



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 15, 2022, ON PAGE 263]**

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5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. IT LOOKS LIKE SCOTTY IS

6 BEAMING US ALL IN SLOWLY. AND I'VE GOT FEEDBACK. THAT'S MY

7 FAULT. THERE. GOOD NOW? EXCELLENT. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE, AND

8 WELCOME TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES

9 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, BEING HELD REMOTELY TODAY,

10 TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022. WE'LL NOW TAKE ROLL TO CONFIRM

11 ATTENDANCE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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13 **SUP. SOLIS:** HERE.

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

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17 **SUP. KUEHL:** HERE.

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

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21 **SUP. HAHN:** HERE

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

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25 **SUP. BARGER:** HERE.

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2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** FESIA DAVENPORT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE
3 OFFICER?

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

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

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9 **RODRIGO CASTRO-SILVA:** I'M HERE.

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

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

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16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** NEXT, I HOPE YOU ALL WILL JOIN ME IN OUR
17 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. COLLEAGUES, PLEASE STAND AND PLACE YOUR
18 HAND OVER YOUR HEART. READY, BEGIN.

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS:** I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED
21 STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS:
22 ONE NATION, UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE
23 FOR ALL.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, ALL. AS INDICATED ON THE
2 POSTED AGENDA, WE'LL BE TAKING TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENTS
3 SEPARATELY FOR REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS, AND FOR THE PUBLIC
4 HEARING ITEMS, DURING TODAY'S MEETING. AGAIN: SEPARATELY, FOR
5 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS, AND FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS.
6 THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD RECEIVED OVER 600 WRITTEN
7 COMMENTS FOR TODAY'S MEETING, AND AS THOSE WRITTEN COMMENTS
8 WERE RECEIVED, ALL OF THEM WERE AVAILABLE TO THE SUPERVISORS'
9 STAFF, FOR THEIR CONSI-- FOR THE SUPERVISORS, FOR THEIR
10 CONSIDERATION, CONSISTENT WITH THE BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS.
11 WE'LL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS THROUGHOUT THE
12 MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD.
13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

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15 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR?

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

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19 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES, I JUST WANTED TO ASK YOU TO CLARIFY FOR
20 PEOPLE THAT ARE TESTIFYING, BECAUSE, TO THEM, IT'S ALL PUBLIC
21 HEARING ITEMS, IF YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN; THAT THE ONES WE MEAN
22 BY "PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS" ARE ITEMS 2, 3, 4, AND 5. IS THAT
23 CORRECT?

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25 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THAT IS CORRECT.

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2 **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY, GREAT. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I APPRECIATE THAT CLARIFICATION, YES.
5 THAT'S CORRECT. SO, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IF YOU'D GO AHEAD AND
6 CALL THE AGENDA?

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8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. GOOD MORNING,
9 MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL
10 BEGIN ON PAGE 2, SET MATTER 1. SET MATTER 1 IS A REPORT BY THE
11 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT HEADS, AS
12 NECESSARY, ON THE STATUS OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING
13 AND CONSIDERATION OF NECESSARY ACTION. THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD
14 FOR DISCUSSION. ON PAGE 3, PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS 2 THROUGH 6.
15 ON ITEM 6, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
16 CONTINUED TO JUNE 28TH, 2022, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
17 AGENDA. THE REMAINING ITEMS WILL BE HELD FOR HEARING. ON PAGE
18 6, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 7 THROUGH 29.
19 ON ITEM 7, THIS INCLUDES AN ADDITION, AS INDICATED ON THE
20 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 9, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS
21 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO APRIL 5TH, 2022. THIS ITEM
22 RELATES TO ITEM 40. ON ITEM 10, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS
23 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, THIS INCLUDES CONSIDERATION OF
24 AN AMENDMENT, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM
25 13, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON

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1 ITEM 14, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.
2 ALSO, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE
3 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 17, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT
4 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS
5 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 19, THIS
6 INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
7 ON ITEM 20, SUPERVISOR BARGER AND SUPERVISOR HAHN WOULD LIKE
8 TO REVISE THEIR MOTION TO UPDATE DIRECTIVE NUMBER 2 TO
9 AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A
10 COUNTYWIDE MAXIMUM ALLOWANCE FOR THERAPEUTIC FOSTER CARE. ON
11 ITEM 24, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE
12 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 26 SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT
13 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 20, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS
14 30 THROUGH 58. ON ITEM 30M SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS
15 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 39, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT
16 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 40, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS
17 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO APRIL 5TH, 2022. THIS ITEM
18 RELATES TO ITEM 9. ON ITEM 44, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS
19 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 45, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS
20 HER VOTE TO BE RECORDED AS "NO." ON PAGE 34, THIS INCLUDES
21 MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE
22 THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE
23 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 56-A, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS
24 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 56-B, SUPERVISOR SOLIS
25 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 56-D, SUPERVISOR

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1 MITCHELL IS ABSTAINING FROM THE VOTE. ON PAGE 35, ORDINANCES
2 FOR INTRODUCTIONS, ITEMS 59 THROUGH 61. ON ITEM 59, SUPERVISOR
3 BARGER REQUESTS HER VOTE TO BE RECORDED AS "NO." THIS ITEM
4 RELATES TO ITEM 61. ON ITEM 61, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS HER
5 VOTE TO BE RECORDED AS "NO." ON PAGE 36, SEPARATE MATTER. ON
6 PAGE 37, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDAS. THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE
7 SANITATION DISTRICT NUMBER 27 AND THE NEWHALL RANCH SANITATION
8 DISTRICT. ON PAGE 38, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES
9 COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ITEM 1-D IS A RECOMMENDATION TO
10 ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE ISSUANCE AND
11 SALE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY GENERAL
12 REVENUE BONDS, 2022 SERIES, ON A TAX-EXEMPT BASIS, IN AN
13 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$33 MILLION, TO REFINANCE LEASE REVENUE
14 BONDS THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY ISSUED TO FINANCE DEVELOPMENT,
15 ACQUISITION, AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE L.A.C.D.A. HEADQUARTERS
16 ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, AND TO FINANCE CERTAIN CAPITAL
17 IMPROVEMENTS TO THE L.A.C.D.A. HEADQUARTERS ADMINISTRATIVE
18 BUILDING. ON PAGE 39, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE REGIONAL PARK
19 AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. ON PAGE 40, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR
20 THE REGIONAL FINANCING AUTHORITY. ITEM 1-R IS A RECOMMENDATION
21 TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE
22 REGIONAL FINANCE AUTHORITY LEASE REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS,
23 SERIES 2022, VERMONT MANCHESTER SOCIAL SERVICES REFUNDING
24 PROJECT, LOCATED AT 8300-8400 SOUTH VERMONT AVENUE IN THE CITY
25 OF LOS ANGELES, ON A TAX-EXEMPT BASIS, WITH AN AGGREGATE

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1 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$70 MILLION, TO REFINANCE THE
2 BONDS. THE REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES, THROUGH 1-R, ARE BEFORE
3 YOU.

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5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
6 BARGER, AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THESE
7 ITEMS, AND SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

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9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 42, NOTICE OF CLOSED SESSION. THAT
10 COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA, MADAM CHAIR.

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12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. APPRECIATE IT.
13 WE'LL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS, EXCLUDING
14 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 2 THROUGH 6. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
15 READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA,
16 AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
17 WHO ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

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19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE
20 PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT SHOULD CALL 877-226-
21 8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 133-6503. TO REPEAT:
22 PLEASE CALL 877-226-8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 133-
23 6503. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO
24 THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL 877-873-8017 AND
25 FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING IN:

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1 WHEN IT'S YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND WHICH
2 AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. WE WILL ALLOCATE 90 MINUTES
3 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL OF THE REGULAR ITEMS, EXCLUDING
4 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 2 THROUGH 6. YOU WILL HAVE 1 MINUTE TO
5 SPEAK ON ONE AGENDA ITEM, OR TWO MINUTES TO SPEAK ON 2 OR MORE
6 AGENDA ITEMS. IN ADDITION, THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE
7 BOARD WITH GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED ONE
8 ADDITIONAL MINUTE, FOR A MAXIMUM TOTAL OF UP TO 3 MINUTES. WE
9 WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN
10 DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. WHEN
11 SPEAKING ON THE AGENDA ITEMS, YOU MUST BE ON TOPIC. OUR GOAL
12 IS TO GET THROUGH AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE CAN. IF YOU ARE NOT
13 SPEAKING ON A TOPIC, OR IF WE CANNOT TELL IF YOU ARE SPEAKING
14 ON AN AGENDA ITEM, YOU'LL GET ONE WARNING FROM COUNTY COUNSEL
15 OR THE CHAIR. IF YOU DO NOT IMMEDIATELY OR CLEARLY GET ON
16 TOPIC, OR IF YOU STRAY OFF TOPIC AGAIN, YOU WILL FORFEIT THE
17 REST OF YOUR TIME, AND THE CHAIR WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT
18 SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU'RE ALSO LISTENING TO THE
19 BOARD MEETING ON A COMPUTER OR SPEAKERPHONE, YOU WILL NEED TO
20 TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON THOSE DEVICES AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR
21 CALLS ON YOU. IF YOU DO NOT TURN DOWN THE VOLUME, THERE WILL
22 BE AN ECHO. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE?

23

24 **MODERATOR:** AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE
25 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN ZERO AT THIS TIME. DO

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

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4 **SPEAKER:** WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH INTERPRETATION OF THE
5 REMINDER. [SPANISH INTERPRETATION].

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7 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF
8 MELISSA CAMACHO-CHEUNG. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS
9 YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON
10 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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12 **MELISSA CAMACHO-CHEUNG:** HELLO. THIS IS MELISSA CAMACHO-CHEUNG,
13 FROM THE A.C.L.U. OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. I'M BE SPEAKING ON
14 AGENDA ITEM 49 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. TODAY, THE BOARD
15 WILL APPROVE \$199,000 TO GO TO THE FAMILY OF CHRISTOPHER NASH,
16 WHO DIED AT CENTURY REGIONAL DETENTION FACILITY IN 2019.
17 SHERIFF'S PERSONNEL PUT MR. NASH INTO A DETOX CELL WHEN HE
18 ARRIVED AT C.R.D.F. HE DID NOT EAT, AND LAY DOWN ON THE FLOOR
19 OF THE CELL. HE WAS IN MEDICAL DISTRESS, DYING OF A DRUG
20 OVERDOSE, AND YET CUSTODIAL DID NOT RECOGNIZE OR RESPOND TO
21 THE DANGER UNTIL IT WAS TOO LATE. MR. NASH SHOULD BE ALIVE
22 TODAY. TRAGICALLY, THE ROOT CAUSES IDENTIFIED IN HIS DEATH ARE
23 NOT BEING SUFFICIENTLY ADDRESSED BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
24 TWO YEARS, NOW, AFTER MR. NASH'S DEATH. THE SUMMARY CORRECTIVE
25 ACTION PLAN SAID THAT TWO OF THE REASONS MR. NASH DIED WERE,

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1 NUMBER ONE, DEPUTIES DID NOT CONDUCT THOROUGH SAFETY CHECKS;
2 AND NUMBER TWO, A DELAY IN RECOGNIZING MR. NASH WAS IN
3 DISTRESS. IN 2021, ACCORDING TO REPORTING BY THE O.I.G., 10
4 PEOPLE WHO DIED IN CUSTODY WERE DISCOVERED UNRESPONSIVE DURING
5 A SAFETY CHECK, AND ANOTHER 12 PEOPLE WHO HAVE DIED WERE
6 DISCOVERED UNRESPONSIVE OR ALREADY IN THE MIDST OF A MEDICAL
7 EMERGENCY BY CUSTODIAL STAFF. HOW MANY OF THESE DEATHS COULD
8 HAVE BEEN PREVENTED, LIKE MR. NASH'S DEATH, IF CUSTODIAL STAFF
9 WERE NOT COMPLACENT IN SAFETY CHECKS, AND WERE RESPONSIVE TO
10 PEOPLE'S MEDICAL NEEDS BEFORE THEY WERE FOUND UNRESPONSIVE OR
11 IN FULL-BLOWN MEDICAL EMERGENCIES? THE JAILS ARE PLACES OF
12 DEATH. HOW MANY MORE [INAUDIBLE] THIS COUNTY MAKE THE FAMILY
13 MEMBERS WHOSE LOVED ONES DIED BECAUSE L.A.S.D. COULD NOT BE
14 BOTHERED WITH THEIR CARE? THIS BOARD MUST FULLY FUND PRETRIAL
15 SERVICES, SO THAT PEOPLE LIKE MR. NASH CAN RECEIVE SUBSTANCE
16 ABUSE TREATMENT PRETRIAL, INSTEAD OF DYING IN OUR JAILS.
17 EARLIER THIS MONTH, O.I.G. ALSO TOLD THIS BOARD THAT
18 OVERCROWDING AND SHERIFF VILLANUEVA'S DISMANTLING OF THE
19 DISCIPLINE SYSTEM ARE PART OF WHAT IS CAUSING THIS CRISIS OF
20 DEATH. WHAT WILL THIS BOARD DO? THIS BOARD MUST SET A DEADLINE
21 FOR CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL; NOT EVENTUALLY, BUT BY MARCH
22 2023. THE BOARD MUST ALSO FIND A WAY TO HOLD THE SHERIFF
23 ACCOUNTABLE FOR FAILURES OF LEADERSHIP AND DISCIPLINE FOR
24 MISCONDUCT IN THE JAILS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

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3 **MODERATOR:** NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF ERIC
4 PREVEN. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
5 ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC
6 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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8 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. YES, I WILL ADDRESS SEVERAL ITEMS AND
9 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THEN I'LL HAVE TO CALL BACK, I GUESS,
10 FOR THE PUBLIC HEARINGS, BUT THANK YOU. THE OTHER CASE, THE
11 BRIAN PICKETT KID, HAD EXCESSIVE FORCE USED, AND WERE SETTLING
12 FOR \$3.8 MILLION. I MEAN, JESUS. AND \$450,000 TO FIGHT, BEFORE
13 THAT. SO DOUBLE IT UP, AND WE'RE OVER \$4 MILLION. VERY, VERY
14 UPSETTING. HOWEVER, IT IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH, AND THAT IS
15 SOMETHING THAT'S WORTH CELEBRATING, AND I WANT TO THANK THE
16 BOARD FOR EVENTUALLY, AFTER I TRAIPSED AROUND THE COUNTY, THE
17 WOMEN AND GIRLS INITIATIVE BEING RECOGNIZED TODAY, WENT TO
18 THEIR MEETING-- WENT TO EVERY MEETING I COULD THINK OF-- TO
19 SAY, "NO, NO, DO NOT SHIP WOMEN WHO HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED,
20 WHO'VE HAD RUN-INS WITH THE LAW, TO A PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARD,
21 WHERE VALLEY FEVER RAN AROUND." SO, FINALLY, YOU STOPPED.
22 THANK YOU. BUT THE OTHER COMPANION PIECE TO THAT, WHEN I WAS A
23 FIGHTER FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE, BEFORE THEY ALL GOT CO-OPTED AND
24 PROMOTED, YOU KNOW, I'M REALLY AGAINST THESE TASERS, AND I SEE
25 THAT TODAY YOU'VE GOT 150 TASERS, AT \$4,000 A TASER. FIRST OF

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1 ALL, NO DISRESPECT TO ARNIE BERGHOFF OR THE GANG OVER AT
2 ENGLANDER KNABE & ALLEN, BUT ARE YOU EFFING KIDDING ME? THAT
3 IS A LOT OF MONEY, AND FOR DEVICES THAT DO NOT WORK. I DON'T
4 KNOW IF YOU'VE READ THE REUTERS AND ALL THE-- THERE HAS BEEN
5 ENORMOUS LITERATURE ABOUT HOW AXON, OUR FRIENDS WITH THE BODY
6 CAMS, SELL THESE THINGS, BUT THEY CONTINUE TO PROMOTE DEATH.
7 WHAT THEY DO, FOR THE RECORD-- AND GREAT IDEA TO USE THEM ON
8 YOUNG, STRONG PEOPLE, WHO THEY'LL BOUNCE OFF. THEY'LL GO
9 CRAZY, AND THEN THEY'LL PRIME THEMSELVES FOR A SHOOTING. THIS
10 IS THE WORST IDEA I'VE EVER SEEN. AND IF YOU-- I'M JUST GOING
11 TO TELL YOU, I WILL WRITE ABOUT THIS ONE. IF YOU DO THIS, IF
12 YOU APPROVE THESE TOOLS OF VIOLENCE-- THEY DON'T WORK. 50,000
13 VOLTS INTO A HUMAN BEING-- ANYBODY LISTENING, OR ARE YOU
14 CHATTING AMONG YOURSELVES? TERRIBLE, TERRIBLE WAY TO GO. DON'T
15 DO IT. DON'T DO IT, OKAY? \$18.7 MILLION SEEMS LIKE A FAIR
16 PRICE TO REDO THE SHERIFF'S DOCK DOWN AT THE MARINA DEL REY
17 FOR THE BOATS, BUT I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT CARUSO IS
18 PAYING HIS SHARE. I NOTED THAT WE GAVE HIM A KIND OF A GRANT,
19 BECAUSE--

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21 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER,
22 PLEASE.

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24 **ERIC PREVEN:** I'M IN GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M SORRY? NO,
25 YOU'RE CUTTING ME OFF SHORT, I BELIEVE.

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2 **SPEAKER:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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4 **MODERATOR:** MY APOLOGIES. NEXT, WE'LL GO TO THE LINE OF KENT
5 MENDOZA. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

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7 **KENT MENDOZA:** CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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9 **SPEAKER:** YES, WE CAN. PLEASE BEGIN.

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11 **KENT MENDOZA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS KENT MENDOZA. I'M WITH
12 THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF
13 ITEM 10, IN OPPOSITION OF ITEM 56-A, AND PROVIDE GENERAL
14 PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS SHEILA KUEHL AND HOLLY
15 MITCHELL, FOR MOTION 10, WHICH WOULD EXPLORE DESIGNATING CAMPS
16 KILPATRICK AND SCOTT AND KIRBY AS SECURE PERMANENT FACILITIES.
17 AND AS A COUNTY, I WOULD JUST SAY THAT ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. WE
18 MUST STOP WASTING TIME AND START MOVING THINGS FORWARD. ALL OF
19 THIS IS WAY OVERDUE. KIDS WHO SHOULD HAVE BEEN RECEIVING CARE,
20 SUPPORT, AND SERVICES, THEY CAN START BEGINNING TO ADDRESS
21 THEIR NEEDS AND THEIR TRAUMA, AND JUST THEIR DEVELOPMENT, ARE
22 STUCK IN A ROOM WITH NO TOILET AND NO PROGRAMMING AT BARRY J.
23 NIDORF JUVENILE HALL. WE HAVE WORKED SO HARD THESE PAST YEARS,
24 SHOWING UP TO MEETINGS, SHARING OUR STORIES OF TRAUMA, NOT
25 CARING WHETHER THOSE STORIES CAN BE USED AGAINST US, AND THE

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1 COUNTY HAS INVESTED RESOURCES IN THE PROCESS. IT WILL BE A
2 SHAME IF THE COUNTY DOESN'T FOLLOW THROUGH ON THE PROMISE THAT
3 YOU MADE OF CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST. WE SHOULDN'T BE INVESTING
4 IN NEW JAILS. WE SHOULDN'T BE TRYING TO THINK OF CREATING
5 ANYTHING THAT IS RELATING TO PUNISHMENT OR INCARCERATION. WE
6 SHOULD MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS PLAN AND BEGIN TO IMPLEMENT THE
7 MANY OTHER COMPONENTS OF YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, SUCH AS
8 INFUSING [INAUDIBLE] INCREDIBLE MESSAGES THROUGHOUT ALL OF THE
9 CAMPS IN L.A. COUNTY. AS FAR AS FOR MOTION 56-A, THE COUNTY
10 MUST REJECT THIS PLACE, WHATSOEVER. WHEN I SAW THIS PROBATION
11 RENDERING AND THE PRESENTATION OF HOW THEY WANTED TO MAKE
12 BARRY J. NIDORF JUVENILE HALL, IT LITERALLY REMINDED ME OF THE
13 FIRST DAY I WAS IN CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL, WHEN I FIRST GOT
14 LOCKED UP. WHEN I FIRST ENTERED INCARCERATION IN L.A. COUNTY,
15 IT LOOKED JUST LIKE THAT RENDERING PRESENTATION. AND OVER
16 TIME, BECAUSE THEY STARTED GETTING CAUGHT UP AND GETTING INTO
17 MANY D.O.J. SETTLEMENTS, ALL THIS STUFF HAPPENING, IT'S JUST A
18 CYCLE OF REPETITIONS OF PUNISHMENT, AND WE JUST GOT TO REJECT
19 THIS PLACE. THE BILL SHOULD NOT ALLOW THIS DEPARTMENT TO
20 CONTINUE TO GUIDE THIS PROCESS AND MAKE D.J.J. WITHIN BARRY J.
21 NIDORF JUVENILE HALL. THIS PLACE IS REALLY THE WORST THAT YOU
22 COULD EVER THINK OF. JUST IMAGINE BEING IN A JAIL CELL FOR
23 MANY HOURS, AND HAVING TO USE THE RESTROOM, AND HAVING TO
24 KNOCK, AND THEN HAVING TO JUST USE THE CORNER, BECAUSE YOU
25 JUST CAN NO LONGER HOLD. OR WHEN YOU'RE GOING TO COURT, WHEN

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1 THEY WAKE YOU UP SO EARLY, AT 4:00 A.M., AND THE NEXT THING
2 YOU KNOW, YOU'RE SHACKLED UP FROM THE WAIST TO THE BOTTOM,
3 YOUR WHOLE BODY, AND YOU'RE PUT IN A CAGE TO GO TO COURT. AND
4 NOW YOU'RE IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, WHERE YOU SHOULDN'T EVEN BE.
5 WHY ARE WE EVEN PUTTING KIDS IN THIS PROCESS? THIS IS A
6 DEHUMANIZING PLACE. IT'S DISAPPOINTING THAT WE ARE EVEN
7 THINKING ABOUT MAKING THIS PLACE ANY TYPE OF PLACE FOR YOUNG
8 PEOPLE. IT HAS NO POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING A-- OR, IT'S NOT
9 CAPABLE OF PROVIDING SERVICES FOR THIS POPULATION. IT DOESN'T
10 HAVE THE PHYSICAL STRUCTURES TO EVEN DO THIS. IT'S VERY
11 CONFINED. IT'S SO SMALL. THERE'S NO ROOM FOR NONE OF THIS
12 STUFF, YOU KNOW? IF WE WANT TO REALLY INVEST IN YOUNG PEOPLE,
13 WE NEED TO BE INVESTING IN THEIR GROWTH AND THEIR DEVELOPMENT,
14 AND THIS REQUIRES A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT, A HEALTHY PLACE,
15 WHERE THEY CAN BLOSSOM AND BE REMINDED THAT THEY DO HAVE THE
16 POTENTIAL TO BECOME THE BEST VERSIONS OF THEMSELVES. AND WHEN
17 YOU LOOK AROUND YOU AT THE BARRY J. NIDORF JUVENILE HALL, AND
18 AS A KID, I DON'T THINK ABOUT THAT. I DON'T THINK KIDS ARE
19 THINKING THAT THEY CAN BECOME GREAT LAWYERS, ATTORNEYS,
20 EDUCATORS, AND GREAT PEOPLE THAT CAN DO GOOD THINGS IN THEIR
21 COMMUNITIES.

22
23 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER,
24 PLEASE.

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1 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE'LL GO TO THE LINE OF LEAH ZEIDLER DODDS.
2 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING
3 TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
4 YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM NUMBER 10, ITEM
7 NUMBER 56-A, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING,
8 SUPERVISORS. THIS IS LEAH ZEIDLER DODDS, WITH U.C.L.A. LAW'S
9 CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM. I'M ALSO A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF
10 DISTRICT 5. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND KUEHL FOR
11 YOUR MOTION THAT CONTINUES TO UPLIFT THE VISION FOR A CARE
12 FIRST, JAILS LAST APPROACH IN L.A. COUNTY, AND THAT ALSO
13 CONTINUES TO PUSH FORTH THE TRANSFORMATIVE AND GROUNDBREAKING
14 WORK OF YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. YOUNG PEOPLE NEED TO BE SENT
15 TO KILPATRICK IMMEDIATELY, AND A TIMELINE FOR TURNING CAMPUS
16 SCOTT INTO A SECURE YOUTH TREATMENT FACILITY MUST BEGIN. THE
17 YOUTH WHO ARE WAITING ON US TO AGREE ON A PLAN HAVE WAITED FAR
18 TOO LONG TO ACT AS CARE, SUPPORT, AND HEALING PROGRAMS THAT
19 WILL SUPPORT THEIR TRANSITION TO A SUCCESSFUL ADULthood. I'M
20 REALLY DISAPPOINTED THAT THERE IS A COMPETING MOTION FOR MY
21 DISTRICT TODAY THAT IS ROOTED IN N.I.M.B.Y.-ISM, FEAR, AND
22 RACISM. THERE IS NO REIMAGINING BARRY J. BARRY J. IS A
23 CHILDREN'S PRISON. THE CULTURE OF THAT FACILITY IS PUNISHMENT,
24 SHAME, HARM, AND THAT CANNOT BE TRANSFORMED OR REFORMED. YOU
25 CANNOT TRANSFORM A PLACE WHERE URINE-SOAKED WALLS AND TREATING

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1 YOUNG PEOPLE LIKE THEY AREN'T HUMAN BEINGS IS THE STATUS QUO.
2 THE DISCUSSION OF AN APPROPRIATE S.Y.T.F. SITE HAS GONE ON
3 LONG ENOUGH. WE NEED TO STOP LISTENING TO SANTA CLARITA
4 RESIDENTS. WE'VE HEARD THEIR ARGUMENT: "NO 707-B'S IN MY
5 COMMUNITY." EVEN THOUGH SCOTT HAS HISTORICALLY HOUSED YOUTH
6 WITH 707-B OFFENSES FOR LONG BEFORE THIS, QUOTE-- AND I'M
7 DOING AIR QUOTES-- "MY PROPERTY VALUES," AND OTHER THINGS THAT
8 ARE DEMONIZING CHILDREN, THESE N.I.M.B.Y. ARGUMENTS BOIL DOWN
9 TO THE RESURRECTION OF CONCEPTS OF SUPER-PREDATOR YOUTH THAT
10 ARE OUTDATED, HISTORICALLY INACCURATE, AND ROOTED IN RACISM
11 AND FEAR. PLEASE, LISTEN TO THE EXPERTS: THE YOUTH JUSTICE
12 WORKGROUP, THE J.J.R.B.G., THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION,
13 THE NUMEROUS CONSULTANTS, AND THE YOUTH WHO HAVE BEEN HOUSED
14 AT BARRY J. THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS REPORTS THAT HAVE BEEN
15 PRODUCED THAT ALL SAY THAT BARRY J. IS NOT SUITABLE FOR YOUNG
16 PEOPLE. NO TO BARRY J. THANK YOU.

17

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

19

20 **MODERATOR:** NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF WENDELYN
21 JULIEN. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE
22 ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC
23 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

24

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1 **WENDELYN JULIEN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THIS IS WENDELYN
2 JULIEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION
3 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. I'M SPEAKING TODAY IN FAVOR OF ITEM 56-
4 B, AND ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. 56-B RECOMMENDS A
5 FEASIBILITY STUDY TO BE CONDUCTED REGARDING THE CLOSURE OF
6 CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL. I'M SPEAKING FOR MYSELF TODAY, AS THE
7 COMMISSION HAS NOT YET DIRECTLY WEIGHED IN ON THIS ISSUE.
8 HOWEVER, THE MOTION DIRECTLY SUPPORTS THE GOALS OF THE
9 COMMISSION. THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION WAS CREATED AS
10 A RESULT OF THE PROBATION REFORM IMPLEMENTATION TEAM, THE
11 P.R.I.T.'S WORK, THAT RECOMMENDED 98 REFORM PRIORITIES PASSED
12 BY THIS BOARD, WHICH INCLUDE SHUTTING DOWN OLDER FACILITIES,
13 CONTINUING TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF YOUTH PLACED IN FACILITIES,
14 THE NEED FOR A COMPLETE OVERHAUL OF CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL, AND
15 THE NEED TO REPLACE OUR OLDER FACILITIES WITH ALTERNATIVES SET
16 IN COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING SMALLER THERAPEUTIC SETTINGS, WITH
17 EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION AS THEIR FOCUS. YOUTH JUSTICE
18 REIMAGINED SPECIFICALLY INCORPORATES THIS GOAL, AS WELL. IN
19 2021, THE COMMISSION COMPLETED A STRATEGIC OPERATING PLAN THAT
20 NARROWED THESE RECOMMENDATIONS TO 9 OVERALL PRIORITIES; TWO
21 DIRECTLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION TO PROPERLY INSPECT JUVENILE
22 HALLS AND CAMPS, AND REPORT THE FINDINGS TO THIS BOARD AND
23 B.S.C.C., AND TO CONTINUE TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF YOUTH
24 INCARCERATED IN L.A. COUNTY. IN 2021, THE COMMISSION INSPECTED
25 CENTRAL. COMMISSIONERS' INSPECTIONS NOTED SIGNIFICANT CONCERNS

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1 ABOUT THE FACILITY: THE SPEED AT WHICH WORK ORDERS ARE
2 COMPLETED, CONCERNS ABOUT A LACK OF PROGRAMMING. COMMISSIONERS
3 REVIEWED 40 GRIEVANCES. MOST WERE MARKED "GRANTED," MEANING
4 THE OUTCOME WAS IN THE YOUTH'S FAVOR, DRIVING CONCERN ABOUT
5 SERVICES BEING DENIED AND MATTERS BEING MISMANAGED.
6 COMMISSIONERS ALSO NOTED THAT SOME UNITS WERE IN VERY POOR
7 CONDITION, INCLUDING OBSERVATIONS OF GRAFFITI, PAINT CHIPPING,
8 PLUMBING AND WATER-DAMAGE ISSUES, AND MOLD. A TECHNICIAN ON
9 SITE CONFIRMED MOISTURE ON WALLS AND EXTENSIVE DAMAGE THAT HAS
10 EXISTED FOR YEARS. I SUPPORT THIS MOTION AS A MOVE IN THE
11 RIGHT DIRECTION FOR THE COUNTY TOWARDS THE GOALS OF YOUTH
12 JUSTICE REIMAGINED: A FUTURE WHERE PEOPLE ARE NOT INCARCERATED
13 AND JAILED, BUT TREATED WITH THE CARE THEY NEED. THIS MOTION
14 REFLECTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEIZE THE MOMENT. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** THAN YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

17

18 **MODERATOR:** NEXT SPEAKER WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF EDITH
19 MACIAS. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE
20 ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC
21 COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN. THE

22

23 **EDITH MACIAS:** HELLO. I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM 10, IN FAVOR; 56,
24 OPPOSED; AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE. HELLO. MY NAME IS
25 EDITH MACIAS, AND I'M WITH THE ARTS FOR HEALING AND JUSTICE

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1 NETWORK, AND THE LOS ANGELES YOUTH UPRISING COALITION. I
2 STRONGLY SUPPORT A FUTURE WHERE ALL YOUTH ARE FREE, SUPPORTED,
3 LOVED, AND CARED FOR, AND A FUTURE WHERE WE NO LONGER HAVE TO
4 HAVE THESE CONVERSATIONS TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT YOUNG PEOPLE
5 DESERVE TO BE FREE. THEY DO-- ALL OF THEM. I'M HERE TO STATE
6 MY SUPPORT ON AGENDA ITEM 10, TO USE KILPATRICK AND SCOTT AS
7 PERMANENT SECURE YOUTH TRACK FACILITIES, BECAUSE THE REPORT
8 BACK BY THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSIONERS, DURING THEIR
9 INSPECTION OF BARRY J., WAS ABSOLUTELY HORRIBLE, A THING OF
10 NIGHTMARES. YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULDN'T HAVE TO ENDURE THE ABUSE:
11 NOT SHACKLES, NOT CONFINEMENT, NOT HUNGER, NOT PEPPER SPRAY,
12 NOT UNSANITARY CONDITIONS. BOARD MEMBERS, IT REALLY COMES DOWN
13 TO SIDING WITH THE OPPRESSORS OR THE OPPRESSED, WHICH IS ALSO
14 WHY I'M HERE TO STATE MY ABSOLUTE OPPOSITION TO ITEM 56-A.
15 LASTLY, I'D LIKE TO REMIND THE BOARD AND EVERYONE HERE THAT
16 YOUTH ARE REDEEMABLE, NOT DISPOSABLE. I URGE THE BOARD TO
17 SUPPORT YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. SAY NO TO BARRY J., SO THAT
18 WE MAY SEE A FUTURE WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE FULLY SUPPORTED AND
19 FREE. BARRY J. HAS GO. THANK YOU.

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

22
23 **MODERATOR:** AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE
24 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME. DO

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1 NOT PRESS 1 AND 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM
2 THE QUEUE.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** WE'LL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH INTERPRETATION OF THE
5 REMINDER. [SPANISH INTERPRETATION].

6

7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF
8 MICHAEL WEBB. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
9 ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
10 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

11

12 **MICHAEL WEBB:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MICHAEL WEBB. I'M THE
13 CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, AND I'M HERE TO
14 SPEAK IN FAVOR OF ITEM NUMBER 17, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
15 THE C.A.R.E.S. ACT MOTION, THE RESOLUTION THAT SUPERVISORS
16 HAHN AND BARGER HAVE MADE, IS SIMILAR IN CONCEPT TO A PILOT
17 PROGRAM IN REDONDO BEACH. IT IS A PROGRAM SET UP FOR THOSE
18 INDIVIDUALS SUFFERING HOMELESSNESS, WHO HAVE COMMITTED CRIMES.
19 OUR PILOT PROGRAM IS FOCUSED AT BRINGING THE JUSTICE SYSTEM TO
20 THE COMMUNITY IN A VERY SUPPORTIVE, NON-THREATENING WAY, TO AN
21 AREA WHERE THE UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS ARE ALREADY SPENDING THEIR
22 TIME. THE GOAL IS TO SET THOSE INDIVIDUALS UP FOR SUCCESS BY
23 REMOVING THE OBSTACLES THAT PREVENT THEM FROM BECOMING HOUSED.
24 IN MY 30 YEARS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, IT'S THE ONLY
25 TIME THAT I CAN REMEMBER WHERE EVERYONE'S GOALS-- THE

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1 COMMUNITY, THE UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS, PROSECUTORS, DEFENSE
2 ATTORNEYS-- EVERYONE INVOLVED, THE GOAL IS THE SAME: GETTING
3 THE CASES DISMISSED UPON, AND GETTING THE INDIVIDUALS
4 PERMANENTLY HOUSED. IT'S IMPORTANT, AND IT WORKS BECAUSE OF
5 THE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE L.A. COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, THE P.D.,
6 THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH,
7 THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, WHO PROVIDES SECURITY, MULTI-HOUSING
8 NAVIGATION, NAVIGATORS FROM VARIOUS DIFFERENT PROGRAMS. WITH
9 SUPERVISOR HAHN'S SUPPORT, THIS PROGRAM HAS EXPANDED TO OTHER
10 AREAS OF L.A., SUCH AS LONG BEACH, TORRANCE, AND HERMOSA
11 BEACH. THE C.A.R.E.S. ACT COULD PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK THAT COULD
12 POTENTIALLY BE EVEN MORE SUCCESSFUL, BUT IT WILL BE VERY
13 IMPORTANT THAT THERE IS ADEQUATE RESOURCES. THERE NEEDS TO BE
14 MORE MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES, MORE DRUG ADDICTION RESOURCES,
15 AND THE DETAILS WILL BE CRUCIAL. AND THAT'S WHY I LOVE THE
16 MOTION THAT SUPERVISORS HAHN AND BARGER MADE, IN THAT--

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

20
21 **MICHAEL WEBB:** OKAY.

22
23 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE'LL GO TO THE LINE OF ROY HUMPHREYS. PLEASE
24 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND

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

3

4 **SPEAKER:** I'LL ADDRESS ITEMS 10, 48, AND 58, AND GENERAL PUBLIC
5 COMMENT. AND AS TO JAILS: JAILS, PROPERLY RUN AND FUNDED, ARE
6 A GOOD THING, A NECESSARY THING FOR OUR SOCIETY, AND THAT THEY
7 HAVE BEEN-- THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY
8 HAS BEEN CRIMINALLY UNDERFUNDED AND POORLY RUN FOR DECADES.
9 AND THE SUPERVISORS OF THE LEROY BACA STAGE SHOULD HAVE GONE
10 TO FEDERAL PENITENTIARY WITH HIM ON THAT ISSUE THERE. AND I'M
11 GLAD THAT YOU STILL SEE THAT JAILS ARE IN THE SYSTEM, AND I'VE
12 TOLD THE SUPERVISORS, "YOU MUST SEPARATE THE JAILS FROM THE
13 SHERIFF. OTHERWISE, YOU HAVE A NEVER-ENDING SCENARIO, AND IT
14 WILL NEVER GET BETTER." AND TEARING DOWN MEN'S JAIL WITHOUT A
15 SUBSTITUTE ASPECT IS CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE. FURTHER, WE GO TO
16 THE ITEM OF GENERAL COMMENT. AND, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, LAST
17 NIGHT, RYAN SERRANO OF YOUR OFFICE, AND JAMES YANG OF PUBLIC
18 WORKS, WERE MADE AWARE FOR THE SECOND TIME IN 3 MONTHS THAT
19 YOU HAVE FAILED TO SECURE THE RADAR ENFORCEMENT CERTIFICATIONS
20 FOR OUR STREETS AND NEIGHBORHOODS IN ROWLAND HEIGHTS, AS NOTED
21 BY THE C.H.P. REPRESENTATIVE, FOR THE SECOND TIME. AND LAST
22 NIGHT, IT WAS MOST EXPLICIT. YOU AND SUPERVISOR HAHN ARE
23 RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS WRONGFUL ENDANGERMENT OF ALL WHO TRAVEL
24 IN AND THROUGH ROWLAND HEIGHTS, AND SHOULD BE HELD CRIMINALLY
25 LIABLE FOR THIS NEGLIGENCE OF DUTY, OF FORESEEABLE WRONGFUL

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1 DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT, AND RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT. OF COURSE,
2 WE, THE CONSTITUENTS, WILL PAY FOR THE JUSTIFIED LAWSUITS FOR
3 SAME. MIDTERMS CANNOT COME SOON ENOUGH. WE DON'T NEED TO BUILD
4 ANOTHER MILLION-DOLLAR DOG PARK, AND WE DON'T NEED TO BUILD
5 ANOTHER \$2.5 MILLION SKATEBOARD PARK. WE NEED TO CURE THE
6 FUNDAMENTALS. THANK YOU.

7

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

9

10 **MARSHA MCLEAN:** NEXT, WE'LL GO TO THE LINE OF MARSHA MCLEAN.
11 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY,
12 AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
13 BEGIN.

14

15 **MARSHA MCLEAN:** YES, GOOD MORNING. I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS
16 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 10 AND PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE. I AM
17 COUNCILWOMAN MARSHA MCLEAN, AND I HAVE ACTIVELY BEEN LISTENING
18 IN AND SPEAKING DURING THE MANY MEETINGS HELD TO DISCUSS THE
19 SITES BEST SUITED FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE. AND IF YOU TRULY AND
20 SINCERELY CARE ABOUT WHAT'S BEST FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE AND
21 THEIR FAMILIES, YOU WILL OPT TOWARD THE FASTEST, SAFEST, AND
22 MOST COST-EFFECTIVE SOLUTION. THAT SOLUTION IS REIMAGINING
23 BARRY J. NIDORF, WHICH REFLECTS THE GOALS AND INTENT OF THE
24 COUNTY IN INVESTING IN TRUE REFORMATIVE REHABILITATION
25 PROGRAMMING AND TREATMENT. B.J. NIDORF IS RECOMMENDED BY YOUR

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1 OWN PROBATION DEPARTMENT, THAT YOU SUPPOSEDLY TRUST TO ADVISE
2 YOU. NIDORF IS LOCATED NEAR THE I-5 FREEWAY, HIGHWAY 14,
3 INTERSTATE 210, AND METROLINK COMMUTER TRAINS, ALL OF WHICH
4 ARE ACCESSIBLE TO COUNTY STAFF, VISITING FAMILIES, AND PARTNER
5 AGENCIES. IN CONCLUSION, DO WHAT'S BEST AND SAFEST FOR THE
6 YOUNG PEOPLE YOU WISH TO REHABILITATE. A DILAPIDATED AND
7 UNSAFE CAMP SCOTT IS NOT VIABLE. AND NOW, FOR PUBLIC COMMENT,
8 I WANT TO GIVE A LITTLE HISTORY ABOUT SANTA CLARITA. SANTA
9 CLARITA, IN COOPERATION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE COURTS,
10 IS COMMITTED TO HELPING OUR YOUTH STAY OUT OF THE JUSTICE
11 SYSTEM. WE HAVE SPENT MANY, MANY DOLLARS IN PROGRAMS TO DO
12 THAT. WE HAVE A JUVENILE COURT SYSTEM HERE, WHICH PEERS DECIDE
13 WHAT TO DO WITH OFFENDERS, TO KEEP THEM OUT OF THE SYSTEM.
14 THIS BUSINESS ABOUT US BEING N.I.M.B.Y. IS SHAMEFUL AND
15 UNCALLED FOR, AND PLEASE DON'T LET THAT BUZZWORD COLOR YOUR
16 DECISIONS ON WHAT'S BEST FOR REHABILITATING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE
17 AND KEEPING THEM SAFE. THANK YOU.

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

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21 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE'LL GO TO THE LINE OF ALEXIA SENA. PLEASE
22 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND
23 WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
24 BEGIN.

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1 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ALEXIA SENA. I'M WITH THE
2 ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. I LIVE IN DISTRICT 5, AND I'M HERE
3 TODAY TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION OF AGENDA NUMBER 56-A, AND IN
4 SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 10, TO DESIGNATE CAMPUS KILPATRICK AND
5 CAMPUS SCOTT AS A PERMANENT SECURE YOUTH TRACK FACILITY. I
6 WANT TO THANK THESE SUPERVISORS FOR BRINGING FORWARD ANOTHER
7 IMPORTANT MOTION THAT CONTINUES TO PAVE THE WAY FOR A CARE
8 FIRST, JAILS LAST APPROACH IN L.A. COUNTY. AS SOMEONE WHO WAS
9 PREVIOUSLY INCARCERATED, AND SOMEONE WHO WORKS VERY CLOSELY TO
10 PEOPLE WHO ARE HELD IN BARRY J., IT IS NO PLACE TO HOUSE
11 YOUTH. IT'S AN UNSAFE, HARMFUL FACILITY FOR THESE YOUTH, AND
12 DOES NOT ALLOW THEM TO RECEIVE THE REHABILITATION AND
13 PROGRAMMING THEY DESERVE. THE LONGER THE COUNTY WAITS, YOUTH
14 WILL CONTINUE TO BE KEPT AWAY FROM RECEIVING THE SUPPORT THAT
15 IS CRUCIAL TO THEIR DEVELOPMENT AND REENTRY JOURNEY. THE
16 COUNTY HAS CONTINUED TO DELAY YOUNG PEOPLE'S HOPE AND
17 REDEMPTION. IT'S TIME WE STOPPED DEMONIZING THE LIVES OF THESE
18 YOUNG PEOPLE, AND TRAPPING THEM IN BARRY J., WHEN IT'S VERY
19 TRANSPARENT THAT IT HAS CONTINUED TO BE REJECTED AS AN OPTION.
20 IT'S NOT, AND WILL NEVER BE, A SUITABLE OPTION FOR A SECURE
21 YOUTH TRACK FACILITY. THIS IS A JAIL-LIKE FACILITY, AND I HOPE
22 THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL KEEP THEIR PROMISE OF
23 MOVING FORWARD AND INVESTING IN YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, NOT
24 JAIL. THANK YOU.

25

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

2

3 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE'LL GO TO THE LINE OF LYNNE PLAMBECK.

4 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING

5 TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

6 YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** LYNNE PLAMBECK, SANTA CLARITA ORGANIZATION FOR

9 PLANNING AND THE ENVIRONMENT. AGENDA ITEM 32 AND 33, AND

10 PUBLIC COMMENT. THIS PROJECT WOULD APPROVE A 37-UNIT PROJECT.

11 THEY ARE MULTIMILLION-DOLLAR HOMES. THERE'S NO AFFORDABLE

12 HOUSING IN THIS PROJECT. AND YET, YOU ARE GOING TO DESTROY

13 [INAUDIBLE] CORRIDOR AND A LOCATION WHERE A MOUNTAIN LION WAS

14 SIGHTED. MOUNTAIN LIONS RECEIVED PROTECTED STATUS WHILE

15 THEY'RE BEING CONSIDERED FOR ENDANGERED SPECIES STATUS. YOU

16 CANNOT DO THIS WITH AN AMENDED M.N.D. THAT WASN'T EVEN

17 CIRCULATED TO THE PUBLIC. YOU CLAIM THAT THE MITIGATION THAT

18 WILL PROTECT THE MOUNTAIN LIONS IS THAT YOU WILL NOT HAVE ANY

19 CONSTRUCTION WITHIN 500 FEET OF AN ACTIVE DEN DURING BREEDING

20 SEASON. THAT'S NOT ADEQUATE TO PROTECT THE MOUNTAIN LION, OR

21 ALLOW THE MOUNTAIN LION TO GET TO WATER SOURCES OR TO MIGRATE

22 THROUGH THIS AREA. WE ARE SPENDING \$87 MILLION TO DO AN

23 OVERCROSSING FOR THE MOUNTAIN LIONS, AND YET YOU'RE GOING TO

24 ALLOW DESTRUCTION OF THEIR DEN FOR A 37-UNIT MULTIMILLION-

25 DOLLAR HOUSE PROJECT? THIS IS UNCONSCIONABLE. PLEASE LOOK AT

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1 THIS. PLEASE ASK THAT A FOCUSED E.I.R. ON THE MOUNTAIN LION,
2 WHICH WAS JUST RECENTLY DISCOVERED JUST LAST AUGUST IN THIS
3 SITE, PLEASE ASK THAT A FOCUSED E.I.R. BE PROVIDED FOR THIS,
4 SO THE COMMUNITY CAN WEIGH IN, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND
5 WILDLIFE CAN WEIGH IN ON THE ADEQUACY OF THAT MITIGATION. IT'S
6 NOT ADEQUATE. PLEASE. THE OTHER THING I WOULD LIKE TO SAY ON
7 PUBLIC COMMENT IS, I'M VERY DISTURBED ABOUT YOUR PROCESS THAT
8 YOU CLAIM THAT YOU'RE GOING TO REVIEW ALL THE PUBLIC COMMENTS,
9 AND YET COMMENTS SUBMITTED TO YOU ARE NOT IN THE
10 CORRESPONDENCE FILE. I BROUGHT THIS UP, I THINK, A MONTH AGO.
11 I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW YOU CAN BE UNDERSTANDING WHAT THE
12 PUBLIC IS SAYING TO YOU, WHEN NOTHING IS POSTED IN THE
13 CORRESPONDENCE FILE. I'VE RECEIVED NUMEROUS E-MAILS THAT
14 PEOPLE INDEED UPLOADED THEIR COMMENTS TO THE CORRESPONDENCE
15 FILE, BUT THEY ARE NOT THERE. AND WHEN THERE IS AN ATTACHMENT,
16 THE ATTACHMENT IS OFTEN NOT UPLOADED.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU VERY
19 MUCH. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

20

21 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE'LL GO TO THE LINE OF EDUARDO MUNDO. PLEASE
22 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND
23 WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
24 BEGIN.

25

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1 **EDUARDO MUNDO:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. GOOD MORNING,
2 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS EDUARDO MUNDO. I WILL BE ADDRESSING
3 MOTIONS 10, 56-A AND 56-B, AND GENERAL PUBLIC. I AM RETIRED
4 PROBATION, 30 YEARS, AND FOR MOST OF MY LIFE, INCLUDING
5 CURRENTLY, I RESIDE IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. 30 YEARS AGO, EARLY
6 IN MY CAREER AS A PROBATION OFFICER, THIS BODY, COMPRISED OF 5
7 MALES AT THE TIME, NONE OF WHICH RESIDED IN A CARCERAL-
8 IMPACTED AREA, PRESIDED OVER THE OPENING OF CAMP CHALLENGER.
9 IT WAS BUILT AS A MODERN FACILITY, STATE OF THE ART. WE KNOW
10 THAT, OVER THE YEARS, IT WAS BASICALLY A FIASCO, AND HAS BEEN
11 IN AND OUT OF NEWS STORIES FOR ITS HARMFUL IMPACT ON NOT JUST
12 THE COMMUNITY, BUT STAFF AND THE YOUTH. SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND
13 MITCHELL, CO-AUTHORING MOTION 10, ARE DEMONSTRATING
14 EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP AND COURAGE IN ENSURING THAT HISTORY IS
15 NOT REPEATED. THERE IS A HUGE DIFFERENCE IN HOW AN INSTITUTION
16 OPERATES WHEN IT IS BUILT FOR CARING OR BUILT FOR HARM. AND
17 BARRY J. NIDORF IS BUILT FOR HARM, AND IT IS BEYOND MY
18 IMAGINATION THAT ANYBODY WOULD CONSIDER A MOTION THAT SUGGESTS
19 WE TRY IT AGAIN AND REIMAGINE BARRY J. NIDORF. THE
20 ARCHITECTURE ITSELF: IF YOU PUT WALLS AROUND PEOPLE, WHETHER
21 THEY'RE THE KIDS LIVING IN THEM OR THE STAFF WORKING IN THEM,
22 ALL IT DOES IS PERPETUATE AND INSULATE A HARMFUL CULTURE. IT
23 IS TIME TO END THIS. I DO NOT WANT TO BE HERE, 90 YEARS OLD,
24 ON THE PHONE, ADDRESSING THE NEXT BODY, THE NEXT BOARD
25 CONFIGURATION, AND REMINDING THEM THAT THEY HAD AN

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1 OPPORTUNITY, 30 YEARS AGO, TO END THIS. I STRONGLY, STRONGLY
2 SUPPORT MOTION 10. I STRONGLY, STRONGLY OPPOSE MOTION 56-A. TO
3 EVEN IMAGINE 56-A, YOU HAVE TO BE A RESIDENT OF AN AREA THAT
4 IS NOT IMPACTED. YOU HAVE TO BE INSULATED SOMEWHERE, NESTLED
5 IN THE HILLS, AND NEVER HAVE THE CHANCE TO UNDERSTAND THE
6 IMPACT. THANK YOU.

7

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

9

10 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE'LL GO TO THE LINE OF ZOE RAWSON. PLEASE
11 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND
12 WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
13 BEGIN.

14

15 **ZOE RAWSON:** GOOD MORNING. ZOE RAWSON, WITH ARTS FOR HEALING
16 AND JUSTICE NETWORK, AND L.A. YOUTH UPRISING. I'M HERE TO
17 SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF 10, IN OPPOSITION OF 56-A, AND FOR GENERAL
18 PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM SOMEBODY THAT TRULY, TRULY CARES ABOUT
19 YOUTH AND COMMUNITY, AND THE REASON I HAVE EXPERTISE TO SHARE
20 ON THIS IS BECAUSE I'M PRIVILEGED TO WORK WITH THEM VERY
21 CLOSELY, AND I HAVE BEEN FOR 25 YEARS NOW. I ALSO STUDY PUBLIC
22 SAFETY. I STUDY HEALING. I STUDY ACCOUNTABILITY. I STUDY YOUTH
23 DEVELOPMENT. I MUST BE AUTHENTIC, IN ORDER TO BUILD TRUST WITH
24 YOUNG PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES THAT ARE EXPERIENCING THESE
25 HARMS, SO I HAVE EXPERTISE TO SPEAK ON THIS. I'VE WITNESSED

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1 THE HARM. I'VE WALKED THROUGH THE HARM WITH OTHERS. THE PATH
2 TO HEALING AND ACCOUNTABILITY IS TO RESPOND TO HARM WITH
3 REPAIR. THIS IS HOW HEALTHY GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT HAPPEN.
4 THIS IS HOW WE ACHIEVE PUBLIC SAFETY. WHAT ACTUALLY TAKES
5 PLACE ON A DAILY BASIS FOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE IS HARM, HARM,
6 HARM, HARM. THEY'RE BORN INTO HARM, AND THE COMMUNITY AND THE
7 COUNTY HAS NOT TAKEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT HARM. INSTEAD, WE
8 SEND THEM TO AN INSTITUTION OF HARM-- SYSTEMIC HARM. AS A
9 COMMUNITY, WE'RE RESPONDING TO HARM WITH MORE HARM. THE YOUNG
10 PEOPLE ARE SHOULDERING THAT BURDEN OF OUR DECISION TO DO THAT,
11 THROUGHOUT THEIR LIFETIME. IT'S MORE HARM THAN MANY OF US CAN
12 EVEN IMAGINE SURVIVING. AND FOLKS THAT SPEAK TO THEM BEING AT
13 NIDORF HAVE NOT WITNESSED THAT, BECAUSE THERE IS NO WAY THAT
14 THEY WOULD ADVOCATE FOR THIS. IT AFFECTS THEM, TOO. THERE IS
15 NO ACCOUNTABILITY AND REPAIR IN THESE INSTITUTIONS. THERE IS
16 NO ACCOUNTABILITY AND REPAIR FOR HOW WE HAVE HARMED THEM. THE
17 PATH TO PUBLIC SAFETY IS NOT HARM, HARM, HARM, HARM, HARM.
18 IT'S HARM REPAIR, HARM REPAIR, HARM REPAIR, HARM REPAIR. THE
19 PATH IS NO TO NIDORF. I AM ASKING THE COMMUNITY TO CARE FOR
20 YOUNG PEOPLE. THIS IS THE TASK BEFORE US. THIS IS THE
21 DECISION. AS A PERSON WHO WITNESSES THESE HARMS, WHO SAW YOUNG
22 PEOPLE IN SHACKLES JUST LAST WEEK, SHACKLES THAT I WOULD NOT
23 SEE IF I DIDN'T WORK IN THIS FIELD, SHACKLES THAT I HAVE ONLY
24 SEEN IN PICTURES USED DURING SLAVERY... AS SOMEONE WHO HAS
25 PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND PERSONAL EXPERIENCE, AND HAS ALSO

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1 WITNESSED REPAIR, HEALING, AND TRANSFORMATION, I HAVE SEEN IT
2 HAPPEN. THE PATH IS NO TO NIDORF. I TRULY CARE ABOUT THESE
3 YOUTH. I AM MOVED BY WHAT KENT SHARED, AND WHAT HIS
4 EXPERIENCES WERE.

5

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

8

9 **ZOE RAWSON:** NO TO NIDORF.

10

11 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF LAURENE WESTE.
12 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING
13 TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
14 YOU MAY BEGIN.

15

16 **LAURENE WESTE:** I AM SPEAKING TO ITEMS 10 AND 56-A. GOOD
17 MORNING, CHAIR MITCHELL AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS LAURENE WESTE, AND I AM THE MAYOR OF
19 THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA. ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, I WANT TO
20 EXPRESS MY OPPOSITION TO ITEM 10, AND EXPRESS OUR SUPPORT FOR
21 BARRY J. NIDORF TO SERVE JUVENILE SERIOUS OFFENDERS. AS ITEM
22 10 RECOMMENDS CAMP SCOTT, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THAT THE
23 DILAPIDATED CONDITIONS, HISTORICAL USE, AND THE CLOSURE OF
24 CAMP SCOTT SINCE MARCH 2020, OFFERS VERY LITTLE, IF ANY, OF
25 THE NECESSARY AMENITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDED TO

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1 ADEQUATELY PROTECT, AND REHABILITATE SERIOUS JUVENILE
2 OFFENDERS. ADDITIONALLY, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHOULD DEFER
3 ANY ACTION ON THIS MOTION UNTIL A C.E.Q.A. ANALYSIS CAN BE
4 COMPLETED, INCLUDING THE ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVE
5 SITES. FURTHERMORE, IT WOULD BE PRUDENT OF YOU TO ACT UPON THE
6 RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS WITHIN YOUR
7 OWN PROBATION DEPARTMENT, AND DESIGNATE BARRY J. NIDORF TO
8 SERVE JUVENILE SERIOUS OFFENDERS. WE HAVE PREPARED TO DO A
9 FORENSIC ANALYSIS OF THIS ENTIRE PROCESS. THANK YOU.

10

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF DOUG HALBERT.
14 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 **DOUG HALBERT:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DOUG HALBERT, AND I
19 HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING THE PEOPLE OF LONG BEACH AS ITS
20 CITY PROSECUTOR. I AM CALLING IN TODAY TO LEND MY SUPPORT TO
21 ITEM NUMBER 17, WHICH WILL HELP CREATE C.A.R.E. COURTS IN LOS
22 ANGELES COUNTY. ALTHOUGH THE DETAILS HAVE NOT BEEN WORKED OUT
23 YET, THIS IS CLEARLY A MOVE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, BECAUSE IT
24 WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TOOLS AND RESOURCES TO HELP SOME
25 PEOPLE WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM SPECIFIED MENTAL ILLNESSES. IF

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1 WE DO THIS RIGHT, C.A.R.E. COURTS WILL REDUCE THE NEED FOR
2 CRIMINAL PROSECUTION. THIS WILL RESULT IN BETTER CARE FOR
3 THOSE WHO NEED IT, REDUCE THE COSTS FOR TAXPAYERS, AND IT WILL
4 MAKE OUR COMMUNITY SAFER. BY CREATING C.A.R.E. COURTS AND
5 DIRECTING COUNTY STAFF TO ENGAGE IN THE PROCESS OF INITIATING
6 THIS NEW PROGRAM, THE COUNTY WILL BE WELL POSITIONED TO
7 MAXIMIZE THE BENEFITS THAT I BELIEVE C.A.R.E. COURTS WILL
8 BRING. FINALLY, THE CITY OF LONG BEACH HAS A LONG AND STRONG
9 WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COUNTY. EXAMPLES INCLUDE THE
10 VERY SUCCESSFUL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTED DIVERSION PILOT
11 PROGRAM, AS WELL AS THE HOMELESS COURT PROGRAM, STARTED
12 RECENTLY BY JANICE HAHN. I BELIEVE C.A.R.E. COURTS WILL BE
13 ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF HOW CITIES CAN PARTNER WITH THE COUNTY TO
14 IMPROVE THE LIVES OF OUR RESIDENTS IN A COMPASSIONATE WAY--

15

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

18

19 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF MINOR X. PLEASE
20 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND
21 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
22 BEGIN.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. I'M MINOR, WITH
25 THE ARTS FOR HEALING AND JUSTICE NETWORK, AND THE LOS ANGELES

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1 YOUTH UPRISING COALITION. I AM HERE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEM
2 NUMBER TEN, IN FAVOR OF AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 10, AND OPPOSED ON
3 56-A. I JUST WANT TO START OFF BY SAYING THANK YOU TO
4 SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND KUEHL FOR THIS MOTION, AND I THINK
5 YOU HAVE HEARD ENOUGH, YOU KNOW? LIKE, BARRY J. HAS TO GO. AS
6 A YOUTH THAT'S BEEN THROUGH BOTH THESE SYSTEMS, I CAN TELL YOU
7 THAT KILPATRICK CAN WORK TO MAKE THESE KIDS MORE SUCCESSFUL.
8 I, MYSELF, WAS THERE, AND I CAN TELL YOU THAT AS SOON AS I
9 WALKED IN, ME AND THE OTHER KIDS THAT WALKED IN AT THE SAME
10 TIME, YOU KNOW, WE SAID A LOT, LIKE, "WHAT IS THIS PLACE?" IT
11 DID NOT LOOK NOTHING LIKE A PRISON, AND I FEEL LIKE THAT'S THE
12 GOAL: TO NOT PUT KIDS IN FACILITIES THAT MAKE THEM THINK THAT
13 PRISON IS PRETTY MUCH THE WAY TO GO. WE NEED TO CHANGE THE
14 LOOKS OF THESE FACILITIES, AND HOPEFULLY IMPACT THE YOUTH IN A
15 GOOD WAY, YOU KNOW? AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT BARRY J. IS
16 NOT THE WAY TO GO. I, MYSELF, WHEN I WAS THERE, I WAS ALWAYS
17 FACING THE COMPOUND, AND I NEVER HAD A CHANCE TO THINK ABOUT
18 HOW MY LIFE WOULD BE IF I EVER GOT RESOURCES OR THE SUPPORT
19 THAT I NEEDED. SO, WHEN I WOULD LOOK AT THE COMPOUND, I WOULD
20 JUST THINK THAT THAT WAS MY NEXT PLACE, YOU KNOW? SO, BARRY J.
21 IS NOT A GOOD WAY. LIKE THE OTHER GENTLEMEN SAID BEFORE ME, IF
22 YOU STRONGLY SUPPORT 56-A, IT'S BECAUSE YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN IN
23 A POSITION WHERE, YOU KNOW, LIKE YOU... I FORGOT WHAT HE SAID,
24 BUT HE SAID SOMETHING THAT I REALLY LIKED, YOU KNOW? SO, YEAH.

