



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, APRIL 19, 2022, ON PAGE 236]

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5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WELCOME TO THE
6 REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS, WHICH IS BEING HELD REMOTELY TODAY. IT'S TUESDAY,
8 APRIL 19, 2022. WE'LL TAKE ROLL CALL TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE.
9 PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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11 **SUP. SOLIS:** HERE.

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13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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15 **SUP. KUEHL:** HERE.

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

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19 **SUP. HAHN:** HERE.

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

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23 **SUP. BARGER:** HERE.

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

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

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6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** DAWYN HARRISON, ACTING COUNTY COUNSEL?

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8 **DAWYN HARRISON:** PRESENT.

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

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

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15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, ALL, AND THANK YOU.

16 SUPERVISOR HAHN, WILL YOU DO US THE PLEDGE?

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18 **SUP. HAHN:** I WOULD. PLEASE STAND, IF YOU'RE ABLE. I PLEDGE
19 ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO
20 THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD,
21 INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

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23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, WE'LL
24 BE TAKING TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENTS SEPARATELY FOR REGULAR
25 AGENDA ITEMS AND FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS DURING TODAY'S

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1 MEETING. AGAIN, WE'LL TAKE TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENT
2 SEPARATELY FOR THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS AND FOR THE PUBLIC
3 HEARING ITEMS. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD RECEIVED OVER
4 700 WRITTEN COMMENTS FOR TODAY'S MEETING, AND AS THOSE WRITTEN
5 COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED, ALL OF THEM WERE AVAILABLE TO THE
6 SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION, CONSISTENT WITH THE BROWN
7 ACT REQUIREMENTS. WE'LL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE WRITTEN PUBLIC
8 COMMENTS THROUGHOUT THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE
9 OFFICIAL RECORD. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

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11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
12 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 2. SUPERVISOR
13 MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT SET MATTER 1 AND 2 BE CONTINUED 2
14 WEEKS, TO MAY 3, 2022, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
15 AGENDA. ON PAGE 3, PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, ITEMS 3 THROUGH 9.
16 THESE ITEMS WOULD BE HELD FOR HEARING. ON PAGE 7, CONSENT
17 CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 10 THROUGH 44. ON ITEM
18 10, THIS INCLUDES AN ADDITION, AS INDICATED ON THE
19 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 17M SUPERVISOR HAHN WOULD LIKE TO
20 ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE. ON ITEM 19 AND 20, SUPERVISOR SOLIS
21 REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 23, SUPERVISOR
22 MITCHELL WOULD LIKE TO AMEND DIRECTIVE NUMBER 3 OF SUPERVISOR
23 SOLIS AND KUEHL'S MOTION TO INCLUDE, "WITH THE GOAL OF
24 REVERSING THE PROLIFERATION OF GHOST GUNS, WHILE GUARDING
25 AGAINST UNNECESSARY HARSH PENALTIES AND OVERCRIMINALIZATION."

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1 ON ITEM 26, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE
2 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 27, THIS RELATES TO AND AMENDS
3 ITEM 63. ALSO, SUPERVISOR BARGER WOULD LIKE HER VOTE TO BE
4 RECORDED AS NO. ON ITEM 28, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT
5 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS
6 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 29, SUPERVISOR
7 MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 30,
8 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL WOULD LIKE TO REVISE HER MOTION TO REMOVE
9 "ROSECRANS AVENUE," AND REPLACE WITH "IMPERIAL HIGHWAY." ALSO,
10 REMOVE "EAST GARDENA" AND REPLACE IT WITH "WESTMONT." ON ITEM
11 32, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
12 AGENDA. ON ITEM 37, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON
13 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 40, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS
14 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 31, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS,
15 ITEMS 45 THROUGH 82. ON ITEM 50, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH
16 SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JULY 26,
17 2022, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ON ITEM 63,
18 SUPERVISOR BARGER WOULD LIKE HER VOTE TO BE RECORDED AS NO. ON
19 ITEM 68, SUPERVISOR BARGER WOULD LIKE HER VOTE TO BE RECORDED
20 AS NO. ON ITEM 72, THE ACTING COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT
21 THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT. ON PAGE 53, THIS
22 INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE
23 POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS
24 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 80-A, SUPERVISOR
25 SOLIS WOULD LIKE TO AMEND THIS ITEM TO ALSO INSTRUCT THE

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1 INSPECTOR GENERAL, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SHERIFF'S
2 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
3 HEALTH, THROUGH THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION OFFICE, TO
4 REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD, IN ADDITION TO EXPLORING OTHER
5 PREVENTIVE EFFORTS. ON PAGE 54, SEPARATE MATTER. ON PAGE 55,
6 BUDGET MATTER. ON ITEM 84, THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR
7 DISCUSSION. ON PAGE 56, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA. THIS IS THE
8 AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. THE
9 REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES AND REFERRED-BACKS, THROUGH 1-D, ARE
10 BEFORE YOU.

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12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
13 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. SUCH
14 WILL BE THE ORDER.

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16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 57, NOTICES OF CLOSED SECTION.
17 THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA, MADAM CHAIR.

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19 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ALL
20 AGENDA ITEMS, EXCLUDING PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 3 THROUGH 9.
21 AGAIN, PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS, WITH THE
22 EXCEPTION OF PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 3 THROUGH 9. EXECUTIVE
23 OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO
24 PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA, AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO

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

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4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AS INDICATED ON
5 THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC
6 COMMENT SHOULD CALL 877-226-8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE
7 NUMBER 133-6503. TO REPEAT: PLEASE CALL 877-226-8163, AND USE
8 PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 133-6503. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF
9 YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE
10 CALL 877-873-8017 AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF
11 THE PUBLIC CALLING IN: WHEN IT'S YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE
12 STATE YOUR NAME AND WHICH AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON.
13 WE WILL ALLOCATE 90 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL OF THE
14 REGULAR ITEMS, EXCLUDING PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 3 THROUGH 9,
15 WHICH HAS A SEPARATE CALL-IN NUMBER, AND WILL BE HEARD
16 BEGINNING AT APPROXIMATELY 11:15 A.M. FOR ALL OF THOSE REGULAR
17 AGENDA ITEMS, YOU WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK ON ONE AGENDA
18 ITEM, OR TWO MINUTES TO SPEAK ON TWO OR MORE AGENDA ITEMS. IN
19 ADDITION, THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD WITH
20 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED 1 ADDITIONAL MINUTE,
21 FOR A MAXIMUM TOTAL OF UP TO 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER. WE WILL
22 CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING
23 THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. WHEN
24 SPEAKING ON THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS, YOU MUST BE ON TOPIC.
25 OUR GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE CAN. IF

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1 YOU'RE NOT SPEAKING ON A TOPIC, OR IF WE CANNOT TELL IF YOU'RE
2 SPEAKING ON AN AGENDA ITEM, YOU WILL GET ONE WARNING FROM
3 COUNTY COUNSEL OR THE CHAIR. IF YOU DO NOT IMMEDIATELY OR
4 CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC, OR IF YOU STRAY OFF TOPIC AGAIN, YOU
5 WILL FORFEIT THE REST OF YOUR TIME, AND THE CHAIR WILL MOVE TO
6 THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU'RE ALSO LISTENING TO
7 THE BOARD MEETING ON A COMPUTER OR SPEAKERPHONE, YOU WILL NEED
8 TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON THOSE DEVICES AS SOON AS THE
9 MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU. IF YOU DO NOT TURN DOWN THE VOLUME,
10 THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST
11 SPEAKER PLEASE?

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13 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS JESSICA GHOLSON. 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.

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18 **JESSICA GHOLSON:** HI. THIS IS JESSICA GHOLSON. I'M THE
19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF U.S. VETS. I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM 13. I
20 JUST WANT TO SAY I SUPPORT THE MOTION TO MAKE APRIL "AWARENESS
21 OF VETERANS WITH PARKINSON'S MONTH." THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
22 HAHN, FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION THAT WILL BRING AWARENESS TO
23 PARKINSON'S DISEASE. WE AT U.S. VETS THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU
24 FOR RECOGNIZING THE WORK THAT WE DO, THAT THE GREATER LOS
25 ANGELES V.A. DOES, THAT THE V.A. OF LONG BEACH DOES, AND THE

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1 PARKINSON'S FOUNDATION. WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT.

2 THANK YOU.

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

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6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS EMILY PARKER. PLEASE STATE
7 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER
8 YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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10 **EMILY PARKER:** HI THERE. MY NAME IS EMILY PARKER, AND I'D LIKE
11 TO SPEAK ON ITEM 68 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING,
12 SUPERVISORS. I'M SPEAKING TODAY ON BEHALF OF HEAL THE BAY AND
13 REUSABLE L.A. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE REDUCTION OF WASTE OF
14 SINGLE-USE ARTICLES AND EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE PRODUCTS
15 ORDINANCE. SINGLE-USE PLASTIC ARTICLES ARE DETRIMENTAL TO THE
16 HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR ENVIRONMENT. THIS ORDINANCE
17 WILL REDUCE AN ENORMOUS SOURCE OF POLLUTION BY CURBING PLASTIC
18 FOODWARE WASTE AND BANNING EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE. DATA FROM
19 COASTAL CLEAN-UP MONTH SHOWS THAT PLASTIC FOODWARE IS
20 CONSISTENTLY IN THE TOP 5 ITEMS FOUND ON OUR BEACHES AND IN
21 OUR WATERWAYS, WHERE THEY BECOME IMPOSSIBLE TO CLEAN, WREAK
22 HAVOC ON ECOSYSTEM HEALTH, AND TRANSFER TOXINS BACK ONTO OUR
23 OWN PLATES. IN ADDITION TO IMPROVING ECOLOGICAL CONDITIONS,
24 THIS ORDINANCE WILL ALSO BENEFIT OUR SMALL BUSINESSES. CASE
25 STUDIES SHOW THAT SWITCHING TO REUSABLES IS OVERWHELMINGLY

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1 SUCCESSFUL, SAVING RESTAURANTS UPWARDS OF \$20,000 ANNUALLY,
2 WHILE ALSO REDUCING WASTE AND GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.
3 SIMILAR POLICIES TO THIS ORDINANCE HAVE ALREADY BEEN PASSED IN
4 OVER 150 JURISDICTIONS ACROSS THE STATE, AND MANY RESTAURANTS
5 IN L.A. ARE ALREADY PUTTING THESE REQUIREMENTS INTO PRACTICE,
6 AND THEY'RE EXPERIENCING COST SAVINGS AND CUSTOMER
7 SATISFACTION. THIS ORDINANCE WILL SET OUR FOOD FACILITIES UP
8 FOR LONG-TERM SUCCESS BY SHIFTING AWAY FROM HARMFUL AND COSTLY
9 DISPOSABLE PRODUCTS, AND OPTING FOR REUSABLE OR COMPOSTABLE
10 OPTIONS INSTEAD. WHILE WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE ADOPTION OF
11 TODAY'S ORDINANCE, I'D LIKE TO ALSO BRIEFLY DIRECT THE
12 SUPERVISORS AND STAFF TO THE COMMENT LETTER SUBMITTED BY THE
13 REUSABLE L.A. COALITION, WITH RECOMMENDATIONS TO FURTHER
14 IMPROVE THIS LAW DOWN THE ROAD, AND WE URGE YOU TO TAKE THESE
15 RECOMMENDATIONS INTO CONSIDERATION FOR REVISION. AS A GLOBAL
16 LEADER IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS AND COMMUNITY HEALTH, IT'S
17 TIME FOR L.A. TO LISTEN TO ITS PEOPLE AND ITS SMALL
18 BUSINESSES, INSTEAD OF LARGE CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS.
19 THIS ORDINANCE IS AN ESSENTIAL STEP TO REDUCING A MAJOR SOURCE
20 OF POLLUTION, AND WE EXPRESS OUR STRONG SUPPORT ON TODAY'S
21 ADOPTION. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS AND ALL STAFF FOR
22 THEIR DEDICATION TO REDUCING PLASTIC POLLUTION, AND TO
23 PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

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

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

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8 **IVETTE ALE:** GOOD MORNING. IVETTE ALE, POLICY DIRECTOR AT
9 DIGNITY AND POWER NOW, SPEAKING ON ITEMS 12, 80-A, 84, AND
10 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. ON ITEM 12, THE A.T.I. WORKGROUP FINAL
11 REPORT AND THE C.F.C.I. BODY HAVE PROVIDED CLEAR
12 RECOMMENDATIONS AND A PROVEN ROADMAP FOR ALTERNATIVE CRISIS
13 RESPONSE THAT DOES NOT INVOLVE LAW ENFORCEMENT. AN EFFECTIVE
14 AND HOLISTIC ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE APPROACH MUST INVEST
15 DIRECTLY IN COMMUNITY, MUST INVEST DIRECTLY IN MENTAL HEALTH
16 PROFESSIONALS AND SOCIAL WORKERS, WHICH ARE THE MOST EFFECTIVE
17 FIRST RESPONDERS IN MENTAL HEALTH CRISES. I URGE THE BOARD TO
18 REALLY INVEST IN THE M.A.T. TEAMS AND ALTERNATIVE CRISIS
19 RESPONSE THAT DOES NOT INVOLVE LAW ENFORCEMENT. ON 80-A, WHEN
20 THE BOARD TRIES TO TACKLE ISSUES LIKE DRUG DETECTION, IT IS
21 IMPORTANT TO KEEP IN MIND THE COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO CARE
22 FIRST, JAIL LAST. NO PROBLEMS CAN BE SOLVED BY GIVING MORE
23 FUNDING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND NO CARE FIRST APPROACH RELIES
24 ON COPS OR SURVEILLANCE TO SOLVE A PROBLEM. WHAT WE NEED IS
25 HARM REDUCTION SERVICES AND EDUCATION IN JAILS. THE BOARD MUST

