



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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1 **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON**
2 **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022, ON PAGE 278]**

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5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WELCOME TO THE
6 REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS, WHICH IS BEING HELD REMOTELY, AND TODAY IS
8 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH. HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY, A DAY LATE.
9 PLEASE NOTE THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN WILL BE JOINING US A LITTLE
10 LATER IN THE MEETING. LET'S GO AHEAD AND TAKE ROLL TO CONFIRM
11 ATTENDANCE. EVERYBODY UNMUTE YOUR MIC AND GET READY.

12 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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14 **SUP. SOLIS:** HERE.

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

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18 **SUP. KUEHL:** HERE.

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

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22 **SUP. BARGER:** HERE.

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24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** FESIA DAVENPORT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE
25 OFFICER?

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

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

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6 **RODRIGO CASTRO-SILVA:** I AM HERE.

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

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

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13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** GREAT. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE.

14 SUPERVISOR BARGER, WOULD YOU DO US THE HONOR BY LEADING US IN
15 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE?

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

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23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AND THANK YOU. AS INDICATED ON THE
24 POSTED AGENDA, WE WILL BE TAKING TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENTS
25 SEPARATELY, FOR REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS AND FOR THE PUBLIC

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1 HEARING ITEM, DURING TODAY'S MEETING. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF
2 THE BOARD RECEIVED OVER 900 WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR
3 TODAY'S MEETING, AND AS THOSE WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED,
4 ALL OF THEM WERE ALL AVAILABLE TO THE SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR
5 CONSIDERATION, CONSISTENT WITH THE BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS. WE
6 WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS THROUGHOUT
7 THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD.
8 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA?

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10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
11 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE TWO, SET MATTERS
12 ONE AND TWO. SET MATTER ONE IS A REPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
13 OFFICER AND APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT HEADS AS NECESSARY, ON THE
14 STATUS OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING, AND CONSIDERATIONS
15 OF NECESSARY ACTION. SET MATTER TWO IS A DISCUSSION AND
16 CONSIDERATION OF NECESSARY ACTIONS ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER
17 RELATED TO C.O.V.I.D.-19, AND STATUS OF THE C.O.V.I.D.-19
18 VACCINE. THESE ITEMS WILL BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION. PUBLIC
19 HEARING ITEM 3 WILL BE ALSO HELD FOR A HEARING. ON PAGE FOUR,
20 CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 4 THROUGH 26. ON
21 ITEM FOUR, THIS INCLUDES AN ADDITION, AS INDICATED ON THE
22 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 6, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT
23 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 7, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS
24 ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON
25 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 8, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS

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1 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 13, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL
2 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 14, THIS INCLUDES A
3 REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 17,
4 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM
5 21, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO
6 WEEKS, TO MARCH 1ST, 2022. ON ITEM 22, SUPERVISOR KUEHL
7 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS, TO MARCH 1ST,
8 2022, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 25,
9 SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, THIS
10 INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
11 ON PAGE 26, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 27 THROUGH 43. ON
12 ITEM 34, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.
13 ON ITEM 36, THE INSPECTOR GENERAL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
14 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS, TO MARCH 1ST, 2022, AS INDICATED ON THE
15 POSTED AGENDA. ON PAGE 36, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS
16 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS
17 IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
18 AGENDA. ON ITEM 41-A, SUPERVISORS BARGER AND KUEHL WOULD LIKE
19 TO REVISE THEIR MOTION BY REMOVING DIRECTIVE NUMBER FIVE. ON
20 ITEM 41-F, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.
21 THE REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES, THROUGH 41-F, ARE BEFORE YOU.

22
23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, EXECUTIVE OFFICER.
24 WILL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
25 SOLIS TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS, AND SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 37, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION.
3 NOTICE OF CLOSED SESSION CS-1 IS AN ADDITION, AS INDICATED ON
4 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE
5 AGENDA, MADAM CHAIR.

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7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WE WILL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ALL
8 AGENDA ITEMS, EXCLUDING PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NO. 3. EXECUTIVE
9 OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO
10 PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA, AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO
11 THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE
12 BOARD. AGAIN, WE'RE GOING TO TAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ALL
13 AGENDA ITEMS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NO. 3.

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15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE
16 PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT SHOULD CALL (877) 226-
17 8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 133-6503. TO REPEAT:
18 PLEASE CALL (877) 226-8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER
19 133-6503. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN
20 TO THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL (877) 873-8017 AND
21 FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING IN,
22 WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND
23 WHICH AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. WE WILL ALLOCATE 90
24 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL THE REGULAR ITEMS, EXCLUDING
25 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. YOU WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK ON ONE

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

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

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

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4 **SPEAKER:** [REMINDER GIVEN IN SPANISH].

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

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

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14 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, I'M ROY HUMPHREYS, AND I'M SPEAKING ON 6, 9,
15 AND GENERAL COMMENT; 6 AND 21, GENERAL COMMENT. ON ITEM NO. 6,
16 IN CONTINUED ABSURDITY, YOU STATE "SYSTEMIC RACISM," AN
17 EXACERBATION OF THE WAR ON DRUGS, SOCIAL EQUITY PROGRAMS"--
18 ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF PROFFERING PATHETIC, POMPOUS PANDERING AND
19 TALKING DOWN. AND YOU CONTINUE TO THROW IN THE RACE CARD. IT'S
20 TIME TO GET OFF OF THAT, FOLKS. IT IS WHAT IT IS, AND PEOPLE
21 LIVE WHERE THEY LIVE, AND JUST MOVE ON WITH THAT. BUT THAT'S
22 PART OF YOUR PLOY. YOU CONTINUE TO TALK DOWN TO THE PEOPLE, SO
23 YOU GET WHAT YOU GET. ON ITEM 21, CLIMATE RESILIENCE: ANOTHER
24 EXERCISE IN ABSURDITY. THE LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES AND
25 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. AGAIN, FOLKS, LET'S JUST GET OFF OF THAT

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1 AND MOVE ON. PEOPLE LIVE WHERE THEY ARE, AND THEY ARE WHO THEY
2 ARE, AND JUST MOVE ON. AND YOU KNOW SOMETHING? THE CLIMATE,
3 THE SUN, AND SO FORTH, THEY DON'T CARE WHO LIVES THERE. THEY
4 ARE AWARE. AND THAT HISPANIC "X," THAT IS INSULTING TO ANYONE-
5 - OR LATINX. THAT IS INSULTING TO ANY LATINO, LATINA, AND IT
6 IS AN EXERCISE IN ABSURDITY. AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
7 THERE, WE HAVE ROWLAND HEIGHTS. LET'S THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN
8 FOR FAILING TO HAVE REPRESENTATIVES ON THE BOARD AND THE
9 FULLERTON A.C.E. PROJECT, AND PULLING THE FUNDING ON THE
10 WIDENING OF FULLERTON WAS ESSENTIAL TO COMPLETING THAT
11 COMPLEX. AND AS WAS DISCUSSED IN DEPTH IN THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS
12 COMMUNITY MEETING LAST NIGHT, FAILING TO ESTABLISH TRANSIENT
13 CAMPSITES, THE CONTINUED GHETTOFICATION OF OUR COMMERCIAL
14 PROPERTIES, AND FAILING TO, BY THE ENTIRE BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS, TO-- FAILING TO FUND THE HOMELESS TRANSIENT
16 INTERVENTION SOURCES TO EFFECTIVELY INTERVENE WITH-- HAVE--
17 WHICH HAS EXISTED FOR OVER TEN YEARS. AND YOU FAILED, AND THEY
18 STILL SAY, "WELL, WE CAN'T DO OUR JOB BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE
19 THE FUNDS. WE DON'T HAVE THE RESOURCES." SHAME ON YOU. YOU
20 SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELVES. THIS IS DISGUSTING. AND,
21 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THE ON-DEMAND VIDEO LINKS FOR THE C.S.D.
22 MEETINGS, AS PART OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING SITUATION, WHICH
23 COMES TO THE POINT OF TRANSPARENCY AND INCLUSIVENESS, AND THAT
24 WORD THAT YOU CONTINUE TO REPEAT IN SO MANY OF YOUR ITEMS:
25 EQUITY. START TREATING THE PEOPLE WITH DIGNITY, AND THE EQUITY

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1 THAT YOU SO PROFOUNDLY STATE IN SO MANY OF THESE ITEMS TODAY.

2 THANK YOU.

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

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7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS TAMAR ESTRAJAN. PLEASE
8 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING, AND WHETHER
9 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** YES. HI. I WILL SPEAK ON ITEM 7, IN SUPPORT OF
12 SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION. CURRENTLY, I AM AN AMBASSADOR FOR
13 ALMA FAMILY SERVICES. OVER THE LAST YEARS, WE HAVE WORKED TO
14 EDUCATE OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS ON C.O.V.I.D. SAFETY PROTOCOLS,
15 THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING VACCINATED, ASSISTED WITH C.O.V.I.D.
16 TESTING, AND HELPED PROVIDE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES FOR
17 SERVICES, LIKE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS, P.P.E., AND MUCH MORE. AS
18 A COMMUNITY SERVICE AMBASSADOR, [INAUDIBLE], WHICH IS A HEALTH
19 PROGRAM FOR WOMEN. NOT ONLY DO WE PROVIDE THEM OUR SERVICES
20 FOR THE COMMUNITY; TODAY, WE ARE PROUD TO PROVIDE THE CHILDREN
21 WITH OUR RESOURCES. I ASK THAT YOU WILL PLEASE VOTE IN SUPPORT
22 FOR SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF
23 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS. THANK YOU.

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

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

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9 **JENNIFER GARCIA:** GOOD MORNING. I AM CALLING TODAY IN SUPPORT
10 OF ITEM SEVEN, GENERAL COMMENT. I WORK FOR ALMA FAMILY
11 SERVICES, AND I HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE OF SERVING AS A
12 COORDINATOR FOR OUR COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR NETWORK. WOMEN WITH
13 LIFE AND LIVED EXPERIENCE HAVE BEEN OUR FRONTLINE WORKERS
14 DURING THIS PANDEMIC, ENGAGING THE RESIDENTS OF OUR COMMUNITY.
15 IN FACT, NEARLY 28,000 RESIDENT CONTACTS HAVE BEEN MADE SO
16 FAR, TO PROMOTE C.O.V.I.D.-19 AWARENESS, EDUCATION, VACCINE,
17 AND TESTING EFFORTS. AN ADDITIONAL 5,000 CONTACTS HAVE BEEN
18 MADE THROUGH COMMUNITY EVENTS, LIKE COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIRS,
19 WARM MEAL DISTRIBUTIONS, AND HOLIDAY EVENTS. AND ALSO, OUR
20 COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS HAVE OUTREACH-ENGAGED OVER ANOTHER
21 20,000 PEOPLE, TO PROVIDE ACCESS AND ADVOCATE FOR THE SERVICES
22 THAT MAKE EMOTIONAL, PHYSICAL, AND SPIRITUAL WELLBEING FOR THE
23 PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR
24 SOLIS FOR THE MOTION TO SOLIDIFY AND EXPAND THE ROLE THAT

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1 PROMOTORAS AND COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS PLAY IN OUR COUNTY'S
2 HEALTH RESPONSE. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

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

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

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12 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. I AM ADDRESSING ITEM 17, 22, AND GENERAL
13 COMMENT. I AM IN SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT ONE, AND I WANT TO USE
14 THIS-- I AM TRYING TO USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO LIFT UP WHY THE
15 PROBATION DEPARTMENT IS NOT A DEPARTMENT THAT CAN BE REFORMED,
16 AND IT'S TIME FOR A NEW DEPARTMENT; NOT AN OFFICE, NOT A
17 DIVISION. BUT A DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, AND NOTHING
18 LESS. EVERYTHING ABOUT THE REPORT FROM THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT
19 COMMISSION ABOUT JUVENILE HALL CONDITIONS IN L.A. COUNTY
20 HIGHLIGHTS THE URGENT NEED TO IMPLEMENT THE YOUTH JUSTICE
21 REIMAGINED PLAN, AND WHY EVERY YOUNG PERSON NEEDS TO BE MOVED
22 OUT OF PROBATION. THE BOARD NEEDS TO STEP INTO ITS POWER AND
23 MOVE YOUTH INTO [INAUDIBLE] KILPATRICK, AND NOT BARRY J.
24 NIDORF. WITH THIS DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, WE HAVE A
25 PLAN. WE'VE CREATED A PLAN. WE HAVE WORKED ON IT FOR TWO YEARS

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1 NOW. AND THE C.E.O., IN A MEMO SENT TO THE BOARD OF
2 SUPERVISORS, STATES THAT, BY JULY 1ST, IF CERTAIN ACTION ITEMS
3 ARE DONE, THAT THEY WILL BE-- THEY WILL ESTABLISH THE
4 DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. AND WE ARE DOING OUR PART ON
5 THE COMMUNITY SIDE TO ACCOMPLISH ALL THE ACTION ITEMS THAT
6 NEED TO BE DONE TO IMPLEMENT THIS DEPARTMENT. SO, I AM HERE TO
7 JUST SAY THAT THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION IS HERE TO DEMAND
8 THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IS ESTABLISHED ON
9 JULY 1ST, AND THAT NO YOUTH ARE SENT TO BARRY J. NIDORF
10 JUVENILE HALL, BECAUSE IT'S BEEN PROVEN BY THE PROBATION
11 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, A BODY FROM THE COUNTY, THAT IT IS
12 UNSUITABLE FOR ANY YOUTH TO BE IN THERE. AND THE REPORT STATES
13 ALL OF THE ABUSES AND NEGLECT THAT THE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE FACING
14 RIGHT NOW, FOR GIRLS AND BOYS, IN L.A. COUNTY JUVENILE HALLS.
15 SO, I AM HERE TO JUST SAY AGAIN, WE NEED A DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH
16 DEPARTMENT, AND NOT AN OFFICE. THANK YOU.

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

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

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1 **SPEAKER:** YES, HI. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS CARMEN
2 PEREZ. I AM THE CO-CHAIR AND CO-FOUNDER OF THE LATINX MENTAL
3 HEALTH ADVOCACY CONCILIO, AND I AM HERE TO SUPPORT ITEM ,
4 SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION TO HELP EXPAND THE PROMOTORAS DE
5 SALUD PROGRAM. I BELIEVE THAT THE PROMOTORAS ARE A HUGE PART
6 IN OUR LATINX COMMUNITY, AND THEY DO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL
7 SERVICES. THEY WERE VERY IMPORTANT IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE
8 DURING THE C.O.V.I.D. PANDEMIC THESE PAST FEW YEARS, WITH
9 HELPING OUR PATIENTS GET VACCINATING GETTING PEOPLE THE WORD
10 OUT ABOUT C.O.V.I.D., AND IN GENERAL, THEY ARE VERY IMPORTANT
11 FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, AS WELL, BY PROVIDING IMPORTANT
12 RESOURCES AND INFORMATION. SO I AM HERE IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 7,
13 AND HOPE THAT YOU CAN EXPAND THE PROMOTORAS PROGRAM IN OUR
14 COMMUNITIES HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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

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

22
23 **NICOLE BROWN:** GOOD MORNING. I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM NO.
24 17, 22, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, BOARD. MY
25 NAME IS NICOLE BROWN, WITH THE URBAN PEACE INSTITUTE AND THE

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1 LOS ANGELES YOUTH UPRISING COALITION. I WANT TO START BY
2 ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEM NO. 17, AND PICK UP WHERE MY COLLEAGUE,
3 ANTHONY, LEFT OFF. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR
4 BRINGING TO THE PUBLIC THE FINDINGS OF THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT
5 COMMISSION, AND WHAT IS GOING ON IN OUR JUVENILE HALLS. IT IS
6 TRULY UNCONSCIONABLE, AND I BELIEVE IT IS IN CONTRADICTION TO
7 WHAT EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOU BOARD MEMBERS BELIEVE SHOULD BE
8 HAPPENING. AND THIS JUST ADDS TO THE D.O.J. REPORT, THE
9 B.S.E.C. FINDINGS, THAT THE JUVENILE HALLS WERE UNSUITABLE FOR
10 THE CONFINEMENT OF YOUTH. AND NOW WE SEE A REPORT FROM THE
11 P.O.C. HEARING ABOUT STORIES OF YOUTH IN BARRY J., WHO ARE
12 THERE ON A MENTAL HEALTH HOLD, BEING LOCKED IN THEIR ROOM FOR
13 23 HOURS A DAY; IF THERE'S A FIGHT IN THE COMPOUND, THAT ALL
14 YOUTH, REGARDLESS IF THEY ARE INVOLVED, ARE LOCKED IN THEIR
15 ROOMS, ALL BUT ONE HOUR A DAY, FOR AN ENTIRE WEEK. THIS IS
16 REALLY JUST HORRIBLE AND HEART-WRENCHING. AND IT IS ALSO, AS
17 ANTHONY SAID, WHY WE NEED TO MOVE YOUTH IMMEDIATELY TO CAMPUS
18 KILPATRICK. THIS BOARD MANDATED THIS TO HAPPEN SIX MONTHS AGO,
19 AND IT IS CLEAR THAT PROBATION IS DOING EVERYTHING IN THEIR
20 POWER TO STOP THAT FROM HAPPENING. WE NEED TO MOVE THE YOUTH
21 TO KILPATRICK, AND WE CANNOT SEE ANY PILOT HAPPENING AT BARRY
22 J., WHICH PROBATION IS ALSO PUSHING FOR. AND AS ANTHONY SAID,
23 THIS ALSO SHOWS WHY WE NEED TO RECOMMIT CONSTANTLY TO THE
24 VISION OF YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, WHICH WE HAVE BEEN WORKING
25 FOR, FOR MANY YEARS. THIS INCLUDES STANDING UP A DEPARTMENT OF

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1 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT BY JULY 1ST, AS WE HAVE BEEN PLANNING AND
2 WORKING TOWARDS FOR A COUPLE YEARS. WE HAVE SERIOUS CONCERNS
3 ABOUT THE ENERGY, CAPACITY, AND BUREAUCRACY THAT WILL BE ADDED
4 BY MOVING TO AN OFFICE OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, WHEN WE HAVE BEEN
5 PLANNING FOR A DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. AND SO WE
6 APPRECIATE PARTICULARLY SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S AND SUPERVISOR
7 MITCHELL'S COMMITMENT TO REALLY MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE
8 TRANSFORMING OUR JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM, BUT WE NEED TO
9 RECOMMIT TO THE PRINCIPLES AND TO THE VISION OF YOUTH JUSTICE
10 REIMAGINED. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH ALL
11 OF YOUR OFFICES TO MOVE YOUTH TO KILPATRICK, AND TO FUND YOUTH
12 JUSTICE REIMAGINED. AND THE LAST THING I WILL SAY IS, THIS
13 ALSO INCLUDES REDUCING PROBATION'S BUDGET THIS YEAR, WHICH IS
14 \$570 MILLION FOR A VERY SMALL NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE. THERE
15 ARE OVER 400 VACANT POSITIONS IN THIS OFFICE. WE NEED TO
16 REDUCE THAT BUDGET, AND WE NEED TO GET SERIOUS ABOUT SOME
17 MAJOR CHANGES, BECAUSE, AS ALL OF YOU HAVE ALREADY SAID
18 BEFORE, IN ENDORSING YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, THIS DEPARTMENT
19 FOR YOUTH IS UNFIXABLE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

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

4

5 **SPEAKER:** HI. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER 17. AND 22.
6 AND... LET ME MAKE SURE-- OKAY. SO, WE NEED-- OUR COMMUNITY
7 MEMBERS HAVE ASKED FOR, WE NEED A YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
8 DEPARTMENT. AND YOUTH MUST MOVE OUT OF PROBATION. THE
9 DESCRIPTION OF ABUSIVE CONDITIONS AT THE JUVENILE HALL HAS
10 CONFIRMED WHAT COMMUNITY MEMBERS ALREADY KNOW: THAT THEY ARE
11 UNFIT PLACES TO HOUSE YOUTH. CONTINUING TO LOCK YOUTH IN THESE
12 FACILITIES REFLECTS A LACK OF HUMANITY. NO PERSON, LET ALONE
13 YOUTH, SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO SUCH CONDITIONS. AND THE LACK OF
14 PROGRAMMING IS ALSO A MAJOR ISSUE. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT YOUTH
15 HERE, SO RECREATION AND EDUCATION ARE SOME OF THE MOST
16 INFLUENTIAL FACTORS IN POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. YOUTH NEED
17 TO HAVE ACCESS TO BOOKS, WHICH EMPOWER THEM TO BLACK STUDIES,
18 ALONG WITH OTHER ETHNIC STUDIES. THEY ACCESS TO THE TYPE OF
19 LEARNING THAT REFLECTS THEIR FAMILIES AND HISTORIES AND
20 NEIGHBORHOODS. THAT EMPOWERS TRANSFORMATION. BUT THE RESPONSE
21 TO ALL OF THIS SHOULD NOT BE TO SIMPLY INCREASE PROGRAMMING,
22 OR REMODEL, OR MAKE FACILITIES LIKE BARRY J. NIDORF
23 QUOTE/UNQUOTE "BETTER." INSTEAD, YOUTH SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO
24 PROGRAMMING AND HOLISTIC HEALING IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.
25 SHACKLING AND LOCKING UP YOUTH IS AT THE ROOT OF THE REST OF

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1 THESE OTHER INHUMANE CONDITIONS. IT IS TIME TO BRING YOUTH
2 HOME, AND TO DO THAT, WE NEED A DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH
3 DEVELOPMENT THAT CAN PRIORITIZE A REAL YOUTH JUSTICE
4 REIMAGINED: REAL CARE, NOT CAGES. AND THEN, AS FOR ITEM 22,
5 THE ABILITY TO CLOSE M.C.J. AND MOVE TOWARDS CARING SERVICES
6 IS FEASIBLE AND ATTAINABLE NOW. THERE ARE ALREADY MODELS THAT
7 WORK IN THE COMMUNITY, IN O.D.R.

8

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

11

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

15

16 **SPEAKER:** HI. GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS
17 JOSE RUIZ. I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR [INAUDIBLE] L.A., A
18 NONPROFIT THAT HAS BEEN COMMITTED TO FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS,
19 GROWING FOOD IN OUR TWO-ACRE FARM IN SOUTH EL MONTE AND
20 VARIOUS COMMUNITY GARDENS THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND COUNTY, AND
21 I AM COMING TODAY TO SPEAK ON ITEM 7 AND ITEM 8. ITEM 7: TO
22 SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF THE PROMOTORAS SYSTEM. AS A PREVIOUS
23 EMPLOYEE FOR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, I HAVE SEEN
24 FIRSTHAND THE EMPOWERMENT THAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU BRING LOCAL
25 COMMUNITY, LIKE THE PROMOTORAS, TO DO OUTREACH. SPECIFICALLY,

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1 FOR OUR WESTLAKE COMMUNITY, WE HAVE HAD OVER 3,000 FOLKS
2 RECEIVE A VACCINE, WHETHER IT BE A BOOSTER SHOT, FIRST, OR
3 SECOND DOSE. AND I AM PROUD TO SAY A LOT OF THAT IS POSSIBLE
4 DUE TO THE PROMOTORAS REALLY GOING TO THE LOCATIONS WHERE ARE
5 NEEDED THE MOST FOR [INAUDIBLE], PLACES THAT YOU NEVER
6 IMAGINED OUTREACH BEING DONE, AND THESE PROMOTORAS ARE GOING
7 OUT TO THE FIELD AND EXPOSING THEMSELVES, AND THEY ARE ALSO
8 OUR HEROES. SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE RESPECTED FOR
9 THAT. AND THEN ON ITEM 8, WHICH IS SUPPORTING SUPERVISOR
10 SOLIS'S MOTION TO EXPAND FOOD ACCESS, ONE OF OUR [INAUDIBLE]
11 WESTLAKE COMMUNITY GARDENS HAS BEEN SERVING OVER 500 PEOPLE A
12 WEEK, WHEN IT COMES TO FOOD DISTRIBUTION, AND WE ALSO GIVE OUT
13 OVER 25 POUNDS OF FRESH PRODUCE. AND AGAIN, WE KEEP SEEING THE
14 DEMAND FOR THESE ITEMS. IT HASN'T STOPPED. IT'S ONLY BEEN
15 EXACERBATED; AND ALSO, THE NEED FOR HAVING FRESH ITEMS FOR OUR
16 CHILDREN, AS WELL. I UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE A S.N.A.P.
17 PROGRAM. WE HAVE ALL THIS FOOD ASSISTANCE. BUT QUITE FRANKLY,
18 IT DOESN'T COME AT THE RIGHT TIME, AND AT TIMES, IT COMES TOO
19 LATE. SO, THAT'S SOMETHING THAT I FEEL VERY STRONG AGAINST
20 ITEM 7 AND ITEM 8. THANK YOU.

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

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

5

6 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM 41-F, LIKE FOXTROT,
7 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS AARON FORBURGER, CALLING IN ON BEHALF
9 OF STATE ASSEMBLYMEMBER AL MURATSUCHI. I WANT TO THANK
10 SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR INTRODUCING THE MOTION TO REQUIRE
11 REFINERIES IN TORRANCE AND WILMINGTON TO CONVERT TO SAFER
12 ALTERNATIVES, AND PHASE OUT THE USE OF DEADLY MODIFIED
13 HYDROFLUORIC ACID. AS A PROPONENT OF THIS ISSUE FOR MANY
14 YEARS, IT IS AN UNACCEPTABLE AND NEEDLESS RISK FOR OUR
15 COMMUNITIES, MANY OF WHICH ARE ALREADY FACING MANY OTHER
16 ENVIRONMENTAL BURDENS. I STRONGLY URGE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
17 AND THE U.S. E.P.A. TO TAKE ALL POSSIBLE ACTION TO PROTECT OUR
18 COMMUNITIES AND THE RESIDENTS OF THE SOUTH BAY. THANK YOU.

19

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

22

23 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MICHELLE FRERIDGE. SORRY
24 FOR PRONUNCIATION. MICHELLE FRERIDGE, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR

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

3

4 **MICHELLE FRERIDGE:** GOOD MORNING. I AM HERE TO SPEAK ABOUT ITEM
5 NUMBER 8 AND PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS MICHELLE FRERIDGE. I
6 AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ASIAN YOUTH CENTER. WE ARE
7 DOING EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAMMING IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY,
8 AND WE WANT-- I WANT TO SUPPORT THE MOTION TO CONTINUE FOOD
9 DISTRIBUTION. EVEN THOUGH THINGS ARE OPENING BACK UP AND
10 PEOPLE ARE GOING BACK TO WORK, THERE'S STILL A HUGE PERCENTAGE
11 OF THE POPULATION THAT IS HAVING TROUBLE PUTTING FOOD ON THE
12 TABLE. AND OUR EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAM IS DISTRIBUTING FOOD ON
13 A WEEKLY BASIS TO BETWEEN 400 AND 600 FAMILIES EVERY MONTH,
14 STILL. AND THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, IN PARTICULAR, IS COMPOSED
15 OF A LOT OF SMALL BUSINESSES THAT WERE REALLY NEGATIVELY
16 IMPACTED DURING THE SHUTDOWN, AND MANY HAVE NOT RECOVERED YET,
17 SO PEOPLE STILL NEED THESE LARGE-SCALE FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS TO
18 ADDRESS HUNGER. AND ALTHOUGH THE COUNTY IS WORKING TO ENSURE
19 THAT FAMILIES HAVE ACCESS TO CALFRESH AND OTHER SUPPORTS, FOR
20 SOME, THAT'S REALLY NOT-- THE ADMINISTRATIVE BARRIERS ARE
21 SIGNIFICANT, AND IT IS NOT COMING IN TIME. SO WE NEED TO
22 CONTINUE THE FRESH FOOD AND PRODUCE AND OTHER FOOD ITEMS'
23 DISTRIBUTION, AND THIS MOTION WILL ENSURE THAT THE COUNTY
24 CONTINUES TO PROVIDE THIS SAFETY NET FOR OUR RESIDENTS. THANK
25 YOU VERY MUCH, AND I ASK THAT YOU APPROVE THE MOTION.

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1

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

4

5 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS AL STATLER. PLEASE STATE
6 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER
7 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON PUBLIC GENERAL COMMENT.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING.

10

11 **MODERATOR:** YOU MAY BEGIN.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME'S AL STATLER. I SPEAK ON ITEM
14 41-F, IN STRONG SUPPORT. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR
15 INTRODUCING THIS MOTION, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR STRONG SUPPORT
16 FROM PUBLIC SAFETY, WHEN YOU WERE ON THE [INAUDIBLE] BOARD,
17 VOTING TO END REFINERY HYDROGEN FLUORIDE USE IN LOS ANGELES
18 COUNTY. MANY COMMUNITIES ARE AT RISK FROM A CATASTROPHIC LEAK
19 OF HYDROGEN FLUORIDE, INCLUDING WILMINGTON, WEST LONG BEACH,
20 CARSON, HARBOR GATEWAY, TORRANCE, THE BEACH CITIES, AND
21 EVERYWHERE IN BETWEEN. PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE BLASE, THINKING
22 THAT THEY ARE UPWIND FROM THIS REFINERIES. WIND CAN BLOW ANY
23 DIRECTION. SAFER REFINING METHODS ARE AVAILABLE. IT IS TIME
24 FOR REFINERIES TO USE THEM. AND I THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING
25 THIS PUBLIC SAFETY ACTION.

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

4

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

9

10 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I AM SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 8, AND
11 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS LORENA CHOCTAW, CALLING ON
12 BEHALF OF [INAUDIBLE] COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, LOCATED
13 IN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE. THE NUMBERS AT OUR FOOD DISTRIBUTION
14 CONTINUE TO INCREASE. WE ARE SERVING A MINIMUM OF 600
15 HOUSEHOLDS, WHICH IS CLOSE TO 1,000 INDIVIDUALS EVERY MONTH.
16 C.O.V.I.D.-19 EXPOSES FOOD INSECURITY FACED BY COMMUNITIES
17 ACROSS THE COUNTY, INCLUDING OUR COMMUNITY. EVEN THOUGH FOOD
18 IS SLOWLY RETURNING TO THE SHELVES OF GROCERY STORES, FAMILIES
19 ARE STILL HAVING TROUBLE PUTTING FOOD ON THEIR TABLE. THIS IS
20 DUE TO FACTORS SUCH AS RISING COST OF FOOD, BEING OUT OF WORK
21 DUE TO ILLNESS AND OTHER CONSEQUENCES OF THE PANDEMIC. FOR
22 THESE AND OTHER REASONS, WE SUPPORT SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION
23 TO CONTINUE THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION. THIS LARGE-SCALE FOOD
24 DISTRIBUTION IS CRITICAL IN TACKLING THE HUNGER PROBLEM THAT
25 WE FACE. AS THE COUNTY WORKS ON EFFORTS TO ENSURE FAMILIES'

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1 ACCESS TO CALFRESH AND OTHER SUPPORT VENUES, THE REALITY IS
2 THAT FOR SOME, THESE BENEFITS COME TOO LATE. OUR COMMUNITIES
3 NEED FRESH PRODUCE, NONPERISHABLE FOODS, AND OTHER FOOD ITEMS
4 RIGHT NOW. MOTION 8 WILL ENSURE THAT THE COUNTY CONTINUES TO
5 BE THE SAFETY NET OUR RESIDENTS SO DESPERATELY NEED. I THANK
6 YOU FOR THIS TIME, AND I ASK THAT YOU APPROVE ITEM 8. THANK
7 YOU.

8

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

11

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

16

17 **SPEAKER:** HI, HELLO. MY NAME IS CHRISTOPHER MENSEL, AND I AM
18 [INAUDIBLE] PRESIDENT OF THEIR RURAL TOWN COUNCIL, AND I AM IN
19 SUPPORT OF ITEM NO. 6, IMPLEMENTING AN EQUITABLE COMMERCIAL
20 CANNABIS REGULATORY FRAMEWORK. I THINK THIS IS A GREAT WAY FOR
21 US TO START MOVING FORWARD TOWARDS A REGULATED MARKET, AS WE
22 HAVE ALL BEEN VICTIMS OUT HERE OF THE UNREGULATED MARKET. I
23 JUST ASK THAT ALL STAKEHOLDERS BE AT THE TABLE, ESPECIALLY
24 COMMUNITIES FROM THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, SUCH AS TOWN COUNCILS
25 AND OTHER PRO-AND-CON ORGANIZATIONS, SO WE CAN ACTUALLY

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1 DEVELOP GREAT QUALITY, AND THAT WILL COME WITH GREAT LOCAL
2 INFORMATION. SO I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. I THANK YOU FOR
3 MOVING FORWARD IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

4

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

7

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

11

12 **SPEAKER:** ITEM 41-F AND GENERAL COMMENT. MY NAME IS CARLOS
13 ORVAJE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR INTRODUCING THE MOTION
14 TO REQUIRE REFINERIES TO CONVERT TO SAFER ALTERNATIVES TO
15 M.H.F. I AM A 50-YEAR RESIDENT OF LONG BEACH, ARCHITECT,
16 ENVIRONMENTALIST, COMMUNITY ACTIVIST, AND CITY COUNCIL
17 CANDIDATE. AN M.H.F. LEAK FROM THE VALERO REFINERY WOULD
18 POTENTIALLY RESULT IN THE DEATH OF MY ENTIRE DISTRICT AND TWO
19 OTHERS: OVER 160,000 PEOPLE. BEYOND THE DEATH ZONE, THE VAST
20 MAJORITY OF LONG BEACH ARE AT RISK OF SERIOUS AND IRREVERSIBLE
21 HEALTH EFFECTS. I KNOW THE LIKELIHOOD OF AN EVENT LIKE THIS IS
22 REMOTE, BUT PERHAPS THE PEOPLE OF BHOPAL, INDIA, THOUGHT THE
23 SAME WAY ABOUT THE UNION CARBIDE PLANT. STILL, JUST SEVEN
24 YEARS AGO, AN EXPLOSION AT THE EXXON MOBIL REFINERY SENT AN
25 80,000-POUND CHUNK OF METAL TO WITHIN FIVE FEET OF AN M.H.F.

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1 TANK. WE ARE URGING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE U.S. A.D.A.
2 TO TAKE ALL POSSIBLE ACTION TO PROTECT US. THE USE OF M.H.F.
3 IS AN UNACCEPTABLE AND NEEDLESS RISK FOR OUR MAJORITY BLACK
4 AND BROWN RESIDENTS AND REFINERY WORKERS, MANY OF WHOM FACE
5 ENVIRONMENTAL BURDENS, INCLUDING A HIGH INCIDENCE OF CANCER
6 AND ASTHMA AND NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS. THIS IS AN ISSUE OF
7 EQUITY AND AN ISSUE OF LIFE. THANK YOU.

8

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

11

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

15

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

17

18 **MODERATOR:** STEVEN GOLDSMITH, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN,
19 SIR.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** CAN YOU HEAR ME? I SPEAK ON ITEM 41 AND GENERAL
22 COMMENT, ON BEHALF OF THE TORRANCE REFINERY ACTION ALLIANCE.
23 FOR MORE INFORMATION: TRAA.WEBSITE. SEVEN YEARS AGO THIS
24 FRIDAY, ASH FELL ON THE TORRANCE REFINERY EXPLOSION. IF THE
25 H.F. TANK HAD BEEN RUPTURED, I PROBABLY WOULD HAVE DIED THAT

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1 DAY. SINCE THE IMMENSELY IMPACTFUL BOARD LETTER OF 2017, WE
2 HAVE LEARNED OTHER NEAR MISSES HAVE OCCURRED IN PHILLY AND
3 WISCONSIN. H.F. IS A NATIONAL SECURITY RISK, PER EXPERTS IN
4 THE FIELD. A ROAD ACCIDENT LAST YEAR IN CHINA SHOWED THE
5 DANGER OF H.F. TRUCKS TRAVELING ON OUR STREETS, AND THE
6 MATURING OF VASTLY SAFER ALTERNATIVES BY MULTINATIONAL
7 CORPORATIONS. WE THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN AND THE OTHER
8 SUPERVISORS FOR TAKING THIS ISSUE TO HEART. BESIDES CALLING
9 FOR ACTION BY STATE LEADERS, YOU ARE DIRECTING THE POWERFUL
10 FORCES OF THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO BRING ABOUT
11 CONVERSION TO A VASTLY SAFER ALTERNATIVE. IT IS GOOD TO HAVE
12 SET THE TIME LIMIT OF 180 DAYS. EACH ONE OF THESE DAYS, THE
13 DICE IS ROLLED BY THESE TWO REFINERIES THAT INSIST ON USING AN
14 EXCEPTIONALLY DANGEROUS CHEMICAL IN PLACES VULNERABLE TO
15 ACCIDENTS, NATURAL DISASTERS, AND TERRORISTS. WE SUPPORT THE
16 CURRENT REFINERY WORKERS' EFFORTS FOR A FAIR UNION CONTRACT,
17 AND WE SEEK SAFETY FOR THEM, AS WELL AS GOOD JOBS. IN ADDITION
18 TO URGING THE GOVERNOR AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ACT, WE
19 ENCOURAGE YOU TO FORWARD THIS LETTER TO THE [INAUDIBLE] AND
20 THE A.Q.M.D.-- BOTH HAVE AUTHORITY TO ACT-- AND TO THE WHITE
21 HOUSE, WHO ARE PROBABLY UNAWARE THAT WHEN PRESIDENT BIDEN GOES
22 HOME, HE IS LIKELY TO BE WITHIN A DANGER ZONE OF AN H.F.
23 REFINERY. WE URGE PASSAGE OF THIS MOTION.
24

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

3

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

7

8 **SPEAKER:** YES, THANK YOU. MY NAME IS VALERIE GOMEZ, AND I AM
9 THE C.E.O. OF THE Y.M.C.A. OF WEST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY IN
10 ALHAMBRA. I ALSO HAVE OUR [INAUDIBLE] PRESIDENT, KATHY COPP,
11 HERE, A RETIRED SCHOOLTEACHER FOR L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL
12 DISTRICT. TODAY WE ARE SPEAKING ON ITEM 8, AND THE IMPORTANCE
13 OF CONTINUING THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION HERE IN L.A. COUNTY,
14 SPECIFICALLY IN THE CITY OF ALHAMBRA, WHERE OUR Y.M.C.A.
15 RESIDES. WE ARE AN INDEPENDENT Y.M.C.A.; BEEN IN THE COMMUNITY
16 SINCE 1912. AND DURING THE PANDEMIC, WE HAVE SEEN MANY, MANY
17 FAMILIES SUFFER THROUGH THE DISPARITY OF NOT HAVING FOOD ON
18 THEIR TABLE. AND WE DEFINITELY PULLED TOGETHER AND HAD FOOD
19 DISTRIBUTIONS, AND CONTINUE TO HAVE FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS MONTHLY
20 FOR OUR FAMILIES, SOMETIMES WITH LINES AS LONG AS 3.5 MILES
21 LONG, FOR PEOPLE TO WAIT IN LINE TO RECEIVE TWO BOXES OF FOOD.
22 THIS HAS CONTINUED ON. IT HAS NOT TAPERED OFF. THE FAMILIES
23 ARE DEFINITELY IN NEED. WE ALSO HAVE OUR CHILDREN THAT WE NEED
24 TO THINK ABOUT, AS WELL. CHILDREN MAY NOT SAY MUCH, BECAUSE
25 THEY ARE QUIET.

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1

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

4

5 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JANET HEINRICH CANTERBURY.
6 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING
7 TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
8 YOU MAY BEGIN, JANET.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JANET HEINRICH
11 CANTERBURY, AND I AM CALLING TO SUPPORT AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 25.
12 I SERVE ON THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE PERSONAL ASSISTANCE
13 SERVICES COUNCIL, WHICH IS THE L.A. PUBLIC AUTHORITY THAT
14 OVERSEES THE DELIVERY OF IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES IN L.A.
15 COUNTY. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR INTRODUCING THE MOTION
16 THAT L.A. COUNTY'S PANDEMIC RESPONSE NEEDS TO MEET THE PEOPLE
17 WHO ARE IMMUNOCOMPROMISED AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. WE
18 ALSO NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ARE INCLUDING
19 PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN PLANNING FOR FUTURE RESPONSES TO
20 THE PANDEMIC. FURTHER, WE KNOW THAT IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE
21 SERVICES CONSUMERS GET HELP TO STAY SAFE FROM THEIR I.H.S.S.
22 PROVIDER. WE KNOW THAT DURING C.O.V.I.D., THOUSANDS AND
23 THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND SENIORS, WHO HAVE
24 BEEN APPROVED FOR I.H.S.S. SERVICES, HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO FIND
25 A PROVIDER. EVEN BEFORE C.O.V.I.D., THE CALIFORNIA AUDITOR AND

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1 THE L.A. C.E.O. REPORTED EVERY MONTH THAT THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE
2 WITH DISABILITIES AND SENIORS, WHOA WERE APPROVED FOR
3 I.H.S.S., WERE UNABLE TO FIND A PROVIDER.

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 SPEAKER IS CONSTANCE SULLIVAN. CONSTANCE
9 SULLIVAN, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
10 ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
11 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. I AM ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEM 41-F AND GENERAL
14 PUBLIC COMMENT. I SUPPORT THIS MOTION. I WANT TO THANK
15 SUPERVISOR HAHN AND THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR BEING
16 SUCH STAUNCH SUPPORTERS OF COMMUNITY AND WORKER SAFETY, WITH
17 RESPECT TO THE USE OF MODIFIED HYDROFLUORIC ACID AT TWO
18 REFINERIES IN THE SOUTH BAY. ON THIS SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY WEEK
19 OF THE TORRANCE REFINERY EXPLOSION, IT IS PARTICULARLY
20 GRATIFYING TO SEE ELECTED OFFICIALS WHO CARE SO MUCH ABOUT OUR
21 CONCERN. THE TORRANCE REFINERY EXPLODED ON FEBRUARY 18TH,
22 2015. SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, THE COMMUNITY DISCOVERED THAT
23 MODIFIED HYDROFLUORIC ACID IS ESSENTIALLY NO DIFFERENT THAN
24 HYDROFLUORIC ACID, IN SPITE OF THE ASSURANCES WE HAVE BEEN
25 GIVEN FOR 25 YEARS THAT IT WAS MUCH SAFER. MODIFIED

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1 HYDROFLUORIC ACID IS QUITE CAPABLE OF RELEASING A DEADLY,
2 POISONOUS CLOUD THAT COULD TRAVEL UP TO SIX MILES FROM THE
3 ORIGINATING SITE, KILLING OR PERMANENTLY DISABLING EVERY
4 LIVING BEING IN ITS WAKE. WE ALSO DISCOVERED THAT THE
5 EXPLOSION LED TO A NEAR MISS OF A BREACH OF A HUGE TANK OF
6 MODIFIED HYDROFLUORIC ACID, THAT COULD HAVE RESULTED IN A
7 LARGE RELEASE OF THIS TOXIN ON THAT DAY. THIS IS TOO CLOSE FOR
8 COMFORT, AND SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO HAPPEN AGAIN. THE ONLY
9 WAY TO BE CERTAIN THAT IT CAN'T HAPPEN AGAIN IS TO CONVERT TO
10 A SAFER PROCESS, WITH A SAFER CHEMICAL. NOW IS THE TIME TO
11 FINALLY PHASE OUT THIS DEADLY CHEMICAL, SINCE THERE ARE NEW,
12 SAFER ALTERNATIVES IN PLACE THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE IN 2015. JUST
13 LAST YEAR, A REFINERY IN SALT LAKE CITY COMPLETED A SUCCESSFUL
14 CONVERSION TO A NEW, SAFER CATALYST, AND THERE ARE TWO MORE
15 REFINERY CONVERSIONS IN PROGRESS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED
16 STATES. SINCE THE 2015 EXPLOSION, THE TORRANCE REFINERY ACTION
17 ALLIANCE HAS BEEN DEDICATED TO PHASING OUT THE USE OF MODIFIED
18 HYDROFLUORIC ACID, AND CONVERTING TO THE USE OF A SAFER
19 CHEMICAL PROCESS AT THE TORRANCE AND VALERO REFINERIES. WE
20 HAVE ENCOUNTERED MANY ROADBLOCKS AND POWERFUL OPPONENTS ALONG
21 THE WAY., BUT IT HAS BEEN TRULY GRATIFYING THAT THE LOS
22 ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS BEEN WITH US
23 THROUGHOUT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

24

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

3

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

7

8 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. SET AGENDA ITEM 2, AND
9 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I WILL DISPENSE WITH THE RECAP OF LAST
10 WEEK'S CONVERSATION AROUND THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER AND WHAT WE
11 SAW FROM COMMUNITY LEADERS YET AGAIN, IN VIOLATION OF THE
12 SUPER BOWL, OF YOUR RULES. I HAVE WRITTEN OR SPOKEN TO YOU ALL
13 ON THE HYPOCRISY, STARTING WITH THE N.F.L. AWARDS, POSTED
14 PRIOR TO THE SUPER BOWL, INSIDE YOUTUBE THEATER. I WILL STATE
15 ON THE RECORD THAT ALL THESE VIOLATIONS, ACROSS THE LAST THREE
16 WEEKS, HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN DISTRICT 2. THE PUBLIC HEALTH
17 DEPARTMENT HAS IN PLACE A TIERED COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT
18 PLAN THAT COMES WITH CITATIONS AND FINES FOR BUSINESSES THAT
19 CONTINUE TO VIOLATE THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER. KNOWING THAT IT
20 WAS LIKELY THAT SOFI WAS AGAIN GOING TO VIOLATE THIS HEALTH
21 ORDER BETWEEN THE CONTROVERSIAL [INAUDIBLE], WILL FINES BE
22 LEVIED ON SOFI STADIUM? DR. FERRER, IN PARTICULAR, WAS VIDEOED
23 AS HAVING AWARENESS OF THE VIOLATIONS WHILE ATTENDING THE
24 GAME. WERE THERE NOT INSPECTORS ON SITE? AND IF NOT, WILL DR.
25 FERRER BE REFERRING TO THE INSPECTORS THE VIOLATIONS TO BE

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1 FOLLOWED UP ON? IF THE ANSWER TO THESE QUESTIONS IS NO, THEN
2 DESPITE ALREADY BEING HERE TODAY, WHERE EVIDENCE OF THE
3 PUBLIC'S OUTREACH AND THE AD TAKEN OUT IN THE SUNDAY L.A.
4 TIMES SHOW, WE THE PEOPLE HAVE NO CONFIDENCE IN THIS BOARD OR
5 THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THEN WE WOULD ASK THAT DR.
6 FERRER BE ASKED TO STEP DOWN, AND ANY MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD
7 NOT WILLING TO ENFORCE THEIR OWN RULES VOLUNTARILY FOLLOW
8 SUIT. THANK YOU.

9

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

12

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

16

17 **SPEAKER:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
18 MARK RAMOS, PRESIDENT OF U.F.C.W. LOCAL 1428, SPEAKING TODAY
19 ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 6. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND
20 MITCHELL FOR THE MOTION THEY ARE MAKING TODAY, TO BRING
21 FORWARD AN EQUITABLE CANNABIS PROGRAM TO L.A. COUNTY. U.F.C.W.
22 HAS DONE A LOT OF WORK IN THIS AREA, REPRESENTING WORKERS,
23 HELPING COMMUNITIES DRAFT ORDINANCES, AND WE WOULD HOPE TO BE
24 A PARTNER IN THIS PROCESS. WE THINK THIS IS A GREAT IDEA TO
25 BRING OUTSTANDING JOBS, EQUITY TO OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES, BUT

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1 ALSO TO HELP TAMP DOWN THE UNLICENSED FACILITIES THAT ARE
2 POPPING UP THROUGHOUT THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF L.A.
3 OBVIOUSLY, THESE FACILITIES WOULD NOT EXIST IF THERE WASN'T A
4 DEMAND FOR RECREATIONAL CANNABIS. SO, AGAIN, I SPEAK IN FAVOR
5 OF AGENDA ITEM NO. 6. LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE
6 COUNTY, AND WE THINK THIS IS A GREAT IDEA, TO BRING SOME
7 ECONOMIC JUSTICE TO OUR COMMUNITIES, ALONG WITH SOME EQUITY
8 FOR THE HARM THAT HAS BEEN CAUSED BY THE WAR ON DRUGS, AND HOW
9 SOME OF OUR COMMUNITIES IN THE UNINCORPORATED PARTS OF L.A.
10 HAVE BEEN HARMED BY THE WAR ON DRUGS. THANK YOU, AND I
11 APPRECIATE YOU LISTENING TO ME TODAY.

12

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

15

16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. PLEASE
17 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE SPEAKING ON TODAY, AND
18 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
19 BEGIN.

20

21 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. THIS IS DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I
22 WILL SPEAK TO ITEMS 2 AND 21. TWO, I AM TOTALLY APPALLED TO
23 SEE GARCETTI AND NEWSOM AND ALL OF THOSE PEOPLE WITH NO MASKS.
24 DURING THE GAME, NOBODY HAD MASKS ON, AND SO ON, BUT WE HAVE
25 TO KEEP OUR MASK ON. I THINK YOU NEED TO APPLY THE RULE TO

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1 EVERYBODY OR TO NOBODY. EVERYBODY. EITHER WAY. AND THE STATE
2 [INAUDIBLE] RELEASE SOME OF THE [INAUDIBLE]. ANYWAY, IT IS
3 TIME TO CHANGE. AND ON ITEM 21, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR
4 HAHN TO BRING TO THE LIGHT [INAUDIBLE]. MY YOUNGER GRANDSON
5 HAS A DISEASE THAT ONLY SIX PEOPLE IN THE ENTIRE WORLD HAS. SO
6 THAT'S A RARE DISEASE. ANYWAY, THANK YOU FOR BRINGING TO THE
7 ATTENTION. AND PLEASE REOPEN THE BOARD. I AM GETTING TO REALLY
8 MISS YOU. TALK TO YOU LATER. HAVE A NICE WEEK. REOPEN THE
9 BOARD. BYE.

10

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

13

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

17

18 **SPEAKER:** 41-F AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. HELLO. THIS IS JIMMY
19 GAO, CALLING FROM NORTH TORRANCE, WHICH IS IN ONE OF THE TWO
20 CITIES IN DISTRICT FOUR AFFECTED BY THE ITEM. AND I FIRST WANT
21 TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION, AND
22 CONTINUING TO BE CONCERNED FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITIES.
23 AND SHE IS DOING EXACTLY THAT WITH THIS MOTION, BY REQUIRING
24 THE REFINERIES IN TORRANCE AND WILMINGTON TO PHASE OUT AND
25 CONVERT FROM THE USE OF DANGEROUS M.H.F. TO SAFER

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1 ALTERNATIVES. IT IS UNNECESSARY TO PUT OUR COMMUNITIES AT
2 RISK, WHEN THERE ARE NEWER AND SAFER WAYS TO OPERATE. AN
3 EXPLOSION JUST SEVEN YEARS AGO FOCUSED THE ATTENTION AND
4 CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY ON THIS ISSUE, AND WE URGE YOU TO
5 PLEASE SUPPORT THE MOTION, AND URGE ANY RELEVANT AUTHORITIES
6 AND AGENCIES TO TAKE ALL POSSIBLE ACTION TO PROTECT OUR
7 COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

8

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DR. FAM. PLEASE STATE THE
13 REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL ADDRESS TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
14 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN. DR.
15 FAM, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** CAN YOU HEAR ME?

18

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

20

21 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. HI, MY NAME IS DR. FAM. I AM A RESIDENT
22 PHYSICIAN, REPRESENTING CHARLES DREW AND THE L.A. COUNTY
23 RESIDENTS, AND I JUST WANTED TO TALK ABOUT ITEM 27, ABOUT THE
24 HOUSING STIPEND, THE \$6,000 ONE. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT WE
25 NEED TO SERIOUSLY EXPEDITE THAT PAYMENT. I MEAN, THOUSANDS OF

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1 RESIDENT PHYSICIANS HAVE BEEN ON THE FRONT LINES SINCE THE
2 C.O.V.I.D. PANDEMIC, AND THIS ECONOMY THAT WE ARE IN, AND THE
3 HEALTH OF THIS NATION, WITH ALL THAT'S GOING ON, WE REALLY
4 NEED AND DESERVE, HONESTLY, MUCH MORE THAN THIS. SO, WE NEED
5 THIS MONEY TODAY. SO, I AM ASKING FOR-- I AM ASKING TO PLEASE
6 EXPEDITE THE PROCESS AND GET THAT PAYMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
7 THANK YOU.

8

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

11

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

15

16 **SPEAKER:** ANDREAS KWON, A.C.L.U., SPEAKING TO ITEMS 13, 17, 22,
17 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS. ON ITEM 13, WE WANT TO THANK,
18 ONCE AGAIN, SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND SOLIS FOR THEIR
19 LEADERSHIP. SHERIFF VILLANUEVA HAS TRIED TO PIN HIS
20 DEPARTMENT'S REPEATED VIOLATIONS OF THE RIGHT TO [INAUDIBLE]
21 ON LACK OF MONEY, BUT NO AMOUNT OF MONEY TO L.A.S.D. WILL
22 CHANGE THEIR HOSTILITY TO ANY FORM OF TRANSPARENCY, AND HIS
23 COMPLETE OBSTRUCTION OF OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY. GIVING
24 MORE MONEY TO L.A.S.D., TO FULFILL P.R.A. REQUESTS, WOULD BE
25 AS EFFECTIVE A MOVE TOWARDS TRANSPARENCY AS SETTING THAT MONEY

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1 ON FIRE. WHEN THE RIGHT TO [INAUDIBLE] BECAME LOW, THE
2 A.C.L.U. SENT DOWN IDENTICAL P.R.A.S TO ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT
3 AGENCIES IN THE STATE, MORE THAN 550 AGENCIES ASKING FOR
4 [INAUDIBLE] RECORDS, NOT THE ENTIRE FILE, ON EVERY INCIDENT
5 THAT WAS NOW [INAUDIBLE] GOING BACK A NUMBER OF YEARS. ALL
6 500-PLUS AGENCIES UNDERSTOOD THE REQUEST AND RESPONDED IN A
7 WAY THAT WAS AT LEAST CONSISTENT WITH THE P.R.A. L.A.S.D. WAS
8 THE ONLY AGENCY THAT SUMMARILY DENIED A REQUEST, AND TOLD US
9 WE HAD TO IDENTIFY THE DEPUTIES BY NAME, SOMETHING THAT THE
10 PUBLIC WOULD HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING FROM RECORDS THAT HAVE
11 BEEN KEPT SECRET FOR DECADES. L.A.S.D. ACTUALLY TRACKS
12 [INAUDIBLE] INVESTIGATIONS AND DISCIPLINE ALONG MANY OF THE
13 CATEGORIES THAT ARE [INAUDIBLE], AND THEY COULD HAVE EASILY
14 SEARCHED FOR [INAUDIBLE] RECORDS, BUT THEY DIDN'T EVEN MAKE AN
15 EFFORT TO DO SO. AND ON BEHALF OF FAMILIES SEEKING [INAUDIBLE]
16 RECORDS, [INAUDIBLE] SUE THE SHERIFF AND L.A.S.D., AND THEN
17 SUE THE L.A. TIMES, AND MANY MORE LITIGATION ON THIS. AND SO,
18 ON TOP OF ALL THIS, WHEN WE REQUESTED A COPY OF THE
19 [INAUDIBLE], L.A.S.D. LIED AND SAID THAT IT HAD NO IDEA WHAT
20 WE WERE TALKING ABOUT, EVEN THOUGH THIS VERY LIST WAS THE
21 SUBJECT OF AN ENTIRE CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT OPINION, IN
22 WHICH L.A.S.D. WAS A PARTY. NOW, TO BE CLEAR, L.A.S.D. DOES
23 HAVE A LOT OF RECORDS TO DISCLOSE, BUT THEY HAVE A LOT OF
24 RECORDS BECAUSE THEY KILL A LOT OF PEOPLE. THEIR DEPUTIES HAVE
25 INFLECTED A LOT OF GREAT HARM AND BODILY INJURY TO A LOT OF

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1 PEOPLE. AND THERE ARE A LOT OF CASES OF L.A.S.D. DEPUTIES
2 CAUGHT LYING, COMMITTING SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND THE FACT THAT
3 THERE ARE A LOT OF RECORDS IS AN ARGUMENT FOR MORE
4 TRANSPARENCY, NOT LESS. ESPECIALLY WITH A SHERIFF LIKE THE ONE
5 THAT WE HAVE, UNDERMINING ANY MEANINGFUL OVERSIGHT OR
6 ACCOUNTABILITY, WE NEED THE EYES OF THE PUBLIC ON THESE
7 RECORDS MORE THAN EVER. ALL THIS IS TO SAY THAT NO AMOUNT OF
8 MONEY GOING TO L.A.S.D. IS GOING TO FIX THIS, AND SO A MOVE TO
9 TRANSITION RESPONSE TO P.R.A. REQUESTS TO COUNTY COUNSEL IS
10 WISE, AND AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE DISCLOSURES IS NECESSARY.
11 NOW, WE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT COUNTY COUNSEL, UNDER THIS PROPOSED
12 ORDINANCE, WILL TAKE MORE SERIOUSLY THE PUBLIC'S
13 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS, AND APPROACH
14 THE TASK OF RESPONDING TO P.R.A. REQUESTS AND PUBLISHING NEW
15 RECORDS WITH THE GOAL OF SATISFYING THAT OBLIGATION, NOT
16 OBSTRUCTING IT. THE A.C.L.U. SUPPORTS THIS MOTION AND BELIEVES
17 THIS IS A PRACTICAL WAY FORWARD. AND FINALLY, WE IMPLORE YOU
18 TO PROPOSE TO THE VOTERS A CHARTER AMENDMENT THAT WILL
19 STRENGTHEN SHERIFF ACCOUNTABILITY, A CREATE COMMONSENSE
20 STRUCTURES OF CHECKS AND BALANCES, WHICH WILL PROVIDE MORE
21 MEANINGFUL TOOLS TO--

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

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

4

5 **SPEAKER:** HI. THANK YOU. I AM GOING TO SPEAK ON BOTH ITEM 6 AND
6 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, BOARD PRESIDENT MITCHELL
7 AND HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JACKIE SUVECK. I AM A
8 RESIDENT OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, A CANNABIS POLICY ADVOCATE, AND A
9 CANNABIS LICENSE OWNER. I AM SPEAKING THIS MORNING IN SUPPORT
10 OF ITEM 6, AND THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE O.C.M. TO ESTABLISH A
11 RESPONSIBLE AND EQUITABLE COMMERCIAL CANNABIS LICENSING
12 PROGRAM IN THE COUNTY. WHAT IS IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW IS THAT
13 L.A. COUNTY HAS AN EXTRAORDINARY OPPORTUNITY, RIGHT THIS
14 MINUTE, TO CREATE A MODEL CANNABIS FRAMEWORK, WITH INTENTION
15 AND PURPOSE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH, AS IT RELATES TO TESTING
16 PRODUCTS FOR HARMFUL CHEMICALS THAT MAY PRESENT HEALTH RISKS
17 TO OUR CONSUMERS; FOR PUBLIC SAFETY, BY WHICH WELL-THOUGHT-OUT
18 REGULATION PROVIDES SECURITY AND HELPS KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOODS
19 AND COMMUNITIES SAFE; FOR EQUITY, BY ALLOCATING REVENUES TO
20 INVEST IN PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES TO SUPPORT EQUITY APPLICANTS,
21 PARTICULARLY THOSE IN COMMUNITIES WHO HAVE BEEN SEVERELY
22 IMPACTED BY THE WAR ON DRUGS; AND ALSO FOR EQUITY LICENSING,
23 BY ISSUING LICENSES TO ACTUAL EQUITY APPLICANTS, RATHER THAN
24 EQUITY BUILDING GROUPS; AND TO ELIMINATE THE UNLICENSED
25 CANNABIS DISPENSARIES WHO, BY REMAINING UNREGULATED, CONTINUE

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1 TO NEGATIVELY IMPACT OUR COMMUNITIES, FROM NEIGHBORHOOD
2 DISRUPTIONS TO CREATING AN IMPOSSIBLE AND NONVIABLE SITUATION
3 FOR LEGAL AND LICENSED BUSINESSES TO OPERATE IN ANY HOPE OF
4 PROSPERITY. SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND MITCHELL ARE RIGHT:
5 ENFORCEMENT IS NOT ENOUGH, AND ONLY SERVES TO FURTHER THE GAME
6 OF WHACK-A-MOLE. ALTHOUGH THERE'S A LOT OF WORK TO BE DONE TO
7 GET THIS RIGHT-- AND I'M SPEAKING FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE-- I
8 AM IN FULL SUPPORT OF BUILDING THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO ESTABLISH
9 FAIR AND EQUITABLE COUNTY CANNABIS REGULATIONS, AND ASKING
10 YOU, DESPITE WHAT YOU HEAR TODAY, TO APPROVE THIS MOTION.
11 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

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

15

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

19

20 **SPEAKER:** HI, GOOD MORNING. SPEAKING ON 41-F AND GENERAL PUBLIC
21 COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS PETER WARDA,
22 WITH THE VALLEY INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE ASSOCIATION, V.I.C.A. WE
23 OPPOSE ANY BOARD SUPPORT FOR THE PHASE-OUT OF MODIFIED
24 HYDROFLUORIC ACID. M.H.F. IS USED AT TWO OF OUR REFINERIES,
25 WILMINGTON AND TORRANCE, WHO HAVE TAKEN STEPS AND SPENT

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1 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO ENSURE SAFETY. THE A.Q.M.D. HAS ALREADY
2 DONE A SEVERAL-YEAR REVIEW OF THE WILMINGTON AND TORRANCE
3 REFINERIES, TO FIND THAT THERE'S NO ALTERNATIVE TO M.H.F.;
4 THAT THE REFINERIES HAVE BEEN INSTALLING ADDITIONAL SAFETY
5 EQUIPMENT ON THEIR ALREADY WORLD-CLASS ALKYLATION UNITS. THE
6 USE OF M.H.F. HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY REVIEWED BY COUNTY, STATE,
7 AND FEDERAL REGULATORY AUTHORITIES, INCLUDING OUR VERY OWN
8 SOUTH COAST A.Q.M.D. M.H.F. IS A CRITICAL COMPONENT THAT HELPS
9 US MEET THE STATE'S GASOLINE STANDARD, AND PRODUCE CLEANER-
10 BURNING GASOLINE THAT POWERS OUR SUPPLY CHAIN AND ECONOMY.
11 ASKING THE STATE TO BAN THE NECESSARY TECHNOLOGY THAT HAS BEEN
12 PROVEN SAFE, IN ORDER TO MOVE TO AN UNPROVEN ONE, IS NOT ONLY
13 IRRESPONSIBLE, BUT IT COULD HARM THE REGIONAL ECONOMY BY
14 RAISING COSTS ON ANGELENOS AT A TIME WHEN MANY ARE FEELING THE
15 EFFECTS OF INFLATION. THIS ORDINANCE IS NOT ONLY UNNECESSARY,
16 BUT IT UNDERMINES THE SOUTH COAST A.Q.M.D., AND CREATES
17 DUPLICATIVE POLICIES IN THE SOUTH COAST BASIN. THANK YOU.

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

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

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1 **SPEAKER:** CAN YOU HEAR ME?

2

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

4

5 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. HELLO. GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY
6 NAME IS KENT MENDOZA. I'M WITH THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION.
7 I AM HERE TO SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER 17, 22, AND PROVIDE GENERAL
8 PUBLIC COMMENT. AS SOMEONE THAT WAS INCARCERATED FROM THE AGES
9 OF 15 TO 20, AND THAT WAS ON PROBATION FROM THE AGES OF 14 TO
10 21, I AM HERE TO EXPRESS TO YOU ALL ONCE AGAIN, AND REMIND
11 YOU, WHY WE NEED TO MOVE AWAY FROM THIS DEPARTMENT, AND CREATE
12 THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, THAT YOU ALL PROMISED
13 WHEN YOU APPROVED AND VOTED FOR THE YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED,
14 NOT THAT LONG AGO. WE ARE SPENDING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS AND
15 CONTINUE TO PULL MONEY TO A DEPARTMENT THAT ONLY PROVIDED ME,
16 AND CONTINUES TO PROVIDE OTHER YOUTH, WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO
17 BECOME BETTER GANG MEMBERS AND FIGHTERS. HOW IS IT THAT I
18 EXPERIENCED AND HAD THE MOST FIGHTS IN MY LIFE IN A PROBATION
19 CAMP IN JUVENILE HALL? THESE PLACES, FACILITIES, [INAUDIBLE]
20 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OR ENVIRONMENT, AND I WILL
21 CONTINUE TO BE REMINDED BY THE BOARD'S [INAUDIBLE] COMMUNITY
22 CORRECTIONS AND THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION OF HOW MUCH
23 OUT OF COMPLIANCE THEY CONTINUE TO BE, AND JUST HOW SIMPLY
24 THEY CAN'T GET IT TOGETHER. HOW MANY MORE REPORTS,
25 INSPECTIONS, AUDITS, AND HARM DO WE NEED TO TAKE AND ENDURE,

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1 IN ORDER FOR YOU TO TAKE THINGS SERIOUSLY? WE ALREADY HAVE
2 BEEN PROVIDED MANY REPORTS AND AUDITS, BY NOT ONLY THE P.O.C.
3 AND THE [INAUDIBLE], BUT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND ALL
4 THE DIFFERENT THINGS. THERE HAS BEEN SO MUCH EVIDENCE THAT
5 SHOWS THAT THIS DEPARTMENT SIMPLY CANNOT BE THE PLACE TO HOUSE
6 YOUNG PEOPLE, OR SIMPLY TO PROVIDE THEM WITH OPPORTUNITY TO
7 BECOME BETTER VERSIONS OF THEMSELVES. I URGE YOU TO LISTEN TO
8 THOSE THAT HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN IN THESE PLACES, THOSE THAT HAVE
9 ACTUALLY LIVED, SPENT A DAY, YEARS, INCARCERATED. I AM JUST
10 DISAPPOINTED THAT WE ARE TRYING TO MOVE TO CREATING SOMETHING,
11 WHEN WE HAVEN'T EVEN INVESTED AND FUNDED A DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH
12 DEVELOPMENT, WHICH IS SOMETHING THAT WE ALL-- COMMUNITY,
13 FAMILIES, MOTHERS, EVEN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES-- HAVE ENGAGED IN
14 PROCESSES, SINCE THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY WAS
15 CREATED, TO THE P.O.C.-- ALL OF THESE PROCESS THAT THE COUNTY
16 HAS INVESTED. PEOPLE HAVE INVESTED TIME, COMMITMENT, THROUGH
17 ALL THESE YEARS. I STARTED WORKING IN THIS MOVEMENT SINCE I
18 WAS 20 YEARS OF AGE. WHEN I GOT OUT OF, D.J.J., I HAD ALL THE
19 ASSISTANCE. I AM 28 YEARS OF AGE NOW, AND WE ARE STILL STUCK
20 IN TALKING ABOUT HOW TO CREATE SOMETHING THAT IS NOT
21 DEVELOPMENT. IT IS JUST DISAPPOINTING, AND I JUST REALLY URGE
22 YOU ALL TO PLEASE CONTINUE TO LISTEN TO THE VOICES OF PEOPLE
23 THAT HAVE BEEN IN THESE PLACES, AND PLEASE, PLEASE DON'T JUST
24 MOVE THINGS AND CREATE THINGS WITHOUT INPUT AND REAL
25 COLLABORATION FROM THE STAKEHOLDERS WHO HAVE REALLY BEEN

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1 INVESTED IN THESE ISSUES. AND I URGE YOU TO PLEASE FUND THE
2 DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. BE BOLD, AND DON'T BE AFRAID
3 TO DO SOMETHING THAT, PROBABLY, YOU ARE NOT USED TO DOING, AS
4 ELECTED OFFICIALS AND AS PEOPLE WHO WORK FOR THE GOVERNMENT.
5 PLEASE, DO IT FOR THE PEOPLE AND FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, BECAUSE WE
6 ARE REALLY DESPERATE AND ARE IN NEED OF THIS. THANK YOU SO
7 MUCH, AND HAVE A GREAT DAY.