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1 SO, I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT, AND YEAH, NO TO NIDORF. THANK
2 YOU.

3

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF ALINE SAYLOR.

7 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY,
8 AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU
9 MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** HI, GOOD MORNING. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

12

13 **SPEAKER:** YES, WE CAN. PLEASE BEGIN.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** HELLO? OKAY, THANK YOU. I AM HERE TO CALL ON ITEM 59
16 AND 61: THE AMENDMENT FOR ADMINISTRATION, AND PERSONAL
17 AMENDMENT. I AM HERE TO OPPOSE THIS ITEM. IT IS IN REGARDS OF
18 THE VACCINATION COMPLIANCE. IT IS NOT A VACCINE. IT IS MERELY
19 A TREATMENT, AT THIS POINT, AND IT HAS BEEN PROVEN THAT IT IS
20 NOT SAFE AND EFFECTIVE. THE COUNTY KEEPS IGNORING NATURAL
21 IMMUNITY, AND THE TRUTH: IT'S ALSO ABOUT REGISTRATION WITH
22 FULGENT. I PERSONALLY KNOW A FEW VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS WHO
23 HAVE NOT SUBMITTED THEIR INFORMATION TO FULGENT, AND WHO HAVE
24 BEEN SUSPENDED FROM THEIR WORK BY TWO DIFFERENT OCCASIONS, FOR
25 FIVE DAYS. THIS VIOLATES THE FEDERAL LAW AND THE STATE LAW,

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1 AND THE L.A. [INAUDIBLE] LAW, AND THE L.A.C. EMPLOYEE
2 HANDBOOK. WE HAVE TO MOVE WITH THE SCIENCE. THE C.D.C. IS
3 ALREADY RECOGNIZING NATURAL IMMUNITY. WE HAVE TO [INAUDIBLE]
4 OUR PUBLIC SERVANTS. THEY WORKED DURING THE PANDEMIC, WHEN
5 THERE WAS NO VACCINE AVAILABLE. PFIZER HAS RELEASED, BECAUSE A
6 JUDGE ORDERED, ABOUT 10,000 PATIENTS ON THEIR RESEARCH, WITHIN
7 THE FIRST THREE MONTHS, OVER 1200 PEOPLE DIED DUE TO THE
8 VACCINE. WE NEED TO PROTECT OUR EMPLOYEES. WE NEED TO BASE OUR
9 POLICIES ON COMMON SENSE. IT IS UNFAIR TO THOSE EMPLOYEES
10 WHO'VE ALREADY HAD C.O.V.I.D., TO ASK THEM TO SUBMIT
11 THEMSELVES TO A VACCINATION THAT... IT IS NOT SAFE FOR
12 EVERYONE. THERE ARE STUDIES OUT THERE THAT ALSO PROVE THAT
13 THERE IS A CHANCE OF HAVING ONE IN A THOUSAND ADVERSE
14 REACTIONS AFTER INFECTION IF YOU GET VACCINATION. THESE TWO
15 MEASURES ARE TO TAKE AWAY THE POWER OF THOSE LIKE ALEX
16 VILLANUEVA, IN ORDER TO PUNISH PEOPLE WHO-

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

20
21 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. NEXT, WE'RE GOING TO GO TO THE LINE OF
22 DEANNA SWANSON. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE
23 ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
24 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1 **SPEAKER:** YEAH, HI. MY NAME IS DEANNA SWANSON. I'M OPPOSING
2 ITEM 10, CAMP SCOTT. I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE FEW PEOPLE
3 THAT HAVE SPOKEN ABOUT THE PROBLEMS WITH BARRY J. I AM A SANTA
4 CLARITA RESIDENT. I WAS A FORMER TEACHER IN SANTA CLARITA. I
5 BELIEVE THAT IF THERE ARE ISSUES WITHIN THAT HOUSING
6 DEVELOPMENT RIGHT NOW FOR THESE JUVENILES, WHY HAS IT NOT BEEN
7 CORRECTED? WHY DO YOU HAVE JUVENILE PROGRAMS THAT ARE NOT
8 EFFECTIVE, THAT HAVE SO MANY ISSUES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN
9 CORRECTED, INSTEAD OF STARTING A NEW ONE SOMEWHERE ELSE? I
10 THINK YOU HAVE FIXED WHAT IS BROKEN ALREADY. NUMBER TWO, AS A
11 FORMER TEACHER, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE COUNTY BOARD OF
12 SUPERVISORS IF THEY ARE AWARE HOW MANY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, HOW
13 MANY HIGH SCHOOLS, AND HOW MANY JUNIOR HIGHS, ARE WITHIN FIVE
14 MILES OF CAMP SCOTT; HOW MANY NEW HOMES, AND HOW MANY HOMES
15 ARE CURRENTLY RIGHT THERE, THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED IF THERE
16 WERE TO BE A SITUATION. YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT HELPING THE
17 YOUTH. I BELIEVE YOU SHOULD BE HELPING THE YOUTH, BUT YOU ALSO
18 HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THE YOUTH THAT ARE AFFECTED, THAT ARE IN
19 SCHOOL WITHIN A CLOSE PROXIMITY--

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

23
24 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF GIGI VAN GANEH.
25 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY,

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

3

4 **SPEAKER:** HI. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS GIGI. I AM A SOCIAL
5 WORKER WITH THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, THE CITY PROSECUTOR'S
6 OFFICE, AND I WORK ON OUR HOMELESS COURT PROGRAM. I AM HERE
7 TODAY IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 17, THE C.A.R.E. SUPPORT
8 PROPOSED FRAMEWORK FOR THAT. BASICALLY, SO, WHAT I WANT TO
9 SHARE, IN ADDITION TO OUR SUCCESS WITH HAVING A PARTNERSHIP
10 WITH THE COUNTY AND THE COURT SYSTEM, AND GETTING FOLKS
11 CONNECTED WITH [INAUDIBLE] IN LONG BEACH, I ALSO HAVE PERSONAL
12 EXPERIENCE AS A CONSERVATOR FOR A RELATIVE, AND I BELIEVE THAT
13 THE C.A.R.E. COURT PROGRAM WOULD BE ABLE TO FILL A GAP,
14 BECAUSE IT CAN TAKE, OFTEN, UP TO 10, 15 YEARS TO GET SOMEONE
15 ON CONSERVATORSHIP. THIS PROPOSAL, I BELIEVE, WOULD FILL THAT
16 GAP FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO DO HAVE A MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE, AND
17 THEY NEED HELP GETTING THE SERVICES THAT THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS
18 MAY NOT KNOW HOW TO NAVIGATE THOSE SERVICES, AND THEY MAY NOT
19 MEET THE EXTENSIVE CRITERIA TO BE PLACED ON CONSERVATORSHIP.
20 SO, I BELIEVE THAT THIS WOULD ALLOW NOT ONLY L.A. COUNTY, BUT
21 THE ENTIRE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, TO INCREASE THE MENTAL HEALTH
22 RESOURCES FOR THE COMMUNITY, AND GIVE FAMILY MEMBERS AND
23 CLINICIANS ADDITIONAL TOOLS TO BE ABLE TO HELP SOME OF OUR
24 MOST VULNERABLE POPULATION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

25

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

2

3 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF MILINDA KAKANI.

4 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY,

5 AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU

6 MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **MILINDA KAKANI:** HI. THIS IS MILINDA KAKANI, FROM CHILDREN'S
9 DEFENSE FUND CALIFORNIA. I AM SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 10,
10 IN ABSOLUTE OPPOSITION TO ITEMS 39 AND 56-A, AND GENERAL
11 PUBLIC COMMENT. JUST AS A RECAP, LAST JULY, SUPERVISORS KUEHL
12 AND MITCHELL ATTEMPTED TO ENSURE THAT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE DIDN'T
13 LANGUISH IN BARRY J. FOR LONGER THAN NECESSARY: BARRY J., THE
14 SAME PLACE THAT STILL USES O.C. SPRAY, DESPITE A DIRECTIVE
15 FROM THIS BOARD TO STOP, THE SAME PLACE THAT WAS THE SUBJECT
16 OF LITIGATION BY THE D.O.J., BECAUSE OF THE HARM YOUNG PEOPLE
17 ENDURED WHILE INCARCERATED THERE; THE SAME PLACE THAT WAS
18 DEEMED UNSUITABLE FOR THE CONFINEMENT OF YOUTH BY THE BOARD OF
19 STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS. THE REMAINING THREE BOARD
20 MEMBERS CHOSE POLITICS OVER THE HUMANITY OF THESE KIDS. YES,
21 KIDS, EVEN IF THEY ARE 18, EVEN WHEN THEY REACH 25, EVEN IF
22 THEY HAVE COMMITTED MURDER. HERE WE ARE AGAIN, EIGHT MONTHS
23 LATER, ASKING THE BOARD TO DO THE RIGHT THING; ASKING THE
24 BOARD, OR AT LEAST THE MAJORITY OF YOU, TO PICK REDEMPTION, TO
25 PICK HOPE, TO PICK HEALING OVER FEARMONGERING. THANK YOU,

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1 SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND KUEHL, FOR YOUR CONSISTENT COMMITMENT
2 TO YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED: BEYOND JUST MOTIONS OF
3 PROGRESSIVE LANGUAGE, BUT BY ENGAGING WITH COMMUNITY AND
4 SEEING THESE YOUNG PEOPLE AS PEOPLE BEYOND THEIR WORST
5 MISTAKES, CAPABLE OF HEALING FROM THEIR TRAUMA, AND FULL OF
6 POTENTIAL, DESPITE SYSTEMS DESIGNED TO OPPRESS AND MARGINALIZE
7 AND FURTHER HARM THEM. THIS IDEA, SUPERVISOR BARGER, THAT
8 BARRY J. CAN BE REIMAGINED BY FLOODING HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF
9 DOLLARS INTO IT IS A COMPLETE JOKE. IT IS A PRISON, NOT JUST
10 BY WAY OF THE STRUCTURE, BUT BY THE CULTURE, AND THERE ISN'T A
11 SINGLE YOUNG PERSON WHO'S EXPERIENCED THAT SPACE WHO WOULD SAY
12 OTHERWISE. THE CULTURE PREPARES YOUNG PEOPLE, NOT FOR A BRIGHT
13 FUTURE FILLED WITH OPPORTUNITY, WITH LOVE; NO. IT IS A CULTURE
14 THAT IS ROOTED IN CONTROL AND PUNISHMENT. IT BREEDS TRAUMA,
15 HATE, FEAR, AND YOUR BILLION-DOLLAR INVESTMENT WON'T CHANGE
16 THAT. PERHAPS IT WILL APPEASE YOUR CONSTITUENTS, WHICH IS
17 CLEARLY YOUR PRIMARY GOAL, BECAUSE IF IT WASN'T, YOU WOULD
18 HAVE SPENT TIME ENGAGING YOUR CONSTITUENTS IN WHAT THEY CAN DO
19 TO BUILD COMMUNITY, NOT BREAK IT; TO UNDERSTAND YOUTH JUSTICE
20 REIMAGINED, NOT MANIPULATE IT; TO CARE FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE,
21 NOT FEAR THEM. BUT INSTEAD, YOU STOKED THEIR FEAR. AND WHAT I
22 FIND MOST COMICAL IS YOUR BELIEF THAT SOMEHOW PROBATION IS THE
23 EXPERT IN WHAT THESE YOUNG PEOPLE NEED. IN CASE YOU FORGOT,
24 YOU VOTED YES ON A MOTION TO ULTIMATELY DEFUND AND DISMANTLE
25 JUVENILE PROBATION, BECAUSE IT IS A SYSTEM THAT IS

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1 FUNDAMENTALLY FLAWED. AND THIS ISN'T A DIG ON INDIVIDUAL P.O.S
2 WHO CARE FOR KIDS IN A POSITIVE WAY. IT IS A DIG ON AN
3 INSTITUTION THAT DOESN'T ALLOW GOOD PROBATION OFFICERS TO BE
4 THEIR BEST. IT'S A DIG ON AN INSTITUTION THAT EQUATES YOUNG
5 PEOPLE WITH THEIR WORST ACTS, AN INSTITUTION THAT SUPPORTS
6 DENYING YOUNG PEOPLE BLANKETS AND THE RIGHT TO USE RESTROOMS
7 AS A FORM OF PUNISHMENT. IT'S AN INSTITUTION THAT USES THE
8 HOPE CENTER AS SOLITARY CONFINEMENT FOR UP TO 14 DAYS, WE
9 RECENTLY HEARD. WE ARE TAUGHT THE INSTITUTION THAT CAUSES SO
10 MUCH HARM CAN SUDDENLY TURN INTO EXPERTS OVERNIGHT. SOUNDS
11 LIKE MORE POLITICKING TO ME, AND ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. YOU AND
12 YOUR CONSTITUENTS HAVE FORGOTTEN THAT WE BELONG TO ONE
13 ANOTHER. WE MUST CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER. WE MUST SEE AND BELIEVE
14 IN THE HUMANITY IN ONE ANOTHER. SO, HERE IS YOUR REMINDER TO
15 LEAD WITH LOVE. BE BETTER, DO BETTER, BECAUSE THE HARM YOU
16 HAVE CAUSED BY ALLOWING THIS RACIST RHETORIC ABOUT WHO THESE
17 YOUNG PEOPLE ARE, AND WHAT THEY DESERVE, IS ALMOST
18 UNFORGIVABLE. ALSO, IN WHAT WORLD, WITHOUT ANY SORT OF DATA
19 ANALYSIS AND PROPER SHOWING FOR THE NEED, DO WE AUTHORIZE
20 PROBATION TO PURCHASE 150 TASERS? HOW IS THAT THE ANSWER? IN
21 THE WORDS OF ERIC PREVEN, DON'T DO IT. THANK YOU.

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

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

4

5 **KENZO SOHOUE:** HELLO, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** YES, WE CAN. PLEASE BEGIN.

8

9 **KENZO SOHOUE:** HELLO? OKAY. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS
10 KENZO SOHOUE. I AM A RESIDENTIAL ADVISOR AND POLICY ADVOCATE
11 WITH THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
12 KUEHL, AND I AM IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 10, FOR CREATING AN
13 ATMOSPHERE FOR A CARE FIRST AND JAIL LAST MOTION, AND I WILL
14 BE GIVING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. TOO MANY YOUTH SUFFER FROM
15 LACK OF BETTER LIVING AND NO OPPORTUNITY TO SUCCESSFULLY
16 REENTER SOCIETY. WE MUST HAVE A GREATER WANT TO REMOVE YOUNG
17 PEOPLE OUT OF BARRY J. I AM AGAINST ITEM 56-A, DUE TO
18 UNDERSTANDING WHAT KIND OF SUPPORT SYSTEM INCARCERATED YOUTH
19 DESERVE. AS A YOUNG MAN THAT LIVED INSIDE EVERY JUVENILE HALL,
20 CAMP, AND D.J.J. FOR SIX YEARS, I ENDURED MENTAL TRAUMA
21 THROUGHOUT MY TIME IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. SHOWING THE
22 YOUTH WE DO NOT TRUST THEM AND CONTINUING TO IMPLEMENT
23 PUNISHMENT WILL ONLY BREAK THEM DOWN. IN OTHER WORDS, WE'RE
24 NOT IMPLEMENTING PHILANTHROPY TOWARDS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. THERE
25 IS NO WAY WE CAN SIT HERE AND AGREE TO INVEST INTO A FACILITY

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1 THAT YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN TO. LET'S BE REAL. WE WANT TO HELP
2 OUR YOUTH, BUT WE WANT SOMEONE TO KEEP THEM IN JAIL? THAT
3 DOESN'T MAKE NO SENSE. WHAT ARE WE REALLY FIGHTING FOR? FOR
4 EVERYONE THAT WAS FORMERLY INCARCERATED KNOWS THE PAIN AND
5 TRAUMA YOU ENDURE BEHIND BARS. WHERE IS THE INVESTMENT FOR
6 CAREER READINESS PROGRAMS, JOB OPPORTUNITIES, TO BUILD INCOME,
7 TO LEARN, AND TO BECOME SUCCESSFUL AND INDEPENDENT
8 INDIVIDUALS? AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE MUST REALIZE THAT WHEN
9 YOU ARE INSIDE OF A FACILITY, YOU HAVE NO PRIVACY. I COULDN'T
10 EVEN TAKE A SHOWER IN PRIVATE. I CAN'T USE THE RESTROOM IN
11 PRIVATE. AND THINK ABOUT, "WE NEED TO KEEP THE YOUTH IN BARRY
12 J., THAT IS A BETTER ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR YOUTH," WHEN YOU
13 AIN'T NEVER BEEN THERE. YOU DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND, BECAUSE
14 WHO ARE WE REALLY LISTENING TO HERE? WE ARE WORRIED ABOUT
15 [INAUDIBLE] OUR COMMUNITY, BUT THEN IT SEEMS LIKE SO MANY
16 PEOPLE DON'T REALLY WANT TO BUILD OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU,
17 SUPERVISORS, FOR YOUR TIME. GOD BLESS YOU ALL. AND, EVERYBODY
18 ELSE AGAINST WHAT I SAID, GOD BLESS YOU, TOO. THANK YOU.

19

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

21

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

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2 **KARRIANN FARRELL HINDS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS KARRIANN
3 FARRELL HINDS. I AM CALLING SUPPORTING ITEM NO. 13, SUPPORTING
4 ITEM NO. 20, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. REGARDING ITEM NO.
5 13, I SERVE AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
6 COMMISSION FOR WOMEN. I'D LIKE TO THANK CHAIR MITCHELL FOR
7 THIS ITEM COMMEMORATING MARCH AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH--
8 NOTABLY ON EQUAL PAY DAY-- AND THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
9 FOR YOUR CONSISTENT SUPPORT OF THE L.A.C.C.W.'S ANNUAL WOMEN
10 OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION OF WOMEN EXHIBITING LEADERSHIP IN OUR
11 COMMUNITIES, AND OUR ANNUAL EVENT COMMEMORATING WOMEN'S
12 HISTORY MONTH, WHICH BENEFITS THE L.A.C.C.W.'S RESILIENT
13 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, THIS YEAR TO BE CELEBRATED ON MAY 9TH. ON
14 ITEM NO. 20, I'M A DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AND STRATEGIC
15 AFFAIRS FOR VISTA DEL MAR CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES, WHICH
16 PROVIDES A TRAUMA-RESPONSIVE CONTINUUM OF SERVICES TO EMPOWER
17 YOUTH AND FAMILIES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TO LEAD FULFILLING
18 LIVES, AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF THE MOTION TO INCREASE THE
19 COUNTYWIDE MAXIMUM ALLOWANCE RATE. FIRST, THANK YOU,
20 SUPERVISORS, FOR YOUR WORK RESPONDING TO THE WORKFORCE AND
21 ACCESS-TO-CARE CHALLENGES THAT THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM OF
22 CARE IS EXPERIENCING. SECOND, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KATHRYN
23 BARGER AND SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN, TODAY, FOR AUTHORIZING THIS
24 SPECIFIC MOTION. THE COMBINATION OF THE C.O.V.I.D. PUBLIC
25 HEALTH CRISIS AND MAGNIFICATION OF EXISTING ECONOMIC

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1 INEQUITIES BROUGHT INCREASED NEEDS FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES,
2 AND WE RESPONDED BY MAKING NECESSARY INVESTMENTS TO BECOME THE
3 ESSENTIAL WORKERS THAT COULD PROVIDE THOSE MENTAL HEALTH
4 SERVICES. HOWEVER, THE ENDURING NATURE OF THE PANDEMIC AND
5 INCREASED COSTS HAS TAKEN A TOLL, AND WE ARE EXPERIENCING
6 HIGHER STAFF VACANCY RATES, WITH COMPENSATION AND BURNOUT FROM
7 INTENSIFIED WORKLOAD CITED AS THE MOST COMMON REASONS FOR
8 DEPARTURE. SO WE MEET THIS MOTION WITH ENTHUSIASM AND
9 OPTIMISM, AS AN INVESTMENT IN REINFORCING AND SUSTAINING THE
10 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES SYSTEM OF CARE. THE INCREASED C.M.A.
11 RATES WILL ENABLE US TO MEET COMMUNITY NEEDS BY OFFERING
12 COMPETITIVE SALARIES TO FILL VACANCIES, INCREASING ACCESS TO
13 SERVICES, EASING CASELOADS, AND DECREASING THE RISK OF
14 BURNOUT. INCREASING THE RATES WILL ENABLE US TO MEET COMMUNITY
15 NEEDS MORE EFFECTIVELY. FINALLY, INSTITUTING A POLICY
16 ADJUSTING THE C.M.A. RATES UPWARDS, ANNUALLY, TO ACCOUNT FOR
17 INFLATION AND CONTINUOUSLY INCREASING OPERATING COSTS, WILL
18 PROVIDE AGENCIES WITH THE NECESSARY CONSISTENCY AND
19 PREDICTABILITY TO EXPAND PROGRAMMING TO MEET ADDITIONAL NEEDS
20 AS THEY ARISE IN THE COMMUNITIES THAT WE SERVE. THESE RATE
21 INCREASES WILL ENABLE AGENCIES LIKE OURS TO UTILIZE OUR
22 RESOURCES TO RETAIN THOSE DEDICATED INDIVIDUALS WE HAVE
23 TRAINED, AND IT IS A POSITIVE FIRST STEP TO REBUILDING THE
24 MENTAL HEALTH WORKFORCE AND SYSTEM OF CARE. IT IS AN
25 INVESTMENT IN OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH D.M.H., ENSURING OUR

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1 COLLECTIVE ABILITY TO MEET THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS AND
2 COMMUNITIES ACROSS L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR
3 SUPPORT OF OUR WORK, AND THE COMMITMENT TO ALL OF THE WORK
4 THAT WE DO, AND I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

5

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

7

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

12

13 **SPEAKER:** I AM SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM NO. 10, SUPPLEMENTAL
14 AGENDA ITEM NO. 10, 56-A, AND PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING,
15 CHAIRMAN MITCHELL AND COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I WOULD
16 LIKE TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR CAREFUL CONSIDERATION
17 OF ALL THE S.Y.T.F. LOCATIONS, AND SUGGESTING TO UTILIZE THE
18 CAMPUS KILPATRICK AND CAMP SCOTT, AS WELL AS THE DOROTHY KIRBY
19 CENTER, AS THE PERMANENT LOCATIONS FOR JUVENILE OFFENDERS.
20 HOWEVER, I DO BELIEVE SUPERVISOR BARGER'S MOTION TO UTILIZE
21 THE BARRY J. NIDORF LOCATION WOULD BE BEST SUITED FOR THE
22 YOUTH, AS THEY ARE ALREADY SET UP FOR ALL AVENUES OF THE NEEDS
23 OF THE YOUTH: EDUCATION, PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTHCARE,
24 OUTDOOR RECREATION, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, IT IS CENTRALLY
25 LOCATED FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THOSE HOUSED THERE, AS

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1 WELL AS THE EMPLOYEES THAT WOULD BE WORKING AT THAT LOCATION,
2 AND NOT JUST THE PROBATION OFFICERS, BUT TEACHERS, COUNSELORS,
3 AND OTHER IMPORTANT AND NECESSARY STAFF. I KNOW THERE WERE
4 COUNTLESS HOURS SPENT READING THROUGH HUNDREDS OF PAGES OF
5 DOCUMENTATION AND REPORTS PROVIDED BY ALL OF THE DIFFERENT
6 PARTICIPATING COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS. I DO BELIEVE YOUR
7 DECISION TODAY WILL BE TAKING THE NECESSARY FIRST STEPS
8 TOWARDS REIMAGINING THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM FOR THE YOUTH,
9 BASED ON THE CAMPUS KILPATRICK L.A. MODEL. BUT PLEASE KEEP IN
10 MIND THE OBJECTIVES AND CRITERIA THAT WAS SET FORTH BY CAL
11 D.O.J., WHICH THEN BECAME THE FOUNDATION FOR THE J.J.R.B.G.
12 HOW MANY MILLIONS OF TAX DOLLARS WILL BE SAVED BY UTILIZING
13 THE BARRY J. NIDORF LOCATION, BECAUSE IT CAN ACCOMMODATE BOTH
14 SHORT- AND LONG-TERM HOUSING? HOW MANY MILLIONS OF TAXPAYER
15 DOLLARS WILL BE SAVED BY CHOOSING THE BARRY J. NIDORF
16 LOCATION, BECAUSE IT IS ALREADY CENTRALLY LOCATED? HOW MANY
17 MILLIONS OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS WOULD BE SAVED BECAUSE SPECIAL
18 CONCESSIONS WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY FOR TRANSPORTING THE
19 FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF THE YOUTH HOUSED THERE FOR VISITATION?
20 I KINDLY ASK THAT YOU NOT JUST CONSIDER THE YOUTH INVOLVED,
21 BUT ALL OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS WHEN MAKING YOUR
22 FINAL DECISION. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTIVENESS.

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

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

5

6 **ANTHONY ROBLES:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ANTHONY ROBLES, THE YOUTH
7 JUSTICE COALITION AND THE L.A. YOUTH UPRISING COALITION, AND I
8 AM SPEAKING ON ITEMS 10, 56-A, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
9 YEAH, I AM CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 10, AND WOULD LIKE TO
10 GIVE THANKS TO SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND MITCHELL FOR BRINGING
11 IMPORTANT MOTIONS TO THE TABLE THAT ACTUALLY HELP YOUNG PEOPLE
12 OF THIS COUNTY NOT GET TRAPPED INSIDE OF HORRENDOUS
13 CONDITIONS, ADULT-LIKE PRISON SETTINGS THAT SET THEM UP FOR
14 PRISON. I BELIEVE IT WAS KENT WHO WAS SAYING THAT NO YOUNG
15 PEOPLE IN BARRY J. ARE THINKING THEY COULD BE LAWYERS, OR
16 THINKING THEY COULD BE SOMETHING SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR
17 COMMUNITIES, AFTER ALL THE EXPERIENCES THAT HAPPENED IN PLACES
18 LIKE THIS. AND CALLING AGAINST ITEM 56-A. BARRY J. NEEDS TO BE
19 SHUT DOWN. THE J.J.R.B.G., PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, ALL
20 OF THE COUNTY'S OWN BODIES AND OWN PEOPLE HAVE ANALYZED THIS
21 PLACE, AND HAVE SAID THAT THIS PLACE IS NOT SUITABLE FOR YOUNG
22 PEOPLE AT ALL. SO, TO EVEN THINK ABOUT HAVING YOUNG PEOPLE--
23 AND THEY EVEN CURRENTLY HAVE YOUNG PEOPLE IN THERE, AND TO
24 THINK ABOUT PUTTING MORE YOUNG PEOPLE IN THERE, THE COUNTY IS
25 EVEN SHOOTING ITSELF IN THE FOOT, SETTING ITSELF UP FOR FUTURE

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1 LAWSUITS AND OTHER ABUSES TOWARDS YOUNG PEOPLE. SO, EVEN IF
2 YOU AREN'T WORRIED ABOUT THE YOUNG PEOPLE, YOUR OWN COUNTY'S
3 PROBABLY GOING TO TAKE A HIT, PUTTING YOUNG PEOPLE IN THERE,
4 JUST LOOKING AT ALL THE ABUSES THAT GO ON, THE LAWSUITS THAT
5 HAVE COME OUT, AND EVERYTHING ELSE. IT IS A WASTE, EVEN JUST
6 FROM AN ECONOMIC STANDPOINT. EVEN OUTSIDE OF THE HUMAN LEVEL
7 AND THE HUMANITY LEVEL, IT IS JUST A DUMB ECONOMIC MOVE IN
8 ITSELF, AND JUST SETTING YOURSELVES UP FOR FAILURE. AND JUST
9 FOR MY GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, I WOULD JUST SAY TO KEEP
10 IMPLEMENTING. MAKE SURE THAT THERE'S IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
11 Y.J.R. MAKE SURE IT'S FULLY FUNDED, SO WE CAN MAKE SURE THAT
12 PLACES LIKE BARRY J. NO LONGER EXIST, AND THAT YOUTH
13 DEVELOPMENT CENTERS AND OTHER HOLISTIC, HEALTHY ALTERNATIVES--
14 AND NOT EVEN ALTERNATIVES; JUST AN ENTIRELY NEW WAY FORWARD
15 FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR COUNTY TO MOVE FORWARD. WE HAVE THE
16 LARGEST COUNTY IN THE COUNTRY, WITH THE LARGEST AMOUNT OF
17 YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE COUNTRY, BUT WE HAVE NO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
18 INFRASTRUCTURE. INSTEAD, WE HAVE JUVENILE PROBATION. WE HAVE
19 BARRY J. WE HAVE YOUTH PRISONS HERE, AND WE INCARCERATE THE
20 MOST YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE COUNTRY. AND WE HAVE A \$1 BILLION
21 PROBATION BUDGET, WITH OVER 50% OF IT GOING TO JUVENILE
22 PROBATION, WHILE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT HARDLY GETS ANYTHING. SO, I
23 DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY EXCUSES FOR Y.J.R. IMPLEMENTATION, THE
24 DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, TO NOT GET THE FULL FUNDING,
25 THE ADMINISTRATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE, AND EVERYTHING IT NEEDS TO

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1 MAKE SURE THAT YOUNG PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY CAN THRIVE, BE
2 SUCCESSFUL - -

3

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

6

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

10

11 **SPEAKER:** HI, GOOD MORNING. CAN YOU GUYS HEAR ME?

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13 **SPEAKER:** YES. PLEASE BEGIN.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** HI. CAN YOU GUYS HEAR ME? GOOD MORNING. MY NAME'S
16 EDIN MADRID. I AM HERE TODAY ON BEHALF OF [INAUDIBLE] AND
17 A.R.C. AND MY COMMUNITY, TO STRONGLY SUPPORT AGENDA ITEM 10,
18 AND IN FULL OPPOSITION OF AGENDA ITEM 56-A. I WOULD LIKE TO
19 START THIS COMMENT BY SAYING THAT WE ARE NOT MOVING FORWARD IN
20 THE PURSUIT OF CREATING CHANGE FOR OUR YOUTH, LET ALONE FOR
21 OUR COMMUNITIES, AS WE CONTINUE TO FAIL ALL THESE KIDS BY
22 HOUSING THEM IN THE COMPOUND. I HAVE BEEN HOME 14 YEARS AFTER
23 SERVING ALL THESE YEARS FOR A CRIME THAT I COMMITTED AT 16;
24 AND FROM MY PERSONAL LIVED EXPERIENCE, I CAN HONESTLY SAY THAT
25 BEING HOUSED IN THE COMPOUND CAUSED ME MENTAL HEALTH TRAUMA

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1 THAT I AM STILL EXPERIENCING TODAY, AT 30 YEARS OLD. I LEFT IN
2 2008. I LEFT THE COMPOUND IN 2008, AT A TIME WHEN I WAS ONLY A
3 KID NEEDING PROPER RESOURCES. INSTEAD, I WAS GIVEN A 14-YEAR
4 SENTENCE, AND I WAS TRIED AS AN ADULT AND LEFT TO SURVIVE IN A
5 PRISON SYSTEM THAT NEGATIVELY IMPACTED MY LIFE. AND TODAY, AS
6 AN A ADULT, I KNOW THAT IF MY PARENTS WERE SITTING ON THE
7 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I WOULD HAVE NEVER GONE TO THE COMPOUND,
8 AND I WOULD HAVE NEVER BEEN SENT TO SERVE HALF OF MY JAIL
9 SENTENCE IN PRISON. MY COMMUNITY IS TIRED OF THIS UNFAIR
10 SYSTEM, AND WE WANT TO SEE THE CHANGE; AND NOT ONLY HEAR ABOUT
11 IT, BUT WE WANT TO SEE IT, AND WE WANT TO SEE THE
12 IMPLEMENTATION OF IT. AND AS WE GO BACK AND FORTH OVER THESE
13 MATTERS, WE HAVE TO KEEP IN MIND THAT THESE KIDS ARE STILL
14 THERE, AND WE ARE OKAY WITH THAT. THAT'S NOT WHAT WE WANT. OUR
15 FUTURE NEEDS TO REALLY BE PUT INTO PERSPECTIVE, AND WE NEED TO
16 HOLD EVERYBODY ACCOUNTABLE. NOT ONLY THE PROBATION PART, BUT
17 EVERYBODY THAT HAS AN INPUT IN THIS, PLEASE KILL BARRY J.
18 NIDORF AND CREATE CHANGE, NOT DAMAGE. IF OUR BOARD OF
19 SUPERVISORS AND OUR COUNTY IS OKAY WITH HOUSING THESE CHILDREN
20 IN THESE DEHUMANIZING FACILITIES, THEN WE MUST ASK YOURSELVES,
21 WHAT IS OUR FUTURE LEADING TO? BECAUSE IT IS NOT CARE FIRST.
22 WE NEED TO INVEST IN OUR COUNTY. BUT WE ALSO NEED TO INVEST IN
23 OUR FUTURE, SO THAT THE COUNTY CAN PROVIDE OUR YOUTH THAT
24 PROPER FUTURE. IT IS NOT OKAY TO BE IN A JAIL CELL AT TWO IN
25 THE MORNING, TRYING TO PEE, AND THE COP IS ASLEEP, AND HE'S

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1 NOT GOING TO LET YOU OUT. AND IN THE MORNING, YOU HAVE AN
2 ALTERCATION WITH HIM BECAUSE OF IT, AND THEN YOU ARE LOOKED AT
3 AS THE BAD GUY BECAUSE YOU WERE TRYING TO PEE. THAT'S NOT
4 FAIR. THAT IS UNFAIR. AND IF HOUSING A KID LIKE DOGS IN A CAGE
5 IS OKAY WITH YOU, THEN WHERE ARE OUR VOICES? ARE YOU GUYS
6 GOING TO HEAR US? ARE YOU GUYS NOT GOING TO HEAR US? WHAT IS
7 GOING ON? PLEASE HOLD ACCOUNTABILITY.

8

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

11

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

15

16 **KEVIN ACEBO:** HONORABLE CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS, GOOD MORNING. MY
17 NAME IS KEVIN ACEBO, A MEMBER OF THE L.A. COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH
18 COMMISSION FROM THE FOURTH DISTRICT, SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF ITEM
19 17, AND GENERAL COMMENT. MANY THANKS TO SUPERVISORS HAHN AND
20 BARGER FOR MAKING SURE THAT L.A. COUNTY PLAYS A ROLE IN
21 DEVELOPING THE C.A.R.E. COURT MODEL. THIS BOARD, LONG BEFORE
22 C.A.R.E. COURT WAS INTRODUCED, HAS WORKED HARD-- AND CONTINUES
23 TO WORK-- TO DEAL WITH A MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM THAT WASN'T
24 WORKING. IT HAS ADDRESSED A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS WHERE PEOPLE
25 WITH SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS AND/OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER TOO

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1 OFTEN CYCLE THROUGH OUR JAILS, HOSPITALS, AND THE STREETS.
2 C.A.R.E. COURT IS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY
3 TO GET PEOPLE THE HELP THEY NEED. C.A.R.E. COURT IS A NEW
4 FRAMEWORK TO PROVIDE INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND
5 SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS THE CARE AND SERVICES THEY NEED TO
6 GET HEALTHY. IT PROVIDES INDIVIDUALS WITH A CLINICALLY
7 APPROPRIATE, COMMUNITY-BASED, AND COURT-ORDERED CARE PLAN,
8 CONSISTING OF CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY COMPETENT COUNTY
9 MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER TREATMENT CENTERS.
10 L.A. COUNTY CAN EXPAND ON ITS EFFORTS TO PROVIDE A PEOPLE-
11 CENTERED MODEL OF PREVENTION AND SUPPORT FOR OUR MOST
12 VULNERABLE UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS. C.A.R.E. COURT, ALONG WITH
13 OTHER BOARD INITIATIVES, IS A COMMUNITY APPROACH TO PREVENTING
14 JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT BY CONNECTING PEOPLE TO SERVICES OVER A
15 24-MONTH PERIOD. THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION, IN THE COMING
16 MONTHS, ALIGN WITH THE BOARD'S FISCAL YEAR 22-23 BUDGET
17 PROCESS. [INAUDIBLE] ON THE COUNTY'S LOCAL CARE CORE PLAN AND
18 RELATED MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES THAT STRENGTHENS THE BOARD'S PAST
19 AND ONGOING EFFORTS TO PROVIDE A STABLE, COMMUNITY-BASED
20 CONTINUUM OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE FOR OUR RESIDENTS, AND
21 ADDRESSING OUTSTANDING ETHNIC AND GEOGRAPHIC DISPARITIES, BED
22 SHORTAGES, NEED FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS, AND COMMUNITY-
23 BASED INTEGRATED SERVICES WITHIN THE COUNTY'S MENTAL HEALTH
24 DELIVERY SYSTEM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

25

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

2

3 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS TERRY DIPPLE. PLEASE STATE
4 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER
5 YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **TERRY DIPPLE:** THANK YOU. THIS IS TERRY DIPPLE, EXECUTIVE
8 DIRECTOR OF THE LAS VIRGENES-MALIBU COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS,
9 SPEAKING REGARDING ITEM 10. THE LAS VIRGENES-MALIBU COUNCIL OF
10 GOVERNMENTS VOTED TODAY TO OPPOSE ITEM 10 AND SUPPORT THE
11 SUBSTITUTE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, TO MAINTAIN THE
12 JUVENILE YOUTH AT BARRY J. NIDORF CENTER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

13

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

18

19 **PATRICIA COSTALES:** SURE. PATRICIA COSTALES, L.C.S.W., AND THE
20 C.E.O. OF THE GUIDANCE CENTER. WE ARE A NONPROFIT, COUNTY-
21 CONTRACTED MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDER SERVING CHILDREN AND
22 FAMILIES IN DISTRICTS TWO AND FOUR. NOTABLY, WE ARE THE ONLY
23 PROVIDER SERVING ON CATALINA ISLAND. I AM CALLING TO PROVIDE
24 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM 20, A MOTION TO INCREASE THE
25 COUNTYWIDE MAXIMUM ALLOWANCE RATE. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD

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1 OF SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR ATTENTION TO THE WORKFORCE AND
2 ACCESS-TO-CARE CRISIS FACING THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM. SPECIAL
3 THANKS TO SUPERVISORS BARGER AND HAHN FOR AUTHORIZING THE
4 MOTION. CONTRACT AGENCIES LIKE THE GUIDANCE CENTER SERVE THE
5 LOWEST-INCOME AND HIGHEST-NEED CHILDREN IN THE COUNTY,
6 PREDOMINATELY FROM DISENFRANCHISED FAMILIES OF COLOR. OUR
7 STAFF DO THE HARDEST-LEVEL CLINICAL WORK, BOTH SERVICE
8 PARTNERSHIP AND SPECIALIZED FOSTER CARE, GOING INTO HOMES,
9 PARKS, AND SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES BLIGHTED BY VIOLENCE AND
10 POVERTY. CURRENTLY, AN ASTOUNDING 22% OF GUIDANCE CENTER
11 CHILDREN REPORT HAVING THOUGHTS OF SUICIDE AT INTAKE. THE
12 COUNTY RATE SYSTEM HAS ALWAYS MEANT THAT CONTRACT PROVIDERS
13 ARE FORCED TO PAY THEIR STAFF \$20,000 TO \$30,000 LESS THAN
14 CLINICIANS MAKE AT DIRECTLY OPERATED CLINICS, SCHOOL
15 DISTRICTS, AND KAISER, ALTHOUGH WE SERVE THE HARDEST CLIENTS
16 IN THE RISKIEST SETTINGS. WE HAVE A TWO-TIERED SYSTEM, WHERE
17 SERVICES PROVIDED TO OUR MOST TROUBLED AND LOWEST-INCOME
18 CHILDREN, MOSTLY CHILDREN OF COLOR, ARE VALUED AT A LOWER
19 RATE.

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

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

4

5 **DEAN WALLRAFF:** HI. I AM COMMENTING ON ITEMS NUMBERS 32 AND 33,
6 AND ALSO GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM DEAN WALLRAFF, EXECUTIVE
7 DIRECTOR AND AN ATTORNEY FROM ADVOCATES FOR THE ENVIRONMENT,
8 WHICH IS A LOCAL PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FIRM. I REPRESENT A
9 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION CALLED ADVOCATING RESPONSIBLE
10 COMMUNITIES, THAT OPPOSES THE PROJECT. I HAVE SENT THREE
11 LETTERS WITH C.E.Q.A. AND OTHER LEGAL ISSUES, AND I WON'T
12 REPEAT THOSE HERE, BUT THERE ARE SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT DEFECTS
13 IN THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THIS PROJECT. FOR
14 MANY REASONS, INCLUDING CLIMATE CHANGE, PRESERVATION OF OPEN
15 SPACE, INCREASED WILDFIRES, WE SHOULDN'T BE BUILDING IN OPEN
16 SPACE OUTSIDE THE EXISTING URBAN BOUNDARIES, ESPECIALLY IN A
17 VERY HIGH FIRE SEVERITY ZONE, LIKE THE ONE WHERE THE PROJECT
18 IS PROPOSED TO BE BUILT. THE PROJECT ALSO IS ON WHAT'S NOW
19 OPEN SPACE-- IMPORTANT OPEN SPACE. IT INTERFERES WITH WILDLIFE
20 CORRIDORS, AS SHOWN BY, FOR EXAMPLE, THE MOUNTAIN LION WHO WAS
21 CAPTURED ON A CAMERA-- A VIDEO CAMERA IN THE MIDDLE OF THE
22 NIGHT, RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF AN IMPORTANT JUNCTION OF STREETS
23 ON THE PROJECT SITE. OBVIOUSLY, BUILDING THE PROJECT IS GOING
24 TO CLOSE OFF THAT CORRIDOR AND INTERFERE WITH NOT ONLY JUST
25 MOUNTAIN LIONS, BUT OTHER WILDLIFE THAT WOULD GO THROUGH

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1 THERE. SO, A PROJECT SMACK IN THE MIDDLE OF OPEN SPACE WILL
2 ALSO INTERFERE WITH OPEN-SPACE PLANS AND UTILIZATION OF IT OUT
3 THERE. IT IS RIGHT NEXT TO A COUNTY S.E.A., AND WILL INTERFERE
4 WITH TRAILS THAT ARE PLANNED AND EXISTING IN THE AREA.
5 WILDFIRES ARE REALLY IMPORTANT ABOUT THE PROJECT. THERE'S A
6 SINGLE POINT OF INGRESS AND EGRESS. WHAT THE PROJECT DOES IS
7 IT EXTENDS A SMALL STREET CALLED MAGNOLIA LANE, WHICH IS
8 ALREADY CROWDED AND A BOTTLENECK FOR EVACUATION, IF THERE'S A
9 FIRE OR OTHER DISASTER. SO, ADDING 37 HOUSES THERE JUST
10 INCREASES THE TRAFFIC THAT WOULD HAVE TO GO OUT IN A
11 BOTTLENECK, IN THIS HIGH FIRE ZONE. SO, WITH WILDFIRE, THERE'S
12 NOT ONLY THAT ISSUE OF EVACUATION, BUT THERE'S INCREASED RISK
13 TO THE HOUSES IN THE PROJECT. THEY ARE IN THIS HIGH FIRE ZONE.
14 WE SHOULDN'T BE BUILDING THERE AT ALL, BUT WE HAVEN'T REALLY
15 PUT A POLICY IN PLACE TO PREVENT THAT. BUT THERE'S ALSO AN
16 INCREASED LIKELIHOOD, WHEN YOU PUT A PROJECT IN A PLACE LIKE
17 THAT, OF CAUSING FIRES IN THE AREA. FINALLY, ON GENERAL PUBLIC
18 COMMENT, THE RECENT I.P.C.C. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUP 1 AND
19 2 CAME OUT IN DECEMBER AND FEBRUARY, AND THESE ARE THE MOST
20 AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES OF CURRENT INFORMATION FROM SCIENTISTS
21 ALL OVER THE WORLD ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE, AND THEY SAY THERE IS
22 GOING TO BE INCREASED DROUGHTS, FLOODS, AND FIRES. AND WE ARE
23 ALREADY SEEING THAT.

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 PARTICIPANT IS SOPHIA CRISTO. PLEASE STATE
5 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER
6 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **SOPHIA CRISTO:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
9 SOPHIA CRISTO, AND I'M A YOUTH ADVOCATE WITH THE ANTI-
10 RECIDIVISM COALITION. I AM HERE TODAY TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION
11 OF ITEM 56-A, AND SUPPORT ITEM 10. I WAS A YOUTH WHO WAS
12 INCARCERATED AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 14, GOING BACK AND FORTH FROM
13 BARRY J. TO L.P. FOR ADULT COURT HEARINGS. I KNOW FIRSTHAND
14 THAT THE COMPOUND IS NO PLACE FOR A YOUTH. IT NEVER WAS AND
15 NEVER WILL BE, AND HONESTLY, AT THIS POINT, IT SHOULDN'T EVEN
16 BE PART OF THE CONVERSATION. CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST, DOESN'T
17 ALIGN WITH WHAT THE COMPOUND IS, IN ANY WAY, SHAPE, OR FORM.
18 WE SEEK A NEW SECURE TRACK FOR OUR YOUTH, THAT WILL ACTUALLY
19 PROVIDE THEM WITH THE TOOLS AND CARE THEY NEED, NOT A FACILITY
20 THAT LOOKS LIKE A PRISON, EMBEDDED WITH TRAUMA AND HORROR
21 STORIES OF YOUTH THAT HAVE BEEN THERE, AND SOME THAT STILL
22 ARE. CHANGING THE NAME AND MAKING A FEW SLIGHT ADJUSTMENTS
23 DOESN'T CHANGE WHAT THE COMPOUND REPRESENTS, OR THE NEGATIVE
24 IMPACT IT HAS ON OUR YOUTH. NOTHING ABOUT THE COMPOUND
25 SUPPORTS OUR YOUTH OR OUR VISION OF YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED.

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1 BARRY J. SHOULD HAVE NEVER BEEN AN OPTION TO CONSIDER FOR OUR
2 SECURE TRACK IN THE FIRST PLACE, AND DEFINITELY SHOULDN'T BE
3 TODAY. THEREFORE, I AM IN STRONG SUPPORT OF ITEM 10, BY
4 SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND KUEHL, TO DESIGNATE CAMP KILPATRICK
5 AND CAMP SCOTT AS THE PERMANENT SECURE YOUTH TRACK. IT IS TIME
6 FOR THE BOARD TO TAKE ACTION AND MAKE SURE THESE YOUTH THAT
7 HAVE BEEN STUCK IN THE COMPOUND DON'T REMAIN THERE FOR A
8 SECOND LONGER. I URGE THE BOARD TO FULLY AND TRULY SUPPORT OUR
9 YOUTH BY SAYING NO TO BARRY J. THANK YOU.

10

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANTHONY ARENAS. PLEASE
14 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND
15 WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
16 BEGIN.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON ITEM 10, ITEM 39, AND
19 GENERAL COMMENT. FOR ITEM 10, THIS MOTION SUPPORTS THE VISION
20 OF THE YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, WHICH HAS CALLED FOR ENDING
21 YOUTH INCARCERATION, AND PRIORITIZING TRAUMA-RESPONSIVE CARE,
22 ACCESS TO COMMUNITY-BASED RESOURCES AND SERVICES, AND
23 RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PRACTICES, TO ENSURE THAT EVERY YOUNG
24 PERSON IN L.A. RECEIVES CARE INSTEAD OF FACING PUNISHMENT.
25 THIS MOTION REPRESENTS AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARDS ACHIEVING A

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1 DECISION, BY SHIFTING THE FOCUS TOWARDS RESTORATIVE JUSTICE
2 AND TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO NEED IT THE
3 MOST. SO THE BOARD MUST APPROVE THE LOCATIONS OF THESE SECURE
4 FACILITIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. EVERY DAY THAT YOUNG PEOPLE
5 EXPERIENCE JAILS INSTEAD OF CARE IS DANGEROUS FOR THEIR SAFETY
6 AND WELLBEING, AND THE BOARD CANNOT WASTE MORE TIME WHILE REAL
7 LIVES ARE AT STAKE. FOR ITEM 39, "LESS LETHAL" DOES NOT MEAN
8 TASERS ARE NOT DANGEROUS. TASERS HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO
9 SEVERELY INJURE THEIR VICTIMS. TASERS CAUSE ABRASIONS,
10 LACERATIONS, STRAINED ORGANS AND JOINTS, EXCRUCIATING PAIN,
11 AND HEART AND CARDIAC PROBLEMS, AMONG OTHERS. TASERS ARE
12 DANGEROUS WEAPONS, AND PROBATION HAS NO REASON TO USE THEM.
13 TASERS ARE ALSO CAPABLE OF KILLING PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY PEOPLE
14 WITH A HISTORY OF PSYCHIATRIC DISEASE, OR THOSE WHO HAVE HAD
15 CERTAIN DRUGS IN THEIR SYSTEM. HISTORICALLY, POLICE AND
16 PROBATION HAVE DISPROPORTIONATELY USED TASERS AND OTHER
17 WEAPONS AGAINST THESE GROUPS OF PEOPLE. THAT MEANS WE ARE
18 ARMING PROBATION WITH WEAPONS THAT STILL CARRY A SIGNIFICANT
19 RISK OF DEATH FOR THE PEOPLE WHO TASERS ARE THE MOST OFTEN
20 DEPLOYED AGAINST. AND FOR GENERAL COMMENT, I WANT TO SPEAK ON
21 THE O.I.G. REPORT AND IN-CUSTODY DEATHS. AS A REMINDER, IN
22 2021, 55 PEOPLE DIED IN L.A. COUNTY JAIL: MORE THAN ONE PERSON
23 PER WEEK, MORE THAN ANY YEAR SINCE AT LEAST 2005. C.O.V.I.D.
24 IS NOT THE SOLE REASON FOR THE SKYROCKETING DEATH RATE. EIGHT
25 PEOPLE DIED OF C.O.V.I.D. IN 2021. IF WE REMOVE THESE EIGHT

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1 PEOPLE FROM THE DEATH TOLL, 47 WOULD STILL BE THE HIGHEST
2 NUMBER OF IN-CUSTODY DEATHS SINCE AT LEAST 2005. THE JAILS ARE
3 DEADLY, AND DEATHS ARE ONLY INCREASING UNDER THIS BOARD'S
4 WATCH. EARLIER THIS MONTH, THE BOARD OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
5 TOLD THIS BOARD THAT OVERCROWDING AND SHERIFF VILLANUEVA'S
6 DISMANTLING OF THE DISCIPLINE SYSTEM ARE PART OF WHAT IS
7 CAUSING THIS CRISIS. WHAT WILL THIS BOARD DO? THE BOARD MUST
8 SET A DEADLINE FOR CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, NOT EVENTUALLY,
9 BUT BY MARCH 2023. THE BOARD MUST FIND A WAY TO HOLD THE
10 SHERIFF ACCOUNTABLE FOR FAILURES OF LEADERSHIP AND DISCIPLINE
11 FOR MISCONDUCT IN THE JAILS. THANK YOU.

12

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

14

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

19

20 **TOPHER MATHERS:** HI. I'M SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 14.
21 GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS TOPHER MATHERS,
22 AND I AM THE POLICY SPECIALIST FOR ACTIVE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY.
23 ACTIVE S.G.V. SUPPORTS SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND MITCHELL'S CALL
24 FOR THE COUNTY TO EXPLORE EQUITABLE WAYS TO PROMOTE BUILDING
25 ELECTRIFICATION IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF L.A. COUNTY. WHILE

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1 CARS AND TRUCKS CONTINUE TO BE THE MAIN CONTRIBUTOR OF HARMFUL
2 EMISSIONS, BY 2031, GAS-BURNING APPLIANCES WILL SURPASS THAT
3 OF PASSENGER CARS IN THIS REGARD, THE HEALTH CONSEQUENCES OF
4 GAS APPLIANCES IN HOMES, AS WE'LL DOCUMENT. BY SOME ESTIMATES,
5 BUILDING ELECTRIFICATION IN CALIFORNIA WILL RESULT IN
6 ELIMINATION OF NEARLY 90 MILLION METRIC TONS OF CO2 EMISSIONS
7 THROUGH 2045. THAT IS LIKE TAKING 20 MILLION CARS OFF THE
8 ROAD. AN EQUITY-FOCUSED BUILDING DECARBONIZATION ORDINANCE
9 WILL GET THE COUNTY ONE STEP CLOSER TO ENSURING CLEANER AIR
10 FOR ALL RESIDENTS. WE URGE THE BOARD TO PASS THIS IMPORTANT
11 ORDINANCE TODAY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE.

12

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

14

15 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF JEFF FARBER. PLEASE
16 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND
17 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
18 BEGIN. THEY JUST DROPPED. NEXT, WE'RE GOING TO GO TO THE LINE
19 OF ROLANDO CHAVEZ. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU
20 WISH TO ADDRESS TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'RE GOING TO ADDRESS ON
21 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

22

23 **ROLANDO CHAVEZ:** HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ROLANDO CHAVEZ,
24 AND I AM WITH ALTAMED HEALTH SERVICES. I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM
25 NUMBER 24 TODAY. ON BEHALF OF ALTAMED HEALTH SERVICES, I WANT

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1 TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ESPECIALLY SUPERVISORS
2 SOLIS AND KUEHL, ON BRINGING THIS FORWARD, AND FOR THEIR
3 PARTNERSHIP AND SUPPORT TO FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS,
4 AS WE CONTINUE TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES FROM THE IMPACT OF
5 C.O.V.I.D.-19. ALTAMED SUPPORTS THE MOTION REQUESTING C.M.A.'S
6 REIMBURSEMENT FOR FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS
7 C.O.V.I.D.-19 VACCINATION ADMINISTRATION. F.Q.H.C.'S HAVE
8 PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY, AND HAVE
9 HOSTED A WIDE RANGE OF VACCINATION CLINICS FOR OUR HARDEST-TO-
10 REACH RESIDENTS AND OUR HARDEST-HIT COMMUNITIES. I'LL ALSO
11 MENTION WE HAVE PROVIDED OVER 250,000 SHOTS IN OUR CLINICS, IN
12 OUR [INAUDIBLE], AND OUR COMMUNITIES, TO KEEP OUR PATIENTS
13 SAFE. WE THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR SUPPORT TO
14 AN EXPEDIENT RELEASE OF A BUILDING GUIDANCE, SO CRITICAL
15 FUNDING AND RESOURCES CAN BEGIN FLOWING TO OUR SAFETY-NET
16 PROVIDERS. THANK YOU.

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

19
20 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF JOY ORRY. PLEASE
21 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND
22 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
23 BEGIN.

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1 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I AM JOY ORRY, AND WILL ADDRESS ITEMS
2 10, 56-A, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I SUPPORT YOUTH JUSTICE
3 REIMAGINED AND IMPLEMENTING THE L.A. MODEL IN A PRACTICAL
4 MANNER. I ECHO THE TESTIMONY OF LAURENE WESTE AND MARSHA
5 MCLEAN, ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA.
6 OPPOSITION TO NIDORF IS WELL ORGANIZED, BUT IS FOCUSED ON PAST
7 PRACTICES AND EXPERIENCES. THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSAL
8 BRINGS CHANGE FOR THE BETTER TO BARRY J., AS THE MOST SUITABLE
9 PERMANENT S.Y.T.F. BARRY J. CAN BE REIMAGINED INTO A HIGH-
10 QUALITY FACILITY. THERE'S PLENTY OF SPACE FOR CAPACITY NEEDS
11 WITHOUT IMPACTING CURRENT SERVICES. IT IS CENTRALLY LOCATED,
12 WHICH IS CRITICAL FOR D.J.J. FAMILIES AND SERVICE PROVIDERS.
13 PROCEEDING WITH BARRY J. IS THE MOST FISCALLY PRUDENT
14 SOLUTION. CONSIDERING CAMP SCOTT DOES NOT MAKE SENSE. THE
15 LOCATION JUST IS NOT SUITABLE. REIMAGINED, SCOTT CAN PROVIDE A
16 CAPACITY OF ONLY 40. THAT'S JUST 27 PERCENT OF WHAT IS NEEDED.
17 WHY SPEND MORE TAXPAYER DOLLARS ON FACILITIES THAT DON'T MEET
18 CAPACITY REQUIREMENTS? THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND THEIR
19 SERVICE PROVIDERS ARE THE EXPERTS IN THE FIELD OF CARE. LISTEN
20 TO THEM. SUPPORT THEIR PROPOSAL. HOW CAN THE COUNTY PASS UP
21 THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT FOR BOTH THE INCARCERATED
22 POPULATION'S REHABILITATION AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE? IT IS
23 TIME TO EMBRACE THE POTENTIAL OF CHANGE, AND MOVE FORWARD IN A
24 RESPONSIBLE MANNER. I PREVAIL UPON EACH OF YOU TO VOTE NO ON
25 ITEM 10, AS THE COUNTY WOULD BE IGNORING ITS OWN SITE-

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1 SELECTION PROCESS AND ITS OWN PROBATION EXPERTS. VOTE YES ON
2 ITEM 56. THE FOCUS IS NOT ABOUT WHAT BARRY J. HAS BEEN. THE
3 FOCUS IS ABOUT WHAT BARRY J. CAN BECOME, TO SERVE THE FULL
4 COMPLEMENT OF THE D.J.J. POPULATION. MAKE IT HAPPEN. THERE IS
5 NO ACCEPTABLE EXCUSE OR RATIONALIZATION NOT TO. THANK YOU FOR
6 YOUR TIME TODAY.

7

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

9

10 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE'LL GO TO THE LINE OF CRYSTAL JONES. PLEASE
11 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND
12 WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
13 BEGIN.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** GREETINGS, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU. I WILL BE
16 ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 13, PROCLAIMING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
17 FOR YEAR 2022. I, CRYSTAL JONES, A WOMAN-OWNED BLACK PARENT
18 CONSUMER, ENTREPRENEUR, E.T. EDUCATOR, AND NEW ADVOCATE,
19 STANDING IN AGREEMENT THE NEED TO UPLIFT THE VALUE AND HONOR
20 OF THE RECOMMENDATION FOR UPLIFTING AND HIGHLIGHTING THE
21 URGENCY AND THE NEEDED EQUITY FOR WOMEN-OWNED BLACK
22 BUSINESSES, MINORITY BUSINESSES, AND TO BE GUIDED, INVESTED
23 IN, SUPPORTED, AND HEARD; PROCLAIMING AND UPLIFTING OUR DESIRE
24 AND NEED TO NOT ONLY SURVIVE, BUT TO BE REVIVED; TO THRIVE
25 WITH STRONG PARTNERSHIPS, SHARING AVAILABLE RESOURCES AND

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1 ENHANCING EQUITY INVESTMENTS. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR HELPING
2 US TO ADVOCATE TOGETHER AND THRIVE FORWARD. I SUPPORT THIS
3 PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF ALL WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES WANTING TO
4 THRIVE AND NOT ONLY BARELY SURVIVE, FIGHTING ALL BARRIERS.
5 THANK YOU.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER,
8 PLEASE.