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1 TAKE A CARE-ORIENTED, SUPPORTIVE APPROACH TO DRUG USE, RATHER
2 THAN A CARCERAL AND VIOLENT ONE. THIS IS AN ISSUE OF
3 INCARCERATED PEOPLE'S HEALTH, NOT A CRIMINAL PROBLEM TO
4 ADDRESS WITH DISCIPLINE AND SURVEILLANCE. THIS MOTION SHOULD
5 BE REPLACED WITH A PROPOSAL THAT OUTLINES HARM REDUCTION
6 SERVICES FOR PEOPLE DEALING WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS WHILE
7 INCARCERATED. WE NEED A DRUG RESPONSE THAT PRIORITIZES THE
8 WELLBEING OF INCARCERATED PEOPLE, NOT ONE THAT GIVES MORE
9 MONEY AND FREEDOM TO AN ALREADY CORRUPT AND ABUSIVE SHERIFF'S
10 DEPARTMENT. ON ITEM NUMBER 84, THE BUDGET: YEAR AFTER YEAR, WE
11 TAKE A LOOK AT THE BUDGET, AND IT'S THE SAME STATUS-QUO
12 BUDGET, WHICH SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD HAVE NAMED NEEDS TO
13 BE CHANGED. THE BOARD HAVE COMMITTED TO A CARE FIRST APPROACH,
14 BUT WE'RE SEEING BOTH THE SHERIFF AND THE PROBATION
15 DEPARTMENTS' BUDGETS MAINTAINED YEAR AFTER YEAR, WHILE PROVEN
16 AGENCIES WITHIN THE COUNTY, LIKE THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND
17 REENTRY, LIKE THE A.T.I. INITIATIVE, WHICH HAS BEEN TASKED
18 WITH IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS DRAFTED BY COMMUNITY AND
19 COUNTY AS A PARTNERSHIP, CONTINUE TO BE UNDERFUNDED,
20 COMPARATIVELY. IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE'RE INVESTING IN
21 RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGES, AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS CHAMPIONED,
22 AND ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE, AND MORE BED CAPACITY FOR THE
23 OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY, AND EXPANDING PUBLIC HEALTH,
24 AND EXPANDING SERVICES WITHIN THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE,
25 WHICH IS SEVERELY UNDERFUNDED, AS WELL. I WAS VERY CONCERNED

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1 TO LEARN THAT IT IS A 6-MONTH WAITING PERIOD FOR PUBLIC
2 DEFENDERS TO RECEIVE ANY SOCIAL WORK SUPPORT, OR PARALEGAL
3 SUPPORT. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE. WE ARE REALLY COMMITTED AS A
4 COUNTY, NOT JUST THE BOARD, TO REDUCING THE POPULATION WITHIN
5 OUR JAILS, TO ACTUALLY LETTING FOLKS OUT WITH SERVICES--
6 PRETRIAL SERVICES WITHIN THE [INAUDIBLE]. AND YET, WE'RE NOT
7 SEEING THE MONEY FOLLOW THE RHETORIC, OR FOLLOW THE POLICIES,
8 AND FOLLOW THE CARE FIRST VISION THAT THE COUNTY--

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

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

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

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19 **MODERATOR:** MR. PREVEN, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MIGHT BE MUTED
20 ON YOUR END. CHECK YOUR MUTE, PLEASE.

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

23

24 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS OLIVIA SHIELDS. PLEASE
25 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. OLIVIA SHIELDS, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

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4 **SPEAKER:** HELLO? CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

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8 **OLIVIA SHIELDS:** HELLO? OH, HI. MY NAME IS OLIVIA SHIELDS,
9 URBAN PEACE INSTITUTE AND YOUTH UPRISING COALITION, SPEAKING
10 ON AGENDA ITEMS 1, 84, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I WANT TO
11 REITERATE SOME OF WHAT MY COLLEAGUE IVETTE ALE SAID, AROUND
12 FULLY FUNDING YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, THE DEPARTMENT OF
13 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. LAST YEAR, THE BOARD PROMISED TO FUND YOUTH
14 JUSTICE REIMAGINED AT \$75 MILLION, AND ZERO DOLLARS HAVE GONE
15 TO COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS FOR NEW YOUTH SERVICES. THE
16 BOARD REALLY NEEDS TO KEEP THEIR PROMISE, AND STRONGLY AND
17 FULLY, ROBUSTLY, FUND THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.
18 THERE HAS BEEN COUNTLESS HOURS BY COMMUNITY THAT HAS GONE INTO
19 FIGURING OUT EXACTLY WHAT STAFFING IS NECESSARY TO LAUNCH THE
20 DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SUCCESSFULLY, AS WELL AS
21 BUILDING UP YOUTH DEVELOPMENT NETWORKS FOR THE FUTURE OF YOUTH
22 IN L.A. COUNTY, AND WE HAVE YET TO SEE THE INVESTMENT THAT IS
23 NECESSARY FOR ALL THESE PROJECTS TO BE ROBUSTLY FUNDED. WE
24 NEED AT LEAST \$95 MILLION TO LAUNCH [INAUDIBLE], AS WELL AS
25 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT NETWORKS, AND SUPPORT [INAUDIBLE], CREDIBLE

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1 MESSENGERS, PEACE BUILDERS, AND REENTRY. I ALSO WANTED TO
2 COMMENT ON THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT DOLLARS THAT ARE
3 NECESSARY TO BUILD UP YOUTH CENTERS AND YOUTH HOUSING,
4 INCLUDING BUILDING NEW 24-HOUR YOUTH CENTERS AND USING
5 EXISTING SPACES TO MAXIMIZE RESOURCES. AND WE NEED ALL OF THIS
6 TO BE DONE THROUGH A THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR, TO GET DOLLARS
7 TO THE GROUND DIRECTLY AND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, ESPECIALLY IN
8 AREAS OF SOUTH L.A. AND ANTELOPE VALLEY, WHERE THE NEED IS THE
9 HIGHEST FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. AND I ALSO WANT TO LASTLY SAY
10 THAT WE NEED TO REDUCE THE JUVENILE PROBATION BUDGET. THE
11 BUDGET IS \$570 MILLION, AND THERE ARE OVER 400 VACANT
12 POSITIONS AND FROZEN POSITIONS THAT CAN BE CUT, AND THOSE
13 DOLLARS CAN BE REALLOCATED TOWARD YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. IT
14 IS ABOUT TIME THAT WE TAKE DOLLARS AWAY FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT,
15 AND THE BOARD MAINTAINS THEIR COMMITMENT TO CARE FIRST, AND
16 REALLOCATES THESE DOLLARS TOWARDS YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, AS
17 THEY HAD SAID THEY WOULD DO IN THE PAST. THANK YOU.

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

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

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1 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS ROY HUMPHREYS, AND I'D LIKE TO TALK ON 22
2 AND 52, AND I'LL PROBABLY JUST GO TO 52 FIRST. SOMETHING THAT
3 THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL,
4 HAVEN'T GOT THE INTESTINAL FORTITUDE, PEOPLE-- YOU TALK ABOUT
5 UNDERFUNDING? WHERE'S THE MONEY? YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO RAISE
6 TAXES OR DO SOME MAGIC TO GET THE MONEY. IT'S A POINT OF MATH.
7 JUST TELL THE COMMON-- THE PERSONS WHO ARE COMING-- DO THE
8 MATH. AND HOW ARE YOU GOING TO DIVIDE IT? AND NONE OF YOU HAVE
9 THE INTESTINAL FORTITUDE TO SAY, "PEOPLE DO THE MATH." AND
10 WHAT IS THE FIGURE, AND HOW ARE YOU GOING TO DIVIDE IT? AND
11 THESE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO DEFUND LAW ENFORCEMENT, WHAT DON'T
12 YOU UNDERSTAND ABOUT THE WORD "LAW ENFORCEMENT"? AND THIS IS
13 TYPICAL HERE IN ROWLAND HEIGHTS, THAT WE HAD WITH THE
14 HOMELESS, OR ACTUALLY TRANSIENT SCOURGE OF THE PERSONS AT
15 LANCE AUTO, AND SO FORTH. AND THE VIDEOS ARE ON MY YOUTUBE
16 CHANNEL. SO, YOU PEOPLE WANT TO DO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT, ITEM
17 52, AND DEFUND THEM, AND SO FORTH. JUST WHERE IS THE MONEY?
18 AND UNDERFUNDING HAS GONE ON FOR DECADES. HOW DO YOU CURE
19 DECADES AND DECADES OF UNDERFUNDING? NO MONEY. OF COURSE, WE
20 CAN ALWAYS BUILD ANOTHER MILLION-DOLLAR DOG PARK OR A \$2.5
21 MILLION SKATEBOARD SITUATION. AND NOW TO GENERAL COMMENT. HERE
22 WE HAVE JULIAN GARCIA, OF THE PUBLIC WORKS THERE, PUT OUT A
23 PIECE THAT WAS SENT TO SUPERVISOR-- ACTUALLY, IT WAS SENT TO
24 ALL OF YOU. IT WAS PUT OUT ON THE ROWLAND ADVOCATE. ABSOLUTELY
25 GROUNDS FOR TERMINATION, TO PUT OUT ANYTHING, AS FAR AS THE

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1 RADAR SURGE. BUT IT WAS JUST APPALLING THAT ANYBODY WOULD HAVE
2 THE AUDACITY TO PUT OUT A PIECE OF GARBAGE LIKE THAT. IT'S AN
3 INSULT TO EVERYBODY, AND AGAIN, GROUNDS FOR TERMINATION. AND
4 FURTHER, IT AMPLIFIED THAT THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS--

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

8

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

13

14 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I'M GOING TO ADDRESS ITEM 13. MY NAME
15 IS [INAUDIBLE]. I'M A VETERAN HERE, LIVING IN LOS ANGELES. I
16 WANTED TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR INTRODUCING THE MOTION
17 THAT WILL BRING AWARENESS TO VETERANS LIVING WITH PARKINSON'S
18 DISEASE. IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PARKINSON'S FOUNDATION, THERE
19 ARE MANY GREAT RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR VETERANS AT THE GREATER
20 LOS ANGELES V.A. MEDICAL CENTER, AS WELL AS THE TIBOR RUBIN
21 V.A. MEDICAL CENTER IN LONG BEACH. I'D HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT
22 ALL VETERANS, FAMILIES, AND THEIR CAREGIVERS REACH OUT TO THE
23 V.A. TO FIND OUT WHAT BENEFITS AND RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE,
24 AND WHAT THEY ARE ELIGIBLE FOR, AT THE VETERANS AFFAIRS. THANK
25 YOU.

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

4

5 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS VALERIE QUO. PLEASE STATE
6 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER
7 YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS VALERIE, AND
10 I'M A STUDENT AT U.S.C. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM 80-B IN THE
11 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPPORTING MEDICAL EXPANSION TO PROVIDE
12 COMPREHENSIVE HEALTHCARE FOR ALL. WITH THE C.O.V.I.D.
13 PANDEMIC, WE HAVE SEEN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR HIT THE HARDEST
14 ECONOMICALLY, DUE TO HISTORICAL REDLINING AND ENVIRONMENTAL
15 RACISM. HEALTHCARE AND ITS SERVICES ARE ESSENTIAL IN TIMES OF
16 SUCH UNCERTAINTY TO PROVIDE THAT SENSE OF SECURITY AND
17 REASSURANCE, AND CAN ALSO BE USED AS PART OF A SOLUTION TO
18 COMBAT SOME OF THESE HEALTH DISPARITIES WE SEE IN LOS ANGELES.
19 HOWEVER, THE CURRENT COVERAGE OF MEDI-CAL IS NOT COMPREHENSIVE
20 AND NOT ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE, ESPECIALLY TO UNDOCUMENTED
21 IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES, AND THE UNHOUSED COMMUNITY, AS WELL.
22 ACCORDING TO THE CAL HEALTH REPORT, ALMOST 3/4 OF LOW-INCOME
23 RESIDENTS SAID THAT THEY HAD TO CUT OFF SPENDING ON OTHER
24 HOUSEHOLD ITEMS TO PAY FOR MEDICAL BILLS, AND ABOUT 6 OUT OF
25 10 SAY THEY GUTTED THEIR SAVINGS AND HAD TO BORROW MONEY FROM

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1 FAMILY OR FRIENDS TO PAY THEIR MEDICAL BILLS. HEALTHCARE
2 SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A HUMAN RIGHT--

3

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

6

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

11

12 **CRAIG CADWALLADER:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS AND
13 STAFF. MY NAME IS CRAIG CADWALLADER, AND I'M SPEAKING ON
14 BEHALF OF SURFRIDER SOUTH BAY AND REUSABLE L.A., AND I WISH TO
15 ADDRESS AGENDA ITEM 68 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. OVER 150
16 ADOPTED FOODWARE AND PLASTIC ORDINANCES EXIST IN THE STATE OF
17 CALIFORNIA, SOME OF WHICH HAVE BEEN IN PLACE FOR WELL OVER A
18 DECADE. ALMOST ALL OF THESE ADOPTED ORDINANCES INCLUDE
19 HARDSHIP WAIVER CLAUSES TO PROTECT BUSINESSES. THERE ARE VERY
20 FEW, IF ANY, DOCUMENTED EXAMPLES OF HARDSHIP WAIVERS HAVING
21 BEEN REQUESTED BY LARGE OR SMALL BUSINESSES, AND THOSE THAT WE
22 ARE AWARE OF HAVE BEEN RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPALITIES,
23 RESULTING IN WAIVER REQUESTS BEING WITHDRAWN. THE UNFOUNDED
24 FEARS OF SEVERE BUSINESS IMPACTS HAVE NOT BEEN REALIZED
25 FOLLOWING IMPLEMENTATION OF SIMILAR ORDINANCES ACROSS THE

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1 STATE. THIS ORDINANCE INCORPORATES A BUSINESS-FRIENDLY
2 HARDSHIP WAIVER OPTION, SHOULD UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT A
3 WAIVER OF ANY PART OF THE ORDINANCE. AND IMPORTANTLY, THE
4 SINGLE-USE PLASTICS ORDINANCE COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE MOTION BY
5 SUPERVISORS HAHN AND SOLIS, THAT WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ON
6 APRIL 5, REPRESENTS EVEN STRONGER SUPPORT FOR BUSINESSES IN
7 L.A. COUNTY. I STRONGLY COMMEND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR
8 THESE SMART AND INNOVATIVE ACTIONS, AND STRONGLY URGE OUR
9 HONORABLE SUPERVISORS TO ADOPT THESE ACTIONS BY L.A. COUNTY,
10 THAT REPRESENT ONE OF THE STRONGEST PRO-BUSINESS AND PRO-
11 ENVIRONMENT [INAUDIBLE] IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, TO
12 EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS REDUCTION OF PLASTIC WASTE. THANK YOU.