8

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

11

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

16

17 **ARMANDO OLIVAS:** THANK YOU. I AM GOING TO ADDRESS ITEM 8, AND
18 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE BOARD OF
19 SUPERVISORS AND STAFF. MY NAME IS ARMANDO OLIVAS. I AM THE
20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LABOR COMMUNITY SERVICES, A NONPROFIT
21 AGENCY ASSISTING UNEMPLOYED AND UNDEREMPLOYED FAMILIES
22 THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY. I WANT TO START BY THANKING YOU AND
23 THE BOARD FOR FEEDING THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES DURING THE
24 PANDEMIC. I PARTICIPATED IN MANY OF YOUR FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS.
25 AS YOU KNOW, THE LINES WERE VERY LONG, AND THEY CONTINUE. THEY

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1 CONTINUE TO STAY LONG. SO WE ARE ENCOURAGING FOOD
2 DISTRIBUTIONS THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY. LABOR COMMUNITY SERVICES
3 IS A NONPROFIT ARM OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FEDERATION OF
4 LABOR. WE SERVE OVER 1 MILLION UNION FAMILIES IN L.A. COUNTY
5 AND THE COMMUNITY. MANY OF OUR FAMILIES ARE STILL UNEMPLOYED
6 AND AFFECTED BY C.O.V.I.D., WHO DEPEND ON THE L.A. COUNTY
7 SUPERVISORS-- YOUR FOOD DISTRIBUTION-- FOR FOOD. THEY ARE
8 EXPERIENCING FOOD INSECURITY. WE SEE FAMILIES STRUGGLING TO
9 PAY RENT, PURCHASE MEDICATION FOR A SICK CHILD, OR PUT FOOD ON
10 THEIR TABLE. THE L.A. COUNTY FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS COMBAT HIGH-
11 RISING FOOD COSTS, AND ADDRESSES FOOD INSECURITY AMONG OUR
12 COMMUNITY. ON BEHALF OF THE OVER 1 MILLION FAMILIES WE SERVE
13 IN L.A. COUNTY, WE SUPPORT SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION TO
14 CONTINUE FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS THROUGH L.A. COUNTY, AND ENCOURAGE
15 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK YOU
16 VERY MUCH.

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

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

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1 **SPEAKER:** YES. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS CHRIS
2 CHAVEZ, WITH COALITION FOR CLEAN AIR, AND I AM ALSO A RESIDENT
3 OF WEST LONG BEACH. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF ITEM 41-F AND
4 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. WE SUPPORT MOTION 41-F. MODIFIED
5 HYDROFLUORIC ACID IS AN INCREDIBLY DANGEROUS CHEMICAL THAT
6 FORMS AN EASILY SPREAD LOW-LYING FOG. EXPOSURE TO M.H.F. WILL
7 INSTANTLY RESULT IN SEVERE INJURY OR DEATH. AS STATED BY
8 OTHERS, WE HAD A VERY NEAR MISS OF A CATASTROPHIC M.H.F. LEAK
9 IN 2015. YET, IN 2019, OUR AIR DISTRICT OPTED TO ACCEPT A LIST
10 OF VOLUNTARY "SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS" PREPARED BY THE REFINERIES,
11 RATHER THAN PROMULGATE ANY RULES OR PROTECTIONS. THE ONLY TWO
12 REFINERIES IN CALIFORNIA THAT USE M.H.F. ARE IN LOS ANGELES
13 COUNTY, AND BOTH ARE EITHER IN OR NEAR COMMUNITIES PROTECTED
14 UNDER THE COMMUNITY AIR PROTECTION PROGRAM, UNDER ASSEMBLY
15 BILL 617. THERE ARE ALTERNATIVES. IF OUR AIR REGULATORS WON'T
16 STAND UP FOR OUR COMMUNITIES, WE HOPE THAT L.A. COUNTY
17 CONTINUES TO LEAD. FOR THESE REASONS, WE SUPPORT ITEM 41-F,
18 AND THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR HER CONTINUED LEADERSHIP ON THIS
19 ISSUE. THANK YOU.

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

23

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVEN. 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 **ERIC PREVEN:** LOOK CLOSELY AT THAT ONE. [INAUDIBLE] ROLL IN
6 ALONGSIDE MOTOROLA. AND FINALLY, LEELA KAPUR, YOUR BOSS, WE
7 HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING HER WORK FOR YEARS, EVER SINCE SHE
8 MIGRATED OVER FROM COUNTY COUNSEL, WHERE SHE WAS ADVISING
9 ANDREA ORTON ON ALL THE WRONGDOING THAT I HAD TO CLEAN UP IN
10 COURT. NOW THAT SHE CAME TO CITY HALL, AND I HAVE BEEN
11 FOLLOWING HER AROUND, SHE AND MICHAELSON SLAMMED THE DOOR ON
12 ANY PUBLIC INPUT, AS [INAUDIBLE] AND YOU AND [INAUDIBLE]
13 SERIES OF EMBARRASSING-- CARUSO IS GOING TO CLEAN IT UP, WE
14 HEAR, BUT--

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** EXCUSE ME. ARE YOU ADDRESSING THE BOARD OF
17 L.A. COUNTY?

18

19 **ERIC PREVEN:** -- SCANDAL! WHAT IS WRONG?

20

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

22

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

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1

2 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ISABEL BALBOA, AND I WILL BE
3 SPEAKING ON ITEM 41-F. I COMMEND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR HER
4 TIRELESS EFFORTS TO FORCE REFINERIES IN TORRANCE AND
5 WILMINGTON TO PHASE OUT THE USE OF DEADLY MODIFIED
6 HYDROFLUORIC ACID. SHE HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN THIS FIGHT TO
7 GET THESE IMMORAL REFINERIES TO DO THE RIGHT THING. THEY HAVE
8 PROVEN TIME AND AGAIN THAT THEY WILL DRAG THEIR FEET WITH
9 PROMISES OF FLIMSY MITIGATION, AND SADLY, THEY HAVE BEEN
10 EMBOLDENED AND ENABLED BY THE SPECTACULAR FAILURE OF THE
11 A.Q.M.D. TO PROTECT US IN 2019. IF ALL THE OTHER REFINERIES IN
12 CALIFORNIA CAN OPERATE WELL WITHOUT M.H.F., THERE IS NO EXCUSE
13 WHY THE TORRANCE AND WILMINGTON FACILITIES CAN'T JOIN THEIR
14 PEERS IN DOING THE RIGHT THING. WE ARE URGING THE ATTORNEY
15 GENERAL AND THE U.S. E.P.A. TO TAKE ALL POSSIBLE ACTION TO
16 PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES FROM SHAMELESS GREED, AND CONVERT
17 OPERATIONS AWAY FROM M.H.F., IMMEDIATELY. THANK YOU,
18 SUPERVISOR HAHN. ALSO, I SUPPORT ITEMS 7 AND 8. THANK YOU VERY
19 MUCH. BYE-BYE.

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

23

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

4

5 **DR. HANNAH CARR:** HELLO. MY NAME IS DR. HANNAH CARR. I AM A
6 THIRD-YEAR EMERGENCY MEDICINE RESIDENT PHYSICIAN AT HARBOR-
7 U.C.L.A., AND A DELEGATE [INAUDIBLE]. THANK YOU FOR THE
8 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEM 27. I WOULD LIKE TO
9 STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO APPROVE THIS CONTRACT AND SEND
10 IT THROUGH PAYROLL AS QUICKLY AS FEASIBLE. AS PART OF THE
11 BARGAINING TEAM, WE WERE LED TO BELIEVE THAT THERE WAS AN
12 URGENCY TO SETTLE THIS CONTRACT IN EARLY DECEMBER, AND IN
13 EXCHANGE, WE WOULD RECEIVE OUR HOUSING STIPEND WITHIN A MONTH.
14 TO OUR SURPRISE, OUR CONTRACT WASN'T EVEN PLACED ON YOUR
15 AGENDA UNTIL TODAY. WE ARE STILL AWAITING THE DISTRIBUTION OF
16 OUR HOUSING STIPEND, NORMALLY PAID OUT IN OCTOBER. THIS
17 HOUSING STIPEND, WHILE ONLY \$6,000, IS A VITAL PART OF OUR
18 INCOME TO AFFORD LIFE IN L.A., WHILE MAKING ESSENTIALLY
19 MINIMUM WAGE WORKING ON THE FRONT LINES. WE ARE STILL WAITING
20 FOR THIS PAYMENT, AND MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS ARE IN DESPERATE
21 NEED TO SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES, PAY THEIR RENT, AND AFFORD
22 LIFE IN THIS BEAUTIFUL BUT HORRENDOUSLY EXPENSIVE CITY. WE ARE
23 NOW BACK AT THE BARGAINING TABLE, AND OUR COUNTY
24 REPRESENTATIVE DID NOT EVEN REALIZE WE HAD NOT YET BEEN PAID

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1 OUT. PLEASE EXPEDITE THE APPROVAL OF THIS CONTRACT, AND PLEASE
2 PAY OUT OUR HOUSING STIPEND. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

3

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

6

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

10

11 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I AM CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 41-F
12 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. AGAIN, I HAVE BEEN A LIFELONG
13 RESIDENT OF THE SOUTH BAY, AND I AM STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF THE
14 MODIFIED HYDROFLUORIC ACID BEING REPLACED AT THE LOCAL
15 REFINERIES. MANY FRIENDS AND FAMILY THAT LIVE IN THE AREA, AS
16 WELL, AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR HER
17 SUPPORT BEHIND THIS MEASURE. THANK YOU.

18

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

21

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

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1

2 **SPEAKER:** LYNNE PLAMBECK, SANTA CLARITA ORGANIZATION FOR
3 PLANNING THE ENVIRONMENT. ITEM 40, THE TUNE-UP, AND GENERAL
4 PUBLIC COMMENT. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO ASK THAT THIS AGENDA ITEM
5 BE PULLED, AND THE PORTIONS OF THE ORDINANCE THAT ARE INCLUDED
6 NOT UNTIL PAGE 40, WHERE NO ONE CAN FIND THEM, BE PROPERLY
7 NOTICED IN THE AGENDA DESCRIPTION. WE HAVE BROUGHT THIS ISSUE
8 TO YOU BEFORE THROUGH, ACTUALLY, LEGAL ACTION AND BROWN ACT
9 VIOLATION NOTICE, AND HERE IT IS AGAIN ON THE AGENDA, WHEN IT
10 COULD HAVE BEEN EASILY RESOLVED BY JUST ADDING A FEW WORDS.
11 AND ALSO, WE DON'T FEEL THAT YOU CAN MAKE CHANGES TO AN OAK
12 ORDINANCE THAT WOULD ENABLE THE REMOVAL OF ADDITIONAL TREES IN
13 AN EASIER FASHION UNDER A C.E.Q.A. EXEMPTION. IT IS WELL KNOWN
14 AT THIS POINT THAT TREES PROVIDE MAJOR REDUCTION OF CO2 GASES,
15 AND OTHER CITIES ARE PROVIDING MORE TREES, NOT FINDING WAYS TO
16 REMOVE THEM. AND WE JUST WOULD LIKE THAT YOU WOULD REMOVE THE
17 PORTIONS OF THE ITEM THAT REFER TO THE OAK ORDINANCE. WE DON'T
18 HAVE CONCERNS OVER THE REST OF IT. AND THE OTHER THING IS THAT
19 PEOPLE ARE HAVING A REALLY LOT OF TROUBLE COMMENTING. THIS IS
20 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THEIR COMMENTS ARE NOT BEING INCLUDED
21 IN THE BOARD CORRESPONDENCE FILE, AND THEY ARE HAVING TROUBLE
22 UPLOADING. AND SOMETHING IS WRONG, BECAUSE THE PUBLIC REALLY
23 CAN'T GET ITS VOICE HEARD. YOU WILL NOTICE THAT THERE WERE A
24 LOT OF OPPOSITION TO THIS AGENDA ITEM. I DON'T KNOW IF ANY OF
25 YOU READ THE BOARD CORRESPONDENCE FILE. I AM HOPING THAT THE

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1 ANSWER IS YES. BUT IT IS VERY DIFFICULT WHEN ITEMS ARE
2 REJECTED, AND NOT PROPERLY POSTED. I KNOW SEVERAL PEOPLE THAT
3 COMPLAINED TO ME THAT THEIR ITEMS WERE NOT POSTED. HOW CAN YOU
4 REALLY GET A GOOD IDEA OF PUBLIC CONCERN, IF YOU AREN'T ABLE
5 TO HAVE THE COMMENTS BEFORE YOU IN THE BOARD CORRESPONDENCE
6 FILE? I JUST HOPE THAT YOU WILL LOOK INTO THIS MATTER. THANK
7 YOU.

8

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

11

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

16

17 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I AM CALLING IN SUPPORT OF
18 ITEM 6, IMPLEMENTING AN EQUITABLE COMMERCIAL CANNABIS
19 REGULATORY FRAMEWORK. MY NAME IS ISAIAS HERNANDEZ. EXECUTIVE
20 DIRECTOR OF EASTMONT COMMUNITY CENTER, A NONPROFIT IN
21 UNINCORPORATED EAST LOS ANGELES. THERE IS AN ALARMING NUMBER
22 OF ILLEGAL DISPENSARIES THAT CONTINUE TO OPERATE WITHOUT
23 CONSEQUENCE. MANY OF THEM ARE IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF
24 L.A. COUNTY. MANY OF THESE ILLEGAL DISPENSARIES ARE
25 UNREGULATED, UNTESTED. THEY DON'T PAY TAXES ON THE MARIJUANA

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1 THEY SELL, AND THEIR PRODUCT COULD POTENTIALLY BE FULL OF
2 PESTICIDES, MOLD, AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES. UNLICENSED
3 CANNABIS DISPENSARIES CREATE SIGNIFICANT NEGATIVE IMPACTS TO
4 OUR COMMUNITIES, AND TOO MANY ILLEGAL CANNABIS BUSINESSES ARE
5 CONCENTRATED IN LOW-INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS, AND IN AREAS THAT
6 ARE ALREADY OVERBURDENED BY BUSINESSES THAT CREATE UNHEALTHY
7 COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTS. THERE IS AN EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY TO
8 SUPPORT A HEALTHY AND RESPONSIBLE CANNABIS INDUSTRY. I AM
9 CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 6. THANK YOU.

10

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

13

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

17

18 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I AM CALLING ON ITEM 7, GENERAL PUBLIC
19 COMMENT. I AM CALLING TODAY TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR SOLIS IN
20 EXPANDING THE ROLE OF PROMOTORAS DE SALUD AND THE COMMUNITY
21 HEALTH WORKERS IN L.A. COUNTY. I'M A COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR, AND
22 WE'VE BEEN GOING TO OUR COMMUNITY DURING THIS PANDEMIC,
23 HELPING OUR COMMUNITY WITH FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN UNDER FIVE.
24 AND I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE HELPED OUR COMMUNITY TO HELP THEIR
25 MENTAL HEALTH, AND AVOID DEPRESSION FOR THE PARENTS AND THE

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1 CHILDREN. WE ALSO HELP THEM, LINKING THEM TO WHATEVER NEEDS
2 THEY NEED: FOOD, MEDI-CAL, GUIDANCE, OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.
3 AND WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF EXPANDING THE ROLE FOR PROMOTORAS DE
4 SALUD AND COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS IN L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU.

5

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

8

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

13

14 **SARAH WILTFONG:** THANK YOU. ITEM 41-F AND GENERAL PUBLIC
15 COMMENT. MY NAME IS SARAH WILTFONG, AND I AM CONTACTING YOU ON
16 BEHALF OF BIZFED, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUSINESS FEDERATION.
17 WE'RE AN ALLIANCE OF OVER 200 BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS, WHO
18 REPRESENT OVER 400,000 EMPLOYERS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE
19 WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERNS OVER THE LAST ADDITION OF
20 ITEM 41-F, WHICH ASKS THE STATE TO BAN MODIFIED HYDROFLUORIC
21 ACID AT THE TORRANCE AND VALERO REFINERIES, AND ASKS THE
22 COUNTY TO RESEARCH OTHER ALTERNATIVES. THE SOUTH COAST AIR
23 QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT WORKED FOR NEARLY THREE YEARS WITH
24 THE REFINERY ON THE SAME ISSUE, AND IN 2019 FOUND THAT THERE
25 WAS NO PROVEN TECHNOLOGY AVAILABLE TO TRANSITION OUT OF

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1 MODIFIED HYDROFLUORIC ACID, AND INSTEAD WORKED WITH THE
2 REFINERIES ON ENHANCED SAFETY MEASURES. BOTH REFINERIES HAVE
3 ADDED THESE ENHANCEMENTS, MAKING THEM EVEN MORE SAFE, WHEN
4 THEY WERE ALREADY SOME OF THE SAFEST REFINERIES IN THE WORLD.
5 IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT THE SUPERVISORS ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH
6 THIS LAST-MINUTE ADDITION WITHOUT NOTIFYING THE PARTIES
7 INVOLVED, AND UNDERMINE THE WORK THAT THE REFINERIES AND THE
8 SOUTH COAST MANAGEMENT DISTRICT HAVE ALREADY SPENT ON THIS
9 ISSUE. WE HOPE THAT YOU RECONSIDER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
10 CONSIDERATION OF OUR COMMENT.

11

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

14

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

19

20 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS SET ITEM 2 AND PUBLIC
21 COMMENT. I WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO CONSIDER ENDING ALL
22 C.O.V.I.D.-19 RESTRICTIONS RIGHT NOW. DIRECT THE L.A.
23 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO DO THIS. I WOULD LIKE TO TELL
24 YOU WHY. THE MARTIN LUTHER KING KINGDOM DAY PARADE WAS
25 RECENTLY CANCELED. IT SEEMS LIKE A LONG TIME AGO, BUT IT

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1 REALLY WASN'T. IT WAS ONLY A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO. IT WAS
2 CANCELED BECAUSE OF C.O.V.I.D. REASONS. BUT YET, WE WENT FULL
3 STEAM AHEAD ON N.F.L. FOOTBALL, AND WE'RE GOING TO GO FULL
4 STEAM AHEAD ON A PARADE FOR THE RAMS, WHEN WE CANCELED THE
5 MARTIN LUTHER KING KINGDOM DAY PARADE. I DON'T HAVE TO TELL
6 YOU THAT THE OPTICS ON THAT ARE TERRIBLE. IT DOESN'T MATTER IF
7 THE BOARD DIDN'T DECIDE TO CANCEL THE PARADE. YOU WILL BE
8 BLAMED. I ALREADY ASKED THE L.A. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
9 TO SEND ME E-MAILS PROVING THAT THEY URGED THE MARTIN LUTHER
10 KING KINGDOM DAY ORGANIZATION TO CONTINUE TO HAVE THE PARADE.
11 BUT I HAVE NOT RECEIVED THEM. BUT I HAVE A SOLUTION FOR YOU.
12 WE ALL KNOW THAT THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 PANDEMIC IS GETTING BETTER.
13 THIS IS BECAUSE OF SEASONALITY, AND NOT BECAUSE OF ANYTHING
14 THAT WE ARE DOING, BUT THAT'S ANOTHER TOPIC. YOU CAN END THE
15 RESTRICTIONS FOR GOOD, AND SAY, "WE ARE GETTING BETTER. THAT
16 IS WHY WE ARE HAVING THE RAMS PARADE." I ALSO SUGGEST THAT
17 BECAUSE THIS IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH, THAT YOU RESCHEDULE THE
18 KINGDOM DAY PARADE. OTHERWISE, I AM JUST GOING TO HAVE TO
19 ASSUME THAT L.A. LOVES FOOTBALL MORE THAN CIVIL RIGHTS. I
20 WONDER WHAT THE N.A.A.C.P. THINKS ABOUT THAT. I WOULD LIKE YOU
21 TO FOCUS ON EDUCATING DOCTORS ON HOW TO TREAT C.O.V.I.D.-19.
22 WE HAVE LOTS OF TREATMENTS, AND YET I NEVER HEAR YOU SAY A
23 WORD ABOUT TREATMENTS. IT IS ONLY MASKS AND VACCINES. PLEASE
24 REALIZE THAT YOU HAVE MORE TOOLS IN YOUR TOOLKIT THAN THAT.
25 FIND THE DOCTORS THAT KNOW HOW TO TREAT C.O.V.I.D.-19. THEY

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1 ARE OUT THERE. EDUCATE YOUR OWN DOCTORS, AND GET US OUT OF
2 THIS PANDEMIC, BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE TO GO ON--

3

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

6

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

10

11 **SPEAKER:** HI. I AM COMMENTING ON 17, 22, AND GENERAL PUBLIC
12 COMMENT. MY NAME IS EDITH MACIAS, AND I AM WITH THE ARTS FOR
13 HEALING AND JUSTICE NETWORK, AND THE LOS ANGELES YOUTH
14 UPRISING COALITION. I AM HERE TO SAY THAT THE PROBATION
15 DEPARTMENT IS ABSOLUTELY NOT A DEPARTMENT THAT CAN BE OR
16 SHOULD BE REFORMED. COMMUNITY LEADERS AND ACTIVISTS HAVE, TIME
17 AND TIME AGAIN, ADVOCATED AGAINST THE HORRIBLE, ABUSIVE
18 CONDITIONS IN PROBATION JAILS. THE LATEST REPORT BY THE
19 PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSIONERS ON THE CONDITIONS AT BARRY
20 J. NIDORF MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT THE CULTURE OF JUVENILE
21 HALLS IS VIOLENT. YOUTH ARE BEING PEPPER-SPRAYED, DENIED THE
22 RIGHT TO USE THE RESTROOM, SHACKLED, AND DENIED PROPER HYGIENE
23 PRODUCTS, AMONG OTHER REALLY HORRIBLE TREATMENTS IN THE
24 FACILITIES. WE NEED YOU TO STAND ALONGSIDE OUR COMMUNITY AND
25 CREATE A NEW DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. [INAUDIBLE] OF

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1 YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, WHERE YOUTH ARE NOT CRIMINALIZED,
2 WHERE HEALING EXISTS, BECAUSE IT DOESN'T EXIST RIGHT NOW;
3 WHERE THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S REAL-LIFE NEEDS ARE MET; WHERE A
4 CARING PEOPLE SUPPORT THE OVERALL WELLNESS OF THESE YOUTH. WE
5 NEED TO BREAK THE CHAINS THAT OPPRESS YOUNG PEOPLE: THE ONES
6 THAT PROFIT FROM THEIR SUFFERING AND ROB THEM OF THEIR YOUTH.
7 CLOSE BARRY J. NIDORF AND OUR YOUTH PRISONS, FUND A DEPARTMENT
8 OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, AND MAKE Y.J.R. HAPPEN NOW. THESE
9 DEMANDS ARE LONG OVERDUE. AND WITH THAT, I WILL CLOSE BY
10 SAYING Y.J.R. NEEDS TO HAPPEN NOW. Y.J.R. NEEDS TO HAPPEN NOW.
11 Y.J.R. NEEDS TO HAPPEN NOW. Y.J.R. NEEDS TO HAPPEN NOW. Y.J.R.
12 NEEDS TO HAPPEN NOW. Y.J.R. NEEDS TO HAPPEN NOW. Y.J.R. NEEDS
13 TO HAPPEN NOW. THANK YOU.

14

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

17

18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CHRISTINE O'ROURKE. 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 **SPEAKER:** OH, THANK YOU SO MUCH. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM 41-
24 F AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS. FIRSTLY, THANK YOU SO MUCH TO
25 SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR INTRODUCING THE MOTION TO REQUIRE OUR

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1 LOCAL REFINERIES TO CONVERT TO SAFER ALTERNATIVES TO THE
2 POTENTIALLY LETHAL M.H.F. I PERSONALLY BELIEVE THAT WE ARE
3 LIVING IN A TICKING TIME BOMB IN OUR BACKYARD, OR LIVING WITH
4 A TICKING TIME BOMB IN OUR BACKYARD, WHEN IT IS ENTIRELY
5 UNNECESSARY, GIVEN THAT THERE ARE OTHER, FAR SAFER
6 ALTERNATIVES TO M.H.F. LIVING IN DENIAL ABOUT THIS ELEPHANT IN
7 THE ROOM MIGHT BE THE EASIEST THING TO DO, BUT IT IS ALSO THE
8 MOST DANGEROUS AND LEAST WISE. I MOVED TO NORTH REDONDO NEARLY
9 FOUR YEARS AGO. THE SOOT ON MY BLINDS IS BLACK. I FEEL LIKE A
10 CHIMNEY SWEEP FROM "MARY POPPINS" WHEN I CLEAN THE SOOT. THE
11 THING IS, I CAN CLEAN MY BLINDS, BUT NOT MY LUNGS. HOWEVER,
12 THE SOOT IS NOTHING IN CONTRAST TO THE DANGER POSED BY THE
13 CONTINUED USE OF MODIFIED HYDROFLUORIC ACID. THANK YOU,
14 SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND TO THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR
15 THIS MOTION, WHICH WOULD REQUIRE OUR LOCAL REFINERIES TO
16 CONVERT TO SAFER ALTERNATIVES TO M.H.F. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

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

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1 **SPEAKER:** YEAH. MY NAME IS CARLOS BENAVIDES. GOOD MORNING. I AM
2 ADDRESSING ITEM NO. 25, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. OOPS. HANG
3 ON ONE SECOND. GIVE ME ONE SECOND. I'M SORRY. I APOLOGIZE.
4 GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME'S CARLOS BENAVIDES. I CHAIR
5 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITY. TODAY I COME
6 TO YOU AS THE CHAIR OF THE PATIENT ADVISORY COUNCIL IN RANCHO
7 LOS AMIGOS, AND A VOICE ON BEHALF OF THE DISABLED. I WANT TO
8 THANK FOURTH-DISTRICT LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR JANICE
9 HAHN FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION THAT WILL HELP TO ENSURE L.A.
10 COUNTY'S PANDEMIC RESPONSE MEETS THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE
11 IMMUNOCOMPROMISED, AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. THE COUNTY
12 MUST MAKE SURE THAT TESTING, VACCINES, P.P.E., AND OTHER
13 RESOURCES ARE ACCESSIBLE. SUPERVISORS, ON BEHALF OF THE
14 DISABLED COMMUNITY, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
15 SUPPORT, AND THE INCLUSION OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.
16 SUPERVISORS, PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT PEOPLE ARE LIVING
17 LONGER, AND MANY ARE INCURRING SOME FORM OF DISABILITY.
18 THEREFORE, IT IS NECESSARY THAT CONSUMERS WITH DISABILITIES
19 HAVE COLLABORATIVE INPUT TO DEPLOY APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS AND
20 SERVICES THAT WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE AN INDIVIDUAL THE
21 OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE. SUPERVISOR HAHN,
22 AS WE MOVE FORWARD TO A DIVERSE AND INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT, THE
23 DISABILITY COMMUNITY WILL HAVE A VOICE. THIS NOBLE GESTURE
24 ELEVATES THE CONCEPT AND IDEA OF TOTAL INCLUSIVITY, REGARDLESS
25 OF ONE'S FUNCTIONAL CAPABILITIES AND LIMITATIONS. SUPERVISORS,

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1 MOVING FORWARD, TOTAL EQUITY MEANS THAT NO RESIDENT IN LOS
2 ANGELES COUNTY WILL BE LEFT BEHIND, SO I TOTALLY SUPPORT AND
3 WHOLEHEARTEDLY AGREE WITH THIS MOTION PRESENTED BY SUPERVISOR
4 HAHN. RESPECTFULLY, CARLOS BENAVIDES. THANK YOU.

5

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

8

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

13

14 **XAVIER CAGIGAS:** YES, GOOD MORNING. CAN YOU ALL HEAR ME OKAY?

15

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

17

18 **XAVIER CAGIGAS:** OKAY. THANK YOU. YES, SO I AM ADDRESSING ITEM
19 7, GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS XAVIER CAGIGAS. I
20 REPRESENT THE U.C.L.A. HISPANIC NEUROPSYCHIATRIC CENTER OF
21 EXCELLENCE, AND I AM CALLING TODAY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF
22 SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S VERY IMPORTANT MOTION TO SOLIDIFY AND
23 EXPAND THE ROLE OF PROMOTORAS DE SALUD AND COMMUNITY
24 HEALTHCARE WORKERS IN L.A. COUNTY. THE PROMOTORAS HAVE BEEN A
25 TRUE HISTORICAL FORCE, TRIED AND TRUE, HERE IN LOS ANGELES,

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1 AND THEY REPRESENT AN EVER-GROWING AND VITAL ROLE IN THE
2 COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO EXPAND ACCESS TO CARE IN CULTURALLY AND
3 LINGUISTICALLY APPROPRIATE WAYS. YOU KNOW, I THINK IT IS VERY
4 IMPORTANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PROMOTORAS.
5 THEY HAVE BEEN THE BLUEPRINT FOR SO MANY PROGRAMS FOR
6 COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE WORKERS HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, AND I JUST
7 WANT TO STRONGLY ASK THAT EVERYONE PLEASE VOTE IN SUPPORT OF
8 SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR
9 HISTORICAL PROMOTORAS, TO HELP SECURE THEIR LONG-TERM
10 VIABILITY AND THE VIABILITY OF THE PROGRAM, AND TO ALSO
11 PROVIDE CAREER PATHWAYS FOR THOSE THAT SERVE IN THIS ROLE.
12 THEY ARE, I THINK, ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL IN ADVANCING HEALTH
13 EQUITY WITHIN LOS ANGELES, AND ARE A MODEL TO FOLLOW. AND SO I
14 STRONGLY ASK THAT EVERYONE PLEASE BE SUPPORTIVE OF SUPERVISOR
15 SOLIS'S MOTION, AND WE LOOK FORWARD AT U.C.L.A. TO CONTINUING
16 TO WORK WITH THE PROMOTORAS. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

17

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

20

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

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** SET ITEM 2, AND GENERAL COMMENT. I AM A FIFTH-
2 DISTRICT VOTER. YOUR CONTINUING LOVE AFFAIR WITH MASKING
3 CHILDREN IS DEPLORABLE. HISTORY WILL NOT LOOK BACK AT THIS
4 TIME WITH PRIDE. INSTEAD, IT WILL BE REMEMBERED AS THE MOST
5 ANTI-SCIENCE, DIVISIVE TIME IN CALIFORNIA HISTORY: A TIME WHEN
6 WE LET A POWERFUL LABOR UNION TAKE OUR CHILDREN HOSTAGE IN
7 RETURN FOR THEIR DEMANDS, AND UNELECTED BUREAUCRATS RAN OUR
8 COUNTY INTO THE GROUND. I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU COULD WATCH THE
9 SUPER BOWL, INCLUDING DR. FERRER, AND THINK ANYONE WAS WEARING
10 MASKS OR IN COMPLIANCE WITH ANY RULES. SHE STAYED FOR THE
11 GAME. SHE SAW NO ONE WAS IN A MASK, EXCEPT FOR THE STAFF AND
12 HER. AND MONDAY MORNING, THE KIDS WERE ALL BACK IN THEIR FACE
13 COVERINGS FOR SEVEN HOURS A DAY, BEING YELLED AT BY TEACHERS
14 FOR MASK VIOLATIONS. WHILE ZEALOUSLY PUSHING THE MASKS AND
15 VACCINES, YOU ALSO FORGOT TO PROMOTE TREATMENT OPTIONS. THE
16 LINKS TO TREATMENT INFORMATION ARE HARD TO FIND ON THE PUBLIC
17 HEALTH WEBSITE. SHAMING PEOPLE FOR NOT GETTING VACCINATED DOES
18 NOT HELP THEM WHEN THEY ACTUALLY GET C.O.V.I.D. BECAUSE THE
19 VACCINES AND MASKS DON'T PREVENT C.O.V.I.D., WE SHOULD HAVE
20 ALSO FOCUSED ON TREATMENT OPTIONS. THIS SEEMS AGAINST THE
21 MEDICAL OATH OF "DO NO HARM," TO NOT ACTIVELY INFORM PEOPLE
22 WHAT TO DO BESIDES STAY HOME UNTIL YOU ARE ALMOST DEAD. HOW
23 MANY LIVES WERE HARMED BY LACK OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT TREATMENT?
24 THIS IS ON YOU. WE HAVE HAD MORE THAN ENOUGH OF YOUR
25 UNTRUSTWORTHY AND FAULTY SCIENCE. IT IS ALL POLITICS AT THIS

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1 POINT, NOTHING TO DO WITH HEALTH. JUST POLITICS AND CONTROL. I
2 URGE YOU TO LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES WHEN WE SAY,
3 WE ARE DONE WITH YOUR RESTRICTIONS. STOP MASKING OUR CHILDREN,
4 AND C.O.V.I.D. RESTRICTIONS NOW. THANK YOU.

5

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

8

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

12

13 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I WILL BE ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEM 25,
14 AND GENERAL COMMENT. I WANTED TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR HER
15 EXCELLENT MOTION. I THINK IT IS TIME FOR PEOPLE WITH
16 DISABILITIES AND SENIORS TO HAVE THESE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THE
17 SERVICES AND NEEDS THAT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND SENIORS
18 HAVE IN OUR COMMUNITY. I WANTED TO ALSO TAKE A MOMENT TO THANK
19 ALL THOSE AGENCIES THAT WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND TO PROVIDE
20 INNOVATIVE WAYS TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH
21 DISABILITIES AND SENIORS, SUCH AS P.A.S.D., THE PERSONAL
22 ASSISTANCE SERVICES COUNCIL, ACCESS SERVICES, AND [INAUDIBLE]
23 FOUNDATION. THESE ARE JUST A FEW, AND THERE ARE MANY MORE, AND
24 WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THEIR SERVICES. AND I WANTED TO ALSO
25 ADDRESS THE FACT THAT THERE ARE STILL MANY CHALLENGES AND

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1 BARRIERS TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND SENIORS, AND GETTING
2 SERVICES DURING THE PANDEMIC. THE I.H.S.S. POPULATION IS STILL
3 STRUGGLING WITH THE ABILITY OF GETTING PROVIDERS THAT CAN
4 PROVIDE SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AT THEIR HOME,
5 AND ASSIST THEM WITH DAILY TASKS. ACCESS SERVICES ARE STILL
6 STRUGGLING TO GET DRIVERS WHO COME AND WORK AND PROVIDE
7 TRANSPORTATION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. WE NEED THESE
8 CONVERSATIONS, AND WE NEED TO BE AT THE TABLE. THANK YOU FOR
9 ACKNOWLEDGING THAT AND MAKING SURE THAT, AS WE ARE MAKING ALL
10 THESE COALITIONS, THAT WE, AS PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND
11 SENIORS, ARE LEADING THOSE CONVERSATIONS.

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

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

19
20 **SPEAKER:** ITEM 41-F AND GENERAL COMMENT. I WANT TO THANK THE
21 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING THE GREAT RISK, COMMONLY
22 RECOGNIZED CATASTROPHIC DANGER OF HYDROGEN SULFURIC PROCESSING
23 AT OUR LOCAL REFINERIES. HYDRO-SULFURIC ACID IS THE ONE THAT
24 YOUR CHEMISTRY TEACHER IN HIGH SCHOOL SHOWED YOU COULD NOT BE
25 PUT IN A GLASS CONTAINER. IT HAD TO BE IN A ROCK OR OTHER

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1 CONTAINER THAT STANDS UP TO THIS DEADLY ACID. I WANT TO
2 COMPLIMENT THE BOARD, AND ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR
3 RECOGNIZING THIS GRAVE DANGER, AND LOOKING TO STEP AWAY FROM
4 IT BY REPLACING IT WITH A SAFER PROCESS. TWO LOCAL REFINERIES
5 THAT USE THIS HYDRO-SULFURIC ACID REFINER CLAIM THAT THERE IS
6 NO FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVE, EVEN THOUGH REFINERIES ARE CONVERTING
7 WORLDWIDE TO A NEWER, SAFER, ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE PROCESS.
8 OUR LOCAL REFINERY IN WILMINGTON, WHICH CLAIMS THERE IS NO
9 ALTERNATIVE, IS CURRENTLY BUILDING A NEW REFINERY IN
10 LOUISIANA, WITH A FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVE. THIS--

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 BIANCA GALLEGOS. 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 **SPEAKER:** HI. CAN YOU HEAR ME WELL?

21

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

23

24 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. OKAY. HI. GOOD MORNING. I'M BIANCA GALLEGOS,
25 AND I AM ADDRESSING ITEM NO. 7 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M

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1 THE SHOP STEWARD, AND CURRENTLY IN THE ALBERTSONS BOND
2 PAVILION BARGAINING COMMITTEE, AS WELL AS THE LATINO U.S.E.C.
3 CO-CHAIR. I AM CALLING TODAY IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S
4 MOTION TO SOLIDIFY AND EXPAND THE ROLE OF PROMOTORAS DE SALUD
5 AND COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS IN L.A. COUNTY. PROMOTORAS PLAY A
6 GROWING AND VITAL ROLE IN THE COUNTY'S EFFORT TO EXPAND ACCESS
7 TO CARE IN A CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY APPROPRIATE WAY. BY
8 HIRING AND TRAINING TRUSTED MESSENGERS FROM COMMUNITIES TO
9 PROVIDE SERVICES AND OUTREACH THROUGH THE COMMUNITY, THESE
10 LIAISONS BREAK DOWN SYSTEMIC BARRIERS AND HELP CLOSE GAPS IN
11 HEALTH DISPARITIES. THEY ARE ESSENTIAL FOR COMMUNITIES THAT
12 HAVE TRADITIONALLY LACKED ACCESS TO CARE, AND ARE CRITICAL IN
13 ADVANCING HEALTH EQUITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THIS IS BIANCA
14 GALLEGOS, ONCE AGAIN.

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

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

22
23 **SPEAKER:** HI. YES. MY NAME IS JAY HERNANDEZ, AND I WANTED TO
24 SPEAK ON ITEM NO. 6, AND PUBLIC COMMENT. I WANT TO FIRST OF
25 ALL JUST SAY THAT I AM IN SUPPORT OF THE PROMOTORAS PROGRAM TO

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1 BE ESTABLISHED. IT IS SOMETHING THAT HAS SHOWN ITSELF TO TRULY
2 WORK, IN ALL SORTS OF COMMUNITIES THAT DO IT. THIS IS
3 PROACTIVE WORK. THIS IS ESTABLISHING RELATIONSHIPS WITH
4 COMMUNITY MEMBERS. IT IS NOT EASY, AND ESPECIALLY DURING THE
5 PANDEMIC, IT WAS A WAY TO FIGHT AGAINST MISINFORMATION THAT
6 WAS UNFORTUNATELY RAMPANT, AS HAS BEEN SHOWN BY SOME OF THE
7 CALLERS. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, I WANT TO SAY THAT I AM
8 SUPPORTIVE OF THE CANNABIS INITIATIVE THAT WAS BROUGHT IN BY
9 SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS. I THINK IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO.
10 PROP 64 PASSED SO MANY YEARS AGO, AND THE IDEA WAS THAT IT WAS
11 GOING TO LEGITIMIZE THIS INDUSTRY. AND TIME'S PASSED, AND
12 STILL IT IS BEING SHOWN TO NOT BE SUPPORTIVE, AND LOTS OF THE
13 BLACK MARKETS ARE RUNNING WILD. THERE'S SHOPS ALL OVER THE
14 PLACE. THE WORKERS THAT ARE THERE ARE OVERWORKED, UNDERPAID.
15 THERE'S SEXUAL ABUSE WITH WOMEN. THERE'S JUST ALL SORTS OF
16 THINGS. WHY NOT CREATE GOOD UNION JOBS? WHY NOT SUPPORT THE
17 LABOR MOVEMENT? WHY NOT LEGITIMIZE THIS INDUSTRY AND REALLY
18 STOP CREATING THIS SECOND WAR ON DRUGS? IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO
19 HAVE ENFORCEMENT. WE NEED TO ALLOW FOR SOCIAL EQUITY TO BUILD
20 UP BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES THAT WERE HISTORICALLY PUT IN
21 JAIL, AND PEOPLE ARE STILL IN JAIL. WE NEED TO HAVE MORE
22 EXPUNGEMENT CLINICS, SO THAT WE CAN CLEAR THE NAMES OF THESE
23 PEOPLE THAT SHOULD HAVE NEVER BEEN CRIMINALIZED. AND WE
24 DESTROYED GENERATIONS, BECAUSE OF THE WAR ON DRUGS IN THIS
25 STATE AND THIS COUNTRY. SO WE NEED TO DO RIGHT BY IT, AND L.A.

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1 COUNTY NEEDS TO TAKE INITIATIVE AND BE THE LEADER OF THIS
2 STATE, BY BEING ABLE TO PASS THIS ORDINANCE THAT WILL ALLOW
3 FOR MORE LICENSES, BUT ALSO DO IT IN A WAY THAT DOESN'T
4 OVERWHELM THE COMMUNITIES, BECAUSE WE NEED TO JUST CHANGE THE
5 HEARTS AND MINDS OF PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS JUST
6 LIKE ALCOHOL OR ANY OTHER SUBSTANCE THAT PEOPLE WANT TO USE;
7 SOME FOR MEDICINAL, SOME FOR RECREATIONAL. BUT IT IS HERE.
8 IT'S NOT GOING ANYWHERE.

9

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

12

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

17

18 **SPEAKER:** YES, HI. MY NAME IS ANNE GODHOFFER, AND I AM
19 ADDRESSING WHAT I GUESS IS ITEM 41-F, AND GENERAL PUBLIC
20 COMMENT. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR
21 INTRODUCING THIS MOTION TO PHASE OUT THE USE OF THE DEADLY
22 M.H.F. I URGE UNANIMOUS APPROVAL. I ALSO URGE THE GOVERNOR,
23 THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE UNITED STATES E.P.A., TO TAKE ALL
24 POSSIBLE ACTION TO FINALLY PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY FROM THIS
25 UNACCEPTABLE RISK. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1

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

4

5 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JERRY O'CONNOR. PLEASE
6 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND
7 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
8 BEGIN.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THANKS FOR THE
11 OPPORTUNITY. I AM CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 41-F, AND GENERAL
12 PUBLIC COMMENT. AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR
13 REQUESTING YOUR UNANIMOUS SUPPORT TO REQUEST GOVERNOR NEWSOM
14 AND ATTORNEY GENERAL BONTA TO END THE TOXIC AND UNSAFE USE OF
15 HYDROFLUORIC ACID AT THE ONLY TWO REMAINING CALIFORNIA
16 REFINERIES TO USE IT: IN TORRANCE AND IN WILMINGTON. AS A 41-
17 YEAR RESIDENT OF OUR WONDERFUL SOUTH BAY BEACH CITIES, A PAST
18 PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR IN MANHATTAN BEACH, AND AN EXECUTIVE
19 ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL, I PERSONALLY APPEALED
20 TO THE CITY COUNCILS OF OUR SOUTH BAY BEACH CITIES OF
21 MANHATTAN BEACH, HERMOSA BEACH, AND REDONDO BEACH, TO
22 AGENDIZE, CONSIDER, AND RESOLVE TO SUPPORT A BAN OF
23 HYDROFLUORIC USE IN OUR LOCAL REFINERIES. WHAT I FOUND IS
24 THAT, ONCE AN EDUCATION WAS PROVIDED, UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF ALL
25 OF OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS QUICKLY COMES, AND ALL DID, IN THESE

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1 THREE BEACH CITIES; MANY OTHER SURROUNDING CITIES NEARBY THOSE
2 REFINERIES; OUR STATE ASSEMBLYMAN, AL MURATSUCHI; OUR STATE
3 SENATOR, BEN ALLEN. YOU HEARD FROM AL MURATSUCHI'S
4 REPRESENTATIVE ALREADY TODAY. ALL SUPPORT A BAN OF THE TOXIC
5 USE OF H.F. IN OUR REFINERIES. YOU ALSO HEARD A COUPLE OF
6 MENTIONS OF THE 80,000-POUND PIECE OF EQUIPMENT, SEVEN YEARS
7 AGO THIS FRIDAY, THAT FELL 12 STORIES. IT SLAMMED AGAINST
8 TEMPORARILY PLACED SCAFFOLDING THAT SURROUNDED THE STORAGE
9 TANKS HOLDING TENS OF THOUSANDS OF POUNDS OF HYDROFLUORIC
10 ACID. A SUBSEQUENT FEDERAL INVESTIGATION BY THE U.S. CHEMICAL
11 SAFETY BOARD DEFINED THAT THE DEVASTATING RISK OF DEATH AND
12 INJURY, AND THE EQUALLY WELL-DEFINED SOUTH BAY KILL ZONE WOULD
13 HAVE OCCURRED, HAD THOSE TANKS BEEN PUNCTURED. THAT KILL ZONE
14 EXTENDS TO LONG BEACH, IN THE CASE OF THE WILMINGTON REFINERY.
15 IF ANY OF YOU ARE, BY CHANCE, NOT YET CONVINCED OF THE
16 INCREDIBLE RISKS--

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

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

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1 **SPEAKER:** HI. I AM HERE TO ADDRESS AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 6. THE
2 COUNTY MUST MOVE FORWARD WITH A COMMERCIAL CANNABIS REGULATORY
3 FRAMEWORK TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF LEGAL CANNABIS PRODUCTS,
4 AND LIMIT THE HEALTH RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH UNREGULATED
5 MARKETPLACES. TOO MANY ILLEGAL CANNABIS BUSINESSES ARE
6 CONCENTRATED IN LOW-INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS, IN AREAS ALREADY
7 OVERBURDENED BY BUSINESSES THAT CREATE UNHEALTHY COMMUNITY
8 ENVIRONMENTS, SUCH AS LIQUOR STORES. CANNABIS SOLD AT THESE
9 UNREGULATED DISPENSARIES ARE GENERALLY UNTESTED FOR HARMFUL
10 CHEMICALS, SUCH AS PESTICIDES, AND WOULD PRESENT GREAT HEALTH
11 RISKS FOR CONSUMERS TO USE THEM. THANK YOU, AND I ASK THAT YOU
12 APPROVE THIS MOTION.

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

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

20
21 **SPEAKER:** HI. I AM ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEMS NO. 14, 15, 13, 18,
22 AND A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

23
24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, PLEASE BEGIN.

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1 **SPEAKER:** AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: BE CAREFUL ABOUT-- THIS IS GIVING
2 PASSES FOR COUNTY WORKERS. BE CAREFUL ABOUT COUNTY WORKERS,
3 HANDING OUT METRO BENEFITS OR PASSES. I NOTICE THEIR KIDS
4 DON'T PAY FARES. THEY JUMP THE TURNSTILES. SO I WOULDN'T JUST
5 HAND THEM PASSES. NUMBER 15: THERE'S A REAL PROBLEM WITH THE
6 MARTIN LUTHER KING MEDICAL CAMPUS. CERTAIN GROUPS PUMPED UP
7 THEIR LOSS-MAKING [INAUDIBLE] INSURANCE. BY BUILDING MEDICAL
8 BUILDINGS, THEY PUMPED UP THEIR MEDICAL INSURANCE, BECAUSE
9 THEY DON'T MAKE MONEY. AND THESE KINDS OF PEOPLE, THEY WANTED
10 TO FOUND A HEALTH INSURANCE, TRYING TO MAKE MONEY. THIS WAS
11 PART OF THE 2008 FINANCIAL CRISIS, AND I THINK IT IS A REALLY
12 BAD IDEA TO BAIL THEM OUT WITH GOVERNMENT MONEY, ESPECIALLY
13 COUNTY MONEY. IT FURTHERS CORRUPTION, AND I THINK THAT MAYBE
14 IT SHOULD BE STOPPED AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MAYBE THAT'S
15 A GOOD PLACE TO STOP BAD PEOPLE FROM GETTING MONEY. DON'T GIVE
16 THEM MONEY IF THEY ARE CAUSING PROBLEMS. NUMBER 18: THIS
17 JACQUELINE AVANT ISN'T THE SAME ONE FROM THE RECORD COMPANY.
18 THIS IS LIKE HER CLONE OR HER DAUGHTER OR SOMETHING. THE SAME
19 THING WITH CLARENCE AVANT. THERE'S A LOT OF PROBLEMS. THEIR
20 PARENTS, THEIR PROGENITORS, DID NOT OWN A LOT OF THAT
21 PROPERTY. SOMETHING FUNNY IS GOING ON OVER THERE. THAT'S
22 AGENDA ITEM NO. 18. THERE'S SOMETHING FUNNY GOING ON WITH
23 THEIR MUSIC BUSINESS. AND THESE AREN'T THE ONLY CELEBRITIES,
24 OR CHILDREN OF CELEBRITIES, TRYING TO CLAIM THINGS THAT THEY
25 SAY THEIR PARENTS OWN, THAT THEY DIDN'T. THERE'S A BIG PROBLEM

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1 HERE IN LOS ANGELES ABOUT THAT. THAT WASN'T THE ONLY ONE.
2 SORRY ABOUT THAT. SOME PEOPLE IN THE GOVERNMENT DID THAT. THEY
3 TRIED TO PUT THEIR KIDS UP THERE TO STEAL REAL ESTATE. ONE OF
4 THEM WAS JILL BIDEN, FROM THE C.I.A., AND ANOTHER ONE IS ERIC
5 GARCETTI. THEY PUT THEM UP TO THAT KIND OF STUFF. AGENDA ITEM
6 NO. 13: TRANSPARENCY IN L.A. COUNTY SHERIFFS, AND THAT REALLY
7 NEEDS TO BE DONE. THERE'S A LONG TRADITION OF SCANDALS IN L.A.
8 COUNTY SHERIFFS. MANY OFFICES ARE OVERWHELMED BY CORRUPTION IN
9 L.A. COUNTY.

10

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

12

13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WHILE OUR 90 MINUTES HAS EXPIRED, BASED
14 ON THE NUMBER OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE STILL IN OUR QUEUE, I AM
15 GOING TO EXTEND PUBLIC COMMENT BY 15 MINUTES. BY 15 MINUTES.
16 AND LET ME JUST SAY THAT WE HAVE HEARD-- THE VAST MAJORITY OF
17 THE CALLERS WE HAVE HEARD FROM SO FAR TODAY ARE ON AGENDA
18 ITEMS 2, 6, 7, 17, 25, AND 41-F. IF THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE
19 CALLING IN ON OTHER AGENDA ITEMS, WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE
20 ABLE TO GET THROUGH THE QUEUE. IF YOU ARE CALLING IN ON THOSE
21 AGENDA ITEMS WE HAVE HEARD SIGNIFICANTLY FROM, YOU COULD HELP
22 US GET TO MORE PEOPLE IF YOU SIMPLY SAY YOU SUPPORT, YOU
23 OPPOSE, OR IF YOU HAVE GENERAL COMMENT. THIS IS AN EFFORT TO
24 TRY TO GET TO AS MANY PEOPLE AS WE CAN IN AN ADDITIONAL 15
25 MINUTES, SO HELP US HELP THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC BY

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1 KEEPING YOUR COMMENTS SHORT. IF YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE, JUST
2 LET US KNOW THAT; OR IF YOU HAVE GENERAL COMMENT, THAT WOULD
3 BE GREAT. AGAIN, TRYING TO GET THROUGH AS MANY ADDITIONAL
4 PEOPLE IN THE QUEUE AS POSSIBLE, FOR AN ADDITIONAL 15 MINUTES,
5 COLLEAGUES. SO, OPERATOR, IF YOU WOULD OPEN UP THE LINE? THANK
6 YOU.

7

8 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CINDY SOTO. PLEASE STATE
9 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER
10 YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS CINDY SOTO, AND I SUPPORT ITEM 25.
13 THANK YOU.

14

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

17

18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS HECTOR RAMIREZ. PLEASE
19 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEM YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND
20 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
21 BEGIN.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** YES, GOOD MORNING. BUENOS DIAS. MY NAME IS HECTOR
24 RAMIREZ. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF ITEM NUMBERS 7, 8,
25 34, AND GENERAL COMMENT. I AM IN SUPPORT OF ITEMS 7, 8, AND

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1 34. PARTICULARLY, I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THE ROLE THAT OUR
2 PROMOTORAS HAVE DONE. I HAVE BEEN A CONSUMER OF THE LOS
3 ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR OVER 20 YEARS,
4 AND CURRENTLY SERVE ON GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S NEW BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
5 TASK FORCE. I, PERSONALLY, HAVE SEEN BOTH THE BENEFITS OF THIS
6 PROGRAM IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND ACROSS THE STATE OF
7 CALIFORNIA, AND REALLY WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANT ROLE
8 THAT IT HAS PLAYED, PARTICULARLY IN PROVIDING SERVICES TO OUR
9 MOST IMPACTED AND HIGHLY MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES. LOS ANGELES
10 COUNTY HAS THE LARGEST LATINO-HISPANIC POPULATION IN THIS
11 STATE; AND WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT, WE ALSO HAVE THE HIGHEST
12 NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT RECEIVE SERVICES. HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR
13 THE WORK OF THE HEALTH PROMOTERS AND THE PROMOTORAS, OUR
14 HISPANIC COMMUNITIES MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ACCESS SOME
15 OF THE IMPORTANT RESOURCES THAT THEY HAVE BEEN GETTING ALL
16 THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC. IN ADDITION, FOR MY GENERAL COMMENT,
17 I REALLY WANTED TO OVERSTATE, AGAIN, JUST HOW IMPORTANT IT IS
18 DURING THIS PANDEMIC TO CONTINUE LOOKING OUR FOR OUR DISABLED
19 COMMUNITY, WHO ARE STILL AT HIGH RISK OF CONTRACTING
20 C.O.V.I.D. WE KNOW THAT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES HAVE THE
21 WORST HEALTH OUTCOMES, EVEN WHEN WE ARE VACCINATED. I, MYSELF,
22 AM RECOVERING FROM C.O.V.I.D.-19. I AM DOUBLE-VACCINATED AND
23 BOOSTED, AND PRACTICE ALL THE SAFETY TIPS. BUT BECAUSE THERE'S
24 STILL A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT VACCINATED, OR
25 HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FOLLOW SOME OF THE SAFETY PROTOCOLS, EVEN

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1 INDIVIDUALS LIKE MYSELF, WHO HAVE BEEN HELPING THROUGHOUT THE
2 PANDEMIC, AND WHO HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING [INAUDIBLE] ABOUT HEALTH
3 DIRECTORS AND SCIENTISTS, MANY OF US ARE STILL NOT ABLE TO BE
4 SAFE DURING THIS PANDEMIC. I GOT INFECTED OVER A MONTH AGO.
5 I'M STILL DEALING WITH LONG-TERM SYMPTOMS. SO, THIS IS NOT
6 NECESSARILY SOMETHING THAT MOST OF US WHO ARE PROTECTED, WE
7 MIGHT NOT BE SAFE FROM. SO I REALLY WANT TO THANK OUR COUNTY
8 STAFF, REALLY, FOR DOING EVERYTHING WITHIN THEIR AUTHORITY TO
9 KEEP AS MANY PEOPLE PROTECTED DURING THIS PANDEMIC. IN MY
10 FAMILY, WE LOST SIX PEOPLE ALREADY TO THE PANDEMIC. WE WERE
11 ALL ESSENTIAL WORKERS WHO WERE WORKING ON STUFF, AND THEY DIED
12 AND PAID WITH THEIR LIVES, WHILE HELPING OUR COMMUNITIES. AND
13 I HOPE PEOPLE WILL RECOGNIZE THAT THAT SACRIFICE, IT SHOULD
14 NOT HAVE BEEN DONE IN VAIN. IT SHOULD NOT BE DONE IN VAIN. WE
15 HAVE A LOT OF WORK, PROFESSIONALS THAT ARE VERY TIRED AND NEED
16 SOME REST, AND THAT CAN ONLY HAPPEN WHEN WE START REALLY
17 TAKING CARE OF EACH OTHER. I HOPE THAT INSTEAD OF OMICRON
18 BEING THE MAIN DOMINANT VARIANT IN LOS ANGELES, I WOULD HOPE
19 THAT LOVE REALLY BE THE DOMINANT VARIANT WHICH KEEPS US ALL
20 SAFE FOR NOW. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND THAT I APPRECIATE ALL
21 YOU DO. GRACIAS. AND I AM LATINX, BY THE WAY, SO IT'S KIND OF
22 INTERESTING.

23

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

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1

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

6

7 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING TO COUNTY SUPERVISORS. I'M CALLING IN
8 REGARDS TO AGENDA ITEM 6 AND GENERAL COMMENT. I AM HOPING THAT
9 THEY SUPPORT AND APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 6, FOR THE COMMERCIAL
10 CANNABIS REGULATORY FRAMEWORK. WE NEED, IN L.A. COUNTY, WE
11 NEED TO REALLY IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF THE CANNABIS STORES, AND
12 WE NEED TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES OF HAVING UNLICENSED CANNABIS
13 STORES IN OUR COMMUNITY, BECAUSE THEY IMPACT US SEVERELY. ONE,
14 THEY'RE NOT PAYING TAXES. TWO, THE SAFETY OF THE CANNABIS IS
15 NOT REGU-- IT'S NOT REGULA-- IT'S NOT REGULAR-- SORRY. YEAH,
16 AND IT NEEDS TO IMPROVE. SO I SUPPORT ITEM 6. THANK YOU.

17

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

20

21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JUSTIN BAGDA. PLEASE STATE
22 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER
23 YOU'LL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

24

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1 **SPEAKER:** HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JUSTIN BAGDA, AND I'M
2 WITH COMMUNITIES FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT, COMMENTING ON
3 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 16, IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 16,
4 INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL'S OFFICE, TO INSTRUCT
5 COUNTY COUNSEL TO FILE OR JOIN AN AMICUS BRIEF SUPPORTING
6 MONTEREY COUNTY IN THEIR CASE, CHEVRON V. COUNTY OF MONTEREY.
7 WE WOULD LIKE TO APPLAUD THE COUNTY FOR BEGINNING THE PROCESS
8 OF PHASING OUT OIL DRILLING ON INCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY
9 LAND, INCLUDING THE INGLEWOOD OIL FIELD. AND WE APPRECIATE
10 L.A. COUNTY'S BOLD LEADERSHIP IN ESTABLISHING A PROCESS TO
11 PHASE OUT OIL DRILLING THROUGHOUT UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY,
12 AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO ENGAGING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
13 REGIONAL PLANNING ON THEIR OUTREACH EFFORTS. HOWEVER,
14 MUNICIPAL POLICE POWERS AUTHORIZE CITY GOVERNMENTS TO PROHIBIT
15 AND PHASE OUT HAZARDOUS LAND USES, LIKE NEIGHBORHOOD OIL
16 DRILLING, TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY. THE STATE IS
17 FURTHER EMPOWERED TO DETERMINE WHERE AND HOW OIL IS EXTRACTED,
18 IF IT NOT PROHIBITED.

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

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

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1

2 **SPEAKER:** YES, GOOD MORNING. ITEM 7 AND GENERAL COMMENT,
3 PLEASE. BUENOS DIAS. MY NAME IS NORMA BONITAS, A PROUD
4 PROMOTORA FROM SOUTH CENTRAL L.A., WITH [INAUDIBLE], A
5 STATEWIDE NETWORK OF PROMOTORAS. I'M CALLING TODAY IN SUPPORT
6 OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION TO SOLIDIFY AND EXPAND THE ROLE
7 OF PROMOTORAS AND N.C.H.W.S IN L.A. COUNTY. WE PROMOTORAS HAVE
8 PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN THE RESPONSE OF THE PANDEMIC, AND HAVE
9 BEEN ESSENTIAL FOR COMMUNITIES LIKE MINE, THAT HAVE
10 TRADITIONALLY LACKED ACCESS TO CARE, AND ARE CRITICAL IN
11 ADVANCING HEALTH EQUITY. I ASK YOU ALL TO PLEASE VOTE IN
12 SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION TO RECOGNIZE THE
13 IMPORTANCE OF PROMOTORAS, HELP FIX THE LONG-TERM VIABILITY FOR
14 THE PROGRAM, AND PROVIDE CAREER PATHWAYS TO THOSE WHO SERVE IN
15 THIS ROLE. IN ADDITION, I URGE OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
16 ALLOCATE FUNDS TO C.B.O.'S IN EVERY COUNTY, IN ORDER THAT MORE
17 PROMOTORAS MAY BE ABLE TO DO WHAT WE DO BEST: SERVE
18 [INAUDIBLE], AND TRANSFORM OUR COMMUNITIES. MUCHAS GRACIAS.

19

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

22

23 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS EDDIE TORRES. PLEASE STATE
24 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER
25 YOU'LL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN. ONE

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1 MOMENT, PLEASE. HAVING TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY HERE. IT SHOULD BE
2 CORRECTED SHORTLY. I'LL NEED TO MOVE ON. THE NEXT LINE IN
3 QUEUE IS ROXANNE HOGUE. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS
4 YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU ARE ADDRESSING
5 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR
8 EXTENDING THE PERIOD. IT WOULD BE INCREDIBLY ILLUMINATING TO
9 KNOW JUST HOW MANY PEOPLE CALL IN, BECAUSE I THINK IT'S SORT
10 OF OVERWHELMING AFTER THE SUPER BOWL, HOW MANY PEOPLE WANT TO
11 SPEAK ON ITEM 2, LIKE I DO; ON ITEM 18, WHICH HAS TO DO WITH
12 YOUTH PUBLIC HEALTH; AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. FIRST OF ALL,
13 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, [SPEAKS SPANISH] I HOPE YOU FEEL BETTER. I
14 WANT TO THANK KATHRYN BARGER FOR CONTINUING TO STAND UP FOR
15 COMMON SENSE, WITH REGARD TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.
16 AND, SUPERVISOR HAHN, THANK YOU, AS WELL. WE ALL SAW DR.
17 FERRER-- WHO IS A PH.D., NOT A MEDICAL DOCTOR-- FEELING
18 COMFORTABLE WITH ONE-WAY MASKING. PLEASE, DO THE SAME FOR OUR
19 CHILDREN IN SCHOOLS. I WOULD SAY, ABOUT THE MENTAL HEALTH
20 ITEM, ITEM NUMBER 34, GIVING \$6 MILLION IS A NICE GESTURE, BUT
21 IT'S A LITTLE BIT LIKE THE FIREFIGHTER WHO IS ALSO AN
22 ARSONIST. THE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE HAS
23 BEEN CAUSED 100% BY THE RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC, WHICH HAS
24 BEEN MISMANAGED BY L.A. PUBLIC HEALTH, WHICH IS WHY THE L.A.
25 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NEEDS TO ASK HARDER, STRONGER

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1 QUESTIONS, AND TO CONSIDER FIRING FERRER. MY ONLY OTHER ADVICE
2 IS TO CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WHEN YOU HEAR PEOPLE ON
3 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TALK ABOUT "WORKERS" AND
4 "INVESTMENT," READ THAT AS "BIG PUBLIC-SECTOR UNION PAYOFFS."
5 THAT IS THE ONE CONSTITUENCY THAT THEY CARE ABOUT. PARENTS'
6 COMMENTS HAVE BEEN IGNORED, REPEATEDLY. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE
7 ELECTION IN JUNE, WHERE WE WILL HOPEFULLY HAVE CANDIDATES FOR
8 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 3 AND 1; THAT HAVE COMMON SENSE AND
9 WILL FIGHT FOR A SAFE, HAPPY, CLEAN L.A. IF I HAVE TO RUN,
10 I'LL DO IT, BUT I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO FIND ANYONE ELSE WHO
11 WILL. THANK YOU SO MUCH. HAVE A GREAT DAY.

