE SCIENCE. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

12
13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO ALL MY
14 COLLEAGUES. THIS IS PRECISELY WHY THIS IS A STANDING ITEM ON
15 OUR AGENDA EVERY WEEK AND SO THIS KIND OF DISCUSSION CAN TAKE
16 PLACE IN THE PUBLIC SO EVERY L.A. COUNTY RESIDENT CAN HEAR OUR
17 DISCUSSION, AND PUBLIC HEALTH IS REALLY POPULATION HEALTH, SO
18 VALUING AND RECOGNIZING THE TRUE COMPLEXITY AND DIVERSITY OF
19 ALL OF L.A. COUNTY IS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT AS WE TALK ABOUT
20 WHAT PUBLIC HEALTH LOOKS LIKE FOR EACH AND EVERY RESIDENT.
21 THIS REPORT IS RECEIVED AND FILED, HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, THAT
22 WILL BE THE ORDER. COLLEAGUES, WE'LL MOVE ON TO ITEM 4. THANK
23 YOU TO DR. FERRER AND GHALY FOR YOUR PRESENTATIONS. SUPERVISOR
24 HAHN, ITEM 4, ASSESSING THE L.A. COUNTY'S BRIDGE
25 INFRASTRUCTURE. THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

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2 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. A COUPLE WEEKS AGO, I THINK
3 WE ALL SAW ON THE NEWS, THE COLLAPSE OF THE FERN HOLLOW
4 BRIDGE IN PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA JUST HOURS BEFORE PRESIDENT
5 BIDEN PLANNED TO VISIT THE STATE TO DISCUSS THE FEDERAL
6 INFRASTRUCTURE LAW. WHILE THANKFULLY THERE WERE NO LIFE
7 THREATENING INJURIES IN THAT COLLAPSE, THIS EVENT HIGHLIGHTED
8 THE IMPORTANCE OF ADDRESSING AGING INFRASTRUCTURE AND
9 ASSESSING CURRENT STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES. WE
10 WANT TO MAKE SURE NONE OF OUR BRIDGES COLLAPSE NEXT. SO WITH
11 THIS MOTION, WE'RE ASKING OUR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MARK
12 PESTRELLA, TO PROVIDE US AN ASSESSMENT OF ALL THE BRIDGES
13 UNDER THE COUNTY'S OVERSIGHT, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY IDENTIFY
14 THE MOST DANGEROUS AND COME BACK WITH A PLAN TO GET STATE AND
15 FEDERAL FUNDING TO QUICKLY BEGIN THOSE REPAIRS. I SPOKE TO
16 DIRECTOR PESTRELLA LAST WEEK, AND WHILE HE'S CONFIDENT NONE OF
17 OUR COUNTY BRIDGES ARE IN IMMEDIATE DANGER OF COLLAPSING LIKE
18 THE ONE IN PITTSBURGH, THERE IS STILL WORK TO BE DONE, AND HE
19 BELIEVES WE MUST MOVE QUICKLY WHILE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING IS
20 AVAILABLE. PUBLIC WORKS IS THE LEAD AGENCY FOR INSPECTING AND
21 MAINTAINING 287 COUNTY-OWNED BRIDGES, BUT THEY'RE ALSO
22 RESPONSIBLE FOR INSPECTING AN ADDITIONAL 823 CITY- OWNED
23 BRIDGES FOR INSPECTION TOTAL OF 1110 BRIDGES. WHEN I WAS IN
24 CONGRESS, I REMEMBER RECEIVING REPORTS FROM THE AMERICAN
25 SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, WHO WOULD GIVE OUR BRIDGE

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1 INFRASTRUCTURE A LETTER GRADE A-F. RIGHT NOW, OUR BRIDGES IN
2 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA ARE RECEIVING A C GRADE. SO WE ARE NOT
3 A, BUT WE'RE NOT F, BUT CLEARLY THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE. I
4 THINK IT'S OF UTMOST PRIORITY WHEN WE TALK ABOUT PUBLIC
5 SAFETY. WE MUST ENSURE OUR ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE IS IN GOOD
6 CONDITION, AND THOSE THAT ARE NOT, WE MUST ENSURE WE HAVE THE
7 FUNDING AND BEGIN TO MAKE THE NECESSARY REPAIRS AND
8 MAINTENANCE IMMEDIATELY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER, WOULD YOU
11 LIKE TO SPEAK?

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH. THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN,
14 FOR ALLOWING ME TO COAUTHOR THIS MOTION WITH YOU. AS YOU SAID,
15 THE COLLAPSE OF THE FERN HOLLOW BRIDGE IN PITTSBURGH SERVES AS
16 A REMINDER OF THE IMPORTANCE OF TIMELY MAINTENANCE, REPAIR,
17 AND THE REPLACEMENT OF OUR BRIDGE INFRASTRUCTURE. IT'S
18 ESTIMATED THAT ABOUT 20% ARE IN NEED OF REHABILITATION AND
19 REPLACEMENT IN THIS COUNTY. AT THE TIME OF THE COLLAPSE OF THE
20 FERN HOLLOW BRIDGE, AS YOU SAID, IT WAS CARRYING FIVE PASSENGER
21 VEHICLES AND ONE BUS. THANKFULLY, THERE WERE NO REPORTED
22 CASUALTIES. DATA FROM THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY SAFETY
23 ADMINISTRATION SHOWS THAT BRIDGES IN FAIR OR POOR CONDITION IN
24 OUR COUNTY, CUMULATIVELY HAVE MORE THAN 24 MILLION SQUARE FEET
25 OF DECK AREA. THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS' MOST

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1 RECENT INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT NOTES THAT, ALTHOUGH STATE
2 FUNDING PROVIDED BY SENATE BILL 1 IS HELPING MEET THESE
3 CHALLENGES, ABOUT 50% OF THE BRIDGES IN THE STATE HAVE
4 EXCEEDED THEIR DESIGN LIFE. WE KNOW THAT THESE TYPES OF
5 IMPROVEMENTS GET MORE EXPENSIVE OVER TIME, AND THAT'S ALWAYS
6 BEEN A FRUSTRATION. EVEN HERE IN THE COUNTY, WE DO DEFERRED
7 MAINTENANCE. AND THEN THE MORE WE DEFER, THE MORE EXPENSIVE IT
8 GETS. WE KNOW THESE TYPE OF IMPROVEMENTS NEED TO BE DONE AND
9 NEED TO BE DONE TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH. THERE IS
10 HOPE THAT SIGNIFICANT FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING WILL BE
11 AVAILABLE SHORTLY, AND WE NEED TO BE READY TO FIGHT FOR THIS
12 AND MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE THE DATA AND THE NEED TO SUPPORT
13 THE FUNDING. THIS ASSESSMENT WILL POSITION OUR COUNTY SO IT
14 CAN MAKE INVESTMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS WHERE IT MATTERS MOST.
15 THE NUMBERS AND STATISTICS ARE INDICATIVE OF THE CRITICAL NEED
16 TO ASSESS OUR BRIDGE INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOP A PLAN TO
17 PURSUE THE NECESSARY STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING TO REMEDY THE
18 DEFICIENCIES. I WANT TO, AGAIN, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN,
19 FOR ALLOWING ME TO COAUTHOR THIS. IT WILL BENEFIT THE COUNTY
20 AS A WHOLE, AND I THINK IT WILL BE USED AS A BLUEPRINT ACROSS
21 THE STATE TO GET READY FOR OVERALL INFRASTRUCTURE OF THIS
22 STATE AS IT RELATES TO THE BRIDGES AND REPAIRS. THANK YOU.

23
24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER COMMENTS? I WOULD
25 JUST SAY, SUPERVISOR HAHN, I COMPLETELY AGREE. WHEN I WAS IN

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1 THE LEGISLATURE AND WITNESSED FIRSTHAND THE VITRIOLIC DEBATE
2 AROUND S.B.1, I KNEW THAT, BASED ON THE INFORMATION ABOUT
3 BRIDGE SAFETY IN CALIFORNIA, THERE WAS NOTHING ELSE I COULD
4 RESPONSIBLY DO BUT TO VOTE ON THAT MEASURE. I THINK THE GRADE
5 C YOU JUST QUOTED IS AN IMPROVEMENT FROM WHERE WE WERE TWO
6 YEARS AGO. IT WAS FRIGHTENING TO ME TO LOOK AT THAT DANGEROUS
7 BRIDGE LIST AS A CALIFORNIA RESIDENT, CERTAINLY AS AN
8 ANGELENO. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM
9 ANYONE? HEARING NONE, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY
10 BARGER TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL
11 THE ROLL.

12

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

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

16

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

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

24

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

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

3

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

6

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

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

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 5, REPORT RELATING TO THE CRITICAL
13 INCIDENT IN NORWALK, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN.
14 SUPERVISOR HAHN?

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** THANKS, MADAM CHAIR. COLLEAGUES, IT WAS LAST
17 NOVEMBER THAT WE ASKED THE OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION TO
18 CONDUCT A FULL INVESTIGATION, INCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF
19 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND OTHER COUNTY AGENCIES. WE
20 WANTED TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF HOW A 4-YEAR-OLD BOY IN
21 NORWALK, WHO WAS IN FOSTER CARE ENDED UP IN THE HOSPITAL WITH
22 LIFE THREATENING INJURIES ALLEGEDLY AT THE HANDS OF HIS FOSTER
23 MOTHER, SOMEONE WHO WE, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, PUT IN
24 CHARGE OF PROTECTING HIM. WE ASKED IF LANGUAGE OR CULTURAL
25 BARRIERS PLAYED A ROLE, WHAT HISTORY THE DEPARTMENT OF

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1 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES HAD WITH THE FAMILY AND THE
2 FOSTER FAMILY, HOW OR IF ANY REFERRALS WERE MADE TO THE
3 MEDICAL HUB, AND WHAT WENT WRONG. THE OFFICE OF CHILD
4 PROTECTION COMPLETED THEIR INVESTIGATION AND RELEASED THEIR
5 REPORT ON MONDAY. SO TODAY, THIS MOTION WILL BE ASKING FOR THE
6 IMPLEMENTATION OF THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THEM, WHICH
7 INCLUDES STRENGTHENING POLICIES AND TRAININGS FOR FORENSIC
8 EVALUATIONS, FULLY UTILIZING PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES, IMPROVING
9 INTERVIEWING SKILLS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS, AND IMPROVING
10 INFORMATION SHARING WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT. WHILE I KNOW THERE
11 HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS RECOMMENDATIONS LIKE THIS, AND THERE IS SO
12 MUCH MORE TO DO, THIS IS A SMALL NEXT STEP, BUT IT IS ONE OF
13 THE MANY NEXT STEPS TO REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE ON HOW OUR
14 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND ALL OF THE
15 COUNTY AGENCIES THAT WORK WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES CAN DO
16 BETTER. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

17
18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, VERY MUCH. REMARKS OR
19 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS? HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 5 BEFORE
20 US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL
21 TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

22
23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 5 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

24
25 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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1

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

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

13

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

15 MITCHELL?

16

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

18

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

20 5-0.

21

22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 9 USE OF CATALYTIC FUNDING TO

23 SUPPORT REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR DEVELOPER SERVICES FOR

24 REPURPOSING THE L.A.C.+U.S.C. GENERAL HOSPITAL BUILDING AND

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1 WEST CAMPUS FOR HOUSING AND MIXED USE PURPOSES, WHICH WAS HELD
2 BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR?

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES. IT'S
5 WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM AND EXCITEMENT THAT I BRING THIS MOTION
6 FOR CATALYTIC FUNDING TO DEVELOP THE R.F.P. FOR THE REUSE OF
7 THE L.A.C.+U.S.C. GENERAL HOSPITAL AND WEST CAMPUS, AND THANKS
8 TO ALL THE PEOPLE THAT DID CALL IN AND THOSE THAT COULDN'T GET
9 IN BECAUSE THEY WERE OVERWHELMED BY OTHER CALLERS FOR OTHER
10 ITEMS, BUT THEY WERE ON THE LINE TRYING TO GET THROUGH TO US.
11 AND BELIEVE ME, IT'S SO SECRET THAT THE REIMAGINING OF THE
12 L.A.C.+U.S.C. CAMPUS SITE IS A TOP PRIORITY FOR MANY OF MY
13 RESIDENTS, INCLUDING MYSELF. AS THE COUNTY RESPONDS TO ANOTHER
14 WAVE OF THE COVID PANDEMIC, OUR ABILITY TO PROVIDE A RANGE OF
15 CRITICAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES AND HOUSING TO OUR MOST
16 VULNERABLE POPULATIONS HAS BECOME THE FOREMOST PRIORITY. THE
17 REUSE OF THE ICONIC HISTORICAL OLD GENERAL HOSPITAL AND WEST
18 CAMPUS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MULTIPHASE RESTORATIVE CARE
19 VILLAGE IS A REGIONAL SIGNIFICANT RESPONSE TO HELP US ADDRESS
20 AFFORDABLE HOUSING, HEALTH AND WELLNESS, JOB CREATION, AND THE
21 COVID PANDEMIC. AND OVER THE COURSE OF THE TIME THAT I SPENT
22 ON THE BOARD, I'VE INTRODUCED VARIOUS MOTIONS, MEMBERS, IN
23 ALIGNMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY TO MOVE FORWARD FOR OUR
24 COLLECTIVE VISION OF A HEALTHY VILLAGE, A VISION AT
25 L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CAMPUS. AND I AM SO VERY PROUD THAT BY

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1 WORKING WITH OUR COMMUNITY, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH MANY
2 THINGS. FOLLOWING UP TO MY MOTION BACK IN 2017, WE ESTABLISHED
3 AN ACTIVELY ENGAGED STAKEHOLDER PROCESS, KNOWN AS THE HEALTH
4 INNOVATION COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP, WHICH CONSISTS OF MORE THAN
5 50 COMMUNITY LEADERS REPRESENTING HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF OUR
6 RESIDENTS. THE HEALTH INNOVATION COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP HAS
7 GROWN TO BECOME A REGIONAL FORCE WITH ITS MEMBERS COMPRISING
8 OF LEADERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE VARIOUS SURROUNDING
9 COMMUNITIES, EL SERENO, BOYLE HEIGHTS, EAST LOS ANGELES, CHINA
10 TOWN, AND NORTHEAST LOS ANGELES. COMPLETION OF THE 160
11 RESTORATIVE CARE BEDS CONSISTING OF 96 RECUPERATIVE BEDS AND
12 64 CRISIS RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT BEDS ARE NOW THERE. THIS PHASE
13 OF THE HEALTHY VILLAGE ALSO INCORPORATED BEAUTIFUL MURALS, AND
14 I WOULD EXTEND A VISIT FOR ALL OF YOU TO GO BY AND SEE IT ONCE
15 WE PREPARE OUR RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY THERE. IT'S BEAUTIFUL.
16 AND IT'S REFLECTIVE OF OUR COMMUNITY SURROUNDINGS. IN FACT,
17 THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATED IN WHAT TYPE OF ARTWORK WOULD BE
18 PROVIDED THERE. SO IT DOES ENHANCE OUR CULTURE, OUR CULTURAL
19 BELIEFS, OUR VALUES, AND IT ALSO HELPED TO LIFT UP OUR LOCAL
20 ARTISTS. THE COMPLETION OF ALSO A NEW CHILDCARE CENTER IS
21 GOING TO BE UNDERWAY HOPEFULLY THIS MAY, WHICH WILL NOT ONLY
22 HELP OUR EMPLOYEES AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. CAMPUS BUT ALSO THE
23 COMMUNITY. THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY WILL BE ABLE TO UTILIZE
24 THAT. THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN HOSPITAL WAS, AS YOU KNOW,
25 DEMOLISHED BACK IN PHASE TWO OF THE RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGE

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1 CONSISTING OF HOPEFULLY SOON A 200 BED SUBACUTE PSYCHIATRIC
2 IN-PATIENT FACILITY, A RECOVERY AND RESPITE CENTER,
3 OUTPATIENT AND WELLNESS CENTER, AND MENTAL HEALTH AND URGENT
4 CARE CENTER. MANY OF THESE COMPONENTS, MEMBERS, YOU HAVE
5 ALREADY SEEN COME TO FRUITION ON OTHER CAMPUSES THAT ARE IN
6 YOUR DISTRICT. ALL I'M ASKING HERE IS THAT WE MOVE THIS AGENDA
7 FORWARD SO THAT WE CAN ALSO COME UP AND BE REALISTIC IN TERMS
8 OF MEETING THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY IN EVERY POINT AND
9 CORNER OF THE COUNTY. MODERN TIMES, A JOB DEVELOPER
10 CONSULTANT, WAS BROUGHT IN ON BOARD TO ESTABLISH A REGIONAL
11 PIPELINE FOR ACHIEVING NOT ONLY A TARGETED WORKER AND LOCAL
12 HIRE POLICY GOAL OF 30%, BUT ACTUALLY, THEY SET AN
13 ASPIRATIONAL GOAL OF 50% LOCAL HIRE. AND AS OF JANUARY 10TH,
14 THIS YEAR I'M PROUD TO REPORT THEY EXCEEDED OUR 30% GOAL, AND
15 WITH REGARDS TO THE FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE REUSE OF L.A.C.
16 GENERAL HOSPITAL AND REDEVELOPMENT OF THE WEST CAMPUS, WE'RE
17 PROCEEDING IN A VERY FOCUSED MANNER WITH THE STUDY BEING
18 COMPLETED THIS APRIL, THIS SPRING. IN AN EFFORT TO CAPTURE
19 STATE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES, THE MOTION WILL ALLOCATED FUNDING
20 TO DEVELOP AN R.F.P. IN PARALLEL WITH THE COMPLETION OF THIS
21 FEASIBILITY STUDY. MEMBERS, THIS IS A TREMENDOUS EFFORT, AND
22 IT'S NO DOUBT THAT A GOOD TEAM AND PARTNERSHIP EFFORT WAS
23 CONDUCTED, AND I ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK THE FOLLOWING
24 PARTNERS: OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND CONSULTANTS, THE
25 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL

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1 HEALTH, THE ARTS AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
2 WORKS, STATE LEGISLATIVE PARTNERS, AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
3 DELEGATION, AND A BIG THANK YOU TO THE HEALTH INNOVATION
4 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AND MANY, MANY STAKEHOLDERS. COLLEAGUES,
5 I RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF MY MOTION TO FURTHER
6 OUR CRITICAL EFFORTS REALIZING THE HEALTHY VILLAGE VISION TO
7 BRING THIS ICONIC AND HISTORICAL SITE TO CONTINUE SERVING THE
8 REGION AS A BEACON OF LIGHT FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE, AND I
9 WANT TO UNDERSCORE REGIONAL BECAUSE THERE ARE PEOPLE NOW WHO
10 COME TO OUR FACILITIES FROM ALL CORNERS OF THE COUNTY AND EVEN
11 OUTSIDE OF STATE AND IN OTHER COUNTIES BECAUSE THEY KNOW WE
12 HAVE SUPERB SERVICES AVAILABLE THERE AT THE L.A.C+.U.S.C.
13 CAMPUS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THIS
14 MATTER, MADAM CHAIR. AND I ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.

15
16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OF COURSE. OTHER MEMBERS WISH TO SPEAK
17 ON THIS AGENDA ITEM? SEEING NONE AND HEARING NO FURTHER
18 COMMENTS, ITEM 9 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
19 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE
20 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

21
22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 9 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

23
24 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

2

3 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

4

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

6

7 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

8

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

10

11 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

12

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

14 MITCHELL?

15

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

17

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

19 5-0.

20

21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 10, BUILDING L.A. COUNTY'S EARLY

22 CARE AND EDUCATION INFRASTRUCTURE, WHICH WAS WAS HELD BY

23 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

24

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, AGAIN, MADAM CHAIR. AS MANY OF YOU
2 KNOW, EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION SHOULD BE FUNDAMENTAL AS --
3 KNOWN AS REALLY A HUMAN RIGHT FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN, BUT IN
4 THIS COUNTY, WHICH IS HOME TO ALMOST 400,000 INFANTS AND
5 TODDLERS, WHERE OVER HALF ARE ELIGIBLE FOR CALIFORNIA
6 SUBSIDIZED EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS, ONLY 6% ARE BEING SERVED
7 BY STATE SUBSIDIES. THIS IS, YOU KNOW, A TRAVESTY, ESPECIALLY
8 WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE NUMBER OF PASSIONATE AND COMMITTED
9 E.C.E. PROVIDERS WORKING IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WHICH
10 IS WHY THE EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION IS AN ISSUE THIS BOARD HAS
11 TAKEN HEAD ON. THE BOARD HAS APPROVED SEVERAL MOTIONS TO MAKE
12 SENSE OF THE COMPLEX FUNDING STREAMS, EXCESS COUNTY FACILITIES
13 LIKE LIBRARIES TO LEVERAGE E.C.E. SITES, AND ALLOCATE MILLIONS
14 OF DOLLARS IN C.A.R.E.S ACT FUNDING FOR CHILDCARE VOUCHERS AND
15 MUCH, MUCH MORE. AND NOW, I BELIEVE WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY
16 TO ENSURE THAT OUR E.C.E. PROVIDERS CAN ACCESS THE HISTORIC
17 INVESTMENT OF \$250 MILLION IN FUNDING FROM THE STATE AND
18 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO CREATE AN INFRASTRUCTURE FOR CHILDCARE
19 FACILITIES WITH THE FOCUS ON CHILDCARE DESERTS. THIS FUNDING
20 WILL SUPPORT BOTH MINOR AND MAJOR FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION,
21 ALLOWING E.C.E. PROVIDERS TO ACQUIRE, CONSTRUCT, DEVELOP, AND
22 RENOVATE FACILITIES FOR OUR CHILDREN. WE KNOW LOS ANGELES
23 COUNTY HAS A ROLE TO PLAY IN HELPING OUR E.C.E. PROVIDERS
24 NAVIGATE THE VARIOUS LOCAL LICENSING, ZONING, PERMITTING, AND
25 OTHER REGULATORY PROCESSES THAT MAY POSE BARRIERS TO THE

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1 DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF SUCH FACILITIES. AND AS A RESULT,
2 THIS MOTION WILL RESULT IN A PLAN TO REMOVE BARRIERS AT E.C.E.
3 FACILITIES LAND USE ENTITLEMENT AND PERMITTING PROCESSES. IT
4 WILL ALSO ENGAGE PARTNERS LIKE FIRST 5 L.A. AND THE CHILDCARE
5 ALLIANCE TO DEVELOP A SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR E.C.E. PROVIDERS
6 APPLYING FOR THE STATE INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT. AND IN CLOSING, I
7 WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE WHAT IT IS INCREDIBLE FOR THOSE
8 INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE REALLY BEEN WORKING ON THIS TOGETHER.
9 AND I REALLY WANT TO SHOUT OUT A HIGH-FIVE TO THE FOLLOWING
10 DEPARTMENTS: THE C.E.O., D.P.H., THE POLICY ROUNDTABLE FOR THE
11 CHILDCARE AND DEVELOPMENT, AND EVEN REGIONAL PLANNING. THIS
12 MOTION BEFORE YOU, COLLEAGUES, IS POSSIBLE THANKS TO THE
13 PARTNERSHIP OF OUR DEPARTMENTS WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF DEBRA
14 COLEMAN AND OUR DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF ADVANCEMENT IN EARLY
15 CARE AND EDUCATION, AND IT'S THROUGH WORKING WITH HER AND MY
16 COMMISSIONERS, KARLA PLEITEZ HOWELL AND JESSE PARELLA, AND
17 THIS BOARD THAT I KNOW WE CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS AND HELP OUR
18 CHILDREN. I RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE. THANK YOU,
19 MADAM CHAIR.

20
21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?
22 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU TWO THUMBS UP. PERMITTING AND LICENSURE
23 AND ALL THE THINGS THAT COMPLICATE ONE'S ABILITY TO OPEN UP A
24 CHILDCARE FACILITY HAS REALLY BEEN A BURDEN FOR FAR TOO MANY,
25 WHICH HAS HELPED EXACERBATE OUR CHILDCARE DESERTS ACROSS THE

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1 STATE AND ACROSS L.A. COUNTY. SO I'M VERY PROUD TO SUPPORT YOU
2 IN THIS MOTION, PROUD WHAT THE DEPARTMENTS HAVE DONE TO REDUCE
3 THOSE FEES AND STREAMLINE PROCESSES BECAUSE WHEN WE RECOGNIZE
4 HOW MANY CLOSED THEIR DOORS AS A RESULT OF THE PANDEMIC, THAT
5 ONE CHILDCARE SEAT TO X NUMBER OF L.A. COUNTY CHILDREN WILL
6 GROW BIGGER, ALSO PROUD THIS COUNTY HAS DEDICATED 20 MILLION
7 IN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO
8 CHILDCARE PROVIDERS. SO WE ARE APPROACHING IT FROM A MULTIPLE
9 KIND OF ACCESS POINTS, AND THAT'S ALL GOOD, SO THANK YOU.

10 SEEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS, ITEM 10 IS BEFORE US,
11 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL
12 TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

13

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

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

21

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

23

24 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

25

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

2

3 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

4

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

7

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

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES
11 5-0.

12

13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WE ARE NOW
14 TAKING UP ITEM 17, THE WOOLSEY FIRE ACTION FINAL REPORT AND
15 CONCLUSION OF CITYGATE OVERSIGHT. THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. IN 2018, THREE
18 AND A HALF YEAR AGO NOW, THE WOOLSEY FIRE ERUPTED IN THE SANTA
19 MONICA MOUNTAINS AND BECAME ONE OF THE MOST DEVASTATING
20 WILDFIRES IN THE ENTIRE HISTORY OF THE COUNTRY, FORCED
21 THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS TO EVACUATE THEIR HOMES,
22 CONSUMED ALMOST 100,000 ACRES OF WILDLIFE HABITAT AND
23 PROPERTY. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, I BROUGHT A MOTION TO THIS
24 BOARD, WHICH PASSED, TO HIRE A THIRD PARTY INDEPENDENT
25 CONSULTING FIRM TO DO A DEEPER DIVE REALLY THAN WE'VE EVER

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1 DONE IN AN AFTER ACTION REPORT, AND TO ANALYZE WAYS THAT WE
2 CAN, AS A COUNTY, IMPROVE OUR EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RECOVERY
3 PROCESSES FROM LESSONS THAT WE LEARNED AFTER THE WOOLSEY FIRE.
4 SO AS A RESULT, CITYGATE ASSOCIATES CAME UP WITH AN AFTER
5 ACTION PLAN, AND WE INVOLVED, I WOULD SAY, MAYBE 60 PEOPLE WHO
6 MET SEVERAL TIMES FROM ALL THE DIFFERENT JURISDICTIONS TO WORK
7 WITH CITYGATE, AND THE PLAN INCLUDED 86 RECOMMENDATIONS, AND
8 I'M HAPPY TO REPORT THAT 80% OF THOSE HAVE ALREADY NOW BEEN
9 IMPLEMENTED. AND THEY WILL GO ON TO IMPROVE OVERALL SAFETY
10 DURING STATES OF EMERGENCY COUNTY-WIDE. SO, NONE OF THIS WORK
11 COULD HAVE BEEN DONE WITHOUT THE STRONG LEADERSHIP FROM OUR
12 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. SHOUT OUT TO KEVIN MCGOWAN,
13 NUMEROUS OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, ESPECIALLY REGIONAL
14 PLANNING, PUBLIC WORKS, COUNTY FIRE, ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL,
15 AND MY VERY GOOD FRIEND, THE SHERIFF, THAT HAVE PARTICIPATED
16 IN THE PROCESS TO REALLY SHIFT THE WAY WE LOOK AT EMERGENCY
17 RESPONSE, RECOVERY, AND SAFETY. THESE DEPARTMENTS ALSO MANAGED
18 TO CONTINUE THIS VERY DIFFICULT AND ONGOING WORK THROUGH THE
19 COVID-19 PANDEMIC, AND THAT WAS REALLY NOT EASY. SO I ALSO
20 WANT TO THANK CITYGATE AND STU GARY OF CITYGATE, A REAL LEADER
21 OF THIS PROCESS, FOR THEIR OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT OF THIS
22 AFTER ACTION PLAN AND HIGHLIGHT JUST A FEW OF THE IMPROVEMENTS
23 PUT FORWARD THAT OUR DEPARTMENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ABLE TO
24 IMPLEMENT. FOR INSTANCE, REGIONAL PLANNING MADE AMENDMENTS TO
25 THE EXISTING NORTH AREA PLAN TO INTRODUCE NEW FIRE HARDENING

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1 REQUIREMENTS AND PROVISIONS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ABLE TO REBUILD
2 THEIR HOMES IN ORDER TO IMPROVE RESILIENCY AND HOME
3 PROTECTION. PUBLIC WORKS DEVELOPED A PRIVATE PROPERTY DEBRIS
4 REMOVAL LOCAL PROGRAM THAT CAN ACTIVATE RESPONSE WITHOUT THE
5 STATE'S ASSISTANCE FROM CAL O.E.S. OR CAL RECYCLE. THIS IS A
6 REAL IMPROVEMENT IN EFFICIENCY, AND IT WAS TESTED. THIS IS NOT
7 JUST ABOUT THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS ON MY END. IT WAS TESTED
8 DURING THE BOBCAT AND THE LAKE FIRES RECOVERY, WHICH INCLUDED
9 A STATE AND COUNTY PARTNERSHIP THAT SHARED RESOURCES TO
10 MAXIMIZE THE PROGRAM'S EFFECTIVENESS BOTH FOR DISASTERS THAT
11 HAVE BEEN DECLARED OR NOT DECLARED. L.A. COUNTY FIRE ALSO
12 ACQUIRED A NEW MOBILE COMMAND SOFTWARE THAT'S BEEN FIELD
13 TESTED AND WILL BE DEPLOYED DEPARTMENT WIDE USE NEXT FIRE
14 SEASON IN ADDITION TO THEIR NEW HAND HELD AND VEHICLE MOUNTED
15 MOBILE RADIOS AND COMPUTERS BEING DEPLOYED FOR ALL OPERATIONAL
16 UNITS. ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL CONSTRUCTED 50 ADDITIONAL
17 STALLS AT THE CASTAIC ANIMAL SHELTER FOR EMERGENCY SHELTERING
18 USE AND ARE CURRENTLY COLLABORATING DRAFT M.O.U.S FOR MORE
19 SITES. THE SHERIFF'S EMERGENCY OPERATIONS BUREAU COMPLETELY
20 OVERHAULED THEIR INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM PROCESS AND
21 CONDUCTED A NUMBER OF TRAINING SESSIONS ON THE UPDATES. SO,
22 ALTHOUGH THERE IS PLENTY OF WORK STILL TO BE DONE, YOU CAN SEE
23 IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE BOTH ON THE GROUND AND SYSTEM-
24 WIDE. SO I GIVE MY HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO O.E.M. THEY ARE
25 GOING TO TAKE UP THE TORCH OF OVERSEEING THE REMAINING

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1 RECOMMENDATION, AND ALL THE DEPARTMENTS THAT HAVE REALLY PUT
2 FORTH AN EFFORT TO CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVE SAFETY FOR ALL OF OUR
3 COUNTY RESIDENTS. SO WE ARE REQUIRED TO BRING THIS MOTION IN
4 ORDER TO CLOSE SOME OF THESE ELEMENTS AND LET US GET ON WITH
5 THE NEXT PART OF IMPLEMENTATION, AND I ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS?

8 SEEING NONE, ITEM 17 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
9 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE
10 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

11

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

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

15

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

17

18 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

19

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

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

23

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

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

2

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

5

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

7

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

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM
12 18, AMENDING THE L.A. COUNTY CODE TO ENHANCE COMPLIANCE WITH
13 AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE COUNTY'S COVID-19 VACCINATION POLICY,
14 WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR, YOU HAVE THE
15 FLOOR.