9

10 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE'LL GO TO THE LINE OF DAN KEGEL. PLEASE
11 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND
12 WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
13 BEGIN.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. I AM IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM 14, AND ALSO, I
16 HAVE A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM A RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF
17 L.A., AND I SUPPORT SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S MOTION FOR EQUITABLE
18 DECARBONIZATION OF BUILDINGS. EVERY NEW BUILDING WITH A
19 NATURAL GAS LINE MAKES CLIMATE CHANGE WORSE. HAPPILY, THE
20 STATE'S ANALYSIS, AT LOCALENERGYCODES.COM, WHICH I HIGHLY
21 RECOMMEND, SHOWS THAT ALL ELECTRIC MULTIFAMILY BUILDINGS ARE
22 CHEAPER TO BUILD, AND HAVE LOWER UTILITY BILLS. THIS IS A CASE
23 WHERE WE CAN HAVE OUR CAKE AND EAT IT, TOO. NEW, ALL-ELECTRIC
24 HOMES ARE CLEANER, SAFER, AND CHEAPER. WHEN THE COUNTY UPDATES
25 ITS BUILDING CODES ON JANUARY 1ST, AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW,

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1 IT SHOULD INCLUDE A REACH CODE THAT REQUIRES OR STRONGLY
2 ENCOURAGES ALL-ELECTRIC CONSTRUCTION. NOW TO GENERAL COMMENT.
3 AS THE NEW CORONAVIRUS WAVE IS HITTING EUROPE AND SEVERAL U.S.
4 CITIES, IT IS VITAL THAT THE COUNTY MAINTAIN ITS VACCINATION
5 REQUIREMENT FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES, AND BEGIN REQUIRING
6 BOOSTERS. THE VACCINE IS SAFE AND EFFECTIVE, AND REDUCES RISK
7 OF INFECTION, HOSPITALIZATION, AND DEATH SIGNIFICANTLY, EVEN
8 FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE ALREADY RECOVERED FROM CORONAVIRUS.
9 DROPPING THE VACCINATION REQUIREMENT WOULD PUT THE COUNTY'S
10 WORKFORCE AT RISK DURING A LIKELY FUTURE WAVE OF CORONAVIRUS
11 HERE IN LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU.

12

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

14

15 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF CHRIS WILSON.
16 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY,
17 AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU
18 MAY BEGIN.

19

20 **CHRIS WILSON:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS CHRIS
21 WILSON, REPRESENTING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF-- I'M
22 SORRY, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUSINESS FEDERATION. I WILL BE
23 SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 19. I FIRST WANT TO THANK
24 SUPERVISORS BARGER AND HAHN FOR BRINGING THIS IMPORTANT ITEM
25 FORWARD. AS YOU KNOW, DURING THESE UNCHARTED TIMES, IT IS

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1 IMPORTANT, MORE THAN EVER, TO HELP AND PROVIDE RELIEF TO SMALL
2 BUSINESSES AND PROPERTY OWNERS WHO HAVE BEEN NEGATIVELY
3 IMPACTED BY THE PANDEMIC-RELATED EMERGENCY ORDERS. BIZFED
4 BELIEVES THAT THE SEVERITY OF THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 PANDEMIC
5 REQUIRES EQUITABLE TREATMENT OF RESPONSIBLE PROPERTY OWNERS,
6 TO SUSTAIN INVESTMENT IN MAINTAINING AND EXPANDING AFFORDABLE
7 HOUSING STOCK. ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR
8 BRINGING THIS IMPORTANT MOTION FORWARD, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO
9 WORKING WITH YOU ON SIMILAR ITEMS. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

10

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF MICHAEL ZELMAN.
14 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO ADDRESS
15 TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'RE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
16 YOU MAY BEGIN.

17

18 **DR. MICHAEL ZELMAN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DR. MICHAEL
19 ZELMAN. I AM A LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST AND VICE PRESIDENT OF
20 ENKI HEALTH SERVICES, A NONPROFIT D.M.H. MENTAL HEALTH
21 PROVIDER. I AM CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 20, AND TO PROVIDE
22 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU TO THE ENTIRE BOARD OF
23 SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY MENTAL
24 HEALTH SYSTEM, AND YOUR ATTENTION TO THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND
25 ACCESS-TO-CARE CHALLENGES FACED BY THE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH

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1 SYSTEM. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER AND SUPERVISOR JANICE
2 HAHN, FOR AUTHORIZING THE MOTION. TWO YEARS AFTER THE PANDEMIC
3 STARTED, HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS ARE STILL GRAPPLING WITH
4 STAFFING SHORTAGES THAT HAVE ONLY GOTTEN WORSE WITH NEW
5 VARIANTS. ACROSS THE COUNTY AND COUNTRY, HEALTHCARE WORKERS,
6 SUFFERING FROM STRESS AND BURNOUT, ARE LEAVING THEIR ROLES,
7 WHILE SOME QUIT TO TAKE HIGHER-PAYING POSITIONS IN OTHER
8 INDUSTRIES. SINCE LAST SUMMER, WE HAVE LOST OVER 25% OF OUR
9 WORKFORCE, AND ARE PROJECTED TO SERVE A THOUSAND FEWER CLIENTS
10 THAN IN THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR. COUNTYWIDE, BEHAVIORAL
11 HEALTH STAFFING IS DOWN 20% TO 30%. POSITIONS THAT WE COULD
12 FILL IN A FEW WEEKS BEFORE THE PANDEMIC AREN'T FILLED FOR
13 EIGHT MONTHS OR MORE. WITH THE INCREASED COST OF GAS AND
14 HOUSING, MANY PEOPLE STRUGGLE TO BE ABLE TO AFFORD TO LIVE ON
15 A COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH PAYCHECK. OUR SYSTEM IS NO LONGER
16 COMPETITIVE IN THE LABOR MARKET, BECAUSE OUR HANDS ARE TIED BY
17 THE MANY YEARS WHERE THERE WERE NO INCREASES TO THE C.M.A. THE
18 C.M.A. HAS NOT KEPT PLACE WITH INFLATION AND THE COST OF
19 RUNNING A BUSINESS IN CALIFORNIA. 75% OF AGENCY BUDGETS GO TO
20 STAFFING. IF WE WANT TO RETAIN AND RECRUIT A DEDICATED AND
21 CARING WORKFORCE TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITIES, WE NEED AN
22 INCREASED RATE TO PAY COMPETITIVE WAGES. 65% OF THE AGENCIES
23 SERVING D.M.H. ARE OPERATING OFF OF CREDIT LINES. MY AGENCY IS
24 LEAN, WITH HISTORIC RATES WELL BELOW THE C.M.A. WITH INCREASED
25 COSTS RELATED TO THE PANDEMIC AND INFLATION, INCLUDING

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1 TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENTS FOR TELEHEALTH TO EXPAND ACCESS TO
2 CARE, AND THE CONCURRENT WORKFORCE LOSS, AS I MENTIONED, WE'RE
3 OPERATING WELL OVER THE CURRENT C.M.A., USING CREDIT LINE'S
4 TOP RATE. AT A 10.4% INCREASE THIS FISCAL YEAR, THAT MEANS
5 KEEPING CLINICS OPEN, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF EMPLOYED,
6 COMMUNITIES SERVED. TO REMAIN FINANCIALLY VIABLE, LET ALONE
7 COMPETITIVE, WE NEED ANNUAL INCREASES TO THE C.M.A. TO ACCOUNT
8 FOR THE CONTINUOUS INCREASED COST OF OPERATING. IF WE WANT TO
9 HELP THE COMMUNITIES, WE NEED A FISCALLY HEALTHY SYSTEM OF
10 CARE, AND A STABLE, DEDICATED WORKFORCE. THIS INCREASE IS A
11 POSITIVE STEP TO REBUILD THE COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM.
12 I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR ONGOING PARTNERSHIP WITH D.M.H., TO MEET
13 THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES ACROSS LOS
14 ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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

17
18 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE GO TO THE LINE OF TAMI MITSUMORI-MILLER.
19 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO ADDRESS
20 TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
21 YOU MAY BEGIN.

22
23 **TAMI MITSUMORI-MILLER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS TAMI
24 MITSUMORI-MILLER, AND I AM THE CHIEF CLINICAL OFFICER AT
25 FOOTHILL FAMILY SERVICE, A MENTAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICE

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1 AGENCY SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF SERVICE AREA 3. I AM
2 PROVIDING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM 20, A MOTION TO
3 INCREASE THE COUNTYWIDE MAXIMUM ALLOWANCE RATES. I WOULD LIKE
4 TO START BY FIRST EXPRESSING MY APPRECIATION TO SUPERVISOR
5 BARGER AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR AUTHORIZING THIS MOTION, AND MY
6 GRATITUDE TO THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR ONGOING
7 SUPPORT AND RESPONSE TO THE MANY CHALLENGES WE FACE WITHIN THE
8 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM AT THIS TIME. THIS
9 FISCAL YEAR HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY CHALLENGING, WITH THE
10 PANDEMIC CONTINUING TO WREAK HAVOC ACROSS OUR COMMUNITIES.
11 FOOTHILL, LIKE OTHER AGENCIES, HAS FACED CRITICAL WORKFORCE
12 SHORTAGES AND RISING COSTS OF DOING BUSINESS, THAT HAVE
13 STRAINED OUR AGENCY'S INFRASTRUCTURE AND ABILITY TO SERVE
14 CLIENTS AT A TIME WHEN THE NEED FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IS
15 GROWING EXPONENTIALLY. OUR STAFF ARE STRETCHED THIN, AND
16 FEELING THE OVERWHELMING BURDEN OF TRYING TO SERVE THE MANY
17 CLIENTS WHO COME TO US DAILY, SEEKING SERVICES, EVEN WHILE WE
18 REMAIN SHORT-STAFFED. THE 10.4% C.M.A. INCREASE WILL PROVIDE
19 FOOTHILL WITH THE ABILITY TO RECRUIT QUALIFIED STAFF AT
20 COMPETITIVE SALARIES, TO RETAIN OUR EXISTING HIGHLY TRAINED
21 CLINICIANS, AND ENSURE WE ARE READILY AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO
22 NEED OUR HELP. AS STATED IN THE MOTION, WITH THE COST OF
23 DELIVERING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TO
24 CLIMB, HAVING A PROCESS TO ADJUST THE C.M.A. RATES UP ANNUALLY
25 WILL BE KEY TO ENSURING OUR SYSTEM OF CARE REMAINS STRONG AND

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1 INTACT, TO MEET THE ONGOING MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF OUR
2 COMMUNITIES. WE LOOK FORWARD TO PARTNERING WITH D.M.H. TO
3 MAINTAIN A CARE SYSTEM THAT PROVIDES TIMELY, ACCESSIBLE,
4 QUALITY CARE TO OUR MANY RESIDENTS--

5

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

8

9 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF BLYTHE MALING.
10 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING
11 TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
12 YOU MAY BEGIN.

13

14 **BLYTHE COTTON MALING:** HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS BLYTHE
15 COTTON MALING, AND I AM THE CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER FOR
16 WAYFINDER FAMILY SERVICES. I AM CALLING IN TO PROVIDE PUBLIC
17 COMMENT ON ITEM NUMBER 20, A MOTION TO INCREASE THE COUNTYWIDE
18 MAXIMUM ALLOWANCE RATES. WE ARE A HUMAN SERVICE ORGANIZATION
19 THAT PROVIDES SERVICES TO FOSTER YOUTH, AND CHILDREN AND YOUTH
20 WITH DISABILITIES. OUR LIFE-CHANGING SERVICES INCLUDE
21 CRITICALLY NEEDED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. I'D LIKE TO THANK
22 THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR ATTENTION AND
23 RESPONSE TO THE WORKFORCE AND ACCESS-TO-CARE CHALLENGES
24 CURRENTLY FACED BY THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM OF CARE. I WOULD
25 LIKE TO COMMEND SUPERVISOR BARGER AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR

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1 AUTHORIZING THIS MOTION. THE STRESSES OF THE PANDEMIC HAVE
2 CAUSED MORE ACUTE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS IN CHILDREN AND PARENTS
3 IN OUR PROGRAMS. AS YOU ALL KNOW, THE PANDEMIC HAS CAUSED A
4 NATIONWIDE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH, AND
5 THE IMPACTS ARE ESPECIALLY BAD FOR LOW-INCOME BLACK AND LATINO
6 CHILDREN, WHO MAKE UP MOST OF WAYFINDER'S CLIENTS. OUR
7 FAMILIES HAVE EXPERIENCED LOSSES OF JOBS AND INCOME, RISE IN
8 FOOD AND HOUSING INSECURITY, AND SUSTAINED CHRONIC STRESS,
9 WHICH SEVERELY IMPACTS CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH. AT THE SAME
10 TIME, WE, LIKE MOST OTHER PROVIDERS, ARE EXPERIENCING
11 WORKFORCE CHALLENGES AND RISING COSTS OF DOING BUSINESS. THE
12 IMPACT OF THE 10.4% C.M.A. RATE INCREASE WILL HELP WAYFINDER.
13 IT WILL HELP RESTORE OUR ABILITY TO MEET COMMUNITY NEEDS,
14 REBUILD THE MENTAL HEALTH WORKFORCE AND SYSTEM OF CARE, AND
15 COMPENSATE US FOR THE CURRENT COST OF PROVIDING CARE.

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

19
20 **BLYTHE COTTON MALING:** THANK YOU.

21
22 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF DAVINA
23 COHANGHADOSH. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
24 ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
25 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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2 **DAVINA COHANGHADOSH:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DAVINA
3 COHANGHADOSH. I WORK FOR JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE L.A., THE
4 OLDEST AND ONE OF THE LARGEST SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS IN
5 L.A. I AM CALLING TODAY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM
6 NUMBER 20, A MOTION TO INCREASE THE COUNTYWIDE MAXIMUM
7 ALLOWANCE RATES. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE ENTIRE BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR ATTENTION AND RESPONSE TO THE WORKFORCE
9 AND ACCESS-TO-CARE CHALLENGES CURRENTLY FACED BY THE MENTAL
10 HEALTH SYSTEM OF CARE. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR
11 BARGER AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR AUTHORIZING THIS MOTION.
12 J.F.S.L.A.'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDES COMPREHENSIVE
13 OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTHCARE TO LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS. IN
14 2021, OUR MENTAL HEALTH STAFF HAS SERVED OVER 400 INDIVIDUALS
15 EACH MONTH. SERVICES ARE PROVIDED IN PERSON, IN OUR OFFICES,
16 IN CLIENTS' HOMES, AND VIA TELEHEALTH. OUR MULTILINGUAL
17 CLINICAL TEAM OF SOCIAL WORKERS, M.F.T.S, AND PSYCHIATRISTS
18 SPEAK RUSSIAN, FARSI, AND SPANISH. IN THIS LAST FISCAL YEAR,
19 WE HAVE SEEN CHALLENGES IN ACCESS-TO-CARE AND WORKFORCE.
20 INCREASING THE COUNTYWIDE MAXIMUM ALLOWANCE RATES WILL SUPPORT
21 OUR AGENCY'S ABILITY TO MEET OUR COMMUNITY'S NEEDS. IT WILL
22 HELP REBUILD THE MENTAL HEALTH WORKFORCE AND SYSTEM OF CARE,
23 AND COMPENSATE THE AGENCY FOR THE CURRENT COST OF PROVIDING
24 CARE.

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

3

4 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE WILL GO TO THE LINE OF ALFRED RIAZA.
5 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY,
6 AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU
7 MAY BEGIN.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THIS IS ALFRED RIAZA,
10 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I AM ADDRESSING MY
11 DISFAVOR OF AGENDA ITEMS NUMBER 59 AND 61, WITH GENERAL
12 COMMENT. ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 61 FIRST, CORRECT ME IF
13 I'M WRONG, BUT THIS ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY
14 CODE, TITLE 5, EXPRESSLY DELEGATING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
15 AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL, WHO SITS OVER 110,000
16 COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND HER SUBORDINATES, TO DELEGATE THIS
17 AUTHORITY TO DISCIPLINE COUNTY EMPLOYEES OVER NONCOMPLIANCE OF
18 THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 VACCINATION POLICY IS A LITTLE LATE. THIS
19 AGENDA ITEM 59, THESE AGENDA ITEMS 59 AND 61, ARE EQUIVALENT
20 TO AN ADMISSION FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT THE BOARD
21 NEVER EXPRESSLY DELEGATED THEIR AUTHORITY UNDER THE
22 C.O.V.I.D.-19 MANDATE, AS REQUIRED BY LAW. AND THEREFORE, THE
23 HUNDREDS-- OR PERHAPS THOUSANDS-- OF COUNTY EMPLOYEE
24 DISCIPLINES, TO DATE, HAVE BEEN UNLAWFUL. THIS HAS OPENED UP
25 THE COUNTY TO SIGNIFICANT LIABILITY, POSSIBLY IN THE HUNDREDS

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1 OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, OVER VIOLATIONS OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS
2 UNDER THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION EXPLICIT RIGHT TO PRIVACY,
3 AND CALIFORNIA LABOR LAWS. THIS IS NOT FIXABLE BY AGENDA ITEMS
4 59 OR 61. OF COURSE, THE SAME LOGIC APPLIES TO AGENDA ITEM 59,
5 FOR THOSE WHO ARE APPOINTED TO THE POSITIONS IN THE
6 UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TO THIS
7 PRESENT DAY, CONTINUE TO NOT HAVE PROPERLY DELEGATED THEIR
8 AUTHORITY. LET ME REPEAT: THEY HAVE NOT PROPERLY DELEGATED
9 THEIR AUTHORITY TO ANYONE AT THE COUNTY UNDER THIS POLICY.
10 THEREFORE, THESE COUNTY EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE ACTIONS, UNDER
11 C.O.V.I.D.-19 VACCINATION POLICY, ARE UNLAWFUL, AND REMAIN
12 UNLAWFUL TO DATE. I URGE YOU TO RECONSIDER YOUR POSITION ON
13 THIS MATTER AND REVERSION ALL PREVIOUS DISCIPLINES, AND PUT A
14 HALT TO FUTURE COUNTY EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINES UNDER THE
15 C.O.V.I.D.-19 VACCINATION POLICY, WHICH STANDS TO AFFECT OVER
16 18,000 COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE DECLINED COMPLIANCE FOR THIS
17 DANGEROUS POLICY, AND CONTINUE TO EXPOSE THE COUNTY TO
18 SIGNIFICANT LEGAL AND FINANCIAL LIABILITY. I URGE YOU TO VOTE
19 DOWN AGENDA ITEMS NUMBER 59 AND 61. THANK YOU.

20
21 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

22
23 **MODERATOR:** NEXT, WE'LL GO TO THE LINE OF NICOLE BROWN. PLEASE
24 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO ADDRESS TODAY, AND

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1 WHETHER YOU'RE ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
2 BEGIN.

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4 **NICOLE BROWN:** HI, GOOD MORNING. I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM 10,
5 56-A, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF
6 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS NICOLE BROWN. I'M THE POLICY MANAGER
7 AT THE URBAN PEACE INSTITUTE, AND PART OF THE LOS ANGELES
8 YOUTH UPRISING COALITION. I WANT TO START BY EXPRESSING MY
9 SUPPORT FOR AGENDA ITEM 10, AND THANK SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND
10 KUEHL FOR YOUR CONTINUED LEADERSHIP AND YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT
11 OF THE VISION OF YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. THIS ISSUE WE HAVE
12 BEEN DEALING WITH AROUND THE CLOSER OF D.J.J., REALLY, FOR THE
13 BETTER PART OF A YEAR, AND LAST JULY, SUPERVISORS BARGER,
14 HAHN, AND SOLIS VOTED TO CONTINUE TO EXTEND THE PROCESS. THEY
15 ASKED FOR MORE TIME. AND WHILE YOU GOT THAT MORE TIME, THE
16 J.J.R.B.G. DID ALL THE WORK YOU ASKED FOR AGAIN. THE
17 CONSULTANTS DID THE WORK, AND BARRY J. NIDORF WAS RULED
18 UNFEASIBLE FOR A PERMANENT S.Y.T.F. WHAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE
19 TWO MONTHS HAS NOW BEEN 8 MONTHS, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THAT
20 DAY, KILPATRICK WAS DESIGNATED THE TEMPORARY S.Y.T.F., AND
21 YOUTH CONTINUE TO LANGUISH IN THE COMPOUND, WHICH IS VERY
22 HARMFUL FOR THEM. WE NEED TO MAKE A DECISION, THE DECISION
23 CANNOT BE BARRY J, AND WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH OUR
24 EFFORTS AND OUR ATTENTION TO QUALITY PROGRAMMING FOR THESE
25 YOUNG PEOPLE. THIS INCLUDES CREDIBLE MESSENGERS IN THE CAMPS

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1 AND HALLS, TO MAKE MORE SAFE AND POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTS. AND ON
2 ITEM 56-A, I'M HERE TO EXPRESS MY ADAMANT DISAPPROVAL OF THIS
3 ITEM, AND SAY FOREVER NO TO BARRY J. FOR THE COURSE OF THIS
4 YEAR, WE HAVE HAD TO SAY THIS OVER AND OVER AGAIN. AND BECAUSE
5 OF THE ABSOLUTE OBSTRUCTIONISM OF THE PROBATION UNION AND
6 N.I.M.B.Y.S FROM PLACES LIKE SANTA CLARITA, WHO ARE FULL OF
7 MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT THESE YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES, WE
8 ARE HERE TO SAY THIS AGAIN: FOREVER NO TO BARRY J. SO MANY
9 OTHER BODIES AND EXPERTS HAVE SAID THIS. THE CONSULTANTS YOU
10 HIRED, D.L.R., RULED IT UNFEASIBLE. THE J.J.R.B.G. RULED IT
11 UNFEASIBLE AS A PERMANENT S.Y.T.F. THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
12 AND THE B.S.C.C. HAVE RULED IT UNFIT FOR THE CONFINEMENT OF
13 YOUNG PEOPLE, AND THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION HEARD
14 HORRIBLE REPORTS AND ENDORSED ITEM 10 BECAUSE WE HEARD ABOUT
15 LOCKDOWNS FOR 23 HOURS A DAY. WE HEARD OF YOUNG WOMEN BEING
16 DENIED BASIC ACCESS TO HYGIENE WHEN THEY'RE ON THEIR
17 MENSTRUATION CYCLE. WE HEARD MAGGOTS IN THE FOOD. THIS IS
18 AGAINST EVERYTHING THAT YOU ALL SAY THAT YOU STAND FOR, AND
19 THE IDEA OF BEING ABLE TO REIMAGINE BARRY J. IS REALLY JUST
20 NONSENSICAL. HONESTLY, IT'S A CO-OPTING OF LANGUAGE, AND I
21 FIND IT INSULTING TO, ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN FIGHTING
22 FOR DECADES, TO CHANGE AND FIX THE HARMS OF OUR CRIMINAL
23 JUSTICE SYSTEM AND MASS INCARCERATION. FURTHERMORE, I BELIEVE
24 THAT-- AND I HAVE LOOKED EXTENSIVELY AT PROBATION'S BUDGET AND

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1 THE COUNTY BUDGETING CYCLE. I BELIEVE THAT IT WILL COST EVEN
2 MORE TO TRY TO, QUOTE, "REIMAGINE" BARRY J.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** COLLEAGUES, WE'VE EXCEEDED 90 MINUTES,
7 AND SO OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS HAS ENDED. WE WANT TO
8 THANK EVERYONE WHO CALLED IN TO SPEAK. IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO
9 PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS, YOU MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS, AS
10 INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL
11 WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL
12 BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. AND TO THE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO
13 CALLED IN, ACKNOWLEDGING THIS WAS YOUR SECOND CALL WITH REGARD
14 TO THE PORTAL, I KNOW THAT STAFF IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE SPOKE
15 TO YOU LAST TIME, TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU WERE FOLLOWING THE
16 APPROPRIATE PROCESS, IN TERMS OF GETTING YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT
17 SUBMITTED. WE ARE CONTINUING TO WORK ON THAT. AGAIN, IT
18 DOESN'T UPLOAD INSTANTANEOUSLY. IT TAKES AWHILE, ONCE YOU
19 SUBMIT IT, FOR STAFF TO BE ABLE TO NAVIGATE THROUGH ALL OF THE
20 E-MAILS AND GET THEM UPLOADED INTO OUR PUBLIC PORTAL. SO IT'S
21 NOT INSTANT, BUT WE ARE AWARE. WE HOPE THAT STAFF COMMUNICATED
22 WITH YOU, IN TERMS OF THE APPROPRIATE WAY TO GET YOUR
23 DOCUMENTS UPLOADED, BUT WE'VE BEEN IN COMMUNICATION, AND THANK
24 YOU FOR YOUR COMMENT. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE THE
25 AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING.

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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THE FOLLOWING
3 ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU: 7 AND 8, 11 AND 12, 15 AND 16, 19, 20 AS
4 REVISED, 21 THROUGH 25, 27 THROUGH 29, 31 THROUGH 38, 41
5 THROUGH 43, 45, WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER VOTING NO, 46 THROUGH
6 55, 56-C, 56-D, WITH SUPERVISOR MITCHELL ABSTAINING FROM THE
7 VOTE, 56-E, AND 56-F, 59, WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER VOTING NO,
8 60, 61, WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER VOTING NO, 62, SD-1, 1-D AND 2-
9 D, 1-P AND 1-R.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY
12 SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
13 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

20

21 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

22

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

24

25 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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4 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

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11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES,
12 5-0.

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BEFORE WE TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT
15 ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER WILL READ
16 THE SHORT TITLE OF EACH PUBLIC HEARING ITEM. EXECUTIVE
17 OFFICER, PLEASE SWEAR IN THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE
18 BOARD ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS.

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** FOR THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE
21 BOARD ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, PLEASE BE PREPARED TO BE
22 SWORN IN. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO
23 YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND
24 NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD? ITEM 2 IS A HEARING ON
25 THE ANNEXATION OF TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION TERRITORY LOCATED IN

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1 THE CITY OF LA MIRADA TO COUNTING LIGHTING MAINTENANCE
2 DISTRICT 10045A AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LANDSCAPING AND
3 LIGHTING ACT-1, AND SINGLE-LOT TERRITORIES LOCATED IN THE
4 UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF SOUTH WHITTIER AND LA CRESCENTA, TO
5 THE COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687. A WRITTEN
6 DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS
7 RECEIVED. ITEM 3 IS A HEARING ON THE WEED ABATEMENT AND THE
8 BRUSH CLEARANCE REFEREES' REPORT TO ABATE HAZARDOUS BRUSH, DRY
9 GRASS, WEEDS, RUBBISH, ILLEGAL DUMPING, AND COMBUSTIBLE GROWTH
10 OR FLAMMABLE VEGETATION ON DESIGNATED IMPROVED AND UNIMPROVED
11 PROPERTIES IN THE COUNTY. NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS
12 PROVIDED, AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. HEARING ITEM
13 NUMBER 4 IS A HEARING ON PROJECT NUMBER 2020-003127-(2), TO
14 AUTHORIZE THE PROPOSED FLORENCE-FIRESTONE TRANSIT ORIENTED
15 DISTRICT SPECIFIC PLAN, LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED
16 COMMUNITY OF FLORENCE-FIRESTONE, WHICH INCORPORATES CHANGES TO
17 THE LAND USE, ZONING, AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS CENTERED
18 AROUND THE SLAUSON, FLORENCE, AND FIRESTONE RAIL STATIONS. A
19 WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND
20 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM 5 IS A HEARING ON APPEAL OF
21 PROJECT NUMBER 87058-(3), TO RELOCATE 4 OF THE 13 LOTS FROM
22 PHASE 5 TO PHASE 4 AND ASSOCIATED MODIFICATION OF THE BUILDING
23 PAD SIZES, LOCATION, GRADING, AND ADJUSTMENT OF LOT LINES
24 LOCATED AT 26885 MULHOLLAND HIGHWAY, IN THE UNINCORPORATED
25 COMMUNITY OF SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NORTH AREA, WITHIN THE

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1 MALIBU ZONED DISTRICT. A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS
2 PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THE APPELLANT, KIM LAMORIE, WILL BE
5 GIVEN 2 MINUTES. MS. LAMORIE, PLEASE BEGIN.

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:**

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9 **KIM LAMORIE:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, I'M KIM LAMORIE, PRESIDENT
10 OF THE LAS VIRGENES HOMEOWNERS FEDERATION OF THE SANTA MONICA
11 MOUNTAINS. WE APPEALED THIS PROJECT BECAUSE IT IS AN OLD
12 SUBDIVISION TRACT MAP APPROVED MORE THAN 34 YEARS AGO THAT, BY
13 TODAY'S PROTECTIVE STANDARDS AND THE SUBSEQUENT IMPLEMENTATION
14 OF OUR L.T.P. AND THE NORTH AREA PLAN, WOULD BE PROHIBITED IN
15 ITS ENTIRETY. [INAUDIBLE] DESTRUCTIVE MEGA-MANSIONS, ON A
16 SCENIC HIGHWAY WITH A LONG AND CONTROVERSIAL HISTORY, ARE NOW
17 LOCATED DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM AND SURROUNDED BY VISITORS
18 SERVING THE SPECTACULAR PUBLIC PARK LAND. DETERMINING WHAT IS
19 FACT VERSUS FICTION HAS BEEN A REAL HARDSHIP FOR THE PUBLIC,
20 FROM THE ONSET, AS EVIDENCED BY CHANGING RATIONALE AND LACK OF
21 INFORMATION. FOR EXAMPLE, IT WAS APPROVED ON THE BASIS OF
22 SAVING 78 TREES, WHICH HAS NOW SHIFTED TO SAVING JUST 14
23 TREES. HOW DOES THAT HAPPEN FROM ONE APPROVAL BODY TO ANOTHER?
24 WASN'T IT APPROVED UNDER A FALSE PRETENSE, THEN? NO
25 ORGANIZATION ANYWHERE HAS SPENT MORE TIME FIGHTING TO PROTECT

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1 TREES THAN THE FEDERATION, BELIEVE ME. BUT IN OUR 50-YEAR
2 EXPERIENCE, DEVELOPERS WITH APPROVED PROJECTS DON'T ASK FOR
3 CHANGES TO BENEFIT TREES, THE PUBLIC, OR THE [INAUDIBLE]. THEY
4 ASK FOR CHANGES PRIMARILY TO BENEFIT THEMSELVES. AND IT ONLY
5 BECAME EVIDENT YESTERDAY THAT THE APPLICANT IS ASKING TO
6 TRANSFER THESE 4 LOTS FROM HIGHLY REGULATED COASTAL
7 JURISDICTION TO THE NORTH AREA, BUT THE NORTH AREA PLAN WILL
8 NOT APPLY. INSTEAD, THE COUNTY'S OLD GENERAL PLAN WILL, THAT
9 WAS ENFORCED IN 19-8-8. TO RECAP, HE'S ASKING TO GO FROM A
10 CURRENT REQUIREMENT OF HAVING TO OBTAIN 4 COASTAL DEVELOPMENT
11 PERMITS, TO PERMITTING UNDER A 19-8-8 COUNTY GENERAL PLAN WITH
12 NO COMPARISON AND NO ANALYSIS. THE FEDERATION IS GRATEFUL TO
13 THE CONSERVANCY FOR GARNERING CONSERVATION EASEMENTS FOR THE
14 VACATED LOTS. IT IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. BUT TO
15 PREVENT THE PRECEDENT-SETTING SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS THIS
16 CREATES, WE RESPECTFULLY ASK THE BOARD TO SIMPLY ADD THE
17 FOLLOWING CONDITIONS: SYNC IT UP TO THE L.C.P., AND LIMIT
18 BUILDING SITE AREA TO 10,000 SQUARE FEET. MOVING DEVELOPMENT
19 RIGHTS FROM COASTAL INTO THE N.A.P. IS A REQUESTED CHANGE, AND
20 THEREFORE SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO N.A.P. REGULATION. IDENTIFY AND
21 TAG THE OAK TREES THAT ARE TO BE PROTECTED IN PERPETUITY, AS
22 PREVIOUSLY CONDITIONED.

23
24 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME, MS. LAMORIE, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK
25 YOU.

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2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MS. LAMORIE. WE'LL
3 NOW HEAR FROM THE APPLICANT, BETH PALMER. MS. PALMER, YOU'LL
4 BE GIVEN TWO MINUTES. PLEASE BEGIN.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** HI. I'M BETH. HELLO, I'M BETH. I JUST WANT TO MAKE A
7 FEW QUICK POINTS. PHASE 5 HAS SIDE LOTS, ALL OF WHICH ARE
8 BISECTED BY THE COASTAL ZONE. NONE ARE ENTIRELY IN COASTAL.
9 UNDER COUNTY CODE SECTION 2244810-G, IF A LOT STRADDLES A
10 COASTAL ZONE, AS THESE DO, A C.D.P. IS ONLY REQUIRED FOR THOSE
11 PORTIONS ACTUALLY WITHIN THE COASTAL ZONE. 3 OF THE 4 LOTS
12 MOVING INTO PHASE 4 ALREADY HAVE THEIR BUILDING PAD AREAS
13 OUTSIDE OF COASTAL, SO A C.D.P. IS NOT REQUIRED FOR THE HOUSES
14 ON THESE 3 LOTS, EVEN IN THEIR CURRENT CONFIGURATION. THE LOTS
15 ARE SIMPLY BEING MADE SMALLER. THE ONE LOT MOVING INTO PHASE 4
16 THAT HAS ITS BUILDING PAD IN COASTAL SITS ON THE KNOLL. THE
17 AMENDMENT MOVED THE HOUSE OFF THE KNOLL AND AWAY FROM OAKS. WE
18 AGREED TO THE CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROPOSED BY THE
19 CONSERVANCY TO PROTECT THE KNOLL AND OAKS IN PERPETUITY. ALSO,
20 BECAUSE THIS ONE BUILDING PAD WOULD HAVE BEEN IN COASTAL, WE
21 AGREE TO A HEIGHT LIMIT FOR THIS HOUSE OF 25 FEET, EVEN IN
22 PHASE 4. TO ADDRESS THE CONCERN THAT WE'RE INCREASING
23 DEVELOPMENT, FOR EACH OF THE 5 LOTS IN THE ORIGINAL PHASE 5,
24 WHETHER THEY STAY IN PHASE 5 OR MOVE TO PHASE 4, WE AGREE TO
25 LIMIT THE BUILDING SIZE, NOT INCLUDING EQUESTRIAN FACILITIES,

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1 TO LESS THAN 10,000 SQUARE FEET FOR EACH OF THOSE LOTS. WE
2 ALSO AGREE TO THE AGRICULTURAL EASEMENT PROPOSED BY THE
3 CONSERVANCY. THIS AMENDMENT REDUCES THE SIZE OF 6 LOTS: THE 4
4 ORIGINAL PHASE-5 LOTS MOVING TO PHASE 4, PLUS TWO LOTS IN
5 PHASE 4, WHICH BECOME SMALLER TO ACCOMMODATE THE PHASE-5 LOT
6 MOVING OFF THE KNOLL. THE ONE LOT THAT BECOMES LARGER WILL
7 HAVE BOTH CONSERVATION AND AGRICULTURAL EASEMENTS RECORDING ON
8 IT. THE AMENDMENT ALSO REDUCES GRADING, AND PROTECTS VIEWS.
9 THIS AMENDMENT HAS BEEN FULLY VETTED BY THE COUNTY. IN
10 ADDITION TO BEING APPROVED BY A HEARING OFFICER AND PLANNING
11 COMMISSION, IT WAS BEFORE THE SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE, MADE UP
12 OF PLANNING, PUBLIC WORKS, HEALTH, FIRE, AND PARKS AND REC.
13 EACH DEPARTMENT REVIEWED AND CLEARED THE AMENDMENT FOR
14 HEARING. ALL OF THE HOMEOWNERS IN THE PROJECT HAVE SENT IN
15 LETTERS OF SUPPORT IN EARLIER HEARINGS, AND ASKED THAT WE
16 AGAIN INDICATE THEIR REQUEST, AS WELL AS OUR OURS, THAT YOU
17 DENY THE APPEAL AND UPHOLD THE PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL,
18 WITH CONDITIONS AS DISCUSSED. THANK YOU.

19
20 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT
21 ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS THAT WE JUST HEARD EXECUTIVE
22 OFFICER READ IN: ITEMS 2 THROUGH 6, ONLY. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS
23 2 THROUGH 6 ONLY, AT THIS TIME. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ
24 THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA,

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

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. PLEASE NOTE THAT
5 THE TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FOR REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS HAS
6 ENDED. WE WILL ONLY HEAR PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY AT THIS
7 TIME. AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
8 WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 2
9 THROUGH 6 SHOULD CALL 877-692-8955, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE
10 NUMBER 443-3663. TO REPEAT: PLEASE CALL 877-692-8955, AND USE
11 PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 443-3663. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF
12 YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE
13 CALL 877-873-8017 AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF
14 THE PUBLIC CALLING IN FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 2 THROUGH
15 6, WHEN IT'S YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME. WE
16 WILL ALLOCATE A TOTAL OF 5 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC HEARING
17 TESTIMONY. EACH PERSON WILL HAVE 1 MINUTE FOR 1 PUBLIC HEARING
18 ITEM, OR TWO MINUTES FOR 2 OR MORE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. WE
19 WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN
20 DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. WHEN
21 SPEAKING ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 2 THROUGH 6, YOU MUST BE
22 ON TOPIC. OUR GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE
23 CAN. IF YOU'RE NOT SPEAKING ON A TOPIC, OR IF WE CANNOT TELL
24 IF YOU'RE SPEAKING ON A PUBLIC HEARING ITEM, YOU WILL GET ONE
25 WARNING FROM COUNTY COUNSEL OR THE CHAIR. IF YOU DO NOT

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1 IMMEDIATELY OR CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC, OR IF YOU STRAY OFF TOPIC
2 AGAIN, YOU WILL FORFEIT THE REST OF YOUR TIME, AND THE CHAIR
3 WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU'RE ALSO
4 LISTENING TO THE BOARD MEETING ON A COMPUTER OR SPEAKERPHONE,
5 YOU'LL NEED TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON THOSE DEVICES AS SOON
6 AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU. IF YOU DO NOT TURN DOWN THE
7 VOLUME, THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. AGAIN, PLEASE NOTE THAT THE
8 TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FOR REGULAR ITEMS HAS ENDED. WE WILL
9 HEAR PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 2 THROUGH 6 AT THIS TIME. MODERATOR,
10 MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE?

11

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

16

17 **SPEAKER:** WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH INTERPRETATION OF THE
18 REMINDER. [SPANISH INTERPRETATION].

19

20 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS MARY HUBBARD. PLEASE STATE
21 THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY
22 BEGIN.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** THIS IS ITEM 5. THE DEVELOPER'S REQUEST IS TO MOVE
25 LOTS FROM THE COASTAL ZONE TO AREAS GOVERNED BY THE NORTH AREA

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1 PLAN, BUT LATE YESTERDAY, WE FOUND OUT THAT THE COUNTY'S
2 INTERPRETATION SEEMS TO BE THAT THE LOTS THE DEVELOPER'S
3 MOVING OUT OF THE COASTAL ZONE WILL NOT BE SUBJECT TO THE
4 REQUIREMENTS OF THE NORTH AREA PLAN, BUT INSTEAD ARE SOMEHOW
5 UNDER THE 19-8-8 COUNTY CODE AND GENERAL PLAN? THAT'S A GAME
6 CHANGER. THIS IS AN AMENDMENT. IF THE TRACT MAP HAS CHANGED,
7 NOTHING IS GRANDFATHERED INTO A REQUESTED CHANGE. THE STAFF
8 REPORT FAILED TO MAKE CLEAR WHETHER THAT'S GOING TO BE THE
9 COUNTY'S INTERPRETATION, AND WHY THE COUNTY WOULD NOT TAKE
10 THIS OPPORTUNITY TO UPDATE THIS PORTION OF A 34-YEAR-OLD TRACT
11 TO N.A.P. COMPLIANCE. THERE'S NO COMPARISON IN THE 412-PAGE
12 STAFF REPORT OF COASTAL RESTRICTIONS VERSUS N.A.P. VERSUS 19-
13 8-8 GENERAL PLAN REQUIREMENTS. THERE'S OTHER MISINFORMATION.
14 THE INITIAL 19-8-8 TRACT APPROVAL WAS FOR 81 HOMES, 78 OAK
15 TREES, AND 443 ACRES, BUT THAT IS NO LONGER THE UNDERLYING
16 APPROVAL. YEARS AGO, 298 ACRES WERE MOVED INTO PERMANENT
17 CONSERVATION, WHICH ELIMINATED 53 HOMES AND MOST OF THE
18 IMPACTED OAK TREES. THAT CONSERVATION PROPERTY WAS
19 SUBSEQUENTLY SOLD, AND IS NO LONGER PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT
20 PROJECT.

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

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE PAUL EDELMAN. PLEASE
2 STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU
3 MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **PAUL EDELMAN:** ITEM NUMBER 5. PAUL EDELMAN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR,
6 THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY. IF THE CONDITIONS
7 MENTIONED BY THE APPLICANT ON ITEM 5, THE CONSERVATION
8 EASEMENT, AND THE AGRICULTURAL EASEMENT, AND THE 10,000-SQARE-
9 FOOT LIMITATION ON THE HOMES, ON THE NEW HOUSES, AND THE 25-
10 FOOT HEIGHT ON THE ONE LOT MENTIONED BY THE APPLICANT, THE
11 SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY'S CONCERNS ARE ADDRESSED.
12 THANK YOU.

13

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

15

16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE ERIC PREVEN. PLEASE
17 STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU
18 MAY BEGIN.

19

20 **ERIC PREVEN:** I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON SEVERAL OF THEM-- 3, 4, AND
21 5-- BUT I'LL START WITH 5, SINCE IT'S FRESH ON EVERYBODY'S
22 MIND. SO, WHO IS MALIBU VALLEY PARTNERS, L.L.C.? I LOOKED UP
23 BETH PALMER, WHO IS THE ATTORNEY WHO HAS BEEN CARRYING THIS
24 ONE AROUND FOR A LONG TIME. I'VE LISTENED TO THE COMMUNITY
25 MEMBERS, WHO MAKE A VERY COGENT CASE THAT A GREAT CHUNK OF THE

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1 ACREAGE WAS SOLD. THE EFFORT TO GO BACK TO 19-8-8 RULES MAKES
2 NO SENSE, ESPECIALLY SINCE THERE IS NOW A LOCAL COMMUNITY, OR
3 WHATEVER IT'S CALLED-- AN L.C.P. I MEAN, THIS REQUIRES SOME
4 CAREFUL THOUGHT, BUT IT'S TRUE. HOW DID IT GO FROM 71 OAKS, OR
5 78 TREES, DOWN TO 14? I MEAN, I DON'T KNOW. YOU KNOW, I KNOW
6 THAT THESE DEVELOPERS WANT TO HELP THE ENVIRONMENT. THAT'S
7 WHAT THEY'RE ABOUT. I KNOW IT SEEMS LIKE THEY'RE TRYING TO
8 LUCRATIVELY MONETIZE ALL THIS STUFF, BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT IS
9 GOING ON THERE, OKAY? LIKE WITH CARUSO OUT IN THOUSANDS OAKS,
10 SOMETIMES THINGS DON'T WORK OUT, AND EVERYTHING HAS TO GO TO
11 THE DEVELOPER FOR A SONG, AND THEN THEY'LL JUST HAVE TO MAKE
12 DUE, ONCE THEY CAN GET EVERYONE IN THERE. NOW, IT IS ONE OF
13 THE HIGHEST, HOTTEST MARKETS FOR RENTING OR BUYING. IT'S VERY
14 HARD. I SAW SOMEONE WHO IS ADVERTISING NEAR BARGER, IN
15 PASADENA, A \$2 MILLION CONDO. WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON? SO,
16 LET'S MOVE ON TO THE OTHER ITEMS, BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO SOUR
17 THE WATER ON THAT LITTLE PICNIC. THE FIRESTONE-- THIS IS IN
18 THE CHAIRWOMAN'S DISTRICT: FIRESTONE PROJECT. AND I WANT TO
19 JUST TOUCH BASE ON THESE METRO-- IT USED TO BE, IN THE OLD
20 DAYS, THAT TO BE NEAR A RAIL LINE OR TO BE NEAR PUBLIC TRANSIT
21 WAS A POSITIVE. IT WAS SOMETHING YOU'D PUT IN, LIKE, "HMM.
22 THAT'S A PLUS." BECAUSE WE BELIEVED AT THAT TIME THAT WE WOULD
23 BE ABLE TO BOARD THE TRAINS, BOARD THE BUSES, GET TO WORK,
24 COME BACK, GO FOR A RUN, MAYBE TAKE A SWIM. BUT,
25 UNFORTUNATELY, NOW WE ARE FACING, UNFORTUNATELY, BECAUSE OF

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1 THE TERRIBLE LEADERSHIP AND MISMANAGEMENT, BUT NOT JUST THAT,
2 THERE HAVE BEEN A COUPLE OF CURVEBALLS. WE HAD THE PANDEMIC,
3 TO BE FAIR, AND WE DID HAVE MAYOR GARCETTI GREEDILY STEALING
4 ALL THE MONEY TO MAKE A 2028 DREAM COME TRUE.

5

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

8

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

13

14 **SPEAKER:** WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH INTERPRETATION OF THE
15 REMINDER. [SPANISH INTERPRETATION].

16

17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL COME FROM THE LINE OF
18 DONALD HARLAN. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU'RE
19 ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** HI, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THIS IS DONALD HARLAN. I'M
22 CALLING ABOUT AGENDA ITEMS 2, 4, 5, AND 6. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
23 2: I LIKE STREET LIGHTING, THAT'S GREAT, BUT I DON'T WANT YOU
24 GUYS GIVING AWAY PROPERTY OR CLAIMING THE PROPERTY. THAT'S
25 BEEN A PRACTICE WITH STREET LIGHTING. THAT'S FINE, BUT THAT

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1 DOESN'T MEAN THAT SOMEBODY'S STREET LIGHTING OWNS THE
2 PROPERTY. THERE COULD BE PROBLEMS WITH THAT. SORRY. AGENDA
3 ITEM NUMBER 4: REZONING PROPERTY FOR RESIDENTIAL USES IN THE
4 AREA WHERE THEY'RE BUILDING THE NEW METROLINK. THAT'S FINE.
5 IT'S JUST THAT THEY NEED TO LOOK REAL GOOD AT THE COUNTY
6 ASSESSOR REPORTS. I WAS A VICTIM OF OAK TREE FINANCIAL
7 COMPANY. THEY DID A FINANCIAL CRISIS IN 1990 AND 1987. ALL
8 THOSE PROPERTIES I BOUGHT IN 1987, THEY ILLEGALLY MODIFIED THE
9 ASSESSOR REPORTS IN 1989. SO, THERE'S A LOT OF PROPERTIES LIKE
10 THAT ON TODAY'S CURRENT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' AGENDA. THERE'S
11 A COUPLE PROPERTIES LIKE THAT FROM THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS.
12 BUT THIS IS, OKAY, AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 5. YEAH, THOSE PEOPLE
13 OVER THERE BY THE OCEAN... YOU DON'T NEED TO BE REZONING THE
14 MOUNTAINS. YOU KNOW, THE MOUNTAINS BELONG TO SOMEBODY. IT SAYS
15 "NATIONAL FOREST," BUT YOU KNOW WHAT? SOMEBODY ALSO OWNS THAT.
16 YOU REALLY NEED TO ASK THOSE PEOPLE THAT OWN THOSE AREAS.
17 THERE'S NO VACANT OR OPEN LAND FOR YOU GUYS TO DO DEVELOPMENT
18 ON. THOSE AREAS ALONG THE FREEWAY, THOSE ARE MOSTLY MINE. I'M
19 REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT I SEE HERE AT L.A. COUNTY. THAT'S
20 THE BIG PROBLEM. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 6. YEAH, THERE'S A BIG
21 PROBLEM WITH, LIKE I SAID, OAK TREES. THEY HAD A SCANDAL IN
22 THE COUNTY. THEY MODIFIED THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF ASSESSOR
23 REPORTS, TENS OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS' WORTH, IN 1989.
24

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

3

4 **MODERATOR:** AND AS A REMINDER, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, TO ADDRESS
5 THE BOARD, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME. DO NOT PRESS 1
6 AND 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU'LL BE REMOVED FROM THE QUEUE.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

9

10 **MODERATOR:** AT THIS TIME, WE HAVE NO FURTHER COMMENTS IN QUEUE.

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THE MEMBERS OF
13 THE PUBLIC WHO CALLED IN. THE TIME FOR SPEAKERS HAS ENDED. IF
14 YOU WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS, YOU MAY SUBMIT
15 WRITTEN COMMENTS, AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, AND WE'LL
16 CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING
17 THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD.
18 TODAY, WE WILL BEGIN WITH THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS-- 2, 3, 4,
19 5-- FOLLOWED BY SET MATTER 1, THEN ITEMS 10, 13, 14, 17, 18,
20 26, 30, 39, 44, 56-A, AND FINISHING WITH ITEM 56-B, AS IN
21 "BOY." WE'LL NOW TAKE UP PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 2, HEARING ON THE
22 ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS FOR COUNTY LIGHTING
23 DISTRICTS IN THE CITY OF LA MIRADA AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF
24 SOUTH WHITTIER AND LA CRESCENTA. COLLEAGUES, OUR PUBLIC WORKS
25 DIRECTOR, MARK PESTRELLA, IS AVAILABLE IF ANYONE HAS

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1 QUESTIONS. ANYONE LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS OR HAVE QUESTIONS AT
2 THIS TIME? SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE
3 PUBLIC HEARING, DIRECT THE TABULATION OF THE BALLOTS, AND
4 TABLE THEM UNTIL LATER IN THE MEETING FOR TABULATION RESULTS
5 AND ACTION BY THE BOARD. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. WE WILL TAKE
6 UP PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 3, HEARING ON 2022 WEED ABATEMENT AND
7 BRUSH CLEARANCE REFEREES' REPORT. MR. FLOREN, OUR AGRICULTURAL
8 COMMISSIONER AND DIRECTOR OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, IS
9 AVAILABLE IF MEMBERS HAVE QUESTIONS. ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS
10 THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A REMARK? SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE
11 APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM.
12 ITEM 3 IS BEFORE US. I SO MOVE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL
13 TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLE.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

18

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

20

21 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

22

23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

24

25 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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1

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

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

5

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

8

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

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES,
12 5-0.

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WE'LL TAKE UP PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 4,
15 HEARING PROJECT NUMBER 2020-003127-(2), FOR THE FLORENCE-
16 FIRESTONE TRANSIT ORIENTED DISTRICT SPECIFIC PLAN. MS. BODEK,
17 DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING, IS AVAILABLE IF ANY MEMBERS
18 HAVE QUESTIONS. IS THERE ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A
19 COMMENT, OR HAVE A QUESTION OF MS. BODEK? SEEING NONE, IT
20 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON
21 THIS ITEM. ITEM 4 IS BEFORE US. I SO MOVE, SECONDED BY
22 SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
23 CALL THE ROLL.

24

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

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1

2 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

3

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

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

7

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

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

11

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

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

15

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

17 MITCHELL?

18

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

20

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

22 5-0.

23

24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW TAKE UP PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 5:

25 HEARING ON THE APPEAL OF PROJECT NUMBER 87058-(3), IN THE

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1 UNINCORPORATED SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NORTH AREA AND SANTA
2 MONICA LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM, WITHIN THE MALIBU ZONED
3 DISTRICT. AGAIN, MS. BODEK'S AVAILABLE IF ANYONE HAS
4 QUESTIONS. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I DO HAVE A
7 QUESTION OF DIRECTOR BODEK, IF SHE IS AVAILABLE. WE HEARD A
8 BIT OF TESTIMONY ABOUT THIS, AND OF COURSE HEARD FROM BOTH
9 SIDES EARLY ON. SO, THE QUESTION IS, I THINK THERE HAS BEEN
10 SOME QUESTION AS TO HOW DEVELOPMENT AT THE SITE WILL BE
11 PERMITTED. COULD YOU EXPLAIN WHAT THE APPROVAL PROCESSES WILL
12 BE FOR THE HOMES TO BE BUILT IN THE NORTH AREA, AND WHAT IT
13 WOULD BE FOR THE ONE LOT LEFT IN THE COASTAL ZONE? WHAT ARE
14 THE DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES THAT WILL BE APPLIED, JUST TO
15 CLARIFY?

16

17 **AMY BODEK:** ABSOLUTELY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, CHAIR MITCHELL AND
18 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. IF YOU WOULD LIKE ME ON CAMERA, LET ME
19 KNOW. I'M NOT SURE HOW TO DO THAT, BUT IN THE MEANTIME, I'LL
20 JUST CONTINUE TO TALK.

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL:** GO AHEAD.

23

24 **AMY BODEK:** ALL RIGHT. SO, I'D LIKE TO FIRST TAKE A MOMENT TO
25 TALK ABOUT THE SUBDIVISION MAP ACT, WHICH IS REALLY THE

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1 UNDERLYING REGULATION THAT DICTATES HOW WE DETERMINE THAT A
2 PROJECT IS VESTED. IT IS INCREDIBLY CHALLENGING FOR EVERYONE,
3 INCLUDING STAFF, TO UNDERSTAND HOW PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN ON
4 THE BOOKS FOR SO LONG ARE STILL ELIGIBLE TO BE DEVELOPED. AND
5 THE ANSWER TO THAT IS THE SUBDIVISION MAP ACT, WHICH IS
6 CONTROLLED BY THE STATE. IT'S PART OF STATE LAW. AND THE
7 LEGISLATURE, OVER THE YEARS, HAS EXTENDED THE LIFE OF TRACT
8 MAPS TO ACCOMMODATE FOR RECESSIONS, PANDEMICS, SLOWDOWNS,
9 INCLUDING THE GREAT RECESSION. BECAUSE OF THAT, A PROJECT THAT
10 WAS INITIALLY CONCEIVED AND APPROVED IN 19-8-8 IS IN FACT
11 STILL VALID, AND STILL A LEGITIMATE PROJECT. AS THAT IS THE
12 BASIS, THIS PROJECT AND THIS SITE IS A LITTLE BIT MORE
13 CHALLENGING, BECAUSE IT STRADDLES THE COASTAL ZONE, AND THERE
14 ARE IN FACT PARCELS THAT ARE WITHIN THE OVERALL PROJECT THAT
15 ARE WHOLLY OR PARTIALLY WITHIN THE COASTAL ZONE, AND WHOLLY
16 AND PARTIALLY OUTSIDE OF THE COASTAL ZONE. BECAUSE OF THAT, WE
17 DO HAVE TWO SEPARATE REGULATIONS THAT WE HAVE TO MANAGE AND
18 DEAL WITH, IN ADDITION TO THE RESTRICTIONS OF THE MAP ACT. THE
19 REQUEST TODAY IS SOMETHING CALLED A MINOR AMENDMENT TO AN
20 EXISTING MAP, AND THAT IS DICTATED BY OUR TITLE 21 WITHIN THE
21 COUNTY CODE. IT ALLOWS FOR MINOR REVISIONS. A MAJOR REVISION
22 WOULD HAVE NOT GONE THROUGH THIS PROCESS. IT WOULD HAVE HAD A
23 MORE SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC PROCESS. BUT THE PROCESS HERE WAS A
24 MINOR REVISION, AND THAT PROCESS WAS LEGITIMATE. ASSUMING THAT
25 THE BOARD MOVES FORWARD TODAY, THE NEXT STEP WOULD BE THAT ALL

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1 OF THE CONDITIONS THAT ARE PLACED ON THIS TENTATIVE MAP MUST
2 BE COMPLIED WITH BY THE APPLICANT BEFORE THOSE MAPS CAN GET
3 RECORDED. ONCE THE FINAL MAPS ARE RECORDED, THEN THEY CAN
4 PROCEED WITH ACTUAL PERMITS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE
5 IMPROVEMENTS; IN THIS CASE, THE RESIDENTIAL HOMES. BECAUSE
6 SOME OF THE LOTS ARE IN COASTAL, AND SOME OF THE LOTS ARE NOT
7 IN THE COASTAL ZONE, THEY THEN TAKE TWO SEPARATE PATHS. ALL OF
8 THE DEVELOPMENT IN THE COASTAL ZONE WILL BE REQUIRED TO GO
9 THROUGH A COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PROCESS HEARING. IT WILL BE IN
10 OUR LOCAL JURISDICTION, BUT IT WOULD BE A PUBLIC, LOCAL
11 COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT THAT WOULD BE HEARD BY THE PLANNING
12 COMMISSION; COULD BE APPEALED TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. FOR
13 THOSE PARCELS THAT ARE WITHIN THE NORTH AREA PLAN, THEY WOULD
14 ACTUALLY BE REVIEWED UNDER THE GENERAL PLAN THAT WAS IN EFFECT
15 AT THE TIME THE SUBDIVISION MAP WAS APPLIED; BUT LIKEWISE,
16 THEY ALSO HAVE TO GET PERMITTED AND REVIEWED BY STAFF. SO
17 THERE IS A WHOLE PROCESS, AND STILL A PUBLIC PROCESS, THAT THE
18 APPLICANT MUST GO THROUGH PRIOR TO EVEN PULLING A BUILDING
19 PERMIT FOR A HOME. SO THIS IS NOT THE END OF THE ROAD FOR
20 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT. IN FACT, IT'S REALLY JUST THE BEGINNING OF
21 IT. BUT I HOPE THAT DOES ANSWER QUESTIONS, AND I APPRECIATE
22 YOU ALLOWING ME A LITTLE BIT OF TIME TO EXPLAIN WHY WE
23 CONSIDER THIS 34-YEAR-OLD MAP TO BE VESTED.

24

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, DIRECTOR BODEK. AND I ALSO
2 WANT TO THANK ALL THE PARTIES FOR CONTINUING TO WORK RIGHT UP
3 TO THIS MORNING, ACTUALLY, WORKING THROUGH THE SPECIFICS OF
4 THIS PROJECT. WITHOUT THE APPEAL, THOUGH, THAT HAD BEEN FILED
5 BY THE EVER-VIGILANT LAS VIRGENES HOMEOWNERS FEDERATION, THE
6 PARTICIPATION OF THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION
7 AUTHORITY, AND THE WILLINGNESS OF THE APPLICANT, WE WOULD NOT
8 HAVE ARRIVED HERE TODAY WITH WHAT I THINK IS A BETTER PROJECT.
9 ULTIMATELY, I BELIEVE THIS MAP AMENDMENT WILL RESOLVE AND
10 LESSEN IMPACTS IN THIS COMMUNITY, AND TO THE RESOURCES AT THE
11 SITE. AND I WANT TO THANK TIMOTHY LIPMAN, ON MY STAFF, WHO
12 WORKED DILIGENTLY OVER QUITE A BIT OF TIME, TO TRY TO WORK
13 THIS THROUGH. SO, I WANT TO READ IN THE AMENDMENTS THAT I HOPE
14 THIS BOARD WILL ADOPT ON THIS ITEM. "I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE
15 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, FIND THAT THE
16 BOARD CONSIDERED THE PREVIOUSLY CERTIFIED FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL
17 IMPACT REPORT FOR TRACT 45465, AND THE ADDENDUM FOR PHASES 4
18 AND 5 OF TRACT 45465 FOR THIS PROJECT, BOTH PREPARED PURSUANT
19 TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT; B) FIND THAT THE
20 CERTIFIED E.I.R. AND ADDENDUM REFLECT THE INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT
21 AND ANALYSIS OF THIS BOARD; C) FIND THAT SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE,
22 IN LIGHT OF THE RECORD, SHOWS THAT NONE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES
23 SET FORTH IN THE C.E.Q.A. GUIDELINES, CALLING FOR THE
24 PREPARATION OF A SUBSEQUENT E.I.R., EXIST; AND D) THE ADDENDUM
25 WAS COMPLETED IN COMPLIANCE WITH C.E.Q.A. AND STATE AND COUNTY

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1 C.E.Q.A. GUIDELINES. NEXT, INDICATE THE BOARD'S INTENT TO
2 APPROVE AND ADOPT THE ADDENDUM. NEXT, INDICATE THE BOARD'S
3 INTENT TO APPROVE THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO VESTING TENTATIVE
4 TRACT MAP NUMBER 45465, PROJECT NUMBER 87058-(3), AND DENY THE
5 APPEAL, SUBJECT TO MODIFYING THE REGIONAL PLANNING
6 COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT BY ADDING AND CHANGING
7 THE PROJECT'S CONDITIONS AS FOLLOWS: A) FOR LOTS 9, 10, 11,
8 AND 12 OF MAP 45465-04, THE BUILDING SIZE SHALL BE LIMITED TO
9 NO MORE THAN 10,000 SQUARE FEET. IN ADDITION, FOR LOT 10, THE
10 MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT SHALL BE LIMITED TO 25 FEET. FOR LOT 1
11 OF MAP 45465-05, THE BUILDING SIZE SHALL BE LIMITED TO NO MORE
12 THAN 10,000 SQUARE FEET. HOWEVER, THIS LIMITATION SHALL NOT
13 INCLUDE ANY OF THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITIES IN LOT 1 OF MAP
14 45463465-05. B) IN THE COASTAL ZONE, WHICH WILL NOW HAVE ONLY
15 ONE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PAD WITH THIS PROJECT, PROTECT THE
16 NON-PAD AREAS AS FOLLOWS: 1) ADD A CONDITION TO REQUIRE A
17 CONSERVATION EASEMENT TO THE MOUNTAINS, RECREATION, AND
18 CONSERVATION AUTHORITY OVER THE KNOLL AREA TO THE EAST OF THE
19 PAD SITE THAT CONTAINS AT LEAST 13 OAK TREES, PROHIBITING ALL
20 USES ON THAT AREA OF THE LOT, EXCEPT FIRE DEPARTMENT-REQUIRED
21 FUEL MODIFICATION AND PLANTING, AND MAINTAINING VEGETATION
22 NATIVE TO THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS; 2) FOR THE REMAINDER OF
23 THE AREA ON THE LOT LOCATED EAST OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
24 PAD, ADD A CONDITION REQUIRING A RESTRICTIVE AGRICULTURAL
25 EASEMENT TO THE M.R.C.A. THAT PROHIBITS ALL USES EXCEPT FIRE

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1 DEPARTMENT-REQUIRED FUEL MODIFICATION, NON-PAVED, NON-HARDENED
2 SURFACE TRAILS, POST AND RAIL FENCING, EQUESTRIAN BARNs, AND
3 PLANTING AND MAINTAINING VEGETATION NATIVE TO THE SANTA MONICA
4 MOUNTAINS; 3) THE PROJECT CONDITIONS SHOULD REQUIRE BOTH OF
5 THESE - -

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7 **RECORDED VOICE:** WE'RE SORRY. YOUR CONFERENCE IS ENDING NOW.
8 PLEASE HANG UP.