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

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

21
22 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. GOOD MORNING. THIS IS DR.
23 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I WILL SPEAK TO 17, 28, 29, AND 50. I AM
24 TOTALLY OPPOSED TO 17, ABOUT A.B. 2434. WE DON'T NEED TO
25 CREATE ANOTHER AGENCY TO GO OVER L.A.H.S.A. ANYWAY, 28:

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1 STRENGTHENING THE HEALTHCARE. I THINK THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT.
2 AND NOBODY IS TALKING ON ITEM 29, ABOUT ALLOWING RESTAURANTS
3 TO KEEP THE SPACE ON THE SIDEWALK. WHO IS ABLE TO HAVE TO PAY
4 MORE TAXES? HOW ARE THEY GOING TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR TAKING
5 CARE OF THAT SIDEWALK [INAUDIBLE] RESPONSIBLE FROM THAT? AND
6 50, I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE POSTPONED THE REPORT ON
7 PROGRESS OF HEALTHCARE. [INAUDIBLE] THAT PROJECT IS NOT
8 WORKING WELL. [INAUDIBLE]

9

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS NICOLE DIOMASA. 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 WILL BE SPEAKING ON SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA ITEM 80-D.
19 SO, AS WE KNOW, C.O.V.I.D. IS ON THE DECLINE, AS COMPARED TO
20 THE ORIGINAL OMICRON SURGE IN DECEMBER, AND WITH THAT, MASK
21 MANDATES HAVE BEEN LIFTED, AND PEOPLE NO LONGER NEED TO SHOW
22 VACCINATION OR A NEGATIVE TEST AT INDOOR CONCERTS AND SPORTS
23 EVENTS. FOR MANY, THIS IS A CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION, BUT FOR
24 CERTAIN MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES HIT HARDEST BY C.O.V.I.D.,
25 IT'S A SIGN OF ABANDONMENT. DISPARITIES EXIST WITHIN BOTH

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1 RACIAL DISPARITIES AND WEALTH INCOME DISPARITIES. FOR EVERY
2 100,000 UNVACCINATED RESIDENTS OUT OF EACH ETHNIC GROUP, 74
3 LATINO AND 60 BLACK PEOPLE WERE HOSPITALIZED FOR C.O.V.I.D.,
4 VERSUS 43 WHITE AND 30 ASIAN PEOPLE. L.A. COUNTY HAS A DUTY TO
5 CONDUCT CULTURALLY COMPETENT AND LINGUISTICALLY COMPETENT CARE
6 FOR THESE DISPARATELY IMPACTED COMMUNITIES. THEY ALSO HAVE
7 WORSE ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE AND SUFFER FROM HIGHER RISK OF
8 CHRONIC CONDITIONS DUE TO CITY-BUILT INFRASTRUCTURE, AND
9 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE NEEDS TO BE TAKEN TO ENSURE GREATER
10 ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE. SO...

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

14
15 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DR. GARY PIEDMONT. 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 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M SPEAKING ON
21 AGENDA ITEM 28 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M A PSYCHIATRIST
22 AT THE WOMEN'S JAIL IN LYNWOOD, AND MY COLLEAGUES AND I TREAT
23 MANY UNDERSERVED WOMEN IN L.A. THAT ARE NOT ONLY MOTHERS AND
24 GRANDMOTHERS, BUT OFTEN HAVE THE ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF
25 RAISING THEIR OWN GRANDCHILDREN. AND I CAN'T TELL YOU WHAT ALL

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1 THE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES OF C.O.V.I.D.-19 WILL BE, BUT AS
2 FIRST RESPONDERS, MY COLLEAGUES AND I BRING HEALTH EQUITY
3 DIRECTLY TO OUR PATIENTS. AND IN THE JAIL, WE HAVE THE MOST
4 ACCESS TO PATIENTS, WHICH ALLOWS US TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS AND
5 EDUCATE OUR PATIENTS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF SCREENING OF
6 DISEASES, SUCH AS COLON CANCER, FOR EXAMPLE; EARLY SCREENING.
7 HOMELESSNESS, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, CHRONIC MENTAL ILLNESS-- NEW
8 LAWS ARE DRIVING THE DEMANDS FOR SERVICES. AND IN L.A., WE
9 HAVE MANY TRAINING AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS. HOWEVER, WE HAVE
10 SIGNIFICANT STAFF SHORTAGES TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF THE FUTURE.
11 WE NEED IMPROVED BENEFITS, NOT ONLY TO RECRUIT, BUT ALSO TO
12 RETAIN OUR MOST SEASONED STAFF. AND WE NEED YOUR HELP TO END
13 THE EXODUS OF OUR BEST STAFF, TO HELP RECRUIT THE BRIGHTEST
14 RISING STARS TO MEET THE DEMANDS THAT LIE AHEAD. THANK YOU.

15

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

18

19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CHARLES CASTLER. PLEASE
20 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND
21 WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
22 BEGIN.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS CHARLIE, AND I'M A RESIDENT OF
25 DISTRICT 3. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA 80-A AND GENERAL

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1 PUBLIC COMMENT. I OPPOSE 80-A, BECAUSE YEARS OF SCIENTIFIC
2 RESEARCH HAS SHOWN THAT TREATMENT IN JAILS CAN CHANGE PEOPLE'S
3 ATTITUDES TOWARD DRUG USE, PREVENT RELAPSE, AND HELP
4 TRANSITION INCARCERATED PEOPLE BACK INTO THEIR COMMUNITIES
5 UPON RELEASE. THE MOST EFFECTIVE SOLUTION FOR DRUG USE IN JAIL
6 IS MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT AND MEDICATION, HARM REDUCTION
7 SERVICES, AND PRIORITIZING THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF
8 INCARCERATED PEOPLE. AND RATHER THAN SPENDING HUGE SUMS OF
9 MONEY TO SUPPLEMENT L.A.S.D.'S BUDGET, THE BOARD SHOULD INVEST
10 IN HARM REDUCTION SERVICES AND ADDICTION TREATMENT IN COUNTY
11 JAILS. UNTIL THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM IS ADDRESSED, L.A.S.D.'S
12 ATTEMPT TO DETECT DRUGS WILL NEVER RESULT IN AN ACTUAL
13 SOLUTION. MORE DRUGS WILL KEEP COMING IN, MORE MONEY WILL BE
14 SPENT BY L.A.S.D. TO CATCH THEM, AND THE HEALTH OF
15 INCARCERATED PEOPLE WILL CONTINUE TO BE NEGLECTED AND
16 DEVALUED. THE BOARD MUST REFRAME THIS AS A PROBLEM OF HEALTH
17 AND SAFETY, NOT OF CRIME AND PUNISHMENT. AND FOR GENERAL
18 PUBLIC COMMENT, I'D LIKE TO STRONGLY SAY THAT INCARCERATION
19 DESTROYS MENTAL HEALTH. THE M.C.J. CLOSURE REPORT FOUND THAT
20 IT IS MORE COSTLY TO INCARCERATE PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH
21 CONDITIONS THAN IT IS TO PLACE THEM IN COMMUNITY-BASED CARE.
22 IMPORTANT POINTS FROM THE REPORT: THE AVERAGE DAILY COST OF
23 INCARCERATING PEOPLE IN MENTAL HEALTH UNITS IN JAIL IS \$548,
24 WHILE THE AVERAGE DAILY COST OF COMMUNITY-BASED HOUSING AND
25 TREATMENT FOR THE SAME GROUP IS \$207. CURRENTLY, THERE ARE

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1 OVER 5600 PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES IN L.A. COUNTY
2 JAILS. NUMEROUS COUNTY COMMISSIONS AND WORKERS HAVE CALLED FOR
3 THE B.O.S. AND C.E.O. TO FUND THOUSANDS OF NEW TREATMENT BEDS.
4 THE M.C.J. CLOSURE REPORT CALLED FOR ALLOCATING \$237 MILLION
5 TO FUND 3600 MENTAL HEALTH BEDS IMMEDIATELY, SO SUCCESSFUL
6 PROGRAMS COULD SCALE UP AND SUPPORT RELEASES FROM JAIL. THE
7 BOARD HAS HEARD THIS CALL TO FUND NEW TREATMENT BEDS,
8 REPEATEDLY. COUNTY WORKGROUP AFTER WORKGROUP HAS MADE THIS
9 NEED CLEAR AND PLAIN, YET THE BOARD HAS REFUSED TO ALLOCATE
10 THE MONEY. WHILE THE BOARD DRAGS ITS FEET, VULNERABLE PEOPLE
11 ARE DETERIORATING IN JAIL AND COMING HOME IN WORSE CONDITIONS.

12

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

15

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

19

20 **SAUN HOUGH:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SAUN HOUGH, AND I'M FROM
21 CALIFORNIANS FOR SAFETY AND JUSTICE, AND I'M CALLING IN
22 SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 19. I'D LIKE TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR
23 SOLIS'S MOTION TO CREATE A PERMANENT FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
24 IN L.A. COUNTY. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT ALL VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS,
25 INCLUDING THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN HARMED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT, ARE

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1 ABLE TO ACCESS SUPPORT, RESOURCES, AND FUNDS SO GREATLY NEEDED
2 TO HELP US GRIEVE OUR LOVED ONES. THANK YOU.

3

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVEN. 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 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, I WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT,
12 AND I WILL ADDRESS SEVERAL ITEMS, AND I WOULD LIKE TO LOOK
13 INTO WHY THIS HAS HAPPENED TWICE. IT'S VERY UNSETTLING,
14 BECAUSE AS I'M PREPARING, I HAVE TO CALL BACK AND GET EVERYONE
15 TO PUT ME BACK INTO QUEUE. THAT'S UNFORTUNATE. THANK YOU ON
16 THE BUDGET. 84. ITEM 84. THIS IS A BIG BUDGET, OKAY? IT'S
17 ENORMOUS. IT'S 38-PLUS BILLION DOLLARS. AND THERE IS A LOT OF
18 THINGS IN THERE. WELL, FIRST OF ALL, LET'S UNDERSTAND AT A
19 GLANCE WHAT'S GOING ON, OKAY? IT'S A \$38.5 MILLION BUDGET, AND
20 THERE ARE 111,500 BUDGETED POSITIONS. OKAY, WE ARE INCREASING
21 BY 513 THAT NUMBER, WHICH IS GOOD. WE WANT COUNTY WORKERS
22 DOING A GOOD JOB. THERE ARE UNMET NEEDS, HOWEVER. THE COUNTY'S
23 DEPARTMENTS ALWAYS SUBMIT, IN ADDITION TO HUGE REQUESTS,
24 REQUESTS THAT ARE NOT MET. AND THIS YEAR, THE COUNTY
25 DEPARTMENTS TOGETHER HAVE ABOUT \$2.5 BILLION IN UNMET NEEDS. I

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1 KNOW THAT THE SHERIFF IS ANXIOUS ABOUT HIS FUNDING, AND I KNOW
2 THAT EVERYBODY IS ANXIOUS ABOUT RETAINING THEIR FUNDING, AND
3 OBVIOUSLY, WE WANT TO BUILD OUT SOME OF THESE NEW GROUPS. BUT
4 WE HAVE UNTIL MAY 11TH. BUDGET HEARINGS WILL BEGIN ON MAY
5 11TH, AND THEN THERE WILL BE DELIBERATIONS ON JUNE 27TH. BUT
6 BY PUTTING ITEM 84 AND TAKING OFF THE BUDGET AT THE BACK OF A
7 LONG, LONG AGENDA, HAVING CANCELED MULTIPLE MEETINGS-- DOZENS
8 OF MEETINGS-- OVER THE COURSE OF THE YEAR, YOU'RE REALLY DOING
9 A DISSERVICE, BECAUSE THE PEOPLE WHO CALL IN DILIGENTLY EVERY
10 SINGLE DAY-- SOME OF THEM WHO ARE ADVOCATING ON SPECIFIC
11 THINGS, OTHERS ARE MORE GENERALIST-- HAVE A LOT OF INFORMATION
12 TO BRING AND TO SHARE AND TO ANALYZE. BUT WHEN IT'S DONE THIS
13 WAY, IT'S VERY, VERY HARD. AND WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE
14 ASSISTING AND CARING PROGRAM FOR THE AGING THAT'S COMING UP.
15 WE HAVE BEEN HAVING A TERRIBLE SITUATION OUT IN MALIBU, AND
16 JOE FENDER, OF THE DEPARTMENT OUT THERE, NEEDS TO STEP UP AND
17 HELP US. THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE MAKING WILD AND FALSE CLAIMS
18 AND ALLEGATIONS THAT AMOUNT TO A HATE CRIME. AND I KNOW SHEILA
19 KUEHL'S OFFICE WOULD ORDINARILY CARE ABOUT THAT. WE'RE
20 REACHING OUT. WE DEFINITELY NEED HELP. THERE ARE OLDER PEOPLE
21 WHO ARE JUST TRYING TO LIVE THEIR ADULT YEARS, AND THEY'RE
22 UNDER SIEGE. SO IT NEEDS TO BE CALLED OUT, AND THE WHISTLE
23 NEEDS TO BE BLOWN, AND WE NEED HELP. THAT IS AN S.O.S. I WILL
24 BE CALLING LATER IN THE DAY. I KNOW GEORGE GASCON HAS A NEW
25 PROGRAM THAT HE'S ROLLING OUT TO HELP FOLKS WHO HAVE MENTAL