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. WELL, WE HEARD A
18 LOT ABOUT THIS ITEM TODAY IN PUBLIC TESTIMONY. SO I WANT TO
19 TAKE JUST A FEW MINUTES TO SAY KIND OF WHAT IT REALLY DOES AND
20 WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING IN THE COUNTY BECAUSE I THINK IT'S
21 IMPORTANT TO GET ACCURATE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT HAS BEEN
22 DONE, WHAT IS BEING DONE, AND WHAT MIGHT BE THE RESULT OF
23 TAKING THIS ACTION. SO FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK YOU,
24 MADAM CHAIR, FOR COAUTHORING THIS, ALSO TO THANK COUNTY
25 COUNSEL, OUR C.E.O., AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES FOR

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1 THEIR SUPPORT IN THINKING THROUGH THE MOTION'S DIRECTIVES. I
2 WANT TO THANK THE MANY DEPARTMENT HEADS, WHO ARE ALREADY DOING
3 EVERYTHING IN THEIR POWER TO PROMOTE COMPLIANCE WITH OUR
4 VACCINE MANDATE AND CONTINUE TO PROMOTE AND HELP THEIR
5 DEPARTMENTS TO COMPLY. YOU KNOW THAT THIS BOARD ALREADY
6 ADOPTED A VACCINE MANDATE FOR ALL OF OUR COUNTY WORKERS, AND
7 WE DID SO BECAUSE WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP OUR CLIENTS
8 SAFE WHEN THEY COME AND SEEK OUR SERVICES, TO KEEP OUR
9 EMPLOYEES SAFE IN THEIR WORKPLACE, AND BY REFERENCE, TO KEEP
10 OUR EMPLOYEES' FAMILIES SAFE AT HOME. WE KNOW THAT THE
11 VACCINES WORK. WE KNOW THAT THEY'RE SAFE. WE SAW THE WHOLE
12 REPORT TODAY. UNVACCINATED PEOPLE ARE 20 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO
13 DIE OF COVID-19 THAN FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE. OUR COUNTY
14 FAMILY RESPONDED TO THE MANDATE, AND WE CAN PROUDLY SAY THAT
15 APPROXIMATELY 83% OF OUR WORKFORCE HAVE ALREADY COMPLIED WITH
16 THE VACCINE MANDATE VOLUNTARILY. THEY HAVE DOCUMENTED THAT
17 THEY ARE VACCINATED OR, AS ALLOWED BY THE STATE, THEY HAVE
18 REQUESTED A MEDICAL EXEMPTION OR A RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION, AND WE
19 HAVE AN INDEPENDENT PANEL, NOT OVERSEEN BY US, THAT HEARS ALL
20 THOSE REQUESTS FOR EXEMPTIONS AND MAKES DECISIONS ABOUT
21 WHETHER THEY ARE VALID. BUT SIX MONTHS HAVE NOW PASSED, AND WE
22 DON'T HAVE 100% COMPLIANCE, AND THE REFUSAL TO GET VACCINATED
23 OR TO REQUEST AN EXEMPTION, THAT IS NOT EVEN TO REGISTER IN
24 THE SYSTEM AND DO ONE OR THE OTHER, REALLY PUTS COUNTY LIVES
25 AT RISK, AND IT IS SIMPLY UNACCEPTABLE. SO WORKING WITH OUR

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1 LABOR PARTNERS, AS YOU ALL RECALL, WE GAINED ASCENT TO A
2 COUNTY-WIDE PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE PROCESS, AND IT'S REALLY A
3 FIVE-CHANCE PROCESS. YOU HAVE FIVE SEPARATE CHANCES TO GET
4 YOUR VACCINATION, TO REGISTER, OR REGISTER IN THE SYSTEM FOR
5 AN EXEMPTION. THE PROCESS STARTS WITH A REMINDER.
6 ESSENTIALLY, IT SAYS TO YOU THIS IS THE PROCESS. THIS IS WHAT
7 YOU MUST DO. PLEASE GET VACCINATED. IF YOU DON'T, THERE'S A
8 WARNING, A WRITE-UP PERHAPS, A CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS THESE
9 EXPECTATIONS JUST TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERY EMPLOYEE IN EVERY
10 DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT IT'S REQUIRED. EVENTUALLY, AFTER
11 QUITE A LONG TIME OF ALLOWING YOU TO GET YOUR VACCINATION AND
12 PROVIDE PROOF OF IT, THERE IS A SUSPENSION WITHOUT THE PAY FOR
13 FIVE DAYS. AFTER THE SUSPENSION, THOUGH, YOU COME BACK, AND
14 THERE'S LIKE ANOTHER 45 DAYS THAT YOU HAVE TO GET YOUR
15 VACCINATION AND PUT IN THE PROOF. ULTIMATELY, OF COURSE, AT
16 THE VERY END, AFTER THESE FIVE CHANCES, IT CAN RESULT IN AN
17 EMPLOYEE TERMINATION. SO FAR, THAT'S HAPPENED, AS WE KNOW,
18 ONLY IN A HANDFUL OF CASES. AND I, HONESTLY, AND I THINK THE
19 REST OF US WOULD LIKE TO KEEP IT THAT WAY. BUT TO PROTECT
20 COUNTY LIVES, INCLUDING OUR CLIENTS, NOT JUST OUR EMPLOYEES
21 AND THEIR FAMILIES, WE HAVE TO ENFORCE THIS MANDATE. EVERY
22 DEPARTMENT HEAD MUST BE SERIOUS ABOUT ENFORCING DEPARTMENTAL
23 AND COUNTY-WIDE POLICIES. WE CAN'T SAY OH, YEAH, YOU JUST PICK
24 AND CHOOSE THE POLICIES THAT YOU WANT TO ENFORCE. THAT'S NOT
25 HOW IT WORKS. THE COUNTY HAS POLICIES ACROSS ALL OF OUR

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1 EMPLOYEES. THEY MUST BE ENFORCED. IN THE CASE OF OUR COUNTY-
2 WIDE VACCINE POLICY, NOT ALL OF OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS HAVE
3 RECOGNIZED THAT THIS POLICY IS CRITICALLY NECESSARY AND WILL
4 SAVE LIVES. SO GIVEN WHAT'S AT STAKE, THIS COUNTRY, AS I
5 MENTIONED BEFORE, HAS LOST NEARLY 900,000 LIVES. THE UNITED
6 STATES OF AMERICA HAS HAD ALMOST A MILLION PEOPLE DIE, AND
7 THAT IS MORE THAN TWICE THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS THAT DIED
8 THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRETY OF WORLD WAR II. THAT IS JUST
9 UNACCEPTABLE. WE HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN. SO THIS MOTION
10 SAYS TO OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS WE ARE NOT GOING TO PERMIT COUNTY
11 LIVES TO BE JEOPARDIZED BY AN INDIVIDUAL DECISION NOT TO
12 COMPLY WITH COUNTY POLICY. THIS IS NOT ALLOWED. AND YOU,
13 COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEAD, IF YOU WILL NOT TAKE THIS MATTER
14 SERIOUSLY AND ENFORCE IT IN YOUR DEPARTMENT, A COUNTY DIRECTOR
15 OF PERSONNEL IS WILLING TO DO SO, AND THIS MOTION IS TO GIVE
16 HER THAT AUTHORITY. TO ANYONE WHO WANTS TO SERVE, WHO IS
17 APPLYING TO SERVE IN AN EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP POSITION IN L.A.
18 COUNTY, THIS MOTION SAYS WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US. THIS
19 IS A GREAT PLACE TO WORK, BUT YOU MUST BE VACCINATED. SO, THE
20 QUESTIONS THAT WERE RAISED TODAY, REALLY, I THINK HAVE ALREADY
21 BEEN PUT TO REST. THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO THINK VACCINATIONS ARE
22 NOT HELPFUL. THEY THINK THAT THEY SHOULDN'T BE MANDATED. THAT
23 IS BEHIND US. SIX MONTHS AGO, THIS BOARD SAID WE MANDATE
24 VACCINATIONS FOR OUR EMPLOYEES. SO, AS I SAID, 83% ARE FULLY
25 VAXXED. OVER 5,000 ARE GOING THROUGH ACCOMMODATION AS THEY'VE

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1 ASKED. THEY HAVE APPLIED FOR EXEMPTIONS, ETC., BUT THERE ARE
2 STILL ABOUT 10,000 THAT AREN'T COMPLIANT. THE SHERIFF ISN'T
3 EVEN ENTERING DATA FOR HIS EMPLOYEES, AND THE SHERIFF'S
4 DEPARTMENT HAS CONSISTENTLY ENDED UP IN THE BASEMENT OF THE
5 PERCENTAGE OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE VACCINATED, WHICH TO ME IS
6 SHOCKING BECAUSE, AS I ALSO MENTIONED EARLIER, THE GREATEST
7 REASON FOR DEATHS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, BY FAR, THIS
8 PAST TWO YEARS HAS BEEN COVID, NOT SOMETHING THEY FACED ON THE
9 JOB, SOMETHING THEY FACED, BECAUSE, IN MANY CASES, THEY REFUSE
10 TO BE VACCINATED. SO THIS MOTION, ESSENTIALLY, WOULD GIVE THE
11 ABILITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TO
12 BE THE PERSON WHO ENFORCES JUST THIS MANDATE. THIS IS NOT
13 EVERY OTHER COUNTY-WIDE MANDATE. THAT REMAINS WITH ALL THE
14 DEPARTMENT HEADS, JUST THE VACCINE MANDATE, AND ALSO WOULD
15 GIVE HER THE ABILITY TO SAY THIS DEPARTMENT IS DOING PRETTY
16 WELL, I CEDE IT BACK TO THEM TO ENFORCE THE MANDATE. BUT IN
17 THE CASE OF DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE NOT DOING PRETTY WELL, THAT
18 ENFORCEMENT WOULD BE GIVEN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
19 RESOURCES. SO, BEFORE I CLOSE, I WANT TO ASK OUR COUNTY
20 COUNSEL, BECAUSE PEOPLE HAVE SAID TO ME, "CAN THE BOARD OF
21 SUPERVISORS DO THIS," WHICH, TO ME, IS SORT OF FUNNY BECAUSE
22 IT'S KIND OF SAYING, "CAN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SET POLICY
23 FOR HOW THEIR EMPLOYEES ARE SUPERVISED?" I WOULD THINK IT
24 WOULD BE AN EASY ANSWER, BUT IF I MAY TURN TO OUR COUNTY

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1 COUNSEL FOR A BRIEF ANSWER. DOES THE BOARD HAVE THE AUTHORITY
2 TO VEST THIS POWER IN THE HEAD OF THE D.H.R.?

3

4 **ATTORNEY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I THINK I CAN GIVE YOU A VERY
5 QUICK ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION, AND THE ANSWER IS YES. THE
6 BOARD DOES HAVE THAT AUTHORITY.

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL:** CAN YOU THINK, COUNSEL, OF A REASON WHY PEOPLE
9 WOULD SAY THAT WE CANNOT VEST THAT AUTHORITY IN HER?

10

11 **ATTORNEY:** [INDISCERNIBLE] THERE IS I DON'T WANT TO GET TOO
12 MUCH INTO POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. LISTENING
13 TO PUBLIC COMMENT AND UNDERSTANDING WHAT SOME LETTERS HAVE
14 INDICATED, I THINK IT'S THE WISER COURSE TO JUST SAY THAT THE
15 BOARD DOES HAVE THE AUTHORITY AND LEAVE IT AT THAT.

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL:** ALL RIGHT, I THANK YOU FOR THAT. I THINK THAT WE
18 REALLY DO NEED TO HAVE THIS VACCINE POLICY ENFORCED. I WOULD -
19 - WE WAITED QUITE A WHILE BEFORE EVEN THINKING OF TAKING THIS
20 STEP TO SEE HOW IT WOULD TURN OUT. AND SO, I WANT TO THANK ALL
21 THE COUNTY STAFF, WHO HAVE BEEN AT THE FRONTLINES OF THIS
22 PANDEMIC BECAUSE THEY'RE SUFFERING FROM THE UNVACCINATED AS
23 WELL, PEOPLE WHO RISKED THEIR LIVES EVERY DAY BEFORE THERE WAS
24 A VACCINE, COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE CHOSEN TO GET VACCINATED
25 SO THEY COULD CONTINUE TO SAFELY INTERACT WITH COWORKERS AND

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1 EVERYBODY COMING TO US FOR HELP. THEY ARE REAL HEROES. I ALSO
2 WANT TO SAY THAT THE SHERIFF HAS SORT OF TAKEN TO AN
3 INTERESTING PUBLIC -- WHAT SHALL I SAY -- CAMPAIGN TO PUT OUT
4 A LOT OF WHAT I THINK HE CONSIDERS INFORMATION ABOUT ALL THE
5 VARIOUS WAYS THAT THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE NOT
6 SERVING HIM WELL. AND I THINK YOU MAY HAVE SEEN IN MANY OF THE
7 ANSWERS THAT MUCH OF WHAT THE SHERIFF HAS SAID, I CAN SEE WHY
8 HE WEARS A BIG HAT BECAUSE HE PULLS A LOT OF NUMBERS RIGHT OUT
9 OF IT, MOST OF WHICH CAN'T BE SUBSTANTIATED. WE'VE INCREASED
10 THE PEOPLE WHO WORK FOR HIM. WE'VE INCREASED THE BUDGET. AND
11 IN THIS CASE, WE HAVE AN ABSOLUTE RIGHT TO SAY THESE ARE OUR
12 EMPLOYEES, NOT YOURS. THESE ARE COUNTY EMPLOYEES. AND WE NEED
13 TO PROTECT THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES AND ALL THE PEOPLE THAT
14 THEY STOP AND SAY, "ROLL DOWN YOUR WINDOW," AND/OR PEOPLE ON A
15 BICYCLE, AS WE SAW A COUPLE MONTHS AGO. IT'S IMPORTANT. AND I
16 THINK THAT IT'S UNFORTUNATE TO HAVE TO TAKE THIS STEP, IN A
17 WAY, BUT A NECESSARY ONE. AND FRANKLY, I THINK A VERY GOOD
18 ONE, ONE THAT WILL BE MORE EVENLY SPREAD OVER ALL THE
19 DEPARTMENTS, SO THAT WE LOOK AT THEM ALL THE SAME. SO I THANK
20 YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALLOWING ME TO PRESENT THIS AND ASK FOR YOUR
21 AYE VOTE. AND MY BOARD CHAIR, WHO IS MY COAUTHOR, I KNOW MIGHT
22 WANT TO SAY SOMETHING AS WELL.

23
24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU WRAPPED IT ALL UP
25 VERY CLEARLY AND SUCCINCTLY. I APPRECIATE YOU. I KNOW THAT WE

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1 HAVE AVAILABLE OUR DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL AS WELL AS MR. ROBLES
2 FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICES ARE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS.
3 DO ANY BOARD MEMBERS HAVE QUESTIONS? SUPERVISOR BARGER
4 FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS WILL FOLLOW.
5 I SEE YOU.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER:** I HEAR YOU LOUD AND CLEAR, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND
8 WE HAVE THE AUTHORITY, BUT HAVING THE AUTHORITY DOESN'T MAKE
9 THE ACTION RIGHT. AND I BELIEVE THAT THIS ACTION IS IN
10 RESPONSE TO AN INDIVIDUAL, AND I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW FROM LISA
11 GARRET, WHO HAS BEEN WORKING WITH HUMAN RESOURCES IN THE
12 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, IF, IN FACT, THEY'RE COMPLYING OR IF
13 THEY'RE BEING COOPERATIVE BECAUSE TO CHANGE NOW OVER ONE
14 INDIVIDUAL OR ONE MANAGER, I DON'T FEEL IS APPROPRIATE, AND I
15 JUST WANT TO UNDERSTAND FROM LISA GARRETT WHERE SHE IS WORKING
16 WITH THAT DEPARTMENT BECAUSE I WENT OUT AND TALKED TO
17 SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES WHO, IN FACT, HAVE BEEN VACCINATED BUT
18 DON'T WANT UPLOAD ON OUR PLATFORM BECAUSE OF MISINFORMATION
19 FROM THIS SHERIFF AS IT RELATES TO THE PLATFORM THAT WE'RE
20 USING, WHICH IS A WHOLE OTHER DEBATE TO HAVE AND TOTALLY
21 INAPPROPRIATE ON HIS PART, BUT IT'S A DISSERVICE TO THOSE
22 EMPLOYEES IF WE DON'T WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT. SO I'D LIKE TO
23 HEAR FROM LISA.

24

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1 **LISA GARRETT:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. LISA GARRETT,
2 DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL. AFTER THAT RECITATION BY SUPERVISOR
3 KUEHL, THERE IS NOT MUCH MORE TO SAY, BUT, AS TO THE SHERIFF
4 SPECIFICALLY, SUPERVISOR KUEHL MENTIONED THIS, OF OUR 100,000
5 EMPLOYEES, ABOUT 9,000 ALMOST 10,000 EMPLOYEES ARE NON
6 COMPLIANT. BASED UPON THE RECORDS IN THE FULGENT TRACKING
7 SYSTEM, SHERIFF EMPLOYEES ACTUALLY WERE AT 83% REGISTRATION
8 RATE AND 54% VACCINATE RATE. HOWEVER, IN AROUND DECEMBER, THE
9 SHERIFF'S EMPLOYEES STOPPED INPUTTING THEIR INFORMATION INTO
10 THE SYSTEM, WHICH GIVES US NO VIABILITY AS TO COMPLIANCE FOR
11 THAT PARTICULAR DEPARTMENT. HOWEVER, AT THAT TIME, ABOUT
12 13,154 OF THEIR EMPLOYEES WERE REGISTERED, AND ABOUT 8,902
13 PROVIDED PROOF OF FULL OR PARTIAL VACCINATION, BUT AS OF
14 DECEMBER 2021, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAD ABOUT 2,764
15 EMPLOYEES WHO WERE NOT REGISTERED IN THE SYSTEM. AND AS OF
16 THAT TIME, ABOUT 7,300 WERE NOT VACCINATED OR NON-COMPLIANT
17 WITH THE COUNTY'S POLICY.