12

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

15

16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DONNA FIELDS. PLEASE STATE
17 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER
18 YOU'LL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** YES, THANK YOU. MY NAME IS DONNA FIELDS. I'M GOING TO
21 BE SPEAKING ON ITEM 25 AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I
22 SUPPORT SUPERVISOR HAHN ON ITEM 25, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC
23 COMMENT IS THAT-- EXCUSE ME, I'M WITH P.A.S.C., PERSONAL
24 ASSISTANCE SERVICE COUNCIL. I'M SORRY, I'M ON THE BOARD. I'M
25 VERY HAPPY TO BE HERE, BECAUSE WE ARE REALLY HAVING A CRISIS

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1 WITH PROVIDERS. WE HAVE A VERY HIGH DEMAND OF RECIPIENTS WHO
2 ARE ABLE TO GET HOME PROVIDERS, AND THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO GET A
3 PROVIDER, BECAUSE OF THE SHORTAGE OF CRISIS. WE NEED TO HAVE
4 SOME HELP ON RESOURCES AND SOME ACCESS TO GETTING NEW
5 PROVIDERS. I KNOW MANY OF THE BOARDS HAVE REACHED OUT TO THEIR
6 SUPERVISORS, AND WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL ALSO DO SOMETHING TO
7 HELP US. AND I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR LETTING ME BE HERE
8 TODAY. THANK YOU.

9

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JAMES MARCUS. PLEASE STATE
14 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER
15 YOU'LL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** YES, I'M ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEM LINE 6. AND YES, I
18 WILL BE ADDRESSING THE GENERAL PUBLIC, AS WELL. FIRST OF ALL,
19 I'D LIKE TO SAY, AS FAR AS THE AGENDA LINE ITEM NUMBER 6, THAT
20 WE MUST LOWER THE TAXES, AS FAR AS THE LEGAL CANNABIS INDUSTRY
21 GOES, AND WE MUST CONTINUE TO MAKE SURE THAT THESE ARE
22 UNIONIZED JOBS, THAT IT WILL DECREASE THE POSSIBILITY OF ANY
23 ILLICIT ACTIVITY FROM DRUG TRAFFICKING TO OTHER HARMFUL
24 PRACTICES THAT ARE BEING PRACTICED IN THIS INDUSTRY. AND THEN,
25 SECOND OF ALL, ON THE GENERAL COMMENT, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A

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1 COMMENT BASED OFF OF THE FACT THAT OIL COMPANIES DO THE MOST
2 IRREPARABLE HARM TO COMMUNITIES ON THIS EARTH, YET THEY PAY 4
3 OR 5 TIMES LESS TAXES THAN CANNABIS. AND THERE IS NO SOCIAL
4 RESPONSIBILITY OR MORE OBLIGATION FROM THESE OIL COMPANIES,
5 NOR FROM OUR POLITICIANS, WHO ARE AT THE HELM, AND WHO'S
6 SUPPOSED TO HAVE THE COMMUNITY'S BEST OVERALL HEALTH AND
7 INTEREST AT HAND. BUT THEY DON'T, BECAUSE THEY'VE BEEN BOUGHT
8 OUT BY CORPORATE INTERESTS AND CORPORATE SPONSORS. AND SECOND
9 OF ALL, I WANT TO TALK ABOUT HOW MAYOR GARCIA, MAYOR BUTTS,
10 MAYOR GARCETTI, ALL OF THESE MAYORS CAN COME UP WITH ALL OF
11 THIS MONEY IN PREPARATION FOR INFRASTRUCTURE FOR ENTERTAINMENT
12 FOR MILLIONAIRES AND BILLIONAIRES, BUT YOU CAN'T COME UP WITH
13 THE RESOLVE, THE POLITICAL WILL, THE FINANCES OR THE
14 RESOURCES, TO HELP CREATE A PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE FOR PUBLIC
15 SAFETY THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY, FROM A COMMUNITY PUBLIC
16 SAFETY LED, DRIVEN PERSPECTIVE. IT'S A GREAT HYPOCRISY,
17 BECAUSE YOU HAVE OIL, WHO IS KILLING PEOPLE THROUGH THE
18 ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS AND DANGERS THAT IT HAS BEEN CAUSING TO
19 OUR COMMUNITIES FOREVER. YET, STILL, THERE IS NO
20 ACCOUNTABILITY. ADDRESS THIS AND REDRESS THIS, IMMEDIATELY,
21 AND WE WILL SEE YOU ALL AT THE POLLS THIS YEAR. THANK YOU.

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

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LORENZO GONZALEZ. PLEASE
2 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND
3 WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
4 BEGIN.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** HI. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEM 27 AND PUBLIC
7 COMMENT. HELLO, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS DR. LORENZO ANTONIO
8 GONZALEZ. I'M FROM HARBOR-U.C.L.A., AND A PROUD MEMBER OF
9 C.I.R., AND WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT BRINGING THIS 6-MONTH
10 CONTRACT TO A FINISH LINE. THE APPRECIATION WE HAVE FOR THE
11 BOARD, FOR SUPPORTING FRONTLINE RESIDENT PHYSICIANS, CANNOT BE
12 UNDERSTATED; AND AGAIN, OUR PRESENCE HERE TODAY IS
13 COLLABORATION. BUT THE REALITY OF OUR CURRENT SITUATION IS AS
14 FOLLOWS: C.O.V.I.D. WINTER SURGE 2020, A TRAUMATIC BURDEN
15 PLACED ON OUR SHOULDERS TO PROTECT THE MOST VULNERABLE L.A.
16 COUNTY RESIDENTS, AND MANY MEMBERS ARE STILL WAITING TO
17 RECEIVE THEIR C.O.V.I.D. APPRECIATION. C.O.V.I.D. WINTER SURGE
18 2021, A WIDESPREAD INFECTION THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR
19 FELLOW PHYSICIAN MEMBERS, AND WE'RE STILL HERE, WAITING FOR
20 THE PROMISES OF A BETTER CONTRACT, AND WE ARE STILL WAITING.
21 OUR CONTRACT, OUR HOUSING ASSISTANCE, OUR ACCESS TO SAFETY
22 FUNDS, ALL ON HOLD. AS WE NEAR THE END OF OUR YEAR, AND WITH
23 33% OF OUR DOCTORS LEAVING, WE CANNOT ALLOW THEM TO WAIT
24 ANYMORE FOR THEIR CONTRACT AND FOR THEIR HOUSING. IT IS
25 UNIMAGINABLE TO FATHOM THAT OUR HEROES CANNOT MEET THEIR BASIC

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1 NEEDS OF RENT AND FOOD, BECAUSE OF BUREAUCRACY THAT STATES
2 SOLIDARITY WITH ITS HEROES. THEREFORE, WE ASK FOR THE BOARD TO
3 EXPEDITE THE CONTRACT PROCESSING AND HELP YOUR HEROES. THANK
4 YOU.

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OUR INITIAL
7 90 MINUTES, PLUS OUR ADDITIONAL 15 MINUTES' TIME ALLOTTED FOR
8 PUBLIC SPEAKERS, HAS COME TO AN END, AND WE'D LIKE TO THANK
9 ALL WHO CALLED IN TO SPEAK. AND AGAIN, WE'D LIKE TO THANK THE
10 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO RAISED THE CONCERN ABOUT OUR BOARD
11 CORRESPONDENCE FILE: THEIR DIFFICULTY IN UPLOADING THEIR
12 POSITIONS ON OUR AGENDA. AND SO, WE ARE DEFINITELY LOOKING
13 INTO THAT. STAFF WAS NOT AWARE. IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE
14 YOUR COMMENTS, YOU MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS, AS INDICATED
15 ON THE AGENDA. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS
16 THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF
17 TODAY'S RECORD. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA
18 ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING.

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU: ITEM 4
21 AND 5, 9 THROUGH 12, 14 THROUGH 16, 18 THROUGH 20, 23 AND 24,
22 26 THROUGH 33, 35, 37 THROUGH 40, 41-A AS REVISED, 41-B
23 THROUGH 41-E, AND 44.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MOVED BY SECRETARY
2 HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS.
3 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

4

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

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

8

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

10

11 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

12

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

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

16

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

18

19 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

20

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

23

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

25

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

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. BEFORE WE TAKE UP
5 PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM, THE EXECUTIVE
6 OFFICER WILL READ THE SHORT TITLE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM.
7 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE SWEAR IN THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY
8 BEFORE THE BOARD ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM.

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** FOR THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE
11 BOARD ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM, PLEASE PREPARE TO BE SWORN
12 IN. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU
13 SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING
14 BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD? ITEM 3 IS A HEARING ON A
15 LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND VERIZON WIRELESS FOR
16 THE USE OF A PORTION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARBORETUM AND
17 BOTANIC GARDEN FOR THE OPERATION OF A CELLULAR ANTENNA
18 FACILITY, EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2022. NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT
19 WAS PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

20

21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON PUBLIC
22 HEARING ITEM 3, ONLY. AGAIN, THIS IS TIME FOR THE PUBLIC TO
23 CALL IN ON AGENDA ITEM 3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE
24 CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA, AND

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

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. PLEASE NOTE THAT
5 AT THIS TIME, PUBLIC COMMENT FOR REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS HAS
6 ENDED. WE WILL ONLY HEAR PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY AT THIS
7 TIME. AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
8 WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 3
9 SHOULD CALL 877-692-8955, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER
10 4433-663. TO REPEAT: PLEASE CALL 877-692-8955, AND USE
11 PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 4433-663. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF
12 YOU WANT TO LISTEN TO THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL
13 877-873-8017 AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF THE
14 PUBLIC CALLING IN FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 3, WHEN IT'S
15 YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME. WE WILL ALLOCATE A
16 TOTAL OF 5 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY. EACH PERSON
17 WILL ONLY HAVE ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON PUBLIC
18 HEARING ITEM 3. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN
19 COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME
20 PART OF THE RECORD. WHEN SPEAKING ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM
21 3, YOU MUST BE ON TOPIC. OUR GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH AS MANY
22 SPEAKERS AS WE CAN. IF YOU'RE NOT SPEAKING ON TOPIC, OR IF WE
23 CANNOT TELL IF YOU'RE SPEAKING ON THE PUBLIC HEARING 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 IF YOU STRAY

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1 OFF TOPIC AGAIN, YOU WILL FORFEIT THE REST OF YOUR TIME, AND
2 THE CHAIR WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF
3 YOU'RE 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. AGAIN, PLEASE
7 NOTE THAT THE TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FOR REGULAR ITEMS HAS
8 ENDED. WE WILL ONLY HEAR PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY FOR ITEM 3
9 AT THIS TIME. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER,
10 PLEASE?

11

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

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH
17 INTERPRETATION OF THIS REMINDER. WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH
18 INTERPRETATION OF THIS REMINDER. CAN WE HAVE THE FIRST
19 SPEAKER, MR. MODERATOR?

20

21 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVEN. PLEASE STATE
22 THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY
23 BEGIN.

24

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** HOLA. ME LLAMO ERIC PREVEN. [SPEAKS SPANISH]
2 RULES ARE A LITTLE CONFUSING. I'VE BEEN WAITING SINCE VERY
3 EARLY IN THE MORNING, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT VERIZON HAS BEEN
4 ENGAGED IN A LOT OF BUSINESS IN THE COUNTY, AND HERE WE'RE
5 GETTING THEM, FOR A MILLION DOLLARS, TO PROVIDE 2500 SQUARE
6 FEET OF-- OR 127 ACRES OF PARKLAND AT THE ARBORETUM. AND I
7 WANT TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR ENGAGING IN THAT CONDUCT,
8 WHICH IS SO TRANSPARENT. UNLIKE THE IDEA OF TWO SOLE-SOURCE
9 CONTRACTS ON THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 30 AND 32, IT SHOULD NOT
10 BE SOLE-SOURCE, DESPITE THE FACT THAT I DO THINK THAT WORK IS
11 IMPORTANT TO DO. AND I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY MAX HUDSON IS ABLE
12 TO SIMPLY BAT AWAY THE DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS, AND THE BOARD
13 DIDN'T REALLY TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT, BECAUSE THEY WERE PICKING
14 AND CHOOSING. AND IF THE BOARD IS ALLOWED TO DO THAT, WHAT
15 DOES THAT SAY ABOUT OUR SYSTEM? I MEAN, I WISH THAT VERIZON
16 WOULD INTERVENE AND SOMEHOW ENCOURAGE THE BOARD--

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

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21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DANIELA HERNANDEZ. PLEASE
22 STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY
23 BEGIN. DANIELA HERNANDEZ, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE GO AHEAD.
24 YOU MIGHT BE MUTED ON YOUR SIDE.

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** CAN WE TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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

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6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OUR 5-MINUTE TIME PERIOD WILL BE UP AT
7 11:37, AND SO WE WILL KEEP THE LINE OPEN, IN CASE ANY CALLERS
8 COME IN BY THAT TIME. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE, AND
9 PLEASE STAND BY. AGAIN, 11:37.

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11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON OUR
12 PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NUMBER 3 HAS ENDED, SO WE WANT TO THANK
13 ALL WHO CALLED IN. IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE YOUR
14 COMMENTS, YOU MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS, AS INDICATED ON THE
15 AGENDA, AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT
16 COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE
17 RECORD. TODAY, WE WILL BEGIN WITH THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 3,
18 FOLLOWED BY SET MATTERS 1 AND 2, THEN ITEMS 6, 7, 8, 13, 17,
19 25, 34, AND FINISHING WITH ITEM 41-F. WE'LL NOW TAKE UP PUBLIC
20 HEARING ITEM 3: HEARING ON CELLULAR ANTENNA FACILITY LICENSE
21 AGREEMENT. COLLEAGUES, OUR DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION,
22 NORMA GARCIA, IS AVAILABLE IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS FOR HER. ARE
23 THERE ANY SUPERVISORS WHO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS? IF SO,
24 SEND ME A HAND-WAVE SIGNAL. AND NO QUESTIONS FOR DIRECTOR
25 GARCIA. OKAY, THANKS. WITH THAT, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO

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1 CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 3 IS
2 BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
3 HAHN. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

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7 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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11 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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15 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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19 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

22 MITCHELL?

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24 **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 NOW HEAR A PRESENTATION
5 FROM THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, FESIA DAVENPORT, AND NORMA GARCIA,
6 DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND REC, ON OUR SET ITEM, WHICH IS OUR
7 FUNDING REPORT ON OUR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN DOLLARS. DAVENPORT?

8

9 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR,
10 AND GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I SEE OUR POWERPOINT
11 IS UP. SO, TODAY'S PRESENTATION WILL BE THE FIFTH IN OUR
12 SERIES OF REGULAR PRESENTATIONS ON THE COUNTY'S PROGRESS
13 IMPLEMENTING YOUR BOARD'S AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PHASE ONE.
14 TODAY'S PRESENTATION IS SIGNIFICANT FOR TWO REASONS,
15 SUPERVISORS. FIRST, THIS PRESENTATION WILL ROUND OUT OUR
16 DISCUSSION OF THE C.E.O.'S CENTRALLY LED EFFORTS TO STAND UP
17 THE INFRASTRUCTURE WE NEED TO DEPLOY FUNDING EQUITABLY, AND IN
18 COMPLIANCE WITH COMPLEX FEDERAL REGULATIONS. AS DISCUSSED IN
19 OUR PRIOR PRESENTATIONS, WHILE MUCH OF OUR WORK BUILDS ON
20 EXISTING EFFORTS TO ALLOCATE C.A.R.E.S. ACT, C.R.F. FUNDING,
21 AND OTHER RELIEF PROGRAMS, A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF WORK IS
22 BEING BUILT FROM THE GROUND UP, TO COMPLY WITH A.R.P.-SPECIFIC
23 FEDERAL REGULATIONS, AS WELL AS THE EQUITY-BASED PROGRAM
24 DESIGN AND FUNDING ALLOCATION REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY YOUR
25 BOARD. THUS FAR, WE HAVE PRESENTED ON A.R.P.-RELATED PROJECT

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1 DESIGN AND REPORTING, STREAMLINED CONTRACTING, WEBSITE
2 DEVELOPMENT, OUTREACH TO SMALL BUSINESSES AND TO C.B.O.'S, IN
3 PARTNERSHIP WITH KELLY LOBIANCO AND THE ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE
4 DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, AND EQUITY MAPPING TOOLS AND DASHBOARD
5 CAPABILITIES, AMONG OTHER THINGS. TODAY WE WILL FINALIZE OUR
6 DISCUSSION OF A.R.P. PROJECT MAPPING CAPABILITIES AND
7 ADDITIONAL PLANNED OUTREACH EFFORTS. THE SECOND REASON WHY
8 THIS PRESENTATION IS SIGNIFICANT IS BECAUSE WE ARE REPORTING A
9 SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN FUNDING THAT HAS MOVED FROM THE DESIGN
10 AND DEVELOPMENT PHASE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION PHASE. TODAY WE
11 ARE REPORTING THAT PROGRAMS REPRESENTING JUST OVER \$400
12 MILLION ARE EITHER APPROVED FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND PREPARING
13 TO LAUNCH, OR ARE ALREADY LAUNCHED. THIS IS AN INCREASE OF
14 ABOUT \$225 MILLION FROM OUR REPORT-OUT DURING LAST WEEK'S
15 PRESENTATION. DR. SCORZA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE C.E.O.'S
16 ANTI-RACISM, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION INITIATIVE, WILL TAKE
17 YOU THROUGH THESE FIGURES IN GREATER DETAIL LATER IN THE
18 PRESENTATION. FOR THESE REASONS, FUTURE PRESENTATIONS WILL
19 FOCUS LESS ON C.E.O.'S CENTRALLY LED EFFORTS AROUND A.R.P.,
20 AND MORE ON THE GREAT WORK OF THE DEPARTMENTS WHO ARE
21 RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE PROGRAMS IN YOUR BOARD'S
22 PHASE-ONE PLAN. TODAY YOU WILL HEAR FROM NORMA GARCIA, OUR
23 DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION, WHO WILL DISCUSS A.R.P.-
24 FUNDED RECREATION AND AQUATICS PROGRAMMING AT L.A. COUNTY
25 PARKS. WE CERTAINLY HAVE MORE WORK TO DO, TO ENSURE A TIMELY

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1 AND EQUITABLE IMPLEMENTATION OF YOUR BOARD'S PHASE-ONE PLAN,
2 AND WE WILL INCLUDE PERTINENT INFORMATION ABOUT THIS WORK IN
3 FUTURE PRESENTATIONS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, AS USUAL, THIS
4 SLIDE PREVIEWS THE TOPICS THAT WE INTEND TO COVER TODAY. DR.
5 SCORZA WILL ADDRESS ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3, AND NORMA GARCIA WILL
6 ADDRESS ITEM 4. AND WITH THAT, I WILL TURN OVER THE
7 PRESENTATION TO DR. SCORZA.

8

9 **DR. SCORZA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, C.E.O. GOOD MORNING, BOARD, AND
10 GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR. IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE HERE WITH ALL
11 OF YOU TODAY. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, I'M INCREDIBLY EXCITED
12 TO SHARE WITH YOU A FEATURE THAT WE ARE NOW ABLE TO ROLL OUT,
13 WHICH WILL DEMONSTRATE AND SHOW SERVICE AREAS AND LOCATIONS OF
14 A.R.P. PROJECTS THAT HAVE EITHER BEEN APPROVED FOR LAUNCH, OR
15 ARE CURRENTLY LAUNCHED AND BEING IMPLEMENTED. THE A.R.P.
16 PROJECTS MAP ALLOWS USERS TO SELECT INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS TO
17 VIEW WHERE THE SERVICES THAT WE ARE PROVIDING, AS A COUNTY,
18 ARE LOCATED; AND/OR CLICK ON THE MAP TO SEE WHICH PROJECTS ARE
19 SERVING A SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION. THIS FEATURE ENSURES
20 GREATER TRANSPARENCY ABOUT AVAILABLE SERVICES IN COMMUNITIES
21 WHERE INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR FAMILIES CAN ACCESS THEM. THE MAP
22 WILL BE UPDATED WEEKLY, WITH NEW PROJECTS AS THEY LAUNCH, AND
23 CAN BE ACCESSED PUBLICLY AT THE LINK ON THE SCREEN, AND ALSO
24 AT THE CEO.LACOUNTY.GOV/RECOVERY WEBSITE. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.
25 SO, THE LEFT-HAND SIDE OF THE WEB PAGE LISTS PROGRAMS THAT

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1 HAVE LAUNCHED OR HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR LAUNCH, AND THERE ARE
2 CURRENTLY 15 PROGRAMS THAT ARE LISTED. AS I MENTIONED EARLIER,
3 USERS CAN SELECT ONE OR MORE OF THESE PROGRAMS, IN ORDER TO
4 SEE WHERE THEY ARE TARGETING SERVICES AND SERVING CLIENTS BY
5 TRACT. THE MAP ALSO SHOWS WHERE THE PROGRAMS ARE LOCATED BY
6 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, AND IN WHAT NEED TIER THEY FALL
7 WITHIN, BASED UPON THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 VULNERABILITY AND
8 RECOVERY INDEX. THE BOX ON THE UPPER LEFT-HAND SIDE OF THE MAP
9 REFLECTS SUMMARY STATISTICS, INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF TRACTS
10 SERVED, THE SELECTED TRACTS' POPULATIONS, THE AVERAGE INDEX
11 SCORE, AND THE AVERAGE QUINTILE FOR THE PROGRAM SELECTED. THE
12 HIGHER THE AVERAGE INDEX SCORE AND QUINTILE, THE HIGHER THE
13 NEED TIER REFLECTING C.O.V.I.D.-19-RELATED RISK SEVERITY AND
14 RECOVERY NEEDS. NEXT SLIDE. THANK YOU. AS YOU CAN SEE, WE ARE
15 LEARNING BY DOING. TO HELP ENSURE THAT WE'RE NOTIFYING THE
16 PUBLIC OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES, WE'RE PARTNERED WITH THE
17 INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE POSTING
18 SOLICITATIONS ON THE "DOING BUSINESS WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY"
19 WEBSITE. WE'RE ALSO SENDING ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATIONS TO
20 VENDORS WHO ARE REGISTERED UNDER THEIR RELATED COMMODITY
21 CODES, AND WE'RE SENDING CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES TO OUR
22 PROSPECTIVE VENDOR LIST. DEPARTMENTS ARE ALSO ABLE TO POST
23 THEIR OWN FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES ON THEIR WEBSITES, SOCIAL
24 MEDIA PLATFORMS, AND E-MAIL LISTSERVS. A.R.P.-SPECIFIC
25 SOLICITATIONS ARE POSTED, AGAIN, AT THE

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1 CEO.LACOUNTY.GOV/RECOVERY WEBSITE; HOWEVER, WE RECOGNIZE THAT
2 THERE ARE ADDITIONAL STRATEGIES WE INTEND TO UTILIZE, IN ORDER
3 TO PUBLICIZE A.R.P.-RELATED CONTRACT AND GRANT SOLICITATIONS
4 MORE WIDELY, SO THAT WE CAN ENSURE ELIGIBLE BUSINESSES,
5 ORGANIZATIONS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE NOTIFIED. NEXT SLIDE.
6 WHAT'S EXCITING IS THAT, IN THE COUNTY, WE WILL INITIATE A
7 MORE PROACTIVE AND INTENTIONAL OUTREACH PROCESS TO HELP INFORM
8 ELIGIBLE BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
9 AND AVAILABLE CAPACITY-BUILDING SUPPORT, TO ASSIST THEM IN
10 SUCCESSFULLY PROCURING A.R.P. CONTRACT GRANT AND SELF-
11 RECIPIENT AGREEMENTS. WE'RE ALSO FOCUSED ON INCREASING ACCESS
12 TO A.R.P. FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITIES THAT
13 HISTORICALLY EXPERIENCED INEQUITABLE OUTCOMES AND WERE THE
14 HARDEST HIT DURING THE PANDEMIC, AND WE'VE EXPANDED
15 COMMUNICATION CHANNELS TO PROMOTE AVAILABLE A.R.P. FUNDING
16 OPPORTUNITIES TO STAKEHOLDERS MORE WIDELY, VIA NEW AND NEWLY
17 LEVERAGED PARTNERSHIPS AND NETWORKS. OUR GOALS ARE TO ENSURE
18 THAT THESE ELIGIBLE BUSINESSES, ORGANIZATIONS, AND COMMUNITY
19 MEMBERS HAVE ACCESS TO, ARE ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY APPLY FOR,
20 AND RECEIVE OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH THE COUNTY'S A.R.P.-RELATED
21 PROGRAMS. BY INVESTING IN AND RESOURCING COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE
22 HISTORICALLY EXPERIENCED INEQUITABLE OUTCOMES, AND WERE THE
23 HARDEST HIT DURING THE PANDEMIC, AND UTILIZING OUR VAST
24 COMMUNICATION NETWORK, THE COUNTY CAN ACTIVATE QUICKLY, IN
25 ORDER TO SHARE CRITICAL INFORMATION AND OPPORTUNITIES,

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1 PARTICULARLY WITH HARD-TO-REACH AND/OR NONTRADITIONAL
2 PARTNERS. SOME OF THESE ACTIVITIES BRIEFLY INCLUDE IMPROVING
3 VISIBILITY AND USABILITY OF THE DOING BUSINESS AND A.R.P.
4 CONTRACTING WEBSITES; DEVELOPING THE SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN TO
5 DIRECT PEOPLE TO DOING BUSINESS AND A.R.P. CONTRACTING
6 WEBSITES; TO TRANSLATE AND DISSEMINATE MATERIALS WITH
7 INFORMATION ABOUT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES, INCLUDING THE
8 LANGUAGES THAT YOU SEE LISTED HERE ON THE SCREEN; AND IN
9 PARTNERSHIP WITH KELLY LOBIANCO, C.E.O. WILL CONDUCT OUTREACH
10 TO AND PARTNER WITH CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY-BASED
11 ORGANIZATIONS, COALITIONS, COLLABORATIVES, AND OTHER ENTITIES,
12 TO LEVERAGE THEIR COMMUNICATION CHANNELS AND/OR NETWORKS TO
13 PROMOTE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND AVAILABILITY OF CAPACITY-
14 BUILDING SUPPORT. WE'RE ALSO EXCITED TO SHARE THAT WE'RE
15 WORKING TO CONDUCT PRESENTATIONS ON A.R.P.-RELATED CONTRACTING
16 OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE BROADER AREA AND REGION, IN ORDER
17 TO SUPPORT OUR COUNTY'S EFFORTS, SPECIFICALLY AT LOCAL
18 COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND OTHER PUBLIC SESSIONS. WE WILL CONTINUE
19 TO SHARE PROGRESS ON OUR A.R.P. STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND
20 ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES IN FUTURE REPORTS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.
21 SO, THIS SLIDE REPRESENTS OUR PROGRAM OVERVIEW, AND IT
22 PROVIDES YOU WITH AN UPDATE OF WHERE PROJECTS ARE IN THE
23 DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROVAL PHASE. AS OF FEBRUARY 11, 51
24 PROJECTS ARE IN THE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT PHASE, WHICH
25 ENTAILS A PROCESS, AGAIN, TO CLARIFY THE GOALS AND OUTCOMES OF

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1 EACH PROJECT, ITS POTENTIAL IMPACT ON REDUCING DISPARITIES
2 CAUSED BY OR EXACERBATED BY THE PANDEMIC, AND STRATEGIES TO
3 MEASURE THEIR IMPACT. ONE PROJECT IS CURRENTLY UNDER A.R.D.I.
4 AND COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW, BUT A TOTAL OF 30 PROJECTS HAVE
5 EITHER BEEN APPROVED FOR LAUNCH, OR ARE CURRENTLY LAUNCHED,
6 AND MOVING TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION. 7 ADDITIONAL PROJECTS WERE
7 TRANSITIONED INTO THIS SPACE SINCE LAST WEEK, AND 4 NEW
8 PROGRAMS WERE EITHER APPROVED FOR LAUNCH AND/OR
9 IMPLEMENTATION, OR ARE CURRENTLY LAUNCHED, INCLUDING MARKET
10 MATCH AT \$2 MILLION; CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR IMMIGRANT-FOCUSED
11 C.B.O.'S, AT \$3.5 MILLION; GUARANTEED BASIC INCOME, WHICH IS
12 IN IMPLEMENTATION, AT \$16.3 MILLION; AND PROJECT HOMEKEY 2.0,
13 WHICH IS AT \$115 MILLION. THE ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS THAT ARE
14 APPROVED FOR LAUNCH AND/OR IMPLEMENTATION INCLUDE 3 FUNDED
15 AREAS ALLOCATED BY YOUR BOARD FOR CRITICAL PANDEMIC RESPONSE
16 SERVICES, DISASTER SERVICE WORKERS, AND OTHER COUNTY COSTS,
17 TOTALING \$89,220,000, TO COVER ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT CRITICAL
18 AND EMERGENT PANDEMIC NEEDS WHERE NO OTHER FUNDING SOURCE IS
19 CURRENTLY AVAILABLE. AS YOUR BOARD ALLOCATED THIS FUNDING
20 DURING THE RECENT C.O.V.I.D. SURGE, THROUGH THE PUBLIC HEALTH
21 EMERGENCY FUND, WE RECOGNIZED THE NEED TO BE RESPONSIVE TO
22 PUBLIC HEALTH NEEDS AS THEY EMERGE. WE'RE ALSO COVERING COUNTY
23 COSTS RELATED TO ONGOING DISASTER SERVICES, WORKER PROGRAMS,
24 AND OTHER ACTIVITIES WHICH PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SERVICES,
25 INCLUDING SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, FOOD

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1 DISTRIBUTION, AND DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE
2 EQUIPMENT. WITH THAT BEING SAID, I'D LIKE TO GO AHEAD AND
3 WELCOME, AT THE NEXT SLIDE, THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND
4 RECREATION, NORMA GARCIA-GONZALEZ, WHO WILL HIGHLIGHT TWO OF
5 THEIR A.R.P.A.-FUNDED PROGRAMS, TO SHOWCASE SOME OF THE
6 INITIATIVE THE COUNTY IS SUPPORTING DURING OUR FIRST PHASE OF
7 A.R.P.A. FUNDING. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.

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9 **NORMA GARCIA-GONZALEZ:** THANK YOU, DR. SCORZA. GOOD MORNING,
10 CHAIR AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THE
11 OPPORTUNITY TO UPDATE YOU ON THE DEPARTMENT OF PARK AND
12 RECREATION'S SPENDING PLAN PRIORITIES, UNDER THE AMERICAN
13 RESCUE PLAN. I ALSO WANT TO THANK FESIA DAVENPORT FOR HER
14 EXTENSIVE SUPPORT, AND DR. SCORZA, FOR HIS GUIDANCE. THE BOARD
15 APPROVED TWO AREAS FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S USE OF A.R.P.A. FUNDS:
16 8.8 MILLION FOR RECREATION AND AQUATIC PROGRAMS AND STAFFING;
17 1.5 MILLION TO PROVIDE PUBLIC WI-FI AT 36 L.A. COUNTY PARKS.
18 THROUGH THE A.R.P.A. PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT WAS ABLE TO
19 BRIDGE AN 8.8 MILLION FUNDING GAP TO FUND THE RESTORATION OF
20 STAFF NEEDED TO DELIVER CORE RECREATION AND AQUATIC PROGRAMS.
21 I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT, OUR A.R.P.A. FUNDING HAS BEEN SUPPORTING
22 COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY THE
23 C.O.V.I.D. PANDEMIC, AND HOW PARKS HAVE BEEN CRITICAL TO THEIR
24 RESILIENCE, HEALTH, AND WELLBEING. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THE
25 A.R.P.A. FUNDING HAS ALLOWED THE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE A TWOFOLD-

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1 - IF WE CAN GO BACK TO THE FIRST SLIDE, TO THE OTHER SLIDE.
2 THE A.R.P.A. FUNDING HAS ALLOWED THE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE A
3 TWOFOLD INVESTMENT IN THESE COMMUNITIES. FIRST, IT HAS
4 PROVIDED THE DEPARTMENT THE OPPORTUNITY TO HIRE FROM THE LOCAL
5 COMMUNITY. SECONDLY, IT HAS ALLOWED THE DEPARTMENT TO OFFER
6 FREE CORE PROGRAMMING, WHICH IS THE BASELINE OF PROGRAMMING.
7 NO MATTER WHERE YOU LIVE OR YOUR ABILITY TO PAY, WE ARE
8 PROVIDING QUALITY PROGRAMMING AT OUR PARKS. SINCE JULY, WE
9 HAVE PROVIDED JOBS TO OVER 600 L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS, COMING
10 FROM OUR DIVERSE AND VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES, TO DELIVER THESE
11 CORE RECREATION AND AQUATIC PROGRAMMING. BECAUSE WE WERE ABLE
12 TO STAFF OUR PARKS, WE IN TURN WERE ABLE TO RECRUIT, PLACE
13 LOCAL YOUTH FROM THE COUNTY'S YOUTH AT WORK PROGRAM UNDER THE
14 SUPERVISION OF THESE STAFF. IN PARTNERSHIP WITH W.D.A.C.S.,
15 I'M PROUD THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION IS THE
16 LARGEST EMPLOYER OF YOUTH AT WORK. FROM APRIL 21ST, 2021,
17 THROUGH JANUARY 2022, OUR DEPARTMENT HAS PLACED, MENTORED, AND
18 COACHED APPROXIMATELY 700 YOUTH AT WORK. YOUR DEPARTMENT OF
19 PARKS AND RECREATION HAS ALSO BEEN INTENTIONAL IN OUR
20 PARTNERSHIP TO BRIDGE C.B.O.S WITH YOUTH AT WORK. I WANT TO
21 HIGHLIGHT ONE SUCH PARTNERSHIP: INNER CITY VISIONS, A
22 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION IN THE FLORENCE-FIRESTONE AREA,
23 FOCUSING ON SUPPORTING YOUTH WHO ARE VULNERABLE TO HUMAN
24 TRAFFICKING. BECAUSE OF THIS PARTNERSHIP, WE WERE ABLE TO
25 PLACE 18 GIRLS FROM THEIR PROGRAM IN OUR LOCAL PARKS. I ALSO

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1 WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THE JOB PATHWAY THAT WE HAVE CREATED FOR
2 YOUTH AT WORK WITH THE FAST-TRACKING AND SUPPORT FROM THE
3 C.E.O. AND S.E.I.U. TO ESTABLISH THE PARK AIDE POSITION, WHICH
4 WILL TRANSITION YOUTH AT WORK, WHEN THEY ARE DONE WITH THEIR
5 HOURS, TO A DEPARTMENT POSITION FUNDED BY A.R.P.A. WHEN WE
6 INVEST IN PARKS, WE INVEST IN LOCAL HIRING, WE INVEST IN
7 POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, AND INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND
8 THEIR FUTURE. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. WE HAVE ALIGNED OUR A.R.P.A.
9 FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT'S BUSINESS AND OPERATION
10 PLAN, FOCUSING ON CRITICAL CORE PROGRAMMING THAT PRIORITIZES
11 ACCESS AND EQUITY TO ADDRESS COUNTYWIDE PRIORITIES, SUCH AS
12 "CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST," A.R.D.I., CHILD PROTECTION, AND
13 POVERTY ALLEVIATION. STAFF, THROUGH PROGRAMMING, PROVIDE L.A.
14 COUNTY'S CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WITH AN ARRAY OF SAFETY NET
15 SUPPORTS THAT CONNECT THEM TO SERVICES IN OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME
16 AND AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMMING. I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE SOME OF THE
17 RECREATION AND AQUATIC HIGHLIGHTS THAT WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED IN
18 THE LAST 6 MONTHS. OUR AFTERSCHOOL DROP-IN RECREATION PROGRAM,
19 "EVERYBODY PLAYS," HAS HAD APPROXIMATELY 111,000 PARTICIPANTS.
20 "EVERYBODY EXPLORES," TAKING PLACE AT 7 NATURE CENTERS,
21 INTRODUCED OVER 17,000 YOUTH TO THE NATURAL WORLD THROUGH
22 OUTDOOR DISCOVERY. TO ADDRESS FOOD INSECURITY IN OUR MOST
23 VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES, OUR YOUTH NUTRITION PROGRAM SERVED
24 69,000 OUT-OF-SCHOOL SNACKS. WE HAVE ALSO ADJUSTED PARK HOURS
25 OF OPERATION TO THE LATE EVENING, TO ACTIVATE OUR PARKS TO

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1 PROVIDE SAFE SPACES FOR OUR YOUTH AND TEENS, AND TO PROVIDE
2 WORKING FAMILIES THE ABILITY TO ACCESS PROGRAMMING AFTER WORK
3 HOURS. I'M VERY EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT YESTERDAY WE KICKED
4 OFF OUR EARLY EVENING PROGRAMMING, "RECREATION FOR ALL," THAT
5 WILL TAKE PLACE AT OUR PARKS BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 5:30 AND
6 7:30 P.M. AND WE ALSO OPENED OUR EVENING BASKETBALL GYM
7 PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS A SAFE PLACE IN
8 THEIR COMMUNITY TO GATHER, PLAY, AND JUST HAVE FUN. NEXT
9 SLIDE, PLEASE. OUR AQUATICS PROGRAMMING. I WANT TO THANK YOUR
10 BOARD FOR YOUR LONG-STANDING COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE
11 ACCESS TO AQUATIC PROGRAMMING IN OUR L.A. COUNTY POOLS. I
12 WOULD LIKE TO THANK AND HIGHLIGHT OUR CORE AQUATIC PROGRAMS.
13 "EVERYBODY SWIMS," OUR FREE RECREATIONAL SWIM PROGRAM, HAS
14 SERVED OVER 75,000 YOUTH AND FAMILIES. WE HAVE PROVIDED OVER
15 15,000 YOUTH WITH A 2-WEEK "LEARN TO SWIM" PROGRAM, AND WE
16 HAVE PROVIDED 14,000 PARTICIPANTS-- MOSTLY SENIORS-- WITH AQUA
17 AEROBIC CLASSES. TO ADDRESS OUR LIFEGUARD SHORTAGE AND
18 DIVERSITY IN OUR LIFEGUARD POSITIONS, WE HAVE CREATED AND
19 LAUNCHED THE LIFEGUARD READY TRAINING PROGRAM. YOUTH CAME TO
20 THIS PROGRAM WITH LIMITED SWIMMING ABILITY, AND BECAUSE OF
21 THIS PROGRAM, THEY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO STRENGTHEN THEIR
22 SWIMMING SKILLS TO THE POINT THAT THEY ARE READY TO SERVE AS
23 L.A. COUNTY FULL LIFEGUARDS THIS SUMMER. I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT
24 CONTINUING THIS EQUITY-BASED PROGRAM WILL ENSURE THAT OUR
25 LIFEGUARDS REFLECT THE DIVERSITY IN OUR COMMUNITIES. AND THIS

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1 NEXT SLIDE IS, THE DEPARTMENT'S WI-FI PROJECT WILL ADVANCE THE
2 COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THE DIGITAL DIVIDE. PROVIDING FREE
3 WI-FI SERVICE IN OUR PARKS IS AN EFFECTIVE STEP TOWARDS
4 BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE, TO ENSURE THAT YOUTH, SENIORS,
5 AND OUR UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE ACCESS
6 TO ONLINE SERVICES IN THEIR LOCAL PARKS, LIKE COUNTY SERVICES,
7 BUS SCHEDULES, PARK PROGRAMMING, JOB POSTING, ONLINE CLASSES,
8 SCHOOL RESOURCES, AND MUCH, MUCH MORE. THE DEPARTMENT
9 PRIORITIZES THE PARKS, UTILIZING THE PARK NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND
10 THE EQUITY EXPLORER. FINAL SLIDE. NEXT SLIDE. IN CLOSING, I
11 WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE DEPARTMENT OF PARK AND RECREATION'S
12 PURPOSE-CENTERED AND DEDICATED TEAM. I WANT TO THANK YOU, THE
13 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND
14 COMMITMENT TO PARK PROGRAMMING, WHICH IS ANCHORED IN
15 PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION OUTCOMES, AND IN OUR COMMUNITY'S
16 WELLBEING. I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOUR PARK DEPUTIES FOR SERVING
17 AS THOUGHT PARTNERS, AND ACTIVELY ENGAGING IN THE DEPARTMENT'S
18 MISSION. LASTLY, MANY THANKS AND GRATITUDE TO FESIA AND THE
19 C.E.O. TEAM FOR THEIR PARTNERSHIP IN THIS PURPOSEFUL WORK.
20 PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER WITH A.R.P.A. FUNDING. THANK YOU. I'LL
21 TAKE ANY QUESTIONS.

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23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, DIRECTOR GARCIA-
24 GONZALEZ. MS. DAVENPORT, ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT TO ADD ON THE
25 SET ITEM?

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2 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** NOTHING TO ADD. WE'RE HERE TO TAKE IN
3 YOUR COMMENTS OR ANSWER ANY COMMENTS YOU MAY HAVE.

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5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** BEFORE I OPEN IT UP TO OTHER
6 SUPERVISORS, LET ME JUST ACKNOWLEDGE HOW PROUD I AM-- AND
7 CONTINUE TO BE-- TO BE PART OF A COUNTY THAT HAD THE VISION TO
8 CREATE AN ANTI-RACISM, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION INITIATIVE. I
9 WOULD SUGGEST, LITTLE DID MY COLLEAGUES KNOW IN CREATING THAT,
10 THE POWERFUL POSITION IT WOULD PUT US IN, TO THEN USE THE LENS
11 OF THAT INITIATIVE TO INVEST THESE NEW A.R.P.A. DOLLARS IN AN
12 EQUITABLE FASHION TO EMPOWER DIRECTOR GARCIA TO ROLL OUT THESE
13 AMAZING PROGRAMS THAT WE SEE, WHERE WE'RE INVESTING IN
14 HISTORICALLY UNDERINVESTED-IN COMMUNITIES. AND, DR. SCORZA,
15 FOR THESE AMAZING MAPPING AND TRACKING, WE TALK ABOUT
16 TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT. YOU CAN'T GET MUCH MORE
17 TRANSPARENT THAN THE MAPPING SYSTEM YOU'VE PUT IN PLACE. WE
18 HAD A CALLER CALL IN, EXPRESSING HER CONCERN ABOUT A LACK OF A
19 KINGDOM DAY PARADE THIS YEAR, WHICH IS NOT THE COUNTY'S JOB.
20 THAT'S A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION. BUT THESE ARE EXAMPLES OF THE
21 COUNTY INVESTING IN ANTI-RACISM INITIATIVES AND INVESTMENTS ON
22 A DAILY BASIS, TRULY LIVING UP TO THE VISION AND PRINCIPLES OF
23 DR. KING; NOT A PARADE ONE DAY A WEEK, BUT THE WAY IN WHICH WE
24 ARE USING OUR POSITION AS COUNTY GOVERNMENT EVERY DAY OF THE
25 YEAR. SO THANK YOU TO ALL THREE OF YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATIONS.

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1 COLLEAGUES, ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? SUPERVISOR HAHN,
2 FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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4 **SUP. HAHN:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, DR.
5 SCORZA, AGAIN. AND, NORMA GARCIA, OUR DIRECTOR OF OUR PARKS
6 DEPARTMENT, THANK YOU. IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO SEE YOU. AND I
7 THINK, AS EVERYTHING ELSE DURING THE PANDEMIC, CERTAIN THINGS
8 WERE ILLUMINATED FOR US. AND I PARTICULARLY THINK THAT WE WERE
9 REMINDED OF THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR COUNTY PARKS AND OUR
10 PROGRAMMING. YOU AND YOUR TEAM HAVE DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB, IN
11 MY OPINION, PARTICULARLY DURING THE PANDEMIC. YOU NEVER SEEM
12 TO HAVE AS MUCH MONEY AS I WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU HAVE, BUT YOU
13 ALWAYS FIGURE OUT A WAY TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR PARKS PROVIDED
14 THOSE MUCH-NEEDED SERVICES TO KEEP PEOPLE ACTIVE, AND YOU WENT
15 ABOVE AND BEYOND, PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATED TO THINGS LIKE
16 THE DIGITAL DIVIDE. AS WE PLAN FOR OUR SECOND PART OF A.R.P.
17 FUNDING, MY POSITION IS THAT WE SHOULD FUND YOUR DEPARTMENT TO
18 EXPAND YOUR CURRENT SERVICES, CREATE NEW PROGRAMS FOR OUR
19 COMMUNITIES, BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE CONNECTED TO THEIR PARKS. AND
20 SO MUCH HAPPENS, AND IT'S REALLY THE GREAT EQUALIZER, WHEN WE
21 LOOK THROUGH THE EQUITY LENS. IT'S WHAT PEOPLE RECEIVE AND ARE
22 ABLE TO DO THROUGH THEIR OPEN SPACES AND THEIR PARKS. FESIA,
23 WITH OUR BUDGET PROCESS IN MOTION, I JUST WANTED TO REMIND
24 YOU, TOO, THAT THIS BOARD HAS ALWAYS BEEN SUPPORTIVE OF
25 ADDITIONAL PARKS PROGRAMMING, ESPECIALLY IN OUR AQUATICS. IT

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1 WAS GREAT TO SEE THAT SLIDE, NORMA, ABOUT HOW IMPORTANT
2 SWIMMING IS, AND THE WHOLE WORKFORCE PIPELINE ABOUT PEOPLE
3 ACTUALLY, ONE DAY, BECOMING A COUNTY LIFEGUARD. AND YOU KNOW
4 HOW I FEEL ABOUT POOLS AND SWIMMING. AND LAST YEAR, I DIRECTED
5 US TO LOOK FOR MORE FUNDING TO EXPAND THE SUMMER SWIM SEASON
6 AT ALL OF OUR YEAR-ROUND PARKS. IT DIDN'T HAPPEN LAST YEAR,
7 BECAUSE WE WERE KIND OF OUTSIDE OF THAT, BUT I DO THINK WE SEE
8 SENIORS, PARTICULARLY, WHO, THAT IS THEIR FORM OF EXERCISE.
9 AND KEEPING THOSE POOLS OPEN DURING HOT WEATHER-- I MEAN, WE
10 JUST SAW LAST WEEKEND, IT GOT INTO THE 80S AND 90S, AND IT
11 WOULD HAVE BEEN NICE IF SOME OF OUR POOLS HAD BEEN OPEN FOR
12 PEOPLE. SO, OUR PARKS ARE SUCH A HUGE ASSET FOR THE COUNTY.
13 OPPORTUNITIES EXIST FOR ALL AGES. IT'S SORT OF A LIFELONG
14 CONNECTION TO PARKS, SO I THINK IT'S THE ONE THING THAT REALLY
15 IS GOING TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO RECOVER FROM THIS PANDEMIC, TO
16 MOVE ON, AND TO FEEL SOMEWHAT LIKE THEIR LIVES ARE GETTING
17 BACK TO NORMAL. I LOOK FORWARD TO THESE PROGRAMS BEING IN MANY
18 OF MY COMMUNITIES THAT ARE ALSO OF GREAT NEED. SO, THANK YOU
19 SO MUCH, NORMA.

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21 **NORMA GARCIA-GONZALEZ:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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

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

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2 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND I WANT TO
3 ALSO COMMEND OUR C.E.O., DR. SCORZA, AND NORMA GONZALEZ FOR
4 DOING A GREAT JOB. I'M HAPPY TO SEE THAT WE'RE REALLY
5 UTILIZING THE MONEY QUICKLY, AND GETTING IT OUT THERE IN SUCH,
6 FOR EXAMPLE, AREAS THAT HAVE BEEN DISADVANTAGED FOR SOME TIME,
7 ESPECIALLY DURING THE PANDEMIC. I KNOW THERE'S A LOT OF OUR
8 SENIORS IN SOME OF OUR AREAS, LIKE SALAZAR PARK, WHICH THE
9 GOVERNOR RECENTLY VISITED, NORMA, AND WE MET WITH SOME OF THE
10 SENIORS THERE, AND THEY CONTINUE TO SAY THAT THEY'D LIKE TO
11 SEE-- YOU KNOW, BE ABLE TO RECONVENE NOW, AND THEN HAVE MORE
12 PROGRAMMING AND SERVICES FOR THEM, AND TRIPS; FIELD TRIPS. SO
13 I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING MORE OF THAT HAPPEN. I'M ALSO
14 VERY HAPPY, DR. SCORZA, THAT WE'RE EXPANDING OUR COMMUNICATION
15 TO OTHER LIMITED-ENGLISH-PROFICIENT COMMUNITIES. AND I KNOW
16 THAT THE LIST YOU HAVE HERE ISN'T EXHAUSTED, BECAUSE I KNOW
17 THAT WE HAVE INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES SPOKEN IN GUATEMALAN, FOR
18 EXAMPLE, AND OTHER NATIVE LANGUAGES, WHERE WE HAVE A VERY
19 LARGE POPULATION IN OUR DISTRICT. SO I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU'LL
20 INCLUDE SOME OF THAT, AS WELL AS THE THAI COMMUNITY, WHICH IS
21 GROWING AND GROWING, AND MANY, I KNOW, ARE VERY INTERESTED IN
22 WANTING TO GET INVOLVED IN CONTRACTING. BUT IF THE INFORMATION
23 ISN'T PROVIDED IN THEIR LANGUAGE, THEN THEY AREN'T GOING TO BE
24 SUCCESSFUL. SO, JUST TO UNDERSCORE THAT. AND JUST LASTLY, WITH
25 THE PARKS: NORMA, I THINK IT'S GREAT WE'RE EXPANDING WI-FI,

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1 TRYING TO EXPAND OR CREATE MORE OPPORTUNITIES, SO WE DON'T
2 HAVE THAT DIGITAL DIVIDE. BUT I AM INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHAT
3 PARKS WERE SELECTED, IF WE CAN GET THAT INFORMATION, AND THE
4 ONES THAT YOU PLAN TO GO TO NEXT. AND HOPEFULLY, IT'S BASED ON
5 NEED. I THINK THOSE ARE REALLY IMPORTANT THINGS DO. SO, I DO
6 WANT TO ALSO UNDERSCORE THAT, ALONG WITH ALL THE MONEY THAT
7 WE'RE PUTTING OUT THERE-- THE \$8.8 MILLION OF A.R.P.A. MONEY--
8 THAT SOME OF US AND OUR OFFICES HAVE ALSO USED OUR OWN
9 DISCRETIONARY MONEY TO EXPAND PROGRAMMING FOR SENIORS, AND FOR
10 THOSE TRIPS, AND FOR MEALS, AND MANY, MANY THINGS. SO I THINK
11 THAT, IN THOSE KINDS OF PRESENTATIONS, IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO
12 NOTE THAT THE BOARD OFFICES, AND SOMETIMES OUR STAFF, WILL
13 TAKE THAT RESPONSIBILITY AND SAY, "HEY, WHAT COULD WE DO TO
14 HELP EXPAND THIS EFFORT?" AND WE USE OUR OWN DISCRETIONARY
15 MONEY. AND SOMETIMES THE PUBLIC MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE
16 ACTUALLY PUTTING IN A LOT MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE, SO TO
17 SPEAK. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH, ALL THREE OF YOU, AND THANK YOU
18 VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

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20 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
21 SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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23 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. JUST BRIEFLY, TO
24 UNDERSCORE, THANKS TO ALL THREE OF YOU FOR THIS REPORT. THANKS
25 TO DR. SCORZA, AND TO YOU, DIRECTOR GONZALEZ, FOR THE WORK

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1 THAT YOU'RE DOING. I WANTED TO UNDERSCORE SOMETHING THAT
2 SUPERVISOR SOLIS JUST SAID, AND I BELIEVE WE HAVE ALL
3 MENTIONED, AND THAT IS THE ACCESS TO WI-FI. FOR A WHILE, WE
4 WERE HEARING A LOT ABOUT HOW THIS WAS NEEDED, BECAUSE
5 STUDENTS, OF COURSE, WERE REMOTELY GETTING THEIR EDUCATION.
6 BUT I WANT TO SAY, THAT IS NOT THE ONLY REASON WHY WE WOULD
7 WANT TO HAVE ACCESS TO WI-FI IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR
8 UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES. IT'S EXPENSIVE TO BRING IT INTO YOUR
9 HOUSE. IT JUST IS, AND SO MANY PEOPLE JUST CAN'T AFFORD IT.
10 SO, I THINK WHERE ADULTS ARE TRYING TO GET THEIR CLASSES, THEY
11 WILL DO THEM REMOTELY. WHEN YOU FILE FOR BENEFITS, YOU'RE
12 DOING IT ON YOUR COMPUTER. THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS IN WHICH OUR
13 FAMILIES REALLY NEED THIS ACCESS. SO I WANT TO UNDERSCORE THAT
14 THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I BELIEVE-- WE ALL BELIEVE-- SHOULD GO
15 ON, EVEN AFTER A RECOVERY, IF WE EVER GET ONE ALL THE WAY. AND
16 THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THE WORK. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I'LL JUST CLOSE BY
19 SAYING, I AM FULLY AWARE THAT PULLING THESE PRESENTATIONS
20 TOGETHER IS TIME-CONSUMING, AND I APPRECIATE THE TIME YOU ALL
21 DEVOTE TO IT, BECAUSE IT'S SO IMPORTANT THAT YOU CONTINUE TO
22 INFORM US. WE'RE ABLE TO TRACK AND SEE THE PROGRESS, AS
23 SEVERAL MEMBERS HAVE SAID. WE SEE THE MONEY IS ALREADY IN THE
24 COMMUNITIES. THAT WAS OUR GOAL. THAT'S THE EXPECTATION OF THE
25 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, SO I THINK WE'RE MEETING THAT EXPECTATION.

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1 IT ALSO ALLOWS THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ON A VERY LOCAL LEVEL, TO
2 UNDERSTAND WHERE THOSE RESOURCES ARE GOING IN THEIR COMMUNITY.
3 SO, AGAIN, THE REPORT IS RECEIVED AND FILED. HEARING NO
4 OBJECTIONS, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. THANKS YOU VERY MUCH FOR
5 THE PRESENTATION. MOVING ON TO SET MATTER NUMBER 2, OUR PUBLIC
6 HEALTH ORDER. WE WILL HEAR FROM DR. BARBARA FERRER, DIRECTOR
7 OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND DR. CHRISTINA GHALY, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH
8 SERVICES. WE'LL START WITH YOU, DR. FERRER.

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10 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** HI, AND GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M TRYING TO
11 ADJUST ON A DIFFERENT DEVICE TODAY, BUT I THANK YOU SO MUCH,
12 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AND THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AS
13 ALWAYS, FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC.
14 YOUR LEADERSHIP AND GUIDANCE REMAIN ESSENTIAL, AS WE CONTINUE
15 TO WORK TO PROVIDE L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS WITH THE LATEST
16 INFORMATION ON C.O.V.I.D., AND HOW TO KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE. IN
17 TODAY'S PRESENTATION, I'LL SHARE A LOOK AT OUR C.O.V.I.D.
18 METRICS OVER THE PAST 7 DAYS: THE CONTINUED IMPACT OF HIGH
19 TRANSMISSION; VACCINATION COVERAGE ACROSS L.A. COUNTY, AND
20 ADDRESSING GAPS; AN UPDATE ON DATA ON TRANSMISSION IN T.K.
21 THROUGH GRADE 12 SCHOOLS; AND CONTINUED PLANNING THAT WE'RE
22 DOING AS WE ENTER THE POST-SURGE PHASE, INCLUDING WHAT THIS
23 MEANS FOR MASKING REQUIREMENTS, DISTRIBUTION OF THERAPEUTICS,
24 AND ONGOING CASE IDENTIFICATION AND CONTACT TRACING EFFORTS.
25 IF I CAN GET THE FIRST SLIDE? WE REMAIN VERY ENCOURAGED BY THE

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1 STEADY DECLINES THAT ARE SEEN ACROSS SO MANY OF OUR METRICS.
2 ON THIS SLIDE, YOU CAN SEE OUR NUMBERS FOR THE PAST WEEK,
3 THROUGH YESTERDAY, AND TODAY'S NUMBERS LOOK RELATIVELY
4 SIMILAR. HOSPITALIZATIONS HAVE DROPPED AGAIN, AND THEY'RE
5 ACTUALLY BELOW 2000. BUT THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAILY NEW CASES
6 REPORTED OVER THE LAST 7 DAYS HAS DROPPED TO ABOUT 4700, FROM
7 ABOUT SLIGHTLY OVER 10,000 THE PREVIOUS WEEK. IN FACT, WE SAW
8 AN AVERAGE DECLINE OF JUST ABOUT 8% PER DAY, THIS PAST WEEK.
9 OUR AVERAGE DAILY CASE RATE DROPPED TO 46 NEW CASES PER
10 100,000 RESIDENTS. THAT, TOO, IS LESS THAN HALF OF WHAT IT WAS
11 A WEEK AGO. AND AS I NOTED, TODAY WE'RE DROPPING BELOW 2000
12 HOSPITALIZATIONS. AS YOU KNOW, THE TRIGGER FOR ENTERING THE
13 POST-SURGE PHASE IS SEEING FEWER THAN 2500 HOSPITALIZATIONS
14 FOR 7 CONSECUTIVE DAYS, AND THIS WILL BE A THRESHOLD THAT WE
15 WILL MEET TOMORROW. THE DAILY TEST POSITIVITY RATE, WHICH IS
16 THE PERCENTAGE OF ALL OF OUR C.O.V.I.D.-19 TESTS THAT ARE
17 PERFORMED AND SENT TO US THAT ARE POSITIVE, HAS ALSO CONTINUED
18 TO DROP, AND THE 7-DAY AVERAGE IS NOW SLIGHTLY BELOW 4%. I DO
19 WANT TO NOTE THAT, SADLY, DEATHS HAVE NOT YET DECLINED. OVER
20 THE PREVIOUS 7 DAYS, THERE WERE AN AVERAGE OF 68 DEATHS
21 REPORTED EACH DAY IN L.A. COUNTY. THAT'S SIMILAR TO THE
22 AVERAGE NUMBER OF DEATHS FOR THE PRIOR 7 DAYS. WHILE COMMUNITY
23 TRANSMISSION IS CONTINUING TO SLOW, ON THE NEXT SLIDE, WE'LL
24 SHOW WHY WE'RE REMAINING FOCUSED ON STRATEGIES TO REDUCE
25 TRANSMISSION EVEN FURTHER. SO, NEXT-- YEAH, GREAT. THANK YOU.

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1 SO, ON THIS SLIDE, YOU CAN SEE OUR TREND LINES SHOWING THE 7-
2 DAY-AVERAGE DAILY CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND DEATHS. THIS
3 GOES FROM JULY 2020 UNTIL TODAY. MOST STRIKING, OF COURSE, IS
4 THE STEEP AND RAPID DECLINE THAT YOU SEE IN CASES. THAT'S OUR
5 GREEN LINE. OUR 7-DAY AVERAGES FOR CASES AND HOSPITALIZATIONS
6 HAVE DROPPED TO A LEVEL THAT IS NOW SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN OUR
7 PEAK NUMBERS THAT WE SAW DURING THE SUMMER SURGE, WHICH WAS
8 FUELED BY THE DELTA VARIANT. AND WHILE THE DECLINE ALLOWS US
9 TO BE VERY HOPEFUL ABOUT OUR PROGRESS, WE DO NEED TO DECREASE
10 TRANSMISSION TO A LOWER RATE, AND AS YOU CAN SEE, WE'VE GOT A
11 DISTANCE TO GO TO GET THERE. ANOTHER IMPLICATION OF HIGH
12 COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION IS SEEN IN THE DATA ON THE NEXT SLIDE,
13 AROUND ACTIVE OUTBREAKS. SO, IF WE CAN GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE?
14 GREAT. THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC, THERE HAVE BEEN THOUSANDS OF
15 OUTBREAKS REPORTED TO PUBLIC HEALTH ACROSS ALL SECTORS, AND
16 THIS MOST RECENT WINTER SURGE WAS NO EXCEPTION. ON THIS SLIDE,
17 YOU SEE THE 7-DAY ROLLING AVERAGE NUMBER OF OUTBREAKS THROUGH
18 FEBRUARY 14TH, FOR VARIOUS SETTINGS. THIS INCLUDES SETTINGS
19 FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS-- THAT'S THE GREEN LINE;
20 EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS, THE BLUE LINE; SKILLED NURSING
21 FACILITIES, THE ORANGE LINE; WORK SITES IS THE PURPLE LINE;
22 AND CONGREGATE OR GROUP HOUSING SITES IS THE RED LINE.
23 CURRENTLY, WE HAVE OVER 600 ACTIVE OUTBREAKS ACROSS THESE
24 SECTORS. AND WHILE WE'RE RELIEVED HERE, AGAIN, WITH THE
25 SIGNIFICANT DECLINES FROM THE PEAK OF THIS RECENT SURGE,

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1 OUTBREAKS ACROSS ALL SECTORS ARE HIGHER THAN THEY EVER WERE
2 DURING THE PEAK OF THE DELTA SURGE. WORKERS AT ALL OF THESE
3 SITES, EXCEPT AT SCHOOLS, NURSING HOMES, AND SHELTERS,
4 COMPRISE THE VAST MAJORITY OF INFECTED INDIVIDUALS ASSOCIATED
5 WITH THE OUTBREAKS. AND THIS HIGHER NUMBER OF OUTBREAKS LEADS
6 TO STAFFING SHORTAGES, SPREAD BACK TO COMMUNITIES AND
7 FAMILIES, AND INCREASED RISK FOR THOSE MOST VULNERABLE. WE
8 HAVE REMAINED VIGILANT THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC, AND WE'VE
9 IMPLEMENTED A VARIETY OF SAFETY MEASURES, KEEPING IN MIND THE
10 VULNERABILITY OF OUR ESSENTIAL WORKERS. UNTIL THE CASE NUMBERS
11 GO DOWN EVEN MORE, IT WILL BE IMPORTANT TO KEEP SAFETY
12 MEASURES IN PLACE THAT MITIGATE AGAINST THESE OUTBREAKS, AND
13 PROTECT WORKERS AND THOSE LIVING AND WORKING IN THE HIGHER-
14 RISK SETTINGS. AND AS WE ALL KNOW, ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT
15 STRATEGIES TO LOWER COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION IS INCREASING OUR
16 VACCINATION COVERAGE. AND ON THE NEXT SLIDE, I CAN BRIEFLY
17 SHARE WHERE WE ARE ON OUR VACCINATION EFFORTS. WE CAN GO TO
18 THE NEXT SLIDE. ON THIS SLIDE, YOU WILL SEE THAT WE'VE COVERED
19 VACCINATIONS BY AGE GROUP. WHILE WE'VE MADE GOOD PROGRESS WITH
20 FIRST AND SECOND DOSES FOR MOST AGE GROUPS, THERE ARE STILL
21 ABOUT 1.7 MILLION ELIGIBLE L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS THAT HAVEN'T
22 YET RECEIVED THEIR FIRST DOSE, AND THERE ARE MORE THAN 2.5
23 MILLION VACCINATED PEOPLE THAT NEED TO GET BOOSTED, SO THAT
24 THEY HAVE OPTIMAL PROTECTION. VACCINATION COVERAGE, AS YOU CAN
25 SEE HERE, IS PARTICULARLY LOW AMONGST CHILDREN BETWEEN 5 AND

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1 11 YEARS OLD. AS OF FEBRUARY 10TH, ONLY 1/3 OF CHILDREN 5-11
2 HAVE RECEIVED ONE OR MORE DOSES OF C.O.V.I.D.-19, AND ONLY A
3 QUARTER OF THEM ARE FULLY VACCINATED. THE SCIENCE CONTINUES TO
4 SHOW THAT OUR C.O.V.I.D.-19 VACCINES ARE HIGHLY EFFECTIVE, AND
5 THAT BOOSTER DOSES ADDRESS WANING PROTECTION OVER TIME.
6 LOWERING TRANSMISSION AND PREVENTING THE PROLIFERATION OF
7 OTHER VARIANTS OF CONCERN IS MUCH MORE EASILY ACCOMPLISHED
8 WHEN MORE RESIDENTS ARE UP TO DATE WITH THEIR VACCINES. THE
9 COUNTY DOES CONTINUE TO OFFER EASY ACCESS TO VACCINES ACROSS A
10 VAST NETWORK OF OVER A THOUSAND SITES. IN ADDITION, THIS WEEK,
11 THERE ARE OVER 600 MOBILE TEAMS THAT ARE OFFERING VACCINES AT
12 COMMUNITY AND WORKSITES, INCLUDING SCHOOLS. WE CAN GO TO THE
13 NEXT SLIDE. GIVEN THE LOW RATES OF VACCINATION COVERAGE AMONG
14 CHILDREN 5-11, OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH SCHOOLS IS VITAL, AND
15 SCHOOL-BASED VACCINATION CLINICS REMAIN A KEY PART OF OUR
16 STRATEGY TO INCREASE ACCESS TO VACCINATIONS AT TRUSTED AND
17 CONVENIENT SITES, SUCH AS OUR SCHOOLS. PEDIATRIC C.O.V.I.D.-19
18 VACCINE DOSES FOR THOSE 5-11, AS WELL AS FIRST, SECOND, AND
19 BOOSTER DOSES FOR EVERYONE ELSE, ARE OFFERED AT NO CHARGE AT
20 OUR SCHOOL-BASED VACCINE CLINICS THAT ARE LOCATED, AS YOU CAN
21 SEE, CONVENIENTLY ACROSS THE COUNTY. SINCE FEBRUARY 2021,
22 THERE HAVE BEEN 6,000 SCHOOL-BASED VACCINATION CLINICS HELD IN
23 L.A. COUNTY, AND WE HAVE AN ADDITIONAL 1100 THAT ARE SCHEDULED
24 JUST IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY. AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THIS MAP,
25 THE VAST MAJORITY OF THESE CLINICS ARE BEING HELD IN

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1 COMMUNITIES THAT ARE TRADITIONALLY UNDER-RESOURCED, MANY OF
2 WHOM HAVE BEEN HARD HIT BY THE PANDEMIC. WE CAN GO ON TO THE
3 NEXT SLIDE. WHILE, AS YOU CAN SEE ON THIS SLIDE, WE'RE SEEING
4 STEEP DECLINES IN CASES AMONG STUDENTS AND STAFF AT OUR T.K.
5 THROUGH GRADE 12 SCHOOLS, THE CONTINUED HIGH RATE OF COMMUNITY
6 TRANSMISSION HAS AN IMPACT ON THE NUMBER OF CASES ASSOCIATED
7 WITH STAFF AND STUDENTS AT OUR SCHOOLS. FOR THE WEEK ENDING
8 FEBRUARY 6TH, THERE WERE SLIGHTLY MORE THAN 8,000 CASES AMONG
9 STUDENTS-- THAT'S THE BLUE LINE; AND ABOUT 860 CASES AMONG
10 SCHOOL STAFF-- THAT'S THE PURPLE LINE. WHILE THESE NUMBERS ARE
11 SO MUCH LOWER THAN THEY'VE BEEN DURING THE PEAK, OR THEY WERE
12 DURING THE PEAK OF THE SURGE, THE NUMBER OF CASES IS STILL
13 SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN IT HAS BEEN AT ANY POINT DURING THIS
14 SCHOOL YEAR. MITIGATION EFFORTS AT SCHOOLS NEED TO REFLECT THE
15 VERY REAL RISK OF TRANSMISSION IN THIS UNIQUE SETTING. THIS IS
16 ESPECIALLY TRUE DURING TIMES OF HIGH COMMUNITY VIRUS SPREAD.
17 AND AS WE'LL SEE ON THE NEXT SLIDE, MITIGATION EFFORTS AT
18 SCHOOLS CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE. WE CAN GO TO THE NEXT
19 SLIDE. BETWEEN JANUARY 30TH AND FEBRUARY 5TH, 16 NEW OUTBREAKS
20 WERE OPENED: 8 IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, 2 IN MIDDLE SCHOOLS, 5
21 IN HIGH SCHOOLS, AND ONE IN YOUTH SPORTS. WE HAVE ABOUT 60
22 OPEN OUTBREAKS AT OUR SCHOOLS. BUT GIVEN THIS HUGE INCREASE IN
23 POSITIVE CASES AT SCHOOLS, THE RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER OF
24 OUTBREAKS SUGGESTS THAT SCHOOLS CONTINUE TO SUCCESSFULLY
25 IMPLEMENT STRATEGIES THAT ARE LIMITING SPREAD. THIS INCLUDES

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1 SCREENING AND RESPONSE TESTING, ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH
2 ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS, FOLLOWING RECOMMENDED
3 INFECTION CONTROL GUIDELINES, AND HAVING EVERYONE WEARING
4 WELL-FITTING MASKS THAT PROVIDE MAXIMUM FILTRATION, AS
5 REQUIRED BY THE STATE. T.K. THROUGH GRADE 12 SCHOOLS, WITH
6 THEIR IMPLEMENTATION OF EFFECTIVE, COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY
7 MEASURES, ARE SUBJECT TO THE STATE INDOOR MASKING REQUIREMENT,
8 WHICH WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT THROUGH THE UPCOMING WEEKS. WE DO
9 ANTICIPATE RECEIVING AN UPDATED ASSESSMENT FROM THE STATE ON
10 FEBRUARY 28TH, ON APPROPRIATE SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS FOR
11 SCHOOLS. WE CAN GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE. AS THE BOARD IS ACUTELY
12 AWARE, WE'VE BEEN PREPARING FOR POST SURGE APPROACHES THAT CAN
13 MINIMIZE C.O.V.I.D.-19 RISKS AS OUR METRICS IMPROVE. AND WHILE
14 IMPROVING VACCINATION RATES REMAINS A PRIORITY, WE'VE ALSO
15 RELIED ON OTHER TOOLS, AS WELL, TO HELP REDUCE EXPOSURES AND
16 TRANSMISSION. AS YOU THINK ABOUT POST-SURGE STRATEGIES THAT
17 WILL BE IN PLACE SHORTLY, I WANT TO NOTE THAT WE REMAINED OPEN
18 DURING THIS VERY DAMAGING SURGE, BECAUSE WE HAD AN EXTENSIVE
19 SET OF PROTECTION MEASURES THAT HELPED DIMINISH THE IMPACT OF
20 OMICRON, AND WE'LL NEED TO CONTINUE TO USE SOME OF THESE
21 STRATEGIES, POST-SURGE. IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT
22 OUR POST-SURGE PLAN IS A LIVING PLAN. IT REFLECTS WHERE WE ARE
23 TODAY IN THE PANDEMIC, AND OUR BEST KNOWLEDGE OF WHERE WE
24 EXPECT TO BE, POST-SURGE. IF CONDITIONS CHANGE, WE'LL REASSESS
25 AND, WHEN NEEDED, MODIFY OUR MITIGATION STRATEGIES. A VARIETY

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1 OF FACTORS COULD NECESSITATE CHANGES IN OUR APPROACH. THERE
2 ARE TWO THAT I'M CERTAIN WOULD REQUIRE US TO MODIFY OUR PLAN
3 AND OUR STRATEGIES. FIRST, WE'D REDEFINE OUR PLAN IF WE HAD A
4 NEW TOOL THAT IMPROVES OUTCOMES, SUCH AS ADEQUATE ACCESS TO
5 HIGHLY EFFECTIVE THERAPEUTICS. CURRENTLY, AS I'LL DISCUSS IN A
6 MINUTE, NEWER THERAPEUTICS, SUCH AS THE ORAL MEDICATION
7 PAXLOVID, ARE IN SCARCE SUPPLY. IF WE COULD ENSURE ADEQUATE
8 ACCESS TO THESE THERAPEUTICS, THIS WOULD MITIGATE THE WORST
9 EFFECTS OF C.O.V.I.D., AND WE WOULD REDEFINE OUR STRATEGIES.
10 ON THE OTHER HAND, IF A NEW VARIANT EMERGED WHICH WAS MORE
11 INFECTIOUS, EVADED A LOT OF OUR VACCINE PROTECTION, AND/OR
12 CAUSED MORE SERIOUS ILLNESS, WE WOULD NEED TO CONSIDER
13 LAYERING IN MORE PROTECTIONS. SO, AS WE MOVE INTO AND THROUGH
14 THE POST-SURGE PERIOD, WE'LL DO WHAT WE HAVE DONE THROUGHOUT
15 THE PANDEMIC: MONITOR THE SITUATION AND ADAPT OUR PLANS TO
16 ENSURE THAT WE CAN ALL DO OUR BEST TO PROTECT EACH OTHER AND
17 OUR COMMUNITIES. WE KNOW THAT SOME RESIDENTS AND STAKEHOLDERS
18 ARE HOPING FOR AN END TO MASKING REQUIREMENTS, ESPECIALLY
19 GIVEN RECENT CHANGES TO THE STATE'S MASKING REQUIREMENT.
20 PUBLIC HEALTH UNDERSTANDS, AND WE SHARE THE DESIRE TO TAKE THE
21 MASKS OFF, AND SOME CHANGES WILL BE OCCURRING AS SOON AS
22 TOMORROW. HOWEVER, THE ISSUE IS ONE OF TIMING. MASKS PROVIDE
23 AN ESSENTIAL LAYER OF PROTECTION WHEN TRANSMISSION IS HIGH,
24 AND THEY HELP US REDUCE EXPOSURES AND DRIVE DOWN OUR CASE
25 NUMBERS. DESPITE RECENT DECLINES, TRANSMISSION ALL ACROSS L.A.

