



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, MARCH 1, 2022, ON PAGE 257]**

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5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WELCOME TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED
6 MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WHICH
7 IS BEING HELD REMOTELY. TODAY IS TUESDAY MARCH 1ST, 2022. WE
8 WILL NOW TAKE ROLL CALL TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE. EVERYBODY
9 UNMUTE YOUR MICS AND GET READY. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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11 **SUP. SOLIS:** PRESENT.

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13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** IS SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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15 **SUP. KUEHL:** PRESENT.

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

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19 **SUP. HAHN:** PRESENT.

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

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23 **SUP. BARGER:** PRESENT.

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25 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** MS. DAVENPORT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE 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 **ATTORNEY:** PRESENT.

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8 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WILL YOU DO US THE
9 HONOR BY LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE?

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11 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. AND IF I CAN TAKE A MOMENT OF
12 PERSONAL PRIVILEGE TO ASK THAT, BEFORE WE DO THE PLEDGE, IF WE
13 TAKE A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE WHO HAVE
14 LOST THEIR LIVES AND LIVELIHOODS FIGHTING FOR THEIR COUNTRY,
15 AND THEN I WOULD GLADLY DO THE PLEDGE, IF THAT'S PERMISSIBLE.

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17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY. THANK YOU SO MUCH, WE WILL
18 TAKE A MOMENT OF SILENCE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. NOW, IF YOU
19 WILL PLEASE JOIN ME BY PLACING YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR
20 HEART, AND WE WILL LEAD YOU IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. I
21 PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
22 AND TO THE REPUBLIC, FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD
23 INDIVISIBLE WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. THANK YOU, MADAM
24 CHAIR AND MEMBERS.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AS INDICATED ON THE
2 POSTED AGENDA, WE WILL BE TAKING TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENTS
3 DURING TODAY'S MEETING. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD
4 RECEIVED OVER 100 WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TODAY'S MEETING.
5 AS THOSE WERE RECEIVED, ALL OF THEM WERE AVAILABLE TO THE
6 SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION, CONSISTENT WITH THE BROWN
7 ACT REQUIREMENTS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE WRITTEN COMMENTS
8 THROUGHOUT THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME A PART OF THE
9 OFFICIAL RECORD. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

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11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. GOOD MORNING,
12 MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL
13 BEGIN ON PAGE 2, SET MATTERS 1 AND TWO. SET MATTER 1 IS A
14 REPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND APPROPRIATE
15 DEPARTMENT HEADS, AS NECESSARY, ON THE STATUS OF THE AMERICAN
16 RESCUE PLAN FUNDING AND CONSIDERATIONS OF NECESSARY ACTIONS.
17 SET MATTER 2 IS A DISCUSSION IN CONSIDERATION OF NECESSARY
18 ACTIONS ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER RELATED TO COVID-19 AND
19 STATUS OF THE COVID-19 VACCINE. THESE ITEMS WILL BE HELD FOR
20 DISCUSSION. ON PAGE 3, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
21 ITEMS 3-35, ON ITEM 4, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS
22 ITEM BE HELD. THIS ALSO INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON
23 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 5, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS
24 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS ALSO INCLUDES A REVISION AS
25 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 6, SUPERVISOR

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1 SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 12, SUPERVISOR
2 MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM RELATES
3 TO ITEM 51. ITEM 13, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS
4 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 21, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS
5 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 22, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS
6 ITEM BE HELD. THIS ALSO INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON
7 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 23, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS
8 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 25, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS,
9 ITEMS 36-62, ON ITEM 36, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS
10 THAT THIS ITEM BE REMOVED FROM REPORTING ON FUTURE AGENDAS AS
11 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 51, SUPERVISOR
12 MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM RELATES TO
13 ITEM 12. ON 52, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
14 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO MARCH 15TH, 2022. ON ITEM 53, THE
15 PUBLIC DEFENDER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO
16 HIS DEPARTMENT. ON ITEM 55, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT
17 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 40, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS
18 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS
19 IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
20 AGENDA. ON ITEM 60C, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
21 BE HELD. ON ITEM 60D, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS TO ABSTAIN
22 FROM THE VOTE. ON PAGE 41, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTIONS, ITEMS
23 63 AND 64. ON ITEM 64, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS
24 ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 42, SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEM 65 IS A
25 RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE

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1 AND SALE OF THE SAN GABRIEL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL
2 OBLIGATION BOND IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPLE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
3 \$5,525,000. ON PAGE 43, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA, THIS IS THE
4 AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ITEM
5 1D IS A RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO UNDERTAKE
6 BOND FINANCING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$18 MILLION TO
7 FINANCE A THREE-STORY NEW CONSTRUCTION AFFORDABLE HOUSING
8 PROJECT TO BE COMPRISED OF 35 LOW INCOME UNITS AND ONE MANAGER
9 UNIT. ITEM 3D IS AN ADDITION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
10 AGENDA. ON PAGE 44, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION, ON ITEM CS2
11 COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK
12 TO MARCH 8TH, 2022. ITEM CS3 IS AN ADDITION AS INDICATED ON
13 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THE REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES AND
14 REFERRED BACK MATTERS THROUGH CS3 ARE BEFORE YOU.

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

19
20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA,
21 MADAM CHAIR.

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23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WE WILL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ALL
24 AGENDA ITEMS. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU PLEASE READ THE CALL
25 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 TODAY?

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4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE
5 PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT SHOULD CALL 877-336-
6 4437 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 1366783. TO REPEAT,
7 PLEASE CALL 877-336-4437 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER
8 1366786. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO
9 THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL 877-873-8017 AND
10 FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING IN,
11 WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND
12 WHICH ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. WE WILL ALLOCATE 90 MINUTES
13 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL THE ITEMS POSTED ON TODAY'S AGENDA.
14 YOU WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK ON ONE AGENDA ITEM OR TWO
15 MINUTES TO SPEAK ON TWO OR MORE AGENDA ITEMS. IN ADDITION,
16 THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD WITH GENERAL PUBLIC
17 COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED ONE ADDITIONAL MINUTE, FOR A MAXIMUM
18 TOTAL OF UP TO THREE MINUTES. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL
19 WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL
20 BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. WHEN SPEAKING ON THE AGENDA ITEMS,
21 YOU MUST BE ON TOPIC. OUR GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH AS MANY
22 SPEAKERS AS WE CAN. IF YOU ARE NOT SPEAKING ON A TOPIC, OF IF
23 WE CANNOT TELL IF YOU ARE SPEAKING ON AN AGENDA ITEM, YOU WILL
24 GET ONE WARNING FROM COUNTY COUNSEL OR THE CHAIR. IF YOU DO
25 NOT IMMEDIATELY OR CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC, OR IF YOU STRAY OFF

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

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

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14 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH
15 INTERPRETATION OF THIS REMINDER.

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17 **SPEAKER:** [SPANISH INTERPRETATION]

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19 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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

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1 **JACKIE JUAREZ:** GOOD MORNING. I'M SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM 22.
2 MY NAME IS JACKIE, AND I'M FROM WITH (INDISCERNIBLE) JUSTICE
3 NETWORK. I'M HERE TO SAY NO TO BARRY J. NIDORF BECAUSE THE
4 YOUTH ARE NOT BEING TREATED RIGHT AT NIDORF. THEIR MENTAL AND
5 PHYSICAL HEALTH ARE NOT BEING TAKEN CARE OF. YOUTH ARE
6 HANDCUFFED AND SHACKLED, AND THEY HAVE NOT HAD A DECENT MEAL
7 WITHOUT FINDING BUGS IN THE FOOD. I WANT TO SEE CHANGE BECAUSE
8 THEY'RE TREATING YOUTH LIKE ANIMALS. I WANT TO SEE YOUTH
9 GETTING THERAPY TO HELP WITH THEIR PROBLEMS. THIS IS WHY WE
10 NEED A DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT NOW. THANK YOU FOR
11 LISTENING.

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13 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

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

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20 **ANDRES KWON:** ANDRES KWON, A.C.L.U., SPEAKING TO ITEMS 64, 51,
21 55, AND GENERAL COMMENTS. SHERIFF VILLANUEVA IS THE SINGLE
22 GREATEST THREAT TO OUR CIVIL LIBERTIES HERE IN L.A. COUNTY.
23 FROM HIS VIOLATIONS OF THE LAW AND OBSTRUCTION OF OVERSIGHT,
24 EVEN HARASSING OVERSIGHT OFFICIALS, TO THE SCORES OF DEPUTY
25 GANG VIOLENCE HAS HAS ENABLED. AND WE'RE FACING DRAMATIC

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1 INCREASE IN DEPUTY SHOOTINGS AND RECORD-LEVEL DEATHS IN THE
2 JAILS UNDER VILLANUEVA'S WATCH. IN FACT, THE O.I.G. REPORT IN
3 ITEM 51, CONFIRMS 2021 WAS BY FAR THE MOST VIOLENT AND DEADLY.
4 L.A.S.D. WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR 35 DEPUTY SHOOTINGS IN 2021 AND
5 32 IN 2022, AN ALMOST 60% INCREASE FROM 2017 AND 2018 LEVELS.
6 IN THE JAILS, 55 PEOPLE DIED IN 2021 AND 41 IN 2020, ALMOST
7 DOUBLE 2017 AND '18 LEVELS. SO OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS UNDER
8 VILLANUEVA, WE'VE SEEN A DEATH RATE OF 1 PERSON DYING
9 APPROXIMATELY EVERY WEEK. SUPERVISORS, IF THIS IS NOT A
10 CRISIS, WHAT IS? ON TOP OF ALL THIS, RELATED TO ITEM 64,
11 L.A.S.D. UNDER VILLANUEVA HAS OUTRIGHT REFUSED TO COMPLY WITH
12 (INDISCERNIBLE) IN THE C.P.R.A., PROMPTING MULTIPLE LAWSUITS,
13 INCLUDING FROM THE A.C.L.U., FOR WHICH WE TAXPAYERS HAVE HAD
14 TO PAY HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS, INCLUDING IN ITEM 55,
15 185,000 TO SETTLE WITH THE BRENNAN CENTER. IN THIS CONTEXT, WE
16 THANK THE LEADERSHIP OF SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND SOLIS AND
17 WELCOME A TRANSPARENCY ORDINANCE. COUNTY COUNSEL WILL SURELY
18 TAKE MORE SERIOUSLY THE PUBLIC'S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF
19 ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS AND APPROACH THE MANDATED RESPONDING
20 TO P.R.A. REQUESTS AND PUBLISHING NEW RECORDS. WITH THE GOAL
21 OF SATISFYING THAT OBLIGATION, NOT OBSTRUCTING IT. STILL, WE
22 ARE CONCERNED THAT THE ORDINANCE CONTINUES TO RELY ON L.A.V.
23 IN SHARING EVIDENCE AND CREATING CERTAIN RECORDS AND GRANTING
24 ACCESS TO THEM, AND WE ARE AFRAID THAT IT MAY TAKE MONTHS, IF
25 NOT YEARS, FOR THE ORDINANCE TO BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED AND

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1 ENSURE FULL COMPLIANCE WITH TRANSPARENCY LAWS. SO, THE BOARD,
2 COUNTY COUNSEL, AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE WILL NEED TO BE ON
3 TOP OF IT FOR THIS ORDINANCE TO BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED, AND WE
4 URGE YOU NOT TO DELAY, LEST WE HAVE MORE SETTLEMENTS IN THE
5 FIGURES OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS, AND INSTEAD
6 (INDISCERNIBLE) TRANSPARENCY UP FRONT, WHICH IS NOT THE ONLY -
7 - ONLY THE RIGHT THING TO DO, BUT IT'S ALSO THE FINANCIALLY
8 SOUND THING TO DO. FINALLY, WE IMPLORE YOU TO PROPOSE TO THE
9 VOTERS A CHARTER AMENDMENT THAT WILL STRENGTHEN SHERIFF
10 ACCOUNTABILITY AND CREATE COMMON SENSE STRUCTURES OF CHECKS
11 AND BALANCES, WHICH WILL PROVIDE MORE MEANINGFUL TOOLS TO REIN
12 IN THE SHERIFF, WHETHER IT'S THE CURRENT SHERIFF OR WHOEVER
13 COMES NEXT. POLLING SHOWS THAT A STRONG MAJORITY OF L.A.
14 COUNTY VOTERS SUPPORT THIS CHARTER AMENDMENT FOR REAL SHERIFF
15 ACCOUNTABILITY. NO SHERIFF IS ABOVE THE LAW, AND THE BOARD
16 MUST ACT NOW.

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18 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MAY WE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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20 **SPEAKER:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE TYLER OBINA. PLEASE
21 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO ADDRESS TODAY AND
22 WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23
24 **TYLER OBINA:** HELLO. MY NAME IS TYLER OBINA. I'M SPEAKING ON
25 AGENDA 22, PUBLIC COMMENT. I JUST CALLED -- I'M WITH THE OF

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1 HEALING AND JUSTICE NETWORK. I'M HERE TO SAY NO TO BARRY J.
2 NIDORF. I'M SORRY. AND ANY OTHER FACILITY THAT'S TRYING TO
3 TAKE HOLD TO THEIR YOUTH. THERE IS STUFF THAT IS FOUND IN THE
4 FOOD. YOUTH ARE HANDCUFFED AND HANDLED LIKE NO OTHER WITH THE
5 WAY THEY SHOULDN'T BE HANDLED AND HAVING TO WEAR THE SAME
6 CLOTHES ON END, AND THIS IS WHY WE NEED TO BUILD A YOUTH
7 DEVELOPMENT TO HELP THEM, NOT HARM THEM. AND THAT'S ALL.

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9 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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11 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE MELISSA CAMACHO CHUNG.
12 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO ADDRESS
13 TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC
14 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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16 **MELISSA CAMACHO CHUNG:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS MELISSA CAMACHO
17 CHUNG. I'M A SENIOR STAFF ATTORNEY WITH THE A.C.L.U. OF
18 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND A RESIDENT OF S.D.2. I'M COMMENTING ON
19 ITEM 51 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. IN 2021, 55 PEOPLE DIED IN
20 THE L.A. COUNTY JAILS, 55 PEOPLE. THAT IS MORE THAN ONE
21 PERSON EVERY WEEK. THAT NUMBER IS BOTH BREATHTAKING AND
22 RECORD-BREAKING. THE O.I.G. REPORTS THAT IN 2021, MORE PEOPLE
23 DIED IN JAIL THAN IN EVERY YEAR SINCE AT LEAST 2013. THE
24 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TRACKS L A. COUNTY JAIL
25 DEATHS GOING BACK TO 2005. OVER THE LAST 16 YEARS, L.A. COUNTY

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1 HAS NEVER HAD MORE THAN 50 DEATHS IN CUSTODY, UNTIL OF COURSE
2 LAST YEAR WHEN 55 PEOPLE DIED. URGENT ACTION IS NEEDED. PEOPLE
3 ARE DYING ON SHERIFF VILLANUEVA'S WATCH IN RECORD NUMBERS.
4 MANY, IF NOT MOST, OF THEM HAVE NOT EVEN BEEN CONVICTED OF A
5 CRIME. WHY ARE THEY DYING? WHAT IS THE SHERIFF DOING TO STOP
6 THE DEATHS, AND WHO WILL HOLD HIM ACCOUNTABLE? IS A YEAR AGO,
7 THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL CLOSURE WORKGROUP CREATED A PLAN TO
8 BRING THE JAIL POPULATION DOWN TO 8,500 WITHIN 18-24 MONTHS.
9 IN THE 12 MONTHS SINCE THE WORKGROUP SUBMITTED THE PLAN TO
10 THIS BOARD, MORE THAN 50 PEOPLE DIED. AND THE JAILS ARE STILL
11 OPERATING ABOVE CAPACITY. THIS BOARD MUST SET A TIMELINE TO
12 CLOSE M.C.J. AND FULLY FUND THE BEDS NEEDED TO GET AND KEEP
13 PEOPLE OUT OF JAIL. PEOPLE'S LIVES HAVE NEVER DEPENDED UPON IT
14 MORE. THANK YOU.

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16 **SPEAKER:** MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

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

22
23 **ERIC PREVEN:** I'LL ADDRESS SEVERAL ITEMS AND GENERAL PUBLIC
24 COMMENT. IT'S AN INTERESTING TO HEAR THE A.C.L.U. OUT IN FORCE
25 BECAUSE IT WAS WITH THE A.C.L.U. THAT WE SUED THE COUNTY BOARD

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1 OF SUPERVISORS TO GET C.P.R.A. INFORMATION, AND THE COUNTY
2 FOUGHT TO THE VERY BITTER LAST DEATH AND END UNTIL JUDGE
3 STROBLE FORCED THEM TO HAND OVER THE RECORDS. AND THEN THE
4 A.C.L.U. SAID, "MR. PREVEN, WE'RE DONE," AND FIRED ME AS A
5 CLIENT, WHICH WAS HORRIBLE, BUT I TOOK THE TIME TO PROPERLY
6 INFORM EVERYBODY ABOUT HOW MUCH MONEY WE WERE WASTING, AND
7 THAT WAS THE PREVIOUS SHERIFF ADMINISTRATION. I DON'T KNOW,
8 YOU KNOW, SHERIFF VILLANUEVA IS A THREAT ACCORDING TO MR.
9 KWON, AND I THINK THAT THERE'S A REAL SCHISM ABOUT WHO HAS THE
10 RIGHT INFORMATION. I THINK PEOPLE ARE DYING IN JAIL AT THE
11 HIGHEST RATE EVER LAST YEAR BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC, TO BE
12 FAIR, THAT THE MOST NEEDIEST WOUND UP IN HORRIBLE SITUATIONS,
13 AND SOME OF THEM WERE ARRESTED, AND IT'S TERRIBLE, BUT -- AND
14 WE HAVE TO DO A BETTER JOB, FOR SURE, BUT I JUST THINK THAT
15 THAT'S A VERY STRONG THING TO BE FOCUSING YOUR MEETING ON AT
16 THE OUTSET. AND HUNTSMAN'S REPORT, WELL LET'S TALK ABOUT
17 MISINFORMATION. I THINK SOLIS HAS A VERY NICE MOTION THAT HAS
18 BEEN WIDELY CRITICIZED AS WHO CAN BE -- NOBODY IS GOOD AS
19 CENSORING. WE CAN'T HAVE CENSORS BECAUSE EVERYBODY THINKS
20 THEY'RE CENSORING THE RIGHT AND WRONG INFORMATION. FAIR
21 ENOUGH. LET'S GET TO THE GIFT. WE'VE BEEN GIVING AWAY PARKING
22 WAIVERS FOR THE LAWYERS BECAUSE THEY NEED IT AT THE COUNTY
23 LIBRARY. SO THAT'S HELPFUL. AND RANCHOS LOS AMIGOS, ONE OF
24 THE LARGEST FUND-RAISING HUBS IN THE NATION, IS GETTING THEIR
25 FARMER'S MARKET COMPED BY THE BOARD, AND DOWN IN MARINA DEL

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1 REY, IT'S TIME FOR THE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL WHERE THEY'RE
2 GIVING AWAY WAIVERS, AND RICK CARUSO GOT 16,000 FROM THE
3 COUNTY BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC. HE NEEDS A LITTLE HELP, EVEN
4 THOUGH HE'S A BILLIONAIRE. IN TERMS OF THE PROJECT ROOM KEY
5 STAFF, FINALLY THEY ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO PARK WITH WAIVERS,
6 AND NOBODY LOVES THEM MORE THAN I DO. IF CLIMATE HAZARDS ARE
7 SO SERIOUS NOW, IT'S WORSENERD SIGNIFICANTLY OVER THE LAST
8 DECADE, AND IF WARMING ISN'T SLOWED, THE DANGERS ARE GOING TO
9 MULTIPLY, AND WE HAVE NOT DONE ENOUGH TO ADAPT AND BE SAFE,
10 AND IF WARMING CONTINUES, IT'S BECOMING HARDER AND HARDER TO
11 COPE. OBVIOUSLY THIS LANDS ON THE DISPROPORTIONATELY POOR
12 ACROSS THE NATION. YET, I DO THINK THAT THE BOARD HAS TO
13 RETAKE ITEM 40 FROM FEBRUARY 15TH BECAUSE THEY VIOLATED THE
14 BROWN ACT BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T WANT PEOPLE TO SPEAK ABOUT THE
15 AMENDMENTS TO THE ORDINANCE THAT WERE SIGNIFICANT. THEY CALLED
16 IT A LITTLE TUNE-UP, BUT DIDN'T PROPERLY AGENDIZE, AND THEY
17 INDICATED INSTEAD OF SHALL, WHICH WAS MUST DO SOMETHING, IT
18 MAY REQUIRE, WHICH IS A VERY BIG DIFFERENCE AND COMPLETELY
19 BAIT AND SWITCH. I HOPE THEY'LL DO THAT. THE BOARD HAS DONE
20 ONE OF THE WORST JOBS OF ANYBODY IN CALIFORNIA AT MEETING
21 REGULARLY AND IN FRONT OF THE PUBLIC --

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23 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE HAVE THE
24 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF HEATHER
2 COOPER ORTNER. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
3 ADDRESSING AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC
4 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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6 **HEATHER COOPER ORTNER:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS HEATHER COOPER
7 ORTNER. I'M PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF ALZHEIMER'S LOS ANGELES,
8 AND I'LL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM 23 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I
9 AM PLEASED TO BE HERE THIS MORNING TO COMMENT ON THIS MOTION
10 IN SUPPORT OF A.B.2175, WHICH WOULD CREATE A STATEWIDE
11 TASKFORCE TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT WANDERING OF
12 PEOPLE WITH COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT. AN ESTIMATED 690,000 PEOPLE
13 ARE LIVING WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE IN CALIFORNIA AND OVER
14 177,000 HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, A NUMBER WHICH IS EXPECTED
15 TO INCREASE BY 135% BY 2040. OVER 60% OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS ARE
16 LIKELY TO WANDER AT SOME POINT. AS A RESULT, WANDERING IS A
17 SERIOUS SAFETY ISSUE FOR SOME OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE
18 CALIFORNIANS. THROUGH THE CREATION OF THE BRINGING OUR LOVED -
19 - THE BRINGING OUR LOVED ONES HOME TASKFORCE, AND THE
20 SUBSEQUENT CREATION OF THE L.A. FOUND PROGRAM, L.A. COUNTY IS
21 TAKING -- HAS TAKEN MEANINGFUL STEPS TO ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM
22 BY GIVING FAMILIES ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY THAT HELPS LAW
23 ENFORCEMENT FIND THEIR LOVED ONES QUICKLY, PROVIDING EDUCATION
24 TO HELP FAMILIES TO PREVENT WANDERING, AND IMPROVING FIRST
25 RESPONDER RESPONSES THROUGH EDUCATION AND COORDINATION.

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1 ALZHEIMER'S LOS ANGELES IS A PROUD PARTNER OF L.A. FOUND.
2 TOGETHER, WE HAVE HELPED TO SUPPORT ALZHEIMER'S FAMILIES'
3 ACCESS TO RESOURCES AND EDUCATION TO KEEP THEIR FAMILIES SAFE.
4 OUR COUNTY SERVES AS A MODEL FOR OTHER COMMUNITIES AND OUR
5 STATE. IT'S MY HOPE THAT, WITH THE SUPPORT SUCH AS THAT BEING
6 OFFERED TODAY BY YOU THROUGH THIS MOTION, THE STATE
7 LEGISLATURE WILL UNDERSTAND THE URGENCY OF THE ISSUE AND GIVE
8 ALL FAMILIES IN CALIFORNIA A CHANCE TO BENEFIT FROM THE WORK
9 WE HAVE DONE HERE IN LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

12

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

17

18 **SILVIA GWAN:** MY NAME IS SILVIA GWAN, AND I'M COMMENTING ON
19 ITEM 6 AND ADDRESSING PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M THE CHILD WELFARE
20 POLICY DIRECTOR AT THE ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICE
21 AGENCIES, ALSO KNOWN AS A.C.H.S.A. A.C.H.S.A. REPRESENTS 89
22 NON-PROFIT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE CHILD WELFARE,
23 JUVENILE JUSTICE, AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS
24 AND COMMUNITIES IN L.A. COUNTY. FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK
25 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION TODAY,

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1 AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS IN PARTICULAR FOR AUTHORIZING ITEM 6, THE
2 MOTION TO EXPAND HOUSING FOR YOUTH FORMERLY IN FOSTER CARE.
3 THE NEED FOR TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, SUCH AS TRANSITIONAL
4 HOUSING PROGRAM PLUS, IS PROFOUND FOR CURRENT AND FORMER YOUTH
5 IN FOSTER CARE WITH HOUSING NEEDS FAR EXCEEDING HOUSING
6 RESOURCES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN AND GROW,
7 PROGRAMS LIKE T.H.P. PLUS MUST RECEIVE ADEQUATE AND VIABLE
8 FUNDING TO SUPPORT HIGH QUALITY CARE FOR YOUTH. UNFORTUNATELY,
9 THE T.H.P. PLUS PROGRAM RATE HAS NOT INCREASED AS NECESSARY TO
10 ABSORB THE RISING COST OF LIVING. THIS MOTION IS NEEDED TO
11 SUSTAIN AND ENHANCE ACCESS TO T.H.P. PLUS HOUSING AND SUPPORTS
12 FOR YOUTH IN L.A. COUNTY. I URGE THE BOARD TO SHOW THEIR
13 SUPPORT FOR TRANSITION AGE YOUTH BY APPROVING THE MOTION TO
14 PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE T.H.P. PLUS HOUSING SUPPLEMENTAL
15 PROGRAM FUNDING ALLOCATION, THANK YOU.

16
17 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18
19 **MODERATOR:** NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE MELANIE OCHOA.
20 PLEASE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO ADDRESS TODAY AND
21 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
22 BEGIN.

23
24 **MELANIE OCHOA:** HI. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON ITEM 42 AND GENERAL
25 PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS MELANIE OCHOA WITH THE A.C.L.U. OF

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1 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THANK YOU SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND SOLIS
2 FOR PUSHING FORWARD THIS IMPORTANT TRANSPARENCY MEASURE. WHILE
3 THIS ORDINANCE IS NECESSARY, IT HAS BEEN DRAFTED IN SUCH WAY
4 THAT I FEAR IT WILL NEVER BE IMPLEMENTED, UNFORTUNATELY.
5 FRANKLY, IT READS AS THOUGH COUNTY COUNSEL TRIED TO DRAFT AN
6 ORDINANCE THAT IT NEVER WANTED TO EXECUTE. AS WRITTEN, IT
7 GIVES THE COUNTY COUNSEL, THE C.E.O., AND L.A.S.D. AUTHORITY
8 TO VETO THE POLICY THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AND THE
9 PUBLIC OVERWHELMINGLY ENDORSED. I HAVE NEVER SEEN AN ORDINANCE
10 THAT PURPORTS TO IMPOSE MANDATORY DUTIES WITH SUCH CONDITIONAL
11 LANGUAGE. SECTION I OF THIS ORDINANCE STATES IT WILL NOT BE
12 OPERATIVE UNTIL "FUNDS ARE APPROPRIATED TO FULLY STAFF THE
13 OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL." FIRST, THERE NO CRITERIA FOR FULLY
14 STAFFED, SO EVEN IF THE COUNTY ALLOCATES FUNDING, IT WILL BE
15 UP TO THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT BELIEVES IT
16 SHOULD EVER BE SUBJECT TO THIS LAW. SECOND, BY MAKING THE
17 EXISTENCE OF THE LAW CONTINGENT ON FUNDING, IT'S APPLICATION
18 IS AT THE WHIM OF THE C.E.O. WE WOULD HOPE THAT IT WOULD
19 EXPEDITE FUNDING OF THIS ORDINANCE BECAUSE IT IS FISCALLY
20 IRRESPONSIBLE NOT TO. JUST ON TODAY'S AGENDA IS A REQUEST TO
21 APPROVE NEARLY \$200,000 IN ATTORNEY'S FEES INCURRED BECAUSE
22 L.A.S.D. FAILED TO FULFILL A SINGLE P.R.A. REQUEST. THIS IS IN
23 ADDITION TO THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF C.P.R.A. ATTORNEYS'
24 FEES RECORDED BY THE I.G. AND EVEN MORE INCURRED SINCE,
25 INCLUDING BY THE A.C.L.U. THE C.E.O. SHOULD PRIORITIZE PAYING

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1 COUNTY COUNSEL STAFF TO FULFILL THE COUNTY'S C.P.R.A.
2 OBLIGATIONS OVER CONTINUING TO PAY SIGNIFICANT FEES INCURRED
3 BY REQUESTERS TO FORCE L.A.S.D. TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW. THE
4 DRAFT ORDINANCE ALSO APPEARS TO MAKE IT CONDITIONAL ON
5 L.A.S.D.'S WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE RELEVANT
6 DISCIPLINARY RECORDS, RATHER THAN DIRECTING L.A.S.D. TO
7 PROVIDE ANY NECESSARY ACCESS. FINALLY, THE ORDINANCE STATES
8 THAT OBLIGATION TO PUBLIC RECORDS IS CONTINGENT ON WHETHER
9 L.A.S.D. OR PROBATION HAS "THE TECHNICALS AND OPERATIONAL
10 MEANS TO DO SO," AGAIN, RATHER THAN SIMPLY CREATING A LEGAL
11 REQUIREMENT THAT THESE AGENCIES WITH BILLION DOLLAR BUDGETS
12 WOULD THEN BE OBLIGATED TO SATISFY. THE BOARD SHOULD STRIKE
13 THIS CONDITIONAL LANGUAGE FROM THE ORDINANCE AND DIRECT THE
14 RELEVANT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO TAKE THE STEPS NECESSARY TO
15 IMPLEMENT ITS DIRECTIVES. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18

19 **MODERATOR:** AS A REMINDER, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IF YOU WISH TO
20 ADDRESS THE BOARD, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND THEN 0 AT THIS TIME. DO
21 NOT PRESS 1 AND 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU'LL BE REMOVED FROM THE
22 QUEUE.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH
25 INTERPRETATION OF THIS REMINDER.

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2 **SPEAKER:** [SPANISH INTERPRETATION]

3

4 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF JUAN

7 NEVARSIA. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE

8 ADDRESSING AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC

9 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **JUAN NEVARSIA:** YES, GOOD MORNING. I'LL BE ADDRESSING ITEM

12 NUMBER 6 AND PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS JUAN NEVARSIA. I'M A

13 STAFF ATTORNEY WITH PUBLIC COUNSEL'S TRANSITION AGE YOUTH

14 PROGRAM. WE PROVIDE HOLISTIC LEGAL SERVICES TO YOUNG ADULTS,

15 OFTEN PEOPLE OF COLOR, IMPACTED BY THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. I

16 WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER LEADERSHIP TO

17 OFFER THIS MOTION TO EXPAND HOUSING FOR YOUTH FORMERLY IN

18 FOSTER CARE. THESE INDIVIDUALS DESERVE A CHANCE AT STABILITY

19 TO LEAD SUCCESSFUL LIVES, AND I URGE THE BOARD TO APPROVE THIS

20 MOTION. YOUTH HOMELESSNESS HAS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY OVER

21 THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, AND THERE IS SIMPLY NOT SUFFICIENT

22 HOUSING DEDICATED TO SUPPORT YOUTH CURRENTLY OR FORMERLY IN

23 FOSTER CARE. TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PLACEMENT PLUS, OR T.H.P.

24 PLUS, IS ONE SUCH PROGRAM THAT DOES NOT HAVE ENOUGH UNITS,

25 DESPITE AN IMPRESSIVE TRACK RECORD IN HELPING YOUTH ACHIEVE

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1 STABILITY. SINCE 2019, THANKS TO THE LEADERSHIP OF THE BOARD,
2 L.A. COUNTY HAS INCREASED THE NUMBER OF UNITS FOR THE PROGRAM
3 BY 50%, BUT TO TRULY MEET DEMAND, WE MUST EXPAND IT FURTHER.
4 THE T.H.P. PLUS PROGRAM WILL ALLOW US TO OPEN MORE BEDS FOR
5 FORMER FOSTER YOUTH AGES 18-25. L.A. COUNTY CAN USE THESE
6 FUNDS FOR T.H.P. PLUS TO ENHANCE THE RATE, PACE, AND HOUSING
7 PROVIDERS AND ALLOW THEM TO SERVE YOUTH MORE SUCCESSFULLY. THE
8 YOUNG ADULTS WE WORK WITH ARE FEARFUL ABOUT WHAT COMES NEXT.
9 THEY DESERVE TO KNOW THAT, AT THE VERY LEAST, THEY'LL HAVE A
10 ROOF OVER THEIR HEADS. AND ONCE AGAIN, I URGE YOU TO APPROVE
11 THIS MOTION AND SUPPORT HOUSING STABILITY FOR THESE YOUNG
12 ADULTS NAVIGATING SUCH A CRITICAL TIME IN THEIR LIFE. THANK
13 YOU.

14
15 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16
17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF IVETTE ALE.
18 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY
19 AND WHETHER YOU YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU
20 MAY BEGIN.

21
22 **IVETTE ALE:** IVETTE ALE WITH DIGNITY AND POWER NOW, RESIDENT OF
23 DISTRICT 5, SPEAKING ON ITEMS 22, 51, 13, AND GENERAL PUBLIC
24 COMMENT. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND MITCHELL FOR
25 CONTINUING TO INTRODUCE MOTIONS THAT ALIGN WITH THE CARE FIRST

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1 VISION AND COMMUNITY DEMANDS FOR ACCOUNTABILITY. ITEM 22
2 REALIZES TWO OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT POLICY CHANGES SINCE
3 THREE MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD VOTED TO CANCEL THE JAIL
4 CONTRACTS, THE CREATION OF A DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT,
5 AND INDEPENDENT PRETRIAL SERVICES. THIS MOTION MOVES FORWARD A
6 FOUNDATIONAL STRATEGY. NUMBER 3, WHICH THE BOARD APPROVED IN
7 2020, AND A.T.I. RECOMMENDATIONS 53, 55, AND 56. I CANNOT
8 UNDERSCORE ENOUGH THE IMPACT THAT THESE TWO ASPECTS OF THE
9 MOTION WILL HAVE ON FURTHERING JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY IN
10 L.A. COUNTY. IN CUSTODY DEATHS HAVE INCREASED BY 175% SINCE
11 2016, MAKING PRETRIAL DETENTION MORE DANGEROUS THAN EVER
12 BEFORE. I URGE THE REST OF THE BOARD TO VOTE YES AND MAKE GOOD
13 ON THE PROMISE OF A.T.I. AND YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED BY NOT
14 ONLY PASSING THIS MOTION BUT ALSO PASSING BUDGET CHANGES
15 NECESSARY TO MAKE THESE NEW DEPARTMENTS A SUCCESS AND
16 COMMITTING TO A TIMELINE TO CLOSE M.C.J. A RESTRUCTURING OF
17 THE BUREAUCRACY WITHOUT A FUNDAMENTAL RESTRUCTURING OF THE
18 BUDGET DEMONSTRATES A LACK OF COMMITMENT. THIS BOARD MADE A
19 COMMITMENT TWO YEARS AGO TO END L.A. COUNTY'S OVER RELIANCE ON
20 INCARCERATION. THAT DECISION WAS MADE BECAUSE THE BOARD KNEW
21 IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO, THE FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE AND
22 PRAGMATIC THING TO DO, AND IT REMAINS THE RIGHT THING TO DO,
23 REGARDLESS OF THE VOCAL MINORITY CALLING FOR A RETURN TO
24 FAILED POLICIES OF THE 1990S. WE DO NOT NEED ANY MORE REPORTS,
25 ANY MORE FEASIBILITY STUDIES, ANY MORE DELAYS. WHAT WE NEED

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1 FROM THE BOARD NOW IS ACTION. DO NOT WAVER ON THAT COMMITMENT
2 FOR POLITICAL EXPEDIENCY AND CREATE THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH
3 DEVELOPMENT, ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT PRETRIAL SERVICES, AND
4 COMMIT TO A TIMELINE FOR M.C.J.'S CLOSURE, AND PASS A CARE
5 FIRST BUDGET THIS YEAR. ANYTHING SHORT OF A CARE FIRST BUDGET
6 WILL CONTINUE TO EMPOWER FAILED DEPARTMENTS LIKE L.A.S.D.,
7 WHICH ITEM 55 LAYS BARE. PEOPLE ARE DYING IN THE L.A. COUNTY
8 JAILS IN RECORD LEVELS UNDER THE SHERIFF VILLANUEVA'S WATCH.
9 LAST YEAR ALONE, 55 PEOPLE DIED IN CUSTODY CUSTODY. IN CUSTODY
10 DEATHS AND VIOLENCE IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CONTINUE TO BE
11 THE LARGEST DRAIN ON LIABILITY FUNDS IN THE COUNTY TOTALING
12 TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAT COULD BE BETTER USED
13 PROVIDING SERVICES. IT IS A DEATH SENTENCE TO BE INCARCERATED
14 IN L.A. COUNTY. WE NEED IMMEDIATE ACTION FROM THIS BOARD BY
15 SETTING A TIMELINE FOR CLOSING M.C.J. AND LIFT THE CAP ON THE
16 OFFICE OF HOUSING, DIVERSION, AND REENTRY'S HOUSING PROGRAMS.
17 AND YET, THE BOARD CONTINUES TO STALL ON THIS COMMITMENT TO
18 CLOSE M.C.J. THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO RESPOND TO PEOPLE DYING
19 IN JAILS IS TO DRASTICALLY REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN
20 CUSTODY. PEOPLE ARE DYING NOT JUST BECAUSE OF COVID-19 LIKE
21 ERIC PREVEN MENTIONED BUT ALSO OF MEDICAL CRISIS, DRUG
22 OVERDOSE, SUICIDE, AND VIOLENCE BY SHERIFF PERSONNEL, ALL OF
23 WHICH CAN BE DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO OVERCROWDING IN THE JAILS.
24 MORE STAFFING IS NOT THE ANSWER. GETTING PEOPLE OUT OF JAIL IS
25 THE ANSWER. ACCOUNTABILITY IS THE ANSWER, WHICH IS WHY ARE A

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1 CHARTER AMENDMENT THAT ESTABLISHES AND IMPEACHMENT PROCESS FOR
2 THE SHERIFF, REINFORCES THE BOARD'S POLICY MAKING AUTHORITY
3 OVER THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND ESTABLISHES PERMANENT AND
4 INDEPENDENT CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT IS SO CRITICAL. I ALSO ASK THAT
5 THE BOARD VOTE YES ON ITEM NUMBER 13, ASSEMBLY MEMBER BRIAN IS
6 IN LINE WITH THE COUNTY'S CARE FIRST VISION AND WILL CREATE A
7 STATEWIDE PIPELINE --

8

9 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT
10 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF DMYTRO
13 KUSHNERUK. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
14 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'RE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC
15 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

16

17 **DDMYTRO KUSHNERUK:** HELLO. I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM 60C AND GENERAL
18 PUBLIC COMMENT. DMYTRO KUSHNERUK, I'M CONSUL GENERAL OF
19 UKRAINE IN SAN FRANCISCO. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THE
20 MINUTE OF SILENCE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING FOR
21 UKRAINIAN PEOPLE WHO DIED BECAUSE OF THE RUSSIAN AGGRESSION. I
22 WANT TO TELL YOU THAT IT IS THE 6TH DAY OF WAR SINCE THE
23 RUSSIANS (INDISCERNIBLE) AGAINST UKRAINE, WHICH IS AN ATTACK
24 ON A SOVEREIGN STATE OF UKRAINE AND ATTACK ON THE WHOLE
25 SECURITY AND PEACE IN EUROPE. AND DESPITE THE FACT THAT IT

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1 MIGHT SEEM THAT IT IS QUITE FAR FROM HERE, IT'S ACTUALLY JUST
2 HAPPENING IN THE HEART OF EUROPE, SO IT'S NOT LIKE SORRY TO
3 SAY THAT, BUT IT'S NOT LIKE SOMEWHERE VERY FAR IN THE MIDDLE
4 EAST OR IN AFGHANISTAN. IT'S JUST IN THE HEART OF EUROPE, SO
5 IT'S LIKE A SECOND WORLD WAR II. AND AS A RESULT OF MASSIVE
6 BOMBINGS OF MY COUNTRY WITH ALL TYPES OF ANTIAIRCRAFT AND
7 MISSILE WEAPONS, TANKS, AND HEAVY ARTILLERY, THE RUSSIAN
8 ROCKETS BOMB AND ATTACK AND KILL UKRAINIAN CIVILIANS. THE
9 CHILDREN BOMBING, MAJORITY HOSPITAL, OFTEN IT'S JUST
10 KINDERGARTENS. JUST THIS MORNING, ROCKETS KILLED CENTRAL
11 SQUARE OF KHARKIV, 18 MILLION POPULATION CITY, KILLING 10 AND
12 WOUNDING 20. THERE IS A HUGE CIVILIAN CASUALTIES AS FOR THIS
13 MOMENT IN THIS UKRAINE. THERE ARE MORE THAN 450 CIVILIANS
14 DIED, AND 16 OF THEM ARE CHILDREN. I'D LIKE YOU TO REQUEST
15 FROM THE L.A. COUNTY TO SEND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO
16 UKRAINE TO HELP ALSO WITH RAISING FUNDS FOR HELPING UKRAINIAN
17 PEOPLE. I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST TO REVIEW AND SEIZE ALL
18 STATE OR ALL COUNTY INVESTMENT AND PURCHASES WITH RUSSIAN
19 COMPANIES AND CALL ON THE TOP BUSINESS OPERATIONS OF
20 CALIFORNIA, ESPECIALLY L.A. COUNTY ENTITIES, WITH ANY RUSSIAN
21 BUSINESSES, INCLUDING OIL AND GAS SUPPLY AND OTHERS, UNLESS
22 THEY STATED THEY ARE AGAINST THIS WAR. I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST
23 THE ASSISTANCE FOR REFUGEES THAT PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE
24 ASSISTANCE TO UKRAINIAN WOMEN AND CHILDREN, WHO MIGHT BE
25 SEEKING TEMPORARY SHELTER IN L.A. COUNTY ESCAPING FROM

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1 RUSSIA'S AGGRESSIVE WAR. WE DON'T ANTICIPATE A LOT OF THEM
2 BECAUSE IT'S QUITE FAR, BUT STILL WE'RE ALREADY GETTING SOME
3 CALLS. SO, WE VERY MUCH HOPE ON YOUR SUPPORT AND VERY MUCH ASK
4 YOUR HELP IN THESE EXACT ISSUES. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **MODERATOR:** NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF KIRK MOODY.
9 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY
10 AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
11 BEGIN.

12

13 **KIRK MOODY:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS KIRK MOODY, AND I'LL
14 SPEAKING ON ITEM 23 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. FIVE YEARS AGO
15 SUPERVISOR HAHN INSTIGATED THE BRING YOUR LOVED ONE HOME
16 TASKFORCE, LARGELY DUE TO HER LEARNING OF OUR EFFORTS TO FIND
17 MY WIFE, NANCY PAULIKAS, WHO HAD EARLY ONSET ALZHEIMER'S AND
18 HAD WANDERED FROM US AT THE L.A. COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART. FOUR
19 YEARS AGO, I ADDRESSED THIS BOARD TO ADVOCATE FOR THE ADOPTION
20 OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THAT TASKFORCE. THANK YOU FOR
21 VOTING TO DO SO AND CREATING L.A. FOUND. I CONTINUE TO SUPPORT
22 AND PARTICIPATE IN THIS IMPORTANT PROGRAM THAT HAS HELPED
23 REUNITE FAMILIES WITH THEIR AT RISK LOVED ONES WHO HAVE
24 WANDERED DUE TO THE EFFECTS OF DEMENTIA, OTHER COGNITIVE
25 IMPAIRMENTS, AND AUTISM. AT THE TIME I ADDRESSED THE BOARD,

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1 NANCY WAS STILL MISSING. UNFORTUNATELY, WE LATER FOUND OUT
2 THAT SHE HAD WANDERED INTO AN OPEN SPACE AND HAD PASSED, BUT I
3 KNOW THAT IF L.A. FOUND HAD EXISTED AT THE TIME, THE CHANCES
4 SHE WOULD HAVE BEEN FOUND SAFE WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH, MUCH
5 HIGHER. WE NOW HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO INFLUENCE OTHER
6 COMMUNITIES IN CALIFORNIA TO ADOPT SIMILAR PROGRAMS. A.B. 2175
7 WILL CREATE STATEWIDE TASKFORCE TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS TO
8 PREVENT PERSONS WITH COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENTS FROM WANDERING. THE
9 PROPOSED LETTER FROM YOU, THE SUPERVISORS, IN SUPPORT OF A.B.
10 2175 WILL UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE A STRONG INFLUENCE, GIVEN OUR
11 SUCCESS WITH L.A. FOUND. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS LETTER AND THANK
12 YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF EUNISSES
17 HERNANDEZ. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO
18 ADDRESS TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC
19 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

20

21 **EUNISSES HERNANDEZ:** HI. GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE BOARD. MY
22 NAME IS EUNISSES HERNANDEZ. I'M A CO-FOUNDER OF LA DEFENSA AND
23 A MEMBER OF THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON
24 ITEMS 51, 52, 13, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I'D LIKE TO
25 START OFF BY TALKING ABOUT THE INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT. 55

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1 PEOPLE HAVE DIED, AND BEFORE I KEEP MOVING FURTHER, I JUST
2 WANT TO TAKE A PAUSE AND DEDICATE THE NEXT COUPLE MINUTES TO
3 TWO PEOPLE, JALANI LOVETT AND DESTINY ORTEGA, TWO OF THE 55
4 PEOPLE THAT DIED IN THE JAIL SYSTEM THAT WE ARE ALL
5 RESPONSIBLE FOR. IT'S A MOMENT OF REFLECTION BECAUSE WE, AS
6 THE COMMUNITY, HAVE GIVEN YOU SO MUCH LABOR TO DEVELOP A PLAN,
7 AND IN THAT SAME MOMENT 55 PEOPLE DIED BECAUSE OF A LACK OF
8 INVESTMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION IN THESE PLANS THAT WE HAVE
9 DEVELOPED TOGETHER WITH YOU. I REALLY HOPE THAT THE BOARD
10 TAKES THIS REPORT AND TAKES THE ACTION IN ACTUALLY SETTING UP
11 A TIMELINE FOR CLOSING DOWN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. PLEASE STOP
12 CREATING MOTIONS YOU AGREE TO CLOSE IT DOWN WITHOUT A
13 TIMELINE. SET US A TIMELINE. IT'S HARD TO KEEP PUSHING WITHOUT
14 A COMMITMENT FROM YOU ALL IN THAT YOU'LL CLOSE DOWN THIS
15 DUNGEON AND HELP US MOVE THE SYSTEM THAT IS TAKING PEOPLE FROM
16 US IN OUR COMMUNITIES. I'D NOW LIKE TO TALK ABOUT ITEM 13,
17 ASSEMBLY BILL 2425 BY ASSEMBLYMEMBER ISAAC BRIAN. IN
18 CALIFORNIA, WE HAVE OVER 4,800 BARRIERS THAT PREVENT PEOPLE
19 FROM GETTING A JOB. THESE ARE CALLED COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES.
20 IT PREVENTS THEM FROM GETTING HOUSING AND OTHER SUPPORTIVE
21 SERVICES. AND SO, THIS BILL COMES AT A A REALLY IMPORTANT
22 TIME WHERE WE'RE TRYING TO GET PEOPLE OUT OF THE CARCERAL
23 SYSTEM INTO COMMUNITY AND INTO HOUSING, AND IT'S OPPORTUNITIES
24 LIKE THIS WHERE THEY CAN GET EMPLOYMENT AND FULLY RE-ENTER OUR
25 COMMUNITY. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR MOVING THAT FORWARD. AND ITEM

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1 22, THE CARE FIRST/ JAILS LAST, ESTABLISHING A JUSTICE, CARE,
2 AND OPPORTUNITIES DEPARTMENT. THANK YOU SO MUCH SUPERVISOR
3 KUEHL FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION. IT GETS US CLOSER TO A CARE
4 FIRST VISION. AND WHILE THIS MOTION IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT
5 DIRECTION, IT'S CRITICAL TO NOTE THE ONLY WAY THIS MOTION WILL
6 BE SUCCESSFUL IS IF THERE'S SPECIFIC FUNDING STREAMS ATTACHED
7 TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE J.C.O.D. SO OFTEN THE COUNTY'S
8 VISION FOR CARE FIRST GETS MUDDLED AND STALLED BY INTERNAL
9 VETOES BY DEPARTMENTS SUCH AS THE C.E.O. AND BECAUSE OF THE
10 COUNTY'S LACKING ON BUDGET ALLOCATION. THE COUNTY
11 INFRASTRUCTURE CREATED BY THIS MOTION WILL ONLY BE SUCCESSFUL
12 AND A SIGN OF PROGRESS IF, AND ONLY IF, THE BOARD AND COUNTY
13 COMMIT TO FULLY FUNDING THIS. A BIG PIECE OF THIS THAT I'M
14 REALLY EXCITED ABOUT IS THE CREATION OF INDEPENDENT PRETRIAL
15 SERVICES, WHERE OVER 6,000 PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM
16 ARE THERE BECAUSE THEY CAN'T PAY TO GET OUT OR THE JUDGES
17 WON'T RELEASE THEM PRETRIAL. SO THIS IS SOMETHING WE'VE BEEN
18 PUSHING FOR AT EVERY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT, BUT PARTICULARLY, WE
19 KNOW IT'S IMPORTANT TO ESTABLISH THIS AGENCY TO GET PEOPLE
20 OUT. AN AGENCY THAT'S OUTSIDE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT THAT IS NOT
21 UNDER THE GUISE OF PROBATION IS WHAT WE NEED, ONE THAT DOES
22 NOT RELY ON EXPANDING THE CARCERAL SYSTEM THROUGH ELECTRONIC
23 MONITORING. AND THE LAST AND MOST CRITICAL PIECE OF THIS IS
24 THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. WE, AT THE COUNTY, HAVE LEFT
25 BEHIND AND HAVE LEFT THE YOUTH HIGH AND DRY WITH COMMITMENTS

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1 OF \$75 MILLION OF YOUTH REIMAGINED AND NOT COMING THROUGH ON
2 THAT. WE CANNOT DELAY THE ESTABLISHMENT --

3

4 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE HAVE THE
5 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF ANNA
8 GRUBEN. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL ADDRESS
9 TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON PUBLIC GENERAL COMMENT.
10 YOU MAY BEGIN.

11

12 **ANNA GRUBEN:** HI. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

13

14 **SPEAKER:** YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU. PLEASE BEGIN.

15

16 **ANNA GRUBEN:** MY NAME IS ANNA GRUBEN, AND I'M SPEAKING IN
17 SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4, ESTABLISHING A LAND BANK FOR
18 L.A. COUNTY, AND I'M SPEAKING ABOUT IT ON BEHALF OF THE LOS
19 ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD LAND TRUST, WHERE I'M A PROGRAM DIRECTOR.
20 WE'RE FACING AN ACUTE AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS WHICH HAS BEEN
21 EXACERBATED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. OUR LOW INCOME AND MOST
22 VULNERABLE FAMILIES FIND THEMSELVES STRUGGLING TO PAY RENT OR
23 FACE DISPLACEMENT OR HOMELESSNESS. IN ORDER TO ENSURE A JUST
24 RECOVERY THAT PUTS US ON A BETTER FOOTING TO HOUSING, OUR MOST
25 VULNERABLE RESIDENTS WE MUST PRIORITIZE CREATIVE SOLUTIONS TO

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1 CURBING SPECULATION, PRESERVING AND CREATING MORE AFFORDABLE
2 HOUSING. THE LAND BANK WOULD REDUCE SPECULATION AND LOWER
3 DEVELOPMENT COSTS BY ACQUIRING PROPERTY QUICKLY AND WORK WITH
4 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST TO MAKE THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROCESS
5 FASTER, MORE AFFORDABLE, AND MORE PREDICTABLE FOR COMMUNITY
6 LAND TRUST. WE THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER LEADERSHIP AND
7 URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE MOTION TO ESTABLISH THE L.A. COUNTY
8 LAND BANK. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

11

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

16

17 **JIM MCGRATH:** GOOD MORNING. I'LL BE SPEAKING ON BOARD MOTION 22
18 AS WELL AS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I STATED MY NAME IS JIM
19 MCGRATH, AND I'M DIRECTOR OF PRISON AND REENTRY PROGRAMS AT
20 THE CATALYST FOUNDATION IN LANCASTER. I AM FORMERLY
21 INCARCERATED HAVING SERVED 24 YEARS OF A 30 TO LIFE SENTENCE.
22 I WAS RELEASED IN 2015 AND DISCHARGED PAROLE IN 2021. I'VE
23 BEEN DOING REENTRY WORK SINCE 2019, AND IT IS MY PLEASURE TO
24 EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR BOARD MOTION 22. HAVING PERSONAL
25 EXPERIENCE WITH THE REENTRY PROCESS, I KNOW FIRSTHAND WHAT

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1 IT'S LIKE TO TRY TO GET ON YOUR FEET AND GET RE-ESTABLISHED IN
2 THE COMMUNITY POST-INCARCERATION. IT WAS A VERY SCARY PROCESS
3 FOR ME, EVEN WITH A SUPPORT SYSTEM OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN
4 PLACE. NOW IMAGINE HAVING TO DO IT ALL ALONE. THAT IS WHAT
5 MANY OF OUR RETURNING CITIZENS FACE. I CAN TELL YOU THAT FOR
6 SOMEONE WITH NO SUPPORT, RETURNING TO PAST BEHAVIORS AND BEING
7 REINCARCERATED IS A VERY REAL POSSIBILITY. THAT'S WHY THE WORK
8 OF THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY IS SO VITALLY
9 IMPORTANT. BY ALLOWING O.D.R. REENTRY TO BECOME PART OF A NEW
10 POPULATION FOCUSED J.C.O.D. DEPARTMENT, RETURNING CITIZENS OF
11 L.A. COUNTY WILL HAVE GREATER ACCESS TO ADDITIONAL FUNDING,
12 WHICH IN TURN WILL PROVIDE FOR EXPANSION OF REENTRY SERVICES
13 IN L.A. COUNTY AND ALLOW COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO
14 BETTER SERVE OUR FORMERLY INCARCERATED CLIENTS. IN CLOSING, I
15 WANT TO SAY THAT THE WORK IN REENTRY FIELDS IS THE MOST
16 REWARDING JOB I'VE EVER DONE. BEING ABLE TO GIVE BACK TO THE
17 COMMUNITY AND ASSIST THOSE THAT FEEL THEY HAVE NO HOPE OF
18 IMPROVING THEIR LIVES IS JUST ONE WAY THAT WE, FORMALLY
19 INCARCERATED REENTRY WORKERS, CAN MAKE AMENDS TO THE
20 COMMUNITIES IN WHICH WE CAUSED HARM. IN PASSING BOARD MOTION
21 22, WE'LL GIVE THAT ABILITY TO EVEN LARGER NUMBER OF PEOPLE
22 THAT WANT TO DO GOOD IN THIS WORLD. IT'S MY PRAYER THAT YOU'LL
23 PASS BOARD MOTION 22. THANK YOU FOR YOUR YOU TIME AND
24 CONSIDERATION.

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MAY I WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

2

3 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF LAURIE
4 ARCHIE. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE
5 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
6 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **LAURIE ARCHIE:** GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU GUYS KNOW ME. I'M A
9 WORKING MOM WITH TWO BOYS, THREE DOGS, AND I CONTINUE TO BE
10 UNABLE TO OCCUPY MY PROPERTY FOR OVER A YEAR NOW DUE TO THE
11 EVICTION MORATORIUM. I'VE MOVED FOUR TIMES. ASKING SOMEONE TO
12 MOVE DOES NOT MEAN EVICTION. YOUR POLICY CONTINUES TO DESTROY
13 MOM AND POP LANDLORDS AND HAS HIT THE POINT OF BEING PURE
14 EVIL. WHY SHOULD MOM AND POP LANDLORDS TAKE THIS ON FOR TWO
15 YEARS NOW, WHILE STILL HAVING TO PAY PROPERTY TAXES. MANY OF
16 THESE LANDLORDS ARE JUST NORMAL PEOPLE WITH ONE EXTRA PROPERTY
17 THAT ISN'T EVEN PROFITABLE WHEN YOU FACTOR IN MORTGAGE AND
18 PROPERTY TAXES. AND NOW BECAUSE THEY ARE BEING FORCED BY THE
19 GOVERNMENT TO GIVE AWAY THEIR HOUSE FOR FREE BECAUSE YOU ALLOW
20 PEOPLE WHO DON'T QUALIFY FOR RENT RELIEF TO CONTINUE TO NOT
21 PAY RENT. MOM AND POP LANDLORDS WORK FULL-TIME, HAVE KIDS,
22 NORMAL BUSY LIVES. EVIL IS YOU TAXING US AND NOT REPRESENTING
23 US. YOU LISTEN TO THE TENANT RIGHTS PEOPLE WHO ARE GETTING
24 PAID TO CALL IN LIKE MANY OF THE PEOPLE TODAY TO SPEAK. THEY
25 GET PAID TO MAKE EXTREME STATEMENTS WITHOUT CONSIDERING THE

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1 CONSEQUENCES. IT IS NO LONGER PROFITABLE TO BE A LANDLORD, SO
2 THERE'S NO INCENTIVE TO BUILD --

3

4 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE HAVE THE
5 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

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

11

12 **ZEKE SANDOVAL:** GOOD MORNING. THIS IS ZEKE SANDOVAL SPEAKING ON
13 BEHALF OF P.A.T.H., PEOPLE ASSISTING THE HOMELESS, IN FAVOR OF
14 ITEM 4, WHICH I UNDERSTAND HAS BEEN EXTENDED, BUT WANTED TO
15 NOTE THAT WE'RE GRATEFUL TO SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND KUEHL FOR
16 ADVANCING THIS CREATIVE APPROACH TO HOUSING JUSTICE, AND WE
17 STAND READY TO ASSIST HOWEVER WE CAN. WE KNOW THAT HOUSING
18 ENDS HOMELESSNESS. THAT'S OF COURSE WHY, IN ADDITION TO BEING
19 ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S LARGEST NONPROFIT HOMELESS SERVICE
20 PROVIDERS, P.A.T.H. ALSO OPERATES OUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING
21 DEVELOPMENT ARM, P.A.T.H. VENTURES. WE KNOW WE NEED TO BUILD
22 MORE HOUSING TO ACCOMMODATE NOT JUST OUR NEIGHBORS WHO ARE
23 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS TODAY BUT ALSO CREATE ROOM FOR MORE
24 PEOPLE TO LIVE AFFORDABLY WITHOUT FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS.
25 OF COURSE, AS THIS BOARD IS WELL AWARE, HOUSING CONSTRUCTION

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1 IS EXORBITANTLY EXPENSIVE, SLOWING AFFORDABLE DEVELOPMENT, AND
2 DRIVING UP RENTS IN BUILDINGS WITHOUT INCOME RESTRICTIONS OR
3 RENT STABILIZATION. BY PASSING THOSE COSTS ON TO RENTERS, OUR
4 REGIONS CURRENT CHALLENGES ACCELERATE GENTRIFICATION AND
5 DISPLACEMENT. SO THIS PROPOSED LAND BANK IDEA PRESENTS A
6 FASCINATING AND INNOVATIVE TOOL TO DRIVE DOWN LAND COSTS,
7 ENCOURAGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN A
8 DESPERATELY NEEDED AREA. SO WE'RE EXCITED TO SUPPORT THIS
9 MOTION WHEN IT COMES UP FOR A VOTE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE
10 NEXT STEPS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13

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

18

19 **PASTOR QUE JEMAWI:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS PASTOR QUE JEMAWI,
20 SPEAKING ON ITEMS 64, 51, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE.
21 THIS MORNING I'M REPRESENTING CLERGY AND LAITY UNITED FOR
22 ECONOMIC JUSTICE. AS CO-CONVENER OF THE BLACK-JEWISH JUSTICE
23 ALLIANCE, WE ARE PART -- WE WERE PART OF THE COALITION WHO
24 WORKED TO ESTABLISH THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION OF THE
25 SHERIFF. YET, AS THE SHERIFF CONTINUES TO DEFY SUBPOENAS, WE

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1 KNOW THAT WITHOUT POWER, THIS IS NOT TRUE ACCOUNTABILITY.
2 SUPERVISORS, FAMILIES ARE BEING HARASSED BY DEPUTY GANGS.
3 PEOPLE ARE BEING MURDERED AND SHERIFF DEPUTIES, CUSTODIES,
4 MOTHERS ARE CRYING. FAMILIES ARE ANGRY. FURTHERMORE, AS THEY
5 SHOULD BE, VICTIMS OF INTRACOMMUNITY VIOLENCE ARE SEEN AS
6 VICTIMS OF CRIME. VICTIMS OF SHERIFF'S VIOLENCE ARE NOT SEEN
7 AS VICTIMS OF CRIMES, AND THIS THEY SHOULD BE. IF NOT, THIS IS
8 A RECIPE FOR DISASTER. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING SAID RIOTS ARE
9 THE VOICE OF THE UNHEARD. SUPERVISORS, I'M ASKING YOU TODAY,
10 CAN YOU HEAR THE CRIES OF THE UNHEARD. LACK OF SHERIFF
11 ACCOUNTABILITY WILL DESTABILIZE OUR CITY. APRIL 29TH OF THIS
12 YEAR WILL BE 30 YEARS SINCE L.A. HAD AN UPRISING. REMEMBER
13 PEOPLE GOT TIRED OF BEING SICK AND TIRED DUE TO LAW
14 ENFORCEMENT BRUTALITY AND ABUSE OF POWER. CAN YOU HEAR THE
15 CRIES OF THE UNHEARD? THE SHERIFF HAS TOO MUCH POWER, AND
16 THERE MUST BE A MECHANISM OF ACCOUNTABILITY. ONE MAN AND A
17 SOME SMALL GROUP OF FOLLOWERS CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO DETERMINE
18 WHAT JUSTICE LOOKS LIKE IN A COUNTY OF 10 MILLION PEOPLE.
19 THEREFORE, I SUPPORT THE CHARTER AMENDMENT FOR REAL SHERIFF
20 ACCOUNTABILITY. AS HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED BY THE SHERIFF, POWER
21 CONCEDES NOTHING WITHOUT A DEMAND. THEREFORE, I URGE THE BOARD
22 OF SUPERVISORS TO BRING A MOTION TO PLACE ON THE BALLOT AN
23 AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY CHARTER THAT WILL STRENGTHEN SHERIFF'S
24 ACCOUNTABILITY AND CREATE COMMON SENSE STRUCTURE OF CHECKS AND
25 BALANCES ONCE AND FOR ALL. WE MUST DISMANTLE SYSTEMS THAT

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1 CONTINUE TO BRING HARM AND REPLACE THEM WITH SYSTEMS THAT
2 CULTIVATE LIFE. THANK YOU. I YIELD MY TIME.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **MODERATOR:** THE NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF YELENA
7 ZELTER. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE
8 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
9 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **YELENA ZELTER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS YELENA ZELTER. I'M SPEAKING
12 TODAY IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4, THE ESTABLISHING OF
13 A LAND BANK FOR L.A. COUNTY. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE
14 SOUTHEAST ASIAN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE. WE ARE A COMMUNITY
15 ORGANIZATION BASED IN CHINATOWN. CLEARLY, WE ARE IN THE
16 MIDST OF ACUTE AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS THAT HAS BEEN
17 EXACERBATED BY THE COVID PANDEMIC. OUR MOST VULNERABLE LOW
18 INCOME RESIDENTS ARE STRUGGLING WITH PAYING RENT OR HAVING TO
19 FACE EVICTION, DISPLACEMENT, OR EVEN HOMELESSNESS IN SOME
20 CASES. NOW IS THE TIME WHERE WE MUST FOCUS ON A JUST RECOVERY.
21 IN ORDER TO DO THAT, WE MUST ACCESS ALL KINDS OF CREATIVE
22 THINKING ABOUT PROTECTING AND CREATING MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING
23 FOR THE COUNTY. THE LAND BANK WOULD REDUCE SPECULATION IN
24 AREAS THAT ARE AT RISK FOR GENTRIFICATION AND WOULD LOWER
25 DEVELOPING COSTS BY ACQUIRING PROPERTIES QUICKLY AND TAKING

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1 THEM OFF THE MARKET IN ORDER TO ASSIST COMMUNITY LAND TRUST
2 AND OTHER AFFORDABLE HOUSING BUILDERS IN DEVELOPING AFFORDABLE
3 HOUSING --

4

5 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE HAVE THE
6 NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

7

8 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF JOHNNY
9 MADRERY. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
10 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC.
11 YOU MAY BEGIN.