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** CONTINUE, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. PARDON THE
11 INTERRUPTION.

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** THAT'S OKAY. I PAID MY ZOOM FEES AND EVERYTHING.
14 SO, THE LAST PART OF THE CONDITION: THE PROJECT CONDITIONS
15 SHOULD REQUIRE BOTH OF THESE EASEMENTS BE RECORDED PRIOR TO
16 ISSUANCE OF ANY BUILDING OR GRADING PERMITS, OR ANY OF THE
17 LOTS IN EITHER PHASE 4 OR PHASE 5 OF TRACT 45465; AND FINALLY,
18 TO DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE FINAL FINDINGS AND
19 CONDITIONS, CONSISTENT WITH THESE DIRECTED CHANGES FOR THE
20 BOARD'S CONSIDERATION. WE HEARD A BIT OF TESTIMONY ABOUT THESE
21 CHANGES, THE M.R.C.A. CAME IN IN FAVOR, BECAUSE THEIR ISSUES
22 HAD BEEN MET, AND I WOULD ASK THE BOARD TO APPROVE THIS
23 MOTION, AS I READ IT IN, TO BE THE SOLUTION TO ITEM 5. THANK
24 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

25

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. ANY OTHER
2 MEMBERS HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? NONE? IT WOULD BE
3 APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM.
4 ITEM 5 IS BEFORE US, AS AMENDED. WE HAVE THAT MOVED BY
5 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THE
6 ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLE.

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 5 IS A MOTION TO DENY THE APPEAL AND
9 APPROVE THE PROJECT, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR
10 SOLIS?

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12 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

13

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.

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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. WE'LL MOVE ON TO SET MATTER
10 1, THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING REPORT THAT WE HEAR EVERY
11 BOARD MEETING. AND WE'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM DR. SCORZA,
12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF RACIAL EQUITY, AND WE'LL ALSO HEAR FROM
13 DR. SHERIN, DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND JOHN FRANKLIN
14 SIERRA, ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION INITIATIVE EXECUTIVE
15 DIRECTOR. GOOD MORNING.

16

17 **DR. SCORZA:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, AND GOOD MORNING,
18 SUPERVISORS. I AM D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA, AND TODAY'S PRESENTATION
19 MARKS THE 7TH UPDATE IN OUR SERIES OF REGULAR PRESENTATIONS ON
20 THE COUNTY'S PROGRESS IMPLEMENTING YOUR BOARD'S AMERICAN
21 RESCUE PLAN PHASE ONE SPENDING PLAN. LET'S MOVE ON TO THE NEXT
22 SLIDE, PLEASE. THANK YOU. AS IS OUR REGULAR PRACTICE, THIS
23 SLIDE PREVIEW A TOPIC WE INTEND TO COVER TODAY. I WILL
24 ADDRESS THAT IN 1, A GLOBAL PROGRAM OVERVIEW DETAILING THE
25 CURRENT STATUS OF PROJECTS, AND THE DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT, AND

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1 APPROVAL PROCESS. DOCTORS JONATHAN SHERIN AND JOHN FRANKLIN
2 SIERRA WILL ADDRESS ITEM 2, SPOTLIGHTING THE ALTERNATIVES TO
3 INCARCERATION INITIATIVE, ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE, AND A
4 COLLABORATION BETWEEN C.E.O. AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
5 HEALTH. NEXT SLIDE. NOW, HERE'S A HIGH-LEVEL SUMMARY OF OUR
6 CURRENT A.R.P. PROGRAM APPROVAL PROCESS. AS OF MARCH 14TH, 47
7 PROJECTS ARE IN THE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT PHASE, WHICH
8 ENTAILS, AGAIN, A PROCESS TO CLARIFY THE GOALS AND OUTCOMES OF
9 EACH PROJECT, AS POTENTIAL IMPACT ON REDUCING DISPARITIES
10 CAUSED OR EXACERBATED BY THE PANDEMIC, AND HOW TO MEASURE THAT
11 IMPACT. AND WHILE THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO PROJECTS UNDER
12 A.R.D.I. OR COUNTY COUNSEL APPROVAL REVIEW, A.R.D.I. IS STILL
13 WORKING DIRECTLY WITH DEPARTMENTS ON A PIPELINE OF PROJECT
14 DESIGNS. A TOTAL OF 36 PROJECTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR LAUNCH
15 AND IMPLEMENTATION. OF THE 47 PROJECTS IN THE DESIGN AND
16 DEVELOPMENT PHASE, A.R.D.I. IS ACTIVELY PARTNERING AND MEETING
17 WITH DEPARTMENTS ON 18 PROJECTS TO SUPPORT THE DESIGN AND
18 EQUITABLE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE PROJECTS. NOW, WHILE WE
19 DIDN'T LOG ANY NEW PROJECTS FOR APPROVAL, THIS UPDATE PROVIDES
20 DETAILS ON WHERE WE ARE IN THE PROCESS. A.R.D.I. IS CURRENTLY
21 REVIEWING 4 PROJECT DESIGN SUBMISSIONS, WHILE 14 PROJECT
22 DESIGN SUBMISSIONS ARE UNDERGOING REVISIONS BY DEPARTMENTS,
23 FOLLOWING AN ADDITIONAL REVIEW. OF THESE 18 PROJECTS, A.R.D.I.
24 IS NOW WORKING WITH THOSE PROGRAM TEAMS TO FURTHER REFINE
25 THEIR DESIGN TO ENSURE EQUITABLE IMPLEMENTATION AND RESULTS-

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1 BASED ACCOUNTABILITY EVALUATION MEASURES. 36 PROJECTS HAVE YET
2 TO BE SUBMITTED FOR PROJECT DESIGN REVIEW AND APPROVAL, AND MY
3 TEAM IS ACTIVELY FOLLOWING UP WITH THE DEPARTMENTS TO HELP
4 STRENGTHEN THEIR ABILITY TO SUBMIT. AT THIS TIME-- WE CAN MOVE
5 ON TO THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE-- I'D LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO DR.
6 JONATHAN SHERIN, DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH,
7 AND DR. JOHN FRANKLIN SIERRA, WHO RECENTLY TRANSITIONED TO THE
8 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION INITIATIVE, WHO WILL HIGHLIGHT
9 THE ALTERNATIVES TO CRISIS RESPONSE PROGRAM, WHICH WILL USE
10 A.R.P. FUNDS TO LAUNCH A LOCAL 9-8-8 CALL CENTER TO RESPOND TO
11 MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS SITUATIONS AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO 9-1-1,
12 AND TO TRAIN CIVILIAN OUTREACH WORKERS WHO CAN FOLLOW UP, WHEN
13 NEEDED, TO DE-ESCALATE EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES WITH PROVIDERS
14 SKILLED IN MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.
15 DR. SHERIN?

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17 **DR. SHERIN:** THANKS A LOT, DR. SCORZA, AND HELLO, BOARD. IT'S
18 VERY NICE TO BE WITH YOU TODAY, AND TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT
19 THE FACT THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE USING SOME OF THE AMERICAN
20 RESCUE PLAN FUNDING FOR THE ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE
21 INITIATIVE. SO, WE HAVE TO SEND OUR THANKS TO D.C., AND ALSO
22 LOCALLY, FOR MAKING THIS ALLOCATION. AS WE KNOW, BECAUSE WE
23 TALK ABOUT IT REGULARLY, AND I THINK HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS
24 FOR SOME TIME, THE ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE IS-- IT'S
25 REALLY REFORM 101, WHEN WE THINK ABOUT ALL OF THE CHALLENGES

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1 WE HAVE [INAUDIBLE], GETTING PEOPLE ACCESS TO CARE. AND IT'S A
2 CLEAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
3 PRIORITY. THIS IS A WAY FOR US TO MITIGATE BAD OUTCOMES;
4 REALLY, TO MEET HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE NEEDS IN REAL TIME IN
5 OUR COMMUNITIES, AND NOT RELY UPON LAW ENFORCEMENT TO DO THAT,
6 CORE TO THE CARE-FIRST EFFORT: DIVERSION, BOTH FROM THE
7 STREETS AND FROM THE JAILS. AND IF YOU FOLLOW OUR MONIKER, WE
8 LIKE TO SAY THAT THE ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE WILL ALLOW
9 OUR COMMUNITIES TO HAVE SOMEONE TO CALL, SOMEONE TO RESPOND,
10 AND SOMEWHERE TO GO IN THE CONTEXT OF A CRISIS. I'D LIKE TO
11 NOW HAND IT OVER TO JOHN FRANKLIN SIERRA, TO TALK A BIT ABOUT
12 THE DETAILS OF OUR PROGRESS TODAY.

13

14 **DR. FRANKLIN SIERRA:** THANK YOU, DR. SHERIN. GOOD AFTERNOON,
15 SUPERVISORS. GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE. SO, THE A.R.P. FUNDING FOR
16 ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE IS GIVING L.A. COUNTY THE
17 OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY JUMP-START THE EXPANSION OF A.C.R.
18 SERVICES. WE ARE TRACKING OTHER INCREASED FUNDING SOURCES ON
19 THE HORIZON, SUCH AS INCREASED FEDERAL MEDICAID FUNDING, BUT
20 THAT'S NOT SET TO START UNTIL JANUARY 2023. THIS A.R.P.
21 FUNDING IS GIVING US THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND NOW AHEAD OF
22 OTHER FUNDING ON THE HORIZON, AND CRUCIALLY AHEAD OF THE
23 OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE 9-8-8 CALL CENTER ON JULY 16TH OF THIS
24 YEAR. THIS WILL REALLY ACCELERATE OUR VISION FOR 9-8-8, AS THE
25 CENTRAL NO-WRONG-DOOR POINT OF ACCESS FOR ALL CRISIS SERVICES

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1 IN THE COUNTY. OUR GOALS WITH THESE A.R.P. FUNDS, IN WITH
2 A.C.R.S, ARE TO REDUCE THE INVOLVEMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT IN
3 CRISIS RESPONSE TO THE MINIMUM NECESSARY, AND DIVERT
4 INDIVIDUALS IN CRISIS AWAY FROM OUR JAILS, EMERGENCY ROOMS,
5 AND THE STREETS. WE WANT TO PROVIDE QUICKER CIVILIAN CRISIS
6 RESPONSE, ALONG THE LINES OF THE TEMPO THAT OUR COMMUNITIES
7 HAVE COME TO EXPECT FROM EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, AND ALSO
8 INTENTIONALLY ADDRESS THE INEQUITABLE IMPACT THE CURRENT
9 SYSTEM HAS HAD ON OUR COMMUNITIES. AS DR. SHERIN MENTIONED,
10 WITH SOMEONE TO CALL, SOMEONE TO RESPOND, AND SOMEWHERE TO GO,
11 WE'RE LOOKING TO SERVE ANYONE, ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTY, AND AT
12 ANY TIME THEY'RE EXPERIENCING A CRISIS EVENT. NEXT SLIDE. SOME
13 OTHER INFO. WE ARE BEING DATA-DRIVEN THROUGHOUT THIS EFFORT.
14 WE'LL BE COLLECTING INFO ON THE VOLUME OF 9-1-1 CALLS WE
15 SUCCESSFULLY DIVERT TO 9-8-8 AND CONNECTED SERVICES. THE
16 AVERAGE RESPONSE TIMES OF OUR MOBILE CRISIS TEAMS IS A KEY
17 PERFORMANCE INDICATOR. WE WANT TO ENSURE SUCCESSFUL ENGAGEMENT
18 WITH FOLLOW-UP OUTPATIENT CARE AND SOCIAL SUPPORT SERVICES FOR
19 INDIVIDUALS POST-CRISIS, AND TO CRUCIALLY DISAGGREGATE ALL OF
20 THE ABOVE DATA BY RACE AND ETHNICITY, GENDER IDENTITY, AGE,
21 AND GEOGRAPHY, WHENEVER AVAILABLE. KEY OUTCOMES FOR THIS PHASE
22 OF A.R.P. FUNDING: WE'RE FINALIZING CONTRACTS, OR WE'RE
23 LOOKING TO FINALIZE CONTRACTS, WITH A 9-8-8 CRISIS CALL CENTER
24 PROVIDER, AS WELL AS WITH CONTRACTED MOBILE CRISIS OUTREACH
25 TEAM-- OR M.C.O.T.-- PROVIDERS. WE ALSO WANT TO ESTABLISH

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1 DISPATCH TECHNOLOGY COUNTYWIDE THAT WILL ALLOW THE 9-8-8
2 CRISIS CALL CENTER TO DISPATCH ALL OF THE COUNTY'S MOBILE
3 CRISIS RESPONSE TEAMS FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO NEED AN IN-PERSON
4 CRISIS RESPONSE, AND ALSO PARTNER WITH THAT 9-8-8 CALL CENTER,
5 LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS, AND THE 9-1-1 SYSTEM TO DIVERT 9-1-1
6 CRISIS CALLS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE E.M.S. OR LAW ENFORCEMENT
7 RESPONSE TO 9-8-8. AND THAT'S THE END OF THIS PRESENTATION.

8

9 **DR. SCORZA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, BOTH OF YOU, FOR YOUR
10 PRESENTATION TODAY. AND WITH THAT BEING SAID, BOARD, THAT
11 CONCLUDES OUR PRESENTATION.

12

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

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, DR. SHERIN, DR. FRANKLIN SIERRA, AND DR.
16 SCORZA, FOR THAT UPDATE. I KNOW IT SEEMS LIKE, EVERY BOARD
17 MEETING, I TALK ABOUT HOW IMPORTANT THE ALTERNATIVE CRISIS
18 RESPONSE IS, AND THAT WE NEED TO PREPARE FOR 9-8-8 COMING
19 ONLINE, AND THAT'S BECAUSE I TRULY BELIEVE THIS IS
20 GROUNDBREAKING WORK THAT HAS THE POTENTIAL, AS YOU SAID, DR.
21 SHERIN, TO GET PEOPLE THE HELP THAT THEY NEED WHEN THEY NEED
22 IT, AND PREVENT INTERACTIONS BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT WITH
23 PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, THAT SOMETIMES DOES NOT HAVE THE
24 OUTCOME THAT WE ARE HOPING FOR. AND I KNOW THIS WORK IS A
25 HEAVY LIFT, SO THANKS TO EVERYONE INVOLVED IN GETTING OUR

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1 ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM UP AND RUNNING. SO, I HAVE
2 A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR PROGRESS. ONE OF OUR MAJOR GOALS WAS
3 TO EXPAND THE NUMBER OF PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAMS, AND
4 TO GET THEM TO RUN 24/7. WHERE ARE WE ON THAT GOAL? HOW MANY
5 TEAMS DO WE HAVE RIGHT NOW, AND HOW MANY ARE WE PLANNING TO
6 ADD?

7

8 **DR. FRANKLIN SIERRA:** WELL, SUPERVISOR HAHN, THANK YOU FOR THE
9 QUESTION, AND THANK YOU FOR REALLY BEING THE TIP OF THE SPEAR
10 ON THIS EFFORT. WE, RIGHT NOW, HAVE JUST OVER 50 P.M.R.T.
11 TEAMS, AND WE HAVE TWO-- ACTUALLY, 8-- TEAMS WHO ARE WORKING
12 IN OUR THERAPEUTIC TRANSPORT VANS THAT ARE 24/7, CURRENTLY.
13 OUR GOAL IS ACTUALLY TO GET 5 OF THOSE VANS TO BE 24/7 BY THE
14 SUMMER. AND IN A PERFECT WORLD, WHERE WE WERE ABLE TO EASILY
15 HIRE AND CONTRACT OUT, AND HAVE CONTRACT AGENCIES HIRE PEOPLE
16 TO DO THE WORK-- INCLUDING, I WILL ADD, A SIGNIFICANT PEER
17 COMPONENT-- WE WOULD HAVE A HUNDRED P.M.R.T. TEAMS WITHIN THE
18 NEXT YEAR. WE HAVE DONE A LOT OF THE ASSESSMENT OF THE NEED
19 WITH A CONTRACTED FIRM, AND WE'RE ESTIMATING, ACTUALLY, THAT
20 150 CIVILIAN TEAMS IS THE SWEET SPOT. IT'S JUST GOING TO TAKE
21 A WHILE TO GET THERE, AND WE'RE GOING TO LEARN ALONG THE WAY.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, THANK YOU. AND MAKE SURE YOU CONTINUE TO LET
24 US KNOW WHAT WE CAN DO TO PUSH THAT, BECAUSE ONCE 9-8-8 COMES
25 ONLINE, IT'S ONLY GOING TO BE AS GOOD AS OUR TEAMS ON THE

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1 GROUND. I HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION. IN A PREVIOUS MOTION, WE
2 DIRECTED YOUR DEPARTMENT, DR. SHERIN, TO COLLABORATE WITH THE
3 CITIES AND THE C.O.G.S THAT ARE INTERESTED IN IMPLEMENTING
4 THEIR OWN LOCALIZED CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEMS IN PARTNERSHIP
5 WITH L.A. COUNTY. WONDERING HOW THOSE PARTNERSHIPS ARE GOING.

6

7 **DR. SHERIN:** ANOTHER GREAT QUESTION. WE'RE LOOKING TO PARTNER
8 WITH OTHER CITIES. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE A PARTNERSHIP WITH
9 L.A. CITY, CURRENTLY, AS WELL AS WITH THE M.T.A. AND THOSE
10 REQUIRE A LOT OF, SHALL WE SAY, CROSSING OF T'S AND DOTTING OF
11 I'S IN A BUREAUCRATIC WAY, BUT WE'VE MADE GREAT PROGRESS WITH
12 OUR MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING ACROSS THE BOARD. WE BELIEVE,
13 ACTUALLY, THAT THE M.T.A. M.O.U. WILL PROBABLY CROSS THE
14 FINISH LINE FIRST, BUT NOT FAR BEHIND THAT WILL BE THE OTHER
15 CITIES. AND IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE LOOK AT THIS AS A
16 COLLECTIVE, AND THAT WE BRING ALL OF THESE JURISDICTIONS
17 TOGETHER IN A CONCERTED WAY, WELL COORDINATED, WHICH IS WHY
18 THIS FEDERAL FUNDING FOR A CALL CENTER, AND CONNECTING YOU TO
19 9-8-8, IS SO CRITICAL. AND JUST A QUICK COMMENT ABOUT 9-8-8.
20 WE ARE GOING TO EXPAND AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN. WHEN 9-8-8 COMES
21 LIVE, THERE IS LIKELY TO BE MORE DEMAND, BECAUSE WE'LL BE
22 GETTING MORE CALLS, AND WE'LL BE COORDINATING, I THINK,
23 EFFECTIVELY WITH 9-1-1. BUT I DON'T THINK HERE, OR REALLY
24 ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTRY, THESE CRISIS SYSTEMS WILL BE AT
25 CAPACITY FOR 9-8-8 IN A WAY THAT WE WOULD ALL LIKE.

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2 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND FINALLY, IN ORDER TO
3 SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENT 9-8-8, WE REALLY DO NEED THE HELP OF
4 THE STATE. SO, CAN YOU TELL US WHAT THE STATUS OF ASSEMBLY
5 BILL 988, THAT WAS INTRODUCED LAST YEAR TO HELP COORDINATE THE
6 LAUNCH OF 9-8-8 STATEWIDE; HOW IS THAT GOING?

7

8 **DR. SHERIN:** WELL, I HAVE TO SAY, I APPLAUD THIS BOARD FOR CO-
9 SPONSORING THAT BILL, AND C.E.O. LEG AFFAIRS FOR ALL THE GREAT
10 WORK. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF FOLKS WHO ARE KIND OF PUSHING BACK
11 AGAINST THE STATE EFFORT, WHICH IS HARD FOR ME TO UNDERSTAND.
12 WE BELIEVE THAT WE WILL GET THIS BILL PASSED, AND ONE OF THE
13 GREAT THINGS ABOUT THE BILL IS THAT IT WILL BRING IN ONGOING
14 FUNDING TO SUSTAIN A LARGER WORKFORCE. AND SO WE HAVE TO
15 REALLY, REALLY CONTINUE TO PUT OUR SHOULDER DOWN ON THIS 988
16 BILL, AND AS CO-SPONSORS, I THINK WE'RE DOING THAT, AND I'M
17 SURE THAT THE BOARD AND MYSELF AND OTHER KEY ADVOCATES WILL
18 MAKE OUR OPINION KNOWN AT THE STATE.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT. AND AGAIN, THANK
21 YOU, DR. SHERIN, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS. I LOVE IT THAT
22 WE'RE HIGHLIGHTING WHAT YOU'RE DOING WITH THE AMERICAN RESCUE
23 PLAN. IT SEEMS LIKE THIS IS TRULY THE PERFECT USE OF FUNDING
24 FROM OUR FEDERAL PARTNERS, TO REALLY RESCUE PEOPLE WHO NEED IT

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1 MOST. AND YOUR LEADERSHIP HERE HAS BEEN TERRIFIC, AND I LOVE
2 PARTNERING WITH YOU ON THAT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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7 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND ALSO, TO FESIA AND
8 DOCTORS SCORZA, SHERIN, AND FRANKLIN SIERRA, THANK YOU FOR THE
9 PRESENTATION. I AGREE THAT THE 18.5 MILLION IN A.R.P.A. PHASE-
10 ONE FUNDING IS GOING TO BE REALLY HELPFUL FOR WHAT WE WANT TO
11 DO TO REALLY GET PEOPLE OUT OF OUR EMERGENCY TRAUMA CENTERS
12 AND INTO BETTER CARE AND ASSESSMENT, AND KEEP THEM OUT OF OUR
13 JAILS, WHICH I THINK IS REALLY INCREDIBLE, AND OFF OF OUR
14 STREETS, SO THEY GET THE APPROPRIATE TREATMENT. CAN'T WAIT TO
15 SEE 9-8-8 COME TO LIFE IN JULY. AND I KNOW THAT THAT 3-DIGIT
16 NUMBER WILL SERVE US VERY READILY, AND HELP US WHEN ALL THESE
17 MENTAL HEALTH CRISES WILL BE COMING TO THE FOREFRONT. AND
18 YOU'RE RIGHT, DR. SHERIN: WE'RE GOING TO PROBABLY GET A LOT OF
19 CALLS, SO WE SHOULD BE READY FOR THAT. A WEEK AGO, I WAS OUT
20 VISITING THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION 4, WHERE YOU
21 PARTNERED WITH-- I BELIEVE WE'RE SETTING UP 5 DIFFERENT
22 LOCATIONS, AND THIS ONE IS ALREADY ONLINE. AND IT JUST SO
23 HAPPENED THAT MORNING THAT THE UNIT THAT IS PREPARED TO GO OUT
24 TO HEAR THESE TYPICAL CALLS OF SOMEONE IN DISTRESS, THE UNIT
25 WAS ALREADY OUT AT 7:00 A.M., SO THEY ARE 24/7. IT WAS QUITE

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1 EXCITING TO SEE THE COLLABORATION WITH THE CITY FIRE
2 DEPARTMENT. THERE WAS EVEN A DETACHED TRAILER UNIT WHERE OUR
3 STAFF WOULD BE STAYING. SO I DO HOPE AT SOME POINT THAT L.A.
4 CITY FIRE DOES TAKE HOLD OF THE PROGRAM AND REALLY INTEGRATE
5 OUR STAFF THERE. I WAS ALSO ABLE TO SEE A TRAINING EXERCISE OF
6 MENTAL HEALTH STAFF INSIDE THEIR FACILITY, AND I THINK THERE
7 WERE MAYBE OVER 40 INDIVIDUALS THAT WERE GETTING TRAINED ON
8 THIS SPECIAL THERAPEUTIC TRANSPORT VAN. AND IF MEMBERS HAVEN'T
9 SEEN IT, I WOULD URGE YOU AND THE PUBLIC TO TAKE A VIEW, IN
10 TERMS OF WHAT EXACTLY THEY'RE ABLE TO DO, AND THE KIND OF
11 TRAINING THAT THEY RECEIVE. THEY HAVE A VAN THAT IS PAID FOR
12 BY MENTAL HEALTH. I APPRECIATE THAT, AND THEY CAN DO
13 TELEMEDICINE AS THEY ARE TREATING AN INDIVIDUAL. AND I GUESS
14 THAT THAT MORNING, I HEARD FROM STAFF THAT THEY HAD TREATED A
15 YOUNG MAN THAT WAS IN HIS LATE 20S, THAT WAS ABOUT TO COMMIT
16 SUICIDE. HE WAS HAVING A MENTAL BREAKDOWN, AND THEY WERE ABLE
17 TO DISSUADE HIM, BUT THEY WERE ABLE TO GET HIM INTO AN
18 APPROPRIATE SETTING WHERE HE COULD BE TREATED. SO I REALLY
19 WANT TO APPLAUD, ESPECIALLY, MIRIAM BROWN, WHO'S HAS BEEN
20 ASSIGNED TO PUSH THIS OUT WITH OUR OTHER PARTNERS; AND, TOO,
21 WANT TO ENCOURAGE US TO SEEK MORE FUNDING, SO THAT WE CAN
22 COLLABORATE OUTSIDE THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. I KNOW THIS MODEL
23 WILL WORK, AND I AGREE THAT WE NEED TO GET OUR OTHER 87 CITIES
24 ENGAGED, AND I'M SURE THAT THEY WOULD TAKE HOLD OF IT, TOO,
25 FOR THOSE THAT HAVE THEIR INDEPENDENT FIRE DEPARTMENTS, AS

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1 WELL, OR TO COLLABORATE WITH OURS, THE COUNTY. SO I WANT TO
2 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT. AND I JUST WANT TO ASK A
3 QUESTION. HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET THIS INFORMATION OUT TO THE
4 PUBLIC? BECAUSE WE HAVE SUCH DIVERSE COMMUNITIES, AND OVER 200
5 AND SOMETHING LANGUAGES SPOKEN. HOW WILL WE BE ABLE TO ADDRESS
6 THE ISSUES WHEN THEY COME IN? IF, SAY, SOMEONE FROM THE THAI
7 COMMUNITY OR VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY CALLS IN, HOW ARE WE GOING
8 TO DISAGGREGATE AND MAKE THAT POSSIBLE? CAN ANYONE PLEASE
9 SHARE WITH ME YOUR IDEAS OF WHAT THE PLAN IS?

10

11 **DR. SHERIN:** WELL, I MEAN, I COULD JUST SAY, AT A GENERAL
12 LEVEL, WE'RE WORKING ON A MARKETING STRATEGY AROUND 9-8-8, AND
13 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE ARE ALSO KIND OF
14 COORDINATING, BECAUSE THIS IS A NATIONAL INITIATIVE, SO THERE
15 IS WORK HAPPENING BETWEEN A NUMBER OF PARTNERS AT A NUMBER OF
16 DIFFERENT LEVELS. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT'S REALLY, REALLY
17 IMPORTANT IS THAT WE NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE FACT THAT THE
18 PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY CAN'T BE EXPECTED TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT
19 TO DO AT ANY GIVEN TIME, ESPECIALLY IN THE BEGINNING, SO THAT
20 ONE OF THE KEY THINGS WILL BE, 9-1-1 AND 9-8-8 HAVE TO BE WELL
21 COORDINATED, AND HAVE TO DO LIVE HANDOFFS IN REAL TIME. I
22 WOULD ACTUALLY ASK DR. SCORZA, WHO HAS BEEN PARTICIPATING IN
23 THESE MEETINGS, HIS PERSPECTIVE ON HOW TO FACILITATE THE
24 MARKETING ACROSS DIFFERENT LANGUAGES AND CULTURES.

25

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1 **DR. SCORZA:** THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION, DR. SHERIN, AND THANK
2 YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR YOUR EXCELLENT QUESTION. AS YOU ARE
3 AWARE, HERE IN C.E.O., WE'RE WORKING DILIGENTLY TO OUTREACH TO
4 COMMUNITY PARTNERS, AS WELL AS OTHERS, TO INFORM THEM ABOUT
5 NOT ONLY OUR CONTRACTING AND GRANT OPPORTUNITIES, BUT ALSO
6 PARTNERING WITH DEPARTMENTS TO INFORM THEM ABOUT THE PROGRAMS
7 THEMSELVES. AND SO WE ARE INCREDIBLY EXCITED ABOUT THE
8 OPPORTUNITY TO USE THE HYPER-ETHNIC LOCAL MEDIA STRATEGIES
9 THAT COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS IS WORKING WITH, AND OUR COUNTY
10 COUNSEL TEAM HAS DEDICATED BOTH TIME AND ENERGY TO IDENTIFYING
11 STRATEGIES TO OUTREACH ON BEHALF OF AND WITH, IN PARTNERSHIP
12 WITH DEPARTMENTS. SO, AT THIS TIME, THERE IS AN INCREDIBLE
13 OUTREACH EFFORT. I'M PROUD TO SAY THAT WE ARE ALREADY MEETING
14 WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS. WE HAVE AN UPCOMING MEETING ON
15 THURSDAY TO INFORM THEM NOT ONLY ABOUT OUR CONTRACTING
16 OPPORTUNITIES, BUT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL IS
17 AWARE. AND WE'RE MORE THAN HAPPY TO SUPPORT WHAT D.M.H. IS
18 DOING TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ABOUT THEIR PROGRAMS, AS WELL, AND
19 WE WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP YOU AND THE BOARD APPRISED OF THIS
20 PROGRESS.

21
22 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MR. SCORZA, AND TO THE TEAM, AND JUST
23 WANT TO ENCOURAGE OUR OWN COUNTY CHANNEL TO GO OUT AND MAYBE
24 RIDE ALONG AND SEE WHAT ACTUALLY TAKES PLACE, BECAUSE IT IS
25 QUITE REMARKABLE, AND THE STAFF IS OUTSTANDING. I WAS VERY

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1 IMPRESSED WITH THEM, AND THEY ARE VERY DEDICATED. THANK YOU.

2 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. ANY OTHER
5 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? WELL, LET ME JUST SAY THAT TODAY'S
6 UPDATE SHOWED THAT 47 OF OUR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PROGRAMS ARE
7 STILL IN THE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT STAGE, AND SO I WANT TO
8 ENCOURAGE DEPARTMENTS ADMINISTERING THOSE PROGRAMS TO CONTINUE
9 TO PRESS FORWARD WITH YOUR WORK, BECAUSE CLEARLY THERE'S STILL
10 MUCH WORK TO BE DONE TO IMPLEMENT THOSE PROGRAMS. AND SO I
11 APPRECIATE THE ONGOING FOCUS AND ATTENTION FROM THE C.E.O. AND
12 OUR DEPARTMENTS TO LAUNCH THESE IMPORTANT INITIATIVES IN A
13 TIMELY FASHION. I THINK THIS STANDING ITEM IS VERY HELPFUL. WE
14 ALL LEARN, EVERY BOARD MEETING, ABOUT THE WORK THAT IS BEING
15 DONE WITH THE A.R.P.A. DOLLARS. SO, THANK YOU TO THE THREE
16 DEPARTMENT HEADS WHO PRESENTED TODAY. WE APPRECIATE IT.

17

18 **DR. SCORZA:** THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SO, AGAIN, THAT WAS A REPORT-BACK, AND
21 SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. COLLEAGUES, WE'RE GOING TO RETURN TO
22 ITEM 2, THE HEARING ON THE ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF
23 ASSESSMENTS FOR COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICTS IN THE CITY OF LA
24 MIRADA AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF SOUTH WHITTIER AND LA

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1 CRESCENTA. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER WILL PRESENT ON THE BALLOT
2 TABULATION RESULTS.

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4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
5 AFTER TABULATING THE BALLOTS, A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE
6 THAT NO MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED
7 ANNEXATION AND LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS FOR TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION
8 TERRITORY KNOWN AS TRACT 82127 IN THE CITY OF LA MIRADA,
9 PROPOSED FOR ANNEXATION TO THE COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE
10 DISTRICT 10045A, AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LANDSCAPING AND
11 LIGHTING ACT-1, LA MIRADA ZONE "A," AND SINGLE-LOT TERRITORIES
12 KNOWN AS L 108-2019 AND L 009-2019 IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS
13 OF SOUTH WHITTIER AND LA CRESCENTA, PROPOSED FOR ANNEXATIONS
14 TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687. AS A RESULT, IT
15 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION,
16 ORDERING THE ANNEXATION AND LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS AND THE JOINT
17 RESOLUTIONS, ACCEPTING THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX
18 REVENUES RESULTING FROM THE ANNEXATION OF SUBDIVISIONS AND
19 SINGLE-LOT TERRITORIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 TO 2024.

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21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 2 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
22 HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
23 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

24

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

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1

2 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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6 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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10 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

11

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

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

15

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

17 MITCHELL?

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

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

22 5-0.

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24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM 10,

25 "PREPARING FOR THE CLOSURE OF THE DIVISION OF JUVENILE

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1 JUSTICE: SECURE YOUTH TRACK FACILITY DESIGNATION AND L.A.
2 MODEL EXPANSION," WHICH I HELD. AS INDICATED ON THE
3 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SUBMITTED AN AMENDING
4 MOTION THAT WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED WITH ITEM 10. AS YOU ARE
5 AWARE, THERE ARE A FEW ITEMS ON THE SUBJECT OF THE COUNTY'S
6 JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM ON TODAY'S AGENDA. EACH ITEM WILL BE
7 DISCUSSED AND VOTED ON SEPARATELY. SO WITH THAT, I WILL BEGIN
8 MY COMMENTS WITH REGARD TO AGENDA ITEM 10. YOU KNOW, IT IS
9 CLEAR THAT FOR DECADES-- MANY DECADES-- THERE HAS BEEN A CORE,
10 FUNDAMENTAL, PHILOSOPHICAL DIFFERENCE ABOUT THE TRUE ROLE OF
11 CARCERAL SYSTEMS, OR CRIMINAL JUSTICE, SPECIFICALLY; A
12 PERSPECTIVE OF WHETHER THE ROLE OF A CARCERAL SYSTEM IS TO
13 PUNISH, EXCLUSIVELY, OR WHETHER A CARCERAL SYSTEM IS TO HOLD
14 AND CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR REHABILITATION. THE PROBATION
15 DEPARTMENT IN THIS COUNTY HAS ALSO HAD VARYING DIFFERENT
16 LEADERS WHO ARE ACROSS THE SPECTRUM OF THOSE DIFFERENT
17 PHILOSOPHICAL VIEWS AROUND THE FUNDAMENTAL ROLE OF THE
18 DEPARTMENT. 40 YEARS AGO, WE HAD A CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER WHO
19 WAS QUOTED IN THE L.A. TIMES AS SAYING THAT PROBATION SHOULD
20 BE A FORM OF PUNISHMENT. IF WE CAN HELP OFFENDERS ALONG THE
21 WAY, FINE. BUT PRIMARILY, THE CLIENT HAS TO BE THE COMMUNITY,
22 RATHER THAN THE PROBATIONER. I THINK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
23 HAS, WITH NEW INFORMATION, WITH RESEARCH, WITH EXPERIENCE,
24 TRANSITIONED THE BOARD'S OWN VIEW ABOUT THE ROLE OF A CARCERAL
25 SYSTEM AND THE ROLE OF PROBATION, AND I THINK THAT'S EVIDENT

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1 IN OUR EFFORT TO SEEK OUT AND HIRE A PROBATION CHIEF WHO HAS A
2 HISTORY OF BEING A REFORMER. THIS BOARD, FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS
3 NOW, HAS MADE THE TRANSITION, BASED ON EXPERIENCE, BASED ON
4 RESEARCH, BASED ON THE ENGAGEMENT OF PEOPLE WITH LIVED
5 EXPERIENCE, AND WE HAVE TRANSITIONED FROM, PERHAPS, A MORE
6 CARCERAL PUNISHMENT ORIENTATION TO A CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST
7 CONCEPT AND MODEL THAT IS WOVEN THROUGHOUT ANY NUMBER OF BOARD
8 ACTIONS THAT WE HAVE TAKEN. SO, COMING FORWARD TO TODAY AND
9 THE ACTION BEFORE US, IT'S BEEN ALMOST A YEAR SINCE THE BOARD
10 DELAYED A DECISION ON PERMANENT FACILITIES FOR THE YOUTH
11 COMING INTO THE COUNTY'S CARE, THAT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
12 HAS CHARACTERIZED AS SECURE YOUTH TRACK. THERE'S BEEN ENOUGH
13 TIME-- PLENTY OF TIME, IN MY OPINION-- FOR PRETTY EXHAUSTIVE
14 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, WHICH IS APPROPRIATE. WE HAVE LOOKED AT
15 THE RESEARCH AND THE ANALYSIS. NOW IT IS TIME FOR THIS BOARD
16 TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP, SO THAT WE CAN ENGAGE IN A LONG-TERM
17 FACILITY PLANNING AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, PROGRAMMING ASPECT. I
18 THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE
19 HEARD TODAY, AND IN PAST INSTANCES, IN PUBLIC COMMENT. WHEN IT
20 COMES TO YOUNG ADULT WHO ARE CHARGED AS JUVENILES, THIS MOTION
21 ADDRESS A GAP IN SERVICES THAT HAS LEFT OUR JUSTICE PARTNERS
22 WITHOUT DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE OPTIONS FOR MEETING THEIR
23 NEEDS AND ENSURING THE PUBLIC SAFETY. UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE
24 SEEN EXAMPLES IN MEDIA REPORTS ABOUT HOW THE DELAY IN THIS
25 BOARD'S DECISION ON WHERE SECURE TRACK YOUTH SHOULD BE HOUSED

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1 HAS ALREADY RESULTED IN SOME YOUNG INDIVIDUALS FALLING THROUGH
2 THE CRACKS AND NOT RECEIVING APPROPRIATE SERVICES. THAT'S ON
3 US. THAT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY. IN ADDITION, THE CREDIBLE
4 MESSENGERS PILOT REFERENCED IN THIS MOTION WILL ADD TO, NOT
5 SUBSTITUTE OR REPLACE, CURRENT SERVICES IN THESE FACILITIES,
6 TO ALLOW INDIVIDUALS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE TO MENTOR YOUTH WHO
7 NEED HELP WITH NAVIGATING THEIR EXPERIENCE WITHIN THE JUSTICE
8 SYSTEM. WITH REGARD TO THE TIMING OF THIS MOTION, NUMEROUS
9 PUBLIC MEETINGS OVER THE COURSE OF 13 MONTHS HAVE BEEN HELD,
10 AND SEVERAL REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED ON
11 THE TOPIC OF FACILITIES FOR SECURE TRACK YOUTH. AND THE FIRST
12 FACILITY RECOMMENDATION SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD LAST JUNE,
13 INCLUDING CAMP SCOTT AND DOROTHY KIRBY CENTER, WERE SUPPORTED
14 BY ALL FIVE APPOINTEES, REPRESENTING EACH SUPERVISORIAL
15 DISTRICT ON THE JUVENILE JUSTICE REALIGNMENT BLOCK GRANT
16 SUBCOMMITTEE, WHICH IS CHAIRED BY THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT.
17 ADDITIONALLY, SOME CLAIM THAT YOUNG PEOPLE CONVICTED OF THE
18 MOST SERIOUS CHARGES CAN'T BE HOUSED IN A CAMP. HOWEVER, OUR
19 CAMP FACILITIES DO HOUSE THIS POPULATION, AND IT IS
20 PROBLEMATIC TO ASSUME THAT A PRISON-LIKE FACILITY IS THE ONLY
21 WAY TO MEET THEIR NEEDS, AS WELL AS ENSURE THE PUBLIC SAFETY.
22 THE COUNTY HAS LONG COMMITTED TO SHIFTING THE PARADIGM OF ITS
23 YOUTH JUSTICE SYSTEM FROM A PUNITIVE APPROACH TO A
24 REHABILITATIVE MODEL. THIS KIND OF TRANSFORMATION IS NEEDED TO
25 ENHANCE THE WELLBEING AND SAFETY OF OUR YOUTH AND COMMUNITIES.

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1 WE HAVE A SACRED OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE THE YOUTH IN THE
2 COUNTY'S CARE-- ALL OF THE YOUTH IN THE COUNTY'S CARE-- WITH
3 THE APPROPRIATE SERVICES THAT MEET THEIR NEEDS. HOUSING AND
4 DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE SERVICES, WHICH THIS MOTION
5 ADVANCES, ARE A CRITICAL PART OF THIS. I CONTINUE TO HAVE
6 SERIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT THE POTENTIAL USE OF BARRY J. NIDORF
7 JUVENILE HALL AS A SECURE YOUTH TREATMENT FACILITY. WE MUST
8 MOVE WITH URGENCY, GIVEN THAT THE SECURE TRACK POPULATION WILL
9 GROW OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS. EVERY DAY THAT WE DELAY THE
10 DECISION ON WHERE OUR SECURE TRACK YOUTH SHOULD BE HOUSED, WE
11 PLACE THEIR HEALTH AND SAFETY AT GREATER RISK. I REMAINED
12 COMMITTED TO CAMPUS KILPATRICK, CAMP SCOTT, AND THE DOROTHY
13 KIRBY CENTER AS THE BEST OPTIONS FOR PERMANENT SECURE TRACK
14 FACILITIES. THE J.J.R.B.G. HAS WORKED TIRELESSLY TO RULE OUT
15 OTHER OPTIONS, AND WE MUST CONTINUE TO REDUCE PROBATION'S
16 FOOTPRINT. WE HAVE URGENT, COMPLEX, AND COUNTYWIDE PROBLEMS
17 THAT THIS BOARD NEEDS TO SOLVE, AND THE REALITY IS THAT
18 NECESSARY CHANGES IN OR NEAR NEIGHBORHOODS WILL OFTEN RESIST.
19 STRUCTURAL RACISM IS REAL. THE BOARD IS IN A POSITION TO HELP
20 THE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT WERE FAILED BY EVERY OTHER GOVERNMENT
21 SYSTEM BEFORE THEY ENDED UP IN THE COUNTY'S CARE. BEFORE I GO
22 TO OUR PRESENTERS, I WOULD LIKE TO READ IN A FEW CLARIFYING
23 REVISIONS TO AGENDA ITEM NUMBER TEN. FOR DIRECTIVE NUMBER TWO,
24 IN THE FIRST SENTENCE, AFTER THE PHRASE, "SUPPORT FURTHER
25 EXPLORATION OF THE POTENTIAL FUTURE IDENTIFICATION OF," ADD

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1 THE PHRASE, "ONLY THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES." FOR DIRECTIVE 5,
2 AFTER THE PHRASE, "AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR A PROGRAM THAT
3 UTILIZES," ADD THE WORD "EXISTING," THEN STRIKE THE WORDS
4 "STAFF CLASSIFIED AS," THEN STRIKE THE ROMAN NUMERAL TWO, AND
5 THEN ADD THE WORD "STAFF." FOR DIRECTIVE 6, IN THE FIRST
6 SENTENCE, STRIKE THE PHRASE, "THE C.P.O. AND," AFTER THE
7 PHRASE, "THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND
8 REENTRY," ADD THE PHRASE, "AND THE C.P.O." WE HAVE THE
9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION AND A
10 REPRESENTATIVE FROM J.J.R.B.G. SUBCOMMITTEE ON, AND I'D LIKE
11 TO ASK THEM TWO QUESTIONS, IF I MAY. FIRST WILL BE WENDE
12 JULIEN.

13

14 **WENDE JULIEN:** I JUST UNMUTED. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.
15 CAN YOU HEAR ME?

16

17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YES, WE CAN. THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY
18 MUCH FOR JOINING US. CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE PROCESS OF WHAT
19 LED TO THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION SUPPORT FOR THE
20 JUVENILE JUSTICE REALIGNMENT BLOCK GRANT FACILITIES
21 RECOMMENDATIONS?

22

23 **WENDE JULIEN:** I CAN. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. AND TO BE
24 CLEAR ON THIS ISSUE TODAY, I AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE
25 PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION HAS PAID CLOSE

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1 ATTENTION TO THIS ISSUE OF CLOSURE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF
2 JUVENILE JUSTICE, THE D.J.J., AND SELECTION OF THE SECURE
3 YOUTH TRACK SITE, SINCE THE COMMISSION LAUNCHED, LAST FEBRUARY
4 2021. AND AS YOU SAID, THE COMMISSION TOOK ITS FIRST OFFICIAL
5 ACTION ON THE ITEM LAST WEEK AT OUR MARCH 10TH MEETING, VOTING
6 TO SUPPORT THIS SPECIFIC MOTION. THAT DECISION WAS NOT TAKEN
7 LIGHTLY. IT HAS BEEN ON THE COMMISSION'S REGULAR MEETING
8 AGENDA OVER FOUR TIMES IN THE PAST YEAR, AND SPOKEN ABOUT IN
9 PUBLIC COMMENT AT NEARLY EVERY MEETING. THE P.O.C. ALSO HOSTED
10 TWO TOWN HALLS AND PARTICIPATED IN TWO MORE TOWN HALLS, WITH
11 HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE. DURING THESE MEETING, THE
12 P.O.C. HEARD FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO SERVE ON THE
13 J.J.R.B.G., THAT JUVENILE REALIGNMENT BLOCK GRANT
14 SUBCOMMITTEE, WHO INITIALLY WERE FRUSTRATED THAT THOSE
15 MEETINGS WERE NOT PUBLIC, AND CAME TO THE P.O.C. IN ORDER TO
16 BRING THOSE ISSUES TO LIGHT AND ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO KNOW WHAT
17 WAS HAPPENING, AND TO GIVE INPUT. ONCE THE J.J.R.B.G. MEETINGS
18 BECAME PUBLIC, THE P.O.C. CONTINUED TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE, DUE
19 TO REGULAR CONCERNS THAT WERE BROUGHT UP BY THE PUBLIC ABOUT
20 YOUTH WHO HAD BEEN DISPOSITIONED TO THE SECURE TRACK AFTER THE
21 JULY 1ST, 2021, DATE, AND THAT THEY WERE STUCK IN THE COMPOUND
22 AT BARRY J., INSTEAD OF BEING MOVED TO KILPATRICK, AS HAS BEEN
23 RECOMMENDED BY THE J.J.R.B.G., EVEN AS A TEMPORARY SITE,
24 BEFORE THIS MOTION. THE P.O.C. WAS BUILT ON THE CONCEPT OF
25 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT, ON LISTENING TO PEOPLE WITH LIVED

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1 EXPERIENCE, AND BY GUIDING THE COUNTY'S DECISIONS BASED ON HOW
2 THEY IMPACT THE PEOPLE SERVED. IN FACT, FOUR OF OUR NINE
3 COMMISSIONERS ARE PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE. THERE WAS
4 CERTAINLY A COMMON THEME, BY THE COMMISSIONERS, THE ADVOCATES,
5 AND DOZENS OF YOUNG PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE WHO ADDRESSED
6 THE P.O.C. OVER THE PAST YEAR, THAT BARRY J. NIDORF IS NOT AN
7 APPROPRIATE LONG-TERM PLACEMENT FOR YOUTH. COMMISSIONERS ALSO
8 VISITED BARRY J. NIDORF AND ALL OF THE PROPOSED SITES,
9 INCLUDING CAMP SCOTT, AND MADE MULTIPLE VISITS TO CAMPUS
10 KILPATRICK AND DOROTHY KIRBY. SO, WHEN THE J.J.R.B.G. MADE ITS
11 FORMAL RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING CAMPS SCOTT, PAIGE, OR
12 AFFLERBAUGH AS THE PREFERRED SITES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS, THE
13 P.O.C. CONTINUED TO BRING THE ISSUE TO PUBLIC COMMENT, IN
14 HOPES THAT A FINAL DECISION WOULD BE SOON MADE. MANY YOUTH ON
15 THE SECURE TRACK HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED IN THE COUNTY FOR A
16 LONG TIME ALREADY, AND MANY MORE WILL BE WITH US FOR A LONG
17 TIME DOWN THE ROAD, BECAUSE OF THEIR LONG DISPOSITIONS. WE
18 NEED TO PROVIDE THEM WITH A HEALING, RESTORATIVE, SAFE LIVING
19 ENVIRONMENT, WITH STRONG PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT HELP THEM
20 PREPARE TO REJOIN THE COMMUNITY, AS ABSOLUTELY SOON AS
21 POSSIBLE. SO, WHEN SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND KUEHL PRESENTED
22 THIS MOTION THAT GIVES CLEAR DIRECTION IDENTIFYING CAMP SCOTT
23 AND CAMPUS KILPATRICK AS LONG-TERM SITES, IT ECHOES THE
24 J.J.R.B.G.'S RECOMMENDATIONS, FOLLOWS WHAT THE P.O.C. HAS
25 HEARD OVER THE PAST YEAR, AND THAT INCLINED THE COMMISSIONERS

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1 TO TAKE A VOTE TO SUPPORT THE MOTION TO HELP THE COUNTY MOVE
2 FORWARD.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT RESPONSE. I
5 APPRECIATE IT, AND YOU ACTUALLY ARE THE ONLY PERSON WE HAVE
6 HAD ASKED TO COME AND TESTIFY, SO THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE QUITE A
9 BIT TO ADD TO WHAT YOU SAID, BECAUSE I, AS YOU KNOW, HAVE BEEN
10 RATHER HOT UNDER THE COLLAR ABOUT SOME OF THE WAYS IN WHICH
11 OUR YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE BEEN CHARACTERIZED, AND THE PEOPLE WHO
12 HAVE CHARACTERIZED THEM NEGATIVELY. BUT LET ME FIRST TALK
13 ABOUT THE LAW. THERE ARE JUVENILE HALLS, AND THEN THERE ARE
14 PERMANENT PLACEMENTS FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. BARRY J. IS A
15 JUVENILE HALL. IT IS NOT A PERMANENT PLACEMENT. IT WAS NEVER
16 MEANT AS ONE, IT IS NOT DESIGNATED AS ONE, AND IT MAY NOT
17 ACTUALLY LEGALLY BE ONE. AND I THINK, WHETHER IT WAS IN
18 PERFECT SHAPE, THAT WOULD BE THE CASE. BUT THE FACT THAT IT
19 HAS BECOME LIKE AN ADULT PRISON, ESPECIALLY WITH THIS SO-
20 CALLED "COMPOUND" THAT SOUNDS A LITTLE SOFTER THAN IT IS WHEN
21 YOU WALK THROUGH IT, IT IS NOT A PLACE WHERE ANY OF OUR YOUNG
22 PEOPLE SHOULD BE KEPT FOR A PROLONGED PERIOD OF TIME. WHAT
23 THESE HALLS ARE MEANT TO BE-- AND REMEMBER, THEY JUST
24 TRANSFERRED TONS OF YOUNG PEOPLE FROM CENTRAL, WHICH IS
25 CLOSED, INTO BARRY J. JUST YESTERDAY OR THE DAY BEFORE, WITH

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1 VERY LITTLE NOTICE. THESE HALLS ARE MEANT-- THEY HAVE A
2 COURTROOM IN THEM-- NOT NEXT DOOR; IN THEM-- BECAUSE THEY ARE
3 MEANT TO BE PLACES WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE GET THEIR FINAL
4 DISPOSITION FROM THE COURT, AND GO TO IT. AND IN THE PAST, IT
5 HAS BEEN PRIMARILY OUR CAMPS. SO IT IS NOT AN APPROPRIATE
6 PLACE FOR ANY KIND OF PERMANENT PLACEMENT, NOT JUST ABOUT
7 D.J.J. SECONDLY, YOU TALKED ABOUT THE RESEARCH, MADAM CHAIR,
8 AND I THINK IT HAS BECOME REALLY CLEAR, IN THE PAST 15 YEARS,
9 ABOUT THE WAYS IN WHICH YOUNG PEOPLE RESPOND TO BEING SEEN
10 WITH CONCERN, TO BEING TREATED LIKE HUMAN BEINGS, TO BEING
11 EDUCATED, TO BEING HELPED. THIS IS NOT SOFT-HEADED. AND I WILL
12 TELL YOU IT IS NOT SOFT-HEADED, BECAUSE IT IS ACTUALLY IN
13 STATE LAW. LET ME TALK TO YOU ABOUT WELFARE AND INSTITUTION
14 CODE, SECTION 875-A3. THAT IS THE SECTION OF THE LAW THAT
15 GOVERNS THE COURT IN SENTENCING THESE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE
16 COMMITTED SERIOUS CRIMES. AND THE CRITERIA THAT MUST BE MET
17 WHEN THEY PUT ANYONE WHO IS A MINOR ON A SECURE TRACK FACILITY
18 MUST INCLUDE FINDINGS, WRITTEN ON THE RECORD, REGARDING
19 PROGRAMMING AVAILABLE TO THEM AT THAT PLACEMENT,
20 REHABILITATION AVAILABLE TO THEM AT THAT PLACEMENT, AND THE
21 DELIVERY OF SERVICES WITH A REAL PLAN. THE COURT IS SUPPOSED
22 TO WRITE THAT IN ITS FINDINGS. I LOVE THE COURT, BUT ONE
23 WONDERS WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT BARRY J. THEY COULD NOT SAY THAT
24 BARRY J. IS A PERMANENT PLACEMENT, BECAUSE IT DOESN'T MEET THE
25 LAW. THE WELFARE INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 875 ALSO SETS FORTH

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1 ELEMENTS IN AN INDIVIDUAL REHABILITATION PLAN WHICH IS
2 REQUIRED FOR EACH YOUNG PERSON, EVEN THE ONES WHO'VE COMMITTED
3 SERIOUS CRIMES. THEY HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE COURT BY
4 PROBATION WITHIN 30 DAYS OF COMMITMENT AT THEIR PERMANENT
5 PLACEMENT. SO, WE'RE NOT MAKING THIS UP, IN TERMS OF THERE
6 NEEDING TO BE REHABILITATION AND PROGRAMMING FOR THESE YOUNG
7 PEOPLE, SPECIFICALLY. NOW THAT THE STATE HAS SAID, "WE ARE
8 CLOSING ALL OUR STATE FACILITIES, YOU TAKE THEM," THEY HAVE
9 ASKED US FOR A PLAN. THE PLAN THAT WE SUBMITTED JANUARY 1ST
10 WAS VERY VERY, VERY, VERY GENERAL. IN ESSENCE, IT WAS, "THERE
11 WILL BE A PLAN." BECAUSE WE DID NOT AGREE ON WHERE EVERYTHING
12 SHOULD GO. I AM ASHAMED TO SAY THAT OUR VERY OWN PROBATION
13 UNION TOOK IT UPON THEMSELVES TO SEND LETTERS TO OUR CITY
14 COUNCILS-- WHICH I THINK IS WAY BEYOND ANYTHING THAT WOULD BE
15 ACCEPTABLE-- IN ORDER TO CHARACTERIZE TO THE CITY COUNCILS IN
16 SUPERVISOR BARGER'S DISTRICT, IN MY DISTRICT, IN MALIBU, WHERE
17 CAMPUS KILPATRICK IS, TO CHARACTERIZE THESE YOUNG PEOPLE AS
18 ANIMALS WHO CANNOT BE REHABILITATED, WHO ARE TO BE FEARED AND
19 MIGHT ESCAPE, ALTHOUGH WHO IS LETTING THEM ESCAPE? PROBATION,
20 I GUESS, AND THEY HAVEN'T SHOWN US ANY WHO HAVE ESCAPED. I
21 MEAN, IT IS SO OUTRAGEOUS. I HAVE NOT REALLY BEEN ABLE TO
22 SPEAK HONESTLY, EVEN TODAY, ABOUT HOW I REALLY FEEL ABOUT IT.
23 THE RESEARCH SHOWS THERE'S A REASON THE STATE LAW REQUIRES
24 PROGRAMMING AND REHABILITATION. IT'S BECAUSE MINORS, WHEN THEY
25 RECEIVE THIS KIND OF SERVICE AND HELP, DO NOT END UP GOING TO

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1 ADULT PRISON, DO NOT END UP REOFFENDING AS MUCH; GO BACK INTO
2 THEIR COMMUNITY. YOU HEARD FROM SOME OF THEM TODAY. YOU HEARD
3 FROM A YOUNG MAN WHO WAS AT BARRY J., AND WENT TO CAMPUS
4 KILPATRICK. CAMPUS KILPATRICK WAS DESIGNED, I'M VERY PROUD TO
5 SAY, BY MY PREDECESSOR, ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, TO BE A PLACE WITH A
6 NEW MODEL FOR REHABILITATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. IT IS A GOOD
7 PLACE. NOW, LET ME TALK-- I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY, YOU KNOW I TAKE
8 THIS RESPONSIBILITY SERIOUSLY. KILPATRICK IS IN MY DISTRICT.
9 MY MALIBU COUNCIL, BEING GINNED UP BY THE PROBATION UNION TO
10 FEAR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE, HAVE VOTED. THEY DON'T WANT THEM,
11 EITHER. I LOVE MY CITY COUNCILS, BUT I HAVE SAID TO THEM, "I
12 DON'T CARE. YOU ARE WRONG. YOU HAVE BEEN MADE FEARFUL." AND I
13 THINK THAT COURAGE SHOULD BE INFECTIOUS TO EVERYBODY, TO SAY
14 NO TO PEOPLE THAT WANT TO CHARACTERIZE THESE KIDS AS ANIMALS.
15 YOU'VE ALREADY HEARD, BARRY J. HAS BEEN OPPOSED BY EVERYBODY
16 THAT WAS TASKED BY THE STATE TO MAKE THE DECISION. YOU KNOW,
17 IT IS ACTUALLY NOT SUPPOSED TO BE UP TO US. IT IS SUPPOSED TO
18 BE UP TO THE PEOPLE WHO WERE TASKED TO MAKE THE DECISION. AND
19 WE, OF COURSE, LIKE TO LOOK AT EVERYTHING AND TALK ABOUT IT,
20 AND SHOULD, BECAUSE WE ARE ULTIMATELY IN CHARGE. BUT WHEN THE
21 RESEARCH SHOWS TREATMENT IS NECESSARY, WHEN ALL THE PEOPLE WHO
22 HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH TALKING ABOUT THIS RECOMMENDED THIS
23 APPROACH, IT IS THE ONLY WAY TO GO. LET ME TALK TO YOU ABOUT
24 CAMP SCOTT FOR A MINUTE. SURPRISE! CAMP SCOTT HAS ALWAYS BEEN
25 A PLACEMENT, AS OPPOSED TO BARRY J., WHICH HAS NEVER BEEN A

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1 LONG-TERM PLACEMENT, AND COULDN'T BE, BY LAW. CAMP SCOTT
2 ALREADY HAS SINGLE-PERSON ROOMS. CAMP SCOTT IS CURRENTLY
3 EMPTY, WHICH MEANS THAT RENOVATIONS AND UPGRADES CAN BE MADE
4 WITHOUT IMPACTING A SINGLE YOUTH OR A SINGLE MEMBER OF STAFF.
5 OF ALL THE CLOSED FACILITIES, CAMP SCOTT IS THE ONE MOST
6 RECENTLY THAT HAD BEEN IN USE. IT JUST CLOSED IN MAY OF 2020,
7 WHICH MEANS IT IS NOT DILAPIDATED, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, THAT
8 ITS LICENSE STATUS IS STILL ACTIVE. SO, I REALLY WANT TO
9 ENCOURAGE EVERYONE, ALL MY COLLEAGUES-- AND I KNOW THAT MY
10 ESTEEMED COLLEAGUE FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT HAS AN OPPOSING
11 MOTION, WHICH I AM NOT GOING TO SUPPORT. I UNDERSTAND,
12 LISTENING TO THE PROBATION UNION SEEMS TEMPTING. BUT IN THIS
13 CASE, I REMEMBER-- YOU KNOW, HOLLY WASN'T HERE YET, BUT THE
14 FOUR OF US WERE HERE WHEN THERE WAS TESTIMONY ABOUT HOW
15 HORRIBLE THESE CHILDREN WERE FOUR YEARS AGO, AND THE MEMBERS
16 OF THE PROBATION UNION SITTING IN THE BACK STOOD UP AND
17 CHEERED WHEN THEY WERE CALLED ANIMALS. SO, I AM NOT BIG FANS
18 OF THEIRS AT THE MOMENT. STILL, WE ARE THE ONES CALLED UPON TO
19 DO WHAT IS RIGHT, AND THIS IS WHAT IS RIGHT: DOROTHY KIRBY FOR
20 THE GIRLS, CAMP SCOTT FOR THE BOYS, KILPATRICK AS THE
21 TRANSITION POINT. I CAN'T SEE ANY OTHER WAY THAT WE WILL
22 SATISFY THE STATE AND GET OUR BLOCK GRANT MONEY, WHICH
23 REQUIRES A SPECIFIC PLAN THAT COMPORTS WITH THE LAW. SO LET ME
24 ENCOURAGE YOU TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER-- AND I HOPE YOU ALL ARE--
25 SUPPORTING THIS MOTION. I AM NOT HARANGUING YOU. I AM REALLY

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1 SPEAKING FOR THE AUDIENCE, AS WELL, BECAUSE I KNOW YOU ALL
2 VERY WELL. AND DOING NOT JUST THE RIGHT THING IN A SOFT-
3 HEARTED WAY; DOING THE RIGHT THING UNDER THE LAW, AS REQUIRED.
4 DOING THE THING THAT WE MUST DO, IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THAT
5 THESE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN ARE NOT DOOMED TO A LIFE OF ADULT
6 CRIME. AND THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU HAVE BAD TREATMENT:
7 YOU PASS IT ON. WE CANNOT HOUSE THESE YOUNG PEOPLE AT BARRY J.
8 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU FOR CO-
11 AUTHORIZING THE MOTION WITH ME, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND YOUR
12 LEADERSHIP IN THIS AREA FOR YEARS. I APPRECIATE IT. SUPERVISOR
13 SOLIS?