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1 COUNTY REMAINS HIGH. AND WHILE IT'S ALWAYS IMPORTANT TO
2 CONSIDER PERSONAL RISKS AND BENEFITS, PUBLIC HEALTH, AS YOU
3 KNOW, IS CHARGED WITH ASSESSING RISKS AND BENEFITS ACROSS
4 POPULATIONS. AND BECAUSE THE COSTS OF HIGH TRANSMISSION ARE
5 NOT JUST BORNE BY INDIVIDUALS, AND ARE NOT DISTRIBUTED
6 EQUALLY, IT'S IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT THERE HAVE BEEN
7 SEVERE DISRUPTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS SURGE, INCLUDING
8 STAFFING SHORTAGES, REDUCED ECONOMIC SECURITY FOR MANY WHO
9 HAVE TO QUARANTINE OR ISOLATE WITHOUT SICK PAY, AND HIGHER
10 MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY FOR THOSE MOST VULNERABLE, AND THOSE
11 WITH MORE EXPOSURES. THE BURDEN OF C.O.V.I.D.-19 REMAINS HIGH.
12 IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY, THERE WERE OVER 841,000 NEW CASES OF
13 C.O.V.I.D., INCLUDING 265,000 THAT WERE AMONG CHILDREN. IN
14 DECEMBER, 396 PEOPLE DIED FROM C.O.V.I.D., COMPARED TO 163
15 INDIVIDUALS WHO PASSED AWAY FROM OTHER RESPIRATORY ILLNESSES,
16 INCLUDING PNEUMONIA AND FLU. THERE ARE STILL UNKNOWNNS AROUND
17 THE BURDEN OF LONG C.O.V.I.D. A STUDY JUST RELEASED SHOWED
18 THAT FOR, UNFORTUNATELY, A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO
19 HAD EXPERIENCED DISEASE WITH C.O.V.I.D., THEY HAVE LONG-
20 LASTING -- IT HAS LONG-LASTING IMPACTS ON THEIR HEARTS. AND
21 AGAIN, WE FACE A FUTURE THAT'S UNKNOWN, IN TERMS OF OMICRON'S
22 IMPACT ON M.I.S.C. AMONG CHILDREN. WE DON'T YET HAVE ADEQUATE
23 SUPPLIES OF THERAPEUTICS THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO TREAT
24 EVERYONE WHO IS A GOOD CANDIDATE. SO I THINK BEING CAUTIOUS
25 STILL MAKES SENSE, AND DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO DRIVE DOWN

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1 THE HIGH RATES OF TRANSMISSION REMAINS AN APPROPRIATE GOAL FOR
2 US TO CONTINUE TO EMBRACE AS A COMMUNITY. NONETHELESS,
3 TRANSMISSION HAS DECLINED SIGNIFICANTLY, AND IT IS TIME TO
4 CONSIDER SENSIBLE CHANGES TO MITIGATION EFFORTS. TOMORROW, OUR
5 DAILY HOSPITALIZATIONS WILL HAVE FALLEN BELOW 2500 FOR 7
6 CONSECUTIVE DAYS, SO MASKING, AS OF 12:01 A.M. WEDNESDAY, WILL
7 NO LONGER BE REQUIRED WHILE OUTDOORS AT OUTDOOR MEGA-EVENTS,
8 OR IN OUTDOOR SPACES AT T.K. THROUGH GRADE 12 SCHOOLS, OR AT
9 CHILDCARE FACILITIES. AS FOR OUR INDOOR MASKING REQUIREMENT,
10 ONCE L.A. COUNTY'S CASE RATES INDICATE MODERATE TRANSMISSION
11 UNDER THE C.D.C. THRESHOLDS FOR COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION FOR 7
12 CONSECUTIVE DAYS, INDOOR MASKING WOULD BE LIFTED AT SITES,
13 EXCEPT FOR THOSE WHERE EITHER FEDERAL OR STATE REGULATIONS
14 REQUIRE MASKING, OR AT SITES WHERE BUSINESSES OR OPERATORS
15 REQUIRE MASKING. IF WE CONTINUE TO SEE THE 7.8% RATE OF
16 DECLINE WE JUST EXPERIENCED THIS PAST WEEK, WE COULD REACH
17 MODERATE TRANSMISSION-- WHICH IS ABOUT 730 NEW CASES A DAY--
18 BY THE MIDDLE OF MARCH. I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT A CHANGE TO THE
19 METRICS WE HAD PREVIOUSLY SET FOR LIFTING INDOOR MASKING IS
20 NOW APPROPRIATE, BECAUSE, AS WE KNOW, PFIZER REQUESTED A
21 POSTPONEMENT OF THE F.D.A.'S REVIEW OF THEIR VACCINE FOR
22 CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 5. SINCE ITS REVIEW HAS BEEN DELAYED
23 UNTIL EARLY APRIL, WE'RE NO LONGER USING THE AVAILABILITY OF
24 THE VACCINE AS A METRIC TO CONSIDER LIFTING INDOOR MASKING,
25 BECAUSE IT'S JUST TOO FAR OUT. WE THINK THAT THERE ARE

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1 SENSIBLE METRICS THAT WE TAKE INTO ACCOUNT, AND THAT OUR
2 IMPROVING CASE NUMBERS REALLY HELP US MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE
3 ABLE TO CONTINUE PROTECTIONS FOR WORKERS IN PLACES WHERE
4 MASKING WILL BE REQUIRED. I'M GOING TO MOVE ON TO SHARE A
5 STATUS UPDATE ON ANOTHER PART OF OUR POST-SURGE PLANNING,
6 WHICH IS RELATED TO C.O.V.I.D. THERAPEUTICS. SO, IF WE CAN
7 JUST GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE? WHILE THERE IS CURRENTLY A SCARCE
8 SUPPLY OF C.O.V.I.D. THERAPEUTICS, WE DO RECOGNIZE THAT THIS
9 IS AN IMPORTANT STRATEGY FOR MITIGATING THE WORST EFFECTS OF
10 C.O.V.I.D., AND THAT'S WHY WE ARE FOCUSED ON IMPROVING ACCESS
11 TO, AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF, THERAPEUTICS-- ESPECIALLY
12 APPROVED ORAL MEDICATIONS-- FOR PEOPLE WITH C.O.V.I.D.-19.
13 THERE ARE 3 THERAPEUTICS THAT L.A. COUNTY, THROUGH THE
14 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, HAS RECENTLY BEGUN TO DISTRIBUTE.
15 WE'VE RECEIVED JUST SLIGHTLY UNDER 12,000 DOSES OF EVUSHELD,
16 WHICH IS A LONG-ACTING ANTI-SARS-COV-2 MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY
17 THAT'S ADMINISTERED VIA INTRAMUSCULAR INJECTION. THE
18 THERAPEUTIC IS FOR THOSE WHO ARE AGES 12 AND OLDER, WHO WEIGH
19 AT LEAST 40 KILOGRAMS, WHO ARE NOT CURRENTLY INFECTED WITH
20 C.O.V.I.D.-- SO THIS IS A PROPHYLACTIC-- AND WHO HAVE NOT HAD
21 A KNOWN EXPOSURE TO AN INDIVIDUAL INFECTED WITH C.O.V.I.D.,
22 AND IT'S FOR PEOPLE WHO EITHER HAVE A MODERATE OR SEVERE
23 IMMUNE COMPROMISE THAT EFFECTS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF
24 VACCINATIONS, OR FOR WHOM VACCINATION IS NOT RECOMMENDED. SO
25 IT'S FOR A NARROW GROUP OF VERY HIGH-RISK FOLKS. WE'VE ALSO

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1 RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 7600 DOSES OF PAXLOVID AND 35,000 DOSES OF
2 MOLNUPIRAVIR, BOTH OF WHICH ARE ORAL MEDICATIONS THAT NEED TO
3 BE ADMINISTERED TO C.O.V.I.D.-POSITIVE INDIVIDUALS WITHIN FIVE
4 DAYS OF SYMPTOM ONSET. PAXLOVID TREATS MILD TO MODERATE
5 C.O.V.I.D.-19, AND PATIENTS NEED TO BE AGES 12 AND OLDER, AND
6 THEY NEED TO WEIGH AT LEAST 40 KILOGRAMS, WHO ARE AT HIGH RISK
7 FOR PROGRESSION TO SEVERE C.O.V.I.D.-19, INCLUDING
8 HOSPITALIZATION OR DEATH. WE ALSO HAVE MOLNUPIRAVIR, AND
9 THAT'S FOR USE IN ADULTS AGED 18 AND OLDER, AND IT'S NOT
10 RECOMMENDED FOR THOSE WHO ARE PREGNANT. THERE IS ALSO A HIGH
11 CONCERN WITH THIS DRUG FOR SIDE EFFECTS, AND THERE IS
12 DECREASED RISK REDUCTION COMPARED TO OTHER AVAILABLE
13 MEDICATIONS. SO, MOLNUPIRAVIR IS ONLY RECOMMENDED IF OTHER
14 TREATMENTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE. WE DO CONTINUE TO WORK TO BUILD
15 AN INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WILL ENSURE THAT THOSE IN OUR HARDEST
16 HIT COMMUNITIES, AND THOSE WITH LESS ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE,
17 WILL BE ABLE TO GET INFORMATION AND ACCESS TO THERAPEUTICS AS
18 THEY BECOME MORE READILY AVAILABLE. THE NEXT COUPLE OF SLIDES
19 LOOK AT THE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION, SO FAR. WE CAN GO TO THE
20 NEXT SLIDE. THIS IS A HEAT MAP THAT SHOWS THE GEOGRAPHIC
21 DISTRIBUTION, BY ZIP CODE, PATIENTS ACROSS L.A. COUNTY THAT
22 RECEIVED EVUSHELD, WHICH IS THAT ANTIBODY THERAPY THAT IS
23 ADMINISTERED AS AN INJECTION IN A LICENSED HEALTHCARE SETTING,
24 FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS WHO CAN'T GET ADEQUATE PROTECTION FROM
25 THE VACCINES. WHILE KEEPING IN MIND THE LIMITED DOSES OF THESE

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1 THERAPEUTICS, THERE IS A SOMEWHAT DECENT DISTRIBUTION ACROSS
2 THE COUNTY, FROM THE SOUTH BAY TO ANTELOPE VALLEY, AND FROM
3 THE WEST SIDE TO POMONA. AND AGAIN, THIS IS FOR A VERY SMALL
4 NUMBER OF PEOPLE. IT REQUIRES THAT THERE BE PHYSICIAN
5 AUTHORIZATION, AND IT IS ADMINISTERED IN THE HEALTHCARE
6 SETTING. WE CAN ALSO LOOK AT THE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF
7 THE PATIENTS THAT ARE TAKING THE NEW ORAL MEDICATIONS. AND ON
8 THIS NEXT SLIDE, YOU SEE THAT MANY OF THE PATIENTS TAKING
9 PAXLOVID ARE LIVING IN CENTRAL AND SOUTH L.A., THE SAN
10 FERNANDO, SAN GABRIEL, AND ANTELOPE VALLEYS. THE UPTAKE OF
11 MOLNUPIRAVIR IS STILL TOO LOW TO SEE ANY EMERGING GEOGRAPHIC
12 TRENDS, AND THIS ACTUALLY REFLECTS NOT SO MUCH LOW SUPPLY, BUT
13 VERY LOW UPTAKE OF THIS MEDICATION, BECAUSE OF ALL THE
14 PRESCRIBING CAUTIONS. THE UNFORTUNATE REALITY IS THAT THE
15 SUPPLY OF ALL OF THESE NEW THERAPEUTICS IS CURRENTLY VERY
16 LIMITED. ALLOCATIONS OF ORAL MEDICATIONS ARE MADE TO
17 PHARMACIES AND CLINIC SITES, WHERE RESIDENTS NEED A
18 PRESCRIPTION FROM A HEALTHCARE PROVIDER TO RECEIVE THE
19 MEDICATION. BECAUSE PROVIDERS ALL NEED TO BE REGISTERED IN A
20 FEDERAL MANAGEMENT PLATFORM TO RECEIVE THESE MEDICATIONS, THE
21 WORK RIGHT NOW IS TO ENROLL ENOUGH PROVIDERS TO CREATE THAT
22 VAST NETWORK OF SITES THAT CAN PROVIDE INFORMATION, HAVE AN
23 ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF THERAPEUTICS, HAVE PRESCRIBING ABILITY,
24 AND MAKE SURE THAT THIS EXISTS ACROSS THE ENTIRE COUNTY,
25 OBVIOUSLY MAKING SURE WE HAVE DEEP PENETRATION IN HARD-HIT AND

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1 TRADITIONALLY LOW-RESOURCED COMMUNITIES. WE ALSO PLAN TO STAND
2 UP A CALL CENTER WHERE RESIDENTS CAN GET MORE INFORMATION
3 ABOUT THERAPEUTICS AND HOW TO ACCESS THERAPEUTICS, AND WE'LL
4 BE PROVIDING A LOT MORE CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY
5 APPROPRIATE INFORMATION, AND INFORMATION IN PARTICULAR ON
6 ACCESSING FREE MEDICATIONS. AS WE BUILD OUT THE NETWORK, WE'LL
7 BE PILOTING A TELEHEALTH PLATFORM AT SOME SELECT SITES, TO
8 AUGMENT LOCATIONS THAT CAN PRESCRIBE AND DISTRIBUTE ORAL
9 THERAPEUTICS IN OUR LOWEST-RESOURCED COMMUNITIES IN A WAY THAT
10 MAKES IT A SORT OF A ONE-STOP-SHOP FOR OUR RESIDENTS. OUR HOPE
11 IS THAT LATER THIS SPRING, WE'LL HAVE A SUFFICIENT SUPPLY OF
12 THESE MEDICATIONS FOR EVERYONE THAT'S ELIGIBLE; AND WITH A
13 SUFFICIENT SUPPLY, OBVIOUSLY, THERE WILL BE A WIDER
14 DISTRIBUTION. I WANT TO GO ON TO THE NEXT SLIDE. ADDITIONAL
15 STRATEGIES THAT WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY A ROLE IN THE POST-SURGE
16 TIME PERIOD ARE GOING TO BE OUR CASE IDENTIFICATION AND
17 CONTACT TRACING STRATEGIES. THROUGH CASE IDENTIFICATION AND
18 CONTACT TRACING, WE'RE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ISOLATION
19 OF POSITIVE CASES, AND THE QUARANTINE OF THEIR CLOSE CONTACTS.
20 AND THESE REMAIN IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES, PARTICULARLY AS WE'RE
21 AT HIGH RATES OF COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION. IN POST-SURGE, WE'RE
22 GOING TO FOCUS ON 4 AREAS. ONE IS STRENGTHENING ELECTRONIC
23 COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE WHO HAVE A LAB-REPORTED POSITIVE TEST
24 RESULT, SO THAT WE CAN PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT ISOLATION AND
25 NOTIFICATION OF CLOSE CONTACTS. WE'RE MAINTAINING A CALL

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1 CENTER, SO THAT EVERYONE WHO IS POSITIVE CAN CALL US TO
2 RECEIVE INFORMATION AND SUPPORT. INDIVIDUALS CAN CALL 833-540-
3 0473, 7 DAYS A WEEK, FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 8:30 P.M., TO GET HELP,
4 THEIR QUESTIONS ANSWERED, AND CONNECTED TO VARIOUS SUPPORT
5 SERVICES. WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO DO A GOOD JOB ON
6 DISSEMINATING INFORMATION, PARTICULARLY AT THE 200 TESTING
7 SITES ACROSS THE COUNTY, ON WHAT FOLKS SHOULD DO IF THEY HAVE
8 A POSITIVE TEST RESULT. AND, OF COURSE, WE MAINTAIN OUR
9 OBLIGATION TO REALLY MAKE SURE WE'RE GETTING INTO CONTACT WITH
10 PEOPLE WHO ARE AT HIGHER RISK OF TRANSMISSION, OR AT HIGHER
11 RISK FOR SEVERE ILLNESS. NEXT SLIDE. ONE STRATEGY THAT WE
12 RECENTLY LAUNCHED IS A NEW TEXT-MESSAGING OPTION THAT YOU CAN
13 SEE. MAYBE GO BACK TO THE LAST SLIDE, THE SLIDE BEFORE THIS.
14 YEAH, THAT YOU CAN SEE HERE, THAT PROVIDES INFORMATION FOR
15 THOSE WHO HAVE TESTED POSITIVE, AND ALLOWS THESE INDIVIDUALS
16 TO ACTUALLY COMPLETE THEIR CASE INTERVIEW ONLINE OR ON THEIR
17 PHONES. C.O.V.I.D.-POSITIVE INDIVIDUALS-- AND AGAIN, WE NEED A
18 POSITIVE TEST RESULT THAT'S REPORTED TO US-- WILL GET THIS
19 INITIAL TEXT MESSAGE, WITH EASY-TO-FOLLOW ISOLATION
20 INSTRUCTIONS AND LINKS TO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, AND THEY
21 ALSO WILL BE GIVEN A LINK TO COMPLETING AN ONLINE CASE
22 INTERVIEW SURVEY. FOR THOSE WHO COMPLETE THAT ONLINE SURVEY,
23 THEY'LL RECEIVE A \$20 MASTERCARD GIFT CARD. THAT'S SIMILAR TO
24 THE INCENTIVE WE OFFER FOR FOLKS THAT COMPLETE AN IN-PERSON
25 SURVEY, EITHER THROUGH OUR IN-PERSON OUTREACH EFFORTS OR

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1 THROUGH OUR PHONE LINE. THIS IS IN PLACE AS OF FEBRUARY 10TH,
2 AND WE'RE HOPING THAT THIS OPTION WILL REACH MORE INDIVIDUALS,
3 AND EXPAND THE ABILITY OF FOLKS, AGAIN, TO GET GOOD
4 INFORMATION IF THEY'VE HAD A POSITIVE TEST RESULT. NEXT SLIDE.
5 JUST IN CLOSING, I DO WANT TO SHARE SOME CONSIDERATIONS FOR
6 CHANGES TO REQUIREMENTS OR GUIDANCE THAT WE'RE EXPECTING IN
7 THE NEAR FUTURE. YESTERDAY, THE STATE ANNOUNCED ITS PLANS TO
8 REASSESS DATA AND THE CONDITIONS THAT OCCUR ACROSS THE STATE,
9 INCLUDING LOOKING AT THE CASE RATE, TEST POSITIVITY,
10 HOSPITALIZATIONS, PEDIATRIC HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND VACCINE
11 RATES, TO CONSIDER FUTURE CHANGES FOR THE STATEWIDE SCHOOL
12 MASKING REQUIREMENT IN T.K.-12 SCHOOLS. THIS ADDITIONAL
13 GUIDANCE IS EXPECTED ON FEBRUARY 28TH, AND AS A REMINDER, THE
14 COUNTY CANNOT BE LESS RESTRICTIVE THAN THE STATE. AT THE
15 COUNTY LEVEL, WE'RE GOING TO ASSESS OPTIONS TO LIFT INDOOR
16 MASKING PROTECTIONS EARLIER THAN WHEN WE REACH THE MODERATE
17 LEVEL OF TRANSMISSION, AS DEFINED BY C.D.C., AT SOME SITES
18 WHERE THERE ARE ADDITIONAL LAYERS OF PROTECTION, INCLUDING
19 SITES THAT ARE VERIFYING VACCINATION FOR ALL OF THE FOLKS THAT
20 ARE ENTERING THOSE PARTICULAR PLACES. WE'RE HOPEFUL THAT WE'LL
21 CONTINUE TO SEE DECLINES IN OUR CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND
22 DEATHS, AND WITH SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN COMMUNITY
23 TRANSMISSION RATES, WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO REALIGNING OUR
24 SAFETY MEASURES, WHILE CONTINUING, AS ALWAYS, TO ENSURE
25 PROTECTIONS FOR OUR WORKERS AND OUR MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS.

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1 I THANK YOU, AND I WILL GLADLY TAKE ANY QUESTIONS AFTER DR.
2 GHALY'S PRESENTATION.

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK VERY MUCH. WE'RE GOING TO GO HEAR
5 FROM DR. GHALY, AND THEN I'LL OPEN IT UP TO BOARD MEMBERS. DR.
6 GHALY, GOOD MORNING, OR GOOD AFTERNOON.

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8 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, AND THANK YOU,
9 SUPERVISORS. I'LL GIVE A BRIEF PRESENTATION TODAY, AND THEN
10 HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. IF YOU COULD GO TO SLIDE 3,
11 PLEASE. THANK YOU. OUR HOSPITALIZATIONS ARE IMPROVING OR
12 TRENDING DOWN, AS YOU CAN SEE IN THIS CURRENT SLIDE. THEY
13 DROPPED BELOW, NOW, 250 PATIENTS, DOWN FROM A PEAK, IN THIS
14 MOST RECENT SURGE, OF AROUND 400. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. MORE
15 IMPORTANTLY, AS YOU CAN SEE IN THIS SLIDE 4, THE VAST MAJORITY
16 OF THE PATIENTS THAT ARE CURRENTLY HOSPITALIZED IN D.H.S. WITH
17 A POSITIVE C.O.V.I.D. TEST ARE NOT THERE PRIMARILY FOR
18 C.O.V.I.D. CURRENTLY, ONLY 10 PERCENT OF THE PATIENTS WITH A
19 POSITIVE C.O.V.I.D. TEST, HOSPITALIZED IN ONE OF OUR 4
20 HOSPITALS, ARE THERE PRIMARILY FOR THEIR C.O.V.I.D. INFECTION.
21 THIS TREND DOWN REFLECTS THE DECLINE IN COMMUNITY
22 TRANSMISSION. VERY FEW INDIVIDUALS, AT THIS POINT, ARE
23 SERIOUSLY ILL WITH C.O.V.I.D. AND TO THE POINT OF REQUIRING
24 HOSPITALIZATION, AND WHAT WE ARE SEEING IS OUR REGULAR
25 INPATIENTS, PEOPLE WHO ARE THERE FOR A VARIETY OF OTHER

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1 FACTORS, WHO HAPPEN TO HAVE A POSITIVE C.O.V.I.D. TEST, MOST
2 LIKELY THAT WAS ACQUIRED SEVERAL WEEKS-- OR PERHAPS, IN SOME
3 CASES, MONTHS-- PRIOR. WE EXPECT THAT THIS NUMBER WILL
4 CONTINUE TO TREND DOWN, AS WE MOVE OUT OF THIS SURGE. THE NEXT
5 SLIDE, SLIDE 5, SHOWS OUR CURRENT BOOSTER COMPLIANCE. 75% OF
6 OUR STAFF, WHO ARE WORKING IN FACILITIES SUBJECT TO THE
7 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER, ARE VACCINATED
8 AND BOOSTED. AS A REMINDER, THE STATE, AS WELL AS THE COUNTY,
9 REQUIRES ALL HEALTHCARE WORKERS WORKING IN LICENSED HEALTHCARE
10 FACILITIES, INCLUDING HOSPITALS, TO BE BOOSTED AS OF MARCH
11 FIRST. STAFF WILL NOT BE PERMITTED, PER THE ORDER, TO WORK IN
12 CLINICAL AREAS AFTER MARCH FIRST, IF THEY'VE NOT PROVIDED
13 PROOF OF VACCINATION, AND THEY WILL THEN BE SUBJECT TO THE
14 COUNTY'S DISCIPLINARY PROCESS, AS HAS ALREADY BEEN
15 ESTABLISHED. WE ARE WORKING VERY HARD WITH THESE STAFF TOWARD
16 THE REQUIRED COMPLIANCE DATE, AND HOPING THAT ALL OF THOSE
17 INDIVIDUALS MAKE THE CHOICE TO GET THEIR BOOSTER SHOT, AND TO
18 SUBMIT PROOF OF THAT COMPLIANCE TO US, IF THEY ALREADY
19 RECEIVED THE BOOSTER SHOT ELSEWHERE. I'LL SHIFT NOW TO
20 COMMUNITY TESTING. COULD YOU GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE?
21 THIS SLIDE SHOWS THE CAPACITY AT OUR COMMUNITY TESTING SITES,
22 AND THE TREND OVER THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS. THE NEXT SLIDE,
23 SLIDE 8, SHOWS CURRENT UTILIZATION AT COUNTY TESTING SITES.
24 THE BLUE BARS INDICATE TESTING THAT WAS UTILIZED, AND THE
25 YELLOW BARS INDICATE UNUTILIZED TESTING. THE GREEN BARS ALSO

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1 INDICATE UNUTILIZED TESTING AT THE STATE SITES. CURRENTLY, 20-
2 30% OF TESTING CAPACITY IS BEING UTILIZED AT MOST SITES, WITH
3 SOMEWHAT HIGHER UTILIZATION AT THE LARGER DRIVE-THROUGH SITES.
4 I'LL TALK IN A MINUTE ABOUT OUR APPROACH TO RAMP DOWN TESTING
5 OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS. NEXT SLIDE, SLIDE 9, SHOWS THE
6 SITES WHERE THE COMMUNITY CAN PICK UP P.C.R. TEST KITS. WE
7 OPERATE 28 SITES LOCATED ACROSS THE COUNTY, AND HAVE NO
8 CURRENT PLANS TO EXPAND THAT FOOTPRINT. THANK YOU FOR RAISING
9 LAST WEEK, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THE CONCERNS ABOUT FAMILIES WHO
10 MAY HAVE MULTIPLE CHILDREN, OR OTHER INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH
11 THEM, WHO ARE STRUGGLING WITH THE LIMITATIONS THAT WERE PLACED
12 ON THE NUMBER OF TEST KITS THAT CAN BE PICKED UP. WE HAVE
13 LOOSENEED THOSE RULES. THE STANDARD THAT WE ASK WHEN PEOPLE
14 COME IN TO PICK UP KITS IS THAT THERE'S A LIMIT OF 4 TEST
15 KITS. HOWEVER, ALL OF THE STAFF ARE AWARE, AND WILL ACTIVELY
16 ENGAGE WITH INDIVIDUALS AT ALL OF THOSE SITES, TO TALK THROUGH
17 WHATEVER IS THEIR SITUATION IF PEOPLE ASK ABOUT THE
18 POSSIBILITY OF GETTING MORE THAN 4 TEST KITS, AND THEY KNOW
19 THAT THEY CAN PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TEST KITS BEYOND THAT 4
20 NUMBER, IF THEY HAVE, FOR EXAMPLE, OTHER DEPENDENT CHILDREN AT
21 HOME, OR IF THEY ARE CARING FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO MIGHT BE
22 HOMEBOUND OR MOBILITY-IMPAIRED, OR ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS, OR
23 OTHER PEOPLE WHO MAY HAVE TROUBLE GETTING THEMSELVES TO A TEST
24 KIT PICK-UP SITE. SO THERE SHOULD BE NO BARRIER FOR THE
25 VARIETY OF SITUATIONS THAT PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY FIND

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1 THEMSELVES IN, TO BE ABLE TO ACCESS THOSE TEST KITS WHEN
2 NEEDED. NEXT SLIDE. THE RATE OF UTILIZATION OF THE TEST KITS
3 HAS DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY OVER THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS.
4 CURRENTLY, LESS THAN 10% OF THE CAPACITY IS CURRENTLY EITHER
5 BEING MAILED OUT IN THE HOME MAIL PROGRAM, OR PICK-UP AND AND
6 DROP-OFF SITES; AND ONLY 35% OF THE KITS ARE BEING RETURNED,
7 TO DATE, OF THE ONES THAT ARE PICKED UP IN THE PICK-UP/DROP-
8 OFF SITES; AND ONLY 24% OR 25%-- ABOUT A QUARTER-- OF THE KITS
9 THAT ARE BEING MAILED OUT, TO DATE, THROUGH THE HOME MAIL
10 PROGRAM HAVE BEEN RETURNED. THIS DOES PRESENT A CHALLENGE FOR
11 THE COUNTY, AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE WILL KEEP AN EYE ON. WE
12 DO ASK THE PUBLIC TO REMEMBER THAT THOSE KITS ARE REALLY
13 INTENDED FOR USE IMMEDIATELY. THEY'RE NOT INTENDED TO BE
14 STOCKPILED AT HOME. SO, PLEASE, JUST ORDER A KIT BY MAIL, OR
15 PICK UP A KIT AT ONE OF THE PICK-UP/DROP-OFF SITES, IF YOU
16 ANTICIPATE NEEDING TO USE IT IMMEDIATELY. AND FINALLY, ON
17 SLIDE 11, I'LL WALK THROUGH, JUST AT A HIGH LEVEL, HOW WE ARE
18 THINKING ABOUT, NOW THAT WE'RE PAST THIS MOST RECENT SURGE,
19 HOW WE WILL MANAGE CAPACITY AT THE TEST SITES FOR THE
20 COMMUNITY P.C.R. TEST SITES, MOVING FORWARD. SO, RIGHT NOW
21 WE'RE ASSESSING, ON A SITE-BY-SITE BASIS, THE HOURS OF
22 OPERATION AT EACH SITE, AND WILL MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO THE HOURS
23 OF OPERATION TO MATCH DEMAND. WE WILL MAINTAIN THE TEST MAIL
24 KIT PROGRAM AND PICK-UP/DROP-OFF SITES FOR THE TIME BEING.
25 OVER THE NEXT TWO TO SIX WEEKS, WE'LL BEGIN TO PHASE OUT

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1 ENTIRELY SOME OF THE MORE LOW-DEMAND SITES. WE'LL ALSO,
2 THROUGH CONVERSATION WITH YOUR OFFICES, CONSIDER WHETHER OR
3 NOT WE SHOULD REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PICK-UP/DROP-OFF P.C.R.
4 TEST KIT SITES THAT ARE IN OPERATION ACROSS THE COUNTY. AND
5 THEN, WE'LL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH,
6 ESPECIALLY IN THEIR EFFORTS TO SECURE RAPID ANTIGEN TESTING
7 AND MAKE THAT AVAILABLE, AS WELL AS A VARIETY OF COMMUNITY-
8 BASED ORGANIZATIONS, HEALTH PLANS, PROVIDERS, EMPLOYERS, AND
9 OTHERS, IN THEIR EFFORTS TO BUILD OUT ADDITIONAL TESTING
10 CAPACITY. THIS IS REALLY WHAT THE LONG-TERM STRATEGY NEEDS TO
11 BE, IS THAT MORE AND MORE, JUST AS WITH ANY OTHER MEDICAL
12 CONDITION, MORE AND MORE OF THE TESTING CAPACITY MOVES INTO
13 THE ESTABLISHED HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, AND BECOMES THE
14 RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HEALTH PLANS AND THE PROVIDER NETWORKS
15 TO PROVIDE THEMSELVES. THAT SAID, WE WILL ALSO MAINTAIN A
16 FOOTPRINT OF COMMUNITY P.C.R. TESTING CAPACITY, AS MUCH AS IS
17 FEASIBLE, BASED ON AVAILABLE FUNDING, IN THE CASE OF
18 ADDITIONAL SURGES. AND RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE BUDGET ABLE TO
19 OPERATIONALIZE THAT THROUGH THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR, AND
20 THEN WE'LL CONTINUE WORKING WITH YOUR OFFICES, AS WELL AS THE
21 C.E.O., TO BE ABLE TO PLAN FOR FUTURE COMMUNITY TESTING
22 CAPACITY IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR, AS NEEDED. THROUGH ALL OF
23 THIS, WE'LL KEEP BOTH YOUR OFFICES INFORMED ABOUT THE CURRENT
24 PLANS, AS WELL AS THE PUBLIC, INFORMED ABOUT THE CURRENT
25 STATUS OF SITE OPERATIONS, ANY HOUR CHANGES, AND THE STATUS OF

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1 ANY SITE CLOSURES. AND WITH THAT, I'LL CLOSE. HAPPY TO TAKE
2 QUESTIONS. I WILL JUST PUT IN A REMINDER, PLEASE, TO EVERYONE
3 WHO MAY BE LISTENING, TO REMEMBER THAT THERE IS STILL A
4 SERIOUS BLOOD SUPPLY SHORTAGE ACROSS THE COUNTY, AND I WOULD
5 ASK ANYONE WHO IS ABLE TO DO SO TO CONSIDER GIVING BLOOD. IT'S
6 A LIFE-SAVING INTERVENTION, AND REALLY CAN GO A LONG WAY TO
7 SAVING THE LIVES OF PEOPLE WHO NEED THAT PRECIOUS RESOURCE. SO
8 THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING GIVING A BLOOD DONATION TODAY. AND
9 I'M HAPPY TO TAKE QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. BEFORE I OPEN IT TO
12 QUESTIONS, I WANT TO GET A CLARIFICATION FROM YOU, DR. FERRER,
13 ON TWO THINGS, AND THEN WE'LL GO FIRST TO SUPERVISOR HAHN,
14 FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. FIRST OF ALL, THE STATE
15 DIRECTIVE THAT GOES IN PLACE TODAY, THE 15TH, IS SILENT ON
16 SCHOOL MASKING INDOORS. CORRECT?

17

18 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** ACTUALLY, YOU KNOW, THEY'RE NOT SILENT,
19 BECAUSE THEY CARVE IT OUT, AND THEY SAY THAT THERE ARE MASKS
20 THAT ARE STILL REQUIRED INDOORS, IN A WHOLE HOST OF SETTINGS:
21 HEALTHCARE, TRANSPORTATION, AND SCHOOLS. SO IT'S NOT REALLY
22 SILENT. IT REALLY-- WHAT IT DID IS, IT REMOVED THE OBLIGATION
23 FOR VACCINATED PEOPLE ONLY TO REMOVE THEIR MASKS INDOORS, IN
24 CERTAIN SETTINGS THAT DON'T INCLUDE SCHOOLS, HEALTHCARE
25 FACILITIES, LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES, CONGREGATE GROUP

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1 HOMES. I THINK MASKING IS STILL REQUIRED IN CORRECTIONAL
2 HEALTH, CERTAINLY TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT HUBS. AND AGAIN,
3 IT IS NOT THAT EVERYONE CAN REMOVE THEIR MASKS IN THOSE PUBLIC
4 SETTINGS THAT AREN'T ON THAT LIST. IT'S JUST THOSE PEOPLE THAT
5 ARE FULLY VACCINATED WHO CAN REMOVE THEIR MASKS.

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** GOT IT. AND THEN IT FELT LIKE YOU BURIED
8 THE LEAD A BIT WHEN YOU TALKED ABOUT NO MORE REQUIREMENTS,
9 L.A. COUNTY-- AGAIN, CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG-- FOR OUTDOOR
10 MASKING FOR T.K. THROUGH, I GUESS, 12. IS THAT CORRECT?

11

12 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES, YEAH. YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY CORRECT.
13 STARTING TOMORROW, THERE IS NO LONGER OUTDOOR MASKING
14 REQUIREMENTS AT SCHOOLS AND CHILDCARE. I WANT TO EMPHASIZE,
15 ALSO, SO IT DOESN'T GET LOST-- AT CHILDCARE SITES-- AND AT THE
16 OUTDOOR PORTIONS OF OUTDOOR MEGA-EVENTS.

17

18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** GOT IT. STARTING WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR
19 HAHN, FOLLOWED BY KUEHL AND SOLIS.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU TO BOTH
22 DOCTORS. AND, DR. GHALY, I HEARD YOU LOUD AND CLEAR ABOUT, YOU
23 KNOW, THERE SEEMS TO BE LESS DEMAND FOR TESTING, AND YOU WERE
24 LOOKING TO OUR OFFICES TO MAYBE GIVE YOU SOME FEEDBACK ON IF
25 WE COULD REDUCE SOME OF OUR SITES. I HEARD THAT. I WANTED TO

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1 THANK YOU AGAIN FOR GETTING THE LIBRARY LOCATIONS UP AND
2 RUNNING. I FELT THAT WAS REALLY IMPORTANT. I THINK WE MADE IT
3 EASY AND CONVENIENT FOR MANY OF OUR COMMUNITIES. IF YOU
4 HONESTLY FEEL LIKE-- AND I KNOW THOSE MIGHT HAVE BEEN MORE
5 LITTLE DIFFICULT ONES TO STAFF, ALTHOUGH THEY REALLY WERE THE
6 MOST ACCESSIBLE. SO, IF YOU'RE FEELING LIKE MAYBE WE SHOULD
7 LESSEN THAT A BIT, I'M WILLING TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THAT. I
8 WOULD JUST SAY, IF IN FACT ANYTHING GOES IN THE WRONG
9 DIRECTION IN A FEW MONTHS, OR WHENEVER, AS WE LEARN TO LIVE
10 WITH THIS VIRUS, AND WE LEARN TO EXPECT, POSSIBLY, IN THE
11 FUTURE, OTHER VARIANTS, COULD WE AT LEAST JUST BE READY NEXT
12 TIME TO REALLY SET THOSE BACK UP AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE? AND
13 MAYBE JUST WITHIN YOUR DEPARTMENT, JUST KIND OF AN AFTER-
14 REPORT ON HOW WE MIGHT BE MORE PREPARED, PARTICULARLY WITH OUR
15 DISASTER SERVICE WORKERS, TO GET PARTICULARLY THE LIBRARIES
16 AND THOSE COMMUNITY SITES UP AND RUNNING. SO THAT WOULD BE THE
17 ONLY THING I WOULD SAY. BUT I HEAR YOU, AND IF YOU REALLY
18 THINK IT'S TIME TO LESSEN SOME OF THOSE SITES, I'M WITH YOU ON
19 THAT.

20
21 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** YEAH, THANKS, SUPERVISOR. A COUPLE OF
22 COMMENTS ON THAT. I THINK THOSE PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF LOCATIONS
23 ARE A REALLY EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE WAY TO GET TEST KITS OUT
24 THERE. THEY ARE MUCH LESS STAFFING-INTENSIVE THAN SOME OF THE
25 LARGER DRIVE-THROUGH OR FULLY OPERATIONAL SITES ARE, WHERE

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1 PEOPLE SWAB ON SITE, SO THIS IS REALLY KIND OF AN EASIER WAY
2 TO OFFER CAPACITY. SOME OF THE SITES HAVE VERY LOW VOLUME, SO
3 THEY'RE GIVING OUT, FOR EXAMPLE, FEWER THAN 20 TEST KITS A
4 DAY. AND SO THAT'S PART OF WHAT WE WANT TO LOOK IT, IS THE
5 GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF THEM. IT'S ALSO POSSIBLE THAT, IF
6 THE VOLUME IS REALLY THAT LOW, THAT THAT COULD BE DONE WITH A
7 DIFFERENT STAFFING MODEL, RATHER THAN RELYING ON DISASTER
8 SERVICE WORKERS, BECAUSE I KNOW MANY OF THE HOST DEPARTMENTS
9 WANT THOSE WORKERS BACK. SO WE'LL LOOK AT THAT. AND THEN ON
10 YOUR SECOND QUESTION, ABOUT HOW TO STAFF UP AND EXPAND RAPIDLY
11 IN THE SETTING OF WHAT MIGHT BE A FUTURE SURGE, THAT'S WHERE
12 WE'RE SPENDING A LOT OF TIME. WHAT WE PLAN TO DO AT THIS
13 POINT-- AND WE'RE PUTTING TOGETHER A BUDGET TO SHARE WITH THE
14 C.E.O. AND THE BOARD. DOING SO, MAINTAINING THAT FOOTPRINT ON
15 A BASIC LEVEL, REQUIRES SOME BASIC FUNDING LEVELS. THAT IS
16 OBVIOUSLY MORE COSTLY THAN SHUTTING DOWN THE SITE ENTIRELY. SO
17 WE'RE PUTTING TOGETHER A PLAN OF WHAT WOULD BE NEEDED TO
18 MAINTAIN THAT BASIC OPERATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE, SO THAT THEN
19 WE COULD PIVOT MORE RAPIDLY IN THE FUTURE, IF THERE'S A FUTURE
20 SURGE, AND WE'LL SHARE THOSE NUMBERS WITH YOU ALL. THANK YOU,
21 THOUGH.

22
23 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, DR. GHALY. AND, DR. FERRER, I
24 APPRECIATE YOUR PRESENTATION, TOO, AND I KNOW I'M NOT ALONE
25 WHEN I SAY THAT MY OFFICE HAS BEEN RECEIVING THOUSANDS OF

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1 PHONE CALLS, E-MAILS, LETTERS FROM THE PUBLIC, WHO ARE FURIOUS
2 ABOUT OUR ONGOING MASK REQUIREMENT. I DO APPRECIATE-- I AGREE
3 WITH SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. I FELT LIKE YOU BURIED THE LEAD A
4 LITTLE BIT. I DO APPRECIATE THAT, TOMORROW, THE OUTDOOR MASK
5 REQUIREMENT WILL BE LIFTED FOR OUR KIDS ON SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS
6 AND PEOPLE ATTENDING MEGA-EVENTS. THAT WILL BE A WELCOME
7 CHANGE. BUT I STILL FEEL IT NECESSARY TO SAY THAT I THINK
8 WE'RE MAKING A MISTAKE BY NOT ALIGNING WITH THE STATE AND
9 LIFTING THE INDOOR MASK MANDATE TOMORROW. I BELIEVE THAT WE'RE
10 LOSING THE TRUST AND THE RESPECT OF THE PUBLIC. AND ON SUNDAY,
11 WE SAW TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE FLAGRANTLY VIOLATING L.A.
12 COUNTY'S MASK MANDATE AT THE SUPER BOWL. AND FRANKLY, DR.
13 FERRER-- THIS IS JUST PERSONAL-- IT BOTHERED ME A LITTLE BIT
14 TO SEE YOU THERE, AMONG PEOPLE WHO WERE GOING DIRECTLY AGAINST
15 YOUR HEALTH ORDER. AND I KNOW THIS NEXT STATEMENT THAT I'M
16 GOING TO SAY IS NOT TRUE. I'M GOING TO SAY THAT, BUT IT DID
17 MAKE IT SEEM LIKE YOU WERE OKAY WITH IT. AND I THINK THAT'S
18 WHAT THE PUBLIC IS ANGRY ABOUT. BUSINESSES, SCHOOLS, CHURCHES
19 WERE FINED OR SHUT DOWN FOR FAR LESS, AND YET IT SEEMS LIKE
20 WHEN WE HAVE SOMETHING HIGH-PROFILE, LIKE THE SUPER BOWL OR
21 THE EMMYS, THE RULES JUST DON'T SEEM TO MATTER ANYMORE. AND I
22 BELIEVE THAT OUR HEALTH ORDERS ARE ONLY EFFECTIVE IF PEOPLE
23 BELIEVE IN THEM, IF THEY THINK THEY ARE FAIR, AND IF THEY
24 FOLLOW THEM. AND KEEPING MANDATES IN PLACE THAT ARE NOT
25 FOLLOWED JUST ERODES THE CREDIBILITY THE PUBLIC HAS IN US, AS

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1 POLICYMAKERS, TO MAKE GOOD, SOUND DECISIONS. AND I THINK THE
2 LONGER WE DRAG OUR FEET ON LIFTING THE INDOOR MASK MANDATE,
3 THE MORE OUT OF STEP WE GET FROM THE STATE, AND THE MORE TRUST
4 THAT WE LOSE FROM OUR PUBLIC. THE LAST SLIDE WAS, I THINK,
5 GOING TO BE OF GREAT INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC AND TO THOSE WHO
6 ARE WATCHING THIS MEETING. AND FOR THE SCHOOLS, YOU DID
7 REFERENCE THAT THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE ON FEBRUARY
8 28TH ABOUT OUR SCHOOLS AND OUR CHILDREN WEARING MASKS, BUT YOU
9 DID NOT SAY WHETHER OR NOT YOU WOULD FOLLOW THAT GUIDANCE. ARE
10 YOU MORE INCLINED TO FOLLOW THE STATE'S RECOMMENDATION ON
11 FEBRUARY 28TH, IF IT TALKS ABOUT LIFTING THE MASK MANDATES FOR
12 OUR SCHOOLCHILDREN?

13
14 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR. I CERTAINLY
15 APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERNS AROUND THE FACT THAT WE HAVE THESE
16 LARGE MEGA-EVENTS WHERE PEOPLE ARE NOT IN COMPLIANCE. I WANT
17 TO NOTE THAT MANY OF THOSE EVENTS HAVE BEEN GOING ON FOR A
18 WHILE NOW, AT ALL OF OUR LARGER ARENAS, AND WE HAVE WORKED
19 REALLY HARD WITH THE ARENA OPERATORS TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT HOW
20 TO GET HIGHER COMPLIANCE WITH MASKING. I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT,
21 IN GENERAL, WHAT WE HAVE RELIED A LOT ON AT THOSE SITES IS THE
22 FACT THAT PEOPLE NEED TO SHOW PROOF OF VACCINATION OR A
23 NEGATIVE TEST TO COME IN, SO WE'VE LAYERED IN ADDITIONAL
24 PROTECTIONS, KNOWING FULL WELL THAT OUR MASKING REQUIREMENT
25 ALLOWS PEOPLE, WHEN THEY'RE EATING AND DRINKING, TO NOT KEEP A

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1 MASK ON. AND SIMILAR TO ANY BAR THAT YOU WOULD WALK INTO,
2 YOU'RE NOT GOING TO FIND MANY PATRONS IN THOSE SETTINGS THAT
3 ARE, IN FACT, WEARING THEIR MASKS WHILE THEY'RE INSIDE THE
4 BAR. AGAIN...

5

6 **SUP. HAHN:** RIGHT. WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, THOUGH, THERE'S NOT
7 70,000 PEOPLE IN ANY BAR THAT I WALK INTO.

8

9 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** NO, I'M NOT. I'M JUST NOTING THAT WE ADDED
10 A LAYER OF PROTECTION TO THE MEGA-EVENTS, PARTICULARLY THE
11 LARGER MEGA-EVENTS, AND THE OUTDOOR ONES, AS WELL AS THE
12 INDOOR ONES.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** SO I THINK, EXACTLY FOLLOWING YOUR LINE OF
15 REASONING, SEEMS TO ME-- AND IT SOUNDED LIKE YOU TOUCHED ON
16 THAT IN THAT LAST SLIDE, BUT I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT
17 YOU HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING DOING WHAT YOU JUST SAID, RIGHT?
18 LIFTING THE INDOOR MASK REQUIREMENT WHERE THERE IS PROOF OF
19 VACCINATION AND ADDED LAYERS OF PROTECTION, LIKE THE EMPLOYEES
20 HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE KN95 OR THE N95 MASK. CAN THAT BE ACCURATE
21 OF WHAT YOUR THINKING IS?

22

23 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. I MEAN, WE ARE, AND THAT'S WHY I
24 NOTED WE, AGAIN, WANT TO DO SOME CHECK-INS WITH SECTORS. WE
25 WANT TO CHECK IN WITH OUR LABOR PARTNERS. THERE ARE SOME

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1 IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES AROUND DOING THIS, THAT WE WANT TO BE
2 SURE WE ARE HEARING ABOUT, AND WE'RE ATTENDING TO. BUT YES,
3 YOU KNOW, WE ARE LOOKING AT THOSE PLACES WHERE THERE ARE THESE
4 ADDED LAYERS OF PROTECTION, TO THINK ABOUT HOW WE CAN, AGAIN,
5 YOU KNOW, PARTICULARLY PROTECT WORKERS, BUT ACKNOWLEDGE THAT
6 IT HAS THIS ADDITIONAL LAYER OF PROTECTION THAT CREATES A
7 DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCE.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** AND I THINK YOU USED THE PHRASE, "IN THE NEAR
10 FUTURE." SO, IF THE STATE IS LIFTING THAT TODAY-- MIDNIGHT
11 TONIGHT-- WHAT WOULD BE THE "NEAR FUTURE" FOR YOU, THAT
12 RESIDENTS IN L.A. COUNTY COULD ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO, THAT THE
13 INDOOR MASKING REQUIREMENT, WITH LAYERS OF PROTECTION, COULD
14 BE INITIATED HERE?

15

16 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, I THINK WE'RE WORKING WITH SOME OF
17 THE SECTOR PARTNERS, AND WE'RE HOPING BY EARLY NEXT WEEK.
18 WE'VE ADDRESSED SOME OF THE IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGES AND CAN
19 MOVE FORWARD WITH SOMETHING. OBVIOUSLY, WE WANT TO GIVE THE
20 BOARD TIME TO REVIEW, AS WELL, BUT MOVE FORWARD WITH SOMETHING
21 THAT WOULD HAPPEN, AGAIN, AS I SAID, RELATIVELY SOON.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** WELL, I APPRECIATE THAT. I KNOW MY POSITION HAS
24 BEEN, I THINK WE SHOULD ALIGN WITH THE STATE ON THIS, AND I
25 THINK THIS WILL BE WELCOME FOR-- AND TO REMIND EVERYBODY,

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1 CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL BUSINESSES DON'T-- IF THEY STILL WANT TO
2 REQUIRE MASKS, THEY CAN. I KNOW PERSONALLY, FOR ME, I'M STILL
3 GOING TO WEAR MY MASK WHEN I GO TO CERTAIN SETTINGS. SO,
4 AGAIN, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE KNOW, IF YOU'RE STILL
5 FEELING VULNERABLE, YOU CAN WEAR A MASK, EVEN IF WE LIFT THE
6 MASK MANDATE. IF THERE ARE CERTAIN BUSINESSES THAT AREN'T
7 COMFORTABLE DOING THAT, THAT'S FINE, BUT I JUST THINK WE'RE AT
8 A POINT NOW WHERE THE PUBLIC IS REALLY LOOKING FOR US TO MAKE
9 GOOD SENSE IN HOW WE GO FORWARD WITH THIS. THANK YOU, BOTH OF
10 YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OF COURSE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. SO, THERE WAS A
15 VACCINATION REQUIREMENT FOR PEOPLE GOING INTO THE SUPER BOWL.
16 IS THAT CORRECT?

17

18 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES, VACCINATION OR A NEGATIVE TEST
19 RESULT.

20

21 **SUP. KUEHL:** A CURRENT NEGATIVE TEST RESULT? LIKE, WITHIN...

22

23 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** WITHIN 48 HOURS FOR A P.C.R. TEST, OR 24
24 HOURS FOR AN ANTIGEN TEST.

25

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** AND IN TERMS OF LIFTING THE MASK REQUIREMENT
2 OUTDOORS FOR YOUTH SPORTS AND CHILDCARE AND SCHOOLS, IS THERE
3 A VACCINATION REQUIREMENT AT SCHOOLS NOW, SO THAT YOUNG PEOPLE
4 WHO ARE GOING TO BE COMING INTO CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER
5 WITHOUT MASKS ARE VACCINATED, OR NO VACCINATION REQUIREMENT?

6

7 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THERE IS NO VACCINATION REQUIREMENT,
8 SUPERVISOR. FOR SOME HIGH-CONTACT SPORTS, THERE IS A CADENCE
9 ON TESTING FOR THOSE STUDENTS THAT ARE PLAYING THOSE HIGH-
10 CONTACT SPORTS THAT ARE UNVACCINATED, BUT THERE'S NO
11 PROHIBITION BY THE COUNTY OR BY THE STATE ON PLAY IN SPORTS
12 BASED ON VACCINATION STATUS. THERE'S JUST AN ADDITIONAL
13 REQUIREMENT, FOR SOME SPORTS, THAT CHILDREN ARE REQUIRED TO
14 GET SOME REGULAR TESTING. DEPENDING ON WHETHER IT'S INDOORS OR
15 OUTDOORS, OR WHAT SPORT IT IS, DEPENDS ON THE CADENCE FOR
16 TESTING.

17

18 **SUP. KUEHL:** WELL, UNLIKE MY ESTEEMED COLLEAGUE WHO JUST SPOKE,
19 I ACTUALLY HAVE ALWAYS LEANED IN THE OTHER DIRECTION, BECAUSE
20 WE TALK ABOUT THE "WINTER SURGE," FOR INSTANCE, LIKE IT
21 HAPPENED BECAUSE THE CALENDAR TURNED TO DECEMBER, OR IT GOT
22 COLD. THAT IS NOT THE CASE. "WINTER SURGE" IS REALLY A
23 "HOLIDAY SURGE." AND THE REASON IS BECAUSE EVERYBODY SAID,
24 "OH, I'M GETTING TOGETHER WITH MY FAMILY. I'M GETTING ON A
25 PLANE. I'M GOING TO VISIT," AND THINKING-- AND WE WERE ALL

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1 FEELING PRETTY GOOD, BY THE FALL OF LAST YEAR, ABOUT THE
2 NUMBERS: "WELL, YOU KNOW, WE'RE ALL FINE." WELL, OF COURSE, WE
3 WEREN'T FINE. AND THEN OMICRON, WHICH WAS MUCH MORE CATCHABLE,
4 BUT IT DOESN'T CATCH BY ITSELF. IT'S BECAUSE WE CAME IN
5 CONTACT WITH SO MANY OTHER PEOPLE, AND WITH OUR FAMILIES, ET
6 CETERA. AND I WORRY, WITH SOME OF THESE ISSUES NOW, THAT
7 PEOPLE WILL THINK BECAUSE, "OH, THE STATE SAID IT WAS JUST
8 FINE FOR EVERYBODY OUTSIDE NOT TO HAVE THEIR MASKS ON," BUT AS
9 YOU KNOW, CHILDREN, FIRST OF ALL, AS WE SAW IN YOUR SLIDE,
10 HAVE A VERY LOW VACCINATION RATE, EVEN FOR THEIR FIRST SHOT--
11 KIDS FROM 5-12-- AND THAT VACCINE IS AVAILABLE. SECONDLY,
12 THEY'RE PHYSICAL, AND I DON'T MEAN JUST CONTACT SPORTS. I'M
13 JUST TALKING RECESS. AND IT IS OF CONCERN, BECAUSE THERE WAS
14 QUITE A MYTHOLOGY ABOUT, WELL, KIDS DIDN'T CATCH THIS, AND SO
15 THEY COULDN'T-- THEY DIDN'T NEED TO BE PROTECTED. AND THEN WE
16 SAW THE RATE OF CHILDREN GETTING SICK WITH C.O.V.I.D. CLIMBING
17 AND CLIMBING AND CLIMBING, AND I FIND IT ALARMING, EVEN IF YOU
18 SAY, WELL, IT'S NOT AS HIGH A PERCENTAGE, LET'S SAY, AS MY
19 DEMOGRAPHIC. SO, I'M IN LINE WITH YOU ABOUT LIFTING THE
20 MASKING REQUIREMENT OUTDOORS, BUT I STILL THINK THAT THERE
21 OUGHT TO BE SOME AWARENESS. YOU KNOW, KIDS ARE VERY RESILIENT.
22 I REMEMBER MY PARENTS TALKING ABOUT WORLD WAR II, AND
23 RELATIVES IN OTHER COUNTRIES WHO WERE UPROOTED; OR JUST GO SEE
24 BELFAST, IF YOU WANT TO THINK ABOUT IT. AND SO I WOULD HOPE
25 THAT THERE WOULD CONTINUE TO BE WISDOM ABOUT THE CONTINUING

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1 THREAT OF SPREADING THIS. BECAUSE EVEN IF CHILDREN DON'T GET
2 SICK, IF THEY COME HOME AND VISIT ME, AS THEIR GRANDMOTHER,
3 I'M VULNERABLE. SO, THE SECOND THING IS, THIS NOTION THAT IF A
4 LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T WEAR THEIR MASKS, WE SHOULD TAKE AWAY THE
5 REQUIREMENT, IS LIKE SAYING, "BECAUSE EVERYBODY'S RUNNING THE
6 STOP SIGN OUTSIDE MY HOUSE"-- AND FRANKLY, DRIVING IS PRETTY
7 CRAZY NOW, SO THEY ARE-- "WE SHOULD TAKE OUT THE STOP SIGN."
8 BUT THAT'S JUST THE OPPOSITE, I THINK, OF WHAT OUR ATTITUDE
9 SHOULD BE. SO I'LL JUST LEAVE IT AT THAT. LET ME MOVE, THOUGH,
10 TO THE THERAPEUTICS, BECAUSE, DR. FERRER, THIS IS SOMETHING
11 I'M NOT QUITE CERTAIN ABOUT. LET'S JUST SAY, AS AN AVERAGE
12 PERSON-- AND I HONESTLY AM, DESPITE THE FACT THAT I GET MY
13 PICTURE IN THIS SQUARE, EVERY WEEK OR SO-- IF I TEST POSITIVE,
14 I NOW DON'T KNOW WHETHER I SHOULD GET A THERAPEUTIC. LET'S SAY
15 I JUST GOT A POSITIVE RESULT BACK. MANY OF OUR CONSTITUENTS
16 DON'T HAVE A REGULAR DOCTOR. I MEAN, THEY JUST-- THEY MIGHT
17 HAVE INSURANCE. THEY MIGHT GO TO THE COUNTY. THEY MIGHT BE
18 CONFUSED ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS NEXT. SO, COULD YOU TELL ME, IN
19 THE CASE OF-- YOU KNOW, I WENT FOR A TEST, TO A CENTER. WHEN I
20 GET THE RESULTS BACK, IS THERE ANY INFORMATION TO ME ABOUT
21 THERAPEUTICS? AND IF SO, IS IT ABOUT PEOPLE WHO SHOULD GET
22 THEM, BUT PEOPLE WHO DON'T NEED THEM? I MEAN, ARE THERE TIERS
23 OR CHECK-THE-BOXES KIND OF THING ABOUT IT?

24

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1 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. YEAH, THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR.
2 I THINK THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION. AND THE BIG ISSUE RIGHT NOW
3 IS, THE SUPPLY OF THE PILL THAT MOST PEOPLE WANT, WHICH IS
4 PAXLOVID, BECAUSE IT'S AN ORAL PILL, AND YOU TAKE IT WITHIN
5 THE FIRST 5 DAYS OF TESTING POSITIVE-- YOU'D LIKE TO GET IT
6 BEFORE YOU DEVELOP SYMPTOMS, IDEALLY, OR SERIOUS SYMPTOMS, FOR
7 SURE, BECAUSE YOU WON'T BE ELIGIBLE THEN-- IS WE'VE GOTTEN
8 7,000 COURSES FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY OVER THE LAST, WHATEVER, 6
9 WEEKS, 8 WEEKS. SO IT IS, AS YOU NOTED, AS ALL OF THE NEW
10 THERAPEUTICS ARE, ONLY BEING PRESCRIBED FOR THE VERY HIGHEST-
11 RISK FOLKS, TO PREVENT THEM FROM DEVELOPING, OBVIOUSLY, WHAT
12 COULD BE A VERY POOR OUTCOME, SHOULD THEY GET INFECTED. AND
13 THEY ALL REST ON A PHYSICIAN DOING THE PRESCRIBING OF THE
14 MEDICATION. WE'VE WORKED TO SORT OF EXPAND THE NETWORK, WHERE
15 PEOPLE CAN PICK IT UP. WE'RE HELPING WITH TRANSPORTATION,
16 OBVIOUSLY, FOR PEOPLE WHO CAN'T GET IT PICKED UP, BUT IT'S A
17 VERY, VERY TINY GROUP OF FOLKS WHO ARE CURRENTLY ELIGIBLE.