18
19 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, LISA, MY QUESTION WAS MORE DIRECTED AT THE
20 WORKING RELATIONSHIP YOU HAVE WITH HUMAN RESOURCES RIGHT NOW
21 BECAUSE I'M TOLD THAT, IN FACT, YOU ARE COMMUNICATING WITH
22 HUMAN RESOURCES ON THIS ISSUE. IS THAT CORRECT BECAUSE I HEARD
23 THEY'RE NOT BEING COOPERATIVE, BUT I'VE HEARD THAT, IN FACT,
24 YOU'RE WORKING WITH THEM?

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1 **LISA GARRETT:** I WOULD SAY IT'S BOTH, SUPERVISOR. I HAVE BEEN
2 REACHING OUT TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE WHAT
3 THEIR ACTUAL NUMBERS ARE. THE SHERIFF'S NUMBERS TODAY WAS THE
4 FIRST TIME I HAD HEARD WHERE THEY ARE RIGHT NOW. SO THEY HAVE
5 INDICATED THAT THEY ARE GOING TO TURN OVER NUMBERS AND ALLOW
6 US TO SEE WHAT THEY ARE. HOWEVER, I HAVE NOT YET SEEN THAT. OF
7 COURSE, WE'LL WORK WITH THE SHERIFF. WE WILL WORK WITH ALL THE
8 DEPARTMENTS, AND WE'RE CONTACTING DEPARTMENTS ON A DAILY
9 BASIS, PRACTICALLY, TO GET THE NUMBERS TO DETERMINE HOW AND
10 WHO IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE BOARD'S ORDINANCE.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** DO WE GET THE NUMBER OF DEPUTIES THAT ARE TESTING
13 BECAUSE I KNOW SOMEONE CALLED IN AND SAID THEY FILED A
14 RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION AND HAVE YET TO HEAR FROM THE COUNTY
15 REGARDING THEIR EXEMPTION. WHERE ARE WE ON ALL THE EXEMPTIONS
16 AND FLUSHING THOSE OUT?

17

18 **LISA GARRETT:** SUPERVISOR, WE RECEIVED ABOUT 5300 EXEMPTIONS,
19 AND WE ARE WORKING THROUGH THOSE. SOME ARE MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS,
20 AND SOME ARE RELIGIOUS EXEMPTIONS. SO WE ARE WORKING ON THOSE.
21 AND SOME OF THE SHERIFF'S EMPLOYEES HAVE FILED FOR EXEMPTIONS.
22 THEY HAVE, BUT, AGAIN, ONCE NOTICE WAS MADE AND THE EMPLOYEES
23 STOPPED INPUTTING ANY INFORMATION INTO THE FULGENT SYSTEM,
24 IT'S BEEN DIFFICULT FOR US TO SEE WHO IS COMPLYING AND WHO IS
25 NOT. OF THE NUMBERS THAT THE SHERIFF PROVIDED TODAY, THAT 5700

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1 OF HIS EMPLOYEES WERE NOT VACCINATED, SUPERVISOR, THAT MAKES
2 UP ABOUT 60% OF THE COUNTY'S ENTIRE NON- COMPLIANCE RATE. CAN
3 WE WORK WITH HIM? YES, WE WILL. WE'VE NOT BEEN GIVEN ACCESS TO
4 THEIR RECORDING, HOW THEIR MONITORING. AND SO, AGAIN, WE HAVE
5 NO VISIBILITY INTO HOW THEY'RE COMPLYING OR NOT COMPLYING WITH
6 THE ORDER.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER:** I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS FOR FESIA, BUT ARE YOU
9 WORKING WITH THE LABOR PARTNERS? I THINK OF WORKAROUNDS. AND I
10 THINK OF WORKAROUND, AND TALKED TO A.L.A.D.S. AND TO 10-14,
11 AND THEY VERY MUCH WANT TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY TO WORK WITH
12 THEIR MEMBERS THAT ARE EITHER RESISTANT TO DOWNLOADING THE
13 PLATFORM THAT WE USE AND/OR EVEN ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF
14 VACCINATION. SO, FESIA, HAVE YOU BEEN COMMUNICATING WITH THEM?

15

16 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. SUPERVISOR,
17 WHEN THIS POLICY WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD AND MY TEAM WAS IN
18 NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE VARIOUS LABOR UNIONS, THERE WAS A LOT OF
19 DISCUSSION BACK AND FORTH AT THAT TIME. AND THEN I BELIEVE
20 AFTER THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE THAT FOLKS DID NEED TO
21 REGISTER IN FULGENT, THOSE CONVERSATIONS HAVE SORT OF DIED
22 DOWN, BUT I DO BELIEVE THAT SOME OF THE LABOR ORGANIZATIONS
23 ARE AWARE OF THIS MOTION BECAUSE I HAVE RECEIVED REQUESTS TO
24 MEET AT THE SAME TIME THAT ACTUALLY THE TEAMS WILL BE
25 NEGOTIATING OVER THE IMPACTS OF THIS MOTION IF PASSED. SO I

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1 THINK THE ANSWER IS WE WERE ENGAGING. I THINK THAT ENGAGEMENT
2 SUBSIDED, BUT IT'S EXPECTED TO PICK UP AGAIN IF THIS MOTION
3 IS, IN FACT, PASSED.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THAT'S ALL MY
6 QUESTIONS.

7

8 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YOU'RE WELCOME. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I THINK WE ALL AGREE.
11 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU HAD A GREAT LEAD OFF ON THIS DISCUSSION
12 AND REALLY OUTLINED IT WELL. THIS IS A COUNTY-WIDE POLICY. IT
13 APPLIES TO ALL OF OUR DEPARTMENTS, AND I KNOW WHEN WE DID IT,
14 WE DID IT TO KEEP OUR EMPLOYEES SAFE, TO KEEP THE PUBLIC SAFE
15 THAT OUR EMPLOYEES INTERACT WITH, AND, YOU KNOW, TO REALLY DO
16 OUR PART AS THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IN STOPPING THE SPREAD
17 OF THIS VIRUS. AND UNFORTUNATELY, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS
18 THE ONLY DEPARTMENT IN THE COUNTY THAT HAS REFUSED TO
19 IMPLEMENT THIS POLICY, AND THAT'S I THINK WHY WE'RE HERE
20 TODAY. I THINK WE WERE LEFT WITH NO OTHER CHOICE. AND I AM
21 GOING TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION, BUT I WANT TO TAKE THE
22 OPPORTUNITY TODAY TO ALSO SAY I THINK IT'S TIME FOR US TO
23 CONSIDER LIFTING THE HIRING FREEZE AND INCREASING THE NUMBER
24 OF ACADEMIES IN OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO MAKE SURE THAT
25 THEY'RE ABLE TO HIRE IN A TIMELY AND EFFICIENT MANNER TO

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1 MAINTAIN A LEVEL OF SERVICE THAT OUR RESIDENTS WANT AND
2 DESERVE AND SOME OF OUR CITIES PAY FOR IN FACT -- IF IN FACT
3 WE DO END UP LOSING -- THEY END UP LOSING PERSONNEL AS A
4 RESULT OF THIS ENFORCEMENT. AND I HOPE TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS
5 WITH OUR C.E.O. ABOUT THIS BECAUSE I KNOW, FOR ME, I AM
6 HEARING FROM A LOT OF MY CITIES, MY CONTRACT CITIES, WHO ARE
7 EVEN WILLING TO PAY MORE TO GET A FEW MORE DEPUTIES, AND IT
8 SEEMS TO ME WE'RE A LITTLE BIT STUCK IN TERMS OF HOW THE
9 SHERIFF CAN HIRE AND FILL THESE POSITIONS. SO, IF A BIG
10 ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS IS PUBLIC SAFETY AND WE'LL BE DECREASING
11 THE LEVEL OF SERVICE, THEN I THINK WE SHOULD AT LEAST, ON THE
12 OTHER HAND, BE PREPARED AS A COUNTY TO LOOK AT WAYS TO MAKE
13 SURE THAT WE DO MAINTAIN THE LEVEL OF SERVICE IF, IN FACT,
14 SOME OF THESE PERSONNEL IS LOST. I'M HOPEFUL THAT OUR
15 SHERIFF'S PERSONNEL WILL REACT LIKE THE OTHER EMPLOYEES
16 REACTED, WHICH IS, ONCE THEY GET THE LETTER, ONCE THEY SEE
17 IT'S SERIOUS, ONCE THEY UNDERSTAND WHAT SORT OF THE END GAME
18 IS, THEY WILL TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET VACCINATED. AND AS
19 SUPERVISOR KUEHL SAID WE GIVE THEM ABOUT FIVE CHANCES TO GET
20 VACCINATED. SO, I'M HOPEFUL THAT WILL BE THE DIRECTION MANY OF
21 THE VERY FINE MEN AND WOMAN THAT WORK IN THIS DEPARTMENT
22 CHOOSE TO TAKE. SO AGAIN, I'M GOING TO SUPPORT THIS. I THINK
23 IT'S FAIR TO THE REST OF OUR DEPARTMENTS WHO HAVE COMPLIED
24 WITH THE VACCINE POLICY AND WHO ACTUALLY ARE EVEN LOOKING TO
25 LET GO SOME OF THEIR EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE NOT COMPLIED WITH

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1 THIS. AND I JUST DON'T THINK WE CAN MAKE AN EXCEPTION. IT
2 WOULD REALLY BE UNFAIR AND INSULTING I THINK TO THE OTHER
3 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND ALL THE OTHER EMPLOYEES IN OUR COUNTY
4 THAT HAVE COMPLIED WITH THIS. AND AGAIN, SUPERVISOR KUEHL SAID
5 IT, BUT I JUST WANT TO REMIND EVERYBODY THAT THE NUMBER ONE
6 CAUSE OF DEATH IN LAW ENFORCEMENT HAS BEEN COVID. AND WE KNOW
7 THAT VACCINATIONS SAVE LIVES. THEY PROTECT OUR EMPLOYEES AND
8 OUR COUNTY RESIDENTS. I JUST GOT NOTIFIED, MANY OF YOU
9 PROBABLY DID TOO JUST A FEW HOURS AGO, THAT THE SHERIFF'S
10 DEPARTMENT LOST ANOTHER EMPLOYEE THIS MORNING TO COVID. SO, IT
11 IS REAL, AND I'M GOING TO SUPPORT IT, BUT I DO THINK WE MIGHT
12 LOOK AT THE OPPORTUNITY TO FIND WAYS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE
13 STAFFING LEVELS IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DO MEET THE
14 DEMANDS OF OUR RESIDENTS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, DO YOU WANT A RESPONSE
17 FROM MS. DAVENPORT NOW ON THAT, OR NO? WHAT'S YOUR DESIRE?

18

19 **SUP. HAHN:** NO, I THINK IT WILL BE A MATTER OF DISCUSSIONS THAT
20 WE ALL HAVE WITH HER GOING FORWARD. THANK YOU.

21

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

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND A BIG CHANGE YOU
25 TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND TO YOU FOR BRINGING THE MOTION

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1 FORWARD. AS YOU RECALL, LAST SUMMER, WHEN I WAS CHAIR OF THE
2 BOARD, I ISSUED THE EXECUTIVE ORDER TO PUT THIS VACCINATION
3 POLICY IN PLACE. I DID SO NOT ONLY TO PROTECT THE WORKFORCE
4 BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY ALL THE VULNERABLE RESIDENTS THAT WE ALL
5 SERVE, AND WE HEARD MUCH DEBATE ABOUT THAT TODAY DURING THE
6 PRESENTATION EARLIER THAT DR. FERRER GAVE IN TERM OF THE
7 IMPACTED COMMUNITIES THAT CONTINUE TO BE IMPACTED BY COVID AND
8 THE LOSS OF LIFE IN AND OF ITSELF. EVERY DAY, I THINK I
9 REFLECT ON HOW FAR WE'VE COME, AND I AM VERY PROUD OF MANY OF
10 OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS, THE MAJORITY OF THEM, QUITE FRANKLY,
11 THAT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET THEIR EMPLOYEES TO COME TO THE
12 TABLE, TO SIGN UP, TO REGISTER, TO GET VACCINATED AND BOOSTED.
13 I MEAN, IT'S NO SMALL TASK TO SAY THAT 89% OF OUR COUNTY
14 EMPLOYEES ARE EITHER FULLY VACCINATED OR SEMI-VACCINATED, AND
15 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I MEAN THAT
16 TELLS YOU SOMETHING. I THINK THAT WE OWE IT TO THE REST OF OUR
17 EMPLOYEES THAT WE REPRESENT THAT WE PROVIDE FAIRNESS, AND I
18 THINK THAT THIS MOTION WILL HELP US ADDRESS THAT TODAY SO THAT
19 WE TREAT EVERYONE FAIRLY. THIS WAS A VERY TIME CONSUMING,
20 LABORIOUS PROCESS THAT THE BOARD WENT THROUGH BEFORE WE
21 IMPLEMENTED THE POLICY, AND MADE DEFINITELY SURE THAT OUR
22 C.E.O. AND OUR LABOR MANAGEMENT GROUP MET WITH OUR UNIONS, AND
23 THERE WAS A LOT OF BUY-IN, I HAVE TO SAY, FROM THE
24 LEADERSHIP, AND THEY SAID THAT THEY KNEW THAT THIS WOULD BE A
25 TOUGH ROW, BUT THEY WERE ON WITH US. AND I CONGRATULATE THEM

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1 FOR THAT. SO, HERE, WE'RE NOT TRYING TO PUNISH ANYONE,
2 NECESSARILY. I DON'T THINK IT'S THAT. THEY'RE STILL GOING HAVE
3 A WAY TO HAVE THEIR SKELLY HEARING. THEY'RE STILL GOING TO
4 HAVE A DUE PROCESS HEARING. IN FACT, THEY'RE GIVEN 45 DAYS
5 UNTIL WE REALLY START TO TALK TO THEM. SOME PEOPLE MAY TAKE
6 THAT SERIOUSLY. SOME MAY NOT. BUT IN MY OPINION, WE HAVE
7 PEOPLE THAT ARE COUNTING ON SERVICES. AND WHEN THEY NEED TO
8 CALL 911 OR THEY NEED TO FIND OUT THAT THEY NEED A PUBLIC
9 SAFETY OFFICER ON HAND BECAUSE THERE'S A DISPUTE GOING ON IN
10 THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD, WE CERTAINLY WANT OUR STAFF, OUR
11 EMPLOYEES, TO SHOW UP AND BE THERE. AND PART OF THE QUESTION
12 FOR ME IS, IF THEY'RE NOT GETTING VACCINATED, AND THEY'RE HOME
13 SICK, WELL, WE TOLD YOU SO. SO, WORK WITH US BECAUSE WE'RE NOT
14 GOING TO PENALIZE YOU. IT'S NOT ABOUT THAT. IT'S ABOUT JUST
15 TRYING TO PROVIDE A STANDARD OF EVALUATION AND SUPPORT FOR
16 ALL OUR EMPLOYEES. I THINK THIS IS A REASONABLE REQUEST, AND I
17 SUPPORT IT. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND
18 CHAIRWOMAN MITCHELL, FOR BRINGING IT FORWARD. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
21 I THINK I WOULD JUST ADD A FEW THINGS. AS HAS BEEN STATED,
22 COUNTY WORKERS ARE FRONTLINE ESSENTIAL WORKERS, AND I THINK
23 THIS BOARD HAS STEPPED UP FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, BEFORE I
24 JOINED YOU ALL, TO PROVIDE RESOURCES AND SUPPORT TO THEM
25 BECAUSE THE COUNTY CONTINUED TO PROVIDE SERVICES. WE HAD SOME

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1 CALLERS IN PUBLIC COMMENT ASKING US TO COME BACK IN PERSON.
2 THE REALITY IS, THIS BOARD CONTINUED TO MEET DURING THE PEAK
3 OF THE PANDEMIC, UNLIKE MANY OTHER ELECTED BODIES THAT WENT ON
4 RECESS. I THINK THIS BOARD MISSED TWO, MAYBE THREE, MEETINGS,
5 IMMEDIATELY WENT TO ELECTRONIC. SO THIS NOTION AND THAT THE
6 COUNTY ISN'T WORKING IS FALSE. THE BOARD IS WORKING, AND
7 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICES ARE NOW BACK BEING PROVIDED TO
8 A COUNTY COMPRISED OF RESIDENTS WHO NEED THAT SUPPORT THE
9 MOST. THIS BOARD SUPPORTED COVID APPRECIATION BONUS AND COVID
10 HEROES' PAY TO D.H.S. EMPLOYEES AS A SIGN OF OUR COMMITMENT
11 AND AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO THE RISKS THEY'RE TAKING. SO THESE
12 ACTIONS THAT THE BOARD HAS ALREADY TAKEN THROUGH THE EXECUTIVE
13 ORDER INITIATED BY THEN CHAIR SOLIS AND TODAY'S ACTION IS AN
14 EXTENSION OF OUR EFFORT TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE SAFEST WORK
15 ENVIRONMENT POSSIBLE. IT'S ALSO REALLY IMPORTANT THAT EVERY
16 DEPARTMENT COMPRISED OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES RECEIVES THE SAME
17 FAIR TREATMENT, AND, AS A RESULT, SHOULD BE EXPECTED AND HELD
18 TO THE SAME HIGH STANDARD OF ACCOUNTABILITY. AS WE TALK ABOUT
19 ATTRITION, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW, QUITE FRANKLY, THAT
20 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, IF YOU LOOK AT OUR EMPLOYEE COUNT
21 REPORT, COLLEAGUES, IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THEY HAVE HAD
22 AN AVERAGE ATTRITION RATE OF 3%, AND THAT DECREASE IS
23 PRIMARILY DUE TO ATTRITION. SO IT'S NOT COMPLETELY OUT OF
24 WHACK COMPARED TO OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. I THINK IT'S
25 IMPORTANT WE CONTINUE TO HAVE THE CONVERSATION RAISED BY

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1 SUPERVISOR HAHN, BUT WE SHOULD REALLY LOOK AT THAT DEPARTMENT
2 IN THE FULL CONTEXT OF ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. WITH THAT,
3 SEEING NO OTHER HANDS RAISED AND HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS,
4 ITEM 18 BEFORE US. IT IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND
5 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE
6 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

7

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

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10 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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14 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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18 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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22 **SUP. BARGER:** I'M GOING TO ABSTAIN.