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND ALSO TO
16 SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR INTRODUCING THE MOTION. AND IT IS REALLY
17 HARD TO FOLLOW YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, BECAUSE YOU ARE AN
18 IMMENSELY QUALIFIED LITIGATOR, AND I AM GLAD THAT YOU GAVE THE
19 PUBLIC AND ALL OF US A HISTORY, IN TERMS OF WHERE THE LAW IS,
20 AND WHAT WE, AS ELECTED OFFICIALS, NEED TO BE CONCERNED WITH.
21 BECAUSE ULTIMATELY, WE ARE RESPONSIBLE, AND WE DO NEED TO
22 RECEIVE STATE FUNDING, OUR BLOCK GRANT MONIES, TO BE ABLE TO
23 IMPLEMENT THIS PROGRAM THAT HAS BEEN PUT UPON US BY THE STATE,
24 AND WE NEED TO BE READY FOR IT. SO, I WANT TO JUST GO OVER A
25 COUPLE OF THINGS, AND THEN TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE

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1 AMENDMENT THAT I HAVE. YOU KNOW, THE PROCESS OF GETTING OUR
2 SECURE YOUTH TRACK FACILITY OUT OF BARRY NIDORF INTO A
3 PERMANENT, MORE SUITABLE LOCATION, YES, I AGREE IT HAS BEEN
4 LONG DELAYED AND PUT OFF. AND I KNOW THAT THERE HAVE BEEN SOME
5 VERY NEGATIVE IMPACTS BECAUSE OF THAT. WE HAVE HEARD IT FROM
6 YOUTH, WE'VE HEARD IT FROM OUR OWN COMMISSIONERS, AND WE'VE
7 HEARD IT FROM STAFF. WE HEARD MORE OF THAT TODAY, FROM THOSE
8 THAT CALLED IN. 25 OF THESE SECURE TRACK YOUTH ARE IN LIMBO,
9 CURRENTLY, AT BARRY NIDORF, AND I AM REALLY HOPING THAT THE
10 BOARD, IN COLLABORATION WITH OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND OUR
11 UNION PARTNERS, CAN MOVE QUICKLY TO GET THESE YOUTHS HOUSED
12 WITH APPROPRIATE LEVELS OF SERVICES AND PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE
13 HEARD THAT THEY HAVE NOT RECEIVED. I WANT TO STRESS THAT,
14 WHILE IN LIMBO, THESE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE NOT GETTING WHAT HAS
15 ALREADY BEEN OUTLINED AS APPROPRIATE AND EVEN ADEQUATE LEVELS
16 OF SERVICES AND PROGRAMMING. THE PROGRAMMING SHOULDN'T WAIT
17 UNTIL THEY HAVE A PERMANENT LOCATION TO GO, BUT SHOULD BE
18 HAPPENING THIS VERY MOMENT. WE HAVE YOUTH WHO WANT MORE
19 EDUCATION. THEY'RE DEMANDING EDUCATION, FOR GOD'S SAKE, BUT
20 IT'S NOT BEING OFFERED TO THEM. WE HAVE YOUTH WHO WANT
21 VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND OPPORTUNITIES, BECAUSE THEY CAN SEE,
22 ALSO, A FUTURE FOR THEMSELVES AHEAD. INSTEAD, THESE YOUTHS
23 RIGHT NOW ARE SITTING IN THEIR DORMS, WATCHING TELEVISION OR
24 PLAYING VIDEO GAMES. WHAT ARE WE DOING TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE?
25 THIS IS IRRESPONSIBLE, AND IT IS UNFAIR, NOT ONLY TO OUR

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1 YOUTH, BUT TO OUR RESPONSIBILITY, BECAUSE WE ARE SUPPOSED TO
2 BE PROVIDING THEM WITH SERVICES. SO, AS THE MOTION LAYS OUT, I
3 WILL BE VOTING YES TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY CAMPS
4 KILPATRICK AND SCOTT TO BE THE PERMANENT SITES FOR THE SECURED
5 BOYS, AND DOROTHY KIRBY CENTER TO BE THE PERMANENT SITE FOR
6 SECURED GIRLS. AND I CAN TELL YOU THAT LAST TIME WE HAD THIS
7 DISCUSSION, THE DISTRICT I REPRESENTED HAD DOROTHY KIRBY
8 CENTER IN IT, AND I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR COMMUNITY AND
9 THE SURROUNDING AREA WAS WELL AWARE OF WHAT THIS PROPOSAL
10 MEANT. AND IT IS ONE OF THOSE INDIVIDUAL PLACES THAT HAS
11 COTTAGES ALREADY SET UP. AND THERE ARE NOT VERY MANY GIRLS
12 THAT WILL BE PLACED THERE, WHICH I THINK IS ALSO SOMETHING
13 THAT THE GROUP, OVERALL, THAT IS HELPING US ARRIVE AT THIS
14 DECISION TOOK VERY SERIOUSLY. I WANT TO THANK BOTH OF YOU,
15 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND KUEHL, FOR ACCEPTING MY FRIENDLY
16 AMENDMENT. I SAW THE MOTION DID NOT EXPLICITLY STATE WHAT THE
17 FUTURE OF CAMP PAIGE AND AFFLERBAUGH, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF
18 LA VERNE, WERE. THEREFORE, I WANTED TO ADD A FRIENDLY
19 AMENDMENT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THOSE CAMPS REMAIN AS IS; NOT
20 FOR THOSE SECURED YOUTH, AND NOT TO BE USED AS A SECURED YOUTH
21 FACILITY. WE'VE HEARD THAT FROM MANY OF THE RESIDENTS IN THE
22 CITY OF LA VERNE AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS. ADDITIONALLY, IN
23 MY COMMITMENT TO YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, THE AMENDMENT WOULD
24 BRING THE NEWLY EXPANDED L.A. MODEL TO BOTH OF THESE CAMPS. I
25 THINK THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE BEEN STRIVING FOR. THERE'S NEVER

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1 BEEN A DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT THE L.A. MODEL WASN'T JUST GOING
2 TO BE EXCLUSIVELY AT ONE CAMP, CAMP KILPATRICK, BUT IT WAS
3 SUPPOSED TO BE PUSHED OUT TO ALL OF OUR CAMPS AND OUR HALLS IN
4 THE COUNTY. SO I HOPE THAT ALL OF US WILL COME TO AN AGREEMENT
5 THAT WE HAVE TO HAVE A CARE-CENTERED APPROACH. SO AT THIS
6 TIME, I, TOO, WOULD LIKE TO ASK FOR SUPPORT ON MY AMENDMENT.
7 THANK YOU FOR ACCEPTING IT, AND I SUPPORT THE MOTION MOVING
8 FORWARD, AND LET'S FIND JUSTICE FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ARE
9 CURRENTLY IN OUR CARE, AND ALSO FOR THEIR FAMILIES, WHO ARE
10 ALSO LOOKING TO US FOR THAT LEADERSHIP. THANK YOU, MADAM
11 CHAIR.

12

13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
14 SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, ON ITEM 10.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO START OFF BY
17 SAYING, THANK YOU SO MUCH. I KNOW THIS HAS BEEN A LOT OF HARD
18 WORK, MUCH OF IT REALLY TRYING TO WORK OUT SOME DIFFERENCES.
19 AND UP FRONT, I'M GOING TO SAY, ABSOLUTELY, I'M GOING TO
20 SUPPORT THIS MOTION TODAY BY YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AND
21 YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. MY CONCERN-- I THINK CHIEF GONZALES IS
22 ON THE LINE. MY CONCERN IS, I HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT CAMP
23 KILPATRICK AND CAMP SCOTT ARE NOT READY RIGHT NOW FOR THESE
24 YOUTH, AND WANTED TO KNOW WHAT STILL NEEDS TO HAPPEN TO MAKE

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1 THESE PLACES READY, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, HOW LONG THAT WILL
2 TAKE. THERE HE IS. I JUST SAW HIM.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** RIGHT. I DID, TOO.

5

6 **ADOLFO GONZALES:** GOOD MORNING. CAN YOU SEE ME? I DON'T SEE
7 MYSELF.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** I DID, BRIEFLY.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WE SAW YOU A SECOND AGO. THEN YOU WENT
12 AWAY.

13

14 **ADOLFO GONZALES:** LET ME TRY IT AGAIN. THERE WE GO.

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THERE YOU GO. YES, WE GOT YOU NOW. THANK
17 YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN:** MY QUESTION WAS, WHAT WOULD IT TAKE TO GET THESE
20 PLACES READY FOR WHAT I THINK IS GOING TO BE THE WILL OF THE
21 BOARD, AND HOW LONG DO YOU THINK THAT'S GOING TO TAKE?

22

23 **ADOLFO GONZALES:** WELL, FIRST, GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND
24 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME HERE TODAY. I
25 APPRECIATE ALL THE COMMENTS THAT I HEARD SO FAR. AND IT WAS

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1 MENTIONED EARLIER, WHEN I CAME FROM SAN DIEGO, THIS IS WHAT I
2 ENVISIONED: WHAT CAN WE DO IN LOS ANGELES TO EXPAND WHAT WE
3 CALL THE L.A. MODEL? FROM SAN DIEGO, WE CAME TO LOS ANGELES
4 AND LOOKED AT CAMP KILPATRICK, ACTUALLY, A COUPLE OF TIMES TO
5 GET IDEAS, AND WE CREATED A NEW FACILITY IN SAN DIEGO BEFORE I
6 CAME UP HERE TO LOS ANGELES. IN FACT, WHEN I GOT HERE, I
7 INVITED MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, DEPUTIES, TO COME DOWN THERE
8 AND SEE THE CONSTRUCTION. THE FACILITY WAS STILL IN
9 CONSTRUCTION WHEN WE CAME LAST YEAR, BUT I AM TOLD THE
10 FACILITY IS NOW COMPLETE AND OCCUPIED BY THE YOUNG PEOPLE
11 THERE IN SAN DIEGO. I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE MEMBERS OF THE
12 BOARD TO COME DOWN THERE AND TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT IS POSSIBLE,
13 AND ALSO WHAT I DID A COUPLE WEEKS AGO. NO, ABOUT A WEEK AGO.
14 I SENT A LETTER TO THE UNION, ADVISING THE UNION THAT, BY MAY
15 1ST, WE'RE GOING TO BE MOVING THE YOUNG PEOPLE TO CAMP
16 KILPATRICK. AND THERE WERE SOME ITEMS OUTLINED IN THERE: THE
17 SCHEDULING, THE SERVICES, AND SO FORTH. I WENT, PERSONALLY, TO
18 BARRY J., AND SPOKE TO THE YOUTH THERE AT BARRY J. I EVEN
19 SAMPLED THE FOOD WHEN I WAS THERE, AND IT WAS NOT VERY TASTY
20 OR APPEALING, SO I DIRECTED OUR STAFF TO WORK WITH OUR
21 NUTRITION AND OUR FOOD PROVIDER TO ENHANCE MEAL SERVICES FOR
22 ALL OF OUR FACILITIES. I THEN WENT TO CAMP KILPATRICK MYSELF,
23 AND I SAW THAT THE FENCE HAD BEEN DAMAGED BEHIND THE COTTAGES,
24 WHEN WE HAD THE BIG STRONG WINDS, IF YOU RECALL, ABOUT A MONTH
25 OR SO AGO; MAYBE TWO MONTHS NOW. THEY WERE NEEDING REPAIRS, SO

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1 I ASKED THAT THAT BE EXPEDITED, AND I'M TOLD THAT THE REPAIRS
2 HAVE BEEN DONE. AND ALSO, THERE WAS ANOTHER CONCERN OF SAFETY
3 WITH A LIGHT POLE RUNNING THROUGH THE COTTAGES THAT WERE
4 IDENTIFIED FOR THE SECURE YOUTH TRACK, WHICH ARE THE ONES
5 CLOSEST TO THE SWIMMING POOL. IF YOU'VE BEEN THERE BEFORE, YOU
6 KNOW, THE ONES FURTHEST AWAY FROM THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.
7 THE LIGHT POLE WAS TOO CLOSE TO THE BUILDING, AND THERE WERE
8 SOME SAFETY CONCERNS THERE. I'M TOLD THAT HAS ALSO BEEN
9 REMEDIED. AND WE'RE NOW GETTING READY THE COTTAGES TO RECEIVE
10 OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. WE ARE GOING TO GO THROUGH THE PROCESS OF
11 EVALUATING WHO SHOULD BE READY TO MOVE ON. INTERESTING ENOUGH,
12 WHEN I WENT TO BARRY J. LAST WEEK, ON THURSDAY, I SPOKE TO A
13 COUPLE PEOPLE THAT DON'T WANT TO LEAVE BARRY J., BUT I THINK
14 THAT ONCE WE TALK TO THEM, WE CAN ENCOURAGE THEM THAT IT IS
15 THE BEST THING TO DO. I WAS SURPRISED THEY DIDN'T WANT TO
16 LEAVE. WE DIDN'T GET INTO THE WHY SO MUCH.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** SO, CHIEF, WHAT YOU ARE SAYING IS, YOU THINK BOTH
19 FACILITIES WILL BE READY TO RECEIVE THESE YOUTH, BASED ON THE
20 BOARD'S MOTION TODAY, BY MAY 1ST?

21

22 **ADOLFO GONZALES:** ONLY CAMP KILPATRICK WILL SEE SOME YOUTH.
23 CAMP KILPATRICK.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN:** WHAT ABOUT CAMP SCOTT?

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2 **ADOLFO GONZALES:** CAMP SCOTT NEEDS SOME REPAIRS. THERE WAS SOME
3 STRONG WIND DAMAGE.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY. SO, I MEAN, GIVE ME A TIME.

6

7 **ADOLFO GONZALES:** I WILL HAVE TO TALK TO OUR PUBLIC WORKS FOLKS
8 TO SEE WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY. I MEAN, HERE IS MY CONCERN, COLLEAGUES, IS,
11 YES, WE ARE GOING TO DO THIS. I AM GOING TO BE SUPPORTIVE. BUT
12 WE HAVE BEEN HEARING HORROR STORIES ABOUT BARRY J., RIGHT?
13 EVERYTHING FROM MAGGOTS IN THE FOOD, TO NO PROGRAMMING, TO
14 JUST, YOU KNOW, SOME OF THE LOCKDOWNS. SO, I GUESS MY POINT
15 IS, IN THE MEANTIME, IT IS GOING TO BE IMPORTANT TO ME, AT
16 LEAST-- YOU KNOW, I AM NOT TALKING ABOUT RENOVATING OR
17 REIMAGINING BARRY J., BUT IN THE MEANTIME, WE COULD BE SEVERAL
18 MONTHS AWAY, AND THINGS USUALLY TAKE LONGER THAN WHAT WE
19 THINK, THAT THESE YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE AT BARRY J., AND I
20 DON'T THINK ANY OF US FEEL GOOD ABOUT EVEN TEMPORARILY HAVING
21 OUR YOUNG PEOPLE EXPOSED TO SOME OF THE CONDITIONS THAT WE
22 HAVE BEEN HEARING ABOUT. SO, WHAT CAN YOU DO, CHIEF, IN THE
23 MEANTIME TO FIX SOME OF THESE PROBLEMS THAT WE HAVE BEEN
24 HEARING ABOUT, THAT ARE REALLY ABHORRENT, IN MY OPINION?
25 AGAIN, WE KNOW WE'RE GOING TO MOVE THEM, BUT WE GOT TO MEET

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1 THEM WHERE THEY ARE, AND I CAN'T IMAGINE THAT WE WOULD FEEL
2 GOOD ABOUT EVEN ONE MORE DAY WITH SOME OF THE CONDITIONS THAT
3 WE HEARD ABOUT. I MEAN, LIKE NO MAGGOTS IN THE FOOD, RIGHT? I
4 THINK WE CAN ALL AGREE THAT THAT'S A BAD IDEA.

5

6 **ADOLFO GONZALES:** RIGHT. WE ARE ALREADY LOOKING AT THE FOOD.
7 THAT WAS CONCERNING TO ALL OF US, AS WELL. WHAT I'M TOLD IS
8 THAT THAT WAS ADDRESSED RIGHT AWAY, WHEN THEY SPOTTED THAT IN
9 THE FOOD CUPS, AND THEY WENT TO TO THE PROVIDER AND ADDRESSED
10 THAT PARTICULAR ITEM. WE DO HAVE A REQUIREMENT FROM THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO MAKE THE MODIFICATIONS, WHICH
12 INCLUDES KIND OF MAKING IT MORE HOME-LIKE, IF YOU WILL. WE CAN
13 DO THAT RELATIVELY SOON.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** WE ALSO HEARD ABOUT PROGRAMMING, LIKE THE KIDS
16 WEREN'T GETTING THE PROGRAMMING THAT THEY-- I THINK SUPERVISOR
17 SOLIS TALKED ABOUT THE LACK OF THAT, AND ALL THEY ARE DOING IS
18 WATCHING T.V. AND PLAYING VIDEO GAMES.

19

20 **ADOLFO GONZALES:** RIGHT. I HEARD THE SAME THING WHEN I MET WITH
21 THEM AND SPOKE TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE DOWN THERE. WE ASSIGNED A
22 DIRECTOR, ALBERT BANUELOS, TO FOLLOW THE SAME MODEL WE HAD AT
23 KILPATRICK, WITH THE PROGRAMMING, AND HE'S BRINGING THAT TO
24 BARRY J., AND OTHER PLACES, AS WELL. I ALSO REACHED OUT TO
25 SCOTT BUDNICK AND SAM LEWIS, FROM ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION.

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1 WE ARE LOOKING AT EXPANDING THEIR CONTRACT, SO WE CAN HAVE
2 MORE SERVICES FOR BARRY J., AS WELL AS THE COMPOUND. I DON'T
3 LIKE THE TERM "COMPOUND," MYSELF. AND THE OTHER THING I WANT
4 TO DO AS SOON AS WE CAN, WORKING WITH PUBLIC WORKS, CAN WE
5 REMOVE SOME OF THE RAZOR WIRE FROM THE FACILITY? I THINK
6 THAT'S VERY DISHEARTENING. WHEN I WAS THERE ON THURSDAY OF
7 LAST WEEK, IT WAS VERY DEPRESSING. SO I AGREE WITH WHAT YOU
8 ARE SAYING, AND WE WILL DO THE BEST WE CAN TOGETHER. I NEED
9 THE SUPPORT FROM OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND OUR
10 INTERNAL SERVICES BUREAU TO MAKE THOSE THINGS HAPPEN, AND NOT
11 DELAY, LIKE WE HAVE IN THE PAST.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. AND, OF COURSE, WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT
14 L.A.C.O.E. AND THE INABILITY FOR THE TEACHERS TO TEACH THERE
15 RIGHT NOW, BASED ON SOME OF THE REPORTS THAT I HAVE GOTTEN.
16 SO, MAYBE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO-- SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,
17 KUEHL, I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT THIS-- SOME SORT OF...
18 I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S A REPORT-BACK OR SOME SORT OF STATUS
19 IMPROVEMENT FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE CURRENTLY AT BARRY J., WITH
20 EVERYTHING WE JUST LISTED-- PHYSICAL, PROGRAMMING, FOOD-- SO
21 WE REALLY KNOW. AND AGAIN, NOT TO ALARM ANY OF THE ACTIVISTS
22 WHO THINK ANYTHING WE DO WOULD IN SOME WAY BE SIGNALING THAT
23 WE ARE STAYING THERE, OR WE'RE RENOVATING IT, BUT JUST IN
24 TERMS OF HUMANELY TREATING THESE YOUNG PEOPLE AT BARRY J.
25 UNTIL WE MOVE FORWARD TO KILPATRICK AND SCOTT. THAT'S WHAT I

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1 WOULD LIKE, AND IT IS IMPORTANT TO ME TO KNOW THAT THEY ARE
2 NOT IN SOME LIMBO, SOME HOLDING PATTERN, WHERE WE'RE NOT
3 PUTTING ANY EFFORT OR RESOURCES TO THEIR WELLBEING. THANK YOU,
4 MADAM CHAIR.

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, I APPRECIATE IT. I
7 WOULD JUST SAY THAT, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, COMPLETELY SEPARATE
8 FROM THIS AGENDA ITEM, THAT'S MY EXPECTATION OF THE DEPARTMENT
9 HEAD, CHIEF GONZALES, ANYWAY. WE ARE CLEAR THAT THE B.S.C.C.
10 HAS ALREADY DETERMINED, LIKE CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL, THAT BARRY
11 J. NIDORF IS UNSUITABLE. AND SO, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, IT IS
12 CHIEF GONZALES'S RESPONSIBILITY TO BE TAKING IMMEDIATE ACTION
13 TO ADDRESS THOSE CONCERNS. SO I WOULDN'T ATTACH A REPORT-BACK
14 TO THIS MOTION. I THINK WE CAN CREATE A REPORT-BACK MOTION,
15 BUT THAT'S MY EXPECTATION OF THE DEPARTMENT HEAD, IN THE FIRST
16 PLACE. IT HAS ALREADY BEEN DEEMED UNSUITABLE, AND SO I THINK
17 HE HAS TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN:** SOMETIMES WE HAVE TO TELL OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS WHAT
20 TO EXPECT.

21

22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** HAPPY TO DO SO. GIVEN THE NATURE AND THE
23 CONTENT OF THIS MOTION, I WOULD PREFER THAT IT NOT BE
24 CONNECTED TO THIS MOTION, BECAUSE I DON'T WANT IT TO BE
25 PERCEIVED AS ANY SUGGESTION THAT WE ARE DELAYING ACTION ON

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1 THIS MOTION. BUT I AGREE WITH YOU: NONE OF US THINK STATUS
2 QUO, INCLUDING THE B.S.C.C., IS APPROPRIATE, HENCE THEY'VE
3 DEEMED IT UNSUITABLE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I SEE YOU WAVING YOUR
4 HAND.

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** I WASN'T WAVING. I WAS JUST POLITELY RAISING A
7 COUPLE FINGERS-- THE RIGHT ONES.

8

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

10

11 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THINK THAT IT IS A MORE COMPLICATED ISSUE FOR
12 THE HALLS, AND A REPORT-BACK SEPARATELY, I THINK, IS A REALLY
13 GOOD IDEA. REMEMBER, THEY JUST CLOSED-- I'M SORRY, OUR
14 ESTEEMED DEPARTMENT HEAD JUST CLOSED CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL, I
15 MEAN, AND TOLD L.A.C.O.E. ON FRIDAY THAT THEY HAD TO MOVE. SO
16 THEY MOVED AN ENTIRE SCHOOL, WITH OVER 100 STUDENTS AND 58
17 L.A.C.O.E. EMPLOYEES, OVER TO BARRY J. SO WORK HAS TO GO ON AT
18 CENTRAL, WHICH, AS YOU KNOW, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, HAS ANOTHER
19 ISSUE WITH AN APPROACH LATER ON IN OUR AGENDA. BUT I THINK WE
20 HAVE TO SEE SORT OF THE PLAN FOR THESE HALLS, OR IF IT IS JUST
21 GOING TO BE ONE HALL, AND HOW THAT IS GOING TO OPERATE. THE
22 VAST MAJORITY OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE NOT THESE OFFENDERS
23 THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT, THAT WE REFER TO AS OUR D.J.J.
24 YOUTH. D.J.J. YOUTH ARE MINORS, BUT THEY HAVE COMMITTED MORE
25 SERIOUS CRIMES. AND THAT'S WHY THE STATE USED TO TAKE THEM,

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1 BUT DOESN'T ANYMORE. MOST OF THE KIDS AT BARRY J. AND AT
2 CENTRAL ARE MOVING THROUGH, AND THEY'RE NOT ALL GOING TO A
3 PLACEMENT. SOME OF THEM ARE GOING TO DIVERSION, AND MORE AND
4 MORE OF THEM ARE, THESE DAYS. SO IT'S EVEN WORSE THAT THEY'RE
5 ENDURING THIS FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME, INSTEAD OF BEING
6 DIVERTED. SO I THINK WE WANT TO KNOW, IN THE AREA JUST OF
7 THESE HALLS WHERE THE KIDS GO, STOP ONE, THAT'S THE REPORT-
8 BACK I THINK WE NEED. WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN AT CENTRAL? WHEN
9 ARE WE GOING BACK TO CENTRAL, OR NOT, DEPENDING ON WHAT WE
10 DECIDE TODAY? AND WHAT HAPPENS AT BARRY J. FOR THIS
11 POPULATION, WHICH IS PRIMARILY NOT OUR D.J.J. YOUTH? IT IS
12 PRIMARILY LOWER OFFENDERS, AND IF THEY ARE GOING TO BE
13 INCARCERATED, SENT TO ONE OF THE OTHER CAMPS. SO, I WANTED,
14 ALSO, TO GIVE A SHOUT-OUT TO L.A.C.O.E., BECAUSE THEY HAVE
15 REALLY TRIED TO KEEP GOING, AND TRIED TO PROVIDE THE
16 EDUCATION, AND INSISTED ON IT, AND TO SOME EXTENT HAVE BEEN
17 STYMIED AT BARRY J. BUT I KNOW THAT OUR CHIEF PROBATION
18 OFFICER HEARS THESE CONCERNS LOUD AND CLEAR, AND MAYBE WE CAN
19 SET A DATE CERTAIN TO HEAR BACK EXACTLY WHAT IS GOING ON, IN
20 THE NOT-TOO-DISTANT FUTURE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

21
22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN, ANYTHING
23 ELSE? THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. TO OUR CHIEF GONZALES, CAN OUR HALLS
2 SERVE AS PERMANENT HOUSING FACILITIES WITH DESIGNATIONS
3 CHANGED BY THE B.S.C.C.? BECAUSE I KNOW THAT WAS SOMETHING
4 THAT WAS BROUGHT UP IN ONE OF THE CLUSTER MEETINGS, AND YOU
5 MADE IT CLEAR THAT, IN FACT, WITH A DESIGNATION CHANGE, THEY
6 CAN BE USED.

7

8 **ALFONSO GONZALES:** RIGHT. B.S.C.C. CAN CONTROL TITLE 24, WHERE
9 THERE'S A PLACEMENT OR A DETENTION FACILITY.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, SO I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY THAT. SO, THE
12 MOTION THAT I BRING IN TODAY, OBVIOUSLY, TAKES INTO
13 CONSIDERATION THAT DESIGNATION MODIFICATION, SO I DO RECOGNIZE
14 THAT. AND THEN I WOULD SAY TO THE COMMENT ABOUT THE J.J.R.B.G.
15 BEING GIVEN THE AUTHORITY, THEY ARE GIVEN THE AUTHORITY TO
16 RECOMMEND. WE, AS A BOARD, HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE THE
17 DECISION. AND THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT IS AN EXTENSION OF OUR
18 AUTHORITY. AND SO I SAY TO-- AND I'VE SAID THIS UP IN SANTA
19 CLARITA, WHEN I WAS UP THERE YESTERDAY-- MY MOTION IS NOT MY
20 RECOMMENDATION. THIS IS A RECOMMENDATION THAT CAME FROM
21 SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS THAT WE'VE HIRED-- THAT WE, AS A BOARD,
22 COLLECTIVELY HIRED-- TO BRING FORTH RECOMMENDATIONS. AND THAT
23 IS MY POSITION. AND TO THE POINT MADE ABOUT THE REFERENCE TO
24 THESE YOUTH, I COMPLETELY AGREE, AND I HAVE SAID THIS, AS
25 WELL: MY OBJECTION IS NOT TO THE POPULATION THAT'S GOING TO BE

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1 PLACED. MY OBJECTION IS TO GOING AGAINST SUBJECT MATTER
2 AUTHORITIES WHO ARE TELLING US THAT THEY FEEL THAT BARRY J.
3 NIDORF IS THE APPROPRIATE PLACEMENT, WITH MODIFICATIONS.

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, IF YOU COULD FOCUS
6 YOUR COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEM 10, WE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY
7 TO HEAR YOUR ITEM. SO, IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OF THE CHIEF ON
8 10, THAT WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER:** WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, CHAIR MITCHELL, THEY ARE
11 ONE AND THE SAME, EVEN THOUGH YOU WANT TO SEPARATE THEM, AND
12 THAT'S FINE. BUT IT IS MY TIME, AND I AM SPEAKING, OKAY? AND
13 SO, HAVING SAID THAT, I TAKE OFFENSE TO THE ALLEGATIONS THAT--
14 OR NOT EVEN OFFENSE. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IT IS ACCURATE TO
15 SAY THAT BARRY J. NIDORF CANNOT BE CONSIDERED. OKAY, SO I JUST
16 WANT TO SAY THAT, BECAUSE THAT WAS SAID ABOUT THE MOTION. BUT
17 I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT, DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS, THIS BOARD
18 HAS ADOPTED AN UNFORTUNATE TREND OF NOT LISTENING TO EXPERTS,
19 AND SHOPPING FOR ANSWERS. USUALLY, THE CHERRY-PICKING OF
20 ANSWERS REVOLVES AROUND THE CLOSING OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL,
21 HAVING IGNORED THREE REPORTS, OVER MULTIPLE YEARS,
22 HIGHLIGHTING THE NEED TO REPLACE WITH A SECURE FACILITY.
23 TODAY'S VOTE, IN MY OPINION, HAS COME DOWN TO PICKING THE
24 REPORT THAT SERVES OPINION VERSUS FACT. THE FACTS ARE, THE
25 BOARD HAS COMMITTED TO LOWERING ITS JUVENILE JUSTICE

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1 FOOTPRINT, NOT REOPENING CLOSED FACILITIES. ACCORDING TO A
2 FINANCIAL ANALYSIS SUBMITTED BY THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT OVER
3 THE WEEKEND, IT IS LESS EXPENSIVE TO RENOVATE BARRY J. NIDORF
4 TO MEET THE STANDARDS OF YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. DESPITE THE
5 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS INVESTED IN CAMPUS KILPATRICK, AN
6 ADDITIONAL \$30 MILLION WILL BE REQUIRED TO SERVE THIS
7 POPULATION, WITHOUT UNDERTAKING THE D.J.J. POPULATION. THE
8 PROBATION DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS THE USE OF BARRY J. AS A
9 PERMANENT HOUSING FACILITY, WHICH WAS WHAT THE MAJORITY OF
10 COUNTIES IN CALIFORNIA ARE ALSO DOING: CONVERTING THEIR
11 JUVENILE HALLS INTO SECURE YOUTH FACILITIES. THE J.J.R.B.G.
12 SUBCOMMITTEE DID IN FACT RANK BARRY J. NIDORF AS A FEASIBLE
13 LOCATION FOR THIS POPULATION. THESE ARE THE FACTS. WHAT IS
14 ALSO A FACT IS THAT THE BOARD IS BEING ASKED TO VOTE ON A
15 MOTION, WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY NOT BEING PRESENTED ALL THE
16 AVAILABLE OPTIONS AT HAND, TO CONTINUE IN THE TREND OF CHERRY-
17 PICKING WHEN IT IS CONVENIENT. INSTEAD, WE ARE IGNORING THE
18 VERY EXPERT THAT THIS BOARD WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING TO
19 THIS DEPARTMENT. EVERYONE ON THIS BOARD WAS A PART OF THE
20 HIRING OF OUR PROBATION CHIEF. WE SELECTED HIM AND CHARGED HIM
21 WITH EMPLOYING HIS EXPERTISE IN MAKING DECISIONS ABOUT THE
22 DEPARTMENT, THE YOUTH, AND HIS DEPARTMENT'S IMPACTS. THE
23 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VALUES OF YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED IS
24 NOT CONTINGENT ON THOSE WHOSE VALUES ARE PRACTICED, BUT RATHER
25 ON HOW MANY YOUNG PEOPLE WE CAN IMPACT: SOMETHING WE ALL AGREE

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1 ON. THE COUNTY WAS ALREADY REQUIRED TO MAKE TRANSFORMATIONAL
2 CHANGES TO BARRY J., WELL BEFORE THE DISCUSSION OF D.J.J. EVEN
3 BEGAN. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO IMPACT THE LIVES OF MOST OF
4 OUR INCARCERATED YOUTH, BOTH PRE- AND POST-DISPOSITION AT
5 BARRY J. IT IS THE ONLY FACILITY THAT CAN ENSURE CONTINUUM OF
6 CARE FROM THE MOMENT THEY ARE THERE UNTIL THE MINUTE THEY EXIT
7 OUR SYSTEM, BECAUSE THEY WILL NOT NEED TO BE TRANSFERRED AFTER
8 DISPOSITION. I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS MOTION, AS YOU CAN TELL. I
9 BELIEVE CAMP SCOTT IS NOT SUITABLE FOR NON-D.J.J. YOUTH, LET
10 ALONE FOR YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18 TO 25, WITH HIGH NEEDS, AND
11 THAT ARE HIGH-RISK. THUS, SHOULD THIS MOTION PASS, I WANT TO
12 MAKE IT VERY CLEAR THAT THE INVESTMENT INSIDE AND OUT,
13 INCLUDING EXTENSIVE SECURITY UPGRADES, MUST BE MADE. WITH
14 RESPECT TO THE AMENDMENT BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I WANT TO THANK
15 HER FOR HEARING MY CONSTITUENTS IN LA VERNE. THEY HAVE BEEN
16 ENGAGED TIRELESSLY ON THIS ISSUE SINCE THE TOWN HALL I
17 REQUESTED AND HELD MONTHS AGO. THAT SAID, MY OFFICE HAS
18 RECEIVED CALLS FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS ASKING WHAT AN EXPANDED
19 L.A. MODEL MEANS, AND TO MY CONSTITUENTS, I SAY, CONSISTENT
20 WITH MY COMMITMENT TO ALWAYS BE COLLABORATIVE AND TRANSPARENT
21 WITH MY CONSTITUENTS, WE WILL BE HOLDING TOWN HALLS, SO THAT
22 THEY HAVE A FULL BRIEFING AND UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IS BEING
23 PROPOSED, AND HOW IT IMPACTS THEM. AND LAST AND NOT AT LEAST,
24 BUT LET ME JUST SAY, THE IRONY TODAY IS, AS WE SPEAK ABOUT THE
25 CONCERNS ABOUT BARRY J., WE ARE INCREASING THE POPULATION AT

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1 BARRY J. NIDORF BY 120. SO WE HAVE MOVED YOUTH FROM CENTRAL
2 JUVENILE HALL TO BARRY J. NIDORF, DOUBLING THE POPULATION. AND
3 IF THE ACTION TODAY UNDER 56-B OCCURS, WE WILL CLOSE CENTRAL
4 JUVENILE HALL AND ENSURE IN PERPETUITY THAT, IN FACT, THESE
5 YOUTH REMAIN AT BARRY J. NIDORF. AND LET ME JUST QUOTE FROM
6 56-B: "THE PLAN INCLUDES A TIMELINE AND BUDGET, MODIFICATIONS,
7 RECONFIGURATIONS, AND UPGRADES TO CREATE A 'HOME-LIKE'
8 ENVIRONMENT, COMPLIANT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
9 JUSTICE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AT BARRY J. NIDORF." SO, THIS
10 MOTION IS ASKING THAT WE DO WHAT, ACTUALLY, THE MOTION THAT I
11 AM BRINGING IN IS ASKING, INCLUDING THE DEMOLITION OF THE
12 COMPOUND-- SOMETHING THAT I AGREE WITH-- TO BECOME THE ONLY
13 PROBATION FACILITY IN THE COUNTY TO HOLD PREDISPOSITION YOUTH.
14 WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE? WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE? AND SO, YOU
15 KNOW, ON ONE HAND, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT HOW HORRIBLE IT IS,
16 AND I AGREE WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL: THE BUCK STOPS WITH
17 US. WE SHOULDN'T BE WAITING TO DEBATE THIS: THE FACT THAT WE
18 ALL KNOW-- AND THE PROBATION OFFICERS PUT US ALL ON NOTICE--
19 THAT THE YOUTH THAT ARE COMING IN RIGHT NOW, THE LEVEL OF
20 VIOLENCE IN OUR FACILITIES, SPECIFIC TO YOUTH-ON-YOUTH
21 VIOLENCE AND ASSAULTS AGAINST STAFF, CONTINUES TO ESCALATE.
22 AND BY THE WAY, THIS IS NOT UNIQUE TO OUR CAMPS. WE HAVE BEEN
23 PUT ON NOTICE THAT IN OUR GROUP HOMES, UNDER D.C.F.S., WE HAVE
24 HAD THE SAME PROBLEM. THIS IS A DEBATE WE SHOULD BE HAVING
25 SEPARATE FROM THE FACT THAT THE STATE IS TRANSFERRING THEIR

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1 RESPONSIBILITY DOWN TO US TO HOLD THESE YOUTH LONGER. BUT I
2 FEEL THAT THIS HAS BECOME SOMETHING MORE OF A POLITICAL GAME,
3 AND THE FUTURE OF OUR YOUTH DEPEND UPON THE DECISION WE MAKE
4 FOR GENERATIONS TO COME, AND I WILL NOT SUPPORT IT. AND I WILL
5 HOLD ALL ACCOUNTABLE, MOVING FORWARD, BECAUSE I FEEL A
6 RESPONSIBILITY TO THESE YOUTH. AND AGAIN, IT IS NOT ABOUT IT
7 BEING AT CAMP SCOTT, BECAUSE I ACTUALLY-- AND I DON'T KNOW HOW
8 MANY OF YOU ALL HAVE BEEN TO EACH ONE OF THOSE CAMPS, AND
9 WALKED THEM, AND HAVE TAKEN GONZALES UP WITH HIS OFFER TO GO
10 DOWN TO SAN DIEGO. I HAVE. I HAVE TOURED PAIGE AND AFFLERBAUGH
11 WITH CHIEF GONZALES. I HAVE GONE UP TO CAMP SCOTT. I HAVE BEEN
12 TO KIRBY. I HAVE GONE OUT TO KILPATRICK. BECAUSE I WANT TO
13 KNOW WHAT I AM VOTING ON. I AM NOT GOING TO SIMPLY TAKE THE
14 WORD OF A PIECE OF PAPER, WHAT'S WRITTEN ON A PIECE OF PAPER.
15 I WANT TO KNOW WHAT MY DECISION IS GOING TO BE MADE ON, AND
16 WHAT EXACTLY WE ARE TALKING ABOUT. SO, WHILE WE'RE NOT GOING
17 TO TAKE UP MY MOTION WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT 10, FASTEN YOUR
18 SEAT BELT, BECAUSE I WILL CONTINUE TO TALK ABOUT IT WHEN IT IS
19 MY TURN ON THE GREEN-SHEET MOTION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

20
21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ARE YOU FINISHED SPEAKING, SUPERVISOR
22 BARGER?

23
24 **SUP. BARGER:** WELL, I SAID THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, SO I THINK
25 THAT MEANS YES.

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1

2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OKAY, SO LET ME JUST CLARIFY. IT IS
3 WITHIN THE POWER OF THE CHAIR, IN FOLLOWING PAST PRACTICES OF
4 THIS BOARD, ABOUT WHEN AGENDA ITEMS ARE TAKEN UP. AND WHILE I
5 DIDN'T INTERRUPT YOU, I MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT THE DISCUSSION
6 FOR THE MOMENT WAS ITEM 10. THERE'S PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITY TO
7 ADDRESS AGENDA ITEM 56-A. SO, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, I WOULD
8 HOPE THAT IN THE FUTURE, AS I HAVE AS A BOARD MEMBER, WOULD
9 FOLLOW THE CULTURE AND HABITS AND POLICIES AND PRACTICE OF THE
10 BOARD, AS WELL AS FOLLOWING THE ITEM AND THE ORDER OF THE
11 AGENDA ITEMS. WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** MADAM CHAIR--

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL HAD HER HAND UP.
16 SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

17

18 **SUP. BARGER:** YOU DID INTERRUPT ME, AND NO BOARD MEMBER EVER
19 TELLS ANOTHER BOARD MEMBER WHAT THEY CAN OR CANNOT SAY AT A
20 BOARD MEETING. YOU CONTROL WHAT IS HEARD, BUT YOU DO NOT
21 CONTROL THE CONTENT OF WHAT ANYBODY SAYS AT THIS BOARD.

22

23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** BUT IF YOU ARE OUT OF ORDER WITH REGARD
24 TO WHAT IS BEING DISCUSSED AT THE TIME, I THINK IT'S
25 APPROPRIATE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU WERE OUT OF ORDER. BUT I

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1 DID STOP AND LET YOU FINISH SPEAKING. SO, WITH ALL DUE
2 RESPECT, WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR
3 KUEHL?

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL:** LADIES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. EVERYBODY TAKE A
6 DEEP BREATH NOW. HERE WE ARE. I WANTED TO CORRECT, IF I MAY,
7 RESPECTFULLY, ONE THING THAT MY COLLEAGUE SUPERVISOR BARGER
8 INDICATED. I TOTALLY ACCEPT THAT, IN HER OPINION, THE SUBJECT
9 MATTER EXPERTS ARE THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND THOSE WHO WORK
10 THERE. HOWEVER, WHEN THE STATE DECIDED TO CLOSE THEIR
11 FACILITIES FOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE, AND DELEGATE TO THE
12 COUNTIES TO MAKE A PLAN-- EACH OF THE 58 COUNTIES-- TO MAKE A
13 PLAN ABOUT HOW WE WOULD HANDLE THIS POPULATION, THEY
14 SPECIFICALLY DID NOT LOOK TO PROBATION FOR THE PLAN.
15 SPECIFICALLY. THEY SPECIFICALLY SAID THERE WOULD BE
16 CONSTITUTED AN ADVISORY BODY IN THE STATE THAT WOULD DO THE
17 WORK THAT OUR GROUP DID, AND COME BACK WITH WHAT THEY THOUGHT
18 THE BEST PLAN WAS FOR THE COUNTIES, IN EACH OF THE 58
19 COUNTIES. IN ALPINE OR LAKE OR SOME OF THE SMALLER COUNTIES,
20 THEY DO NOT HAVE CAMPS. AND SO THEY HAVE ASKED THE B.S.C.C.
21 FOR PERMISSION TO USE THEIR HALLS, A PORTION THEREOF, AS
22 PERMANENT FACILITIES. MOST OF THE COUNTIES THAT ARE LARGE,
23 HOWEVER, HAVE NOT. THEY HAVE SEPARATE FACILITIES. I HAPPEN TO
24 BE VERY GOOD FRIENDS WITH THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE
25 SACRAMENTO JUVENILE COURT-- ACTUALLY, I AM EVEN RELATED TO

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1 HER-- AND WE HAVE HAD LONG TALKS ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON IN HER
2 COUNTY, MY COUNTY, AND ALSO, SHE CHAIRS THE GROUP THAT TALKED
3 ABOUT JUVENILE LAW IN THE WHOLE STATE AND IN OTHER COUNTIES.
4 SO, SIMPLY TO SAY THAT, YES, PROBATION IS AN EXPERT OF A TYPE,
5 BUT THE STATE SPECIFICALLY DID NOT LOOK TO THEM FOR A PLAN,
6 BUT RATHER OUTSIDE OF PROBATION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

7

8 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS
9 OR COMMENTS ON THE ITEM? SEEING NONE, ITEM 10, AS AMENDED, IS
10 BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO
11 APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

12

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

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

21

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

23

24 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

25

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

2

3 **SUP. BARGER:** NO.

4

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

7

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

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES,
11 4-1.

12

13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM
14 13, PROCLAIMING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH, 2022. IT WAS HELD. WE
15 WANTED TO CREATE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERYONE TO ACKNOWLEDGE
16 WHO THEIR HONOREES ARE. SO, I'D LIKE TO BEGIN BY THANKING THE
17 L.A. COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN FOR THEIR WORK IN SERVING OUR
18 ENTIRE COUNTY. A SPECIAL NOTE OF GRATITUDE TO PRESIDENT
19 KARRIANN FARRELL HINDS FOR LEADING THE COMMISSION DURING THESE
20 UNIQUE AND CHALLENGING TIMES. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO RECOGNIZE
21 THE COMMISSION'S COMMITMENT TO THE RESILIENCE SCHOLARSHIP,
22 WHICH PROVIDES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO YOUNG WOMEN WHO ARE
23 PREPARING FOR COLLEGE. I HELD TODAY'S PROCLAMATION BECAUSE I
24 WANTED TO TAKE A MOMENT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THIS YEAR'S WOMAN OF
25 THE YEAR HONOREE, AND FOR ALL OF US TO HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF

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1 DOING SO. THE SECOND-DISTRICT HONOREE IS BRIDGID COULTER. I AM
2 DELIGHTED TO HONOR THE SECOND DISTRICT'S WOMAN OF THE YEAR.
3 SHE HOLDS MULTIPLE TITLES, INCLUDING MOTHER, WIFE,
4 ENTREPRENEUR, DESIGNER, ACTIVIST, AND PHILANTHROPIST. MOST
5 NOTABLY, IN 2018, BRIDGID FOUNDED BLACKBIRD COLLECTIVE, A
6 PRIVATE GLOBAL COLLECTIVE FOR WOMEN OF COLOR AND OTHER ALLIES.
7 IN 2019, BLACKBIRD'S PILOT HOUSE LAUNCHED IN CULVER CITY, TO
8 FOSTER A BALANCE BETWEEN PRODUCTIVITY, WELLBEING, CREATIVITY,
9 AND ADVOCACY, ROOTED IN COMMUNITY, WITH VALUES THAT INCLUDE
10 AUTHENTICITY, POSITIVITY, ACCESS, AND INCLUSION. SOME OF HER
11 OTHER PHILANTHROPIC WORK FOCUSES ON CLIMATE CHANGE, RACIAL
12 JUSTICE, POLITICAL DECENCY, WOMEN'S EQUITY, AND INCREASING
13 ACCESS TO EDUCATION FOR MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES. SO WE WANT
14 TO THANK BLACKBIRD AND BRIDGID, AND WE VALUE YOUR WORK, AND
15 ARE PROUD TO RECOGNIZE YOU AS OUR 2022 WOMAN OF THE YEAR. AT
16 THIS MOMENT, I'D LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO MY COLLEAGUES, WHO
17 MAY WISH TO RECOGNIZE THEIRS HONOREES. WE'LL START WITH SD-1.
18 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

19
20 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I WANT TO ALSO WISH
21 EVERYONE A HAPPY WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH. AND I AM DELIGHTED TO
22 RECOGNIZE, IN MY OPINION, A FEARLESS LEADER AND RELENTLESS
23 ADVOCATE FOR THE FIRST DISTRICT. I'VE KNOWN HER FOR MORE THAN,
24 I WANT TO SAY, 25 YEARS: ROSA SOTO. ROSA'S A FIRST-GENERATION
25 LATINA FROM A VERY HUMBLE AND HARDWORKING MEXICAN FAMILY. SHE

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1 GREW UP IN THE FIRST DISTRICT, IN EAST L.A., AND LATER MOVED
2 ON TO THE CITY OF EL MONTE, AND SAW FIRSTHAND HOW SYSTEMIC
3 INJUSTICES IMPACTED HER FAMILY AND COMMUNITIES. SHE BECAME A
4 LEADER FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND COMMUNITY HEALTH. ROSA HELPED
5 LAUNCH AND NOW LEADS THE HEALTH INNOVATION COMMUNITY
6 PARTNERSHIP, A HEALTH EQUITY TABLE ESTABLISHED IN 2017 THROUGH
7 A MOTION BY OUR BOARD. THE H.I.C.P. GROUP HAS ADVOCATED FOR
8 THE PASSAGE OF MORE THAN A DOZEN COUNTY POLICIES, INCLUDING
9 TRANSITIONAL AND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, THE RESTORATIVE
10 CARE VILLAGE, LOCAL AND TARGET HIRE PROGRAMS, AND THE REUSE OF
11 OUR VERY OWN GENERAL HOSPITAL, AND A COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY
12 BENEFITS POLICY THAT INCLUDES ARTS AND CULTURE, AND
13 REQUIREMENTS TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS IN DEVELOPMENT
14 PROJECTS. AND ROSA, MANY OF YOU KNOW, HAS BEEN AT THE
15 FOREFRONT OF ALL OF THESE EFFORTS. SHE ALSO RUNS THE
16 PROMOTORAS PROGRAM, WHICH THIS BOARD HAS CHAMPIONED, OUT OF
17 THE WELLNESS CENTER AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CAMPUS.
18 THROUGHOUT HER DISTINGUISHED CAREER, SHE'S CREATED WOMEN
19 EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMS TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG WOMEN TO SEEK HIGHER
20 EDUCATION. SHE HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED AS AN ORGANIZATIONAL LEADER
21 AND A POLICY EXPERT BY STATE AND NATIONAL FOUNDATIONS, SUCH AS
22 THE CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT, THE ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION,
23 AND KAISER PERMANENTE. SHE WAS RECOGNIZED AS THE 2003
24 RECIPIENT OF SAN GABRIEL VALLEY'S Y.W.C.A. WOMAN OF THE YEAR
25 IN CHILDREN'S HEALTH, AND FOR HER WORK IN CHILDHOOD OBESITY

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1 PREVENTION, WITH FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA'S "DRINK UP"
2 CAMPAIGN IN 2014. ROSA HAS BEEN A MENTOR AND ADVISOR TO MORE
3 THAN 50 YOUNG WOMEN THROUGHOUT HER CAREER, GUIDING THEM
4 THROUGH COLLEGE, DECISION-MAKING, CAREER OPPORTUNITIES, AND
5 COMMUNITY ADVOCACY CAMPAIGNS TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO HEALTH FOR
6 LOS ANGELES COMMUNITIES. ON TOP OF ALL OF THAT, ROSA'S
7 CURRENTLY MY APPOINTEE TO MEASURE J, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE,
8 ADVOCATING FOR THE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF COUNTY RESOURCES
9 TO OUR MOST BURDENED COMMUNITIES. I AM SO DEEPLY HONORED TO
10 KNOW AND RECOGNIZE HER, AND TO WORK WITH HER ON BEHALF OF OUR
11 RESIDENTS IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. MAY SHE CONTINUE TO BE
12 BLESSED, AND FOR THOSE MANY BLESSINGS THAT SHE'S GIVEN TO SO
13 MANY OF US IN THE COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND SD-3?

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU
18 FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THIS. I THINK THE BROADER AUDIENCE
19 DOESN'T ALWAYS GET TO HEAR US INTRODUCE OUR HONOREES AT THE
20 LUNCHEON, SO THIS IS GREAT. I AM VERY, VERY PROUD TO SAY THAT
21 THIS YEAR'S HONOREE FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT IS STEPHANIE
22 KLASKY-GAMER, WHO IS THE PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF L.A. FAMILY
23 HOUSING. REALLY, HONESTLY, ONE OF MY SHEROES. WE CAN HAVE AN
24 IDEA, BUT THEN WE SAY, "OH, EVERYBODY ELSE, PLEASE CARRY OUT
25 THE IDEA." THAT'S WHAT STEPHANIE IS DOING ON AFFORDABLE

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1 HOUSING, AND ESPECIALLY HOUSING WITH SERVICES. SHE'S BEEN THE
2 C.E.O. OF L.A. FAMILY HOUSING SINCE 2007, AND UNDER HER
3 LEADERSHIP, L.A. FAMILY HOUSING HAS TRANSFORMED INTO ONE OF
4 THE REGION'S LARGEST HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS, AND A
5 PREMIERE DEVELOPER OF ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE AFFORDABLE
6 HOUSING IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THE NONPROFIT AGENCY HAS GROWN
7 EXPONENTIALLY UNDER HER LEADERSHIP. THEY NOW OWN 30 AFFORDABLE
8 INTERIM AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING BUILDINGS ACROSS THE COUNTY,
9 WITH AN ADDITIONAL 700 UNITS IN VARIOUS STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT.
10 LAST YEAR, L.A. FAMILY HOUSING CONNECTED ALMOST 12,000 PEOPLE
11 WITH HOUSING RESOURCES AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES; AND OF THOSE,
12 2400 WERE PLACED IN PERMANENT HOMES. SHE'S A PASSIONATE
13 ADVOCATE, AND CONSIDERED AN EXPERT IN THE FIELD OF COMMUNITY
14 DEVELOPMENT, SERVING IN MANY LEADERSHIP ROLES THAT SHAPE AND
15 PROMOTE HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS POLICY. SHE HAS MORE THAN 30
16 YEARS' EXPERIENCE IN SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE WORK, AND HER
17 INITIATIVE TO EVOLVE AND GROW MAKE HER ONE OF THE BEST LEADERS
18 IN COMMUNITY SERVICE. SHE'S A SHINING EXAMPLE FOR WOMEN WHO
19 ARE BUSINESS LEADERS, OR ADVOCATES, OR ORGANIZERS, ON HOW ONE
20 CAN DO WELL, AND STILL DO GOOD. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SD-4?

23
24 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
25 MITCHELL, FOR HOLDING THIS ITEM, SO THAT WE CAN HIGHLIGHT

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1 WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. I WANT TO TALK
2 ABOUT MY HONOREE FOR THE 4TH DISTRICT, AND THAT'S CRISTINA
3 LUJAN. IT WAS LAST FALL THAT I LEARNED ABOUT THE STRIKE TAKING
4 PLACE AT THE JON DONAIRE BAKERY IN SANTA FE SPRINGS. AND I
5 THINK, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU CAME OUT THERE A COUPLE TIMES, AS
6 WELL, AND CRISTINA WAS ONE OF THE MANY WOMEN WHO WENT ON
7 STRIKE FOR OVER 100 DAYS, FOR BETTER PAY, BETTER WORKING
8 CONDITIONS. AND MOST OF THE WORKERS THAT WE SAW OUT THERE WERE
9 WOMEN, AND MOST OF THE WORKERS AT THIS JON DONAIRE BAKERY ARE
10 WOMEN, AND THEY WERE ON THE PICKET LINE EVERY DAY, IN THE
11 COLD, SOMETIMES IT WAS RAINING, THROUGH THANKSGIVING, THROUGH
12 CHRISTMAS, AND MANY TIMES THEIR KIDS WERE WITH THEM. MANY OF
13 THEM WERE LITTLE, AND SO THEY WERE WITH THEM ALL DAY, BUT SOME
14 OF THEM CAME AFTER SCHOOL. THAT'S WHERE THEY DID THEIR
15 AFTERSCHOOL HOMEWORK, WAS ON THE PICKET LINE WITH THEIR MOMS.
16 THIS WAS EXTREMELY HARD FOR THESE WOMEN, BUT THEY STOOD THEIR
17 GROUND, AND THEY WERE SUCCESSFUL. THEY GOT A NEW, FAIR
18 CONTRACT AND A PAY INCREASE, AND CRISTINA IS ONE OF THOSE WHO
19 WAS SO STRONG, AND WHO REALLY SHOWED LEADERSHIP OUT THERE. I
20 WENT OUT THERE SEVERAL TIMES, AND I GOT TO MEET HER, AND I WAS
21 INSPIRED BY HER, AS WELL AS ALL THE FELLOW STRIKERS. AND
22 THAT'S WHY, FOR ME, CRISTINA WAS A CLEAR CHOICE TO BE MY
23 HONOREE FOR THE WOMAN OF THE YEAR. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

24

25 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND SD-5?