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** IF I TEST POSITIVE-- EXCUSE ME FOR-- I JUST WANT
20 TO KIND OF KNOW WHAT-- DO I-- I ASK MY DOCTOR, "DO YOU
21 RECOMMEND THAT?"

22

23 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES.

24

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** AND THEN, DOES MY DOCTOR HAVE A-- I WANT TO KNOW,
2 IS THERE KIND OF A CHECKLIST, LIKE YOU'RE VERY VULNERABLE
3 BECAUSE YOU'RE DIABETIC, OR YOU'RE VERY VULNERABLE BECAUSE
4 YOU'RE ASTHMATIC, OR WHATEVER?

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6 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES.

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8 **SUP. KUEHL:** THEY WOULD SAY, "I DON'T RECOMMEND IT FOR YOU,"
9 OR, "I DO"?

10

11 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES. ALL OF THE PROVIDERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN,
12 AT MULTIPLE POINTS NOW, INFORMATION ABOUT PRESCRIBING FOR THE
13 NEW THERAPEUTICS, AND THE OLDER THERAPEUTICS, WHICH ALSO
14 CONTINUE TO WORK. JUST EVERYBODY-- YOU KNOW, THE ORAL PILL IS
15 OBVIOUSLY THE VERY EASIEST MEDICATION. SO, ALL THE PROVIDERS
16 HAVE RECEIVED MULTIPLE PIECES OF INFORMATION-- NOT JUST FROM
17 US, BUT ALSO THE FROM THE STATE-- AND WE ARE BUILDING OUT THAT
18 NETWORK. BECAUSE AGAIN, AS YOU SAW WITH THE VACCINES, PEOPLE
19 HAVE TO BE REGISTERED AND APPROVED, IN ORDER TO BE A
20 PRESCRIBER FOR THE NEW THERAPEUTICS. SO, THE JOB RIGHT NOW IS
21 JUST AS YOU NOTED: TO MAKE SURE THAT PROVIDERS REALLY,
22 ABSOLUTELY, HAVE THE BEST AND LATEST INFORMATION THAT WE'RE
23 GETTING. AS YOU CAN SEE, WE'RE DISTRIBUTING-- ALL OF THESE
24 MEDICATIONS ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED, WITH THE EXCEPTION, REALLY,
25 OF THE ONE ORAL MEDICATION THAT HAS A LOT OF PRESCRIBING

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1 LIMITATIONS. NOBODY REALLY WANTS TO TAKE IT. BUT THE OTHER
2 ONES, THEY'RE GOING OUT THE DOOR QUICKLY. AND FORTUNATELY,
3 WE'VE DONE ENOUGH WORK THAT THEY'RE GOING OUT IN OUR HARDEST-
4 HIT COMMUNITIES, AS WELL. BUT WE'RE WORRIED ABOUT THAT, AND
5 WE'RE GOING TO SET UP A CALL CENTER FOR THAT VERY REASON,
6 BECAUSE WE KNOW SOME PEOPLE AREN'T GOING TO GET ON A COMPUTER.
7 THEY MIGHT NOT GO ANYWHERE AND GET INFORMATION. BUT AGAIN,
8 PEOPLE CAN USE THE EXISTING CALL CENTER IF YOU TEST POSITIVE,
9 AND WE GIVE PEOPLE INFORMATION ABOUT THERAPEUTICS ON THAT
10 LINE. AND WE'LL HAVE A SEPARATE LINE JUST ON THERAPEUTICS,
11 THAT WE HOPE WE'LL BE STANDING UP IN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO,
12 WHERE FOLKS CAN CALL JUST TO GET MORE INFORMATION. IT'S JUST
13 HARD, BECAUSE THERE IS SO MUCH SCARCITY RIGHT NOW. AND AS YOU
14 NOTED, YOUR PRESCRIBER HAS TO REALLY ADHERE TO THE GUIDANCE
15 FROM C.D.C. RIGHT NOW, WHICH IS THIS SMALL SLICE OF PEOPLE
16 SHOULD BE GETTING THIS VERY SCARCE MEDICATION. BUT AGAIN,
17 THERE ARE STILL INTERVENTIONS THAT CAN GET USED AT HOSPITALS,
18 WITH INFUSIONS. THERE ARE STILL A COUPLE OF INFUSION
19 THERAPIES, AND D.M.S. HAS BEEN A GREAT PARTNER IN DISTRIBUTING
20 THOSE THROUGHOUT OUR HOSPITALS. REMDESIVIR IS STILL AVAILABLE,
21 AND CAN, IN FACT-- PEOPLE HAVE SOME EASIER ACCESS TO THAT. SO
22 THE ISSUE IS, FOR EVERY DRUG, YOU'RE GOING TO NEED TO TALK TO
23 A MEDICAL PROVIDER, TO MAKE SURE IT'S AN APPROPRIATE
24 MEDICATION FOR WHO YOU ARE. ONE OF THE REASONS WHY WE HAVE TO
25 BUILD OUT A TELEHEALTH OPTION IS FOR PEOPLE, JUST LIKE YOU

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1 SAID, WHO DON'T HAVE A REGULAR PROVIDER, BUT GET A POSITIVE
2 TEST RESULT, AND WE HAVE TO ACT SWIFTLY. IF THEY DON'T HAVE A
3 REGULAR PROVIDER TO TALK TO, WE'RE GOING TO CREATE, HOPEFULLY,
4 WITH HEALTHVANA, A SOLUTION FOR THOSE FOLKS, WHERE THEY CAN
5 GET A TELEHEALTH VISIT TO FIND OUT WHETHER OR NOT IT'S
6 APPROPRIATE FOR THEM TO GET A PRESCRIPTION, AS WELL.

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL:** WELL, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE PROVIDERS,
9 ALSO, TO UNDERSTAND, DIFFICULT AS IT MIGHT BE, A SORT OF
10 TRIAGE RESPONSIBILITY. BECAUSE WHEN I TESTED POSITIVE, AND I
11 ASKED, "SHOULD I BE ASKING FOR ONE OF THESE THERAPEUTICS?" AND
12 IT WAS KIND OF LIKE, "WELL, DO YOU HAVE THIS CONDITION? DO YOU
13 HAVE THIS CONDITION? DO YOU HAVE THIS CONDITION?" AND ALL I
14 HAD WAS OLD AGE AS A CONDITION, AND THAT WAS, FORTUNATELY, NOT
15 A HIGH TIER. SO I SAID, "OKAY. I GET IT. PROBABLY, I SHOULDN'T
16 BE STEALING ONE OF THESE DOSES." SO I DIDN'T DO IT. AND I
17 THINK IT'S A DIFFICULT THING, BUT I THINK THE PROVIDERS OUGHT
18 TO ALSO TRIAGE, WHICH I'M ASSUMING THEY ARE ENCOURAGED TO DO.
19 BECAUSE OTHERWISE, IT'S JUST, "OH, I TESTED POSITIVE." SO I
20 THINK THAT'S UNDERSTOOD, AND THE CALL LINE IS VERY IMPORTANT.
21 I HAVE ONE MORE QUESTION FOR DR. GHALY, AND IT'S THE SAME KIND
22 OF THING, BECAUSE I'M ALWAYS WONDERING, HOW DO PEOPLE KNOW
23 WHAT TO DO? SO, LET'S SAY THEY HEARD YOUR MESSAGE, AND THEY
24 WANT TO GIVE BLOOD. THE ONLY THING THEY EVER HEARD OF WAS,
25 "OH, THE RED CROSS IS A PLACE TO GIVE BLOOD." BUT IS THERE A

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1 PLACE IN THE COUNTY THAT THEY SHOULD CALL, THAT GIVES THEM A
2 LOCATION WHERE THEY CAN GIVE BLOOD? BECAUSE IT'S NOT THE KIND
3 OF THING I CAN GO INTO RITE AID AND DO, I DON'T THINK.

4

5 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** THANKS FOR DRAWING ATTENTION TO THIS. THE
6 MOST POPULAR, WIDELY KNOWN WEBSITE IS, AS YOU MENTIONED, THE
7 AMERICAN RED CROSS. IF YOU GO TO THEIR WEBSITE, YOU CAN SEARCH
8 FOR BLOOD DONATION LOCATIONS BY ENTERING YOUR ZIP CODE, AND
9 THEY WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH A LIST OF UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVES.
10 THE SAN DIEGO BLOOD BANK ALSO SERVICES A NUMBER OF HOSPITALS
11 IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGION, INCLUDING THE D.H.S.
12 HOSPITALS, SO WE RECEIVE OUR BLOOD SUPPLY NOT THROUGH THE
13 AMERICAN RED CROSS, BUT THROUGH THE SAN DIEGO BLOOD BANK. SO,
14 IF YOU GO TO THE SAN DIEGO BLOOD BANK'S WEBSITE, THERE'S ALSO
15 A SIMILAR SETUP. YOU CAN ENTER YOUR ZIP CODE AND RECEIVE
16 LOCATIONS AT WHICH YOU CAN DO A BLOOD DONATION. L.A.C.+U.S.C.
17 IS ONE OF MANY SITES THAT IS OFFERING BLOOD DONATION
18 LOCATIONS. AND THEN, MANY HOSPITALS ALSO RUN THEIR OWN BLOOD
19 DONATION OPPORTUNITIES, AS WELL. SO, IF SOMEONE HAS A LOCAL
20 HOSPITAL, THEY CAN ALSO GENERALLY CALL THE LOCAL HOSPITAL AND
21 ASK HOW THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO DONATE BLOOD IN A WAY THAT
22 SERVICES THAT PARTICULAR HOSPITAL. AND THE HOSPITAL MIGHT
23 EITHER OFFER OPPORTUNITIES THEMSELVES TO GET DONATIONS AT THAT
24 HOSPITAL, OR THEY MIGHT REFER THAT INDIVIDUAL TO A LOCAL BLOOD
25 BANK OR DONATION CENTER.

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2 **SUP. KUEHL:** AND EVEN THOUGH I HAVE ALWAYS LIKED MY BLOOD TYPE,
3 BECAUSE IT IS B-POSITIVE-- YOU WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED, RIGHT?--
4 - IS IT O-POSITIVE OR O-NEGATIVE THAT IS MORE KIND OF USEFUL
5 ACROSS EVERY DIFFERENT KIND? I CAN'T REMEMBER.

6

7 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** O-NEGATIVE. O-NEGATIVE IS THE UNIVERSAL
8 DONOR. IT IS THE BLOOD TYPE THAT IS THE MOST VALUABLE IN A
9 SETTING WHERE YOU DON'T KNOW THE BLOOD TYPE OF THE PERSON THAT
10 YOU ARE INFUSING IT INTO. SO, IF SOMEONE HAPPENS TO BE O-
11 NEGATIVE, THAT BLOOD IS PARTICULARLY USEFUL, BUT THAT'S ONLY
12 IN THE SETTING OF EMERGENCY INFUSIONS, IN THE EMERGENCY
13 DEPARTMENT SETTING. MOST BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS HAPPEN AFTER
14 SOMEONE CAN BE TYPED AND CROSSED, AND WE KNOW WHAT KIND OF
15 BLOOD THEY NEED TO RECEIVE. SO, BLOOD DONATION REALLY
16 SHOULDN'T BE LIMITED TO JUST PEOPLE WHO ARE O-NEGATIVE. ANYONE
17 CAN GIVE BLOOD, SO IF YOU ARE B-POSITIVE, THAT'S GREAT.
18 THERE'S PLENTY OF PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO NEED THAT KIND OF
19 BLOOD, AS WELL.

20

21 **SUP. KUEHL:** YOU BET. MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

22

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

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU. I THINK MY COLLEAGUES HAVE ASKED A
2 LOT OF QUESTIONS THAT I WAS GOING TO FALL INTO, BUT I DO HAVE
3 A COUPLE THAT I WANTED TO RAISE. AND I WANT TO GO BACK TO WHAT
4 SUPERVISOR KUEHL WAS SAYING ABOUT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS
5 THAT STILL HAVE YET TO GET THEIR DOSE, OR THE PERCENTAGE IS SO
6 LOW, AT 34% ONE DOSE, 26% FULLY VAXXED, BETWEEN THE AGES OF
7 FIVE AND 11. AND THE CASES, ACCORDING TO YOUR DIAGRAMS, SHOW
8 THAT THERE ARE ABOUT 8,000 AMONG STUDENTS, AND ABOUT 862 STAFF
9 THAT WORK AT SCHOOL. SO, I DO THINK THAT WE STILL HAVE TO BE
10 MINDFUL OF THAT, AND I DO AGREE THAT IF KIDS AREN'T
11 VACCINATED, AND THEY ARE OUTSIDE PLAYING, BETWEEN THAT AGE
12 GROUP-- FIVE AND 12, OR WHATEVER-- AND THEY HAVEN'T BEEN FULLY
13 VACCINATED, AND THEY DON'T HAVE A MASK ON, AND THEY ARE
14 JUMPING AROUND, AND THEY ARE PLAYING WHATEVER IT IS-- HARD
15 BALL OR WHATEVER, JUNGLE GYM, WHATEVER IT IS-- THAT THEY ARE
16 CONTACTING EACH OTHER, AND I DO HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT
17 THE MASK, IN TERMS OF TAKING IT AWAY IN THAT MANNER, BECAUSE I
18 DO THINK THERE SHOULD BE SOMETHING SAID ABOUT, "DID THEY GET A
19 DOSE OR NOT? DID THEY GET VAXXED OR NOT?" AND I THINK IT WOULD
20 PROVIDE, I THINK, SOME RELIEF FOR OTHER PARENTS, AND EVEN
21 STAFF AT THE SCHOOL, KNOWING THAT THEIR KID'S GOING TO BE
22 SAFE, AND THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE SAFE-- THE EMPLOYEE. SO, I
23 DO WANT TO UNDERSCORE THAT. I DON'T THINK WE ARE OUT OF THE
24 WOODS YET WITH THAT, BECAUSE AS WE ALL SAID HERE, A YEAR AGO,
25 TWO YEARS AGO, IT WASN'T SO MUCH THE KIDS, BECAUSE YEAH,

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1 THEY'RE STRONG. BUT IT WAS THE OLDER PEOPLE, AND THE PEOPLE
2 THAT WERE BETWEEN THE AGES OF, WHAT IS IT, 18 TO 29, THAT WE
3 SAW RATES THAT WERE JUST SKYROCKETING. SO NOW WE HAVE THE
4 INVERSE. NOW IT'S GOING IN THE OTHER DIRECTION. SLOWER PACE,
5 MAYBE, BUT IT'S STILL RATHER HIGH. I THINK 8,000 CASES FOR
6 SCHOOLCHILDREN IS SOMETHING FOR US TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT,
7 STILL. SO I WOULD STILL WANT TO SEE MORE DATA, AND HOW WE ARE
8 IMPROVING THERE, DR. FERRER, ON THAT LEVEL. AND I DO WANT TO
9 SAY TO DR. GHALY, THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE TO HELP US
10 PUSH OUT THE TESTS, THE MOBILE TEST SITES AND THAT. I DO WANT
11 TO SAY, THOUGH, THAT I SEE, EVEN IN MY OWN DISTRICT, A LACK OF
12 PEOPLE THAT ARE ACTUALLY COMING BY IN THE SAME NUMBERS TO GET
13 THE TESTS. AND SO ONE OF MY QUESTIONS IS, WHERE DO WE GO? CAN
14 WE PICK UP AND GO WHERE WE KNOW PEOPLE ARE AT? FOR EXAMPLE,
15 THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THE FIRST DISTRICT,
16 UNINCORPORATED AREAS ALONG WHITTIER BOULEVARD AND EAST L.A.
17 MANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO WORK IN THOSE SHOPS AND BUY THERE MAY
18 NOT HAVE BEEN TESTED, MAY NOT HAVE ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE. WHY
19 ARE WE NOT, MAYBE, DEPLOYING OURSELVES, IN TERMS OF USING THE
20 PROMOTORAS TO GO OUT AND HELP US DO THAT? BECAUSE I DO THINK
21 THAT WE'RE MISSING THE BOAT. I'D LOVE TO HEAR WHAT YOU HAVE TO
22 SAY ABOUT THAT.

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24 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. I MEAN, ONE THING I JUST WANT TO
25 NOTE IS, WE HAVE DISTRIBUTED 6.5 MILLION ANTIGEN TEST KITS

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1 OVER THE LAST TWO MONTHS. ALMOST 1 MILLION OF THOSE HAVE GONE
2 TO C.B.O.S AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, TO DISTRIBUTE TO
3 THEIR MEMBERS OR CONSTITUENTS OR CLIENTS, AS ONE WAY TO TRY TO
4 MAKE SURE WE ARE GETTING AT LEAST THE OVER-THE-COUNTER HOME
5 TEST KITS INTO THE HANDS OF PEOPLE WHO CAN'T AFFORD THEM. WE
6 HAVE DISTRIBUTED ALMOST A QUARTER OF A MILLION TO THE SERVICE
7 PROVIDERS FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. WE HAVE
8 DISTRIBUTED HALF A MILLION TO SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES, FOR
9 VISITORS TO BE ABLE TO TEST TO COME IN, AND OVER 5 MILLION
10 HAVE GONE TO SCHOOLS. AND THESE ARE THE OVER-THE-COUNTER TEST
11 KITS, NOT-- THEY HAVE ADDITIONAL FUNDING THAT THEY HAVE BEEN
12 USING TO HAVE THE ROUTINE TESTING THAT THEY HAVE OFFERED. AND
13 WE CONTINUE TO WORK VERY CLOSELY, WITH THE EFFORT THAT YOUR
14 BOARD APPROVED, TO MAKE SURE THAT THE SMALL BUSINESSES WERE
15 ALSO GOING TO HAVE ACCESS TO TESTING FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES, AS
16 WELL, THROUGH THAT ADDITIONAL DISTRIBUTION NETWORK. SO I DO
17 APPRECIATE THAT, YOU KNOW, THAT WHILE EVERYBODY IS FIGURING
18 OUT HOW TO GET THEIR INSURANCE TO PAY FOR THOSE TEST KITS, OR
19 TO GET THEIR ORDERS IN FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WE ARE
20 TRYING TO MAKE SURE WE CAN GO AHEAD AND GET MORE TEST KITS OUT
21 INTO THE COMMUNITY, TO RESIDENTS WHO OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO TEST
22 BEFORE THEY GO TO A BIG GATHERING WITH THEIR FAMILY, OR GET
23 SOME INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO ACCESS P.C.R. TESTING, IF THEY
24 FEEL LIKE THEY ARE SYMPTOMATIC AND WOULD RATHER HAVE A
25 MOLECULAR TEST.

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2 **SUP. SOLIS:** WELL, YOU KNOW, I AM NOT KNOCKING ANY OF THAT. I
3 THINK IT IS GOOD WE KEEP DOING IT, AND WE BECOME MORE NIMBLE
4 AND MORE FOCUSED AND STRATEGIC. SO, IF WE IDENTIFIED A SITE
5 THAT ISN'T BEING FULLY UTILIZED, AND MAYBE WE HAVE 1,000 TEST
6 KITS THERE, BUT WE ONLY GET 25 PEOPLE IN IN ONE DAY, THAT
7 DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME. SO WE NEED TO REPROGRAM THAT, AND I
8 KNOW YOU ALL CAN DO THAT. SO, THAT'S REALLY WHAT I AM SAYING,
9 AND WE CAN BE HELPFUL THERE. WE WANT TO BE HELPFUL, BECAUSE I
10 DON'T WANT TO SEE ANYTHING LEFT ON THE TABLE, JUST AS A MATTER
11 OF EQUITY, FAIRNESS, FOR PEOPLE WHO REALLY CAN'T AFFORD THESE
12 TESTS, TO BE HONEST. AND THE P.C.R., OBVIOUSLY, IS A MUCH
13 HIGHER LEVEL. I DON'T EVEN KNOW THAT OUR COMMUNITY REALLY
14 UNDERSTANDS THE DIFFERENCE IN SOME WAYS, BUT THAT'S REALLY
15 IMPORTANT, ALSO, FOR US TO GET ACROSS TO OUR COMMUNITIES. SO I
16 WILL LEAVE IT AT THAT, BUT LET'S DO MORE, AND WE ARE WILLING
17 TO WORK WITH BOTH OF YOU AND THE WHOLE COUNTY TEAM. ONE LAST
18 COMMENT I WANT TO MAKE IS, I REALLY AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE
19 AFTEREFFECTS-- THE LONG-TERM EFFECTS-- THAT C.O.V.I.D. IS
20 GOING TO HAVE ON PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY WITH MEMORY LOSS,
21 PULMONARY DAMAGE, BRAIN FOG, DEPRESSION, NEUROLOGICAL
22 SYMPTOMS, INFLAMMATION. ALL OF THESE THINGS, I KNOW, ARE NEW,
23 IN MANY WAYS, FOR US, AND I REALLY JUST CAN'T OVERSTATE HOW
24 IMPORTANT IT IS FOR US TO WORK WITH OUR PARTNERS, ALONG WITH
25 OUR DOCTORS THAT WE HAVE, BUT ALSO OUR RESEARCH PARTNERS AT

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1 U.C.L.A. OR WHATEVER, WHEREVER IT MIGHT BE, TO START REALLY
2 COMING BACK WITH SOME DATA ON THIS. I THINK THAT'S ALSO A
3 PREDICTER OF TELLING PEOPLE, "HEY, THIS CAN HAPPEN TO YOU, AND
4 THIS IS HOW SEVERE IT CAN REALLY GET." AND I KNOW WE DID THAT
5 AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PANDEMIC. I MEAN, YOU WOULD SEE THINGS
6 ON TELEVISION AND THE MEDIA, BUT I THINK WE KIND OF LOST IT.
7 AND I KNOW PEOPLE RIGHT NOW THAT ARE SUFFERING. THEY HAVE
8 GOTTEN OVER C.O.V.I.D., BUT THEY HAVEN'T. YOU KNOW WHAT I
9 MEAN? IT IS LIKE THEY'RE STILL SUFFERING, AND NOW THEY ARE
10 GOING TO HAVE LONG-TERM AILMENTS THAT ARE GOING TO PREDICTABLY
11 BE A HIGHER COST FOR ALL OF US, FOR OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. SO
12 I JUST HOPE THAT THE BOTH OF YOU-- BECAUSE YOU GUYS ARE SO
13 SMART. YOU GUYS ARE SO SMART, AND I APPLAUD YOU FOR ALL OF
14 THAT, BUT LET'S START THINKING ABOUT WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN
15 WITH THE IMPACTS THAT C.O.V.I.D., ALL THE DIFFERENT STRAINS,
16 HAVE HAD ON US; INCLUDING THIS NEW ONE, BA.2, WHICH IS A
17 SUBVARIANT, RIGHT?

18

19 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. I APPRECIATE THOSE CONCERNS, AND
20 THANK YOU FOR ELEVATING THAT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AND WE DO-- WE
21 ACTUALLY JUST SPOKE THIS MORNING ABOUT BEING A PARTNER TO AN
22 EFFORT THAT WOULD ACTUALLY FOLLOW A GROUP OF PEOPLE FOR FIVE
23 YEARS, TO DO A MUCH LONGER ASSESSMENT. BUT WE ARE WORRIED
24 ABOUT C.O.V.I.D., LONG TERM, THE IMPACT. THERE'S NEW STUDIES
25 THAT INDICATE THAT IT IS BOTH CONCERNING, AND THAT THERE ARE

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1 MORE PEOPLE THAT MAY BE IMPACTED THAN WE HAD THOUGHT EARLIER.
2 AND I THINK, AGAIN, A DISEASE THAT CAN CAUSE SOME EITHER
3 SHORT-TERM OR LONG-TERM DISABILITY IS SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE
4 TO FACTOR IN, AS WE DECIDE HOW MUCH RISK WE WANT TO TOLERATE,
5 AS A POPULATION. SO, I APPRECIATE THAT CONCERN THAT YOU ARE
6 RAISING. I ALSO WANT TO NOTE THAT I KNOW DR. GHALY, AT THE
7 D.H.S. HOSPITALS, NOTED THAT ONLY ABOUT 10% OF THE PATIENTS
8 THAT ARE THERE WITH A C.O.V.I.D. DIAGNOSIS ARE THERE FOR
9 C.O.V.I.D. CARE. BUT AT THE REST OF THE HOSPITALS, AT THE
10 HOSPITAL NETWORK IN ITS ENTIRETY, THAT NUMBER IS STILL RUNNING
11 AT ABOUT 50%. OUR LAST LOOK WAS THAT JUST ABOUT 52% OF PEOPLE
12 WHO WERE HOSPITALIZED THE LAST WEEK IN JANUARY WERE
13 HOSPITALIZED WITH C.O.V.I.D. DISEASE. SO, AGAIN, I THINK FOR
14 SOME PEOPLE, UNFORTUNATELY, THEY REMAIN AT HIGHER RISK, AND
15 THEY ARE, IN FACT, HAVING UNFORTUNATE OUTCOMES ASSOCIATED WITH
16 GETTING INFECTED.

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU, BOTH. THANK YOU,
19 MADAM CHAIR.

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

22

23 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I AM NOT GOING TO REPEAT WHAT
24 SUPERVISOR HAHN SAID, BUT I DO AGREE. BUT I LOOK AT IT A
25 LITTLE DIFFERENTLY. I KNOW THAT, BY THE METRICS THAT YOU PUT

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1 INTO PLAY, DR. FERRER, HOSPITALIZATION UNDER 2500 OVER A
2 SEVEN-DAY PERIOD, WE REACHED THAT ON THURSDAY, SO I VIEW WHAT
3 HAPPENED AT SOFI AS ALIGNING WITH THE STATE. THEY RECOGNIZE
4 THAT OUTDOOR SETTINGS ARE LOW-RISK, AND I THINK THAT WHAT YOU
5 SAW WERE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE EITHER GOING TO DEFY AND GO
6 AGAINST HEALTH ORDERS, OR THEY VIEW US AS IRRELEVANT, AT THIS
7 POINT. EITHER WAY, IT CONCERNS ME GREATLY. AND THAT IS WHY I
8 HAVE ALWAYS PUSHED FOR CONSISTENCY AND CLARITY, BECAUSE I
9 THINK THERE IS CONFUSION, AND THERE'S FRUSTRATION, AND I AM
10 HEARING IT LOUD AND CLEAR AND UNSOLICITED. AND I THINK WE ALL
11 RECEIVED, BUT I RECEIVED, FROM PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERTS AT U.S.C.
12 AND U.C.L.A., CONCERNS ABOUT THE WAY WE ARE GOING ABOUT THIS.
13 NOW, GRANTED, THEY TOOK IT A LITTLE MORE REGARDING THE
14 MASKING, BUT THEY DID TALK ABOUT THE FACT THAT THEY AGREE THAT
15 WE SHOULD ALIGN WITH THE STATE. AND SO, AGAIN, I AM CALLING ON
16 YOU AND MY COLLEAGUES TO CONSIDER ALIGNING WITH THE STATE. AND
17 I APPRECIATE, DR. FERRER, WITH THE LAST SLIDE, WHERE YOU TALK
18 ABOUT THE COUNTY ASSESSMENT OF OPTIONS TO LIFT INDOOR MASKING
19 PROTECTIONS EARLIER AT SITES WHERE THERE ARE OTHER ADDITIONAL
20 LAYERS OF PROTECTION, BECAUSE WE TALKED ABOUT THAT LAST WEEK.
21 AND I DO APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU ARE REVISITING THAT, SO
22 I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU, ON
23 THE ADDITIONAL LAYERS OF PROTECTION, ARE WE TALKING ABOUT, FOR
24 EXAMPLE, IF AN EMPLOYER MANDATES VACCINATION FOR ALL
25 EMPLOYEES? THAT WOULD BE CONSIDERED AN ADDITIONAL LAYER OF

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1 PROTECTION, BEYOND JUST REQUIRING MASKING. I MEAN, BEYOND
2 TESTING.

3

4 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** SORRY, I HAD TROUBLE UNMUTING. YEAH,
5 THANKS SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR BARGER. YES, THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE
6 ARE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT, IS EXACTLY WHAT WOULD YOU NEED TO DO
7 TO QUALIFY FOR HAVING THOSE ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS. BUT YOU
8 ARE RIGHT, AND THIS IS IN DIRECT RESPONSE TO ISSUES YOU RAISED
9 LAST WEEK, AND REQUESTS YOU MADE FOR US TO LOOK AT WHAT OTHER
10 OPPORTUNITIES THERE MIGHT BE. AND I, TOO, APPRECIATE IT IS
11 ALWAYS MUCH EASIER FOR ALL OF US WHEN WE ALIGN WITH THE STATE.
12 I DO ALSO WANT TO NOTE THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF PEOPLE THAT
13 HAVE BEEN COMPLAINING TO US-- WHICH, AGAIN, IS SIMILAR TO WHAT
14 I AM SURE THE VOLUME IS THAT YOU ARE EXPERIENCING-- ARE FOLKS
15 WHO WANT US TO LIFT MASKING MANDATES AT SCHOOLS. SO, A LOT OF
16 FRUSTRATION I HEAR ON BEHALF OF PARENTS. AND AGAIN, WE ARE
17 WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE STATE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT CONDITIONS
18 MAKE IT SAFER, BECAUSE THOSE ARE UNIQUE SETTINGS, AS EVERYONE
19 HAS NOTED, WHERE YOU HAVE LOTS AND LOTS OF POTENTIAL SPREAD
20 OPPORTUNITIES, IF YOU'RE NOT CAREFUL; SO, ON A DAILY BASIS,
21 OVER A SIX-HOUR DAY, OFTEN. SO, I UNDERSTAND AND I APPRECIATE
22 THE STATE'S WILLINGNESS TO LOOK DIFFERENTLY AT SOME OF THE
23 HIGHER-RISK SETTINGS, WHICH IS IN PART, I THINK, WHAT WE ARE
24 TRYING TO DO, WHICH IS TO SAY, THERE'S A WHOLE GROUP OF
25 ESSENTIAL WORKERS THAT WE NEED TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT, AS WE

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1 CONTINUE THIS DECLINE, AND NOT, IN FACT, SORT OF LEAVE IT TO
2 HAPPENSTANCE ABOUT THE LEVELS OF PROTECTION THEY ARE GOING TO
3 HAVE, BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO GO TO WORK. AND NO MATTER WHAT,
4 ONCE A LOT OF PEOPLE TAKE OFF THOSE MASKS, THOSE WORKERS COULD
5 POTENTIALLY HAVE MORE EXPOSURES. SO, YOU KNOW, I THINK WE
6 APPRECIATED SO MUCH YOUR COMMENTS LAST WEEK, ABOUT, "WELL, WE
7 GET YOU. YOU WANT TO BE ABOUT PROTECTIONS FOR WORKERS. BUT CAN
8 YOU SEE WHAT OTHER PROTECTIONS THERE MIGHT BE AVAILABLE THAT
9 WOULD MITIGATE, IF MASKS WERE NOT BEING WORN?" AND THAT'S WHAT
10 WE ARE DOING, AND RIGHT NOW, WE ARE REALLY JUST TRYING TO WORK
11 THROUGH A LONG LIST OF IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGES THAT SOME
12 SECTORS, WHEN WE REACHED OUT TO THEM, HAVE PRESENTED TO US, TO
13 TRY TO MAKE SURE THIS COULD HAPPEN AS SMOOTHLY AS POSSIBLE.

14
15 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND THEN LAST WEEK, WE DISCUSSED AN
16 ADJUSTED CASE RATE, TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE COUNTY'S HIGH
17 TESTING RATE, AND YOU SAID THAT PUBLIC HEALTH WOULD BE LOOKING
18 INTO CALCULATING ONE AND IMPLEMENTING IT. WAS YOUR DEPARTMENT
19 ABLE TO IDENTIFY AN ADJUSTED CASE RATE METRIC THAT ACCURATELY
20 REFLECTS THE LEVEL OF RISK IN THE COUNTY?

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22 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** IT WAS REALLY-- I MEAN, IT DID GO BACK TO
23 OUR TEAM, AND, YOU KNOW, THAT TEAM IS MADE UP OF NATIONALLY
24 RECOGNIZED FOLKS. AND THERE WERE A LOT OF ISSUES WITH TRYING
25 TO CREATE A WAY TO WEIGHT OUR TESTING RESULTS RELATIVE TO

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1 VOLUME, WHICH IS WHAT WE HAD DONE IN THE PAST WITH THE STATE,
2 BUT THE STATE WAS USING THAT TO COMPARE COUNTIES WITH OTHER
3 COUNTIES. IT IS MUCH HARDER TO FIGURE OUT A METRIC THAT YOU
4 WOULD USE, OR A WEIGHTING FORMULA ASSIGNED TO THAT METRIC,
5 WHEN WE ARE LOOKING AT IT INTERNALLY. AND IT WOULD ALSO MAKE
6 IT VERY HARD TO THEN TRACK TOWARDS THE C.D.C. THRESHOLDS THAT
7 THEY HAVE SENT, BECAUSE THEY DON'T INCLUDE ANY WEIGHTING OF
8 THE CASE RATE. WE ARE FEELING PRETTY CONFIDENT, SUPERVISOR
9 BARGER, THAT-- YOU KNOW, CONTINUED DECLINE AT THE RATE WE ARE
10 DECLINING, ASSUMING NO BUMP-UP FROM THE SUPER BOWL. AND IT IS
11 LESS ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED AT SOFI STADIUM THAN WHAT HAPPENED
12 EVERYWHERE ELSE, FOR THE BUMP-UP. ALL OF THE GATHERINGS THAT
13 PEOPLE ATTENDED ALSO CREATE FOR US, AS WE HAVE SEEN IN THE
14 PAST, A POTENTIAL FOR RISK. WE THINK PEOPLE ARE, "A," MORE
15 VACCINATED, AND MANY ARE VACCINATED AND BOOSTED, AND MANY
16 PEOPLE TOLD US THAT THEY ARE TAKING SERIOUSLY LAYERING IN SOME
17 PROTECTIONS. SO WE ARE HOPING WE DON'T SEE THAT BUMP-UP. BUT
18 IF WE COULD STAY STEADY ON THE DECLINE, WE FEEL PRETTY
19 CONFIDENT WE GET THERE QUICKLY. AND ALREADY, YOU ARE SEEING US
20 USE A MORE WEEKLY SORT OF A DAILY SEVEN-DAY AVERAGE TO ACCOUNT
21 FOR SOME OF WHAT YOU SEE, WHICH IS THAT DAILY VARIATION THAT'S
22 CAUSED BY TESTING VOLUME. WE CAN SMOOTH THAT OUT BY USING A
23 DAILY SEVEN-DAY AVERAGE, AND THAT IS WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO
24 WHEN WE LOOK AT OUR NUMBERS, IN TERMS OF PROJECTING WHERE WE
25 MIGHT BE, AND HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE TO GET THERE.

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2 **SUP. BARGER:** GOT IT. SO, IN BRINGING UP THE C.D.C. THRESHOLD
3 THAT YOU'RE USING, I'VE RECEIVED A LOT OF QUESTIONS, AND I AM
4 SURE MY COLLEAGUES HAVE, TOO, ABOUT THE MANDATE WE HAVE IN
5 PLACE, UNTIL THE COUNTY HITS THE C.D.C.'S LOW TRANSMISSION;
6 SPECIFICALLY, THE TESTING AND VACCINE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEGA-
7 EVENTS. AND I KNOW I HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM BOTH
8 UNIVERSAL AND MAGIC MOUNTAIN, AS IT RELATES TO THIS MANDATE. I
9 KNOW THAT WE ARE KEEPING THE INDOOR MASKING IN PLACE UNTIL WE
10 REACH MODERATE TRANSMISSION, BECAUSE THIS IS THE C.D.C.'S
11 POLICY, AND YOU HAVE BEEN VERY CONSISTENT ON THAT. IS OUR
12 GUIDANCE ON VACCINE AND TESTING REQUIREMENTS, UNTIL LOW
13 TRANSMISSION, ALSO BASED ON C.D.C. POLICY?

14

15 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT,
16 SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND WE HEARD FROM YOUR OFFICE EARLIER. AND,
17 YOU KNOW, AGAIN, IT IS A LIVING DOCUMENT, WHERE WE ARE
18 REVIEWING THAT. WE ARE CERTAINLY FLEXIBLE ON THAT. AGAIN, IT
19 MAKES SENSE TO PUT IN THOSE OTHER LAYERS OF PROTECTION FOR OUR
20 WORKERS, BUT OBVIOUSLY RECEIVE FEEDBACK FROM YOU, AND PAYING
21 ATTENTION TO WHAT SOME OF THE BUSINESSES ARE SAYING, AS WELL
22 AS SOME OF OUR LABOR PARTNERS, TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THAT
23 THRESHOLD SHOULD BE. AND IT IS TOTALLY POSSIBLE THAT WE COULD
24 ALIGN THAT THRESHOLD WITH MODERATE TRANSMISSION, AS WELL. AND
25 AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR POINTING THAT OUT, AND IT IS UNDER

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1 CONSIDERATION, IN TERMS OF A REVIEW. WE APPRECIATED YOUR
2 COMMENTS ON THAT.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** AND I APPRECIATE THAT VERY MUCH, DR. FERRER,
5 BECAUSE I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT. I MEAN, AND, SUPERVISOR
6 KUEHL, I AGREE. IF SOMEONE IS RUNNING A STOP SIGN, YOU DON'T
7 GET RID OF THE STOP SIGN. BUT, AS MARK PESTRELLA WITH PUBLIC
8 WORKS WILL TELL YOU, WHENEVER WE PUT IN STOP SIGNS OR CHANGE
9 SPEED LIMITS, WE DO TRAFFIC STUDIES, AND WE MONITOR, AND THEN
10 WE ADJUST. AND I THINK THAT THAT'S ALL I AM ASKING. I AM NOT
11 ASKING FOR US TO ELIMINATE; I AM ASKING FOR US TO BE OPEN-
12 MINDED AND LOOK AT NOT ONLY WHAT THE STATE IS DOING. I MEAN,
13 OBVIOUSLY, WE'RE LOOKING AT WHAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S
14 DOING, BUT WORKING WITH THE STATE AND WORKING WITH OUR PUBLIC
15 HEALTH EXPERTS OUTSIDE, WHICH DR. FERRER HAS SAID SHE'S GOT
16 PEOPLE ON STAFF THAT ARE WELL KNOWN AND WELL RESPECTED
17 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. BUT I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO
18 BE OPEN-MINDED AND LOOK AT THIS BECAUSE, ALSO TO YOUR POINT,
19 WE LEARN A LOT ABOUT THIS, AND WITH OMICRON, I DON'T THINK ANY
20 OF US SAW IT COMING THE WAY IT DID. BUT WHAT WE FOUND IS, TO
21 DR. GHALY'S POINT, WITH HOSPITALIZATION NOW, IT IS FAR LESS,
22 AND THE PEOPLE COMING IN, MANY OF WHOM ARE BEING TESTED NOT
23 BECAUSE THEY ARE COMING IN FOR C.O.V.I.D., BUT THEY ARE COMING
24 IN FOR OTHER SERVICES AND ARE TESTING POSITIVE. DOESN'T MEAN
25 THAT WE ARE OUT OF THE WOODS, BUT I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE TO

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1 RECOGNIZE THAT WE HAVE EDUCATED-- AND AS A BOARD, AS A WHOLE,
2 THROUGH OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND OUR DEPARTMENT OF
3 HEALTH SERVICES, WE HAVE DONE A PHENOMENAL JOB OF EDUCATING
4 PEOPLE ON WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO PROTECT YOURSELF. FIRST AND
5 FOREMOST, GET VACCINATED, AND THEN GET THE BOOSTER. IF YOU ARE
6 IN A SITUATION WHERE YOU ARE HIGH-RISK, WEAR A MASK, EVEN IF
7 WE TELL YOU IT IS NOT NECESSARY, AS ANOTHER LINE OF DEFENSE.
8 AND I FEEL LIKE WE HAVE DONE AN INCREDIBLE JOB OF EDUCATING
9 OUR CONSTITUENTS ABOUT THAT. AND I THINK THAT THE FRUSTRATION
10 YOU ARE HEARING IS, IS THAT, AS THE STATE BEGINS TO OPEN AND
11 PULL BACK ON THEIR MANDATES, AND WE ARE NOT, PEOPLE FEEL VERY
12 FRUSTRATED. AND THAT'S, AGAIN, WHY I THINK THAT WE NEED TO
13 TAKE A STEP BACK AND REALLY DISCUSS THIS. IF OUR GOAL IS TO
14 SLOW THE SPREAD, THEN I THINK WE NEED TO RECOGNIZE THAT PEOPLE
15 ARE GETTING FRUSTRATED AND ARE GOING TO BE NONCOMPLIANT. AND I
16 DON'T KNOW HOW MANY CITATIONS-- AND I AGREE WITH YOU, DR.
17 FERRER. I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO GO THROUGH SOFI STADIUM AND
18 ISSUE CITATIONS TO EVERY SINGLE INDIVIDUAL IN THERE. I THINK
19 THAT IS UNREALISTIC. I THINK WE NEED TO RECOGNIZE THAT PEOPLE
20 HAVE THE TOOLS AND THE KNOWLEDGE, AS IT RELATES TO THIS VIRUS,
21 AS WE KNOW IT TODAY. THAT COULD CHANGE NEXT WEEK WITH A
22 DIFFERENT VARIANT. I DON'T KNOW. BUT I THINK THAT WE NEED TO
23 GIVE THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS. AND YOU
24 ARE RIGHT. WE ARE HEARING A LOT FROM PARENTS WHO ARE VERY
25 FRUSTRATED, AND I WOULD SAY THAT THAT IS A STATE MANDATE.

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1 CLEARLY, THE ONE PART THAT WE ACTUALLY DID NOT ALIGN WITH THE
2 STATE WAS ON MASKING OUTDOOR PLAYGROUND, WHICH IS NOW GOING TO
3 BE LIFTED TOMORROW, IF WE STAY BELOW THE 2500. BUT I THINK IT
4 IS IMPORTANT FOR US ALL TO WORK TOGETHER, AND THAT'S ALL I'VE
5 ASKED FOR, AND I WILL CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE FOR, BECAUSE I
6 THINK THAT IT'S IMPORTANT. I WANT THE SAME OUTCOME THAT WE ALL
7 WANT, BUT I THINK WE ARE JUST LOOKING AT IT THROUGH A
8 DIFFERENT LENS. SO WITH THAT, I WANT TO THANK YOU. AND AGAIN,
9 THANK YOU, DR. FERRER, DR. GHALY. I KNOW THIS IS A LOT OF
10 WORK, AND I KNOW THAT IT IS 24/7, AND WE APPRECIATE EVERYTHING
11 THAT YOU ALL ARE DOING. THANK YOU.

12

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

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SO, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, CLEARLY,
16 MASKING IS A VERY COMMON, LOW-COST, MINIMALLY INVASIVE,
17 WORLDWIDE PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE. THAT IS NOT NEW. IT IS NOT
18 NEW TO C.O.V.I.D. THERE ARE SOME CULTURES AND COUNTRIES THAT
19 HAVE USED IT VOLUNTARILY FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. I THINK WHAT IS
20 NEW FOR US HERE, HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, IS THE DEBATE ON WHETHER
21 NOT IT IS MANDATORY, AND I GET THAT. WHAT CONTINUES TO CONCERN
22 ME IS, QUITE FRANKLY, THE LACK OF CIVILITY WITH REGARD TO THE
23 PUBLIC DEBATE AROUND MANDATORY MASKING. AND, YOU KNOW,
24 FUNDAMENTALLY, THE PRACTICE AND STUDY OF PUBLIC HEALTH IS
25 GROUNDED IN EQUITY. IT IS IN THE NAME, "PUBLIC HEALTH." AND

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1 SO, TO REALLY TAKE A STEP BACK AND UNDERSTAND THAT OUR ROLE,
2 AS A FUNCTIONING GOVERNING BODY, IS TO FOLLOW PUBLIC HEALTH
3 PRACTICES WHICH IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF EVERY RESIDENT OF
4 L.A. COUNTY, I THINK, IS REALLY IMPORTANT, AND SOMETHING THAT
5 WE SHOULD NOT LOSE SIGHT OF. I APPRECIATE THAT SOME OF THE
6 LACK OF CIVILITY COMES OUT OF FEAR. AS A PARENT, MYSELF, I
7 UNDERSTAND THAT WE REACT EMOTIONALLY WHEN WE THINK SOMETHING
8 IS BEING DONE THAT IS NOT FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE AND OUR
9 CHILDREN'S BEST INTEREST. I UNDERSTAND THAT, WHICH IS WHY I AM
10 HOPING YOU CAN PROVIDE ME WITH SOME ADDITIONAL DATA, DR.
11 FERRER, BECAUSE WHEN I LOOK AT THE CHARTS YOU PROVIDED US--
12 AND I AM STRUCK BY THE FACT THAT ONE QUARTER OF ALL OF L.A.
13 COUNTY'S KIDS, FIVE TO 11, ARE VACCINATED-- WHAT THIS CHART
14 DOESN'T SHOW ME IS WHERE THOSE KIDS ARE, AND AGAIN FOCUSING ON
15 THE ISSUE OF EQUITY, WHICH IS WHAT PUBLIC HEALTH IS GROUNDED
16 IN. SO, I AM HOPING THAT YOU CAN PROVIDE TO US, FOR FUTURE
17 DISCUSSION, A FURTHER BREAKDOWN OF THOSE L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS
18 BETWEEN THE AGES OF FIVE TO 11. YOU HAVE GIVEN US BREAKDOWNS
19 BEFORE, BASED ON RACE AND ETHNICITY, OF THOSE WHO ARE
20 VACCINATED. YOU HAVE GIVEN US BREAKDOWNS BEFORE, BASED ON
21 WHERE PEOPLE ARE. AND THAT'S IMPORTANT TO ME, BECAUSE I AM
22 CLEAR THAT THE SECOND DISTRICT HAS, THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF
23 THIS PANDEMIC, AND THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF THE AVAILABILITY
24 OF VACCINES, BEEN THE LOWEST VACCINATED DISTRICT IN THE
25 COUNTY. SO, WHY AM I LEANING IN WITH REGARD TO LOOKING AT WAYS

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1 IN WHICH WE CAN CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SAFETY, WHEN I REPRESENT A
2 GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD SOME OF THE HIGHEST INFECTION
3 RATES, AND THE LOWEST VACCINATION RATES? IT'S BECAUSE OF THOSE
4 2 DATA POINTS. AND SO I AM HOPING THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO
5 HELP US WITH THE FIVE- TO 11-YEAR-OLDS, TO UNDERSTAND WHO THEY
6 ARE AND WHERE THEY ARE. PARTICULARLY AS WE MOVE, AND WE
7 CONTINUE TO RECEIVE DATA FROM YOU THAT IS GLOBAL, COUNTYWIDE,
8 I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE ARE NOT SEGMENTS OF OUR COUNTY
9 THAT AREN'T PROGRESSING AT THE SAME RATES OF OTHERS, AND
10 THEREFORE OUR COUNTYWIDE POLICY ISN'T GOING TO LEAVE SEGMENTS
11 OF OUR COMMUNITIES FURTHER BEHIND.

12

13 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR, AND
14 WE'LL GET YOU THOSE MAPS. OBVIOUSLY, WE MAP ALL THE TIME TO
15 TRY TO FIND OUT, WHERE ARE THE PLACES WE NEED TO REALLY
16 CONCENTRATE OUR VACCINATION EFFORTS, FOR ONE; BUT ALSO, WHERE
17 ARE OUR PROMOTORAS AND OUR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS GOING TO
18 BE SENT OUT? WHERE SHOULD WE REALLY IMPROVE ACCESS TO TESTING,
19 AS WELL? BECAUSE, AGAIN, WE RECOGNIZE THAT IT IS COMPLEX. I
20 MEAN, I WISH THERE WERE A SILVER BULLET. I WISH WE COULD SAY,
21 YOU KNOW, EVERYONE JUST NEEDS TO DO ONE THING, AND THEN WE ARE
22 ALL SAFE. OMICRON HAS SHOWN US THAT EVEN VACCINATED AND
23 BOOSTED PEOPLE CAN GET INFECTED, AND THEY CAN SPREAD. AND YOU
24 CAN HAVE AN ALARMING SURGE, EVEN WHEN YOU HAVE CLOSE TO 80% OF
25 YOUR POPULATION, 12 AND OLDER, FULLY VACCINATED. SO, I

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1 APPRECIATE SO MUCH THE LEADERSHIP ON LOOKING AT THE PLACES
2 WHERE PEOPLE ARE HAVING THE WORST OUTCOMES, BECAUSE I THINK
3 THAT IS A PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSIBILITY: NOT TO LEAVE PEOPLE
4 BEHIND, TO CRAFT POLICIES THAT ALLOW EVERYONE TO GET THE KIND
5 OF INFORMATION THAT THEY NEED TO MAKE GOOD DECISIONS, AND THEN
6 CREATE SYSTEMS THAT ACKNOWLEDGE THE COMPLEXITY OF THIS
7 PANDEMIC. AND, YOU KNOW, THE HARDEST-HIT GROUPS HAVE REALLY
8 BEEN OUR ESSENTIAL WORKERS, MANY OF WHOM ARE
9 DISPROPORTIONATELY BLACK AND BROWN, BUT THEY ARE WHITE, AND
10 THEY'RE ASIAN, AND THEY'RE AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVES,
11 AND THEY LIVE ALL ACROSS OUR COUNTY. AND REALLY, WHEN YOU
12 START LOOKING DEEP, YOU SEE THESE POCKETS WHERE FOLKS ARE NOT
13 DOING GREAT. SO, I APPRECIATE THE LEADERSHIP ON THIS, AND
14 AGAIN, IT WOULD BE VERY EASY AND VERY APPEALING TO JUST ALWAYS
15 LINE UP WITH THE STATE, AND I HEAR THAT AS A PREFERENCE FOR
16 SOME. I THINK IT MIGHT ALSO WIDEN OUR GAPS, WHICH I KNOW WOULD
17 CAUSE ME GREAT DIFFICULTY, TO NOT BE PAYING ATTENTION TO THE
18 OBLIGATION TO TRY TO NARROW THE GAPS. THEY ARE NOT EXCLUSIVE.
19 YOU CAN DO BOTH AT THE SAME TIME. YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND CREATE
20 A LOT OF PROTECTIONS, WHILE YOU ARE IN FACT HONORING THE
21 ABILITY FOR US, AS THINGS GET BETTER, TO CHANGE THE SAFETY
22 MITIGATIONS THAT MAKE SENSE. BUT I THINK A SENSIBLE PATH IS,
23 GET US TO LOWER TRANSMISSION, SO THAT WE DON'T RUN A RISK OF
24 WIDENING GAPS UNINTENTIONALLY, HURTING THE VERY SAME GROUP OF

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1 FOLKS WHO WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO DO THE WORK THAT KEEPS THIS
2 ECONOMY RUNNING. SO, APPRECIATE THAT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SOME OF WHOM ARE REPRESENTED
5 BY ORGANIZED LABOR, AND SOME OF WHOM ARE NOT.

6

7 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** RIGHT. I ALSO WANT TO SAY, THERE ARE A LOT
8 OF PEOPLE WHO WANT THE MASK REQUIREMENTS TO REMAIN, AND ARE
9 FEARFUL OF WHAT WILL HAPPEN SHOULD WE REMOVE THEM. I WISH,
10 ALSO, IT WAS LIKE ALL OF THE PEOPLE WANT TO DO "A," AND THEN
11 IT MAKES IT A LOT EASIER TO CONSIDER HOW WE'RE GOING TO HONOR
12 THAT REQUEST. BUT THAT'S ACTUALLY NOT WHAT ANY OF US ARE
13 FACING RIGHT NOW. THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE US TO
14 MOVE IN ONE DIRECTION, AND OTHER PEOPLE WHO ARE VERY FEARFUL
15 IF WE WERE TO MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION AND LIFT THOSE MASK
16 MANDATES, INCLUDING PARENTS OF SCHOOLCHILDREN, PEOPLE WHO WORK
17 IN SCHOOLS, AND PEOPLE WHO WORK IN OUR ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES.

18

19 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** BUT I WOULD APPRECIATE, HOPEFULLY BY OUR
20 NEXT MEETING, BEING ABLE TO SEE A CHART THAT BREAKS DOWN WHERE
21 THOSE 5- TO 11-YEAR-OLDS ARE, AND WHO THEY ARE. I THINK THAT
22 WOULD BE VERY... THAT WILL BE INFORMATIVE TO ME, GIVEN THE
23 DISTRICT I REPRESENT. I APPRECIATE THAT. DR. GHALY, I HAVE
24 HEARD FROM FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS THAT THEY HAVE BEGUN
25 TO RECEIVE THE TEST KITS THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS

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1 PROMISED FOLKS, AND HAVE BEGUN TO MAIL THEM. I AM CURIOUS AS
2 TO WHETHER YOU OR ANYONE ARE TRACKING HOW MANY OF THOSE KITS
3 ARE COMING INTO L.A. COUNTY. DOES IT MATTER? DOES THAT FACTOR
4 INTO OUR PLANS, IN TERMS OF CONTINUING TO MAKE KITS AVAILABLE?
5 I'M JUST CURIOUS.

6

7 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** YES, I STILL HAVEN'T RECEIVED MY TEST KIT
8 THAT I ORDERED. THEY ARE STARTING TO COME IN, AND I HAVE HEARD
9 THAT THEY ARE STARTING TO COME IN. WE ARE NOT TRACKING THAT
10 WITHIN D.H.S. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
11 HEALTH IS TRACKING THAT, BUT I WILL LET DR. FERRER CORRECT ME
12 IF I'M WRONG THERE. WE DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO THAT INFORMATION
13 THROUGH WHICH TO DO SO. GIVEN THE VOLUME OF TEST KITS THAT IS
14 BEING DISTRIBUTED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WE ARE NOT
15 FACTORING THAT AT ALL INTO OUR STRATEGY FOR DISTRIBUTING
16 P.C.R. TEST KITS, AT THIS POINT IN TIME.

17

18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** GOT IT. THANK YOU. DR. FERRER, ANY
19 COMMENT, OR NO?

20

21 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** WE ARE ALSO NOT ABLE TO TRACK THAT,
22 BECAUSE THE WAY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SET UP THAT SYSTEM,
23 THERE WOULD BE NO ABILITY TO TRACK. I WILL TELL YOU WHAT WE
24 THINK IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY, IS TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE KNOW THAT
25 THEY CAN GO AHEAD AND ORDER, AND TO HELP THEM ORDER, IN SOME

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1 SITUATIONS WHERE THEY DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO DOING THAT
2 THEMSELVES. SO, THERE IS A PHONE NUMBER. I THINK MANY PEOPLE
3 THINK YOU ONLY CAN ORDER ONLINE, BUT YOU ACTUALLY CAN ORDER
4 OVER THE PHONE. SO, OUR CALL CENTER HAS BEEN TRYING TO
5 FACILITATE MAKING SURE THAT PEOPLE KNOW THAT THIS IS SOMETHING
6 THEY CAN GET, AND THEY CAN GET FOR FREE.

7

8 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** EXCELLENT. THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY
9 OTHER QUESTIONS OF EITHER DR. FERRER OR DR. GHALY? SEEING
10 NONE, THANK YOU BOTH, AS USUAL, FOR SPENDING THE TIME AND
11 SHARING WITH US YOUR INFORMATION. THIS REPORT IS RECEIVED AND
12 FILED, AND HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.
13 THANK YOU BOTH FOR JOINING US. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 6,
14 IMPLEMENTING AN EQUITABLE COMMERCIAL CANNABIS REGULATORY
15 FRAMEWORK, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR
16 SOLIS, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND ALSO, THANK
19 YOU FOR AGREEING TO CO-AUTHOR THIS MOTION BEFORE US TODAY. IF
20 I COULD JUST GO BACK, MEMBERS, LOOKING AT 2016, AS YOU KNOW,
21 CALIFORNIA VOTERS OVERWHELMINGLY PASSED PROPOSITION 64, THE
22 CONTROL, REGULATE, AND TAX ADULT USE OF MARIJUANA ACT. AND
23 THEN, SHORTLY AFTER THE PASSAGE OF THE PROPOSITION, OUR BOARD
24 ENACTED A BAN ON THE COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF
25 CANNABIS IN UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY, WHICH WAS INTENDED TO

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1 BE TEMPORARY, UNTIL WE COULD DEVELOP AND ESTABLISHED
2 REGULATIONS, TO WHICH WE ARE LOOKING TO IMPLEMENT THROUGH THIS
3 MOTION TODAY. IN 2017, AS YOU RECALL, L.A. COUNTY FIRST
4 EXPLORED IMPLEMENTING A COMMERCIAL CANNABIS PROGRAM, AND THE
5 OFFICE OF CANNABIS MANAGEMENT PUBLISHED A THOROUGH REPORT,
6 HELD BY AN EXTENSIVE STAKEHOLDER PROCESS THAT INCLUDED PUBLIC
7 HEALTH ADVOCATES, INDUSTRY LEADERS, RESEARCHERS, AND COMMUNITY
8 MEMBERS. BUT SINCE THAT TIME, THE FIELD OF CANNABIS
9 REGULATIONS HAS CHANGED DRAMATICALLY, AND WIDESPREAD
10 COMMERCIALIZATION IS CONTINUING TO GAIN MOMENTUM, WITH A
11 MARKET SIZE OF ABOUT \$20 BILLION ACROSS NORTH AMERICA IN 2020
12 AND 2021. HOWEVER, WHILE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE
13 BENEFITING FROM THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES PRESENTED BY THE
14 NEW MARKET, THERE ARE STILL MANY INEQUITIES THAT PERSIST. FOR
15 EXAMPLE, JUST TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA, WHILE LATINOS MAKE UP 19%
16 OF THE U.S. POPULATION, ONLY 5.7 OF AMERICA'S ESTIMATED 30,000
17 CANNABIS COMPANIES ARE OWNED BY LATINOS. THIS IS DESPITE THE
18 MANY SOCIAL EQUITY PROGRAMS WHICH PRIORITIZE APPLICANTS FROM
19 COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY THE
20 WAR ON DRUGS. AND ACCORDINGLY, BACK IN JULY OF 2021, THIS
21 BOARD ASKED O.C.M. TO REVISIT THEIR PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS
22 TO UPDATE THEM WITH BEST PRACTICES AND LESSONS LEARNED, AND
23 RETURN WITH RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WOULD BE FIRMLY ROOTED IN
24 EQUITY. THEIR REPORT-BACK, WHICH WAS PUBLISHED THIS PAST
25 DECEMBER, SETS IN MOTION A CRITICAL PIVOT IN THE WAY WE THINK

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1 ABOUT CANNABIS LICENSING, AND IT IS NOT WITHOUT CHALLENGES.
2 THIS IS ROOTED IN VARIOUS FACTORS, INCLUDING THE FACT THAT
3 CANNABIS CONTINUES TO BE ONE OF THE MOST HIGHLY REGULATED
4 INDUSTRIES IN THE COUNTRY, ALONG WITH HIGH STARTUP COSTS AND
5 NUMEROUS BARRIERS TO ENTRY. ADDITIONALLY, MANY SOCIAL EQUITY
6 APPLICANTS, WHO ARE OFTEN DIRECTED TO THE CANNABIS MARKET AS
7 AN EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD GENERATIONAL WEALTH, ARE
8 EXPECTED TO SUCCEED WITHOUT SUPPORT, TO COMPETE WITH LARGER
9 INDUSTRY SECTORS, AND SUPPORT SYSTEMS THAT INCLUDE ACCESS TO
10 CAPITAL, EDUCATION, AND NETWORKS THAT HELP THOSE BIGGER GROUPS
11 BECOME SUCCESSFUL. NOT CLEAR HOW IT'S HELPING THE SMALL
12 BUSINESS OWNER AND MINORITY BUSINESS OR WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS.
13 THUS, IT'S CLEAR TO ME THAT IF WE WANT TO CREATE A CANNABIS
14 LICENSING PROGRAM THAT CAN REDUCE THOSE INEQUITIES, WE HAVE TO
15 REMOVE THOSE BARRIERS, AND INVEST RESOURCES TO PROMOTE THE
16 CREATION OF A SUSTAINABLE AND A RESPONSIBILITY MARKET. WE WILL
17 LAUNCH THIS PROGRAM WITH A RELATIVELY LOW NUMBER OF INITIAL
18 LICENSINGS, TO BEGIN WITH, AND WE'LL PRIORITIZE EQUITY AND
19 EQUITY-BUILDING APPLICANTS WITH UP TO 25 RETAIL, 25 DELIVERY,
20 TEN CULTIVATION, TEN MANUFACTURING, AND TEN DISTRIBUTION, AND
21 TEN LICENSING. TO PREVENT THE OVERCONCENTRATION OF THESE
22 BUSINESSES IN LOW-INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS AND OTHERS, COUNTY
23 DEPARTMENTS WILL ALIGN ZONING CODES WITH STATE LAW IN COUNTY'S
24 ALCOHOL OUTLET ZONING ORDINANCES, TO CREATE A 600-FEET BUFFER
25 FOR ALL SENSITIVE USES. AND AS RESEARCH INDICATES, A WELL-

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1 REGULATED AND COMPLIANT CANNABIS BUSINESS CAN MITIGATE CRIME
2 RATES IN THOSE VICINITIES. THE NUMBER OF UNREGULATED AND
3 ILLEGAL CANNABIS POP-UPS OPERATING WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED
4 AREAS HAS STEADILY INCREASED OVER THE PAST YEARS, PUTTING
5 CONSUMERS AT RISK BY POTENTIALLY PROVIDING TAINTED AND
6 UNREGULATED PRODUCTS, AND CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT OF ORGANIZED
7 CRIME TO INFILTRATE AND THRIVE. ENFORCEMENT, MEMBERS, ALONE
8 ISN'T ENOUGH. AND I DO BELIEVE THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A
9 MARKETPLACE TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF LEGAL CANNABIS PRODUCTS,
10 AND LIMIT THE HEALTH RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH AN UNREGULATED
11 MARKETPLACE. WE'LL ALSO BE ASKING OUR DEPARTMENTS TO CONTINUE
12 TO WORK CLOSELY WITH SOCIAL EQUITY APPLICANTS, OUR RESIDENTS,
13 LABOR PARTNERS, INDUSTRY, NONPROFITS, PHILANTHROPY, TO ENSURE
14 WE ARE INCLUSIVE, AND THAT ALL VOICES ARE BROUGHT TO THE TABLE
15 IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS ROBUST EQUITY PROGRAM THAT WILL
16 BUILD, IN MY OPINION, PATHWAYS TO JOBS, ENTREPRENEURSHIP,
17 WORKER PROTECTIONS, AND WEALTH IN THESE COMMUNITIES. THIS
18 WORK, AS YOU KNOW, WILL BE CHALLENGING, BUT WE KNOW THAT THE
19 STATUS QUO CAN'T GO ON THE WAY IT IS. O.C.M.'S REPORT LAYS OUT
20 A STRONG REGULATORY FRAMEWORK AND PRIORITIES THAT IS THE
21 FOUNDATION OF THIS WORK TODAY. ACCORDINGLY, WE MOVE TO APPROVE
22 THE REPORT, AND ASK O.C.M. AND ALL IMPACTED DEPARTMENTS TO
23 START THE WORK OF DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING THE FRAMEWORK
24 THEREIN. I WANT TO THANK ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS. I WANT TO THANK
25 THOSE PEOPLE THAT CALLED IN TODAY. AND I ALSO WANT TO REASSURE

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1 THE BOARD THAT WE WANT TO PROVIDE FAIRNESS, SO THAT NO
2 DISTRICT IS OVERPOPULATED OR OVERBURDENED WITH THE PILOT
3 PROGRAM, AS WE BEGIN AND AS WE MOVE FORWARD. I THINK WE ARE
4 LOOKING AT EVERYTHING WITH A BETTER EQUITY LENS, AND MAKING
5 SURE THAT WE DON'T HARM OUR COMMUNITIES, AS WELL. BECAUSE IN
6 MANY WAYS, THE WAR ON POVERTY, THE WAR ON CRIME, AND WHAT HAVE
7 YOU, HAS BEEN CONCENTRATED IN MANY OF OUR LOW-INCOME
8 COMMUNITIES. AND BELIEVE ME, I DON'T WANT TO GO THERE, AS
9 WELL. SO, MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING A CO-
10 AUTHOR, AND I ASK FOR AN AYE VOTE FROM MY MEMBERS. THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND I
13 APPRECIATE BEING INVITED TO CO-AUTHOR THIS REALLY IMPORTANT,
14 TIMELY MOTION WITH YOU, BECAUSE THIS CLEARLY HAS BEEN A LONG
15 TIME COMING FOR THE COUNTY. IT'S BEEN OVER FIVE YEARS, AS WE
16 ALL KNOW, SINCE A MAJORITY OF CALIFORNIANS VOTED TO APPROVE
17 PROP 64, WHICH OF COURSE LEGALIZED CANNABIS STATEWIDE. SO
18 TODAY, AFTER MUCH STUDY AND DELIBERATION, WE ARE ASKING THAT
19 OUR OFFICE OF CANNABIS MANAGEMENT MOVE FORWARD TO CREATE A
20 CANNABIS LICENSING PROGRAM. WE'VE LISTENED TO STAKEHOLDERS,
21 WE'VE ASSESSED OPTIONS, AND NOW IS THE TIME TO IMPLEMENT. THE
22 STAKES CONTINUE TO BE HIGH. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE
23 IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM THAT DOESN'T SUFFER FROM THE PITFALLS WE
24 HAVE WITNESSED BY OTHER JURISDICTIONS. PROP 64, PASSED IN
25 2016, LEFT LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES CONTINUING TO EXPERIENCE

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1 HARM MOST ACUTELY, WITHOUT EXPERIENCING ANY OF THE PROMISED
2 NEW ECONOMIC OR IMPROVED WELLBEING OPPORTUNITIES. OUR BLACK
3 AND BROWN COMMUNITIES HAVE BORNE THE BRUNT OF CANNABIS
4 CRIMINALIZATION IN THIS NATION FOR DECADES. WE ARE NEARLY FOUR
5 TIMES AS LIKELY AS OUR WHITE COUNTERPARTS TO BE ARRESTED FOR
6 CANNABIS-RELATED VIOLATIONS, ACCORDING TO THE A.C.L.U., EVEN
7 THOUGH OUR CANNABIS CONSUMPTION IS ROUGHLY THE SAME RATE. BIAS
8 CONTINUES TO EXIST. IN THIS COUNTY, WE ARE HOPING THAT
9 ENTREPRENEURS THAT HAVE BEEN MOST HARMED BY THE WAR ON DRUGS
10 WILL BE PROVIDED THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES, WITH RESOURCES AND
11 SUPPORT TO ENSURE THAT THEIR BUSINESS OPERATIONS ARE
12 SUCCESSFUL. IN ADDITION TO AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A
13 PROGRAM CENTERED ON EQUITY, THIS MOTION REQUIRES THAT WE
14 CONTINUE TO ANALYZE HOW PERMITTING THESE BUSINESSES IN OUR
15 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES WILL AFFECT THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR
16 ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS. WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN FROM THE
17 JURISDICTIONS THAT HAVE GONE BEFORE US IN CREATING REGULATORY
18 FRAMEWORKS, AND I EXPECT THAT ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS SHOULD AND
19 WILL BENEFIT. I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR CONTINUED WORK WITH THE
20 OFFICE OF CANNABIS MANAGEMENT, TO ENSURE THAT WE CONTINUE TO
21 LISTEN AND MAXIMIZE THE BENEFITS OF THOSE COMMUNITIES WHICH
22 HAVE HISTORICALLY BEEN HARMED, WHILE WE CONTINUE TO ADDRESS
23 ENFORCEMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND OTHER CRITICAL ISSUES. SO,
24 AGAIN, I WANT TO JOIN YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, IN THANKING ALL
25 OF THE DEPARTMENTS WHO'VE COME TOGETHER TO DEVELOP THE DRAFT

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1 LANGUAGE THAT WE HAVE BEFORE OUR COLLEAGUES TODAY. I KNOW
2 SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR BARGER HAVE REQUESTED TO SPEAK,
3 AND WE'RE GOING TO START WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU TO
6 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND YOURSELF FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION
7 FORWARD. I REMEMBER VERY WELL FOUR YEARS AGO, WHEN OUR BOARD
8 FIRST CONSIDERED LEGALIZING COMMERCIAL CANNABIS IN THE
9 UNINCORPORATED AREAS. BUT WE WEREN'T QUITE READY YET, AND I
10 WAS ONE OF THOSE THAT WASN'T QUITE READY YET. AT THE TIME, I
11 STILL HAD TOO MANY QUESTIONS. I HAD SOME OF MY COMMUNITIES
12 THAT WERE VERY MUCH OPPOSED TO US DOING ANYTHING, AND I FELT
13 LIKE-- YOU KNOW, I DIDN'T THINK WE NEEDED TO RUSH TO DO THIS.
14 BUT I BELIEVE IT'S BEEN ENOUGH TIME NOW. WE HAVE SEEN MANY
15 OTHER JURISDICTIONS-- LOCAL, STATE, NATIONAL-- MOVE FORWARD
16 WITH LEGALIZATION, AND I THINK WE ARE FINALLY READY, WHICH IS
17 WHY, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU AND I INTRODUCED THAT MOTION LAST
18 JULY, ASKING OUR OFFICE OF CANNABIS MANAGEMENT TO REVISIT THE
19 PREVIOUS 2017 REPORT, AND COME UP WITH SOME UPDATED
20 RECOMMENDATIONS. AND I BELIEVE THEY DID A GREAT JOB. THEY
21 WORKED WITH STAKEHOLDERS. THEY LOOKED AT SUCCESSES AND
22 FAILURES TO GATHER THE LESSONS LEARNED, AND PUT TOGETHER
23 GUIDELINES FOR AN EQUITABLE CANNABIS REGULATORY FRAMEWORK. I
24 THINK THE PUBLIC WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING SOME OF THE
25 PROVISIONS INCLUDED IN THIS FRAMEWORK. FOR EXAMPLE, IT

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1 RECOMMENDS ALIGNING WITH THE STATE FOR ZONING REQUIREMENTS
2 THAT WOULD PROHIBIT ANY CANNABIS BUSINESS FROM BEING WITHIN
3 600 FEET OF SCHOOLS, DAY CARES, PARKS, LIBRARIES. IT ALSO
4 RECOMMENDS A PHASED-IN APPROACH THAT BEGINS WITH GIVING ONLY
5 25 RETAIL LICENSES ACROSS THE WHOLE COUNTY. AND IT EMPHASIZES
6 THE DANGERS OF ILLEGAL AND UNREGULATED CANNABIS BUSINESSES,
7 WITH THE IMPORTANCE OF STRONG SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR LEGAL
8 BUSINESSES, AND HEIGHTENED ENFORCEMENT AGAINST THE ILLEGAL
9 ONES. SO, OVERALL, I THINK WE HAVE A VERY STRONG INITIAL
10 FRAMEWORK TO LEGALIZE AND REGULATE OUR CANNABIS BUSINESSES IN
11 UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY. I THINK IT BALANCES WHAT THE
12 VOTERS OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORTED WHEN THEY APPROVED PROP 64,
13 BACK IN 2016, WHILE IT ALSO PROTECTS AND PRIORITIZES PUBLIC
14 SAFETY AND EQUITY. I'M HAPPY TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. I THINK
15 IT IS FINALLY TIME FOR THE COUNTY TO MOVE FORWARD IN THIS
16 AREA. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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20 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS
21 AND YOU FOR BRINGING FORWARD THIS MOTION TODAY. I ALSO WANT TO
22 RECOGNIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, AS
23 WELL AS THE OFFICE OF CANNABIS MANAGEMENT, FOR THEIR HARD WORK
24 ON THIS EFFORT. AND IT'S TAKEN A LOT OF WORK AND A LOT OF
25 BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER, TO REALLY PUT TOGETHER WHAT WE HAVE

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1 BEFORE US. WHEN CALIFORNIA VOTERS APPROVED RECREATIONAL
2 CANNABIS IN 2016, THE IDEA WAS THAT LEGALIZATION WOULD ADDRESS
3 MANY OF THE DISPARITIES THAT RESULTED FROM ITS
4 CRIMINALIZATION. MORE THAN FIVE YEARS LATER, JURISDICTIONS
5 ACROSS THE STATE AND NATION HAVE TAKEN DIFFERENT APPROACHES
6 FROM WHICH WE, AS A COUNTY, CAN LEARN. AS WE CONSIDER THE
7 PRELIMINARY STEPS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR A LEGALIZED
8 FRAMEWORK, I BELIEVE IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE ALSO ACCOUNT FOR
9 SOME OF THE CONSEQUENCES THAT WERE UNFORESEEN BACK IN 2016.
10 WITH EQUITY BEING AT THE FOREFRONT OF THIS CONVERSATION, IT IS
11 IMPORTANT THAT WE ADDRESS THE INEQUITIES OF THOSE UNINTENDED
12 CONSEQUENCES. THE FEBRUARY 7TH, 2017, MOTION, APPROVED BY THIS
13 BOARD, ASKS FOR, QUOTE, "THE BEST PRACTICES FOR LAND USE,
14 WHICH LIMIT AND/OR ADDRESS ANY IMPACTS TO BLIGHT AND THE
15 HEALTH AND SAFETY OF COUNTY NEIGHBORHOODS, AND THAT ALSO
16 ADHERE TO PREVIOUS COUNTY RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE
17 EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT." DESPITE THE INTENT OF EQUITABLE
18 DEVELOPMENT, THE REPORT ISSUED BY D.C.B.A. POINTS OUT THAT
19 ZONING RECOMMENDATIONS PROVIDED TO THIS BOARD IN 2018 LIMITED
20 THESE BUSINESSES TO INDUSTRIAL AND INDUSTRIAL-ADJACENT AREAS,
21 WHICH CREATED A DE FACTO BAN AND CONCENTRATION OF THESE
22 BUSINESSES IN THE FIRST, SECOND, AND FIFTH DISTRICTS.
23 CONVERSELY, SOME COMMUNITIES HAVE HAD TO BEAR THE BURDEN OF
24 THE PROLIFERATION OF ILLICIT CANNABIS BUSINESSES, WHICH HAVE
25 CONTINUALLY POPPED UP IN OUR UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES.