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

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

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

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ITEM 58, REPORT ON THE
8 EXPANSION OF THE FIRST RESPONDER PROTOCOL AND ADVOCACY
9 SERVICES FOR COMMERCIALY SEXUALLY EXPLOITED CHILDREN, WHICH
10 WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR?

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANTED TO
13 GO THROUGH THIS QUICKLY BECAUSE OFTEN WE ACCEPT THIS REPORT,
14 AND WE DON'T REALLY TALK ABOUT IT, AND I KIND OF WANTED TO
15 LIFT IT UP BECAUSE THEY'RE DOING EXTRAORDINARY WORK. THE WORK
16 THAT MICHELLE GUYMON, FOR INSTANCE, IS DOING AND ALL THE
17 PEOPLE WORKING WITH HER HAS RESULTED IN THIS REPORT FROM THE
18 COMMERCIALY SEXUALLY EXPLOITED CHILDREN INTEGRATED LEADERSHIP
19 TEAM. THEIR MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES PROBATION, SHERIFF, AND
20 D.C.F.S. AND THIS INTEGRATED LEADERSHIP TEAM CONSISTENTLY
21 PRODUCES REALLY FINE REPORTS AND HAS HAD EXCELLENT SUCCESS IN
22 RECOVERING, IN HOUSING, AND SUPPORTING OUR COMMERCIALY
23 SEXUALLY EXPLOITED YOUTH. TODAY'S REPORT COVERS FOUR TOPICS:
24 LAW ENFORCEMENT'S FIRST RESPONDER PROTOCOL, SAFE YOUTH ZONES,
25 ADVOCACY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES, AND HOUSING FOR

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1 CHILDREN AND YOUTH IMPACTED BY COMMERCIAL SEXUAL
2 EXPLOITATION. I HAD ASKED MICHELLE IF SHE WOULD STAND BY AND
3 GIVE A REPORT, BUT I THINK, GIVEN THE LATEST OF THE HOUR AND
4 MY DEEPEST APOLOGIES, MICHELLE, TO YOU BECAUSE I THINK WE
5 HEARD ABOUT MANY OF THE ITEMS ON THE REPORT, AND I THINK WE'LL
6 NEED TO KIND OF MOVE FORWARD, BUT I THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE
7 WORK. OF COURSE, IF ANYONE HAS QUESTIONS ABOUT HIGHLIGHTS, WE
8 CAN GO TO YOU. BUT THIS FIRST RESPONDER PROTOCOL FOCUSES ON
9 TOOLS THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT FOLLOW DURING THE FIRST 72 HOURS OF
10 INTERACTING WITH A C.S.E.C. YOUTH. SINCE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
11 PROTOCOL IN 2014, LOOKING THROUGH THE END OF DECEMBER LAST
12 YEAR, THERE HAVE BEEN A TOTAL OF 1,076 C.S.E.C. RECOVERIES, 29
13 OF WHICH WERE RECOVERED SINCE THE LAST REPORT IN OCTOBER. SAFE
14 YOUTH ZONES, VERY IMPORTANT, ARE BEING EXPANDED TO INCLUDE
15 MORE FIRE DEPARTMENTS, D.P.S.S. OFFICES, SCHOOLS, AND THE
16 LARGER MEDICAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNITY, AT WHICH C.S.E.C.
17 YOUTH CAN GO AND SEEK PROTECTION. THE EXPANSION IS THE RESULT
18 OF A MOTION MOTION BROUGHT BY SUPERVISOR HAHN AND THEN
19 SUPERVISOR, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. AS FOR ADVOCACY SERVICES,
20 D.C.F.S. AWARDED TWO CONTRACTS TO SAVING INNOCENCE AND ZOE
21 INTERNATIONAL. THE CONTRACTS WERE EXPEDITED THANKS TO A MOTION
22 WITH YOU AND SUPERVISOR BARGER, SO THANK YOU TWICE FOR THAT
23 AND THANKS TO KATHRYN, AS WELL. IN TERMS OF HOUSING, THERE ARE
24 THREE STRATEGIES UNDERWAY TO EXPAND HOUSING OPTIONS. TWO NEW
25 C.S.E.C. REQUESTS FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR FOSTER

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1 FAMILY AGENCY EMERGENCY SHELTER CARE BEDS AND THE AVAILABLE
2 SHORT TERM RESIDENTIAL THERAPEUTIC PROGRAMS, S.T.R.T.P., BEDS.
3 IN SEPTEMBER OF 2020, YOU AND SUPERVISOR BARGER ALSO MOVED
4 THAT O.C.P., IN COLLABORATION WITH D.C.F.S. AND PROBATION,
5 CONDUCT AN EXPEDITED SOLICITATION TO VENDORS WITH KNOWN
6 C.S.E.C. EXPERIENCE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF HOME- BASED
7 PLACEMENT OPTIONS, CALLED INTENSIVE SERVICES FOSTER CARE. THE
8 DATE FOR THE RELEASE OF THE REQUESTS FOR STATEMENT OF
9 QUALIFICATIONS HAS BEEN PUSHED BACK A LITTLE BIT. THERE'S A
10 SMALL CHANCE THAT MAYBE SUPERVISOR BARGER WILL RAISE THIS. I
11 DON'T KNOW. BUT IT IS A GREAT HOUSING OPTION FOR C.S.E.C.
12 YOUTH TO LIVE IN A FAMILY SETTING. AND THE DELAY IS SOMEWHAT I
13 THINK UNDERSTANDABLE. SO IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR
14 MICHELLE, I HOPE YOU WILL ASK HER BECAUSE SHE HAS BEEN HANGING
15 WITH US. BUT I WANTED TO SIMPLY PRESENT THIS BECAUSE I AM SO
16 PROUD OF THE WORK THAT THEY HAVE DONE AND KIND OF LIFT IT UP.
17 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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19 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OF COURSE, AND THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR
20 BARGER, SUPERVISOR HAHN, ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS SINCE SHE
21 REFERENCED YOUR PAST MOTIONS? NO. OKAY, SUPERVISOR SOLIS? ALL
22 RIGHT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, THANK YOU FOR ELEVATING THE ISSUE
23 AROUND THE WORK, THE COUNTY'S WORK, THE COUNTY'S LEADERSHIP
24 AROUND C.S.E.C. THERE WAS AN OP ED IN ONE OF OUR DAILIES LAST
25 WEEK THAT CALLED INTO QUESTION ELECTED BODIES' FOCUS ON SEXUAL

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1 EXPLOITATION AND SEX TRAFFICKING FOCUSED AROUND BIG SPORTING
2 EVENTS. AND MY CONCERN WHEN READING THAT OP ED IS THAT THE
3 GENERAL PUBLIC WOULD BUY INTO THAT, AND AGAIN, STOP LOOKING
4 FOR OR WAYS TO HELP THE TENS OF THOUSANDS WE KNOW HERE IN L.A.
5 COUNTY WHO ARE C.S.E.C. VICTIMS. SO I APPRECIATE YOU ELEVATING
6 THIS REPORT TO MAKE SURE IT STAYS FRONT AND CENTER IN OUR
7 MINDS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT WE DO HAVE A CHILD SEX
8 TRAFFICKING PROBLEM IN L.A. COUNTY, AND WE MUST REMAIN
9 VIGILANT IN PROTECTING THEM. SEEING NO FURTHER QUESTIONS OR
10 COMMENTS, THIS REPORT IS RECEIVED AND FILED, AND SUCH WILL BE
11 THE ORDER. THANK YOU AGAIN, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. ITEM 69C, REPORT
12 ON A.T.&T. TECHNICAL ISSUES EXPERIENCED DURING OUR JANUARY
13 25TH, 2022 BOARD MEETING, WHICH I HELD. I WANTED TO MAKE SURE
14 THAT WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR DIRECTLY FROM OUR
15 EXECUTIVE OFFICER ABOUT, IN SHORT, WHAT HAPPENED AND WHAT WE
16 ARE GOING TO MAKE SURE IT DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN. WE KNOW, WE
17 WERE TOLD, THAT A.T.&T. BELIEVES THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT
18 SUCH A GLITCH LIKE THIS HAPPENED. AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND
19 OUR OWN INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS WORKED TIRELESSLY, IN
20 COLLABORATION WITH A.T.&T., TO REALLY TRY TO DIAGNOSE THE
21 ISSUE AND MAKE SURE THAT IF ANY KIND OF QUOTE UNQUOTE GLITCH
22 WERE TO OCCUR THAT WE HAVE APPROPRIATE FALL BACK PROTOCOLS IN
23 PLACE THAT WE COULD PIVOT IMMEDIATELY TO NOT ALTER THE
24 PUBLIC'S ABILITY TO ACCESS THIS. BUT WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO

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1 OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER GIVE US A
2 REPORT. THANK YOU.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND GOOD AFTERNOON
5 SUPERVISORS. DURING THE JANUARY 25TH BOARD MEETING, A.T.&T.
6 HAD TECHNICAL ISSUES ON THE CALL IN LINE FOR THE REGULAR
7 AGENDA ITEMS THAT COULD NOT BE REMEDIED IN REAL-TIME. SOME
8 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WANTING -- WAITING IN THE QUEUE TO
9 ADDRESS THE BOARD WERE UNABLE TO HEAR THE AUDIO BROADCAST OF
10 THE MEETING THAT IS GENERALLY PIPED INTO THE TELECONFERENCE.
11 THESE CONSTITUENTS WERE UNAWARE WHEN IT WAS THEIR TURN TO
12 SPEAK, CAUSING DELAYS. ADDITIONALLY FOR THOSE WHO CHOOSE TO
13 LISTEN TO THE MEETING ON A SECONDARY DEVICE, AN ECHO RESULTED
14 WHEN IT WAS THEIR TURN TO SPEAK AND THEIR LINE WAS UNMUTED. MY
15 OFFICE HAS BEEN IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH A.T.&T. SINCE THE
16 JANUARY 25TH MEETING TO IDENTIFY THE ROOT CAUSE OF THE AUDIO
17 ISSUES. AFTER EXTENSIVE REVIEW, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT
18 THE AUDIO ISSUES CAUSED BY A RARE SOFTWARE DETECTED IN A.T.&T.
19 NETWORK AND WERE NOT RELATED TO ANY COUNTY OPERATIONS OR
20 SYSTEM. A.T.&T. HAS DEVELOPED A CODE TO FIX THESE ISSUES,
21 WHICH WILL BE FULLY DEVELOPED. ADDITIONALLY, A.T.&T. HAS
22 PROVIDED A STANDBY LINE, WHICH WILL BE ACTIVATED IN THE MAIN
23 LINE IF CALLS FAILS. CALLERS ON THE FAILING LINE WILL BE
24 REDIRECTED TO CALL IN TO THE STANDBY LINE. THIS WILL REQUIRE A
25 BRIEF RECESS TO ALLOW CALLERS TO CALL THE NEW LINE AND FOR

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1 A.T.&T. TO RECOVER THE SPEAKER QUEUES. IN THE EVENT WE HAVE TO
2 UTILIZE THE STANDBY LINE, INSTRUCTIONS FOR CALLERS WILL BE
3 ANNOUNCED TO SPEAK IN THE QUEUE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE, SOCIAL
4 MEDIA, AND LIVESTREAM. WE WILL ALSO PROVIDE THE NEW TELEPHONIC
5 NUMBER TO EACH OF YOUR OFFICES IN CASE YOU RECEIVE CALLS FROM
6 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. YOUR BOARD HAS ALSO REQUESTED THAT MY
7 OFFICE PROVIDES MEASURES TO CLEARLY DISTINGUISH PUBLIC HEARING
8 ITEMS AND REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS TO ALLEVIATE THE CONFUSION
9 EXPRESSED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS
10 THESE ITEMS. TO ADDRESS THIS CONFUSION, MOVING FORWARD, WE
11 WILL SPELL OUT SET MATTER AS OPPOSED TO ABBREVIATING. FOR
12 EXAMPLE, IN TODAY'S AGENDA S1 IS NOW SET MATTER 1. ALSO WE
13 WILL NUMBER ITEMS AFTER THE SET MATTER SEQUENTIALLY. FOR
14 EXAMPLE, FOLLOWING THE SET MATTER 1 AND SET MATTER 2, THE NEXT
15 ITEM OR PUBLIC HEARING ITEM WILL BE LISTED AS AGENDA ITEM
16 NUMBER 3, AS SEEN IN TODAY'S AGENDA. LASTLY, WE WILL MOVE THE
17 SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDAS TO THE BACK OF THE REGULAR AGENDA TO
18 FURTHER DISTINGUISH ITEMS. FOR ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION, WE
19 WILL HAVE TWO DISTINCT CALL IN NUMBERS, ONE FOR THE REGULAR
20 AGENDA ITEMS, AND ONE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS WITH TWO
21 SEPARATE ACCESS CODES. THIS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE AGENDA
22 AND POSTED ONLINE. PHONE LINES WILL BE OPEN 15 MINUTES
23 EARLIER, AND CALLERS WILL BE ABLE TO SPEAK IN THE SPEAKER
24 QUEUE IMMEDIATELY BEGINNING AT 9:00 A.M. FURTHER, A.T.&T. WILL
25 ANNOUNCE INSTRUCTIONS TO THE SPEAKER QUEUE MORE FREQUENTLY. WE

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1 HOPE BY PUTTING THESE ABOVE MEASURES IN PLACE, WE WILL HELP
2 ENHANCE OUR CONSTITUENT ENGAGEMENT WITH THE BOARD MEETINGS. MY
3 OFFICE WILL CONTINUE TO REVIEW AND ENHANCE OUR BOARD MEETING
4 PROCESS TO ENSURE A MORE SEAMLESS PROCESS, SO THAT MEMBERS OF
5 THE PUBLIC ARE ABLE TO FULLY PARTICIPATE IN THE BOARD
6 MEETINGS. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I WANT TO THAN THING EXECUTIVE OFFICER
9 AND YOUR TEAM AND THE INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR DOING
10 THAT WORK. ANY QUESTIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS? OKAY, SEEING NONE,
11 AGAIN, THIS REPORT IS RECEIVED AND FILED, AND SUCH WILL BE THE
12 ORDER.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** I DIDN'T RAISE MY HAND SOON ENOUGH. I JUST WANT TO
15 SAY THANK YOU FOR THIS. AND I WAS THINKING SITTING HERE, WE
16 HAVE BEEN DOING THIS NOW FOR A WHILE, AND OVERALL, I THINK WE
17 HAVE MOSTLY DONE A GOOD JOB ACCOMMODATING OUR PUBLIC. AND IT
18 WAS UNFORTUNATE THAT THIS HAPPENED, BUT I WILL SAY, I THINK WE
19 HAVE COME A LONG WAY. I REMEMBER THERE WAS A TIME WHEN WE
20 WEREN'T EVEN BEING SHOWN ON CAMERA. AT LEAST NOW WE ARE DOING
21 THAT. I LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING BACK IN PERSON, BUT I WILL SAY
22 IT'S BEEN A YEOMAN'S JOB, REALLY, TO VIRTUALLY BRING OUR
23 MEETINGS, OUR DISCUSSIONS, OUR VOTES, OUR PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU
24 KNOW, TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY FEELS WELCOME, AND I DO
25 BELIEVE WE HAVE DONE THAT. AND I ALWAYS APPRECIATE WHEN WE

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1 GIVE EXTRA TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. I THINK THAT'S RIGHT. AND
2 I JUST WANTED TO SAY, THIS IS LIKE THE FIRST TIME I REMEMBER
3 SOMETHING LIKE GOING BADLY. AND I APPRECIATE ALL THE WORK THAT
4 HAS GONE INTO BRINGING OUR MEETINGS VIRTUALLY TO OUR PUBLIC.