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2 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. IT IS MY HONOR TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE
3 WOMAN OF THE YEAR, FOR THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, IS A
4 SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS OWNER WHO GIVES BACK TO HER COMMUNITY:
5 BETTY PORTO, CO-OWNER OF PORTO'S BAKERY. SHE'S THE ELDEST
6 DAUGHTER OF THE PORTO FAMILY, HELPING TO RUN AND EXPAND THIS
7 BUSINESS EMPIRE. PORTO'S IS ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL AND
8 POPULAR BAKERIES IN THE SOUTHLAND. PORTO'S BAKERY IS ICONIC, A
9 FAMILY BUSINESS THAT SERVES A COMMUNITY, OFFERING AFFORDABLE
10 BAKERY OPTIONS FOR EVERYONE. IT WAS STARTED BY HER LATE
11 MOTHER, ROSA PORTO. THE PORTO FAMILY ARE THE PERFECT EXAMPLE
12 OF THE AMERICAN DREAM. THE FAMILY LEFT CASTRO'S CUBA WITH
13 NOTHING BUT ROSA'S LOVE OF BAKING, IN 1973. THEIR CAN-DO
14 SPIRIT BUILT A BAKERY CHAIN THAT HAS A LOYAL CLIENTELE, BOTH
15 HER IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND QUITE FRANKLY, AROUND THE
16 WORLD. DURING THIS PANDEMIC, PORTO'S REOPENED, WHILE FOLLOWING
17 HEALTH ORDERS, ALLOWING OUTSIDE PICK-UP AT THEIR STORES, AND
18 THEY BEGAN TO MAIL FROZEN BAKE-AT-HOME OPTIONS FOR SEVERAL OF
19 THEIR MOST POPULAR ITEMS: THEIR CHEESE ROLLS, POTATO BALLS,
20 AND MORE. THIS WAY, THEIR BUSINESSES WERE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO
21 EMPLOY HUNDREDS OF EMPLOYEES THAT OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE BEEN ON
22 UNEMPLOYMENT. DURING THE PANDEMIC, PORTO'S BAKERY HAS MADE
23 COUNTLESS DONATIONS TO FIRST RESPONDERS AT LOCAL HOSPITALS.
24 PORTO'S BAKERY ALSO HONORS OUR SERVICE VETERANS, PROVIDING
25 THEM WITH DELICIOUS MEALS. BETTY PORTO IS NOT JUST A ROLE

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1 MODEL. SHE TRULY GIVES BACK TO HER COMMUNITY. BETTY PORTO AND
2 HER SIBLINGS HAVE BEEN INCREASINGLY INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY
3 BY SUPPORTING MANY ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE GLENDALE
4 HEALTHY KIDS, THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, THE GLENDALE POLICE AND
5 FIRE DEPARTMENTS, AND THE ALEX THEATRE. FOR THE PAST SEVERAL
6 YEARS, BETTY PORTO, A LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE RESIDENT, HAS BEEN
7 A SUPPORTER OF THE UNION RESCUE MISSION, DONATING THE
8 REMAINING FOOD FROM PORTO'S BAKERY AND CAFE AT THE END OF EACH
9 DAY. SHE IS A REMARKABLE WOMAN WHO HAS BEEN HONORED. IN 2005,
10 SHE WAS NAMED THE LATIN BUSINESSWOMAN OF THE YEAR BY THE
11 NATIONAL LATINA BUSINESS WOMEN ASSOCIATION. THE SAME YEAR,
12 PORTO'S BAKERY WAS NAMED THE NATION'S RETAIL BAKERY OF THE
13 YEAR BY THE PRESTIGIOUS "MODERN BAKING" MAGAZINE, AND BUSINESS
14 OF THE YEAR BY THE GLENDALE KIWANIS CLUB IN 2007. I CAN'T
15 THINK OF ANYONE MORE FITTING TO RECEIVE THE HONOR OF WOMAN OF
16 THE YEAR FOR THE FIFTH DISTRICT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AND THANK YOU, AND THANKS TO ALL THE
19 SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING THESE AMAZING WOMEN WHO CONTRIBUTE
20 TO THE FABRIC OF L.A. COUNTY. THE COMMISSION IS ALSO PROUD TO
21 ANNOUNCE DR. BARBARA FERRER AS THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENT OF THE
22 PRESIDENT'S AWARD. LASTLY, AGAIN, THE COMMISSION MAKES 6 AT-
23 LARGE SELECTIONS, HONOREES, FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE
24 AREAS OF EDUCATION, HEALTH, ARTS AND MEDIA, BUSINESS, LABOR,
25 LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY, WOMEN VETERANS, AND THIS YEAR'S AT-LARGE

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1 HONOREES INCLUDE: KELLY DYLAN, FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR OF BACK TO
2 BASICS, AN ORGANIZATION TACKLING SOCIAL PROBLEMS THROUGH
3 COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND EDUCATION. SHE'S HELPED LEAD THE
4 FIGHT FOR JUSTICE FOR SURVIVORS OF FORCED STERILIZATIONS
5 ACROSS CALIFORNIA. CYNTHIA MCCLAIN HILL, CO-FOUNDER OF
6 STRATEGIC COUNSEL, AND ONE OF THE STATE'S MOST SOUGHT-AFTER
7 AFTER POLICY STRATEGISTS. DR. LOURDES RAMOS, THE FIRST LATINA
8 PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE LONG BEACH MUSEUM OF LATIN
9 AMERICAN ART. KELLIE TODD GRIFFIN, CONVENER OF THE CALIFORNIA
10 BLACK WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE, AND CHAMPION OF ALL THINGS RELATED
11 TO HEALTH, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE FOR BLACK WOMEN AND
12 GIRLS ACROSS THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. LAUREN TROSCLAIR DUNCAN,
13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT HEALING CALIFORNIA, AND CO-CHAIR OF BOTH
14 THE WOMEN VETERANS, AND THE FAMILIES AND CHILDREN WORKING
15 GROUPS, OF THE L.A. VETERANS COLLABORATIVE, CONNECTING
16 VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES WITH A RANGE OF RESOURCES, FROM
17 HEALTHCARE TO RESILIENCY TRAINING. AND CINDY WU. SHE CAME TO
18 THE U.S. WITHOUT SPEAKING ENGLISH, AND IS A TRAILBLAZER WITH
19 OVER 20 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN EDUCATION, BUSINESS, AND REAL
20 ESTATE, INCLUDING TEACHING ART FOR AN AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM. SHE
21 WAS RECENTLY ELECTED AS PRESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY'S SCHOOL
22 TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION, AND IS A GUEST LECTURER AT CITRUS AND
23 GLENDALE COLLEGE. AGAIN, THOSE ARE THE 6 AT-LARGE MEMBERS AND
24 THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD RECIPIENT THAT THE COMMISSION VOTES ON.
25 I LOOK FORWARD TO CELEBRATING ALL OF OUR HONOREES AT THE 37TH

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1 ANNUAL WOMEN OF THE YEAR COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION.
2 CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU. ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS THAT
3 WISH TO MAKE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ITEM 13 IS
4 BEFORE US. I'LL BE HAPPY TO MOVE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
5 KUEHL, AS PRO TEM, TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
6 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

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10 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES.

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

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14 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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18 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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22 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

25 MITCHELL?

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

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

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7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 14, ENSURING THE EQUITABLE
8 DECARBONIZATION OF BUILDINGS, WHICH IS HELD BY SUPERVISOR
9 KUEHL. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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11 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I BELIEVE MY COLLEAGUE
12 SUPERVISOR BARGER HAS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, WHICH I AM
13 ACCEPTING, AND WHICH I WOULD ASK THAT YOU CALL ON HER AFTER WE
14 TALK ABOUT THE MOTION IN CHIEF, TO EXPLAIN TO US, IF THAT'S
15 OKAY. BUT I WANT TO SAY, I AM REALLY EXCITED TO BRING THIS
16 MOTION TODAY. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER YOU GUYS ALL KNOW, BUT I AM
17 YOUR REPRESENTATIVE ON THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT
18 DISTRICT BOARD, AND THOSE OF YOU WHO SERVE, LIKE SUPERVISOR
19 SOLIS, KNOW THAT YOU BECOME INCREASINGLY AWARE OF THE
20 SIGNIFICANT AIR POLLUTION IMPACTS THAT THE USE OF FOSSIL FUELS
21 CAUSES. BUT WE DIDN'T REALLY HAVE A LOT OF UNDERSTANDING ABOUT
22 WHAT KIND OF POLLUTION IS CAUSED BY THE USE OF FOSSIL FUELS
23 INSIDE OUR BUILDINGS, BECAUSE INDOOR POLLUTION SIGNIFICANTLY
24 RAISES THE LIKELIHOOD OF CHILDHOOD ASTHMA. WE'VE SEEN A NUMBER
25 OF QUITE RECENT STUDIES, AND I FOUND THAT KIND OF SURPRISING.

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1 WE KNOW THAT AMBIENT AIR POLLUTION, LIKE OZONE, ARE AT
2 UNHEALTHY LEVELS DURING THE REGION, BUT WE JUST ARE SEEING
3 THAT NEW STUDIES SHOW THAT CHILDREN IN HOMES THAT BURN GAS FOR
4 THEIR COOKING ARE 42% MORE LIKELY TO EXPERIENCE ASTHMA
5 SYMPTOMS, AND HAVE A 24% HIGHER CHANCE OF BEING DIAGNOSED WITH
6 LIFETIME ASTHMA. ADDITIONALLY, JUST A COUPLE WEEKS AGO, THIS
7 BOARD PASSED A MOTION TO ESTABLISH A CLIMATE RESILIENCE
8 INITIATIVE, WHICH IS ABOUT HOW WE TAKE CARE OF OURSELVES IN
9 THESE CHANGING SITUATIONS. SO, I HOPE THAT WILL HELP DIRECT
10 US, IN TERMS OF THE CRITICAL WORK WE MIGHT NEED TO DO TO
11 PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES FROM THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CRISES--
12 EXTREME HEAT, WILDFIRES, DROUGHT, AND FLOODING. BUT AS WE TALK
13 ABOUT RESILIENCE, WE NEED TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO REDUCE
14 EMISSIONS OF ALL KINDS. SO THIS MOTION BEGINS THE PROCESS TO
15 LOOK AT HOW WE MIGHT PHASE OUT OR REDUCE THE USE OF NATURAL
16 GAS IN NEW RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION, AND
17 DEVELOP PROGRAMS TO HELP FOLKS SWAP OUT, IF THEY CHOOSE, THEIR
18 EXISTING GAS APPLIANCES WITH ELECTRIC APPLIANCES. RESIDENTIAL
19 AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS ARE THE SECOND LARGEST SOURCE OF
20 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IN THE COUNTY; OZONE A PARTICULAR
21 POLLUTION, ET CETERA. I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT PEOPLE SOMETIMES
22 SAY, "WELL, WE SHOULDN'T PUT ALL OUR EGGS IN ONE BASKET,"
23 MEANING THE ELECTRIC BASKET. BUT I WANT TO POINT OUT THAT,
24 WHILE OLDER MODELS OF STOVES AND HOT-WATER HEATERS AND GAS
25 SPACE HEATERS MIGHT WORK DURING A POWER OUTAGE, MOST OF THE

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1 NEW MODELS ACTUALLY HAVE SAFETY FEATURES THAT SHUT OFF THE GAS
2 FLOW WHEN THERE'S A POWER OUTAGE, SO THEY CAN'T EVEN BE LIT BY
3 A MATCH. SO, WE NEED TO LOOK AT KIND OF HOW THINGS ARE
4 CHANGING. AND WHAT THIS DOES, IT'S NOT A MANDATE. IT IS NOT
5 IMPOSED ON OUR RESIDENTS. WHAT WE ARE DOING IS STAKEHOLDER
6 ENGAGEMENT, ENGAGING WITH AGENCIES, LOOKING FOR FUNDING, TO
7 BEGIN TO DEVELOP A KIND OF PLAN THAT MIGHT HELP US HELP OUR
8 RESIDENTS REDUCE THEIR RELIANCE ON GAS-DRIVEN APPLIANCES.
9 THERE WOULD BE TREMENDOUS BENEFITS FOR AIR QUALITY AND CLIMATE
10 ISSUES. WE CAN'T MEET CLIMATE GOALS WITHOUT IT. 50 CITIES IN
11 THE STATE HAVE ALREADY REQUIRED ZERO EMISSIONS FOR NEW
12 CONSTRUCTION, AND I THINK WE WOULD DO WELL TO JOIN THEM. I'D
13 LIKE TO THANK MY CO-AUTHOR, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AND ALL OF
14 THE DEPARTMENT STAFF THAT HAVE HELPED US, AND I ASK FOR YOUR
15 AYE VOTE.

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17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU HAVE AMENDMENTS?

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19 **SUP. BARGER:** YES, THANK YOU. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK
20 YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. THIS MOTION IS IMPORTANT, AND AS YOU
21 KNOW, WE VOTED ON FEBRUARY 8TH TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE ON A
22 LARGER SCALE, AND I KNOW THAT YOUR OFFICE WAS INTERESTED IN
23 DOING JUST WHAT WE ARE DOING TODAY. POLICYMAKERS, NATIONWIDE
24 AND WORLDWIDE, ARE AGGRESSIVELY PURSUING EQUITABLE TRANSITIONS
25 TO RENEWABLE TECHNOLOGIES THROUGH EFFORTS SUCH AS

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1 DECARBONIZATION. AS A RESULT, INCREASED LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS TO
2 PURSUE DECARBONIZATION AND ELECTRIFICATION, TO REDUCE
3 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS IN COMMUNITIES, HAVE BECOME MORE
4 PROMINENT. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE EFFORTS HAVE MADE EVIDENT THE
5 NEED TO ENSURE THAT VULNERABLE AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES ARE
6 NOT SUBJECTED TO POLICIES THAT WILL PERPETUATE HISTORICAL
7 INEQUITIES. OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, WE'VE SEEN AN INCREASE IN
8 WILDFIRES STATEWIDE. AND WE TALK ABOUT HOW "WILDFIRE" IS NO
9 LONGER A SEASON; IT IS YEAR ROUND, WHICH HAS CONSEQUENTLY
10 RESULTED IN UTILITIES INCREASING THEIR USE OF PUBLIC SAFETY
11 POWER SHUTOFFS. WHEN FACED WITH A P.S.P.S. EVENT, WHERE THE
12 UTILITY COMPANY PREEMPTIVELY DE-ENERGIZES THEIR
13 INFRASTRUCTURE, THESE REGIONS ARE OFTEN LEFT WITHOUT ACCESS TO
14 COMMUNICATIONS, COMPOUNDED BY THE DISTINCT CLIMATES WHERE
15 WEATHER PATTERNS CAN OFTEN BE MORE EXTREME. FOR RURAL, LESS
16 DENSE COMMUNITIES OUTSIDE THE BASIN, MANY OF WHICH ARE LOCATED
17 IN MOUNTAIN PASSES, HIGH DESERT, OR MOUNTAINOUS REGIONS, THEIR
18 ELECTRIC REDUNDANCY IS ALMOST NONEXISTENT. THIS IS, IN PART,
19 DUE TO THE LACK OF HISTORIC UNDERINVESTMENT IN THE
20 INFRASTRUCTURE OF THESE COMMUNITIES. UTILITIES SUCH AS
21 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON ARE NOW INVESTING IN HARDENING
22 THEIR INFRASTRUCTURE TO ENSURE THE RELIABILITY OF THE POWER
23 SUPPLY. THE RISK CAN BE MITIGATED THROUGH ROBUST POLICY
24 PLANNING AND DECISION MAKING THAT ACCOUNTS FOR THE NEEDS OF
25 OUR COMMUNITIES, AND THE IMPLICATIONS OF HOW OUR ACTIONS

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1 AFFECT THEM. I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT THAT
2 CONSIDERS DECARBONIZATION EFFORTS, BASED ON LOCAL FEASIBILITY,
3 A MODIFICATION TO DIRECTIVE TWO, AND IT WOULD READ... AT THE
4 END, WHERE IT SAYS, "SUBSTANTIAL RENOVATIONS, WHERE FEASIBLE,"
5 TO ADD THE LANGUAGE, "AND IN CONSIDERATION OF THE VARYING
6 CLIMATE, GEOGRAPHY, AND INFRASTRUCTURE CHALLENGES THAT RURAL
7 COMMUNITIES FACE, STARTING IN 2023." AND AGAIN, THAT'S A
8 FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, ACCEPTING WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, AND JUST
9 RECOGNIZING THAT PART OF IT. SO, AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR THIS
10 MOTION.

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

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14 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
15 KUEHL AND MITCHELL, FOR INTRODUCING THE MOTION. YOU KNOW,
16 LIVING IN A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT IS REALLY ESSENTIAL TO OUR
17 HEALTH AND WELLBEING, AND THE EFFECTS OF POLLUTION ON PHYSICAL
18 HEALTH ARE EXTENSIVE AND, AS YOU KNOW, WELL DOCUMENTED. WE
19 ALREADY KNOW THAT OUTDOOR AIR POLLUTION IS HAVING A SERIOUS
20 THREAT, WITH 5 OUT OF 10 AMERICANS LIVING IN AREAS WITH
21 UNHEALTHY AIR. BUT INDOORS, AS WAS STATED EARLIER, AIR
22 POLLUTION IS LARGELY UNREGULATED. DESPITE THE NUMBER OF RISKS
23 ASSOCIATED WITH EMISSIONS FROM THE COMBUSTION OF GAS IN
24 BUILDINGS FOR COOKING, HEATING, WATER HEATING, METHANE LEAKS
25 THROUGHOUT THE GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM. AND WE KNOW THAT

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1 STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT THE INDOOR ENVIRONMENT, WHERE WE SPEND
2 A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME DURING THE PANDEMIC, MAY BE MORE
3 SUSCEPTIBLE TO POLLUTION, AS GAS COMBUSTION CAN RESULT IN A
4 SPIKE OF NITROGEN AND CARBON MONOXIDE TO LEVELS THAT WOULD
5 VIOLATE OUTDOOR POLLUTANT STANDARDS. WE ALSO KNOW THAT CERTAIN
6 POPULATIONS ARE MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO THE RISKS OF INCREASED
7 EMISSIONS INDOORS. CHILDREN, AS YOU KNOW, ARE MORE VULNERABLE
8 DUE TO SEVERAL FACTORS, INCLUDING THEIR DEVELOPING LUNGS AND
9 SMALLER BODY SIZE. AND ESPECIALLY, LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES OF
10 COLOR MAY ALSO BE DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED, WITH RISK
11 FACTORS INCLUDING INCREASED EXPOSURE, DUE TO SMALLER AND OLDER
12 HOMES AND HIGHER RATES OF ASTHMA. THESE LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES
13 OF COLOR MUST BE PRIORITIZED WHEN DESIGNING POLICIES TO
14 SUPPORT A TRANSITION TO REDUCING OR PHASING OUT FOSSIL FUELS
15 IN EXISTING RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS. I UNDERSTAND
16 THE GREATER IMPACT THAT BUILDINGS HAVE ON OUR STATE'S
17 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS, AND THAT THE STATE BUILDING
18 STANDARDS HAVE REQUIRED BUILDINGS TO BE WIRED FOR ELECTRICAL
19 APPLIANCES, STARTING IN 2023. I RECOGNIZE THE NEW JOBS THAT
20 WILL BE CREATED BY SUCH POLICIES, BUT ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT THIS
21 MAY NOT BE AN EASY TASK FOR OUR CURRENT WORKERS. I'M GLAD THAT
22 THIS MOTION SETS OUT A COMPREHENSIVE ENGAGEMENT PROCESS WITH
23 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, THAT INCLUDES SUCH WORKERS--
24 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVOCATES, HOUSING ADVOCATES, UNIONS,
25 AND OTHERS-- ON APPROACHES TO DECARBONIZE NEW AND EXISTING

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1 BUILDINGS, WHILE ALSO SUPPORTING UTILITY CUSTOMERS AND OUR
2 WORKERS, PREVENTING UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES TO HOUSING
3 AFFORDABILITY AND AVAILABILITY, AND ENSURING THE RESILIENCY OF
4 OUR ENERGY SYSTEM. WE MAY ALSO NEED TO EXPLORE MORE IN-DEPTH
5 EXAMINATION OF OTHER POLICIES, INCLUDING PAIRING TRAINING
6 PROGRAMS WITH JOB PLACEMENT SERVICES, AND REQUIRING COMPANIES
7 RECEIVING PUBLIC FUNDS TO PAY APPROPRIATE WAGES, AND HIRE FROM
8 UNDER-REPRESENTED GROUPS, TO ENSURE THAT THE UTILIZATION OF
9 HIGHLY SKILLED AND QUALIFIED WORKERS IS MAXIMIZED ACROSS OUR
10 INVESTMENTS. THAT, TOO, WILL HELP REDUCE EMISSIONS. I'M HAPPY
11 TO SUPPORT THE MOTION, AND CONGRATULATE BOTH THE AUTHOR AND
12 THE CO-AUTHOR. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AGAIN, SUPERVISOR
15 KUEHL, TODAY'S MOTION ENSURES THAT EQUITY IS ACTUALLY BAKED
16 INTO OUR BUILDING DECARBONIZATION PROCESS AND POLICIES FROM
17 THE BEGINNING, THROUGH A ROBUST STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PROCESS
18 THAT INTENTIONALLY SEEKS THE INPUT OF OUR COMMUNITIES MOST
19 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED, AND TOO OFTEN EXCLUDED FROM
20 POLICYMAKING PROCESSES ACROSS THE BOARD. SO, THANK YOU FOR THE
21 OPPORTUNITY TO CO-AUTHOR WITH YOU, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO
22 SUPPORTING THE MOTION. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON THIS
23 ITEM? HEARING NONE, ITEM 14 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
24 KUEHL. I WILL SECOND, TO APPROVE THIS ITEM, AS AMENDED.
25 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 14, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE YOU.

3 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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5 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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9 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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13 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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17 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

20 MITCHELL?

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

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

25 5-0.

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2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ITEM 17, SUPPORT FOR GOVERNOR
3 GAVIN NEWSOM'S COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE RECOVERY AND EMPOWERMENT
4 C.A.R.E. COURT PROPOSAL, WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN.
5 SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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7 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. LAST WEEK, GOVERNOR
8 NEWSOM INTRODUCED A NEW FRAMEWORK TO ADDRESS THE MENTAL HEALTH
9 AND HOMELESSNESS CRISIS HERE IN CALIFORNIA. HE CALLS IT THE
10 C.A.R.E. COURT, WHICH STANDS FOR COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE RECOVERY
11 AND EMPOWERMENT COURT. THE PROPOSAL WILL USE THE COURTS TO
12 CONNECT PEOPLE WITH SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS TO THE SUPPORT THAT
13 THEY NEED, BY ASSIGNING THEM A COMMUNITY CARE TEAM, WHO WILL
14 DEVELOP A TREATMENT PLAN SPECIFICALLY FOR THEM. THIS WILL BE
15 AN UPSTREAM MODEL THAT GETS TO VULNERABLE PEOPLE BEFORE THEY
16 COME IN CONTACT WITH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM OR NEED A
17 CONSERVATORSHIP. SO, COLLEAGUES, THE MOTION BEFORE YOU TODAY
18 WILL OFFICIALLY THROW OUR SUPPORT BEHIND THIS IDEA, BY SENDING
19 A 5-SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE STATE, AND DIRECTING OUR
20 LEGISLATIVE TEAM TO ADVOCATE IN SUPPORT. BUT I ALSO KNOW THERE
21 ARE A LOT OF DETAILS THAT STILL NEED TO BE WORKED OUT. I'M
22 SURE MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW THIS
23 PROGRAM IS GOING TO BE IMPLEMENTED AND FUNDED. THIS MOTION
24 ALSO DIRECTS OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, LIKE OUR DEPARTMENT OF
25 MENTAL HEALTH, OUR OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY, AND OUR

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1 PUBLIC DEFENDER, TO COLLABORATE WITH THE STATE TO HELP DESIGN
2 THE PROGRAM, BECAUSE IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE A SEAT AT THE
3 TABLE. AND I KNOW, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU ACTUALLY ALREADY
4 MET WITH GOVERNOR LAST WEEK AT A C.A.R.E. COURT ROUNDTABLE,
5 ALONG WITH DR. OCHOA, FROM OUR OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND
6 REENTRY. AND I HOPE THIS MOTION WILL ENCOURAGE MORE OF THOSE
7 CONVERSATIONS WITH L.A. COUNTY STAKEHOLDERS. I PERSONALLY
8 THINK THIS C.A.R.E. COURT HAS A LOT OF POTENTIAL, BECAUSE OF
9 THE EXPERIENCE I HAD. AND WE HEARD PEOPLE CALL IN THIS MORNING
10 WITH OUR REDONDO BEACH HOMELESS COURT, THAT USES A SIMILAR
11 MODEL TO CONNECT UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS TO SERVICE AND HOUSING.
12 THE REDONDO BEACH HOMELESS COURT IS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW COURTS
13 CAN BE USED TO SUPPORT, INSTEAD OF PUNISHING, AND IT'S HELPED
14 PERMANENTLY HOUSE 22 PEOPLE SINCE IT BEGAN, A YEAR AND A HALF
15 AGO. THAT'S WHY I'M PARTICULARLY HOPEFUL ABOUT THIS C.A.R.E.
16 COURT PROPOSAL: BECAUSE I'VE SEEN SIMILAR MODELS WORK,
17 ALREADY. I THINK THE C.A.R.E. COURT WILL GIVE US AN
18 OPPORTUNITY TO HELP OUR MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS. THE STATUS
19 QUO IS SIMPLY NOT WORKING. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

20
21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

22
23 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
24 HAHN, FOR INVITING ME TO CO-AUTHOR THIS MOTION, AND FOR YOUR
25 PARTNERSHIP IN ADDRESSING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN THIS

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1 COUNTY. IT'S SOMETHING THAT IS NEAR AND DEAR TO MY HEART. FOR
2 YEARS, THIS COUNTY HAS BEEN CALLING ON THE STATE TO REMOVE
3 BARRIERS THAT LIMIT OUR ABILITY TO SERVE OUR MOST VULNERABLE
4 RESIDENTS. THIS NEW C.A.R.E. COURT MODEL IS A STEP IN THAT
5 DIRECTION. IT CREATES A PROCESS FOR THE COUNTY TO COME
6 ALONGSIDE THOSE MOST IN NEED-- AND I SAY "ALONGSIDE" THOSE
7 MOST IN NEED-- AND PROVIDE THEM WITH THE RESOURCES TO MAKE
8 DECISIONS TO CARE FOR THEMSELVES. THE C.A.R.E. COURT ALSO
9 BUILDS A FRAMEWORK FOR HELPING THOSE WHO MAY AT FIRST BE
10 HESITANT FOR TREATMENT THAT THEY CRITICALLY NEED. I'M LOOKING
11 FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE STATE ON IMPLEMENTING THIS, AND
12 ENSURING OUR COUNTY SERVICE PROVIDERS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
13 COLLABORATE WITH STATE PARTNERS ON HOW THIS CAN AND WILL BE
14 MOST EFFECTIVE. BUT, AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
15 HAHN. I THINK THIS IS AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO REALLY
16 BE AT THE FOREFRONT OF HELPING THOSE THAT ARE THE MOST
17 VULNERABLE ON OUR STREETS. SO THANK YOU.

18
19 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I KNOW YOU
20 HAVE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS, AND YOU'LL BE FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR
21 KUEHL. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

22
23 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU,
24 SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR INTRODUCING THE
25 MOTION. LIKE SO MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS, I'M ALSO CONCERNED WITH

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1 THE CYCLE BETWEEN OUR EMERGENCY ROOMS, HOMELESSNESS, AND OUR
2 JAILS, WHICH WE ARE SEEING IN REAL TIME ON OUR STREETS EVERY
3 DAY. WE'VE INVESTED SIGNIFICANTLY IN ADDRESSING THESE ISSUES,
4 WHILE WE ARE HELPING MORE THAN EVER. THE PANDEMIC, AS YOU
5 KNOW, HAS RESULTED IN MORE PEOPLE NEEDING MENTAL HEALTH
6 ASSISTANCE THAN EVER BEFORE. WE NEED NEW, CREATIVE SOLUTIONS
7 TO GET PEOPLE THE CARE AND TREATMENT THAT THEY NEED. THAT'S
8 WHY I'M VOTING IN SUPPORT OF TODAY'S MOTION. THE GOVERNOR'S
9 PROPOSED C.A.R.E. COURT FRAMEWORK IS THE TYPE OF BOLD ACTION
10 NEEDED TO HELP THOSE WHO NEED IT THE MOST. THE PROPOSAL GIVES
11 OUR FAMILIES, OUR PROVIDERS, AND THE COUNTY OVERALL, MORE
12 TOOLS TO BRING PEOPLE INTO CARE. BUT AS WE ALL KNOW, A PROGRAM
13 IS ONLY SUCCESSFUL IF IT HAS THE RESOURCES AND FUNDING
14 AVAILABLE TO BACK IT UP WITH. THAT'S WHY I'VE INTRODUCED A
15 FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO THIS MOTION, AND I THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN
16 FOR ACCEPTING IT. I AGREE WITH THE MOTION'S DIRECTIVE THAT WE
17 SHOULD BE SUPPORTING THE PROPOSAL, BUT I ALSO BELIEVE WE
18 SHOULD ADVOCATE FOR THE FUNDING AND RESOURCES NEEDED TO ENSURE
19 THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION. THAT'S WHY, WITH THIS FRIENDLY
20 AMENDMENT, AT THE END OF THE FIRST DIRECTIVE, I'M ADDING,
21 "WHILE ADVOCATING FOR THE NECESSARY DEDICATED AND ONGOING
22 FUNDING, TO ENSURE ITS SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION." AND
23 ADDITIONALLY, AT THE END OF THE SECOND DIRECTIVE FOLLOWING
24 FRAMEWORK FOR THE C.A.R.E. COURT PROGRAM, I AM ALSO ADDING,
25 "AS WELL AS FOR THE NECESSARY DEDICATED AND ONGOING FUNDING,

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1 TO ENSURE ITS SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION." I AM VERY GRATEFUL
2 THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS MADE THIS INVESTMENT, AND THUS FAR HAS
3 DONE SO MUCH IN THE MENTAL HEALTH ARENA, BUT WE DO NEED TO
4 HAVE FUNDING FOR THESE PROGRAMS. BUT TO ENSURE SUCCESS OF THE
5 PROGRAM, THE COURT, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, AND OVERSIGHT WILL
6 REQUIRE NEW AND ONGOING FUNDING. AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
7 WE'RE AVOIDING A SITUATION IN WHICH FUNDING FROM OTHER
8 INITIATIVES WE'RE INVESTING IN, LIKE THE ALTERNATIVE CRISIS
9 RESPONSE AND MOBILE RESPONSE TEAMS WE DISCUSSED, ISN'T
10 DIVERTED AWAY FROM WHAT THOSE FUNDS WERE INTENDED FOR. THE
11 NEED IS SO GREAT. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE DEDICATED
12 FUNDING TO SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE. AND ADDITIONALLY, I WANT
13 TO RAISE AN ISSUE OF SELF-DETERMINATION THAT OTHER
14 STAKEHOLDERS, LIKE THE A.C.L.U. AND DISABILITY RIGHTS
15 CALIFORNIA, HAVE POINTED OUT. I RECOGNIZE THAT THE STATE IS
16 WORKING WITH THESE GROUPS ON THEIR CONCERNS, AND I HOPE THAT
17 WE CAN ALSO HELP THE STATE WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
18 PLAN. WE, TOO, HAVE A LOT AT STAKE, AND WE NEED TO COME
19 TOGETHER AND WORK WITH ALL OF OUR STAKEHOLDERS. SO THANK YOU,
20 AGAIN, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND BARGER, AND ESPECIALLY FOR
21 ACCEPTING MY AMENDMENT. THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. INITIALLY, I WAS TEMPTED
2 TO ABSTAIN ON THIS. I THINK YOU KNOW THAT I HAVE BEEN VERY,
3 VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS KIND OF FORCED MEDICATION AND THE
4 KINDS OF THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN TALKED ABOUT IN THE PAST. BUT I
5 WILL VOTE IN FAVOR OF THIS FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS. ONE IS THE
6 GREEN-SHEET AMENDMENT THAT SAYS THAT ALL WE'RE SAYING HERE
7 TODAY IS THAT WE WILL ENCOURAGE OR TELL OUR ADVOCATES IN
8 SACRAMENTO TO ADVOCATE IN SUPPORT OF THE FRAMEWORK THAT HAS
9 BEEN PRESENTED. BECAUSE WE DON'T SEE ANY DETAILS YET. AND EVEN
10 ASKING OR ADVOCATING FOR FUNDS DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN THAT
11 WE WOULD GET THEM, AND WE DON'T WANT TO BE STUCK GIVING A
12 BLANK CHECK, ESSENTIALLY. BECAUSE ONE OF THE CONCERNS I HAVE
13 IS THAT, UNDER THE PROPOSAL, COUNTIES CANNOT OPT IN OR,
14 FRANKLY, OUT. AND SO, IT WILL BE IMPOSED ON US TO DO THIS. AND
15 THE ORIGINAL CONCEPT WAS, "WITHIN YOUR OWN MONEY." GOOD LUCK,
16 GUYS. SO, IT'S GREAT. I MEAN, A COUPLE OF US ACTUALLY WERE UP
17 AT THE STATE, AND LOVED DEVOLVING SOME OF THIS RESPONSIBILITY
18 DOWN TO COUNTIES. BUT NOW THAT WE'RE HERE, WE'RE GOING LIKE,
19 "WHOA," AND ESPECIALLY THIS NOTION OF VOLUNTARILY GETTING
20 SERVICE, AND THE REFERRAL TO "SHARED DECISION-MAKING." ANY OF
21 THE PEOPLE WHO WENT TO TRIESTE SAW THIS MODEL, ACTUALLY, IN A
22 SMALL-TOWN-- NOT SO SMALL-TOWN, BUT MEDIUM-SIZED-TOWN SETTING,
23 WHERE THERE REALLY WAS SHARED DECISION-MAKING IN PURSUING
24 HELP. BUT IT'S REALLY STAFF-INTENSIVE, SO I THINK WE NEED TO
25 UNDERSTAND HOW MUCH PERSONNEL WOULD REALLY BE ENGAGED TO MAKE

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1 THIS A SUCCESS. AND WE CERTAINLY DON'T WANT TO BE A FAILURE AT
2 IT, BECAUSE WE'RE BIG, AND EVERYBODY WATCHES US. SO, I WILL
3 VOTE IN FAVOR OF ADVOCATING IN SACRAMENTO FOR THE PROPOSED
4 FRAMEWORK, KNOWING THAT WE'RE ALSO TELLING THEM, "KEEP AN EYE
5 AT EVERY COMMITTEE ON WHAT'S KIND OF BEING ADDED ON, IN TERMS
6 OF WHAT THE COUNTY IS SUPPOSED TO DO, AND GOOD LUCK." SO,
7 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BRINGING THIS. I THINK IT'S REALLY
8 EXCITING. WE HAVE MENTAL HEALTH COURTS. WE HAVE TRAUMA COURTS.
9 THEY'VE REALLY DONE SOME GOOD, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING
10 THIS DEVELOP IN A VERY POSITIVE WAY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

11

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

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR
15 KUEHL. I WAS PRETTY MUCH PREPARED FOR YOU TO ABSTAIN, BECAUSE
16 I DO KNOW THAT YOU'VE ALWAYS HAD SUCH A KEEN CONCERN FOR
17 THOSE, PARTICULARLY, MOST VULNERABLE AMONG US. BUT I ALSO
18 THINK THE OTHER THING I JUST THINK IS WORTH POINTING OUT AGAIN
19 IS, YES, WE'RE SUPPORTING THE FRAMEWORK, BUT THIS MOTION ALSO
20 TELLS OUR PUBLIC DEFENDER, OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH,
21 OUR OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY, TO GET UP THERE AND HELP
22 DESIGN THIS, WITH MANY OF YOUR CONCERNS IN MIND, AS WE
23 ULTIMATELY SEE THIS PROGRAM MATERIALIZE. SO I THINK THAT'S THE
24 OTHER REALLY IMPORTANT PART OF THIS, IS NOT THAT WE'RE JUST
25 SUPPORTING THE FRAMEWORK, BUT WE WANT TO BE THERE AND HELP

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1 DESIGN IT, AND MAYBE HIGHLIGHT SOME POTENTIAL PITFALLS, AND
2 TRYING TO AVOID THAT, AS THIS PROGRAM, AS YOU SAID, BECOMES
3 SOMETHING THAT WE KIND OF HAVE TO BE A PART OF. SO, THANK YOU.
4 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
7 HAHN, FOR BRINGING IT FORWARD, AND YOU ACKNOWLEDGED THAT I WAS
8 AT THE ROUNDTABLE. YES, I WAS PRIVILEGED TO HAVE BEEN INVITED
9 BY THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE TO ATTEND THE ROUNDTABLE, BECAUSE IT
10 TOOK PLACE IN THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. AND WE WERE
11 JOINED BY ONE OF OUR JUDGES FROM OUR COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH
12 COURT, REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND
13 REENTRY, AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF
14 CRITICAL SERVICE PROVIDERS. IN FACT, THE ONE THAT ACTUALLY
15 OPERATES THE 30-PLUS-BED MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT PROGRAM, HE
16 DID VISIT WHERE THE ROUNDTABLE TOOK PLACE. SPECIAL SERVICES
17 FOR GROUPS. JUST TO REPORT BACK TO YOU ALL A LITTLE OF WHAT
18 THE GOVERNOR HEARD AND LEARNED, THE RESIDENTS REALLY EXPRESSED
19 THEIR GRATITUDE, QUITE FRANKLY, THAT THEIR DIGNITY HAD BEEN
20 RESTORED THROUGH THE PROGRAM. THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT THE
21 GOVERNOR REALLY KEYED IN ON. THE O.D.R. PROGRAM SERVES AS
22 EXAMPLE OF HOW INDIVIDUALS CAN STABILIZE, BEGIN HEALING, AND
23 EXIT HOMELESSNESS WITH A COURT-ORDERED CARE PLAN THAT INCLUDES
24 CLINICALLY PRESCRIBED INTERVENTIONS WITH SUPPORTIVE SERVICES,
25 MEDICATION, AND A HOUSING PLAN. THE GOVERNOR REALLY FOCUSED,

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1 BECAUSE ONE OF THE GRADUATES OF THE PROGRAM THAT WAS THERE,
2 WHO TALKED ABOUT HIS TRANSITION INTO PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE
3 HOUSING, THE GOVERNOR ASKED HIM ABOUT THE JOB HE HAS, AND WHAT
4 KIND OF SUPPORTS HE RECEIVED IN THAT FACILITY THAT ARE HELPING
5 HIM WITH HIS SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION. THE GOVERNOR HIMSELF WAS
6 VERY CLEAR THAT ALL OF THE DETAILS OF THE C.A.R.E. COURT
7 PROPOSAL STILL NEED TO BE DEVELOPED, SO THAT WAS, QUITE
8 FRANKLY, MUSIC TO MY EARS. I TOLD HIM ABOUT YOUR MOTION,
9 SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND THAT WE'D BE WATCHING IT VERY CLOSELY,
10 AND WOULD HAVE INPUT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF L.A. COUNTY. FOR
11 EXAMPLE, I THINK THE REQUIRED LEVEL OF SERVICES AND THE SOURCE
12 OF ONGOING FUNDING FOR SERVICES NEED TO BE IDENTIFIED FROM THE
13 STATE LEVEL. TRUST AND BELIEVE, I LEANED IN HARD ON THAT
14 MESSAGE. WE SHOULD ALSO ASK THE STATE TO BUILD AN ENTITLEMENT
15 TO HOUSING, SO WE CAN SUSTAIN OUR OWN PROGRAMS, LIKE O.D.R.,
16 THAT THE BOARD HAD THE VISION TO CREATE LONG BEFORE HE CAME UP
17 WITH THIS IDEA. WE NEED TO ADDRESS STAFFING SHORTAGES IN
18 PROGRAMS THAT C.A.R.E. COURT WILL UTILIZE, LIKE DEPARTMENT OF
19 MENTAL HEALTH'S H.O.M.E. PROGRAM, AND WE NEED TO PRIORITIZE
20 WHICH INDIVIDUALS WE WILL TARGET. I WAS PROUD THAT HE CAME TO
21 THE SECOND DISTRICT TO VIEW ONE OF OUR O.D.R. FACILITIES. AND
22 I HAVE TO SAY THAT, WHILE I FULLY SUPPORT THE CONCEPT, THE
23 DETAILS WILL BE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT, AND I AM REALLY
24 CONDITIONING MY AYE VOTE TODAY ON OUR COMMITMENT TO CREATE
25 C.A.R.E. COURT BEDS COUNTYWIDE. WHAT THE JUDGE, WHAT THE

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1 SERVICE PROVIDERS, WHAT THE RESIDENTS ALL SAID TO THE GOVERNOR
2 WAS, "WE'VE GOT A GREAT MODEL HERE. C.A.R.E. COURT REALLY KIND
3 OF EXPAND THE POPULATION WE HAVE TO SERVE, AND IT CAN ONLY BE
4 SUCCESSFUL IF WE HAVE THE BEDS FOR PEOPLE TO GO TO." THE JUDGE
5 WAS VERY CLEAR: HE THOUGHT MORE JUDGES, EVEN THOSE THAT
6 OPERATE OUTSIDE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COURT, WOULD BE HAPPY TO
7 SEND PEOPLE TO PROGRAMS, AS LONG AS THERE WAS A PLACE TO SEND
8 THEM. AND SO I THINK THAT WE'VE GOT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'VE
9 GOT RESOURCES FROM THE STATE, AS YOU ALL HAVE STATED, TO MAKE
10 SURE WE EXPAND BEDS, AND I HOPE THAT THEY REALLY ARE
11 COUNTYWIDE, AS A RESULT. I THINK THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE
12 O.D.R. BEDS ARE CURRENTLY IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. THAT'S
13 GREAT, BUT WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THESE SPACES ARE
14 AVAILABLE ALL ACROSS THE ENTIRE COUNTY. SO WITH THAT, ARE ANY
15 OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

16
17 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I WANTED TO ALSO
18 MAKE A KIND OF DISTINCTION FROM O.D.R., BECAUSE O.D.R. IS
19 DOING GREAT WORK, BUT I THINK EVERYBODY KNOWS, BUT I WANT TO
20 REPEAT, THAT IN ORDER TO GET SERVICES FROM THE OFFICE OF
21 DIVERSION AND REENTRY, YOU ACTUALLY HAVE TO PLEAD TO
22 SOMETHING, WHICH CREATES A CRIMINAL RECORD. NOW, IT IS NOT A
23 FAULT OF O.D.R. IT IS JUST THAT THEIR POPULATION ARE THOSE WHO
24 ARE BEING SENTENCED TO DIVERSION INSTEAD OF JAIL, AND THAT WAS
25 A GREAT START THAT WE MADE. BUT THE GOOD THING, POSSIBLY,

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1 ABOUT THIS C.A.R.E. COURT IS THAT YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TO PLEAD
2 GUILTY TO ANYTHING.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** RIGHT. IT IS UPSTREAM.

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6 **SUP. KUEHL:** IT IS MORE UPSTREAM. THE DOWNSIDE MIGHT BE,
7 THOUGH, WHERE WE HAVE SEEN JUDGES JUST DECIDE HOW THE COUNTY
8 SHOULD SPEND MONEY. SO, WE WANT TO SEE IN THE LAW THAT WE ARE
9 REQUIRED TO DEVELOP THESE RESOURCES, BUT NOT JUST OUT OF
10 SOMEONE'S IMAGINATION, AND I THINK THAT'S WHY WE WANT TO WATCH
11 IT AS IT GOES ALONG. BUT IT COULD BE ABSOLUTELY GREAT. SO,
12 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** EXCELLENT. SEEING NO FURTHER QUESTIONS,
15 ITEM 17 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY
16 SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THIS ITEM, AS AMENDED. EXECUTIVE
17 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 17, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE YOU.
20 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.

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

4

5 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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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?

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

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

17 5-0.

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19 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 18, PROCLAIMING TRANSIT OPERATOR

20 APPRECIATION DAY, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN.

21 SUPERVISOR HAHN?

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. I BROUGHT

24 THIS MOTION FORWARD, ALONG WITH YOU, TO TAKE A MOMENT TO

25 ACKNOWLEDGE OUR TRANSIT DRIVERS WITH TRANSIT DRIVER

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1 APPRECIATION DAY, THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 18TH. ALL OF US,
2 COLLECTIVELY, SIT AS DIRECTORS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
3 METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY, AND WE KNOW, UP CLOSE AND
4 PERSONAL, THE ROLE THAT OUR TRANSIT DRIVERS PLAY. AND
5 THROUGHOUT THE PAST TWO YEARS OF THIS PANDEMIC, TRANSIT HAS
6 BEEN A LIFELINE, PROVIDING NO FEWER THAN HALF A MILLION
7 BOARDINGS A DAY IN L.A. COUNTY, AT THE LOWEST PERIOD OF
8 RIDERSHIP, AND NOW BACK UP TO OVER A MILLION BOARDINGS A DAY
9 ACROSS ALL OF OUR TRANSIT SERVICES. IN FACT, L.A. COUNTY SAW
10 THE SMALLEST DROP IN TRANSIT RIDERSHIP OF ANY OF THE NATION'S
11 BIG CITIES, WHICH JUST GOES TO SHOW HOW MANY PEOPLE HERE IN
12 L.A. COUNTY DEPEND ON TRANSIT, AND WHAT A CRITICAL SERVICE
13 THIS IS FOR OUR REGION. AND THROUGHOUT THIS PANDEMIC, OUR
14 TRANSIT DRIVERS HAVE CONTINUED TO ENSURE THAT WORKERS CAN GET
15 TO THEIR JOBS, CHILDREN CAN GET TO SCHOOL, SEE THEIR PARENTS,
16 AND THAT STUDENTS ALL OVER, AT ANY LEVEL OF SCHOOL, CAN GET TO
17 CLASS. OUR TRANSIT DRIVERS HAVE ALSO BEEN SUFFERING THROUGH
18 C.O.V.I.D., HAVING TO TAKE CARE OF LOVED ONES, GET TO THE
19 DOCTOR, STILL FEED THEIR FAMILIES, AND THAT IS WHY THEY
20 DESERVE OUR GRATITUDE MORE THAN JUST THIS ONE DAY A YEAR, BUT
21 EVERY SINGLE DAY, BECAUSE TRANSIT DRIVERS ARE CENTRAL TO OUR
22 ECONOMY, AND TO OUR RESIDENTS' ABILITY TO MEET THEIR MOST
23 BASIC NEEDS. I HOPE THAT ALL OF OUR L.A. COUNTY TRANSIT
24 DRIVERS KNOW THAT THEY HAVE OUR FULL SUPPORT AND OUR GRATITUDE
25 FOR WHAT THEY DO, DAY IN AND DAY OUT. AND WITH THAT,

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1 COLLEAGUES, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK CHAIR MITCHELL FOR CO-
2 AUTHORIZING THIS MOTION WITH ME, AND I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN,
5 FOR REMINDING US HOW CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TRANSIT OPERATORS
6 ARE, AND THAT WE SHOULD APPRECIATE THEM, NOT ONLY FRIDAY, BUT
7 EVERY DAY. I TOOK A MOMENT YESTERDAY TO THROW A LITTLE, TINY
8 PARTY FOR ONE TRANSIT OPERATOR, MS. TANISHA SMITH, AND WE
9 BROUGHT A DRUMLINE TO THE BUS STOP AND CELEBRATED HER ON
10 BEHALF OF ALL OF HER COLLEAGUES. YESTERDAY WAS HER TWENTIETH
11 ANNIVERSARY OPERATING THE BUS FOR METRO, AND WE HAD A REALLY
12 HEALTHY CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT THEY NEED FROM ALL OF US, AND
13 HOW SHE IS GOING TO HELP US RECRUIT THE 500 BUS OPERATORS,
14 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THAT WE KNOW WE NEED TO MAKE THE SYSTEM ON
15 TIME AND SAFE AND RELIABLE FOR EVERY L.A. COUNTY RESIDENT. SO
16 THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO CO-AUTHOR THIS WITH YOU. ANY
17 OTHER COMMENTS FROM SUPERVISORS? SEEING NONE, IT IS BEFORE US-
18 - ITEM 18. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. I WILL BE HAPPY TO
19 SECOND, TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL
20 THE ROLL.

21

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

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

25

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

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3 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

6

7 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

10

11 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

12

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

14 MITCHELL?

15

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

17

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

19 5-0.

20

21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 26, ASSISTANCE TO NEW ARRIVALS FROM

22 THE UKRAINE, WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AS YOU KNOW, AS OF

25 LAST WEEK, MORE THAN 2.5 MILLION PEOPLE-- MOSTLY WOMEN AND

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1 CHILDREN-- FROM UKRAINE HAVE FLED THE COUNTRY BECAUSE OF
2 PUTIN'S SENSELESS WAR. MILLIONS MORE HAVE BEEN DISPLACED, AND
3 WILL EVENTUALLY SEEK REFUGE IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. THIS
4 BOARD REMAINS IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE, AND I
5 SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT'S ACTIONS IN REGARD TO SANCTIONS, AND
6 APPLAUD HIS DECISION TO GRANT TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS TO
7 UKRAINIANS WHO ARE CURRENTLY HERE, WHICH THIS BOARD REQUESTED,
8 THANKS TO THE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. THE PRESIDENT ALSO
9 SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD WELCOME UKRAINIAN REFUGEES
10 WITH OPEN ARMS, AND I AGREE. AS WE HAVE DONE TIME AND TIME
11 AGAIN, MOST RECENTLY WITH AFGHAN REFUGEES AND UNACCOMPANIED
12 CHILDREN AT THE BORDER, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHOULD SUPPORT THE
13 FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORT TO RESETTLE NEW ARRIVALS FROM
14 UKRAINE. MANY UKRAINIAN REFUGEES HAVE FLED TO NEIGHBORING
15 COUNTRIES AND MAY WANT TO REMAIN IN EUROPE, IN CASE THERE'S A
16 CHANCE TO RETURN TO THEIR HOME IN THE FUTURE. AND COUNTRIES IN
17 THE EUROPEAN UNION ARE PROVIDING UKRAINIAN REFUGEES WITH
18 SHORT-TERM RESIDENCY AND OTHER BENEFITS, SUCH AS WORK
19 AUTHORIZATION. THE UNITED STATES SHOULD DO THE SAME: PROVIDE
20 HUMANITARIAN PAROLE VISAS TO UKRAINIANS WHO HAVE FAMILY
21 MEMBERS IN THE UNITED STATES, AND WANT TO RESIDE HERE. MY
22 MOTION DIRECTS THE C.E.O. TO COORDINATE OUR DEPARTMENTS AND
23 WORK WITH THE OFFICE OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT, THE CALIFORNIA
24 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, AND MANY OTHER RELEVANT
25 AGENCIES TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO NEW UKRAINIAN ARRIVALS, AND

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1 TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON OBTAINING TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS
2 AND AFFIRMATIVE IMMIGRATION RELIEF TO UKRAINIANS WHO ARE
3 ALREADY HERE. AS THE LARGEST COUNTY IN THE UNITED STATES, WE
4 MUST DO OUR PART TO SUPPORT UKRAINIANS WHO ARE FLEEING THIS
5 DEVASTATING WAR. WHEN I WAS IN CONGRESS, AS A PART OF THE
6 COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, ALSO KNOWN
7 AS THE U.S. HELSINKI COMMISSION, I HAD THE HONOR OF TRAVELING
8 TO THE SITE OF THE CHERNOBYL NUCLEAR PLANT IN UKRAINE, AND
9 SPENT SOME TIME MEETING VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING THAT
10 COUNTRY. NOW MY HEART BREAKS AT THE IMAGES OF UKRAINIANS,
11 PARTICULARLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN, SUFFERING AT THE HANDS OF A
12 VIOLENT DICTATOR. IT IS A REMINDER TO ALL OF US THAT REFUGEES
13 DESERVE OUR SUPPORT, NO MATTER WHERE THEY COME FROM. WITH
14 THAT, I HONORABLY ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. ANY OTHER
17 COMMENTS? SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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19 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
20 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I MENTIONED MY GRANDPARENTS AT THE LAST
21 MEETING, ABOUT THEIR COMING FROM UKRAINE, BUT I WAS ALWAYS
22 SORT OF STUNNED AT VARIOUS KINDS OF WORK HERE IN L.A. COUNTY,
23 WHERE YOU COME IN CONTACT WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE ACTIVISTS, WHO
24 ARE LEADERS, WHO ARE ORGANIZERS. AND IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY,
25 I WAS SORT OF AMAZED AT HOW MANY WERE FROM UKRAINE-- THEIR

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1 GRANDPARENTS OR THEIR PARENTS. AND I THINK IT IS DUE TO THE
2 SETTLEMENT EFFORTS IN THE FAIRFAX AREA, BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN
3 QUITE INTENTIONAL TO NOT ONLY WELCOME, BUT REALLY ATTRACT AND
4 HELP TRY TO KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER. AND I THINK IT'S VERY
5 IMPORTANT WHEN WE DO THAT. WE HAVE SORT OF A MIXED RECORD
6 ABOUT WELCOMING IMMIGRANTS-- CERTAINLY, EVEN HERE IN THE
7 COUNTY-- ONE THAT WE HAVE WORKED VERY HARD TO TURN AROUND IN
8 THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, TAKING A NUMBER OF ACTIONS ON THIS
9 BOARD TO HELP IMMIGRANTS DO BETTER, THRIVE, BE SAFE, AND GROW.
10 AND THIS IS DEFINITELY IN THAT LINE, BUT IT IS ALSO A LITTLE
11 MORE PERSONAL TO ME, SO I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS, AND I
12 LOOK FORWARD TO THE EFFORTS THAT WE MIGHT MAKE TO HELP. THANK
13 YOU, AND THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OF COURSE. ANY OTHER COMMENTS? ITEM 26
16 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY
17 SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
18 PLEASE CALL ROLL.

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 26 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?

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5 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

12 MITCHELL?

13

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

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

17 5-0.

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19 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 30, REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE

20 WOMEN AND GIRLS INITIATIVE GOVERNING COUNCIL. SUPERVISOR

21 KUEHL?

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. LAST

24 MEETING, WE TALKED ABOUT THANKING ALL OF THOSE WHO HAD

25 PARTICIPATED ON THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, AND THEY HAVE ISSUED

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1 THEIR FINAL REPORT. SO, WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I ASKED ABBE
2 LAND IF SHE MIGHT SHOULD WRAP UP, IN NO MORE THAN FOUR
3 MINUTES, SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS, OR THE IDEAS, OR THE
4 EXPERIENCE, WHATEVER SHE WANTS TO SAY. THIS WAS VERY IMPORTANT
5 TO ME, OF COURSE, BUT I THINK TO ALL OF US, TO TAKE A LOOK AT
6 HOW THE COUNTY WAS DOING WITH ITS WOMEN AND GIRLS-- WITH THE
7 WOMEN WHO WORK FOR US, WITH THE WOMEN AND GIRLS WHOM WE SERVE,
8 AND IN THE BROADER COMMUNITIES-- JUST TAKING GENDER INTO
9 ACCOUNT IN THE MANY, MANY, MANY, MANY POLICIES THAT WE PUT
10 FORWARD. SO, WITH YOUR PERMISSION, MADAM CHAIR, AND AFTER
11 ANYONE ELSE WANTS TO MAKE COMMENTS-- OR BEFORE, AS YOU CHOOSE--
12 - I THINK ABBE LAND SHOULD BE ON AND ABLE TO TALK TO US.

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YEAH, LET'S HAVE MS. LAND SPEAK FIRST,
15 AND THEN, IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS AFTER.

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY, LET'S SEE IF SHE IS THERE.

18

19 **ABBE LAND:** HELLO. OH, GOOD. THERE I AM.

20

21 **SUP. KUEHL:** OH, THERE SHE IS. THERE YOU ARE.

22

23 **ABBE LAND:** HI. THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND THANK
24 YOU, CHAIR MITCHELL, AND ALL THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. BEFORE
25 I TELL YOU ABOUT OUR FINAL REPORT AND ALL THE WORK THAT WE

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1 HAVE DONE IN FOUR MINUTES, I JUST WANT TO THANK EACH AND EVERY
2 ONE OF YOU FOR APPOINTING THE MOST AMAZING GROUP OF WOMEN TO
3 BE THE WOMEN AND GIRLS GOVERNING COUNCIL. YOUR APPOINTEES
4 REALLY DROVE THIS WORK, AND I WANT TO GIVE THEM ALL A BIG
5 SHOUT-OUT, LED BY BEA STOTZER, OUR CURRENT CHAIR, AND OUR VICE
6 CHAIR WENDY GREUEL. BUT I WANT TO ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE ARACELI
7 CAMPOS AND SHARON SHELTON, WHO ALSO SERVED AS CHAIRS. WE
8 COULDN'T HAVE DONE THIS WORK WITHOUT THAT GROUP, AND SO THANK
9 YOU VERY MUCH. SO, IN FOUR MINUTES, THE W.G.I. HAS SPENT A LOT
10 OF TIME REALLY TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THE INEQUITIES THAT WOMEN
11 AND GIRLS FACE, WORKING FOR THE COUNTY, THE SERVICES THAT THEY
12 GET, AND SOMETIMES WHEN WE WORK IN PARTNERSHIP. AND I THINK
13 THAT WE HAVE LEARNED A LOT. AS YOU READ OUR FINAL REPORT, YOU
14 WILL SEE THAT, DURING THIS TIME, WE WERE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH A
15 LOT. WE ISSUED THE FIRST EMPLOYEE CLIMATE SURVEY, TO REALLY
16 GET A GOOD SENSE OF HOW OUR EMPLOYEES HERE IN L.A. COUNTY WERE
17 FEELING ABOUT ISSUES, ESPECIALLY ISSUES THAT IMPACT WOMEN AND
18 GIRLS. AND IN OUR SECOND SURVEY, WE HAVE HAD OVER 43% TURNOUT,
19 MEN AND WOMEN ANSWERING, SO WE REALLY CAN UNDERSTAND. WE HAVE
20 ISSUED REPORTS AROUND THE ISSUES OF HAVING MORE WOMEN IN THE
21 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE DONE REPORTS ON HOW TO REALLY
22 STEM THE SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE FOR GIRLS, ESPECIALLY GIRLS
23 OF COLOR. WE'D DONE REPORTS ON ECONOMIC RESILIENCY, TO TRY TO
24 UNDERSTAND THE IMPACT OF C.O.V.I.D., AND HOW IT'S GOING TO
25 IMPACT THE ABILITY FOR ECONOMIC MOBILITY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS.

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1 SO, WE HAVE CERTAINLY DONE A LOT, BUT I THINK, AS WE HAVE DONE
2 OUR WORK, WE HAVE ALSO FOUND SOME BARRIERS. BECAUSE WE KNOW,
3 AND I THINK YOU ALL KNOW FROM YOUR MANY MOTIONS, THAT DATA IS
4 KEY. AND IF WE DON'T HAVE THE DATA, WE ACTUALLY DON'T HAVE THE
5 ABILITY TO NOT ONLY BE ACCOUNTABLE, BUT WE SOMETIMES CAN'T
6 FIGURE OUT, "ARE OUR PROGRAMS REALLY MEETING THE NEEDS?" AND I
7 AM HAPPY TO SAY THE COUNTY-- ALL DEPARTMENTS-- ARE VERY EAGER
8 TO LOOK AT HOW THEY CAN BE COLLECTING MORE GENDER DATA,
9 BECAUSE THAT'S CRITICAL. WE HAVE DEVELOPED A TOOL, A GENDER
10 IMPACT ASSESSMENT TOOL, THAT WILL HELP COUNTY DEPARTMENTS DO
11 THAT. AND IN THE MIDST OF C.O.V.I.D., IN THE MIDST OF THE
12 BIGGEST PANDEMIC WE HAVE EVER FACED, COUNTY DEPARTMENTS HAVE
13 STOOD UP, AND REALLY WANT TO BE PART OF THIS. SO I THINK, AS
14 YOU READ OUR FINAL REPORT, YOU WILL SEE THAT THERE IS A THEME
15 ABOUT THE NEED FOR US TO LOOK AT INNOVATIVE WAYS TO COLLECT
16 DATA, TO MAKE SURE WE ARE COLLECTING GENDER DATA. AND WHEN WE
17 SAY "GENDER DATA," WE REALLY MEAN THAT INTERSECTIONAL LENS. WE
18 WANT DATA SO WE CAN LOOK AT THE IMPACTS ON WOMEN: WOMEN WHO
19 ARE OLDER, WOMEN OF COLOR. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE REALLY
20 ARE LOOKING AT SEXUAL ORIENTATION; THAT IT'S CLEAR. BECAUSE
21 EVEN THOUGH WE ARE ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS, THE IMPACTS ARE VERY
22 DIFFERENT. I MEAN, TODAY IS EQUAL PAY DAY; EQUAL PAY DAY FOR
23 SOME WOMEN, BUT NOT FOR ALL WOMEN. SO, ON BEHALF OF THE WOMEN
24 AND GIRLS INITIATIVE, I REALLY THANK YOU FOR THIS. WE ARE
25 EAGER FOR PHASE TWO, WHERE WE WILL CONTINUE THIS WORK,

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1 CONTINUE WITH THE GENDER IMPACT ASSESSMENT, LOOKING AT HOW TO
2 IMPLEMENT [INAUDIBLE], THAT YOU ALL JUST APPROVED A COUPLE OF
3 MONTHS AGO, PLUS A NUMBER OF OTHER INITIATIVES. BUT WE
4 CERTAINLY COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT, AND ON
5 BEHALF OF US, I SAY THANK YOU, SO VERY, VERY MUCH.