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1 ADDITIONALLY, MY CONSTITUENTS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY HAVE
2 FACED THE GROWING DANGERS OF ILLEGAL CANNABIS GROWS, WHICH
3 POSE BOTH A PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE. WHILE WE
4 ARE, AS A BOARD, TAKING INITIAL STEPS TO ADDRESS PART OF THE
5 ISSUE THROUGH THE NUANCE ABATEMENT MOTION THAT SUPERVISOR
6 KUEHL AND I CO-AUTHORED, OUR ACTIONS MUST REMEDY
7 OVERCONCENTRATION AND THE UNDERMINING EFFECTS OF ILLICIT
8 CANNABIS. SOME OF THESE EFFECTS WERE POINTED OUT BY M.B.R.,
9 WHICH REPORTED THAT AN ESTIMATED 80% TO 90% OF CANNABIS SALES
10 IN CALIFORNIA FALL INTO WHAT THEY CALL LEGAL GRAY ZONES. THE
11 REALITY IS THAT STRONG ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS AND ADEQUATE
12 DETERRENTS MUST BE IN PLACE TO ADDRESS THE UNDERMINING OF
13 LEGAL EFFORTS. ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS GIVEN TO THIS BOARD
14 WAS THE PROPOSAL OF GRANTS INSTEAD OF LOANS, BECAUSE OF THE
15 EXPERIENCE OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS, WHICH HAVE HAD DIFFICULTY
16 RECOVERING LOANS. WHILE LEGALIZATION OF CANNABIS HAS BEEN
17 TOUTED AS A POTENTIAL SOURCE OF TAX REVENUE, THE
18 RECOMMENDATIONS ARE TO REINVEST TAX REVENUES UNTIL AN
19 UNFORESEEN DATE, WHEN THE LEGAL INDUSTRY MEETS A CERTAIN
20 THRESHOLD. MY HOPE IS THAT WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO REDUCE THE
21 POSSIBILITIES OF MORE UNFORESEEN CONSEQUENCES FOR ALL OF OUR
22 COMMUNITIES; NOT JUST THE FIFTH, BUT ACROSS THE BOARD. WITH
23 THAT-- AND I APPRECIATE WHAT YOU SAID, SUPERVISOR SOLIS-- I
24 WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT WE INCLUDE NECESSARY PROVISIONS IN ANY
25 DRAFT AMENDMENTS OF THE PROPOSED COUNTY ORDINANCES THAT WILL

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1 PREVENT THE OVERSATURATION OF OPERATORS, EITHER BY TYPE OF
2 LICENSE OR NUMBER OF TOTAL LICENSES AMONG SUPERVISORIAL
3 DISTRICTS AND OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES. AND WITH THAT, AGAIN,
4 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,
5 FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WOULD YOU
8 LIKE TO RESPOND?

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10 **SUP. SOLIS:** HOLD ON. HERE I AM. OKAY. YEAH. I AGREE THAT WE
11 DON'T WANT TO SEE AN OVERCONCENTRATION, AND I DO THINK THAT
12 THE WHOLE EQUITY FRAMEWORK THAT WE ARE USING HERE WILL HELP
13 GUIDE THAT. AND AS SUCH, I KNOW, AS WE MOVE ALONG-- AND THE
14 DEPARTMENTS ARE LISTENING TO US RIGHT NOW-- THAT THAT'S WHERE
15 WE WANT TO GO WITH THIS. SO, YES, EVERYTHING YOU ARE SAYING
16 WILL BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION, AND I THINK THAT MY CO-
17 AUTHOR WOULD AGREE WITH THAT, AS WELL.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER:** AND IT WASN'T AN AMENDMENT. I WAS JUST BRINGING
20 IT UP.

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22 **SUP. SOLIS:** RIGHT. EXACTLY. BUT IT IS HEARD, AND I KNOW THE
23 INTENTION, AND I KNOW THAT THE DEPARTMENTS WILL BE WORKING
24 WITH US.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** AND I APPRECIATE THAT. THANK YOU.

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3 **SUP. SOLIS:** OKAY, VERY GOOD. MADAM CHAIR, I ASK FOR YOUR AYE
4 VOTE.

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6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YES. GOT IT. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR
7 COMMENTS? ALL RIGHT. SEEING NONE, HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS,
8 ITEM SIX IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND I WILL
9 PROUDLY SECOND TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
10 CALL THE ROLL.

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

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14 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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18 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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22 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

23

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

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

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

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11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 7, SOLIDIFYING THE ROLE OF
12 PROMOTORAS DE SALUD IN COUNTY SERVICES, WHICH WAS HELD BY
13 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND TO MY
16 COLLEAGUES, I KNOW WE HEARD A LOT FROM SOME OF OUR CALLERS
17 THAT CALLED IN EARLIER, REGARDING THIS ITEM, AND I CAN'T TELL
18 YOU HOW PROUD I AM THAT WE HAVE HAD THE LUXURY HERE IN THE
19 STATE OF CALIFORNIA OF HAVING PROMOTORAS FOR DECADES, SERVING
20 OUR MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS, HELPING TO FILL THAT GAP
21 WHERE WE SEE A DISPARITY AND INEQUITIES IN OUR HEALTHCARE. AND
22 PUT SIMPLY, I THINK THAT PEOPLE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT THESE
23 HEALTHCARE WORKERS-- WE CALL THEM PROMOTORAS-- IT IS A MODEL
24 THAT WAS USED IN LATIN AMERICA DECADES AGO, AND IT CAME HERE
25 TO OUR COUNTRY, AND IT'S BEEN USED IN VARIOUS OTHER PLACES

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1 AROUND OUR COUNTRY. I'M VERY PROUD THAT, EVEN AS FORMER
2 SECRETARY OF LABOR, WE WERE THERE, PROMOTING THE USE OF THESE
3 HEALTH NAVIGATORS IN THE FORM OF PROMOTORAS. AND IT IS A WAY,
4 I THINK, OF REALLY GETTING PEOPLE FROM THE COMMUNITY, OUT FOR
5 THE COMMUNITY. AND I THINK THAT'S ONE OF THE BIGGEST THINGS
6 THAT I CAN SAY THAT I REALLY BELIEVE WORKS FOR THE PROGRAM,
7 BECAUSE THEY INDEED ARE TRUSTED MESSENGERS THAT CAN DELIVER
8 GOOD INFORMATION TO THOSE VULNERABLE RESIDENTS, TO DIRECT THEM
9 TO THE RESOURCES IN A CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY COMPETENT
10 MANNER. AND IN FACT THE NAME, AGAIN, AS I SAID, COMES FROM
11 LATIN AMERICA, BUT THE PROGRAM ISN'T EXCLUSIVELY JUST FOR
12 LATINOS. IT STARTED OUT THAT WAY YEARS AGO, IN THE MIGRANT AND
13 SEASONAL FARM-WORKING AREAS AND COMMUNITIES HERE IN
14 CALIFORNIA, AND THEN THEY WERE UTILIZED TO HELP US IN 1988, TO
15 HELP COMBAT H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. AND SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW THEY
16 PLAY A REAL ESSENTIAL ROLE HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
17 AND HAVE DONE, I THINK, A TREMENDOUS JOB, ESPECIALLY DURING
18 AND BEFORE THE PANDEMIC, TO HELP BRING DOWN STRUCTURAL
19 BARRIERS, AND REALLY PROVIDE GOOD INFORMATION AND RESOURCES
20 AND DIRECTION TO SO MANY PEOPLE WHO OTHERWISE WOULD NOT BE
21 RECEIVING THIS TYPE OF SERVICE. LANGUAGE BARRIERS, AS YOU
22 KNOW, TRANSPORTATION ISSUES, AND MISTRUST OF THE HEALTHCARE
23 SYSTEM ALL CREATE BARRIERS FOR OUR RESIDENTS AND PATIENTS TO
24 ACCESS GOOD HEALTHCARE. SO, IF WE CAN BREAK THOSE BARRIERS
25 DOWN AND IMPROVE ACCESS, WE WILL SAVE THE COUNTY A LOT OF

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1 MONEY, I CAN TELL YOU THAT. AND I WANT TO COMMEND OUR THREE
2 HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, WHO ALL UTILIZE, CURRENTLY, THE PROMOTORAS
3 PROGRAM TO HELP ADVANCE HEALTH EQUITY, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE.
4 WE HAVE EVEN USED THOSE PROMOTORAS TO GO OUT AND PUT BOOTS ON
5 THE GROUND TO TALK ABOUT INEQUITIES, WITH RESPECT TO THE EXIDE
6 FACILITY THAT POISONED MANY OF OUR HOUSEHOLDS IN EAST L.A. WE
7 DID IT WITH [INAUDIBLE], SUPERVISOR HAHN. THE MODEL IS THERE,
8 AND I THINK THAT IT IS VERY ESSENTIAL FOR ALL OF US TO
9 UNDERSTAND JUST HOW IMPORTANT IT IS. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT,
10 AS A BOARD, WE PASSED A MOTION IN 2020 TO EXPAND THE
11 PROMOTORAS PROGRAM TO OTHER COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING THOSE WHO
12 PRIMARILY SPEAK ARMENIAN, CAMBODIAN, VIETNAMESE, MANDARIN, AND
13 ARABIC, INCLUDING OTHER LANGUAGES. AND AS THE PANDEMIC
14 EXPANDED, THE ROLE OF PROMOTORAS FURTHER HELPED US TO
15 ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO GET VACCINATED, ESPECIALLY IN AREAS WHERE
16 PEOPLE WERE RELUCTANT TO GET VACCINATED. I COULD GO ON AND ON,
17 BUT I DO BELIEVE THAT THIS BOARD HAS BEEN SUPPORTIVE, AND
18 WOULD REALLY ASK FOR ALL OF US TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. I AM
19 ASKING THE C.E.O. IN THE MOTION, AND OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENTS,
20 TO COORDINATE EFFORTS TO BRING DOWN FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING;
21 ALSO, UTILIZE ANY AVAILABLE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS TO
22 SUPPORT THE LONG-TERM VIABILITY OF A PERMANENT PROGRAM, SO IT
23 SHOULDN'T JUST BE A ONE-TIME-OFF SITUATION; AND ALSO, TO
24 INSTRUCT ADVOCATES IN SACRAMENTO AND WASHINGTON, D.C., TO PUSH
25 FOR MORE REVENUE TO SUPPORT AND EXPAND THE PROMOTORAS

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1 INITIATIVE. IT FURTHER ENSURES THAT THE FEDERAL C.A.R.E.S. AND
2 A.R.P.A. DOLLARS WE HAVE ALLOCATED TO THE PROGRAMS ARE BEING
3 USED TO SUPPORT THE PROMOTORAS PROGRAM, AND IT ALSO ASKS OUR
4 DEPARTMENT TO REPORT BACK ON OTHER INITIATIVES THAT CAN
5 UTILIZE PROMOTORAS WITH LONG-TERM FUNDING, SUCH AS CONNECTING
6 MORE RESIDENTS TO CARE, AND ADDRESSING CHRONIC CONDITIONS LIKE
7 DIABETES AND S.T.D.S. SO, I AM PROUD THAT THIS BOARD HAS MADE
8 HEALTH EQUITY A PRIORITY, AND HAS HELPED PUT THOSE WORDS INTO
9 ACTION. SO WITH THAT, MADAM CHAIR, I ASK RESPECTFULLY FOR YOUR
10 AYE VOTE, AND HELP US BRIDGE THE GAP AND CLOSE THESE
11 HEALTHCARE DISPARITIES. THANK YOU.

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

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15 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
16 SOLIS, FOR DOING THIS. AND I TOTALLY AGREE THAT OUR PROMOTORAS
17 ARE UNIQUELY TALENTED, AND THEY REALLY ARE A KEY TO US
18 ACHIEVING HEALTH EQUITY, AND THE KEY TO ACHIEVING A LOT OF OUR
19 INITIATIVES HERE IN THE COUNTY. I HAD A CHANCE TO SEE THE
20 PROMOTORAS IN ACTION WHEN I JOINED ASSEMBLYMEMBER GIBSON, WHEN
21 WE WENT DOOR TO DOOR IN WILMINGTON. WE HAD 200 VOLUNTEERS
22 GOING DOOR TO DOOR, AND PUBLIC HEALTH HAD THEIR PROMOTORAS
23 HELPING WITH THE OUTREACH, WITH THE EDUCATION. AND THIS WAS
24 ALL ABOUT MAKING SURE PEOPLE GOT VACCINATED IN WILMINGTON. AND
25 OVER THE PAST YEARS, THIS BOARD HAS SUPPORTED THE DEVELOPMENT

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1 AND EXPANSION OF PROMOTORAS THROUGH C.A.R.E.S. ACT AND THE
2 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING. BUT I THINK WHAT IS
3 IMPORTANT ABOUT THIS, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, IS THAT WE RECOGNIZE
4 THAT THESE ARE ONE-TIME FUNDING SOURCES, AND THIS MOTION WANTS
5 TO IDENTIFY SUSTAINABLE FUNDING AND WAYS IN WHICH THE COUNTY
6 CAN EXPAND THE SERVICES PROVIDED WITH THE PROMOTORAS. SO THANK
7 YOU FOR THAT, AND I SUPPORT IT, WHOLEHEARTEDLY.

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN. I
10 WOULD JUST LIKE TO ADD, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I COULDN'T AGREE
11 MORE WITH EVERYTHING THAT HAS BEEN SAID. TWO THUMBS UP, AND I
12 AM PROUD TO SUPPORT TODAY. AND WHEN I RAN THE CALIFORNIA BLACK
13 WOMEN'S HEALTH PROJECT 25 YEARS AGO, WE HAD AN EARLY MODEL IN
14 THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY, USING THE PROMOTORAS MODEL,
15 USING THE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER MODEL, TO HELP ADDRESS
16 ISSUES LIKE CHRONIC OBESITY, DIABETES, AND MATERNAL MORBIDITY,
17 AND THE BLACK INFANT HEALTH RATE THAT IS, PAINFULLY, STILL
18 DISPROPORTIONATELY HIGH, NOT ONLY IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
19 BUT L.A. COUNTY. SO IT IS A MODEL THAT WORKS, PARTICULARLY IN
20 COMMUNITIES THAT, AS SECRETARY YOLANDA RICHARDSON HAS SO
21 FAMOUSLY SAID, HAVE BEEN HARDLY REACHED, COMMUNITIES THAT
22 DON'T HAVE CONSISTENT ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE SERVICES OR SERVICE
23 MODELS THAT REFLECT THEIR UNIQUE CULTURAL LINGUISTIC NEEDS.
24 AND SO THE PROMOTORAS MODEL IS SOMEONE WHO LOOKS LIKE YOU, WHO
25 SPEAKS YOUR LANGUAGE AND UNDERSTANDS THE CULTURAL KIND OF

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1 VALUES AND MORES THAT GO ON TO HOW WE ATTAIN HEALTHCARE
2 DELIVERY SYSTEMS, AS WELL AS TALKING ABOUT HEALTH FROM A
3 PERSPECTIVE OF NOT JUST THE ABSENCE OF DISEASE, BUT HOW WOMEN
4 CAN TALK TO OTHER WOMEN ABOUT HOW TO BE PROACTIVE IN THEIR OWN
5 HEALTH, AND MANAGING THEIR OWN HEALTH SYSTEM. IN MY DISTRICT,
6 MAMA'S NEIGHBORHOOD IS A PERFECT MODEL THAT HAS WORKED WITH
7 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, AND AGAIN, HAS SHOWN A 79%
8 DECREASE IN PRE-TERM BIRTHS FOR BLACK WOMEN. THAT'S
9 SIGNIFICANT, AGAIN, GIVEN THE BLACK INFANT MORTALITY AND
10 MORBIDITY RATES WE STILL SUFFER HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. SO,
11 AGAIN, PROUD TO SUPPORT YOUR MOTION TODAY. SEEING NO OTHER
12 HANDS RAISED, AND HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 7 IS BEFORE
13 US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO
14 APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

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19 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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23 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

24

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

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2 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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6 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

9 MITCHELL?

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

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

14 5-0.

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 8, RESTARTING EFFORTS TO ADDRESS

17 FOOD INSECURITY BY AMENDING THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

18 SPENDING PLAN, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR?

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AS YOU KNOW, ALMOST

21 TWO YEARS THAT WE HAVE BEEN GOING THROUGH THIS PANDEMIC, IT

22 REALLY ALTERED OUR LIVES AND THE RESIDENTS THAT WE SERVE HERE

23 IN THE COUNTY. IN THOSE EARLY DAYS OF C.O.V.I.D., WE SAW

24 GROCERY SHELVES BARE, FOLLOWING THE IMMENSE FEAR OF WHAT WAS

25 TO COME. AND ALTHOUGH THOSE SHELVES HAVE BEEN RESTOCKED, FOOD

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1 INSECURITY REMAINS A SERIOUS CRISIS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND
2 IT IS A CRISIS WE HAVE TO ADDRESS FROM MANY ANGLES, AND ONE
3 THAT REQUIRES US BEING CREATIVE IN MEETING OUR RESIDENTS IN A
4 WAY THAT IS CONVENIENT AND RESPONSIVE TO THEIR NEEDS. AND THAT
5 INCLUDES ENSURING ACCESS TO CALFRESH AND W.I.C. BENEFITS,
6 CONNECTING THEM TO FOOD PANTRIES AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS,
7 BUT IT ALSO NECESSITATES GIVING RESIDENTS THE ACTUAL FOOD TO
8 GET TO THEIR FAMILIES THE NOURISHMENT THAT THEY NEED EVERY
9 SINGLE WEEK. AND I AM THANKFUL THAT THE BOARD HAS MADE
10 ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY A SIGNIFICANT PRIORITY. WE'VE
11 DEDICATED OVER \$20 MILLION IN THE C.A.R.E.S. ACT TO ADDRESS
12 FOOD INSECURITY, AND WE ARE SLATED TO ALLOCATE OVER \$40
13 MILLION ON FOOD INSECURITY. THIS INCLUDES INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS
14 LIKE THE GROCERY VOUCHER PROGRAMS, WHICH I ADVOCATED FOR IN
15 PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNITED PARENTS AND STUDENTS, THAT WERE
16 FOR FAMILIES AND STUDENTS WHO WERE INELIGIBLE FOR CALFRESH.
17 AND IT ALSO INCLUDES MARKET MATCH, GRANTS TO NONPROFIT
18 ORGANIZATIONS, AND MORE. BUT AS THESE PROGRAMS CONTINUE TO
19 TAKE SHAPE, RESIDENTS ARE STILL FACING SEVERE HUNGER. THEY
20 CAN'T WAIT. THAT'S WHY I AUTHORED THIS MOTION FOR YOUR
21 CONSIDERATION TODAY, WHICH WOULD ALLOCATE \$1.5 MILLION FROM
22 THE COMMUNITY FOOD RESOURCE GRANTS TO INSTEAD FUND FOOD
23 DISTRIBUTIONS. THE \$1.5 MILLION WILL THEN BE REALLOCATED TO
24 THE GRANTS DURING THE SECOND TRANCHE OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE
25 PLAN. AND ALTHOUGH OMICRON SURGE IS ON THE DOWNWARD TREND, AS

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1 WE KNOW, WE KNOW THAT OTHER CONSEQUENCES OF THESE SURGES DO
2 NOT DISSIPATE IMMEDIATELY. AND I SEE IT WHEN I GO OUT THERE IN
3 MY COMMUNITY ALMOST EVERY WEEKEND. I HAVE HEARD FROM RESIDENTS
4 IN THE NEW AREAS THAT I REPRESENT, LIKE ROWLAND HEIGHTS, AS
5 WELL AS OTHER PARTS OF EAST LOS ANGELES, AND EVEN NORTHEAST
6 L.A. THEY HAVE ASKED THE COUNTY TO RESTART THESE FOOD
7 DISTRIBUTIONS, AND WITH THIS MOTION WE'LL DO JUST THAT, IN AN
8 EQUITABLE AND DIGNIFIED MANNER. SO, FOR THAT REASON, MADAM
9 CHAIR, I REQUEST MY COLLEAGUES TO VOTE AYE.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
12 ANYONE WISHING TO COMMENT ON THE MOTION? I WILL VERY QUICKLY
13 ADD THAT I APPRECIATE YOU IDENTIFYING A FUNDING SOURCE TO
14 PROVIDE ONGOING SUPPORT OF THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION. I'M CLEAR
15 THAT THIS IS IMPORTANT NOW, BUT I'M SURE YOU WOULD AGREE,
16 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THIS IS REALLY A STOPGAP MEASURE. WE KNOW
17 THE ROOT CAUSE OF FOOD INSECURITY IS DEEPER THAN C.O.V.I.D.
18 AND SO THIS IS AN IMPORTANT FIRST STEP AS WE CONTINUE TO
19 FIGURE OUT WAYS TO ADDRESS SYSTEMIC POVERTY, SYSTEMIC RACISM,
20 SYSTEMIC HOUSING INSECURITY, ALL THE ISSUES THAT LEAD TO FOOD
21 INSECURITY. SEEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 8 IS BEFORE US,
22 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO
23 APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

24

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

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1

2 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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6 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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10 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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14 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

17 MITCHELL?

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

20

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

22 5-0.

23

24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ITEM 13, MEETING THE SHERIFF

25 DEPARTMENT'S OBLIGATION UNDER SENATE BILL 1421, WHICH I HELD.

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1 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR CO-AUTHORING THIS MOTION, AS
2 WELL AS COUNTY COUNSEL, THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, THE
3 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, AND THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, FOR
4 YOUR WORK ON THIS. INCREASING THE PUBLIC'S ACCESS TO THE
5 SHERIFF DEPARTMENT'S RECORDS ON USE OF FORCE AND ALLEGED
6 MISCONDUCT IS INCREASINGLY VITAL TO STRENGTHENING PUBLIC
7 TRUST. THIS MOTION TAKES STEPS TOWARDS ADOPTING AND
8 IMPLEMENTING AN ORDINANCE TO ENSURE THE SHERIFF COMPLIES WITH
9 HIS OBLIGATIONS UNDER STATE LAW, SENATE BILL 1421, THAT I WAS
10 PROUD TO CO-AUTHOR, TO DISCLOSE THESE RECORDS. INSPECTOR
11 GENERAL MAX HUNTSMAN HAS JOINED US, AND IS AVAILABLE TO ANSWER
12 QUESTIONS ANY OF YOU MAY HAVE. I AM GOING TO START, IF YOU
13 DON'T MIND, BY ASKING MR. HUNTSMAN TO SHARE WHAT YOU CAN, WITH
14 REGARD TO THE MOST RECENT DATA ON THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT'S
15 COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW, SENATE BILL 1421.

16
17 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS, AND THANK YOU,
18 SUPERVISOR, FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. I
19 CANNOT PROVIDE YOU STATISTICS, BECAUSE THE SHERIFF'S
20 DEPARTMENT NO LONGER PROVIDES INFORMATION REGARDING COUNTY
21 RECORDS IN THE REGULAR COURSE OF BUSINESS TO COUNTY LAWYERS,
22 MYSELF INCLUDED. I CAN SAY THAT IF YOU LOOK ON THEIR WEBSITE,
23 REGARDING WHERE THE SHERIFF CLAIMS TO HAVE TRANSPARENCY
24 REGARDING SHOOTINGS, YOU WILL SEE THAT ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN
25 AN IMPROVEMENT IN IDENTIFYING THE DEPUTIES INVOLVED IN A

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1 SHOOTING LATELY, THERE ARE NUMEROUS INSTANCES OF CASES WHICH
2 ARE OUTSIDE THE TIME FRAME PROVIDED FOR WITHIN 1421 OF THE
3 PENAL CODE, AND YET THE INFORMATION HAS NOT BEEN MADE
4 AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC, AND IT IS INFORMATION WE ARE NOT
5 ALLOWED TO ACTIVELY MONITOR, THROUGH THE SHERIFF'S OBSTRUCTION
6 OF OUR DUTIES, AND THEY HAVE PROVIDED NO WRITTEN EXPLANATION
7 THAT IS REQUIRED BY THE STATUTE AS TO WHY THEY ARE WITHHOLDING
8 THAT INFORMATION.

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** GIVEN THE MAJOR BACKLOG IN PUBLIC
11 RECORDS ACT REQUESTS, HAS THE DEPARTMENT TOLD YOUR OFFICE HOW
12 MANY STAFF MEMBERS IT HAS DEDICATED TO PROCESSING OF P.R.A.S?

13

14 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** NO. IN FACT, I KNOW FOR A FACT THAT THE
15 SHERIFF'S INFORMATION BUREAU, WHICH I HAVE ALWAYS ADVOCATED
16 SHOULD BE ASSISTING, IS NOT BEING TASKED WITH THAT JOB. THEY
17 DID CANNIBALIZE A BUREAU-- THE AUDITS AND ACCOUNTABILITY
18 BUREAU-- THAT WAS CREATED FOR CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT AND
19 TRANSPARENCY FOR THAT PURPOSE, BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY THEY
20 HAVE CURRENTLY ASSIGNED. RECENTLY, WE ASKED THEM SIMPLY TO
21 TELL US HOW MANY PEOPLE WERE WORKING IN THE INTERNAL CRIMINAL
22 INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU, AND THEY REFUSED TO TELL US. WE GOT A
23 LENGTHY E-MAIL EXPLAINING WHY THEY WOULDN'T TELL US.

24

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. SO, COLLEAGUES, IT'S
2 FOR THESE-- THANK YOU, MR. HUNTSMAN. I APPRECIATE YOU. IT IS
3 FOR THESE REASONS THAT THE MOTION HAS BEEN BROUGHT FORWARD. I
4 CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE WITH OUR NEED TO PASS MOTIONS TO ASK A
5 COUNTY DEPARTMENT LEADER TO FOLLOW STATE LAW, BUT APPARENTLY
6 WE DO. WITH THAT, ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? SUPERVISOR
7 SOLIS?

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU FOR
10 ASKING ME TO CO-AUTHOR THE MOTION WITH YOU. I WILL JUST GET
11 STRAIGHT TO THE POINT. DESPITE THE LAWS, LIKE S.B. 1421 AND
12 THE OVERSIGHT SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, IT HAS BECOME VERY
13 DIFFICULT FOR THE PUBLIC MEDIA AND EVEN THE BOARD TO GET
14 INFORMATION, AS WAS JUST STATED; SPECIFICALLY, INFORMATION ON
15 ALLEGATIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS INTO DEPUTY MISCONDUCT. THE
16 PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA, AS YOU KNOW, HAVE A RIGHT TO REQUEST
17 INFORMATION, REPORTS, AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS UNDER THE
18 CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT AND SENATE BILL 1421, AND TO
19 RECEIVE THE DOCUMENTS IN A REASONABLE AND TIMELY MANNER, TO
20 PROMOTE TRANSPARENCY AND EVEN ACCOUNTABILITY. UNFORTUNATELY,
21 ACCORDING TO THE O.I.G., THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE P.R.A.
22 REQUESTS THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN THE QUEUE IS TAKING MORE THAN
23 180 DAYS TO PROCESS, WHICH HAS LED TO LAWSUITS FILED BY THE
24 L.A. TIMES AND A.C.L.U., IN TURN TAKING AWAY VALUABLE TAXPAYER
25 MONEY. ADDITIONALLY, THE O.I.G., BECAUSE OF THE SHERIFF'S

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1 DEPARTMENT'S CONSTANT BLOCKS, ARE UNABLE TO INDEPENDENTLY
2 INVESTIGATE AND EVEN ACCESS COMPLETE BODY-WORN CAMERA FOOTAGE.
3 AND I'LL REMIND FOLKS THAT THE BODY-WORN CAMERA WAS SOMETHING
4 THAT THIS BOARD ADVOCATED FOR AND FULLY FUNDED, BECAUSE THE
5 PUBLIC NEEDED ANOTHER TOOL IN OVERSIGHT OF THE SHERIFF'S
6 DEPARTMENT. AND FOR THE O.I.G. TO ONLY GET SNIPPETS OF VIDEOS
7 OF DEPUTY-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS, INCLUDING FATAL SHOOTINGS, IS
8 UNHEARD OF, AND YET IT CONTINUES. BECAUSE OF THE SHERIFF'S
9 DEPARTMENT EITHER INABILITY OR REFUSAL TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW,
10 SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN IN LAW SINCE 2019, I AM CO-AUTHORING
11 THIS MOTION TO SHIFT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PRODUCTION OF
12 P.R.A. AND S.B. 1421 DOCUMENTS TO OUR COUNTY COUNSEL. I
13 BELIEVE THAT COUNTY COUNSEL WILL BE BETTER SUITED FOR THE
14 TASK, AND MY EXPECTATION IS THAT COUNTY COUNSEL WILL BE A
15 BETTER PARTNER TO THE PUBLIC, TO THE OVERSIGHT ENTITIES, AND
16 TO THIS BOARD, AND TO BE MORE TRANSPARENT TO TAXPAYERS, AND
17 HOLD THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTABLE TO THE VICTIMS AND
18 SURVIVORS OF DEPUTY MISCONDUCT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

21
22 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THERE'S KIND OF A
23 DISTURBING PATTERN OF NEEDING TO DO WORKAROUNDS, WHERE THE
24 SHERIFF WON'T DO HIS JOB. AND THIS IS NOT THE ONLY DEPARTMENT
25 THAT RECEIVES P.R.A.S, BUT IT IS CERTAINLY THE ONLY DEPARTMENT

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1 THAT FAIRLY CONSISTENTLY TRIES TO PUT BARRIERS IN THE PLACE OF
2 MEETING THEM. I KNOW THAT SOME OF THE FUNDING WILL STILL NEED
3 TO GO TO THE SHERIFF, AND I WANTED TO ASK YOU, MR. HUNTSMAN,
4 HOW MUCH, UNDER THIS NEW MOTION, SHOULD IT PASS TODAY, WOULD
5 WE STILL NEED TO RELY ON THE SHERIFF FOR INFORMATION?

6

7 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** WELL, QUITE A BIT, AT LEAST INITIALLY. AS YOU
8 KNOW, AND AS YOU JUST MENTIONED, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS
9 A WIDE RANGE OF WAYS IN WHICH IT'S BLOCKING ACCESS, BY COUNTY
10 LAWYERS AND COUNTY AGENCIES, TO ITS INFORMATION AND THE
11 PUBLIC'S ACCESS. ONE OF THE PIECES OF THIS BOARD, AND COUNTY
12 COUNSEL'S RESPONSE TO THAT, IS A SERIES OF LITIGATIONS WHICH
13 HAVE TAKEN PLACE TO COMPEL THE SHERIFF TO FOLLOW HIS LEGAL
14 OBLIGATIONS. THOSE HAVE ALL BEEN SUCCESSFUL SO FAR, BUT THEY
15 ARE FAR FROM FINISHED, AND ONE, I THINK, SOON, THAT THIS BOARD
16 HAS REQUESTED IS LITIGATION REGARDING OUR ACCESS TO SOME OF
17 THESE RECORDS WE ARE TALKING ABOUT. SIMILARLY, COUNTY COUNSEL
18 NEEDS ACCESS, AND THAT CAN'T HAPPEN WITHOUT THE SHERIFF'S
19 DEPARTMENT PROVIDING THE DOCUMENTS UNDER THE CURRENT WAY IN
20 WHICH OUR COMPUTER SYSTEMS ARE SET UP. WE ARE HOPING THAT WE
21 CAN GET A LEGAL CHANGE TO THAT PROCESS, SO THAT THE COUNTY
22 LAWYERS CAN HAVE ACCESS TO COUNTY RECORDS. BUT UNTIL THAT
23 HAPPENS, WE ABSOLUTELY NEED THE COOPERATION OF THE SHERIFF'S
24 DEPARTMENT, AND IF THEY DO NOT PULL THE RECORDS AND PROVIDE
25 THEM, THEN THE PUBLIC WILL NEVER SEE THEM.

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1

2 **SUP. KUEHL:** WELL, I WOULD HOPE THAT THERE MIGHT BE A WAY, AND
3 MAYBE THE C.E.O. CAN TELL ME. IF WE WERE TO DESIGNATE FUNDS
4 SPECIFICALLY FOR THIS PURPOSE, DO WE HAVE ANY WAY TO MAKE
5 CERTAIN THAT THE FUNDS ARE USED FOR PERSONNEL THAT WILL DO
6 THESE JOBS?

7

8 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, AND I JUST
9 WANT TO CLARIFY IN YOUR QUESTION: YOU MEAN, IF THE FUNDS ARE
10 DEDICATED TO THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE?

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** NO, TO THE SHERIFF, BECAUSE THERE'S SOME REQUEST
13 FROM THE SHERIFF FOR MORE PERSONNEL, I THINK, AND IF I AM NOT
14 MISTAKEN-- AND I MIGHT BE. I THINK THAT EVEN IN THIS MOTION,
15 WHERE THERE'S ESSENTIALLY A WORKAROUND, BECAUSE, AS MAX JUST
16 SAID, WE STILL NEED TO GET INFORMATION FROM THE SHERIFF'S
17 DEPARTMENT, I THOUGHT THAT THERE WERE SOME... A SENSE OF
18 ALLOCATION FOR MORE PERSONNEL IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
19 ITSELF. I COULD BE WRONG.

20

21 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** SO, UNDERSTOOD, SUPERVISOR. YES, THE
22 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DOES HAVE A CURRENT COMPLEMENT OF STAFF
23 THAT SOME OF THEM ARE DEDICATED TO THIS FUNCTION. IF THE BOARD
24 WERE TO ADOPT THIS MOTION, AND ALLOCATED ADDITIONAL FUNDING,
25 AND WERE IT TO GO TO THE SHERIFF, THE ANSWER IS, AT THE END OF

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1 THE DAY, WE DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO OR CONTROL OF WHAT THOSE
2 EMPLOYEES WOULD DO ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS. WE KNOW WHAT THEY
3 ARE SUPPOSED TO DO ON PAPER, BUT IN TERMS OF A PERSON SITTING
4 AT A DESK, IN A CHAIR, AND RECEIVING DIRECTIONS FROM A
5 SUPERVISOR TO DO OR NOT DO SOMETHING, WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO
6 CONTROL THAT.

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL:** YOU KNOW, I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN VERY IN FAVOR OF
9 INDEPENDENCE. I LIKE INDEPENDENTLY ELECTED. BUT IN THIS CASE,
10 IT IS TRULY FRUSTRATING FOR THE BASIC NEEDS THAT THE COUNTY
11 HAS, JUST FOR INFORMATION, FOR TRANSPARENCY, AND REALLY FOR
12 INTEGRITY. MAYBE WE COULD GET KERN COUNTY TO TRY TO RECRUIT
13 THE SHERIFF. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND TO YOUR POINT, SUPERVISOR
16 KUEHL, THE SECOND SECTION OF THE MOTION STATES THAT WE WOULD
17 BE INSTRUCTING THE C.E.O., IN CONSULTATION WITH COUNTY COUNSEL
18 AND OTHER RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS, TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD
19 IN WRITING WITH THE FINAL CHANGES FOR THE BUDGET 2022-23, WITH
20 THE APPROPRIATE STAFFING POSITIONS AND A FUNDING PLAN TO BEGIN
21 IMPLEMENTATION OF A UNIT, WITHIN COUNTY COUNSEL, TASKED WITH
22 PROCESSING 1421-RELATED P.R.A.S. AND TO GET TO THE POINT I WAS
23 TRYING TO RAISE EARLIER FROM THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, TO GET A
24 SENSE OF WHERE WE ARE WITH REGARD TO 1421 COMPLIANCE,
25 ACCORDING TO YOUR MOST RECENT REPORT, MR. INSPECTOR GENERAL,

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1 AS OF JANUARY 2020, OVER 70% OF THE P.R.A. REQUESTS UNDER 1421
2 WERE PENDING FOR MORE THAN 180 DAYS AFTER THEY WERE RECEIVED;
3 OVER 2700 REQUESTS WERE OVERDUE, AS OF JULY 2020, JUST TO GIVE
4 US A CONTEXT, IN TERMS OF WHERE WE ARE OR WHERE WE AREN'T, IN
5 TERMS OF COMPLIANCE WITH 1421. THANK YOU, MR. HUNTSMAN,
6 APPRECIATE YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, MEMBERS, ON THIS MOTION?
7 SEEING NO OTHERS, ITEM 13 IS BEFORE US, COLLEAGUES. I WILL
8 MOVE, MAKE THE MOTION TO MOVE IT, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
9 SOLIS-- THANK YOU FOR CO-AUTHORING-- TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.
10 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 13 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 VERY MUCH. ITEM 17, THE
12 PRESENTATION OF CONDITIONS AT L.A. COUNTY JUVENILE HALL.
13 COLLEAGUES, I HELD IT, AND INVITED CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER
14 ADOLFO GONZALES AND OTHERS TO COME AND UPDATE US ON THE
15 REPORT; FUNDAMENTALLY, BECAUSE I BELIEVE WE HAVE A SACRED
16 OBLIGATION TO ENSURE SAFE AND HEALTHY LIVING CONDITIONS FOR
17 THE YOUTH IN OUR CARE. AND THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT
18 COMMISSION'S RECENT FACILITY INSPECTION'S REPORT SHED PAINFUL
19 ADDITIONAL LIGHT ON THE CONDITIONS IN OUR JUVENILE HALLS. SO,
20 CHIEF GONZALES, THANK YOU FOR JOINING US. I'D LIKE YOU TO GIVE
21 US AN OVERVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THE
22 ISSUES IN THIS REPORT; FOLLOWED BY WENDE JULIEN, EXECUTIVE
23 DIRECTOR OF THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. THANK YOU FOR
24 JOINING US, CHIEF GONZALES.

25

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1 **ADOLFO GONZALES:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU FOR
2 HAVING ME. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT IS MY PLEASURE TO BE WITH
3 YOU TODAY. FIRST, AS YOU KNOW, THE BOARD CREATED THIS
4 PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION IN 2021, WHEN IT BECAME
5 ESTABLISHED. I STARTED IN FEBRUARY '21, SO WE STARTED
6 TOGETHER, BASICALLY, AND ONE OF THE MAIN ITEMS OF THE
7 COMMISSION'S RESPONSIBILITY IS THE WALKER INSTITUTE CODE 240,
8 WHICH REQUIRES THE COMMISSION TO PREPARE A REPORT-- AN
9 INSPECTION, IF YOU WILL-- OF THE JUVENILE FACILITY, AS WELL AS
10 THE SAFETY OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE. SO I WELCOMED THE REPORT FROM
11 THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. DURING THIS REPORT, WHICH
12 WAS PRESENTED TO US IN OCTOBER, BEFORE THE P.O.C. MEETING IN
13 OCTOBER, ABOUT A WEEK BEFORE, THERE WERE SOME VISITS TO THE
14 FACILITY. IN ONE CASE, OR A COUPLE CASES, THE COMMISSIONERS
15 ACTUALLY SPOKE TO STAFF AND COMPLAINED ABOUT CERTAIN ITEMS,
16 AND THE STAFF IMMEDIATELY ADDRESSED THOSE. HOWEVER, WE DIDN'T
17 RECEIVE THE REPORT UNTIL LATER. I THINK THAT WAS IN SEPTEMBER
18 AND OCTOBER. WE RECEIVED THE REPORT IN DECEMBER. HOWEVER, IT
19 WAS DUE AT THE SAME TIME WHEN WE HAD THE [INAUDIBLE]
20 INSPECTIONS. WE WERE WORKING ON MANY OF THE SAME ITEMS, AND
21 WHERE WE ARE TODAY IS THAT MANY OF THE ITEMS THAT WERE
22 ADDRESSED IN THE REPORT HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED. BUT, NEEDLESS TO
23 SAY, THERE'S STILL SOME WORK TO BE DONE. THE ISSUE, FOR
24 EXAMPLE, [INAUDIBLE] WAS PART OF THE B.S.C.C. REPORT, AND THAT
25 HAS BEEN ADDRESSED. WITH PROPER DOCUMENTATION, ONE THAT I

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1 FOUND ALSO TROUBLING, WAS I RECEIVED A CALL FROM OUR PUBLIC
2 DEFENDER, REGARDING SOME YOUTH BEING SHACKLED FROM THE
3 COMPOUND. WE LOOKED INTO THAT, AND IN FACT, THAT USED TO BE
4 THE PRACTICE. THOSE ARE SYSTEMIC ISSUES WE SEE IN SOME OF THE
5 PROBATION DEPARTMENT PRACTICES, SO WE IMMEDIATELY WENT AHEAD
6 AND STARTED REVISING THAT POLICY. NOT EVERYBODY WHO IS ON THE
7 COMPOUND IS TO BE TRANSPORTED IN THE FACILITY IN THAT FASHION,
8 EVEN THOUGH IT MAY BE PERMISSIBLE. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
9 WE DO A BETTER JOB IN ASSESSING THAT. SO THAT'S ONE OF THE
10 THINGS. THE OTHER ONE THAT I SAW WAS THE FOOD. I ACTUALLY WENT
11 AND SAMPLED THE FOOD AT CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL, AT BARRY J.,
12 AND A COUPLE OF THE CAMPS. AND I CAN TELL YOU FROM MY PERSONAL
13 EXPERIENCE, SIMILAR TO WHAT I SAW IN SAN DIEGO, THE FOOD IS
14 BLAND. IT DOESN'T HAVE ANY FLAVOR. IN MY CASE, I WAS TOLD,
15 "DON'T ADD HOT SAUCE OR ANYTHING TO THE FOOD." AND SO IT'S
16 NOT. AND THEY TELL ME IT IS BASED ON THE FEDERAL SCHOOL LUNCH
17 PROGRAM. IN MY RESEARCH, I FOUND OUT THAT THAT IS CORRECT, BUT
18 WE CAN ALSO INCREASE THE PORTIONS, WHICH I HEAR A LOT FROM THE
19 KIDS WHEN I GO TO THE HALLS AND VISIT. PORTIONS ARE TOO SMALL.
20 AND ALSO, THERE'S NO FLAVOR. BUT IN THE AFTERSCHOOL HOURS, ON
21 WEEKENDS OR HOLIDAYS, THERE COULD BE EXCEPTIONS. WE CAN
22 ACTUALLY CHANGE THE FOOD PROGRAM. SO WHAT I DID, I DIRECTED
23 OUR DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO PULL THE CONTRACT. I WANTED TO LOOK
24 AT THE CONTRACT FOR THE FOOD SERVICES, BECAUSE TO ME, I
25 THOUGHT WE COULD DO BETTER THAN WHAT WE ARE DOING RIGHT NOW,

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1 PARTICULARLY AT THE HALLS. THE CAMPS SEEM TO BE OKAY. AT
2 LEAST, THE FOOD IS A LITTLE BIT BETTER. BUT OVERALL, THE
3 ENTIRE CONTRACT NEEDS TO BE REVIEWED FOR THE FOOD. THERE WAS A
4 COMPLAINT ABOUT DISPOSABLE COTTON UNDERGARMENTS FOR GIRLS.
5 THIS WEEKEND, I SPENT BOTH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY VISITING THE
6 CAMPS AND HALLS IN PREPARATION FOR THIS MEETING. I HAD VISITED
7 BEFORE, BUT I DIDN'T FOCUS, FOR EXAMPLE, ON THE GIRLS'
8 UNDERGARMENTS, BUT I DID THIS WEEKEND. SO I HAD THE FEMALE
9 SUPERVISOR PULL FOR ME ONE OF THE DISPOSABLE UNDERGARMENTS,
10 AND SHE OPENED AN INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED PACKAGE. IN THAT
11 PACKAGE, IT HAS-- I ASSUMED IT WAS GOING TO BE A PAPER TYPE OF
12 DISPOSAL UNDERGARMENT, BUT IT FELT MORE LIKE COTTON, LIKE SOFT
13 COTTON. SO, THE GIRLS DO HAVE ACCESS TO EITHER THOSE
14 DISPOSABLE ONES OR REGULAR COTTON UNDERWEAR. AND THE
15 ALLEGATION, OR CLAIM, THAT A YOUNG GIRL WAS NOT ALLOWED TO
16 TAKE A SHOWER AFTER SHE HAD AN ACCIDENT DURING HER CYCLE, WHAT
17 I LEARNED IN TALKING TO STAFF WAS THAT THERE WAS SOME
18 ALLEGATION LIKE THIS A FEW YEARS BACK, OVER AT LOS PADRINOS.
19 BUT THIS HAD NOT OCCURRED HERE AT BARRY J., NOR AT CENTRAL. IF
20 A GIRL NEEDS TO GO TO THE SHOWERS, THEY CAN GO TO THE SHOWERS.
21 IN FACT, I PERSONALLY WENT AND TOOK A LOOK AT THE SHOWERS. I
22 EXAMINED THE SHOWERS, MADE SURE THEY WERE WORKING PROPERLY,
23 THEY HAD HOT AND COLD WATER. AND I DID THAT ON BOTH SIDES,
24 BOTH AT BARRY J. AND AT CENTRAL. SO I KNOW THAT HAPPENS. THE
25 ISSUE WITH ROOM CONFINEMENT AND MECHANICAL RESTRAINTS WERE TWO

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1 OF THE MAIN ITEMS THAT WE HAD, AT BOTH CENTRAL AND BARRY J.,
2 REGARDING THE BOARD OF STATE CORRECTIONS DISCREPANCIES. WHEN I
3 SAW THAT, I NOTICED THAT IT WAS NOT DOCUMENTED PROPERLY. SO
4 WHAT WE DID, WE CREATED WHAT THEY CALL A HOPE CENTER. IF
5 YOUTHS ARE FIGHTING, THEY ARE REMOVED FROM THE AREA, THE UNIT,
6 AND THEY'RE BROUGHT INTO EITHER A COOL-DOWN ROOM OR THE HOPE
7 CENTER. A COOL-DOWN ROOM, FOR EXAMPLE, HAS DIFFERENT KINDS OF
8 FURNITURE. THEY PAINT THE WALLS A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENTLY, AND
9 THE DOORS ARE OPEN WHERE KIDS CAN COOL DOWN. ONCE THEY HAVE
10 COOLED DOWN ENOUGH, THERE'S DOCUMENTATION, AND THEY RETURN
11 BACK TO THE UNIT. THE HOPE CENTER [INAUDIBLE], THE ROOM
12 CONFINEMENT, AND THAT'S ALSO DOCUMENTED. AND BY [INAUDIBLE],
13 WE ARE REQUIRED TO, EVERY FOUR HOURS, HAVE A SUPERVISOR AND A
14 CLINICIAN TALK TO THE YOUTH, MAKE SURE HE IS READY TO BE
15 RETURNED BACK TO THE UNIT. OFTEN WHAT WE SEE IS THAT OUR STAFF
16 GO AND TALK TO THE YOUTH WELL BEFORE THE FOUR HOURS. THEY TALK
17 TO THE YOUTH. THE YOUTH HAS CALMED DOWN. THEY ARE REUNITED
18 BACK TO THE REGULAR UNIT. SO THAT'S WHAT I HAVE SEEN HAPPEN,
19 BUT ALL OF THIS HAS TO BE PROPERLY DOCUMENTED, WHICH IS ONE OF
20 THE ISSUES WE HAD DURING THE B.S.C.C. INSPECTION. SO NOW
21 THAT'S BEING CHANGED. IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE ARE DOING
22 TRAINING. WE ARE ACTUALLY TRAINING ALL OF OUR INSTITUTIONAL
23 STAFF WITH [INAUDIBLE] EXPERTS FROM B.S.C.C. TITLE 15
24 REGULATIONS, AND WE DID THAT RIGHT BEFORE THE INSPECTION. I
25 THINK IT WAS IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER OF LAST YEAR. AND ALSO,

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1 AS PART OF A DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, WE
2 ARE DOING TWO WEEKS OF TRAINING FOR ALL INSTITUTIONAL STAFF IN
3 A VARIETY OF AREAS, INCLUDING TITLE 15, TITLE 24, ANGER
4 MANAGEMENT, CONFLICT RESOLUTION, DE-ESCALATION, JUST TO NAME A
5 FEW CLASSES. SO, ALL OF THAT IS TAKING PLACE. WE WELCOME OUR
6 RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. THEY DO
7 HOLD US ACCOUNTABLE, AND I WELCOME THAT. I THINK THAT SHOULD
8 BE THE WAY IT IS, BECAUSE WE WANT TO WORK TOGETHER TO PROVIDE
9 A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE YOUTH, BUT ALSO FOR OUR STAFF AND
10 THE EMPLOYEES THAT WORK THERE. MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY FEELS
11 SAFE. AND WE CAN DO THAT MORE SO BY THE WAY WE INTERACT WITH
12 EACH OTHER, THE ENGAGING, AND IN THE PROGRAMMING. PROGRAMMING
13 SEEMS TO BE, STILL, A PROBLEM. WHAT I'VE SEEN, I FOUND A
14 RECREATIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE MONTH. ALMOST EVERY DAY IT WAS
15 GOING TO TAKE PLACE. AND I SAW ONE FOR EDUCATION OR TRAINING
16 WITH DIFFERENT COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT CAN COME IN.
17 [INAUDIBLE] BECAUSE OF C.O.V.I.D., WE HAD SUSPENDED A LOT OF
18 THE IN-PERSON VISITATIONS. BUT WE'RE GOING TO BE OPENING UP
19 HERE SOON, HOPEFULLY, BASED ON WHAT I HEARD THIS MORNING,
20 BECAUSE THAT REALLY HELPS US, HAVING COMMUNITY-BASED
21 ORGANIZATIONS COME IN AND INTERACT WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. BUT
22 PROGRAMMING IS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE REALLY NEED TO FOCUS
23 ON. I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE A BETTER VARIETY OF OPTIONS.
24 SOMETIMES THE YOUTH DON'T WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN CERTAIN
25 PROGRAMS, SO WE SHOULD HAVE OPTIONS, AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT I

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1 WOULD LIKE TO SEE, GOING FORWARD. EVERY FACILITY THAT I
2 VISITED HAD KIDS THERE. I SPOKE TO MANY OF THE KIDS, AS I WAS
3 GOING SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. IN FACT, THEY WERE QUESTIONING WHY
4 I WASN'T WATCHING THE RAMS GAME ON SUNDAY. AND I TOLD THEM I
5 WAS FROM-- MY TEAM WAS BALTIMORE, FROM MARYLAND. BUT ANYWAY,
6 THE KIDS WERE JOKING AROUND. BUT THE STAFF WAS THERE. THEY
7 WERE WORKING. THEY WALKED ME AROUND. I SAW THE THINGS THAT I
8 [INAUDIBLE], THE THINGS I WAS CONCERNED ABOUT, LIKE THE SOAP
9 DISPENSARIES, FOR EXAMPLE. THE BATHROOMS HAD LEAKS IN THE
10 TOILETS. EVERYTHING THAT HAD BEEN REPORTED ON THE P.O.C. 2021
11 REPORT HAD BEEN CORRECTED. THERE WAS ONE ITEM OF CONCERN. THEY
12 TALKED ABOUT MOLD. IT WAS BLACK MOLD ON THE WALL, AND THAT WAS
13 TESTED, AND IT WAS NOT MOLD. IN ALL THOSE AREAS, THE TOILETS
14 WERE LEAKING. CENTRAL, AS YOU KNOW, IS A VERY OLD FACILITY, SO
15 WE HAVE A LOT OF STRUCTURAL OR BUILDING ISSUES. IN FACT,
16 SUNDAY MORNING, WHEN I WAS AT CENTRAL, THERE WAS LEAKING IN
17 THE FIRST FLOOR FROM ABOVE, FROM ONE OF THE SHOWERS. AND IT
18 WAS LEAKING DOWN TO WHAT THEY CALL THE CARE CENTER. SO I
19 IMMEDIATELY REPORTED THAT, PUT A WORK REQUEST IN, AND WHAT I
20 HEAR IS THAT SOMETIMES THE KIDS WILL PLUG THE DRAIN, AND WATER
21 OVERFLOWS ON THE FLOOR, AND THEN IT DRIPS DOWN INTO THE
22 CEILING FROM THE UNIT BELOW. SO THAT NEEDED TO BE REMEDIED, AS
23 WELL. SO WE DID THAT. I ALSO WALKED AROUND AND LOOKED AT THE
24 ENHANCED SUPERVISION UNIT WITH THE GIRLS. I SAW THERE WAS ONE
25 GIRL. SHE HAD HER MATTRESS ON THE FLOOR. I WENT AND TALKED TO

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1 HER, AND SHE SAID-- THAT'S THE ONE YOU SAW IN THE PICTURE ON
2 THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION'S REPORT. SHE IS STILL
3 THERE. SHE IS TELLING ME THAT SHE SUFFERS FROM AUTISM AND
4 SEIZURES. THE REASON SHE DOESN'T WANT HER MATTRESS ON THE BED
5 IS BECAUSE SHE IS AFRAID SHE'S GOING TO FALL AND HURT HERSELF
6 FROM FALLING OFF THE BED. SO, SHE'D RATHER HAVE THE MATTRESS
7 ON THE FLOOR, AND USE THE BED-- THE CONCRETE BED-- FOR HER
8 TABLE. SHE HAD A DISPLAY OF PUZZLES THAT SHE'S WORKING ON,
9 DRAWINGS THAT SHE WAS DOING ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BED. AND SHE
10 HAD A PAPER BAG THAT SHE WAS COLLECTING SOME OF HER THINGS
11 THERE. BUT SHE WANTED EVERYTHING TO REMAIN ON THE FLOOR. BUT
12 SHE IS SLEEPING ON THE MATTRESS, AND THIS IS WHAT SHE REPORTED
13 THAT SHE PREFERRED. AND WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO
14 WENDE, UNLESS YOU HAVE QUESTIONS FOR ME, TO CONTINUE WITH THE
15 PRESENTATION.

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17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM MS. JULIEN, HERE,
18 HER RESPONSE TO YOUR OBSERVATIONS. I AM GLAD THIS AGENDA ITEM
19 CREATED THE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO GO TOUR THIS WEEKEND, MOST
20 RECENTLY, AND SHARE WITH US WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN. AND SO, IF MS.
21 JULIEN WILL SHARE WITH US YOUR RESPONSE TO CHIEF GONZALES'S
22 OBSERVATIONS, AND THEN WE CAN OPEN IT UP FOR QUESTIONS, IF
23 MEMBERS HAVE THEM.