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. I COULDN'T
7 AGREE WITH YOU MORE. ABSOLUTELY. THANK YOU SO MUCH. SEEING NO
8 OTHER HANDS, I DON'T KNOW WHY MY BOXES OF YOU ALL GOT SO TINY.
9 LET ME MAKE IT BIGGER. OKAY. GREAT. WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO
10 SPECIALS. AND I'D LIKE TO READ IN TWO MOTIONS, COLLEAGUES. THE
11 FIRST IS A REPORT BACK ON CONDITIONS AT JUVENILE HALL. THE
12 PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION'S RECENT FACILITY INSPECTIONS
13 REPORT SHEDS LIGHT ON THE POOR CONDITIONS AT THE COUNTY'S
14 JUVENILE HALLS. GIVEN THE COUNTY'S OBLIGATION TO ENSURE SAFE
15 AND HEALTHY LIVING CONDITIONS FOR THE YOUTH IN OUR CARE, THE
16 BOARD REALLY SHOULD HEAR A UPDATE ON THE PROBATION
17 DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES. WITH THAT, I'D
18 LIKE TO READ IN THE MOTION THAT PLACES A BRIEFING ON THE
19 BOARD'S FEBRUARY 15TH MEETING AGENDA. I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT
20 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INSTRUCT THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER,
21 OR HIS DESIGNEE, AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PROBATION
22 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
23 AT OUR NEXT MEETING, FEBRUARY 15TH, TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON
24 THE CONDITIONS AT L.A. COUNTY'S JUVENILE HALLS. NUMBER TWO, IT
25 INSTRUCTS THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER, IN CONSULTATION WITH

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1 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE P.O.C., TO REPORT BACK IN
2 WRITING IN 30 DAYS WITH A UPDATE ON EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THE
3 ISSUES IDENTIFIED IN THE P.O.C.'S ANNUAL FACILITY INSPECTION
4 FOR 2021, PERTAINING TO CONDITIONS IN JUVENILE HALLS. THIS
5 ITEM IS BEFORE US. AND SO, THERE'S NO VOTE NECESSARY? LET'S
6 SKIP DOWN. ALL RIGHT, ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS AROUND
7 THIS READ IN? IF THERE'S NO OBJECTIONS, THIS ITEM BE WILL
8 PLACED ON THE NEXT BOARD AGENDA. THANK YOU, COLLEAGUES. THE
9 SECOND READ IN MOTION IS DEALING WITH A BOMB THREAT AT ONE OF
10 OUR VERY OWN INSTITUTIONS. TODAY, I BRING FORWARD AN OFFER OF
11 TWO REWARDS IN TWO SEPARATE BOMB THREAT INCIDENTS TARGETING
12 CAMPUS COMMUNITY OF CHARLES R. DREW UNIVERSITY. THESE THREATS
13 ARE PART OF A DEEPLY DISTURBING NATIONAL TREND OF THREATS OF
14 VIOLENCE AGAINST HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES,
15 REFERRED TO AS H.B.C.U.S. IT HAS FORCED MEMBERS OF THESE
16 CAMPUS COMMUNITIES, STUDENTS, EDUCATORS, VISITORS, EMPLOYEES,
17 ALL INNOCENT PEOPLE, TO LIVE IN FEAR FOR THEIR SAFETY AT WORK
18 OR SCHOOL. I URGE ANYONE WITH INFORMATION ON THESE HORRIFIC
19 CRIMES TO COME FORWARD. AND WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO READ IN THE
20 FOLLOWING DIRECTIVE. I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF
21 SUPERVISORS ESTABLISH A REWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 IN
22 EXCHANGE FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE APPREHENSION AND/OR
23 CONVICTION OF THE PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HEINOUS BOMB
24 THREAT DIRECTED TOWARDS CHARLES R. DREW UNIVERSITY LOCATED ON
25 EAST 120TH STREET IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF WILLOWBROOK ON

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1 JANUARY 11TH, 2022. NUMBER TWO, ESTABLISH THE OFFER OF A
2 REWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 IN EXCHANGE FOR INFORMATION
3 LEADING TO THE APPREHENSION OR CONVICTION OF PERSONS
4 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HEINOUS BOMB THREAT DIRECTED TOWARD
5 CHARLES R. DREW UNIVERSITY, 1731 EAST 120TH STREET IN THE
6 UNINCORPORATED AREA OF WILLOWBROOK ON JANUARY 31ST, 2022 AT
7 APPROXIMATELY 11:45 P.M. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS
8 ABOUT THIS READ IN? SEEING NONE, I WILL MOVE AND ASK THAT IT
9 BE SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE
10 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 71A TO ESTABLISH A REWARD OFFERED IN
13 THE BOMB THREATS AT CHARLES DREW UNIVERSITY IS BEFORE YOU.
14 SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

23

24 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

25

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

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3 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

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10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES
11 5-0.

12

13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AT THIS TIME, COLLEAGUES, IT
14 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR ADJOURNMENTS IN MEMORY. WE WILL
15 BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN AND THE ORDER TODAY WILL BE
16 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS FOUR, FIVE, ONE. I HAVE NONE FOR
17 TODAY, AND WE WILL END WITH DISTRICT THREE. BEGINNING WITH
18 DISTRICT FOUR.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
21 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARIE KATNIC, LONGTIME RESIDENT
22 OF SAN PEDRO, WHO WAS 91 WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY. MARIE WAS A
23 MEMBER OF SAN PEDRO CANCER GUILD, TOBERMAN, LITTLE SISTERS OF
24 THE POOR, AND THE ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF SAN PEDRO. SHE WILL BE
25 REMEMBERED FOR SHOWERING THOSE AROUND HER WITH LOVE, FAITH,

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1 AND WISDOM. MARIE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER HUSBAND, ROY,
2 AND THREE SONS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER REMAINING THREE SONS,
3 13 GRANDCHILDREN, 24 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, AND FIVE GREAT GREAT
4 GRANDCHILDREN. MARIE WAS TERRY KATNIC'S STEPMOTHER, AND WE
5 HERE IN SAN PEDRO KNOW AND LOVE TERRY VERY MUCH. AND WE SEND
6 HIM OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
7 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MICHAEL WAINWRIGHT, WHO WAS
8 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF WATTS, AND I DIDN'T KNOW, SUPERVISOR
9 MITCHELL, IF YOU WANTED TO JOIN ME ON THIS. I KNEW MICHAEL FOR
10 ALL MY YEARS WHEN I SERVED -- WHEN I REPRESENTED WATTS, BOTH
11 IN THE CITY COUNCIL AND IN CONGRESS. HE WAS A LONGTIME
12 RESIDENT. HE WAS 73 WHEN HE PASSED AWAY. HE SERVED THE WATTS
13 COMMUNITY FOR MANY YEARS AND WAS THE FOUNDER OF THE
14 NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH ACHIEVERS JOBS PROGRAM. HE WAS TRULY
15 DEDICATED TO THE YOUTH AND WAS A MENTOR, A FRIEND. HE WAS A
16 CONFIDANT TO MANY. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS LEADERSHIP
17 AND COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE SUMMER JOBS FOR THE YOUTH IN THE
18 COMMUNITY. EVERY SINGLE YEAR, AND FOR -- A LOT OF PEOPLE, WE
19 ALL GREW UP TAKING SUMMER JOBS AS SORT OF A RIGHT OF PASSAGE,
20 LIKE THERE WAS ALWAYS SUMMER JOBS THAT WERE AVAILABLE. WELL,
21 THEY BECAME SCARCE ABOUT 20 YEARS AGO. AND IT BECAME A BIG
22 ISSUE FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, PARTICULARLY, TO TRY AND
23 GET MONEY AND DIFFERENT CORPORATIONS TO AGREE TO PROVIDING
24 OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUMMER JOBS THE MANY OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.
25 MICHAEL WAS RELENTLESS WHEN IT CAME TO SUMMER JOBS. HE WOULD

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1 FOLLOW ME TO MY CAR AFTER A MEETING AND JUST DEMAND ON WHERE I
2 WAS IN THE PROGRESS OF GETTING MORE SUMMER JOBS FOR THE YOUNG
3 PEOPLE IN WATTS. I WORKED WITH HIM WHEN I WAS ON THE CITY
4 COUNCIL, WHEN I WAS IN CONGRESS, BUT PARTICULARLY AS WE SERVED
5 TOGETHER WITH THE WATTS GANG TASKFORCE. HE WAS SUCH A -- HE
6 WAS ONE OF THE FOUNDING MEMBERS. HE WAS ALSO THE ONE THAT
7 WALKED UP TO ME ON A SATURDAY IN WATTS AFTER WE HAD HAD SEVEN
8 MURDERS IN WATTS ONE CHRISTMAS. AND THAT WAS THE CHRISTMAS
9 THAT PEOPLE WOULD COMMENT THAT MANY OF THE KIDS WERE NOT
10 COMING OUT OF THEIR HOUSE ON CHRISTMAS DAY TO PLAY WITH THEIR
11 NEW TOYS BECAUSE THE VIOLENCE HAD INCREASED SO MUCH. AND
12 MICHAEL FOLLOWED ME OUT TO MY CAR AGAIN AND SAID WHAT WAS I
13 DOING ABOUT IT. AND AT THAT POINT, I DIDN'T HAVE A GOOD
14 ANSWER. SO I SAID WELL, LET'S GATHER TOGETHER THE COMMUNITY.
15 LET'S GATHER TOGETHER THE FAITH- BASED COMMUNITY, THE SCHOOL-
16 BASED COMMUNITY, COMMUNITY MEMBERS, OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT
17 PARTNERS, AND LET'S PLEDGE TO MEET ONCE A WEEK IN MY WATTS
18 OFFICE. AND LET'S SEE WHAT WE CAN DO. THE WATTS GANG TASKFORCE
19 WAS FORMED. MICHAEL WAS ONE OF THE FOUNDING MEMBERS AND WAS
20 DILIGENT IN MAKING SURE THAT, EVEN WHEN THINGS GOT TENSE OR
21 WHEN THINGS -- WHEN PEOPLE WERE MISUNDERSTANDING EACH OTHER,
22 HE INSISTED THAT WE STAY IN THE ROOM TOGETHER AND SOLVE THE
23 PROBLEMS OF THAT GREAT COMMUNITY. SO HE WILL BE MISSED. HE
24 WON'T BE FORGOTTEN. HE LEAVES BEHIND MANY, MANY LOVED ONES AND

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1 FRIENDS, AND I CONSIDER MYSELF ONE OF THOSE. THANK YOU, MADAM
2 CHAIR.

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR ALLOWING
5 MANY TO JOIN YOU IN THAT. THANK YOU FOR THAT.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. I JUST HAVE A COUPLE OTHERS. I MOVE THAT
8 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ROGER
9 CLASS, WHO WAS 82 WHEN HE PASSED AWAY. HE WAS A RESIDENT OF
10 RANCHO PALOS VERDES. HE WAS THE OWNER OF CLASS TERMITE AND
11 PEST CONTROL. CLASS TERMITE PROUDLY SERVICED SOUTH BAY FOR
12 OVER 45 YEARS. ROGER LOVED SPORTS AND WAS A COACH FOR THE
13 PALOS VERDES PENINSULA GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE, BOGDANOVICH
14 RECREATION CENTER BASKETBALL LEAGUE, AND THE PALOS VERDES
15 BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION. ROGER ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE ANNUAL
16 NEW YEAR'S DAY CABRILLO BEACH POLAR BEAR PLUNGE, WHICH I HAVE
17 BEEN ALSO A TORTURED PART OF THAT EVENT FOR, AGAIN, OVER 20
18 YEARS. AND IT WAS SOMETHING THAT HE REALLY WAS PROUD OF AND
19 LOOKED FORWARD TO. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, LUANA,
20 DAUGHTER, KELLY, AND HIS BROTHER, KEN. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN
21 WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF TERRY ROGERS, WHO WAS
22 -- WHO PASSED AWAY THIS PAST MONDAY. HE -- TO SAY SHE WAS AN
23 ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE SIGNAL HILL COMMUNITY IS A
24 UNDERSTATEMENT. IN ADDITION TO SERVING AS SIGNAL HILL PARKS
25 AND RECREATION COMMISSIONER, TERRY ALSO VOLUNTEERED HER TIME

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1 ON SEVERAL OTHER BOARDS, INCLUDING THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE
2 FOUNDATION, THE SIGNAL HILL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, THE SIGNAL
3 HILL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WHERE SHE WAS PRESIDENT FROM 2010 TO
4 2015, THE SIGNAL HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY, AND FRIENDS OF THE
5 SIGNAL HILL LIBRARY. HER COMMUNITY SERVICE ALSO EXTENDED TO
6 THE SIGNAL HILL ROTARY, THE SALVATION ARMY, AND ROCK FOR VET'S
7 MUSIC IS THE REMEDY. THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL RELEASED A
8 STATEMENT ON TERRY'S PASSING AND CALLED HER A LONGTIME
9 CHAMPION OF THE CITY WHO GAVE SO MUCH OF HER TIME TO THE
10 COMMUNITY. SHE WILL BE DEARLY MISSED. A CANDLELIGHT VIGIL WILL
11 BE HELD FOR TERRY ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD, AT THE SIGNAL
12 HILL AMPHITHEATER. SHE WILL BE MISSED AND MADE SUCH A
13 DIFFERENCE WITH THE LIFE THAT SHE LIVED. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN
14 WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN TODAY IN THE MEMORY OF TOM REIS, SR.,
15 WHO WAS 83 WHEN HE PASSED AWAY. TOM JOINED THE AIR FORCE RIGHT
16 OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL, AND, AFTER COMPLETING HIS MILITARY
17 SERVICE, HE WORKED AS AN AERONAUTICAL ENGINEER FOR NORTHRUP
18 GRUMMAN. HE WAS A MAN OF DEEP FAITH, WHO VOLUNTEERED HIS TIME
19 HELPING SERVE THOSE IN NEED THROUGH THE CHRISTIAN SERVICE
20 PROGRAM AT SAINT MARGARET MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LOMITA. HE
21 IS SURVIVED BY HIS SONS, THOMAS, MICHAEL, PAUL, AND DOMINIC,
22 HIS DAUGHTER, SISTER BERNADETTE MARY, AND SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN.
23 AND I ALSO MOVE WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
24 ANTONIO RINGOR. TONY WAS A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO. HE
25 WAS 89 WHEN HE PASSED AWAY, ANOTHER BELOVED, BELOVED COMMUNITY

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1 LEADER. HE SERVED THE HARBOR AREA COMMUNITIES FOR DECADES,
2 VOLUNTEERING HIS TIME TO ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE SAN PEDRO
3 COMMUNITY GARDEN, THE L.A. MARITIME INSTITUTE, FRIENDS OF
4 BANNING'S LANDING, AND THE WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL. HE
5 WAS A LIFETIME MEMBER OF THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY OF THE LOS
6 ANGELES HARBOR AREA AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE SAN PEDRO AND
7 PENINSULA CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND THE ASSOCIATION OF FILIPINO
8 AMERICAN ARTS AND CULTURE. I WORKED CLOSELY WITH TONY, AGAIN,
9 FROM MY DAYS ON THE CITY COUNCIL, AND HIS WIFE, ANGELITA, FOR
10 SO, SO MANY YEARS. HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY OUR COMMUNITY.
11 HE ALSO, IN MY OPINION, WAS ONE OF MY DEAR FRIENDS AND LIVED
12 SUCH AN INCREDIBLE LIFE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, ANGELITA,
13 AND HIS SON, TONY JR. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, THOSE ARE MY
14 ADJOURNMENTS.