12

13 **JOHNNY MADRERY:** YES, I WILL. GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS JOHNNY
14 MADRERY. I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE MOTION TO CREATE THE J.C.O.D.
15 AND MOVE THE REENTRY DIVISION TO IT. I BELIEVE THAT IT'S THE
16 BEST INTEREST FOR THE COMMUNITY AND ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE NEW
17 COMPILATION OF HOMELESSNESS OF THOSE THAT'S RETURNING FROM
18 INCARCERATION. I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT THE J.C.O.D. INITIATIVE
19 WOULD DIRECTLY IMPACT THAT AND SOLVE THE PROBLEM. THANK YOU
20 FOR ALLOWING ME TO SHARE.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23

24 **MODERATOR:** NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF GENEVIEVE
25 CLAVREUL. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO

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1 ADDRESS TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC.

2 YOU MAY BEGIN.

3

4 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** CAN YOU HEAR ME?

5

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

7

8 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** THIS IS DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I'LL
9 SPEAK TO ITEM 2, 5, AND 22. ON NUMBER 2, THERE REALLY OUGHT TO
10 BE A BETTER ASSESSMENT OF WHAT'S GOING ON WITH COVID, AND I
11 DON'T THINK WE HAVE THE APPROPRIATE DATA TO MAKE DECISIONS.
12 AND I AM VERY CONCERNED THAT THE DR. FERRER HAS DECIDED THAT
13 SHE KNEW DECIDED THAN THE STATE WITH NOT RELIEVING A LOT OF
14 THE RESTRICTIONS. I THINK IT'S TIME TO LOOK AT IT. ON ITEM 5,
15 THAT'S PRETTY SCARY. I THINK MISINFORMATION AND
16 DISINFORMATION, ARE WE TALKING ABOUT PREVENTING FREEDOM OF
17 SPEECH? THAT SCARES ME A LOT. ON ITEM 22 IS ABOUT THE SAME
18 THING. WHY CREATE ANOTHER DEPARTMENT WHEN WE DON'T HAVE TO?
19 AND AGAIN, I WONDER HOW MUCH OF THAT WILL AFFECT US. AND ON
20 PUBLIC COMMENT, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT PLEASE REOPEN THE
21 BOARD. PLEASE AT LEAST MEET EVERY WEEK AND TRY TO DO KIND OF A
22 HYBRID SO PEOPLE WHO WANT TO COME IN PERSON AND PEOPLE WANT TO
23 BE ON A CALL, ZOOM AND SO ON, CAN DO IT. THANK YOU FOR
24 LISTENING. AND I WANT TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT SUPERVISORS

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1 BARGER AND HAHN IN PUSHING FOR MASK REMOVAL AND THINGS LIKE
2 THAT. THAT WOULD BE GREAT. HAVE A GOOD WEEK. BYE.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF AUSTIN
7 CHANEL. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO
8 ADDRESS TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC
9 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **AUSTIN CHANEL:** HELLO. THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME. MY NAME IS
12 AUSTIN. I'M ADDRESSING THE BOARD TODAY AND SPEAKING IN REGARDS
13 OF ITEM NUMBER 22, AND I WOULD LOVE TO ADDRESS AND SAY THAT WE
14 CANNOT CONTINUE TO HAVE THESE SYSTEMS WHERE WE PERPETRATE THE
15 YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINDS, SOULS, AND LIVELIHOODS. WE MUST INVEST
16 INTO THE LIVELIHOOD OF CHILDREN. ALL THESE SYSTEMS THAT HAVE
17 BEEN IN PLACE FOR DECADES HAVE CLEARLY SHOWN TO HAVE NO
18 EFFECTIVENESS. THERE IS NO DATA THAT SHOWS THAT ANY OF THESE
19 THAT PROGRAMS THAT ARE IN PLACE HAVE ANY POSITIVITY FOR
20 GROWTH, SPIRITUALLY, AND FOR THE GREATER GOOD OF THE CHILD. I
21 STRONGLY URGE THE BOARD TO REALLY THINK AND LISTEN TO THE
22 VOICES THAT HAVE BEEN SPEAKING ON THESE CALLS. I HAVE BEEN
23 CALLING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR OVER --

24

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

3

4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF DENITA
5 BEAUCHAMP. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO
6 ADDRESS TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON PUBLIC COMMENT.
7 YOU MAY BEGIN.

8

9 **DENITA BEAUCHAMP:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
10 IS DENITA BEAUCHAMP. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE LAVERNE
11 COALITION OF CONCERNED CITIZENS. I'LL BE SPEAKING ON
12 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA 3D AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. WE HAVE
13 SERIOUS CONCERNS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA ITEM 3D, THE
14 \$200,000 THAT IS SCHEDULED TO BE ALLOCATED TO HILDA SOLIS'S
15 FIRST DISTRICT FOR CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL PROJECT. HOW CAN THE
16 RESIDENTS OF LA VERNE BE ASSURED THAT ANY PORTION OF THOSE
17 C.D.B.G. FUNDS DO NOT MAKE THEIR WAY TO THE CAMPS AFFLERBAUGH
18 AND PAIGE AS DISTRICT 1 NOW ENCOMPASSES A PORTION OF LA VERNE.
19 OUR MAYOR TIM HEPBURN AND COUNTLESS RESIDENTS OF OUR CITY,
20 INCLUDING MYSELF HAVE OVERWHELMING PARTICIPATED IN NUMEROUS OF
21 THE COMMITTEE'S MEETINGS CONTINUOUSLY VOICING THEIR OPPOSITION
22 TO THESE CAMPS BEING USED FOR PERMANENTLY HOUSING VIOLENT
23 JUVENILE OFFENDERS, YET WE ARE BEING VILLAINIZED AS
24 N.I.M.B.Y.S, WHICH IS FAR FROM THE TRUTH. LA VERNE CURRENTLY,
25 AND HAS HAD FOR MANY YEARS, TWO LOCATIONS WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO

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1 THE IMPROVEMENT OF JUVENILE LIVES AT THE DAVID AND MARGARET
2 HOME FOR FEMALES AND HAYNES LEROY BOYS HOME. OUR CITY NEARLY
3 SUBMITTED 2000 SIGNATURES THAT VOICED THEIR OPINION ON A
4 FORMALLY WRITTEN POSTCARD THAT WAS SUBMITTED TO KATHRYN
5 BARGER'S OFFICE, YET I DID NOT SEE ANY OF THOSE CARDS OR
6 SIGNATURE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THE THE AGENDA PACKET AS
7 PUBLIC RECORD. I WOULD LIKE TO GO ON RECORD NOW BY SAYING THAT
8 THAT WAS SUBMITTED FOR THOSE WHO WERE NOT AWARE. WE HAD
9 NUMEROUS RESIDENTS PARTICIPATING IN COLLECTING OF THOSE
10 SIGNATURES AND INFORMING THE RESIDENTS. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE
11 THAT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS VOTES NO ON
12 MAKING CAMP AFFLERBAUGH AND PAIGE THE PERMANENT HOUSE FOR
13 VIOLENT JUVENILES 707B LEVEL 4 OFFENDERS. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, IF I COULD, THE CALLER IS INCORRECT.
16 MONEY IS NOT GOING TO THE CITY OF LA VERNE IN ANY MANNER. IT'S
17 FOR GANG PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
18 AND POMONA AREA. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MS. SOLIS, FOR THE
21 CLARIFICATION.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

24

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT COMES FROM THE LINE OF AMY
2 ZAU. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO ADDRESS
3 TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'RE ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
4 YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** PLEASE BEGIN.

7

8 **AMY ZAU:** HELLO, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

9

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

11

12 **AMY ZAU:** OKAY. THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
13 IS AMY ZAU, AND I'M SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
14 4 ON BEHALF OF THE L.A. CHINATOWN COMMUNITY LAND TRUST. WE
15 HEARD FROM A LOT OF FOLKS ALREADY THAT THERE IS NO SECRET
16 ABOUT THE ACUTE AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS MADE WORSE BY THE
17 COVID-19 PANDEMIC ALL OVER L.A. WE HAVE SEEN WORKING CLASS
18 PEOPLE, VULNERABLE FAMILIES, REALLY FINDING THEMSELVES
19 STRUGGLING TO PAY RENT OF FACING DISPLACEMENT OR HOMELESSNESS.
20 AND IN CHINATOWN, WHERE OUR LAND TRUST IS BASED, TENANTS ARE
21 BEING GENTRIFIED OUT OF THEIR HOMES AND THEIR WORKPLACES AT
22 THESE ASTONISHING LEVELS AND LEFT COMPLETELY AT THE MERCY OF
23 MANY LANDLORDS WHO HARASS AND ACTIVELY WORK TO DISPLACE
24 THESE TENANTS WHO HAVE BEEN THERE FOR YEARS. WHAT MUST BE
25 FOUND ARE THESE CREATIVE SOLUTIONS TO CURBING SPECULATION AND

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1 PRESERVING AND CREATING MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND ALL THIS
2 WORKS TO ULTIMATELY BRING HOUSING BACK UNDER COMMUNITY
3 CONTROL. WE REALLY WANTED TO SUPPORT -- SPEAK TODAY AND SAY WE
4 SUPPORT THE LAND BANK BECAUSE IT WOULD REDUCE THAT SPECULATION
5 AND LOWER DEVELOPMENT COSTS BY REQUIRING PROPERTY MORE FASTER
6 AND WORK WITH COMMUNITY LAND TRUSTS TO MAKE THE HOUSING
7 DEVELOPMENT PROCESS FASTER AND MORE AFFORDABLE AND MORE
8 PREDICTABLE FOR THESE C.L.P.S. WE KNOW THAT THERE'S A VERY
9 STRONG COALITION OF C.L.P.S IN LOS ANGELES. AND IT IS REALLY
10 IMPORTANT TO SUPPORT THE WORK THAT THEY ARE DOING. AND SO JUST
11 WANTED TO END BY THANKING SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER LEADERSHIP
12 AND URGE ALL THE SUPERVISORS --

13
14 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE HAVE THE
15 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16
17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF
18 GABRIELLA ROJAS. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
19 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC
20 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

21
22 **GABRIELLA ROJAS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS GABRIELLA ROJAS, AND
23 I'M A RESIDENT OF SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 1. I WANT TO SPEAK ON
24 ITEMS 51, 64, AND ALSO GIVE A GENERAL COMMENT. AND PEOPLE IN
25 L.A. COUNTY JAILS ARE SITTING HERE DYING AT RECORD LEVELS, AND

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1 I DON'T THINK IT'S RIGHT THAT THE JAIL IS FILLED AND OVERSEEN
2 BY THE BLOATED AND CORRUPT POLICE AND SHERIFF DEPARTMENTS. THE
3 BEST WAY TO PREVENT THESE DEATHS IS TO REDUCE THE JAIL
4 POPULATION, CLOSE THE JAIL, AND REDIRECT FUNDS TO SUPPORT OUR
5 COMMUNITIES AND PREVENT LEGAL SYSTEM INVOLVEMENT AND STOP THE
6 DRAIN ON PUBLIC RESOURCES THAT BELONG TO THE PEOPLE OF LOS
7 ANGELES COUNTY. I ALSO WANTED TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT INCREASED
8 TRANSPARENCY AND URGE THE BOARD TO PASS AND IMPLEMENT THE
9 ORDINANCE SINCE IT'S CLEAR THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S
10 DEPARTMENT HAS NO INTENTION OF HOLDING ITSELF ACCOUNTABLE. WE
11 NEED THE BOARD TO ENSURE THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOLLOWS
12 THE SAME LAWS IT PURPORTS TO UPHOLD, INCLUDING THE RIGHT FOR
13 THE PUBLIC TO KNOW ABOUT ITS MISCONDUCT AND USE OF FORCE.
14 FINALLY, I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT WE NEED A VOTER'S CHARTER
15 AMENDMENT TO END THE CRISIS OF THE L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
16 AND PREVENT FUTURE CRISES AS A HISTORY OF CORRUPTION WITHIN
17 L.A.S.D. DEMONSTRATES THAT WE ARE DESPERATE NEED OF A SYSTEM
18 OF CHECKS AND BALANCES. WE NEED AN AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISH A
19 PROCESS TO REMOVE THE SHERIFF, REINFORCE THE BOARD'S AUTHORITY
20 OVER THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND ESTABLISH PERMANENT AND
21 INDEPENDENT CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT. THANK YOU.

22
23 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1 **MODERATOR:** THE NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF ROBERTO
2 GARCIA. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO
3 ADDRESS TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC
4 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **ROBERTO GARCIA:** HI, FOLKS. MY NAME IS ROBERTO GARCIA. I'M
7 PART OF -- WHICH IS A COMMUNITY LAND TRUST IN EAST L.A. AND
8 BOYLE HEIGHTS. I'M CALLING IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4.
9 WE BELIEVE, AT THE LAND TRUST, BELIEVE THAT A LAND BANKS WOULD
10 BE EXTREMELY SUPPORTIVE TO THE MISSION THAT WE HAVE OF MAKING
11 SURE THAT THERE'S MORE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND THE
12 COMMUNITY HAS CONTROL OVER LAND IN WAYS TO STOP GENTRIFICATION
13 AND DISPLACEMENT THAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING FOR GENERATIONS IN
14 THE NEIGHBORHOOD. SO, AGAIN, WE SUPPORT ITEM 4 AND WE'RE
15 EXCITED TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY TO DEVELOP A LAND BANK IN THE
16 COUNTY. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

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

24

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1 **LEAH ZEDLER ORTEZ:** HI, GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
2 LEAH ZEDLER ORTEZ, AND I'LL BE SPEAKING ON ITEMS 22, 52, AND
3 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M THE YOUTH JUSTICE POLICY LEAD WITH
4 U.C.L.A. LAW'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM, AND I'M A RESIDENT OF
5 DISTRICT 5. I'M CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 22 AND THE CREATION
6 OF A DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS A JUSTICE,
7 CARE, AND OPPORTUNITIES DEPARTMENT. WHILE I SUPPORT THE BOARD
8 MOVING FORWARD ON ITS COMMITMENT TO YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED
9 AND STANDING UP A DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT THIS YEAR. I
10 CAN'T EMPHASIZE ENOUGH THAT THE CREATION OF THIS DEPARTMENT
11 NEEDS TO HAPPEN DURING THIS CURRENT BUDGET CYCLE. THE
12 COMMUNITY HAS WAITED LONG ENOUGH FOR THIS DAY TO COME. THE
13 YOUTH JUSTICE WORKGROUP AND THE YOUTH JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUPS
14 HAVE CURRENTLY DONE THE WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO ENSURE
15 THE FEASIBILITY OF THIS DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING PROVIDING
16 CONCRETE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ABOUT D.Y.D.'S BUDGET, STAFFING,
17 AND OTHER FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS REQUIRED TO STAND UP THE NEW
18 DEPARTMENT. WE DON'T SUPPORT ANY DELAYS OR STUDIES THAT WILL
19 PUSH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF D.Y.D. BACK. ADDITIONALLY, IN ORDER
20 FOR THE D.Y.D. TO BE SUCCESSFUL, IT MUST BE BEGIN ITS WORK AS
21 A FULLY FUNDED DEPARTMENT. THIS DEPARTMENT IN THE
22 TRANSFORMATIVE APPROACH TO YOUTH JUSTICE THAT IT REPRESENTS
23 FULLY MERITS THE BUDGET THAT THE BROKEN PUNITIVE SYSTEMS OF
24 PROBATION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT HAVE HISTORICALLY RECEIVED FROM
25 THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE. I'M TALKING A BILLION DOLLAR D.Y.D. BUDGE

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1 IT THAT IS THE INVESTMENT AND THE CARE AND WELLBEING OF ALL
2 L.A. COUNTY YOUTH WITH A SUSTAINABLE FUNDING STREAM. ONE VERY
3 EASY WAY TO BEGIN THIS PROCESS IS TO REALLOCATE PROBATION
4 CITATION DIVERSION'S 2-3 MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET TO THE NEW
5 D.Y.D. SINCE THE CITATION DIVERSION PROGRAM IS ENDING ON APRIL
6 30TH. ADDITIONALLY, THE MONEY, THE \$600,000, THAT'S GOING TO
7 BUY 120 PROBATION TASERS, AS STATED IN ITEM 52, COULD ALSO BE
8 REALLOCATED TO FUND THIS NEW DEPARTMENT. AND I URGE YOU ALL TO
9 CONTINUE TO THINK OF WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN CREATIVELY SHIFT
10 FUNDING STREAMS TO THIS NEW DEPARTMENT TO MAKE SURE THAT IT'S
11 LONG LASTING AND SUSTAINABLE. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF SASHA
16 HARNDEN. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO
17 ADDRESS TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'RE ADDRESSING GENERAL COMMENT.
18 YOU MAY BEGIN.

19

20 **SASHA HARNDEN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M SASHA HARNDEN
21 WITH THE INNER CITY LAW CENTER AND A MEMBER OF THE KEEP L.A.
22 HOUSED COALITION. I'M CALLING IN STRONG SUPPORT OF ITEM 60A.
23 THE STATE HAS COMMITTED TO FUNDING EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE
24 APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY MARCH 31ST, AND THIS REPRESENTS A
25 HUGE OPPORTUNITY TO RESOLVE RENTAL DEBT, STABILIZE LANDLORDS

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1 AND THEIR PROPERTIES, AND INCREASE HOUSING STABILITY FOR
2 TENANTS. BUT WE KNOW THAT MANY ELIGIBLE COUNTY RESIDENTS HAVE
3 NOT BEGUN THE APPLICATION PROCESS, AND WE NEED TO DOUBLE DOWN
4 AND MOUNT AN INTENSIVE MASS OUTREACH PUSH OVER THIS MONTH TO
5 ENSURE AS MANY AS POSSIBLE ARE AWARE OF THE ASSISTANCE AND
6 ABLE TO COMPLETE THEIR APPLICATIONS BY THE DEADLINE. WE
7 APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S COMMITMENT TO ENSURING THESE RESOURCES
8 ARE USED TO ADDRESS RENTAL DEBT IN L.A. COUNTY FOR THE BENEFIT
9 OF ALL RESIDENTS. WE URGE ALL SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT THE
10 MOTION BY SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND KUEHL AND APPLAUD YOUR
11 CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO RESOLVING THE HOUSING CRISIS BY
12 REDUCING THE THREAT OF EVICTION FOR TENANTS AND ENACTING THE
13 RANGE OF STRATEGIES TO ASSIST STRUGGLING PROPERTY OWNERS THAT
14 WAS DETAILED IN A RECENT REPORT BACK. THANK YOU.

15
16 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

17
18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF ANTHONY
19 ROBLES. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO
20 ADDRESS TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC
21 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

22
23 **ANTHONY ROBLES:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ANTHONY ROBLES. I'M WITH THE
24 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION AND THE L.A. YOUTH UPRISING COALITION,
25 AND I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON ITEM 22 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

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1 AS FOR ITEM 22, MAKE SURE THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
2 IS ESTABLISHED BY THIS FISCAL YEAR. C.E.O. HAS COMMITTED TO
3 ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT BY JULY. AND
4 SO, WE'RE HERE TO MAKE SURE THAT HAPPENS AND CONTINUE TO DOING
5 THE WORK ON OUR END BE TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. WE ALSO WANT TO
6 SAY THAT THE BUDGET NEEDS TO HAPPEN TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN, TO
7 MAKE THE D.Y.D. HAPPEN. THERE NEEDS TO BE THE FUNDING FROM THE
8 COUNTY TO ESTABLISH THE HOLISTIC AND COMPREHENSIVE
9 ADMINISTRATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH
10 DEVELOPMENT NEEDS BECAUSE WHAT HAPPENS A LOT OF TIMES IS THAT
11 THE COUNTY WILL NOT PROVIDE THE FUNDING TO BUILD THE PROPER
12 INFRASTRUCTURE FOR A NEW DEPARTMENT OR EVEN JUST AN OFFICE AND
13 THEN WITHOUT THAT ADMINISTRATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE, THEY CAN'T DO
14 THE WORK THAT THEY SET OUT TO DO, AND THEN BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT
15 PRODUCING THE RESULTS THAT ARE EXPECTED, THEN THEY -- THEN
16 THAT'S ANOTHER -- IT'S LIKE A LOOP, AND THEN THE BOARD DOESN'T
17 GRANT THEM THE ADDITIONAL FUNDING THEY NEED BECAUSE THEY ARE
18 SAYING THEY'RE NOT PERFORMING AS THEY SHOULD BE BUT THAT'S
19 BECAUSE THEY NEVER GAVE THEM THE FUNDING THEY NEEDED IN THE
20 FIRST PLACE. SO WE NEED THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
21 THIS YEAR, THIS JULY. AND WE ALSO NEED THE FUNDING TO MAKE IT
22 HAPPEN. THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT GETS ABOUT A BILLION DOLLARS
23 A YEAR, \$1 BILLION A YEAR FOR ITS DEPARTMENT, AND JUVENILE
24 PROBATION GETS ABOUT -- LAST TIME I CHECKED, AROUND \$500
25 MILLION. THAT'S MONEY THAT'S JUST SITTING TO PUNISH YOUNG

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1 PEOPLE AS ARRESTS AND INCARCERATION RATES CONTINUE TO DECREASE
2 AT ASTRONOMICAL RATES. AND WE'RE NOT DIVERTING THAT FUNDING
3 AND THOSE RESOURCES --

4

5 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE HAVE THE
6 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF EVA GARCIA.
9 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO ADDRESS AND
10 WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** PLEASE BEGIN.

13

14 **MODERATOR:** CAN WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF AMBROSE
17 BROOKS. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO
18 ADDRESS AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
19 YOU MAY BEGIN.

20

21 **AMBROSE BROOKS:** THIS IS AMBROSE BROOKS, RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 5
22 AND WITH DIGNITY AND POWER NOW AND THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION.
23 I'LL SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEMS 22, 51, AND GENERAL PUBLIC
24 COMMENT. I THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR DEMONSTRATING AN
25 UNDERSTANDING THAT THE CURRENT ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNTY'S

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1 JUSTICE RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE IS NOT WORKING. THE JUSTICE,
2 CARE, OPPORTUNITIES DEPARTMENT HAS IMMENSE POTENTIAL IF IT'S
3 STRUCTURED, FUNDED, AND IMPLEMENTED THOUGHTFULLY. THE ONLY WAY
4 THAT THE J.C.O.D. WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN SERVING OUR
5 COMMUNITIES IS IF SPECIFIC FUNDING STREAMS ARE ATTACHED TO THE
6 DEPARTMENT. PARTS OF THIS MOTION ARE GROUND BREAKING, THE
7 CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND AN
8 INDEPENDENT PRETRIAL SERVICES AGENCY ARE DEMANDS THAT THE
9 COMMUNITY HAVE BEEN VOICING FOR YEARS. OUR EYES ARE ON THE
10 BOARD TO ENSURE THAT THIS PRETRIAL AGENCY PRIORITIZES
11 CONTRACTING WITH C.B.O.'S, DOES NOT RELY ELECTRONIC MONITORING
12 AS A CONDITION OF PRETRIAL RELEASE, AND ADHERES TO ITS
13 COMMITMENT TO WORK INDEPENDENTLY OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT.
14 THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IS A V.I.T.A.L COMPONENT
15 OF YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NEEDS TO
16 STAY FIRM IN ITS COMMITMENT TO YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED AND
17 CREATE THIS DEPARTMENT NO LATER THAN JULY 1ST, BUT PREFERABLY
18 BEFORE THE FINAL BUDGET IS PASSED IN JUNE. I STRONGLY OPPOSE
19 ANY FEASIBILITY STUDIES AS A PREREQUISITE FOR ESTABLISHING
20 THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. THIS WILL UNNECESSARILY
21 DELAY THE CREATION OF D.Y.D., AND WE ARE ABSOLUTELY OPPOSED TO
22 THIS. WE WAITED LONG ENOUGH FOR A SYSTEM THAT DOESN'T SIMPLY
23 PREPARE CHILDREN FOR PRISON. FUNDING THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH
24 DEVELOPMENT MEANS THAT THE C.E.O. MUST CORRECT COURSE AND NOT
25 HISTORICALLY UNDERFUND CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS AND INITIATIVES.

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1 THE COUNTY MUST FUND THIS DEPARTMENT THE WAY THAT THEY FUND
2 THE SHERIFF AND PROBATION DEPARTMENTS. THE COUNTY MUST FUND
3 THIS DEPARTMENT LIKE THEY BELIEVE IN WHAT IT'S INTENDED TO
4 DO, AND THE COUNTY MUST FUND THIS DEPARTMENT LIKE YOU TRULY
5 CARE ABOUT THE OUTCOMES FOR EVERY CHILD IN L.A. COUNTY.
6 ADDITIONALLY, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE J.C.O.D. MUST NOT DELAY
7 THE CLOSURE OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. WE NEED THE BOARD TO COMMIT
8 TO A CONCRETE TIMELINE FOR M.C.J. CLOSURE. ON ITEM NUMBER 51
9 DEMONSTRATES WHY WE NEED A CONCRETE TIMELINE FOR M.C.J.
10 CLOSURE. INCARCERATION IN L.A. COUNTY JAILS IS A DEATH
11 SENTENCE. 55 PEOPLE DIED IN L.A. COUNTY JAILS LAST YEAR. I
12 DEMAND THE BOARD DEMONSTRATE THAT THIS BODY FULLY COMPREHENDS
13 THE FINDINGS OF THE O.I.G. REPORT AND TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION BY
14 SETTING TIMELINE FOR CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND LIFTING
15 THE CAP ON THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY'S HOUSING
16 PROGRAM, YET THE BOARD CONTINUES TO STALL IN ITS COMMITMENT TO
17 CLOSE M.C.J. \$3 BILLION A YEAR TO FUND THE DEPARTMENT
18 RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATHS OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS, IT'S TIME TO
19 CORRECT COURSE. ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, I DEMAND THAT THE
20 BOARD IMMEDIATE ALLOCATE SUFFICIENT FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY-
21 BASED SERVICES THAT DRIVE DECARCERATION. NUMEROUS COUNTY
22 WORKER HAVE CALLED ON THE BOARD AND C.E.O. TO FUND BEHAVIORAL
23 HEALTH TREATMENT BEDS. SYSTEM ACTORS HAVE SAID THAT MANY
24 JUDGES WOULD RELEASE PEOPLE IF SERVICES WERE AVAILABLE IN THE
25 COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY FOR PEOPLE IN NEED OF HOUSING. EXISTING

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1 SERVICE PROVIDERS HAVE MADE CLEAR WITH FUNDING THEY COULD
2 EASILY AND RAPIDLY EXPAND OFFERINGS. IT IS POSSIBLE TO SCALE
3 UP COMMUNITY RESOURCES QUICKLY --

4

5 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE HAVE THE
6 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF DIEGO
9 RODRIGUEZ. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO
10 ADDRESS TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'RE ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC
11 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

12

13 **DIEGO RODRIGUEZ:** GOOD MORNING, ESTEEMED BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
14 MY NAME IS DIEGO RODRIGUEZ, AND I'M C.O.O. OF ALMA COMMUNITY
15 SERVICES. I'M CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 5 AND GENERAL PUBLIC
16 COMMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO FIRST THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS
17 FOR PRESENTING THIS TIMELY MOTION. AS YOU KNOW,
18 MISINFORMATION HAS BEEN USED AROUND THE GLOBE AND HERE IN THE
19 UNITED STATES FOR PROFIT TO UNDERMINE TRUST IN SCIENCE,
20 INSTITUTIONS, AND THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS, AS MANY ARE TAKING
21 ADVANTAGE OF SOCIAL MEDIA TO SPEW LIES AND FORM DANGEROUS
22 OPINIONS. COMPANIES HAVE CONTINUOUSLY DODGED THEIR
23 RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTAIN THE SPREAD OF MISINFORMATION, WHICH
24 IS ADVERSELY IMPACTING ALL OF US, ESPECIALLY OUR MINORITY
25 COMMUNITIES, WHO HAVE SEEN HOW THIS MISINFORMATION ALSO

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1 MUDDLES CRITICAL PUBLIC HEALTH EFFORTS TO EDUCATE AND PROTECT
2 OUR COMMUNITY. RESEARCH, INCLUDING RECENT STUDIES, SUPPORT
3 THIS MOTION. (INDISCERNIBLE) 2022 RESEARCH SHOWS US HOW
4 PROACTIVE EDUCATION AND MISINFORMATION WARNINGS CAN LEAD
5 INDIVIDUALS TO REJECT MISINFORMATION. THAT'S CRUCIAL IN ORDER
6 TO PROTECT OUR PUBLIC HEALTH, OUR INSTITUTIONS, FREE
7 ELECTIONS, AND THEIR LEGITIMATE RESULTS. THIS MOTION IS A
8 CRITICAL FIRST STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. I'M TRULY GLAD
9 SUPERVISOR SOLIS IS TAKING ACTION AND RESPECTFULLY URGE THE
10 BOARD TO PASS THIS CRITICAL MOTION. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

13

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

18

19 **MARK ANDLEMAN:** YES, HELLO. I'M MARK ANDLEMAN WITH ONBOAT.COM,
20 AGENDA GENERAL DOCK 55 AND POSSIBLY NUMBER 66, BUT IT HAS TO
21 WITH PUBLIC DOCK 55. FIRST OFF, OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO THE
22 UKRAINE, AND WE ALSO APPRECIATE ALL THE PRESSING PROBLEMS IN
23 L.A., BUT WE DO HAVE A PROBLEM THAT WE BELIEVE IS EASILY FIXED
24 AND WHICH URGENTLY REQUIRES ATTENTION. THIS IS AN EXISTENTIAL
25 CONCERN OF THE LOCAL CHARTER BOAT INDUSTRY, A HUNDRED PERCENT

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1 SMALL BUSINESS INDUSTRY. IT'S ABOUT 5 TO 10 MILLION DOLLARS IN
2 SALES AND TENS OF THOUSANDS OF CUSTOMERS. THAT MAY SURPRISE
3 PEOPLE TO KNOW THIS INDUSTRY HAS BEEN CUT OFF AT THE KNEES
4 THROUGH THE SUDDEN ERRATIC RULE CHANGES EMANATING FROM THE
5 DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS. THESE RULE CHANGES CONCERN
6 THE ELIMINATION OF 12 PASSENGER CHARTER YACHTS AT PUBLIC DOCK
7 55 IN FAVOR OF 6 PASSENGER CHARTERS. THAT WOULD DOUBLE THE
8 PRICE AND ELIMINATE MORE THAN 70% OF BUSINESS, MOST OF
9 WHICH REPRESENTS UNDERSERVED MINORITIES. AND SUBSEQUENTLY,
10 THERE WAS ANOTHER CHANGE ELIMINATING PARKING FOR ALL CHARTER
11 BOATS, WHICH WILL ELIMINATE MOST OF THE REMAINING BUSINESS.
12 THE REASONS GIVEN WERE EITHER NONE, OR THEY MISCONSTRUED FACTS
13 AND REGULATIONS. WE CAN ONLY BELIEVE THERE IS SOMETHING ELSE
14 AT WORK THAT HAS NOT BEEN DISCLOSED, AND IN THE BACKGROUND,
15 THERE HAS ALSO BEEN AN INTENSE LOBBYING EFFORT GOING ON BY THE
16 ONE OR TWO REMAINING CHARTER OPERATORS WHO STAND TO BENEFIT
17 FROM THIS. WE STRONGLY BELIEVE L.A. COUNTY IS DELIBERATELY
18 BEING MISLED FOR SOME UNKNOWN REASON, AND WE BELIEVE BEACHES
19 AND HARBORS, THE AGENCY INVOLVED, IS NOT ACTING TO BENEFIT OF
20 THE GREATER PUBLIC AND THAT THEY NEED TO BE REINED IN. WE
21 REQUEST THAT THESE MOVES BE IMMEDIATELY RESCINDED. IF IN THE
22 FUTURE, SOME NEW RULES ARE REQUIRED FOR THE OPERATION OF DOCK
23 55, WE REQUEST THAT THE MOST AFFECTED PARTIES, WHICH ARE THE
24 LOCAL CHARTER BOAT INDUSTRY --

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE HAVE NEXT
2 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

3

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

8

9 **SAM LEWIS:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU. MY NAME IS SAM LEWIS. I'M
10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF A.R.C. I WANT TO THANK THIS HONORABLE
11 BOARD. I'M ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 22 AND GENERAL PUBLIC
12 COMMENT. THANK YOU SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION.
13 AS SOMEONE WHO WAS INCARCERATED FOR 24 YEARS AND WHO HAS
14 WORKED DIRECTLY WITH BOTH INCARCERATED YOUTH AND FORMERLY
15 INCARCERATED YOUTH IN JUVENILE HALLS AND D.J.J. AND ADULTS IN
16 THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION,
17 IN THIS REENTRY SPACE, I'M IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. I
18 WANT TO SAY ON BEHALF OF A.R.C. AND OUR OVER 2000 MEMBERS OF
19 FORMERLY INCARCERATED PEOPLE THAT WE APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S
20 CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE CARE FIRST/JAILS LAST AND KNOW THAT
21 WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT AND ASSIST OUR FORMERLY INCARCERATED
22 COMMUNITY AND THIS HONORABLE BOARD. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

25

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM MATTHEW ZOO. PLEASE
2 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO ADDRESS TODAY AND
3 WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **MATTHEW ZOO:** HI. MY NAME IS MATTHEW ZOO. I'M WITH TRUST SOUTH
6 L.A., AND I'M SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4,
7 WHICH ESTABLISH AN L.A. COUNTY LAND BANK. TRUST SOUTH L.A.
8 ALONG WITH L.A. COMMUNITY LAND TRUST COALITION AND OUR
9 AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS HAVE BEEN PROUD TO
10 WORK WITH THE COUNTY ON TWO PILOT PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS L.A.'S
11 HOUSING CRISIS. WE APPLAUD SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND KUEHL AND THE
12 ENTIRE BOARD FOR ADVANCING CREATIVE SOLUTIONS TO STOPPING REAL
13 ESTATE SPECULATION AND STABILIZING OUR NEIGHBORHOODS BY
14 PRESERVING EXISTING HOUSING AND CREATING MORE AFFORDABLE
15 HOUSING. FOR DECADES, REAL ESTATE SPECULATORS HAVE BEEN
16 DEVELOPING INNOVATIVE SCHOOLS TOWARDS THE FURTHER
17 COMODIFICATION OF OUR HOUSING STOCK. THEY HAVE BEEN POURING
18 BILLIONS INTO ACQUIRING OUR HOMES IN UNDERINVESTED
19 NEIGHBORHOODS, ONLY TO EVICT EXISTING RESIDENTS, FURTHER
20 DESTABILIZING LOWER RESOURCE NEIGHBORHOODS, AND THEY HAVE
21 LOCKED OUT BLACK AND BROWN FROM SAFE, AFFORDABLE, DIGNIFIED
22 HOUSING. IT IS HIGH TIME THAT THE COUNTY AND ITS COMMUNITY
23 PARTNERS --

24

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

3

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

8

9 **FANNY ORTEZ:** HI, MY NAME IS FANNY ORTEZ, AND I'M SPEAKING IN
10 SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4, AND I'LL BE GIVING A PUBLIC
11 COMMENT AS WELL. I BELIEVE THAT ESTABLISHING A LAND BANK FOR
12 THE L.A. COUNTY ON BEHALF OF (INDISERNIBLE) WOULD SUPPORT THE
13 LOCAL WORK WE'RE DOING AS THIS ORGANIZATION WAS CREATED BY
14 COMMUNITY LEADERS, WHO ARE PREDOMINANTLY WOMEN OF COLOR, WHO
15 ARE WOMEN OF THE NON INFORMAL ECONOMY AND MONOLINGUAL
16 SPEAKING. WE BELIEVE THAT THE LAND BANK WOULD REDUCE
17 SPECULATION AND LOWER DEVELOPMENT COSTS BY ACQUIRING
18 PROPERTIES QUICKLY AND WORK WITH COMMUNITY LAND TRUST TO MAKE
19 THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROCESS FASTER AND MORE AFFORDABLE,
20 AND IT WOULD WOULD BE MORE PREDICTABLE FOR COMMUNITY LAND
21 TRUST TO CONTINUE DECOMODIFYING HOUSING AND PLACING IT IN THE
22 HANDS OF COMMUNITY CONTROL. I WOULD LIKE TO ALSO THANK
23 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER LEADERSHIP AND URGE TO YOU SUPPORT
24 THE MOTION TO ESTABLISH THE L.A. COUNTY LAND BANK. THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

2

3 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF MINERVA
4 GARCIA. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE
5 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
6 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **MINERVA GARCIA:** YES. MY NAME IS MINERVA GARCIA. I'M A
9 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 1. I WANT TO ADDRESS AGENDA ITEM 51 AND
10 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING THE CHARTER AMENDMENT. I
11 THINK IT'S HORRIFIC THAT 51 TO 52 PEOPLE A YEAR DYING IN
12 CUSTODY AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL DOESN'T HORRIFY THIS BOARD
13 ENOUGH. I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'S GOING TO TAKE FOR YOU ALL TO
14 LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE AND SAY CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. I'M
15 UPLIFTING JALANI LOVETT AND HIS FAMILY. THE HORRIFIC WAY IN
16 WHICH HE DIED IN SOLITARY AND THE COVER UP BY THE SHERIFF'S
17 DEPARTMENT SHOULD APPALL US ALL. BUT THE ONE THING THAT THE
18 O.I.G. REPORT SAYS, THAT IT DETAILS AN ALARMING INCIDENT IN
19 WHICH THE HOMICIDE BUREAU REPRESENTATIVES DID NOT ALLOW THE
20 O.I.G. TO VIEW THE SCENE OR BODY OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DIED IN
21 THE JAILS. I MEAN HOW DOES THAT NOT JUST SIMPLY SAY YOU KNOW
22 WHAT, THIS SHERIFF IS OUT OF CONTROL? HE'S NOT ABIDING BY THE
23 LAWS OF OVERSIGHT. WHAT DOES IT TAKE? WHAT DOES IT TAKE FOR
24 THIS BOARD TO LISTEN TO THIS PEOPLE AND SAY THIS SHERIFF NEEDS
25 TO BE OUSTED, MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL NEEDS TO HAVE A TIMELINE TO

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1 BE CLOSED? SECOND THING THAT I WANTED TO SAY REGARDING PUBLIC
2 COMMENT, I HAVE BEEN IN THE TRENCHES AS FAMILY -- AS A MEMBER
3 OF AN IMPACT FAMILY AT THE HANDS OF THE POLICE. A FRIEND OF
4 MINE, VANESSA MARQUEZ, WAS SHOT BY THE SOUTH PASADENA POLICE
5 DEPARTMENT AUGUST 30, 2018. I'VE SEEN IN ACTION SHERIFF
6 VILLANUEVA'S POLITICKING AGAINST CODE 3026, WHICH SAYS NO
7 OFFICER IN UNIFORM SHOULD BE TALKING ABOUT POLITICS. SO WHY IS
8 HE ALLOWED TO BE BREAKING THAT CODE AGAIN AND AGAIN WHILE
9 BASHING GASCON. AND THIS IS WHY THE PEOPLE ARE ASKING FOR THE
10 CHARTER AMENDMENT AND REAL SHERIFF ACCOUNTABILITY. I SUPPORT
11 THE L.A. COUNTY CHARTER --

12

13 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT
14 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF LAURA
17 FUENTES. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEM YOU WISH TO
18 ADDRESS AND WHETHER YOU'RE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
19 YOU MAY BEGIN.

20

21 **LAURA FUENTES:** HELLO, MY NAME IS LAURA FUENTES. AND I'M A
22 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER WITH THE FRANCISCO HOMES, AND I'M
23 CALLING ON SUPPORT OF MOTION 22. I AM PART OF THE R.I.C.M.S.
24 RANGER DIVISION AT O.D.R. I STRONGLY SUPPORT MOTION 22 TO
25 CREATE J.C.O.D., WHICH WOULD GIVE US MORE FUNDING FOR OUR

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1 PROGRAMS WHICH COULD HELP US CONTINUE DO THE WORK THAT WE'RE
2 DOING TO HELP THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY INCARCERATION TO
3 RECEIVE THE PROGRAMS THAT THEY NEED SO THEY CAN REMOVE THE
4 LIFELONG BARRIERS THAT HAVE -- JUST BEING INCARCERATED GIVES
5 YOU. I'M FORMALLY INCARCERATED, AND I DID NOT HAVE THESE
6 PROGRAMS TO HELP. SO I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE CLAWING FOR
7 RESOURCES THAT ARE NOT READILY GIVEN TO YOU. I BELIEVE THAT
8 THE J.C.O.D. WOULD EXTREMELY BENEFIT EVERYBODY COMING BACK
9 HOME AND WHO COULD ELIMINATE LONG PRISON TERMS. THANK YOU SO
10 MUCH.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13

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

18

19 **MODERATOR:** PLEASE BEGIN. CAN WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

20

21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF JULIE
22 MARTINEZ. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO
23 ADDRESS AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
24 BEGIN.

25

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1 **JULIE MARTINEZ:** YES. CAN YOU HEAR ME? >SPEAKER: YES, WE CAN
2 HEAR YOU. PLEASE BEGIN.

3

4 **JULIE MARTINEZ:** THANK YOU. I'M SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 64
5 AND 51 AND GENERAL COMMENT. AND BEFORE I BEGIN, PART OF MY
6 GENERAL COMMENT IS TO ASK FOR THE CHARTER AMENDMENT. WE IN THE
7 COMMUNITY NEED REAL SHERIFF ACCOUNTABILITY AS WE ARE IN CRISIS
8 MODE UNDER VILLANUEVA. UNDER VILLANUEVA, HE'S ENABLED DEPUTY
9 GANGS, AND ALSO THERE HAS BEEN A DRAMATIC INCREASE OF DEPUTY
10 SHOOTINGS AND KILLINGS OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS. PLEASE PLACE ON
11 THE BALLOT AN AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY CHARTER IN ORDER TO
12 STRENGTHEN SHERIFF ACCOUNTABILITY AND CREATE A REAL SYSTEM OF
13 CHECKS AND BALANCES, ONE OF WHICH WOULD ALLOW YOU IMPEACHMENT
14 POWER FOR SERIOUS MISCONDUCT OF THE SHERIFF. AND IT'S WITH
15 TREMENDOUS FEAR FOR THE SAFETY OF FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY
16 WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THE SHERIFF VILLANUEVA'S DEPUTY
17 GANGS THAT I'M SPEAKING OUT TODAY. I'M THE GRANDMOTHER OF PAUL
18 REA. I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 5. INSTEAD OF VILLANUEVA'S
19 WEEKLY INSTAGRAM FACEBOOK, LAST WEEK HE HELD A PRESS
20 CONFERENCE THAT SET A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT. HE'S AGAIN ENGAGING
21 IN DANGEROUS AND THREATENING BEHAVIORS. HE UTILIZED HIS PRESS
22 CONFERENCE TO DESTROY THE CHARACTER OF TWO IMPACTED FAMILIES,
23 MY FAMILY, THE REA FAMILY, AND THE VARGAS FAMILY. HE
24 INTRODUCED TO THE PRESS, SENSITIVE INFORMATION REGARDING
25 PENDING CIVIL COMPLAINTS OF HARASSMENT, WHICH OF COURSE WERE

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1 INITIATED BY THE FAMILY AND THANKFULLY SUPPORTED BY THE BOARD
2 OF SUPERVISORS. LAST YEAR, SHERIFF DEPUTIES FROM EAST L.A.,
3 SAAVADRA AND DEPUTY SANTOS, ENGAGED IN A MOCKING OF MY FAMILY
4 AT A VERY PUBLIC RESTAURANT. THE PROBLEM WITH WHAT SHERIFF
5 VILLANUEVA DID BY INTRODUCING THIS INCIDENT INTO HIS PRESS
6 CONFERENCE IS THAT HE SHOWED PHOTOGRAPHS AND A VIDEO OF A
7 MINOR, WHICH IS MY GRANDDAUGHTER AND MY DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, LEAH,
8 OF COURSE ARGUING WITH BOTH DEPUTIES. UNFORTUNATELY, THE
9 DEPUTIES DID NOT SHOW THE TRUE INCIDENT OF WHAT HAPPENED
10 BECAUSE THEY DID NOT INCLUDE THEIR MOCKING BEHAVIOR, WHICH
11 STARTED THE INCIDENT IN A PUBLIC ENTITY. SHERIFF VILLANUEVA
12 CONTINUES TO REFER TO THE FAMILIES AS ORIGINATORS OF ALL THE
13 COMPLAINTS, AND HE SAID PUBLICLY THAT THERE WERE NO OTHER
14 IMPACTED FAMILIES THAT RAISED COMPLAINTS OF HARASSMENT, WHICH
15 IS UNTRUE. THOSE OF US WHO HAVE BEEN PART OF RESTORATIVE
16 JUSTICE IN L.A. COUNTY HAVE HEARD MANY FAMILIES COME FORWARD.
17 HOWEVER, SHERIFF VILLANUEVA, AT EVERY JUNCTURE, DEEMS THESE
18 HARASSMENTS ARE UNFOUNDED, EVEN THOUGH WE, AS IMPACTED
19 FAMILIES, PRESENT BADGE NUMBERS --

20
21 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE HAVE THE
22 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23
24 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF EZEKIEL
25 NISHIAMA. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO

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1 ADDRESS TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC
2 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

3

4 **EZEKIEL NISHIAMA:** HELLO. MY NAME IS EZEKIEL NISHIAMA. I'M HERE
5 WITH THE ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON ITEM
6 22 AND PROVIDE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
7 SHEILA KUEHL, FOR THIS MOTION. AS A YOUNG PERSON, I
8 EXPERIENCED THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM HERE IN LOS ANGELES,
9 FROM L.A. COUNTY JUVENILE HALLS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE
10 JUSTICE. COMING HOME, IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE TO BE PART OF THE
11 ONGOING COMMUNITY WORK OF L.A. COUNTY ADVOCATES KNOWING THIS
12 HAS BEEN HISTORIC WORK. STILL WE SEE THE SAME ISSUES, AND FOR
13 THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR JUVENILE HALLS, THE DAY LOOKS EXACTLY
14 THE SAME AS WHEN I WAS THERE OVER 6 YEARS AGO. THE LACK OF
15 BASIC PROGRAMMING, THE HORRIBLE STAFF STRUCTURE, THE SMALL
16 FOOD PORTIONS, THE CYCLES OF INCARCERATION THAT WE PUT OUR
17 YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH, FOR A YOUNG PERSON, LOOKS ALL THE SAME.
18 IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO THROW AN OFFICE OVER YOUTH AND ADULTS
19 ALL TOGETHER. WHILE I SUPPORT THE BOARD MOVING FORWARD ON ITS
20 COMMITMENT TO YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED AND STANDING UP A
21 DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT NOW, WE DEMAND THAT YOU FUND
22 THIS DEPARTMENT THE WAY YOU HISTORICALLY FUND LAW ENFORCEMENT
23 AND PROVIDE GUARANTEES THAT YOU WILL NO LONGER POUR TENS OF
24 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS INTO YOUTH SYSTEMS OF INCARCERATION AND
25 PUNISHMENT. AS A YOUNG PERSON WHO HAS BEEN INCARCERATED, I

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1 BELIEVE YOUTH AND ADULT'S ISSUES CAN'T BE MIXED AND THROWN
2 ALL TOGETHER. WE KNOW FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE HOW DIFFERENT
3 THEIR NEEDS ARE, AND THE FUNDING THAT IS NEEDED FOR BOTH OF
4 THEM IS DIFFERENT. WE ALSO KNOW HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR YOUTH
5 TO HAVE A DEPARTMENT BEHIND THEM, NOT JUST AN OFFICE. THE
6 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS COMMITTED TO YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED
7 WHEN APPROVING IT AND MUST MAKE IT PRIORITY, COMMITTING TO
8 MAKING THE INVESTMENTS CRUCIALLY NEEDED, STANDING UP THE
9 DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, AND ALLOCATING 75 MILLION FOR
10 FISCAL YEAR '22. PLEASE DON'T FORGET ABOUT YOUTH JUSTICE
11 REIMAGINED, AND DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT
12 LOCKED UP IN BARRY J. NIDORF AND ARE STILL WAITING TO GET THE
13 BASIC PROGRAMING THAT SHOULD BE OFFERED TO THEM. WE CAN'T
14 KEEP OUR YOUNG PEOPLE --

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

18
19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF SERGIO
20 VERA. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE
21 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
22 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23
24 **SERGIO VERA:** HI. I'M JUST GOING TO ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC
25 COMMENT. I'M HERE TO RESPECTFULLY URGE SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND

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1 THE OTHER L.A. COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORS TO PLEASE FIX THE
2 MEDIANS IN THE SAYBROOK PARK AREA IN UNINCORPORATED EAST L.A.
3 THERE WAS A COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT. AND THIS COMPANY,
4 BUNTA, CAME IN, SET UP HEADQUARTERS IN OUR MEDIANS, THE
5 MEDIANS IN FRONT OF MY HOUSE, COMPLETELY DESTROYED THEM, HAVE
6 LEFT THEM IN RUBBLE AND DIRT. WHEN THEY REMOVED THEIR
7 HEADQUARTERS, RATS CAME INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD. I KNOW I ONLY
8 HAVE SHORT TIME, BUT YEAH JUST REALLY THIS STORM WATER CAPTURE
9 PROJECT WAS PRESENTED TO US, AND THEY DID SAY THEY WERE GOING
10 TO FIX THREE MEDIANS DURING PHASE ONE, FOUR MORE DURING PHASE
11 TWO, AND THEN THE LAST ONES DURING THE CAPTURE PROJECT. THAT
12 NEVER HAPPENED, THE FIRST TWO PHASES. SO WE'RE LEFT WITH DIRT
13 PATHS, AND IT'S REALLY SAD. IF YOU GO ON GOOGLE MAPS, YOU CAN
14 SEE HOW IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL MEDIAN, AND NOW IT'S JUST DESTROYED
15 BECAUSE OF THIS COUNTY PROJECT. I GUESS THERE ARE NO MORE
16 FUNDS --

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

20
21 **SUP. HAHN:** MADAM CHAIR, CAN WE JUST FIND OUT WHERE THAT WAS,
22 AGAIN? I MISSED WHERE HE WAS TALKING ABOUT.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** IT'S IN EAST L.A., UNINCORPORATED, AND WE'LL
2 FOLLOW UP, JANICE. I KNOW EXACTLY THE PROJECT, AND WE'LL GET
3 WITH OUR PUBLIC WORKS, PESTRELLA.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

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

13

14 **GABRIELLA NUNEZ:** HELLO. CAN YOU ALL HEAR ME?

15

16 **SPEAKER:** YES WE CAN HEAR YOU. PLEASE BEGIN.

17

18 **GABRIELLA NUNEZ:** MY NAME IS GABBY NUNEZ. I'M WITH TRUST SOUTH
19 L.A., A COMMUNITY LAND TRUST IN SOUTH L.A., AND I'M SPEAKING
20 IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM 4 AND MAKING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
21 IT'S BEEN VERY ENCOURAGING TO SEE THE COUNTY WORKING WITH
22 COMMUNITY LAND TRUSTS AND THEIR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS
23 TO ADDRESS DISPLACEMENT AND THE HOUSING CRISIS GENERALLY.
24 COMMITTING TO THE EXPLORATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LAND
25 BANK FOR THE COUNTY IS A STEP TOWARD THE CONTINUATION OF THE

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1 PROGRAMS THAT THE COUNTY ALREADY FUNDED AND THE SUSTAINABILITY
2 AND STRENGTH OF COMMUNITY LAND TRUST AND THE COUNTY AT LARGE.
3 KEEPING LAND IN COMMUNITY LAND TRUSTS MEANS THAT HOUSING WILL
4 STAY PERMANENTLY AFFORDABLE. SO SUPPORTING US IN OBTAINING
5 LAND IS A WAY FOR THE COUNTY TO USE ITS POWER TO DIRECTLY
6 ADDRESS THE HOUSING CRISIS WHILE CENTERING COMMUNITY BENEFIT.
7 I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER CONTINUED SUPPORT
8 OF LAND TRUSTS. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

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

16

17 **TIM HEPBURN:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR MITCHELL AND COUNTY
18 SUPERVISORS. TIM HEPBURN, MAYOR OF LA VERNE, AND I'LL SPEAK ON
19 PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE S.Y.T.F. YOUTH FACILITY PERMANENT
20 LOCATION. I WOULD REQUEST THAT THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS WOULD
21 TAKE OFF CONSIDERATION AFFLERBAUGH PAIGE AND PUT INTO
22 CONSIDERATION, AS KILPATRICK IS THE L.A. MODEL, TO FASHION
23 BARRY J. NIDORF AND ALSO LOS PADRINOS TO MAKE THREE CAMPUSES
24 FOR THE S.Y.T.F. YOUTH FACILITIES, AS THESE SERVE A BETTER
25 PURPOSE FOR SERVICES FOR THE YOUTH, FOR FAMILIES' ACCESS TO

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1 THE YOUTH, FOR THE COURTS, AND ALSO JUST A BETTER PLACE AND
2 CENTRAL LOCATION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF OSBE
7 CASIBI. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO
8 ADDRESS AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL COMMENT. YOU MAY
9 BEGIN.

10

11 **OSBE CASIBI:** GOOD MORNING, DEAR SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DR.
12 OSBE CASIBI. I'M SPEAKING TO SET ITEM 2, PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER.
13 I HAVE AN M.D. AND MASTER'S IN PUBLIC HEALTH. I'M READY TO
14 EXPRESS STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE MANDATE. IF YOU LOOK AT THE
15 ETHICAL LITERATURE AROUND MANDATES, ESPECIALLY THE EXTENT OF
16 OUR REASONING ABOUT INFECTION BEFORE FEAR AND REACTIVITY SET
17 IN THAT UNFORTUNATELY IS GUIDING OUR APPROACH, YOU ARE GOING
18 TO FIND THAT OUR ACTION IN THE PRESENCE OF RADICAL SWINGS OF
19 THE PENDULUM TO THE FAR EXTREME BEYOND GUIDELINES SET BY EVEN
20 PRO MANDATE THINKERS IN THE ETHICS SPACE. THERE WAS AN ARTICLE
21 BY PRO -- PUBLIC HEALTH -- MEDICINE CALLED "ENSURING UPTAKE OF
22 VACCINES AGAINST SARS COV2," WHICH I DISAGREED WITH, BUT EVEN
23 -- STATED THAT MANDATES SHOULD ONLY BE IN PLACE WHEN -- LOOK,
24 WE'RE BEYOND THAT. THEY SAID THAT VACCINE MANDATES -- IS
25 NOT APPROPRIATE, AND EVEN IN THEIR MYOPIC ARGUMENT, THEY SAID

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1 TO MANDATE ONLY FOR HIGH PRIORITY GROUPS REFUSING VACCINATION.
2 LOOK HOW FAR WE'VE TAKEN IT. WE HAVE TO RECENTER THAT
3 PENDULUM, BRING BACK CALM AND --

4

5 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME. YOU'RE TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE HAVE THE
6 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER COMES FROM THE LINE OF LISA HIRSH
9 MARTIN. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO
10 ADDRESS AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
11 YOU MAY BEGIN.

12

13 **LISA HIRSH MARTIN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M SPEAKING ON
14 ITEM 6 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS LISA HIRSH
15 MARTIN, AND I AM THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER WITH WELLNESS, A
16 TRAUMA-INFORMED MENTAL HEALTH AND K HOUSING ORGANIZATION
17 SERVING LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK
18 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR OFFERING ITEM 6, A MOTION TO EXPAND
19 HOUSING FOR YOUTH FORMERLY IN FOSTER CARE THROUGH T.H.P. PLUS.
20 FOSTER YOUTH HAVE EXPERIENCED ALARMING RATES OF HOMELESSNESS
21 AS THEY TRANSITION OUT OF CARE. AND WHILE L.A. COUNTY HAS
22 TAKEN GREAT STRIDES TO ADDRESS THIS, 1 IN 4 FOSTER YOUTH
23 EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS AFTER EXITING CARE AND BEFORE TURNING
24 23. FOR YOUTH ACCESSING TRANSITIONAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE, THE
25 RATE IS EVEN HIGHER. 40% EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS PRIOR TO

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1 ENTERING THE PROGRAM. AND THAT REALLY IS LARGELY ATTRIBUTED
2 TO THE FACT THAT THERE IS NOT SUFFICIENT HOUSING DEDICATED TO
3 YOUTH CURRENTLY OR FORMERLY IN FOSTER CARE, PARTICULARLY
4 NEEDED IS HOUSING WITH ANTIQUATED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES THAT
5 IS CURRENTLY SUPPLEMENTED WITH OTHER FUNDING AS WELLNESS DOES
6 BECAUSE WE KNOW THIS MAKES THE DIFFERENCE TOWARD KEEPING YOUNG
7 PEOPLE HOUSED. T.H.P. PLUS IS ONE SUCH PROGRAM THAT DOES NOT
8 HAVE ENOUGH UNITS, DESPITE ITS IMPRESSIVE TRACK RECORD IN
9 HELPING YOUTH ACHIEVE STABILITY. IN ADDITION, THE CURRENT
10 AMOUNT PER UNIT DOES NOT COVER THE COST FOR RENT, CASE
11 MANAGEMENT, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES THAT CONTRIBUTE TO
12 LONGEVITY OF A YOUNG PERSON'S PROMISE. I KNOW WE AGREE THAT
13 OUR FOSTER YOUTH NEED MORE SUPPORT LEAVING FOSTER CARE, WHICH
14 INCLUDES MORE UNITS WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND CASE MANAGEMENT
15 SERVICES. AND I URGE YOU TO APPROVE THIS MOTION, AND I THANK
16 YOU FOR MAKING THIS HAPPEN.

17
18 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

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1 **EDITH MASIAS:** HI. I'M ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEM 22 AND GENERAL
2 PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS EDITH MASIAS, AND I'M WITH THE ARTS
3 FOR HEALING AND JUSTICE NETWORK AND THE LOS ANGELES YOUTH
4 UPRISING COALITION. FIRST OF ALL, I JUST WANT TO SAY THERE'S
5 APPRECIATION TO THE BOARD FOR ITS COMMITMENT TO YOUTH JUSTICE
6 REIMAGINED AND STANDING UP A DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.
7 IT IS URGENT THAT WE NOT WASTE ANY MORE TIME REALIZING THIS
8 DEPARTMENT BECAUSE YOUTH NEED SUPPORT AND ARE, IN FACT, NOT
9 OPINION, ABUSED BY A SYSTEM DEPENDENT ON INCARCERATION, A
10 SYSTEM THAT THRIVES OFF THE SUFFERING OF YOUNG PEOPLE, IN
11 PARTICULAR YOUTH OF COLOR AND THOSE OF WORKING CLASS
12 NEIGHBORHOODS. THIS CAN NO LONGER WAIT BECAUSE, AS WE SPEAK,
13 THERE ARE YOUTH BEING HELD AT BARRY J. NIDORF, WHERE THEY ARE
14 BEING PEPPER SPRAYED, SHACKLED, AND EXPERIENCE RECONFINEMENT
15 FOR HOURS, ALMOST DAYS. I'M HERE TO OPPOSE ANY AND ALL THINGS
16 THAT DELAY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH
17 DEVELOPMENT AND ASK THE BOARD TO REDIRECT PROBATION AND
18 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DOLLARS INTO THE DEPARTMENT TO ENSURE
19 SECURE FUNDING STREAMS AND ENSURE THAT D.Y.D. WILL BE LONG
20 STANDING, AND YOU'LL SEE ALL YOUTH IN L.A. COUNTY GETTING THE
21 CARE AND SUPPORT THEY DESERVE. THANK YOU.