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1 **WENDELYN JULIEN:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU, CHIEF
2 GONZALES, FOR THAT. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS, AND THANK
3 YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR INVITING US TO SHARE THESE FINDINGS FROM
4 THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION'S 2021 FACILITY
5 INSPECTIONS. FIRST, I WANT TO SAY I AGREE WITH THE LANGUAGE
6 THAT YOU USED IN YOUR MOTION, MADAM CHAIR, THAT THE REPORT
7 CONTAINS SEVERAL TROUBLING FINDINGS ABOUT THE JUVENILE HALLS,
8 AND I WILL SHARE A LITTLE MORE ABOUT THOSE, ALTHOUGH I WANT TO
9 ACKNOWLEDGE WHAT CHIEF GONZALES SAID: THAT OUR INSPECTIONS
10 OCCURRED IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER OF 2021, WHICH WAS BEFORE
11 THE MOST RECENT B.S.C.C. INSPECTION AND THE FINAL SUITABILITY
12 FINDINGS. MANY OF THE ISSUES, AS HE SAID, OVERLAP WITH THE
13 B.S.C.C., AND SINCE THEN, THE P.O.C. HAS DISCUSSED THESE
14 ISSUES WITH PROBATION, INDIVIDUALLY, AS WELL AS AT OPEN P.O.C.
15 MEETINGS AND WITH THE B.S.C.C. PROBATION HAS ACTIVELY
16 ADDRESSED MANY OF THESE ISSUES, AND RESOLVED-- OR IS IN THE
17 PROCESS OF RESOLVING-- THEM. SO LAST YEAR, THE P.O.C.
18 DEVELOPED A NEW FACILITY INSPECTION TEMPLATE THAT WAS REVIEWED
19 BY PROBATION AND THE B.S.C.C., AND SHARED WITH THE FACILITIES.
20 WE TRAINED THE COMMISSIONERS BEFORE THEY CONDUCTED
21 INSPECTIONS, AND TOOK TO HEART THE ADVICE THAT WAS GIVEN US BY
22 L.A. COUNTY'S B.S.C.C. LIAISON, WHO ADVISED US THAT OUR ROLE
23 WAS TO GO INTO THE FACILITIES NOT AS EXPERTS ON TITLE 15--
24 THAT'S HER JOB-- BUT RATHER TO INSPECT THE FACILITIES AND MAKE
25 OBSERVATIONS, AS IF OUR OWN CHILDREN WERE LIVING IN THE

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1 FACILITIES. THE P.O.C. INSPECTED BOTH JUVENILE HALLS, AS IS
2 REQUIRED, AND ALL SIX JUVENILE CAMPS, IN 2021. DURING EACH
3 INSPECTION, TWO COMMISSIONERS AND ONE OR TWO P.O.C. STAFF
4 SPENT FOUR TO FIVE HOURS AT EACH FACILITY. PROBATION
5 LEADERSHIP AND LEADERS FROM EACH FACILITY WERE AWARE IN
6 ADVANCE OF THE INSPECTION. THE INFORMATION IS A SNAPSHOT. IT
7 WAS CAPTURED ON ONE DAY OF THE INSPECTIONS. AND I WANT TO
8 CLARIFY THAT THE NARRATIVE PORTIONS IN THE FACILITY INSPECTION
9 REPORTS ARE TAKEN DIRECTLY FROM REPORTS WRITTEN BY THE P.O.C.
10 COMMISSIONERS, WHO CONDUCTED THEIR INSPECTIONS BASED ON THEIR
11 OWN OBSERVATIONS AND INTERVIEWS WITH YOUTH AND STAFF. SO, WHEN
12 OUR REPORT SAYS "YOUTH REPORTED," IT MEANS JUST THAT: THAT A
13 YOUTH TOLD A COMMISSIONER WHAT WAS SAID DURING AN INTERVIEW
14 WITH THE YOUNG PERSON. WHEN P.O.C. COMMISSIONERS INSPECTED
15 BARRY J. NIDORF JUVENILE HALL, THEY FOUND THE PHYSICAL
16 FACILITY IN SATISFACTORY CONDITION. THE TROUBLING ISSUES
17 STEMMED MOSTLY FROM COMMISSIONERS' CONVERSATIONS WITH YOUTH,
18 AND TO COMMISSIONERS WITNESSING AND HEARING ABOUT PRACTICES
19 THAT YOU JUST HEARD ABOUT, LIKE HANDCUFFING WITH ZIP TIES, AND
20 ROOM CONFINEMENT THAT FEELS PRISON-LIKE. THERE WERE ALSO
21 REPORTS, WHICH HAVE BEEN FREQUENT AT MANY FACILITIES, OF STAFF
22 AND TEACHERS NOT WEARING MASKS APPROPRIATELY. IT IS
23 APPROPRIATE TO NOTE, AS CHIEF GONZALES SAID, THAT THE ISSUES
24 OF ROOM CONFINEMENT AND HANDCUFFING WERE TWO OF THOSE MAIN
25 THINGS ADDRESSED BY THE B.S.C.C. FINDINGS OF UNSUITABILITY,

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1 AND PROBATION HAS MADE A SIGNIFICANT EFFORT TO TRAIN STAFF ON
2 THESE ISSUES AND ADDRESS THEM. I AGREE WITH HIM ABOUT THAT.
3 HOWEVER, THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 80 YOUTH WHO ARE A
4 COMBINATION OF PREDISPOSITION AND POST-DISPOSITION, OR THOSE
5 YOU HEAR OF AS "SECURE-TRACK" YOUTH, IN WHAT IS REFERRED TO AS
6 THE "COMPOUND" AT BARRY J. AND AS CHIEF GONZALES MENTIONED,
7 THE PROCESS HAS BEEN TO HANDCUFF THEM EVERY TIME THEY MOVE,
8 EVEN WHEN THEY ARE STILL WITHIN THE FACILITY, ANY TIME THEY
9 LEAVE THE COMPOUND, INCLUDING TO COURT OR MEDICAL
10 APPOINTMENTS. THAT RESTRICTED MOVEMENT, THE LIMITED RECREATION
11 OPTIONS, MAKE LIFE IN BARRY J., ESPECIALLY IN THE COMPOUND,
12 VERY FAR FROM A HOMELIKE SETTING. I WON'T GO INTO ALL OF THE
13 ISSUES THAT WERE SPECIFICALLY BROUGHT UP, BECAUSE I THINK THE
14 CHIEF DID A GREAT JOB OF MENTIONING THEM, AND TALKING ABOUT
15 HOW THEY HAVE ADDRESSED THEM. I WILL SAY THAT SOME OF THE
16 HYGIENE ISSUES ARE ISSUES THAT WERE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY TO
17 STAFF AT THE FACILITIES. THESE INSPECTIONS GENERALLY OCCURRED
18 WITH LEADERSHIP FROM THE FACILITIES, SO WE WERE ABLE TO TALK
19 ABOUT THE PROBLEMS IMMEDIATELY, AS WELL AS INCLUDE THEM IN OUR
20 REPORT, AND I KNOW THAT SOME OF THEM WERE ALSO ADDRESSED
21 IMMEDIATELY. SO, WHILE THOSE ISSUES ARE CLEARLY TROUBLING, I
22 AGREE COMPLETELY WITH THE CHIEF THAT THE MOST TROUBLING ISSUE
23 IS THE OVERALL LACK OF CONSISTENT PROGRAMMING, WITH EXTENSIVE
24 TIME SPENT IN ROOMS IN THE HALLS, ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT LEAD
25 TO BOREDOM, LACK OF ACCESS TO PROGRAMS THAT WOULD HELP YOUTH

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1 WITH THEIR NEEDS WHILE THEY'RE IN THE FACILITY, AS WELL AS TO
2 PREPARE THEM FOR REENTRY. THIS APPLIES TO THE SECURE-TRACK
3 YOUTH THAT YOU ALL HAVE HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT, AS WELL AS FOR
4 THE MANY YOUTH WHO ARE STILL THERE, AWAITING AREAS OF THEIR
5 TRIAL AND DISPOSITION. IT IS APPROXIMATELY 160 YOUTH, TOTAL,
6 AT BARRY J. AT CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL, COMMISSIONERS'
7 INSPECTIONS NOTE VERY FEW OVERALL CONCERNS ABOUT THE SETTING;
8 NO ISSUES REPORTED, REGARDING HANDCUFFING AND ROOM
9 CONFINEMENT. BUT AS THE CHIEF MENTIONED, LOTS OF CONCERNS
10 ABOUT THE PHYSICAL FACILITY, ABOUT THE SPEED AT WHICH WORK
11 ORDERS ARE COMPLETED, AND THE SAME CONCERNS AS AT BARRY J.
12 ABOUT THE PROGRAMMING. I WILL SAY, COMMISSIONERS NOTED
13 POSITIVE REFLECTIONS ABOUT PROBATION AND L.A.C.O.E. STAFF AT
14 CENTRAL, BUT THEY DID QUESTION COLLABORATION BETWEEN PARTNER
15 AGENCIES ON YOUTH ORIENTATION PROCESSES. THERE WERE QUITE A
16 FEW GRIEVANCES THAT WE WERE ABLE TO REVIEW; AND ALSO, JUST AS
17 THE CHIEF MENTIONED, LOTS OF ISSUES ABOUT POOR CONDITIONS IN
18 THE UNITS. NONE OF THE INFORMATION THAT WAS REPORTED BY THE
19 P.O.C. IN THIS REPORT IS NOVEL, UNFORTUNATELY. AND AS YOU ARE
20 ALL AWARE, THE B.S.C.C. HAS BEEN ACTIVELY ADDRESSING THESE
21 ISSUES FOR A YEAR. I AM PLEASED TO REPORT THAT PROBATION HAS
22 TAKEN SIGNIFICANT STEPS TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES, AND THEY
23 REGULARLY ARE ADDRESSING US ABOUT THEIR PROGRESS. HOWEVER, AS
24 THE CHIEF SAID, SOME OF THESE ISSUES ARE SYSTEMIC, AND THE
25 LIVING SITUATIONS OF NEARLY 300 YOUTH IN THE JUVENILE HALLS,

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1 EVERY DAY, IS SO FAR FROM THE GOALS OF YOUTH JUSTICE
2 REIMAGINED. IT IS CERTAINLY NOT A HOMELIKE SETTING, NOR IS IT
3 A CARE-FIRST ENVIRONMENT, AND THE P.O.C. WILL CONTINUE TO WORK
4 DILIGENTLY WITH THIS BOARD TO GET THE COUNTY TO THAT GOAL.
5 THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. CHIEF GONZALES, DID YOU HAVE
8 MORE ELEMENTS TO YOUR PRESENTATION, OR CAN I OPEN IT UP TO
9 QUESTIONS?

10

11 **ADOLFO GONZALES:** YOU CAN OPEN IT UP TO QUESTIONS. I AM HOPING
12 I'LL BE ABLE TO ANSWER SOME OTHER QUESTIONS BY THE BOARD, OR
13 MEMBERS.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU
18 FOR ELEVATING THESE TROUBLING ISSUES AROUND THESE CONDITIONS.
19 I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE, CHIEF, IN
20 ATTEMPTING TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION ACROSS OUR HALLS-- AND OUR
21 CAMPS, AS WELL-- IN THE FACE OF SOME DIFFICULT ISSUES. AND,
22 MS. JULIEN, OF COURSE, AS YOU KNOW, I REALLY APPRECIATE THE
23 WAY YOU HAVE TAKEN THE HELM OF THE COMMISSION AND REALLY BEGUN
24 TO EXPLORE-- JUST AS THIS BOARD HOPED YOU WOULD-- THESE
25 ISSUES. BUT THE B.S.C.C.'S FINDING OF UNSUITABILITY, AND THEN

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1 THE REPORT, REALLY, ALONG SOME OF THE OTHER LINES, FROM THE
2 COMMISSION, IT REALLY REQUIRES, I WOULD SAY, MORE ACTION. LET
3 ME TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT, THERE ARE
4 NUMBERS OF YOUNG PEOPLE AT BARRY J. WHO ARE "PREDISPOSITION"
5 AND "POST-DISPOSITION." I AM NOT SURE THAT THOSE TERMS REALLY
6 RESONATE WITH EVERYBODY, BUT THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A
7 HALL AND A CAMP. THE HALLS ARE GENERALLY LOCATED NEXT TO A
8 COURT, OR NEAR A COURT. AND THE IDEA IS, THESE ARE WHERE YOUNG
9 PEOPLE GO UNTIL THE COURT SAYS, "HERE IS WHERE YOU WILL BE
10 PLACED. YOU WILL BE PLACED IN THIS PARTICULAR CAMP, AND THIS
11 IS THE LENGTH OF YOUR SENTENCE." THESE HALLS WERE NOT MEANT TO
12 BE POST-DISPOSITION, AND ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE. BARRY J. ALSO
13 HAS A VERY INTERESTING DICHOTOMY. BECAUSE, AS I THINK I HEARD
14 YOU SAY, THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WE'RE CALLING "SECURE-TRACK,"
15 WHICH MEANS THE STATE MIGHT HAVE TAKEN THEM IN THE OLD DAYS,
16 BUT NOW THEY ARE NOT TAKING THEM, AND HAVE TOLD THE COUNTY,
17 "YOU MUST FIND SOMEWHERE FOR THEM." AND AS YOU KNOW, SEVERAL
18 OF OUR OWN PANELS AND COMMISSIONS HAVE INDICATED THEY WANTED
19 THIS POPULATION MOVED TO CAMPUS KILPATRICK, PERHAPS
20 TEMPORARILY, AND THEN PERMANENTLY TO SOME OTHER CAMPS. AND WE
21 ARE KIND OF STUCK, IN MANY WAYS, ABOUT THAT. SO, FOR THE
22 MOMENT, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THESE POST-DISPOSITION YOUNG
23 PEOPLE, WHO WOULD HAVE BEEN AT D.J.J., ARE BEING KEPT SEPARATE
24 FROM THE OTHER POPULATION AT BARRY J., AND WE ARE USING

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1 SOMETHING CALLED THE "COMPOUND." CHIEF, COULD YOU DESCRIBE THE
2 COMPOUND FOR US, AND WHAT THAT IS?

3

4 **ADOLFO GONZALES:** YES, SUPERVISOR. THE COMPOUND IS THE
5 DETENTIONS BUILDING WITHIN THE COMPLEX OF THE BARRY J. NIDORF
6 CAMPUS. IT IS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CAMPUS. IT HAS A HIGH LINK
7 FENCE AROUND THE BUILDING. IT HAS EVEN SOME RAZOR WIRE ON TOP
8 OF THE FENCE. THE ONE EMPTY ROOM HAS BEEN CONVERTED TO A HOPE
9 CENTER. AND LIKE YOU SAID, WE TRY TO SEPARATE THE POST-
10 ADJUDICATED WITH THE PRE-ADJUDICATED YOUTH, ESPECIALLY THE
11 SECURE-TRACK YOUTH, TO TRY TO GET THEM PREPARED TO TRANSITION
12 TO WHEREVER THEY ARE GOING TO LAND. AND THOSE KIDS THAT ARE
13 THERE ARE THE KIDS THAT HAVE BEEN SENTENCED BY THE COURT FOR A
14 HIGHER LEVEL OF OFFENSE.

15

16 **SUP. KUEHL:** I'M UNDER THE IMPRESSION-- AND WE'VE TALKED ABOUT
17 THIS IN OTHER MEETINGS-- THIS DOES NOT GO TO THE PHYSICAL
18 SITUATION AT BARRY J, THAT WE'RE HAVING TROUBLE TRANSFERRING
19 OUR D.J.J. YOUTH TO CAMPUS KILPATRICK. AND MY UNDERSTANDING IS
20 THAT THE COMMISSION INVITED THE PROBATION OFFICER'S UNION TO
21 COME AND SPEAK ABOUT THEIR CONCERNS, BUT THEY SENT A LETTER
22 REFUSING TO DO THAT. SO, I WANTED TO SAY THAT I WILL WANT TO
23 HAVE SOME CONVERSATIONS WITH THE TWO OF YOU LATER THIS WEEK,
24 ABOUT WHO WE COULD HAVE COME SPEAK TO THE COMMISSION-- SINCE
25 THESE ARE PUBLIC ISSUES-- ABOUT THE THINGS THAT ARE HOLDING

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1 THIS UP. BECAUSE I REALLY THINK THE PUBLIC NEEDS TO KNOW WHY
2 THESE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE NOT BEING TRANSFERRED, AND WHY THEY'RE
3 BEING KEPT IN SOMETHING SURROUNDED BY RAZOR WIRE AND-- I MEAN,
4 THE "COMPOUND." THE NAME SPEAKS FOR ITSELF. THE OTHER ISSUE
5 THAT I WANTED TO ASK ABOUT-- A DELICATE ONE, ALWAYS,
6 ESPECIALLY FOR THE GENTLEMAN AMONG US-- BUT THERE HAVE BEEN
7 ONGOING CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY THE YOUNG WOMEN IN OUR
8 FACILITIES THAT THEY HAVE A GOOD DEAL OF TROUBLE ACCESSING
9 WHAT WE CALL SANITARY EQUIPMENT. AND I DON'T KNOW, WENDE, IF
10 THE FOLKS WHO WENT TO TALK TO THEM FOUND THAT. THAT'S
11 DIFFERENT FROM THE SHOWER ISSUE, OR EVEN FROM THE UNDERWEAR
12 ISSUE. THIS IS AN ISSUE OF SANITARY EQUIPMENT.

13

14 **WENDE JULIEN:** YES, THAT WAS BROUGHT UP IN THE INSPECTION, AND
15 IT'S LISTED, AND I ACTUALLY SPOKE TO THE COMMISSIONER WHO DID
16 THE INTERVIEW WITH THE YOUTH WHO MENTIONED THAT BEFORE. AND I
17 BELIEVE IT IS AN ISSUE AROUND COMMUNICATION ACCESS, SECURITY,
18 AND JUST AN ONGOING CONCERN THAT HAS BEEN BROUGHT UP FOR GIRLS
19 THAT ARE IN THE FACILITIES. WHAT IS INTERESTING ABOUT THAT IS,
20 THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, THANKS TO THE MOTIONS BY
21 SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HAHN, IS WORKING ON DECARCERATION OF
22 GIRLS AROUND THE COUNTY-- GENDER-RESPONSIVENESS, IN GENERAL--
23 AND ADDRESSING THE POSSIBILITIES TO GO FORWARD IN THAT
24 DIRECTION, TO ADDRESS SOME OF THOSE ISSUES. AND CHIEF GONZALES
25 MIGHT WANT TO TALK ABOUT SOME OF THE EFFORTS THAT HAVE ALREADY

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1 BEEN MADE TO CONSOLIDATE THE GIRLS IN CERTAIN AREAS, SO THAT
2 THERE COULD BE BETTER SERVICES PROVIDED FOR THEM.

3

4 **ADOLFO GONZALES:** THANK YOU, WENDELYN. YES, WE HAD THE MAJORITY
5 OF THE GIRLS AT OTHER PLACES; IN CENTRAL, FOR EXAMPLE. WE HAD
6 SEVERAL WEEKS WITH NO FEMALES IN OUR BARRY J. NIDORF CAMPUS.
7 WE DID RECEIVE 2, I THINK, ON MONDAY. AND WE HAVE ONE THAT'S A
8 SPECIAL CASE. SHE'S COMMITTED. SHE'S 26 YEARS OLD, SO WE'RE
9 WORKING WITH THAT INDIVIDUAL. WHEN I GO THERE, I SPOKE TO HER.
10 I'VE SPOKEN TO HER A COUPLE OF TIMES. BUT THE OTHER GIRLS ARE
11 USUALLY AT THE CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL. AND WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO
12 DO IS-- ONE THING THAT I WAS GOING TO MENTION IS THAT ONE
13 THING THAT I'M DOING OVER THE NEXT 30 DAYS: WORKING WITH
14 COUNTY COUNSEL TO BE ABLE TO COME UP WITH A REVISION TO OUR
15 BOOKING CRITERIA. IT GOES HAND-IN-HAND WITH THE MOTION TO
16 DEINCARCERATE YOUNG GIRLS, FOR EXAMPLE. WE'LL BE WORKING WITH
17 OTHER COURTS AND THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE TO SEE IF
18 THERE'S ANOTHER WAY THAT WE CAN DIVERT SOME OF THE YOUNG GIRLS
19 COMING IN, AS FAR AS BOOKING [INAUDIBLE], SO THE POLICE
20 DEPARTMENTS WILL HAVE OTHER OPTIONS, AS OPPOSED TO JUST
21 BRINGING INDIVIDUALS TO OUR FACILITY.

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL:** SO, "DEINCARCERATE." THAT MEANS NOT JUST TO
24 ANOTHER CAMP; THAT MEANS TO SOME OTHER KIND OF PROGRAM, WHERE
25 THEY WOULD SERVE THEIR SENTENCE. IS THAT CORRECT?

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2 **ADOLFO GONZALES:** WELL, BEFORE SENTENCING. IN OTHER WORDS,
3 INSTEAD OF BEING BOOKED...

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5 **SUP. KUEHL:** BEFORE SENTENCING. GOT IT.

6

7 **ADOLFO GONZALES:** SO, INSTEAD OF BEING BOOKED. BECAUSE ONCE
8 THEY GET BOOKED AND SENTENCED BY THE JUDGE, THEN WE'RE LIMITED
9 TO WHAT WE CAN DO. SO, THIS IS BEFORE IT EVEN GOES TO THE
10 COURT.

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** RIGHT. SO, I GUESS, THOSE OF US WHO DON'T ALWAYS
13 KNOW WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT WOULD CALL IT "DIVERSION." THAT
14 IS, YOU'RE GOING SOMEWHERE ELSE, NOT TO JAIL.

15

16 **ADOLFO GONZALES:** RIGHT. SOME PEOPLE ACTUALLY CALL IT
17 "DEFLECTION," AS WELL.

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** WELL, I APPRECIATE BOTH OF YOU AND THE WORK THAT
20 YOU'RE DOING, AND I THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR ALLOWING ME TO
21 ASK THESE QUESTIONS.

22

23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, DID YOU HAVE A
24 QUESTION?

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** YES, REALLY QUICKLY. ON THE P.O.C. AND THE
2 B.S.C.C., WHAT THEY NOTICED-- AND MANY OF THEM HAVE BEEN
3 SYSTEMIC-- HOW DOES THAT PLAY INTO CAL D.O.J. AND THE CONSENT
4 DECREE? I MEAN, HOW ARE YOU DEALING WITH THAT, AS IT RELATES
5 TO THE CONSENT DECREE AND THE CONCERNS?

6

7 **ADOLFO GONZALES:** THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
8 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT CALLS FOR SPECIFIC ITEMS. THERE ARE 29
9 TOTAL ITEMS, AND WE'RE WORKING WITH COUNTY COUNSEL VERY
10 CLOSELY TO ADDRESS THOSE ITEMS, ALONG WITH, OF COURSE, D.O.J.,
11 AND SOME OF THE CONCERNS DO OVERLAP; FOR EXAMPLE, TITLE 15,
12 THAT THEY TALK ABOUT. BUT A LOT OF THE OTHER ITEMS THAT THEY
13 TALK ABOUT ON THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
14 ARE NOT RELATED TO WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT TODAY. ROOM
15 CONFINEMENT, FOR EXAMPLE, RESTRAINT, USE OF FORCE, THAT DOES
16 RELATE TO IT.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, ON THE CONSENT DECREE THAT WE'VE GOT TO HAVE
19 COMPLETED BY 2025, DO YOU FEEL LIKE WE'RE ON TARGET TO GET
20 THAT DONE?

21

22 **ADOLFO GONZALES:** HONESTLY, I THINK IT'S GOING TO BE A
23 CHALLENGE TO GET THAT BY 2025, BECAUSE A LOT OF THINGS THEY'RE
24 ASKING FOR REQUIRE PROCUREMENT. OUR PROCUREMENT PROCESS TAKES
25 A LONG TIME. FOR EXAMPLE, PUTTING CAMERAS AT BARRY J., AS WELL

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1 AS WI-FI, IS BEING ABLE TO GO IN THERE AND DRILL THROUGH THE
2 FACILITY IN ORDER TO DO THAT. WE'RE TRYING TO MEET WITH
3 L.A.C.O.E., SEE IF WE CAN PIGGYBACK ON THEIR SYSTEM. AND THEN
4 I HEAR THERE'S AN ISSUE OF BANDWIDTH, IF YOU DO THAT; THAT IT
5 COULD INTERFERE WITH THEIR SERVICES. SO WE'RE WORKING TO DO
6 THAT. THAT'S ONE OF THE BIGGEST ISSUES, I THINK, WOULD BE THE
7 PROCUREMENT OF SERVICES THAT WE NEED. BUT WE'RE PUSHING AS
8 HARD AS WE CAN. IN FACT, WE'RE MEETING WEEKLY, NOW, WITH OUR
9 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT TEAM, SO WE CAN
10 KEEP PUSHING ON SOME OF THIS. AND IF WE SEE ANY CONCERNS, WE
11 WORK CLOSELY WITH COUNTY COUNSEL TO START ADDRESSING THEM
12 AHEAD OF TIME. BUT MY GOAL IS THAT WE ARE ABLE TO PUSH HARD
13 ENOUGH, IN THE NEXT YEAR OR SO, TO BE ABLE TO GET THIS
14 ACCOMPLISHED BEFORE A DEADLINE.

15
16 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND THEN, I GUESS, MAYBE FOR BOTH OF
17 YOU, I MEAN, WHAT IS BEING DONE TO ADDRESS THE MENTAL HEALTH
18 NEEDS-- AND THE HEALTH CRISIS, QUITE FRANKLY-- IN OUR HALLS?
19 IS THERE SUFFICIENT SERVICES BEING PROVIDED?

20
21 **ADOLFO GONZALES:** WELL, I HEARD LAST WEEK, WHEN I WAS INQUIRING
22 ABOUT THIS, THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH HAD HIRED 33
23 NEW CLINICIANS, WHICH WOULD BE A GREAT HELP, BUT I HAVE NOT
24 CONFIRMED THAT. MAYBE WENDELYN MAY KNOW. I DON'T KNOW.

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1 **WENDELYN JULIEN:** I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION, BUT
2 I WILL SAY YOUR QUESTION, SUPERVISOR BARGER, REALLY REFLECTS
3 THE MAIN ISSUE THAT I SEE, WHICH IS AROUND PROGRAMMING. SO,
4 IT'S SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, BUT
5 IT'S ALSO ABOUT THE USE OF EFFECTIVE AND OUTCOME-BASED
6 PROGRAMMING, INCLUDING THE USE OF CREDIBLE MESSENGERS, THE USE
7 OF PROPER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES AND ENHANCEMENT
8 OPPORTUNITIES, REHABILITATION ON SUBSTANCE USE: A LOT OF
9 ISSUES THAT YOUTH ARE FACING IN THE FACILITIES THAT THEY NEED
10 REGULAR PROGRAMMING ON. AND THE LONGER THEY'RE STAYING IN THE
11 HALLS, THEY NEED THAT PROGRAMMING IN THE HALLS, BUT THEY ALSO,
12 OF COURSE, NEED IT IN THE CAMPS.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** YES, SO I'D LIKE A FOLLOW-UP ON THAT, AND I'LL
15 ASK MY STAFF TO LOOK INTO THE WHOLE ISSUE OF THE HIRING OF THE
16 MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIANS, BECAUSE I THINK THAT IS IMPORTANT.
17 AND THE PROGRAMMING, OBVIOUSLY, WENDELYN, YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY
18 RIGHT. AND THEN LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, JUST A CLARIFICATION ON
19 WHAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL SAID, JUST FOR MY OWN UNDERSTANDING. ARE
20 THE COURTS ON CAMPUS, OR ARE THEY NEARBY? I THOUGHT THEY WERE
21 LITERALLY THERE, SO YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO TRANSPORT THE YOUTH.
22 THERE IS A COURT ON EACH CAMPUS.

23

24 **ADOLFO GONZALES:** THAT'S CORRECT. THERE'S ONE AT BARRY J.
25 NIDORF, AND ONE AT CENTRAL. HOWEVER, SOMETIMES THE KIDS HAVE A

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1 CASE OUT OF LONG BEACH, FOR EXAMPLE. THE KID WILL HAVE TO BE
2 TRANSPORTED TO LONG BEACH, OR FROM PALMDALE. THEN WE'VE GOT TO
3 TRANSPORT THE KID OVER TO PALMDALE.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, JUST BECAUSE I WASN'T SURE IF I'D
6 MISUNDERSTOOD THAT. IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL. I JUST WANTED TO
7 KNOW, FOR MY OWN INFORMATION. ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR
10 HAHN.

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU'RE ON MUTE.

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS:** SORRY. THANK YOU. YES, THANK YOU TO OUR EXECUTIVE
17 DIRECTOR OF THE PROBATION CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, AND
18 ALSO TO YOU, CHIEF GONZALES. AND THANK YOU, ALSO, FOR BRINGING
19 THIS ABOUT TODAY, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. I JUST RECALL, WHEN I
20 STARTED THIS JOB 8 YEARS AGO, VISITING SOME OF THE CAMPS THAT
21 I REPRESENTED IN THE DISTRICT NOW. MOST OF THEM ARE ALL NOW IN
22 OTHER DISTRICTS. THE ONLY ONE, OR FACILITY, THAT REMAINS IS
23 CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL, AND IT'S PROBABLY THE ONE THAT I'VE
24 VISITED THE MOST DURING MY TENURE ON THE BOARD HERE. BUT SOME
25 OF THESE ISSUES ARE NOT NEW. THEY WERE BROUGHT UP YEARS AGO,

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1 WITH RESPECT TO HOW WE TREAT OUR FEMALE RESIDENTS THAT ARE
2 THERE, WITH RESPECT TO HYGIENE, CLOTHING, ALL KINDS OF THINGS
3 THAT WERE SUPPOSED TO BE THERE. AND I THINK SOME OF THAT MAY
4 HAVE HAPPENED AT SOME OF THE CAMPS, BUT I DON'T KNOW THAT IT'S
5 REALLY BEEN CONSISTENT. AND THAT'S WHAT I THINK IS IMPORTANT:
6 CONSISTENCY; WHEN WE DO MAKE CHANGES, THAT WE BE CONSISTENT.
7 WE ALSO WENT A LONG WAY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE GOT RID OF THE
8 SHOE HORSE, AS THEY USED TO SAY. THAT'S NOW THE PLACE WHERE WE
9 HAVE OUR HOPE, DECOMPRESSION, SO TO SPEAK, AREA, THAT HAS
10 BEEN, IN SOME CASES, REFURBISHED, I THINK, AT ALL OF OUR
11 CAMPS. BUT I FIND THAT WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH PROGRAMMING AND
12 STAFF AVAILABLE, SO IF THERE IS A YOUNGSTER THAT IS TOLD TO GO
13 INTO THAT PARTICULAR ROOM FOR A PERIOD OF TIME, THAT NO ONE
14 MAY BE AVAILABLE TO GIVE THEM THE KIND OF ATTENTION OR SUPPORT
15 THAT THEY NEED. SO, PROGRAMMING IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL. AND I
16 WOULD ALSO SAY THAT, JUST IN THE REPORT THAT WAS ISSUED
17 REGARDING CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL IN MY DISTRICT, I WANTED TO
18 TELL YOU, FOR THE PUBLIC TO KNOW, WHAT WAS SAID. THERE IT WAS
19 REPORTED THAT SOME OF THE YOUTH WERE DENIED MEDICAL ATTENTION
20 AND ITEMS. THEY WERE TAKEN OFF THEIR SPECIAL DIETS. SOME YOUTH
21 ARE PLACED ON SPECIAL DIETS FOR EITHER MEDICAL OR RELIGIOUS
22 PURPOSES. PARENTS AND GUARDIANS NOT BEING CONTACTED TO EITHER
23 VERIFY OR CONFIRM FOOD ALLERGIES. MEDICAL STAFF PROVIDING
24 MEDICATION TO YOUTH, RESULTING IN ABNORMALITIES. FOOD
25 CONTAINING MAGGOTS. FLIES AROUND UNCOVERED FOOD THAT HAD BEEN

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1 PREPARED FOR YOUTH. KITCHEN STAFF NOT REGULARLY TESTED FOR
2 C.O.V.I.D.-19, AND OCCASIONALLY BEING UNMASKED WHILE WORKING.
3 THE PHYSICAL SETTING ITSELF: ISSUES LIKE POSSIBLE WATER
4 DAMAGE, AS YOU STATED EARLIER, CHIEF; PLUMBING PROBLEMS; POOR
5 AIR FLOW; AND A TROUBLING ACCOUNT THAT THE A.C. IS ONLY TURNED
6 ON WHEN PEOPLE ARE HERE INSPECTING. THOSE THINGS ARE FINDINGS
7 THAT WERE MADE IN THIS REPORT. I HOPE THAT THEY WILL ALL BE
8 ADDRESSED, AND I DO HOPE THAT, AS SOON AS THE OMICRON SURGE
9 LEAVES US, THAT WE CAN HAVE MORE OF OUR C.B.O.S COMING BACK,
10 AND BE NOTIFIED PROPERLY. BECAUSE MANY OF THEM WE HAVE PAID
11 FOR, THROUGH OUR OWN DISCRETIONARY MONEY, TO COME IN AND SPEAK
12 TO OUR YOUTH, AND TALK TO THEM, AND WORK WITH THEM. AND THE
13 SOONER WE CAN LET THEM KNOW THAT THEY CAN COME BACK IN, THE
14 BETTER OFF, I THINK, WE'RE ALL GOING TO BE, AND IT'LL HELP
15 REDUCE, I THINK, SOME OF THIS HARM AND TRAUMA THAT OUR YOUTH
16 HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCING. I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT OUR YOUNG
17 WOMEN, IN PARTICULAR, AND I HAVE ON OCCASION SEEN PREGNANT
18 TEENS THERE, THAT PREVIOUSLY I WOULD SEE SHACKLED. AND I
19 DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THAT. WHEN THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO BE ON THEIR
20 BREAK WITH OTHER GROUPS OF YOUNG GIRLS, I RECALL SEEING-- I
21 THINK SHE WAS 8 MONTHS PREGNANT, AND SHE WAS SHACKLED. AND I
22 THOUGHT, "HOW COULD YOU WALK AROUND AN AREA AND GET EXERCISE
23 WHEN YOU'RE SHACKLED?" THESE ARE THE EXPERIENCES THAT I SAW
24 OVER THE COURSE OF, I WOULD SAY, A FEW YEARS, BUT NONETHELESS,
25 THEY REMAIN IN MY MIND. I COULD JUST IMAGINE WHAT THE TRAUMA

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1 IS FOR THESE YOUNGSTERS THAT HAD TO GO THROUGH THIS. SO,
2 AGAIN, I THINK WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO. I'M VERY CONCERNED
3 ABOUT OUR EMPLOYEES, AND WE NEED TO SEE MORE PROFESSIONALISM,
4 MORE ADVANCED TRAINING, AND MORE OUTSIDE GROUPS; AND IN
5 PARTICULAR, MORE ACCESS TO EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, WHETHER
6 THAT BE TO COMPLETE THEIR HIGH SCHOOL, THEIR G.E.D.
7 CREDENTIAL, SO THEY CAN BEGIN WORKING AS SOON AS THEY LEAVE
8 OUR CUSTODY; AND ALSO, MORE EFFORT TO BRING IN OUTSIDE
9 COMMUNITY GROUPS TO TALK TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT
10 OPPORTUNITIES TO GO TO COLLEGE, GIVING THEM INFORMATION ON
11 FINANCIAL AID, GIVING THEM OPPORTUNITIES OF, PERHAPS, THEIR
12 OWN LIVED EXPERIENCE, TO SHARE WITH STUDENTS THAT HAVE GONE
13 THROUGH THE SYSTEM AND BEEN SUCCESSFUL. I'D LIKE TO SEE MORE
14 OF THAT HAPPEN. I KNOW THIS REPORT WON'T ADDRESS ALL OF THAT,
15 BUT THOSE ARE THINGS THAT I THINK ARE VERY, VERY ESSENTIAL FOR
16 THE WELLBEING OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ARE IN OUR CARE. YES?

17

18 **ADOLFO GONZALES:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THANK YOU FOR BRINGING
19 THAT. I MET WITH THE CHANCELLOR FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF
20 THE DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES A COUPLE WEEKS AGO, AND THEY'RE
21 HOPING TO ASSIST US IN EVERYTHING YOU TALKED ABOUT, ESPECIALLY
22 SOME CREDENTIALING FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE. AND ALSO, WE'RE
23 LOOKING AT HIGHER EDUCATION, POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION. THOSE
24 THAT GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL, THEY CAN COMPLETE THEIR
25 ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE THROUGH MISSION COLLEGE OR EAST L.A.

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1 COMMUNITY COLLEGE, AND THEY CAN GO ON TO SOMETHING DIFFERENT,
2 ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE GOING TO BE WITH US FOR A LONGER
3 TIME. IN ADDITION, I MET WITH FATHER GREG BOYLE, FROM HOMEBOY
4 INDUSTRIES, ASKING HIM TO ASSIST US IN THE AREA OF JUVENILE
5 HALLS, IN ADDITION TO THE COMMITMENT TO CAMPS, OR BARRY J.
6 NIDORF. I DON'T LIKE THE WORD "COMPOUND." BUT YOU HELP US WITH
7 PEER-ADJUDICATED KIDS, KIDS THAT ARE WAITING TO GO TO TRIAL,
8 AND ALSO WITH SAN LUIS. WE TALKED ABOUT A PROGRAM AT CAMP
9 KILPATRICK WITH BEST BUY, LOOKING AT THINGS DIFFERENTLY, AS WE
10 APPROACH GOING FORWARD WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO
11 BE WITH US FOR A WHILE. SO, I APPRECIATE YOUR SUGGESTIONS AND
12 RECOMMENDATIONS.

13
14 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU TO BOTH OF YOU FOR THE REPORT. THANK
15 YOU.

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

18
19 **SUP. HAHN:** FIRST OF ALL, THANKS, MADAM CHAIR, FOR BRINGING
20 THIS FORWARD TODAY. AND THANK YOU TO WENDE AND OUR PROBATION
21 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION FOR RELEASING THEIR ANNUAL REPORT, BASED
22 ON THEIR INSPECTIONS AND BASED ON THEIR INTERVIEWS WITH OUR
23 YOUNG PEOPLE AND OUR STAFF. FOR ME, IT WAS SOME PRETTY
24 APPALLING OBSERVATIONS. WE'VE ALREADY BEEN TALKING A LITTLE
25 BIT ABOUT OUR YOUNG WOMEN, JUST IN TERMS OF THEIR HYGIENE AND

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1 THEIR UNDERWEAR. I WAS CONCERNED THAT THERE WAS ONE COMMENT
2 ABOUT WHEN A YOUTH WANTS A VACCINE, THEY CAN'T GET IT RIGHT
3 AWAY, AND NEED TO WAIT. I DIDN'T LIKE SEEING STAFF THAT WASN'T
4 WEARING MASKS. I DIDN'T LIKE LACK OF PROGRAMMING. AND
5 CERTAINLY, BEING SHACKLED AT THEIR HANDS AND FEET, WHEN
6 THEY'RE BEING MOVED AROUND, WAS DISTURBING. ALSO, THE
7 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PROBATION AND OUR L.A. COUNTY OFFICE OF
8 EDUCATION BEING DISJOINTED AND DISCONNECTED. ONE OF THE
9 OBSERVATIONS SURPRISED ME: THAT PROBATION OFFICERS DIDN'T KNOW
10 THAT SCHOOL HAD BEEN CANCELED ONE DAY, SO THEY HAD PREPARED NO
11 PROGRAMMING. THOSE KIND OF THINGS, I JUST FIND REALLY
12 SHOCKING. AND THEN, OF COURSE, THE COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE FOOD.
13 BUT THANK YOU, WENDE, FOR BEING HERE TODAY AND SPEAKING TO US.
14 THANK YOU, CHIEF GONZALES, FOR BEING HERE. I THINK THE FIRST
15 THING I WOULD WANT TO SAY IS, I THINK, IN THE FUTURE, CHIEF,
16 IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO
17 THE OBSERVATIONS THAT THE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION WILL GIVE US IN
18 THEIR ANNUAL REPORT. BECAUSE IF THEY'RE GOING TO DO AN ANNUAL
19 REPORT, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOU RESPONDING IN WRITING TO EACH
20 AND EVERY ONE OF THEIR OBSERVATIONS. SO, BESIDES TODAY, YOUR
21 VERBAL KIND OF UPDATE ON SOME OF THE THINGS-- AND YOU
22 CERTAINLY DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO ANSWER ALL OF THEM-- THAT'S
23 REALLY ALL WE HAVE, MY STAFF AND I HAVE, IS JUST THE REPORT
24 BEFORE US, FROM THE COMMISSION, AND NOTHING FROM THE
25 DEPARTMENT, IN TERMS OF ADDRESSING IT, ACKNOWLEDGING IT,

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1 WORKING ON FIXING IT. WHICH I KNOW YOU ARE, BUT IT WOULD JUST
2 BE HELPFUL-- TO ME, ANYWAY-- TO HAVE YOUR RESPONSES BE IN
3 WRITING, PARTICULARLY THE REALLY SERIOUS ONES. WELL, THEY'RE
4 ALL SERIOUS, BUT WE REALLY NEED TO KNOW HOW YOU'RE ADDRESSING
5 THEM, HOW YOU INTEND TO FIX IT; GOING FORWARD, WHAT ARE YOUR
6 SUGGESTIONS? AGAIN, BIG THANKS TO THE COMMISSION FOR DOING THE
7 VISITATIONS AND THE INTERVIEWS. AND I KNOW, CHIEF, YOU'RE OUT
8 THERE. SINCE YOU'VE BEEN HIRED BY US, I KNOW YOU'VE VISITED
9 OUR JUVENILE HALLS, AND I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN DOING A LOT OF THE
10 OBSERVATIONS. I HOPE YOU CONTINUE TO DO THAT REGULARLY,
11 BECAUSE THERE IS NOTHING LIKE EYEBALLING SOMETHING FOR
12 YOURSELF TO REALLY GET A SENSE OF WHAT OUR ISSUES ARE. SO, A
13 LOT HAS ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSED. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I FOUND
14 INTERESTING-- AND I'D LOVE TO HEAR, CHIEF, YOUR TAKE ON IT,
15 AND WHAT WE MIGHT DO BETTER-- WAS THIS LACK OF COMMUNICATION
16 BETWEEN THE PROBATION AND VARIOUS ENTITIES AT HALLS. I BROUGHT
17 UP THE L.A. COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION. I'M GOING TO ACTUALLY
18 ASK MY COMMISSIONER ON L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO, FROM
19 THEIR END, MAYBE GET A REPORT-BACK ON HOW-- YOU KNOW, DID THEY
20 NOT TELL PROBATION THAT SCHOOL WAS CANCELED, AND HOW WE CAN DO
21 THAT BETTER. SO, FROM YOUR VIEWPOINT, CHIEF, HOW DO YOU THINK
22 WE SHOULD IMPROVE THE RELATIONS AND FOSTER COMMUNICATION WITH
23 ALL THE ENTITIES THAT YOU INTERACT WITH IN OUR HALLS? THANK
24 YOU.

25

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1 **ADOLFO GONZALES:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR THOSE COMMENTS.
2 AND I AGREE: WE SHOULD PREPARE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE
3 ANNUAL REPORT, AND I THINK, GOING FORWARD, WE'LL DO THAT. THE
4 OTHER THING WENDE AND I HAVE TALKED ABOUT IS HAVING MORE
5 FREQUENT COMMUNICATION AFTER THE INSPECTIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, IF
6 THEY DO SOMETHING, DON'T WAIT TWO, THREE MONTHS LATER TO
7 SUBMIT A REPORT, BUT LET US KNOW, SO WE CAN START WORKING ON
8 IT ALONGSIDE OF THEM, RIGHT AWAY.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** THAT'S A GOOD SUGGESTION.

11

12 **ADOLFO GONZALES:** AND AS FAR AS MEETING WITH THE PARTNERS, I
13 THINK WE CAN MEET, LIKE WE USED TO, AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH;
14 MEET WITH OUR L.A.C.O.E. PARTNERS, AS WELL AS THE DEPARTMENT
15 OF MENTAL HEALTH AND THE JUVENILE COURTHOUSE SERVICES, SO
16 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE SAME THING. AS YOU KNOW, ALL 3 OF US
17 ARE ALSO NAMED ON THE D.O.J. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, SO WE NEED
18 TO KEEP THAT TOGETHER, AT SOME POINTS. BECAUSE THEY ALL HAVE
19 THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS, BUT WE GOT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE WORK WITH
20 COUNTY COUNSEL WHEN WE DO THAT, SO WE DON'T BREACH ANY
21 AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SETTLEMENT. BUT I
22 THINK IT'S A GREAT IDEA TO BE MEETING AT LEAST MONTHLY, IF NOT
23 MORE FREQUENT, ESPECIALLY WHEN ISSUES ARE COMING UP: FOR
24 EXAMPLE, CHANGE OF CALENDAR, OR A HOLIDAY FOR THE L.A.C.O.E.
25 STAFF, AND WE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT. OR THEY TELL US,

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1 AND WE DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY'RE SAYING. ANYWAY, JUST A
2 MATTER OF COMMUNICATION, I BELIEVE, AND WE CAN CHANGE THAT.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY, THANK YOU, CHIEF. I APPRECIATE THAT. AGAIN,
5 SOME OF THESE FINDINGS WERE VERY, VERY TROUBLING, AND I KNOW
6 YOU FEEL THE SAME WAY. I THINK YOU'RE COMMITTED TO REALLY
7 MAKING SURE THAT OUR HALLS AND OUR CAMPS ARE PLACES,
8 CERTAINLY, THAT ARE NOT MEDIEVAL PUNITIVE, BUT A PLACE WHERE
9 WE ALL BELIEVE YOUNG PEOPLE CAN BE REHABILITATED AND MOVE
10 FORWARD IN THEIR LIVES, TO DEAL WITH THEIR ISSUES, AS WELL AS
11 BEING, ONE DAY, BACK AMONG THEIR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES IN OUR
12 COMMUNITIES. SO, THANK YOU.

13

14 **ADOLFO GONZALES:** THANK YOU.

15

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

17

18 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THERE WAS ONE THING THAT I
19 HAD HEARD THAT I WANTED TO CHECK UP ON. AND, CHIEF, MAY I SAY,
20 BARRY J. IS IN MY DISTRICT, AND SO IS CAMPUS KILPATRICK. AND I
21 KNOW YOU DON'T LIKE THE SOUND OF THE WORD "COMPOUND," BUT
22 REALLY, IT'S PRETTY UGLY, AND I DON'T THINK THAT IT'S THE KIND
23 OF THING THAT WE REALLY WANT TO HAVE IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR
24 TRANSITIONAL FACILITY. SO, WE'LL NEED TO TALK OVER THE COURSE
25 OF A WHILE ABOUT FULFILLING D.O.J.'S REQUIREMENTS WITHOUT

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1 MAKING IT EVEN MORE OF A SORT OF A, I DON'T KNOW, STATE PRISON
2 ENVIRONMENT. BUT THE QUESTION I HAD IS, I WAS TOLD A MONTH OR
3 SO AGO THAT-- AND I'M ONLY ASKING IF THIS IS THE CASE, AND IF
4 IT IS THE CASE, IF YOU MIGHT DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT-- THAT OUR
5 YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE INCARCERATED ARE ABLE TO EARN POINTS BY
6 DOING SOMETHING GOOD, OR ACTING WELL, ET CETERA. AND NORMALLY,
7 WE THINK OF THAT AS, "WELL, I'M GOING TO USE MY POINTS FOR
8 FRITOS OR CHOCOLATE," OR WHATEVER. BUT I WAS TOLD THAT--
9 SEVERAL OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, AS YOU KNOW, ARE PARENTS, YOUNG
10 AS THEY ARE, AND THEY HAVE YOUNG CHILDREN, THEMSELVES. AND I
11 WAS TOLD THAT THEY CANNOT SEE THEIR OWN CHILDREN, BUT MUST
12 BUILD UP THESE POINTS AND USE THEM TO SEE THEIR CHILDREN; NOT
13 OTHER VISITORS, NECESSARILY. IT SOUNDED VERY STRANGE TO ME,
14 AND FRANKLY, TO ME, NOT LIKE A VERY GOOD IDEA, BECAUSE WE WANT
15 ALL FAMILY CONTACT POSSIBLE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, AND ESPECIALLY
16 TO RECOGNIZE THEIR OWN PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES, EVEN IF IT'S
17 JUST WITH A VISIT. SO, I WONDERED IF YOU WERE AWARE IF SUCH A
18 THING IS THE POLICY OR NOT.

19
20 **ADOLFO GONZALES:** MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT IF A YOUNG PERSON
21 HAS A CHILD OF THEIR OWN-- IN ONE CASE, I KNOW ONE YOUNG MAN
22 HAS TWO CHILDREN-- THAT THEY ARE WELCOME TO COME AND VISIT
23 HIM. ONE THING THAT I WANT TO WORK-- AND I REACHED OUT TO THE
24 NEWLY CREATED YOUTH COMMISSION TO HELP ME, ALONG WITH MY TEAM,
25 TO WORK ON THE DEFINITION OF "FAMILY." CAN WE CHANGE THE

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1 DEFINITION THAT WE CURRENTLY USE TO DEFINE A FAMILY TO
2 INCLUDE, LIKE I SAID, THE CHILDREN OF YOUNG PEOPLE THAT WE
3 HAVE, AS OPPOSED TO JUST A PARENT, A GUARDIAN, OR A LEGAL
4 ATTORNEY, OR A LEGAL COUNSEL THEY MAY HAVE? SO, CHANGING THE
5 DEFINITION OF WHAT A FAMILY IS, OR WHAT IT MEANS TO
6 INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE UNDER OUR CARE. BUT AS FAR AS I KNOW,
7 THEY'RE ALLOWED TO SEE THEIR CHILDREN. ESPECIALLY, WE TALKED
8 ABOUT THIS DURING-- I THINK IT WAS IN DECEMBER, WHEN WE WERE
9 TALKING ABOUT THE HOLIDAY. THEY WERE INQUIRING WHETHER OR NOT
10 THEY NEEDED SPECIAL PERMISSION. I SAID, "WELL, WE HAVE THAT
11 ABILITY TO ALLOW A YOUNG PERSON TO SEE THEIR CHILDREN." BUT
12 NOT ONLY A SPECIAL OCCASION, LIKE THE HOLIDAYS, BUT THEY CAN
13 DO THAT ON A VISITATION DAY.

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL:** BUT THE QUESTION WAS WHETHER THEY WERE REQUIRED TO
16 EARN AND USE POINTS TO DO THAT, WHICH THEY WERE NOT FOR OTHER
17 KINDS OF-- TO SEE THEIR MOM, OR SOMETHING.

18

19 **ADOLFO GONZALES:** TO ME, THAT'S DIFFERENT. THE INCENTIVES THAT
20 YOU GAIN ARE FOR OTHER THINGS. FOR EXAMPLE, YOU CAN GET A
21 TREAT, YOU'RE GOING TO GET SOME OUTING, YOU'RE GOING TO GET
22 MORE TIME, A CALL ON THE PHONE, WHATEVER. VISITATION IS
23 TOTALLY DIFFERENT, IN MY BOOK. VISITATION WITH CHILDREN IS
24 PART OF VISITATION WITH YOUR FAMILY, SO THAT SHOULD BE
25 EXPANDED. BUT I'LL LOOK IN TO SEE IF THAT'S WHAT THEY WERE

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1 DOING, BUT I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE WAY IT SHOULD BE
2 INTERPRETED.

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4 **SUP. KUEHL:** WELL, IT'S ABSOLUTELY NOT THE WAY IT SHOULD BE
5 INTERPRETED. I MEAN, IT'S NOT THE SAME: "WELL, DO YOU WANT A
6 BAG OF CHEETOS, OR OR DO YOU WANT TO SEE YOUR KID?"

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8 **ADOLFO GONZALES:** ABSOLUTELY.

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10 **SUP. KUEHL:** NO. SO, I WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE KIND OF AN
11 ANSWER FROM YOUR DEPARTMENT, BECAUSE THIS WAS ONE OF THOSE
12 THINGS THAT WASN'T JUST KIND OF A RUMOR. I MEAN, I WAS TOLD BY
13 SOMEONE I TRUST. SO, IF IT'S THE CASE, I THINK YOU SHOULD
14 KNOW, TOO.

15

16 **ADOLFO GONZALES:** YES.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. FIRST, TO
21 SUPERVISOR HAHN'S POINT: SUPERVISOR HAHN, THE POINT YOU RAISE
22 IS REALLY THE DRIVING POINT AROUND THE MOTION. THE SECOND ITEM
23 IN THE MOTION IS A REQUEST THAT THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER
24 PROVIDE A REPORT-BACK WITHIN 30 DAYS. I THINK THE MOTION IS
25 SPEAKING SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE ANNUAL REPORT-- THE ANNUAL

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1 INSPECTION FROM 2021-- BUT, I THINK, ON A GO-FORWARD BASIS.
2 SO, THAT IS REALLY THE WHOLE POINT OF THE MOTION. I WOULD JUST
3 SAY IN CLOSING, BEFORE I ASK YOU ALL TO FAVORABLY CONSIDER
4 THIS MOTION, IS, YOU KNOW, CHIEF, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE,
5 B.S.C.C., ANY REGULATORY REQUIREMENT, SHOULD BE PERCEIVED AS
6 THE FLOOR. ANY REGULATORY REQUIREMENT IS THE BASIC MINIMUM, IN
7 TERMS OF WHAT WE SHOULD BE PROVIDING. AND FOR A COUNTY THAT
8 HAS SPENT THE RESOURCES, AND THE TIME, AND THE ENERGY, AND THE
9 COUNTLESS MOTIONS TALKING ABOUT REIMAGINING THE EXPERIENCE FOR
10 OUR ENTIRE INCARCERATED POPULATION, PARTICULARLY OUR YOUTH,
11 THE FACT THAT WE ARE STILL, IN 2022, HAVING CONVERSATIONS
12 AROUND LACK OF PROGRAMMING; THE LACK OF APPROPRIATE SANITARY
13 PRODUCTS AND SUPPLIES, AND THEIR AVAILABILITY; THE QUALITY AND
14 QUANTITY OF FOOD; THE EXCESSIVE USE OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT,
15 IN TERMS OF ROOMS; OR EQUIPMENT, AS IN SHACKLING AND
16 CUFFING... THE LACK OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT OUR PHYSICAL
17 INFRASTRUCTURES ARE OLD, AND THEREFORE REQUIRE EXTRA ATTENTION
18 IN TERMS OF PLUMBING MAINTENANCE, IS JUST FRUSTRATING TO ME,
19 AND I CAN ONLY IMAGINE SOMEONE LIKE YOU, A PROFESSIONAL IN
20 CORRECTIONS AND PROBATION, MUST BE, TOO. THESE ARE ISSUES
21 BEYOND MY YEARS IN AGE. AND WHILE WE SPEND SO MUCH TIME
22 TALKING ABOUT THE NEXT LEVEL, AND TRYING TO BRING OUR
23 ATTITUDES AND OUR STAFF, IN TERMS OF THEIR TRAINING AND THEIR
24 ORIENTATION, TOWARDS KIDS WHO ARE LOCKED UP TO THE NEXT LEVEL,
25 WE CAN'T SEEM TO MEET THESE AGE-OLD, BASIC, HUMANITY-FOCUSED

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1 ISSUES. AND SO I'M REALLY HOPING THAT, UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP,
2 WE CAN MOVE BEYOND THAT, AND IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS, AT
3 LEAST, THE KINDS OF REPORTS COMING FROM THE COMMISSION, WHO
4 ARE ANSWERING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS. DON'T COME IN LOOKING AT
5 THE REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS. THAT'S SOMEONE ELSE'S JOB. WHAT
6 WOULD WE WANT FOR OUR OWN CHILDREN IF THEY WERE THERE? THAT'S
7 THE RIGHT QUESTION TO ANSWER TOWARD. AND I'M HOPING THAT UNDER
8 YOUR LEADERSHIP, AND THAT EVERY EMPLOYEE OF PROBATION WHO
9 WORKS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE COULD USE THAT STANDARD THEMSELVES,
10 WHETHER IT'S PROGRAMMING THAT'S BEEN PRESCRIBED TO THEM, OR
11 THEY HAPPEN TO BE ON THE SHIFT THAT DAY WHEN SCHOOL DOESN'T GO
12 IN, AND YOU GET CREATIVE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE CHILDREN
13 THERE, AS IF THEY WERE YOUR OWN. THAT'S WHERE I WANT TO GET
14 TO, NOT ONLY AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, BUT AS
15 AN L.A. COUNTY RESIDENT. THAT'S THE KIND OF GOAL I THINK WE
16 SHOULD BE SETTING FOR OURSELVES. AND I CERTAINLY HOPE THAT
17 DURING YOUR TENURE HERE, WE CAN COME TO CONCLUSION AND CIRCLE
18 THE WAGON ON SOME OF THESE BASIC ISSUES THAT JUST DON'T SEEM
19 TO GO AWAY.

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21 **ADOLFO GONZALES:** MADAM CHAIR, I AGREE. I'M GOING TO BE
22 REACHING OUT TO EACH ONE OF YOU. THEY TOLD ME, "WALK THE
23 EIGHTH FLOOR." I'M GOING TO DO THAT, VIRTUALLY, TO REACH OUT
24 TO YOU AND FINE-TUNE THIS, AND I KNOW WE'RE GOING TO MAKE IT
25 WORK. WE'RE KEEPING OUR OFFICERS SAFE, OUR STAFF SAFE, OUR

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1 YOUNG PEOPLE SAFE, AND BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING INNOVATIVE THAT
2 WE HAVEN'T DONE IN THE PAST.

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND AS YOU GET BACK TO
5 SUPERVISOR KUEHL ON THE QUESTION AROUND VISITATIONS WITH THEIR
6 CHILDREN, I'D ALSO LIKE A FOLLOW-UP ON THE QUESTION OF, HOW
7 LONG DOES A YOUTH HAVE TO WAIT TO BE VACCINATED? I CAN ONLY
8 IMAGINE THE SENSE OF FEAR THEY MUST BE EXPERIENCING, IN A
9 CONGREGATE SETTING WITH, PERHAPS, STAFF THAT YOU DON'T KNOW
10 THEIR VACCINATION STATUS, AND PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO MAY NOT
11 BE WEARING MASKS CONSISTENTLY, OR WEARING THE MASK
12 APPROPRIATELY. SO, REALLY WANTING TO KNOW, WHAT'S THE SCHEDULE
13 YOUNG PEOPLE CAN EXPECT TO RECEIVE A VACCINE, IF THEY REQUEST
14 IT?

15

16 **ADOLFO GONZALES:** ABSOLUTELY, SUPERVISOR.

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

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20 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. YEAH, YOU
21 SAID THAT THE POINT OF YOUR MOTION, OF COURSE, IS TO GET A
22 WRITTEN RESPONSE. I THINK WHAT I WAS SAYING WAS, THIS SHOULD
23 BE THE PRACTICE, EVERY TIME THE COMMISSION-- SO, MAYBE YOU
24 COULD ADD THAT TO THIS MOTION, TO SAY, "ONGOING WRITTEN

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1 RESPONSE TO THE ANNUAL COMMISSION'S REPORT." SOMETHING LIKE
2 THAT.

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YEAH, THAT WOULD BE FINE. ANY OTHER
5 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? OKAY, SEEING NONE, I'M COMFORTABLE WITH
6 THE AMENDMENT, THAT WE CHANGE IT, THAT WE SAY... THAT THE
7 SECTION WILL READ, "WITH AN UPDATE ON EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THE
8 ISSUES IDENTIFIED IN THE P.O.C.'S ANNUAL FACILITY INSPECTION."
9 IT'S A PERIOD, AND AND WE'LL TAKE OUT THE YEAR 2021. SO WE
10 UNDERSTAND THAT, WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE ISSUANCE OF THEIR
11 INSPECTION, THAT WE WANT A WRITTEN REPORT. SO, ALL WE'LL BE
12 DOING IN THIS LANGUAGE IS REMOVING "FOR 2021."

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO, WHAT ELSE IS NEXT?

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16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** FAIR ENOUGH? OKAY, WITH THAT, HEARING NO
17 OTHER--

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19 **SUP. HAHN:** I THINK THAT'S PERFECT.

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21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** GREAT. HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM
22 17 IS BEFORE US, FOR THE REPORT-BACK IN 30 DAYS, AS WELL AS
23 THE WRITTEN REPORT. I WILL MOVE, AND ASK THAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL
24 SECOND TO APPROVE THIS ITEM, AS AMENDED. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
25 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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1

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

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

9

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

11

12 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

13

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

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

17

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

19 MITCHELL?

20

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

22

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

24 5-0.

25

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** CHIEF GONZALES AND MS. JULIEN, THANK YOU
2 VERY MUCH FOR JOINING US. ITEM 25: ENSURING THE L.A. COUNTY
3 PANDEMIC RESPONSE AND RECOVERY MEETS THE NEEDS OF
4 IMMUNOCOMPROMISED INDIVIDUALS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.
5 SUPERVISOR HAHN?

6

7 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'M INTRODUCING THIS MOTION
8 TODAY TO SHED LIGHT ON MANY OF OUR COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO ARE
9 IMMUNOCOMPROMISED AND WHO HAVE DISABILITIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE
10 WHO MAY NOT HAVE THE ECONOMIC RESOURCES TO ACCESS THE
11 RESOURCES THEY NEED, PARTICULARLY DURING THIS PANDEMIC. I
12 MENTIONED, EARLIER, A P.B.S. SPECIAL THAT I SAW, THAT REALLY
13 BROUGHT TO LIGHT FOR ME, AT LEAST, THE BARRIERS THAT PEOPLE
14 WITH DISABILITIES FACE DURING THIS PANDEMIC. EVEN DAILY TASKS
15 LIKE GROCERY SHOPPING CAN BE TERRIFYING FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE
16 IMMUNOCOMPROMISED. AT-HOME RAPID TESTS ARE NOT ACCESSIBLE TO
17 PEOPLE WITH LOW VISION; AND FACE MASKS WITH SEE-THROUGH WINDOW
18 PANELS, FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE HEARING IMPAIRMENTS AND NEED TO
19 LIP-READ, ARE NOT EASILY ACCESSIBLE, EITHER. OVER THE COURSE
20 OF THIS PANDEMIC, COUNTY DEPARTMENTS HAVE MADE GREAT STRIDES
21 IN IMPROVING ACCESS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, BUT
22 SOMETIMES WE WERE REACTIVE INSTEAD OF PROACTIVE. AND I
23 REMEMBER ONE OF OUR OWN COMMISSIONERS REACHED OUT TO MY OFFICE
24 AND ADVOCATED FOR BETTER ACCESS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
25 AT OUR COUNTY MEGA-VACCINE SITES. WE ALSO HEARD EARLY ON IN

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1 THE VACCINE ROLLOUT, FROM HOMEBOUND RESIDENTS, THAT THEY
2 DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO ACCESS VACCINES. AND I APPRECIATE ALL THE
3 WORK THAT OUR DEPARTMENTS HAVE DONE TO IMPROVE ACCESS, BUT
4 THERE'S STILL A LOT MORE THAT I THINK WE SHOULD DO. L.A.
5 COUNTY SHOULD, AS ALWAYS, LEAD THE WAY AND SET THE BAR HIGH.
6 THIS MOTION DIRECTS D.P.H. AND D.H.S. TO ENSURE VACCINES,
7 TESTING, AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS ARE ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE
8 WITH DISABILITIES. I'M ALSO DIRECTING THE COMMISSION ON
9 DISABILITIES TO WORK TOGETHER WITH OUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
10 OF AGING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, LAURA TREJO, TO DESIGN AND
11 CREATE A TASK FORCE THAT CAN REPORT BACK TO US WITH SOME
12 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE CAN LOOK AT. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING
13 BACK HOW WE CAN DO MORE TO PRIORITIZE AND IMPROVE UPON
14 RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. THANK YOU, MADAM
15 CHAIR.

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17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS?
18 HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 25 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY
19 SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THIS
20 ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

21
22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 25 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.

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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:** I THINK I WAS MUTED. YOU HEARD MY AYE?

22 OKAY, THANK YOU. MOVING ON TO ITEM 34: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

23 OVERSIGHT AND THE ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION FOR THE MENTAL

24 HEALTH STUDENT SERVICES ACT OF 2019 GRANT AGREEMENT. FIRST OF

25 ALL, LET ME APPLAUD DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, THE L.A.

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1 COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION, AND L.A. UNIFIED FOR THEIR EFFORTS
2 TO WORK TOGETHER, THROUGH THE COMMUNITY SCHOOL INITIATIVE, TO
3 EXPAND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE CHILDREN OF OUR COUNTY.
4 SCHOOLS THAT QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE FUNDING TO PARTICIPATE IN
5 THE INITIAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL INITIATIVE WERE SELECTED BASED ON
6 CRITERIA SUCH AS RATES OF CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM, SUSPENSION,
7 VIOLENT CRIMES, HOMELESSNESS, POVERTY, AND MENTAL HEALTH
8 NEEDS. THESE EFFORTS ARE CRITICAL. I'M CONCERNED, THOUGH, THAT
9 THE DATA USED TO IDENTIFY AND TARGET THE SCHOOLS, HOWEVER, MAY
10 HAVE BEEN DATED, LIMITED, OR LACKING SPECIFICITY. D.M.H. AND
11 L.A.C.O.E. ARE WORKING UNDER THE TIGHT TIMELINES ASSOCIATED
12 WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT OF 2019 GRANT, AND
13 CHALLENGED BY THE LACK OF AVAILABLE DATA WITHIN SCHOOL
14 DISTRICT BOUNDARIES. MORE TIMELY, COMPREHENSIVE DATA HAS SINCE
15 BECOME AVAILABLE THROUGH DATA-COLLECTION EFFORTS, SUCH AS THE
16 C.E.O.'S EQUITY EXPLORER MAPPING TOOL AND THE LOS ANGELES
17 HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY, TO NAME A FEW. FOR EXAMPLE,
18 COMPTON SCORED LOW ON THE RATE OF STUDENTS EXPERIENCING
19 HOMELESSNESS, ACCORDING TO COMMUNITY SCHOOL INITIATIVE SCORING
20 CRITERIA. YET, ACCORDING TO THE LAST HOMELESS POINT-IN-TIME
21 HOMELESS RESULTS FROM 2020, HOMELESSNESS AMONG CHILDREN UNDER
22 18 ROSE BY 20% IN SERVICE PLANNING AREA 6, WHERE COMPTON
23 SCHOOL DISTRICT IS LOCATED. WHENEVER POSSIBLE, THE COUNTY
24 SHOULD RELY ON THE MOST ACCURATE AND UP-TO-DATE DATA WHEN
25 IDENTIFYING AND PRIORITIZING AREAS FOR ADDITIONAL MENTAL

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1 HEALTH SERVICES. SO, CONSIDERING THIS INFORMATION, I'D LIKE TO
2 READ IN THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT: "THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE
3 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT D.M.H. AND L.A.C.O.E. TO WORK WITH
4 THE C.E.O.-- SPECIFICALLY, OUR ANTI-RACISM, DIVERSION AND
5 INCLUSION INITIATIVE-- IN CONSULTATION WITH THE
6 SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
7 AND THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, TO UPDATE
8 CRITERIA FOR FURTHER, FUTURE C.S.I. FUNDING AND EXPANSION, SO
9 IT IS BASED ON THE MOST TIMELY AND COMPLETE DATA CURRENTLY
10 AVAILABLE ON CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS, AND REPORT BACK
11 IN 180 DAYS ON THOSE DATA SOURCES THAT WILL BE USED; AND B)
12 IDENTIFY ANY FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL FUNDING SOURCES THAT
13 COULD BE UTILIZED TO FURTHER EXPAND THE C.S.I. TO IDENTIFY
14 HIGH-NEED SCHOOLS. TWO: APPROVE ITEMS 1-7 IN THE FEBRUARY 8TH,
15 2022, D.M.H. LETTER TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, REGARDING
16 APPROVAL TO ENTER A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF
17 CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY
18 COMMISSION, FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT OF 2019 GRANT,
19 WITH THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATION: A) DIRECT D.M.H. TO RETURN TO
20 THE BOARD IN WRITING WITH ANY UPDATED C.S.I. NEEDS ASSESSMENTS
21 BEFORE D.M.H. ROLLS OVER UNSPENT FUNDS, OR INCREASES OR
22 DECREASES FUNDING OR STAFFING LEVELS, TO SUPPORT THE C.S.I.
23 INITIATIVE; AND B) THIS MODIFICATION SHOULD NOT DELAY ADDING
24 THE ADDITIONAL CLINICIANS TO THE 6 SCHOOLS IDENTIFIED IN THE
25 BOARD LETTER." QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM ANY SUPERVISORS?