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1 HEALTH CRISES, AND WE WANT THAT TO BE RESOLVED. I'M REALLY
2 REACHING OUT, AS A DILIGENT MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC, WHO
3 UNDERSTANDS WHAT'S HAPPENING. OKAY? SO, WITH THAT IN MIND, I
4 WOULD ASK THE BOARD TO RESUME MEETING REGULARLY. IT'S VERY
5 UNFORTUNATE THAT YOU CANCEL EVERY OTHER WEEK NOW. TWICE IN THE
6 LAST SEVERAL, YOU'VE DONE THAT. WHAT IT DOES IS IT PROHIBITS
7 CRITICISM, OKAY? YOU WANT CRITICISM. GOOD AGENCIES WANT TO BE
8 TOLD NO. MANY OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, BY THE WAY, ARE
9 DILIGENT AND GOOD PEOPLE WHO IMMEDIATELY TAKE NOTE AND PROVIDE
10 ACCESS AND DO WHAT'S RIGHT. THAT'S WHAT WE EXPECT. BUT WHEN
11 THE BOARD ITSELF BEHAVES THE WAY IT'S BEEN BEHAVING, HIGH-
12 HANDED AND--

13

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

16

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

21

22 **KRISTIAN HULING:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
23 KRISTIAN HULING, AND I WILL BE ADDRESSING ITEMS 60, 61, AND
24 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MANY COUNTY DEPARTMENTS USE APPLE ONE
25 WHEN THEY NEED TEMPORARY HELP TO FILL SHORT-TERM CLERICAL

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1 NEEDS. S.E.I.U. HAS NOT GENERALLY OBJECTED, BUT PROBATION IS
2 AN OUTLIER: THE ONLY DEPARTMENT THAT USES APPLE ONE TO PERFORM
3 PERMANENT CLERICAL FUNCTIONS, RATHER THAN HIRING COUNTY
4 EMPLOYEES. THIS PRACTICE BEGAN IN 2011 WITH A.B. 109, THE
5 CALIFORNIA PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT. THE RATIONALE AT THE
6 TIME WAS THAT FUNDING FOR THESE SERVICES WAS INSECURE, AND
7 THAT JOBS COULD THEREFORE BE CONSIDERED TEMPORARY. BUT THIS
8 RATIONALE DISAPPEARED IN NOVEMBER OF 2012, WHEN THE VOTERS OF
9 CALIFORNIA APPROVED PROPOSITION 30, THE MILLIONAIRE'S TAX,
10 WHICH AMONG OTHER THINGS GUARANTEED THAT CALIFORNIA FUNDING TO
11 COUNTIES FOR REALIGNED SERVICES WOULD BE PERMANENT. S.E.I.U.
12 HAS OBJECTED TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S
13 APPLE ONE CONTRACT EVER SINCE. IN 2018, THE COUNTY'S OWN
14 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC REPORT INCLUDED THE
15 RECOMMENDATION TO BRING PROBATION'S CONTRACTED-OUT CLERICAL
16 JOBS BACK IN HOUSE. LATER THAT YEAR, THE COUNTY REACHED AN
17 AGREEMENT WITH S.E.I.U., INCORPORATED WITH ARTICLE 20 OF THE
18 M.O.U., THAT STRATEGIC REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD BE
19 IMPLEMENTED. 4 YEARS LATER, THAT HAS NOT HAPPENED. SO, THE
20 PROPOSED 5-YEAR EXTENSION OF THESE APPLE ONE CONTRACTS WOULD
21 NOT ONLY RUN COUNTER TO YOUR BOARD'S EXPRESSED PREFERENCE TO
22 BRING BACK IN HOUSE CONTRACTED-OUT JOBS; IT ALSO REPRESENTS A
23 VIOLATION OF THE M.O.U. WITH THESE CONTRACTS GOING FORWARD, WE
24 WILL CHALLENGE AND, IF NECESSARY, ARBITRATE THESE ISSUES. TO
25 AVOID THESE OUTCOMES, WE ASK THAT YOUR BOARD AMEND THE

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1 PROPOSED CONTRACT BY REMOVING THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER'S
2 AUTHORITY TO EXTEND THE TERM FOR 4 ONE-YEAR PERIODS, AND
3 DIRECT THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO
4 IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATION IN THE 2018 STRATEGIC REPORT.
5 THIS IS ALL ABOUT TAKING THE HIGH ROAD AND PROVIDING GOOD,
6 ENTRY-LEVEL COUNTY JOBS TO RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY,
7 RATHER THAN THE LOW-ROAD JOBS OFFERED BY APPLE ONE. THANK YOU.

8

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

11

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

16

17 **SPEAKER:** GREAT. OKAY. GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY
18 NAME'S CHRISTOPHER [INAUDIBLE], FROM THE UNION OF AMERICAN
19 PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS, AND I'LL BE ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEM
20 28-- INVESTING IN THE COUNTY HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE-- AND
21 GENERAL COMMENTS. THE UNION OF AMERICAN PHYSICIANS AND
22 DENTISTS SUPPORTS PARTS OF THE ALLIANCE FOR HEALTHCARE
23 INTEGRATION REPORT AND THE MOTION, BUT THERE IS MISSING
24 INFORMATION ABOUT A 2-TIER SYSTEM ON THE BENEFITS PACKAGE FOR
25 DOCTORS AND DENTISTS THAT AFFECTS THE RECRUITMENT AND

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1 RETENTION OF THESE CLASSIFICATIONS. CURRENTLY IN LOS ANGELES
2 COUNTY, UNIONIZED DOCTORS AND DENTISTS HIRED ARE ONLY ALLOWED
3 TO PARTICIPATE IN A BENEFITS PACKAGE THAT IS 20% LESS THAN
4 MANAGEMENT AND NON-UNIONIZED DOCTORS AND DENTISTS, THOUGH OUR
5 MEMBERS HAVE THE HIGHEST VACANCY RATES OUT OF ALMOST ALL THE
6 CLASSIFICATIONS. THE UNION HAS REQUESTED CHANGES TO THIS
7 PRACTICE, AND HAVE BEEN DENIED, CITING PAST COURT DECISIONS.
8 THE PRACTICE OF HAVING A MANAGEMENT NON-UNION BENEFIT PACKAGE
9 THAT IS 20% RICHER IS A DESTABILIZING FORCE ON VALUING
10 FRONTLINE WORKERS WHO SEE PATIENTS. OTHER HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS
11 DO NOT DO THIS, JUST BECAUSE DOCTORS AND DENTISTS WANTED TO
12 UNIONIZE. THE UNION HAS HAD TO GO AND GET SHORT-TERM
13 DISABILITY FOR OUR MEMBERS, TO PAY OUT OF POCKET, SO OUR
14 DOCTORS AND DENTISTS AND PHARMACISTS CAN GO ON MATERNITY AND
15 PATERNITY LEAVE, SO THEY WILL NOT HAVE TO GO ON UNPAID LEAVE
16 AND GO FOR MONTHS WITHOUT A PAYCHECK, THOUGH THE MANAGEMENT
17 BENEFITS PACKAGE PROVIDES SHORT-TERM DISABILITY. IF THE COUNTY
18 WANTS TO RETAIN DOCTORS AND DENTISTS, PHARMACISTS AND
19 VETERINARIANS, THEN THEY NEED TO PROVIDE BENEFITS THAT ARE NOT
20 2-TIERED. THANK YOU.

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

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

5

6 **WILLIAM HARRISON:** I'M ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I DID
7 A TREND STUDY REGARDING ROWLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND
8 WALNUT VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. AS A BLACK MAN, I WAS
9 MORE SHOCKED WHEN I LOOKED AT THE LACK OF REPRESENTATION IN
10 BOTH SCHOOL DISTRICTS. I'M A MEMBER-- I'M SORRY, I'M A
11 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 1. I BROUGHT THIS UP TO MY
12 REPRESENTATIVE, BUT FOR SOME REASON, I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO
13 MAKE CONTACT WITH MY REPRESENTATIVE OR HER PERSONNEL. I LEAVE
14 MESSAGES; I DON'T GET CALLED BACK. BUT THESE NUMBERS, DOING MY
15 STUDY, ARE ABSOLUTELY SHOCKING. I KNOW THAT THE COUNTY
16 SUPERVISORS ARE CONCERNED WITH THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN
17 POPULATION, AND I FEEL THAT IT'S VERY NECESSARY FOR SOMEONE OF
18 THE SUPERVISOR CAPACITY TO SEE ME, SO THAT WE CAN GO OVER
19 THESE NUMBERS, WHICH ARE MOST, MOST SHOCKING. AND I'M
20 DISAPPOINTED THAT DISTRICT 1 HAS NOT CONTACTED ME. THANK YOU
21 SO MUCH.

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, IF I MAY? THIS IS MY DISTRICT. I'D
24 LIKE TO HAVE MY STAFF FOLLOW UP WITH YOU, IF YOU CAN GIVE US
25 YOUR NAME, FIRST AND LAST. AND PLEASE FEEL FREE TO GIVE US

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1 THAT INFORMATION. WE'LL GLADLY LOOK INTO YOUR QUESTION, AND
2 WE'LL WORK WITH L.A. COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION. THEY'RE
3 REALLY THE OVERSIGHT AGENCY THAT OVERSEES OUR SCHOOL
4 DISTRICTS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENT, SIR.

5

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

8

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

12

13 **MICHELL KING:** GOOD MORNING. THIS IS MICHELLE KING, AND I'M A
14 RESIDENT IN DISTRICT 1, SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEMS 12, 80-A, 84,
15 AND PUBLIC COMMENT. I SUPPORT ITEM 12. THANK YOU. I SUPPORT
16 ITEM 12. GUNS HAVE NO PLACE IN RESPONDING TO A MENTAL HEALTH
17 CRISIS. MODELS OF ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE HAVE BEEN PUT
18 FORWARD IN THE A.T.I. REPORT, AND IN THE MEASURE J BEHAVIORAL
19 AND MENTAL HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE PROCESS. THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF
20 THESE BODIES FOR MENTAL HEALTHCARE, HARM REDUCTION, SUBSTANCE
21 USE TREATMENT, AND CONFLICT INTERVENTION ARE A PROVEN ROADMAP
22 FOR AN ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE THAT DOES NOT INVOLVE LAW
23 ENFORCEMENT. I OPPOSE ITEM 80-A. IN JULY OF 2020, THE BOARD
24 VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO INCREASE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY
25 OF L.A.S.D. IN OCTOBER OF 2020, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO

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1 REMOVE L.A.S.D. CONTROL FROM COUNTY PARKS. IN NOVEMBER OF
2 2020, THE BOARD VOTED TO EXPLORE WAYS SHERIFF VILLANUEVA COULD
3 BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE. AND IN MAY OF 2021, THE BOARD VOTED
4 UNANIMOUSLY TO PROTECT SURVIVING FAMILIES FROM RETALIATION AND
5 HARASSMENT BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. YOU HAVE CONSISTENTLY
6 VOTED FOR SHERIFF OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY, BECAUSE YOU
7 UNDERSTAND THE DANGERS THAT L.A.S.D. POSES TO OUR COMMUNITY.
8 YOU UNDERSTAND THAT PROVIDING MORE FUNDING AND FREEDOM TO
9 L.A.S.D. IS NEVER AN EFFECTIVE SOLUTION. INSTEAD OF
10 SUPPLEMENTING L.A.S.D.'S BUDGET, THE BOARD SHOULD INVEST IN
11 HARM REDUCTION SERVICES AND ADDICTION TREATMENT IN COUNTY
12 JAILS. THE BOARD MUST REFRAME THIS AS A PROBLEM OF HEALTH AND
13 SAFETY, NOT OF CRIME AND PUNISHMENT. ITEM 84: L.A. COUNTY'S
14 BUDGET IS A REFLECTION OF THE COUNTY'S LEADERSHIP. I'M
15 DISAPPOINTED TO SEE THAT THIS YEAR'S PROPOSED BUDGET IS ONCE
16 AGAIN A DEMONSTRATION OF OVER-INVESTMENT IN THE CARCERAL
17 SYSTEM, AND UNDER-INVESTMENT IN CARE FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. I
18 WOULD LIKE TO SEE A REDUCTION IN THE BUDGET FOR SHERIFF AND
19 PROBATION DEPARTMENTS, AND AN INCREASE IN THE BUDGETS FOR
20 MENTAL HEALTHCARE, PUBLIC HEALTH, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, AND
21 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. I URGE THE BOARD TO ADOPT THE
22 REIMAGINE L.A. COUNTY CARE FIRST BUDGET THAT ELEVATES CARE
23 FIRST DEMANDS. LAST MARCH 30TH WAS THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF
24 THE M.C.J. CLOSURE REPORT, WHICH GAVE THE BOARD WHAT THEY SAID
25 THEY NEEDED: A DETAILED PLAN FOR HOW TO CLOSE M.C.J. AND

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1 INVEST IN COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE. TWO YEARS AGO, ANOTHER
2 COUNTY WORKGROUP PUBLISHED THE CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST REPORT,
3 WHICH GAVE MORE THAN 100 DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS AND 26
4 IMMEDIATE NEXT STEPS. CLOSING M.C.J. IS GENDER JUSTICE, IT IS
5 RACIAL JUSTICE, IT IS HOUSING JUSTICE. INCARCERATION IS
6 DEADLY, AND DESTROYS MENTAL HEALTH. YOU HAVE ALL THE RESOURCES
7 THAT YOU NEED. IT IS TIME THE BOARD COMMITS TO CLOSING M.C.J.,
8 WITHOUT A REPLACEMENT, BY MARCH OF 2023. AND SET BENCHMARKS
9 FOR THAT CLOSURE. YOU MUST FIND BEDS AND TRACK PROGRESS BY
10 ALLOCATING \$237 MILLION TO CREATE 3600 MENTAL HEALTH BEDS BY
11 MARCH OF 2023. AND THE BOARD MUST ESTABLISH AND FULLY FUND AN
12 INDEPENDENT PRETRIAL SERVICES AGENCY IN 3 TO 6 MONTHS. CARE
13 FIRST, JAILS LAST. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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

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

21
22 **LIAN CHEN:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS LIAN
23 CHEN. I AM A PSYCHIATRIST IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH,
24 AND I AM ADDRESSING ITEM 28 AND GENERAL COMMENTS. I'M IN FAVOR
25 OF ITEM 28, WHICH WOULD HELP STRENGTHEN OUR WORKFORCE. THIS

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1 WOULD INCLUDE HELPING TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN PHYSICIANS,
2 DENTISTS, PHARMACISTS, AND VETERINARIANS. THE REALITY IS THAT
3 DOCTORS AND MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS USE THE PRIME OF THEIR YEARS
4 IN SCHOOL AND TRAINING, ACCUMULATING STUDENT LOAN DEBTS
5 UPWARDS OF \$300,000 DOLLARS. MANY PUT OFF STARTING A FAMILY OR
6 BUYING A HOME, AND START WORKING, ON AVERAGE, IN THEIR MID-
7 30S. COLLEAGUES THAT I TRIED TO RECRUIT TO WORK FOR THE
8 COUNTY, THEY BELIEVE IN OUR MISSION AND WANT TO SERVE OUR
9 COMMUNITY, BUT THEY CANNOT AFFORD TO DO SO, FOR THESE REASONS.
10 PASSING ITEM 28 WOULD HELP TO MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE TO
11 STRENGTHEN OUR WORKFORCE. THANK YOU.