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16 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN. OUR ESTEEMED
17 CHAIR HAD TO LEAVE, AND SO I AM TAKING OVER JUST FOR THESE
18 LAST FEW MINUTES.

19
20 **SUP. HAHN:** IT IS NICE WE CAN SAY MADAM CHAIR NO MATTER WHICH
21 ONE OF US TAKES OVER.

22
23 **SUP. KUEHL:** I KNOW! IT IS ALWAYS MADAM CHAIR. SO MADAM
24 SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU ARE NEXT.

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
2 DO SO IN MEMORY OF MARIO ERNEST AQUILANI, A LONGTIME RESIDENT
3 OF NEWHALL, WHO PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 9TH, 2021 JUST FOUR
4 DAYS SHORT OF HIS 99TH BIRTHDAY. HE WAS BORN IN ABRUZZI, ITALY
5 IN 1922. HE EMIGRATED WITH HIS FAMILY AS A TODDLER TO
6 PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, WHERE HE GREW UP. HE ENLISTED IN
7 THE UNITED STATES ARMY AIR CORPS AT THE AGE OF 17 AND AT THE
8 START OF WORLD WAR II. HE SERVED AS AN AIR OPERATIONS
9 SPECIALIST. HE RECEIVED AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE IN NOVEMBER OF
10 1945. HE RETURNED TO PHILADELPHIA TO EARN HIS HIGH SCHOOL
11 DIPLOMA AND WORK IN HIS PARENT'S DELI GROCERY STORE. HE MOVED
12 TO NORTHRIDGE, CALIFORNIA AND WORKED IN THE MEAT DEPARTMENT IN
13 A LOCAL SUPERMARKET. WITH HIS THIRD WIFE, HE RELOCATED TO
14 NEWHALL, AND TOGETHER THEY ENJOYED THEIR LOVE OF MUSIC AND
15 DANCE AT THE SANTA CLARITA SENIOR CENTER. MARIO WAS SURVIVED
16 BY HIS WIFE, MERCEDES, HIS TWO DAUGHTERS, ALICIA AND LINDA,
17 AND HIS STEPSON, ERIC. ALSO I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
18 OF WARREN R. BROOKS, I.I.I., A LOCAL DENTIST AND THE HUSBAND
19 OF K.A.B.C. ANCHOR, JONVANA LARA, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY
20 AFTER A BATTLE WITH CANCER. RANDY, AS HE WAS AFFECTIONATELY
21 KNOWN, COMPLETED HIS UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AT U.S.C. AND THEN
22 RECEIVED HIS DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY FROM HOWARD UNIVERSITY.
23 HE COMPLETED A GENERAL PRACTICE IN ORAL SURGERY RESIDENCY
24 PROGRAM AT MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.-HARBOR HOSPITAL. RANDY WAS
25 AM ENGAGED AND SUPPORTIVE FATHER THAT DID EVERYTHING FROM

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1 COACHING SOCCER TO LEADING BOY SCOUT MEETINGS AND HELPING HIS
2 KIDS WITH THEIR SCHOOL PROJECTS. HE WAS A JOYOUS FIGURE AND A
3 STAPLE IN THE COMMUNITY, WHO WAS KNOWN FOR HIS HALLOWEEN
4 DECORATIONS AND HIS PASSION FOR THE L.A. LAKERS. RANDY IS
5 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, JOVANA, AND THEIR FOUR CHILDREN. ALSO
6 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARTINE COLETTE, WHO PASSED AWAY
7 ON JANUARY 23RD AT THE AGE OF 79, AFTER A BATTLE WITH LUNG
8 CANCER. BORN IN FRANCE, SHE WAS THE DAUGHTER OF A BELGIAN
9 DIPLOMAT AND LIVED MOST OF HER CHILDHOOD IN NAIROBI, KENYA.
10 SHE LATER WORKED IN TRAPPING CAMPS, WHERE LIONS AND OTHER
11 EXOTIC ANIMALS WERE TAKEN BEFORE BEING SHIPPED OFF TO ZOOS.
12 SHE SAID SHE WAS APPALLED AT THE CONDITIONS THE ANIMALS WERE
13 FORCED TO ENDURE. SHE MOVED TO LOS ANGELES TO PURSUE A CAREER
14 AS A HOLLYWOOD COSTUME DESIGNER, BUT HER PERSONAL INTEREST IN
15 ANIMALS FOLLOWED HER TO LOS ANGELES. MARTINE FIRST RESCUED A
16 MOUNTAIN LION CONFINED TO A SMALL CAGE AT AN ANIMAL SHOW AT
17 THE OLD PAN-PACIFIC AUDITORIUM IN LOS ANGELES. SOON, SHE HAD A
18 YARD FULL OF ANIMALS, SPURRING HER TO MOVE TO LITTLE TUJUNGA
19 CANYON ROAD, WHERE SHE OPENED THE WILDLIFE WAYSTATION IN 1976.
20 HER FIRST RESIDENTS WERE A YOUNG CHIMPANZEE, WHOSE PARENTS HAD
21 BEEN CONFINED TO A RESEARCH LAB, A LION, BORN AT THE
22 WAYSTATION AFTER THE RESCUE OF 27 LIONS AND TIGERS FROM A
23 COMPOUND IN IDAHO, WHERE THE ANIMALS LIVED IN MISERY, AND A
24 BABY CHIMP, WHO ROAMED FREELY IN HER HOUSE. UNDER HER VISION,
25 THE 160-ACRE SANCTUARY STOOD AS A MODEL FOR RESCUING EXOTIC

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1 ANIMALS ABANDONED BY IMPETUOUS OWNERS, TRAVELING ROADSIDE
2 ATTRACTIONS, AND RESEARCH LABS. WHILE SHE WAS ITS ONE WOMAN
3 TOUR DE FORCE, AND WE ALL KNOW THAT, AND I KNOW, SHEILA,
4 YOU'RE GOING TO SAY SOMETHING, LEADING RESCUE MISSIONS AND
5 CHARMING HOLLYWOOD CELEBRITIES INTO SUPPORTING HER CAUSE. SHE
6 BECAME A COMMANDING VOICE FOR MORE ROBUST LEGISLATION TO
7 REGULATE EXOTIC ANIMAL OWNERSHIP, PARTICULARLY THOSE INCLINED
8 TO BRING IN ANIMALS FROM THE WILD FOR THEIR PERSONAL
9 COLLECTIONS. THE SANCTUARY HAS BEEN CREDITED WITH SAVING MORE
10 THAN 70,000 ANIMALS. MARTINE WAS NAMED A DESIGNATED ANIMAL
11 EXPERT FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND WAS HONORED BY THE
12 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH OF WILDLIFE AND THE CALIFORNIA
13 STATE ASSEMBLY FOR HER YEARS OF SERVICE. WHEN HER FACILITY
14 CLOSED IN 2019, THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
15 STEPPED IN TO OVERSEE THE CARE AND RELOCATION OF MORE THAN 470
16 ANIMALS, INCLUDING LIONS, TIGERS, WOLVES, OWLS, ALLIGATORS,
17 AND THE CHIMPS. NOW ONLY TWO HYBRID WOLF-DOGS AND 16 CHIMPS
18 ARE WAITING FOR NEW HOMES AT THE SANCTUARY WITH THE SUPPORT OF
19 CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS AN
20 ENTHUSIASTIC EVANGELIST FOR WILD ANIMALS, WHO WAS STRONG-
21 WILLED AND SOMETIMES A BIT STUBBORN. SHE SAID HER LONE
22 INTEREST WAS IMPROVING LIVES OF ANIMALS. SHE PASSED AWAY
23 SURROUNDED BY FRIENDS. AND ONE OF HER FINAL REMARKS WAS,
24 "SOON, I WILL BE WALKING WITH THE TIGERS." SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
25 YOU WANTED TO SAY SOMETHING.

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2 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I THINK WE HAD A TUSSELE OVER,
3 NOW THAT WE'VE GOT SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT DISTRICTS, WHO'S
4 DISTRICT SHE LIVED IN. AND IT IS WORTH FIGHTING OVER BECAUSE
5 WHAT AN EXTRAORDINARY WOMAN. YOU REALLY NAILED IT, KATHRYN,
6 BECAUSE SHE WAS ONE OF A KIND. AND THERE ARE VERY FEW PEOPLE,
7 YOU KNOW, IT IS KIND OF EASY TO SAY I AM TAKING CARE OF STRAY
8 CATS AND I'M TAKING CARE OF STRAY DOGS, AND THERE'S A LOT OF
9 GREAT WORK BEING DONE. BUT A LOT OF PEOPLE DIDN'T REALLY
10 UNDERSTAND HOW IT WAS THAT SHE WAS SO DEVOTED TO THESE
11 ANIMALS. AND YET, WHEN SHE WOULD EXPLAIN HOW THEY WOULD BE
12 MISTREATED, TREATED AS THOUGH THEY WERE SOME KIND OF A FANCY
13 CIRCUS SHOW OR WHATEVER, IT WAS VERY COMPELLING. SHE REALLY,
14 REALLY DID SUCH AMAZING WORK WITH THEM. AND IT IS GOING TO BE
15 VERY HARD TO FILL ALL THE JOBS REALLY THAT SHE UNDERTOOK. SO
16 BLESS HER HEART AND BLESS HER MEMORY.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER:** YES, THANK YOU, WELL SAID. AND LAST BUT NOT
19 LEAST, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY
20 OF DOROTHY MARIE HALL, WHO PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 27TH AT THE
21 AGE OF 96. DOROTHY WAS A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF MONROVIA AND THE
22 MOTHER OF MONROVIA ARCADIA DUARTE TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT,
23 DAVID HALL. SHE WAS BORN ON FEBRUARY 19TH, 1925 IN HINDS
24 COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI. SHE WAS THE SECOND OLDEST OF FIVE
25 CHILDREN. SHE WAS AN EXCELLENT STUDENT, WHO PROGRESSED THROUGH

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1 SCHOOL QUICKLY. BY THE AGE OF 16, SHE WAS ATTENDING JACKSON
2 STATE UNIVERSITY. IT WAS AT JACKSON STATE WHERE SHE MET THE
3 ONE COLLEGE STUDENT WHO WOULD BECOME THE LOVE OF HER LIFE.
4 DOROTHY AND AMBROSE MILTON HALL WERE MARRIED ON MAY 29TH, 1943
5 AND HAD SIX CHILDREN. IN JUNE OF 1949, THE FAMILY MOVED TO
6 MONROVIA. OVER THE NEXT THREE DECADES, DOROTHY AND REVEREND
7 HALL WOULD IMMERSE THEMSELVES IN THE FIGHT FOR CIVIL RIGHTS,
8 VOTER'S RIGHTS, AND THE END OF RACIAL INEQUITIES THAT PLAGUED
9 THEIR COMMUNITY. SHE WORKED SIDE BY SIDE WITH HER HUSBAND AS
10 HE TOOK ON THE ROLE OF PRESIDENT OF THE MONROVIA DUARTE
11 CHAPTER OF THE N.A.A.C.P. DOROTHY EMBRACED AND SPEARHEADED
12 MANY ROLES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AND EVEN ORGANIZED VOTING
13 BOOTH LOCATIONS AT HER OWN HOME AND WITHIN THE HOMES OF OTHER
14 COMMUNITY LEADERS DURING THE '60S TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERY
15 RESIDENT HAD VOTING ACCESS. BECAUSE OF HER ACTIVISM, SHE
16 DIDN'T THINK TWICE BEFORE ACCEPTING EMPLOYMENT WITHIN THE
17 MONROVIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A TITLE FOUR PROGRAM
18 LIAISON. IN THE 1970S -- THE TITLE FOUR PROGRAM IN THE 1970S.
19 THE TITLE FOUR PROGRAM WAS DEVELOPED AS A CONDUIT TO HELP MEND
20 RACIAL ISSUES WITHIN THE CITY AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES.
21 IT WASN'T UNTIL THE REVEREND'S DEATH IN JANUARY OF 1986 THAT
22 DOROTHY DECIDED TO RETIRE FROM THE COMMUNITY ACTIVISM, BUT IT
23 WASN'T UNUSUAL FOR HER TO FIND A FRONT SEAT AT A SCHOOL BOARD
24 MEETING OR OTHER COMMUNITY ACTION EVENT, WHERE SHE WOULD VOICE
25 HER THOUGHTS AND HER OPINIONS WELL INTO HER 90S. SHE ENJOYED

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1 SPENDING TIME WITH HER FAMILY. SHE ESPECIALLY LOVED VISITS
2 FROM HER GRANDCHILDREN, AND WHENEVER POSSIBLE, SHE WOULD BE
3 RIGHT IN THE MIX OF ANY GRADUATION CEREMONY, BIRTHDAY
4 CELEBRATION, WEDDING, OR OTHER MILESTONE BEING CELEBRATED BY
5 HER LOVED ONES. DOROTHY FOUND GREAT JOY IN PARTICIPATING IN
6 THE CHURCH UNTIL HER DEATH -- I'M SORRY, UNTIL HER HEALTH
7 PREVENTED HER FROM ATTENDING IN PERSON. SHE SPENT HER LAST FEW
8 YEARS WORSHIPING AT THE ALL NATIONS SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
9 CHURCH IN MONROVIA. DOROTHY IS SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, DAVID
10 HALL, LINDA SMITH, ADRIANNE MARIE HALL, SISTER, PEARL WHITE,
11 18 GRANDCHILDREN, 38 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, AND 15 GREAT GREAT
12 GRANDCHILDREN, AND A HOST OF BELOVED NIECES, NEPHEWS, COUSINS,
13 AND FRIENDS. SHE WILL BE DEARLY MISSED. THANK YOU, MADAM
14 CHAIR.

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16 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, NEXT IS SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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18 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
19 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CONGRESSMAN ESTEBAN E.
20 TORRES. HE WAS BORN IN MIAMI, ARIZONA AND EVENTUALLY MOVED
21 WITH HIS FAMILY TO EAST LOS ANGELES, WHERE HE ATTENDED LOCAL
22 SCHOOLS, PROUDLY GRADUATING FROM GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL IN 1949.
23 FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL, HE ENLISTED IN THE U.S. ARMY DURING THE
24 KOREAN WAR AND WAS HONORABLY DISCHARGED WITH THE RANK OF
25 SERGEANT FIRST CLASS. IN THE LATE 1950S, HE BEGAN WORKING AS

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1 AN ASSEMBLY LINE WORKER AT THE CHRYSLER PLANT IN MAYWOOD,
2 CALIFORNIA AND BECAME AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE UNITED AUTO
3 WORKERS, U.A.W., UNION. AND IN 1958, HE WAS ELECTED AS CHIEF
4 STEWARD OF U.A.W. LOCAL 230. HE THEN ROSE THROUGH THE RANKS OF
5 U.A.W., SERVING AS AN ORGANIZER FOR THE WESTERN REGION OF THE
6 UNITED STATES, AS THEN AS U.A.W. INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE
7 IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND FROM 1964 TO 1968, HE WAS U.A.W.'S
8 INTER-AMERICAN BUREAU FOR CARIBBEAN AND LATIN AMERICAN
9 AFFAIRS. AND THEN IN 1977, PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER APPOINTED
10 TORRES AS THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS
11 EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION, KNOWN AS
12 U.N.E.S.C.O., IN PARIS. AND FROM 1979 UNTIL 1981, TORRES
13 SERVED AS WHITE HOUSE SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR HISPANIC AFFAIRS
14 UNDER PRESIDENT CARTER, AND, AT THE SAME TIME THAT I WAS
15 INTERNING WITH HIM IN HIS OFFICE, I SERVED AS EDITOR IN CHIEF
16 OF THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE FOR HISPANIC AFFAIRS AND LATER AS A
17 FULL TIME STAFF ASSISTANT. HE HAS ENDORSED AND SUPPORTED ME IN
18 EVERY SINGLE RACE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE DATING BACK TO 1984, FROM
19 MY FIRST CAMPAIGN AT RIO HONDO COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO
20 THE STATE ASSEMBLY TO THE STATE SENATE AND CONGRESS. AND I
21 KNOW HE WAS VERY PROUD WHEN I WAS APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT
22 BARACK OBAMA AS THE LABOR SECRETARY. SOMETHING HE OFTEN SOUGHT
23 FOR HIMSELF. I, OF COURSE, WOULD HAVE THE HONOR OF
24 REPRESENTING MANY OF THE SAME COMMUNITIES THAT HE REPRESENTED.
25 HE WAS KNOWN AS A FIERCE ADVOCATE FOR WORKING CLASS FAMILIES

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1 AND VETERANS. AMONGST HIS PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENTS WAS BEING
2 ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF LA PLAZA DE CULTURA Y ARTES, A WORLD-
3 RENOWNED MUSEUM HONORING THE PAST, INSPIRING THE FUTURE, AND
4 RECOGNIZING THE CULTURAL INFLUENCE OF MEXICANS, MEXICAN
5 AMERICANS, AND ALL LATINOS IN GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY. HE
6 ALSO WAS AN ACCOMPLISHED ARTIST. HIS ART WAS FEATURED IN THE
7 WASHINGTONIAN MAGAZINE, AT NUMEROUS GALLERIES THROUGHOUT LOS
8 ANGELES, AND ADMIRER BY HIS COLLEAGUES IN CONGRESS, FRIENDS,
9 AND FAMILY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS LOVELY WIFE, ARCY, AND THEIR
10 FIVE CHILDREN, 12 GRANDCHILDREN, AND SEVEN GREAT
11 GRANDCHILDREN. MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN YOU ON THAT
14 ONE FOR ESTEBAN.