22
23 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF KIM
2 YURGIN. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO
3 ADDRESS TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL COMMENT.
4 YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **KIM YURGIN:** HI. GOOD MORNING. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

7

8 **SPEAKER:** YES, WE CAN. YES, PLEASE CONTINUE.

9

10 **KIM YURKIN.** OKAY, THANK YOU. MY NAME IS KIM YURGIN. I'M A
11 MEMBER OF LIBERTY COMMUNITY LAND TRUST, AND I'M SPEAKING IN
12 SUPPORT OF THE AGENDA ITEM 4, AND I WANT TO DO GENERAL
13 COMMENT. ITEM 4, WHICH WILL EXPLORE THE ESTABLISHING OF A LOS
14 ANGELES COUNTY LAND BANK, WE APPLAUD SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND
15 KUEHL AND THE ENTIRE BOARD FOR ADVANCING CREATIVE SOLUTIONS
16 SUCH AS THE PILOT PROGRAM SO STOPPING REAL ESTATE SPECULATION
17 AND STABILIZING OUR NEIGHBORHOODS BY PRESERVING EXISTING
18 HOUSING AND CREATING MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. LAND BANKS ARE
19 USED IN OTHER COUNTIES TO REMOVE PROPERTIES FROM THE
20 SPECULATIVE MARKET, CREATE A MORE EFFICIENT AND LESS EXPENSIVE
21 AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. THEY HAVE BEEN
22 EFFICIENTLY PAIRED WITH COMMUNITY LAND TRUSTS TO GIVE
23 COMMUNITY RESIDENTS A DIRECT STAKE IN WHAT HOUSING IS
24 DEVELOPED ON THAT LAND AND TO KEEP THE HOUSING PERMANENTLY
25 AFFORDABLE. WE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE MOTION TO ESTABLISH THE

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1 **LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY LAND BANK AND TO EXPLORE BENEFITS OF ITS**
2 **PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITY LAND TRUST. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.**

3

4 **>>SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF JAY
7 STEVEN BRANTLEY. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU
8 WISH TO ADDRESS TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
9 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **JAY STEVEN BRANTLEY:** MY NAME IS JAY STEVEN BRANTLEY. I'M A
12 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 5. I'LL BE SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF ITEMS 51,
13 13, AND 22, AND MAKING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. TWO YEARS SINCE
14 COMMITTING TO CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL, PEOPLE ARE DYING IN L.A.
15 COUNTY JAILS IN RECORD NUMBERS. LIVES HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY
16 VIOLENCE, OVERDOSE, SUICIDE, AND HEALTH CRISES, INCLUDING
17 COVID. EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THOSE LIVES COULD HAVE BEEN SAVED
18 BY ONE OF THE MANY ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION THAT WE HAVE
19 BEEN UPLIFTING ALL THIS TIME. THE BOARD MUST RESPOND THIS
20 CRISIS AS OUTLINED IN THE O.I.G. REPORT AND TAKE IMMEDIATE
21 ACTION BY SETTING A TIMELINE FOR CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL
22 AND INCREASING FUNDING TO THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY
23 HOUSING PROGRAM, WHICH HAS MORE THAN PROVEN ITS EFFECTIVENESS.
24 THE BOARD MUST ALSO DEMAND COOPERATION, TRANSPARENCY, AND
25 ACCOUNTABILITY FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. ON 13, AS WE

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1 TAKE STEPS TOWARD A CARE FIRST VISION FOR THE COUNTY, MEASURES
2 A LIKE A.B.2425 WOULD BE TRANSFORMATIVE, AND I URGE YOU TO
3 SUPPORT IT. PEOPLE COMING OUT OF INCARCERATION FACE TREMENDOUS
4 BARRIERS TO ECONOMIC STABILITY, GAINING EMPLOYMENT AFTER
5 CONFINEMENT CAN BE NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR MANY, IF NOT MOST.
6 WHEN IT WAS ME, I WAS INCREDIBLY FORTUNATE TO HAVE SUPPORT AND
7 RESOURCES THAT SO MANY OTHERS DO NOT. CREATING ACCESS TO JOBS
8 FOR THOSE RETURNING TO THEIR COMMUNITIES AFTER BEING IN JAIL
9 WOULD ALSO OPEN PATHS TOWARDS HOUSING AND EDUCATION. AND ALL
10 OF THIS MEANS REDUCED RECIDIVISM, PREVENTION OF CRIME, AND THE
11 PRESERVATION OF FAMILIES. THESE ARE THINGS I KNOW THIS BOARD
12 AND INDEED ALL OF OUR COUNTY VALUE AND WANT TO UPLIFT. WE KNOW
13 WE CAN'T ARREST OUR WAY TO PUBLIC SAFETY. WE HAVE SEEN THE
14 FAILURE IN THAT WAY OF THINKING. PROVIDING THE FORMERLY
15 INCARCERATED WITH ACCESS TO JOBS AND ENSURING THEIR BASIC
16 NEEDS WOULD ULTIMATELY BENEFIT US ALL. ON ITEM 22, I ALSO WANT
17 TO VOICE MY SUPPORT FOR YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED AND TO URGE
18 THE BOARD TO COMMIT TO CREATING A NEW DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH
19 DEVELOPMENT NO LATER THAN JULY 1ST OF THIS YEAR. WE MUST
20 PRIORITIZE D.Y.D. IN THIS BUDGET CYCLE. WE DON'T NEED FURTHER
21 STUDY. WE NEED ACTION NOW. I ALSO WANT TO SAY, AGAIN, I MUST
22 URGE THE SWIFT CLOSURE OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. FURTHER DELAY
23 WILL COST LIVES AND MONEY. LIKE SO MANY OTHER ANGELENOS, I AM
24 TIRED OF SEE THE HARM CAUSED BY BUREAUCRATIC FOOT DRAGGING.
25 CARE FIRST MEANS NOW, NOT AT SOME FUTURE DATE DEEMED MORE

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1 CONVENIENT. AND AGAIN, THE COUNTY MUST IMMEDIATELY INCREASE
2 FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY TO ALLOW IT
3 TO LIFT THE CAP ON NEW PLACEMENTS IN THE O.D.R. HOUSING
4 PROGRAM. IT SHOULD ALSO DEDICATE MORE FUNDING TO D.H.S. FOR
5 HOUSING FOR HEALTH, A PROGRAM CRUCIAL TO NEWLY RELEASED PEOPLE
6 WHO ARE VULNERABLE TO BECOMING UNHOUSED, AND TO THE DEPARTMENT
7 OF PUBLIC HEALTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONTROL FOR
8 TREATMENT BEDS THAT CAN BE UTILIZED BY PEOPLE WITH SUBSTANCE
9 USE DISORDERS IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE RECIDIVISM, THANK YOU.

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, THAT COMPLETES THE
12 90 MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENT TESTIMONY.

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO ALL OF THOSE WHO
15 CALLED IN TO SPEAK. IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE YOUR
16 COMMENTS, YOU MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS AS INDICATED ON THE
17 AGENDA. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT
18 COME IN DURING THE MEETING WHICH WILL BECOME A PART OF THE
19 OFFICIAL RECORD. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU PLEASE INDICATE
20 THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING TODAY.

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU, ITEMS
23 3, 7-11, 14-20, 24-35, 36, AND THIS ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM
24 REPORTING ON FUTURE AGENDAS, 37-50, 54, 56-59, 60A, AND 60B,

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1 60D, WITH THE NOTE ABSTENTION FROM SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, 60E,
2 63, 65, 1D-3D.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, WITH THE EXCEPTIONS NOTED BY
5 THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THE MOTION WILL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
6 BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THOSE ITEMS.
7 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

8

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

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11 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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15 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

16

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

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19 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

22

23 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

24

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

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

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

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVING ON TO THE MEETING
10 ORDER, WE WILL BEGIN WITH SET MATTERS 1 AND 2, THEN HEAR ITEMS
11 4, 5, 6, 12 AND ITS RELATED ITEM 51, WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP
12 WITH ITEMS 55 AND 64, THEN ITEMS 13, 21, 22, 23, AND FINISHING
13 ITEM 60C. SO WE ARE GOING TO BEGIN WITH SET MATTER 1, AMERICAN
14 RESCUE PLAN FUNDING REPORT. WE WILL HEAR A PRESENTATION FROM
15 FESIA DAVENPORT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, DR. D'ARTAGNAN
16 SCORZA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF RACIAL EQUITY, AND RAFAEL
17 CARBAJAL, DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS. MS.
18 DAVENPORT.

19

20 **DR. SCORZA:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MADAM CHAIR, TODAY'S
21 PRESENTATION WILL BE THE SIXTH IN OUR SERIES OF REGULAR
22 PRESENTATIONS ON THE COUNTY'S PROGRESS IMPLEMENTING YOUR
23 BOARD'S AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PHASE ONE SPENDING PLANS. AS IS
24 OUR USUAL PRACTICE, AND WE WILL HAVE THE SLIDES COME UP HERE
25 IN JUST A MOMENT, BUT, AS IS OUR USUAL PRACTICE, WE PROVIDE A

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1 SLIDE DECK, SHARING THE TOPICS WE INTEND TO COVER THROUGHOUT
2 THE DAY. I WILL ADDRESS INITIAL ITEMS AND DIRECTOR RAFAEL
3 CARBAJAL WILL ADDRESS THE REMAINING ITEMS. THANK YOU. DURING
4 OUR PAST PRESENTATIONS, WE PROVIDED UPDATED ON THE
5 INFRASTRUCTURE NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN TRANSPARENCY AND
6 ACCOUNTABILITY TO OUR COMMUNITIES BY INFORMING PUBLIC ABOUT
7 OUR A.R.P. RELATED ACTIVITIES SO THEY KNOW THE PROJECTS WE ARE
8 LAUNCHING, WHERE THEY CAN ACCESS SERVICES AND OPPORTUNITIES
9 FOR FUNDING THROUGH OUR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN RECOVERY WEBSITE
10 FEATURES AND OUTREACH EFFORTS. WE HAVE SHARED DETAILS ABOUT
11 HOW WE WERE STREAMLINING INTERNAL PROCESSES TO EXPEDITE
12 PROJECT DEVELOPMENT, LAUNCH IMPLEMENTATION, AS WELL AS TO KEEP
13 YOU ABREAST OF CHANGING FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS AND MANDATES.
14 LAST YEAR, DURING OUR LAST BOARD MEETING, TODAY'S PRESENTATION
15 WILL MARK A SHIFT IN OUR PRESENTATION FOCUS. WE WILL STILL
16 PROVIDE YOU MEANINGFUL UPDATES ON PROGRESS MADE TO IMPLEMENT
17 OUR PHASE ONE SPENDING PLAN AND THE COUNTY-WIDE STRATEGY TO
18 ENSURE A.R.P. RESOURCES ARE GOING TO THE COMMUNITIES MOST IN
19 NEED. HOWEVER, WE WILL BEGIN DEDICATING MOST OF THIS TIME TO
20 HIGHLIGHT THE PROGRAMS PLANNED FOR IMPLEMENTATION DURING YOUR
21 BOARD'S PHASE ONE PLAN. TODAY, WE WILL PROVIDE A UPDATE ON
22 WHERE PROJECTS IN THE DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROVAL PHASE
23 TO DATE. SINCE WE LAST PRESENTED ON THE 15TH, MORE THAN \$80
24 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL PROGRAM SPENDING, TOTALING \$485,000 --
25 485 \$620,000 EITHER APPROVED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OR PREPARING

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1 TO LAUNCH OR ARE ALREADY LAUNCH, WHICH IS ROUGHLY HALF OF OUR
2 INITIAL SPENDING PLANS ALLOCATION. TODAY, WE WILL ALSO TAKE
3 YOU THROUGH THESE ITEMS IN DETAIL. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SECOND,
4 YOU WILL HEAR FROM RAFAEL CARBAJAL, DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER AND
5 BUSINESS AFFAIRS, WHO WILL DISCUSS FOUR OF THESE A.R.P. FUNDED
6 PROGRAMS, INCLUDING LEGAL AID FOR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS,
7 PROTECTIONS HOTLINES, SMALL CLAIMS ADVISER PROGRAM, CAPACITY
8 BUILDING FOR IMMIGRANT-FOCUSED C.B.O.S, VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX
9 ASSISTANCE FOR LOW AND MODERATE INCOME AND HOMELESS
10 INDIVIDUALS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THIS SLIDE PROVIDES YOU WITH
11 A UPDATE ON WHERE PROJECTS ARE IN THE APPROVAL PHASE. AS OF
12 FEBRUARY 28TH, 47 PROJECTS ARE IN THE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT
13 PHASE. THIS ENTAILS A PROCESS TO CLARIFY THE GOALS AND
14 OUTCOMES OF THE PROJECT, ITS POTENTIAL IMPACT ON REDUCING
15 DISPARITIES, COSTS, OR EXACERBATED BY THE PANDEMIC, AND HOW TO
16 MEASURE THAT IMPACT. WHILE THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO PROJECTS
17 UNDER R.D./COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW, APPROVAL REVIEW, R.D. IS
18 STILL WORKING DILIGENTLY WITH DEPARTMENTS ON A PIPELINE OF
19 PROJECT DESIGNS. A TOTAL OF 36 PROJECTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR
20 LAUNCH AND IMPLEMENTATION. SIX ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS WERE
21 TRANSITIONED TO THIS PHASE SINCE OUR LAST PRESENTATION FOR
22 LAUNCH IMPLEMENTATION, WHICH INCLUDES THE ADVANCED PROVIDER
23 RESPONSE UNITS, ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE, D.B. SHELTER-
24 BASED PROGRAMS, ELDER NUTRITION PROGRAM, THE HIGH ROAD TRADE
25 AND PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM, AND THE TRAUMA PREVENTION

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1 PARTNERSHIPS. AS YOU HEARD EARLIER, THIS TOTALS MORE THAN 80
2 MILLION DOLLARS IN ADDITIONAL PROGRAM DOLLARS THAT ARE BEING
3 SPENT AND THAT ARE EITHER APPROVED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OR
4 PREPARING TO LAUNCH, WHICH AGAIN IS ROUGHLY HALF OF OUR
5 SPENDING PLANS ALLOCATION. NEXT, DIRECTOR RAFAEL CARBAJAL, WHO
6 LEADS THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, WILL
7 HIGHLIGHT FOUR OF THEIR A.R.P. FUNDED PROGRAMS TO SHOWCASE
8 SOME OF THE INITIATIVES THE COUNTY IS SUPPORTING DURING OUR
9 FIRST PHASE OF A.R.P. FUNDING. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.

10

11 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** THANK YOU, DR. SCORZA AND MADAM CHAIR,
12 HONORABLE BOARD. THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO BE A PART OF
13 TODAY'S DISCUSSION. RAFAEL CARBAJAL, AND I HAVE THE PRIVILEGE
14 OF LEADING THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS. WE
15 ARE A PROGRAM CENTERED AROUND CONSUMERS, IMMIGRANTS, TENANTS,
16 AND WORKERS AND HELP SUPPORT THE ECONOMIC WELLBEING OF COUNTY
17 RESIDENTS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. D.C.B.A. IS LEADING A NUMBER OF
18 A.R.P. FUNDED INITIATIVES. AND TODAY, I AM JOINING TO PROVIDE
19 UPDATES ON FOUR PROJECTS, LEGAL AID FOR SMALL BUSINESSES,
20 TENANT PROTECTIONS HOTLINE, CAPACITY BUILDING FOR IMMIGRANT-
21 FOCUSED C.B.O.S, AND VOLUNTEER INCOME ASSISTANCE, ALSO KNOWN
22 AS V.I.T.A., FOR LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS.
23 NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. LEGAL -- AS YOU KNOW AND ARE AWARE, THE
24 OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS WAS FORMALLY WITHIN D.C.B.A.'S
25 FRAMEWORK, BUT IS NOW PART OF THE ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE

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1 DEVELOPMENT AGENCY WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE
2 DEVELOPMENT, AGING, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES. IN SUPPORT OF THE
3 TRANSITION, D.C.B.A. HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE OFFICE OF
4 SMALL BUSINESS IN THE DESIGN OF THE LEGAL AID FOR SMALL
5 BUSINESSES PROGRAM AND HAS ASSISTED IN EXECUTING THE SUB-
6 RECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH OUR PARTNERS AND SUPPORTING LAUNCH OF
7 THE PROGRAM. AT THE ONSET OF THE PANDEMIC, WE REALIZED THAT
8 THERE WAS AN ACUTE NEED TO ACCESS LEGAL SERVICES FOR OUR SMALL
9 BUSINESSES, MORE SO FOR OUR SMALLEST BUSINESSES, MANY OF WHICH
10 ARE OWNED BY BLACK, INDIGENOUS, AND PEOPLE OF COLOR. WITH THE
11 RECENT END TO THE COMMERCIAL EVICTION MORATORIUM, AND THE
12 ALREADY COMPLEX BUSINESS LEGAL LANDSCAPE, THE NEED FOR LEGAL
13 ASSISTANCE CONTINUES TO BE PARAMOUNT. LEGAL AID FOR SMALL
14 BUSINESS PROGRAM AIMS TO MEET THIS DEMAND THROUGH A
15 COMBINATION OF SERVICES AND PERSONALIZED LEGAL COUNSELING TO
16 QUALIFIED SMALL BUSINESSES. THE SERVICES WILL INCLUDE KNOW
17 YOUR RIGHTS WEBINARS, SMALL BUSINESS WEBINARS THAT HELP
18 ADDRESS LEGAL ISSUES IMPACTING SMALL BUSINESSES, SUCH AS
19 COMMERCIAL LEADING, COVID-19 IMPACTS ON THEIR H.R., FINANCES,
20 AND EMPLOYMENT LAW. ONE ON ONE COUNSELING AND LEGAL
21 REPRESENTATION WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ELIGIBLE BUSINESSES, AND
22 TRANSACTIONAL LEGAL SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED WHERE THEY CAN
23 ANSWER GENERAL LEAGUE QUESTIONS AND MAKE REFERRALS TO
24 AVAILABLE RESOURCES IN OTHER PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS. SMALL
25 BUSINESS LEGAL ACADEMY IS ANOTHER EFFORT THAT WILL LAUNCH

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1 ALONG WITH THIS, WHICH WILL OFFER LEGAL WORKSHOPS AND ONE ON
2 ONE CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEYS DURING THE EVENT. IN ADDITION,
3 THE PROGRAM WILL HELP SUPPORT THE L.A. COUNTY DEVELOPMENT
4 AUTHORITY'S SMALL BUSINESS RENT RELIEF PROGRAM BY PRIORITIZING
5 SERVICES TO BUSINESSES THAT RECEIVE GRANTS TO HELP THEM
6 RENEGOTIATE THEIR LEASE AND PRIORITIZING PAYMENTS OF THE PAST
7 DUE RENT TO AVOID DISPLACEMENT. THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS
8 PLANS TO PROMOTE THE PROGRAM THROUGH THEIR ESTABLISHED NETWORK
9 OF PARTNERS TO ENSURE THAT IT REACHES THE TARGETED BUSINESSES.
10 THESE PARTNERSHIPS INCLUDE LOCAL BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS,
11 INCLUDING ETHNIC CHAMBERS AND C.B.O.S WITH ESTABLISHED
12 GRASSROOTS IN TARGETED COMMUNITIES, OTHER BUSINESS-SERVING
13 ORGANIZATIONS, AND CROSS PROMOTION AND LEVERAGING OF OTHER
14 ASSISTANCE A.R.P. PROGRAMS SUCH AS THE SMALL BUSINESS RENT
15 RELIEF AND THE SAFER AT WORK CAMPAIGN, AMONG OTHERS. THE
16 OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS IS IN THE PROCESS OF FINALIZING
17 PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION, BUT BUSINESSES IN NEED OF IMMEDIATE
18 ASSISTANCE CAN REACH OUT TO THEM DIRECTLY AT (844) 432-4900 OR
19 VIA EMAIL AT CONCIERGE@WDACS.LACOUNTY.GOV TO ACCESS THESE
20 SERVICES AND OTHER AVAILABLE RESOURCES. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO
21 EVEN PRIOR TO THE COVID PANDEMIC, LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAD SOME
22 OF THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGES OF RENT BURDENED TENANTS IN THE
23 NATION. OVER HALF OF ALL HOUSEHOLDS ARE CONSIDERED RENT
24 BURDENED, SPENDING AT LEAST 30% OF THEIR INCOME ONE RENT, AND
25 NEARLY A THIRD PAYING AT LEAST 50% OF THEIR INCOME TOWARDS

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1 RENT, AND BEING CONSIDERED SEVERELY RENT BURDENED. THE BURDEN
2 OF RISING RENTS HAS BEEN EXACERBATED BY THE PANDEMIC, WHICH
3 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED LOW INCOME TENANT HOUSEHOLDS AND
4 HIGHLIGHTED THE NEED FOR ASSISTANCE. IN RESPONSE TO THE
5 EMERGENCY, D.C.B.A. ESTABLISHED A TENANT PROTECTION HOTLINE,
6 WHICH HAS SERVED OVER 104,000 CONSTITUENTS SINCE MARCH OF
7 2020, AND THIS NUMBER CONTINUES TO INCREASE. AS WE LOOK TO
8 START RECOVERING FROM THESE -- THIS EMERGENCY, TENANTS WILL
9 CONTINUE TO FACE CHALLENGES SUCH AS PAYING BACK DUE RENT AND
10 POSSIBLE EVICTION. SO IT IS CRITICAL THAT WE ENSURE THAT
11 TENANTS ARE INFORMED OF THEIR EXISTING RIGHTS AND
12 RESPONSIBILITIES AND CONNECTED TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND
13 OTHER RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO HELP THEM. THE HOTLINE ALSO
14 ASSISTS LANDLORDS IN NAVIGATING THE TENANT PROTECTIONS
15 RESOLUTION AND UNDERSTANDING THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITY OF
16 LANDLORDS. WITH THE LIFTING OF THE STATE EMERGENCY
17 PROTECTIONS, THE TENANT PROTECT HOTLINE PLAYS A V.I.T.A.L ROLE
18 IN CLOSING INFORMATION GAPS TO ENSURE THAT TENANTS UNDERSTAND
19 THEIR RIGHTS THE RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER LOCAL RULES AND
20 REGULATIONS, INCLUDING THE COUNTY'S OWN COVID-19 TENANT
21 PROTECTIONS ORDINANCE, AND OUR RENT STABILIZATION ORDINANCES.
22 A.R.P. FUNDS ARE BEING USED TO HELP EXPAND THE CAPACITY OF
23 D.C.B.A.'S HOUSING AND TENANT PROTECTIONS CALL CENTER BY
24 ONBOARDING ADDITIONAL COUNSELORS, WHICH INCLUDE ADDITIONAL
25 BILINGUAL STAFF AND A THIRD PARTY TRANSLATION SERVICE TO MAKE

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1 OVER 90 LANGUAGES AVAILABLE. THE TENANT PROTECTIONS HOTLINE IS
2 ACTIVE NOW AND PROVIDES ONE ON ONE COUNSELING SERVICES TO
3 COUNTY RESIDENTS. RESIDENTS CAN ACCESS THE HOTLINE OVER THE
4 PHONE AT (800) 593-8222. THAT'S (800) 593-8222. COUNTY
5 RESIDENTS CAN ALSO SCHEDULE IN PERSON, VIRTUAL, OR TELEPHONE
6 APPOINTMENTS THROUGH OUR WEBSITE AT DCBA.LACOUNTY.GOV. THAT'S
7 DCBA.LACOUNTY.GOV. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. OUR NEXT TWO PROGRAMS
8 LOOK TO BUILD ON OUR COMMITMENT TO RECOVER BETTER THAN BEFORE
9 BY HELPING US STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIPS AND EXPAND CAPACITY OF
10 OUR C.B.O. PARTNERS, NOT ONLY TO BE PREPARED FOR FUTURE
11 EMERGENCIES, BUT TO BUILD ON THE AMAZING WORK THAT HAPPENED
12 ADVENTURING THIS EMERGENCY. IMMIGRANT-FOCUSED C.B.O.S HAVE
13 BECOME INDISPENSABLE FIRSTHAND MESSENGERS AND SERVICE
14 PROVIDERS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. THEY HAVE PLAYED A KEY
15 CENTRAL ROLE IN COMMUNITY OUTREACH, ENGAGEMENT, SERVICE
16 DELIVERY, AND RESOURCE ENGAGEMENT FOR IMMIGRANTS AND THEIR
17 FAMILIES. MANY OF THESE C.B.O.S HAVE PROVIDED DIRECT SERVICES
18 SUCH AS DISTRIBUTION OF ECONOMIC RELIEF, FOOD AID, INCLUDING
19 VOUCHERS AND FOOD BOXES, VACCINATION AND COVID TESTING. MANY
20 C.B.O.S HAVE OPERATED VACCINATION CLINICS AT THEIR OFFICES AND
21 OTHER LOCATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY, ALSO PROVIDING HOUSING
22 ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING ASSISTING IMMIGRANT HOUSEHOLDS IN
23 ACCESSING RENTAL ASSISTANCE, AND ADVISING IMMIGRANTS ABOUT
24 EVICTION PROTECTION RESOURCES AND THEIR RIGHTS AS TENANTS.
25 THESE C.B.O.S HAVE ALSO ADDRESSED COMMUNITY CONCERNS ABOUT

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1 PUBLIC CHARGE, A BARRIER THAT IS TREMENDOUS -- HAS TREMENDOUS
2 IMPACT ON IMMIGRANTS WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT AND ACCESS
3 V.I.T.A.L SUPPORT DURING THE PANDEMIC. THE CAPACITY BUILDING
4 FOR IMMIGRANT-FOCUSED C.B.O.S PROJECT AIMS TO MAKE STRATEGIC
5 INVESTMENTS IN THESE V.I.T.A.L ORGANIZATIONS TO ENSURE THAT
6 THEY CONTINUE TO HELP US MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR IMMIGRANTS AND
7 THEIR FAMILIES. THROUGH THIS FUNDING, D.C.B.A.'S OFFICE OF
8 IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS WILL WORK WITH A THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR
9 TO PROVIDE SMALL AND EMERGENT C.B.O.S TWO YEAR CAPACITY
10 BUILDING GRANTS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THAT CAN HELP THEM
11 INCREASE THEIR CAPACITY TO ASSIST VULNERABLE AND COVID
12 IMPACTED IMMIGRANT POPULATIONS. GRANTS CAN BE USED TO SUPPORT
13 TEMPORARY STAFFING, PLANNING ACTIVITIES, BUILDING STRATEGIC
14 PARTNERSHIPS, TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENTS, AND INCLUDES AND
15 EVALUATION OF THE SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAM. IN DEVELOPING THE
16 PROGRAM, D.C.B.A. INCORPORATED COMMUNITY FEEDBACK AND
17 CONDUCTED LISTENING SESSIONS AND ENGAGING KEY STAKEHOLDERS IN
18 THE NONPROFIT AND PHILANTHROPIC SECTORS, REPRESENTING MORE
19 THAN 80 IMMIGRANT SERVING C.B.O.S ALONG WITH VARIOUS COUNTY
20 DEPARTMENTS. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF FINALIZING AND SELECTING
21 OUR THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR PLAN TO LAUNCH THIS PROGRAM IN
22 APRIL. EVEN THOUGH THIS PROJECT HAS YET TO LAUNCH, SERVICES TO
23 OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE NOW AND CAN BE FOUND
24 THROUGH OUR OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS WEBSITE AND OUR NEWEST
25 SERVICE LOCATER AT OIA.LACOUNTY.GOV, OR BY CALLING OUR

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1 D.C.B.A. HOTLINE AT (800) 593-8222. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO OUR
2 FINAL PROGRAM IS A VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE, ALSO KNOWN
3 AS V.I.T.A., FOR LOW TO MODERATE INCOME POPULATIONS. THIS
4 PROGRAM ALSO AIMS TO HELP US RECOVER BETTER THAN BEFORE. THE
5 V.I.T.A. PROJECT IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COUNTY TO EXPAND
6 THIS SERVICE BEYOND ITS CURRENT CONCENTRATION IN THE CITY OF
7 LOS ANGELES. CURRENTLY, THERE ARE ONLY TEN V.I.T.A. SITES
8 OUTSIDE OF THE CITY OF L.A. PROPER, CREATING WHAT IS KNOWN AS
9 V.I.T.A. DESERTS IN MANY REGIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.
10 V.I.T.A. PROVIDES FREE TAX PREPARATION SERVICES TO LOW TO
11 MODERATE INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND CREATES AN OPPORTUNITY TO
12 ACCESS TAX CREDITS, FOR EXAMPLE, THE EARNED INCOME TAX
13 CREDIT, WHICH IS WIDELY RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE NATION'S MOST
14 POWERFUL RESOURCES FOR LIFTING LOW INCOME PEOPLE OUT OF
15 POVERTY. THE E.I.T.C. PROVIDES A REFUNDABLE CASH BACK CREDIT
16 TO LOW INCOME WORKING INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WHEN THEY
17 PREPARE AND FILE THEIR TAXES. NEVER THE LESS, IN CALIFORNIA,
18 OVER 24% OF E.I.T.C. ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS DO NOT CLAIM IT,
19 LEAVING A TOTAL OF \$1.5 BILLION ON THE TABLE. D.C.B.A.'S
20 CENTER FOR FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT WILL PARTNER WITH LOCAL
21 V.I.T.A. SERVICE PROVIDERS TO WORK WITH HUMAN SERVICES
22 ORGANIZATIONS AND HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS, INCLUDING
23 PROJECT HOME KEY SITES THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY TO INCREASE TAX
24 FILINGS FOR UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS, INCLUDING LOW TO MODERATE
25 INDIVIDUALS, SINGLE PARENTS, AND UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS AND

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1 FAMILIES. THROUGH THE PROVISION OF CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS,
2 THIS PROJECT AIMS TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF EXISTING
3 PROVIDERS TO EXPAND SERVICES INTO V.I.T.A. DESERTS. AND
4 THROUGH BOTH GRANTS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, THE PROGRAM WILL
5 HELP HUMAN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS AND HOMELESS SERVICE
6 PROVIDERS, WHO CURRENTLY DO NOT PROVIDE V.I.T.A. SERVICES
7 BUILD THE CAPACITY TO MAKE FREE INCOME TAX FILING SERVICES
8 AVAILABLE TO THEIR LOW INCOME AND UNHOUSED CLIENTS. RECENTLY,
9 OUR CENTER FOR FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT PARTNERED WITH THE
10 MEXICAN AMERICAN OPPORTUNITY FOUNDATION AND K MORE, TWO LOCAL
11 COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS, TO PILOT FREE INCOME TAX
12 PREPARATION SERVICES AT THE HILDA L. SOLIS CARE FIRST VILLAGE
13 TO HELP THE RESIDENTS, WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, FILE
14 THEIR TAXES AND CLAIM THE GOLDEN STATE STIMULUS. WE LEARNED A
15 LOT FROM THIS PROJECT, AND IT PROVED TO BE A SUCCESSFUL
16 DEMONSTRATION OF WHAT PARTNERSHIPS LIKE THIS CAN ACHIEVE,
17 ULTIMATELY HELPING US PUT OVER \$75,000 IN THE POCKETS OF 58
18 RESIDENTS WHO NEEDED IT MOST. I'D LIKE TO ALSO THANK
19 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR HER SUPPORT HIGHLIGHTING EARNED INCOME
20 TAX CREDIT WEEK AND HOSTING A VIRTUAL COMMUNITY FORUM LAST
21 WEEK TO HELP RAISE AWARENESS AND ACCESS TO V.I.T.A. SERVICES
22 FOR OUR COUNTY RESIDENTS. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF FINALIZING
23 OUR AGREEMENTS FOR OUR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR AND PLAN TO
24 LAUNCH THIS EFFORT IN APRIL. AND EVEN THOUGH THIS PROJECT HAS
25 YET TO LAUNCH, SERVICES ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE AND TAX

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1 CREDITS ARE JUST ONE OF A HOST OF FREE FINANCIAL RESOURCES AT
2 YOUR FINGER TIPS THAT THE CENTER FOR FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT HAS
3 MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH OUR GET AHEAD L.A. WEBSITE. COUNTY
4 RESIDENTS CAN ACCESS SERVICES THROUGH GETAHEADLA.ORG, OR
5 THROUGH OUR D.C.B.A. HOTLINE (800) 593-8222. SO THIS CONCLUDES
6 MY PRESENTATION, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR C.E.O., FESIA
7 DAVENPORT, AND OUR C.O.O., JOSEPH NIKITA, FOR ALL THEIR
8 SUPPORT AND THEIR LEADERSHIP AS WE ROLL OUT OUR A.R.P.
9 PROGRAMS, DR. SCORZA AND HIS TEAM AT R.D., AND COUNTY COUNSEL
10 FOR ALL THEIR GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT, YOUR RESPECTIVE TEAMS FOR
11 ALL YOUR FEEDBACK AND SUPPORT, AS WELL, AND FINALLY TO MY OWN
12 TEAM, WHO HAS BEEN RELENTLESS IN HELPING WITH THE DEVELOPMENT
13 AND IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR A.R.P. PROGRAMS. WITH THAT, THANK
14 YOU, AND I AM AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

15

16 **DR. SCORZA:** I'D LIKE TO THANK DIRECTOR CARBAJAL FOR HIS
17 PRESENTATION TODAY AND THE INCREDIBLE DISPLAY OF HIS PROGRAMS
18 THAT ARE FUNDED BY A.R.P. BOARD, THAT CONCLUDES OUR
19 PRESENTATION, AND WE ARE HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY
20 HAVE.

21

22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, DR. SCORZA AND MR.
23 CARBAJAL, FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. WE ARE GOING TO START WITH
24 SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

25

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, CHAIR MITCHELL. I APPRECIATE THE
2 RECOGNITION, AND I WANT TO APPLAUD FESIA DAVENPORT, DR.
3 SCORZA, AND ESPECIALLY DIRECTOR CARBAJAL FOR ALL THE WORK YOU
4 HAVE DONE BECAUSE YOU HAVE REALLY HELPED TO LAY THE FOUNDATION
5 FOR ALL THIS DURING THE PANDEMIC. AND I DON'T KNOW THAT PEOPLE
6 REALLY UNDERSTAND ALL THE HARD WORK YOU HAVE WITHIN DOING.
7 EVEN THOUGH WE WERE IN THE PANDEMIC, YOU WERE STILL REACHING
8 OUT TO A LOT OF OUR CONSTITUENTS AND GETTING THE FUNDING OUT
9 THAT WAS NECESSARY. AND I THINK WE LEARNED A LOT, EVEN OUR
10 OFFICES DID, AND WE WORKED IN TANDEM WITH YOU, AND I WANT TO
11 THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND I WANT TO SAY THAT THESE THREE
12 PILLARS, LEGAL AID, VERY CRITICAL FOR OUR SMALL BUSINESS
13 OWNERS, ESPECIALLY IMMIGRANT OWNERS THAT ARE NOT WELL-VERSED
14 IN THE LAW, AS WELL AS THE ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND THE KIND OF
15 PROCESSES THAT THE COUNTY ACTUALLY REQUIRES THEM TO FOLLOW,
16 THE PROCESSES THAT REQUIRE, FOR EXAMPLE, AN ACCOUNTANT THAT
17 THEY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO AFFORD. I WONDER HOW YOU ARE TRYING TO
18 KIND OF BRIDGE THAT GAP BECAUSE MANY OF OUR SMALL BUSINESS
19 OWNERS THAT I KNOW OF, DURING THE TIME WE WERE REACHING OUT TO
20 THEM, DID NOT PARTICIPATE BECAUSE THEY FEARED IF THEY DIDN'T
21 HAVE AN ACCOUNTANT ON BOARD, THAT THEY WOULD FAIL IN THIS
22 PROCESS. SO COULD YOU BRIEFLY TOUCH ON THAT, WHAT YOUR IDEAS
23 MIGHT BE AROUND THAT, MR. CARBAJAL?

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1 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AND WE
2 DID LEARN A LOT DURING THE PANDEMIC. IN PARTICULAR, WE LEARNED
3 THAT IT IS DIFFICULT FOR A LOT OF OUR SMALLEST BUSINESSES OUT
4 THERE TO ACCESS SOME OF THESE GRANT PROGRAMS AND OTHER
5 RESOURCES SPECIFICALLY BECAUSE THEY TEND TO OPERATE IN THIS
6 INFORMAL STRUCTURE THAT EXISTS OUT THERE, IN PARTICULAR WHEN
7 WE TALK ABOUT FAMILY AND HOME-BASED BUSINESSES, WHERE YOU
8 HAVE THE FATHER IS MANAGING, WHILE THE MOTHER IS RUNNING
9 BOOKS, AND YOU HAVE THE CHILDREN PROVIDING OTHER SERVICES. SO
10 WHAT WE ARE LOOKING TO DO THROUGH THESE SERVICES THROUGH OUR
11 LEGAL AID PARTNERS IS HELP ESTABLISH STRUCTURES THAT THEY
12 OTHERWISE DIDN'T HAVE, FOR EXAMPLE, MAKING SURE THEY HAVE
13 THEIR TAX STRUCTURES IN PLACE, THEY HAVE THEIR BUSINESS
14 STRUCTURES IN PLACE. A LOT OF THESE COMPANIES ARE OPERATING AS
15 SOLE PROPRIETORS, USING THEIR OWN SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS AND
16 THEIR OWN CREDIT TO SUPPORT THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF THEIR
17 BUSINESS. WE FULLY INTEND TO LEVERAGE THIS LEGAL AID FOR SMALL
18 BUSINESSES TO HELP OVERCOME SOME OF THAT, BUT IN CONJUNCTION
19 WITH OUR PARTNERS AT E.W.D.A. AND AS WE DEVELOP AND LAUNCH
20 ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS, WE LOOK TO INFUSE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
21 THAT WILL HELP US ACHIEVE THAT AS WELL THROUGH TECHNICAL
22 ASSISTANCE AND OTHER SERVICES.

23
24 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, RAFAEL. I KNOW THAT SOME OF OUR
25 CONSTITUENTS HAD ACTUALLY PUT THEIR OWN LINE OF CREDIT JUST TO

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1 PAY THE RENT TO PAY THEIR EMPLOYEES. AND UNFORTUNATELY, THEY
2 WERE GOUGED WITH HIGH INTEREST RATES, AND MANY OF THEM ARE
3 REPRESENTATIVE OF MANY WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES AND IMMIGRANT-
4 OWNED. AND I HOPE THAT WE CAN ASSIST THEM IN GETTING OUT OF
5 THAT DEBT IN SOME WAY. SO MOVING FORWARD, I WILL BE INTERESTED
6 IN HEARING MORE ABOUT THAT. AND THEN JUST IN THE TENANT
7 PROTECTIONS AREA, THE HOTLINE AND -- I AM CONCERNED THAT SOME
8 OF OUR RENTERS, AND LANDLORDS, DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO THE
9 INTERNET, BELIEVE IT OR NOT. SO WHAT ARE WE DOING TO ACTUALLY
10 MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE USING THE OUTREACH FUNDING TO GET TO
11 THOSE INDIVIDUALS SO THAT THEY ALSO CAN PARTAKE IN THE
12 PROGRAM?

13

14 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** THANK YOU. WE SHARE THE SAME CONCERNS.
15 RECENTLY, MET WITH OUR GOOD FRIENDS AT L.A.C.D.A. AND OUR
16 PARTNERS AT STAY HOUSED L.A. TO START PUTTING TOGETHER AN
17 OUTREACH IN EDUCATION PLAN THAT AIMS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE
18 THE NEXT 30 DAYS, WHERE THE EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE
19 PROGRAM WILL BE AVAILABLE. THIS WILL INCLUDE DOOR HANGERS,
20 BOOTS ON THE GROUND ACTUALLY KNOCKING ON DOORS AND MEETING
21 PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE AT, WHETHER IT IS AT CHURCHES,
22 COMMUNITY EVENTS, FARMER'S MARKETS, ANYWHERE WE CAN GET FOLKS'
23 ATTENTION. WE ARE WORKING ON THAT AGREEMENT RIGHT NOW TO GET
24 THE WORD OUT. AND ALSO IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR C.E.O.
25 COMMUNICATIONS TEAM, WE PLAN TO DO A SERIES OF PRESS

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1 CONFERENCES AND PUT SOME MORE INFORMATION OUT TO THE COMMUNITY
2 THROUGH ETHNIC AND HYPER-LOCAL MEDIA AS WELL.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. AND JUST LASTLY WANT TO COMPLIMENT YOUR
5 STAFF FOR WORKING ON THE VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE, THE
6 V.I.T.A., PROGRAM FOR LOW INCOME AND HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS. WE
7 WERE AT A CO-EVENT I BELIEVE IN ONE OF THE L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL
8 DISTRICTS, WHERE THE MAYOR GARCETTI WAS PRESENT, AND I WAS
9 AMAZED TO SEE THAT THE PARENTS WERE TRAINED TO BE V.I.T.A.
10 ASSISTERS. AND THEY REPRESENTED DIFFERENT LANGUAGES, AND I WAS
11 INSPIRED BY THAT. SO I BELIEVE WE WILL BE DOING THE SAME
12 THING, HELPING TO PREPARE PEOPLE TO BE PREPARERS, AND I THINK
13 THAT'S V.I.T.A.LLY IMPORTANT. ONE STORY THAT IF I CAN JUST
14 SHARE WITH MY COLLEAGUES IS A WOMAN TESTIFIED HOW THIS PROGRAM
15 HAD HELPED HER. SHE GOT TRAINED. SHE STARTED TO THEN APPLY FOR
16 HER TAXES REGULARLY, AND WHAT IT HELPED TO DO FOR HER CHILDREN
17 WAS ESTABLISH THE FINANCIAL AID, THE F.A.F.S.A. APPLICATION,
18 SO SHE COULD NOW GET HER CHILDREN TO RECEIVE PELL GRANT
19 FUNDING. SO SHE WAS IN HEAVEN TALKING ABOUT HOW IMPORTANT THIS
20 ONE LITTLE TOOL IS. SO I REALLY WANT TO APPLAUD OUR STAFF AS
21 WELL AS THE CITY STAFF AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR WORKING IN
22 CONCERT AND HELPING US TARGET THOSE VERY NEEDY PARENTS. SO
23 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE PRESENTATION. THANK YOU, MADAM
24 CHAIR.

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

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3 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I SIMPLY WANTED
4 TO THANK DR. SCORZA AGAIN FOR HIS WORK PRESENTING THESE
5 VARIOUS ASPECTS OF HOW WE ARE USING THE FEDERAL AND ALSO THE
6 STATE FUNDING THAT COMES TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN ORDER TO
7 TRY TO HELP THE PEOPLE. I MEAN THIS IS WHERE THE RUBBER HITS
8 THE ROAD. AND FESIA, HOW VERY GOOD OF YOU TO THINK OF SHOWING
9 ONE OF OUR DEPARTMENTS EACH MEETING BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW
10 WHETHER THE PUBLIC KNOWS, BUT THE COUNTY OVERSEES 37
11 DEPARTMENTS. AND EACH OF THEM HAS A CRITICAL PIECE OF HELPING
12 OUR RESIDENTS, OUR FAMILIES, WHO HAVE SO NEEDED IT DURING THIS
13 PANDEMIC. SO OUR THANKS TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE
14 MONEY, BUT ALSO THANKS TO YOU, DIRECTOR CARBAJAL, FOR THE
15 VARIETY OF PROGRAMS THAT YOU HAVE STARTED OR CARRIED ON IN
16 THIS PANDEMIC TO HELP PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN SO DESPERATE. AND
17 YOU KNOW, WE HAVE TALKED A LOT ON THIS BOARD ABOUT KIND OF THE
18 THREE UNDERPINNINGS OF A -- THE LIVES OF OUR RESIDENTS, THEIR
19 HEALTH, THEIR WORK, AND THEIR ABILITY TO GET HOUSING. AND
20 THOSE REALLY COVER SO MANY OF THE SERVICES THAT THE COUNTY
21 PROVIDES AND HAS BEEN USING THE A.R.P. MONEY TO AUGMENT AND TO
22 HELP. I WANT TO UNDERSCORE WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT THE EARNED
23 INCOME TAX CREDIT BECAUSE WE CONTINUOUSLY FIND THAT SO MANY OF
24 OUR FAMILIES WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR IT REALLY DON'T KNOW. SO I
25 HOPE THEY WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF V.I.T.A., OF THE INCOME TAX

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1 ASSISTANCE THAT WE ARE GIVING IN FILING, BECAUSE EVEN IF YOU
2 DON'T HAVE TO PAY ANY TAXES, YOU CAN CLAIM THE EARNED INCOME
3 TAX CREDIT, AND IT IS VERY HELPFUL TO FAMILIES. SO THANK YOU
4 SO MUCH FOR YOUR WORK. THANK YOU C.E.O. DAVENPORT FOR SHOWING
5 US THE WORK OF EACH DEPARTMENT AS WE GO ALONG THROUGH THESE
6 MEETINGS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

7

8 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** I CLICKED THE WRONG BUTTON. OKAY, THANK YOU, MADAM
11 CHAIR. AND THANK YOU DR. SCORZA FOR THIS UPDATE. I WAS REALLY
12 GLAD TO HEAR THAT THE ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE PROGRAM PLAN
13 WAS APPROVED TO USE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS. IT IS HARD TO
14 BELIEVE THAT IT IS MARCH 1ST TODAY, AND THAT MEANS WE ARE
15 GETTING CLOSER TO JULY, WHICH IS WHEN OUR 988 IS SET TO LAUNCH
16 FOR AS NATIONAL NUMBER FOR MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS AND SUICIDE
17 PREVENTION HOTLINES. AND WE NEED TO BE READY WHEN THAT
18 HAPPENS. SO IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE MOVE QUICKLY AS
19 POSSIBLE IN OUR PLAN TO EXPAND OUR MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE
20 TEAMS AND STRENGTHEN OUR 988 CALL CENTER. SO I WAS GOING TO
21 ASK YOU WHAT YOU THINK OUR NEXT STEP IS NOW THAT THE C.E.O.
22 HAS APPROVED THE ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE PROGRAM PLAN. HOW
23 DO WE MOVE FROM PLAN TO IMPLEMENTATION, DR. SCORZA?

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1 **DR. SCORZA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT QUESTION, SUPERVISOR.
2 YOU KNOW, I AM PROUD TO SAY THAT WE WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH
3 D.M.H. TO QUICKLY MOVE THAT PROJECT TOWARD APPROVE, AND THE
4 C.E.O.'S OFFICE RECENTLY TOOK A MORE ACTIVE ROLE ON A.C.R.
5 PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION. SO MOVING FORWARD, WE ARE WORKING
6 VERY CLOSELY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO
7 OPERATIONALIZE ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE. MORE SPECIFICALLY,
8 THERE ARE MULTIPLE AND OVERLAPPING MOVING PARTS THAT SPAN FROM
9 SERVICES TO SPACE TO TECHNOLOGY AND ALSO FINANCING. RIGHT NOW,
10 THE PRIORITY IS TO SECURE PERMANENT FUNDING FROM THE STATE, TO
11 ADD AND DEPLOY ADDITIONAL PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAMS,
12 AND TO EXPAND THE CALL CENTER SERVICES. ALSO, THE DEPARTMENT
13 OF MENTAL HEALTH CONTINUES TO OPERATIONALIZE IN PARTNERSHIP
14 WITH L.A. COUNTY METRO, AND C.E.O. IS MOVING FORWARD WITH
15 BRINGING ON A CONSULTANT TO PROVIDE SERVICES THAT WILL ENABLE
16 US TO DO MORE WORK SOONER AND IDEALLY DURING A LIMITED AND
17 SHORT TIME SPAN. SO AS YOU ARE AWARE, SUPERVISOR, THE A.R.P.
18 FUND WILL BE USED TO EXPAND THAT PROGRAM, SUPPORTING THAT
19 LOCAL 988 CALL CENTER, AS A PART OF A NATIONAL EFFORT TO
20 RESPOND TO CRISIS SITUATIONS AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO DIALING 911.
21 AND AS SUCH, R.D. AND THE C.E.O. ARE WORKING VERY CLOSELY TO
22 SUPPORT A.C.R.'S EFFORT TO MOVE TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION AS
23 WELL. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. I THINK THIS IS SO IMPORTANT,
2 AND I APPRECIATE YOUR VISION ABOUT THIS. THANK YOU, MADAM
3 CHAIR.

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? LET ME
6 JUST SAY I APPRECIATE R.D., THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE, EMBRACING
7 OUR REQUEST TO ESTABLISH THE SET ITEM FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE
8 PLAN FUNDING. I THINK IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT THAT NOT ONLY
9 GIVES US THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE WHICH ITEMS HAVE BEEN FUNDED,
10 THE RAPID PACE WITH WHICH WE WILL BE ABLE TO GET THESE DOLLARS
11 ON THE STREET, BUT ALSO IT GIVES THE PUBLIC AN OPPORTUNITY TO
12 ALSO KNOW ABOUT THE NEW PROGRAMS THAT ARE BEING STOOD UP AS A
13 RESULT OF THIS FUNDING AND BE AWARE. MR. CARBAJAL, YOU KNOW,
14 MY ACHILLES HEEL IS THE NOTION THAT WE STAND UP AMAZING
15 PROGRAMS, AND THE PEOPLE WHO NEED THEM THE MOST DON'T KNOW
16 ABOUT THEM. I APPRECIATE YOU SHARING 800 NUMBERS AND THE
17 WEBSITE, BUT GOING BACK TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S POINT ABOUT
18 TENANTS AND LANDLORDS MAYBE NOT HAVING ACCESS TO THE INTERNET.
19 SO I AM HOPEFUL -- I WAS THRILLED TO HEAR YOU TALK ABOUT BOOTS
20 ON THE STREET BECAUSE I THINK, PARTICULARLY IN THE PANDEMIC,
21 WE HAVE SEEN THE CENTRAL OF THESE MODELS THAT WORK. FROM THE
22 HEALTH SPHERE, THE PROMOTORAS MODEL, TRIED AND TRUE, IT WORKS
23 BEAUTIFULLY, STREET TEAMS IN DEALING WITH OUR UNHOUSED, HOME
24 VISITING MODELS IN DEALING IN SOCIAL SERVICE AREAS. SO CAN YOU
25 GIVE US AN IDEA ABOUT HOW THE STREET TEAMS WILL WORK? WILL

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1 THEY TRULY FAN OUT COUNTY WIDE? WHAT IS YOUR VISION AROUND
2 THIS BOOTS ON THE STREET OUTREACH BECAUSE I THINK THAT IS
3 CRITICAL TO PARTICULARLY AS YOU TALKED ABOUT COMMUNITY BASED
4 ORGANIZATIONS AND ALL OF THESE ENTITIES THAT ARE SO BUSY DOING
5 THE WORK EVERY DAY THAT THEY DON'T HAVE THE LUXURY OF WATCHING
6 US ON TUESDAYS AT 9:30, OR EVEN KNOW TO GO TO THE COUNTY
7 WEBSITE TO TALK ABOUT THESE BRAND NEW BRAND NEW PROGRAMS THAT
8 YOU'RE STANDING UP? SO TELL US ABOUT THE BOOTS ON THE STREET
9 AND HOW WE CAN BE SUPPORTIVE OF THAT.

10

11 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, AND APPRECIATE THE
12 COMMENT. I HAVE THIS CONVERSATION WITH MY STAFF ALL THE TIME.
13 WE CAN PUT IN ALL THE TIME. WE CAN GET ALL THE MONEY WE CAN,
14 AND BELIEVE THAT WE PUT THESE PROGRAMS TOGETHER, BUT IF NOBODY
15 KNOWS ABOUT THEM AND IS NOT ACCESSING THEM, THEN IT IS FOR
16 NAUGHT. WE HAVE A MULTI-PRONGED APPROACH TO OUR COMMUNITY
17 OUTREACH, DEPENDING ON THE PROGRAMMING. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, ON
18 OUR V.I.T.A. PROGRAMMING, WHAT WE ARE LOOKING TO DO IS REALLY
19 CONTINUE TO WORK WITH OUR PARTNERS, WHO ARE ALREADY DOING THE
20 WORK AND BRING IN NEW FOLKS INTO THE SPACE THAT WILL ALLOW US
21 TO REACH FOLKS WHERE THEY ARE AT, WHERE THEY ARE ALREADY
22 GETTING THE SERVICES OR WHERE THEY ARE ALREADY CONGREGATING.
23 WE STARTED MOVING INTO THIS SPACE EARLY ON, PRE-PANDEMIC,
24 WHERE WE STARTED PROVIDING POP UP V.I.T.A. SERVICES
25 PARTICULARLY IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, WHERE IT IS SEVERELY

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1 IMPACTED BY THE V.I.T.A. DESERT. THERE ARE VERY LIMITED
2 AGENCIES THAT HAVE THE CAPACITY TO PROVIDE THAT SERVICE. SO WE
3 DID PROVIDE MOBILE OFFICES TO STAND UP A NUMBER OF POP UP
4 SITES. D.C.B.A. WILL ACQUIRE TWO MOBILE OFFICES AT THE END OF
5 THIS YEAR THAT WE PLAN TO LEVERAGE TO GET ALL OF OUR
6 PROGRAMMING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY. D.C.B.A. IS LOCATED AT THE
7 HALL OF RECORDS. IT IS NOT EASY TO GET TO THE HALL OF RECORDS.
8 IT TAKES MULTIPLE BUSES. IT IS NOT CHEAP TO PARK HERE. SO OUR
9 INTENT IS TO MEET PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE AT AND GO TO THEM, NOT
10 ONLY THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS' ESTABLISHED RELATIONSHIPS WITH
11 C.B.O.S AND OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, BUT BY USING OUR OWN
12 RESOURCES TO DO SO. SO ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS THAT WE WE WILL
13 DO IS EXPAND OUR USE OF THE PROMOTORAS NETWORK. OUR OWN OFFICE
14 OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS RECENTLY ESTABLISHED A PROMOTORAS PROGRAM
15 THAT WE ARE LEVERAGING TO GET INFORMATION OUT ON PUBLIC CHARGE
16 AND OTHER RESOURCES, BUT WE WILL REINFORCE THAT PROGRAM, AS
17 WELL AS OUR OTHER PARTNERS, AND OUR DEEP PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR
18 FOLKS AT STAY HOUSED L.A., WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THEM,
19 GET MORE BOOTS ON THE GROUND AND MORE RESOURCES TO THE FOLKS
20 THAT NEED THOSE SERVICES.

21
22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS
23 BEFORE WE MOVE ON? APPRECIATE YOU BOTH. HEARING NO OTHER
24 COMMENTS, THIS REPORT IS RECEIVED AND FILED. SUCH WILL BE THE
25 ORDER, AND WE'LL SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING. THANK YOU VERY

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1 MUCH FOR THE PRESENTATION. WE WILL NOW HEAR PRESENTATION ON
2 OUR SET MATTER NUMBER 2, FROM DOCTORS BARBARA FERRER, DIRECTOR
3 OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND DR. CHRISTINA GHALY, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH
4 SERVICES. GOOD MORNING.

5

6 **DR. FERRER:** GOOD MORNING. LET ME JUST GET THIS VIDEO TO GO ON.
7 OKAY, GREAT. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE, AND THANK YOU SO MUCH,
8 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND TO THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR
9 YOUR EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC. WE ARE
10 GRATEFUL FOR THE CONTINUED SUPPORT AND ONGOING RESPONSE
11 EFFORTS AND CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE
12 TODAY'S UPDATE WITH YOU AND THE PUBLIC. IN TODAY'S
13 PRESENTATION, I WILL SHARE A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF OUR CURRENT
14 STATUS. I WANT TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE DISPROPORTIONATE
15 IMPACTS OF COVID-19 ON BLACK AND LATINX RESIDENTS, PEOPLE
16 LIVING IN HIGH AREAS OF POVERTY, AND A COUPLE OF OUR MOST
17 VULNERABLE POPULATIONS. OF COURSE, I WILL SPEND SOME TIME
18 NOTING THE CHANGES TO THE GUIDANCE AT BOTH THE STATE AND THE
19 FEDERAL LEVELS AND PROVIDE A DETAILED LOOK AT HOW L.A. COUNTY
20 WILL INCORPORATE THE STATE AND C.D.C. FRAMEWORKS IN OUR POST
21 SURGE PLAN, AND HOW WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO MONITOR
22 SEVERAL INDICATORS OF COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION. I CAN GO ON TO
23 THE NEXT SLIDE. WE ARE NOW SEVERAL WEEKS OUT FROM NOTING THE
24 END OF THE DEVASTATING WINTER SURGE, AS YOU CAN SEE HERE ON
25 THIS TREND LINE OF OUR AVERAGE CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND

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1 DEATHS. THIS IS BACK TO JULY 2020 THROUGH THE PRESENT DAY. AND
2 AS YOU CAN SEE, THE METRICS CONTINUE TO IMPROVE. WHILE WE HAVE
3 NOT QUITE REACHED OUR PRE-SURGE LEVELS, WE ARE MAKING REALLY
4 GOOD PROGRESS. WE ARE VERY HOPEFUL THAT AS WE APPROACH SPRING,
5 OUR METRICS WILL CONTINUE TO DECLINE, AND WE WILL BE ABLE TO
6 MOVE TOWARD THE LOWER LEVELS THAT WE SAW LAST SPRING, BEFORE
7 THE SUMMER AND WINTER SURGES. OUR SEVEN DAY AVERAGE FOR DAILY
8 CASES, THAT'S THE GREEN LINE YOU CAN SEE, IS APPROXIMATELY --
9 IT WAS APPROXIMATELY ABOUT 1700 NEW CASES YESTERDAY. THAT'S A
10 96% DECLINE FROM THE HIGH OF OUR SEVEN DAY AVERAGE OF OVER
11 40,000 CASES BACK ON JANUARY 15TH. YOU CAN SEE THE SEVEN DAY
12 AVERAGE OF DAILY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS, THAT'S YELLOW. IT HAS
13 DROPPED TO 109 ON FEBRUARY 27TH COMPARED TO MID-JANUARY WHERE
14 WE WERE AT ABOUT 650 DAILY NEW ADMISSIONS. THIS IS WELCOME
15 NEWS, SINCE IT NOT ONLY MEANS THAT FEWER RESIDENTS ARE
16 BECOMING ILL ENOUGH TO REQUIRE HOSPITALIZATION, BUT IT ALSO
17 MEANS THAT WE'RE PUTTING MUCH LESS STRAIN ON OUR HOSPITALS,
18 WHICH WERE UNDER IMMENSE PRESSURE DURING THE WINTER SURGE. AND
19 FINALLY, ALTHOUGH DEATHS ARE ELEVATED, I DO NOTE THAT OVER THE
20 PAST SEVERAL WEEKS WE HAVE HAD SOME DROPS IN THE AVERAGE
21 NUMBER OF DAILY DEATHS REPORTED. ON FEBRUARY 28TH, THE SEVEN
22 DAY AVERAGE FOR REPORTED DEATHS WAS 48. A WEEK AGO, ON
23 FEBRUARY 21ST, IT WAS 59. I DO KNOW THAT AS WE CONTINUE TO
24 SLOW COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION, AND WE ARE IMPROVING ACCESS,
25 OBVIOUSLY, TO SOME VERY EFFECTIVE THERAPEUTICS, WE OUGHT TO

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1 SEE FEWER AND FEWER DEATHS. WE DO KNOW THAT EVERY DEATH HAS A
2 TRAGIC TOLL ON FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AND I AM SENDING OUR WISHES
3 FOR HEALING AND PEACE TO EVERY PERSON WHO HAS LOST A LOVED ONE
4 FROM COVID. NEXT SLIDE. THESE GRAPHS SHOW THE SEVEN DAY DAILY
5 AVERAGES FOR CASES, PERCENT POSITIVITY, AND HOSPITALIZATIONS
6 PRIOR TO THE SURGE, AT THE PEAK OF THE SURGE, AND PRESENTLY.
7 THEY ILLUSTRATE THE REMARKABLE PROGRESS OVER THE LAST SEVERAL
8 WEEKS IN SLOWING COVID-19 TRANSMISSION AND PREVENTING
9 HOSPITALIZATIONS. IN FACT, AS YOU CAN SEE, WE ARE VERY CLOSE
10 TO THE LOWER LEVELS OF CASES AND HOSPITALIZATIONS WE SAW PRIOR
11 TO OUR WINTER SURGE. WHILE OUR PRE-SURGE LEVELS ARE AN
12 IMPORTANT INTERIM MILESTONE, THEY ARE NOT THE END GOAL. AS WE
13 MOVE CLOSER TO SPRING, WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE OUR METRICS
14 MOVING CLOSER TO THE LEVELS THAT WE SAW LAST SPRING. SO, AS WE
15 EXPERIENCED RELIEF THAT'S OBVIOUSLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE
16 PROGRESS THAT'S BEING MARKED HERE, WE DO REMAIN AWARE THAT,
17 GIVEN THE CONTINUED UNPREDICTABILITY OF THIS VIRUS, WE WILL
18 NEED TO BE PREPARED TO TAILOR OUR RESPONSE ACTIONS AS NEEDED
19 TO PREVENT UNCONSTRAINED SPREAD AND SIGNIFICANT ILLNESS. THE
20 NEXT SLIDE. AS I AM GOING TO DISCUSS IN A MINUTE, WE ARE GOING
21 TO BE USING THE C.D.C.'S NEWLY RELEASED COMMUNITY LEVEL MATRIX
22 TO ASSESS THE LEVEL OF RISK THAT COVID-19 POSES ACROSS THE
23 COUNTY AND TO IDENTIFY THE CORRESPONDING PREVENTION
24 STRATEGIES. SO THIS SLIDE SHOWS OUR PROGRESS ON THE TWO
25 HOSPITAL RELATED METRICS THAT C.D.C. CONSIDERS WHEN ASSIGNING

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1 RISK TO COUNTIES UNDER THEIR NEW COMMUNITY LEVEL MATRIX. IN
2 THE MIDDLE OF THE WINTER SURGE, THE SEVEN DAY AVERAGE
3 PROPORTION OF IN-PATIENT BEDS THAT WERE OCCUPIED BY COVID-19
4 PATIENTS PEAKED AT ABOUT 27%. AND THE SEVEN DAY CUMULATIVE
5 HOSPITAL ADMISSION RATE PEAKED AT ABOUT 44 NEW ADMISSIONS PER
6 100,000 RESIDENTS. IF YOU LOOK, YOU CAN SEE, AS OF FEBRUARY
7 27TH, THE SEVEN DAY AVERAGE PROPORTION FOR IN- PATIENT BEDS
8 OCCUPIED BY COVID-19 POSITIVE PATIENTS HAS DECLINED TO
9 SLIGHTLY MORE THAN 6%, AND THE SEVEN DAY CUMULATIVE COVID
10 HOSPITALIZATION ADMISSION RATE IS NOW 7.4 NEW ADMISSIONS PER
11 100,000. THIS INFORMATION IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO TRACK AT THE
12 LOCAL LEVEL. C.D.C. WILL ONLY UPDATE THEIR MATRIX ONCE A WEEK
13 ON THURSDAYS, BUT I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN TRACK THESE
14 TWO METRICS ON A DAILY BASIS. PROTECTING HOSPITALS AND THE
15 HEALTHCARE SYSTEM FUNCTIONING HAS BEEN AND CONTINUES TO BE ONE
16 OF OUR PRIMARY COVID-19 RESPONSE GOALS. SO WE ARE PLEASED THAT
17 WE WILL BE ABLE TO SHIFT NOW AND SHOW THIS INFORMATION AS WE
18 ASSESS THE IMPACT OF ALL OF OUR POST-SURGE COMMUNITY
19 MITIGATION STRATEGIES. NEXT SLIDE. ON THIS SLIDE, WE CAN ALSO
20 SEE HOW IMPROVING -- HOW THESE IMPROVING METRICS PROVIDE US AN
21 OPPORTUNITY TO REASSESS OUR MITIGATION EFFORTS. THIS IS DATA
22 FROM THE THREE SURGES THAT L.A. COUNTY EXPERIENCED, THEIR PEAK
23 DATE, THAT'S DEFINED AS THE DATE WITH THE HIGHEST SEVEN DAY
24 AVERAGE NUMBER OF CASES BY EPISODE DATE, AND THE PERCENT OF
25 THE PEAK DATE CASES THAT ENDED UP HAVING TO BE HOSPITALIZED.