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

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

19
20 **LYNN KERSEY:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS
21 AND STAFF. I AM ADDRESSING ITEM 28. MY NAME IS LYNN KERSEY.
22 I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
23 ACCESS, IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. I AM PROUDLY PART OF
24 SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS'S DISTRICT FOR MY WORK, AND SUPERVISOR
25 HOLLY MITCHELL'S DISTRICT, WHERE I LIVE. OUR ORGANIZATION VERY

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1 MUCH SUPPORTS INVESTING IN STRENGTHENING THE COUNTY HEALTHCARE
2 WORKFORCE. WE REFER AND PROVIDE WARM HANDOFFS AND HAND-HOLD
3 PEOPLE INTO THE COUNTY SYSTEM FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES,
4 HEALTH SERVICES, AND ALL MANNER OF SOCIAL SERVICES, AND THE
5 WAITS ARE UNTENABLE. ANYTHING THAT WOULD STREAMLINE HAVING TO-
6 - THE ABILITY TO ACCESS NEEDED CARE IS IMPORTANT, AND MATERNAL
7 AND CHILD HEALTH ACCESS STRONGLY SUPPORTS THIS MOTION. THANK
8 YOU VERY MUCH.

9

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

12

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

16

17 **SPEAKER:** [BACKGROUND CONVERSATION]

18

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

21

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

25

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1 **PEGGY LEE KENNEDY:** MY NAME IS PEGGY LEE KENNEDY, WITH THE
2 VENICE JUSTICE COMMITTEE, AND I AM SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF AGENDA
3 ITEM 12, AND ON PUBLIC COMMENT. FIRST, I WANT TO-- I DON'T
4 WANT TO REPEAT WHAT OTHER PEOPLE HAVE SAID ABOUT ITEM 12, BUT
5 I'D LIKE TO CAUTION THE COUNTY IN NOT HIRING A SUBTYPE OF
6 POLICE, AND MASQUERADING AS MENTAL HEALTH OUTREACH, LIKE L.A.
7 CITY HAS BEEN DOING WITH URBAN ALCHEMY. YOU KNOW, THAT IS
8 RIDICULOUS. BUT I SUPPORT NOT HAVING POLICE. IT IS VERY
9 IMPORTANT THAT WE TAKE LAW ENFORCEMENT OUT OF THE RESPONSE TO
10 MENTAL ILLNESS ON THE STREET. AND ALSO, FOR MY GENERAL PUBLIC
11 COMMENT, I WANT TO SAY THAT IT IS COMPLETELY INSANE THAT WE
12 STILL HAVE 5,600 PEOPLE LIVING WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES IN
13 L.A. COUNTY JAIL. GOD HELP YOU, OR YOUR FAMILY, IF SOMEONE YOU
14 CARE ABOUT IS LANGUISHING THERE ON AN ASSESSMENT HOLD. I MEAN,
15 WE HAVE HAD WORKING GROUPS THAT CALL FOR THE BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS AND THE C.E.O. TO FUND THOUSANDS OF NEW TREATMENT
17 BEDS. WHY HAVEN'T WE DONE IT? THESE ARE LIVES THAT ARE
18 SUFFERING, PEOPLE THAT ARE SUFFERING. THEY ARE HUMAN BEINGS,
19 AND WE NEED TO DEAL WITH THAT IMMEDIATELY. THE MONEY THAT THE
20 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL CLOSURE REPORT CALLED FOR NEEDS TO GO RIGHT
21 NOW TO DEVELOPING PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE, SO THEY CAN BE RELEASED
22 OUT OF JAIL. MENTAL ILLNESS SHOULD NOT BE A CRIME. AND AT SOME
23 POINT, BEFORE I DIE-- I AM A SENIOR CITIZEN-- I WOULD REALLY
24 LIKE TO SEE L.A. COUNTY JAIL NOT BE THE LARGEST MENTAL HEALTH
25 FACILITY IN THIS COUNTRY. PLEASE. ACT NOW.

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

4

5 **MODERATOR:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU
6 HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS ONE THEN ZERO ON YOUR
7 PHONE. DO NOT PRESS 1-0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED
8 FROM THE QUEUE.

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH
11 INTERPRETATION OF THIS REMINDER. [INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN IN
12 SPANISH].

13

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

16

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

21

22 **DR. PORTIA TURNER:** THANK YOU. I AM ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEM 28,
23 INVESTING IN STRENGTHENING THE COUNTY HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE.
24 GOOD MORNING. I'M DR. PORTIA TURNER, A DENTIST WHO HAS BEEN
25 WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR 13 YEARS. I WORK FOR

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1 HARBOR-U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER, A LEVEL ONE TRAUMA CENTER. WE
2 SPECIALIZE IN HOSPITAL-BASED DENTISTRY, IN WHICH WE DO VERY,
3 VERY DIFFICULT PROCEDURES FOR PATIENTS THAT NEED EXTRA CARE,
4 SUCH AS HOSPITALIZATIONS. AND THEN THEY ARE TAKEN TO THE
5 OPERATING ROOM FOR THEIR TREATMENT, TO BE CLEARED FOR
6 DIFFERENT PROCEDURES SUCH AS HEART AND KIDNEY. WE ALSO TRAIN
7 DENTAL RESIDENTS. THESE FACILITIES ARE BOTH IN SUPERVISOR
8 HOLLY MITCHELL'S DISTRICT. OUR TEAM CONSISTS OF SPECIALISTS
9 THAT SERVE A VERY, VERY LARGE DEMOGRAPHIC COMMUNITY, NOT JUST
10 THE M.L.K./HARBOR-U.C.L.A. FACILITIES. OTHER PHYSICIANS AND
11 DENTISTS, MAINLY A LOT OF CONTRACT CLINICS AND PRIVATE, REFER
12 TO US FROM OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT, BECAUSE THEY CANNOT HANDLE
13 THE SPECIALIZED CARE THAT IS NEEDED FOR THEIR PATIENTS. THESE
14 PATIENTS COME FROM EL MONTE, LONG BEACH, MID-VALLEY, ANTELOPE
15 VALLEY, AND COUNTY FACILITIES. THE ISSUE, BASICALLY, IS THAT
16 WE ARE BASICALLY SUCH SPECIALIZATION THAT THEY HAVE TO REFER
17 TO US.

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

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

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1 BEGIN. GLORIA GONZALEZ, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE CHECK YOUR
2 MUTE BUTTON ON YOUR SIDE.

3

4 **GLORIA GONZALEZ:** YES, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

5

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

7

8 **GLORIA GONZALEZ:** YES, HI. MY NAME IS GLORIA GONZALEZ, WITH THE
9 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION AND THE LOS ANGELES YOUTH UPRISING
10 COALITION. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM 1, 84, AND PUBLIC
11 COMMENT. SO, I REALLY, REALLY WANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT THERE ARE
12 ALSO OTHER PEOPLE ON THIS CALL THAT HAVE STATED THIS, AND JUST
13 REITERATING WHAT HAS BEEN SAID, AND REALLY HOPING THAT THE
14 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
15 FINALLY LISTEN TO WHAT YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS THE COUNTY HAVE
16 BEEN DEMANDING. THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PROVIDES \$1.9 BILLION
17 IN FUNDING TO L.A. COUNTY, TO BUILD AN EQUITABLE ECONOMIC
18 RECOVERY FROM THE DEVASTATING ECONOMIC EFFECTS. AND WHAT WE
19 SEE IS THAT, FROM THAT 1.9 BILLION, ONLY \$1.5 MILLION WERE
20 FOCUSED ON SYSTEMS-IMPACTED AND FORMERLY INCARCERATED YOUNG
21 PEOPLE. THOSE FUNDS CAN BE USED TO SUPPORT THE INTEGRATION AND
22 LAUNCH OF THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ON JULY 1ST, AND
23 IT CAN ALSO BE FOCUSED ON CREATING YOUTH CENTERS ACROSS THE
24 COUNTY, WHICH WILL BE A HIGH NEED. WE ALSO URGE AND DEMAND THE
25 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO AT LEAST FUND THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH

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1 DEVELOPMENT AT \$95 MILLION, TO FULLY LAUNCH THIS DEPARTMENT
2 THAT, FOR DECADES AND FOR 100 YEARS, HAS NOT HAPPENED. AND SO
3 WHAT WE SEE IS YOUNG PEOPLE, OVER AND OVER, STUCK IN THE
4 CARCERAL STATE AND THE CARCERAL SYSTEM, WITHOUT ACCESS TO
5 SERVICES AND RESOURCES THAT WILL SUPPORT THEM AND SEE THEM
6 THROUGH A HUMAN LENS, AND NOT THROUGH ANOTHER NUMBER OR COUNTY
7 PRISON NUMBER OR FUNDING, BUT IN A WAY WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE CAN
8 EXPLORE THEMSELVES, THEIR COMMUNITIES, AND UPLIFT WHO THEY
9 ARE, AND BE PROUD OF WHERE THEY COME FROM. \$55 MILLION FOR
10 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT NETWORK, FOR FOUR DIFFERENT S.P.A.S, WITH
11 GREATER INVESTMENT IN S.P.A. 1 THAN ANTELOPE VALLEY AND S.P.A.
12 6, SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES, TO SUPPORT, AGAIN, THE YOUNG
13 PEOPLE THAT HAVE, FOR DECADES, BEEN FORGOTTEN ABOUT, AND WHERE
14 YOU SEE WHERE THE HIGHEST NEED HAS BEEN. IT'S BEEN GIVEN TO
15 PROBATION, AND WHERE YOU SEE WITH BARRY J., WHERE PROBATION IS
16 NOT ABLE TO MEET THE STANDARDS; NOT EVEN THE MOST BASIC HUMAN
17 NEEDS THAT YOUNG PEOPLE NEED. AND SO WE NEED CREDIBLE
18 MESSENGERS, [INAUDIBLE], PEACE BUILDERS, C.B.O.S THAT ARE
19 ALREADY WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE, TO ALSO BE ABLE TO GO
20 INSIDE. AND WE ALSO NEED THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION TO
21 HAVE AND TO PUSH FOR PROBATION--

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

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

5

6 **MARCEL RODARTE:** HI. GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MARCEL RODARTE. I'LL BE SPEAKING ON
8 ITEM 13 TODAY. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CALIFORNIA
9 CONTRACT CITIES ASSOCIATION, AND RETIRED AIR FORCE VETERAN. I
10 WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR INTRODUCING THIS
11 MOTION TODAY, AND BRINGING AWARENESS TO PARKINSON'S DISEASE,
12 THE WORK OF THE V.A. OF GREATER LOS ANGELES, V.A. OF LONG
13 BEACH, AND ORGANIZATIONS LIKE PARKINSON'S [INAUDIBLE] NATION.
14 YOUR DEDICATION TO OUR VETERANS IS APPRECIATED BY ME AND ALL
15 OF OUR VETERANS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANKS FOR ALL
16 YOU DO TO SUPPORT OUR VETERANS, AND THANK YOU TO THE REST OF
17 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR SUPPORTING THIS MOTION. THANK
18 YOU.

19

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

22

23 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS HOLLY SCHAEFFER. PLEASE
24 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND

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

3

4 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS HOLLY SCHAEFFER. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON
5 MY OPPOSITION TO AGENDA ITEM 80-A. THE ISSUE OF ILLEGAL DRUG
6 USE STEMS FROM A STARTLING RATE OF THOSE LIVING WITH SUBSTANCE
7 USE DISORDER AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES IN THE LOS ANGELES JAIL
8 SYSTEM. NEARLY A THIRD OF ALL INMATES IN THE LOS ANGELES JAIL
9 SYSTEM HAVE A MENTAL ILLNESS, ACCORDING TO 2020 STATISTICS.
10 AND BECAUSE THESE INDIVIDUALS LACK TREATMENT, THE BUREAU OF
11 JUSTICE STATISTICS FINDS THAT THESE UNTREATED PROBLEMS, IN
12 CONJUNCTION WITH THE INFLOW OF ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES IN JAILS,
13 HAS LED TO A 200% INCREASE IN OVERDOSE DEATHS IN COUNTY
14 PRISONS. IF WE WANT TO CREATE A SOLUTION TO STOP THIS ISSUE
15 FOR GOOD, WE MUST PAIR IT WITH CLINICALLY PROVEN MEASURES THAT
16 OFFER SUPPORT THROUGH INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING AND GROUP THERAPY.
17 TO TRY TO MEDIATE THE DRUG FLOW DOES NOT EQUATE TO A SYSTEM
18 WITH LESS SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER. IT JUST SWEEPS THE ISSUE
19 UNDER THE RUG, WITH NO LONG-TERM PREVENTION. I URGE THE BOARD
20 TO IMPLEMENT MORE RESTORATIVE SYSTEMS. THIS WILL ADDRESS
21 IMMEDIATE SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER, AND IT WILL CREATE A LONG-
22 TERM SAFETY NET TO PREVENT THOSE WITH PHYSICAL [INAUDIBLE]
23 FROM ENDING UP IN THE SYSTEM AGAIN. BECAUSE UNTIL THESE ISSUES
24 ARE SOLVED, 80-A IS JUST A--

25

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

3

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

8

9 **ALISON WALISZEWSKI:** HI. JUST CONFIRMING: FOR ALISON
10 WALISZEWSKI?