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** ABBE, I WANT TO THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF THE WHOLE
8 BOARD. YOU WERE JUST THE RIGHT CHOICE, AND REALLY, REALLY MADE
9 IT HAPPEN. AND IT IS VERY IMPORTANT, BECAUSE WE DID NOT
10 ELEVATE WOMEN TO BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN OTHERS IN THE
11 COMMUNITY, BUT WE WANTED TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT THEY ALSO
12 WEREN'T REALLY ON THE BACK BURNER, BECAUSE THERE WERE STILL A
13 LOT OF INVISIBLE BARRIERS AND THINGS THAT WE JUST DIDN'T THINK
14 ABOUT; I MEAN, REQUIREMENTS TO BE IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
15 THAT WERE SO OUTDATED FOR MODERN POLICING THAT WE NEEDED TO
16 LOOK AT POST STANDARDS, FOR INSTANCE, AND THE WAY OUR OWN H.R.
17 LOOKED AT JUST THE DESCRIPTIONS OF JOBS, THAT SOUNDED LIKE,
18 "OH, THAT SOUNDS LIKE A MAN'S JOB TO ME." AND IT WAS JUST IN
19 THE LANGUAGE, AND IT WASN'T MEANT TO BE THAT WAY. SO THIS HAS
20 BEEN VERY, VERY USEFUL WORK. AND THOUGH I WILL NOT BE SERVING
21 ON THIS BOARD AFTER THE END OF NOVEMBER, I WILL BE COMMITTED,
22 ALONG WITH YOU, TO SEEING WHAT WE CAN DO TO KEEP
23 IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS GOING, WHETHER IT IS
24 LOCALLY OR IN SACRAMENTO, OR EVEN IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. I

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1 THINK IT IS GOING TO MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE FOR WOMEN AND
2 GIRLS. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **ABBE LAND:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** IS THE CHAIR ON?

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8 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD? YES, I AM.

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** OH, GOOD. THAT'S YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I AM SORRY. I
11 DIDN'T SEE YOUR PICTURE ON MY SCREEN.

12

13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I WAS LIKE, "YEAH. GEE, WHO IS SHE
14 TALKING ABOUT?" YEAH, HERE I AM. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
15 I THINK I SAW SUPERVISOR HAHN'S HAND? YEAH, SUPERVISOR HAHN,
16 AND THEN SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** AND BY THE WAY, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, WE CAN'T SEE
19 YOU, FOR SOME REASON. WE SEE A PICTURE OF THE BOARDROOM.

20

21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I DON'T KNOW WHY, BECAUSE I SEE MYSELF,
22 AND IN THE HEARING ROOM, WE CAN SEE ME, TOO. SO I'M NOT SURE
23 WHAT IS HAPPENING.

24

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY. WELL, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, WHEREVER YOU
2 ARE. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR HOLDING THIS ITEM,
3 BECAUSE I KNOW YOU CERTAINLY WERE THE IMPETUS BEHIND US EVEN
4 DOING A WOMEN AND GIRLS INITIATIVE. AND THANK YOU TO ABBE FOR
5 LEADING THIS EFFORT. AND I AGREE: I THINK WE'RE GOING TO FIND
6 NUGGETS IN HERE THAT HOPEFULLY WILL CHANGE THE TRAJECTORY FOR
7 WOMEN AND GIRLS IN L.A. COUNTY FOR A LONG, LONG TIME. AND I
8 KNOW, NOW, WE ARE MOVING TO IMPLEMENTATION. IT IS NOT GOING TO
9 BE ABBE. WE HAVE GONE OUT FOR A NEW PERSON TO ACTUALLY
10 IMPLEMENT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, AND I THINK IT IS GOING TO BE
11 IMPORTANT THAT WE SEE HOW THIS INITIATIVE STRATEGY WILL
12 CONTINUE TO HELP US RECRUIT AND RETAIN WOMEN WITHIN THE FIRE
13 DEPARTMENT. I KNOW THAT WAS A BIG ISSUE FOR ME. I THINK IT
14 WILL HELP US FOCUS MORE ON WHAT PARENTAL LEAVE ACTUALLY LOOKS
15 LIKE FOR OUR FAMILIES, AND I THINK IT WILL CREATE MORE
16 AFFORDABLE AND QUALITY CHILD CARE, IN ORDER FOR OUR MOTHERS TO
17 STAY IN THE WORKFORCE. THOSE ARE THE KINDS OF THINGS I'M
18 HOPING THAT THIS IMPLEMENTATION PHASE WILL BRING TO FRUITION.
19 I WILL SAY, I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DIDN'T CHANNEL ONE OF MY
20 APPOINTEES, DR. CARMAN SHEA, WHO YOU PROBABLY KNOW WHAT I AM
21 GOING TO SAY, AND EXPRESS A LITTLE BIT OF OUR DISAPPOINTMENT
22 THAT THE REPORT DID NOT PRIORITIZE OLDER WOMEN AS MUCH AS I
23 KNOW SHE WANTED; AND I THINK ME, TOO, NOW THAT I AM GETTING
24 OLDER AND OLDER. THE REPORT SAID THAT THE WOMEN AND GIRLS
25 INITIATIVE IS GOING TO WORK WITH W.D.A.C.S. TO HELP WOMEN OVER

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1 THE AGE OF 55 WITH CAREER SERVICES, JOB TRAINING, CAREER
2 DEVELOPMENT, BUT IT DIDN'T REALLY-- IT WAS VERY VAGUE, IN MY
3 OPINION. AND I WAS HOPING THAT MAYBE AFTER FIVE YEARS OF WORK,
4 THE PLANS FOR OLDER WOMEN IN THE COUNTY WOULD BE MORE CONCRETE
5 AND MORE PRIORITIZED, BECAUSE, OF COURSE, WE ARE THE FASTEST
6 GROWING DEMOGRAPHIC HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. BUT HAVING SAID THAT,
7 I REALLY DID WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE WORK. I WANTED TO THANK
8 MY APPOINTEES, DR. CARMEN SHEA, JANE TEMPLIN, AND DR. PERLA
9 HERNANDEZ, FOR HELPING TO ELEVATE THE VOICES OF WOMEN AND
10 GIRLS, NOT JUST IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT, REALLY, BUT FOR THE
11 ENTIRE COUNTY. SO, AGAIN, THANK YOU TO MY COMMISSIONERS FOR
12 THEIR ADVOCACY, FOR HELPING TO SHAPE THIS WORK. THANK YOU,
13 ABBE, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN GETTING US TO THIS POINT. THANK
14 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. CAN YOU ALL SEE ME NOW? AM I
17 STILL NOT THERE?

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS:** NO.

20

21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YOU COULD SEE THE BOARDROOM. CAN YOU SEE
22 ME WAVING AT YOU WITH A BIG BOARD? OKAY, WELL, I CAN SEE ALL
23 OF YOU. WE ARE NOT SURE WHY THAT IS HAPPENING.

24

25 **SUP. SOLIS:** NOW WE SEE YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OKAY, GREAT. SO, FIRST WE WILL GO TO
3 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. SUPERVISOR
4 SOLIS?

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK
7 YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR HOLDING THE REPORT. AND I REALLY
8 WANT TO GIVE A BIG SHOUT-OUT TO THE LEADERSHIP OF THE WOMEN
9 AND GIRLS INITIATIVE. ABBE LAND, YOU HAVE BEEN TREMENDOUS. YOU
10 HELPED TO MOTIVATE SO MANY PEOPLE TO REALLY DO ALL THAT THEY
11 COULD, AND NOT JUST COME UP WITH PROBLEMS, BUT WITH SOLUTIONS,
12 WHETHER IT WAS ON HOMELESSNESS, LACK OF CHILD CARE, WORKFORCE
13 OPPORTUNITIES, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, ALL OF THESE THINGS I
14 BELIEVE THE GOVERNING COUNCIL BROUGHT TO BEAR, BUT THEY TOOK
15 THESE ISSUES HEAD ON, AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THAT.
16 I ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK, ALSO, THE CHAIR OF THE GOVERNING
17 COUNCIL, MY COMMISSIONER, BEA STOTZER, WHO HAS ALWAYS
18 CONSTANTLY BROUGHT UP SOME GREAT IDEAS ABOUT MAKING SURE THAT
19 WE COLLECT THE DATA; DO A BETTER JOB OF COLLECTING THE DATA
20 FROM OUR DEPARTMENTS, AS WELL. AND ALSO WANT TO THANK KATHY
21 SPILLAR, WHO ALSO IS ONE OF MY COMMISSIONERS-- AND A FRIEND TO
22 MANY OF US, I BELIEVE-- WHO REALLY BROUGHT UP THE CHALLENGES
23 OF HIRING WOMEN IN NOT JUST THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, BUT THE
24 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AS WELL, AND TRYING TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS
25 THERE, ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO P.O.S.T. TRAINING. SO I

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1 THINK THAT WE HAVE A WAYS TO GO. THIS IS A GOOD TEMPLATE FOR
2 US, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH ALL THE WOMEN AND ALL
3 THE APPOINTEES. AND EVEN THOUGH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU MAY NOT
4 BE HERE AFTER NOVEMBER, WE KNOW WE'RE STILL GOING TO HEAR YOUR
5 VOICE LOUD AND CLEAR, SO THANK YOU. IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN
6 POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOUR LEADERSHIP, TOO. AND I WANT TO THANK
7 ABBE AND ALL THE STAFF FOR THE WOMEN AND GIRLS INITIATIVE.
8 THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. THANK YOU.

9

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

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I FIRST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOU,
13 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. THIS WAS A VISION, AND I KNOW THIS IS
14 SOMETHING THAT WAS NEAR AND DEAR TO YOUR HEART. AND THIS IS,
15 FOR YOU, I KNOW, A PASSION, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
16 ALLOWING THIS BOARD TO BE A PART OF THIS. BUT I ALSO WANT TO
17 THANK ABBE. I CAN'T THINK OF ANYONE BETTER SUITED TO BE AT THE
18 LEAD OF HELPING US SHEPHERD THIS THROUGH. AND I WANT TO
19 ACKNOWLEDGE MY APPOINTEES-- ALICE PETROSSIAN, ANGELA
20 UNDERWOOD-JACOBS, AND JENNIFER QUAN-- FOR THEIR WORK ON THIS.
21 EVERYTHING THAT HAS BEEN SAID, I AGREE WITH 100%, IN TERMS OF,
22 REALLY, WHERE THIS IS GOING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. BUT
23 SOMETHING THAT STRUCK ME-- AND I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US
24 TO REMEMBER, AS WE IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS, IN THE
25 LOOKING FORWARD, IT SAYS, "GIRLS AND WOMEN ARE INHERENTLY

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1 STRONG, INTELLIGENT, DRIVEN, AND CAPABLE. THEY DESERVE
2 COMMUNITIES, WORKPLACES, HEALTHCARE, SCHOOLS, AND GOVERNMENT
3 THAT RESPECT THEIR DIGNITY, AND INVEST IN THEIR TALENTS AND
4 WELLBEING." AND THEN IT SAYS THAT, WHILE THE WOMEN AND GIRLS
5 INITIATIVE HAS BOTH A LIST OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND
6 AN EVEN MORE ROBUST LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS, TRUE SUCCESS WILL
7 BE MEASURED BY WHETHER THIS WORK IS EMBRACED AND
8 INSTITUTIONALIZED AT THIS COUNTY. AND WHAT I AM HEARING TODAY
9 AT THIS BOARD MEETING IS THAT WE WILL CARRY ON THAT, AND MAKE
10 SURE THAT IT IS. SO, AGAIN, ABBE, THANK YOU FOR YOUR
11 LEADERSHIP AND DOING THIS. YOU HAVE BEEN INCREDIBLE, AND I
12 LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING WHAT COMES OUT OF THIS, AS WE IMPLEMENT
13 THE RECOMMENDATIONS. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM
16 MEMBERS? LET ME JUST GIVE A SHOUT-OUT TO SOME SD-2
17 POWERHOUSES-- ANITA DEFRANTZ, ARACELI CAMPOS, AND SHARON
18 SHELTON-- FOR SERVING AND REPRESENTING ALL THE RESIDENTS OF
19 THE SECOND DISTRICT, AND DOING THIS IMPORTANT WORK. SEEING NO
20 FURTHER COMMENTS, REPORT IS-- OH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL:** I AM SORRY. I WANTED TO THANK MY COMMISSIONERS, AS
23 WELL, WHICH I DID LAST WEEK, BUT WENDY GREUEL, KAFI
24 BLUMENFIELD, CHRIS HERSHEY... EVERYBODY WHO PUT IN ALL THIS

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1 WORK. IT'S BEEN VERY, VERY IMPORTANT, AND I THANK THEM ALL.

2 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, THE REPORT IS RECEIVED AND
5 FILES. HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. ITEM 39,
6 PURCHASE OF TASER-7 MODEL TASERS, WHICH I HELD. AND I HELD IT
7 BECAUSE, WHILE THERE SHOULD BE A LESS LETHAL OPTION FOR
8 PROBATION OFFICERS THAT CARRY FIREARMS, THERE MUST BE A
9 SPECIFIC POLICY AND TRAINING PLAN TO ENSURE THAT TASERS ARE
10 NOT ABUSED OR MISUSED. THIS BOARD LETTER AUTHORIZES THE
11 PURCHASE OF TASERS BY THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE FIRST
12 TIME, AND FOR TASERS TO BE ASSIGNED TO ARMED PROBATION
13 OFFICERS. WE HAVE SEEN TOO MANY INSTANCES WHERE POLICY AND
14 TRAINING WERE INADEQUATE, LIKE IN THE MURDER OF DAUNTE WRIGHT
15 IN MINNESOTA, WHEN THEN OFFICER POTTER CLAIMED SHE MISTAKENLY
16 FIRED HER HANDGUN INSTEAD OF HER TASER. I WANT TO ENSURE A
17 POLICY AND TRAINING PLAN THAT IS CREATED, AND ACTUALLY DOES
18 ITS JOB, AND THAT IT IS REVIEWED BY THE OVERSIGHT ENTITIES
19 BEFORE THESE TASERS ARE CONSIDERED FOR USE. I WOULD LIKE TO
20 READ IN AN AMENDMENT TO ITEM 39, AS FOLLOWS: "TO INSTRUCT THE
21 CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER TO DRAFT A POLICY GOVERNING THE USE OF
22 TASERS, AND A PLAN FOR APPROPRIATE TRAINING, AND SUBMIT THE
23 DRAFT POLICY AND PLAN TO THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
24 AND THE INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR THEIR REVIEW. SUB A) IN
25 ADDITION, INSTRUCT THE P.O.C. AND THE I.G. TO SUBMIT ANY

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1 FEEDBACK IN WRITING TO THE C.P.O. AND THE BOARD. THIS POLICY
2 SHALL NOT TAKE EFFECT, AND TASERS SHALL NOT BE USED OR ISSUED
3 TO PERSONNEL, FOR AT LEAST 30 DAYS AFTER THE P.O.C. AND I.G.
4 HAVE COMPLETED THEIR REVIEW. THIS POLICY SHALL CLARIFY WHETHER
5 TASERS WILL BE ISSUED TO PERSONNEL WITH FIREARMS, ONLY." ANY
6 OTHER COMMENTS ON THE ITEM? SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THE ORIGINAL MOTION IS TO
9 AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO PROCEED TO BUY 150 TASER-7
10 MODEL TASERS. SO, I AM NOT CERTAIN. WHERE DOES THE TRAINING--
11 IS THE PURCHASE PUT OFF UNTIL THE PLAN IS DEVELOPED, OR DOES
12 THE PURCHASE GO THROUGH, BUT THEY ARE NOT TO BE DEPLOYED UNTIL
13 THE PLAN IS DEVELOPED WITH YOUR AMENDMENT?

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** IT WOULD IDEALLY, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE,
16 BE THAT THE PURCHASE DOESN'T GO THROUGH UNTIL WE ACTUALLY HAVE
17 A COUNTY POLICY AND A TRAINING PLAN THAT HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY
18 THOSE TWO OVERSIGHT ENTITIES. SO MY CONCERN WOULD BE, IF THEY
19 ARE PURCHASED, THAT THEN CREATES A SLIPPERY SLOPE; THAT WE
20 WON'T BE ABLE TO HALT THEIR DISTRIBUTION, WAITING FOR A POLICY
21 AND TRAINING.

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL:** WELL, I APPLAUD THE AMENDMENT, BUT I STILL CANNOT
24 SUPPORT THIS ITEM. I DON'T REALLY APPROVE OF THE PURCHASE OF
25 THESE TASERS. I WANTED TO DRAW THE BOARD'S ATTENTION TO ITEM

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1 47, WHICH WE APPROVED ON CONSENT, WHICH WAS A SETTLEMENT FOR
2 \$3,840,000, IN A CASE FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WHERE
3 DEPUTIES USED A TASER ON AN INDIVIDUAL, SIGNIFICANTLY LONGER
4 THAN RECOMMENDED, AND THAT INDIVIDUAL DIED. AND SO THIS AWARD
5 WAS TO THE MINOR CHILD OF THAT INDIVIDUAL, AS A WRONGFUL
6 DEATH. SO, YES, THE TRAINING MIGHT HAVE AVOIDED THAT, BUT TO
7 CALL THEM "LESS LETHAL," IT IS TRUE. IT TAKES LONGER TO KILL
8 SOMEONE WITH A TASER THAN WITH A GUN. BUT I'M STILL... I HAVE
9 MY DOUBTS, AS A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE USED TO SAY, AND SO I
10 CANNOT SUPPORT THIS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

11
12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND JUST TO CLARIFY
13 THAT I WON'T BE SUPPORTING IT WITHOUT THE MOTION LANGUAGE. I
14 AGREE WITH YOU THAT THEY ARE LETHAL, BUT FROM MY PERSPECTIVE,
15 RECOGNIZING THAT I THINK THERE ARE ABOUT 110 PROBATION
16 OFFICERS, CURRENTLY, WHO CARRY FIREARMS, REALLY TRYING TO
17 CREATE ANOTHER OPTION. AS YOU SAID, "LESS LETHAL" IS
18 QUESTIONABLE, BUT WITHOUT THE AMENDED LANGUAGE THAT SAYS WE
19 HAVE TO HAVE TRAINING AND A DRAFTED POLICY BEFORE THEY ARE
20 EVEN PURCHASED, I WON'T BE SUPPORTING THE ITEM, EITHER.
21 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

22
23 **SUP. KUEHL:** I DIDN'T MEAN I WAS "NO" ON THE AMENDMENT. I MEANT
24 I WAS A NO ON--

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YES, I UNDERSTAND. I WAS JUST CLARIFYING
2 FOR YOU. ANY OTHER--

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** MADAM CHAIR, AND JUST TO CLARIFY, RIGHT, THESE ARE
5 ONLY GOING TO THOSE THAT CURRENTLY CARRY A FIREARM?

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THAT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING, AND I
8 RESTATED THAT IN MY AMENDMENT, AS WELL, JUST TO BE VERY CLEAR.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** I JUST WANTED TO BE CLEAR FOR THE PUBLIC, WHO IS
11 LISTENING TO THIS CONVERSATION. YEAH, SO THESE ARE ONLY GOING
12 TO THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY CARRYING A FIREARM, AS AN
13 ALTERNATIVE.

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THE AMENDMENT LANGUAGE I JUST READ, SUB
16 B, IT SAYS, "THIS POLICY SHALL ALSO CLARIFY WHETHER TASERS
17 WILL BE ISSUED TO ONLY PERSONNEL WHO ARE ALREADY AUTHORIZED TO
18 CARRY FIREARMS." THAT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING, BUT WE FELT WE
19 NEEDED SOME CLARIFYING LANGUAGE.

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR?

22

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

24

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. JUST TO CLARIFY THAT WE ARE NOT GOING TO MOVE
2 FORWARD IN PURCHASING THESE TASERS UNTIL A TRAINING PLAN IS IN
3 PLACE?

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THAT'S MY DESIRE, THROUGH THE AMENDMENT
6 I READ IN: A TRAINING PLAN AND A CRAFTED POLICY.

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO, THAT CAN TAKE UP TO HOW MANY DAYS? 30 DAYS OR
9 MORE? NO? I'M NOT CLEAR ON THAT.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THE AMENDMENT DOESN'T STIPULATE HOW MUCH
12 TIME. WHAT THE AMENDMENT DOES STIPULATE IS THAT IT HAS TO BE
13 REVIEWED BY OUR OVERSIGHT ENTITIES.

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL:** MAYBE WE SHOULD PUT SPECIFIC LANGUAGE IN THAT THE
16 ALLOCATION IS NOT APPROVED UNTIL THE PLAN IS PRESENTED TO THE
17 BOARD, OR TO YOURSELF, OR WHATEVER.

18

19 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I WILL ACCEPT THAT AS A FRIENDLY
20 AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT. THAT REALLY IS MY INTENTION, SO IF
21 WE WANT TO STIPULATE IT, HAPPY TO. "THE ALLOCATION WILL NOT BE
22 APPROVED UNTIL TRAINING, POLICY IS CRAFTED, AND HAS BEEN
23 REVIEWED BY THE STATED OVERSIGHT ENTITIES."

24

25 **SUP. SOLIS:** OKAY. I LIKE THAT. BETTER. MADAM CHAIR?

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1

2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL
3 RIGHT, SEEING NONE, HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 39, AS
4 AMENDED, IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
5 SOLIS TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CAN YOU CALL
6 THE ROLL?

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 39, AS AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT THE
9 PURCHASE WILL NOT OCCUR UNTIL A POLICY IS IN EFFECT.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AND HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY THE PROBATION
12 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION AND THE INSPECTOR GENERAL. THANK YOU.

13

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

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** ABSTAIN.

21

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

23

24 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

25

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

2

3 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

4

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

7

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

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES,
11 4-0, WITH ONE ABSTENTION.

12

13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 44, COUNTY CODE, TITLE 2,
14 ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT, WHICH I HELD, AS WELL. EXEMPTING
15 GUARANTEED INCOME PAYMENTS FROM DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR
16 GENERAL RELIEF IS ESSENTIAL IF WE ARE TO REALIZE OUR GOALS
17 AROUND TRULY DISRUPTING POVERTY. GUARANTEED INCOME PROGRAMS
18 HAVE PROVEN TO IMPROVE EDUCATIONAL OUTCOME, SUPPORT FULL-TIME
19 EMPLOYMENT, AND IMPROVE HEALTH OUTCOMES. IF THE COUNTY IS TO
20 BREAK THE CYCLE OF POVERTY, WE CAN'T CONTINUE TO TURN TO OUR
21 SAME, HISTORICALLY UNDERFUNDED SAFETY-NET PROGRAMS TO DO THAT
22 IN ISOLATION, AND EXPECT A VERY DIFFERENT RESULT. ON MARCH
23 31ST, L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS CAN BEGIN APPLYING FOR OUR
24 COUNTY'S GUARANTEED INCOME PROGRAM. I AM PROUD THAT THE
25 BOARD'S VISION AND COMMITMENT HAS SERVED AS AN IMPETUS FOR

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1 BREATHE, L.A. COUNTY'S GUARANTEED INCOME PROGRAM, WHICH IS ON
2 TRACK TO BEING THE LONGEST RUNNING GUARANTEED INCOME PROGRAM
3 IN THE COUNTRY. THE COUNTY WILL PROVIDE 1,000 QUALIFIED
4 RESIDENTS WITH \$1,000 A MONTH FOR THREE YEARS. AFTER MEETING
5 THE QUALIFICATIONS, RECIPIENTS WILL BE SELECTED AT RANDOM.
6 GUARANTEED INCOME PROVIDES PARTICIPANTS WITH RESOURCES TO MAKE
7 IMPORTANT LIFE CHOICES: WHERE TO LIVE, HOW TO INVEST IN A
8 BETTER FUTURE THROUGH EDUCATION OR STARTING A SMALL BUSINESS,
9 AND HOW TO BEST SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN, BASED ON THEIR DESIRES
10 AND WISHES. I LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING APPLICATIONS TO OUR
11 COUNTY PROGRAM ON MARCH 31ST, AND FOR MORE INFORMATION, COUNTY
12 RESIDENTS CAN VISIT THE WEBSITE BREATHE.LACOUNTY.GOV. WOULD
13 ANYONE LIKE TO MAKE ANY COMMENTS ABOUT THIS ITEM? BLESS YOU,
14 SUPERVISOR HAHN. ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ITEM
15 44 IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO
16 APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

17
18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 44 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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

21
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:** AYE.

8

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

10 MITCHELL?

11

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

13

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

15 5-0.

16

17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ITEM 56-A, ADOPTING THE

18 PROBATION DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION TO USE BARRY J. NIDORF AS

19 THE PERMANENT LOCATION FOR SECURE TRACK YOUTH, WHICH WAS HELD

20 BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

21

22 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I JUST HAD A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS FOR

23 THE DEPARTMENT. I DON'T KNOW IF CHIEF GONZALES IS ON, OR ADAM.

24 ADAM, I SEE THAT YOU ARE ON. WHY DID THE DEPARTMENT FEEL THE

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1 USE OF BARRY J. NIDORF WAS THE MOST SUITABLE OPTION FOR THE
2 SECURE TRACK YOUTH?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS.
5 JUST REALLY QUICKLY, THERE WAS A FEW DIFFERENT REASONS THAT WE
6 LOOKED INTO THIS. PART OF IT REALLY HAS TO DO WITH THE
7 LOCATION ITSELF. IT IS MORE CENTRALLY LOCATED, SO IT MAKES IT
8 EASIER FOR OUR FAMILIES TO COME AND VISIT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. IT
9 ALSO CREATES SPACE FOR OUR COUNTY PARTNERS, WHO ARE ALREADY
10 THERE ON SITE. WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE OUR MENTAL HEALTH
11 PROVIDERS THERE. WE HAVE L.A.C.O.E. THERE. WE HAVE OTHER
12 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, WHO ARE ALREADY PROVIDING
13 SERVICES THERE. SO THAT WAS DEFINITELY PART OF THE CALCULUS.
14 WE ALSO HAVE SOME CONCERNS ABOUT CAPACITY. WE KNOW THAT THIS
15 MORNING, AS OF THIS MORNING, WE HAVE 25 YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE
16 BEEN ORDERED. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THERE WILL BE SOME FRONT-END
17 GROWTH TO THIS POPULATION OVER TIME. WE ALSO KNOW THAT
18 APPROXIMATELY 100 TO 120 YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE RETURNING TO LOS
19 ANGELES COUNTY FROM THE DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE, PRIOR TO
20 THEIR SENTENCE BEING COMPLETED. SO, D.J.J. PLANS TO CLOSE ITS
21 DOORS, WE HOPE, IN JULY 2023. WE HAVE HEARD RUMORS OVER TIME
22 THAT THEY MAY DO THAT SOONER, WHICH MEANS THAT SOME YOUNG
23 PEOPLE WOULD BE RETURNING TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY PRIOR TO THEIR
24 SENTENCE BEING COMPLETED. WE DO NOT KNOW FOR CERTAIN THAT THEY
25 WOULD REQUIRE A SECURE YOUTH TREATMENT FACILITY, BUT WE DON'T

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1 KNOW FOR SURE. AND A LOT OF THIS IS BASED ON THE JUDGE'S
2 DISCRETION, RIGHT? SO, PROBATION CAN MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS,
3 OTHERS CAN MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS, ADVOCATES CAN MAKE
4 RECOMMENDATIONS-- COURT-APPOINTED ADVOCATES-- BUT WE DON'T
5 KNOW IF THEY WILL NEED A SECURE YOUTH TREATMENT FACILITY OR
6 NOT, AND SO THERE MAY BE SOME BACK-END CAPACITY ISSUES THAT WE
7 ARE STARTING TO SEE. AND SO IT IS LIKELY THAT, OVER THE NEXT
8 SEVERAL MONTHS, AS WE SEEK TO CONTINUE TO PREPARE VARIOUS
9 SITES, THAT WE'RE GOING TO SEE A GROWTH TO THIS POPULATION
10 THAT ONE FACILITY, ONE CAMP, LIKELY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO
11 CONTAIN. AND SO WE DO HAVE SOME CAPACITY CONCERNS, FOR SURE.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN:** SO IT'S GOING TO GO BEYOND THE 150 THAT YOU
14 ESTIMATED, IS WHAT I'M HEARING.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** WE DON'T KNOW THAT FOR SURE. NOW, IF THE OTHER
17 SERVICES AND SUPPORTS, WORKING TOGETHER-- SO, AGAIN, SO MUCH
18 OF THIS HAS TO DO WITH JUDGES' DISCRETION, EVEN WHEN WE TALK
19 ABOUT THE POPULATION WE HAVE TODAY. SO, THERE IS A NOTION, A
20 HOPE, THAT WE CAN START TO SHAVE TIME OFF OF SOME OF THESE
21 SENTENCES, BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE MAY MAKE TO THE
22 BENCH, BUT WE DON'T KNOW THAT FOR SURE, BECAUSE IT IS THE
23 JUDGE'S DISCRETION. SO, SOME OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE BEING
24 SENTENCED AND ORDERED TO KIND OF A JUVENILE MAX SENTENCE. SOME
25 OF THEM MAY DO SEVEN OR EIGHT YEARS WITH US, UNFORTUNATELY.

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1 NOW, THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THEY WON'T GO TO STATE PRISON, BUT
2 THE NOTION THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO SHAVE TIME OFF OF THOSE
3 SENTENCES, WE DO NOT KNOW IF THAT IS ACTUALLY GOING TO HAPPEN.
4 AND THE OTHER PART OF IT IS, ATTRITION JUST LOOKS DIFFERENT
5 WITH THIS POPULATION. WE KNOW THAT OUR HALL AND CAMP
6 POPULATION NOW MOVES THROUGH THE SYSTEM A LOT QUICKER. WE ARE
7 GOING TO HAVE THESE YOUNG PEOPLE FOR MANY YEARS. SO, WE DO
8 THINK BETWEEN 100 AND 150, BUT WE CANNOT REALLY ANTICIPATE,
9 ALL THAT WELL, HOW THIS POPULATION IS GOING TO GROW OVER THE
10 YEARS, BECAUSE, AGAIN, IT'S A NEW POLICY. WE HAVEN'T DONE THIS
11 BEFORE.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** AND I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN ANSWER THIS, BUT WHAT
14 IS A TIMELINE AND PROCESS, IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE "HOME-LIKE"
15 RENOVATIONS AT SCOTT, KILPATRICK, VERSUS BARRY J.? DO YOU HAVE
16 AN ESTIMATE?

17

18 **SPEAKER:** SO, WE HAVE SOME ROUGH ESTIMATES. THE COSTS, THE
19 ESTIMATES THAT WE HAVE SHARED WITH YOUR OFFICES, ARE ALSO A
20 LITTLE BIT ROUGH RIGHT NOW. SO, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE
21 ABSOLUTELY DO NOT WANT TO DO IS CREATE A LOS ANGELES COUNTY
22 VERSION OF DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE. RIGHT? SO, WE DO NOT
23 WANT TO BE IN THE BUSINESS OF WAREHOUSING THESE YOUNG PEOPLE.
24 LET'S TAKE CAMP SCOTT BY ITSELF AS AN EXAMPLE. THAT IS AN OLD
25 CAMP. RIGHT? IT WAS BUILT IN, I THINK, 1959 OR 1960. IT IS A

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1 LARGE, BARRACKS-STYLE LIVING UNIT. WE WOULD REALLY WANT TO
2 MAKE SOME RENOVATIONS TO THAT SPACE. BECAUSE, AGAIN, WE DON'T
3 WANT TO THROW A BUNCH OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN A SPACE THAT'S NOT
4 THERAPEUTIC, THAT'S NOT CONDUCIVE TO A PROGRAM THAT WE REALLY
5 ARE IMAGINING HERE. AND SO IT WILL TAKE SOME RENOVATION. WHEN
6 WE TALK ABOUT TIMELINE AND TIMEFRAME, DEPENDS ON A LOT OF
7 DIFFERENT THINGS. WE WERE QUOTED ROUGHLY AROUND THE BARRY J.
8 PROJECT THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT BETWEEN 24 TO 30 MONTHS, BECAUSE
9 IT REALLY IS A MASSIVE RENOVATION TO THAT SITE. WE ARE NOT
10 ENVISIONING THAT THAT SITE WILL LOOK ANYTHING LIKE THE WAY IT
11 LOOKS NOW, THE WAY THAT WE SEE IT NOW. AND SO IT WILL TAKE
12 SOME TIME. IT WILL ALSO TAKE SIGNIFICANT CAPITAL INVESTMENT.
13 WHETHER WE FOCUS ON BARRY J. ITSELF, OR WE FOCUS ON CAMP
14 SCOTT, EVEN CAMP KILPATRICK, THERE'S SOME RENOVATION AND
15 ENHANCEMENT THAT WOULD NEED TO BE DONE OVER THERE, AS WELL.

16
17 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, ON 56-B, IT'S A PLAN THAT INCLUDES A TIMELINE
18 OF MODIFICATIONS FOR A HOME-LIKE ENVIRONMENT AT BARRY NIDORF
19 JUVENILE HALL, INCLUDING THE DEMOLITION OF THE COMPOUND. IS
20 THAT SIMILAR TO WHAT YOU ARE PROPOSING AT CAMP SCOTT?

21
22 **SPEAKER:** SO, WE WOULD NOT WANT TO DEMOLISH ANYTHING AT CAMP
23 SCOTT. WE WOULD USE EXISTING STRUCTURES, BECAUSE THAT WILL
24 SPEED THE WORK UP. RIGHT? SO, WE HAVE A LIVING UNIT THAT WE
25 KNOW WE CAN WORK WITH. WE HAVE DINING QUARTERS WE KNOW WE CAN

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1 WORK WITH. CAMP SCOTT DOES HAVE THE BENEFIT OF INDIVIDUAL
2 ROOMS. WE KNOW, HONESTLY-- AND THIS IS COMING FROM OUR
3 ADVOCATES MORE THAN IT IS COMING FROM OUR OWN STAFF-- WE HAVE
4 SOME YOUNG PEOPLE RIGHT NOW, WHO HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO A SECURE
5 YOUTH TREATMENT FACILITY, WHO ARE NOT READY TO WORK A PROGRAM.
6 SO THEY ARE CAUSING A LOT OF DIFFERENT ISSUES RIGHT NOW IN THE
7 COMPOUND. WE'VE HAD TO, IN FACT, SEPARATE THEM FROM PART OF
8 THE OTHER POPULATION, SO THAT WE CAN ACTUALLY TRY TO RUN SOME
9 PROGRAMMING. SO, THE USE OF INDIVIDUAL ROOMS IS GOING TO BE
10 REALLY BENEFICIAL. WE ALSO KNOW, IN TALKING TO YOUNG PEOPLE,
11 THAT THEY PREFER SOME PRIVACY. SO, AGAIN, WE ARE NOT PROPOSING
12 AT CAMP SCOTT-- OR, FRANKLY, AT BARRY J.-- THAT WE WOULD BE
13 BUILDING NEW STRUCTURES. THE IDEA WOULD BE TO RENOVATE THE
14 EXISTING STRUCTURE, BECAUSE WE THINK THE BONES ARE GOOD. BUT
15 WE REALLY DO NEED TO DO SOMETHING SERIOUS INSIDE THOSE
16 BUILDINGS, TO CREATE A MUCH SOFTER, LESS CARCERAL ENVIRONMENT.

17
18 **SUP. BARGER:** BECAUSE I WAS ACTUALLY QUOTING THE MOTION THAT
19 SAYS, "DEMOLITION OF THE COMPOUND," SO THAT'S WHERE I GOT THAT
20 THOUGHT PROCESS.

21
22 **SPEAKER:** SO, WHETHER WE DEMOLISH IT OR WE USE EXISTING
23 BUILDINGS, WE BELIEVE-- PROBATION BELIEVES-- THAT THE FENCING
24 NEEDS TO COME DOWN, THAT WE NEED TO ABSOLUTELY REBRAND IT. THE
25 SERPENTINE WIRE, ALL OF THAT NEEDS TO COME DOWN, AND THAT WILL

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1 COME DOWN, REGARDLESS OF WHAT IS DECIDED AROUND A SECURE YOUTH
2 TREATMENT FACILITY.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, WHAT WAS THE POPULATION AT BARRY NIDORF LAST
5 WEEK? AND WITH THE ADDITION OF THE CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL, WHAT
6 IS THE POPULATION NOW BEING HOUSED AT BARRY NIDORF?

7

8 **SPEAKER:** SO, WE MOVED, I BELIEVE IT WAS, 130 YOUNG PEOPLE FROM
9 CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL TO BARRY J. OVER THE WEEKEND. SO, OUR
10 POPULATION PRIOR TO THAT-- I THINK, TODAY, THE POPULATION IS
11 ABOUT 290. DON'T ASK ME TO DO MATH ON THE SPOT. SO THE
12 POPULATION ALMOST DOUBLED. SO WE WOULD HAVE BEEN AT 160 LAST
13 WEEK. WE ADDED 135. NOW IT IS CLOSER TO 290.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER:** AND WITH THE CLOSURE OF CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL,
16 THAT WILL MAKE BARRY NIDORF THE PERMANENT PLACEMENT FOR THESE
17 YOUTH. CORRECT?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** SHOULD CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL CLOSE...

20

21 **SUP. BARGER:** ASIDE FROM MOVING OUT TO THE CAMPS, BUT YOU JUST
22 TALKED ABOUT THE CAMPS' CAPACITY, AND THEN THE LONG-TERM
23 INDIVIDUALS WE'RE GOING TO HAVE.

24

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1 **SPEAKER:** SO, SHOULD WE CLOSE CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL, IT WOULD
2 MAKE BUILDING ANY S.Y.T.F. SITE AT BARRY J. PRETTY
3 COMPLICATED, BUT WE KNOW THAT BARRY J. IS RATED FOR CLOSER TO
4 BETWEEN 500 AND 600 YOUNG PEOPLE. AND SO THE RATE OF CAPACITY
5 AT BARRY J. IS FAR HIGHER THAN WHAT WE HAVE, EVEN TODAY, BUT
6 IT CERTAINLY WOULD CREATE SOME OPERATIONAL CONCERNS FOR US, AS
7 WE WOULD SEEK TO SORT OF DO THE RENOVATIONS IN A MODULAR
8 FASHION, MEANING MOVE YOUNG PEOPLE OUT OF ONE UNIT, RENOVATE
9 IT, MOVE THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN, AND THEN GO TO THE NEXT
10 BUILDING. SO IT WOULD CREATE SOME OPERATIONAL CONCERNS FOR US.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** AND THEN MY LAST QUESTION IS, WHAT IS THE
13 PROJECTION OF-- I MEAN, ARE WE SEEING MORE YOUTH COMING IN?
14 SO, RIGHT NOW, WE DOUBLED THE POPULATION. WHAT IS YOUR
15 EXPECTATION, OR WHAT ARE YOU SEEING, IN TERMS OF TRENDING OF
16 YOUTH COMING INTO OUR SYSTEM IN THE HALLS?

17

18 **SPEAKER:** SO, THERE'S STILL A LOT OF REALLY GOOD WORK HAPPENING
19 TO DIVERT AS MANY YOUNG PEOPLE AS WE POSSIBLY CAN. SO, THE
20 NOTION THAT WE ARE TAKING IN LOW-LEVEL OFFENDERS, WHICH I HAVE
21 HEARD FLOATED ABOUT, JUST ISN'T THE CASE. OUR YOUTH THAT ARE
22 COMING TO US ARE COMING WITH SIGNIFICANT NEEDS. THESE ARE
23 HIGH-RISK, HIGH-NEEDS YOUTH. WE HAVE SEEN A LITTLE BIT OF AN
24 UPTICK IN THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS, BUT NOT SIGNIFICANT.
25 REMEMBER, WE WERE OVER 500 PRIOR TO C.O.V.I.D. AS I STATED

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1 TODAY, WE ARE UNDER 300 AT THE MOMENT. WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT
2 THE POPULATION DOES NOT CONTINUE TO INCREASE. BUT, AS WE HAVE
3 SEEN HISTORICALLY HERE, WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT WILL
4 HAPPEN. AND AGAIN, PROBATION IS RECEIVING THESE KIDS FROM
5 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, THROUGH THE COURTS, ALL OF THAT, AND SO
6 WE ARE HOPING THAT THE POPULATION REMAINS LOW, BECAUSE IT
7 AFFORDS US A LOT OF FLEXIBILITY TO DO BETTER WORK BY OUR YOUNG
8 PEOPLE. THE OTHER ISSUE THAT MAY BE CAUSE IS, A COUPLE OF
9 YEARS AGO, IN THE SADDLERIDGE FIRE, WE HAD TO EVACUATE BARRY
10 J. SO, IN AN INSTANT, WE HAD TO MOVE, AT THE TIME, 300 KIDS
11 OUT OF THERE. AND SO, WE ARE COMMITTED TO DECREASING OUR
12 FOOTPRINT. WHEN WE START TO LOSE FLEXIBILITY IN SOME OF THE
13 OTHER LOCATIONS, WE DO HAVE CONCERNS THAT, SHOULD WE HAVE TO
14 EVACUATE FOR EARTHQUAKE OR FIRE OR SOME OTHER NATURAL
15 DISASTER, IT LIMITS OUR ABILITY TO DO THAT SAFELY.

16
17 **SUP. BARGER:** RIGHT. AND I KNOW SUPERVISOR KUEHL REMEMBERS
18 HAVING TO DO THAT UP AT KILPATRICK. I THINK THAT ALL OF OUR
19 CAMPS ARE LOCATED IN AREAS THAT ARE UP AGAINST THE MOUNTAINS
20 OR IN AREAS THAT ARE AT RISK OF FIRES, AND SO I DO KNOW THAT
21 THAT'S SOMETHING THAT IS NOT UNIQUE TO BARRY J., OR EVEN
22 KILPATRICK. IT'S AT AFFLERBAUGH, PAIGE, AND EVEN SCOTT. SO, I
23 APPRECIATE THAT. AND THEN, I WILL JUST LEAVE IT WITH THIS. IN
24 THIS MOTION, I FEEL LIKE THIS VALIDATES THE VISION FOR THE
25 FUTURE OF BARRY J., THAT SAYS IT CAN BE TRANSFORMED. AND I

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1 FIND THE LANGUAGE INTERESTING, BECAUSE THAT'S ACTUALLY VERY
2 MUCH WHAT I AM SAYING. AND NOW THAT WE HAVE TRANSFERRED AND
3 DOUBLED THE POPULATION AT A FACILITY THAT, QUITE FRANKLY,
4 TODAY, WITH PUBLIC COMMENT, AND EVEN SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES
5 BEING SO CRITICAL OF BARRY NIDORF, AND IT SHOULD BE TORN DOWN,
6 IT IS JUST INTERESTING THAT NOW WE ARE HAVING A DISCUSSION
7 ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE JUST DOUBLED THE POPULATION, AND ARE
8 LOOKING TO FLATLINE A FACILITY THAT ACTUALLY TAKES SOME OF
9 THOSE YOUTH THAT ARE NOW GOING TO BE HOUSED AT BARRY NIDORF.
10 BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER THAT, ADAM, BUT I JUST WANT TO
11 THANK YOU, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE GONE OUT INTO THE
12 COMMUNITY AND TAKEN A LOT OF HEAT FROM, ESPECIALLY, MY
13 CONSTITUENTS IN LA VERNE, BUT ALSO IN SANTA CLARITA, AND YOU
14 HAVE ALWAYS CONDUCTED YOURSELF AS A PROFESSIONAL, PROVIDING
15 THE FACTS AND EDUCATING THE CONSTITUENTS. AS I'VE SAID
16 EARLIER, MY ISSUE IS NOT WITH THE INDIVIDUALS BEING PLACED,
17 BUT WHERE THEY ARE BEING PLACED, AND I JUST APPRECIATE SO MUCH
18 YOUR PROFESSIONALISM AND THE JOB THAT YOU'RE DOING, SO THANK
19 YOU VERY MUCH.

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21 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I APPRECIATE THAT VERY MUCH.

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

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ADAM, I ALSO WANT TO SHOW YOU
2 MY GRATITUDE. I THINK EVERYBODY IS KIND OF STRUGGLING TO DO
3 THE RIGHT THING, AND THE FACILITIES ARE NOT COOPERATING, IN A
4 WAY. BUT MY QUESTION IS, BARRY J. IS NOT ACTUALLY APPROVED FOR
5 PERMANENT PLACEMENT. IS THAT CORRECT? BECAUSE WHAT SUPERVISOR
6 BARGER SAID WAS THAT WE WOULD NEED TO ASK THE B.S.C.C. TO
7 APPROVE IT FOR PERMANENT PLACEMENT. IS THAT CORRECT?

8

9 **SPEAKER:** SO, YOU GET INTO SOME TITLE 24 REGULATION ISSUES.
10 SHOULD WE MIX POPULATIONS OR CHANGE THE PURPOSE OF THE
11 FACILITY? IT IS SOMETHING WHERE WE WOULD SIMPLY NOTIFY THEM. I
12 THINK A LOT OF OTHER COUNTIES ARE DOING EXACTLY THIS BECAUSE,
13 AGAIN, IT'S NEW, RIGHT? AND UNFORTUNATELY, OTHER COUNTIES
14 DON'T HAVE THE OPTION OF USING EXISTING FACILITIES OR EMPTY
15 FACILITIES, AND SO A LOT OF FOLKS ARE MIXING POPULATIONS,
16 UNFORTUNATELY. IT IS SIMPLY A NOTIFICATION. SO LET'S SAY, FOR
17 EXAMPLE, WE WERE TO MOVE YOUNG PEOPLE TO KILPATRICK TOMORROW.
18 WE WOULD BE MIXING THOSE TWO POPULATIONS, AND WE WOULD HAVE TO
19 NOTIFY B.S.C.C. THAT WE'RE DOING THAT. SO, IT HAS MORE TO DO
20 WITH JUST OUR NOTIFICATION TO THEM THAT, "HEY, THIS IS
21 SOMETHING THAT'S HAPPENING NOW." B.S.C.C. IS AWARE THAT WE
22 HAVE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO SECURE YOUTH
23 TREATMENT FACILITY IN BARRY J., AND SO IT'S... AGAIN, IT
24 CREATES OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS, CERTAINLY, BUT IN TERMS OF

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1 REGULATORY PROBLEMS, AS LONG AS WE'RE COMMUNICATING CLEARLY, I
2 THINK WE'RE OKAY.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THINK YOU'RE MIXING APPLES AND ORANGES, IF I MAY
5 RESPECTFULLY SAY. NOTIFYING THEM THAT WE'RE MIXING POPULATIONS
6 AT A SITE APPROPRIATE FOR PERMANENT PLACEMENT IS DIFFERENT
7 THAN NOTIFYING THEM THAT WE'RE GOING TO DO PERMANENT PLACEMENT
8 AT A SITE THAT IS NOT SUPPOSED TO BE-- THAT IS A HALL. THAT'S
9 A DIFFERENT FUNCTION FOR CENTRAL AND BARRY J. THAN FOR THE
10 CAMPS. OTHER COUNTIES DON'T HAVE THE SAME KIND OF OPTIONS. THE
11 OTHER THING YOU SAID ABOUT SCOTT IS THAT IT ALREADY HAS
12 INDIVIDUAL ROOMS, BUT BARRY J., IN THE PLAN THAT WAS PRESENTED
13 BY THE CHIEF, THAT I BELIEVE IS WHAT SUPERVISOR BARGER WANTS
14 TO APPROVE, IT WAS JUST ONE BIG BUNK-BED HOUSE. I MEAN, IT
15 WASN'T SEPARATE ROOMS AT BARRY J, FOR THE D.J.J. YOUTH.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** NO, ACTUALLY, IT IS. THE PROPOSAL IS TO HAVE
18 INDIVIDUAL ROOMS FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AT BARRY J. SO, YOU
19 WOULD TAKE A LIVING UNIT AND ESSENTIALLY CONVERT IT. THE IDEA
20 WOULD BE TO SHRINK THE LIVING UNIT, SO YOU DON'T HAVE QUITE AS
21 MANY BEDS, AND THAT CREATES AN OPTION TO CREATE MORE LIVING
22 SPACE, AND THEN YOU CAN HAVE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, CREDIBLE
23 MESSENGERS, OTHER COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, HOUSED RIGHT
24 THERE IN THE UNIT. SO IT LIMITS THE ROOM--

25

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** HASN'T B.S.C.C. ALREADY SAID THAT WE'RE OUT OF
2 COMPLIANCE IN A LOT OF WAYS? I MEAN, IT SOUNDS LIKE... OKAY,
3 T.S. ELIOT SAID, "BETWEEN THE IDEA AND THE ACTION FALLS THE
4 SHADOW." AND IT SEEMS TO ME THERE'S A MAJOR SHADOW IN THE
5 POSSIBILITY OF WHAT COULD HAPPEN AT BARRY J. SO, I THINK
6 GETTING THE PERMISSION TO DO PERMANENT PLACEMENT THERE, IT
7 WOULD REALLY HAVE TO BE GRANTED. I MEAN, I'VE TALKED TO
8 B.S.C.C. LEADERSHIP, JUST TO GET A SENSE. OF WHAT, GENERALLY,
9 THEY'RE LOOKING AT IN THE STATE. SO, THOSE WERE MY TWO
10 QUESTIONS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OF COURSE. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?
13 COMMENTS? ONE QUESTION, ADAM, I HAVE. I THINK IT'S ALARMING
14 THAT AN INSTITUTION COULD BE IN A STATE THAT A STATE AGENCY
15 ISSUES WARNINGS. WE KNEW IT WAS UNSUITABLE, BUT THEN COMES IN
16 AND, OVER A WEEKEND, DIRECTS THE IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF
17 CHILDREN. AND I KNOW BARRY J. IS ON THE UNSUITABLE LIST TOO.
18 WHAT DO YOU THINK THE TIMING IS, SINCE WE'RE ALREADY ON THE
19 "IN TROUBLE" LIST, IN THE EYES OF THE B.S.C.C., THAT THEY
20 COULD COME IN AND SAY THE SAME THING ABOUT BARRY J.?

21

22 **SPEAKER:** WE THINK, HONESTLY, THAT BARRY J. IS IN MUCH BETTER
23 SHAPE. WE'VE DONE SOME INTERNAL ANALYSIS OF SOME OF THE THINGS
24 THAT WERE UNDER CORRECTIVE ACTION AT CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL, SO
25 WE HAD SOME SERIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT WHAT WAS HAPPENING AT

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1 CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL. WE DO NOT HAVE THE SAME CONCERNS AT
2 BARRY J. THEY'RE THERE. WE HAVE FOLKS VISITING THIS WEEK, IN
3 FACT, SO WE SHOULD HAVE SOME MORE INFORMATION, SHORTLY, ABOUT
4 HOW WE'RE DOING. BUT WE DO BELIEVE THAT MOVING THE YOUNG
5 PEOPLE TO BARRY J., AND DOING THE REVIEW AT BARRY J., WAS THE
6 RIGHT MOVE. WE'RE HOPING TO GET BACK TO CENTRAL AS SOON AS
7 POSSIBLE. WE HOPE TO DO SOME RENOVATION TO THE SITE, AND DO
8 SOME TRAINING FOR SOME OF OUR STAFF THERE, TO GET THEM
9 PREPARED TO HAVE YOUNG PEOPLE BACK AT CENTRAL. WE'VE
10 INSTRUCTED STAFF, 90 DAYS. WE HOPE TO DO IT MUCH SOONER THAN
11 THAT.

12

13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AND AGAIN, THE B.S.C.C. WILL HAVE TO
14 OPINE WHETHER OR NOT CENTRAL HALL IS SAFE AND APPROPRIATE TO
15 RETURN CHILDREN TO?

16

17 **SPEAKER:** THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR. ONCE WE MOVE YOUNG PEOPLE
18 BACK, THEY WILL COME OUT AT THAT TIME AND DO ANOTHER REVIEW.

19

20 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR
21 COMMENTS? THANK YOU. SEEING NONE, ITEM 56-A IS BEFORE US,
22 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO
23 APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

24

25 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 56-A IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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2 **SUP. SOLIS:** NO.

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4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, NO. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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6 **SUP. KUEHL:** NO.

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

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** NO.

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12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, NO. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** ABSOLUTE YES.

15

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

17 MITCHELL?

18

19 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** NO.

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21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, NO. MOTION FAILS, 1-

22 4.

23

24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WE'LL MOVE ON TO--

25

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR?

2

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

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL:** MAY I JUST SAY, I THINK WE COULD REPRESENT
6 SUPERVISOR HAHN'S SECOND AS A COURTESY SECOND, JUST FOR THE
7 RECORD, SO THAT THERE COULD BE A VOTE? BECAUSE SHE DID VOTE
8 NO.

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** CERTAINLY.

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** IF THAT'S OKAY.

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THAT'S FINE WITH ME.

15

16 **SUP. KUEHL:** BECAUSE, OTHERWISE, IT WOULD HAVE DIED FOR LACK OF
17 A SECOND, AND AT LEAST WE TOOK A VOTE ON IT.

18

19 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THAT'S FINE.

20

21 **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OF COURSE. ITEM 56-B, FUTURE OF CENTRAL
24 JUVENILE HALL, FEASIBILITY STUDY AND PLAN, WHICH WAS HELD BY
25 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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1

2 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I'D LIKE TO ALSO
3 THANK MY CO-AUTHOR, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR SUPPORTING THIS
4 MOTION. IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT MOTION, AND IT'S SO TIMELY TO
5 COME BEFORE US RIGHT NOW, SINCE WE KNOW THAT OUR JUVENILE
6 HALLS, ESPECIALLY CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL, WAS EVACUATED IN THE
7 LAST, WHAT, 48 HOURS. WE KNOW THAT THIS IS GOING TO IMPACT
8 BARRY J.-- WE'VE ALREADY HEARD THAT-- BUT I HOPE THAT IT'S
9 ONLY TEMPORARY, AND THAT'S WHY I THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR
10 AGREEING TO BE MY CO-AUTHOR ON THIS. I WANT TO BE CLEAR,
11 THOUGH, THAT THIS MOTION IS ABOUT A SEPARATE POPULATION OF
12 YOUTH. ITEMS 10 AND 56-A WERE ABOUT OUR SECURE TRACK YOUTH,
13 WHO ARE LIKELY TO STAY IN A FACILITY FOR A LONGER PERIOD OF
14 TIME, AND PERHAPS FOR SOME YEARS, UNFORTUNATELY. THE YOUTH WHO
15 WE ARE DISCUSSING IN THIS MOTION, ITEM 56-B, ARE OUR
16 PREDISPOSITION YOUTH. THESE YOUTH CAN ONLY BE PLACED AT OUR
17 HALL, PER LAW, AS SUPERVISOR KUEHL CLEARLY ARTICULATED
18 EARLIER, NOT A CAMP. AND AS IT STANDS, THERE IS ONLY TWO HALLS
19 IN THE ENTIRE COUNTY: CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL AND BARRY J. ALSO,
20 I WANT TO NOTE THAT THE D.O.J. SETTLEMENT THAT THE COUNTY HAS
21 ENTERED INTO WAS DUE TO A LACK OF PROGRAMMING AND EDUCATIONAL
22 SERVICES AND POOR TREATMENT OF PREDISPOSITION YOUTH. IT WAS
23 NOT TO IMPROVE PERMANENT PLACEMENTS, LIKE SECURE TRACK YOUTH,
24 BUT FOR TEMPORARY HOUSING FOR OUR PREDISPOSITION YOUTH. AND I
25 CAN CONFIRM WHAT THEY FOUND, BECAUSE I, ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS

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1 OVER THE LAST 7 YEARS, HAVE HAD COUNTLESS VISITS TO CENTRAL
2 JUVENILE HALL, MANY, MANY TIMES, AND THERE ARE SIMPLY NO
3 REPAIRS THAT CAN IMPROVE THE WELLBEING OF OUR YOUTH WHO WERE
4 THERE. ADDITIONALLY, THE MOTION BEFORE YOU SHOULD NOT COME AS
5 A SURPRISE TO THE BOARD OR TO PROBATION DEPARTMENT, BECAUSE
6 OVER THE YEARS, EVEN AS FAR BACK AS THE '90S, THERE HAS BEEN
7 DISCUSSIONS AND EVEN POTENTIAL PLANS FOR THE CLOSURE OF
8 CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL. AND I ALSO WANT TO SAY, THE CLOSER OF
9 CERTAIN CAMPS AND HALLS ARE NOT NEW TO THIS BOARD. AS THE
10 MOTION PREAMBLE LISTS, MANY OF THE SUPERVISORS ON THIS BOARD
11 HAVE CLOSED AND REPURPOSED CAMPS AND HALLS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE
12 DISTRICTS, SUCH AS, AS AN EXAMPLE, CAMP GONZALES, WHICH CLOSED
13 IN 2017, TO SOON BECOME A FIRE CAMP FOR FORMERLY INCARCERATED
14 YOUTH. AND I'M HAPPY TO WORK WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL ON THAT
15 EFFORT TO BRING NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR YOUTH AT THAT CAMP.
16 LOS PADRINOS JUVENILE HALL, IN SUPERVISOR HAHN'S DISTRICT,
17 CLOSED IN 2019 AFTER SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS OF LOW STAFF MORALE,
18 AND STAFF ABUSING INCARCERATED YOUTH. IN THE FALL OF 2020, A
19 PORTION OF THE FACILITY WAS CONVERTED INTO A CRISIS BRIDGE
20 HOUSING PROGRAM FOR YOUNG WOMEN WHO ARE EXPERIENCING
21 HOMELESSNESS. CAMP CHALLENGER, IN SUPERVISOR BARGER'S
22 DISTRICT, WAS CLOSED IN 2019, TO BE CONVERTED INTO A
23 RESIDENTIAL VOCATIONAL CENTER FOR YOUNG ADULTS, AGES 18-25.
24 SEEING THESE CLOSURES OF THE JUVENILE HALL AND CAMPS, AND
25 KNOWING THEY WILL BE REPURPOSED TO PROVIDE BETTER

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1 OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR RESIDENTS OF VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES IN
2 L.A. COUNTY, RATHER THAN INCARCERATING YOUTH, IS SOMETHING
3 THAT I'M PROUD TO BE A PART OF. GIVEN THE BOARD'S ATTENTION
4 AND INVOLVEMENT ON ALMOST ALL THE PROBATION CAMPS AND HALLS
5 OVER THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS, AND ESPECIALLY TODAY, IT WAS
6 INCUMBENT ON ME TO BRING TO THE TABLE A STUDY ON WHAT THE
7 FUTURE OF CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL SHOULD BE. THIS HALL,
8 SPECIFICALLY, HAS BEEN THE CENTER OF CRITICISM, LAWSUITS,
9 CONSENT DECREES, FAILED INSPECTIONS, AND SUBJECT OF GRAND JURY
10 REPORTS SINCE 1999. THE SOLUTION ISN'T, IN MY OPINION, TO
11 THROW MORE MONEY AT IT, PUT MORE COATS OF PAINT ON THE WALLS,
12 OR EVEN CONTINUE WITH BAND-AID SOLUTIONS, BUT A MORE PERMANENT
13 PLAN. OUR YOUTH DESERVE MORE, AND SO DO OUR STAFF THAT HAVE TO
14 WORK THERE. THE TIMING OF THE CONVERSATION IS IDEAL RIGHT NOW,
15 BECAUSE OF THE RECENT B.S.C.C. INSPECTION, AND THE B.S.C.C.'S
16 EXPECTATION OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. UNFORTUNATELY, THE
17 PROBATION DEPARTMENT AGAIN FAILED TO MEET THE B.S.C.C.
18 STANDARDS, AND IN RESPONSE, CURRENTLY, ALL OUR YOUTH FROM
19 CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL WERE TRANSFERRED TO BARRY J. OVER THE
20 WEEKEND. THIS TRANSFER WAS DONE WITHOUT ADVANCE NOTIFICATION
21 TO SOME STAFF AND THE PARENTS, LARGELY BECAUSE OF HOW QUICKLY
22 B.S.C.C. WANTED PROBATION TO BE RESPONSIVE TO A PENDING
23 INSPECTION. AND I'M ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL TO OUR FRIENDS AT THE
24 ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION THAT SHOWED UP TO ALLEVIATE
25 ANXIETIES WITH THE YOUTH, WHO HAD NO TIME TO ACCLIMATE TO THIS

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1 TRANSFER, AND TO ASSIST STAFF WITH THE CONFUSION THAT
2 RESULTED. I HEARD THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND HIS TEAM
3 WERE THERE FROM 8:00 IN THE MORNING TO ALMOST 3:00 IN THE
4 AFTERNOON, PROVIDING HELP AND ASSISTANCE. COLLEAGUES, CENTRAL
5 JUVENILE HALL HAS BEEN AROUND SINCE 1912, WHEN IT WAS THE
6 COUNTY'S FIRST PERMANENT JUVENILE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, AND
7 IT HAS ONLY TURNED INTO AN UNFORTUNATE BLIGHT ON OUR COUNTY'S
8 HISTORY. BUT NOW THAT ITS CELLS HAVE BEEN EMPTIED, AND THE
9 YOUTH TRANSFERRED TO BARRY J., WE'RE PRESENTED WITH, I
10 BELIEVE, AN OPPORTUNITY. AND THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO
11 REIMAGINE YOUTH JUSTICE, AND LOOK TO CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL
12 THROUGH A FEASIBILITY STUDY, TO SEE HOW WE CAN SHIFT IT AWAY
13 FROM BEING USED TO INCARCERATE YOUTH, TO TURN IT INTO A REAL
14 ASSET FOR THE RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY. CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL,
15 AS YOU KNOW, IS LOCATED NEAR THE CAMPUS OF OUR L.A.C.+U.S.C.
16 HOSPITAL, A PLACE ASSOCIATED WITH HEALING. BUT CENTRAL
17 JUVENILE HALL COULD NOT BE FARTHER FROM A PLACE OF HEALING, SO
18 LET'S CHANGE THAT. LET'S REIMAGINE IT. COLLEAGUES, I HUMBLY
19 ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.