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1 DURING THE OMICRON SURGE, THIS IS THIS LAST WINTER, WE SAW
2 FEWER PEOPLE HOSPITALIZED THEN WE DID IN THE TWO PREVIOUS
3 SURGES. SOMETIMES, YOU GET THAT IF YOU LOOK AT THE TREND LINE,
4 BUT I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE, THAT WE SAW 1.2% OF CASES
5 HOSPITALIZED COMPARED TO 5.6% OF CASES THAT WERE HOSPITALIZED
6 DURING THE DELTA SURGE IN DECEMBER OF 2021 AND 5% OF CASES
7 THAT WERE HOSPITALIZED LAST WINTER DURING THE SURGE THAT WAS
8 CAUSED BY THE EPSILON VARIANT. IT IS LIKELY WE SAW FEWER CASES
9 THIS WINTER FOR TWO REASONS. THE OMICRON VARIANT IS ASSOCIATED
10 WITH SOMEWHAT LESS SEVERE ILLNESS. AND VERY IMPORTANTLY, WE
11 HAD MORE PEOPLE THAT WERE AFFORDED PROTECTION THROUGH VACCINES
12 THAN AT ANY POINT DURING THIS PANDEMIC. BECAUSE WE SAW LESS
13 SEVERE ILLNESS THIS PAST SURGE, AND A LOT MORE PEOPLE ARE
14 PROTECTED THROUGH VACCINES, AND SOME PEOPLE ARE PROTECTED
15 THROUGH SOME NATURAL IMMUNITY WHO WERE INFECTED, IT IS
16 APPROPRIATE TO CONSIDER NEW GUIDANCE POST- SURGE, BUT WE DO
17 NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT AS WE IMPLEMENT OUR STRATEGIES, WE
18 ARE ABLE TO STILL PROTECT THE MOST VULNERABLE. NEXT SLIDE. AND
19 PART OF THE WORK OF SORT OF ASSESSING OUR FUTURE IS PAYING
20 ATTENTION TO WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT VARIANTS OF CONCERN. SO WE
21 CONTINUE TO MONITOR FOR VARIANTS CIRCULATING IN L.A. COUNTY.
22 THIS SLIDE SHOWS THE LATEST SEQUENCED VARIANTS. THAT OMICRON
23 VARIANT IS OUR PREDOMINANT VARIANT. AND IT ACCOUNTED FOR A
24 FULL 100% OF ALL OUR CASES WITH SEQUENCED SPECIMENS COLLECTED
25 IN THE WEEK THAT ENDED FEBRUARY 12TH. THE B.A.11 LINEAGE,

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1 THAT'S A DECEDENT OF THE B.A.1, WAS THE PRIMARY OMICRON
2 SUBVARIANT THAT WAS IDENTIFIED. AND WE DO KNOW THAT INITIAL
3 FINDINGS SUGGEST THAT B.A.2, WHICH IS A SUBVARIANT OF OMICRON,
4 APPEARS TO BE 30% MORE TRANSMISSIBLE THAN B.A.1, BUT B.A.2
5 HERE IN L.A. COUNTY MAKES UP ONLY A VERY SMALL PORTION OF ALL
6 SEQUENCED CASES. AS OF FEBRUARY 12TH, B.A.2 ACCOUNTED FOR 67,
7 OR ABOUT 1%, OF SEQUENCED OMICRON CASES IDENTIFIED IN L.A.
8 COUNTY OVER THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS. AND THIS IS CONSISTENT
9 WITH FINDINGS THAT WHILE B.A.2 HAS BECOME THE PREDOMINANT
10 VARIANT IN SOME COUNTRIES, IT IS NOT RAPIDLY SPREADING HERE IN
11 THE UNITED STATES. NEXT SLIDE. AND DATA, AGAIN, CONTINUES TO
12 DEMONSTRATE, AND WE CAN GO ON TO THE NEXT SLIDE, WE WILL SEE
13 THIS IN A MINUTE, THAT OUR VACCINES, WHILE NOT BEING PERFECT,
14 PROVIDE A SIGNIFICANT PROTECTION FOR EVERYONE WHO IS
15 VACCINATED AGAINST THE WORST COVID-19 OUTCOMES. YOU KNOW, I
16 JUST SHOW THIS SO THAT EVERYONE IS AWARE OF THE VERY SLOW
17 INCREMENTAL PROGRESS WE ARE MAKING IN GETTING MORE L.A. COUNTY
18 RESIDENTS VACCINATED. HOWEVER, WE HAVE SOME INCREASES BETWEEN
19 JANUARY AND THE END OF FEBRUARY. THE PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS
20 FIVE AND OLDER, WHO WERE FULLY VACCINATED MOVED UP TO 74%. AND
21 THE PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS 12 AND OLD WHO ARE FULLY
22 VACCINATED IS NOW JUST ABOUT AT 80%. BUT WITH THE SLOWING PACE
23 OF VACCINATIONS, AND WHICH WE SHOULD YOU KNOW ACKNOWLEDGE IT
24 IN PART REFLECTS THAT WE HAVE 8 MILLION L.A. COUNTY RESIDENT
25 WHO ARE VACCINATED, THAT SLOWING PACE STILL LEAVES US ABOUT

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1 1.7 MILLION ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS WHO HAVEN'T YET RECEIVED THEIR
2 FIRST DOSE OF COVID-19, AS WELL AS ROUGHLY 2.7 MILLION
3 RESIDENTS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR BUT HAVEN'T RECEIVED AN
4 ADDITIONAL OR BOOSTER DOSE. AND AS I NOTED AT THE LAST BOARD
5 MEETING, THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT GAPS IN COVERAGE BY AGE GROUPS,
6 GEOGRAPHY, AND RACE AND ETHNICITY. I DO THINK TO STAY ON OUR
7 PATH TOWARDS LOWER TRANSMISSION, TO HELP US PREVENT THE
8 EMERGENCE OF VARIANTS OF CONCERN, AND TO PROTECT THE MOST
9 VULNERABLE, WE DO NEED TO GET SUBSTANTIALLY MORE OF OUR
10 RESIDENTS VACCINATED AND BOOSTED IN THE MONTHS AHEAD. AND WE
11 DO NEED TO TO WORK TO CLOSE THOSE VACCINE GAPS BY CONTINUING
12 TO IMPLEMENT STRATEGIES. THAT PROVIDE BOTH ACCURATE
13 INFORMATION AND EASY ACCESS TO VACCINES AND BOOSTERS. NEXT
14 SLIDE. THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC, WE HAVE SEEN THAT COVID-19 HAS
15 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED CERTAIN COMMUNITIES AND GROUPS IN
16 L.A. COUNTY. INCLUDING COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, COMMUNITIES WITH
17 LARGE NUMBERS OF ESSENTIAL WORKERS, AND UNDER-RESOURCED
18 COMMUNITIES. TODAY, I WANTED TO SHARE DATA THAT SHOWS THE
19 IMPACT OF BOTH RACE AND ETHNICITY AND POVERTY ON COVID-19
20 OUTCOMES. WHEN WE EXAMINE THE HOSPITALIZATION RATES FOR A TWO
21 WEEK PERIOD THROUGH FEBRUARY 11TH BY BOTH RACE AND ETHNICITY
22 AND VACCINATION STATUS, IT IS CLEAR THAT ACROSS ALL RACE AND
23 ETHNICITY GROUPS, THE UNVACCINATED ARE HOSPITALIZED, AS YOU
24 CAN SEE HERE, AT SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER RATES WHEN COMPARED TO
25 THE VACCINATED. WE SEE EVEN WIDER DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE

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1 UNVACCINATED AND BOOSTED INDIVIDUALS WITHIN EACH RACE AND
2 ETHNICITY GROUP, WITH MUCH LOWER HOSPITALIZATION RATES AMONG
3 PEOPLE WHO ARE BOOSTED. AS NOTED EARLIER, THE VACCINE AND
4 BOOSTERS CLEARLY ARE PROVIDING SUBSTANTIAL PROTECTION.
5 NONETHELESS, I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT
6 HOSPITALIZATION RATES FOR BLACK AND LATINX RESIDENTS ARE
7 SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER WHEN COMPARED TO NON-HISPANIC WHITES. AND
8 ASIANS ACROSS VACCINATION STATUS. FOR EXAMPLE, UNVACCINATED
9 LATINX AND BLACK INDIVIDUALS ARE TWO TO TWO AND A HALF TIME
10 MORE LIKELY TO BE HOSPITALIZED WHEN COMPARED TO UNVACCINATED
11 ASIAN INDIVIDUALS. VACCINATED -- VACCINATED LATINX AND BLACK
12 INDIVIDUALS ARE TWO TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE HOSPITALIZED WHEN
13 COMPARED TO VACCINATED ASIAN INDIVIDUALS. AND BOOSTED LATINX
14 AND BLACK INDIVIDUALS HAVE A RATE OF HOSPITALIZATION THAT IS
15 THREE TO FOUR TIMES HIGHER WHEN COMPARED TO BOOSTED ASIAN
16 INDIVIDUALS. THESE DIFFERENCES PARTIALLY REFLECT HIGHER RATES
17 OF UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS AMONG BLACK AND BROWN
18 RESIDENTS DUE TO INADEQUATE ACCESS TO HEALTH-AFFIRMING
19 RESOURCES, AND THEY ARE ALSO LIKELY TO REFLECT DIFFERENCES IN
20 EXPOSURE TO COVID BASED ON WHERE INDIVIDUALS LIVE AND WORK.
21 NEXT SLIDE. WHEN WE LOOK AT THE 14 DAY AGE- ADJUSTED RATES
22 DEATH BY VACCINATION STATUS AND RACE AND ETHNICITY, WE SEE A
23 SIMILAR TREND, WHERE LATINX AND BLACK INDIVIDUALS, REGARDLESS
24 OVER THEIR STATUS, DIE AT HIGHER RATES THAN OTHER RACE AND
25 ETHNIC GROUPS. UNVACCINATED LATINX RESIDENTS HAVE A THREE

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1 TIMES HIGHER DEATH RATE THAN UNVACCINATED ASIAN INDIVIDUALS.
2 AND WHILE WE SEE THAT VACCINE PROVIDE AS LOT OF PROTECTION
3 FROM DYING OF COVID ACROSS ALL GROUPS, VACCINATED BUT NOT
4 BOOSTED BLACK INDIVIDUALS HAVE ALMOST THREE TIMES HIGHER DEATH
5 RATE THAN THEIR VACCINATED NOT BOOSTED ASIAN COUNTERPARTS. AND
6 BOOSTED LATINX INDIVIDUALS HAVE A THREE TIMES HIGHER DEATH
7 RATE THAN THEIR ASIAN COUNTERPARTS, WHO ARE ALSO VACCINATED
8 AND BOOSTED. NEXT SLIDE. CLEARLY, THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT
9 SIGNIFICANT INEQUITIES IN COVID-19 OUTCOMES BASED ON RACE AND
10 ETHNICITY. AND SADLY, WE'VE FOUND THAT THERE ARE SUBSTANTIAL
11 DISPARITIES BASED ON POVERTY. THE NEXT TWO SLIDES SHOW THE
12 SEVEN DAY AGE-ADJUSTED HOSPITALIZATION RATE AND DEATH RATE FOR
13 INDIVIDUALS FIVE AND OLDER BY VACCINATION STATUS AND AREA OF
14 POVERTY. AS YOU WILL SEE, DIFFERENCES IN HOSPITALIZATIONS AND
15 DEATHS ARE ASSOCIATED, NOT ONLY WITH ONE'S VACCINATION STATUS,
16 BUT ALSO WITH THE LEVEL OF POVERTY IN THE AREA WHERE ONE
17 LIVES. PEOPLE LIVING IN AREAS WITH MORE POVERTY ARE AT
18 SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER RISK OF BECOMING HOSPITALIZED FOR AND
19 DYING WITH COVID. AND WHILE THIS PATTERN WAS MOST PRONOUNCED
20 FOR UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS, THERE WERE ALSO ALARMING
21 DISPARITIES AMONG PEOPLE WHO WERE VACCINATED. THUS, AS NOTED,
22 ALTHOUGH VACCINES ARE HIGHLY PROTECTED, BEING VACCINATED ALONE
23 DID NOT ELIMINATE INEQUITABLE OUTCOMES FOR RESIDENTS LIVING IN
24 HIGH POVERTY AREAS. THIS SLIDE SHOWS THE AGE-ADJUSTED
25 HOSPITALIZATION RATES BY VACCINATION STATUS AND AREA OF

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1 POVERTY FOR PEOPLE FIVE YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER. THIS IS FROM
2 FEBRUARY 5TH THROUGH THE 11TH. AS YOU CAN SEE, REGARDLESS OF
3 VACCINATION STATUS, LIVING IN AN AREA WITH HIGHER POVERTY WAS
4 ASSOCIATED WITH SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER RISK FOR HOSPITALIZATION.
5 AND IN THIS INSTANCE, THE HIGHER THE LEVEL OF POVERTY, THE
6 LARGER THE DISPARITY. FOR EXAMPLE, FULLY VACCINATED AND
7 BOOSTED INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN COMMUNITIES WITH THE HIGHEST
8 RATES OF POVERTY WERE ALMOST THREE TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE
9 HOSPITALIZED THAN THOSE LIVING IN COMMUNITIES WITH THE LOWEST
10 RATES OF POVERTY. FURTHERMORE, YOU CAN SEE THAT UNVACCINATED
11 PEOPLE LIVING IN THE WEALTHIEST COMMUNITIES WERE LESS LIKELY
12 TO BE HOSPITALIZED THAN FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE WHO WERE
13 LIVING IN COMMUNITIES WITH HIGH POVERTY. THIS PROVIDES STRONG
14 EVIDENCE THAT LIVING IN AN AREA WITH HIGH POVERTY ELEVATES
15 RESIDENTS RISK FOR SEVERE ILLNESS AND HOSPITALIZATION FROM
16 COVID. NEXT SLIDE. THIS SLIDE LOOKS AT THE AGE- ADJUSTED DEATH
17 RATES BY VACCINATION STATUS IN AREA POVERTY. AGAIN, WE ARE
18 LOOKING FROM JANUARY 29TH TO FEBRUARY 4TH. AND YOU CAN SEE
19 IMMEDIATELY, REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS, PERSONS LIVING
20 IN AREAS WITH MORE POVERTY WERE AT SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER RISK,
21 IN THIS CASE, FOR DYING FROM COVID. AS WAS THE CASE FOR
22 HOSPITALIZATIONS THE HIGHER THE LEVEL OF POVERTY, THE LARGER
23 THE LEVEL OF POVERTY, THE LARGER THE GAPS THAT ARE SEEN. FOR
24 INSTANCE, AMONG UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS, THE AGE-ADJUSTED
25 DEATH RATES STEADILY INCREASED AS POVERTY LEVELS INCREASED.

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1 THE AGE-ADJUSTED DEATH RATE WAS EIGHT DEATHS PER 100,000
2 RESIDENTS IN OUR WEALTHIEST COMMUNITIES, CLIMBED STEADILY IN
3 COMMUNITIES WITH INCREASING LEVELS OF POVERTY, AND JUMPED TO A
4 DISTURBING RATE OF 76 DEATHS PER 100,000 RESIDENTS IN
5 COMMUNITIES WHERE 30% OR MORE OF THE RESIDENTS ARE LIVING IN
6 POVERTY. SHOCKINGLY, THESE FULLY VACCINATED -- THOSE FULLY
7 VACCINATED AND THOSE VACCINATED AND BOOSTED, WHO ARE LIVING IN
8 COMMUNITIES WITH THE HIGHEST RATES OF POVERTY, WERE STILL
9 THREE TIMES MORE LIKELY TO DIE FROM COVID THAN THOSE WHO WERE
10 LIVING IN THE WEALTHIEST COMMUNITIES. AND ONCE AGAIN,
11 UNDERSCORING THE STARK DISPARITIES BETWEEN WEALTHIER
12 COMMUNITIES AND COMMUNITIES WITH HIGH POVERTY, WE CAN SEE HERE
13 THAT AN UNVACCINATED PERSON LIVING IN THE WEALTHIEST
14 COMMUNITIES HAD LESS RISK OF DYING DUE TO COVID, THAN A FULLY
15 VACCINATED PERSON LIVING IN COMMUNITIES WITH THE HIGHEST
16 LEVELS OF POVERTY. LIKE THE DATA ON RACE AND ETHNICITY, THESE
17 DATA ON HOSPITALIZATIONS AND DEATHS ARE ALARMING. AND IT IS
18 CLEAR THAT LIVING IN AREAS OF HIGH POVERTY IS PUTTING PEOPLE
19 AT RISK FOR HIGHER COVID-19 RELATED SEVERE ILLNESS AND DEATH.
20 DESPITE THE STRONG PROTECTIONS THAT VACCINES AFFORD, GETTING
21 VACCINATED ALONE WAS NOT AN EQUALIZER FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN
22 AREAS OF HIGH POVERTY. WHERE PEOPLE LIVE AND WORK CLEARLY HAS
23 A TREMENDOUS IMPACT ON THEIR RISK OF EXPOSURE AND THE
24 AVAILABILITY OF HEALTH- AFFIRMING RESOURCES. WE ARE GOING TO
25 NEED TO REMAIN COMMITTED TO RESOLVING THE COMPLEX AND

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1 LONGSTANDING ISSUES ACCOUNTING FOR THESE DISTRESSING
2 INEQUITIES, AND WE HAVE TO ENSURE THAT OUR POST-SURGE ACTIONS
3 TO NOT WIDEN THE GAPS BY FAILING TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL
4 RESOURCES AND PROTECTIONS TO THOSE AT HIGHEST RISK FOR COVID-
5 19 HOSPITALIZATION AND DEATH. THUS, EFFORTS TO ENSURE EQUITY
6 AND PROTECT THOSE WHO ARE MOST VULNERABLE TO POOR COVID-19
7 OUTCOMES REMAIN AT THE CENTER OF OUR L.A. COUNTY POST-SURGE
8 RESPONSE PLAN, WHICH I WILL BE DISCUSSING LATER TODAY. NEXT
9 SLIDE. WE ALSO CONTINUE TO WORRY ABOUT OTHER VULNERABLE
10 POPULATIONS WHO WE KNOW FACE A HIGHER RINK OF SEVERE ILLNESS
11 AND DEATH DUE TO COVID-19. FROM THE ONSET OF THE PANDEMIC, WE
12 WORRIED ABOUT PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, FACING A
13 HIGHER RISK OF EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 OR AN ELEVATED RISK OF
14 SEVERE ILLNESS DUE TO THEIR OLDER AGE, UNDERLYING MEDICAL
15 CONDITIONS, AND/OR LIMITED ACCESS TO CARE. WHEN WE WHEN WE
16 LOOK AT THE 14 DAY CUMULATIVE COVID-19 DEATH RATES FOR BOTH
17 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS IN
18 GENERAL, WE SEE THAT IN FACT PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS
19 HAD A HIGHER DEATH RATE FROM COVID DURING BOTH OF OUR WINTER
20 SURGES, MORE THAN 1.5 TIMES HIGHER A YEAR AGO, ALMOST 2.5
21 TIMES HIGHER IN THE MOST RECENT SURGE, AND NEARLY THREE TIMES
22 HIGHER CURRENTLY. NEXT SLIDE. WE ALSO KNOW THAT RESIDENTS IN
23 SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES ARE A HIGHLY VULNERABLE POPULATION.
24 WHILE BOTH RESIDENTS AND STAFF AT NURSING HOMES HAVE
25 EXTRAORDINARILY HIGH RATES OF VACCINATION AND BOOSTER

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1 COVERAGE, THIS PROTECTION IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO EQUALIZE
2 OUTCOMES. HERE WE SEE 14 DAY CUMULATIVE CASE AND DEATH RATES
3 PER 100,000 PEOPLE AMONG S.N.F. RESIDENTS COMPARED TO
4 SIMILARLY AGED L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS 65 AND OLDER. DURING EACH
5 SURGE, SKILLED NURSING FACILITY RESIDENTS EXPERIENCED
6 SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER CASE AND DEATH RATES. AND THIS WAS --
7 THIS WENT ALONG WITH ALL OF THE ADDITIONAL PROTECTION MEASURES
8 THAT I NOTED ARE IN PLACE. THE CASE RATE FOR NURSING HOME
9 RESIDENTS WAS MORE THAN FIVE TIMES HIGHER THAN THE RATE FOR
10 L.A. COUNTY OLDER RESIDENTS IN THE 2021 WINTER SURGE, AND IT
11 WAS ABOUT FOUR TIMES HIGHER IN THE MOST RECENT SURGE.
12 CURRENTLY, THOUGH CASES ARE MUCH LOWER, THE RATE AMONG SKILLED
13 NURSING FACILITY RESIDENTS IS ABOUT SEVENTEEN TIMES HIGHER
14 THAN IT IS FOR L.A. COUNTY SENIORS. SADLY, AS YOU CAN SEE,
15 DEATH RATES REMAIN HIGHER AS WELL. LAST WINTER, THE DEATH RATE
16 FOR RESIDENTS SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES, AND AGAIN, THESE ARE
17 PEOPLE WHO ARE IN THE FACILITIES BECAUSE THEY ARE VERY SICK,
18 WAS SIX TIMES HIGHER THAN IT WAS FOR L.A. COUNTY SENIORS. AND
19 IT WAS THREE TIMES HIGHER THIS WINTER. CURRENTLY, THE DEATH
20 RATE AMONG SKILLED NURSING FACILITY RESIDENTS IS STILL THREE
21 TIMES HIGHER THAN THAT FOR L.A. COUNTY SENIORS. AS WITH PEOPLE
22 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, ADDITIONAL EFFORTS WILL CONTINUE TO
23 BE NEEDED TO ENSURE THAT OUR MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS HAVE
24 THE NECESSARY PROTECTIONS IN PLACE TO LIMIT THEIR EXPOSURE AND
25 PROTECT THEM FROM SEVERE ILLNESS AND DEATH TO COVID-19. WITH

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1 THAT, WE'LL GO ON TO THE NEXT SLIDE AND REVIEW THE CHANGES
2 THAT HAVE BEEN MADE AT THE STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL AND UPDATED
3 COUNTY POST-SURGE PLAN. YESTERDAY, AS EVERYONE KNOWS, GOVERNOR
4 NEWSOM ANNOUNCED THAT AS OF COVID-19 CASE RATES AND
5 HOSPITALIZATIONS HAVE CONTINUED TO DECLINE, CALIFORNIA HAS
6 UPDATED ITS STATEWIDE MASKING GUIDANCE. UNDER THIS NEW
7 GUIDANCE, INDOOR MASKING, STARTING TODAY, WILL BE STRONGLY
8 RECOMMENDED BUT NOT REQUIRED FOR VACCINATED AND UNVACCINATED
9 INDIVIDUALS, EXCEPT IN THESE HIGH RISK SETTINGS WHERE FEDERAL
10 AND STATE REGULATIONS CONTINUE TO REQUIRE MASKING. SO AS
11 REQUIRED, UNDER FEDERAL AND STATE REGULATIONS, MASKS ARE
12 REQUIRED FOR EVERYONE WHO USES PUBLIC TRANSIT, FOR ALL OF
13 THOSE IN EMERGENCY SHELTERS, HEALTHCARE SETTINGS, CORRECTIONAL
14 AND DETENTION FACILITIES, HOMELESS SHELTERS, AND LONG TERM
15 CARE FACILITIES. I WANT TO NOTE THAT NOTHING HAS CHANGED IN
16 THESE SETTINGS IN TERMS OF THE REQUIREMENT THAT EVERYBODY
17 USING THOSE SETTINGS OR IN THOSE SETTINGS REMAIN FULLY MASKED.
18 MASKS ARE ALSO REQUIRED AT SCHOOLS AND CHILDCARE FACILITIES
19 ACROSS THE STATE UNTIL MARCH 11TH, WHEN MASKS WILL BE STRONGLY
20 RECOMMENDED FOR CHILDREN, STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND STAFF IN
21 THESE FACILITIES, REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS. OF NOTE,
22 SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN L.A. COUNTY CAN CONTINUE TO REQUIRE
23 MASKING AT SCHOOLS AND DURING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ALONG WITH ANY
24 OTHER APPROPRIATE SAFETY PROTECTIONS FOR THEIR SCHOOL
25 COMMUNITY. AS YOU CAN SEE ON THIS SLIDE, L.A. COUNTY IS

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1 ALIGNED WITH THE STATE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MASKING AT SCHOOLS
2 AND HIGH RISK SETTINGS. AND WE WILL REVIEW IN MORE DETAIL IN A
3 MINUTE, BECAUSE C.D.C. STILL CATEGORIZES L.A. COUNTY AS A HIGH
4 RISK COMMUNITY, WHERE EVERYONE SHOULD BE MASKED INDOORS,
5 CURRENT MASKING SAFETY MEASURES REMAIN IN PLACE UNTIL THIS
6 RISK LEVEL DESIGNATION CHANGES TO EITHER MEDIUM OR LOW RISK.
7 WE ANTICIPATE THAT ON THURSDAY, WHEN C.D.C. UPDATES THEIR
8 COMMUNITY LEVEL TABLE, L.A. COUNTY WILL BE MOVING TO LOW RISK.
9 AND WE ARE PREPARED ON THURSDAY TO ISSUE A MODIFIED HEALTH
10 OFFICER ORDER WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION FOR
11 FRIDAY MARCH 4TH THAT WILL STRONGLY RECOMMEND AND NOT REQUIRE
12 INDOOR MASKING IN MOST PUBLIC INDOOR SPACES, EXCEPT FOR THE
13 INDOOR SPACES THAT I NOTED ABOVE, WHERE FEDERAL AND STATE
14 REGULATIONS REQUIRE THAT MASKING. AS WE HAVE EMPHASIZED
15 THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC, MASKS ARE ONE OF THE EASIEST THINGS
16 WE CAN DO TO PREVENT COVID-19 TRANSMISSION AND PROVIDE STRONG
17 PROTECTION TO THE PERSON WEARING THEM AS WELL AS TO THE PEOPLE
18 AROUND THEM, INCLUDING THOSE WHO ARE MOST VULNERABLE TO HARM
19 FROM COVID-19. WE, ALONG WITH THE STATE AND C.D.C., CONTINUE
20 TO URGE INDIVIDUALS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR VACCINATION STATUS,
21 TO KEEP THEIR MASKS ON IN PUBLIC INDOOR SETTINGS UNTIL THERE'S
22 LESS RISK FOR THOSE MOST VULNERABLE. AND AS IS THE CASE FOR
23 OTHER MITIGATION STRATEGIES, I WANT TO BE CERTAIN THAT LOCAL
24 JURISDICTIONS UNDERSTAND THAT THEY CAN CONTINUE TO INSTITUTE
25 MORE PROTECTIVE REQUIREMENTS THAN THE STATE AND THE COUNTY

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1 BASED ON LOCAL CONDITIONS. THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC, DECISIONS
2 REGARDING OUR COMMUNITY PREVENTION AND MITIGATION STRATEGY
3 SUCH AS MASKING OR VACCINATION VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS HAVE
4 BEEN GUIDED BY THE LEVEL OF RISK THAT COVID-19 POSES TO OUR
5 RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, AND HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS. PRIOR TO LAST
6 WEEK, C.D.C. HAD ASSIGNED COUNTIES A LEVEL OF RISK AS LOW,
7 MODERATE, SUBSTANTIAL, OR HIGH TRANSMISSION, BASED ON WHAT
8 WERE CASE AND TEST POSITIVITY RATES, WHICH CAPTURED OUR LOCAL
9 LEVEL OF TRANSMISSION. LAST WEEK, AS EVERYONE KNOWS, C.D.C.
10 RELEASED A NEW METHODOLOGY FOR MEASURING COMMUNITY RISK.
11 RATHER THAN MEASURE RISK BASED ONLY ON TRANSMISSION RATES, THE
12 NEW RISK LEVELS ARE DETERMINED BY A COMBINATION OF THE
13 FOLLOWING THREE METRICS -- AND WE CAN GO ON TO THE NEXT SLIDE
14 -- NEW COVID-19 HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS PER 100,000 POPULATION. IN
15 THE PAST SEVEN DAYS, THE SEVEN DAY AVERAGE FOR THE PERCENT OF
16 STAFFED IN-PATIENT BEDS OCCUPIED BY COVID-19 PATIENTS, AND THE
17 TOTAL NEW COVID-19 CASES PER 100,000 POPULATION IN THE PAST
18 SEVEN DAYS. OF NOTE, C.D.C. HAS INCLUDED THE ADDITIONAL
19 MEASURES RELATED TO HOSPITALIZATIONS BECAUSE THEY REFLECT
20 POTENTIAL STRAIN ON THE HEALTH SYSTEM ALONG WITH THE RATE OF
21 SEVERE ILLNESS. CASE RATES HAVE ALSO BEEN MAINTAINED AS PART
22 OF THIS NEW FRAMEWORK BECAUSE OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
23 CASES AND HOSPITALIZATIONS, WHERE HIGHER CASE RATES HAVE, AS
24 ALL WE HAVE SEEN, CONTRIBUTED TO INCREASED HOSPITALIZATIONS.
25 BASED ON THESE THREE NEW MONITORING METRICS, C.D.C.

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1 CATEGORIZES COUNTIES AS NOW LOW, MEDIUM, OR HIGH COMMUNITY
2 LEVEL RISK. WHEN DETERMINING THE COMMUNITY RISK LEVEL, C.D.C.
3 FIRST DETERMINES WHETHER THE COUNTY HAD FEWER OR GREATER THAN
4 200 NEW CASES PER 100,000 PEOPLE IN THE PAST SEVEN DAYS. THIS
5 DETERMINES THE THRESHOLD FOR HOSPITAL INDICATORS, WHICH WILL
6 THEN BE USED TO DETERMINE THE COMMUNITY'S RISK LEVEL. IT IS
7 COMPLICATED, BUT IT IS BASED ON A SWITCH FROM TRANSMISSION TO
8 HOSPITALIZATIONS METRICS. COUNTIES WITH CASE RATES OVER 200
9 NEW CASES PER 100,000 POPULATION IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS ARE
10 AUTOMATICALLY, AS YOU CAN SEE HERE, AT MEDIUM OR HIGH RISK.
11 THE HOSPITAL INDICATOR THRESHOLDS TO MOVE FROM MEDIUM TO HIGH
12 RISK ARE ALSO SET AT LOWER LEVELS ONCE THE COUNTY HAS THIS
13 LOWER CASE RATE. AS NOTED, BASED ON THESE NEW METRICS, C.D.C.
14 CATEGORIZED L.A. COUNTY AT THE HIGH COMMUNITY LEVEL BASED ON
15 OUR METRICS LAST THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH. THE C.D.C., AS I
16 NOTED, UPDATES THESE METRICS EVERY THURSDAY. AT THAT POINT,
17 OUR CASE RATE WAS ABOVE 200 CASES PER 100,000 RESIDENTS FOR
18 THE PAST SEVEN DAYS. IT WAS ABOUT 217 NEW CASES PER 100,000
19 POPULATION. OUR SEVEN DAY AVERAGE FOR THE PORTION OF STAFFED
20 IN- PATIENT BEDS WITHOUT AT THE MEDIUM RANGE OF SLIGHTLY UNDER
21 8%. AND OUR SEVEN DAY AVERAGE FOR NEW HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS WAS
22 CONSIDERED TO BE HIGH AT 10.6 ADMISSIONS PER 100,000
23 POPULATION. BECAUSE THE COVID-19 COMMUNITY LEVEL IS DETERMINED
24 BY THE HIGHER OF THE TWO HOSPITAL RELATED INDICATORS, THAT'S
25 WHY L.A. COUNTY WAS CLASSIFIED AS BEING AT HIGH RISK. HOWEVER,

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1 YOU CAN SEE THAT EVEN LAST THURSDAY, WE WERE ON THE CUSP OF
2 MOVING TO LOWER RISK THRESHOLDS. AND WE ARE PRETTY CLEAR THAT
3 BY THIS THURSDAY, WHEN C.D.C. UPDATES THEIR COMMUNITY LEVELS
4 TABLE, WE WILL HAVE MOVED EITHER TO MEDIUM OR LOW RISK. MOST
5 LIKELY, WE WILL HAVE MOVED TO LOW RISK. AS WE MOVE THROUGH THE
6 COVID-19 POST-SURGE PHASE, WE WILL UPDATE THIS DASHBOARD
7 WEEKLY ON OUR WEBSITE ONCE THE C.D.C. DOES THOSE UPDATES. NEXT
8 SLIDE. THE C.D.C. DOES ASK LOCAL JURISDICTIONS TO SUPPLEMENT
9 THE COMMUNITY LEVEL METRICS THAT THEY PROVIDE WITH INFORMATION
10 ABOUT LOCAL CONDITIONS TO GUIDE COMMUNITY PREVENTION
11 STRATEGIES. THE COMMUNITY PREVENTION STRATEGIES THAT WILL BE
12 CONSIDERED BY THE COUNTY WILL BE TAGGED TO THIS NEW C.D.C.
13 RISK FRAMEWORK. AND THEY REFLECT MITIGATION EFFORTS IN FOUR
14 KEY AREAS THAT EVERYBODY IS WELL AWARE OF, MASKING, TESTING,
15 VACCINATION VERIFICATION, AND VENTILATION. THE COUNTY
16 PREVENTION STRATEGIES ADHERE TO BOTH FEDERAL AND STATE
17 REQUIREMENTS THAT, IF AND WHEN THEY ARE CHANGED, WILL ALSO
18 NECESSITATE A CHANGE TO OUR COMMUNITY PREVENTION STRATEGIES.
19 AS WE JUST REVIEWED, UNTIL FRIDAY, WHEN WE ANTICIPATE OUR RISK
20 LEVEL DROPS TO MEDIUM OR LOW, MASKING IS GOING TO CONTINUE TO
21 BE REQUIRED IN ALL INDOOR SPACES, AT SCHOOLS, PUBLIC SETTINGS,
22 BUSINESSES, AND OF COURSE REMAINS REQUIRED AT HEALTHCARE
23 FACILITIES, CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES, PUBLIC TRANSIT, AND
24 CONGREGATE CARE. MASKING IS ALSO STILL REQUIRED FOR ANYBODY
25 WHO IS EXITING ISOLATION AFTER TESTING POSITIVE OR QUARANTINED

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1 EARLY THROUGH DAY 10 OF THEIR ISOLATION QUARANTINE PERIOD. SO
2 PEOPLE CAN EXIT EARLY WITH A NEGATIVE TEST RESULT, BUT IF THEY
3 DO EXIT EARLY, THEY NEED TO KEEP THEIR MASKS ON UNTIL THEY
4 COMPLETE DAY 10 EITHER OF THEIR ISOLATION OR QUARANTINE
5 PERIOD. ON FRIDAY, WHEN WE MOVE INTO MEDIUM OR LOW RISK, JUST
6 ABOUT ALL OF THESE MASKING REQUIREMENTS, EXCEPT FOR THE ONES
7 MANDATED BY THE STATE AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, BECOME
8 STRONG RECOMMENDATIONS. -- AND THAT WILL, AS I NOTED, GO IN
9 EFFECT ON FRIDAY. I DO WANT TO NOTE, THAT EMPLOYERS ARE GOING
10 TO BE REQUIRED TO OFFER FOR VOLUNTARY USE MEDICAL GRADE MASKS
11 AND RESPIRATORS TO EMPLOYEES WORKING INDOORS IN CLOSE CONTACT
12 WITH OTHER WORKERS AND/OR CUSTOMERS. SO MASKING GOES AWAY AS A
13 REQUIREMENT, BUT IF YOU'VE GOT WORKERS WHO WANT A MASK, PLEASE
14 GO AHEAD AND OFFER THEM EITHER A SURGICAL MASK OR A
15 RESPIRATOR, K.N.95, K.F.94S, N95S, IF THEY ARE WORKING INDOORS
16 IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH OTHERS. AS A REMINDER AT ALL LEVELS,
17 PEOPLE CAN WEAR A MASK BASED ON THEIR PERSONAL PREFERENCE,
18 THEIR COMFORT LEVEL, AND INFORMED BY THEIR PERSONAL LEVEL OF
19 RISK. AS YOU CAN SEE, THERE'S ALSO TESTING PREVENTION
20 STRATEGIES THAT ARE ALIGNED WITH THE COMMUNITY RISK LEVEL. AT
21 EVERY SINGLE RISK LEVEL, TESTING REMAINS REQUIRED IF YOU ARE
22 EXITING ISOLATION BETWEEN DAY 6 AND 10. AND IT ALSO IS TESTING
23 IS SOMETHING THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPOSED TO COVID-19 OR
24 SYMPTOMATIC SHOULD GO AHEAD AND TAKE CARE OF GETTING TESTED.
25 AT MEDIUM AND HIGH RISK LEVELS, THOSE GATHERING WITH PEOPLE AT

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1 ELEVATED RISK SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER TESTING, AND AT MEDIUM AND
2 HIGH LEVEL, SCREENING TESTING SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED AS
3 APPROPRIATE IN WORKPLACES, SCHOOLS, AND HIGH RISK CONGREGATE
4 SETTINGS. NEXT SLIDE. TWO ADDITIONAL PREVENTION COMMUNITY
5 STRATEGIES INCLUDE VACCINATION VERIFICATION AND VENTILATION.
6 VACCINATION VERIFICATION IN HEALTHCARE AND CONGREGATE CARE
7 SETTINGS CONTINUES TO BE REQUIRED ACROSS ALL COMMUNITY RISK
8 LEVELS. VACCINATION VERIFICATION WILL CONTINUE TO BE REQUIRED
9 FOR ENTRY TO INDOOR MEGA EVENTS, ALLOWING THAT A NEGATIVE
10 RESULT CAN BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THOSE NOT FULLY VACCINATED.
11 THAT'S PER THE STATE ORDERS. VACCINATION VERIFICATION AT
12 OUTDOOR MEGA EVENTS AND INDOOR PORTIONS OF BARS, NIGHTCLUBS,
13 AND LOUNGES WILL BE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED AND NOT REQUIRED WHEN
14 THE COUNTY IS AT HIGH OR MEDIUM RISK LEVELS. IN ADDITION, SO
15 IMMEDIATELY, VACCINATION VERIFICATION AT OUTDOOR MEGA EVENTS
16 AND INDOOR PORTIONS OF BARS, NIGHTCLUBS, AND LOUNGES, MOVES
17 FROM BEING REQUIRED TO STRONGLY RECOMMENDED. IN ADDITION, I
18 JUST WANT TO NOTE THAT IN SOME SETTINGS, VISITORS AT
19 HEALTHCARE FACILITIES, WILL BE REQUIRED TO VERIFY VACCINE OR
20 PROVIDE A NEGATIVE TEST RESULT IF WE ARE AT MEDIUM OR HIGH
21 RISK LEVELS. AND ALSO I WANT TO NOTE THAT REGARDLESS OF THE
22 COMMUNITY RISK LEVEL, CREATING SAFETY, PARTICULARLY INDOORS,
23 REALLY NOW IS VERY DEPENDENT ON PROPER VENTILATION. AND SO,
24 THERE ARE A REQUIREMENT THAT EVERYBODY MAINTAIN PROPER
25 VENTILATION REGARDLESS OF THE COMMUNITY RISK LEVELS IN INDOOR

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1 SETTINGS. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THESE PREVENTION STRATEGIES HELP
2 US CONTINUE TO MOVE TO LOWER RATES OF COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION,
3 BUT THAT THEY ALSO PROVIDE PROTECTION TO THOSE WHO ARE FACING
4 ELEVATED RISK. NEXT SLIDE. I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT IN ADDITION
5 TO UTILIZING THE C.D.C. METRICS FOR ASSESSING COMMUNITY LEVELS
6 OF RISK, WHICH REALLY GUIDES A LOT OF THE COMMUNITY PREVENTION
7 STRATEGIES WE USE, WE HAVE DESIGNATED SEVEN EARLY ALERT
8 SIGNALS THAT WE WILL MONITOR REGULARLY TO PROVIDE AN EARLY
9 INDICATION OF CONCERNING TRENDS THAT CAN RESULT IN FUTURE HIGH
10 RATES OF TRANSMISSION AND/OR INCREASE ILLNESS SEVERITY. THESE
11 SIGNALS INCLUDE THREE COMMUNITY-WIDE MEASURES. WE WILL BE
12 TRACKING VARIANTS OF CONCERN. WE WILL BE TRACKING EMERGENCY
13 DEPARTMENT COVID-19 VISITS. AND WE ARE GOING TO BE TRACKING
14 THE CUMULATIVE CRUDE CASE RATE IN HIGH POVERTY COMMUNITIES.
15 THESE SIGNALS ALSO INCLUDE WHAT WE ARE CALLING FOUR SECTOR
16 SPECIFIC MEASURES THAT WILL LOOK AT NEW OUTBREAKS, WILL TRACK
17 NEW OUTBREAKS AT SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES, NEW OUTBREAKS AT
18 K-12 SCHOOLS, NEW OUTBREAKS AT SETTINGS WITH PERSONS
19 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, AND CLUSTERS OF INFECTED CASES AT
20 WORK SITES. AND YOU CAN SEE THE THRESHOLDS FOR EACH OF THESE
21 MEASURES. I WON'T GO THROUGH ALL THIS, BUT THIS IS ON OUR
22 WEBSITE SO PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO SEE THAT SAY WHEN THESE
23 EARLY ALERTS CREATE FOR US A LITTLE CONCERN, MODERATE CONCERN,
24 OR HIGH CONCERN. IF THERE ARE ALERTS IN TWO OR MORE SECTORS
25 THAT REACH THE THRESHOLD FOR MODERATE OR HIGH CONCERN, SO

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1 RIGHT NOW YOU CAN SEE WE HAVE TWO AREAS WHERE WE HAVE
2 THRESHOLDS THAT PUT US IN MODERATE CONCERN, THAT WILL TRIGGER
3 US TO DO AN IN DEPTH REVIEW OF FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO THESE -
4 - THIS SORT OF HIGHER LEVEL OF -- HIGHER SIGNAL THAN WE WOULD
5 WANT, AND THEN WE WILL USE THAT TO INFORM ANY MODIFICATIONS WE
6 NEED TO MAKE TO OUR PREVENTION STRATEGIES. IF WE SEE SECTOR
7 SPECIFIC ALERTS THAT REACH A THRESHOLD FOR MODERATE OR HIGH
8 CONCERN, THERE WILL BE ACTION STEPS THAT WILL BE TAKEN FOR
9 THOSE PRIORITY SECTORS. AND THOSE ARE ALREADY DETAILED IN OUR
10 PLAN. SO FOLKS WILL BE ABLE TO LOOK AT THAT. L.A. IS, AS I
11 NOTED, THAT WE ARE DOING FAIRLY WELL ON THE EARLY ALERT SYSTEM
12 HERE, BUT I DO THINK THIS IS A GOOD ADDITION TO TRACKING ON
13 HOSPITAL BASED METRICS, SO THAT WE CAN, AGAIN, MAKE SURE WE
14 ARE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO PROTECT THOSE WHO ARE MOST
15 VULNERABLE. ON THIS NEXT SLIDE, I AM GOING TO CONCLUDE MY
16 PRESENTATION BY NOTING THE IMPORTANCE OF REMAINING PREPARED
17 FOR WHATEVER HAPPENS POST-SURGE. COVID-19 DOES REMAIN AN
18 UNPREDICTABLE VIRUS. I SO WISH THAT WASN'T TRUE, BUT THE
19 LESSONS WE HAVE LEARNED FROM NAVIGATING MORE THAN TWO YEARS OF
20 THE PANDEMIC CAN INFORM OUR PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES IN THE
21 MONTHS AHEAD. HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES
22 WILL BE FOCUSED IN FIVE AREAS THAT YOU CAN SEE ON THIS SLIDE.
23 PREPAREDNESS TO BE ABLE TO MANAGE OUTBREAKS, I WANT TO NOTE
24 WORK SITES CONTINUE TO HAVE A REQUIREMENT TO REPORT TO US ANY
25 CLUSTERS OF THREE OR MORE CASES THAT HAVE OCCURRED WITHIN 14

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1 DAYS AMONG THEIR WORKERS AS PART OF A BROADER STRATEGY TO
2 ENSURE WORKPLACE SAFETY AND PROTECT EMPLOYEES. WE WILL
3 CONTINUE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE A WORKFORCE THAT CAN
4 RESPONSE TO WORK SITE OUTBREAKS AND CLUSTER INVESTIGATIONS. ON
5 TESTING, WE KNOW FROM THE BEGINNING, TESTING HAS BEEN AN
6 ESSENTIAL STRATEGY. AND WE HAVE LEARNED A LOT ABOUT THE NEED
7 FOR US TO BE ABLE TO RAMP UP TESTING IN TIMES OF HIGH NEED,
8 AND PARTICULARLY TO PAY ATTENTION TO MAKING SURE THAT TESTING
9 IS ACCESSIBLE, ESPECIALLY IN OUR HIGHER RISK SETTINGS AND IN
10 NEIGHBORHOODS WITH HIGHER CASE RATES AND LESS HEALTH-AFFIRMING
11 RESOURCES. SO MAINTAINING THE VIBRANT TESTING NETWORK REQUIRES
12 AT THIS POINT THAT WE EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES TO BE ABLE TO LINK
13 TESTING TO EXISTING HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS AND HEALTHCARE SITES.
14 WE ALSO NEED TO REMAIN MINDFUL THAT WE ARE SECURING OUR SUPPLY
15 CHAINS, AND THAT WE ARE CREATING A DISTRIBUTION NETWORK THAT
16 MAKES IT A EASY TO GET THOSE OVER THE COUNTER TEST KITS OUT
17 QUICKLY IF WE SEE OUTBREAKS IN OUR HIGH RISK SETTINGS AND IN
18 OUR HARD HIT COMMUNITIES AND AMONG OUR LOW WAGE WORKERS AT
19 WORK SITES. THERAPEUTICS, AGAIN, THESE ARE -- WE HAVE FIVE
20 REALLY RELATIVELY NEW MEDICATIONS THAT ARE NOW POWERFUL TOOLS
21 FOR PREVENTING SEVERE ILLNESS AMONG THOSE AT HIGHEST RISK.
22 THEY ARE SCARCE AT THE MOMENT, BUT THE WORK ON PREPAREDNESS IS
23 TO MAKE SURE WE EXPAND OUR PARTNERSHIPS WITH PROVIDERS AND
24 PHARMACIES SO THAT WE HAVE A VAST NETWORK OF FOLKS WHO ARE
25 GOING TO BE ABLE TO NOT JUST PROVIDE INFORMATION BUT PRESCRIBE

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1 THE THERAPEUTICS AND MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE HAVE EASY ACCESS TO
2 THEM. WE WILL PROVIDING -- WE ALREADY STOOD UP LAST WEEK A
3 CALL CENTER, WHERE RESIDENTS CAN GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT
4 THERAPEUTICS AND FIND OUT BOTH WHAT THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
5 IS NOW AND HOW TO CONNECT WITH A PROVIDER IF THEY ARE
6 ELIGIBLE. WE ARE ALSO GOING TO BEGIN IN THE MONTH OF MARCH
7 PILOTING TELEHEALTH OPTIONS SO WE CAN IN INCREASE ACCESS IN
8 SOME OF OUR LOW RESOURCE COMMUNITIES. OUR LAST PRIORITY -- OR
9 THE SECOND TO LAST PRIORITY IS OF COURSE MAKING SURE THAT WE
10 CAN INCREASE VACCINATION COVERAGE. WE WILL, AGAIN, AS PART OF
11 OUR PREPAREDNESS EFFORTS, MAINTAIN A NETWORK OF 300 MOBILE
12 TEAMS AND 1,000 FIXED SITES. WE ARE WORKING HARD TO EXPAND THE
13 NUMBER OF REGISTERED PROVIDERS, PARTICULARLY AROUND
14 PEDIATRICIANS, PRIMARY CARE, AND FAMILY MEDICINE PROVIDERS.
15 AND WE WILL BE WORKING TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF HEALTH PLANS
16 THAT PROVIDE VACCINES TO THEIR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS. LASTLY, BUT
17 REALLY IMPORTANTLY FOR THE COUNTY, IS PREPAREDNESS DOES
18 INCLUDE GUARANTEEING OUR ABILITY TO CONTINUE ROBUST
19 SURVEILLANCE. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE MONITORING
20 VARIANTS OF CONCERN, AND OUR CAPACITY TO SEQUENCE HAS TO BE AT
21 15 TO 25% OF POSITIVE SPECIMENS. WE HAVE DECENT WASTEWATER
22 SURVEILLANCE COUNTY-WIDE, BUT IT NEEDS TO GET EXPANDED SO IT
23 COVERS ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTY. WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE
24 CAPACITY TO USE, AS YOU SAW -- SITES LIKE EMERGENCY
25 DEPARTMENTS. AS ALWAYS, THIS POST-SURGE PLAN IS A LIVING

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1 DOCUMENT. IT DOES PROVIDE US WITH A ROAD MAP FOR IT THE MONTHS
2 AHEAD, WHILE IT AFFORDS US THE FLEXIBILITY WE WILL NEED TO
3 ADJUST IN RESPONSE TO AN EVER-CHANGING VIRUS. THANK YOU, AND I
4 WILL GLADLY ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS AFTER DR. GHALY'S
5 PRESENTATION.

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7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH/ GOOD AFTERNOON,
8 DR. GHALY.

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10 **DR. GHALY:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I WILL KEEP MY PRESENTATION BRIEF.
11 I WILL TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT HOSPITALIZATIONS IN THE D.H.S.
12 HOSPITALS, BOOSTER SHOTS, QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION SITES, AND
13 THEN TESTING. STARTING ON SLIDE THREE PLEASE, YOU CAN SEE WE
14 HAVE A CONTINUED DECLINE IN THE HOSPITALIZATIONS AMONG THE
15 FOUR D.H.S. HOSPITALS. AS OF THIS MORNING, WE ARE DOWN TO LESS
16 THAN 150 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ADMITTED TO OUR FOUR HOSPITAL WHO
17 HAVE A POSITIVE COVID TEST. ON SLIDE FOUR, YOU CAN SEE THAT
18 STILL ONLY ABOUT 10% OR SO, ROUGHLY, THAT ROUGHLY TRANSLATES
19 TO ABOUT 15 TOTAL PATIENTS, ARE IN THE HOSPITAL IN ONE OF THE
20 D.H.S. HOSPITALS BECAUSE OF THEIR COVID DISEASE. THE REMAINING
21 130 OR 140 OR SO PATIENTS ARE IN THE HOSPITAL FOR OTHER
22 REASONS AND HAPPENED TO TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID ON ROUTINE IN
23 PATIENT COVID P.C.R. TESTING. ON SLIDE 5, SHIFTING TO BOOSTER
24 SHOTS, CURRENTLY 78% OF OUR WORKFORCE HAVE IDENTIFIED AS
25 HAVING RECEIVED THE BOOSTER SHOT. AS A REMINDER, TODAY IS THE

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1 DATE, MARCH 1ST, BY WHICH ALL HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE MEMBERS
2 MUST HAVE RECEIVED THE BOOSTER SHOT ACCORDING TO THE
3 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. HOWEVER, LAST WEEK,
4 C.D.P.H. EXTENDED THE TIMELINE FOR THE COMPLIANCE TO
5 INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE RECENTLY HAD AN INFECTION WITH COVID. SO
6 NOW INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE RECENTLY INFECTED WITH COVID CAN
7 DEFER THEIR BOOSTER SHOT UP TO 90 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THEIR
8 FIRST POSITIVE TEST. WE HAD A LOT OF STAFF THAT TESTED
9 POSITIVE FOR COVID DURING THE MOST RECENT OMICRON SURGE, SO WE
10 ARE DOING A CROSS MATCH OF THE DATA OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO
11 HAVE NOT YET PROVIDED DOCUMENTATION OF THEIR BOOSTER SHOT WITH
12 OUR COVID POSITIVE RECORDS TO DETERMINE WHAT THE UPDATED
13 COMPLIANCE NUMBERS ARE, AND WE WILL SHARE THAT AS SOON AS IT
14 IS AVAILABLE. THE NEXT SLIDE, SLIDE 6, D.H.S. HAS SERVED ABOUT
15 9500 CLIENTS IN THE COUNTY'S QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION BEDS
16 OVER THE COURSE OF THE PANDEMIC. NOW THAT THE OMICRON SURGE IS
17 SUBSIDING, WE HAVE REDUCED THE FOOTPRINT FOR THE COUNTY'S
18 QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION SITES BECAUSE OF THE LOW NUMBER OF
19 REFERRALS THAT ARE CURRENTLY COMING IN. WE OPERATE STILL
20 THOUGH TWO SITES WITH A TOTAL OF 255 BEDS, ABOUT A QUARTER OF
21 WHICH ARE OCCUPIED ON A DAILY BASIS. I WILL SHIFT NOW TO
22 TESTING, IF YOU CAN GO TO SLIDE 8. SLIDE 8 SHOWS THE CURRENT
23 TESTING CAPACITY AND UTILIZATION OVER THE COURSE OF THE
24 PANDEMIC. REMINDER, THE BLUE BARS REPRESENT COMPLETED P.C.R.
25 TESTS AT THE COUNTY MANAGED OR COUNTY DIRECTLY OPERATED

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1 COMMUNITY TESTING SITES. AND THE YELLOW BARS REPRESENT UNUSED
2 CAPACITY. THIS DOES NOT REPRESENT THE SUM TOTAL OF ALL TESTING
3 THAT IS AVAILABLE UNDER THE TESTING SITES. WE JUST DON'T HAVE
4 THE DATA FOR ALL THOSE DIFFERENT SITES. SLIDE 9 SHOWS DATA
5 FROM THE MOST RECENT WEEKS AT OUR HOME TEST KIT PROGRAM AND
6 THE TEST KIT DISTRIBUTION SITES. THE RETURN PERCENTAGE FOR
7 THOSE SITES STILL RANGES BETWEEN 25 AND 35%, AS IT HAS
8 PREVIOUSLY. IN CURRENT UTILIZATION IS LOW, FITTING WITH THE
9 CURRENT LOW RATES OF COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION AND THE MORE
10 READILY AVAILABLE ANTIGEN TEST KITS THAT ARE OUT THERE. SLIDE
11 10 SHOWS DISTRIBUTION OF TEST KITS SITES, WHICH REMAINS
12 UNCHANGED. IT'S STILL 28 SITES, AND WE HAVE NO PLANS TO CLOSE
13 ANY OF THESE SITES. SLIDE 11, AS WE MOVE BEYOND THE SURGE, I
14 WANT TO WALK YOU THROUGH BOTH THE CHANGES WE HAVE ALREADY MADE
15 TO THE COMMUNITY TEST SITES AS COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION HAS GONE
16 DOWN, AND ALSO THE CHANGES WE ARE LOOKING TO MAKE OVER THE
17 NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS. SO FIRST, FOR ALL OUR CHANGES, WE'RE
18 COLLABORATING REGULARLY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
19 TO STRATEGICALLY RAMP DOWN TESTING SITES USING THE BEST
20 AVAILABLE DATA ON HOW COVID IS IMPACTING THE MOST AT RISK
21 COMMUNITIES BASED ON H.P.I. AND WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO D.P.H.
22 FOR THEIR ONGOING COLLABORATION AND SUPPORT. WITH THE DECLINE
23 IN TRANSMISSIONS, SEVERAL SITES, WHETHER IT IS FIXED OR MOBILE
24 TEST SITES, HAVE CLOSED OR HAVE MOVED TO PRE-SURGE HOURS AND
25 CAPACITY. SPECIFICALLY, ALL OF THE STATE FUNDED OPTUM SITES

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1 AND THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE COUNTY OPERATED FULGENT SITES
2 HAVE REDUCED TO THEIR PRE-SURGE CAPACITY AND HOURS. ALSO
3 SEVERAL SITES HAVE CLOSED, INCLUDING ONE OF OUR COUNTY MOBILE
4 SITES, TWO OF THE COUNTY -- TWO OF THE FIXED SITES THAT ARE
5 RUN BY CORE, AND TWO OF THE FEDERAL ICAT SITES. WE WILL
6 CONTINUE, THOUGH, TO OFFER THE MAIL TEST KIT PROGRAM, BUT IT
7 CHANGED TO THE PRE-SURGE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA, IN WHICH TEST
8 KITS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE
9 HOMEBOUND OR HAVE MOBILITY CHALLENGES AND CANNOT EASILY ACCESS
10 A TESTING SITE. AND AS I JUST MENTIONED, WE WILL CONTINUE OUR
11 TEST KIT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM. MANY OF THOSE SITES ARE
12 CURRENTLY BASED AT L.A. COUNTY LIBRARIES IN ADDITION TO A
13 NUMBER OF OTHER SITES, AND WE DON'T HAVE ANY PLANS TO CLOSE
14 DOWN THOSE SITES. I WANT TO EXTEND MY APPRECIATION TO THE
15 LIBRARIES AND TO THE ENTIRE DEPARTMENT. THEIR STAFF HAVE BEEN
16 WONDERFUL. AND I AM VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THEIR WILLINGNESS TO
17 CONTINUE TO OPEN UP THEIR FACILITIES AND USE THEM AS TEST KIT
18 DISTRIBUTION SITES. AND FINALLY, ON SLIDE 12, LOOKING FORWARD,
19 OUR GOAL IS TO MATCH THE COMMUNITY'S P.C.R. TESTING FOOTPRINT
20 WITH THE DECREASING TESTING DEMAND, WHILE FOCUSING THROUGHOUT
21 ON PRESERVING ACCESS TO THE HIGHEST RISK H.P.I. COMMUNITIES.
22 AND THERE'S THREE BROAD CATEGORIES OF ACTIVITY. FIRST, WE WILL
23 MAINTAIN A FOCUS ON COMMUNITY TESTING OPERATIONS. A CORE PIECE
24 OF THIS, AS I MENTIONED, WILL BE TEST KIT PICK UP SITES. WE
25 CURRENTLY HAVE THE 28 SITES, AND TO THE EXTENT THAT THOSE SITE

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1 OPERATORS CONTINUE TO WELCOME US USING THEIR FACILITIES, WE
2 WILL CONTINUE TO OFFER THOSE SITES, BUT WE ARE ALSO LOOKING AT
3 FURTHER EXPANDING FOOTPRINT OF THOSE TEST PICK UP DISTRIBUTION
4 SITES THROUGH OTHER PARTNERSHIPS WITH CITIES, THROUGHOUT LOS
5 ANGELES COUNTY, AS WELL AS THEIR LIBRARIES OR OTHER
6 JURISDICTIONS. WE WILL KEEP A LIMITED NUMBER OF HIGH VOLUME
7 AND WELL-ESTABLISHED FIXED SITES THAT ARE OPERATIONAL AND USE
8 OUR MOBILE TESTING CAPACITY TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO SPIKES IN
9 DEMAND OR GEOGRAPHIC AREAS THAT MIGHT BE HAVING TROUBLE
10 OFFERING SUFFICIENT ACCESS TO TESTING. AND WE WILL CONTINUE
11 THE MAIL HOME KIT PROGRAM FOR THOSE WHO HAVE TROUBLE GETTING
12 TO A TESTING SITE. SECOND, WE WILL WORK WITH A VARIETY OF
13 TESTING PARTNERS JUST AS WE HAVE THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC TO BE
14 ABLE SAFEGUARD ACCESS AND SLOWLY RAMP UP THEIR ABILITY TO
15 PROVIDE ACCESS TO TESTING. WE WILL DO THIS THROUGH TECHNICAL
16 ASSISTANCE AND PARTNERSHIP WITH THOSE THAT ARE SEEKING TO
17 OFFER TESTING, INCLUDING BY ESCALATING WORK WITH A VARIETY OF
18 PRIVATE SECTOR HEALTHCARE PARTNERS AND MOST NOTABLY WITH THE
19 HEALTH PLANS THAT ULTIMATELY HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO
20 PROVIDE AND FUND TESTING FOR THEIR PATIENTS. THE COUNTY'S
21 COVID WEBSITE IS A ROBUST SOURCE OF INFORMATION. I ENCOURAGE
22 THE PUBLIC TO REFER TO IT FREQUENTLY. THERE'S A LOT OF
23 INFORMATION THERE. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR ALSO JUST WANT TO
24 KNOW WHERE YOU CAN ACCESS A LEGITIMATE NO-COST VETTED TESTING
25 SITE, PLEASE REFER TO THAT WEBSITE. IT IS CONTINUALLY UPDATED.