11

12 **MODERATOR:** YES. YOUR LINE IS OPEN. GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

13

14 **ALISON WALISZEWSKI:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS ALISON WALISZEWSKI.
15 I AM THE POLICY AND OUTREACH MANAGER WITH THE 5 GYRES
16 INSTITUTE, AND I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON GENERAL PUBLIC
17 COMMENT, AND IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 68. FIRSTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO
18 THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON BEHALF OF THE REUSABLE L.A.
19 COALITION AND THE THOUSANDS OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO SENT IN
20 OVER 11,000 E-MAILS DIRECTLY TO SUPERVISORS' OFFICES, AND HAVE
21 SUBMITTED OVER 250 COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE REDUCTION OF
22 WASTE FROM SINGLE-USE ARTICLES AND EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE
23 PRODUCTS ORDINANCE. AND HERE IS WHY: IT IS CRUCIAL THAT WE
24 PHASE OUT SINGLE-USE PLASTIC POLLUTION AT ITS SOURCE.
25 THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE LIFE CYCLE OF PLASTICS, HUMAN HEALTH IS

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1 SEVERELY JEOPARDIZED. PLASTICS LEACH HARMFUL TOXINS INTO OUR
2 FOOD AND BODIES, ARE KNOWN TO BE ENDOCRINE DISRUPTORS, CAUSE
3 BIRTH DEFECTS; AND, SHOCKINGLY, NEW SCIENTIFIC STUDIES HAVE
4 RECENTLY FOUND THE PRESENCE OF NANOPLASTICS IN HUMAN PLACENTA,
5 AND MICROPLASTICS DEEP WITHIN HUMAN LUNGS. THE TOXIC CHEMICAL
6 STYRENE, COMMONLY FOUND IN TAKEOUT CONTAINERS, LEACHES OUT OF
7 PLASTIC FOAM FOODWARE CONTAINERS AND BEVERAGE CONTAINERS, AND
8 POISONS CONSUMERS, UNKNOWINGLY. WE MUST LISTEN TO SCIENCE AND
9 PHASE OUT SINGLE-USE PLASTICS ALTOGETHER. REUSABLE FOODWARE
10 AND REUSE SYSTEMS CONTINUE TO BE THE SAFEST AND MOST
11 RESPONSIBLE CHOICE FOR OUR COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENTS. AND
12 ON BEHALF OF THE REUSABLE L.A. COALITION, WE WOULD LIKE TO
13 EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO THE COUNTY, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
14 THE STAFF, THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY, FOR REALLY TAKING THE
15 FIRST STEPS TOWARDS REDUCING PLASTIC POLLUTION EXPOSURE WITHIN
16 THE COUNTY, BY PASSING-- OR HOPEFULLY PASSING-- THE ORDINANCE
17 TODAY. THANK YOU.

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

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

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2 **ANTHONY ROBLES:** HELLO. MY NAME'S ANTHONY ROBLES. I AM WITH THE
3 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION AND THE L.A. YOUTH UPRISING COALITION,
4 AND I AM HERE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS 1, 84, AND GENERAL
5 PUBLIC COMMENT. SO, I HAVE SPENT HUNDREDS, IF NOT THOUSANDS,
6 OF HOURS CO-DESIGNING THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
7 THROUGH THE YOUTH JUSTICE WORKGROUP IN 2020; AND CURRENTLY,
8 THE YOUTH JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP, AND WITH THE COMMUNITY OF
9 L.A. COUNTY YOUTH, FOR THE PAST FIVE OR SIX YEARS. SO I
10 COMMEND THE BOARD FOR GETTING THIS FAR IN THE PROCESS WITH US,
11 REGARDING THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. THE YOUTH
12 JUSTICE COALITION HAS BEEN STRUGGLING IN THE STREET AND
13 BOARDROOMS TO IMPLEMENT A DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FOR
14 TWO DECADES, SO IT IS SURREAL THAT WE ARE FINALLY HERE. AND SO
15 MY COMMENTS ARE GROUNDED IN APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE. BUT
16 OUR WORK ISN'T DONE. HAVING A DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
17 ON PAPER MEANS NOTHING IF WE DON'T HAVE THE FUNDING AND
18 RESOURCES TO IMPLEMENT A SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH, WHICH IS THE
19 FOUNDATION FOR A ROBUST DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
20 INFRASTRUCTURE THAT SUPPORTS COMMUNITY-BASED YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
21 NETWORKS AND SERVICES. WE LIVE IN A COUNTY WITH THE LARGEST
22 POPULATION OF YOUTH IN THE COUNTRY, ONE OF THE HIGHEST RATES
23 OF POVERTY IN THE COUNTRY, AND THE LARGEST JUVENILE CARCERAL
24 SYSTEM IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY, IF NOT THE WORLD. JUVENILE
25 PROBATION RECEIVES OVER HALF A BILLION DOLLARS TO INCARCERATE

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1 A FEW HUNDRED YOUTH, AND SUPERVISE A FEW MORE, WHO DO NOT
2 RECEIVE ANY ADEQUATE SUPPORT TO ACCOMPLISH THEIR EDUCATIONAL
3 AND CAREER GOALS. WE HAVE NO COORDINATED YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
4 INFRASTRUCTURE OR SYSTEM THAT IS GEARED TO DRIVE THE SOCIAL
5 FACTORS THAT LEAD TO A HEALING ENVIRONMENT FOR YOUTH TO
6 SURVIVE IN OUR COUNTY. JUVENILE PROBATION IS OUR ONLY YOUTH
7 SYSTEM, AND JUVENILE PROBATION HAS REPEATEDLY FAILED TO KEEP
8 YOUNG PEOPLE SAFE. WE NEED AT LEAST \$95 MILLION, IN PHASE ONE
9 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, TO EFFECTIVELY LAUNCH
10 A DEPARTMENT THAT CAN COORDINATE A DECENTRALIZED AND LOCALIZED
11 COUNTYWIDE INFRASTRUCTURE, STARTING WITH FOUR S.P.A.S: OUR
12 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT NETWORK. THE BOARD PROMISED \$75 MILLION FOR
13 Y.J.R. A YEAR AND A HALF AGO, BUT \$0 HAVE GONE TO COMMUNITY-
14 BASED ORGANIZATIONS FOR NEW YOUTH SERVICES. SO, WE NEED \$55
15 MILLION FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT NETWORKS, OR FOUR S.P.A.S, WITH
16 GREATER INVESTMENTS IN S.P.A. 1, WHICH IS THE ANTELOPE VALLEY,
17 AND S.P.A. 6, WHICH IS IN SOUTH CENTRAL, TO SUPPORT THE YOUTH
18 IN GREATEST NEED. WE ALSO NEED \$25 MILLION TO STAFF THE
19 DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. WE NEED ROBUST STAFFING TO
20 MAKE SURE WE CAN LAUNCH AND SCALE EFFECTIVELY, AND WE NEED \$15
21 MILLION FOR [INAUDIBLE] AND PEACE BUILDERS AND REENTRY. AND TO
22 SUPPORT THIS BUDGET, WE NEED TO REDUCE JUVENILE PROBATION'S
23 \$570 MILLION BUDGET, TO FUND THIS PART OF YOUTH JUSTICE
24 REIMAGINED. WE MUST CUT ALL 400 VACANT AND FROZEN POSITIONS
25 FROM THE JUVENILE PROBATION BUDGET, THAT THEY DON'T NEED, AND

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1 OBVIOUSLY CAN'T FILL. SO, BOARD, PLEASE KEEP YOUR PROMISE. WE
2 NEED A STRONG AND COMPREHENSIVELY FUNDED DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH
3 DEVELOPMENT. WE'VE MADE IT THIS FAR, AND IT IS NOT TIME TO
4 SETTLE OR FALL BACK NOW. OUR JOB ISN'T DONE.

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

8

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

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14 **DR. MAUREEN MCCOLLOUGH:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DR. MAUREEN
15 MCCOLLOUGH, AND I AM SPEAKING IN SUPPORT FOR AGENDA ITEM 28,
16 FOR INVESTING IN STRENGTHENING THE COUNTY HEALTHCARE
17 WORKFORCE, AND A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM AN EMERGENCY
18 MEDICINE PHYSICIAN AT OLIVE VIEW-U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER, AND
19 I REPRESENT ALL COUNTY PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS, BUT ESPECIALLY
20 THE FRONTLINE PROVIDERS THAT BATTLED C.O.V.I.D. FOR THE LAST
21 TWO YEARS. WE WENT INTO MEDICINE NOT THINKING IT WOULD BE
22 DANGEROUS, AND YET EVERY DAY WE CAME TO WORK, LITERALLY
23 PUTTING OUR LIVES ON THE LINE. WE LACKED SUPPLIES. WE WATCHED
24 AS COLLEAGUES GOT SICK. WE WERE AFRAID, EVEN CRIED, AND YET WE
25 CONTINUED TO COME TO WORK TO SAVE OUR PATIENTS' LIVES. WE WORK

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1 SIDE BY SIDE WITH COUNTY COLLEAGUES WITH VARYING BENEFITS AND
2 RETIREMENT PACKAGES. WE WORK WITH MANAGEMENT, WHO HAVE THE
3 VERY BEST BENEFITS PACKAGE AND RETIREMENT PACKAGES. VARYING
4 BENEFITS AND RETIREMENT PACKAGES ARE DEMORALIZING. THERE
5 CANNOT BE TWO TIERS OF BENEFITS AND RETIREMENT. THE COUNTY HAS
6 A CRISIS IN ITS ABILITY TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN PHYSICIANS AND
7 DENTISTS. AN ENHANCED BENEFITS PACKAGE, SHORT-TERM DISABILITY-
8 - SO, FOR EXAMPLE, FEMALE PHYSICIANS CAN TAKE A PAID MATERNITY
9 LEAVE-- AND A 401(K) TO OFFSET P.E.P.R.A MUST BE RETURNED TO
10 THE PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS OF THE COUNTY. IN DECEMBER 2012,
11 WILLIAM FUJIOKA, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY C.E.O. AT THE TIME,
12 SENT A LETTER TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ABOUT P.E.P.R.A.,
13 AND THE DIFFICULTY THAT WOULD RESULT IN THE ABILITY TO COMPETE
14 FOR, RECRUIT, AND RETAIN PROFESSIONALS. WE HAVE SEEN THAT
15 HAPPEN WITH OUR HIGH VACANCY RATES. BY IMPROVING THE BENEFITS
16 PACKAGE FOR PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS WITHIN THE COUNTY, YOU
17 CORRECT THAT INEQUITY AND HELP OFFSET P.E.P.R.A. YOU WILL
18 ENHANCE THE COUNTY'S ABILITY TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN THE VERY
19 BEST PROFESSIONALS. YOU WILL ENSURE THAT THE COUNTY IS ABLE TO
20 OFFER TIMELY AND QUALITY MEDICAL CARE TO THE RESIDENTS OF LOS
21 ANGELES. THANK YOU.

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

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

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5 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME'S JAMIE CUSICK. I AM SPEAKING IN
6 OPPOSITION OF 84, AND IN GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THE PROBATION
7 DEPARTMENT'S ALLOCATED BUDGET SLIGHTLY DECREASED FROM 2021 TO
8 '22, AT \$1.03 BILLION, TO 2022 TO '23, AT \$1.02 BILLION. OVER
9 90% OF L.A.S.D. EXPENSES, AND OVER 80% OF PROBATION EXPENSES,
10 GO TOWARDS PERSONNEL SALARIES AND BENEFITS. IT IS TIME FOR
11 L.A. TO IMPLEMENT A JUST TRANSITION AWAY FROM A CARCERAL
12 SYSTEM. THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUALS RELY ON AN INCOME GENERATED
13 BY CARCERAL SYSTEMS IN L.A. COUNTY. THE COUNTY MUST PURSUE AND
14 PROPERLY FUND EFFORTS TO TRANSITION THESE INDIVIDUALS INTO
15 EMPLOYMENT THAT ADDRESSES GAPS IN HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
16 AS WELL AS GROWING EMERGENCY RESPONSE NEEDS DUE TO CLIMATE
17 CHANGE AND C.O.V.I.D. BY MEANINGFUL INVESTMENT IN A JUST
18 TRANSITION, L.A. COUNTY WILL BE PROTECTING ITS OWN WORKFORCE,
19 WHILE ADDRESSING THE INTERSECTING CRISES OF MASS
20 INCARCERATION, CLIMATE CHANGE, C.O.V.I.D., AND RACIAL INEQUITY
21 THAT EFFECT EVERY CITIZEN. THE COUNTY NEEDS A JUST TRANSITION
22 AWAY FROM INVESTMENT IN INCARCERATION, AND TOWARDS INVESTMENT
23 IN CAREERS IN HEALTHCARE, HARM REDUCTION, EDUCATION, AND
24 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. ROADMAPS FOR A JUST TRANSITION HAVE BEEN
25 CREATED BY VISIONARY INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY GROUPS,

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1 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVOCATES, AND ADVOCATES FOR THE ENDING
2 OF CRIMINALIZATION. WE MUST EMBODY THE PRINCIPLES OF MOVING
3 FROM AN EXTRACTIVE ECONOMY, BASED ON PUNISHMENT AND
4 CRIMINALIZATION, TO A CARE-BASED ECONOMY BASED ON INVESTING IN
5 OUR MOST VULNERABLE, AS WELL AS INVESTING IN THE RETRAINING OF
6 THOSE WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN TRAINED TO UPHOLD SYSTEMS OF
7 VIOLENCE AND HARM. WHEN WE PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR
8 MEANINGFUL EMPLOYMENT THAT UPHOLD JUSTICE PRINCIPLES AND
9 PRACTICES TO THOSE WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN TRAINED INTO
10 CAREER PATHS THAT UPHOLD PUNISHMENT AND VIOLENCE, WE IMPROVE
11 THE MENTAL HEALTH AND SUSTAINABILITY OF ALL OUR COMMUNITY
12 MEMBERS. AND IN GENERAL COMMENT, I'D LIKE TO MAKE A NOTE ABOUT
13 HOUSING JUSTICE. TO STOP THE CYCLE OF INCARCERATION, MANY
14 PEOPLE NEED HOUSING TO STABILIZE AFTER RELEASE, AND FOR THE
15 LONG TERM. HOUSING IS SAFETY. THE COUNTY KEEPS LOOKING FOR
16 SHORTCUTS AND IMAGINARY QUICK FIXES--