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16 **SUP. KUEHL:** ME TOO. I THINK HE HAD A VERY DISTINGUISHED
17 CAREER. SUPERVISOR BARGER, DO YOU THINK, WOULD IT BE ALL
18 RIGHT IF IT WAS OF US, THE FOUR OF US? OKAY.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** YES, PLEASE.

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. YES, THANK YOU. AND LASTLY, MADAM
23 CHAIR, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
24 OF CONSUELO HERMOSILLO. SHE WAS ONE OF THE ORIGINAL
25 PLAINTIFFS IN THE MADRIGAL V. QUILLIAN LAWSUIT, WHICH

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1 ATTEMPTED TO GARNER JUSTICE FOR THE WOMEN WHO WERE COERCED AND
2 FORCED INTO STERILIZATION AT THE L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER
3 BETWEEN 1968 AND 1974. THE WOMEN'S CASES WERE VERY SIMILAR.
4 EACH HAD AN EMERGENCY CESAREAN SECTION, AND EACH SAID SHE WAS
5 EITHER UNAWARE THAT SHE SIGNED FOR A TUBAL LIGATION OR WAS
6 TOLD BY MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL STAFF THAT NOT SIGNING ONE COULD
7 MEAN DEATH OF HER OR HER UNBORN CHILD. THE TREMENDOUS PHYSICAL
8 AND EMOTIONAL HARM TO CONSUELO AND OTHER WOMEN AND THEIR
9 FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITIES WILL NEVER FADE. WHILE NO AMOUNT
10 OF MONEY WILL EVER FULLY BE ENOUGH TO ACCOUNT FOR THE TERRIBLE
11 EXPERIENCES THESE WOMEN ENDURED, I AUTHORED A MOTION LAST YEAR
12 URGING STATE LEADERS TO PROVIDE REPARATIONS TO SURVIVORS
13 HELPING TO EASE FINANCIAL BURDENS THAT THEY MAY BE
14 EXPERIENCING. A CIVIC ARTWORK NOW STANDS AT L.A.C.+U.S.C.
15 CAMPUS THAT WILL REMIND CURRENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS OF THE
16 PAST INJUSTICE THAT WILL BE UNVEILED THIS YEAR. TODAY, WE WILL
17 REMEMBER AND HONOR THE LIFE OF CONSUELO AND THE MANY OTHER
18 WOMEN AFFECTED BY THIS TRAGEDY. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. THANK
19 YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THAT CONCLUDES MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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21 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I AM SORRY? I THOUGHT
22 I HEARD SOMEBODY TALK. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I THINK HOLLY SAID
23 SHE DIDN'T HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS. SO I WILL JUST MOVE TO THE
24 THIRD DISTRICT. AND I HAVE THREE. I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
25 TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RICHARD CLOSE, A LAWYER AND SAN

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1 FERNANDO VALLEY COMMUNITY LEADER, WHO DIED ON JANUARY 24TH.
2 AFTER GRADUATING FROM WHARTON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AT THE
3 UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA AND BOSTON UNIVERSITY'S SCHOOL OF
4 LAW, HE MOVED TO L.A. TO PRACTICE LAW. HIS PRACTICE FOCUSED ON
5 ALL ASPECTS OF LAND USE ENTITLEMENT, ADMINISTRATIVE AND
6 REGULATORY LAW, PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCING,
7 MANUFACTURED HOUSING COMMUNITIES, AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
8 AND ADVOCACY. HE WAS A LEADER IN THE LEGAL, POLITICAL, AND
9 BUSINESS COMMUNITIES, RECOGNIZED IN EACH OF THOSE AREAS FOR
10 CREATING OPPORTUNITIES AND EXERCISING ASTUTE JUDGMENT AS WELL
11 AS HIS SHREWD NEGOTIATING SKILLS. HIS UNIQUE MULTIFACETED
12 CAREER ENVELOPED HIS INSIGHT FOR THE BENEFITS OF HIS CLIENTS.
13 OUTSIDE OF HIS LEGAL CAREER, HE WAS AN INFLUENTIAL COMMUNITY
14 LEADER IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. HE JOINED THE SHERMAN OAKS
15 HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION IN THE 1970S AND BEGAN WORKING CLOSELY
16 TO PASS PROP 13. NEEDLESS TO SAY, WE DID NOT AGREE, AT THE
17 TIME, BUT THAT BALLOT INITIATIVE THAT LIMITED PROPERTY TAX
18 INCREASES GOT ITS START IN THE VALLEY AFTER HOWARD JARVIS, THE
19 INITIATIVE'S CHIEF SPONSOR, ATTENDED A SHERMAN OAKS
20 HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION MEETING IN 1977. RICHARD BECAME
21 PRESIDENT OF THE SHERMAN OAKS HOMEOWNERS, WHERE HE HELD THE
22 POSITION FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS. UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP, IT
23 BECAME ONE OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL HOMEOWNER GROUPS IN LOS
24 ANGELES, PUSHING ANTI-TAX AND ANTI-DENSITY INITIATIVES THAT
25 HELPED RETAIN THE SUBURBAN CHARACTER OF THE VALLEY'S

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1 NEIGHBORHOODS. HE ALSO SUPPORTED PROPOSITION U., A BALLOT
2 MEASURE PASSED IN 1986 THAT SLOWED DEVELOPMENT AND TARGETED
3 COMMERCIAL BOULEVARDS IN THE SOUTH SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND THE
4 WEST SIDE. NOBODY COULD QUESTION HIS LOVE FOR HIS COMMUNITY
5 AND THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, AND THAT ALLOWED HIM TO BECOME
6 INSTRUMENTAL IN ADVANCING INTERESTS OF THE VALLEY IN EFFORTS
7 TO ATTAIN MORE GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES FROM THE CITY OF L.A. HE
8 HELPED TURN THE SHERMAN OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP INTO A
9 NECESSARY STOP FOR POLITICIANS AND CANDIDATES. AT THE FORUMS,
10 POLITICIAN WERE QUIZZED BY MEMBERS ON EVERYTHING FROM POTHOLES
11 TO PENSION REFORM. A FREE DINNER, PERHAPS, SPAGHETTI, ALSO
12 CAME WITH THE QUESTIONS. RICHARD WILL BE REMEMBERED BY A WHOLE
13 PANOPLY OF L.A. POLITICIANS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE POLITICAL
14 PARTY AISLE AS A LEADER WHO HELPED THEM UNDERSTAND THAT THE
15 SAN FERNANDO VALLEY FELT MARGINALIZED AND LEFT OUT OF A LOT OF
16 POLITICAL DECISIONS. TALL AND UNASSUMING, HE WAS UNAFRAID TO
17 SPEAK CANDIDLY ABOUT AN L.A. POLITICIAN'S SHORTCOMINGS, EITHER
18 TO A NEWSPAPER REPORTER OR IN THE SHERMAN OAKS HOMEOWNER
19 ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE JEWISH
20 JOURNAL, HE SAID POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION IS NOT IMPORTANT
21 TO ME. IT IS ISSUES THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO ME. AND I HAVE NEVER
22 BEEN INVOLVED WITH POLITICAL PARTIES. I HAD THE BENEFIT OF
23 SERVING WITH HIM OFF AND ON AT L.A.F.C.O. I THINK OTHERS DID
24 AS WELL BECAUSE WE HAVE SORT OF TAKEN TURNS ON L.A.F.C.O. AND

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1 HE WAS DEFINITELY A FORCE AND A GENTLEMAN. HE IS SURVIVED BY
2 HIS WIFE, SALLY, AND THEIR TWO CHILDREN, MATTHEW AND ABBY.

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4 **SUP. BARGER:** CAN I BE ON THAT? WOULD THAT BE OKAY?

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6 **SUP. SOLIS:** CAN WE JOIN YOU, SHEILA.

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8 **SUP. KUEHL:** ABSOLUTELY, EVERYBODY WANT TO JOIN IN?

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10 **SUP. HAHN:** YES, I SERVED WITH HIM ON L.A.F.C.O. WE WERE ON
11 DIFFERENT SIDES ON THE SECESSION ISSUE, BUT I DID SERVE WITH
12 HIM FOR SEVERAL YEARS ON L.A.F.C.O. SO ABSOLUTELY, I'D LIKE TO
13 JOIN YOU.

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15 **SUP. KUEHL:** ALL RIGHT, I'LL JUST MAKE IT ALL FOUR OF US.
16 HILDA?

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18 **SUP. SOLIS:** NO, NO, I JUST THOUGHT HE WAS A GENTLEMAN AND
19 ALWAYS VERY KIND TO EVERYONE AND RESPECTFUL. AND THAT'S
20 SOMETHING THAT STANDS OUT THESE DAYS. SO YES, THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL:**, YEAH, HE WAS A FINE MAN, REALLY. ALL RIGHT, THEN
23 ALL OF US WILL JOIN IN ADJOURNING FOR RICHARD CLOSE. AND I
24 ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
25 ROSALYN BLOCK, WHO DIED ON FEBRUARY 3RD. SHE WAS BORN TO

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1 RUSSIAN IMMIGRANTS IN BOSTON, STARTED QUITE AN INTERESTING
2 LIFE AT AN EARLY AGE. AT THE AGE OF 15, SHE BECAME THE
3 YOUNGEST STUDENT EVER ADMITTED TO BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY. SHE
4 WENT ON TO FINISH HER B.A. AND HER M.S.W. AT BERKELEY AND THEN
5 RECEIVED HER DOCTORATE IN SOCIAL WORK AT S.C. IN 1974. SHE HAD
6 A RICH AND PRODUCTIVE CAREER IN SOCIAL WORK AND MENTAL HEALTH,
7 OFTEN SOUGHT AFTER AS A SKILLED PSYCHOTHERAPIST, CONSULTANT,
8 PROFESSOR, WRITER, AND SPEAKER. A LEADER IN HER FIELD, SHE
9 BROKE THE GLASS CEILING IN 1975 BY BECOMING THE FIRST FEMALE
10 DIRECTOR OF JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES IN LOS ANGELES. SHE TAUGHT
11 AT THE U.C.L.A. SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WELFARE, THE U.S.C. SCHOOL OF
12 SOCIAL WORK, HEBREW UNION COLLEGE, THE WRIGHT INSTITUTE, THE
13 L.A. INSTITUTE, AND SOCIETY FOR PSYCHOANALYTIC STUDIES, AND
14 THE CALIFORNIA GRADUATE INSTITUTE, WHERE SHE WAS VOTED TEACHER
15 OF THE YEAR IN 1995. SHE WAS A PIONEERING TEACHER AND
16 RESEARCHER ON THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON A PERSON'S AND A
17 SOCIETY'S MENTAL HEALTH. AND SHE PRESENTED HER WORK IN THIS
18 AREA AT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES. AS A HIGHLY
19 REGARDED PSYCHOTHERAPIST, SHE CONTINUED TO PRACTICE AND HELP
20 FAMILIES AND COUPLES AND INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS ALL THE WAY
21 THROUGH TO LAST YEAR. SHE PUBLISHED MANY PAPERS IN
22 PROFESSIONAL JOURNALS AND EDITED VOLUMES OF SCHOLARLY WORK,
23 BEST KNOWN FOR THE BOOK SHE CO-WROTE WITH HER HUSBAND, WHO WAS
24 A HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR, CALLED "UNFREE ASSOCIATIONS: A
25 PSYCHOANALYST RECOLLECTS THE HOLOCAUST." THROUGHOUT HER LONG

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1 AND DYNAMIC CAREER, SHE CONTINUED TO ADVOCATE FOR STRONG
2 SOCIAL AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. SHE CONSULTED
3 PROFESSIONALLY AT MANY AGENCIES, INCLUDING THE V.A.'S
4 PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL BRENTWOOD, JEWISH FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S
5 SERVICES, ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY IN CAMARILLO, AND AIRPORT
6 MARINA COUNSELING SERVICE IN L.A. SHE ALSO REPRESENTED THE
7 ACADEMY FOR JEWISH RELIGION AND INTERVIEWED PROSPECTIVE
8 STUDENTS LOOKING TO BECOME RABBINICAL CANDIDATES AND CANTORS.
9 SHE WAS ACTIVE ON SEVERAL BOARDS, MOST RECENTLY THE ADVISORY
10 COMMITTEE OF THE U.C.L.A. DIVISION OF INTERNAL GERIATRIC
11 MEDICINE. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, JOHN. AND FINALLY,
12 COLLEAGUES, I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
13 MEMORY OF SIGMUND BURKE, WHO DIED ON FEBRUARY 2ND. HE WAS A
14 PROUD HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR, AN ACCOMPLISHED STRUCTURAL ENGINEER,
15 A SELF-TAUGHT VIOLINIST, AND A DEEP LOVER OF HISTORY AND
16 CURRENT EVENTS, AN INTELLIGENT AND ARTICULATE MAN, WHO HAD
17 QUITE A GIFT FOR STORYTELLING AND FOR TEACHING. HE IS MARRIED
18 TO HIS WIFE, EDITH, FOR 47 YEARS. THEY WERE BOTH HOLOCAUST
19 SURVIVORS FROM HUNGARY, WHO MET IN SWEDEN POST-WAR, MADE A
20 RICH LIFE FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES, DESPITE ALL THE
21 HORRORS THEY HAD EXPERIENCED. HE'LL BE REMEMBERED AS A CARING
22 FATHER AND GRANDFATHER, WHO MODELED A LIFE OF DECENCY,
23 HONESTY, AND DILIGENCE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS THREE CHILDREN,
24 BOB, DAVID, AND ROBIN. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS. COLLEAGUES,
25 WE WILL TAKE ALL OF THE MOTIONS FOR ADJOURNMENT AS SECONDED

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1 AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. THAT WILL BE THE ACTION. AND I
2 BELIEVE THAT BRINGS OUR BUSINESS TODAY TO A CLOSE. WE HAVE NO
3 CLOSED SESSION. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THIS BOARD WILL BE
4 THE NEXT TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH.

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6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** FEBRUARY 15TH.

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8 **SUP. KUEHL:** SORRY. SEE, I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING WRITTEN DOWN
9 BECAUSE I DIDN'T KNOW I WAS CHAIRING. FEBRUARY 15TH AT 9:30.
10 THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH. THANKS TO ALL OF OUR STAFF. AND WE
11 WILL SEE YOU NEXT TUESDAY. WE ARE ADJOURNED.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** FELIZ CUMPLEANOS.

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15 **SUP. BARGER:** ENJOY THE WHOLE WEEK, THOUGH. MILK IT ALL WEEK.

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17 **SUP. KUEHL:** HEY, IT'S SHEILA-MAS. ABSOLUTELY. SHEILA-MAS.
18 EVERYBODY CAN CELEBRATE.

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS:** FELIZ CUMPLEANOS.

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22 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. TAKE GOOD CARE.

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SUPERVISOR.

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU ALL.

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3 **SUP. HAHN:** BYE.

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5 **SUP. KUEHL:** BYE BYE.