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1 AND FINALLY, WHILE CASES ARE DECLINING, WE REALIZE THAT THIS
2 PANDEMIC IS NOT YET BEHIND US, AND WE MAY VERY WELL FACE
3 FUTURE SURGES. IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
4 HEALTH, WE WILL KEEP TRACKING DATA SO WE CAN QUICKLY RAMP BACK
5 UP TESTING AT THE EARLIEST INDICATION OF A SURGE. AND IN ORDER
6 TO DO SO MORE QUICKLY, WE PLAN TO MAINTAIN FLEXIBLE SITE USE
7 AGREEMENTS IN PLACE WITH ANY PARTNER WHO IS WILLING TO DO SO
8 WITH US SO WE CAN PIVOT MORE QUICKLY IN THE FUTURE, SO RATHER
9 THAN CANCELING THE SITE USE AGREEMENTS OR LETTING THEM EXPIRE,
10 WE PLAN TO KEEP THOSE IN PLACE. AN EXPANDED FOOTPRINT OF TEST
11 PICK UP AND DROP OFF SITES WILL ALSO BE A CORE PART OF THE
12 STRATEGY AND WILL HELP US TO ESTABLISH THE GEOGRAPHICALLY
13 DISPERSED INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO OFFER
14 QUICK ACCESS TO TESTING IF WE NEED IT DURING A SURGE AT POINTS
15 THAT ARE VERY CONVENIENT FOR INDIVIDUALS ACROSS THE COUNTY. I
16 WILL CLOSE THERE, BUT HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS, THANK
17 YOU.

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19 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, DR. GHALY AND DR.
20 FERRER. WE WILL START WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS A QUESTION AND
21 WILL BE FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER AND THEN KUEHL. AND I
22 SEE MS. HAHN.

23
24 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO THANK YOU BOTH
25 FOR THE PRESENTATION, DR. FERRER AND DR. GHALY, AND I JUST

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1 WANT TO MAKE SOME OBSERVATIONS FIRST AND THEN ASK SOME
2 QUESTIONS. MY STAFF PUT TOGETHER SOME DATA FOR ME RECENTLY.
3 THIS IS WHAT THEY HAVE PRESENTED TO ME. THERE ARE 181,000 KIDS
4 AGE 5-11 IN MY DISTRICT, AND THAT'S DISTRICT ONE. OF THOSE,
5 ONLY 60,000 HAVE BEEN VACCINATED, MEANING THAT ABOUT 121,000
6 OF THOSE CHILDREN ARE VULNERABLE. AND THE FOLLOWING S.D. 1
7 COMMUNITIES HAVE A 25% OR BELOW OF CHILDREN 5 TO 11
8 VACCINATED. AND THESE ARE THE AREAS THAI TOWN, WESTLAKE,
9 LITTLE ARMENIA, AZUSA, UNINCORPORATED AZUSA, EAST HOLLYWOOD,
10 PICO-UNION, POMONA, UNINCORPORATED SAN JOSE HILLS, BOYLE
11 HEIGHTS, SOUTH EL MONTE, AND I KNOW THAT D.P.H. HAS ALSO
12 IDENTIFIED EAST L.A. AND SAN GABRIEL AS AREAS OF CONCERN. SO I
13 CONTINUE TO BE VERY, VERY CONCERNED BECAUSE OF THE HIGH LEVEL
14 OF POVERTY, AND ESPECIALLY THAT SOME OF THESE CHILDREN ARE
15 ATTENDING TITLE ONE SCHOOLS -- PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN MANY CASES.
16 AND I REALLY WANT TO UNDERSTAND BETTER HOW WE ARE GOING TO BE
17 MESSAGING TO THEIR PARENTS OR TO THE SCHOOL SITES, AND I KNOW
18 WE ARE I THINK SOMEWHAT TAKEN FOR GRANTED THAT THE SCHOOLS ARE
19 IN CHARGE OF ALL OUR CHILDREN, BUT IF THESE NUMBERS PERSIST,
20 WE ARE MISSING SOMETHING HERE. AND THAT'S WHAT I REMAIN VERY
21 CONCERNED ABOUT. SO I WANT TO HEAR HOW WE ARE GOING TO KIND OF
22 FOCUS ON TRYING TO GET AT LEAST -- I SEE IN MY DISTRICT, A
23 VERY LARGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN THAT AGE GROUP THAT ARE STILL
24 UNVACCINATED AND LIVE IN POVERTY, WE KNOW THAT, THE CITIES I
25 NAMED, AND HOW ARE WE GOING TO BRIDGE THAT GAP, WHILE WE MOVE

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1 INTO THIS MAYBE MODERATE OR LOW FOCUSED AREA WHERE YOU DON'T
2 NEED TO WEAR MASKS AND ALL OF THAT BECAUSE, AS YOU WELL KNOW,
3 BOTH OF YOU WELL KNOW, MANY OF THESE CHILDREN LIVE IN FAMILIES
4 WHERE THEIR PARENTS OR THEIR GUARDIANS ARE ESSENTIAL WORKERS.
5 AND THAT'S THE HIGHEST GROUP THAT'S ALSO IMPACTED IN TERMS OF
6 BEING UNVACCINATED. SO I HAVE TWO STRIKES AGAINST MY FOLKS IN
7 MY DISTRICT THAT ARE VERY LARGE. AND AS YOU KNOW, THE NUMBERS
8 THAT YOU HAVE INDICATED ALREADY, WE HAVE THE HIGHEST RATE OF
9 DEATHS EXPERIENCED AS WELL AS THOSE THAT HAD TO BE
10 HOSPITALIZED BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT VACCINATED. SO I JUST
11 WANTED TO PUT THAT OUT THERE AND SEE WHAT YOUR RESPONSES ARE
12 ON THAT.

13

14 **DR. FERRER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND PLEASE
15 THANK YOUR STAFF. I KNOW WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO SHARE THE DATA
16 SO THAT FOLKS CAN SEE THE MAP WE PRODUCED AFTER LAST WEEK'S
17 REQUEST THAT DO SHOW SORT OF ALARMING GAPS BY GEOGRAPHY AND BY
18 RACE AND ETHNICITY AMONG CHILDREN 5 TO 11, AND VERY LOW
19 COVERAGE OVERALL. WE ONLY HAVE A HANDFUL OF AREAS IN THE
20 COUNTY THAT ARE OVER 50% ON COVERAGE. AND THAT IS DISTRESSING.
21 I WANT TO TALK FIRST ABOUT SOME FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO THE
22 LOWER COVERAGE RATES BECAUSE I I DON'T THINK IT IS -- I DON'T
23 THINK THERE -- I THINK THERE ARE CONCERNS THAT PARENTS ARE
24 RAISING THAT ARE LEGITIMATE. SO I WANT TO GIVE VOICE TO SORT
25 OF THE REASONABLENESS AMONG PARENTS AND NOT SORT OF SAY THIS

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1 IS LIKE AN ANTIVAX MOVEMENT THAT'S REALLY TAKING HOLD. MANY OF
2 THESE FAMILIES HAVE, AS ADULTS, THE ADULTS ARE VACCINATED AND
3 OLDER TEENS ARE VACCINATED, BUT WHERE THERE TENDS TO BE A LOT
4 OF HESITANCY IS AMONG THE YOUNGER CHILDREN. AND I THINK FOR
5 SOME, THERE ARE A COUPLE OF THINGS THAT FOLKS WERE WORRIED
6 ABOUT. THEY FELT LIKE THERE WASN'T ENOUGH STUDY, AND YOUNGER
7 CHILDREN ARE MORE VULNERABLE IN SORT OF -- HOW WE THINK ABOUT
8 YOUNGER CHILDREN. THERE'S ALSO -- AND IT IS REAL, THERE'S DATA
9 THAT DOES LET US KNOW THAT YOUNGER CHILDREN, WHILE VERY
10 CAPABLE OF SPREADING TO OTHERS AND SPREADING TO A HIGHER RISK
11 POPULATION, THEY THEMSELVES HAVE, AND CONTINUE TO BE, AT LOWER
12 RISK. AND THEN THERE'S INFORMATION THAT COMES OUT THAT IS
13 QUESTIONING, AT THIS POINT, THE EFFICACY OF THE VACCINE DOSE
14 FOR 5-11 YEAR OLDS. SO I WANT TO SAY A LOT OF PARENTS WELL-
15 INFORMED, LOOKING AT THE FACT THAT NOW THERE'S SOME EVIDENCE
16 THAT SUGGESTS THAT, WHILE THESE VACCINES WORKED REALLY WELL
17 AGAINST SEVERE ILLNESS, THEY HAVEN'T BEEN WORKING SO WELL
18 AGAINST PREVENTING TRANSMISSION. THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING LESS
19 WELL THAN THE ADULT DOSE THAT'S GIVEN TO TEENS AND ADULTS. SO
20 I WANT TO NOTE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE TALK WITH PARENTS
21 AND HEAR WHAT THESE CONCERNS ARE AND THEN PRESENT THE
22 INFORMATION THAT WE HAVE ABOUT WHY, IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT
23 THIS IS RELATIVELY NEW, AND IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT IT
24 HASN'T WORKED AS WELL AS PEOPLE HOPED, IT DOES, IN FACT, ADD A
25 LAYER OF PROTECTION. AND THAT LAYER OF PROTECTION HELPS THE

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1 CHILD BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, HELPS EVERYBODY AROUND THE CHILD.
2 SO YOU ARE RIGHT TO NOTE, PARTICULARLY IN SCHOOLS, THIS MAY
3 SEEM LIKE A LAYER OF PROTECTION THAT WE ARE GOING TO WANT TO
4 MAKE SURE PEOPLE HAVE EASY ACCESS TO INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO
5 THINK ABOUT VACCINATING YOUNGER CHILDREN. I ALSO THINK, AS
6 TIME GOES ON, AND THERE'S MORE EVIDENCE THAT CONCLUSIVELY
7 SHOWS HOW LITTLE RISK THESE VACCINES ARE PRESENTING TO YOUNGER
8 CHILDREN, MORE PARENTS WILL FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE ABOUT DOING
9 THIS, BUT I THINK WE HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IT TAKES TIME
10 FOR US TO BE ABLE TO GET ANSWERS TO EVERYONE'S QUESTIONS. AND
11 THERE ARE SOME VERY REASONABLE QUESTIONS BEING ASKED AROUND
12 VACCINATIONS FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN. AS PUBLIC HEALTH FOLKS
13 KNOW, IT SEEMS VERY CLEAR TO US ALL THE THE ADVANTAGES, BUT I
14 THINK FROM A PARENT'S PERSPECTIVE, IT IS WORTH US PAYING
15 ATTENTION TO THEIR QUESTIONS AND SPENDING MORE TIME PROVIDING
16 INFORMATION. I DO ALSO WANT TO SAY, WHAT WE ALSO WANT DO IS
17 MAKE IT SUPER EASY FOR PARENTS TO GET THEIR CHILDREN
18 VACCINATED. THIS WEEK, I THINK THERE IS OVER 280 VACCINATION
19 CLINICS THAT ARE AT SCHOOL SITES. KNOWING THAT SCHOOLS ARE
20 OFTEN PLACES, A) WHERE PARENTS AND CHILDREN GO EVERY DAY, AND
21 B) THEY REPRESENT FOR SOME FAMILIES A TRUSTED INSTITUTION IN
22 THE COMMUNITY, WE HAVE REALLY DRAMATICALLY SHIFTED THE FOCUS
23 FOR SOME OF OUR MOBILE TEAMS TO ALLOW US TO EXPAND THAT ACCESS
24 AT SCHOOLS AND SITES. AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO THAT. WE
25 DON'T -- JUST BECAUSE WE MAY HAVE LOW VOLUME AT SOME OF THE

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1 MOBILE TEAM SITES DOESN'T MEAN WE DON'T CONTINUE TO REALLY
2 OFFER THAT AT THE SCHOOL SITES. SO I THINK WE'RE GOING TO
3 CONTINUE TO DO THAT. WE ARE ALSO DOING A BETTER JOB ENROLLING
4 PARENTS AND OLDER STUDENTS IN OUR AMBASSADOR PROGRAM. WE HAVE
5 A STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM, AND WE HAVE A PARENT AMBASSADOR
6 PROGRAM. AND I WANT TO SAY PARTICULARLY IMPRESSIVE IS THE
7 OUTPOURING OF LATINA AND LATINO PARENTS THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO
8 BECOME AMBASSADORS AND GO THROUGH A TRAINING, AND THEY HAVE
9 EASY ACCESS TO US. WE DO SORT OF A WEEKLY CHECK-IN WITH THE
10 AMBASSADORS, BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, THEY HAVE ACCESS TO A LOT
11 OF GOOD INFORMATION THEY CAN SHARE WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND
12 FRIENDS, AND THE SAME THING FOR STUDENTS, AND I THINK THOSE
13 ARE BOTH PROGRAMS THAT WILL CONTINUE TO EXPAND, MOBILE SITES
14 AT SCHOOLS AND MAKING SURE THAT WE CONTINUE TO REACH OUT TO
15 COMMUNITY RESIDENTS WHO WANT TO BE AMBASSADORS, WANT TO GET
16 MORE INFORMATION, WANT TO HAVE ACCESS TO GETTING THEIR
17 QUESTIONS ANSWERED THAT THEY CAN ENROLL IN THESE AMBASSADOR
18 PROGRAMS. SO, YOU KNOW, I'M HOPING OVER TIME THAT WE SEE
19 BETTER COVERAGE.

20
21 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. AND I WOULD APPRECIATE IF WE COULD GET
22 A BETTER UPDATE AS WE MOVE ALONG WHAT PROGRESS WE ARE MAKING
23 IN THESE AREAS WHERE WE FIND THE UNVACCINATED SO HIGH. I
24 THINK THAT FOR ME IS A MEASUREMENT OF HOW WELL AND EFFECTIVE -
25 - BECAUSE I DO AGREE WITH YOU THAT IT ISN'T FAMILIES THAT ARE

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1 REFUSING TO GET VACCINATED. IT'S REALLY LACK OF ACCESS AND
2 INFORMATION AND ACCESSIBILITY. AND I THINK THAT IS STILL OUR
3 PROBLEM. I UNDERSTAND THAT SOME OF OUR FEDERALLY QUALIFIED
4 CLINICS, SOME MAY STILL BE OFFERING VACCINES, BUT I DON'T
5 THINK MANY OF THEM ALSO ARE PARTICIPATING AS WE WOULD THINK IN
6 TERMS OF JUST TESTING BECAUSE THEY ARE COMING UP WITH THE
7 BARRIER THERE THAT IF YOU PRESENT A TEST TO SOMEONE, YOU HAVE
8 TO GET THAT BACK AND RECORD IT. AND IF NOT, YOU ARE NOT GOING
9 GET CREDIT FOR THAT OR GET FUNDED FOR IT, AND I THINK THAT IS
10 A REAL BARRIER FOR OUR FEDERALLY QUALIFIED AND CLINICS THAT
11 ARE OUT THERE. I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE, AS POLICY
12 MAKERS, SHOULD BE LOOKING AT BECAUSE, INHERENTLY, THAT'S A BIG
13 OBSTACLE THAT IS HAPPENING. SO, THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, DO YOU HAVE
16 ANOTHER QUESTION?

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS:** NO, I THINK -- YEAH, I MEAN UNLESS, BARBARA, YOU
19 WANTED TO RESPOND ON THAT?

20

21 **DR. FERRER:** I CAN JUST NOTE THAT YOU'RE RAISING AN IMPORTANT
22 ISSUE ON THE POLICY AROUND REIMBURSEMENT TO THE FEDERALLY
23 QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS. UNFORTUNATELY, WITH C.M.S., IT
24 REQUIRED A STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO GET THEM THEIR
25 REIMBURSEMENT. I BELIEVE -- WENT SENT THE LETTER FROM HERE

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1 BACK BOTH TO C.M.S. AND TO THE STATE REQUESTING THIS GET
2 EXPEDITED KNOWING HOW HARD IT IS FOR SOME OF THESE FEDERALLY
3 QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS. THE LARGER ONES ARE OWED MILLIONS OF
4 DOLLARS IN SORT OF THE FEES THAT THEY HAVEN'T COLLECTED FOR
5 REALLY OVER A YEAR OF DOING VACCINATIONS. SO I THINK IT'S A
6 REALLY IMPORTANT ISSUE. I'M HAPPY TO SHARE THE LETTERS WE
7 SENT. I BELIEVE I HEARD THAT THE STATE PLAN AMENDMENT WAS
8 FILED AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR, AND THAT C.M.S. IS
9 EXPEDITING THE REVIEW, BUT THANK YOU FOR RAISING THAT BECAUSE
10 THE FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS HAVE BEEN OUR MAJOR
11 PARTNER ON JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING RELATED TO COVID FROM DAY
12 ONE. AND THIS IS A SITUATION WHERE WE REALLY NEED TO DO
13 EVERYTHING WE CAN FROM OUR SIDE TO HELP THEM MAKE SURE THEY
14 CAN GET THAT REIMBURSEMENT.

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, I I JUST THINK WE NEED TO
17 WEIGH IN IF WE NEED TO. THAT'S ALL I'M SAYING, PERHAPS AT THE
18 FEDERAL LEVEL.

19

20 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I COULDN'T AGREE MORE.

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU BOTH AGAIN FOR THE PRESENTATION. THANK
23 YOU.

24

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** MAYBE WE SHOULD TALK ABOUT WAYS IN WHICH
2 WE COULD DO THAT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU,
5 DR. FERRER AND DR. GHALY FOR THE UPDATES CHRONICLING THE
6 COUNTY'S COVID-19 DEVELOPMENT. I REALLY DO APPRECIATE IT. I
7 THINK IT IS ENCOURAGING THAT OUR COUNTY'S HIGH LEVEL OF
8 VACCINATION AND COMMUNITY IMMUNITY HAS LEAD TO THE QUICK
9 DECLINE OF THE OMICRON SURGE. OBVIOUSLY, WE HOPE FOR THE BEST,
10 BUT WE PREPARE FOR THE WORST. I THINK THAT'S CONSISTENTLY WHAT
11 WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN PREPARED TO DO. I WANT TO THANK YOU, DR.
12 FERRER AND YOUR TEAM FOR THE QUICK RESPONSE OVER THE LAST WEEK
13 TO THE CONSTANTLY CHANGING STATE AND FEDERAL GUIDANCE, WHICH
14 IT HAS BEEN. I THINK THAT WHEN WE HEAR WHEN THE STATE IS GOING
15 TO DO SOMETHING, WE HAVE TO PREPARE AND ASSUME THAT IT'S GOING
16 TO BE MOVE FORWARD AND BE PREPARED BECAUSE ONE OF THE THINGS
17 OVER THE WEEKEND I HAD PEOPLE COMING UP TO ME ASKING ME FOR
18 CLARITY ON THE MASKING, AND, QUITE FRANKLY, I COULDN'T GIVE
19 THEM CLARITY BECAUSE IN PASADENA, PASADENA ALIGNED WITH THE
20 STATE. SO DID LONG BEACH. AND SO, I AM GRATEFUL, AND I THINK,
21 FOR ME, THE TAKEAWAY FROM WHAT YOU SAID TODAY IS, BASED ON
22 YOUR COMMENTS, THAT WE WILL BE ALIGNING WITH THE STATE BY
23 FRIDAY, GIVEN THE C.D.C. CHANGES AND WHERE THE STATE IS. I
24 THINK THAT'S MY TAKE AWAY FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE LISTENING IS THAT
25 BY FRIDAY, WE'RE ALL ON THE SAME PAGE. BUT AGAIN -- AND YOU

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1 SAID IT -- THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU THROW AWAY YOUR MASK. THEY DO
2 STILL SERVE A PURPOSE, AND I KNOW I'VE GONE INTO BUSINESSES
3 WHERE IN OTHER COUNTIES WHERE MASKING IS NOT REQUIRED BUT THE
4 BUSINESSES SAY WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO HAVE MASKING. THAT IS
5 THEIR PREROGATIVE. AND SO, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO
6 NOTE THAT MOVING FORWARD DOESN'T MEAN THAT MASKS ARE
7 IRRELEVANT. IT MEANS THAT IT'S YOUR CHOICE, BUT AT THE SAME
8 TIME RECOGNIZE THAT I THINK THE GOVERNOR SAID WE'RE MOVING
9 FROM A PANDEMIC TO AN ENDEMIC. AND I THINK THAT IS REALLY KIND
10 OF WHERE WE HAVE TO BE. WE HAVE TO ALWAYS BE ON OUR TOES. I
11 JUST WANT TO PUBLICLY THANK YOU FOR THAT, BUT I HAVE A
12 QUESTION FOR BOTH OF YOU THAT KIND OF MOVES INTO THAT ENDEMIC
13 ROLE. AND THAT IS, OVER THE THE PAST TWO YEARS, WE'VE SEEN
14 THAT THE HARDEST HIT COMMUNITIES FROM COVID-19 HAVE BEEN
15 COMMUNITIES WITH DISPROPORTIONATE LEVELS OF POOR HEALTHCARE
16 OUTCOMES AND BARRIERS TO HEALTHCARE ACCESS, SOMETHING THAT,
17 DR. FERRER, YOU HAVE TALKED ABOUT CONSISTENTLY WHEN WE WERE
18 ROLLING OUT NOT ONLY VACCINATION BUT EVEN CARE IN COMMUNITIES.
19 AS WE TRANSITION TO THIS POST- SURGE PLAN AND PREPARE FOR THE
20 ENDEMIC, HOW ARE WE LOOKING MORE BROADLY AT THE STRUCTURAL
21 SYSTEMS THAT HAVE LED TO THESE ADVERSE HEALTH OUTCOMES, AND
22 ARE WE GOING TO BE USING DATA WE'VE COLLECTED FROM COVID TO
23 BETTER IMPROVE ACCESS TO SERVICES. AND I THINK, SUPERVISOR
24 SOLIS, YOU TALK ABOUT THE F.Q.H.C.'S, WHICH ARE A VALUED
25 PARTNER IN THOSE COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN THE HARDEST HIT,

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1 BUT I THINK THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US BECAUSE WE NOW HAVE
2 SEEN IT IN REAL TIME WITH A PANDEMIC HOW IT'S IMPACTED THESE
3 COMMUNITIES. SO I WOULD JUST LIKE FOR BOTH OF YOU TO GIVE ME
4 YOUR THOUGHTS ON HOW WE MOVE FORWARD.

5

6 **DR. FERRER:** SURE. I CAN START. I THINK YOU'RE ASKING THE MOST
7 IMPORTANT QUESTION RIGHT NOW, WHICH IS WE'RE SEEING RIGHT IN
8 FRONT OF US SORT OF THE DEVASTATING IMPACT OF
9 DISPROPORTIONALITY ON PEOPLE'S LIVES. IT'S NOT HAPPENING OVER
10 A LONG PERIOD OF TIME. IT'S HAPPENING EVERY DAY, AND THE DATA
11 SHOWS IT TO US. AND I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT TO SAY WE CAN DO SOME
12 THINGS VERY SPECIFIC IN THE COVID RESPONSE TO TRY TO MITIGATE,
13 BUT THE PROBLEMS GO MUCH DEEPER. AND THEY'RE MUCH MORE
14 FUNDAMENTAL TO NOT JUST HOW WE ORGANIZE HEALTHCARE SERVICES,
15 BUT HOW WE ORGANIZE ACCESS TO THE RESOURCES THAT ARE HEALTH-
16 AFFIRMING, THAT REALLY HELP YOU HAVE ACCESS TO GOOD FOOD, THAT
17 HELP YOU HAVE ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITIES TO BE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE,
18 THAT HELP YOU TO HAVE ACCESS TO CLEAN AIR, CLEAN WATER. WE
19 DEAL WITH THE FACT THAT WE HAVE GOT POLLUTING INDUSTRIES THAT
20 ARE IN THE HEART OF SOME RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES. SO FIRST,
21 I'D REALLY START BY THANKING THE BOARD, SUPERVISOR BARGER, ALL
22 OF YOU, BECAUSE I THINK THE EFFORTS AROUND ENVIRONMENTAL
23 JUSTICE THAT EVERYONE HAS SUPPORTED AND EFFORT AROUND R.D.,
24 WHICH IS TO SAY FUNDAMENTAL TO EVERYTHING WE DO WITH COUNTY
25 DOLLARS HAS TO BE THE RECOGNITION THAT WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND

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1 THE IMPACT, WHETHER IT'S INTENTIONAL OR UNINTENTIONAL, WHERE
2 RESOURCES GO HAS A FUNDAMENTAL VERY IMPORTANT IMPACT ON
3 PEOPLE'S HEALTH. WE CAN'T REALLY SORT OF SEPARATE OUT AND SAY
4 THE ONLY THING WE HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT, THE ONLY FACTORS THAT
5 CONTRIBUTE TO WHETHER YOU'RE A HEALTHY PERSON OR NOT SUCH A
6 HEALTHY PERSON IS YOUR ACCESS TO MEDICAL CARE OR YOUR PERSONAL
7 BEHAVIORS BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT JUST ISN'T TRUE. WE KEEP SEEING
8 IT OVER AND OVER. SO, I'D START BY COMMENDING THE BOARD FOR
9 TAKING THE HARD STEP OF SAYING THIS IS A SYSTEM WIDE APPROACH.
10 WHEREVER WE ARE, WE HAVE TO THINK ABOUT HOW DO WE MAKE SURE
11 THAT IN THE HARDEST HIT COMMUNITIES THAT WE JUST SAW THOSE
12 HEALTH-AFFIRMING RESOURCES THAT YOU'RE ALL FIGHTING SO HARD
13 FOR US TO ALLOCATE EQUITABLY ACTUALLY BECOME MORE AVAILABLE.
14 IT DOESN'T MEAN I DON'T THINK THERE ARE ISSUES WE NEED TO
15 ADDRESS IN THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM THAT MAKE IT MUCH EASIER FOR
16 -- BECAUSE I KNOW THERE IS AN ACCESS BARRIER THAT REALLY IS
17 PUZZLING IN THIS CENTURY, ESPECIALLY IN THIS STATE. SO IT'S
18 NOT LIKE WE CAN'T ALSO PAY ATTENTION TO THAT, BUT I LOVE THE
19 APPROACH THAT THE SUPERVISORS HAVE TAKEN ON SAYING WE NEED TO
20 LOOK AT ISSUES AROUND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING. WE NEED TO LOOK AT
21 ACCESS TO A WHOLE RANGE OF SERVICES THAT HELP PEOPLE STAY
22 HEALTHY, NOT JUST THAT TREAT THEM WHEN THEY'RE SICK, IN ORDER
23 TO ACTUALLY ADDRESS THE DISPROPORTIONALITY WE'RE SEEING WHERE
24 SOME PEOPLE, EVEN IF THEY'RE FULLY VACCINATED, HAVE MUCH WORSE
25 OUTCOMES FROM A DISEASE LIKE COVID THAN OTHER PEOPLE. SO I

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1 APPLAUD THE LEADERSHIP THAT YOU AND THE OTHER SUPERVISORS HAVE
2 BEEN PROVIDING ON THIS, AND ANXIOUS TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH
3 THE OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS BECAUSE I DON'T THINK IT'S JUST
4 THE HEALTH DEPARTMENTS THAT CAN DO THIS BY OURSELVES, BUT ALSO
5 TAKE SERIOUSLY YOUR REQUEST THAT WE LOOK AT WHAT'S IN OUR
6 PURVIEW AND MAKE SURE THAT OUR SERVICES, OUR SUPPORT, OUR
7 POLICIES AND PRACTICES ARE ACTUALLY GOING TO ADDRESS WHAT WE
8 JUST WITNESSED FOR THESE PAST TWO YEARS SO THAT WE DON'T
9 UNINTENTIONALLY CONTINUE THINGS THAT EXACERBATE THE PROBLEM.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **DR. FERRER:** I'M SURE DR. GHALY --

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15 **DR. GHALY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I THINK THIS IS THE KEY
16 QUESTION. AND I APPRECIATE THE FOCUS ON IT. I'LL TAKE IT
17 REALLY IN TWO LEVELS. ONE, D.H.S., WE OPERATE HOSPITALS AND
18 CLINICS. WE ARE PART OF THE HEALTH SYSTEM,, AND I THINK THERE
19 IS A WAY IN WHICH THE HEALTH SYSTEMS IN THE UNITED STATES, IN
20 CALIFORNIA, IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, IN D.H.S., ALL OF US NEED
21 TO CONTINUE TO IMPROVE, AND THERE IS WORK TO BE DONE THERE.
22 THERE IS WORK TO RESTORE FAITH AND TRUST IN THE HEALTH SYSTEM
23 AMONG COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE HISTORICALLY FELT BETRAYED FOR A
24 VARIETY OF REASONS. WE NEED TO WORK TO IMPROVE ACCESS. WE NEED
25 TO RELENTLESSLY USE DATA TO LOOK AT TRUE OUTCOMES, NOT PROCESS

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1 MEASURES, BUT OUTCOMES AND STRATIFY THOSE OUTCOMES BY AT RISK
2 GROUPS, WHETHER IT'S ALONG RACIAL OR ETHNICITY LINES OR OTHER
3 FACTORS. AND SO, THERE IS WORK IN THE HEALTH SYSTEM TO DO. BUT
4 IT'S NOT ONLY THE HEALTH SYSTEM, AND I THINK THIS IS IN LINE
5 WITH THE DR. FERRER'S COMMENTS AS WELL. THERE IS UTILIZATION
6 IN THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM THAT DOESN'T DO ANYTHING TO IMPROVE
7 HEALTH. SOMETIMES, THAT'S BECAUSE THE UTILIZATION THAT'S
8 HAPPENING JUST REALLY ISN'T RELATED TO ACTUALLY IMPROVING
9 HEALTH, BUT THERE'S ALSO SOMETIMES IT HAPPENS TOO LATE. BY THE
10 TIME, WE'RE TAKING CARE OF SOMEONE WITH DIABETES IN A LIMB
11 SALVAGE CLINIC, WE'RE WAY TOO LATE TO THE GAME TO REALLY BEING
12 ABLE TO IMPROVE THEIR HEALTH AND COULD GIVE YOU COUNTLESS
13 OTHER EXAMPLES OF THAT. THIS IS WHERE THE COUNTY'S FOCUS OVER
14 THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS AND EACH OF YOU AS INDIVIDUAL LEADERS
15 AND THE COUNTY I KNOW HAVE BEEN MARCHING TO THIS DRUM AND
16 REALLY BEING LEADERS IN THIS, BUT IT'S ADDRESSING THOSE ROOT
17 CAUSES OF POOR HEALTH, THOSE ROOT CAUSES OF INEQUALITY AND
18 INEQUITY, ROOT CAUSES THAT LEAD TO RACE BASED INEQUALITIES IN
19 HEALTH OUTCOMES, WHETHER IT'S SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH,
20 WHETHER IT'S POVERTY AND LOOKING AT GUARANTEED BASIC INCOME OR
21 OTHER PROGRAMS, WHETHER IT'S REFORMING THE EDUCATION SYSTEM,
22 PROVIDING ACCESS TO GOOD, WELL-PAYING JOBS, WHETHER IT'S
23 LOOKING AT HOUSING AND STABILITY OF HOUSING FOR POPULATIONS
24 THAT ARE AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS, WHETHER IT'S TRYING TO BREAK
25 THE CYCLE OF INCARCERATION THROUGH TREATMENT OF PEOPLE WITH

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1 SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS OR ADDICTIONS. THESE ARE THE
2 FUNDAMENTAL ROOT PROBLEMS THAT WE NEED TO ADDRESS AS A SOCIETY
3 AND COUNTY, AND ULTIMATELY THAT WILL LEAD TO BETTER HEALTH AND
4 BETTER HEALTH OUTCOMES. SO IT'S A BOTH-AND. IT'S NOT TO SAY
5 THE HEALTH SYSTEM HAS ALL OF THE RESPONSIBILITY OR THIS OTHER.
6 I THINK BOTH NEED TO DO THEIR PIECE OF THE WORK. BUT SO MANY
7 OF THE PROBLEMS THAT WE'RE FACING AND WHAT WILL LEAD US IF
8 THERE IS A FUTURE PANDEMIC OR A FUTURE VIRUS THAT COMES TO
9 PLAY, WE WILL NOT GET OUT OF THIS PATTERN OF HAVING THE BRUNT
10 OF THAT MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY BE BORNE BY AT-RISK
11 COMMUNITIES, LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES, UNLESS WE CAN START TO
12 RECTIFY SOME OF THOSE STRUCTURAL CHALLENGES WE HAVE WITHIN OUR
13 SOCIETY.

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15 **SUP. BARGER:** GREAT. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THOSE
16 ARE ALL MY QUESTIONS.

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

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21 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. WE HEARD FROM
22 SUPERVISOR BARGER THE PHRASE OF GOING FROM PANDEMIC TO
23 ENDEMIC. I'M STRUCK BY THE SENSE THAT I'VE HAD OVER THE PAST
24 TWO YEARS THAT WE'RE EITHER -- FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF
25 CONSTITUENTS AND THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL, WE'RE EITHER IN A

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1 SURGE WHERE WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT EVERYTHING OR GETTING
2 BACK TO NORMAL WHERE WE JUST DON'T HAVE TO CARE ABOUT
3 EVERYTHING. SO I WANT TO UNDERSCORE THIS NOTION OF ENDEMIC. IT
4 MIGHT NOT BE A FAMILIAR TERM TO A LOT OF PEOPLE, BUT IT'S KIND
5 OF LIKE THE COMMON COLD IS ENDEMIC. IT'S ALWAYS WITH US.
6 PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS GOING TO CATCH THEM. IT'S JUST NOT GOING
7 AWAY. IT'S REALLY THE SAME WITH THE FLU. WE WERE LOOKING AT
8 FLU, EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE MORE OF IT IN THE WINTER, IT'S STILL
9 SOMETHING THAT IT'S NOT LIKE OH, OKAY, WE'RE BACK TO NORMAL.
10 AND IT IS DIFFICULT BECAUSE PEOPLE HAVE SUFFERED ENORMOUSLY IN
11 MANY WAYS DURING THIS PANDEMIC. AN THE PANDEMIC IS A PHRASE
12 THAT IS MORE ABOUT AN UNUSUAL BIG OCCURRENCE. ENDEMIC IS IT'S
13 WITH US, AND IT'S GOING TO BE WITH US. SO, I WANT TO THANK YOU
14 BOTH VERY MUCH FOR THE INFORMATION THAT YOU PRESENTED FOR THIS
15 POST- SURGE PLAN BECAUSE POST-SURGE IS, OKAY, WE'RE NOT IN
16 THOSE VERY HIGH NUMBERS AT THE MOMENT, BUT WE'RE NOT OUT OF
17 THE WOODS I GUESS, AS PEOPLE USED TO SAY. AND I WANT TO THANK
18 YOU BOTH FOR THE KIND OF PLANNING THAT GOES INTO IT. DR.
19 FERRER, YOU PRESENTED AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF INFORMATION TO US,
20 WHICH WE WANT AND ASKED FOR, AND REALLY I'M VERY GRATEFUL TO
21 HAVE, BUT THE THING THAT I'M STRUCK BY IS THAT YOU'VE MANAGED
22 TO CREATE A FRAMEWORK IN WHAT YOU PRESENTED TODAY FOR THE
23 COUNTY TO ALLOW US TO ALIGN WITH THE LATEST GUIDANCE FROM THE
24 C.D.C. AS WELL AS THE STATE'S SMARTER PLAN. AND WE'VE BEEN
25 HEARING FROM OUR CONSTITUENTS, AS EVERYONE HAS, THAT THEY WANT

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1 US TO ALIGN WITH STATE AND FEDERAL GUIDANCE SO THAT IT'S JUST
2 SIMPLER FOR THEM, BUT WE HAD TO LOOK AT THE SITUATION IN OUR
3 OWN COUNTY. I MEAN, WE ARE NOT AS LOW A NUMBERS IN A LOT OF
4 THE CATEGORIES, AS WE SAW TODAY, AS MANY OTHER COUNTIES, BUT
5 I'M GLAD WE CAN TAKE THOSE STEPS NOW IN TERMS OF ALIGNING
6 BECAUSE IT REFLECTS A HARD WORK IN THE COMMUNITIES TO BRING
7 THOSE NUMBERS DOWN. IT'S NOT LIKE YOU THROW YOUR MASKS AWAY,
8 LIKE SUPERVISOR BARGER SAID. IT'S NOT LIKE YOU STOP TAKING
9 PRECAUTIONS. THAT'S WHAT BRINGS THE NUMBERS DOWN. I'M
10 PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED, DR. FERRER, BY THE METRICS THAT YOU
11 PROPOSED AS EARLY WARNING SIGNALS FOR THE COUNTY BECAUSE IT'S
12 A REALLY GOOD EXAMPLE USING OUR OWN LOCAL COUNTY DATA AND
13 IMPROVING SCIENCE. I MEAN, PEOPLE -- IT'S SORT OF LIKE WHEN WE
14 WERE GOING TO STUDY LAW IN MY PROFESSION. AND I THOUGHT, OKAY,
15 I'M GOING TO GO INTO LAW SCHOOL, AND I'M GOING TO LEARN WHAT
16 IS THE LAW. AND THE ANSWER WAS THE LAW IS AN EVER-EVOLVING
17 ARGUMENT. ESSENTIALLY, WE HAVE TO KEEP REVIEWING WHAT WE
18 LEARN. AND I THOUGHT, OKAY, BUT AT LEAST THERE IS SCIENCE. AND
19 NOW, OF COURSE, WHAT I HAVE LEARNED FROM THE TWO OF YOU AND
20 OTHERS IS THAT SCIENCE IS ALSO SOMETHING THAT'S CONSTANTLY
21 TESTING ITSELF, THAT DATA IS THE REALLY IMPORTANT BASIS FOR
22 HOW WE USE AND THINK ABOUT SCIENCE. AND USING WHAT WE'RE
23 LEARNING AS WE GO ALONG TO DEVELOP THESE WARNING INDICATORS
24 AND MAKING THEM REALLY SPECIFIC I THINK IS VERY, VERY
25 IMPORTANT. AND ALSO TO KEEP OUR EYE OUT FOR ANOTHER SURGE. WE

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1 DON'T WANT TO GO OH, CERTAINLY DIDN'T THINK THERE'D EVERY BE
2 ANOTHER SURGE. IT'S LIKE THE BOILING FROG PIECE. YOU SEE A
3 THING ESCALATING, AND YOU THINK, UH OH. THAT'S WHAT I THINK
4 THE WARNING SIGNS ARE ABOUT. I ALSO WANT TO THANK PUBLIC
5 HEALTH FOR SHARING THE METRICS AND THE COMMUNITY PROTECTIVE
6 STRATEGIES THAT WE MIGHT NEED TO INTRODUCE IF THINGS START TO
7 GET WORSE AGAIN. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO KNOW AND HAVE THEM IN
8 MIND BECAUSE YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S COMING NEXT. SO I THINK
9 THE PLAN AND THE METRICS THAT YOU SHARED GIVE US A BETTER
10 SENSE OF THE KIND OF PROTECTIVE STRATEGIES THAT WE SHOULD
11 CONTINUE TO EMPLOY AND THE METRICS WE'LL CONTINUE TO LOOK AT.
12 AND OF COURSE, AS EACH OF MY COLLEAGUES HAS SAID, I WANT TO
13 THANK YOU BOTH FOR YOUR CONTINUED FOCUS ON THE ENORMOUS
14 INEQUITIES. I THINK BY NOW EVERYONE KNOWS THAT IT'S POVERTY,
15 POVERTY, POVERTY. IT'S NOT COLOR OF SKIN. ALTHOUGH, BECAUSE
16 OF RACISM, THOSE TWO THINGS HAVE ALWAYS LINED UP IN TERMS OF
17 COLOR OF SKIN AND POVERTY, BUT THE POORER COMMUNITIES THAT
18 BEAR THE BRUNT OF SO MUCH OF THIS, AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT
19 FOR US ALSO TO REMEMBER, IF YOU DRIVE ON THE 10 FREEWAY OR THE
20 405 OR THE 101 OR ANY OF THEM, AND YOU SAY TO YOURSELF, "WHY
21 ARE THERE AS MANY CARS GOING IN THIS DIRECTION AS THERE ARE
22 GOING IN THIS DIRECTION? IS EVERYBODY JUST CHANGING PLACES
23 DURING THE DAY," AND IN AN INTERESTING WAY, THEY ARE BECAUSE
24 MANY WORKERS DO NOT LIVE IN THE SAME COMMUNITIES WHERE THEY
25 WORK. AND WHAT WE CALL ESSENTIAL WORKERS, WHEN WE GO TO THE

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1 MARKET, WHEN WE GO TO ANYTHING THAT PAYS A MINIMUM WAGE, WE
2 MAY BE MEETING WITH AND DEALING WITH PEOPLE WHO DON'T ACTUALLY
3 -- CAN'T AFFORD TO LIVE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. SO, IT'S VERY
4 IMPORTANT FOR US TO REALLY UNDERSTAND THESE DISCREPANCIES IN
5 THE BLACK AND LATINO AND POOR COMMUNITIES, IN PARTICULAR TO
6 UNDERSTAND THAT IT HAS A LOT TO DO WITH POVERTY, TO KEEP THAT
7 IN MIND. SO I JOIN WITH MY COLLEAGUES TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN
8 TO PROTECT THE VULNERABLE RESIDENTS, AND I'M REALLY GRATEFUL
9 THAT TWO OF YOU AND YOUR DEPARTMENTS AND YOUR STAFF AND THOSE
10 PEOPLE WITH WHOM YOU INTERACT, THE OTHER HOSPITALS IN OUR
11 COUNTY, THE OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS, AND THE WORK OF THE
12 STATE, TO FOCUS ON THOSE NEEDS. THANKING YOU, DR. GHALY, FOR
13 TALKING ABOUT TESTING POST-SURGE AND REMINDING US THAT WE
14 STILL HAVE TO DO IT. WE STILL HAVE TO KEEP A WARY EYE. SO, ALL
15 THE QUESTIONS I HAD WERE ANSWERED, AND I THANK YOU SO MUCH. I
16 JUST WANTED TO ADD MY THANKS AND HOPEFULLY THE RECOGNITION
17 THAT IT AIN'T OVER 'TIL IT'S OVER, AND WHO KNOWS WHEN THAT
18 WILL BE. BUT THANK YOU BOTH. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

19
20 **DR. GHALY:** THANK YOU.

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

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24 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANKS AGAIN TO BOTH
25 DOCTORS FOR YOUR REPORT AND REALLY JUST FOR THE INCREDIBLE

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1 CHALLENGE THAT BOTH OF YOU HAVE HAD FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF
2 YEARS. I DO THINK YOU PRESENTED SOME GOOD NEWS, DR. FERRER, IN
3 YOUR REPORT. I THINK THE FACT THAT OUR CASES ARE GOING DOWN,
4 OUR HOSPITALIZATIONS ARE DOWN, AND I THINK OUR PUBLIC HEALTH
5 EXPERTS AT BOTH STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS HAVE FELT CONFIDENT
6 ENOUGH TO RELAX MANY OF OUR MASKING MANDATES, PARTICULARLY.
7 THANK YOU, DR. FERRER, FOR OUTLINING YOUR PLANS TO ALIGN OUR
8 COUNTY'S MASK POLICY WITH THE STATE BEGINNING FRIDAY,
9 INCLUDING ALIGNING WITH THE STATE'S PLAN TO ALLOW SCHOOL
10 DISTRICTS TO LIFT MASK POLICIES IF THEY CHOOSE TO. AND I KNOW
11 -- I THINK IT'S WELCOME NEWS TO A LOT OF RESIDENTS IN OUR
12 COUNTY, AND I THINK IT WILL MAKE OUR POLICIES LESS CONFUSING
13 AND EASIER TO FOLLOW. I THOUGHT THE STATE'S SMARTER PLAN IS
14 VERY COMPREHENSIVE AND INTERESTING, AND IT TAKES KIND OF WHAT
15 WE HAVE LEARNED OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS, LAYS OUT THE TOOLS
16 THAT WE CAN USE TO LIVE WITH THIS VIRUS, WHILE WE STILL
17 PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES. DR. FERRER, DO YOU THINK THIS STATE'S
18 SMARTER PLAN IS FEASIBLE? IS THIS SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD
19 REALLY ADOPT, AND ARE THESE THE TOOLS THAT WE CAN MANAGE THIS
20 VIRUS GOING FORWARD AND DEAL WITH ANY FUTURE SURGES AND NEW
21 VARIANTS? AND HOW SHOULD WE INCORPORATE THAT WITH OUR
22 RESIDENTS?

23
24 **DR. FERRER:** THANK SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN. AND WE'RE STRONG
25 PROPONENTS OF THE STATE'S PLAN WITH ITS EMPHASIS ON

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1 PREVENTION. I THINK WHAT THE STATE DID THAT YOU DON'T
2 ACTUALLY DO IN THE C.D.C. PLAN -- THEY'RE BOTH A LITTLE BIT
3 DIFFERENT IN THE SORT OF FRAMEWORKS THEY'RE PROPOSING FOR HOW
4 WE THINK ABOUT A POST-SURGE TIMEFRAME IS THE STATE IS VERY
5 CLEAR THAT LIVING WITH THIS VIRUS MEANS BEING PREPARED FOR THE
6 UNCERTAINTY THAT MAY -- FOR ANY UNCERTAINTY THAT MAY HAPPEN
7 BECAUSE THIS IS AN UNPREDICTABLE VIRUS. CERTAINLY, IN PUBLIC
8 HEALTH, WE APPRECIATE THE NEED FOR PREPAREDNESS. I MEAN, IT'S
9 PART WHAT WE LIKE TO DO BEST BECAUSE IT'S REALLY ALIGNED WITH
10 PREVENTION AS WELL. GET IN FRONT OF THINGS. DON'T BE CAUGHT
11 BLINDSIDED. THERE IS NO REASON TWO YEARS OUT THAT WE HAVEN'T
12 LEARNED LESSONS ABOUT THE NEED TO ALWAYS HAVE A GOOD SUPPLY
13 CHAIN FOR P.P.E. AND A GOOD SUPPLY CHAIN FOR TESTING AND A
14 VAST NETWORK, WHERE WE'RE CONSTANTLY ENROLLING PROVIDERS INTO
15 VACCINATION EFFORTS. THERE'S JUST -- I REALLY APPRECIATED THAT
16 THAT WAS THE FOCUS OF THE STATE WAS BE PREPARED.
17 ACKNOWLEDGING, WE SHOULD BE DOING BETTER ON SURVEILLANCE, AND
18 SORT OF OUR EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS REALLY NEED TO HELP US
19 NAVIGATE THIS FUTURE. SO IF YOU CAN GET WHAT WE CALL THESE
20 EARLY ALERTS, YOU DON'T NEED TO WAIT UNTIL HOSPITALIZATIONS GO
21 WAY UP TO UNDERSTAND THAT SOMETHING'S CHANGING. WE CERTAINLY
22 AGREE, AND WE FEEL LIKE MUCH OF WHAT WE PRESENTED AND WILL GO
23 AHEAD POST FOR THE PUBLIC REALLY TRIES TO USE BOTH OF THOSE
24 FRAMEWORKS SO THERE IS ALIGNMENT AND THERE'S A PATH FORWARD
25 FOR L.A. COUNTY. THE STATE WAS SPECIFIC ABOUT WHAT THE STATE

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1 GOALS WERE. WE HAVE TO BE SPECIFIC ABOUT WHAT THE ACTIVITIES
2 ARE THAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE COUNTY FOR EACH OF THOSE
3 PREVENTION EFFORTS, WHICH IS WHAT WE TRIED TO DO ON THE LATTER
4 PART OF THE REPORT. SO, YEAH. I MEAN, WE'RE VERY PLEASED WITH
5 THE STATE'S FRAMEWORK, AND WE'RE VERY PLEASED WITH THAT
6 EMPHASIS ON PROTECTION AND PREVENTION AND PREPAREDNESS. SO I
7 THINK IT'S A GOOD ALIGNMENT. AND I THINK ESPECIALLY THE
8 MESSAGING, WHICH IS LET'S ENJOY THOSE TIMES WHERE THINGS ARE
9 GOING WELL, BUT LET'S NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE FACT THAT, FOR
10 SOME PEOPLE, THEY'RE MORE VULNERABLE EVEN DURING THE GOOD
11 TIMES, AND WE SHOULD DO OUR BEST TO PREVENT THEM FROM
12 EXPERIENCING THE WORST OF THIS VIRUS, AND LET'S REMAIN
13 PREPARED SHOULD THINGS CHANGE SO WE'RE ABLE TO MOVE VERY
14 SWIFTLY IN THE FUTURE. WE ALL CAN GO BACK AND LOOK AT ALL THE
15 EXPERIENCES WHERE WE WEREN'T ABLE TO MOVE AS SWIFTLY AS WE
16 KNEW WE OUGHT TO BE. TWO YEARS OUT, THE STATE IS RIGHT TO
17 INSIST THAT EVERYBODY GET PREPARED FOR THE UNCERTAINTY OF THE
18 FUTURE SO THAT WE'RE NOT CAUGHT SHORT, GIVEN THE STRATEGIES
19 AND WHAT'S IN THE TOOLKIT.

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21 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, DR. FERRER. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

22
23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND LET ME ADD MY
24 ECHO TO THE CHORUS OF THANKS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE WORK OF
25 BOTH YOU AND BOTH OF YOUR TEAMS. I THINK THE KIND OF DATA THAT

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1 YOU HAVE SHOWN US ALL ALONG, BOTH OF YOU, BUT KEEPING THE
2 MICRODATA COMING IS REALLY GOING TO BE IMPORTANT TO EMPOWER US
3 TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE SETTING POLICY THAT'S RELEVANT FOR
4 L.A. COUNTY BECAUSE YOU KNOW, TO BE CLEAR, C.D.C. IS NOW
5 UTILIZING THESE TWO INDICATORS. THAT'S A SHIFT, WHICH HAS PUT
6 US FROM KIND OF ONE CATEGORY INTO ANOTHER BASED ON THESE NEW
7 FACTORS THAT THEY HAVE DEVELOPED, WHICH I THINK IS WHY IT'S SO
8 IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE ACCESS TO THIS MICROLEVEL OF DATA JUST
9 TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE IN ALIGNMENT, AND IT MAKES SENSE FOR
10 L.A. COUNTY TO FOLLOW BOTH THE STATE AND THE NEW CHANGES AT
11 C.D.C.. I AGREE. I THINK WE'LL HAVE TO LEAN IN HARD ON OUR
12 STATE AND OUR FEDERAL ADVOCACY FOR REIMBURSEMENTS FOR
13 F.Q.H.C.S. I CERTAINLY HOPE, AS WE TALK ABOUT WHAT SHOULD BE
14 IN THE TOOLKIT OR THE TOOLBOX NEXT, MAKING SURE THAT THE
15 STATE BUDGET IN A MEANINGFUL WAY FUNDS PUBLIC HEALTH
16 ACTIVITIES IN THIS COMING YEAR. IF PEOPLE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND
17 THE VALUE OF PUBLIC HEALTH TWO YEARS AGO, THEY SHOULD NOW, AND
18 THE STATE HAS, DURING THOSE LEAN TIMES, NOT FUNDED PUBLIC
19 HEALTH IN ANY REAL MEANINGFUL WAY. SO, IF THEY WANT US TO BE
20 COGNIZANT OF THE ENDEMIC AND CONSIDER COVID-19 A PART OF THE
21 ENDEMIC, AS SUPERVISOR KUEHL DEFINED IT, THEN I HOPE STATE
22 DOLLARS WILL FOLLOW, AND PUBLIC HEALTH ACROSS THE STATE WILL
23 BE FUNDED IN A MEANINGFUL WAY. I'M NOT IN A POSITION TO SAY
24 IT'S NOT RACE, IT'S JUST CLASS BECAUSE WE KNOW THE IMPACT
25 RACISM HAS ON ONE'S ABILITY TO RECEIVE UNBIASED HEALTHCARE

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1 SERVICES. AND SO, I THINK IT'S BOTH RACE AND CLASS AS WELL AS
2 THE INTERSECTIONALITY BETWEEN THE TWO THAT CONTINUES TO
3 COMPLICATE THE ABILITY FOR MAJOR SWATHES OF ALL OF OUR
4 DISTRICTS TO ACTUALLY BE HEALTHY, AND FROM MY PERSPECTIVE,
5 HEALTH IS NOT SIMPLY THE ABSENCE OF DISEASE, BUT IT'S THE
6 ABILITY AND THE PRESENCE OF WELLNESS AND THE ABILITY TO HAVE A
7 SENSE OF WELL BEING. AND I THINK DR. FERRER AND DR. GHALY
8 LISTED ALL OF THOSE POLICY AREAS THAT THIS BOARD HAS REALLY
9 PAID CLEAR ATTENTION TO REALLY CREATE A SENSE OF WELLBEING FOR
10 EVERY RESIDENT EQUALLY. AND SO, I DO HOPE, AND I THINK WE, AS
11 A BOARD, WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED FROM THIS
12 PUBLIC HEALTH AND ECONOMIC PANDEMIC AND LEAD WITH THAT
13 INFORMATION ON BEHALF OF OUR RESIDENTS. WITH THAT, DR. GHALY,
14 QUICK QUESTION WITH REGARD TO C.D.C.'S NEW INDICATORS BEING
15 COVID-19 ADMISSIONS PER 100,000 POPULATION AND THE PROPORTION
16 OF STAFFED IN-PATIENT BEDS OCCUPIED BY PATIENTS OVER A SEVEN-
17 DAY PERIOD, AS ONE OF THE TWO INDICATORS FOR ASSESSING
18 COMMUNITY RISK. SO DO YOU ANTICIPATE ANY POLICY CHANGES TO HOW
19 YOUR DEPARTMENT WILL APPROACH HOSPITAL AND WORKFORCE
20 PREPAREDNESS IN THE EVENT OF A NEW VARIANT OR POSSIBLE SURGE
21 GIVEN THEIR NEW INDICATOR THAT WE'RE ALL GOING TO BE HELD TO?

22

23 **DR. GHALY:** YEAH, SUPERVISOR. THANKS FOR THE QUESTION. I THINK
24 A COUPLE OF COMMENTS ON IT. FIRST IS I THINK IT'S CHALLENGING
25 THAT, AT LEAST PER THE DATA CURRENTLY REPORTED TO THE STATE

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1 AND TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT LIES BEHIND THAT INDICATOR,
2 WE'RE NOT AWARE THAT IT'S ADJUSTED FOR THE NUMBER OF
3 INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE ADMITTED FOR COVID VERSUS WITH COVID. AND
4 AS I SHARED THIS MORNING, AT LEAST IN D.H.S., ONLY 10% OF THE
5 HOSPITAL WORKLOAD IS REALLY OF PEOPLE WITH A POSITIVE TEST ARE
6 ACTUALLY THERE FOR COVID. AND I THINK THAT HAS IMPLICATIONS ON
7 HOW WE DO OUR PLANNING BECAUSE WE HAVE TO TAKE THE NUMBERS IN
8 AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT CONTEXT. SO THAT HAVING BEEN SAID, YES,
9 D.H.S. HOSPITALS, AS WELL AS I KNOW HOSPITALS ACROSS THE
10 BOARD, ARE DOING A LOT TO HELP BETTER PREPARE FOR FUTURE
11 SURGES IF THEY COME. AND PART OF THAT IS BY INCREASING
12 STAFFING. WE, WITHIN D.H.S., HAVE BEEN DOING A LOT TO INCREASE
13 THE NUMBER OF COUNTY EMPLOYED STAFF ACROSS THE VARIETY OF
14 CLASSIFICATIONS, NOTABLY NURSING, BUT NOT ONLY LIMITED TO
15 NURSING. WE APPRECIATE D.H.R. AND C.E.O.'S HEALTH IN TRYING TO
16 EXPEDITE THE COUNTY'S HIRING PROCESS TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE TO
17 BE ABLE TO ONBOARD THOSE ADDITIONAL STAFF. WHEN NEEDED, WE
18 ALSO NEED TO RELY ON REGISTRY AND OTHER CONTRACT AREAS AND
19 HAVE NEEDED TO ADJUST THE RATES IN THOSE SETTINGS JUST TO DEAL
20 WITH THE SPIKES IN DEMAND, BUT ULTIMATELY WHAT WE HAVE
21 STRUGGLED IN MEETING THE DEMAND FOR PATIENT CARE SERVICES IN
22 HOSPITAL ENVIRONMENTS THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC IS STAFFING
23 SHORTAGES. AT CERTAIN POINTS IN THE WINTER 2021 SURGE, THERE
24 WERE SOME ISSUES WITH OXYGEN ACCESS AND SOME OF THE OUTDATED
25 INFRASTRUCTURE IN HOSPITALS. THOSE ISSUES LARGELY ARE SOLVED

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1 AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE RESOLVED AS THE HOSPITALS UPGRADE TO
2 THE MODERN STANDARDS. EARLIER EVEN STILL IN THE PANDEMIC,
3 THERE WERE SUPPLY CHAIN SHORTAGES, SHORTAGES OF MASKS AND
4 OTHER EQUIPMENT. MOST OF THOSE HAVE BEEN RESOLVED, AND MOST OF
5 THE HOSPITALS, INCLUDING OURS, I KNOW HAVE LARGE STOCKPILES OF
6 VARIOUS FORMS OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT SO THAT WE ARE
7 BETTER PREPARED FOR A FUTURE SURGE. BUT STAFFING IS WHAT'S
8 GOING TO BE THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE IF ANOTHER SURGE COMES, AND
9 WE NEED TO DO WHAT WE CAN IN THE NEAR TERM TO HIRE AND TO
10 EQUIP OUR COUNTY EMPLOYED STAFF AND CONTRACT STAFF WHEN NEEDED
11 TO BEEN AVAILABLE AND RAPIDLY RESPONSIVE, AND THEN LONGER
12 TERM, WE WILL NEED TO INVEST IN WORKFORCE TRAINING. WE ALL
13 KNOW THE DATA ABOUT HOW THERE IS A DEARTH OF INDIVIDUALS WHO
14 ARE GOING INTO THE HEALTHCARE FIELDS, ABOUT INCREASED
15 RETIREMENTS ACROSS HEALTHCARE FIELDS, AND PROJECTED SHORTAGES
16 ACROSS A VARIETY OF CLASSIFICATIONS. AND WE NEED TO DO MORE TO
17 GET MORE PEOPLE INTO TRAINING AND ONBOARDED INTO CAREERS OF
18 HEALTH SO THAT WE ALL HAVE PEOPLE TO TAKE CARE OF US IF WE
19 NEED THOSE SERVICES IN THE FUTURE.

20
21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AGREED AND HERE HERE! AND THANK YOU FOR
22 THAT. DR. FERRER, THANK YOU FOR THOSE PARTICULAR SLIDES THAT
23 SUPERVISOR SOLIS ECHOED BASED ON DATA PROVIDED TO HER BY HER
24 OWN STAFF ABOUT THE DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT ON CERTAIN
25 COMMUNITIES. I HOPE IN OUR EXCITEMENT OVER THIS TRANSITION

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1 FROM MANDATORY TO RECOMMENDED THAT WE DON'T LOSE SIGHT OF THE
2 VERY HARD TO SWALLOW BITTER PILL DATA OF THOSE SLIDES IN TERMS
3 OF, EVEN WITH TESTING, EVEN WITH VACCINATIONS, THAT THEY ARE
4 STILL COMMUNITIES THAT, FOR WHATEVER REASON, ARE SIGNIFICANTLY
5 MORE IMPACTED BY THIS CONDITION. SO I HOPE THAT YOU WILL
6 CONTINUE TO ALLOW US TO TRACK THAT DATA AS WE CONTINUE TO COME
7 UP WITH SOLUTIONS ON HOW WE SERVE EVERY L.A. COUNTY RESIDENT
8 WELL.

9

10 **DR. FERRER:** YEAH, NO, THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR, AND I
11 WANT TO ALSO APPRECIATE ALL YOUR STAFFS BECAUSE THEY'VE BEEN
12 GREAT AT HELPING US REALLY FIGURE OUT AT THE LOCAL LEVEL WHERE
13 THE OPPORTUNITIES ARE TO ACTUALLY ADDRESS SOME OF THE GAPS. SO
14 WE APPRECIATE THAT, AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO SHARE DATA WITH YOU
15 ON A REGULAR BASIS SO THAT WE CAN STAY MINDFUL ON WHAT
16 PROGRESS WE ARE MAKING ON CLOSING GAPS.