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

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

24
25 **SPEAKER:** HI. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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2 **MODERATOR:** WE CAN HEAR YOU. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

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4 **SPEAKER:** ALL RIGHT. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS 12, 80-
5 A, 84, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. SO, FOR 12, I SUPPORT
6 GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S MEDI-CAL COMMUNITY-BASED MOBILE CRISIS
7 SERVICES BUDGET PROPOSAL. I BELIEVE THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT
8 SHOULD NEVER BE INVOLVED IN RESPONDING TO A MENTAL HEALTH
9 CRISIS. IT IS CRITICAL THAT OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT ARE PROHIBITED
10 FROM RESPONDING TO A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. REMOVE POLICE FROM
11 ANSWERING SOCIAL AND HEALTH CRISES, WHERE THEY ARE NOT
12 INVOLVED. POLICE RESPONSE TO CRISIS OFTEN CAUSE MORE HARM THAN
13 GOOD. THIS FUNDING SHOULD BE MOVED IN COMMUNITY SUPPORT MODEL
14 FOR ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE THAT ADDRESSES THE NEEDS OF
15 OUR MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS, HOUSING SHORTAGE, AND BROKEN
16 ECONOMIC SYSTEM. IN TERMS OF A.D.A., ALL I HAVE TO SAY AND
17 REITERATE IS THAT WHEN THE BOARD TRIES TO TACKLE ISSUES LIKE
18 DRUG DETECTION, IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP IN MIND THE COUNTY'S
19 COMMITMENT TO CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST. NO PROBLEMS CAN BE
20 SOLVED BY GIVING MORE MONEY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND NO CARE
21 FIRST APPROACH, WHICH THE COUNTY COMMITTED TO, RELIES ON COPS
22 NOR SURVEILLANCE TO SOLVE A PROBLEM. FOR AGENDA ITEM 84, THE
23 FISCAL 2022-2023 RECOMMENDED BUDGET, THE CARE FIRST BUDGET
24 PRIORITIZES INVESTMENTS IN HEALTH, PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, HOUSING,
25 MENTAL HEALTH, MENTAL CRISIS AND INTERVENTION, SUSTAINING A

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1 C.O.V.I.D.-19 RESPONSE, AND SPECIFICALLY DEPRIORITIZING AND
2 DIVEST FROM CARCERAL SYSTEMS. WE CANNOT INVEST IN THE STATUS
3 QUO, CONTINUING TO BOLSTER A PUBLIC SAFETY BUDGET OF \$9.1
4 BILLION THAT CRIMINALIZES OUR COMMUNITIES. AND FINALLY, FOR
5 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT... SORRY, GIVE ME ONE SECOND. FOR
6 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, ALL I HAVE TO SAY IS THAT PEOPLE
7 POWER, AND THE TIME IS NOW. MARCH 30TH, 2022, MARKED THE ONE-
8 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL CLOSURE REPORT. RIGHT
9 NOW IS THE MOMENT TO BRING ATTENTION TO THE BOARD OF
10 SUPERVISORS' ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE PEOPLE POWER THAT GOT US TO
11 THESE HISTORICAL WINS. HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE SHOWED UP TO THE
12 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TENS OF THOUSANDS OF LETTERS AND
13 TESTIMONIES; PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES WHOSE LIFE EXPERIENCE
14 COULD TELL THE BOARD LOUD AND CLEAR WHAT ALL OF US HERE KNOW
15 SO WELL: THIS JAIL NEEDS TO CLOSE NOW, AND WE NEED REAL
16 INVESTMENTS IN CARE SUPPORT IN OUR COMMUNITY. THE PEOPLE POWER
17 IS WHAT MADE CLEAR THAT WE NEED CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST. THE
18 BOARD HAS NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO DO THE RIGHT THING. THE BOARD
19 CANCELED THE JAIL CONTRACT IN 2019, AND THEN A YEAR LATER, IN
20 2020, WE PUSHED THEM TO COMMIT TO CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL
21 WITHOUT A NEW JAIL.

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

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

5

6 **J. STEPHEN BRANTLEY:** MY NAME IS J. STEPHEN BRANTLEY, AND I AM
7 A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT FIVE. I AM SPEAKING ON ITEMS 80-A, 84,
8 AND MAKING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. FIRST, ON ITEM 84,
9 REGARDING THE 2022-23 BUDGET, I WANT TO URGE THE FULL FUNDING
10 OF THE CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAMMING, BY
11 ALLOCATING AT LEAST \$900 MILLION FROM THE COUNTY BUDGET, AS
12 DEMANDED BY L.A. COUNTY VOTERS. WE MUST FUND THE CARE FIRST
13 BUDGET BY ALLOCATING AT LEAST \$2.017 BILLION IN YEAR ONE,
14 THROUGH LEVERAGING DOLLARS FROM C.F.C.I. AND OTHER LOCAL,
15 STATE, AND FEDERAL RESOURCES. AND WE MUST FUND THE DEPARTMENT
16 OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND AREA C.B.O.S THROUGH YOUTH
17 DEVELOPMENT NETWORKS, AS PART OF YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, BY
18 SHIFTING \$75 MILLION OUT OF PROBATION. THERE'S THE MATH.
19 SECOND, I WANT TO VOICE MY STRONG OPPOSITION TO ITEM 80-A,
20 WHICH I SUSPECT MAY HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED IN RESPONSE TO LAST
21 WEEK'S OVERDOSES AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, AN INCIDENT THAT
22 SHOULD SERVE TO ILLUSTRATE EXACTLY WHY GRANTING THE L.A.S.D.
23 MORE FUNDING AND FEWER RESTRAINTS IS NOT AN EFFECTIVE SOLUTION
24 TO THE ISSUE OF DRUG USE IN OUR JAILS. SUBSTANCE USE AND
25 ADDICTION HAVE BEEN HEAVILY CRIMINALIZED FOR DECADES, TO THE

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1 POINT THAT UP TO 65% OF INCARCERATED PEOPLE SUFFER FROM
2 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS. I WAS ONE OF THEM, AND I CAN TELL YOU
3 THAT A VIOLENT CARCERAL RESPONSE WILL ONLY EXACERBATE THE
4 PROBLEM. THE ONLY APPROPRIATE AND EFFECTIVE RESPONSE TO THIS
5 CRISIS IS TREATMENT AND SERVICES THAT CENTER HARM REDUCTION,
6 IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE PEOPLE CAN SAFELY RECOVER IN SUPPORTIVE
7 COMMUNITIES. MERELY HUNTING DOWN AND REMOVING DRUGS FROM
8 JAILS, EVEN IF THAT WERE POSSIBLE, WILL NOT CHANGE THE FACT
9 THAT THOUSANDS OF INCARCERATED ANGELENOS ARE SUFFERING FROM AN
10 ILLNESS, FOR WHICH THEY ARE ACTIVELY BEING DENIED TREATMENT.
11 RATHER THAN FURTHER SUPPLEMENTING L.A.S.D.'S BUDGET YET AGAIN,
12 THE BOARD SHOULD INVEST IN HARM REDUCTION SERVICES AND
13 TREATMENT IN COUNTY JAILS NOW, AND LOOK TOWARD REPLACING AT
14 LEAST SOME OF THESE FACILITIES WITH COMMUNITY-BASED
15 PROGRAMMING IN THE NEAR FUTURE. UNTIL ROOT CAUSES ARE
16 ADDRESSED, DRUGS WILL JUST KEEP COMING IN, MORE TAX DOLLARS
17 WILL BE WASTED, AND INCARCERATED PEOPLE WILL SUFFER AND DIE.
18 WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO THE SAFETY OF THOSE INSIDE, AND TO
19 SECURING JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR AND TO THEIR FAMILY
20 AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS. WHICH IS WHY I MUST AGAIN REMIND THE
21 BOARD OF ITS COMMITMENT TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, AND TO
22 MOVE FORWARD WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ALTERNATIVES TO
23 INCARCERATION THAT WOULD ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSES OF
24 CRIMINALIZED BEHAVIOR. LAST WEEK'S OVERDOSES MIGHT NOT HAVE
25 HAPPENED AT ALL, IF THOSE INVOLVED HAD ACCESS TO SUPPORTIVE

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1 SERVICES, INCLUDING HARM REDUCTION, SAFE CONSUMPTION,
2 COUNSELING, AND EDUCATION, INSTEAD OF BEING LOCKED INSIDE THAT
3 DEADLY PLACE. THANK YOU.

4

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

7

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

12

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

14

15 **MODERATOR:** NATALIE FREIDBERG. NATALIE, YOU MIGHT BE MUTED.

16

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

18

19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BENJAMIN ADAMS. 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:** GOOD MORNING. I WILL BE ADDRESSING AGENDA NUMBER 39
25 AND A PUBLIC COMMENT. THE CURRENT HOUSING CRISIS, MAJOR

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1 FACTORS THAT GO INTO IT ARE THE PURCHASE-- THE MASSIVE
2 GOBBLING UP OF PURCHASABLE HOMES BY SPECULATORS AND INVESTORS.
3 RATHER THAN CODDLING THEM WITH AN AGENDA ITEM, I IMPORE THE
4 BOARD TO PLEASE ENACT A USE TAX POLICY TO SHAPE THEIR
5 BEHAVIOR, SO THAT MILLENNIALS AND GEN Z ARE ABLE TO PURCHASE
6 HOMES AND BUILD GENERATIONAL WEALTH. VACANCY TAXES AND SALES
7 TAXES ON PROPERTIES THAT CAN BE-- THAT ARE USED FOR INVESTMENT
8 PURPOSES ARE EFFECTIVE POLICIES WHICH CAN BE USED BY THE BOARD
9 TO HELP AID THE HOUSING CRISIS. PUBLIC COMMENT: RIGHT NOW, THE
10 SUBVARIANTS BA.2, BA.4, BA.5, AND XC ARE COMING TO THE U.S.
11 THEY POSE A SERIOUS THREAT TO IMMUNOCOMPROMISED INDIVIDUALS
12 SUCH AS MYSELF, AND I IMPORE THE BOARD TO ENACT POLICIES AKIN
13 TO THOSE NATIONS WHO HAVE BETTER HANDLED THE C.O.V.I.D. CRISIS
14 THAN THE U.S. PLEASE LOOK TO THESE BETTER EXAMPLES WHEN
15 ENACTING C.O.V.I.D. POLICIES, SO THAT YOU MAY RESPONSIBLY
16 PROTECT LIVES, SUCH AS MYSELF. MY OWN. THANK YOU.

17

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

20

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

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH
2 INTERPRETATION OF THIS REMINDER. [INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN IN
3 SPANISH].

4

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

7

8 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JULIE MARTINEZ. 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:** THANK YOU. I WILL BE ADDRESSING THE ITEM NUMBERS 14,
14 16, 19, 21, 25, AND 27. AND THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS. I AM VERY PROUD TO BE AN L.A. COUNTY RESIDENT FOR
16 THE GREAT WORK THAT YOU DO. IN TERMS OF ITEM 19, I AM IN
17 SUPPORT OF PERMANENT FUNDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
18 FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. AS WE KNOW, FAMILIES IMPACTED BY
19 SHERIFF VIOLENCE SUFFER UNDUE TRAUMA. AND THE BOARD OF
20 SUPERVISORS HAS BEEN AWARE THAT THE TRAUMA CONTINUES, BECAUSE
21 MANY FAMILIES THAT HAVE BEEN TARGETED BY THE SHERIFF'S
22 DEPARTMENT, WHO HAVE BEEN VICTIMIZED IN TERMS OF VIOLENCE
23 AND/OR SHERIFF SHOOTINGS, CONTINUE TO BE HARASSED WHILE THEY
24 ARE SPEAKING OUT AGAINST SHERIFF OVERREACH AND SHERIFF
25 VIOLENCE. AND IN TERMS OF ITEM 21, I AM FOR THE PLAN FOR CARE

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1 FIRST. IN TERMS OF ITEM 27, THANK YOU FOR PASSING-- OR,
2 HOPEFULLY, YOU WILL PASS THIS, TO ADDRESS YOUTH HOUSELESSNESS.
3 AND IN TERMS OF GENERAL COMMENT, I AM ASKING THE BOARD OF
4 SUPERVISORS TO PLEASE CONSIDER PUTTING A CHARTER AMENDMENT ON
5 THE BALLOT. I KNOW IT IS NOT EASY. THE SHERIFF IS UP FOR RE-
6 ELECTION. HOWEVER, THE STATE LAW NOT ONLY ALLOWS FOR THE
7 COUNTY CHARTER, LIKE THE ONE IN L.A. THAT WAS PROPOSED, TO
8 HAVE A REMOVAL PROCEDURE FOR SHERIFF. WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR
9 ANYTHING RADICAL. WE ARE JUST ASKING FOR COMMONSENSE CHECKS
10 AND BALANCES. IT IS A STRUCTURE THAT WE CURRENTLY DO NOT HAVE.
11 IF WE DO NOT PASS THE CHARTER AMENDMENT THAT DOES ALLOW FOR
12 IMPEACHMENT OF THE SHERIFF, THE CONTINUATION OF SHERIFF
13 VIOLENCE WILL CONTINUE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. AGAIN, PLEASE, AS
14 YOU ARE OUR ELECTED BODY, PLEASE, L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS, PLEASE PLACE THE CHARTER AMENDMENT ON THE BALLOT,
16 WHICH WOULD CREATE SUCH AN IMPEACHMENT PROCESS. AS WE KNOW,
17 SHERIFF VILLANUEVA HAS--

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

21

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

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

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4 **MODERATOR:** MS. FREIDBERG, YOU MAY BE MUTED ON YOUR END. CHECK
5 YOUR MUTE BUTTON, PLEASE. WE CAN HEAR YOU. GO AHEAD.