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1 HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 34 IS BEFORE US, AS AMENDED,
2 AND I'LL MOVE AND ASK THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS SECOND TO APPROVE
3 THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 34, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE YOU.
6 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

9

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

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

13

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

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

21

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

24

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

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1

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

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ITEM 41-F: COUNTY INITIATIVE
6 TO IMPROVE SAFETY AND ADVANCE THE CONVERSION OF MODIFIED
7 HYDROFLUORIC ACID TO SAFER ALTERNATIVES AT LOCAL REFINERIES.
8 SUPERVISOR HAHN?

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I AM INTRODUCING THIS
11 MOTION TODAY TO CONTINUE MY CALL FOR THE PHASE-OUT OF A DEADLY
12 CHEMICAL AT TWO REFINERIES IN MY DISTRICT: THE LAST TWO
13 REFINERIES IN CALIFORNIA TO USE THIS DEADLY CHEMICAL, BOTH IN
14 TORRANCE AND IN WILMINGTON. AND THANK YOU. WE HAD SO MANY
15 CALLERS THAT CALLED IN THIS MORNING, WHO ARE CONTINUING THEIR
16 FIGHT FOR A SAFER ALTERNATIVE. SO, THE REASON WE'RE DOING IT
17 NOW IS BECAUSE THIS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, IS THE 7TH
18 ANNIVERSARY OF A MASSIVE EXPLOSION AT THE TORRANCE REFINERY
19 THAT INJURED 4 WORKERS, AND WAS A NEAR MISS OF DEBRIS HITTING
20 A MODIFIED HYDROFLUORIC ACID-- M.H.F.-- TANK. AND IF IT HAD
21 HIT THAT TANK, WE WOULD HAVE HAD A MASSIVE DISASTER HERE IN
22 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, AND IT'S A REMINDER TO ALL OF US OF THE
23 LIFE-THREATENING, CATASTROPHIC RISK THAT M.H.F. STILL POSES TO
24 COUNTY RESIDENTS. A LITTLE OVER TWO YEARS AGO, WHEN I SERVED
25 ON THE SOUTH COAST A.Q.M.D. GOVERNING BOARD, I WAS EXTREMELY

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1 DISAPPOINTED WHEN THE A.Q.M.D. GOVERNING BOARD VOTED TO DROP
2 ITS PURSUIT OF A RULE THAT WOULD HAVE PHASED OUT M.H.F., AND
3 INSTEAD, THE A.Q.M.D. GOVERNING BOARD ACCEPTED PROFFERS FROM
4 THE REFINERIES TO IMPLEMENT VOLUNTARY SAFETY MEASURES. AND I
5 KNOW OUR APPOINTEE RIGHT NOW IS SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND I KNOW
6 THAT IF IT CAME UP AGAIN, I KNOW YOU WOULD FIGHT THE GOOD
7 FIGHT FOR THIS. BUT WE WERE SORT OF OUTNUMBERED ON A.Q.M.D.,
8 AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THAT BOARD, WHO LIVED NOWHERE NEAR OUR
9 COMMUNITIES, WERE CONTROLLING THE VOTE ON THAT MEASURE. AND
10 THE REFINERIES SHOULD IMPLEMENT EVERY SAFETY MEASURE POSSIBLE,
11 BUT THEY WILL FAIL IN THE EVENT OF A MAJOR EARTHQUAKE,
12 EXPLOSION, OR AN ATTACK, BECAUSE THIS DEADLY, TOXIC, FLESH-
13 EATING VAPOR WOULD SEEP OUT AND LITERALLY KILL PEOPLE. SO, THE
14 ONLY WAY YOU MAKE THESE REFINERIES SAFE, IN THE EVENT OF ONE
15 OF THESE EXPLOSIONS OR EARTHQUAKES, IS TO NOT HAVE THAT DEADLY
16 CHEMICAL BE USED THERE. I'M ASKING YOUR SUPPORT, COLLEAGUES,
17 THAT WE SEND A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO GOVERNOR NEWSOM AND
18 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONTA, THAT ASKS THE STATE TO TAKE ALL
19 POSSIBLE ACTION TO REQUIRE REFINERIES IN CALIFORNIA TO CONVERT
20 FROM M.H.F. TO SAFER ALTERNATIVES. I'M ALSO DIRECTING OUR
21 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO COORDINATE A COUNTY
22 WORKGROUP THAT WILL DO A COUPLE THINGS: GET THE LATEST UPDATE
23 FROM SOUTH COAST A.Q.M.D. ON THE STATUS OF THESE VOLUNTARY
24 SAFETY MEASURES THAT THE REFINERIES COMMITTED TO; AND REVIEW
25 THE HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES, RISK MANAGEMENT PLANS, AND

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1 NOTIFICATION PLAN, IN THE EVENT OF AN UNPLANNED RELEASE OF
2 THIS DEADLY CHEMICAL. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE REPORT-BACK IN 180
3 DAYS, WITH RECOMMENDATIONS ON ANY OTHER STEPS THE COUNTY
4 SHOULD TAKE TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF COMMUNITIES
5 LIVING NEAR THESE TWO REFINERIES. THANK YOU, COLLEAGUES, AND
6 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

7

8 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. ANY
9 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? SEEING NONE, SUPERVISOR HAHN, I GLADLY
10 JOIN YOU IN SUPPORTING YOU IN THIS MOTION, GIVEN THE
11 CUMULATIVE IMPACT THAT ACCIDENTS AND ALL THAT TAKES PLACE AT
12 THOSE REFINERIES HAVE ON NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES-- COMMUNITIES
13 I HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF REPRESENTING: THE CITY OF CARSON,
14 COMMUNITIES OF HARBOR GATEWAY AND WEST CARSON, GARDENA AND
15 LAWDALE. SO I'M PROUD TO JOIN WITH YOU IN THIS MOTION. AND
16 SEEING NO FURTHER QUESTIONS, ITEM 41-F IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY
17 SUPERVISOR HAHN. I WILL BE HONORED IF YOU'D ALLOW ME TO SECOND
18 IT, SUPERVISOR HAHN, TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
19 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 41-F IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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2 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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6 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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10 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

13 MITCHELL?

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

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

18 5-0.

19

20 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. COLLEAGUES, WHILE WE DON'T

21 TECHNICALLY HAVE SPECIALS ON THE AGENDA TODAY, WE DO WANT TO

22 USE THIS TIME TO RECOGNIZE THE RETIREMENT OF TWO VERY SPECIAL

23 MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY FAMILY. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WILL YOU

24 PLEASE LEAD US IN THIS EFFORT? AND I'LL INVITE OTHER MEMBERS

25 TO CHIME IN.

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2 **SUP. KUEHL:** YOU'RE VERY KIND, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU SO MUCH.
3 SHALL I START WITH BRIAN?

4

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

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, I THINK WE KNOW OUR FABULOUS
8 LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE IN SACRAMENTO IS RETIRING, AND I
9 JUST WANT TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT HIM. HE, AS YOU KNOW,
10 SERVED THE COUNTY AS THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER
11 AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, AND THEN WE TAPPED HIM TO GO TO
12 SACRAMENTO TO LEAD OUR LEGISLATIVE TEAM. BUT HE HAD A LONG AND
13 DISTINGUISHED HISTORY BEFORE HE EVEN CAME TO OUR WONDERFUL
14 COUNTY. LET'S SEE. HE CAME, I GUESS, MAYBE 10 OR SO YEARS AGO
15 TO THE COUNTY. HE SERVED IN A VARIETY OF STATE LEADERSHIP
16 ROLES, INCLUDING HIS WORK AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE
17 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, WHERE HE LED A MAJOR EFFORT TO
18 STRENGTHEN ENFORCEMENT POLICIES AND ENHANCE CONSUMER
19 PROTECTION. BRIAN? AH, THERE YOU ARE. LOOKING GOOD. WE FELT
20 VERY LUCKY WHEN YOU CAME TO JOIN THE COUNTY TO LEAD OUR
21 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, 10 YEARS AGO NOW,
22 IN 2012. I'M PARTICULARLY GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP
23 IN SETTING UP THE CENTER FOR FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT. THAT WAS A
24 REALLY, REALLY IMPORTANT STEP FOR US IN THE COUNTY. SO MANY OF
25 OUR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES FELL PREY TO SCHEMES AND SCAMS BECAUSE

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1 OF THEIR LACK OF FINANCIAL LITERACY, AND WAY TOO MANY STATE
2 AND FEDERAL SUBSIDIES WOULD THEN GO UNTAPPED, BECAUSE
3 INDIVIDUALS DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO ACCESS THEM. AND THAT WAS THE
4 CHALLENGE THAT THE CENTER, UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP, SET OUT TO
5 MEET. A FEW YEARS LATER, WHEN WE TAPPED YOU TO GO TO
6 SACRAMENTO AS OUR CHIEF LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE, YOU JUST
7 SHONE IN THE WORK, MAKING SURE THAT THE COUNTY, FOR JUST A FEW
8 THINGS, GOT ITS FAIR SHARE OF C.A.R.E.S. AND AMERICAN RESCUE
9 PLAN FUNDS, AS WELL AS CARRYING THE WATER, AS WE SAY, ON SO
10 MANY ISSUES THAT WE WOULD JUST GO, "HEY, THERE'S A 5-MEMBER
11 VOTE. GO GET IT." YOU KNOW? SO, THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH
12 FOR EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE TO HELP US, AND SO MANY OTHERS,
13 DURING YOUR CAREER. AND I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE REALLY
14 RETIRING, BUT I AM, SO I'M HOPING THAT PERHAPS WE'LL, I DON'T
15 KNOW, GO FISHING IN 2023. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GREAT WORK.
16 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

17
18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOLLOWED BY
19 SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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21 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. THANK YOU,
22 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. BRIAN, I ALSO
23 WANTED TO SAY, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO L.A. COUNTY. WE
24 APPRECIATE ALL YOU HAVE DONE. CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR
25 RETIREMENT. I JUST WANTED TO SAY, WHAT A PLEASURE IT WAS TO

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1 WORK WITH YOU AS WE DID SOMETHING UNPRECEDENTED, NEVER BEFORE
2 IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WE ATTEMPTED TO RETURN PROPERTY
3 TO AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN FAMILY THAT HAD BEEN WRONGED 100 YEARS
4 AGO, AND THE FACT THAT WE NEEDED A STATE LAW TO ALLOW US TO DO
5 WHAT WE KNEW WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO WAS PRETTY DAUNTING
6 WHEN WE STARTED. AND THE FACT THAT IT WAS-- AND I FORGET WHAT
7 THEY CALLED IT-- AN URGENCY BILL. YOU SACRAMENTO COLLEAGUES
8 WILL PROBABLY KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS, BUT IT TOOK 2/3 OF THE
9 LEGISLATURE, AS OPPOSED TO JUST A MAJORITY. YOU REALLY WERE
10 AMAZING. YOU KEPT MY STAFF UPDATED THE WHOLE TIME. AND IT
11 REALLY IS SOMETHING I HOPE YOU LOOK BACK ON AS REALLY SUCH A
12 MOMENTOUS THING THAT YOU WORKED TO ACHIEVE, WHICH I THINK WILL
13 BE A MODEL FOR THE REST OF THE COUNTRY, FOR STATE LEGISLATURES
14 EVERYWHERE, TO SEE HOW WE ACTUALLY PULLED THAT OFF. SO THANK
15 YOU, BRIAN, AND ALL THE BEST TO YOU IN YOUR NEXT CHAPTER OF
16 YOUR LIFE.

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

19
20 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. BRIAN, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR
21 SERVICE. I FEEL LIKE WE'VE GROWN AT THE SAME TIME. WHEN YOU
22 GOT HERE, I GOT HERE, AND YOU WERE JUST WONDERFUL. AND IT WAS
23 SO NICE TO MEET YOUR FAMILY IN SACRAMENTO. AND YOU'D PICK US
24 UP AND TAKE CARE OF US, AND JUST DID ALL KINDS OF GREAT
25 THINGS, ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY, SO I'M NOT GOING TO

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1 FORGET THAT. BUT I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR HELPING US WITH
2 L.A.C.+U.S.C., THE RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGE AND THE ICONIC
3 GENERAL HOSPITAL, HELPING US TO WORK THE DIFFERENT MEMBERS OF
4 THE LEGISLATURE ON THAT; AND THEN ALSO FOR HELPING US WORK ON
5 GETTING \$400 MILLION FROM THE GOVERNOR TO HELP US WITH THE
6 CLEANUP OF EXIDE. THAT WAS PHENOMENAL. YOU WERE AWESOME, AND
7 YOUR STAFF WAS. SO, I REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT
8 YOU'VE DONE, ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU WERE HERE, DIRECTOR OF
9 D.C.B.A., WORKING WITH ALL OF US TO IMPLEMENT SO MANY GOOD
10 INITIATIVES FOR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES. SO, ON BEHALF OF MY
11 STAFF AND MY RESIDENTS, ON BEHALF OF ME, WE ALL WANT TO SAY,
12 "MUCHAS GRACIAS AND BIENVENIDOS," AND HAVE A GOOD FUTURE. AND
13 BEST TO YOUR WIFE AND FAMILY. THANK YOU. GOD BLESS YOU.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, AND I WANT TO ECHO MY COLLEAGUES'
18 REMARKS, BRIAN. YOU KNOW, WHEN I THINK OF THE PATIENCE OF JOB,
19 I THINK OF YOU. 10 YEARS IN THE COUNTY, AND THERE IS NO
20 QUESTION THAT WHEN YOU WERE DOWN HERE WORKING AT D.C.B.A., I
21 GOT TO SEE YOU EVERY MORNING IN THE BASEMENT, AND I KNEW HOW
22 HARD YOU WORKED, AND I KNEW THAT THAT REALLY WAS WHERE YOUR
23 HEART WAS. AND THEN YOU WENT UP TO SACRAMENTO AND REALLY LED
24 THIS BOARD, AS IT RELATED TO LEGISLATIVE AGENDAS AND CRITERIA
25 THAT WE FELT WAS IMPORTANT, AND WERE ABLE TO BRIDGE OUR NEEDS

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1 WITH THE LEGISLATURE AND MAKE IT HAPPEN. YOU ARE A CAN-DO KIND
2 OF PERSON, BUT I THINK WHAT'S BEAUTIFUL IS, YOU TRULY ARE A
3 PUBLIC SERVANT IN YOUR HEART, AND IT SHOWED, EACH AND EVERY
4 DAY. 31 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE SAYS A LOT; WELL EARNED, AND
5 YOU ARE LEAVING TRULY WELL RESPECTED. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU
6 FOR EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE, FROM WHEN I WAS A STAFFER TO WHEN
7 I BECAME A SUPERVISOR. YOU DEFINITELY HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE
8 IN THIS COUNTY, AND THE LASTING IMPACT WILL SHOW FOR
9 GENERATIONS TO COME. SO, THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I WILL SAY "DITTO" TO ALL OF THE
12 WONDERFUL WORDS SHARED BY ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES. SOME OF MY
13 TEAM MITCHELL MEMBERS, WHO HAVE BEEN AROUND THE COUNTY FOR A
14 WHILE, SAID, AND I QUOTE, "YOU WERE ALWAYS DOWN FOR ANYTHING
15 INNOVATIVE." SO I TIP MY HAT TO THAT. I WILL SAY, MY
16 EXPERIENCE WITH YOU IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT, PERHAPS UNIQUE, IN
17 THAT I FULLY APPRECIATE HOW CHALLENGING IT IS TO... I WON'T
18 SAY "RALLY THE CATS," BUT I WILL SAY, MEETING THE NEEDS OF 5
19 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, TRYING TO EXPLAIN THOSE NEEDS TO NOT
20 ONLY THE L.A. COUNTY DELEGATION AND THE LEGISLATURE, BUT THE
21 ENTIRE LEGISLATURE, WHO WE KNOW SOMETIMES THINKS L.A. TAKES
22 ALL THE AIR OUT OF THE ROOM. WE DON'T BELIEVE THAT, BUT SOME
23 OF THEM DO. SO I APPRECIATE THE DELICATE BALANCE WITH WHICH
24 YOU HAD TO LEAD YOUR TEAM IN GETTING, FROM SACRAMENTO AND FROM
25 THIS BOARD, ALL OF THE SUPPORT AND EFFORT AND FOCUS TO MEET

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1 THE NEEDS OF ALMOST 11 MILLION PEOPLE. THAT IS NO DAUNTING
2 TASK. SO I APPRECIATE IT. I HAVE SEEN YOU IN THESE HALLS. I'VE
3 HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH YOU IN THE CORNER TO FIGURE OUT, "YOU
4 GO GET THOSE TWO. I'M GOING TO GO GET THIS ONE, AND WE'LL MEET
5 IN THE MIDDLE." THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES TO MOVE FORWARD PUBLIC
6 POLICY, TO MEET THE NEEDS OF A COUNTY AS BIG AND DIVERSE AND
7 COMPLEX AND FANTASTIC AS L.A. SO, CONGRATULATIONS ON A LONG
8 CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE, AND I WANT TO JOIN WITH MY
9 COLLEAGUES ON THE BOARD IN WISHING YOU ALL THE VERY BEST IN
10 YOUR RETIREMENT. GODSPEED. WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS?

11

12 **BRIAN STIGER:** YES, YES. THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU,
13 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, FOR YOUR
14 KIND AND GENEROUS REMARKS. I AM COMPLETELY OVERWHELMED BY YOUR
15 THOUGHTFULNESS. IT HAS BEEN A PRIVILEGE AND MY DISTINCT HONOR
16 TO REPRESENT YOUR BOARD AND SERVE THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES
17 COUNTY OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS. YOUR BOARD IS A SHINNING
18 EXAMPLE OF WHAT GOOD GOVERNMENT LOOKS LIKE, AND DEMONSTRATES
19 WHAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WHEN GOVERNMENT WORKS FOR THE PEOPLE.
20 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS, FOR YOUR INCREDIBLE
21 LEADERSHIP. I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOUR STAFF FOR THEIR SUPPORT,
22 COLLABORATION, AND PARTNERSHIP. TOGETHER, WE DESIGNED NEW
23 PROGRAMS, CREATED INNOVATIVE WAYS TO EDUCATE AND INFORM THE
24 PUBLIC, AND DEVELOPED LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY STRATEGIES TO
25 MOVE YOUR BOARD'S POLICY AGENDA FORWARD. I WANT TO THANK MY

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1 FAMILY FOR THEIR LOVE AND SUPPORT OVER MY 31 YEARS OF PUBLIC
2 SERVICE: MY WIFE DEBORAH, WHO WE'RE CELEBRATING 38 YEARS OF
3 MARRIAGE THIS YEAR; OUR DAUGHTER MONIQUE, AND HER HUSBAND AL;
4 OUR SON BRIAN JR., AND HIS WIFE KAREN; AND OUR YOUNGEST
5 DAUGHTER, SHALISA. OUR CHILDREN HAVE BLESSED US WITH 6
6 BEAUTIFUL GRANDCHILDREN: CHARLIE, CHLOE, AMARA, ALENA, SOPHIA,
7 AND ARIANNA. SORRY. I WANT TO THANK THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
8 OFFICER, FESIA DAVENPORT, AND ALL OF THE DEPARTMENT HEADS WHO
9 I'VE HAD THE CHANCE TO WORK WITH AND LEARN FROM OVER THE
10 YEARS. YOUR ADVICE AND COUNSEL AND FRIENDSHIP WERE
11 INSTRUMENTAL IN MY WORK, AND IN MY PERSONAL LIFE. I THANK YOU
12 VERY MUCH. TO MY FORMER COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS AT THE
13 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, THANK YOU FOR 6
14 WONDERFUL YEARS OF PROTECTING CONSUMERS. PLEASE KNOW YOUR
15 PASSION CONTINUES TO INSPIRE ME. I WANT TO THANK MY BOSS, MS.
16 SAMARA ASHLEY, FOR HER LEADERSHIP AND PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE.
17 SAMARA, YOU CONTINUE TO MAKE US ALL BETTER. THANK YOU TO THE
18 LEGISLATIVE TEAMS IN LOS ANGELES AND WASHINGTON, D.C., FOR
19 YOUR DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO ACHIEVING THE BOARD'S
20 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES. AND FINALLY, TO THE SACRAMENTO TEAM--
21 DONNA, FAITH, MARTHA, MARK, PORTIA, AND KATIE-- THANK YOU FOR
22 YOUR TEAMWORK, YOUR PROFESSIONALISM, AND YOUR EXTRAORDINARY
23 WORK EFFORT. YOUR WORK MATTERS. I REALLY ENJOYED OUR TIME
24 TOGETHER, AND THANKS FOR EVERYTHING. MADAM CHAIR, THANKS

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1 AGAIN. MY BEST TO YOU AND MEMBERS OF THIS INCREDIBLE BOARD.

2 THANK YOU, AND THAT CONCLUDES MY REMARKS.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND I THINK YOU GET
5 AN UNANIMOUS AYE VOTE, MR. STIGER. YOU CAN TAKE THAT ONE TO
6 THE BANK. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WILL YOU LEAD
7 US IN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF OUR SECOND COUNTY RETIREE TODAY?

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** I WOULD BE VERY HAPPY TO. I DON'T SEE HER ON THE
10 SCREEN YET, THOUGH. IS SHE COMING TO JOIN US? I COULD START.

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WHY DON'T YOU GO AHEAD AND GET STARTED,
13 AND I'M SURE FOLKS WILL MAGICALLY POPULATE HER.

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL:** I REALLY LIKE THAT MAGICAL PART OF IT. WELL, SHE'S
16 SORT OF MAGICAL, HERSELF. I MEAN, OKAY, I MET THIS WOMAN.
17 SHE'S NOT INCREDIBLY TALL. OKAY? BUT SHE'S A BRIGADIER
18 GENERAL. A BRIGADIER GENERAL. AND I WAS THINKING THE OTHER
19 DAY, IN PUTTING TOGETHER SOME REMARKS FOR HER, THAT ONLY TWO
20 YEARS AFTER SHE WAS COMMISSIONED AS A SECOND LIEUTENANT, I
21 WENT TO VIETNAM WITH THE U.S.O. AND I AM CERTAIN THAT SOME OF
22 THOSE 10,000 GUYS THAT I TALKED TO DURING THE MONTH THAT I WAS
23 THERE BECAME HER CHARGES MUCH LATER, IN COMING TO HEAD UP OUR
24 DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS. BRIGADIER GENERAL
25 RUTH WONG ACTUALLY RETIRED 20 YEARS AGO, BEING A BRIGADIER

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1 GENERAL, AND CAME TO THE COUNTY, WHICH WAS REALLY OUR LUCK.
2 AND SHE HAD QUITE A COUNTY JOURNEY. FIRST, SHE WENT TO THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, THEN TO THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, THEN
4 TO THE QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION WORKPLACE PROGRAMS,
5 AND FINALLY TO HEAD UP OUR DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS
6 AFFAIRS. AS JUST ONE MEMBER OF THIS HISTORIC 5-WOMAN BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS, YOU CAN IMAGINE HOW VERY PLEASED AND PROUD I FELT
8 THAT OUR COUNTY HAD A FEMALE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, OUR FIRST EVER. IT WAS BECAUSE
10 OF YOUR WORK, GENERAL, THAT MORE MONEY WAS SECURED FOR OUR
11 VETERANS-- A VERY, VERY IMPORTANT AND VULNERABLE POPULATION--
12 NEW AND NOTABLE PARTNERSHIPS WERE FORGED WITH OTHER COUNTY
13 DEPARTMENTS, AND A NUMBER OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
14 WERE LAUNCHED. SO, I HOPE THAT YOU CAN AT LEAST HEAR ME. I
15 WANT TO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR EVERYTHING THAT YOU HAVE DONE
16 FOR OUR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND ALL OF US WHO BENEFIT
17 FROM SERVICES FOR THEM. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

18
19 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL START WITH SUPERVISOR
20 BARGER, FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, THEN SOLIS.

21
22 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I, TOO, WANTED TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE
23 TO BRIGADIER GENERAL RUTH WONG, ON INCREDIBLE LEADERSHIP. I
24 MEAN, AS YOU OUTLINED, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, HER EXPERIENCE IN THE
25 COUNTY GOES SO FAR BACK, AS IT RELATES TO DEPARTMENTS. SHE

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1 PROBABLY KNOWS THE DEPARTMENTS BETTER THAN MANY OF US, BECAUSE
2 SHE'S WORKED IN MANY OF THEM. WITH TWO DECADES, YOUR CONTINUED
3 SERVING THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AS WELL AS
4 MILITARY AND VETERAN FAMILIES, HAS REALLY PAID OFF. YOU MADE
5 THEM ALL FEEL VALIDATED FOR THEIR SERVICE, AND YOU LET THE
6 FAMILIES KNOW THAT THERE WAS AID AVAILABLE WHEN NEEDED,
7 SOMETHING THAT OFTENTIMES [INAUDIBLE]. NOT ONLY DID YOU
8 RECEIVE ONE OF THE HIGHEST LEVELS IN THE UNITED STATES AIR
9 FORCE, FROM WHICH YOU RETIRED AS BRIGADIER GENERAL; YOU ALSO
10 ACHIEVED ONE OF THE HIGHEST LEVELS IN COUNTY SERVICE: RUNNING
11 A DEPARTMENT. AND AS SUPERVISOR KUEHL SAID, TO HAVE A WOMAN
12 RUNNING THE VETERANS AFFAIRS TRULY WAS PHENOMENAL. AS A
13 LEADER, YOU HELPED THE D.M.V.A. REACH NEW HEIGHTS, GROWING THE
14 DEPARTMENT BOTH IN TERMS OF STAFFING AND SERVICES TO OUR
15 COMMUNITY. RUTH, TO SAY I'M GRATEFUL FOR YOUR COLLABORATION IN
16 PLACING A VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER IN MY EAST SAN GABRIEL
17 VALLEY OFFICE WOULD BE AN UNDERSTATEMENT. YOU TRULY DID
18 RECOGNIZE THAT THERE WAS A NEED FOR SERVICE OUT IN THE EAST
19 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, AND YOU PROVIDED STEADFAST SUPPORT IN
20 GETTING US SOMEONE TO COME OUT-- IT BEGAN ONCE A WEEK, AND IS
21 NOW TWICE A WEEK-- TO HELP PEOPLE IN THE EAST SAN GABRIEL
22 VALLEY ACCESS THE SERVICES AND ANY FINANCIAL COMPENSATION THEY
23 DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THEY WERE ENTITLED TO. ALSO, YOUR STEADFAST
24 SUPPORT OF THE ANNUAL TRIBUTE TO VETERANS AND MILITARY
25 FAMILIES EVENT AT ARCADIA PARK. YOU SHOWED UP EACH AND EVERY

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1 YEAR, AND I WAS SO PROUD TO STAND BY YOU, AS WE RECOGNIZED THE
2 VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES. AND THEN, OF COURSE, YOUR SUPPORT
3 FOR THE V.P.A.N., SOMETHING THAT I KNOW, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU
4 AND I HAVE BEEN VERY, VERY FOCUSED ON. BUT YOUR COMMITMENT,
5 AND YOU STAYED FOCUSED, AND YOU RECOGNIZED THE OUTCOMES OF
6 INVESTING IN THE V.P.A.N. YOU TRULY ARE LEAVING A LASTING
7 LEGACY, AND WILL SERVE AS AN INSPIRATION, NOT ONLY TO THE
8 MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD, BUT ALSO TO VETERANS AND CIVIL SERVANTS
9 ALIKE. SO, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE, BOTH TO THIS
10 COUNTRY AND TO THIS COUNTY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AND THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, DID I
13 SAY YOU WERE NEXT?

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** I THINK YOU SAID ME NEXT, BUT I DON'T CARE.

16

17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** NO, GO AHEAD. SUPERVISOR HAHN, IT'S LATE
18 IN THE DAY. I FORGOT. SUPERVISOR HAHN, GO AHEAD.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY, THANKS, MADAM CHAIR. AND I JUST WANTED TO ADD
21 MY VOICE TO THE PRAISES THAT ARE BEING SUNG FOR YOU, GENERAL
22 WONG. AGAIN, NOT ONLY DID YOU BREAK BARRIERS IN THE MILITARY
23 BY RISING TO THE RANK OF BRIGADIER GENERAL, BUT TO BE THE
24 FIRST EVER COUNTY'S HEAD OF OUR MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
25 WAS JUST WONDERFUL. AND AGAIN, IT'S GREAT TO SEE THIS NEW LOOK

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1 FOR SUPERVISORS AND FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS, IN HOW WE MODEL.
2 AND, YOU KNOW, WOMEN DO BRING DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES TO OUR
3 JOBS. WE BRING A DIFFERENT SET OF LIFE EXPERIENCES TO OUR
4 JOBS, AND YOU CERTAINLY DO THAT. AND FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, I
5 WILL SAY, GENERAL WONG, I'M SO GRATEFUL FOR HOW YOU TOOK ON
6 THE CHALLENGE OF CREATING THE VERY FIRST EVER VETERANS L.A.
7 EVENT, WHICH WE HELD IN THE LOS ANGELES MEMORIAL COLISEUM, AND
8 YOU LED THE WAY TO SEE THAT THAT COULD BE A LASTING TRADITION.
9 MANY OF US HAD VISITED AND SHOWED UP AT VARIOUS VETERANS DAY
10 EVENTS IN OUR CITIES, IN OUR DISTRICT, BUT WE HAD NEVER HAD
11 ONE THAT REALLY HAD THE NAME "LOS ANGELES" ATTACHED TO IT, AND
12 I REALLY WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK YOU FOR THAT. I THOUGHT IT
13 WAS VERY MEANINGFUL THAT WE DID THAT, AND I THINK A LOT OF OUR
14 VETERANS APPRECIATED, OF COURSE, THAT WE WERE THERE AT THE
15 VENUE THAT IS A VETERANS MEMORIAL, AND THAT'S THE LOS ANGELES
16 COLISEUM. SO, THANK YOU, GENERAL WONG. IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE,
17 PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY, TO HAVE WORKED ALONGSIDE YOU
18 THESE PAST FEW YEARS. GOOD LUCK IN THIS NEXT CHAPTER OF YOUR
19 LIFE.

20
21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

22
23 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, GENERAL RUTH WONG. IT'S BEEN 8
24 YEARS SINCE WE FIRST MET, AND I'LL NEVER FORGET THE FIRST TIME
25 I STEPPED INTO PATRIOTIC HALL, AND HOW AMAZED I WAS AT ALL THE

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1 GREAT THINGS THAT HAD BEEN GOING ON THERE, THAT WERE UNDER
2 YOUR LEADERSHIP. AND TO SEE THAT THE NEW KITCHEN THAT WAS
3 BUILT THERE, THAT WASN'T YET OCCUPIED, YOU HELPED ME REALIZE
4 THE DREAM OF CREATING A CULINARY ARTS PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS
5 VETS AND FAMILY MEMBERS. UNFORTUNATELY, BECAUSE OF THE
6 PANDEMIC, WE HAD TO STOP, BUT NOW WE'RE GOING TO START IT UP
7 AGAIN. YOU DID SO MANY THINGS WITH US, NOT JUST IN POMONA,
8 BECAUSE WE WOULD HAVE OUR BIG JOBS FAIR, WHERE WE WOULD GET
9 2,000 PEOPLE COMING OUT. AND IT WAS WONDERFUL TO HAVE YOUR
10 SUPPORT, AS WELL AS ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS IN THE SAN GABRIEL
11 VALLEY AND IN EAST L.A., YOU WERE OUT THERE WITH US, WITH ALL
12 OUR VETS, AND OUR WOMEN VETS. SO, YOU STAND OUT AS A CHAMPION
13 FOR MANY OF US, AND I KNOW THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE SUCCESSFUL
14 IN ANY ENDEAVOR THAT YOU TAKE ON. AND THANK YOU FOR BEING A
15 VOICE FOR WOMEN IN THE MILITARY, A ROLE THAT ISN'T VERY
16 TRADITIONAL FOR MANY OF US, BUT THANK YOU FOR STANDING UP AND
17 SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND SUPPORTING US,
18 AS WELL. GOD BLESS YOU, AND BIG APPLAUSE TO YOU. THANK YOU.

19
20 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, JUST SO YOU KNOW,
21 GENERAL WONG WAS ON; HER CAMERA WASN'T ON. SO, SHE HEARD ALL
22 OF YOUR WONDERFUL REMARKS. I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO THINK SHE
23 DIDN'T HEAR YOU. SHE HEARD YOU. AND I WILL JUST SAY, GENERAL
24 WONG, AS THE NEWER KID ON THE BLOCK, MY EXPERIENCE WITH BOB
25 HOPE PATRIOTIC HALL PRE-DATES MY TIME HERE ON THE BOARD, BUT

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1 IT WAS A WONDERFUL SPACE IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY, WITH
2 PARKING, WHERE, WHEN I WAS AT CRYSTAL STAIRS, YOU WOULD ALLOW
3 US TO COME IN AND CONVENE CHILDCARE PROVIDER WORKSHOPS. AND SO
4 I KNOW FIRSTHAND THE GALLANT EFFORT YOU LED, IN TERMS OF ITS
5 RENOVATION, BEYOND JUST THE KITCHEN THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS
6 TALKED ABOUT, AND SO IT TRULY STANDS AS A SHINING EXAMPLE, AND
7 WORTHY OF THE NAME THAT IT BEARS. SO THANK YOU FOR THAT, AND
8 THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN A MOST DIFFICULT TIME AS
9 THIS, WITH REGARD TO C.O.V.I.D., IN MAKING SURE THAT YOU WERE
10 AT THE FRONT LINES, LITERALLY, PROVIDING RESOURCES,
11 INFORMATION, AND PROTECTION OF L.A. COUNTY VETERANS. FOR THAT,
12 ALL OF US ARE ETERNALLY GRATEFUL. WE WISH YOU WELL IN YOUR
13 RETIREMENT, AND WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS?

14

15 **RUTH WONG:** YES, I WOULD. FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU FOR ALL THE
16 WONDERFUL WORDS THAT YOU HAVE SAID REGARDING MY LEADERSHIP AND
17 MY HONOR TO SERVE THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. MANY INDIVIDUALS
18 ARE GIVEN THE GIFT OF SERVING THE PUBLIC. FEW ARE FORTUNATE
19 ENOUGH TO HAVE TWO CAREERS SERVING THEIR COUNTRY, AND SERVING
20 THIS GREAT COUNTY. LIKE MANY SERVICE MEMBERS RETIRING FROM
21 MILITARY SERVICE, I WASN'T SURE WHAT THE NEXT STEP WOULD BE
22 WHEN I RETURNED HOME TO LOS ANGELES IN 2001, AFTER COMPLETING
23 A CAREER IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE. A DOOR OPENED FOR ME WITH THE
24 COUNTY, AND I BEGAN TO WORK A SHORT FEW MONTHS LATER, IN
25 DECEMBER 2001. MY JOURNEY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS

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1 AFFAIRS BEGAN IN AUGUST 2012, WITH BOARD APPOINTMENT AS
2 DIRECTOR IN JULY 2013. I AM PROUD OF THE NUMEROUS
3 ACCOMPLISHMENTS MADE OVER THE YEARS, STARTING WITH THE
4 REOPENING OF HISTORIC PATRIOTIC HALL IN 2013, AFTER A 7-YEAR
5 REFURBISHING PROJECT COSTING MORE THAN \$50 MILLION. THIS VENUE
6 WAS PERFECT TO STAND UP A ONE-STOP SERVICE CENTER FOR VETERANS
7 AND FAMILIES, THAT SERVES AS A MODEL FOR OTHER COUNTY
8 DEPARTMENTS, VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, AND COUNTY OFFICES
9 ACROSS THE STATE. THE CENTER SERVES AS A HEADQUARTERS FOR U.S.
10 VETS, THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, VETERANS MENTAL HEALTH,
11 THE AMERICA'S JOB CENTER OF CALIFORNIA, AN ARM OF THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, THE LOS ANGELES BAR
13 ASSOCIATION, COMMUNITY VETERANS JUSTICE PROJECT, AND THE
14 AMERICAN LEGION. EXPANDING SERVICES WITH THESE ORGANIZATIONS
15 RESULTED IN ENHANCING THE LIVES OF OUR MILITARY VETERANS AND
16 FAMILIES, BY REDUCING HOMELESSNESS, INCREASING EMPLOYMENT
17 OPPORTUNITIES, AND PLACING INDIVIDUALS WITH GOOD-PAYING JOBS,
18 LEADING TO FRUITFUL CAREERS. SEVERAL OF OUR PROGRAMS HAVE
19 RECEIVED NATIONAL AND LOCAL SPECIAL RECOGNITION. OUR WOMEN'S
20 PROGRAM CELEBRATES THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF WOMEN WHO SERVED. AN
21 ANNUAL WOMEN'S SUMMIT HELPS WOMEN WITH EMPLOYMENT, LEGAL, AND
22 HEALTH RESOURCES. WE ALSO CONNECTED WOMEN VETERANS THROUGH
23 PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE L.A. SPARKS TEAM, THE WOLF CONNECTION,
24 AND THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HEALTHCARE, AND THE VETERAN
25 BENEFITS ASSISTANT TEAM. THE AWARD-WINNING OUTSIDE THE WIRE

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1 TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDED PROP 63 MENTAL HEALTH
2 FUNDS, FOCUSING ON SUICIDE PREVENTION, HOMELESS ASSISTANCE,
3 AND HELPED WITH BENEFITS APPLICATIONS. 13 COMMUNITY COLLEGES
4 LINK US TO 9/11 VETERANS, WHO ARE REINTEGRATING FROM COMBAT TO
5 COMMUNITY. THE STAND-UP OF OUR MILITARY LEAVE PROGRAM, IN
6 2015, HAS HELPED HUNDREDS OF MILITARY RESERVISTS, WHO ARE L.A.
7 COUNTY EMPLOYEES, TO BETTER UNDERSTAND FEDERAL AND LOCAL
8 REGULATIONS THAT PROTECT THEM, WHO ARE ORDERED INTO ACTIVE
9 MILITARY SERVICE. WE SERVE AS THE SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT FOR
10 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS CONCERNING PAID MILITARY LEAVE BENEFITS AND
11 RELATED EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS. THE LONG HISTORY OF OUR SYSTEMS
12 NAVIGATOR PROGRAM, FUNDED BY OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
13 PROP 63 FUNDS, CONTINUES TO FOCUS ON MENTAL HEALTH
14 INTERVENTION FOR VETERANS AND FAMILY MEMBERS, TO ENSURE THEM A
15 SEAMLESS REINTEGRATION FROM THE MILITARY TO THE CIVILIAN
16 COMMUNITY. RECENTLY, WE PARTNERED WITH D.M.H. TO SUPPORT THE
17 VETERAN PEER ACCESS NETWORK, SERVING AS A CONSULTANT TO THE
18 STEERING COMMITTEE, AND PROVIDING ACCREDITED SERVICE OFFICERS
19 AT LOCATIONS WITHIN EACH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. OUR STRONG
20 PARTNERSHIP WITH THE STATE, CALVET, HAS CREATED MANY
21 OPPORTUNITIES IN GRANT FUNDING, ACCREDITATION TRAINING,
22 TRANSITION ASSISTANCE AT MILITARY BASES AND COMMUNITY
23 COLLEGES, AND LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT FOR LAWS THAT INCREASE
24 SERVICES TO VETERANS AND FAMILIES. BESIDE THESE OUTSTANDING
25 PROGRAMS, MY GREATEST JOY WAS TO RECOGNIZE HUNDREDS OF WORLD

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1 WAR II VETERANS, OUR GREATEST GENERATION. MORE THAN 60 MILLION
2 OF AMERICA'S FINEST SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES DURING THE WAR.
3 THEIR AMAZING STORIES WERE FEATURED IN A VIDEO CALLED "UNSUNG
4 HEROES," WHICH SERVES AS A LEGACY TO THEIR SERVICE. AS I
5 REFLECT ON THE PAST 9 YEARS, AND THE MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF
6 MY HIGHLY SKILLED AND DEDICATED MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED IN
7 THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, WE ARE WELL
8 POSITIONED TO TAKE ON THE CHALLENGES OF THE NEWEST GENERATION
9 OF 9/11 VETERANS AND FAMILIES. I KNOW THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS HAS THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE
11 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO ACCEPT
12 THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL GENERATIONS OF VETERANS TO ENRICH
13 THEIR LIVES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK
14 THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS' OUTSTANDING
15 EXECUTIVE TEAM FOR THEIR DAILY COMMITMENT AND STEADFASTNESS TO
16 OUR MISSION: SERVING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED. AND TO ALL THE MEN
17 AND WOMEN DEPARTMENT STAFF, WHO CONTINUE TO HELP OUR SOLDIERS,
18 AIRMEN, COAST GUARDSMEN, AND SAILORS WHO SERVE, AND THOSE WHO
19 HAVE SERVED, MY DEEPEST THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT THROUGHOUT
20 MY YEARS AS THE DIRECTOR. FINALLY, THANK YOU AGAIN TO THE
21 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR L.A. COUNTY, FOR GIVING ME THE
22 OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AS THE DIRECTOR, AND TO SERVE THE
23 VETERANS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IT'S BEEN AN HONOR AND
24 PRIVILEGE TO SERVE YOU, THE COUNTY, THE DEPARTMENT, AND
25 ESPECIALLY OUR MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE SERVED OUR COUNTRY. I

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1 WANT TO LEAVE YOU WITH MY PARTING WORDS. AS WE SAY IN THE
2 UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, "AIM HIGH." I SALUTE ALL OF YOU.
3 THANK YOU.

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5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AND IN TURN, WE SALUTE YOU. THANK YOU
6 VERY MUCH FOR YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE. WE APPRECIATE YOU. WITH
7 THAT, COLLEAGUES, AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO
8 TRANSITION TO OUR ADJOURNMENTS IN MEMORY, AND WE WILL BEGIN
9 THIS WEEK'S MEETING WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER, THEN RETURNING TO
10 DISTRICT ONE, AND SEQUENTIALLY THEREAFTER. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
13 DO SO IN MEMORY OF HARVEY BRANMAN, A RESIDENT OF BURBANK, WHO
14 PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 1ST, AT THE AGE OF 78. BORN IN CHICAGO
15 IN 1943, HE ATTENDED SENN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1961, AND
16 EARNED A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY AT ROOSEVELT
17 UNIVERSITY. AFTER MOVING TO CALIFORNIA, HE WORKED IN THE
18 WHOLESALE MEAT INDUSTRY WHILE PURSUING HIS PASSION OF
19 PHOTOGRAPHY. IN THE EARLY YEARS, HARVEY WORKED ART FAIRS,
20 FOCUSING ON SCENIC PHOTOGRAPHY, AND THEN BRANCHED INTO
21 FAMILY, CORPORATE, POLITICAL, AND SPECIAL EVENT PHOTOGRAPHY.
22 HE EVENTUALLY OPENED HIS STUDIO, PHOTOGRAPHY AS AN ART, IN
23 BURBANK. HE LATER TRANSFORMED HIS PHOTOGRAPHY STUDIO INTO
24 KAGAN WATER WORLD. HARVEY STRONGLY BELIEVED IN COMMUNITY
25 SERVICE, AND SERVED HIS COMMUNITY FOR WELL OVER 30 YEARS AS A

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1 BOARD MEMBER AND TWO-TIME PRESIDENT OF THE KIWANIS CLUB OF
2 BURBANK, AND AS A MEMBER OF THE B.N.I. SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. HE
3 WAS KNOWN TO MANY AS THE KING OF NETWORKING. IN 2021, THE
4 BURBANK CITY COUNCIL HONORED HIM WITH A CERTIFICATE OF
5 RECOGNITION AS A BURBANK COMMUNITY MEMBER AND BUSINESS OWNER,
6 FOR SERVICE TO THE BURBANK COMMUNITY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
7 DAUGHTER, STEPHANIE SLAUGHTER, COUNTLESS FRIENDS AND FAMILY
8 MEMBERS, AND THE COMMUNITY HE SERVED. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN
9 MEMORY OF INMAN MOORE, A LONGTIME CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST AND
10 PASADENA RESIDENT, WHO PASSED AWAY JANUARY 26TH, 2022, AT THE
11 AGE OF 96. INMAN PROUDLY SERVED IN THE UNITED NAVY DURING
12 WORLD WAR II. AFTER LEAVING THE NAVY, HE ATTENDED MILLSAPS
13 COLLEGE IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, AND RECEIVED A GRADUATE
14 DEGREE IN THEOLOGY FROM THE CANDLER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AT
15 EMORY UNIVERSITY IN ATLANTA. IN 1963, HE MOVED WITH HIS FAMILY
16 TO CALIFORNIA, TO WORK AT PALMDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. IN
17 1967, HE MOVED TO LA CRESCENTA, AND MINISTERED AT CRESCENTA
18 VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. IN 1970, HE TOOK EARLY
19 RETIREMENT FROM THE MINISTRY, AND WITH HIS WIFE, NELLIE MOORE,
20 BEGAN A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS. TOGETHER, THEY CREATED MOORE
21 VENDING AND TOURNAMENT SOUVENIRS. AFTER RETIRING IN 1997, HE
22 WAS CALLED TO SERVE AS A PASTOR AT GRACE UNITED METHODIST
23 CHURCH IN ALTADENA FOR FOUR YEARS. HE CONTINUED TO SERVE AS A
24 GUEST PASTOR AT NUMEROUS CHURCHES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, AND
25 FOR MANY YEARS HE WAS ACTIVE IN CIVIC AND CHARITABLE

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1 ORGANIZATIONS IN AND AROUND PASADENA, PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT
2 PROMOTED CIVIL RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE. HE WILL BE
3 REMEMBERED NOT JUST FOR HIS COURAGEOUS STAND ON RACIAL
4 JUSTICE, BUT ALSO FOR BEING ONE OF THE MOST SKILLED PREACHERS
5 OF HIS GENERATION. INMAN WAS PREDECEASED BY HIS DAUGHTER,
6 PATRICIA RAMSEY, AND HIS WIFE NELLIE. HE'S SURVIVED BY
7 CHILDREN LINDA, ROBERT, AND DAVID LEON; GRANDCHILDREN SAUL,
8 MARISA, NATE, SARA, ANNA, AND NELLIE; AND FOUR GREAT-
9 GRANDCHILDREN. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. THOSE ARE MY
10 ADJOURNMENTS.

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

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14 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
15 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF STEVE SALAS, A FORMER
16 EL CHICANO MEMBER AND CO-FOUNDER OF THE LEGENDARY MUSIC BAND
17 TIERRA. STEVE PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 10TH, 2022. HE WAS
18 FAMOUS FOR CREATING BEAUTIFUL MEMORIES FOR MUSIC-LOVERS
19 WORLDWIDE, ALONGSIDE HIS BROTHER, RUDY SALAS. STEVE HAD BEEN
20 COURAGEOUSLY BATTLING CANCER FOR TWO YEARS, AND NOW JOINS HIS
21 BROTHER RUDY, WHO ALSO PASSED AWAY OVER A YEAR AGO. THE SALAS
22 BROTHERS LEFT AN INDELIBLE MARK ON THE HISTORY OF CHICANO
23 MUSIC WITH TIERRA, AND THEIR MUSIC WILL CONTINUE TO BE
24 CELEBRATED BY MILLIONS AROUND THE WORLD. TIERRA RELEASED THEIR
25 SELF-TITLED DEBUT ALBUM IN 1973, ANNOUNCING THEMSELVES TO THE

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1 WORLD WITH A CULTURAL MIX OF LATIN, JAZZ, FUSION, AND ROCK. IN
2 THE '80S THE GROUP GAINED INTERNATIONAL FAME, THANKS TO THE
3 REMAKE OF THE INTRUDERS' 1967 HIT "TOGETHER," WHICH REACHED
4 NUMBER 18 ON THE BILLBOARD HOT 100, AND NUMBER NINE ON THE
5 U.S. BILLBOARD R&B CHART. TIERRA HAD PERFORMED IN PRESTIGIOUS
6 SHOWS AND VENUES, SUCH AS CARNEGIE HALL, THE AMERICAN MUSIC
7 AWARDS, "AMERICAN BANDSTAND," AND RIGHT HERE AT THE DOROTHY
8 CHANDLER PAVILION. STEVE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE REMEMBERED FOR
9 HIS CAPTIVATING PERFORMANCES ON STAGE, AS WELL AS HIS
10 POWERFUL, SULTRY VOCALS THAT CONNECTED IN A DEEP, INTIMATE WAY
11 WITH HIS LISTENERS. HIS LAST PERFORMANCE WAS AN EMOTIONAL
12 TRIBUTE TO HIS BROTHER AND THE BAND, AT THE TIERRA LEGACY
13 CONCERT ON NOVEMBER 6TH, 2021, AT EAST L.A. COLLEGE, WHERE HE
14 AND THE SALAS FAMILY RECEIVED SEVERAL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT
15 AWARDS. HE WILL BE MISSED DEARLY, AND MAY HE REST IN PEACE.
16 SECONDLY, MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
17 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FIRE CAPTAIN STEVEN MCCANN. ON WEDNESDAY,
18 FEBRUARY 9TH, 2022, AT APPROXIMATELY 9:33 P.M., FIRE CAPTAIN
19 STEVEN MCCANN, WHO WAS ASSIGNED TO FIRE STATION 166 IN EL
20 MONTE, SUFFERED A HEART ATTACK AFTER RECEIVING AN EMERGENCY 9-
21 1-1 RESPONSE AT THE FIRE STATION. HE WAS 48 YEARS OLD, AND A
22 16-YEAR VETERAN OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT.
23 HE WAS A RESIDENT OF FONTANA, AND IS SURVIVED BY TWO
24 DAUGHTERS, A STEPDAUGHTER, AN EX-WIFE AND HIS MOTHER, TWO
25 SISTERS, AND A BROTHER. HE WAS A PROUD PROTECTOR OF THE

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1 COMMUNITIES HE SERVED, AS WELL AS RESPECTED BY HIS COLLEAGUES
2 FOR THE CARE AND COURAGE HE EXHIBITED THROUGHOUT A CAREER THAT
3 WAS CUT MUCH TOO SHORT. I HAVE ORDERED COUNTY FLAGS TO BE
4 HALF-STAFF IN HIS HONOR. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. THANK YOU,
5 MADAM CHAIR.

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7 **SUP. KUEHL:** IF I MAY JOIN YOU?

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9 **SUP. HAHN:** I THINK WE SHOULD DO ALL MEMBERS ON THE COUNTY
10 FIREFIGHTER.

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS:** THAT'S FINE. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANKS FOR ALLOWING
15 US TO JOIN. WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN
16 MEMORY OF TWO SECOND-DISTRICT RESIDENTS: OLIVER NELSON HARRIS
17 II, AND WANDA L. COMBS-MOORE. MR. HARRIS, A COMMUNITY LEADER
18 IN THE EAST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ AREA, WAS BORN ON MAY 23RD, 1937,
19 IN NEWARK, DELAWARE, AND PASSED AWAY THIS PAST FEBRUARY 2ND,
20 AT THE JOHN WAYNE CANCER INSTITUTE IN SANTA MONICA, AT THE AGE
21 OF 84. HE ATTENDED HIGH SCHOOL IN GUAM, EARNED A BACHELOR OF
22 SCIENCE DEGREE IN BIOLOGY FROM PARK UNIVERSITY, AND A MASTER'S
23 DEGREE FROM THE COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF
24 JOURNALISM. MR. HARRIS WAS A VETERAN OF THE U.S. ARMY, WORKED
25 AS A TECHNICIAN AT TEXACO OIL REFINERY FOR 31 YEARS, AND AT

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1 K.J.L.H. RADIO STATION FOR 15. IN HIS SPARE TIME, HE WAS
2 DEDICATED TO SERVING THE COMMUNITY, AND ENJOYED MAKING MODEL
3 AIRPLANES, FISHING, AND LISTENING TO MUSIC. HE SERVED AS THE
4 PRESIDENT OF THE RANCHO DOMINGUEZ COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, AS
5 WELL AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE EAST SIDE DEMOCRATIC CLUB IN LONG
6 BEACH. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS POSITIVE ATTITUDE, GREAT
7 LEADERSHIP SKILLS, AND HIS KINDNESS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
8 LOVING WIFE, MARTHA, AND THEIR THREE CHILDREN-- KIMBERLY,
9 OLIVER III, AND BRENT-- AND A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY AND
10 FRIENDS, WHO ALL WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY,
11 WE ASK THAT YOU ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF WANDA MOORE. MS. MOORE, A
12 HIGHLY SOUGHT-AFTER PUBLIC SPEAKER, PASSIONATE CIVIL SERVANT,
13 AND RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT, WAS BORN DECEMBER 28TH,
14 AND PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 1ST, 2022, FROM A LONG-TERM
15 ILLNESS, AT THE AGE OF 84. SHE GRADUATED FROM CENTENNIAL HIGH
16 SCHOOL IN COMPTON, AND L.A. HARBOR COLLEGE, WITH A DEGREE IN
17 EDUCATION. AFTER COLLEGE, SHE ALWAYS TALKED ABOUT THE FACT
18 THAT SHE SURVIVED 30 INTERVIEWS BEFORE LANDING HER FIRST JOB
19 WITH THE CITY OF L.A., WHERE SHE BEGAN WORKING AS A CLERK
20 TYPIST FOR THE L.A. POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND THEN FOR THE HARBOR
21 DEPARTMENT. BUT IN 1971, SHE BECAME THE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO
22 THEN COUNCILMEMBER TOM BRADLEY. WHEN HE BECAME MAYOR OF THE
23 CITY OF LOS ANGELES IN 1973, MS. MOORE CONTINUED WORKING FOR
24 HIM, EVENTUALLY PROMOTING TO CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT,
25 UNTIL HER RETIREMENT IN 1993. AFTER HER RETIREMENT, SHE WROTE

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1 A BOOK CALLED "NEVER GIVE UP," A MEMOIR TO SERVE AS LIVING
2 PROOF THAT "WE ALL ARE CAPABLE OF GREATNESS, ESPECIALLY
3 WOMAN." IN 1996, SHE SERVED AS CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR FOR
4 JUANITA MILLENDER MCDONALD'S SUCCESSFUL BID FOR CONGRESS. MS.
5 MOORE WAS ALSO A FORMER TELEVISION TALK SHOW HOST FOR
6 K.T.L.A.'S PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAM "WEEKEND GALLERY," AND THE
7 ONE I REMEMBER THE MOST, "PACESETTERS." SHE FOUNDED WANDA L.
8 MOORE & ASSOCIATES, WHERE SHE OFFERED EVENT PLANNING AND
9 MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKING SERVICES. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A
10 LEADER WHO WAS DIGNIFIED, TRUSTED, WELL SPOKEN, AND, MOST
11 IMPORTANTLY TO SOME, ALWAYS DRESSED TO THE NINES. SHE IS
12 SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, DR. MICHELE BOWERS AND MARLIN MOORE,
13 AND A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO WILL MISS HER
14 WARM SPIRIT, HER LEADERSHIP, AND HER POSITIVE ATTITUDE. WE
15 WILL MOVE ON TO DISTRICT 3. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

16
17 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I ALSO HAVE TWO
18 ADJOURNMENTS. I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
19 MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE JERRY FIELDS, A REALLY, TRULY FINE
20 MAN, AND A FINE JUDGE. HE WAS AN L.A. NATIVE; WENT TO
21 HOLLYWOOD HIGH. GRADUATED IN 1944, AND JOINED THE ARMY. AFTER
22 BEING DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMY, HE ENROLLED AT U.C.L.A., WHERE
23 HE GRADUATED WITH A DEGREE IN BUSINESS; AND A FEW YEARS LATER,
24 HE ATTENDED THE U.S.C. LAW SCHOOL. HE OFTEN STATED THAT HE
25 FELL IN LOVE WITH THE LAW FROM HIS FIRST DAY AT LAW SCHOOL. IN

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1 1955, HE MOVED TO WASHINGTON, D.C., AND BEGAN WORKING FOR THEN
2 CONGRESSMAN JAMES ROOSEVELT. HIS FAVORITE MEMORY FROM THAT
3 TIME WAS HAVING DINNER WITH FORMER FIRST LADY ELEANOR
4 ROOSEVELT, AND JIMMY ROOSEVELT, JUST THE THREE OF THEM. JERRY
5 WAS A STAUNCH DEMOCRAT; MET HIS WIFE, VALERIE, IN 1963, AT A
6 CONVENTION OF THE CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC COUNCIL. TOGETHER,
7 THEY WERE INVOLVED IN A NUMBER OF POLITICAL ACTIVITIES,
8 INCLUDING SUPPORTING THE ELECTION OF CLOSE FRIENDS TO OFFICE
9 IN THE STATE ASSEMBLY, THE STATE SENATE, AND TO CONGRESS. IN
10 1973, MAYOR BRADLEY APPOINTED HIM A CITY COMMISSIONER, AND
11 ASKED HIM TO SERVE AS PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION
12 OF THE CITY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM, WHERE HE REMAINED
13 UNTIL HE WAS APPOINTED TO THE BENCH IN 1980. HE WAS APPOINTED
14 A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT BY THEN GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN. HE
15 RETIRED FROM THE BENCH IN 1994, AND BECAME A PRIVATE JUDGE,
16 EMPLOYED AS AN ARBITRATOR AND MEDIATOR FOR THE NEXT 11 YEARS,
17 PERIODICALLY RETURNING TO THE BENCH AS AN ASSIGNED JUDGE. HE
18 ALWAYS SAID HE FELT VERY FORTUNATE; JUST LOVED HIS EMPLOYMENT
19 IN THE LAW, BOTH AS AN ATTORNEY AND AS A JUDGE. AND OUTSIDE OF
20 HIS DISTINGUISHED LEGAL CAREER, HE WAS ALSO INVOLVED IN HIS
21 COMMUNITY, AND SAT ON VARIOUS PHILANTHROPIC BOARDS. HE WAS
22 LONGTIME PRESIDENT OF THE ENCINO PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION.
23 HE WAS AN EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER OF THE JEWISH HOME FOR THE
24 AGING, STEPPING DOWN AFTER 12 YEARS, AND OF THE AMERICAN
25 JEWISH COMMITTEE IN LOS ANGELES. HE WAS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE

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1 COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION, LITIGATION SECTION, AND ALSO OF OUR
2 CALIFORNIA WOMEN'S LAW CENTER, WHICH IS WHERE I MET HIM. HE
3 WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE L.A. COUNTY, BEVERLY HILLS, AND
4 AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATIONS. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A FEMINIST
5 BEFORE WE HAD A WORD FOR IT, A MAN WITH A GREAT ZEST FOR LIFE,
6 AN ENDURING COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL JUSTICE, AND A MAN WHO DEEPLY
7 LOVED HIS FAMILY. IT WAS SAID OF HIM, AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE,
8 "HE WAS ALWAYS ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF HISTORY." HE IS SURVIVED
9 BY HIS FOUR CHILDREN. AND I ASK WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
10 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CHRIS HUVANE, WHO DIED ON FEBRUARY 6TH.
11 HE WAS A RESIDENT OF L.A., WHO GREW UP IN YONKERS, NEW YORK.
12 GOT HIS EXPOSURE TO THE FILM INDUSTRY WHILE WORKING AS A
13 BELLMAN AT A HOTEL IN MANHATTAN, WHERE HIS BROTHERS ALSO
14 WORKED. WHILE CARRYING SUITCASES FOR CELEBRITIES, HE MET ACTOR
15 JULIANNE MOORE, WHO LATER BECAME A CLIENT. HE MOVED TO L.A. IN
16 2000, AND WORKED IN SEVERAL DIFFERENT ROLES IN THE
17 ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY: A FORMER PUBLIC RELATIONS EXEC WITH
18 H.B.H. PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MAGAZINE EDITOR, MOST KNOWN FOR
19 HIS ROLE AS THE SENIOR WEST COAST EDITOR OF G.Q. MAGAZINE. HE
20 ALSO DABBLED IN ACTING, AND PLAYED A WAITER, WHICH HE LOVED
21 DOING, IN ONE EPISODE OF "SEX AND THE CITY." IN 2010, HE LEFT
22 G.Q. TO JOIN THE REPRESENTATION FIRM MANAGEMENT 360. AND IN
23 2015, HE WAS PROMOTED TO PARTNER. HIS EXPERIENCE AS AN ACTOR
24 MADE HIM A BETTER MANAGER, HE SAID, AS DID HIS PENCHANT FOR
25 SPEAKING HIS MIND. IN ADDITION TO JULIANNE MOORE, HIS CLIENTS

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1 INCLUDED ACTORS MARGOT ROBBIE, HENRY WINKLER, ZOEY DEUTCH,
2 JENSEN ACKLES, AND ZACH BRAFF. HE ALSO MANAGED THE LATE ACTOR
3 CHADWICK BOSEMAN. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE COLE, HIS FATHER
4 MARTIN, AND FIVE SIBLINGS: MICHAEL, ROBERT, STEPHEN, KEVIN,
5 AND DENISE. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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9 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
10 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ROBERT CURRY, SR., WHO WAS
11 A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE HARBOR AREA, AND HE WAS 90 WHEN HE
12 PASSED AWAY. AS THE C.E.O. OF HIS FAMILY'S COMPANY, CAL
13 CARTAGE, HE REVOLUTIONIZED THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY. BOB'S VISION
14 TOOK CAL CARTAGE FROM A LOCAL LOS ANGELES-BASED COMPANY TO A
15 NATIONAL LEADER IN LOGISTICS. BOB WAS KNOWN AS A PERSON YOU
16 COULD COUNT ON. THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, BOB MENTORED SEVERAL
17 PEOPLE, INCLUDING MANY OF TODAY'S MARITIME INDUSTRY
18 EXECUTIVES. HE WAS ALWAYS READY TO LEND A HAND OR GIVE ADVICE
19 TO ANYONE WHO SOUGHT IT. BOB'S PASSION FOR THE INDUSTRY AND
20 THE COMPANY WAS SECOND TO NONE. HE TRULY LOVED WHAT HE DID,
21 AND LOVED ALL THE EMPLOYEES WHO WORKED FOR CAL CARTAGE. BOB
22 WOULD OFTEN CALL HIMSELF A CARETAKER OF CAL CARTAGE, ALWAYS
23 CREDITING THE SUCCESS OF CAL CARTAGE TO THE EMPLOYEES THAT
24 WORKED FOR THE COMPANY. HIS COMPANY WAS ALWAYS A GOOD MEMBER
25 OF THE CHAMBERS, THE WILMINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. HE WAS

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1 KNOWN FOR HIRING MANY RESIDENTS OF WILMINGTON. WHEN HE WAS NOT
2 AT THE OFFICE, HE ENJOYED SPENDING TIME WITH FAMILY, GOLFING
3 WITH HIS FRIENDS, ROOTING FOR THE U.S.C. FOOTBALL TEAM. BOB
4 WAS A PROUD MEMBER OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, AND ENJOYED GOING
5 TO SATURDAY MASS EVERY WEEK. BOB IS PREDECEASED BY HIS WIFE
6 BILLIE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS FIVE CHILDREN-- BOBBY, NEIL,
7 TRICIA, MARCIA, MIKE-- AS WELL AS HIS EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN AND
8 THREE GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
9 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF SHERYL LYNN MOSICH, WHO WAS
10 A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO BEFORE MOVING WITH HER
11 HUSBAND TO IDAHO. SHERYL WAS A DEVOTED AND PASSIONATE MEMBER
12 OF THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY, AND SPREAD THE LOVE OF THE LORD,
13 DAILY. SHE SPENT MANY YEARS AS AN AIDE TO CHILDREN WITH
14 SPECIAL NEEDS, AND ENJOYED WORKING WITH THE KIDS' MINISTRY AT
15 CHURCH. SHERYL IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, BRIAN MOSICH. I
16 FIRST KNEW HIM WHEN HE WORKED FOR RUDY SVORINICH, WHEN HE WAS
17 A LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCILMEMBER. AND SHE IS ALSO SURVIVED BY
18 HER CHILDREN MORGAN, BRIAN JR., JORDAN, THREE GRANDCHILDREN,
19 HER MOTHER YVONNE, AND HER SIBLINGS SUZANNE, MICHELLE, LISA,
20 AND RALPH GALANTE, JR. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THOSE ARE MY
21 ADJOURNMENTS.

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23 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, ALL. WE WILL TAKE ALL OF THESE MOTIONS
24 FOR ADJOURNMENT AS SECONDED, AND IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, WE
25 WILL SHOW A UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR THOSE MOTIONS. I BELIEVE THAT

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1 BRINGS US TO THE END OF OUR AGENDA FOR OUR PUBLIC BOARD
2 MEETING, AND WE ARE NOW PREPARED TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION.
3 SO, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED
4 SESSION.

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6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
7 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
8 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-1, CONFERENCE
9 WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR FESIA DAVENPORT AND DESIGNATED STAFF, AS
10 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 15, 2022

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5 CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
6 (Government Code Section 54957.6)

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8 Agency designated representatives: Fesia Davenport, Chief
9 Executive Officer, and designated staff.

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11 Employee Organization(s) for represented employees: The
12 Coalition of County Unions, AFL-CIO; Local 721, SEIU, Union
13 of American Physicians and Dentists; Peace Officers Counsel
14 of California; Association of Public Defender Investigators;
15 Association of Deputy District Attorneys; Los Angeles County
16 Association of Environmental Health Specialists; and

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18 Unrepresented employees (all). (17-0363)

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20 **No reportable action was taken.**
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1 I, JENNIFER A. HINES, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number
2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do
3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors February 15, 2022,
6 were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my
7 direction and supervision;

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

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

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
16 25th day of February 2022, for the County records to be used
17 only for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts
18 as on file of the office of the reporter.

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20 JENNIFER A. HINES

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