17

18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** EXCELLENT. THANK YOU BOTH. THIS REPORT
19 IS RECEIVED AND FILED WITH EVERYONE HAVING MADE THEIR
20 COMMENTS. HEARING NO OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. THANK
21 YOU TO BOTH OF YOU. MOVING ON TO AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4, THE
22 ESTABLISHMENT OF A LAND BANK FOR L.A. COUNTY. SUPERVISOR
23 SOLIS.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I WANT TO THANK MY
2 COAUTHOR, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR JOINING ME ON WHAT I THINK IS
3 ONE OF OUR VERY IMPORTANT MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA TODAY. AND AS
4 YOU HEARD, WE HAD MANY CALLERS IN CALLING IN TO SUPPORT THIS
5 CONCEPT, WHICH WE HAVE ALREADY TESTED IN L.A. COUNTY. I WANTED
6 TO BRING THIS UP BECAUSE I DO THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO
7 THINK ABOUT HOW WE MOVE FORWARD. ONE GOOD REASON TO THINK
8 ABOUT THIS IS BECAUSE OF THE WORK THAT WE'RE DOING CURRENTLY
9 RIGHT NOW WITH THE L.A. RIVER MASTER PLAN. AND AS YOU KNOW,
10 THE PLAN WILL HELP USHER IN, IN MY OPINION, A HEALTHIER AND
11 HOPEFULLY MORE SUSTAINABLE LOS ANGELES. YOU KNOW THE RIVER'S
12 REVITALIZATION WILL BRING IN MUCH NEEDED OPEN SPACE,
13 MOBILITY, AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY TO OUR COMMUNITIES ALONG
14 THAT 51-MILE CORRIDOR. HOWEVER, MANY OF OUR RIVER ADJACENT
15 COMMUNITIES ARE BURDENED, AS YOU KNOW, WITH SIGNIFICANT
16 CHALLENGES, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN MY DISTRICT IN THE UPPER L.A.
17 RIVER AND LOWER L.A. RIVER, WHICH I REPRESENTED IN THE PAST
18 SEVEN YEARS. MANY OF OF THOSE COMMUNITIES, LIKE BOYLE HEIGHTS,
19 ARE RENT BURDENED AND POLLUTION BURDENED AND LACK ADEQUATE
20 TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS AND PARK SPACE, AND COVID-19, AS WE
21 KNOW, HAS ONLY WORSENERED THOSE IMPACTS. NEARLY HALF OF ALL THE
22 RENTERS IN THE COUNTY ARE BEHIND ON RENT, MANY OWING THOUSANDS
23 OF DOLLARS THAT THEY DON'T HAVE. TO KEEP A ROOF OVER THEIR
24 HEAD, MOST RENT BURDENED HOUSEHOLDS HAVE CUT BACK ON
25 NECESSITIES LIKE FOOD AND CLOTHING AND OTHER ESSENTIALS. AND

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1 IN A 2020 STUDY FROM THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE,
2 THEY FOUND THAT JUST A \$100 INCREASE IN AVERAGE RENTS CAN LEAD
3 TO AN INCREASE IN HOMELESSNESS BY 9%. UNFORTUNATELY, AS YOU
4 MAY KNOW, INVESTMENTS IN INFRASTRUCTURE LIKE THE L.A. RIVER
5 CAN SOMETIMES EXACERBATE THOSE PROBLEMS. WITHOUT OUR
6 INTERVENTION, THE BUILD OUT OF THE MASTER PLAN MAY END UP
7 RAISING RENT AND DISPLACE MANY OF THE INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES
8 THAT THE PLAN REALLY INTENDS TO HELP. SO, WE MUST USE EVERY
9 TOOL AVAILABLE TO ADDRESS THIS CRISIS THAT INCLUDES LAND
10 BANKS. RECENTLY, AS YOU KNOW, WE PASSED TWO MOTIONS THAT I HAD
11 TASKING THE COUNTY TO PARTNER LAND TRUSTS. THOSE PARTNERSHIPS
12 HAVE ALREADY RESULTED IN THE CREATION AND PRESERVATION OF
13 PERMANENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR LOW INCOME NEIGHBORS, SUCH AS
14 ONE UNIT, 11 UNIT PROPERTY, THAT ONE OF OUR LAND TRUSTS
15 ACQUIRED JUST A YEAR AGO IN EAST LOS ANGELES. THROUGH THESE
16 PARTNERSHIPS, THE C.L.T.'S LOW INCOME TENANTS ARE GIVEN
17 OPPORTUNITIES TO ACQUIRE INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY THEY LIVE
18 IN, HELPING THEM BUILD EQUITY AND GENERATIONAL WEALTH. WE'RE
19 HELPING TO BREAK THAT CYCLE OF POVERTY, STOPPING THE HOUSING
20 CRISIS FROM SPREADING TO FUTURE GENERATIONS, AND THE LAND BANK
21 CAN HELP STRENGTHEN OUR EFFORTS EVEN MORE. THE L.A. RIVER'S
22 MASTER PLAN IDENTIFIED ALREADY 22 POTENTIAL PROJECT SITES WITH
23 HIGH NEEDS NEIGHBORHOODS. BY USING THE LAND BANK TO ACQUIRE
24 PROPERTIES NEAR THOSE LOCATIONS, WE COULD PRESERVE THE
25 POTENTIAL FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEAR THE RIVER AND FIGHT

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1 DISPLACEMENT AND PERHAPS EVEN GENTRIFICATION. THIS MOTION
2 WILL BEGIN THAT PROCESS BY SIMPLY ASKING OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE
3 OFFICE, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PUBLIC WORKS AND METRO, TO
4 IDENTIFY A FRAMEWORK FOR A LAND BANK THAT WILL CARRY OUT THE
5 GOALS LISTED IN THE L.A. RIVER MASTER PLAN. I WOULD LIKE AGAIN
6 THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR JOINING PLEASE BECAUSE SHE
7 REPRESENTS A GREAT DEAL OF THE UPPER L.A. RIVER, AND I KNOW MY
8 COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU REPRESENT THE SOUTHERN PORTION
9 NOW. AND FOR ALL THOSE REASONS, I WOULD RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR
10 YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS ITEM. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL HEAR FROM
13 YOUR COAUTHOR. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU,
16 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR INVITING ME TO BE YOUR COAUTHOR ON THIS
17 MOTION EXPLORING MORE CREATIVE SOLUTIONS TO PRESERVING AND
18 CREATING AFFORDABLE HOUSING. YOU KNOW, EVEN PRIOR TO COVID,
19 THE COUNTY KNEW THAT IT NEEDED OVER 500,000 NEW UNITS OF
20 AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AND THE LAST TWO YEARS HAVE ONLY
21 EXACERBATED THE NEED. SO, WE HAVE, OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS,
22 ADOPTED MOTIONS TO DEVELOP A NUMBER OF CREATIVE TOOLS, AS YOU
23 INDICATED, TO ACQUIRE, TO PRESERVE, TO DEVELOP AFFORDABLE
24 HOUSING LIKE COMMUNITY LAND TRUSTS, ALLOWING THE BUILDING OF
25 A.D.U.S, THE TENANTS' OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE ACT, AS YOU

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1 SAID. LAND BANKING IS ONE MORE UPSTREAM APPROACH TO ALLEVIATE
2 THE HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS CRISIS. THESE THINGS ARE
3 INTERTWINED. THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS OF UPDATING THE L.A. RIVER
4 MASTER PLAN, ONE OF THE PRIMARY REQUESTS WE KEPT HEARING
5 THROUGH THE PUBLIC COMMENT WAS TO BE THOUGHTFUL ABOUT HOW THE
6 RIVER DEVELOPMENT ISSUES WERE GOING TO IMPACT OUR COMMUNITIES
7 AROUND THE RIVER, ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF
8 LOWER INCOME RENTERS. SO WE HEARD THAT FEEDBACK. WE TOOK IT
9 SERIOUSLY, AND THE MOTION THAT YOU'RE BRINGING TODAY ASKS OUR
10 DEPARTMENTS TO LOOK AT LAND BANKING AS ANOTHER TOOL TO HELP
11 PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH THESE UPDATES
12 WILL OCCUR. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR DOING THIS. I THINK IT'S
13 A GREAT MOTION, AND I, TOO, HOPE EVERYONE WILL SUPPORT IT.
14 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR HAHN, I
17 WASN'T SURE IF THAT WAS A -- IF YOU WERE TRYING TO GET MY
18 ATTENTION. OKAY, EXCELLENT. LET ME JUST SAY --

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT WAS. I WASN'T TRYING TO GET
21 YOUR ATTENTION, BUT APPARENTLY I DID.

22

23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I WASN'T SURE IF THAT WAS A WAVE OR
24 WHATEVER. OKAY, THANK YOU. LET ME JUST SAY I'M VERY EXCITED
25 ABOUT THIS MOTION, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR ALL THE REASONS THAT

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1 YOU AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL STATED. I WOULD ADD AN ADDITIONAL
2 ELEMENT THAT FROM MY PERSPECTIVE IN THE SECOND DISTRICT WE
3 LOOK AT LAND BANKING IN THE CONTEXT OF REALLY STABILIZING
4 COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP FOR OUR SMALL AND HYPERLOCAL BUSINESSES.
5 SO IT HAS SO MANY APPLICATIONS. LOOKING FORWARD TO THE COUNTY
6 STEPPING UP AND LEADING THIS AREA. ARE THERE ANY OTHER
7 COMMENTS? I DON'T SEE ANY. ITEM 4 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
8 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY KUEHL TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
9 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

10

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

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

20

21 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

22

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

24

25 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

4

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

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

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ITEM 5, TACKLING
11 MISINFORMATION AND DISINFORMATION IN THE COUNTY. IT WAS HELD
12 BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND AGAIN, THANK
15 YOU TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR AGREEING TO COAUTHOR THIS MOTION
16 WITH ME. AS YOU KNOW, THE COUNTRY, AND SOMETIMES COMMUNITIES
17 THAT WE REPRESENT, ARE ENDURING THE HARMFUL IMPACT OF
18 MISINFORMATION, WHICH IS OFTEN MORE PERSISTENT THAN ACCURATE
19 INFORMATION. DISCOURSE BOTH ONLINE AND IN PERSON HAS BECOME
20 MORE ACRIMONIOUS, LEADING TO A DEEP DISTRUST OF MANY
21 GOVERNMENT ENTITIES, INCLUDING OUR OWN COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND
22 COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS. THIS DISTRUST, AS YOU KNOW, HAS A REAL
23 IMPACT ON PEOPLE'S LIVES. THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC, WE'VE SEEN
24 HOW MISINFORMATION CAN DEPRESS VACCINE UPTAKE IN VULNERABLE
25 COMMUNITIES, AND IT'S ALSO RESULTED IN AN INCREASE IN RACIST

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1 HATE CRIMES AGAINST COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. BAD ACTORS HAVE
2 TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF MISINFORMATION TO SCAM CONSUMERS BY PUSHING
3 FOR MIRACLE CURES. BEYOND THE PANDEMIC, MISINFORMATION
4 THREATENS TO UNDERMINE, IN MY OPINION, OUR DEMOCRACY. FAIR AND
5 FREE ELECTIONS ARE A STAPLE OF OUR DEMOCRACY, YET INACCURATE
6 INFORMATION HAS FRAYED TRUST FROM OUR VERY INSTITUTION. FALSE
7 CLAIMS ABOUT ELECTIONS ARE WIDELY DISSEMINATING ACROSS THE
8 SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS, OFTEN OVERWHELMING THE CAPACITY TO OF
9 LOCAL ELECTION OFFICIALS TO COUNTER AND TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC
10 ABOUT HOW ELECTIONS REALLY DO WORK. THE JANUARY 6, 2021
11 INSURRECTION AT THE U.S. CAPITOL WAS A DIRECT RESULT OF
12 UNMITIGATED CONSPIRACY THEORIES AND A NARRATIVE OF FALSE
13 INFORMATION ABOUT THE 2020 ELECTION. YOU KNOW, SOCIAL MEDIA
14 COMPANIES HAVE NOT RESPONDED TO THE CRISIS, IN MY OPINION, IN
15 A MEANINGFUL WAY. THEY HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL AT STOPPING
16 MISINFORMATION, DISINFORMATION, AND FAKE NEWS FROM
17 DISSEMINATING THROUGHOUT THEIR ONLINE PLATFORMS, PARTICULARLY
18 IN LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH. AND THIS IS TRUE FOR THE
19 SPANISH LANGUAGE COMMUNITY. THAT COUNTY CAN AND SHOULD, IN MY
20 OPINION, MITIGATE THE ADVERSE IMPACTS OF MISINFORMATION BY
21 ADOPTING COUNTERMEASURES AGAINST PROPAGANDA, MISINFORMATION,
22 AND FAKE NEWS. THIS MOTION WILL TACKLE MISINFORMATION BY
23 ASKING OUR C.E.O. TO DEVELOP A COMMUNICATION TOOLKIT FOR
24 DEPARTMENTS TO TACKLE MISINFORMATION IN AREAS, INCLUDING BUT
25 NOT LIMITED TO VOTING, PUBLIC RECORDS, IMMIGRATION, CONSUMER

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1 PROTECTION, AND HEALTH. THIS MOTION WOULD SUPPORT THE
2 REGISTRAR RECORDER COUNTY CLERK'S EFFORTS TO PILOT A PUBLIC
3 EDUCATION INITIATIVE CALLED TRUSTED INFO 2022, WHICH WOULD
4 BUILD TRUST IN OUR ELECTORAL PROCESS. THE MOTION WOULD ALSO
5 DELIVER A FIVE SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE C.E.O.'S OF MAJOR
6 SOCIAL MEDIA AND MESSAGING COMPANIES REQUESTING THEIR
7 ORGANIZATIONS MAKE INVESTMENTS IN EDUCATION AND PRODUCT
8 FEATURES THAT INCREASE AWARENESS AND RESISTANCE TO ONLINE
9 MISINFORMATION. THIS WOULD INCLUDE INVESTMENTS IN TACKLING
10 MISINFORMATION IN CONTENT THAT IS CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE AND
11 AVAILABLE IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES. AND LASTLY, THE MOTION WOULD
12 SEEK TO SUPPORT STATE LEGISLATION AIMED AT ALSO TACKLING
13 MISINFORMATION. WITH THIS MOTION, THE BOARD IS PROACTIVELY
14 WORKING TO PROTECT THE INSTITUTIONS THAT MAKE OUR DEMOCRACY
15 STRONG. COLLEAGUES, I RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR OUR AYE VOTE, AND I
16 BELIEVE MY COAUTHOR, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, MAY WANT TO TOUCH BASE
17 ON THIS ITEM AS WELL.

18
19 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY, SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOLLOWED BY
20 SUPERVISOR BARGER.

21
22 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND AGAIN, THANK
23 YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR LET ME COAUTHOR. I LOVE THIS
24 MOTION. I THINK IT'S BECAUSE IT TAKES SOME ACTION ABOUT AN
25 ISSUE THAT, WHENEVER PEOPLE GET TOGETHER, THEY JUST WRING

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1 THEIR HANDS ABOUT IT. I MEAN, THE 2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
2 AND THE FABRICATION ABOUT THE STOLEN ELECTION THAT FOLLOWED,
3 AS WELL AS DISINFORMATION DURING THE PANDEMIC, HAVE GIVEN US
4 TWO FRIGHTENING AND VIVID ILLUSTRATIONS ABOUT THE DANGER.
5 DEMONSTRABLY FALSE INFORMATION ACTUALLY MADE OUR PANDEMIC MORE
6 DEADLY, AND PEOPLE DECIDING THEY'RE NOT GOING TO PROTECT
7 THEMSELVES. IT'S UNDERMINED DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES BY SPREADING
8 DISINFORMATION ABOUT ELECTIONS WHERE PEOPLE SAY WELL, I'M NOT
9 GOING TO VOTE BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, IT DOESN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE,
10 OR I DON'T TRUST IT, ETC., WHICH IS JUST WHAT THE PEOPLE WANT
11 WHEN THEY SPREAD DISINFORMATION. THEY WANT YOU TO STAY HOME
12 AND NOT VOTE. THEY JUST WANT YOU TO BE PART OF THEIR
13 CONSPIRACY. AND ALSO, IT'S CREATED A CLIMATE IN WHICH ATTACKS
14 ON THE BASIS OF RACE AND ETHNICITY AND GENDER HAVE BECOME
15 NORMALIZED, AND THAT IS AN INCREASING DANGER AS WELL. SO,
16 TODAY'S MOTION WON'T SOLVE THIS MOUNTAIN OF TROUBLES, BUT IT'S
17 A REALLY GOOD START. IT MAKES CLEAR THAT L.A. COUNTY IS
18 JOINING WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, AND I THINK THAT'S
19 REALLY IMPORTANT, AND NONPROFITS TO EXPLORE AN ARRAY OF
20 SOLUTIONS THAT ARE BASED ON EMERGING RECOMMENDATIONS AND BEST
21 PRACTICES. FOR INSTANCE, WE KNOW THAT ONCE FALSE INFORMATION
22 HAS REACHED PEOPLE, IT'S REALLY HARD TO ROOT IT OUT OF THEIR
23 MINDS. SO, THE COUNTY HAS TO BE PROACTIVE IN ANTICIPATING
24 WHERE DIS AND MISINFORMATION MIGHT SURFACE AND SPREAD AND GET
25 AHEAD WITH CREDIBLE COMMUNICATION AND THE TRUTH. SO, I'M

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1 ESPECIALLY CONCERNED, AS I INDICATED, IN THE HEALTH ARENA AND
2 THE VOTING PROCESSES, AND IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO BE
3 PROACTIVE AND TRANSPARENT, AND I HAD A WHOLE OTHER PAGE OF
4 STATEMENTS, BUT YOU ALREADY MADE IT. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
5 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OF COURSE. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS
10 AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR BRINGING IT FORWARD AND RECOGNIZE
11 THE D.C.B.A. AND THE REGISTRAR RECORDER FOR THEIR WORK ON THIS
12 MOTION. AS WE ALL KNOW, THE LAST TWO YEARS HAVE REALLY
13 DEMONSTRATED THE CHALLENGE THE COUNTY HAS IN CONNECTING WITH
14 CERTAIN DEMOGRAPHICS AND POPULATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTY.
15 THROUGH THE PANDEMIC, MANY OF OUR DEPARTMENTS HAVE FACED NEW
16 CHALLENGES IN OUR EFFORTS TO PROVIDE A SAFETY NET FOR MANY OF
17 OUR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS. DURING THIS TIME, THERE WAS AN
18 INCREASE IN AWARENESS TO ISSUES SUCH AS MISINFORMATION AND,
19 QUITE FRANKLY, DISTRUST IN OUR INSTITUTIONS. HOWEVER, THE
20 DISSENT AND DISTRUST IN COUNTY INSTITUTIONS HAS COME NOT ONLY
21 FROM SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS BUT AS A RESULT OF OUR OWN LACK OF
22 TRANSPARENCY. AS A STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL. WE HAVE SEEN
23 EFFORTS TO COMBAT MISINFORMATION SUCH AS THE CYBERSECURITY AND
24 INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCIES COVID-19 DISINFORMATION
25 TOOLKIT, AND THE MOTION POINTED OUT THE TRUSTED INFO 2022

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1 CAMPAIGN BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECRETARIES OF STATE,
2 THE LATTER OF WHICH WAS HIGHLIGHTED IN THE MOTION. THE MOTION
3 BEFORE US HIGHLIGHTS THE ASPEN INSTITUTE'S COMMISSION ON
4 INFORMATION DISORDER, WHICH SPENT SIX MONTHS ON THE
5 RECOMMENDATIONS AND BEST PRACTICES WHICH THIS MOTION INTENDS
6 TO ADOPT AND EXPAND. ONE OF THE THREE FOCUSES OF THE ASPEN
7 COMMISSION WAS INCREASING TRANSPARENCY AND UNDERSTANDING. THEY
8 DID THIS BY WORKING FOR SIX MONTHS GOING OVER DATA, TESTIMONY,
9 AND DEBATING INFORMATION DISORDER. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE
10 COMMISSION MADE CLEAR THIS WAS A CAUSE FOR CONCERN AS
11 INTRODUCING NEW CONSTRAINTS ON HARMFUL SPEECH WOULD LIKELY
12 LEAD TO UNINTENTIONALLY CENSORING SOCIALLY VALUABLE SPEECH
13 LIKE DISSENTING VIEWS AND ADVOCACY FOR MINORITIZED AND
14 UNREPRESENTED OR VULNERABLE PEOPLE IN GROUPS OR PROTECTED
15 CLASSES. WHILE RECOGNIZING THE ASPEN INSTITUTE FOR A ROBUST
16 PUBLIC PROCESS IN THE CREATION OF THIS REPORT, WE ARE FORGOING
17 THAT ROUTE TO IMPLEMENT A TOOLKIT THAT HAS YET TO BE STUDIED
18 OR DEFINED WITH DIRECT PUBLIC INPUT. ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE
19 A.C.L.U. HAVE WEIGHED IN. WHEN THEY CHALLENGED PUERTO RICO'S
20 FAKE NEWS LAWS, THEY NOTED THAT WHILE THE LAWS ESSENTIALLY
21 APPLY ONLY TO FALSE INFORMATION, THEY WARNED THAT THE LAWS
22 INEVITABLY SUPPRESS A GREAT DEAL OF TRUE INFORMATION ABOUT
23 MATTERS OF IMMENSE PUBLIC CONCERN. THEY CONCLUDED GOVERNMENT
24 PRESIDENT TRANSPARENCY, NOT CENSORSHIP, WOULD BE A MORE
25 EFFECTIVE WAY TO COMBAT DISINFORMATION IF THIS IS NEEDED AND

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1 THE GOVERNMENT'S AIM. WHEN CONGRESS WAS CONSIDERING REFORMING
2 SECTION 230 OF THE COMMUNICATION DECENCY ACT IN OCTOBER 2020,
3 THE A.C.L.U. EXPLICITLY NOTED WE SHOULD BE WARY OF PROPOSALS
4 THAT RISK HARMING ONLINE EXPRESSION AND BE SKEPTICAL OF
5 FOCUSING ON SECTION 230 AS A METHOD OF ACQUIRING PLATFORM
6 ACCOUNTABILITY. NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS LIKE AMNESTY
7 INTERNATIONAL HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERNS REGARDING CENSORSHIPS
8 DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. IN THEIR REPORT, SILENCE AND
9 MISINFORMED FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION ENDANGERED DURING COVID-19
10 PUBLISHED IN A NOVEMBER 2021 AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL QUOTED THE
11 U.N. SPECIAL REPERTOIRE ON THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF THE
12 RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION NOTING THAT STATES SHOULD
13 AVOID DELEGATING RESPONSIBILITY TO COMPANIES AS ADJUDICATORS
14 IN CONTENT, WHICH EMPOWERS CORPORATE JUDGMENT OVER HUMAN
15 RIGHTS VALUES TO THE DETRIMENT OF USERS. AS AN ELECTED BODY,
16 I PERSONALLY BELIEVE OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CONSTITUENTS AND
17 OUR INSTITUTION IS UNDERSTANDING AND CORRECTING THE INTERNAL
18 DEFICIENCIES WHICH HAVE ERODED PUBLIC TRUST. FREEDOM OF
19 EXPRESSION IS AT THE CORE OF THE DEMOCRACY. THROUGHOUT THE
20 PANDEMIC, OUR DEPARTMENTS HAVE FOUND WAYS TO OVERCOME
21 MISINFORMATION, DISINFORMATION, AND PUBLIC TRUST USING THEIR
22 KNOWLEDGE AS SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS WITHOUT INFRINGING ON
23 THOSE RIGHTS. WE HAVE EVEN GO SO FAR AS TO BRING PEOPLE FROM
24 THE COMMUNITY INTO THE COMMUNITY TO DO PEER TO PEER SUPPORT TO
25 EDUCATE THOSE, ESPECIALLY WITH ENGLISH IS NOT THEIR FIRST

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1 LANGUAGE. I'M CONCERNED THIS MOTION CREATES A SLIPPERY
2 SUPPORT, AND THAT'S WHY I CAN'T SUPPORT IT. I UNDERSTAND THE
3 GOAL, AND, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I 100% AGREE WITH YOU, AS IT
4 RELATES TO THE MISINFORMATION. A LOT OF THIS IS SOCIAL MEDIA
5 AND THE ABILITY TO DISTORT FACTS, BUT, ON ANY GIVEN TUESDAY,
6 WHEN WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT THERE IS NO CHECK OR BALANCES AS
7 TO WHO IS CALLING IN TO GIVE US THEIR INFORMATION. THEY'RE
8 ALLOWED TO HAVE THEIR FREE SPEECH, AND I BELIEVE IT'S
9 INCUMBENT UPON US AS ELECTED OFFICIALS TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS
10 TRANSPARENCY AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT, BUT I FEEL HIRING A
11 CONSULTANT TO PUT TOGETHER A PLATFORM IS NOT THE WAY TO GO
12 ABOUT DOING IT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

13
14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR
15 COMMENTS ON THE MOTION?

16
17 **SUP. SOLIS:** IF I MIGHT. JUST TO CLARIFY, THE INTENT OF THIS
18 MOTION IS REALLY TO PUT FACTUAL INFORMATION OUT THERE
19 BECAUSE, MANY TIMES, EVEN OUR OWN DEPARTMENTS MAY NOT BE CLEAR
20 IN THEIR OWN MESSAGING TO OUR COMMUNITIES. LET ME GIVE YOU AN
21 EXAMPLE. SOMETIMES, PEOPLE MAY NOT KNOW WHAT AN OFFICE OF
22 IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS DOES. THEY THINK ALL IT DEALS WITH IS
23 CITIZENSHIP. IT DOES MUCH MORE THAN THAT. IT ALSO PROVIDES
24 INFORMATION ON WHERE YOU CAN GET CONSUMER INFORMATION
25 REGARDING FRAUD THAT OCCURS VERY RAPIDLY IN IMMIGRANT

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1 COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY AMONG IMMIGRANTS LOOKING AND SEEKING
2 FOR CITIZENSHIP INFORMATION AND TRYING TO IDENTIFY, AND JUST
3 AN INSTANCE, AN ATTORNEY, A REPUTABLE REPRESENTATION FOR THEM
4 SO THEY CAN PURSUE THEIR CITIZENSHIP. IN MANY WAYS, THERE ARE
5 MANY GROUPS OUT THERE THAT PREY ON THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY AND
6 WILL PUT THEMSELVES OUT THERE AS LEGITIMATE LICENSED NOTARIOS.
7 AND NOTARIOS IN SPANISH MEANS LAWYER. IT'S INTERCHANGEABLE.
8 AND WE KNOW THAT HAPPENS. SO, IN MY OPINION, THIS EFFORT IS
9 REALLY TO SAY IT'S NOT GOING TO BE ALL CUT AND DRY. WE'LL BE
10 MOVING IN AN AREA WHERE WE WANT TO HELP OUR DEPARTMENTS AND
11 REALLY HELP THE RESIDENTS THAT WE SERVE BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT
12 WE NEED TO DO TO MAKE SURE WE ARE PUTTING OUT INFORMATION IN A
13 CORRECT MANNER. I'M NOT IN ANY WAY STIFLING ANYONE'S FIRST
14 AMENDMENT RIGHT. BY ALL MEANS, WE WANT TO BE TRANSPARENT. WE
15 WANT OUR OWN DEPARTMENTS, WE WANT OUR OWN SHERIFF TO BE
16 TRANSPARENT. AND AS WE HEARD EARLIER TODAY BY MANY PEOPLE WHO
17 ARE CALLING IN, THERE IS A LOT OF MISINFORMATION THAT'S BEING
18 PUT OUT THERE. WE'RE NOT SILENCING PEOPLE, BUT WE'RE PUTTING
19 OUT FACTS, AND I THINK THAT'S WHERE OUR ROLE AND OUR JOB IS,
20 AND THAT'S WHY WE RELY IN OUR C.E.O. AND IS DEPARTMENT HEADS
21 TO HELP US WITH THAT MESSAGING AND WITH OUR COMMUNICATIONS
22 OFFICER AND OTHERS. SO THAT'S WHERE I BELIEVE THIS MOTION WILL
23 TAKE US, AND I THINK THAT IT'S TIME THAT WE BEGIN TO DO IT.
24 OTHER GROUPS ARE DOING IT. A VERY REPUTABLE ORGANIZATION THAT
25 WAS MENTIONED, THE ASPEN INSTITUTE, HAS BEEN AROUND FOR

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1 DECADES DOING A LOT OF GOOD PUBLIC POLICY DEALING WITH ALL
2 DIFFERENT PARTIES AND GROUPS. SO, I THINK THAT IT'S A GOOD
3 START FOR US, BUT IT IS NOWHERE NEAR WHERE WE NEED TO BE. I
4 KNOW THIS IS A DEBATE THAT'S HAPPENING IN OTHER PARTS OF THE
5 COUNTRY AND IN WASHINGTON D.C. AND WHAT HAVE YOU. THAT'S ONE
6 PART OF IT, BUT OUR FOCUS HERE IS ON WHAT CAN THE COUNTY DO TO
7 START GETTING OUR INFORMATION STRAIGHT SO PEOPLE CAN
8 UNDERSTAND IT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT
13 THAT WE DON'T CONFLATE ANY THREAT TO FREE SPEECH WITH THIS
14 MOTION. WHAT THIS MOTION IS SAYING IS THAT THE ANSWER TO
15 DISINFORMATION AND MISINFORMATION, ONE OF WHICH IS INTENDED,
16 AND ONE OF WHICH IS NOT, THAT'S WHY THERE'S TWO WORDS FOR IT,
17 IS MORE INFORMATION. AND ESSENTIALLY, THAT HAS BEEN THE
18 ANSWER, I THINK, OVER DECADES, BUT I HAVE TO TELL YOU THIS
19 NOTION OF FREE SPEECH IS ONE THAT'S ALSO A SLIPPERY SLOPE.
20 WHEN WE FIRST PUT IN THE LAW THE ABILITY TO SUE IF YOU WERE
21 SEXUALLY HARASSED, THERE WERE PEOPLE WHO SAID WELL, IT'S JUST
22 SPEECH, YOU CAN'T STOP ME. AND YET THERE WAS HARM. AND THESE
23 LAWS TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE HARM THAT WAS DONE TO PEOPLE BY
24 SPEECH, WHICH HAD NEVER BEEN RECOGNIZED BECAUSE FREE SPEECH
25 WAS LIONIZED, AND HARM WAS IGNORED, ALL THE WAY BACK TO THE

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1 HOLOCAUST COST AND WAY BEFORE. WHENEVER YOU WANT DO HARM TO A
2 COMMUNITY, YOU FIRST BEGIN TO SPREAD STORIES ABOUT THEIR BAD
3 BEHAVIOR OR HOW BAD THEY ARE. WE HAVE CERTAINLY SEEN IT IN
4 EVERY KIND OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. WE'VE SEEN IT WITH THE
5 ASIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY JUST VERY RECENTLY, BUT I CAN SAY, AS
6 A MEMBER OF THE QUEER COMMUNITY, IT'S EXACTLY WHAT WAS DONE
7 WITH US AND EXACTLY WHY PEOPLE VOTED NOT TO MARRY BECAUSE THEY
8 HAD BEEN TOLD THAT WAS A THREAT TO THEIR OWN MARRIAGE. AS
9 STUPID AS THAT SOUNDS, PEOPLE BELIEVED IT. AND YOU GO, OH, NO
10 IT'S NOT. I MEAN, IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO UNDUE SOME OF THIS.
11 STILL, ALL THIS MOTION DOES IS TO SAY LET'S DEVELOP A WAY TO
12 GET MORE REAL, TRUE, ACCURATE INFORMATION OUT INTO THE
13 BLOGOSPHERE AND INTO PEOPLE'S CONSCIOUSNESS. SO, I THINK IT'S
14 NOT A THREAT TO FREE SPEECH IN ANY WAY. AND I DON'T THINK ANY
15 OF THOSE OF US SUPPORTING WOULD SUPPORT A THREAT TO FREE
16 SPEECH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR

17

18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER REMARKS OR
19 QUESTIONS ON THE ITEM? SEEING NONE, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
20 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE
21 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

22

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

24

25 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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4 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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8 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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12 **SUP. BARGER:** NO.

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14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, NO. SUPERVISOR

15 MITCHELL.

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

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

20 4-1.

21

22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ITEM 6, EXPANSION OF HOUSING

23 FOR YOUTH FORMERLY IN FOSTER CARE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU HELD

24 THE ITEM.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. THIS IS MY LAST ITEM, MADAM CHAIR.
2 THANK YOU FOR INDULGING ME. DESPITE FRIDAY BEING THE LAST DAY
3 OF THE 2022 HOMELESS YOUTH COUNT, YOUTH HOMELESSNESS DOES NOT
4 GET THE ATTENTION, IN MY OPINION, THAT IT REALLY DESERVES.
5 ALTHOUGH WE DID NOT CONDUCT A YOUTH HOMELESS COUNT LAST YEAR,
6 THE 2020 COUNT REVEALED THAT ABOUT 19% -- IT WAS FOUND A 19%
7 INCREASE IN YOUTH HOMELESSNESS FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR. NO
8 SURPRISE TO SOME OF US. WE KNOW THIS IS LIKELY AN UNDERCOUNT,
9 GIVEN THAT YOUTH HOMELESSNESS IS OFTEN NOT AS VISIBLE. AS YOU
10 KNOW, MANY YOUTH LIVE IN CARS. THEY COUCH SURF OR BOUNCE FROM
11 PRECARIOUS SITUATIONS TO OTHERS. AND SO OFTEN THEY HAVE
12 GREATLY EXITED OUR FOSTER CARE -- I'M SORRY, SO RECENTLY, AS
13 YOU MAY KNOW, MANY HAVE EXITED OUR FOSTER CARE SYSTEM, ONE OF
14 THE GREATEST FEEDERS OF HOMELESSNESS. THAT, IN MY OPINION, HAS
15 TO CHANGE. I BELIEVE IT'S PART OF THE BOARD'S MOST IMPORTANT
16 DUTY TO CARE FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE. THAT
17 RESPONSIBILITY IS OURS. AND IT EXTENDS TO WHEN YOUTH EXIT THE
18 FOSTER CARE SYSTEM BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 AND 21. I BELIEVE
19 THAT WE NEED TO INVEST ALL COUNTY RESOURCES AT OUR DISPOSAL TO
20 ENSURE THAT THESE YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE STABILITY WHEN IT COMES TO
21 FINANCES, FOOD, MENTAL HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HOUSING. AND
22 THAT'S WHY I HAVE WORKED WITH THIS BOARD SINCE 2018 TO
23 INCREASE THE STOCK OF VARIOUS HOUSING PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH WHO
24 EXPERIENCE FOSTER CARE. IN FACT, SINCE 2018, THIS BOARD HAS
25 INCREASED THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM PLUS, OR T.H.P.

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1 PLUS, PROGRAM FROM 82 BEDS TO 139 BEDS. AND NOW WITH THIS
2 MOTION, D.C.F.S. IS SLATED TO INCREASE THE PROGRAM TO HOUSING
3 UNITS TO UP TO 177. MOST IMPORTANTLY, THESE ADDITIONAL FUNDS
4 FROM THE STATE WILL ALLOW D.C.F.S. TO DEVELOP THE SUPPLEMENTAL
5 HOUSING RATE FOR THIS PROGRAM BECAUSE HOUSING CAN'T BE A ONE
6 SIZE FITS ALL, AND INSTEAD WE NEED TO ENSURE OUR PROVIDERS
7 HAVE THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO CREATE DEDICATED HOUSING UNITS
8 FOR PARENTING YOUTH. THIS MOTION DOES EXACTLY THAT. AND I KNOW
9 WE CAN DO EVEN MORE IN MONTHS TO COME. IT MAY NOT SEEM LIKE A
10 LOT, A LARGE NUMBER, BUT IN FACT WE SHOULD BE DOING A LOT
11 MORE. QUITE FRANKLY, I'M EMBARRASSED IT IS WHERE IT IS, AND I
12 HOPE IN THE COMING MONTHS AND YEARS WE'LL DO EVERYTHING IN OUR
13 POWER TO EXPAND THAT. THIS IS A GROWING PROBLEM FOR US, AND WE
14 SHOULD NOT BE ADDING TO HOMELESSNESS AND HURTING THOSE VERY
15 INDIVIDUALS THAT IN OUR CARE FOR MOST OF THEIR YOUNG ADULT
16 LIFE. I ALSO WANT TO ESPECIALLY THANK D.C.F.S. FOR WORKING
17 WITH US ON THIS MOTION, AND I ALSO WANT TO GIVE THANKS TO THE
18 JOHN BURTON ADVOCATES FOR YOUTH AND EVERYONE ELSE WHO CALLED
19 IN TODAY TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM
20 CHAIR.

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

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24 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THANK YOU FOR A
25 BRINGING THIS MOTION. AND THERE IS NO QUESTION WE HAVE DO

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1 MORE, AND THAT'S WHY, WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT THE GUARANTEED
2 MINIMUM INCOME, I FELT FOSTER YOUTH SHOULD BE FIRST IN LINE
3 BECAUSE BY NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN THEY'RE IN OUR SYSTEM, AND
4 WHEN THEY TRANSITION OUT, WE ARE THEIR SAFETY NET. WE HAVE
5 THAT RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE THEM WITH ALL THE TOOLS OF
6 SUCCESS, AND THAT MEANS HOUSING. HOUSING IS A BASIC RIGHT FOR
7 THESE FOSTER YOUTH, WHETHER THEY WANT TO CONTINUE TO GO TO
8 SCHOOL, OR THEY GO OUT AND GET A JOB. OVER THE YEARS, WE'VE
9 HAD TO CHANGE THE LAWS AS IT RELATES TO HOW MUCH MONEY THEY
10 COULD HAVE IN A SAVINGS ACCOUNT BECAUSE WHEN THEY TRANSITIONED
11 OUT, THERE WAS A MAXIMUM THEY COULD HOLD, WHICH WOULDN'T BE
12 FIRST MONTH'S RENT, LET ALONE FIRST AND LAST AND SECURITY
13 DEPOSIT. SO, I AGREE WITH YOU, WE ARE BEHIND THE 8 BALL. WE
14 HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY. I DID THE HOMELESS COUNT, TALKED TO
15 PEOPLE. ON ON SATURDAY NIGHT, I WENT TO AN EVENT FOR ONE OF
16 OUR FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES, AND I HEAR THE STORIES OF THESE
17 YOUNG PEOPLE TRANSITIONING OUT THAT TRULY ARE LOOKING FOR THE
18 SUPPORT IN ORDER TO THRIVE AND BECOME PRODUCTIVE, WHETHER IT
19 BE COUNTY EMPLOYEES, OR THE NEXT SUPERVISOR, THE NEXT SENATOR,
20 THE NEXT PRESIDENT. WHO KNOWS? BUT WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO
21 BE REALLY LIFE CHANGERS ON THIS TRAJECTORY MOVING FORWARD, AND
22 SO I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS MOTION. I THINK WE NEED TO DO
23 MORE, AND THIS IS A GREAT -- NOT EVEN FIRST START BECAUSE I
24 THINK WITH A GUARANTEED MINIMUM INCOME, WE'RE SHOWING THAT

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1 COMMITMENT TO THESE YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR SYSTEM. I WANT TO JUST
2 REALLY THANK YOU FOR THIS MOTION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER COMMENTS ON ITEM 6?
5 SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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7 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. JUST VERY BRIEFLY, I
8 THINK WE UNDERESTIMATE THE JARRING NATURE OF LEAVING FOSTER
9 CARE. AND THAT IS WHY I THINK THIS IS GREAT NEWS FROM
10 SACRAMENTO THAT WE CAN ACCESS THESE FUNDS FOR OUR KIDS BECAUSE
11 THEY -- UNLIKE MANY OF OUR OWN KIDS THAT MIGHT STILL BE LIVING
12 AT HOME, OR THEY DIDN'T JUST GO AWAY AND SAY THANK YOU I DON'T
13 NEED YOUR HELP ANYMORE AFTER 18, THESE YOUNG PEOPLE JUST DON'T
14 HAVE IT. AND IS IT IS VERY DIFFICULT. I HAD SEVERAL WORKING
15 WITH ME EARLIER IN ANOTHER JOB, AND THEN IN MY CAMPAIGN FOR
16 THIS JOB, JUST TO MAKE SURE THEY COULD MAKE A LITTLE MONEY.
17 AND IS IT'S SO DIFFICULT. THERE'S NO ONE TO RELY ON BUT
18 THEMSELVES AND FRIENDS THAT THEY HAVE MADE ALONG THE WAY. I
19 ENCOURAGED THEM TO USE THE SORT OF GAY NOTION OF ADOPTED OUR
20 FOUND FAMILIES, WHICH IS KIND OF AMONG FRIENDS OR EXTENDED
21 FAMILY, BUT THAT OFTEN DOESN'T EXIST FOR THEM EITHER. SO THIS
22 IS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT. AND I THANK YOU FOR THIS MOTION.
23 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ANY FURTHER
2 COMMENTS OR REMARKS? SEEING NONE, ITEM 6 IS BEFORE US. MOVED
3 BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO
4 APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

5

6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 6 IS BEFORE YOU. 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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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES
3 5-0.

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5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL MOVE ON TO ITEMS 12 AND
6 51, THE REPORT BY THE INSPECTOR GENERAL ON THE REFORMS AND
7 OVERSIGHT EFFORTS, AND ITEM 55 IS A SETTLEMENT OF THE MATTER
8 ENTITLED THE BRENNAN CENTER FOR JUSTICE NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
9 LAW SCHOOL VERSUS THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT AND ITEM
10 64, WHICH IS COUNTY CODE TITLE 2 ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT,
11 WHICH I HELD. WE'LL BE JOINED BY MAX HUNTSMAN, INSPECTOR
12 GENERAL AND BRANDON NICHOLS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE JAIL
13 CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM, WHO WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR
14 QUESTIONS. COLLEAGUES, THIS REPORT CONTINUES TO RAISE SEVERAL
15 CONCERNING ISSUES, INCLUDING A TROUBLING INCREASE IN THE
16 NUMBER OF DEPUTY-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS AND IN-CUSTODY DEATHS AS
17 WELL AS THE FAILURE TO PROPERLY MEET THE NEEDS OF INCARCERATED
18 WOMEN. SO, MR. HUNTSMAN, IF YOU'D LIKE TO BEGIN, AND THEN I
19 HAVE SOME QUESTIONS, AND I'LL ASSUME SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES DO
20 AS WELL.

21

22 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS, AND THANK YOU FOR
23 HEARING THIS REPORT. AS YOU KNOW FROM REVIEWING IT, AND AS HAS
24 JUST BEEN SAID, IT ADDRESSES A NUMBER OF POINTS. I THINK IN
25 TERMS OF THE REPORT ITSELF, ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ONE IS

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1 THAT WE NOW HAVE A FULL YEAR STATISTICS FOR SEVERAL YEARS
2 RUNNING RELATING TO DEPUTY-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS AND ALSO DEATHS
3 IN-CUSTODY. WE'VE REPORTED THOSE WITHIN THE DOCUMENT. YOU'LL
4 SEE THAT, WITH RESPECT TO DEPUTY-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS, WHILE WE
5 WERE SUCCESSFUL IN THE YEARS AFTER THE SHERIFF WAS SENT TO
6 PRISON, TO FEDERAL PRISON AS A RESULT OF THE CORRUPTION
7 SCANDALS THAT WERE PROSECUTED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, IN
8 REDUCING THE NUMBER OF DEPUTY- INVOLVED SHOOTINGS THROUGH
9 OVERSIGHT REFORMS THAT THIS BOARD PUT IN PLACE. WE WERE ABLE
10 TO GET THE LEVELS DOWN QUITE A BIT. IN THE PAST FEW YEARS,
11 THEY'VE GONE UP AGAIN CONSISTENTLY, IN ALL THE LAST 3 OR 4
12 YEARS, AND WE'RE NOW LOST MOST OF THE GAINS THAT WE MANAGED TO
13 PUT IN PLACE WITH RESPECT TO THE SHOOTINGS, AND THEN ALSO WITH
14 RESPECT TO CUSTODY DEATHS. WE HAD MANAGED TO GET THEM DOWN
15 PRETTY LOW, PARTICULARLY SUICIDES. BEFORE YOU PUT IN PLACE
16 OVERSIGHT, THERE WERE SOMETHING LIKE 10 SUICIDES IN A YEAR THE
17 YEAR BEFORE THAT ALL TOOK PLACE. WE MANAGED TO GET THAT DOWN
18 TO ONE SUICIDE IN THE LATER YEARS, AND LAST YEAR NOW WE WERE
19 BACK UP TO 9 SUICIDES IN CUSTODY AS WELL AS A WIDE VARIETY OF
20 OTHER KINDS DEATHS. WE HAD 4 HOMICIDES THE YEAR BEFORE THAT.
21 WE'VE ALSO HAD, OF COURSE, AN INCREASE IN COVID RELATED
22 DEATHS. WE REPORTED ON THE NEED TO REDUCE THE POPULATION IN
23 THE JAILS BECAUSE OF THE INABILITY TO PROVIDE SAFE CONGREGATE
24 LIVING ENVIRONMENTS, AND THAT WASN'T ADDRESSED PROPERLY. SO AS
25 A RESULT, A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITHIN CUSTODY BECAME ILL

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1 WITH COVID, AND THAT ACTED AS A GENERATOR FOR COMMUNITIES, A
2 LOT OF COVID BEING TRANSMITTED, BUT THEN ALSO, OF COURSE,
3 THERE WAS SOME DEATH DESPITE AN EXCELLENT JOB BY OUR CUSTODY
4 HEALTH SERVICES IN TRYING TO PROTECT PEOPLE. SO THAT WAS DONE.
5 THERE WAS ALSO INCREASE IN DEATHS BECAUSE OF OVERDOSE. IN THE
6 LAST YEAR, THERE WERE 10. AT THE SAME TIME, THE SHERIFF'S
7 DEPARTMENT HAS EMPLOYED OF NARCAN, A DRUG THAT MANAGES TO
8 OVERCOME FENTANYL OVERDOSES IN MANY INSTANCES. AND I THINK
9 THEY ADMINISTERED IT SOMETHING LIKE 200 TIMES LAST YEAR. SO
10 THERE ARE MANY POTENTIAL DEATHS THAT WERE AVOIDED. BUT AS
11 WE'VE DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY, I THINK A LOT OF THIS HAS TO DO
12 WITH THE OVERCROWDED HOUSING ENVIRONMENT IN MEN'S CENTRAL
13 JAIL, IN PARTICULAR, BUT IN THE JAILS IN GENERAL, AND THEN THE
14 REPORT ALSO TALKS ABOUT THE TREATMENT OF PREGNANT WOMEN.
15 THAT'S AN ISSUE THAT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED QUITE A BIT BY THE
16 SYBIL BRAND INSTITUTE -- COMMISSION, EXCUSE ME, AND BY THE
17 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION AS WELL. AND WE DID SOME
18 REPORTING ON THAT AT THEIR REQUEST AND INDEPENDENTLY, OF
19 COURSE, IN PARTICULAR NOTING THERE ARE SOME RACIAL
20 DISPARITIES IN THE WAY PROGRAMS ARE DISTRIBUTED AND OTHER
21 PROBLEMS IN TERMS OF HOW WOMEN ARE TREATED IN TERMS OF THE
22 DIET THEY'RE GIVEN AS WELL AS THEIR ACCESS TO DRINKING WATER.
23 IF YOU RECALL IN THE PAST YEARS, WE'VE HAD A LOT OF PROBLEMS
24 AVOIDING FLY INFESTATIONS WITHIN THE SINKS OF THE JAIL. SO
25 THERE WAS A SHIFT TO BOTTLED WATER. AND PREVIOUSLY, THERE

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1 WASN'T ENOUGH BOTTLED WATER BEING GIVEN TO WOMEN. ALTHOUGH, I
2 THINK THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS DONE QUITE A BIT TO TRY TO
3 IMPROVE UPON THAT. AND WITH THAT, I WOULD TURN OVER TO
4 QUESTIONS, ANY QUESTIONS SUPERVISORS HAVE.

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WELL, I'M ALMOST SPEECHLESS BASED ON
7 SOME OF THOSE FINAL COMMENTS YOU MADE. LET ME JUST ASK A
8 COUPLE OF QUESTIONS, AND, SUPERVISOR HAHN, I SEE YOUR HAND.
9 YOU TALKED ABOUT -- MR. HUNTSMAN, YOU TALKED ABOUT THE
10 INCREASE BY ALMOST 60% OF DEPUTY-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS, WHICH
11 FOLLOWED A 29% DROPPED BETWEEN '17 AND '18. YOU TALKED ABOUT A
12 175% INCREASE IN IN-CUSTODY DEATHS SINCE 2016. SO CAN YOU GET
13 INTO ANY SPECIFICS AS TO WHAT YOU THINK CAUSED THESE INCREASES
14 OR IF THERE WERE ANY CHANGES IN POLICIES OR PRACTICES THAT
15 COULD BE DRIVING THESE INCREASES?

16

17 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** I MENTIONED THE CROWDING WITHIN THE JAILS BEING
18 ONE, BUT A LOT OF THESE SPECIFIC INSTANCES DEPEND ON THE
19 CIRCUMSTANCES. AS YOU KNOW, DURING THIS PERIOD, THE SHERIFF'S
20 DEPARTMENT HAS RETRENCHED A NUMBER OF REFORMS THAT WERE PUT IN
21 PLACE AFTER THE FEDERAL PROSECUTIONS, AND, AS A RESULT, WE
22 HAVE THE DISCIPLINE SYSTEM HAS BEEN DISMANTLED IN A LOT OF
23 WAYS, A LOT OF POLICY MAKING THAT'S DONE AT THE TOP LEVELS,
24 MESSAGES TO DEPUTIES I THINK IN THE WRONG DIRECTION. RATHER
25 THAN MESSAGING SUPERVISION AND SUPPORT FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION,

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1 THERE'S A MESSAGE OF PERMISSIVENESS IN TERMS OF WHAT CHOICES
2 THE DEPUTIES WANT TO MAKE, EVEN IF THEY'RE INAPPROPRIATE, AN
3 EXAMPLE BEING THE DEPUTY GANG PROBLEM WHICH THE STATE HAD TO
4 PASS A NEW LAW REQUIRING INVESTIGATION OF. AND THE SHERIFF, AS
5 YOU KNOW, HAS RECENTLY SAID THERE IS NO PROBLEM HERE AND ISN'T
6 INVESTIGATING. SO I THINK ALL THESE THINGS PUSH IN THE
7 DIRECTION OF, IN THE INDIVIDUAL CASES, IT WILL BE MORE LIKELY
8 THAT FORCE WILL BE USED, BUT THE SPECIFICS FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL
9 CASE REQUIRE VERY DETAILED DATA, FOR INSTANCE, ACCESS TO BODY
10 WORN CAMERAS. AND AT THE SAME TIME, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
11 HAS SHUT US OUT FROM ITS LEGAL REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE
12 REGARDING WHAT HAPPENS IN INDIVIDUAL CASES, SO WE NOT ABLE TO
13 DO THE KIND OF DEEP EVIDENTIARY ANALYSIS THAT WOULD BE
14 NECESSARY TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION. A LITTLE LESS SO IN
15 CUSTODY, AS I SAY, IN-CUSTODY I THINK IS DRIVEN MORE BY
16 OVERCROWDING, BUT THE SAME INFLUENCES ARE PRESENT, THE SAME
17 KIND OF USE OF FORCE NOT ALWAYS BEING HANDLED AND SUPERVISED
18 IN THE WAY IT COULD BE IN TERMS OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS OPERATION
19 WITHIN THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT, WHICH I THINK GIVES A MESSAGE
20 TO DEPUTIES THAT CAN HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT AS WELL.

21
22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO TRANSITION OVER TO PREGNANT
23 INMATES BEFORE I OPEN IT UP TO OTHER QUESTIONS. YOU MADE AN
24 INTERESTING STATEMENT WITH REGARD TO THE ROLE BIAS PLAYS IN
25 WHETHER OR NOT A PREGNANT INMATE IS GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO

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1 BE RELEASED OR BE DIVERTED TO A COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION.
2 CAN YOU INTO A LITTLE BIT MORE DETAIL ABOUT WHAT YOU MEAN BY
3 THAT?

4

5 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** WELL, THE BIAS I WAS REFERRING TO IS SOMETHING
6 THAT WAS IDENTIFIED BY THE SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION THAT THEY
7 WERE HEARING REPORTS OF THAT, THAT WITH RESPECT TO RACE, THERE
8 WASN'T AN EVEN DISTRIBUTION OF ABILITY TO PROGRAM
9 OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN WHILE IN CUSTODY AND TO TAKE ADVANTAGE
10 OF PROGRAMS THAT ALLOW EARLIER RELEASE BUT ALSO ALLOW A PERSON
11 TO DO BETTER ONCE THEY GET OUT OF CUSTODY. AND WE HAVE BEGUN A
12 STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF THAT, BUT WE FOUND THAT THE DATA BEING
13 KEPT BY THE DEPARTMENT IS LIMITED. SO WE ARE NOT YET ABLE TO
14 MAKE A FULL STATISTICAL ANALYSIS, BUT WE DID FIND DISPARITIES
15 IN TERMS OF THE NUMBERS BASED ON RACE ABOUT WHO WAS BEING
16 GIVEN OPPORTUNITIES, NOT QUITE AS MUCH ABOUT THE RELEASE FROM
17 CUSTODY, BUT IT HAD MORE TO DO WITH THE TREATMENT WHILE IN-
18 CUSTODY, BUT I DO THINK THERE IS A CONCERN RELEASE FROM
19 CUSTODY AS WELL BECAUSE IN PREGNANT WOMEN BEING A SUBSET OF
20 WOMEN, GENERALLY, A THE TREATMENT OF HOW PEOPLE ARE HANDLED IN
21 CUSTODY SHOULD BE, AND OFTEN IS, DIFFERENT BETWEEN WOMEN AND
22 MEN. AND WE FOUND THAT TOO OFTEN THE SAME PROCEDURES ARE USED
23 FOR WOMEN AND MEN, AND I THINK THAT HAS A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON
24 RELEASE STANDARDS BASED ON THE CRIMES THAT ARE ALLOWED TO

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1 PERMIT RELEASE OR NOT RELEASE AND ALSO CONDITIONS OF
2 CONFINEMENT.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YOU MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY THERE WAS
5 CONCERNS ABOUT DIETARY NEEDS NOT BEING MET CONSISTENTLY AND
6 ACCESS TO WATER AND THE TRANSITION TO BOTTLED WATER BECAUSE OF
7 A FLY INFESTATION, BUT NOW THAT THERE'S NOT ENOUGH BOTTLED
8 WATER. CAN YOU EXPOUND UPON THAT AND TELL ME IF THERE IS
9 ANYTHING SPECIFICALLY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS DONE TO
10 MEET THESE VERY BASIC, FOUNDATIONAL, VERY FUNDAMENTAL SERVICES
11 AVAILABLE TO PREGNANT WOMEN?

12

13 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** YES, THERE ARE SOME VERY SIGNIFICANT THINGS
14 THEY'VE DONE. THE BOTTLED WATER PROBLEM THAT WERE JUST TALKING
15 ABOUT, IT IS AN ONGOING PROBLEM. AND IT HAS EXISTED FOR YEARS
16 BECAUSE OF AN INFRASTRUCTURE INABILITY TO AVOID THESE
17 INFESTATIONS. AND SO, PEOPLE NOT TRUSTING THE WATER. AND THE
18 WAY THAT TRANSLATES TO A PROBLEM WITH PREGNANCY IS THAT WOMEN
19 NEED TO DRINK A LOT OF WATER WHEN THEY'RE PREGNANT, AND THE
20 ONLY WATER THEY ARE GOING TO BE WILLING TO DRINK IS BOTTLED
21 WATER WHEN THEY LOOK AT INFESTATION IN THEIR SINK. THE
22 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PREVIOUSLY WAS NOT PROVIDING ENOUGH
23 BOTTLED WATER PER WHAT A DOCTOR WOULD RECOMMEND. THEY ARE NOW
24 DOING THAT. WE TALKED TO THEM ABOUT IT. SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION
25 TALKED TO THEM ABOUT IT, AND THEY'RE MAKING AN EFFORT NOW TO

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1 MAKE SURE ENOUGH WATER IS AVAILABLE. WITH RESPECT TO DIETARY
2 NEEDS, PREVIOUSLY THEY WERE REQUIRING AN ORDER FROM A DOCTOR
3 THAT YOU GET A PRENATAL DIET, WHICH I THINK IS THE APPROPRIATE
4 WAY TO DO THINGS, AND THEY'VE CHANGED THAT. I THINK THEY'RE
5 NOW GIVING THE PRENATAL DIETS MORE AUTOMATICALLY. THEY ARE
6 ALSO WORKING ON PUTTING -- AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, PUTTING
7 PREGNANT WOMEN INTO ONE HOUSING UNIT SO THAT THEY CAN MAKE
8 SURE THEY SEE THEIR NEEDS BECAUSE ANOTHER PROBLEM WE SAW WAS A
9 LACK OF PROPER EXERCISE OPPORTUNITIES, AND THAT SEEMED TO BE
10 IN PART DRIVEN BY SORT OF LACK OF CORRECT MESSAGING TO THE
11 DEPUTIES INVOLVED IN DIFFERENT PLACES. IF YOU HAVE ALL THE
12 FOLKS IN ONE PLACE, YOU CAN MAKE SURE THE DEPUTIES UNDERSTAND
13 YES, PREGNANT WOMEN NEED EXERCISE. I THINK THERE IS AN
14 INCREASED FOCUS ON THE PART OF THE ADMINISTRATION IN CUSTODY
15 TO FOLLOW THIS. WE HAVE NOT SEEN MUCH DISCIPLINE IN TERMS OF
16 PEOPLE WHO HAVE DENIED PEOPLE THEIR OPPORTUNITIES THAT THEY
17 ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO PROVIDE, BUT WE HAVE SEEN AN INCREASED
18 FOCUS BY THE ADMINISTRATION ON MAKING SURE THAT THE RIGHT
19 THING HAPPENS.

20
21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AND MR. NICHOLS, CAN YOU OPINE AT ALL
22 ABOUT THE COUNTY'S CAPACITY TO DIVERT PREGNANT WOMEN TO MORE
23 APPROPRIATE COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS SERVICES; WHERE ARE WE IN
24 THAT AREA?

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1 **BRANDON NICHOLS:** ABSOLUTELY, SUPERVISOR. THANK YOU FOR
2 INVITING ME TODAY TO SPEAK ON THAT ISSUE. OUR FOCUS HAS BEEN
3 ON PREGNANT WOMEN. I'D LIKE TO START BY SAYING FORTUNATELY,
4 THERE ARE A SMALL NUMBER OF PREGNANT WOMEN IN CUSTODY. EARLIER
5 THIS WEEK, IT WAS 13, BUT ACTUALLY IT'S A VERY DYNAMIC NUMBER.
6 FIVE PREGNANT WOMEN CAME IN YESTERDAY, SO WE'RE CURRENTLY UP
7 AT 18. BUT THAT SMALL NUMBER AFFORDS US AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO
8 AN INDIVIDUALIZED LOOK AT EACH OF THOSE WOMEN CASES. SO WE
9 HAVE WORKED WITH THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY, THE
10 DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AND THE PUBLIC DEFEND TO SET UP A PROCESS
11 TO REVIEW EACH WOMAN'S CASE AND TO HAVE A CONFERENCE TO SEE IF
12 A DEAL CAN BE RELEASED AND A COMMUNITY RESOURCE CAN BE
13 IDENTIFIED TO TRANSFER THOSE WOMEN OUT OF CUSTODY AND INTO A
14 COMMUNITY SUPPORT. TO DATE, THREE CONFERENCES HAVE HAPPENED. I
15 DON'T BELIEVE THAT ANY INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN RELEASED YET, BUT
16 THEY ARE ONGOING. IT'S A NEW PROGRAM, BUT WE'RE PRETTY HAPPY
17 ABOUT IT, AND WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S
18 OFFICE, WHO NOW RECEIVES A LIST OF ALL OF THE WOMEN IN CUSTODY
19 DAILY. THEY'RE GOING THROUGH THAT LIST TO SEE IF THEY CAN ALSO
20 IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES TO EITHER WORK WITH O.D.R. TO CONNECT
21 THOSE PEOPLE WITH RESOURCES OUTSIDE OF JAIL OR TO DIVERT THEM.
22 WE ARE WORKING TO EXPAND THOSE RESOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO
23 SERVE WOMEN. SO AT THE J.C.I.T TEAM, WE ARE GOING TO BE
24 FUNDING THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY'S MATERNAL HEALTH
25 PROGRAM TO MAKE SURE THOSE RESOURCES CONTINUE ON TO BE ABLE TO

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1 TAKE WOMEN. AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY HAS ENTERED INTO
2 AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROVIDER, WHO HAS COMMITTED
3 TO PROVIDE HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR ANY PREGNANT
4 PERSON THAT WE CAN IDENTIFY THAT A COURT IS WILLING TO RELEASE
5 AND TO PROVIDE A HOME, WHICH WOULD ALLOW THEM TO LIVE WITH
6 THEIR CHILDREN AS WELL. AND SO, IN THE PAST, THAT HAS BEEN A
7 LITTLE TRICKY TO FIND HOMES THAT WOULD SERVE BOTH THE PERSON
8 COMING OUT AND ALSO THEIR CHILD, BUT WE HAVE A SERVICE
9 PROVIDER NOW WHO IS COMMITTED TO DOING THAT. SO, BUT WITH
10 THOSE RESOURCES, WE'RE HOPEFUL TO BE ABLE TO DIVERT MORE
11 PEOPLE THAN WE HAVE IN THE PAST, BUT I WILL SAY,
12 UNFORTUNATELY, WE, AT THE COUNTY, DO NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO
13 OPEN THE DOORS OF THE JAIL CELLS. WE HAVE TO GO TO COURT AND
14 WE HAVE TO CONVINCE COURTS TO SEE A BETTER WAY AND BETTER PATH
15 FOR PEOPLE THAT ARE PREGNANT, AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE WORKING
16 CLOSELY WITH THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
17 OFFICE, ALSO THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, TO MAKE THOSE
18 PITCHES TO HEARING OFFICERS. THAT'S WHERE THE DECISION IS
19 GOING TO HAVE TO BE MADE. BUT I THINK THE RESOURCES WE'RE
20 PUTTING ON THE TABLE WILL MAKE THE HEARING OFFICERS MORE
21 COMFORTABLE RELEASING PEOPLE.

22
23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, BOTH. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU TO OUR
2 INSPECTOR GENERAL AS WELL AS TO BRANDON NICHOLS FOR YOUR
3 REPORT AND YOUR INTEREST IN THIS. I CERTAINLY -- WHAT CAUGHT
4 MY EYE WAS THE TREATMENT OF OUR PREGNANT PEOPLE IN OUR
5 CUSTODY. AND IT WAS A LITTLE SURPRISING TO SEE THE WHOLE WATER
6 ISSUE. IT SOUNDS LIKE IT'S BEEN RESOLVED. I ALSO, FOLLOW UP ON
7 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S COMMENT ABOUT THE BETTER NUTRITIOUS
8 MEALS, AND ACCORDING TO THE REPORT I DIDN'T THINK THAT HAD
9 BEEN ADDRESSED. I KNOW THE O.I.G. RECOMMENDED THAT WE MAKE
10 SURE THAT THEY RECEIVE ENOUGH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, BUT I
11 HADN'T HEARD WHETHER THAT HAD SPECIFICALLY GOT RESOLVED, BUT
12 ARE YOU SAYING IT HAS, AND NOW THEY HAVE BETTER --

13

14 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** I'M NOT SAYING IT'S BEEN RESOLVED. I'M SAYING
15 IT'S BEEN LOOKED AT AND ADDRESSED. I THINK THEY HAD A
16 NUTRITIONIST COME DOWN AND TALK TO PEOPLE. I THINK IT'S GOING
17 TO BE AN ONGOING CHALLENGE TO MAKE SURE THAT APPROPRIATE
18 NUTRITION IS PROVIDED. I THINK IT'S A CHALLENGE IN CUSTODY
19 THROUGHOUT, AND SO IT'S GOING TO TAKE ADDITIONAL ATTENTION TO
20 MAKE SURE WE CONTINUE TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE NUTRITION FOR A
21 PREGNANT WOMAN THROUGHOUT THE STAY OF ALL PREGNANT WOMEN THERE
22 AT ANY TIME. IF PEOPLE ARE HOUSED SEPARATELY, THERE WILL BE
23 RISK. I WOULDN'T SAY IT'S RESOLVED.