20
21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. ANY COMMENTS OR
22 QUESTIONS? SUPERVISOR BARGER?

23
24 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I DON'T KNOW IF THIS
25 IS FOR CHIEF GONZALES OR FOR YOU. YOUR MOTION ASKED FOR 120

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1 DAYS, CORRECT? AND CHIEF GONZALES IS SAYING 90 DAYS, MOVING
2 OUT OF CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL. SO, WHAT HAPPENS BETWEEN THE 90
3 AND THE 120? WOULD WE MOVE THEM BACK TO CENTRAL?

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS:** I WOULD SAY THAT I BELIEVE, JUST HEARING FROM OUR
6 PROBATION DEPARTMENT, THAT THEY ARE TRYING TO MOVE QUICKLY,
7 BECAUSE THEY ARE OBVIOUSLY GOING TO BE MEETING WITH B.S.C.C.
8 STAFF TO MAKE SURE THAT THINGS ARE ACCOMMODATED THERE,
9 APPROPRIATELY, AT CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL. MY SENSE IS THAT
10 THEY'RE MAKING SOME ADJUSTMENTS, BUT I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
11 THEY'RE DONE CORRECTLY, AND I THINK THAT OUR CHIEF SHOULD HELP
12 TO RESPOND TO THAT. I HOPE HE'S ON BOARD. CHIEF GONZALES?

13

14 **ADOLFO GONZALES:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YES, I'M ON THE CALL, BUT I
15 DON'T THINK I'M ON THE SCREEN. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS:** THAT'S OKAY. YEAH, GO AHEAD. GO AHEAD.

18

19 **ADOLFO GONZALES:** YES, WE'RE HOPING TO BE ABLE TO COME BACK AND
20 MAKE THOSE REPAIRS THAT WE IDENTIFIED FROM THE APRIL, I THINK,
21 15TH MEETING WITH THE P.O.C. THERE WERE SOME AREAS THAT WE
22 NEEDED TO ADDRESS-- FOR EXAMPLE, THE PLUMBING, THE ELECTRICAL,
23 SOME AREAS OF CONCERN REGARDING MOLD THAT WAS, I BELIEVE,
24 IDENTIFIED-- AND THEN MAKE SOME REPAIRS TO THE FACILITY, TO BE
25 ABLE TO BRING THE YOUTH BACK BEFORE THE 90 DAYS. AND DURING

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1 THIS TIME, I THINK WE CAN DO THE FEASIBILITY STUDY THAT'S DUE
2 IN 120 DAYS, THEREAFTER.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO, BASICALLY, CHIEF, YOU'RE SAYING THAT WE DON'T
5 INTEND ON HAVING THESE YOUTH AT BARRY J. FOR 120 DAYS. IT'S
6 GOING TO BE LESS THAN THAT. IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE ARTICULATING?

7

8 **ADOLFO GONZALES:** YES.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** OKAY. AND YOU CAN BEGIN THE FEASIBILITY STUDY, AND
11 MAKE THOSE ARRANGEMENTS, REPAIRS, AND ANYTHING ELSE THAT'S
12 NECESSARY. IS THAT CORRECT?

13

14 **ADOLFO GONZALES:** CORRECT.

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS:** OKAY.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, THAT WAS MY CLARIFICATION, BECAUSE IF HE'S
19 MOVING THE CHILDREN BACK IN 90 DAYS, THAT TELLS ME THE
20 FEASIBILITY STUDY MAY TAKE 120 DAYS. I WAS TRYING TO GET A
21 CLARIFICATION, BECAUSE MY UNDERSTANDING OF THIS MOTION WAS
22 THAT YOU WANT TO PERMANENTLY CLOSE CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL.
23 CORRECT?

24

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** IT'S A FEASIBILITY STUDY THAT WILL DIRECT US. IT
2 WILL TELL US WHAT TO DO. AND YOU HAVE TO KEEP IN MIND,
3 "FEASIBILITY" MEANS-- WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? IT COULD MEAN
4 SHRINKING THE FOOTPRINT, SINCE WE DON'T HAVE THAT MANY YOUTH
5 COMING BACK DOWN IN THAT MANNER. AND THINK ABOUT IT: THESE ARE
6 PREDISPOSITION YOUTH. THESE AREN'T THE-- THESE ARE DIFFERENT
7 POPULATION. IT WAS NEVER MEANT TO BE A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE
8 SHOULD BE MORE THAN 6 MONTHS, OR EVEN TWO YEARS. AND I FOUND
9 ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, WHEN I HAVE VISITED THAT FACILITY, WE
10 HAVE HAD SOME CASES WHERE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN THERE FOR TWO
11 YEARS. IT'S INCREDIBLE THAT OUR SYSTEM IS BROKEN. SO I'M NOT
12 SURPRISED THAT THE STATE IS LOOKING AT US AND SAYING, "HEY,
13 WAIT A MINUTE. WE ALL HAVE TO WORK FROM THE SAME PAGE HERE."
14 AND I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME. IT DOESN'T MEAN DISPLACEMENT OF
15 OUR STAFF, EITHER. IT MEANS THAT WE HAVE TO PRIORITIZE AND DO
16 A BETTER JOB OF HOW WE SPEND OUR TAXPAYER DOLLARS, AND
17 ESPECIALLY WHEN WE'RE CHARGED BY LAW TO TAKE CARE OF THESE
18 YOUNG PEOPLE. SO THAT'S SIMPLY WHAT MY MOTION IS. WHEN WE HAD
19 A PREVIOUS PROBATION OFFICER THERE, WHO LEFT, TERRI MCDONALD,
20 WE WERE ALREADY LOOKING AT A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THIS
21 PARTICULAR SITE, BUT WE WEREN'T ABLE TO MOVE QUICK ENOUGH AT
22 THAT TIME, AND SHE LEFT. BUT I WAS ALREADY ON THAT TRAJECTORY
23 TO START TO LOOK AT THAT, BECAUSE IT'S A BIG CAMPUS. WE CAN DO
24 SO MANY OTHER THINGS. IT'S UNDERUTILIZED RIGHT NOW. I'M
25 LOOKING AT POTENTIAL POSSIBILITIES TO CREATE HOUSING THERE FOR

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1 FAMILIES THAT ARE IMPACTED; NOT JUST BY PROBATION, BUT ARE
2 IMPACTED BY HOMELESSNESS, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND WHAT HAVE
3 YOU. SO THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES, AND WE'RE DOING THAT NOW WITH
4 L.A.C.+U.S.C. AND OTHER PROPERTIES AROUND THE COUNTY, WHERE
5 MANY OF US ARE LOOKING AT HOW TO REPURPOSE OUR ASSETS. SO
6 IT'S, AGAIN, REIMAGINING. THAT'S ALL.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, AND I APPRECIATE THAT, BECAUSE THAT HELPS
9 ME, BECAUSE IN THE MOTION, IT SAYS, "SUCCESSFUL CLOSER AND
10 DEMOLITION OF CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL." BUT YOU'RE NOT TALKING
11 ABOUT THE ENTIRE HALL. YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT POSSIBLY SHRINKING
12 THE FOOTPRINT, IS ONE OF THE FEASIBILITY STUDIES YOU WANT. SO
13 IT'S NOT ABOUT DEMOLISHING CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL.

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS:** THE FEASIBILITY STUDY WILL HELP INFORM US. AND AS
16 YOU KNOW, THE POPULATION HAS BEEN SHRINKING. AND IT WAS BUILT
17 IN 1912. MY GOD, IF YOU GO IN THERE ON ANY GIVEN DAY, IT
18 HORRIFIES ME. WHEN I THINK ABOUT THE TIME I VISITED MEN'S
19 CENTRAL JAIL, AND THEN GO INTO OUR EASTLAKE FACILITIES, I
20 CAN'T SEE, NECESSARILY, THE DIFFERENCE IN SOME PLACES. TO SEE
21 SOME OF OUR CHILDREN HAVING HAD TO SLEEP ON CEMENT. I WON'T
22 EVEN SAY THEY'RE COTS, BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT COTS.

23

24 **SUP. BARGER:** I AGREE WITH THAT.

25

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** I JUST HAVE TO TELL YOU, IT'S SOMETHING THAT HAS
2 BEEN ON MY MIND FOR THE LAST 7 YEARS.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH, AND I AGREE WITH YOU. AND IT'S
5 UNACCEPTABLE, AS WE SIT HERE, TO EVEN HAVE THAT TAKING PLACE
6 NOW, IN THE CURRENT SYSTEM, AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT IS
7 DEPLORABLE ACROSS THE BOARD. SO, I DON'T KNOW THAT A MOTION
8 SHOULD FORCE US TO HAVE A DEPARTMENT DO WHAT'S RIGHT, BUT I
9 AGREE WITH YOU. I JUST WANTED TO GET A CLARIFICATION, BECAUSE
10 IT DOES TALK ABOUT DEMOLITION. AND THEN, CHIEF GONZALES, WHAT
11 IS THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME THAT THE YOUTH ARE SPENDING IN
12 OUR JAIL, PREDISPOSITION?

13

14 **ADOLFO GONZALES:** AS YOU HEARD WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WE'VE
15 BEEN THROUGH THE HALLS TOGETHER. SHE AND I HAVE TALKED TO SOME
16 OF THE YOUTH, AND THEY HAVE BEEN THERE, UNFORTUNATELY, FOR A
17 COUPLE OF YEARS. THE AVERAGE TIME IS BETWEEN 21 DAYS AND 31
18 DAYS, IS WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN. BUT, AS YOU KNOW, WHEN C.O.V.I.D.
19 HIT, EVERYTHING GOT DELAYED. WE TRIED TO KEEP KIDS OUT, FROM
20 COMING IN. THE COURTS WERE GOING VIRTUAL. I THINK, NOW,
21 THEY'RE OPENING UP A LITTLE BIT MORE, SO WE'RE HOPING TO BE
22 ABLE TO PROCESS THE YOUTH THROUGH THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM AS
23 QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. IDEALLY, FOR ME, I WOULD SAY 30 DAYS
24 WOULD PROBABLY BE THE AVERAGE. SOMETIMES, WHEN THE YOUTH NEEDS
25 TO HAVE ADDITIONAL WORK WITH THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, IT TAKES A

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1 LITTLE BIT LONGER. I HAVE A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR PUBLIC
2 DEFENDER HERE IN LOS ANGELES. I THINK WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO
3 MAKE THAT EXPEDITED. SO, I THINK WE CAN MAKE THE
4 ENHANCEMENTS. AND I AGREE, THE FACILITIES ARE SO DILAPIDATED.
5 IT'S BAD FOR THE YOUTH, BUT IT'S BAD FOR EVERYONE WHO WORKS
6 THERE-- THE DOCTORS, THE NURSES, OUR OFFICERS, OUR STAFF, OUR
7 TEACHERS, VISITORS. I MEAN, IT'S A BAD PLACE, ALTOGETHER.

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9 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, SO THAT'S FOR THE PREDISPOSITION, BUT WHAT
10 IS IT FOR THE D.J.J. YOUTH?

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12 **ADOLFO GONZALES:** WELL, THAT'S GOING TO DEPEND ON THEIR
13 COMMITMENT AND HOW OLD THEY ARE. IT COULD BE, FOR EXAMPLE, 7,
14 8 YEARS, DEPENDING ON THE AGE WHEN THEY COMMITTED THE OFFENSE.
15 [INAUDIBLE], DEPENDING ON THEIR PRIOR CONVICTIONS OR
16 SENTENCES; OR COMMITMENTS, THEY CALL IT, FOR JUVENILE.
17 COMMITMENTS.

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19 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY. THANK YOU. AND ADAM DID SAY THAT, ABOUT THE
20 7 TO 8 YEARS, SO I SHOULD HAVE CAUGHT THAT. ALL RIGHT, WELL,
21 AGAIN, I'M JUST GOING TO SAY IT AGAIN. ON ONE HAND, WE DISCUSS
22 AN ITEM WHERE WE'VE GOT ADVOCATES CALLING IN, AND OUR BOARD
23 TALKING ABOUT HOW HORRIBLE BARRY J. IS, AND NOW WE'RE GOING TO
24 VOTE TO PUT A HOME-LIKE ENVIRONMENT, COMPLIANT WITH THE
25 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, AT

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1 BARRY J. NIDORF. SO, I GUESS IT'S NOT THE MESSAGE; IT'S THE
2 MESSENGER. AND I JUST FIND IT REALLY TOO BAD THAT WE CAN'T BE
3 CONSISTENT WITH OUR MESSAGE. IF WE DON'T LIKE BARRY NIDORF,
4 THEN SHUT IT DOWN. IF WE DON'T LIKE CENTRAL, THEN SHUT IT
5 DOWN. BUT AT THIS POINT, IT SOUNDS TO ME THAT IT IS A FOREGONE
6 CONCLUSION THAT THIS IS THE DIRECTION THE BOARD'S GOING TO GO
7 IN, AND I, FOR ONE, HAVE SERIOUS CONCERNS AND WILL CONTINUE TO
8 OBJECT TO THEM. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR
11 QUESTIONS?

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13 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD JUST WANT TO SAY THAT MY
14 MESSAGE HAS ALWAYS BEEN CLEAR. I THINK THAT WE SHOULD HAVE
15 OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO THRIVE, EVEN WHEN THEY
16 ARE IN OUR CARE. AND I'VE SEEN SO MANY-- COUNTLESS, THOUSANDS-
17 - OF YOUNG MEN, MOSTLY, AND YOUNG GIRLS, TOO, THAT WE HAVE
18 PROVIDED TREATMENT WITH, AND SEEING MANY OF THEM ACTUALLY WANT
19 TO TURN A LEAF, TO GET INTO SOMETHING DIFFERENT. AND THANK
20 GOODNESS THAT WE HAVE, AT LEAST, STAFF AND OUTSIDE SUPPORT,
21 MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS, AND SOME VERY GOOD INSTRUCTORS, TOO,
22 THAT REALLY CARE ABOUT OUR KIDS, THAT ARE GIVING THEM
23 OPPORTUNITY TO THINK OUTSIDE, BEYOND THE WALLS THAT THEY ARE
24 CONFINED IN. THAT'S WHAT GIVES ME HOPE. THAT'S WHAT I'M GOING
25 TO BE DOING AS LONG AS I'M HERE ON THE BOARD, TO HELP PROVIDE

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1 THAT, AND TO CREATE A GOOD ENVIRONMENT THAT'S HEALTHY, NOT
2 JUST FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE, BUT FOR OUR STAFF AND FOR THEIR
3 FAMILIES THAT WANT TO COME VISIT THEM, AND KNOW THAT THEY'RE
4 BEING CARED FOR ADEQUATELY, WITHOUT DUE HARM. SO, THANK YOU
5 VERY MUCH. ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY OTHER ADDITIONAL REMARKS
8 ON AGENDA ITEM 56-B? SEEING NONE, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
9 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE
10 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** 56-B IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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14 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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18 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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22 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** NO.

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

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

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8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES,
9 4-1.

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11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AT THIS TIME, WE HAVE TWO OFFICES THAT
12 WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK UNDER SPECIALS. FIRST, WE'LL HEAR FROM
13 SUPERVISOR BARGER, WITH REGARD TO INTRODUCING A REWARD MOTION.
14 SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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16 **SUP. BARGER:** MADAM CHAIR, GO AHEAD AND GO TO THE NEXT ONE,
17 BECAUSE I'M WAITING FOR IT TO BE HANDED TO ME.

18

19 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OKAY, GOT IT. SUPERVISOR HAHN WILL MAKE
20 REMARKS REGARDING THE PARALYMPIC SIGN, AND WE HAVE A PICTURE
21 WE WANT TO PUT ONSCREEN. THERE IT IS.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** OH, THAT'S GREAT! THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO
24 JUST TAKE A MOMENT TO CELEBRATE SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED OVER
25 THE WEEKEND. WITH EVERYTHING GOING ON, AND ALL OF US FOCUSING

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1 ON WHAT'S HAPPENING IN UKRAINE, I THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE MISSED
2 THIS. AND SO, MANY OF YOU KNOW MY SCHEDULER, TINA QUEBEC. AND
3 IN 2012, HER SON RALPH, WHICH IS WHERE THE ARROW IS THERE,
4 LOST BOTH OF HIS LEGS IN AN I.E.D. EXPLOSION WHILE HE SERVED
5 IN AFGHANISTAN. AND IN THE YEARS SINCE, HE FOUND SLED HOCKEY,
6 AND WAS RECRUITED TO THE U.S. MEN'S PARALYMPIC SLED HOCKEY
7 TEAM. AND ON SATURDAY NIGHT, RALPH AND TEAM U.S.A. BEAT
8 CANADA, 5-0, FOR THE GOLD MEDAL IN BEIJING. THIS IS RALPH
9 DEQUEBEC'S SECOND GOLD MEDAL. HE IS SUCH AN INCREDIBLE PERSON.
10 AND MAKES HIS MOM SO PROUD, AND ALL OF US HERE IN THE 4TH
11 DISTRICT OFFICE, AND WE ALL HAD SO MUCH FUN CHEERING HIM ON
12 THIS WEEKEND. AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF TEAM U.S.A. HAVE OVERCOME
13 SO MUCH IN THEIR LIVES TO GET TO THIS POINT, BOTH PHYSICAL AND
14 MENTAL CHALLENGES, AND IT REALLY IS INSPIRING, WATCHING THEM
15 ON THE ICE. AND I JUST WANTED TO TAKE THIS MOMENT TO
16 CONGRATULATE RALPH, ALL OF TEAM U.S.A., AND THE INCREDIBLE
17 VICTORY THAT THEY BROUGHT HOME FOR TEAM U.S.A. AND I ALSO WANT
18 TO GIVE A SHOUTOUT TO DELTA AIRLINES, WHO FLEW THESE ATHLETES,
19 ALL THEIR EQUIPMENT, AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS TO THE WATCH
20 PARTY IN UTAH FOR FREE. SO, THANK YOU, DELTA AIRLINES, AS
21 WELL. GO TEAM U.S.A.!

22
23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** BEAUTIFUL. THANK YOU FOR THAT,
24 SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR BARGER, UNDER SPECIALS.

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I AM DOING A REWARD RE-
2 ESTABLISHMENT IN THE MURDERS OF ANDREW CHAVEZ AND CLOTEE
3 REYES. ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017, AT APPROXIMATELY 1:46
4 A.M., 18-YEAR-OLD ANDREW CHAVEZ AND HIS GIRLFRIEND, 19-YEAR-
5 OLD CLOTEE REYES, HAD JUST LEFT AN IMPROMPTU BIRTHDAY PARTY
6 FOR A FRIEND IN THE CITY OF LANCASTER. AS THEY STOOD OUTSIDE,
7 TALKING WITH FRIENDS IN THE STREET, A BLACK SEDAN DROVE
8 NORTHBOUND ON 6TH STREET EAST. GUNSHOTS WERE FIRED FROM THE
9 VEHICLE INTO THE CROWD. THE VEHICLE FLED NORTHBOUND, AWAY FROM
10 THE SCENE. TRAGICALLY, BOTH ANDREW AND CLOTEE WERE MORTALLY
11 WOUNDED. BOTH FAMILIES, WHO HAVE BEEN HELPFUL DURING THE
12 INVESTIGATION, REMAIN IN CONTACT WITH THE INVESTIGATORS. TO
13 SAY THE LEAST, THEY ARE DEVASTATED BY THE LOSS OF THESE YOUNG
14 LIVES. TO DATE, INVESTIGATORS HAVE RECEIVED NO VIABLE CLUES
15 REGARDING THIS TRAGEDY. THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
16 DETECTIVES BELIEVE THERE WERE WITNESSES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD
17 THAT MAY HAVE SEEN THE SUSPECT OR SUSPECTS LEAVE THE AREA, AND
18 KNOW THEIR IDENTITIES. SO, THE \$20,000 REWARD APPROVED BY THIS
19 BOARD ON MARCH 27, 2018, EXPIRED JUNE 24TH. L.A.S.D.
20 DETECTIVES ARE ACTIVELY INVESTIGATING THIS CASE, AND HOPEFUL
21 THAT THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS REWARD WILL BRING FORTH
22 WITNESSES WHO MAY HAVE INFORMATION ON THIS TRAGIC DOUBLE
23 HOMICIDE. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD RE-ESTABLISH A
24 REWARD OFFERING THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 IN EXCHANGE FOR
25 INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND/OR CONVICTION OF THE

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1 PERPETRATOR OR PERPETRATORS INVOLVED IN THE HEINOUS MURDERS OF
2 ANDREW CHAVEZ AND CLOTEE REYES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND THIS IS AN ITEM THAT
5 WE'LL ACTUALLY VOTE ON TODAY. AND SO, AGAIN, IT'S THE REWARD
6 RE-ESTABLISHMENT IN THE MURDERS OF ANDREW CHAVEZ AND CLOTEE
7 REYES. IT WILL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. I WILL SECOND
8 IT. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CAL THE ROLL.

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10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** 58-A IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

15

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.

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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.

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9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** NOW IS THE TIME IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE
10 FOR US TO HEAR ADJOURNMENTS. BASED ON OUR CYCLE, I WILL BEGIN
11 THIS WEEK, REPRESENTING THE SECOND DISTRICT, AND WE'LL PROCEED
12 IN NUMERIC ORDER, AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS WILL ROUND US OUT. I
13 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY-- WELL, FIRST OF ALL, LET ME
14 JUST SAY THAT WE RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM ASIAN AMERICANS
15 ADVANCING JUSTICE, ACTUALLY REMINDING US THAT IT WAS A YEAR
16 AGO TOMORROW WHERE WE EXPERIENCED A HORRIFIC MASS SHOOTING IN
17 ATLANTA, GEORGIA, THAT TOOK THE LIVES OF 8 PEOPLE, 6 OF WHOM
18 WERE ASIAN-AMERICAN WOMEN. AND I THINK WE ALL REMEMBER THAT
19 REALLY SORT OF LAUNCHED THE ANTI-ASIAN HATE KIND OF MOVEMENT
20 ACROSS THE COUNTRY. AND SO TOMORROW IS THE ONE-YEAR
21 ANNIVERSARY, AND WE WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT. WE DON'T STAND
22 FOR HATE OF ANY TYPE. WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, I I ASK THAT WE
23 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GWENDOLYN GREEN. MS. GREEN WAS BORN ON
24 APRIL 22ND, 1925, AND PASSED AWAY FEBRUARY 4TH, 2022, IN SOUTH
25 L.A., AT THE AGE OF 96. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED AND REVERED AS

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1 A DEDICATED CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST WHO WORKED AS AN
2 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT AT THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
3 CONFERENCE. SHE PLANNED RALLIES, SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS, AND
4 FUNDRAISING EVENTS. SHE WAS ALSO SELECTED BY REVEREND DR.
5 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., TO HELP HIS TRUSTED AIDE, THE
6 REVEREND HOSEA WILLIAMS, WITH AN AMBITIOUS VOTER REGISTRATION
7 PROJECT. SHE HELPED TO COORDINATE VOTER REGISTRATION EVENTS IN
8 1965, AND ORGANIZED COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN THE WESTERN REGION
9 FOR THE HISTORIC "MARCH ON WASHINGTON," THE LARGEST GATHERING
10 OF CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS OF ITS TIME. SHE ALSO WORKED AS AN
11 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR THE SUMMER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION AND
12 POLITICAL EDUCATION PROJECT, WHERE SHE CONTINUED TO APPLY
13 PRESSURE ON CONGRESS TO PASS THE HISTORIC VOTING RIGHTS ACT,
14 AND TO RAISE AWARENESS AND GARNER SUPPORT FOR THE AFRICAN-
15 AMERICAN RIGHT TO VOTE, REGISTERING AN ESTIMATED 49,000 VOTERS
16 BY THE END OF THE SUMMER OF 1965. SHE WORKED WITH OPHELIA
17 MCFADDEN TO ESTABLISH THE HOME CARE WORKERS UNION S.E.I.U.,
18 KNOWN THEN AS LOCAL 434B, AND OF COURSE KNOWN NOW AS LOCAL
19 2015. SHE WAS A PROUD MEMBER OF THE NEW FRONTIER DEMOCRATIC
20 CLUB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED
21 PEOPLE, AND S.E.I.U. IN ADDITION TO HER IMMEASURABLE
22 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT, SHE WILL BE
23 REMEMBERED FOR HER SWEET SPIRIT, HER FIERCE ADVOCACY, AND
24 WISDOM. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER, ROBIN GREEN, AS WELL
25 AS A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY, FRIENDS, S.E.I.U. MEMBERS, ALL

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1 OF US, WHO WILL MISS HER TREMENDOUSLY. WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY,
2 I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF NONI OLABISI. MS. OLABISI
3 WAS BORN AUGUST 9, 1954, IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, AND PASSED
4 AWAY UNEXPECTEDLY ON THE 1ST OF MARCH, AT THE AGE OF 67. SHE
5 DISCOVERED A PASSION FOR ART WHILE SHE WAS A STUDENT AT HORACE
6 MANN MIDDLE SCHOOL; AND AFTER GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL,
7 ENROLLED AT L.A. SOUTHWEST COLLEGE, WHERE SHE LATER GRADUATED
8 WITH AN ASSOCIATE IN FINE ARTS DEGREE IN 1976. SHE WAS
9 SOCIALLY CONSCIENCE, AND WANTED HER ARTWORK TO REFLECT THE
10 HISTORY AND LIVED EXPERIENCES THAT AFRICAN AMERICANS FACED
11 DURING THAT TIME. OLABISI WAS KNOWN FOR HER POWERFUL STYLE OF
12 EXPRESSIVE FIGURATIONS OF BLACKNESS. HER MURAL "FREEDOM WON'T
13 WAIT" FEATURED CLOSE-UPS OF BLACK FACES WINCED IN PAIN, TO
14 REFLECT A COMMUNITY DESPERATE TO BE HEARD AFTER THE 1992 CIVIL
15 UNREST. HER MOST NOTABLE PAINTING, "TO PROTECT AND SERVE," WAS
16 UNVEILED IN 1996, AND WAS ONE OF THE FIRST PAINTINGS TO
17 ADDRESS THE HISTORY OF POLICE BRUTALITY IN THE CITY. IT IS
18 ALSO AN HOMAGE TO THE BLACK RADICAL ORGANIZING EMBODIED BY
19 HUEY NEWTON, ANGELA DAVIS, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BLACK
20 PANTHER PARTY. MS. OLABISI BELIEVED THAT ART WAS A TOOL FOR
21 CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS AND EXPERIENCES.
22 SHE ENJOYED HOW HER ARTWORK BROUGHT COMMUNITIES TOGETHER AND
23 SPARKED DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS REGARDING RACE AND INJUSTICE.
24 SHE WAS A WINNER OF THE COVETED CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY
25 FOUNDATION VISUAL ARTIST FELLOWSHIP, AND SHE WILL BE

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1 REMEMBERED AS A WELL-RENOWNED ARTIST AND MURALIST IN SOUTH LOS
2 ANGELES, WHO HAD OVER 30 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE. MS. OLABISI
3 LEAVES BEHIND TO CHERISH HER MEMORY, HER SON ORONDE, AND
4 GRANDSON JABARI, AS WELL AS A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY,
5 FRIENDS, AND FELLOW ARTISTS, WHO WILL KEEP HER MEMORY ALIVE
6 THROUGH HER ARTWORK. I MOVE TODAY THAT WHEN HE ADJOURN, WE
7 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ELEANOR SIMMONS WALLACE. MS. WALLACE
8 WAS BORN IN 1952, IN DETROIT, AND PASSED AWAY THIS PAST
9 FEBRUARY, HERE IN L.A., AT THE AGE OF 69. SHE BEGAN HER CAREER
10 AT FRANK D. PARENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN INGLEWOOD, AS A
11 VOLUNTEER, IN 1981; AND LATER, IN 1993, BECAME THEIR FIRST
12 AFRICAN-AMERICAN ALGEBRA TEACHER. MS. WALLACE WAS COMMITTED TO
13 HER STUDENTS, BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM. SHE
14 SERVED ON THE STUDENT SITE COUNCIL, ATTENDED P.T.A. MEETINGS,
15 AND COORDINATED SUMMER AND AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS, SUCH AS THE
16 SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM AND THE ALGEBRA CLUB, WHICH PROVIDED
17 TUTORING SERVICES. SHE OFTEN SAID, "IF STUDENTS DON'T LEARN
18 THE WAY I TEACH, I WILL TEACH THE WAY THEY LEARN," A MODEL
19 THAT TRULY ENCOMPASSED HER STYLE OF TEACHING, THAT WAS
20 TAILORED TO MEET EACH CHILD'S INDIVIDUAL NEEDS. SHE'LL BE
21 REMEMBERED FOR HER 41 YEARS OF SERVICES AS A PASSIONATE AND
22 DEDICATED EDUCATOR, WHO LEFT A LASTING IMPACT ON STUDENTS,
23 FAMILY, AND STAFF AT FRANK D. PARENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. SHE
24 WILL ALSO BE REMEMBERED FOR HER BEAUTIFUL SMILE, POSITIVE
25 SPIRIT, COMPASSION FOR OTHERS, AND HER HEART FOR COMMUNITY

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1 SERVICE. SHE LEAVES BEHIND TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER LOVING
2 HUSBAND, OLDEN; TWO CHILDREN, AKILAH AND HAKEEM; AND A HOST OF
3 EXTENDED FAMILY, FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES, FORMER ALGEBRA STUDENTS,
4 AND HER PROUD SORORS OF THE MU LAMBDA OMEGA CHAPTER OF ALPHA
5 KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC., WHO WILL ALL MISS HER DEARLY.
6 MOVING ON TO SD-3.

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8 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I ASK THAT WHEN
9 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ELLEN JIMENEZ, WHO
10 WORKED FOR OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
11 FAMILY SERVICES FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS. AND IF IT IS TO YOUR
12 LIKING, PERHAPS ALL 5 OF US MIGHT JOIN IN, SINCE SHE WAS OF
13 SUCH GREAT SERVICE TO OUR DEPARTMENT. SHE BEGAN BY WORKING
14 WITH ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN; CONTINUED HER CAREER IN
15 CHILDREN'S AND FAMILY SERVICE IN DEPENDENCY COURT; AND AS A
16 COURT OFFICER, WITH JUDGES AND HEARING OFFICERS, TO ENSURE THE
17 SAFETY AND PROTECTION OF OUR CHILDREN. ELLEN'S LOVE OF
18 CLASSICAL AND OTHER MUSIC KNEW NO BOUNDS. THE MUSIC CENTER WAS
19 HER SECOND HOME. FOR MANY YEARS, SHE AND HER HUSBAND, AN
20 OAXACAN FOLK ART EXPERT, SAT ON THE BOARD OF THE GENE AUTRY
21 MUSEUM, ENABLING THE ACQUISITION AND DISPLAY OF NATIVE ARTS.
22 SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, FEDERICO. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN
23 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ALLAN LADD, JR.,
24 PRODUCER AND MOVIE EXECUTIVE, WHO DIED ON MARCH 2ND. SON OF
25 ACTOR ALLAN LADD. GREW UP IN L.A., LATER SERVED IN THE U.S.

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1 AIR FORCE. SPENT A NUMBER OF YEARS IN LONDON, WORKING IN THE
2 BRITISH FILM INDUSTRY. UPON RETURNING TO THE U.S., HE BECAME
3 AN EXECUTIVE AT 20TH CENTURY FOX, WHERE HE FOUGHT FOR THE
4 STUDIO TO MAKE "STAR WARS"-- CAN YOU IMAGINE HAVING TO
5 CONVINCE SOMEONE TO MAKE "STAR WARS"?-- AND WAS ONE OF ITS
6 MOST ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORTERS DURING PRODUCTION. HE LATER
7 FOUNDED HIS OWN PRODUCTION COMPANY, THE LADD COMPANY, AS WELL
8 AS WORKING AS AN EXECUTIVE AT M.G.M. UNITED ARTISTS. HE
9 PRODUCED FILMS, INCLUDING "BRAVEHEART," FOR WHICH HE WON AN
10 ACADEMY AWARD, "POLICE ACADEMY," "THE BRADY BUNCH MOVIE," AND
11 "THE MAN IN THE IRON MASK." MANY HIT MOVIES WERE RELEASED
12 DURING HIS TENURE AS AN EXECUTIVE, INCLUDING "MOONSTRUCK,"
13 "THELMA AND LOUISE," "BLADE RUNNER," AND "THE RIGHT STUFF." HE
14 WAS AN EXTRAORDINARILY CREATIVE MAN. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS
15 DAUGHTERS, KELLIANN TRACY, AND AMANDA, AND HIS BROTHER DAVID.
16 AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
17 NORA ROSS, WHO DIED ON MARCH 11. AT VALLEY CULTURAL
18 FOUNDATION, WHERE SHE HELD THE TITLE OF C.E.O., NORA'S WORK,
19 AND THE STAFF SHE TRAINED AND COLLABORATED WITH, BROUGHT HER
20 GREAT JOY. SHE WAS A PILLAR OF THE COMMUNITY, AN INNOVATOR,
21 AND THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND ALL THE COMMUNITY SERVICE
22 PROGRAMS THAT VALLEY CULTURAL FOUNDATION BROUGHT TO OUR SAN
23 FERNANDO VALLEY. DURING THE PANDEMIC, SHE MADE STRIDES IN
24 BRINGING PROGRAMS TO THE COMMUNITY, WHEN THE COMMUNITY NEEDED
25 IT MOST. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND JAY, HER DAUGHTER

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1 MEREDITH, AND HER NIECE ERICA. AND FINALLY, I ASK WHEN WE
2 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ACTOR MITCHELL RYAN,
3 WHO DIED ON MARCH 4TH. HE BEGAN A STAGE CAREER, INCLUDING WORK
4 ON BROADWAY, AFTER SERVING IN THE U.S. NAVY; AND AFTER SEVERAL
5 SMALL T.V. APPEARANCES, HE BROKE OUT WITH A ROLE ON "DARK
6 SHADOWS." SOME VIEWERS KNEW RYAN BEST FOR HIS STARRING ROLE ON
7 THE SITCOM "DHARMA & GREG," AND FOR HIS ROLE AS THE VILLAINOUS
8 GENERAL PETER MCALLISTER IN "LETHAL WEAPON." OTHER NOTABLE
9 T.V. APPEARANCES WERE ON "WINGS," "L.A. LAW," "WEST WING,"
10 "STAR TREK: NEXT GEN," AND "THE GOLDEN GIRLS." HE ALSO SERVED
11 AS PRESIDENT OF THE SCREEN ACTOR'S GUILD FOUNDATION. HE'S
12 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE BARBARA, AND THEIR STEPDAUGHTER DENISE.
13 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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17 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
18 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF CHRISTOPHER CASTILLO, WHO
19 WAS ONLY 23 WHEN HE PASSED AWAY. HE WAS A SENIOR AT TABRO
20 COLLEGE IN HILLSBORO, KANSAS, AND WAS MAJORING IN CRIMINAL
21 JUSTICE. CHRISTOPHER WAS A MEMBER OF THE TABRO FOOTBALL TEAM,
22 AND WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A DEDICATED AND POSITIVE TEAMMATE
23 AND FIERCE COMPETITOR ON THE FIELD. HE WILL ALWAYS BE
24 REMEMBERED FOR HIS POSITIVE, CAN-DO ATTITUDE, AND HIS SMILE
25 THAT LIT UP A ROOM. I WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH CHRISTOPHER'S

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1 MOTHER, L.A.P.D. DEPUTY CHIEF EMADA TINGRIDES, AND HIS
2 STEPFATHER, RETIRED DEPUTY CHIEF PHIL TINGRIDES, WHEN I WAS ON
3 THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL. THEY WERE BOTH PART OF THE
4 CREATION OF THE WATTS GANG TASK FORCE. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS
5 ARE WITH THEM AND THEIR FAMILY. CHRISTOPHER IS ALSO SURVIVED
6 BY HIS FATHER, L.A.P.D. OFFICER JESUS CASTILLO; SISTER AMAYA;
7 STEPMOTHER MARIA; STEPSISTERS JAYME, MADISON, BREANNA, ASHLEY,
8 AND CORI; AND STEPBROTHERS NICKOLAS AND GRANT. I ALSO MOVE
9 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
10 GIOVANNI "CHEF GIO" DELROSARIO. CHEF GIO WAS A BELOVED MEMBER
11 OF THE L.A. HARBOR COLLEGE COMMUNITY. CHEF GIO WAS THE FOUNDER
12 AND DIRECTOR OF THE CULINARY ARTS PROGRAM AT HARBOR COLLEGE,
13 AND A GREAT FORCE IN THE UNIVERSE. HE STARTED TEACHING JUST A
14 FEW COOKING CLASSES, AND TURNED IT INTO A FULL-TIME, DEGREE-
15 GRANTING CULINARY PROGRAM. HE WAS A GIFTED AND INSPIRING
16 EDUCATOR AND MENTOR, AND ZEALOUS COMMUNITY PARTNER. HE
17 RECEIVED MANY AWARDS FOR HIS WORK IN EDUCATION, INCLUDING
18 VOCATIONAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR IN 2001, AND EDUCATOR OF THE
19 YEAR IN 2004. CHEF GIO'S INFLUENCE CONTINUES TO MOTIVATE ALL
20 THOSE WHOSE LIVES HE TOUCHED, AND HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. I
21 ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY
22 OF JACK ORR, WHO WAS A LONGTIME LAKEWOOD RESIDENT, AND HE
23 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 100. JACK JOINED THE U.S. ARMY AIR
24 CORPS IN 1942, AND SERVED AS A PILOT IN WORLD WAR II. AFTER
25 THE WAR, ORR WORKED AT MCDONNELL DOUGLAS IN LONG BEACH,

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1 HELPING BUILD PLANES, AND WORKING ON ROCKWELL INTERNATIONAL'S
2 SPACE SHUTTLE PROGRAMS AS AN ENGINEER. IN RETIREMENT, HE SPENT
3 HIS TIME AS AN AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR, VOLUNTEERING ON THE
4 QUEEN MARY. JACK WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS WIFE, MARGARET.
5 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTERS, DOROTHY AND DIANE. AND I MOVE
6 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JOYCE
7 MACCRAKIN, WHO WAS 89 YEARS OLD WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY, AND A
8 MOTHER OF ONE OF MY BEST FRIENDS, MARILYN MACCRAKIN. SHE WAS
9 BORN IN RENO, NEVADA, BUT AS A YOUNG ADULT, SHE MOVED TO
10 SACRAMENTO TO ATTEND SACRAMENTO CITY COLLEGE NURSING PROGRAM,
11 AND RECEIVED HER NURSING DEGREE. SHE SPENT OVER 40 YEARS
12 WORKING FOR MERCY GENERAL HOSPITAL ON "J" STREET, AS AN
13 OPERATING ROOM NURSE, AND THERE SHE DEVELOPED A TRAINING
14 PROGRAM FOR GRADUATING NURSES INTERESTED IN THE O.R. SHE WAS
15 ACTIVE IN HER PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATION OF
16 PERIOPERATIVE REGISTERED NURSES, SERVING AT LEAST ONE YEAR AS
17 THEIR PRESIDENT. WHILE RAISING HER FAMILY AND WORKING FULL
18 TIME, SHE WENT BACK TO SCHOOL TO STUDY AT SACRAMENTO STATE,
19 AND RECEIVED HER B.A. IN HUMANITIES. SHE LOVED TEACHING, NOT
20 ONLY NURSING, BUT SHE WAS A BELOVED SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER, WHO
21 WROTE CURRICULUM FOR BIBLE LESSONS, AND TAUGHT ADULT BIBLE
22 STUDIES FOR MANY YEARS. SHE WAS A REQUESTED BIBLE LECTURER,
23 AND WAS KNOWN AS THE "BIBLE ANSWER LADY." SHE WAS
24 KNOWLEDGEABLE AND A SCHOLAR OF GOD'S WORD, AND WAS READY TO
25 ANSWER IT AS IT WAS WRITTEN ON HER HEART. SHE WAS AN

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1 ACCOMPLISHED WRITER. SEVERAL OF HER SPIRITUAL ARTICLES WERE
2 PUBLISHED IN CHRISTIAN MAGAZINES. AND AFTER RETIREMENT, SHE
3 VOLUNTEERED HER TIME AT CHURCH, AND ALSO READING TO
4 ELEMENTARY-AGED CHILDREN AT A LOCAL SCHOOL. SHE TRAVELED AS A
5 NURSE TO GUATEMALA ON MEDICAL MISSIONARY TRIPS, STILL
6 UTILIZING HER SKILLS TO HELP AND HEAL. SHE HAD A HEART FOR
7 SERVICE IN ALL SHE DID. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER 3 DAUGHTERS.
8 ALL 3 OF THEM ARE DEAR FRIENDS OF MINE: MARILYN MACCRACKIN,
9 KATHY JEFFRIES, AND LAURA BROTHERS. AND ALSO, HER SISTER
10 PEGGY, OF PORTLAND, OREGON. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. I WAS LUCKY
11 TO KNOW HER. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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15 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
16 DO SO IN MEMORY OF GARY WILLIAM ANDREWS, A LONGTIME RESIDENT
17 OF GLENDORA, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY, ON FEBRUARY 18TH, AT
18 THE AGE OF 75. HE OPERATED THE LONG-ESTABLISHED BUSINESS
19 ANDREWS INC., IN GLENDORA. GARY WAS A MERCHANT IN THE GLENDORA
20 VILLAGE FOR ALMOST 49 YEARS, WHERE HE WAS A BOARD MEMBER OF
21 THE GLENDORA VILLAGE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR MANY
22 YEARS. IN 2019, GARY AND HIS WIFE, CONNIE, WERE NAMED GLENDORA
23 CITIZENS OF THE YEAR. GARY PROUDLY SERVED IN THE CALIFORNIA
24 NATIONAL GUARD FOR 38 YEARS, RETIRING IN 2006 WITH THE RANK OF
25 COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR. HE ALWAYS CONSIDERED THE ARMY HIS

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1 FAMILY. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND BUSINESS PARTNER,
2 CONNIE. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SARA NELL FLOYD, A
3 LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF SAUGUS, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
4 90. SHE WAS BORN AND RAISED IN MISSISSIPPI DURING THE GREAT
5 DEPRESSION. SHE ATTENDED MILLSAPS COLLEGE IN JACKSON TO PURSUE
6 HER BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN EDUCATION. SHE MARRIED AND MOVED TO
7 DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA, WHERE SHE EARNED HER MASTER'S DEGREE IN
8 EDUCATION FROM CAL STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH. AFTER A SHORT
9 TIME IN ALABAMA, SHE RETURNED TO CALIFORNIA AND SETTLED IN
10 SAUGUS, WHERE SHE TAUGHT THIRD AND FOURTH GRADE IN THE SAUGUS
11 UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT. SHE RETIRED BRIEFLY, THEN RETURNED, DUE
12 TO A SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS. SHE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE
13 SANTA CLARITA METHODIST CHURCH, AND VOLUNTEERED AT THE SANTA
14 CLARITA VALLEY FOOD PANTRY, HART PARK, HENRY MAYO NEWHALL
15 HOSPITAL, AND THE SANTA CLARITA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AT THE
16 COLLEGE OF THE CANYON. SARA IS SURVIVED BY HER SONS, OBERRY
17 AND KIP, AND HER BROTHER SAM. ALSO, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
18 DONNA GIBBONS, A LONGTIME BURBANK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
19 TEACHER, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 63. DONNA BEGAN WORKING
20 FOR BURBANK UNIFIED AT BRET HARTE CHILDREN'S CENTER IN 1979,
21 AND IN 1982 SHE MOVED TO THE LOG CABIN AT ROOSEVELT ELEMENTARY
22 SCHOOL, AND STARTED AN INSTITUTION THAT CONTINUES TODAY. DONNA
23 MADE SURE THAT EVERY CHILD WAS ACKNOWLEDGED, VALUED, AND
24 RESPECTED. SHE SET STRONG BOUNDARIES THAT KIDS APPRECIATED,
25 BECAUSE THEY WERE FAIR AND RESPECTFUL. HER CREATIVITY WAS

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1 ENDLESS. SHE WOULD READ "LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE" BOOKS,
2 AND AFTERWARDS HAVE THE CHILDREN MAKE THEIR OWN BUTTER. SHE
3 TAUGHT THEM THE VALUE OF CHARITY AND SERVICE BY TEACHING THE
4 KIDS HOW TO SEW, SO THEY COULD MAKE STOCKINGS FOR PATIENTS AT
5 THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. SHE IMPARTED HER LIFELONG LOVE OF
6 BOOKS BY CHOOSING GREAT ONES TO READ AT STORY TIME. SHE WAS A
7 TEACHER, NOT ONLY TO THE CHILDREN, BUT ALSO TO THE PARENTS,
8 FELLOW TEACHERS, AND FRIENDS, AND SHE WILL BE MISSED BY MANY.
9 ALSO, WE'RE GOING TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF KATIE MEYER, A
10 BURBANK NATIVE, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 22. KATIE
11 WAS A SENIOR AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY, MAJORING IN INTERNATIONAL
12 RELATIONS, AND WAS A GOALTENDER AND CAPTAIN FOR THE
13 UNIVERSITY'S WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM. SHE WAS FIERCELY
14 COMPETITIVE, AND HER FRIENDS DESCRIBED HER AS A LARGER-THAN-
15 LIFE TEAM PLAYER. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER PARENTS, GINA AND
16 STEVEN, OLDER SISTER SAMANTHA, AND YOUNGER SISTER SIENA. MAY
17 SHE REST IN PEACE. ALSO, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RUDY PAVINI,
18 A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE
19 EDGE OF 87. HE GREW UP IN WORCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS, WHERE HE
20 ATTENDED ELEMENTARY, JUNIOR, AND HIGH SCHOOL. HE ENLISTED IN
21 THE NAVAL RESERVES, WHERE HE SERVED BEFORE BEING CALLED UP TO
22 ACTIVE DUTY. HE ATTAINED THE RANK OF 3RD CLASS PETTY OFFICER,
23 AND SERVED ON THE U.S.S. CORAL SEA. DURING A HUMANITARIAN
24 MISSION IN 1956, THE U.S.S. CORAL SEA PICKED UP SEVERAL
25 THOUSAND HUNGARIAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND REFUGEES WHO WERE

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1 ESCAPING THE SOVIET FORCES, AND BROUGHT THEM TO SAFETY IN
2 FRANCE. DURING THEIR NEXT MISSION, THEY HELPED EVACUATE
3 AMERICANS FLEEING EGYPTIAN BORDERS AFTER EGYPT TRIED TO
4 NATIONALIZE THE SUEZ CANAL. AFTER SERVING ON THE U.S.S.
5 MIDWAY, HE WAS HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM THE U.S. NAVY,
6 COMPLETING 6 YEARS OF SERVICE. HE WAS A NATURAL ARTIST, WHO
7 STUDIED AT THE BOSTON SCHOOL OF FINE ART; AND THEN, WITH HIS
8 MOVE TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, HE BEGAN TAKING CLASSES AT WHAT
9 IS NOW THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF ARTS. HE MARRIED, AND HE
10 AND HIS WIFE TAUGHT ART, MUSIC, AND DRAMA IN SCHOOLS
11 THROUGHOUT THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. AFTER HIS WIFE PASSED
12 AWAY, HE CONTINUED DRAWING AND TEACHING, AND EVEN PAINTED AN
13 INTRICATE MURAL AT THE PLACERITA NATURE CENTER. ANOTHER
14 PASSION HE PURSUED WAS DANCING, AND IT WAS THROUGH DANCE THAT
15 HE MET HIS FIANCÉE, TOMMIE. THEY BECAME DANCE PARTNERS, AND
16 FOR THE LAST DECADE COULD BE SEEN DANCING AT THE SANTA CLARITA
17 VALLEY SENIOR CENTER, AND SOCIAL AND CHURCH EVENTS THROUGHOUT
18 THE VALLEY. RUDY IS SURVIVED BY HIS 4 CHILDREN, AMADEU, JANA,
19 KITTY, AND NICHOLAS, AND HIS FIANCÉE TOMMIE. AND LAST, I MOVE
20 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ANNA MAY ROBINSON, AFFECTIONATELY
21 KNOWN AS "KIKI," WHO WAS A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA,
22 WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AT THE AGE OF 94. SHE WAS BORN IN
23 ORANGE, NEW JERSEY. SHE GRADUATED FROM NEW JERSEY STATE
24 TEACHERS COLLEGE WITH A B.A. IN HISTORY, BUSINESS, ENGLISH,
25 AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATION. SHE MARRIED WALLACE ARTHUR

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1 ROBINSON ON JUNE 21, 1952. THEY MET ON THE BOARDWALK, EACH
2 WALKING WITH FRIENDS. WHEN ANNA MAY TOLD THE STORY OF HOW THEY
3 MET, SHE SAID THEY HAD EYES FOR EACH OTHER, AND THAT WAS THAT.
4 TOGETHER, THEY RAISED 10 CHILDREN. SHE BEGAN HER TEACHING
5 CAREER IN BAKERSFIELD, BEFORE MOVING INTO SANTA CLARITA
6 VALLEY, WHERE SHE ENDED HER CAREER WITH 25 YEARS OF TEACHING
7 AT THE WILLIAM S. HART UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT. SHE WAS A
8 SUBSTITUTE TEACHER FOR YEARS WHILE STILL RAISING HER YOUNG
9 CHILDREN, AND THEN TAUGHT AT PLACERITA JUNIOR HIGH AND SIERRA
10 VISTA JUNIOR HIGH. SHE WAS A TEACHER AND LECTOR AT ST. CLARE
11 OF ASSISI CHURCH IN CANYON COUNTRY, AS WELL AS A PARISHIONER.
12 SHE TRAVELED WIDELY, FULFILLING HER DREAMS OF SEEING THE
13 WORLD. SHE WAS ALSO CONSIDERED THE DODGERS' NUMBER-ONE FAN,
14 AND NEVER MISSED A GAME. ANNA MAY IS SURVIVED BY HER 10
15 CHILDREN: ROBERT, CHARLES, WENDEL, ANN, NANETTE, JEANNE, LISA,
16 SCOTT, JOHN, AND HOLLY. AND THEN MY LAST IS THAT I MOVE THAT
17 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING
18 INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE IDENTIFIED AS INDIGENT VETERANS BY THE
19 LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER, AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY
20 BURIED WITH DIGNITY AND HONOR AT RIVERSIDE NATIONAL CEMETERY
21 IN THE LAST MONTH: STEVE MARTIN CORCHADO, MARINE CORPS;
22 DARRELL LEON BRUNSON, MARINE CORPS; JAMES CAPPAS, ARMY;
23 CHARLES LEE CLARK, MARINE CORPS; RANDY READ COLLARD, NAVY;
24 TIMOTHY ALAN EDMISTER, ARMY; VERDELL EDMONDSON, JR., AIR
25 FORCE; SULEIMAN EDMONDSON, ARMY; VINCENT ANTHONY FELEZZOLA,

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1 ARMY; MARTIN GERARDO FINDLEY, AIR FORCE; MICHAEL RENARD
2 GIBSON, MARINE CORPS; HERVEY LEE HADLEY, ARMY; TOBAN EMBRY
3 HARDWICK, MARINE CORPS; HANS HORTSMANN, ARMY; ALFRED RAY
4 JOHNSON, MARINE CORPS; JOHN PATRICK KALLSEN, ARMY; DENNIS
5 WILLIAM LYTWYN, NAVY; ROBERT MARKS, ARMY; DENNIS JOSEPH
6 MCLOCHLIN, NAVY; TIMOTHY DAVID MORGAN, NAVY; CHARLES IKE
7 MORRIS, ARMY; WILLIAM DAVID ORTIZ, MARINE CORPS; STEPHEN
8 CHARLES PEZZOLA, NAVY; PERCY FREDERICK PLETCH, ARMY; DICK
9 RUSSELL RICHARDSON, AIR FORCE; CHRISTOPHER RIVERA, ARMY; JESSE
10 SCOTT, JR., AIR FORCE; JOHN SHORTS, JR., ARMY; TERRY LEE
11 TAYLOR, NAVY; BERNARD AUGUST WILLIAMS, ARMY; DESMOND EDGARTON
12 WILLIAMS, ARMY; THOMAS GERARD WILSON, NAVY; AND ALFRED ZAVALA,
13 ARMY. MAY THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AND SACRIFICES IN SERVICE TO OUR
14 COUNTRY NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, ALL MEMBERS ON THAT? INDIGENT
17 VETERANS?

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

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21 **SUP. SOLIS:** IT'S CUSTOMARY. THANK YOU.

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23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
24 YOUR ADJOURN-IN-MEMORIES?

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT
2 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF EMILIO
3 DELGADO. FOR 44 YEARS, HE PLAYED LUIS RODRIGUEZ, THE FIX-IT
4 SHOP OWNER ON "SESAME STREET," INSPIRING GENERATIONS OF LATINO
5 CHILDREN WHO SAW AND HEARD THEMSELVES ON ONE OF TELEVISION'S
6 MOST POPULAR SHOWS. HE BECAME A SYMBOL OF HOPE AT A TIME WHEN
7 LATINO ACTORS, IN HIS WORDS, WERE "LARGELY CONSIDERED TO
8 PLAYING BANDITOS, GANG MEMBERS, LOWLIFE CHARACTERS, AND
9 SLEEPING MEXICANS UNDER A CACTUS." HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE
10 OF 81 AFTER A YEAR-LONG BATTLE WITH CANCER. EMILIO ADVOCATED
11 FOR LANGUAGE ACCESS WHEN HE BECAME THE COORDINATOR OF THE
12 SESAME WORKSHOP'S BILINGUAL TALK FORCE, WHERE HE HELPED ADD
13 BILINGUAL CONTENT TO THE SHOW. IN ADDITION TO TEACHING
14 CHILDREN ABOUT LOVE AND FAMILY THROUGH HIS CHARACTER, HE
15 INTRODUCED MILLIONS OF PEOPLE TO SPANISH WORDS AND LATINO
16 CULTURE. EMILIO HOLDS THE RECORD FOR THE LONGEST-RUNNING ROLE
17 FOR A MEXICAN AMERICAN IN A TELEVISION SERIES. EMILIO WAS BORN
18 IN CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA, AND AS A BOY, HE SHINED SHOES AND
19 WORKED AT HIS UNCLE'S BICYCLE REPAIR SHOP. HE STUDIED THEATER
20 AT CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF THE ARTS, WHILE PERFORMING AS A
21 GUITARIST AND SINGING TRADITIONAL SPANISH BOLEROS WITH MEXICAN
22 TRIOS. IN HIS EARLY YEARS, HE WAS THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR OF THE
23 BARRIO THEATRE IN EAST L.A. HE WENT ON TO MAKE APPEARANCES IN
24 MANY SHOWS OTHER THAN "SESAME STREET," INCLUDING "LAW &
25 ORDER," "HOUSE OF CARDS," "HAWAII FIVE-O," AND "LOU GRANT."

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1 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE CAROL, HIS DAUGHTER LAUREN, AND HIS
2 SON ARAM. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
3 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DAVID JESUS GODOY. HE WAS A
4 LONGTIME LEADER IN HIGHER EDUCATION. HE SPENT 35 YEARS AS A
5 COLLEGE EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATOR AND DIRECTOR AT CALIFORNIA
6 STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES, MOST NOTABLY AS THE ASSISTANT
7 VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS. THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER, HE
8 MANAGED VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH PROGRAMS, SUCH AS THE
9 EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM, KNOWN AS E.O.P., PROVIDING
10 HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES TO FIRST-
11 GENERATION STUDENTS. HE WAS ALWAYS THE LIFE OF A PARTY, AND
12 NEVER MET A PLATE OF FOOD HE DIDN'T LIKE, AND YOU COULD ALWAYS
13 HEAR HIS VOICE FROM ACROSS ANY ROOM. DAVID WAS AN INCREDIBLY
14 LOVING AND DEVOTED HUSBAND TO HIS WIFE, MARIA, OF 42 YEARS.
15 SHE WAS THE LOVE OF HIS LIFE, HIS BEST FRIEND, AND THEY ARE
16 NOW REUNITED, DANCING AGAIN IN HEAVEN. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS
17 TWO CHILDREN, DAVID AND SONIA GODOY; AND HIS FIVE
18 GRANDCHILDREN, DAVID, DAYNA, JULIAN, MARCOS, AND URIEL. MAY HE
19 REST IN PEACE. AND LASTLY, MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
20 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DOMINGO LEON. DOMINGO
21 WAS A ONE-OF-A-KIND COLLEAGUE, A LOYAL FRIEND, ADVOCATE, AND
22 TRAILBLAZER FOR L.A.'S SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY. HE WAS A
23 PERUVIAN IMMIGRANT WHO EARNED HIS MASTER'S DEGREE AT THE
24 UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, AUSTIN, AND A DOCTORATE DEGREE AT SPAIN'S
25 DISTINGUISHED NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF CIVIL ENGINEERING

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1 (COLEGIO DE INGENIEROS DE CAMINOS, CANALES Y PUERTOS). AFTER
2 SPENDING 12 YEARS WORKING WITH BECHTEL CORPORATION ON MAJOR
3 PROJECTS, INCLUDING THE CARACAS, VENEZUELA, SUBWAY, AND THE
4 B.A.R.T. SAN FRANCISCO SUBWAY PROJECT, AMONG OTHERS, HE
5 STARTED D'LEON CONSULTING ENGINEERS. UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP, THE
6 FIRM HAS PLAYED A ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF NUMEROUS MAJOR
7 PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. ASIDE
8 FROM HIS PASSION AND DEDICATION TO CIVIL ENGINEERING, DOMINGO
9 WAS ONE OF THE FIRST TO KNOCK ON DOORS IN THE EARLY '90S,
10 DEMANDING EQUITY ON BEHALF OF SMALL, MINORITY-OWNED
11 BUSINESSES. HE SERVED ON VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES,
12 INCLUDING CALTRANS' SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL AND
13 PROFESSIONAL LIAISON COMMITTEE, THE SOCIETY FOR HISPANIC
14 PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, THE SOCIETY OF MILITARY ENGINEERS, THE
15 CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER AND
16 WASTEWATER INTEGRATED PLAN FOR YEAR 2020 COMMITTEE, AND THE
17 STRUCTURAL ENGINEER ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.
18 DOMINGO'S SON IS SOMEONE WHO WE ALL KNOW ON THIS BOARD: BORJA
19 LEON. AND HE'S KNOWN TO MANY OF US, AND MY HEART GOES OUT TO
20 HIM AND HIS FAMILY AT THIS VERY DIFFICULT TIME. MAY HIS
21 FATHER, DOMINGO, REST IN PEACE. MADAM CHAIR, I'D LIKE TO ASK
22 FOR ALL MEMBERS TO JOIN ME. THANK YOU.

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24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR THAT OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN
25 IN, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE WANT TO THANK

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1 YOU ALL. WE'LL TAKE ALL THE MOTIONS AS SECONDED, AND IF THERE
2 IS NO OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, SUCH WILL BE THE ACTION.
3 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED
4 SESSION?

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6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
7 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
8 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-1, DEPARTMENT
9 HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
10 AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR MARCH 15, 2022

CS-1. DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS
(Government Code Section 54957)

Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

No reportable action was taken.

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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
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6 were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my
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8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived
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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
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 25th
16 day of March 2022, for the County records to be used only for
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