24

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** HONESTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE EVERYONE GET MORE
2 FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, SO THAT MIGHT BE A WAY TO RESOLVE IT SO
3 YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TO NECESSARILY SEGREGATE THE PREGNANCIES.
4 MAKING SURE EVERY INMATE HAD A MORE NUTRITIONAL MEAL WOULD
5 ACTUALLY BE GOOD FOR EVERYBODY. I'M GOING TO SWITCH OVER TO
6 OUR IN-CUSTODY DEATHS. AND YOU MENTIONED IT A LITTLE BIT, MAX,
7 IN YOUR VERBAL REPORT. SO I GUESS WE HAD 55 DEATHS IN-CUSTODY
8 LAST YEAR, AND YOU DID MENTION IN THE REPORT THAT 9 WERE
9 SUICIDES. I GUESS ONE WAS A HOMICIDE. SO THAT STILL LEAVES 45
10 DEATHS THAT WEREN'T REALLY CATEGORIZED. I WAS JUST INTERESTED
11 IN WHAT THE OTHER 45 DEATHS WERE. I KNOW YOU WON'T HAVE TIME
12 TO BREAK AND IT DOWN RIGHT NOW, BUT I'M PARTICULARLY
13 INTERESTED IN THE COVID-RELATED DEATHS OR DRUG OVERDOSES. I
14 DIDN'T KNOW IF YOU HAD THOSE FIGURES FROM THAT REMAINING 45?

15

16 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** I CAN GIVE YOU THOSE FOR 2021, THE NUMBER OF
17 COVID DEATHS, AND OF COURSE THIS IS IMPERFECT BECAUSE IT HAS
18 TO DO WITH SUSPECTED, AND IT'S IMPRECISE, BUT THE NUMBER WAS 8
19 FOR 2021. AND THE NUMBER OF OVERDOSES WAS 10. THERE WAS 9
20 COVID DEATHS THE YEAR BEFORE, SO A TOTAL OF 18, 1 THIS YEAR AS
21 WELL, THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC. THE NUMBER OF OVERDOSES, 10 IN
22 2021, IS AN INCREASE. WE HAVE BEEN SEEING AND THAT NUMBER GO
23 UP PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF FENTANYL.

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** JUST FOR MY PURPOSES, I WOULD LAKE FOR YOU TO
2 BREAKDOWN THE DEATHS. I DO THINK THAT IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE
3 UNDERSTAND WHY PEOPLE ARE DYING IN OUR CUSTODY, WHAT THE CAUSE
4 IS. I'M SURE WE DON'T ALWAYS KNOW. I'M SURE MANY PEOPLE COME
5 INTO OUR CUSTODY WITH A SERIOUS UNDERLYING CONDITION THAT THEY
6 PROBABLY ULTIMATELY PASS AWAY FROM. BUT I DO THINK IT'S
7 IMPORTANT THAT WE UNDERSTAND THOSE THAT PASS AWAY WHEN THEY'RE
8 IN OUR CUSTODY, I THINK I TAKE THAT VERY SERIOUSLY, AND IT'S A
9 VERY SOBERING NUMBER OF PEOPLE. WE CERTAINLY DON'T WANT FOLKS
10 TO PASS AWAY WHILE THEY'RE IN OUR CUSTODY. AND I DO KNOW WHEN
11 I FIRST BECAME A COUNTY SUPERVISOR, WE WOULD GET NOTIFIED OF
12 EVERY INMATE DEATH. I REMEMBER BEING A LITTLE UPSET WHEN I
13 WOULD GET ONE WITH A YOUNGER PERSON THAN ME, LIKE A 30-YEAR-
14 OLD OR 32-YEAR-OLD, AND I WAS TOLD IT WAS OF NATURAL CAUSES. I
15 REALLY PUSHED BACK ON THAT. I SAID THAT DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT TO
16 ME THAT SOMEONE WOULD DIE OF A NATURAL CAUSE. I WOULD RATHER
17 YOU SAY CAUSE OF DEATH IS PENDING THAN TO LET ME KNOW RIGHT
18 AWAY THAT IT'S OF NATURAL CAUSES BECAUSE THAT'S HARD TO TAKE
19 FOR A YOUNG PERSON TO DIE OF NATURAL CAUSES. SO ANYWAY, THANK
20 YOU FOR YOUR WORK, MAX. I KEEP THINKING IF WE DIDN'T HAVE ARE
21 SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION, IF WE DIDN'T HAVE YOU, I THINK OF SO
22 MANY THINGS THAT WOULD BE HAPPENING IN OUR JAILS THAT WE WOULD
23 NOT BE MADE AWARE OF AND THAT WE WOULD HAVE OUR INMATES NOT
24 BEING TREATED WITH DIGNITY AND HUMANITY LIKE THEY SHOULD. I
25 APPRECIATE YOUR WORK. I'M ASSUMING, MAX, THAT, PARTICULARLY ON

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1 THE PROGRAMMING ISSUE, THAT YOU'VE SPOKEN TO THE SHERIFF'S
2 DEPARTMENT ABOUT YOUR FINDINGS THAT AFRICAN AMERICANS WERE NOT
3 RECEIVING THE SAME LEVEL OF PROGRAMS AS THEIR WHITE AND LATINA
4 PEERS. I'M GUESSING YOU BRING THIS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE
5 SHERIFF, AND I'M CURIOUS HOW THE SHERIFF IS RESOLVING THAT
6 ISSUE.

7

8 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** WE BRING THEM TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THE
9 SHERIFF HIMSELF DOES NOT SPEAK TO ME MUCH. BUT WE CERTAINLY
10 HAVE A BETTER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CUSTODY DEPARTMENT WHERE A
11 FEDERAL MONITOR IS TO DISABILITY MATTERS, SO THEY HAVE TO
12 SPEAK TO US. AND THEY'RE VERY RECEPTIVE AND IS TALK TO US, NOT
13 TO SAY THAT WE AGREE WITH EVERYTHING, BUT WE'RE COMMUNICATING,
14 AND WE'RE WORKING ON GETTING BETTER DATA AND ALSO BRINGING
15 THEM BEFORE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION WHEN POSSIBLE, WHEN THE
16 SHERIFF DOESN'T PREVENT THAT, SO THAT WE CAN TRY TO RESOLVE
17 MATTERS IN A WAY THAT BENEFIT EVERYBODY.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. AND AGAIN, AND THANK YOU, BRANDON, FOR
20 YOUR WORK. ULTIMATELY, I THINK THERE'S A WILL OF THIS BOARD TO
21 ONE DAY DISMANTLE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. WE HEAR THE STORIES OF
22 IT NOT BEING SAFE OR HUMANE FOR DEPUTIES OR INMATES. BUT IN
23 THE -- I THINK THIS IS IN THE MEANTIME, THE WORK THAT YOU'RE
24 DOING IS SO IMPORTANT TO US LIVING UP TO OUR VALUES OF CARE

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1 FIRST, EVEN IF YOU'RE IN ONE OF OUR JAILS. SO THANK YOU FOR
2 WHAT YOU'RE DOING.

3

4 **BRANDON NICHOLS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. YOU KNOW WE ARE NOT
5 GOING TO BE ABLE TO GET EVERYBODY OUT OF JAIL, AND WE WANT TO
6 MAKE IT AS GOOD AS WE CAN FOR THOSE THAT HAVE TO REMAIN
7 BEHIND. I WILL SAY MY PRIMARY FOCUS IS GETTING THEM OUT, BUT
8 WE ALSO PAY ATTENTION TO AND TRY TO WORK WITH THE SHERIFF'S
9 DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY, AND OTHERS TO
10 MAKE SURE WE'RE DOING AS MUCH AS WE CAN FOR THOSE THAT ARE
11 STILL IN.

12

13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THE SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOLLOWED
14 BY KUEHL.

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR HIGHLIGHTING THESE
17 ISSUES AND BRINGING THEM ALL TOGETHER IN THE MANNER THAT
18 YOU'RE PRESENTING TODAY. AND I ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK THE
19 OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR THIS REPORT BECAUSE I
20 DON'T BELIEVE THAT THE PUBLIC FULLY MAY UNDERSTAND OR EVEN GET
21 A CHANCE TO READ THE REPORT. BUT THIS REPORT, AS I SEE IT,
22 REALLY COVERED JUST A WHOLE SERIES OF ISSUES WITH RESPECT TO
23 SERVICE COMPLAINTS FROM THE COMMUNITY ABOUT DEPUTIES, L.A.S.D.
24 USE OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS, DEPUTY-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS,
25 L.A.S.D. HANDLING OF INVESTIGATION AND CUSTODY MATTERS, AND

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1 THE FACT THAT WE HAVE ALREADY HEARD THAT THERE WERE OVER 13, I
2 UNDERSTAND, SHOOTINGS THAT TOOK PLACE, DEPUTY-INVOLVED
3 SHOOTINGS, AND WHAT'S NOTABLE HERE IS THAT L.A.S.D. DID NOT
4 PROVIDE THE O.I.G. ANY ACCESS TO INFORMATION OR VERY LIMITED
5 CLIPS FROM THE BODY WORN CAMERAS. AND THAT GOES FOR DIFFERENT
6 INSTANCES THAT ARE OUTLINED IN THE REPORT, IN SANTA CLARITA,
7 CENTURY, TEMPLE CITY, PICO RIVERA, EAST L.A., PALMDALE, SOUTH
8 L.A., AND WHITTIER, AND NORWALK, AND CARSON. I JUST WANTED TO
9 SAY TOO THAT I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT INFORMATION IS NOT
10 BEING AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC, AND TO US, AND TO YOU, MORE
11 IMPORTANTLY, BECAUSE WE HELPED TO EMPOWER YOUR OFFICE TO DO
12 THAT. AND I GET IT. THERE'S A ROADBLOCK THERE. MAJOR
13 CHALLENGES WITH THE SHERIFF. PERHAPS THE DEPUTIES AND OTHER
14 FOLKS TO WANT TO COOPERATE, BUT THEY MAY NOT BE GETTING THAT
15 MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP OR TEAM THAT SHOULD BE PROVIDING
16 THAT ASSISTANCE TO US. AND WHAT HAPPENS IN THE END IS WE END
17 UP EXPENDING MORE TAXPAYER DOLLARS BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE HARMED.
18 WE HAVE TO SETTLE LAWSUITS. AND WE HAVE TO TAKE CORRECTIVE
19 ACTION PLANS THAT ALL COST US A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY. WE SHOULD
20 IN MY OPINION, BE GOING TO HELP PEOPLE AS YOU SAID EARLIER,
21 BRANDON, TO GET PEOPLE OUT THAT CAN BE TREATED, COMFORTABLY,
22 AND APPROPRIATELY IN OUR COMMUNITIES OR OTHER FACILITIES, AND
23 WE DO HAVE TO EVENTUALLY LOOK AT CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL,
24 WHICH SOMEONE SAID EARLIER ON A CALL THAT IT IS A DUNGEON. WE
25 ALL KNOW IT IS. FOR PETE'S SAKE, WHO WOULD WANT TO HAVE

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1 SOMEONE STAY THERE WHEN THEY HAVE MENTAL ISSUES OR SUBSTANCE
2 ABUSE ISSUES, AND IT IS HARD AND COSTLY AND CHALLENGING TO GET
3 GOOD HEALTHCARE FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS. AND THAT JUST REALLY
4 UPSETS ME WHEN I HEAR ABOUT PREGNANT WOMEN NOT BEING GIVEN
5 APPROPRIATE MEALS, DIETARY NUTRITIONAL MEALS, BECAUSE THEY
6 ARE, IN FACT, TRYING TO PREPARE TO GIVE BIRTH. AND HERE WE ARE
7 DEPRIVING AND DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO OBSTRUCT THEIR
8 ABILITY TO TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES. AND FOR US TO TAKE CARE OF
9 THEM. I'M VERY CONCERNED ALSO ABOUT THE DISPARATE TREATMENT IN
10 PROGRAMMING. I ECHO WHAT SUPERVISOR HAHN SAYS THAT IT CAME TO
11 MY ATTENTION THROUGH THIS REPORT THAT WHITE AND LATINAS WERE
12 OVERREPRESENTED IN PROGRAMMING, WHEREAS BLACK WOMEN WERE
13 UNDERREPRESENTED. THAT HAS TO BE A REASON FOR THAT, AND THAT
14 SHOULD BE CORRECTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I HOPE WE GET
15 INFORMATION, MAX, ON THIS, RIGHT AWAY, IN ADDITION TO ANY OF
16 THE OTHER SERVICES THAT PREGNANT PEOPLE SHOULD BE RECEIVING.
17 THIS IS SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN VERY SERIOUS. AND DITTO ALSO
18 FOR WHAT WE SHOULD BE DOING AT PROBATION CAMPS TOO FOR YOUNG
19 PREGNANT YOUTH. THAT IS NOT YOUR AREA, BUT IT IS AN AREA OF
20 CONCERN FOR SOME OF US UP HERE. IN-CUSTODY DEATHS, I AM VERY
21 CONCERNED IN TERMS OF 11 INDIVIDUALS WHO DIED WHILE IN OUR
22 CUSTODY. SEVEN NEEDED A HIGHER LEVEL OF CARE, I BELIEVE. THEY
23 WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE HOSPITAL WHERE THEY PASSED. AND I
24 UNDERSTAND THAT. SOME OF THESE PEOPLE MAY HAVE HAD PREVIOUS
25 HEALTH RISKS THAT HAD BEEN NEGLECTED FOR YEARS, MAYBE DECADES.

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1 NONETHELESS, IF THERE'S BETTER DIAGNOSIS AT THE BEGINNING, WE
2 SHOULDN'T BE SQUANDERING OUR TIME AND ALLOWING THESE
3 INDIVIDUALS NOT TO BE TREATED IN THEIR CELLS BUT BE TREATED
4 APPROPRIATELY AND IN A MANNER THAT IS HUMANE. AND THAT'S THE
5 PART I JUST WANT TO UNDERSCORE. WE OUGHT TO BE DOING A LOT
6 MORE IN THIS AREA. ALSO USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS, I SEE THERE'S
7 -- SEEMS TO BE INCIDENTS OF INSTITUTIONAL VIOLENCE IN THE
8 SECOND QUARTER OF 2021. IT LOOKED LIKE IT WAS TRENDING DOWN IN
9 OTHER YEARS, AND THEN WE SEE FROM SECOND QUARTER 2020, IT WAS
10 496, AND IN SECOND QUARTER 2021, IT IS 698. WHAT HAPPENED?
11 WHAT HAPPENED IS MY QUESTION. MAX?

12

13 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** SUPERVISOR, I TOOK IT SOMEWHAT RHETORICALLY
14 BECAUSE I CAN'T ANSWER THAT 100%, BUT I WANT TO ECHO THE
15 THINGS YOU SAID ABOUT THE NEED FOR ACCESS TO INFORMATION. YOU
16 MENTIONED THE BODY CAMERAS, A CRITICAL THING BOARD PUT A LOT
17 OF MONEY INTO THAT FORM OF SUPERVISION AND OVERSIGHT, AND THE
18 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS BLOCKED US FROM IT. AND
19 UNFORTUNATELY, I BELIEVE, THAT THAT REQUIRES LEGAL ACTION. SO
20 WE HAVE WORKED WITH COUNTY COUNSEL TO ADDRESS THAT. I HOPE WE
21 WILL. WITH RESPECT TO VIOLENCE WITHIN THE JAILS, IT GOES UP,
22 AND IT GOES DOWN. BUT I REALLY DO BELIEVE THAT A BIG
23 CONTRIBUTOR IS THE DISMANTLING OF THE DISCIPLINE SYSTEM THAT
24 HAS HAPPENED IN THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS UNDER THIS
25 ADMINISTRATION. SHERIFF VILLANUEVA HAS, IN ADDITION TO WAGING

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1 A WAR OF WORDS AS TO PUBLIC OFFICIALS, MYSELF INCLUDED, AND
2 YOURSELVES INCLUDED, HE HAS ALSO DONE A LOT OF THINGS BEHIND
3 THE SCENES THAT WE HAVE REPORTED ON, BUT THE INFORMATION
4 DOESN'T ALWAYS GET OUT TO THE PUBLIC ABOUT WHAT HE HAS DONE TO
5 CLOSE DISCIPLINE CASES, TO INSTRUCT TO HIS SUBORDINATES THAT
6 THEY SHOULD NOT AGGRESSIVELY PURSUE DISCIPLINE CASES, AND TO
7 LIMIT OUR ABILITY TO GATHER INFORMATION ON THAT SUBJECT. I
8 BELIEVE IT HAS AN IMPACT, BUT IT IS HARD TO SAY FOR CERTAIN
9 BECAUSE OF THE INFORMATION BLACKOUT THAT HE HAS IMPOSED.

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** MAX, JUST YOUR OPINION, SINCE THE PASSAGE OF S.B.
12 1421, BETWEEN THE YEARS 2019 AND 2021, ALMOST HALF OF THE
13 13,000 P.R.A. REQUESTS HAVE BEEN RELATED TO THIS LEGISLATION.
14 BUT I UNDERSTAND THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOT COME INTO
15 COMPLIANCE, WHICH HAS LED TO I BELIEVE TWO LAWSUITS, ONE FROM
16 THE L.A. TIMES AND ONE FROM A.C.L.U. AND TODAY ON OUR AGENDA,
17 THE BOARD IS LOOKING AT A SETTLEMENT THAT'S COSTING THE COUNTY
18 \$185,000 TO THE BRENNAN CENTER BECAUSE OF THAT VERY ISSUE.
19 THAT'S -- IS THAT CORRECT?

20

21 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** THAT IS CORRECT. AND I THINK IT IS A VERY
22 SERIOUS ISSUE. AND AGAIN OUR TOOLS FOR DOING SOMETHING ABOUT
23 IT ARE UNFORTUNATELY LIMITED AT THE MOMENT TO LEGAL ACTION,
24 WHICH, ONE OF THE MATTERS YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU IS INCREASING
25 MUSCLE OF COUNTY COUNSEL'S ABILITY TO DEAL WITH THIS. THERE'S

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1 AN ELEMENT OF IT, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REFUSING SHARE
2 INFORMATION EVEN WITHIN THE COUNTY, REFUSING TO SHARE
3 INFORMATION WITH THE PUBLIC, FOR INSTANCE, SOME OF THE
4 REQUIREMENTS OF 1421 IN TERMS OF JUSTIFYING NOT PUTTING THE
5 INFORMATION OUT TO THE PUBLIC, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT STILL
6 ISN'T IN COMPLIANCE WITH THOSE ACROSS THE BOARD, AND IN THE
7 LAWSUITS YOU MENTIONED, THEY HAD TO BE TAKEN TO TASK AND ARE
8 STILL -- COUNTY COUNSEL IS WORK WITHING THEM TO TRY TO SORT OF
9 REMEDIATELY GET THEM TO THE POINT WHERE THEY GIVE INFORMATION
10 TO THE PUBLIC THAT THEY ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO, ALL THE WHILE,
11 WE HAVE THE SHERIFF'S INFORMATION BUREAU, WHICH PUTS OUT P.R.,
12 GOOD NEWS ABOUT THE SHERIFF, REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD BELIEVE HE
13 IS DOING A GREAT JOB, ALL DESIGNED TO GET HIM ELECTED, WHICH
14 IS FINE, I SUPPOSE, EXCEPT THAT THOSE ARE PUBLICLY PAID
15 EMPLOYEES THAT OUGHT TO BE WORKING ON THE LEGAL COMPLIANCE
16 BEFORE THEY WORK ON TRYING TO GET THEIR BOSS REELECTED. IT IS
17 A DEEP PROBLEM. IT IS A MISINFORMATION PROBLEM, AS YOU HAVE
18 ALL BEEN DISCUSSING HERE TODAY. AND IT IS A LEGAL PROBLEM. BUT
19 ALL I CAN SAY IS COUNTY COUNSEL HAS BEEN WORKING WITH US ON
20 TRYING TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS. I AM OPTIMISTIC THAT ULTIMATELY,
21 WHEN COURTS RESOLVE THIS MATTER, THEY WILL RESOLVE IT IN THE
22 FAVOR OF THE PUBLIC'S PROTECTION OF PUBLIC SAFETY, NOT JUST IN
23 TERMS OF ON THE STREET, BUT ALSO IN TERMS OF GETTING ACCURATE
24 INFORMATION FROM THEIR GOVERNMENT, BUT IT'S BEEN A TOUGH

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1 FIGHT. AND IT IS GOING TO BE A LONG LONG ROAD UNTIL WE GET
2 COMPLIANCE, I THINK.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU ARE ON MUTE.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** I AM SORRY. I WANTED TO JUST MENTION TO OUR O.I.G.
7 THAT TODAY WE HEARD FROM CALLERS FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF THE
8 COUNTY THAT CALLED IN THAT CONTINUE TO BE HARASSED. THEIR
9 LOVED ONE MAY HAVE BEEN KILLED BY A DEPUTY SHERIFF.
10 NONETHELESS, THE FAMILIES ARE BEING HARASSED. AND THIS IS A
11 CONTINUAL PROBLEM. WHAT ARE WE DOING UNDER THE SCOPE OF YOUR
12 WORK TO TRY TO HELP INFORM THE COMMUNITY AND TRY TO COME UP
13 WITH REMEDIES HERE BECAUSE THAT TO ME THAT IS OUTLANDISH. THAT
14 SHOULD NOT BE THE ROLE OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

15

16 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** YES, SUPERVISOR. I AGREE COMPLETELY. WE ISSUED A
17 REPORT ON THIS SUBJECT REGARDING PRECISELY THE HARASSMENT. WE
18 WORKED WITH THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT, REQUESTED INFORMATION
19 FROM THEM THAT THEY ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO GIVE US IN ORDER TO
20 INVESTIGATE THE MATTER. THEY REFUSED. AND THAT'S ONE OF THE
21 SUBJECTS THAT WE'RE NOT PREPARING TO LITIGATE WITH WITH THE
22 ASSISTANCE OF COUNTY COUNSEL TO USE THE COURT TO FORCE
23 L.A.S.D. TO RESPOND TO THE LEGITIMATE ISSUES RAISED BY THESE
24 FAMILIES. I DON'T SAY I RESOLVE IT IN THEIR FAVOR OR AGAINST
25 THEM, BUT IT IS SOMETHING THAT ABSOLUTELY MUST BE

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1 INVESTIGATED. AND WHEN OUR GOVERNMENT USES ITS RESOURCES TO
2 PREVENT INVESTIGATION, RATHER THAN TO FIND THE TRUTH, THAT'S
3 SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE TO GET THE COURTS TO ISSUE ORDERS ON.
4 AND SO, SO WE ARE WORKING ON THAT.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU BOTH FOR YOUR PRESENTATION, MAX AND
7 BRANDON. THANK YOU.

8

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

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11 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. VERY QUICKLY, TWO THINGS.
12 IN -- AS RESPECTS THE SHERIFF'S FAILURE TO DEAL WITH THE
13 PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST.

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SOLIS, YOU ARE NOT MUTED.

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL:** I WANTED TO GIVE MY APPRECIATION TO CHAIR MITCHELL
18 AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR YOUR MOTION FROM THE LAST MEETING TO
19 IMPROVE THE SHERIFF'S COMPLIANCE WITH P.R.A. REQUESTS AND
20 HAPPY TO SEE THE ORDINANCE IS ON OUR AGENDA THIS WEEK, BUT AS
21 SUPERVISOR SOLIS SAID, AND THE REST OF US, IT IS UNFORTUNATE
22 THAT WE HAVE TO PAY BECAUSE THE SHERIFF DIDN'T COMPLY WITH
23 P.R.A. REQUESTS, AND WE HAVE TO SETTLE A LAWSUIT. SO -- I
24 LOOK FORWARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ORDINANCE AND THE
25 COUNTY COUNSEL'S MANAGEMENT OF P.R.A. COMPLIANCE. FOR BRANDON,

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1 I WANT TO RETURN TO JUST ONE QUESTION ABOUT OUR PREGNANT
2 INMATES THAT WE KIND OF WENT OVER, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW. WHAT WE
3 WERE TOLD IS THAT, ALTHOUGH SOME OF THE STAFF IN C.R.D.F. IS
4 DOING BETTER ABOUT UNDERSTANDING THE NEEDS OF OUR PREGNANT
5 INMATES, AND DEALING WITH IT, THEY ARE STILL VERY SCATTERED.
6 AND SO, STAFF IS NOT CONSISTENTLY AWARE AS DIFFERENT PARTS OF
7 THE JAIL THAT HOUSE THESE PREGNANT WOMEN. AND THERE WAS SOME
8 TALK ABOUT POTENTIALLY HOUSING THE PREGNANT WOMEN TOGETHER.
9 AND YOU INDICATED THAT YES, IT WAS BEING LOOKED AT, BUT CAN
10 YOU SAY MORE ABOUT THAT?

11

12 **BRANDON NICHOLS:** YES, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. SO ONE OF THE
13 ROLES OF J.C.I.T. IS TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
14 GENDER RESPONSIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. AND SO, IN THAT
15 CAPACITY, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH CORRECTIONAL HEALTH
16 SERVICES AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO IMPROVE THE
17 CONDITIONS OF PEOPLE HOUSED AT C.R.D.F., WHICH INCLUDE
18 PREGNANT WOMEN. SO IN RECENT DISCUSSIONS, THE SHERIFF'S
19 DEPARTMENT HAS COMMITTED TO DESIGNATING FOUR MODULES WITHIN
20 C.R.D.F. SPECIFICALLY TO HOUSE PREGNANT PEOPLE. SO THAT WOULD
21 EFFECTIVELY CONSOLIDATE THEM INTO ONE AREA, SO THAT STAFF
22 WOULD KNOW OF THEIR CONDITION AND CAN PAY THEM LITTLE MORE
23 ATTENTION. WE HAVE ALSO HEARD, AND I THINK MR. HUNTSMAN
24 REFERENCED IT EARLIER, THAT IN RECENT MEETINGS BETWEEN
25 CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES AND SHERIFF'S STAFF, THEY

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1 DECIDED TO INCREASE THE DIETS TO ALLOW FOR MORE PROTEIN AND TO
2 PROVIDE MORE WATER BOTTLES AND WATER FILTRATION FOR PEOPLE
3 THAT WILL BE HOUSED IN THOSE UNITS. SO THERE WOULD BE A
4 PHYSICAL CONSOLIDATION OF THE PEOPLE, AND THEN IMPROVEMENTS OF
5 THE MEALS AND WATER DELIVERED IN THOSE AREAS TO THOSE PEOPLE.

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU BECAUSE IT WOULD SEEM TO ME TO BE A GOOD
8 SOLUTION NOT TO HAVE TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT HOW SO DO THESE
9 THINGS IN A LOT OF DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE JAIL. THOSE ARE MY
10 QUESTIONS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. THE LAST
13 POINT YOU RAISED, I THINK WHAT I FIND SO FRUSTRATING IS THAT
14 SEEMS LIKE SUCH A BASIC MANAGEMENT SOLUTION. I WOULD ASSUME
15 THAT OUR PREGNANT INMATES ARE THOSE THAT POSE THE HIGHEST RISK
16 IN TERMS OF INCIDENTS AND PERHAPS LAWSUITS. AND SO, A BASIC
17 LEADERSHIP MANAGEMENT STRATEGY WOULD BE TO REDUCE THE RISK.
18 SINCE THEY WERE RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBERS, IDENTIFYING HOUSING
19 WHERE THEY CAN BE IN ONE AREA WOULDN'T BE HARD. IT WOULD ALLOW
20 YOU TO CONSOLIDATE AND MAKE ALL OF YOUR CHANGES AROUND MEALS,
21 ACCESS TO WATERS, AND PROGRAMMING. I GUESS THAT'S WHAT I FIND
22 FRUSTRATING THAT IT HAS TO COME FROM A REPORT, AND A OVERSIGHT
23 ENTITY NEEDS TO SUGGEST IT HAPPEN, AS OPPOSED TO IT BEING
24 LOGICAL. WITH THAT, ANY OTHER REMARKS FROM SUPERVISORS BEFORE
25 WE START TAKING ACTIONS ON THESE MOTIONS? MR. HUNTSMAN, MR.

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1 NICHOLS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR JOINING US TODAY. SO AGAIN -

2 -

3

4 MAX HUNTSMAN: THANK YOU.

5

6 SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SO AGAIN, COLLEAGUES, WE HELD
7 THESE ITEMS TOGETHER, SO WE ARE GOING TO TAKE VOTES ON A
8 SERIES OF ITEMS. WE WILL BEGIN -- ARE THERE ANY OTHER COMMENTS
9 ON ITEM 12, WHICH IS BEFORE US? SEEING NONE, I WILL MOVE,
10 SECONDED BY KUEHL TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
11 PLEASE CALL THE ROLE. AGAIN, IT IS ITEM 12.

12

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

14

15 SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

16

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

18

19 SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

20

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

22

23 SUP. HAHN: AYE.

24

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

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

3

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

6

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

8

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

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 51 IS RECEIVED AND FILED. HEARING
13 NO OBJECTIONS, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. WE WILL NOW VOTE ON
14 ITEM 55. I WILL MOVE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE
15 THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 55 IS BEFORE YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

20

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

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

24

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

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

3

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

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

7

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

9 MITCHELL.

10

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

12

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

14 5-0.

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** FINAL ITEM IN THIS SECTION IS ITEM 64 I

17 WILL MOVE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.

18 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 64 IS BEFORE YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

23

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

25

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

2

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

4

5 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

6

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

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

10

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

12 MITCHELL.

13

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

15

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

17 5-0.

18

19 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVING ON TO ITEM 13, L.A.

20 COUNTY COAUTHORSHIP OF ASSEMBLY BILL 2425, ASSEMBLYMEMBER

21 BRIAN, HIRE UP FROM CORRECTIONS TO CAREER PILOT PROGRAMS.

22 COLLEAGUES, I HELD THIS. IT IS IRONIC WE HAD THE CONVERSATION

23 EARLIER ABOUT TO FULLY RECOVER FROM THE PANDEMIC HOW WE HAVE

24 TO ADDRESS A VARIETY OF OUR SYSTEMS BOTH HEALTH, JUSTICE, AND

25 OUR ECONOMIC SYSTEMS. AND THIS INCLUDES SETTING OUR JUSTICE

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1 INVOLVED FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS ON A PATHWAY TO
2 SUCCESS. CURRENTLY, UP TO 75% OF INDIVIDUALS WITH A CRIMINAL
3 RECORD ARE STILL UNEMPLOYED A FULL YEAR AFTER THEY EXIT OUR
4 CARCERAL SYSTEM. THIS IS PARTLY BECAUSE THEY LACK THE
5 OPPORTUNITY AND SKILLS NECESSARY TO CHART A PROFITABLE CAREER
6 PATH FORWARD. ADDITIONALLY, MANY CAREER PATHWAY PROGRAMS ARE
7 FULL TIME, MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR PARTICIPATING INDIVIDUALS
8 TO ATTEND AND GRADUATE IF THEY DON'T HAVE AN ALTERNATE SOURCE
9 OF INCOME. STATE AND COUNTY HIGH ROAD TRAINING PARTNERSHIPS
10 HAVE SHOWN THAT PROVIDING STIPENDS TO INDIVIDUALS IN TRAINING
11 FOR CAREERS ALLOWS THEM TO PARTICIPATE FULLY AND ACHIEVE
12 UPWARD MOBILITY. ASSEMBLY BILL 2425 BY ASSEMBLYMAN BRIAN WILL
13 CLOSE THE TRAINING AND SKILLS GAP FOR THOSE EXITING
14 INCARCERATION BY PROVIDING A GUARANTEED STIPEND TO FORMERLY
15 INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING IN CAREER CREDENTIAL
16 AND FOUR YEAR COLLEGE PROGRAMMING AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE. I
17 WOULD BE PROUD FOR THE COUNTY TO CO-SPONSOR A.B.2425, IN
18 PARTNERSHIP WITH THE L.A. COUNTY COMMUNITY DISTRICT. I ASK FOR
19 YOUR SUPPORT. ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON LEGISLATION FROM
20 MEMBERS? SEEING NONE, ITEM 13 IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE, HAVE
21 IT SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.
22 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

23
24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 13 IS BEFORE YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

2

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

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

6

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

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

10

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

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

14

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

16 MITCHELL.

17

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

19

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

21 5-0.

22

23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AGENDA ITEM 21, ADDRESSING

24 THE NEED FOR CREATING CLIMATE RESILIENT COMMUNITIES, WHICH IS

25 HELD BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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1

2 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. THE CHIEF
3 SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE, WHICH WE CREATED A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO,
4 RECENTLY RELEASED A CLIMATE VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT LATE
5 LAST YEAR. AND WHAT THAT DID WAS TO WARN US ABOUT SIGNIFICANT
6 LOCAL IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE TO HUMAN HEALTH AND OUR
7 INFRASTRUCTURE. THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RESILIENCY AND
8 SUSTAINABILITY. SUSTAINABILITY GOES TO GENERATION OF ENERGY
9 AND HOW WE USE IT. RESILIENCY IS HOW WE RESPOND TO THESE
10 THREATS. TO PREPARE FOR, TO MITIGATE, PRESENT AND FUTURE
11 IMPACTS, WE NEED A COORDINATED APPROACH ACROSS RELEVANT
12 DEPARTMENTS SO THAT WE ARE BETTER PREPARED TO FACE FUTURE
13 DROUGHT, HEAT WAVES, FIRES, AND FLOODING, ALL OF WHICH WE ARE
14 EXPERIENCING MUCH MORE BECAUSE OF CLIMATE CHANGE. SO THAT'S
15 WHY I AM BRINGING THIS MOTION TO THE BOARD ALONG WITH MY
16 GRATITUDE TO MY COAUTHOR SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO ESTABLISH A
17 CENTRALIZED CLIMATE RESILIENCE INITIATIVE TO PROVIDE STRATEGIC
18 PLANNING, SET SOME VISION, POLICY DEVELOPMENT, AND
19 COORDINATION ACROSS DISPARATE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, SOME OF WHOM
20 ARE ALREADY DOING A BIT OF THIS, BUT NOT TOGETHER. SO IN
21 ADDITION TO ESSENTIAL PLANNING, THE INITIATIVE WILL HELP US
22 LEVERAGE UNPRECEDENTED AMOUNTS OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING
23 THAT'S BEING ALLOCATED TO SUPPORT LOCAL CLIMATE RESILIENT
24 EFFORTS, INCLUDING MORE THAN 1 BILLION, THAT IS WITH A B,
25 DOLLARS IN THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET. I WANT TO EXTEND MY

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1 THANKS TO OUR C.E.O., OUR CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE, OUR
2 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND ALL OF THEIR STAFFS, WHO WORKED SO
3 HARD TO FIND A CREATIVE EFFECTIVE STRATEGY FOR COMING TOGETHER
4 AND MOVING THIS WORK FORWARD. SO COLLEAGUES, I HOPE THAT YOU
5 WILL JOIN ME IN SUPPORTING THIS MOTION. THANK YOU, MADAM
6 CHAIR.

7

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

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND MITCHELL,
11 FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION. A DISCUSSION ON CLIMATE
12 RESILIENCE IS REALLY TIMELY IN MY OPINION. AND WE KNOW, TODAY,
13 JUST LOOK AT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES,
14 PARTICULARLY THOSE OF COLOR, WHO CONTINUE TO SHOULDER UNEQUAL
15 BURDEN OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND HEAT RELATED INCIDENTS. AND THE
16 COUNTY, AS YOU KNOW, IS GOING THROUGH MANY CHANGES WITH
17 RESPECT TO CLIMATE CONDITION. HEAT WAVES ARE PROJECTED TO BE
18 MORE SEVERE, LONGER, AND FREQUENT. JUST LOOK WHAT IS HAPPENING
19 IN WEEK. TODAY, WE WILL BE HEATING UP, AND THE NEXT NEW DAYS
20 WE WILL SEE RAIN. HOW ABOUT THAT? BUT NONETHELESS, URBAN HEAT
21 ISLANDS, EXTREME HEAT EVENTS, AND HEAT RELATED DROUGHT STEM
22 FROM CHANGING CLIMATE CONDITIONS, WHICH WE ALL KNOW IMPACT THE
23 QUALITY OF LIFE AND OUR PUBLIC HEALTH. WITH THESE CHANGING
24 CLIMATE CONDITIONS, WE MUST PROACTIVELY PLAN FOR THE EXISTING
25 AND FUTURE HAZARDS OUR COMMUNITIES WILL FACE, AND WE NEED TO

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1 WORK DILIGENTLY PROTECT OUR MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS, PEOPLE
2 65 OR OLDER, INDIVIDUALS WITH PREEXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS,
3 THOSE WHO ARE ALSO EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, AND PEOPLE WITH
4 LIMITED RESOURCES. CLIMATE RESILIENCY IS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT
5 FOR OUR EFFORTS TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO
6 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS CLIMATE RESILIENCE INITIATIVE. I,
7 TOO, SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

8

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

10

11 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANT TO ADD THAT
12 CLIMATE RESILIENCE IS A CRITICAL ISSUE FOR THE CONSTITUENTS IN
13 THE FIFTH DISTRICT AS WELL. THE COUNTY'S CLIMATE VULNERABILITY
14 REPORT NOTED THAT SIGNIFICANT PARTS OF THE FIFTH DISTRICT FACE
15 WEATHER, CLIMATE, AND EXTREME HEAT CHALLENGES BECAUSE OF THE
16 CLIMATE CHANGE. THE REPORT MAKES CLEAR THAT THE FIFTH DISTRICT
17 HAS SOME OF THE HIGHEST EXPOSURE TO EXTREME HEAT, WILDFIRE,
18 AND INLAND FLOODING, ESPECIALLY UP IN THE NORTH COUNTY. IN
19 ADDITION, THE REPORT NOTES THAT THE NORTH COUNTY AND THE SAN
20 GABRIEL VALLEY ARE THE MOST PHYSICALLY VULNERABLE TO IMPACTS
21 OF EXTREME HEAT DUE TO THE VULNERABILITY OF TRANSMISSION LINES
22 AND POWER PLANTS. WHILE SOME OF THE VULNERABILITY IN NORTH
23 COUNTY IS DUE TO ITS UNIQUE TOPOGRAPHY AND CLIMATE, A HISTORIC
24 LACK OF EQUITABLE INVESTMENT IN THE REGION HAS ALSO BEEN TO
25 BLAME. THE NORTH COUNTY IS IN SIGNIFICANT NEED OF

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1 INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT TO MODERNIZE AND BUILD MORE
2 RESILIENT ENERGY SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS. THE CLIMATE
3 VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT PREDICTS THAT EXTREME HEAT EVENTS
4 WILL DISRUPT EXISTING TRANSMISSION LINES AND POWER PLANTS.
5 SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE ALREADY SEEN WITH THE USE OF PUBLIC
6 SAFETY POWER SHUT OFF EVENTS BY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON.
7 THIS PART OF THE COUNTY ALSO LACKS FLOOD CONTROL
8 INFRASTRUCTURE, WHILE FACING THREAT OF INLAND FLOODING. MOVING
9 FORWARD, I HOPE THAT THE CLIMATE RESILIENCE INITIATIVE WILL
10 LOOK BACK ON THESE HISTORIC INEQUITIES AS IT ATTEMPTS TO
11 BALANCE THE NEED TO INVEST IN CRITICAL CLIMATE RESILIENT
12 INFRASTRUCTURE IN ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTY. AND YOU KNOW, I
13 POINT OUT THAT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY GETS SNOW, IT GETS EXTREME
14 HEAT, IT IS AN AREA THAT TRULY IS VERY DYNAMIC, AND, WITH
15 CLIMATE CHANGE, WE HAVE SEEN THAT EXTREME ON BOTH ENDS. SO I
16 LOOK FORWARD TO ADDRESSING SOME OF THE INEQUITIES WE HAVE SEEN
17 UP THERE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
18 KUEHL FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. BOTH
19 OF YOU, THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I WILL
22 BRING UP THE REAR AS YOUR COAUTHOR TO SAY I THINK WE HAVE AN
23 UNPRECEDENTED OPPORTUNITY AS A RESULT OF BOTH STATE AND
24 FEDERAL FUNDING TO HELP LEAD OUR COUNTY IN TAKING A THOUGHTFUL
25 AND INTEGRATED AND WHOLE GOVERNMENT APPROACH TO BUILDING A

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1 CLIMATE RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND SYSTEMS THAT REALLY
2 SUPPORT OUR CLIMATE, OUR PUBLIC HEALTH, AND OUR EQUITY GOALS.
3 SO NOW IS THE TIME WITH THESE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES BEING MADE
4 AVAILABLE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** I JUST WANTED TO SAY ONE MORE THING. IN THE
7 NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF THE COUNTIES MOST AT RISK IN THE ENTIRE
8 COUNTRY, L.A. COUNTY WAS NUMBER ONE. AND THE REASON IS BECAUSE
9 WE HAVE SORT OF THE UNIQUE -- I DON'T KNOW -- ABILITY TO
10 ATTRACT AND BE SUBJECT TO DROUGHT AND FIRE AND EXTREME HEAT
11 AND ALL OF THE THINGS THAT MAKE UP THESE RISKS THAT WE SEE
12 KIND OF PILING ON IN OUR COUNTY. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
13 CONSIDERING THIS MOTION.

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AND WITH THAT, SEEING NO FURTHER
16 COMMENTS, COLLEAGUES, ITEM 21 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY KUEHL,
17 SECONDED BY MITCHELL. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 21 IS BEFORE YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

22

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

24

25 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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1

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

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

9

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

11 MITCHELL.

12

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

14

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

16 5-0.

17

18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ITEM 22, CARES FIRST/JAILS

19 LAST, ESTABLISHING A JUSTICE, CARE, AND OPPORTUNITIES

20 DEPARTMENT TO PROMOTE COLLABORATION AND TRANSPARENCY AND A

21 PERSON- CENTERED JUSTICE SYSTEM. THAT WAS A MOUTHFUL.

22 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THINK THE WHOLE MOTION IS KIND OF A MOUTHFUL

25 BECAUSE IT IS BIG, AND I REALLY UNDERSTAND THIS. AND I WANT TO

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1 THANK EVERYONE WHO HAS BEEN WORKING ON THIS FOR MONTHS,
2 ESPECIALLY MY JUSTICE DEPUTY AND MY HEALTH DEPUTY, VERONICA
3 AND ELAN, WHO HAVE PUT IN PROBABLY 50,000 HOURS WORKING WITH
4 ALL THE DEPARTMENTS AND HOPEFULLY WITH YOUR STAFFS IN WAYS
5 THAT PLEASED YOU, BUT LET ME SAY, FOR THE EIGHT YEARS JUST
6 ABOUT ALMOST EIGHT YEARS I HAVE BEEN SITTING ON THIS BOARD, I
7 HAVE BEEN REALLY PROUD TO SEE THE COUNTY'S EVOLUTION TOWARD
8 REDUCING RELIANCE ON INCARCERATION AND INSTEAD TRYING TO
9 PROVIDE THOSE WHO COME IN CONTACT WITH THE JUSTICE SYSTEM
10 TREATMENT THAT THEY NEED, SUPPORT THEY NEED, SO WE DON'T KEEP
11 SEEING THEM BACK IN JAIL AGAIN. WE TOOK THE FIRST OF MANY
12 SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS WAY BACK IN 2015. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
13 AND I BROUGHT THE MOTION TO CREATE THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND
14 REENTRY, AN OFFICE THAT WOULD, FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME,
15 PRIORITIZE THE NEEDS OF THOSE WHO ARE SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL
16 AND IN OUR INCARCERATION SYSTEM OR HAVE SUBSTANCE USE
17 DEPENDENCY, AND THOSE POPULATIONS SO VULNERABLE WERE GETTING
18 NOTHING OUT OF BEING IN JAIL. SINCE THEN, THE BOARD HAS
19 ACTIVELY CREATED AND CARRIED A CARE FIRST/JAIL FIRST VISION,
20 EVEN BEFORE WE CALLED THAT. WE CREATED A GENDER RESPONSIVE
21 ADVISORY COMMITTEE, WHICH WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT WITH MAX.
22 WE SAID NO TO EXPANDING THE JAILS. WE TOOK THE REALLY BOLD
23 STEP OF SAYING LET'S, INSTEAD, FOCUS ON ALTERNATIVES TO
24 INCARCERATION, AND THUS EMBARKED ON A NEW CONVERSATION,
25 BRINGING TOGETHER HUNDREDS OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND COUNTY

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1 STAFF TO PUT TOGETHER THE A.T.I. WORKGROUP, AND WE ASKED THEM
2 TO BUILD US THE ROAD MAP TO EXPAND ALTERNATIVES TO
3 INCARCERATION. WE GOT ATTENTION ALL AROUND THE COUNTRY.
4 THERE'S NOW A STATE BILL BEING PROPOSED TO DO THIS FOR THE
5 WHOLE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. WE DID IT FIRST. WE DECLARED OUR
6 INTENT TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL. WE IMPLEMENTED THE JAIL
7 POPULATION REVIEW COUNCIL TO BUILD ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF
8 THE M.C.J. WORKGROUP. WE STOOD UP THE JAIL CLOSURE
9 IMPLEMENTATION TEAM. WE JUST TALKED TO BRANDON, WHO IS HEADING
10 THAT UP, TO PRIORITIZE AND IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FROM
11 MULTIPLE BODIES TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF CLOSING JAIL AND NOT
12 BUILDING A NEW ONE. WE TOOK UP THE MISSION, AS SUPERVISOR HAHN
13 MENTIONED EARLIER, OF ESTABLISHING AN ALTERNATIVE CRISIS
14 RESPONSE SYSTEM, WHICH IS NOT GOING TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS NEW
15 DEPARTMENT, I WANT TO UNDERSCORE, BECAUSE IT'S BEEN DEVELOPED
16 IN MENTAL HEALTH, BUT THE COLLABORATION WILL STILL BE THERE.
17 AND THAT SYSTEM IS TO PROVIDE A BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH
18 RESPONSE AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE. AND
19 THOUGH I'M SURE THIS IS NOT AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST OF ALL THE
20 STUFF WE HAVE OVER THE LAST EIGHT YEARS, WE ALSO TOOK A REALLY
21 BOLD STEP OF COMMITTING SIGNIFICANT GENERAL FUND FOR DIRECT
22 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT IN ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION
23 EVEN WHEN THE COURT SAID WE DIDN'T HAVE TO. JUST BECAUSE THE
24 PEOPLE VOTED ON IT AND SAID THEY WANTED IT, AND THE COURT SAID
25 NO, THEY CAN'T TELL US TO DO IT, WE SAID WE ARE GOING TO DO IT

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1 ANYWAY. SO INDIVIDUALLY, EVERY ONE OF THESE EFFORTS IS A STEP
2 TOWARD A REAL TRANSFORMATION OF OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM, BUT IF WE
3 STOP FOR A MOMENT OF CRITICAL REFLECTION, WE HAVE TO REALLY
4 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT PROCESS IS NOT THE SAME AS PROGRESS. AND WHAT
5 WE NEED NOW IS PROGRESS. WE NEED MOVEMENT. WE HAVE TO MOVE
6 PAST THINKING AND ANALYZING. IT IS TIME TO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN.
7 AND TO DO THAT, IN MY HUMBLE OPINION, WE HAVE TO IMPROVE OUR
8 COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE. WE HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THAT, ALTHOUGH WE
9 HAVE SEVERAL STRONG PROGRAMS THAT SERVE THE JUSTICE
10 POPULATION, THEY DO IT IN ISOLATION. THEY DO IT IN SILOS. THEY
11 DO IT WELL, BUT IT ISN'T A UNIFIED APPROACH. SO THIS NEW
12 DEPARTMENT, WHICH I AM PROPOSING TODAY, WILL FOCUS ON MEETING
13 THE NEEDS OF ITS CLIENTS ACROSS MULTIPLE INTERCEPTS, AND IT
14 WILL HELP THE COUNTY TO ADDRESS GAPS IN SERVICES AND IN THE
15 CONTINUUM OF CARE THAT MULTIPLE STAKEHOLDERS CONTINUE TO ASK
16 US TO FIX. SO HOW DOES THIS MOTION MOVE US FORWARD? THE A.T.I.
17 WORKGROUP PRODUCED 114 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT SPAN ACROSS EACH
18 POINT IN A SEQUENTIAL INTERCEPT MODEL, FROM THE VERY BEGINNING
19 WHEN YOU ARE STOPPED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND YOU COULD BE
20 DIVERTED RIGHT THEN, NOT EVEN ARRESTED, ALL THE WAY THROUGH
21 UNTIL AFTER YOU MIGHT HAVE SERVED YOUR TIME. THIS COUNTY
22 DEPARTMENT WOULD GIVE A DISCRETE HOME AND FOCUSED
23 ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TO INTERCEPTS FROM PRETRIAL TO REENTRY.
24 THE WORKGROUP ALSO HIGHLIGHTED THAT OUR JAILS ARE LARGELY
25 FILLED WITH SICK, WE WERE THINKING ABOUT IT IN TALKING ABOUT

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1 THE DEATHS IN OUR JAILS, SICK, MARGINALIZED, VULNERABLE
2 POPULATIONS, WHO NEED COMMUNITY RESOURCES TO ADDRESS THE ROOT
3 CAUSES OF INCARCERATION, POVERTY, ILLNESS, HOMELESSNESS,
4 RACIAL INEQUALITY. ROBUST CLINICAL SERVICES ARE AN ESSENTIAL
5 COMPONENT TO ADDRESSING ROOT CAUSES, BUT JUSTICE IMPACTED AND
6 FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS HAVE A WIDE RANGE OF THESE
7 SERVICES, NOT SIMPLY THEIR CLINICAL NEEDS WHEN THEY ARE ABOUT
8 TO BE SENTENCED. I THINK YOU KNOW THAT WE ALSO WORKED QUITE A
9 BIT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES ABOUT THE OFFICE OF
10 DIVERSION AND REENTRY STAYING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
11 SERVICES. I WANT TO THANK DR. GHALY FOR HER VERY KIND CALL TO
12 ME YESTERDAY SAYING THAT SHE WAS PLEASED WITH THE WAY OUR
13 STAFF HAD WORKED THIS THROUGH, LEAVING THE CLINICAL SERVICES
14 IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND ONLY MOVING REENTRY
15 PROGRAM, WHICH IS ARE DIFFERENT FROM CLINICAL. SO, SINCE THE
16 A.T.I. WORKGROUP ISSUED ITS REPORT, WE HAVE STOOD UP TO
17 IMPLEMENTATION BODIES. THE A.T.I. INITIATIVE WORKS OUTSIDE THE
18 JAIL WALLS. AND THE JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM WORKS
19 INSIDE THE JAIL WALLS. THIS J.C.O.D.. AS WE ARE CALLING THE
20 NEW DEPARTMENT, J-C-O-D, WILL ALIGN BOTH EFFORTS UNDER A
21 COHESIVE INFRASTRUCTURE SO THAT A.T.I. AND J.C.I.T. WORK
22 TOGETHER TO EXPAND THE COMMUNITY- BASED SYSTEM OF CARE TO
23 DEPOPULATE THE JAIL AND SIMULTANEOUSLY STOP THE FLOW OF PEOPLE
24 INTO THE JAIL. YOU CAN'T DO ONE WITHOUT THE OTHER. FINALLY,
25 THE J.C.O.D. WILL IDEALLY STEM THIS BOARD'S TENDENCY TO CREATE

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1 A NEW INITIATIVE OR A NEW ADVISORY BODY, I AM MORE AT FAULT
2 THAN ANYBODY. I'M NOT EVEN LOOKING AT MY COLLEAGUES, EVERY
3 TIME WE WANT TO PRIORITIZE THE SPECIFIC EFFORT. THE JUSTICE
4 ADVISORY BOARD WILL BRING TOGETHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM
5 EXISTING ADVISORY BODIES AND IDENTIFY ANY REPRESENTATION GAPS,
6 INCLUDING INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE FORMERLY INCARCERATED, TO TACKLE
7 THE CHALLENGE OF SYNTHESIZING YEARS AND YEARS OF
8 RECOMMENDATIONS INTO STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION. I ALSO WANT TO
9 SAY CLEARLY WHAT THIS MOTION DOES NOT DO BECAUSE THERE'S BEEN
10 A LOT OF, I WON'T SAY DIS OR MISINFORMATION, BUT I KNOW THAT
11 THERE WERE EFFORTS TO REACH SOME OF OUR CONTRACTORS TO MAKE
12 THEM FEEL AS THOUGH THEIR CONTRACTS WOULD BE THREATENED, WHICH
13 IS NOT THE CASE, NOT THE CASE. SO IT DOESN'T REALLY CREATE AN
14 EITHER/OR PROPOSITION. WHY DOES THIS MOTION NOT INCLUDE MORE
15 FUNDING FOR O.D.R.? THE ANSWER IS SIMPLE, O.D.R. DIDN'T WANT
16 TO BE IN THIS MOTION. I HAVE SUPPORTED MORE FUNDING FOR O.D.R.
17 I JUST DON'T THINK THAT, IN THIS NEW DEPARTMENT, WE WANTED TO
18 MAKE THAT A PART OF IT BECAUSE IT RAISED THE QUESTION ABOUT
19 WHETHER WE WERE STEALING O.D.R., WHICH WE ARE NOT. SO I WILL
20 SUPPORT FUNDING. YOU BET, BUT I DON'T THINK IT REALLY BELONGS
21 IN THIS PARTICULAR MOTION. THE NEW DEPARTMENT IS ROOTED IN A
22 KIND OF GROW THE PIE FRAMEWORK, NOT A ZERO SUM PHILOSOPHY. ONE
23 DOES NOT TAKE FROM THE OTHER. THERE MUST BE MORE, AND ALL OF
24 YOU WHO HAVE KNOWN ME FOR 28 YEARS IN PUBLIC SERVICE, KNOW
25 THAT I ALWAYS WANT MORE, MORE, MORE, MORE, MORE, MORE MONEY,

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1 MORE SERVICES, MORE EVERYTHING. SO WE HAVE MADE SOME
2 STRUCTURAL HEADWAY WAY IN CLOSING O.D.R.'S DEFICIT, BUT
3 THERE'S A LOT MORE WORK TO BE DONE. I AM COMMITTED TO FINDING
4 ADDITIONAL FUNDS. SO IT ISN'T AN EITHER/OR PROPOSITION.
5 SECONDLY, IT DOESN'T MOVE ANY CLINICAL SERVICES OF D.H.S., OUT
6 OF PUBLIC HEALTH, OR OUT OF MENTAL HEALTH. THOSE THREE HEALTH
7 DEPARTMENTS ARE THE EXPERTS. THEY DELIVER THE SERVICES. THEY
8 ARE RETAINING CONTROL OVER THE SERVICES. FINALLY, THIS MOTION
9 DOESN'T SLOW, IN ANY WAY, THE DEVELOPMENT OF STANDING UP A
10 DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. WE ALREADY SAID TO THE C.E.O.
11 THIS DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT HAS TO START JULY 1. IT
12 WILL STILL START JULY 1. THE PROBLEM THAT THEY HAVE IS THERE'S
13 NOT A LOT THERE IN THAT DEPARTMENT YET BECAUSE, EVEN THOUGH WE
14 WANT ALL THE SERVICES TO GO TO THAT DEPARTMENT, STATE LAW
15 DOESN'T ALLOW THAT YET. AND WE NEED TO DO A LOT MORE WORK
16 ABOUT LEGISLATION. SO IT IS A LITTLE LEAN UNTIL THE YOUTH
17 JUSTICE REIMAGINED MODEL IS FURTHER DEVELOPED BY OUR HELPING
18 TO CHANGE LEGISLATIVE. AND FOR THAT REASON, WE THOUGHT THE
19 BEST THING TO TO WAS TO STAND UP A COMMON ADMINISTRATIVE
20 INFRASTRUCTURE, JUST LIKE WE DID WITH W.D.A.C.S. WHEN WE
21 SEPARATED THOSE TWO DEPARTMENTS OUT. FOR A WHILE, WE HAD A
22 SHARED ADMINISTRATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE. THAT ACTUALLY IS GOING
23 TO ACT I THINK POSITIVELY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH
24 DEVELOPMENT AND TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS, AND, AGAIN, NOT AN
25 EITHER/OR PROPOSITION. FINALLY, WE ARE NOT CREATING ANYTHING

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1 REALLY NEW. A.T.I., J.C.I.T., PRETRIAL, REENTRY ALL EXIST
2 SOMEWHERE IN THE COUNTY, BUT SPREAD OUT. THEY ARE ALREADY
3 STAFFED AND FUNDED. WE KNOW WHAT WE WANT THEM TO DO AND WHAT
4 THEY CAN DO. SO THE MOTION IS ABOUT STREAMLINING EXISTING
5 EFFORTS AND RESOURCES TO LEVERAGE INSTEAD OF FOUNDERING ABOUT
6 IN ISOLATION. I WILL ADDRESS, I DON'T KNOW WHETHER WE STILL
7 HAVE A REQUEST FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY, I HAD HEARD FROM STAFF
8 THAT THERE MAY BE SOME CONCERN THAT THERE OUGHT TO HAVE BEEN
9 OR SHOULD STILL BE A FEASIBILITY STUDY, BUT LET ME JUST SAY I
10 DON'T THINK IT IS NECESSARY. LIKE I SAID, WE ARE NOT STARTING
11 ANYTHING NEW. WE ARE BRINGING TOGETHER THINGS THAT ARE
12 RELATED. AND WE KNOW IT IS FEASIBLE ALREADY BECAUSE THE
13 PROGRAMS THAT WE ARE PROPOSING TO PUT IN THE DEPARTMENT
14 ALREADY EXIST. THEY ARE ALREADY FUNDED. THEY ARE ALREADY
15 OPERATIONAL. THAT IS FEASIBLE. SO THIS MOTION WILL START US
16 DOWN A PATH OF STREAMLINING SOME OF THE UNITS CRITICAL TO OUR
17 EFFORTS TO TRULY TRANSFORM THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. WE DON'T NEED
18 ANY MORE RECOMMENDATIONS. WE DON'T NEED ANY MORE STUDIES. IT
19 IS TIME TO IMPLEMENT. THE BOARD ALREADY VOTED TO IMPLEMENT THE
20 YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED PROGRAMS. WE HAVE A TEAM OF
21 CONSULTANTS, COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS, COUNTY DEPARTMENTS DOING
22 ALL THE FEASIBILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION WORK FOR THAT
23 DEPARTMENT. C.E.O.'S OFFICE, IF YOU ASK THEM, THEY WILL TELL
24 YOU. THEY HAVE THE EXPERTISE TO CONSOLIDATE EXISTING FUNCTIONS
25 WITHOUT ANY NEED TO CONTAIN NEW CONSULTANTS OR OTHERS TO

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1 CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY. SO WE CREATED ALL THE PIECES.
2 LET'S MAKE IT EFFECTIVE BY BRINGING SOME OF THEM TOGETHER. I
3 ASK IF YOUR AYE VOTE.

4

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

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** WOW, CONGRATULATIONS, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. THIS IS
8 REALLY LEGENDARY. LEGENDARY BECAUSE YOU HAVE PUT SO MUCH WORK
9 AND TIME INTO THIS IN THE MANY DECADES I HAVE KNOWN YOU. AND
10 HERE WE GET A CHANCE TO DO SOMETHING THIS GREAT HERE AT THE
11 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, SO I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU,
12 YOUR STAFF, AND ALL THE DEPARTMENTS. AND YOU SAID IT VERY
13 CONCISELY ABOUT WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT ISN'T AND WHAT ALREADY
14 EXISTS. AND I LOVE THE FACT THAT IT IS REALLY ABOUT BRINGING
15 EVERYTHING TOGETHER, ALL THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE OVER, I
16 THINK, THE LAST EIGHT YEARS -- SEVEN YEARS THAT WE HAVE BEEN
17 HERE TO REALLY PULL THIS THING TOGETHER AND MAKE SURE THAT WE
18 AREN'T SILOED AND THAT WE ARE SPEAK WITHING ONE VOICE AND THAT
19 WE REALLY DO HELP TO CLARIFY AND REALLY MEAN WHEN WE SAY CARE
20 FIRST/JAIL LAST. AND THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE ARE OPENING UP THE
21 JAILS THE LET EVERYBODY OUT. THAT'S NOT WHAT THIS IS ABOUT. IT
22 IS ABOUT DOING MORE THAN THAT. IT IS ABOUT PROVIDING
23 SUFFICIENT CARE, HEALTHCARE, MENTAL HEALTH, RESOURCES THAT
24 PEOPLE NEED SO THEY CAN SUSTAIN THEMSELVES OUTSIDE OF THE
25 WALLS OF, SAY, A JAIL CELL, WHERE THEY ARE NOT GETTING

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1 ADEQUATE TREATMENT FOR MENTAL HEALTH, THEY ARE NOT GETTING
2 ADEQUATE HEALTH SERVICES TO BEGIN WITH, AND WE AREN'T GIVING
3 THEM SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND EDUCATION AND TRAINING AND ALL THOSE
4 THINGS THAT WE KNOW MAKE PEOPLE SUCCESSFUL. SO THIS IS WHAT
5 YOU'VE DONE, BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER, AND BRINGING AN
6 ORGANIZED FASHION TO IT, AND NOT, HOW CAN I SAY, BREAKING THE
7 PIGGY BANK WHILE AT IT. RIGHT? BECAUSE WE ALREADY HAVE
8 DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICES THAT ARE WORKING ON THIS, SO IT IS A
9 MATTER OF JUST COALESCING AND GETTING THEM TOGETHER. SO I WANT
10 TO APPLAUD YOU ON YOUR WORK HERE. IT IS GOING TO BE A
11 CHALLENGE AS WE CONTINUE TO PUSH THIS OUT BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT
12 MANY OF OUR COMMUNITIES MAY NOT BE WILLING TO OPEN UP THEIR
13 NEIGHBORHOODS TO THE KINDS OF THINGS THAT WE WANT TO SEE. WE
14 CALL IT N.I.M.B.Y.-ISM, RIGHT? BUT WE KNOW IT HAS GOT TO
15 HAPPEN. AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT THE ENTIRE COUNTRY IS
16 LOOKING AT. WE AREN'T THE ONLY MAJOR INSTITUTION HERE, MENTAL
17 HEALTH OR JAIL INSTITUTION, THAT IS LOOKING AT ALTERNATIVE
18 WAYS OF ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE. I KNOW IT IS IMPORTANT, AND I
19 STAND WITH YOU, AND I SUPPORT WHAT YOU ARE DOING, AND I AM
20 GLAD THAT ALL OF OUR HEALTH AGENCIES HAVE COME TOGETHER AND
21 AGREE NOW THAT THIS IS A PATH THAT WE CAN TAKE FORWARD. SO I
22 SUPPORT YOU ON THIS. THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU, MADAM
23 CHAIR.

24

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

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, AGAIN,
3 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR THIS MOTION. CREATING A DEPARTMENT IS
4 THAT IS SOLELY DEDICATED TO ALL OF OUR VARIOUS JUSTICE REFORM,
5 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION INITIATIVES, WILL, I HOPE WILL
6 ENSURE THAT THIS WORK CONTINUES NO MATTER WHO SITS IN THESE
7 FIVE SEATS AS COUNTY SUPERVISORS IF IT COMMITS US TO
8 PRIORITIZING THE CARE FIRST/JAIL LAST WORK THAT WE HAVE BEEN
9 BUILDING UP OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS. I HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY
10 INVESTED IN EXPANDING OUR COUNTY'S ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE
11 NETWORK, AND EVEN THOUGH THIS REVISED VERSION OF THE MOTION NO
12 LONGER INCLUDES AN OFFICE OF ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE, I
13 THINK THERE WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY IN THE FUTURE FOR US TO
14 CONSIDER HOUSING THE ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE IN THIS NEW
15 DEPARTMENT ONCE WE HAVE IT UP AND RUNNING. I KNOW THERE HAVE
16 BEEN SOME CONCERNS ABOUT HOW QUICKLY THIS SEEMS TO BE MOVING.
17 AND WITH OUR ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE, I HAD THOSE CONCERNS
18 AS WELL, BUT I DO RECOGNIZE THAT THIS MOTION ASKS FIRST FOR
19 THE C.E.O. TO COME BACK TO US WITH MORE INFORMATION LIKE A
20 STAFFING PLAN AND A TIMELINE. AND I AM PRETTY SURE, KNOWING
21 YOU, THAT WE WILL MAKE SURE THAT STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT IS A
22 BIG PART OF THAT PROCESS BECAUSE THAT IS SORT OF HOW WE DO
23 EVERYTHING IS MAKING SURE THAT ALL OF THE STAKEHOLDERS ARE
24 ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN WHAT THE ULTIMATE PRODUCT WILL BE. AND
25 SUPERVISOR BARGER, I KNOW YOU HAVE AN AMENDMENT. I HAVE READ

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1 IT. I UNDERSTAND -- OH, YOU'RE NOT -- OKAY, NEVER MIND. I AM
2 SKIPPING THAT SENTENCE. I AM GOING TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. I
3 THINK IT IS IMPORTANT, AND I THINK THIS DEPARTMENT WILL
4 ABSOLUTELY HELP OUR COUNTY ENACT MEANINGFUL AND LASTING
5 JUSTICE REFORM THAT WILL KEEP OUR COMMUNITIES SAFER. THIS IS
6 THE BIG PICTURE, BUT I HOPE WE ALL ARE COMMITTED AS WELL TO
7 MAKING SURE WE HAVE THE RIGHT DEPARTMENT HEAD FOR THIS
8 DEPARTMENT AND THE RIGHT COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO STAFF THIS
9 DEPARTMENT BECAUSE THE LAST THING I WANT THIS DEPARTMENT TO BE
10 IS BUREAUCRATIC OR HAVE A BUNCH OF RED TAPE THAT DOES NOT
11 ALLOW FOR OUR VISION TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT AND NURTURE THOSE
12 IN L.A. COUNTY WHO WILL MOST BENEFIT BY THIS DEPARTMENT. SO
13 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL:** SUPERVISOR BARGER.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I WANT TO START BY AGREEING WITH
18 MY COUNTERPARTS THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE BE REFINING OUR
19 CONTINUUM OF CARE AND DELIVERY OF SERVICE TO OUR MOST
20 VULNERABLE RESIDENTS. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO QUESTION. IT'S
21 FUNNY. WE PUT TOGETHER THE D.H.S., D.P.H., AND MENTAL HEALTH
22 IN ORDER TO BREAKDOWN THE SILOS, AND I THINK WE HAVE ALL
23 EXPERIENCED THOSE SILOS STILL IN PLACE. SO I KNOW THAT THERE
24 IS A NEED FOR US TO -- AND BY THE WAY, BY NO FAULT OF THEIR
25 OWN. IT IS SOMETHING THAT OUR DEPARTMENT HAS CONTINUED TO

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1 STRUGGLE WITH, BUT IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE ARE AWARE OF, AND
2 WE ARE WORKING ON. I ALSO AGREE THAT THE CURRENT FRAGMENTATION
3 OF OUR SERVICES SHOULD BE REORGANIZED TO BETTER MEET THE GOALS
4 AND OBJECTIVES OF THIS BOARD. THIS IS A DISCUSSION THAT WE
5 ABSOLUTELY NEED TO HAVE, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
6 KUEHL, FOR INTRODUCING THIS. I WAS GOING TO BRING IN A MOTION
7 THAT DID ASK FOR A FEASIBILITY OF THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF IT.
8 AND IT WAS A WAY TO BUILD A FOUNDATION OF A SUSTAINABLE
9 SERVICE PROVIDER. FOR ME, THE FACT THAT YOU BROUGHT IN THE
10 MOTION AND THEN HAD THE GREEN SHEET BASED ON INPUT FROM
11 DEPARTMENTS WHO I THINK EXPRESSED CONCERNS TO ALL OF US TELLS
12 ME THAT THERE WAS REFINEMENT THAT WAS NEEDED, AND THAT THERE
13 MAY BE MORE. AND WHILE I APPRECIATE THE C.E.O. BEING REQUESTED
14 TO PUT TOGETHER A PLAN, IT IS BASED ON DIRECTIVES THAT ARE
15 VERY PRESCRIPTIVE. AND THAT'S WHY I HAVE THE ISSUE, QUITE
16 FRANKLY. WHEN ESTABLISHING DEPARTMENTS IN THE PAST, THIS BOARD
17 HAS COMMITTED TO ROBUST ANALYSIS AND BROAD STAKEHOLDER
18 ENGAGEMENT. AND GETTING A LETTER FROM THE A.C.L.U. AND THE
19 N.A.M.I. TELLS ME THERE ARE THOSE THAT STILL DON'T FEEL 100%
20 THAT THIS IS THE RIGHT WAY TO GO. AND YOU ADDRESSED SOME OF
21 THAT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, IN THE GREEN SHEET AMENDMENT THAT YOU
22 DID. ALL THE PROGRAMS, THE SERVICES WE ARE DISCUSSING IN THIS
23 MOTION ARE ALREADY OPERATIONAL, TO YOUR POINT. WE ARE JUST
24 DISCUSSING WHERE THEY SHOULD BE HOUSED AND HOW THEY SHOULD BE
25 WOVEN TOGETHER. THIS BOARD IS COMMITTED TO THE JUSTICE

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1 INVOLVED POPULATION, AND IT HAS RECOGNIZED THE NEED FOR
2 STRONG PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATIVE WORK WITH THE COUNTY'S
3 VARIOUS HEALTH SERVICES, PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH MENTAL
4 ILLNESS. IF WE ARE GOING TO ESTABLISH A DEPARTMENT TO BE THE
5 PRIMARY FACILITATOR FOR THIS POPULATION, AND I KNOW WE ALL
6 AGREE WE WANT TO TO IT RIGHT, BECAUSE THIS IS SOMETHING THAT
7 IS GOING TO BE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME, AS IT RELATES TO HOW
8 WE DEAL WITH THE JUSTICE INVOLVED. THIS INVOLVES CHALLENGING
9 CONVERSATIONS WITH OUR DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS, AND
10 OUR OFFICES HAVE RECEIVED, AT LEAST MY OFFICE RECEIVED,
11 CONCERNS FROM DEPARTMENTS. AGAIN, SOME OF THAT WAS ADDRESSED
12 IN THE GREEN SHEET AMENDMENT THAT YOU PUT FORWARD. PROVIDERS
13 AND STAKEHOLDERS INCLUDING, AS I SAID, N.A.M.I. AND THE
14 A.C.L.U. IF THE AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE EXPECTED TO
15 ENACT THIS PROPOSED STRUCTURE HAVE CONCERNED, I BELIEVE IN
16 ORDER FOR IT TO BE EFFECTIVE AND SUCCESSFUL WE SHOULD HAVE
17 THEM PUTTING TOGETHER A PLAN AND EXECUTING THE SERVICES. THE
18 COUNTY'S PLACING THE FUTURE OF OUR JUSTICE INVOLVED SERVICES
19 IN THE HANDS OF THIS NEW DEPARTMENT, AND WE WOULD BE DOING
20 THEM A DISSERVICE IF WE THREW SOMETHING TOGETHER QUICKLY. THIS
21 IS NOT ABOUT THE SUBSTANCE OF THE MOTION. AND I PROMISE YOU
22 THAT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. IT IS NOT, AND THAT'S WHY I BEGAN WITH
23 THE COMMENT ABOUT THAT WE ARE ALL ON THE SAME PAGE. IT IS
24 ABOUT THE PROCESS FOR ME. BUILDING A STRONG POPULATION THAT
25 TREATS THIS POPULATION FROM THE BOTTOM UP AND ADDRESSING

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1 FOUNDATIONAL TRAUMA IS THE PRECEDENT OF CARE FIRST/JAIL LAST.
2 IT WAS MY HOPE TO BRING FORWARD SOMETHING -- AN AMENDMENT THAT
3 WOULD ASK FOR THE FEASIBILITY IN A SHORT TURNAROUND PERIOD OF
4 TIME, BUT I KNOW THAT IS NOT THE WILL OF THE AUTHOR OR MY
5 COLLEAGUES. AND AGAIN, IT WAS NOT TO DERAIL THIS. IT WAS TRULY
6 TO MAKE SURE THAT WE GET THE INPUT OF THOSE THAT ARE GOING TO
7 HAVE IMPLEMENT AND MOVE THIS FORWARD. AND SO, THAT IS WHY I
8 WANTED TO EXPRESS MY CONCERNS ABOUT THE MOTION BEFORE US
9 TODAY, NOT IN SUBSTANCE, BUT IN PROCESS. THANK YOU, MADAM
10 CHAIR.

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. LET ME
13 JUST SAY, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, GIVEN THE FACT THAT EVERY LEVEL OF
14 GOVERNMENT HAS IN THE LAST DECADE OR SO BEGUN THE PROCESS OF
15 DEVELOPING POLICIES TO RIGHT SIZE OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM,
16 TO COURSE CORRECT FROM WHERE WE HAD BEEN A COUPLE OF DECADES
17 PRIOR. THAT THEN LED TO THIS FRAGMENTATION OR LACK OF
18 COORDINATION. SO FOR YOU TO TAKE THIS FIRST STEP IS REALLY AN
19 IMPORTANT ONE AND HOPEFULLY WILL BE REPLICATED BY OTHER LEVELS
20 OF GOVERNMENT BECAUSE WE HAVE TO WRAP OUR ARMS AROUND AND
21 BUILD THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO MEET WHERE WE ARE TODAY IN TERMS
22 OF, AGAIN, THIS COURSE CORRECTION IN TERMS OF HOW WE BUILD AND
23 SHAPE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS. SO I WANT TO TIP MY HAT TO
24 YOU. THAT'S NOT EASY. GOVERNMENT SOMETIMES GETS A BAD RAP OF
25 WE DEVELOP A BUREAUCRACY, AND WHETHER IT IS STILL FUNCTIONING

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1 OR WORKING, WE DON'T DISMANTLE IT, OR WE DON'T COURSE CORRECT.
2 SO THIS FOR ME IS A REAL SYMBOL OF THE WAY WE SHOULD APPROACH
3 IT. I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOU AND YOUR STAFF'S WORK,
4 AND THE REVISIONS THAT YOU WERE WILLING TO TAKE THAT
5 REINFORCED THE NEED TO MAINTAIN OUR COMMITMENT TO CREATE A
6 DEPARTMENT FOCUSING ON YOUTH THAT WILL BRING IN RESULTS ALSO.
7 I BELIEVE IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT L.A. COUNTY CREATE AS HOME
8 FOR INDEPENDENT PRETRIAL SERVICES WHERE OUR CONSTITUENTS THAT
9 ENCOUNTER THE JUSTICE SYSTEM WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO
10 BENEFIT FROM SERVICES AND CARE, RATHER THAN INCARCERATION AND
11 SURVEILLANCE. AND AS WE HEARD FROM OUR INSPECTOR GENERAL
12 EARLIER, IN TERMS OF FOLKS WHO, FOR WHATEVER REASON, AREN'T
13 GETTING APPROPRIATE PROGRAMMING, WHATEVER WE CAN DO ON THE
14 FRONT END THROUGH PRETRIAL SERVICES, I THINK CREATES A HIGHER
15 LIKELIHOOD OF AN EQUITABLE APPLICATION OF A PRETRIAL
16 EXPERIENCE IF IT REALLY CAN BE DONE ON THE FRONT END AS
17 OPPOSED TO AFTER THE FACT. IF WE WANT TO GET PEOPLE THE CARE
18 THEY NEED AND CLOSE M.C.J., WE HAVE REALLY GOT TO ADDRESS THIS
19 CRISIS OF PRETRIAL INCARCERATION AND CREATE A SYSTEM THAT
20 COMMUNITY, STAFF, AND, QUITE FRANKLY, THE MEMBERS OF THE
21 JUDICIARY ALSO TRUST. SO THIS MOTION IS AN IMPORTANT STEP
22 TOWARDS THAT REALITY. AND I APPLAUD YOU FOR IT. I ALSO BELIEVE
23 THAT WE HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING THAT WE CAN TO CREATE A
24 PERMANENT CARE FIRST JUSTICE SYSTEM THAT WILL ENSURE LASTING
25 BUDGET COMMITMENTS AND STRUCTURES THAT WILL ALLOW ANGELENOS TO

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1 EXPERIENCE THIS POLICY SHIFT LONG AFTER THE FIVE OF US ARE
2 GONE, AS WAS PREVIOUSLY STATED. WHILE THIS MOTION IS SILENT ON
3 SPECIFIC BUDGET IMPACTS, I DO LOOK FORWARD TO ONGOING
4 CONVERSATIONS AROUND HOW WE FUND SIGNIFICANT BED EXPANSIONS TO
5 PROGRAMS SUCH AS O.D.R. AND OTHERS BECAUSE WE KNOW THESE
6 PROGRAMS WORK, AND THERE'S AN URGENT NEED TO TRANSITION PEOPLE
7 OUT OF OUR JAILS. SO I APPRECIATE YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
8 SAYING THAT YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN COMMITTED TO FUNDING THOSE
9 PROGRAMS AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION OF
10 PUTTING OUR BREAD, OUR DOLLARS, WHERE OUR MOUTHS AND
11 COMMITMENT LIE IN TERMS OF REALLY MAKING SURE ACTUAL BED SPACE
12 IS AVAILABLE FOR PEOPLE TO TRANSITION OUT OF JAIL INTO LONGER
13 TERM SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENTS. WITH THAT, ARE THERE ANY OTHER
14 COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM? SEEING NONE, ITEM 22 IS BEFORE US.
15 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO
16 APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

17
18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 22 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

19
20 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

23
24 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

2

3 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

4

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

6

7 **SUP. BARGER:** NO.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, NO. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

10

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

12

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

14 4-0 -- 4-1, SORRY.

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** 4-1, YES, THANK YOU. ITEM 23, SUPPORT OF

17 ASSEMBLY BILL 2175, RUBIO, WANDERING PREVENTION TASKFORCE,

18 WHICH IS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN.

19

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

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** YES, RIGHT HERE. AYE. OH, HERE, PRESENT.

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24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YOU HELD ITEM 23?

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, I DID. THANK YOU. COLLEAGUES, I WANTED
2 TO HIGHLIGHT AND TALK ABOUT LEGISLATION THAT'S BEING
3 INTRODUCED BY ASSEMBLYMEMBER BLANCO RUBIO THAT WILL HELP
4 CREATE A CALIFORNIA WANDERING PREVENTION TASKFORCE. I THINK A
5 COUPLE OF CALLERS THIS MORNING REFERRED TO THIS. THIS
6 TASKFORCE WOULD BRING TOGETHER 20 LEADERS THROUGHOUT THE
7 STATE, INCLUDING FROM OUR VERY OWN L.A. FOUND, AND WILL
8 PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF WANDERING BY
9 INDIVIDUALS WITH COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT. WANDERING IS A VERY
10 REAL ISSUE FOR MANY PEOPLE LIVING WITH COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT,
11 ALSO FOR CHILDREN WHO HAVE AUTISM ARE ALSO KNOWN TO WANDER.
12 AND IT IS REALLY A BIG CONCERN FOR THEIR FAMILY, THEIR LOVED
13 ONES, AND THEIR CAREGIVERS. THAT'S WHY I HELPED CREATE THE
14 BRINGING OUR LOVED ONES HOME TASKFORCE, WHICH EVOLVED TO
15 BECOME L.A. FOUND. YOU KNOW, IT HAPPENED BACK IN 2016, AND
16 THAT WAS WHEN ONE OF MY CONSTITUENTS IN MANHATTAN BEACH, NANCY
17 PAULIKAS, WENT WANDERING. HER HUSBAND KIRK ACTUALLY ALSO
18 CALLED IN THIS MORNING. SHE WAS ONLY 56 AT THE TIME. SHE
19 SUFFERED FROM EARLY ONSET ALZHEIMER'S AND HAD LOST HER ABILITY
20 TO COMMUNICATE, AND THEY WERE VISITING L.A.C.M.A DAY, AND SHE
21 WANDERED AWAY, AND THEY NEVER SAW HER AGAIN. IT WAS SO SAD
22 BECAUSE IT WAS TWO YEARS LATER THAT THEY FINALLY HAD FOUND HER
23 REMAINS AND FOUND THAT SHE DIDN'T MAKE IT. THIS STORY IS SO
24 HEARTBREAKING, BUT I FOUND OUT IT WASN'T UNIQUE. 60% OF
25 INDIVIDUALS WITH ALZHEIMER'S AND ALMOST 50% OF CHILDREN WITH

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1 AUTISM WILL WANDER. AND THAT'S WHY L.A. FOUND WAS CREATED. WE
2 HAVE A GREAT SYSTEM HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. WE HAVEN'T TALKED
3 ABOUT IT FOR A WHILE, BUT IT IS A GREAT PROGRAM THAT ONLY WE
4 HAVE HERE WHERE WE ISSUE BRACELETS THAT PEOPLE CAN GET FOR
5 THEIR LOVED ONES THAT THEY CAN WEAR AND IF, IN FACT, THEY GO
6 MISSING, WE CONNECT THEM WITH OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WHO
7 CAN THEN FIND WHERE THEY ARE, BASICALLY, WITHIN MINUTES AS
8 OPPOSED TO HOURS OR WEEKS OR MONTHS. TO DATE, THE COUNTY'S
9 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, AGING, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
10 DEPARTMENT HAS PASSED OUT ABOUT 1,000 OF THESE PROJECT LIFE
11 SAVER BRACELETS. AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS TRAINED OVER
12 SIX THOUSAND FIRST RESPONDERS, AND WITH THIS JOINT
13 PARTNERSHIP, WE HAVE HAD ALMOST 30 PEOPLE WHO WANDERED AWAY
14 AND WERE IMMEDIATELY FOUND BECAUSE OF OUR PROGRAM HERE IN L.A.
15 COUNTY AND RETURNED TO THEIR LOVED ONES. SO I THINK IT IS
16 GREAT THAT OUR MODEL, ONCE AGAIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS A
17 MODEL, AND IT'S BEEN NOTICED BY OUR STATE LEGISLATURES, AND
18 THEY -- I WANT TO THANK ASSEMBLYMEMBER RUBIO FOR HER
19 LEADERSHIP IN PUTTING TOGETHER A TASKFORCE THAT COULD BRING
20 THIS LIVE-SAVING MODEL AND INITIATIVE TO THE ENTIRE STATE OF
21 CALIFORNIA. AS WE FIND OUR GOLDEN STATE AGING, WE KNOW THAT
22 THIS IS GOING TO BE IMPORTANT, AGAIN, FOR FAMILIES, FOR LOVED
23 ONES, AND PARTICULARLY FOR CAREGIVERS, WHO KNOW IT IS SO
24 STRESSFUL TO BE THE ONE GIVING CARE TO SOMEONE WHO CAN WANDER.
25 SO I THINK THIS WILL GIVE GREAT PEACE OF MIND TO SO MANY

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1 PEOPLE. AND I JUST WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT THIS AND SAY THAT THIS
2 IS SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD SUPPORT AS A COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER REMARKS
5 ON THE ITEM, SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 2175? SEEING NONE, THE
6 ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY
7 SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
8 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 23 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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12 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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16 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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20 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

23

24 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

25

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

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

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

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9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ITEM 60C, CONDEMNATION OF THE
10 RUSSIAN WAR OF AGGRESSION AGAINST THE INDEPENDENT NATION OF
11 UKRAINE AND RESOURCES TO SUPPORT EFFECTED LOS ANGELES
12 RESIDENTS, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR?

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14 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I WANTED TO THANK
15 SUPERVISOR SOLIS WHO OPENED OUR MEETING THIS MORNING WITH THE
16 MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR
17 LIVES SO FAR. AND WE HEARD FROM THE UKRAINIAN CONSUL GENERAL
18 WHO THANKED US FOR DOING THAT. I WANTED TO THANK HIM FOR
19 CALLING IN THIS MORNING AND LET HIM KNOW THAT OUR THOUGHTS ARE
20 WITH HIM AND HIS PEOPLE. WE ARE WITNESSING THE UNPROVOKED AND
21 UNJUSTIFIED INVASION OF THE INDEPENDENT NATION OF UKRAINE BY
22 PRESIDENT PUTIN AND THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION. THIS ACT OF
23 AGGRESSION IS ON A SCALE NOT SEEN IN EUROPE IN DECADES, BUT IN
24 THE FACE OF THIS, MANY IN UKRAINE HAVE SHOWED EXTRAORDINARY
25 BRAVERY AND STRENGTH IN THEIR EFFORTS TO DEFEND THEIR

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1 FAMILIES, THEIR HOMELAND, AND THEIR FREEDOM. IT'S BEEN
2 INSPIRING. AS THIS CRISIS UNFOLDS, WE ARE SEEING WOMEN,
3 CHILDREN, SENIORS FLEEING FOR THEIR VERY LIVES. ALREADY MORE
4 THAN 600,000 PEOPLE HAVE FLED, AND I HAVE HEARD THIS MORNING
5 THAT THERE ARE ESTIMATES THAT THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES COULD
6 SWELL TO 6 MILLION IN THE COMING WEEKS THE MONTHS. WE HAVE
7 SEEN THE WORLD UNITE IN OPPOSITION TO THIS RUSSIAN WAR OF
8 AGGRESSION. AND NOW IS THE TIME FOR US, AS THE COUNTY OF LOS
9 ANGELES, TO FORMALLY CONDEMN THIS WAR AND OFFER OUR SUPPORT
10 FOR REFUGEES ON BEHALF OF OUR 10 MILLION RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY
11 THE 26,000 UKRAINIANS THAT CALL LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOME. AND
12 THIS MOTION DOES A NUMBER OF THINGS. NUMBER ONE, IT WOULD
13 DIRECT OUR C.E.O., TO SEND A FIVE SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE
14 RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES INFORMING HIM OF OUR
15 STANCE AND URGING HIS GOVERNMENT TO COMMENCE PEACE TALKS
16 BEFORE ANY MORE LIVES ARE LOST ON BOTH SIDES. SECOND, IT WOULD
17 DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO SEND LETTERS TO BOTH PRESIDENT BIDEN AND
18 OUR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION SUPPORTING PROVIDING TEMPORARY
19 PROTECTED STATUS OR DEFERRED ENFORCEMENT DEPARTURE FOR
20 UKRAINIAN NATIONALS, AND ESPECIALLY FOR FAMILY MEMBERS OF
21 AMERICAN CITIZENS OR PERMANENT RESIDENTS OF UKRAINIAN DESCENT
22 TO ALLOW THEM TO RELOCATE HERE IN THE UNITED STATES. AND
23 THIRD, IT WOULD DIRECT THE OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS, WHICH
24 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU REFERRED TO EARLIER ABOUT PEOPLE NOT
25 KNOWING WHAT THAT OFFICE DOES, HERE IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF WHAT

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1 WE ARE ASKING THEM TO DO IN COLLABORATION WITH O.E.M., TO WORK
2 TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS SEEKING
3 INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE ABOUT THEIR FRIENDS OR FAMILY
4 MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THIS CRISIS. LOS ANGELES
5 COUNTY HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PLACE FOR REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS
6 SEEKING SAFETY AND A BETTER LIFE, AND ONCE AGAIN WE STAND
7 READY TO WORK WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN THESE EFFORTS. I
8 KNOW, SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU HAVE AN AMENDMENT TO READ IN THAT
9 I FULLY SUPPORT. AND I WILL WRAP UP MY REMARKS SO THAT SHE CAN
10 OFFER HER AMENDMENT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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12 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND SUPERVISOR HAHN, I REALLY WANT TO
13 THANK YOU FOR BRINGING IN FORWARD. WE TURN ON THE NEWS EACH
14 AND EVERY DAY, AND MY HEART BREAKS FOR WHAT IS GOING ON OVER
15 THERE, FOR THE HORRIFIC OFFENSES RUSSIA IS COMMITTING AGAINST
16 UKRAINE. YESTERDAY STATE LAWMAKERS ANNOUNCED LEGISLATION THAT
17 REQUIRED CALP.E.R.S. AND CALS.T.R.S. TO DIVEST FROM RUSSIAN
18 ASSETS. IT IS CRITICAL THAT THE COUNTY TAKE THE SAME
19 LEADERSHIP AND DRAW A FIRM LINE IN HOW OUR TAXPAYER DOLLARS
20 AND EMPLOYEE FUNDS ARE INVESTED. THE COUNTY AND L.A.C.E.R.A.
21 HAVE COMMITTED A STRONG ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE
22 INVESTMENT POLICIES AND DIVESTING FROM RUSSIA ASSETS IS
23 DIRECTLY IN LINE WITH THIS PRIORITY. SO MY FRIENDLY AMENDMENT,
24 SUPERVISOR HAHN, IS THAT THEREFORE, I WOULD LIKE TO READ IN
25 THE FOLLOWING FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: INSTRUCT THE C.E.O. TO WRITE

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1 A FIVE SIGNATURE LETTER TO L.A.C.E.R.A. REQUESTING THAT
2 L.A.C.E.R.A. APPLY ITS ANNOUNCED ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND
3 GOVERNANCE INVESTMENT POLICIES IN SUPPORT OF DIVESTING
4 INVESTMENTS FROM RUSSIA, ALSO DIVESTMENT OF INVESTMENTS IN
5 OTHER NATIONS THAT ARE DETERMINED TO HAVE VIOLATED SUCH
6 L.A.C.E.R.A. E.S.G. INVESTMENT POLICIES, AND THEN 2) TO
7 INSTRUCT THE C.E.O. AND COUNTY COUNSEL TO REPORT BACK IN 14
8 DAYS ON THE FEASIBILITY OF PROHIBITING COUNTY CONTRACTS TO
9 COMPANIES DOING BUSINESS WITH RUSSIA. THAT WOULD BE MY
10 FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU,
11 SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR LETTING ME SPEAK ON THIS.

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13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOLLOWED BY
14 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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16 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR YOUR MOTION AND
17 ALSO, SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR YOUR AMENDMENT. I SUPPORT BOTH
18 AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT, WHILE WE SEE THE SUFFERING AND
19 THE ATROCITIES THAT ARE OCCURRING BEFORE OUR EYES, IT IS
20 UNBELIEVABLE. I WAS QUITE SHAKEN UP HEARING ABOUT THIS OVER
21 THE WEEKEND AND THEN SEEING IT ON FULL DISPLAY FOR EVERYBODY,
22 THE WHOLE WORLD, TO SEE. AND SHAME ON MR. PUTIN AND SHAME ON
23 THOSE WHO SUPPORT HIM EVEN IN OUR OWN COUNTRY BECAUSE THAT TO
24 ME IS JUST REALLY UN-AMERICAN. AND I HOPE THAT THIS WILL UNITE
25 ALL OF US TO STOP THE WAR TO PRAY FOR PEACE BUT ALSO TO TAKE

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1 IN ANY REFUGEES THAT MAY LAND ON OUR SHORES, WHETHER IT BE NEW
2 YORK OR LOS ANGELES. I REMEMBER SEVERAL YEARS AGO WHEN I WAS
3 IN THE CONGRESS I ATTENDED A CO-DEL WHERE WE VISITED UKRAINE.
4 WE VISITED THE SITE OF CHERNOBYL. AND I MET MANY PEOPLE THAT
5 LIVED THERE THAT WERE IMPACTED BY THAT VERY, VERY SERIOUS
6 NUCLEAR EXPLOSION THAT WENT OFF THERE. AND PEOPLE WERE
7 SUFFERING. AND TO KNOW THAT SOMETHING LIKE THAT COULD OCCUR
8 AGAIN BECAUSE OF THE MISLED GOVERNMENT OF PUTIN, MY GOD. I
9 PRAY THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO GO THERE. PEOPLE ARE SUFFERING
10 AROUND THE WORLD, AND WE ARE NOW UNITED. AND I STAND WITH
11 THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT WE REPRESENT HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
12 ANGELES AND TO THOSE PEOPLE THAT ARE SUFFERING RIGHT NOW IN
13 UKRAINE WHERE THEY ARE SEEKING REFUGE IN OTHER COUNTRIES, IN
14 POLAND AND OTHER PARTS OF EUROPE. MAY WE ALSO PROVIDE THE
15 NECESSARY SUPPORT THROUGH OUR PRESIDENT, WHO IS NOW LEADING
16 THAT CHARGE AS WELL. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH ALL OF
17 OUR ADMINISTRATIONS, SACRAMENTO AS WELL AS IN WASHINGTON AND
18 WITH THIS COUNTY AND WITH OTHERS TO SEE THAT WE CAN HELP STAND
19 SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE. THANK YOU,
20 MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, TO THE AUTHORS OF THE MOTION.
21 THANK YOU.

22
23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
2 HAHN, FOR BRINGING THIS REALLY IMPORTANT MOTION. 112 YEARS
3 AGO, MY GRANDPARENTS LEFT ODESSA, AND THEY TRAVELED WEST. CARS
4 HADN'T REALLY CAUGHT ON YET, SO THEY WEREN'T IN A LONG LINE OF
5 CARS, BUT TRAVELED WEST INTO POLAND AND EVENTUALLY SOUGHT TO
6 BE RESETTLED IN AMERICA. THEIR RESETTLEMENT AREA WAS IN ST.
7 LOUIS, AND THAT'S WHERE MY MOTHER AND HER FAMILY GREW UP,
8 WHERE SHE MET MY DAD, AND THE REST -- WELL, I WON'T SAY IT'S
9 HISTORY, BUT IT'S CERTAINLY MY HISTORY. SO I HAVE A REALLY
10 STRANGE SORT OF SADNESS WATCHING ALL OF THESE PEOPLE FORCED TO
11 LEAVE THEIR HOMES OR PRIDE IN THOSE WHO ARE STAYING AND
12 FIGHTING IN A WAY THAT I DON'T EVEN KNOW ALL THE HISTORY
13 BECAUSE SO MUCH IS LOST. BUT I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE THE HORROR
14 OF SHELLING EVERY DAY AND HAVING TO FEED YOUR CHILDREN IN A
15 SUBWAY UNDERGROUND, JUST UNTHINKABLE. AND SHAME ON PUTIN AND
16 SHAME ON EVERYONE WHO IS ENABLING THEM TO SIMPLY DO THIS OUT
17 OF A THIRST FOR POWER, TO ACQUIRE MORE LAND. I MEAN IT IS JUST
18 CRAZY. SO ALL OF US DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO GET AS MUCH OUT
19 OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR RESETTLEMENT, TO MAKE LOS
20 ANGELES COUNTY, AS IT ALWAYS HAS BEEN, A WELCOMING PLACE, MAKE
21 THIS REALLY WORK FOR UKRAINIANS. AND AGAIN, I THANK YOU SO
22 MUCH FOR THE MOTION.

23
24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO ECHO MY THANKS FOR THE
25 MOTION, AND EXPRESS MY STRONG SUPPORT, AND I ALSO SUPPORT

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1 DIVESTITURE. IT HAS WORKED IN THE PAST IN BRINGING NON-
2 DEMOCRATIC NATIONS TO THEIR KNEES, IF YOU WILL. AND SO, I HOPE
3 IT WILL WORK AGAIN THIS TIME. YOU KNOW, TO THINK THAT WE
4 SIMPLY CAN NEVER TAKE PEACE FOR GRANTED. AND THE DEPLORABLE
5 INHUMANE IMAGES WE ARE SEEING ON OUR NEWS EVERY NIGHT, ARE
6 JUST A REMINDER, A CONSTANT REMINDER OF THAT FOR ME. OUR
7 UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY IS A PART OF THE FABRIC OF OUR VERY
8 DIVERSE COUNTY, AND WE WILL SPEAK OUT FROM OUR BULLY PULPIT
9 BECAUSE IT MATTERS. WE HAVE THE POWER TO DO SO, AND IT IS THE
10 RIGHT THING TO DO. ACCORDINGLY, I URGE OUR NATIONAL LEADERS TO
11 PROVIDE REFUGE AND PROTECTION FOR UKRAINIAN NATIONALS WHO FLEE
12 TO OUR COUNTRY FOR SAFETY. I ALSO URGE UKRAINIAN LEADERS AND
13 THE LEADERS OF NEIGHBORING BORDER NATIONS TO TREAT THE AFRICAN
14 IMMIGRANTS TO THE UKRAINE WITH EQUAL COMPASSION AND FAIR
15 TREATMENT AS THEY, TOO, ARE ATTEMPTING TO FLEE A WAR TORN
16 NATION. I JOIN WITH ALL OF YOU IN MAKING SURE THAT WE STEP UP
17 TO THE PLATE TO MAKE SURE OUR OWN DEPARTMENT IS PREPARED AND
18 READY TO DO ALL THAT WE CAN TO WELCOME PEOPLE FLEEING A WAR
19 TORN NATION INTO OUR BORDERS AND THAT WE WILL PROVIDE ALL THE
20 COUNTY RESOURCES THAT ARE APPROPRIATE. ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR
21 REMARKS BEFORE WE VOTE ON THE MOTION? SEEING NONE, ITEM 60C IS
22 BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDING BY SUPERVISOR
23 BARGER TO APPROVE THIS ITEM AS AMENDED. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
24 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 60C AS AMENDED IS BEFORE YOU.

2 SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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4 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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12 **SUP. HAHN:** IN PEACE, YES.

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.

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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:** THANK YOU, COLLEAGUES. THERE APPEAR TO
2 BE NO SPECIALS AT THIS TIME. AND SO, WITH THAT, IT WOULD BE
3 APPROPRIATE FOR US TO TRANSITION INTO HEARING OUR ADJOURNMENTS
4 IN MEMORY. AND THIS -- TODAY, WE ARE GOING TO BEGIN WITH
5 SUPERVISOR SOLIS REPRESENTING DISTRICT 1 AND PROCEED IN
6 NUMERIC ORDER. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN
9 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF RICHARD BLUM,
10 WHO WAS, OF COURSE, SENATOR DIANNE FEINSTEIN'S HUSBAND. HE WAS
11 A LONGTIME MEMBER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BOARD OF
12 REGENTS, PHILANTHROPIST, AND BUSINESSMAN. OUR HEARTS ARE WITH
13 SENATOR FEINSTEIN'S FAMILY AS SHE GRIEVES HER HUSBAND OF MORE
14 THAN 40 YEARS, SOMEONE WHO SHE SAID ALWAYS SUPPORTED HER
15 THROUGHOUT HER PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER AND WHO WAS AN ADVOCATE
16 HIMSELF. FOR DECADES, HE FOCUSED MUCH OF HIS TIME ON THE
17 PEOPLE OF THE HIMALAYAS, WHERE HE BECAME GOOD FRIENDS WITH THE
18 DALAI LAMA AND FOUNDED THE AMERICAN HIMALAYAN FOUNDATION. HIS
19 WORK CENTERED ON ENDING HUMAN TRAFFICKING, IMPROVING
20 HEALTHCARE, PROVIDING ELDER AND CHILDCARE, AND PROMOTING THE
21 REGION'S VIBRANT CULTURE. HE ALSO FOUNDED THE BLUM CENTER FOR
22 DEVELOPING ECONOMIES AT U.C. BERKELEY, WHICH SUPPORTS STUDENT
23 IN LEARNING ON HOW TO COMBAT GLOBAL POVERTY. HE DEVOTED HIS
24 TIME AND RESOURCES TO VARIOUS NATIONAL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
25 AND CAUSES, WHICH HELP ADVANCE AND IMPROVE THE LIVES OF EVERY

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1 DAY PEOPLE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, OUR FRIEND, SENATOR
2 DIANNE FEINSTEIN, HIS BROTHER, ROBERT, DAUGHTERS ANNETTE,
3 HEIDI, AND EILEEN, STEPDAUGHTER, KATHERINE, AND HER HUSBAND,
4 RICK, AND SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN. MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

5 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I SAW SEVERAL HANDS. IF WE CAN MAKE IT AN
6 ALL MEMBER ADJOURN IN MEMBER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE THAT.

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, ABSOLUTELY.

9

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

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12 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, AND MY LAST ADJOURNMENT IS ON BEHALF OF
13 BORIS VITALINO LOPEZ. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
14 ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY, BORIS VITALINO LOPEZ. HE WAS A BELOVED
15 EDUCATOR, WHO PASSED AWAY FROM CANCER ON TUESDAY FEBRUARY THE
16 8TH, 2022. HE WAS BORN ON SEPTEMBER 25TH, 1963 IN GUATEMALA
17 AND CAME TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1975 AT THE AGE OF 11. HE
18 BEGAN HIS SCHOOLING AT NORTHRUP MIDDLE SCHOOL, GRADUATING FROM
19 ALHAMBRA HIGH SCHOOL AND WENT TO PASADENA CITY COLLEGE AND
20 LATER TRANSFERRED TO CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES.
21 HIS DEEP CONNECTION TO STUDENTS CAME FROM HIS OWN EXPERIENCES.
22 LIKE MANY OF THE STUDENTS HE HELPED THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER, HE
23 HAD TO OVERCOME LEARNING A NEW LANGUAGE AND NAVIGATING A NEW
24 CULTURE. THOSE PERSONAL EXPERIENCES, COUPLED WITH HIS
25 DEDICATION TO SERVING STUDENTS TO TO GAIN ACCESS TO HIGHER

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1 EDUCATION. CONSEQUENTLY, IN 1985, HE AND OTHER HIGHER
2 EDUCATION, K-12 EDUCATORS, AND OTHER LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS
3 FORMED THE LETICIA A. NETWORK, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS L.A.N. IT
4 BECAME THE LEADING ASSOCIATION IN CALIFORNIA TO ADVOCATE,
5 ADVANCE, AND PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS.
6 BORIS WILL BE REMEMBERED AS HAVING LIVED A LIFE OF ACTIVISM
7 DEDICATED TO SOCIAL CHANGE. AT HIS MEMORIAL SERVICE, THE
8 CHAPEL WAS FILLED WITH STANDING ROOM ONLY, PACKED WITH
9 STUDENTS AND NUMEROUS COLLEAGUES, WHO ATTENDED TO PAY TRIBUTE,
10 SAY FAREWELL, AND PAY RESPECTS TO THE FAMILY. BORIS IS
11 SURVIVED BY HIS SPOUSE, MARTHA LOPEZ, HIS MOTHER, CHRISTINA
12 DUARTE, AND HIS SON, ALEJANDRO LOPEZ. MAY HE REST IN PEACE.
13 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THAT CONCLUDES MY ADJOURNMENTS.

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR. I MOVE
16 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RALPH AHN.
17 MR. AHN, A PIONEER FOR KOREAN AMERICANS, WAS BORN IN
18 SEPTEMBER OF 1926 AND PASSED AWAY FEBRUARY 26TH IN L.A. AT THE
19 AGE OF 95. MR. AHN'S PARENTS WERE THE FIRST MARRIED KOREAN
20 COUPLE TO MIGRATE TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1902. HIS FATHER,
21 DOSAN AHN CHANG-HO HELPED TO SPEARHEAD THE KOREAN INDEPENDENCE
22 MOVEMENT AND WAS CONSIDERED TO BE ONE OF THE KEY MORAL AND
23 PHILOSOPHICAL LEADERS OF KOREA DURING THE 20TH CENTURY. MR.
24 AHN WAS COMMITTED TO CONTINUING HIS PARENT'S LIFELONG WORK IN
25 ADVOCATING FOR KOREAN AMERICANS. HE WAS COMMITTED TO

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1 SUPPORTING THE KOREAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND ENCOURAGING
2 FUTURE GENERATIONS OF KOREAN AMERICANS TO BE CIVICALLY
3 ENGAGED. HE ATTENDED JOHN ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL, MANUAL ARTS
4 HIGH SCHOOL, AND RECEIVED HIS BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM CAL
5 STATE UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES. MR. AHN JOINED THE U.S. NAVY IN
6 1944 AND WAS ONE OF AN ESTIMATED 100 KOREAN AMERICANS WHO
7 SERVED IN WORLD WAR II. AFTER SERVING IN THE WAR, HE BEGAN
8 ACTING AND STARRED IN THE FILMS "LAWNMOWER 2: BEYOND
9 CYBERSPACE," "AMITYVILLE: A NEW GENERATION," "PANTHER," AND IN
10 HIS MOST FAMOUS ROLE AS TRAN IN THE SITCOM "NEW GIRL" FROM
11 2012 TO 2018. HE ALSO COACHED VARSITY FOOTBALL AT BISHOP
12 ALEMANY HIGH SCHOOL AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE KOREAN AMERICAN
13 PIONEERS COUNCIL AND THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA RIVERSIDE'S
14 YOUNG OAK KIM RESEARCH CENTER FOR KOREAN AMERICAN STUDIES. HE
15 WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A LOVING HUSBAND, FATHER, AND
16 GRANDFATHER, WHO MADE MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE KOREAN
17 AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED. SUPERVISOR
18 KUEHL.

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20 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. UNFORTUNATELY, I
21 HAVE SEVEN ADJOURNMENTS, AS YOU CAN SEE. CINEMATOGRAPHER
22 GEORGE SPIRO DIBIE, WHO DIED ON FEBRUARY 8TH, AND I ASK THAT
23 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY. DIRECTING ALL
24 OF HIS ENERGY INTO FILM, HE WORKED HIMSELF UP FROM ELECTRICIAN
25 TO AWARD WINNING CINEMATOGRAPHER. SOME OF HIS T.V. CREDITS

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1 INCLUDE "BARNEY MILLER," "MURPHY BROWN," "SISTER SISTER,"
2 "GROWING PAINS," "MR. BELVEDERE," AND "JUST THE TEN OF US."
3 HE GOT SIX EMMY AWARDS OUT OF 12 NOMINATIONS. HE WAS ALSO THE
4 FIRST TO SERVE AS THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL
5 CINEMATOGRAPHERS GUILD, LOCAL 600 I.A.T.S.E. HE WAS PRESIDENT
6 FOR 20 YEARS. HE THEN SERVED ON THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE
7 AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CINEMATOGRAPHERS, WHERE HE CHAIRED THE
8 EDUCATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEES. HE
9 IS SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN, SUZANNE, LAURICE, AND MARC. AND I
10 ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MONSIGNOR
11 JAMES GEHL, BORN IN CHICAGO, HE WAS ORDAINED IN 1974, SERVED
12 IN VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS WITHIN OUR ARCHDIOCESE.
13 HE WAS PRIEST AT ST. EUPHRASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH IN GRANADA
14 HILLS, AND PRIOR TO THAT, SERVED AT ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE
15 CHURCH IN LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE, WHERE HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR
16 OVERSEEING 78 PARISH MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS AND OVERSAW
17 THE CHURCH'S OUTREACH EFFORTS IN THE FORM OF BROTHERS HELPERS
18 AND THE CHURCH'S FLAGSHIP OUTREACH WITH THE DIOCESE OF WU IN
19 GHANA. AFTER SURVIVING LYMPHOMA, HE CREATED A CANCER MINISTRY
20 AT ST. EUPHRASIA FOR THOSE WHO WERE TOUCHED BY THIS DISEASE.
21 AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE -- SORRY? OKAY. I ASK
22 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DELORES
23 HELFGOTT, A DEDICATED MOTHER AND WIFE, HARDWORKING
24 BUSINESSWOMAN, LIFELONG ADVOCATE FOR WOMEN, SOCIAL ACTION,
25 DEMOCRATIC POLITICS, AND JUDAISM. SHE LEFT COLLEGE TO START A

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1 FAMILY AND WOULD LATER EARN TWO DEGREES FROM S.C., A BACHELORS
2 IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS IN 1978, AND A MASTER'S IN PUBLIC
3 ADMINISTRATION IN 1981, BUT THE CENTER PIECES OF THE
4 HELFGOTT'S LIFE IN L.A. WERE TEMPLE ISAIAH AND THE FAMILY
5 BUSINESS, DENNIS PHARMACY, BOTH ON PICO BOULEVARD. ONE OF
6 DEE'S PROUDEST MOMENTS WAS BECOMING ISAIAH'S FIRST WOMAN
7 PRESIDENT, 1981. ANOTHER MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT, THOUGH A TRYING
8 ONE, WAS HER FORMATION OF THE COALITION FOR HANDGUN CONTROL IN
9 1975, WHICH BROUGHT TOGETHER COMMUNITY GROUPS, POLITICIANS,
10 RELIGIOUS LEADERS, TEACHERS, AND HOLLYWOOD STARS TO FIGHT THE
11 SCOURGE OF GUN VIOLENCE. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER,
12 HALI, HER SON, JASON, AND HER BROTHER, LARRY. I ASK THAT WHEN
13 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SAM KARDASHIAN, WHO
14 DIED FEBRUARY 6TH. LONGTIME SANTA MONICAN, THE OWNER OF
15 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING COMPANY. IN 1974,
16 HE INSTALLED WHAT WAS CALLED, AT THE TIME, THE LARGEST FLAG IN
17 THE WEST, RIGHT ALONGSIDE THE SANTA MONICA FREEWAY. I SEE
18 SUPERVISOR BARGER KNOWS WHAT I AM TALKING ABOUT. ANYONE WHO
19 DROVE THE 10 OUT TO THE BEACH OR BACK SAID WOW, THAT IS A BIG
20 FLAG, BUT THEY DIDN'T REALLY KNOW SAM KARDASHIAN. THERE WAS A
21 LOT MORE TO HIM. HE WAS THE YOUNGEST OF EIGHT CHILDREN BORN TO
22 ARMENIAN IMMIGRANTS. MANY OF HIS RELATIVES ACTUALLY WENT TO
23 HIGH SCHOOL WHERE I DID AT DORSEY. AND I THINK A COUPLE JUST
24 PASSED AWAY THIS YEAR, AS WELL. BUT HIS LOVE OF COUNTRY, AND
25 HIS LOVE OF HIS COMMUNITY LASTED THROUGHOUT HIS WHOLE LIFE. HE

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1 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, PAULETTE, AND HIS TWO CHILDREN,
2 TAMARA AND LUKE. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
3 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DR. HAROLD KARPMAN, HARVARD MEDICAL
4 SCHOOL GRADUATE, CLINICAL PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE FOR THE DAVID
5 GEFFEN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT U.C.L.A. AND THROUGHOUT HIS
6 ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER, HE RECEIVED MANY AWARDS, ACCOLADES, AND
7 HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED WORLDWIDE FOR HIS OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP
8 AND COMMITMENT TO THE PROFESSION. HE HELD A NUMBER OF
9 LEADERSHIP POSITIONS, INCLUDING BOARD OF GOVERNORS AT CEDARS
10 SINAI, BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE L.A. OPERA. ALSO FOUNDED THE
11 CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH FOUNDATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, A
12 NONPROFIT PUBLIC ENTITY DEDICATED TO COMMUNITY-FUNDED
13 CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH. ASIDE FROM HIS SUCCESSFUL MEDICAL
14 CAREER, HE WAS A SOUGHT AFTER SPEAKER, LECTURER, AND PUBLIC
15 PUBLISHED AUTHOR, WRITING SEVERAL BOOKS AND OVER 100 PEER
16 REVIEWED PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,
17 MOLINDA, AND HIS CHILDREN, DAVID AND LAURA. AND I ASK THAT
18 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN, AND I SAY VERY SADLY, IN
19 MEMORY OF A WONDERFUL ACTRESS, SALLY KELLERMAN, WHO JUST DIED
20 ON FEBRUARY 24TH. SHE WENT TO HOLLYWOOD HIGH, WHERE HER TALENT
21 IN SINGING AND ACTING FIRST EMERGED. AT 18, SHE WAS OFFERED A
22 CONTRACT AS A SINGER WITH THE JAZZ LABEL VERVE RECORDS. AND
23 THROUGHOUT HER CAREER, SHE TOOK ON A NUMBER OF ROLES IN
24 TELEVISION, FILM, AND STAGE, INCLUDING APPEARING IN
25 "M.A.S.H.," RODNEY DANGERFIELD'S "BACK TO SCHOOL," "STAR

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1 TREK, " "WELCOME TO L.A.," AND MOST RECENTLY PLAYED THE MOTHER
2 OF THE COMIC MARC MARON IN HIS FICTIONALIZED T.V. SERIES. SHE
3 RECEIVED AN OSCAR NOMINATION FOR PLAYING MAJOR MARGARET
4 HOULIHAN IN THE M.A.S.H MOVIE, HOT LIPS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY
5 HER SON, JACK, AND HER DAUGHTER, CLAIRE. LASTLY, I ASK THAT
6 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ALLAN LARSON, A
7 NAVY VETERAN, WHO OPENED READY DATA SERVICE, A VERY EARLY
8 COMPUTER-BASED SUBSCRIPTION FULFILLMENT COMPANY. HE WAS ALSO
9 THE FATHER OF THE LATE PLAYWRIGHT, JONATHAN LARSON, WHO
10 CREATED "RENT" AND "TICK...TICK BOOM." FOLLOWING THE
11 PLAYWRIGHT'S DEATH IN 1996, HIS LIFE TOOK ON A NEW PURPOSE,
12 ESTABLISHED THE JONATHAN LARSON PERFORMING ARTS FOUNDATION TO
13 SUPPORT PROMISING THEATER ARTISTS IN HONOR OF HIS SON. FROM
14 1997 TO 2008, THE FOUNDATION AWARDED GRANTS TO MUSICAL THEATER
15 COMPOSERS, LYRICISTS, AND BOOK WRITERS. AND FOLLOWING THOSE
16 2008 GRANTS, THE PROGRAM WAS SHIFTED TO THE AMERICAN THEATER
17 WING, WHERE IT CONTINUES AS THE JONATHAN LARSON GRANTS. HE IS
18 SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER, JULIE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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22 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
23 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ANNA CANETTI, WHO WAS 89
24 WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY. ANNA WAS BORN AND RAISED IN SAN PEDRO.
25 ANNA AND HER HUSBAND, JOE, OWNED AND OPERATED CANETTI'S

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1 SEAFOOD GROTTO IN SAN PEDRO FOR MANY YEARS, WAS JUST AN ICON
2 DOWN HERE WHERE ORIGINALLY ALL THE FISHERMAN WOULD COME IN AND
3 GET OFF THEIR BOATS AND HAVE BREAKFAST THERE, AND COMMUNITY
4 MEMBERS BEGAN TO EMBRACE IT, AND IT WAS NOT UNUSUAL THAT
5 POLITICIANS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WOULD BE SITTING SIDE BY
6 SIDE WITH THE FISHERMAN THAT JUST HAD GOTTEN OFF THE BOATS FOR
7 A GREAT BREAKFAST. WHEN SHE WASN'T WORKING AT THE RESTAURANT,
8 SHE COULD BE FOUND IN THE KITCHEN BAKING ONE OF HER FAMOUS
9 COFFEE CAKES OR OUT IN HER GARDEN TENDING HER BELOVED FLOWERS.
10 SHE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER LOVING HUSBAND, JOE. SHE IS
11 SURVIVED BY HER SEVEN CHILDREN, NUMEROUS GRANDCHILDREN, GREAT
12 GRANDCHILDREN, NIECES, AND NEPHEWS. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
13 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FRANK "IKE" IACONO, WHO
14 WAS ALSO A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO. HE WAS 85 WHEN HE
15 PASSED AWAY. IKE WAS THE OWNER OF IACONO'S TUNE-UP AND BRAKE,
16 A VERY SUCCESSFUL AUTO REPAIR BUSINESS IN SAN PEDRO. HE ALSO
17 RAN A SUCCESSFUL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, BUILDING OVER 300
18 APARTMENTS AND HOMES THROUGHOUT SAN PEDRO AND RANCHO PALOS
19 VERDES. WHEN IKE WASN'T FIXING CARS OR BUILDING HOMES, YOU
20 COULD FIND HIM ON THE TENNIS COURT. HE LOVED THE GAME SO MUCH
21 THAT, IN 1975, HE BUILT ONE OF THE FIRST TENNIS, RACQUET BALL,
22 AND HEALTH CLUBS IN THE SOUTH BAY, THE ROLLING HILLS PLAZA
23 RACQUET CLUB IN TORRENCE. FRANK WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS
24 WIFE OF 63 YEARS, SHIRLEY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER,
25 DAWN, THREE GRANDSONS, AND THREE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. I ALSO

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1 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY OF JOANN
2 "SISTER MARGARET MARY" BOGDANOVICH. SISTER MARGARET MARY WAS
3 BORN AND RAISED IN SAN PEDRO, AND SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE
4 OF 82. SISTER MARGARET MARY WAS A DEVOUT CATHOLIC WHO
5 DEDICATED HER LIFE TO THE CHURCH. IN 1984, SHE JOINED THE
6 IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE LEGION OF
7 MARY. SHE WAS ALSO A LONGTIME VOLUNTEER AT HOLY TRINITY
8 CATHOLIC CHURCH HERE IN SAN PEDRO. SISTER MARGARET MARY IS
9 SURVIVED BY HER SISTER, BARBARA JEAN BOGDANOVICH, AND HER
10 SISTER-IN-LAW, BARBARA ANN BOGDANOVICH. AND MY LAST ONE IS
11 THAT I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY
12 OF ROBERT BACICH. BOB WAS BORN IN CROATIA. HE IMMIGRATED TO
13 SAN PEDRO AS A YOUNG BOY, AND HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 88.
14 AFTER GRADUATING FROM SAN PEDRO HIGH, BOB WORKED FOR FELLOW &
15 STEWART HARBOR BOAT AND FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. AFTER
16 RETIRING, BOB SPENT MUCH OF HIS TIME AT THE CROATIAN AMERICAN
17 CLUB AND SERVED AS AN OFFICER WITH THE MARY STAR CROATIAN
18 GUILD. BOB ALSO BECAME A MASTER MODEL AND TOY MAKER AND
19 ENJOYED PLAYING COMPETITIVE BOCCE BALL. BOB IS SURVIVED BY HIS
20 WIFE, MAY, CHIDLREN, MICHAEL, DONNA, AND STEVEN, EIGHT
21 GRANDCHILDREN, AND FOUR GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. THANK YOU, MADAM
22 CHAIR. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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24 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
25 ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF JOYCE RUDOLPH, AN AWARD

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1 WINNING JOURNALIST, WHO, FOR DECADES, ANCHORED THE FEATURES
2 DEPARTMENT OF THE BURBANK LEADER, GLENDALE NEWS PRESS, AND THE
3 FOOTHILL LEADER, WHO PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 19TH. SHE
4 GRADUATED FROM C.S.U.N. AND GREW UP WITH THE AREA'S PAPERS,
5 WRITING, EDITING, AND MENTORING GENERATIONS OF JOURNALISTS AS
6 SHE NURTURED WHAT BECAME AN UNMATCHED PULSE ON THE COMMUNITY
7 AND ENTERTAINMENT SCENES IN THE AREA, FROM THE ALEX THEATRE TO
8 THE STARLIGHT BOWL. SHE WOULD LATER RECOUNT THAT, AMONG THE
9 MOST IMPORTANT STORIES OF HER CAREER, WAS WRITING THE OBITUARY
10 FOR WAYNE ALLWINE, THE VOICE OF MICKEY MOUSE, AS HE WAS A
11 LOCAL RESIDENT BORN AND RAISED IN THE AREA. IN HER FINAL
12 YEARS, JOYCE BATTLED PANCREATIC CANCER, BUT SHE CONTINUED TO
13 WRITE, EVEN CHRONICLING HER JOURNEY IN THE PAGES OF THE
14 BURBANK LEADER. SHE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL. ALSO THAT WE
15 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF PATRICIA ANNE HUNDT WESTERN, A LONGTIME
16 RESIDENT OF CASTAIC, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 51. SHE WAS
17 A BELOVED MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAMILY, WHO WORKED
18 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL
19 HEALTH UNIT AS A ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST OF THE SOLID
20 WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. HER CAREER WITH THE COUNTY SPANNED
21 26 YEARS, WHERE SHE REDUCED UNHEALTHFUL CONDITIONS THAT IMPACT
22 THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF
23 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY ILLEGAL DUMPING TASKFORCE AND LEAD
24 INSPECTOR AT THE SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL. SHE EARNED HER
25 BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN ENVIRONMENTAL AND OCCUPATIONAL

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1 HEALTH FROM CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY NORTHRIDGE. SHE WAS AN
2 ANIMAL LOVER, WHO FACILITATED THE RESCUE OF ABANDONED AND
3 DISCARDED ANIMALS FOUND AT THE LANDFILLS THAT SHE INSPECTED.
4 HER KINDNESS AND DEDICATION TO HER COMMUNITY AND COLLEAGUES
5 WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN. PATTY IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND,
6 TRENT, HER SISTER, SHELLEY, AND HER PARENTS, CHARLES AND
7 DIANE. AND ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF STEVE CAMPBELL, A
8 LONGTIME BURBANK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHER. STEVE BEGAN
9 WORKING FOR BURBANK UNIFIED AS AN ENGLISH AND SPANISH TEACHER
10 AT JORDAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL IN 1965 AND TOOK OVER THE
11 JOURNALISM DEPARTMENT IN 1970 AND THEN TRANSFERRED TO JOHN
12 BURROUGHS HIGH SCHOOL IN 1991, WHERE HE CONTINUED TEACHING
13 UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 2006. HE WAS TRULY A GIFTED EDUCATOR,
14 AND HE TOUCHED THE LIVES OF COUNTLESS STUDENTS DURING HIS 41
15 YEAR CAREER. IN 2018, HIS FORMER COLLEAGUES AND A GROUP OF HIS
16 FORMER STUDENTS, NICKNAMED THE "CAMPBELL KIDS," JOINED
17 TOGETHER TO ADVOCATE TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND RENAME THE
18 JOHN BURROUGHS HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY IN HIS HONOR. THE STEVE
19 CAMPBELL LIBRARY IS JUST ONE WAY HIS INFLUENCE LIVES ON IN HIS
20 COMMUNITY. HE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS PARTNER OF 37
21 YEARS, CARLTON MADDOX, WHOM HE MARRIED IN 2013. HE WILL BE
22 REMEMBERED BY MANY STUDENTS AS THE MOST CARING, DEDICATED,
23 MEMORABLE, AND INSPIRATIONAL TEACHER THEY EVER HAD. THANK YOU,
24 MADAM CHAIR.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I PUT AWAY MY NOTE. HERE
2 WE GO. WE WILL TAKE ALL THE MOTIONS AS SECONDED, IF THERE'S NO
3 OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.
4 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED
5 SESSION?

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7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
8 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
9 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM C.S.1, CONFERENCE
10 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, AND ITEM
11 C.S.3, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, AS INDICATED ON
12 THE POSTED AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR MARCH 1, 2022

CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

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

Initiation of litigation (two cases). (22-0946)

In case one, the Board, acting as the governing body of the County, the Flood Control District, and the Consolidated Fire Protection District, authorized County Counsel to initiate litigation. The defendant(s) and the other particulars will, once the action is formally commenced, be disclosed to any person upon inquiry.

The vote of the Board was unanimous, with all Supervisors present.

In case two, the Board, acting as the governing body of the County and the Consolidated Fire Protection District, authorized County Counsel to initiate litigation. The defendant(s) and the other particulars will, once the action is formally commenced, be disclosed to any person upon inquiry.

The vote of the Board was unanimous, with all Supervisors present.

CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

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

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1 LA Alliance for Human Rights, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et
2 al., U.S. District Court, Central District of California, Case
3 Number: 20-cv-02291-DOC-KES.

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5 This lawsuit seeks relief stemming from the homelessness
6 conditions in the City and County of Los Angeles. (20-2724)
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8 **In Open Session, this item was continued to March 8, 2022.**
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12 CS-3. DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS
13 (Government Code Section 54957)

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15 Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)
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17 **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 March 1, 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 16th day of March 2022, for the County records to be used only
17 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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