6

7 **NATALIE FREIDBERG:** HI. CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

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9 **MODERATOR:** YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU. GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

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11 **NATALIE FREIDBERG:** GREAT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. MY NAME IS
12 NATALIE FREIDBERG. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON GENERAL PUBLIC
13 COMMENT, AND IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 68. GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE
14 SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT. I AM
15 THE PRESIDENT OF THE SILVER LAKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. FOR THE
16 PAST TWO YEARS, I HAVE BEEN WORKING TO HELP SMALL RESTAURANTS;
17 NOT JUST CHAMBER MEMBERS, BUT ALL OVER THE NORTHEAST L.A.
18 AREA, INCLUDING PASADENA. THEY HAVE HAD A TOUGH TIME, AND WE
19 SHOULD DO ANYTHING WE CAN TO HELP. THE COST OF SINGLE-USE
20 PLASTIC AND POLYSTYRENE FOODWARE HAS SKYROCKETED, DUE TO
21 SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES AND RISING OIL PRICES. DURING THE
22 PANDEMIC, MANY RESTAURANTS SWITCHED TO EXPENSIVE DISPOSABLES,
23 GREATLY INCREASING THEIR OVERHEAD. THE COST OF MOVING TO
24 REUSABLE AND/OR COMPOSTABLES IS NEGLIGIBLE. STUDIES HAVE
25 ACTUALLY SHOWN SAVINGS, AND THERE ARE ALSO PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

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1 TO HELP MAKE THE SWITCH. THERE'S EVEN A HARDSHIP CLAUSE, IN
2 CASE THEY NEED MORE TIME, WHICH IS A BUFFER FOR THE SMALLEST,
3 OFTEN IMMIGRANT-OWNED ONES. YOU HAVE HEARD THAT PASSING THIS
4 WILL HARM RESTAURANT OWNERS, WHICH I FIND CURIOUS. I TALK TO
5 THE MOM-AND-POP OPERATORS; THAT'S WHO I REPRESENT. THE
6 MAJORITY I'VE SPOKEN WITH ARE NOT JUST FINE WITH ELIMINATING
7 PLASTICS; THEY ARE IN FAVOR. SOME HAVE SUBMITTED COMMENTS IN
8 SUPPORT. MANY ARE ALREADY TRANSITIONING AND ARE USING THAT TO
9 MARKET THEMSELVES, BECAUSE WE ALL KNOW THAT CUSTOMERS
10 OVERWHELMINGLY WANT TO MOVE AWAY FROM PLASTIC. LASTLY, MANY
11 HAVE CHILDREN. THEY CARE DEEPLY WHAT THEY LEAVE FOR THEM.
12 THEIR RESTAURANT IS THE LEGACY THEY ARE WORKING SO HARD FOR,
13 NOT A PLANET FULL OF PLASTIC. THIS IS HAPPENING, WE ALL KNOW.
14 WAITING LONGER DOESN'T MAKE SENSE FOR ANYONE, INCLUDING SMALL
15 BUSINESS OWNERS. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL STAND ON THE RIGHT SIDE
16 OF HISTORY AND PASS THIS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND
17 LEADERSHIP ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE.

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

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

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1 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS CHARLES CROSS, AND I HAVE BEEN AN L.A.
2 COUNTY RESIDENT FOR THE LAST 12 YEARS, AND I AM CALLING IN
3 SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7. I SUPPORT THE 33-UNIT
4 TOWNHOME COMMUNITY THAT WILL GREATLY IMPROVE THE CHARACTER OF
5 THE NEIGHBORHOOD. IT COMMUNITY WILL BEAUTIFY THE LOCAL
6 NEIGHBORHOOD WITH NEW LANDSCAPING AND ATTRACTIVE NEW TWO-STORY
7 HOMES. THIS IS PART OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS, AND L.A. COUNTY
8 DESPERATELY NEEDS MORE HOUSING. AND THE PROJECT IS AN
9 ATTRACTIVE PROJECT WITH LANDSCAPING ON TETLEY STREET, AND
10 BLENDS WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD. LOS ANGELES IS IN DIRE NEED OF
11 NEW HOUSING, AND I JUST WANTED TO CALL TO PUBLICLY SUPPORT
12 THIS TOWNHOME, AND SAY THAT WE ARE DESPERATELY IN NEED OF NEW
13 HOUSING.

14

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

17

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

22

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

25

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

4

5 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS ALEX BLOOM. I AM A RESIDENT OF
6 DISTRICT TWO, AND I WILL BE ADDRESSING ITEM 84, THE BUDGET,
7 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM ABOUT TO MARRY MY FIANCÉE,
8 WHO IS A LIFELONG L.A. RESIDENT, AND WE PLAN TO LIVE HERE, BUT
9 WE LIVE A FEW BLOCKS FROM WHERE A POLICE OFFICER KILLED A
10 YOUNG GIRL IN A BURLINGTON COAT FACTORY. SO, THAT IS A MAJOR
11 CONCERN WE FACE AS WE TRY TO START OUR FAMILY IN LOS ANGELES,
12 PARTICULARLY FACING THIS YEAR'S BUDGETS AND ALARMING
13 REINVESTMENT IN THE CORRUPT AND GANG-FILLED SHERIFF'S
14 DEPARTMENT. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S ALLOCATED BUDGET IS
15 SUPPOSED TO, ACCORDING TO THIS BUDGET, REMAIN STEADY FROM
16 2021-22 TO 2022-23, BUT LOS ANGELES HAS COMMITTED TO BEING A
17 CARE FIRST COUNTY. THIS VISION CANNOT BE REALIZED IF WE DO NOT
18 IMMEDIATELY DIVEST FROM POLICING AND INCARCERATION, AND
19 REINVEST INTO COMMUNITY-BASED CARE AND SUPPORT SERVICES.
20 L.A.S.D. CONTINUES TO BE ONE OF THE LARGEST FUNDED DEPARTMENTS
21 IN THE COUNTY, SPENDING BILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO DISRUPT
22 COMMUNITIES AND INCARCERATE L.A. RESIDENTS. WE CANNOT ACHIEVE
23 A CARE FIRST REALITY UNTIL THE BOARD ACTIVELY INVESTS IN A
24 CARE FIRST SYSTEM, INSTEAD OF CONTINUING TO INFLATE L.A.S.D.'S
25 BUDGET. NEW L.A.S.D. HIRING HAS BEEN APPROVED, DESPITE A DROP

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1 IN THE JAIL POPULATION. WHY? THE PROPOSED GENEROUS DEPARTMENT
2 BUDGET IS LARGER THAN THE BUDGETS FOR MENTAL HEALTH, PUBLIC
3 HEALTH, CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT,
4 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, AGING, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES. HOW DO
5 THESE BREAK DOWN IN COMPARISON TO DEMONSTRATE A COMMITMENT TO
6 CARE FIRST? THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S ALLOCATED BUDGET
7 SLIGHTLY DECREASED, FROM \$1.03 BILLION TO \$1.02 BILLION, AND
8 OVER 90% OF L.A.S.D. EXPENSES AND OVER 80% OF PROBATION
9 EXPENSES GO TOWARD PERSONNEL SALARIES AND BENEFITS. WE ARE
10 BLEEDING OURSELVES DRY TO PAY OUR OWN MURDERERS IN THIS
11 COUNTY. AND IT IS EXTREMELY ALARMING THAT THE COUNTY IS NOT
12 SPENDING MORE OF THIS MONEY TO HEAL AND TREAT OUR RESIDENTS,
13 TO BUILD A STRONGER COMMUNITY, WHERE WE TAKE CARE OF ONE
14 ANOTHER. THE COUNTY NEEDS A JUST TRANSITION--

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

18
19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SIR JAMES BAILEY. 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. MR. BAILEY, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BE MUTED. CHECK
23 YOUR MUTE BUTTON, PLEASE.

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1 **SIR JAMES BAILEY:** YOU'RE RIGHT. THANK YOU. MY NAME IS SIR
2 JAMES BAILEY, HUMANITIES FACILITATOR FOR YOUTHBUILD CHARTER
3 SCHOOLS OF CALIFORNIA, YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I AM HERE FOR
4 ITEM 1 AND 84, TO REMIND OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THEIR
5 PROMISE TO REINVEST, TO REDIRECT MUCH-NEEDED FUNDING TO MENTAL
6 HEALTH YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. THERE'S \$95 MILLION, AS NECESSARY,
7 FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. YOU
8 HEARD IT: COMMUNITY FIRST CARES ACT. WE NEED THE FUNDING TO
9 MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN SUPPLY RESOURCES FOR COMMUNITY ACTION
10 TEAMS, 9-1-1, FROM LONG BEACH TO CANOGA. WE NEED MORE
11 COMPASSION AND COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITIES. AND THAT'S WHAT
12 WE ARE-- WE ARE RIGHT ON THE VERGE, AND WE KNOW THAT YOU CAN
13 DO IT. SO I AM CALLING IN TO SAY, PLEASE, WE CAN'T GET WELL IN
14 A CELL. IT IS A COMMUNITY-FIRST AGENDA THAT WE ARE ON. AND
15 THANK YOU. THERE'S A LOT OF GARDENS BEING GROWN RIGHT NOW IN
16 LOS ANGELES, GROWING FOOD, AND WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO DROP THE
17 SEED OF ENCOURAGEMENT INTO INDIVIDUALS WITH ADDICTION. WE KNOW
18 THAT IT IS CONNECTION THAT HEALS. SO, LET'S MAKE SPACE, LIKE
19 CLOSING DOWN THE KENYON DETENTION CENTER AND CREATING
20 [INAUDIBLE]. WE CAN DO THAT ALL OVER THIS COUNTY, AND IT IS
21 NECESSARY. IT IS WORTHY. OTHER STATES ARE WATCHING, AND THEY
22 ARE SEEING HOW IMPACTFUL LOVE AND CARE CAN BE; HOW SUPPORT AND
23 HEALING AND SOCIAL JUSTICE AND CONSCIOUSNESS CAN BE A PART OF
24 CURRICULUMS, CAN BE A PART OF CHURCH SERMONS, CAN BE A PART OF
25 POLITICAL AGENDAS. SO, COME ON. WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER.

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1 WE ARE ONE. YES, Y'ALL. WE CAN DO THIS. MY NAME IS SIR JAMES
2 BAILEY, AND AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SHARE THE
3 COMMENT.

4

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

7

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

12

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

15

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

19

20 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS DONALD HARLAN. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON
21 AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS 4, 5, 7, 8, 45, 58, 54, 55, 63, AND 83,
22 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

23

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

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** HELLO? OKAY. I WAS A LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT THE OLSON
2 COMPANY. AS YOU LOOK AT THEIR DEVELOPMENTS, ALMOST ALL OF THE
3 PROPERTIES THEY DEVELOPED ARE ILLEGAL. [INAUDIBLE] ABOUT
4 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7. OLSON COMPANY USED TO BE BLOCKED FROM
5 DOING ANY BUSINESS IN THE COUNTY. I NEED SOMEBODY TO CONTACT
6 THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, TO INVESTIGATE THESE PEOPLE AND
7 TRACK THEM. THERE IS A WIDER PROBLEM, AN INTERNATIONAL
8 PROBLEM, SERIOUS ISSUES, WITH SOME OF THE PEOPLE IN THERE.
9 THEY REALLY NEED TO BE LOOKED AT. ALSO, AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 8,
10 SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS COASTAL PROGRAM. EVERY SQUARE INCH OF
11 CALIFORNIA IS OWNED BY SOMEBODY SINCE 1850, WHEN CALIFORNIA
12 WAS INCORPORATED. THERE IS NO VACANT OR OPEN LAND FOR ANYBODY
13 TO CLAIM OR TO DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH, ESPECIALLY THE BOARD OF
14 SUPERVISORS. THEY SHOULD ALL KNOW THAT. THERE'S QUITE A BIT OF
15 ILLEGAL DEVELOPMENT ON PEOPLE'S LAND, INCLUDING FOREST LAND
16 AND GOVERNMENT LAND. EVEN THE FORESTS ARE OWNED BY SOMEBODY.
17 ALSO, AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4 AND 5. THERE'S COUNTY BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS THAT ARE VACATING LAND TO TRY AND SELL THINGS, OR
19 TO TRY TO HAND THINGS TO PEOPLE IN THE AREA THAT IT DOESN'T
20 BELONG TO. IF THAT LAND WAS DONATED TO THE COUNTY OR SOME
21 LOCAL COMMUNITY PROGRAM, OR SOMETHING, THAT SHOULDN'T JUST BE
22 SOLD BY SOMEBODY IN THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. CONSIDER
23 THAT-- THAT'S STEALING THERE. ALSO, THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 54:
24 THE FINAL TRACT MAP FOR UNINCORPORATED WEST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ.
25 THIS NEEDS TO BE STOPPED. YOU GUYS ARE USING AN ENVIRONMENTAL

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1 PERMIT TO DECLARE OWNERSHIP OF LAND. I MEAN, WHAT'S GOING ON
2 OVER THERE? THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG. THERE IS SO MUCH ILLEGAL
3 DEVELOPMENT IN THAT PART OF UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES. THERE
4 IS PROBABLY \$10 BILLION OF ILLEGAL REAL-ESTATE DEVELOPMENT IN
5 THAT ZONE RIGHT THERE, WEST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ. ALSO, AGENDA
6 ITEM NUMBER 55. THERE'S \$1 BILLION OF ILLEGAL DEVELOPMENT IN
7 STEVENSON RANCH, NEAR NEWHALL IN SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. THERE'S
8 A BIG PROBLEM IN SANTA CLARITA VALLEY OVER THERE: PEOPLE
9 CLAIMING LAND ON THE OUTER EDGES OF THE COMMUNITY,
10 UNINCORPORATED AREAS. THAT'S NOT JUST PUBLIC LAND FOR PEOPLE
11 TO CLAIM. THAT'S NOT JUST VACANT LAND. WHAT THEY'RE DOING IS
12 ILLEGAL. ALSO, YOU KNOW, IF YOU GUYS-- AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 63.
13 IF THERE IS A HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT, YOU KNOW, THEY NEED TO
14 GO AFTER CRIMES, LIKE I JUST MENTIONED. THEY NEED TO GO AFTER
15 PEOPLE LIKE THAT. THAT IS A SERIOUS NATIONAL SECURITY THREAT,
16 THAT IF SOMEBODY FROM A FOREIGN COUNTRY COULD JUST TRICK SOME
17 BOARD OF SUPERVISOR INTO GIVING AWAY LAND THAT BELONGS TO
18 AMERICANS. THERE'S POLITICIANS DOING ILLEGAL DEVELOPMENT SO
19 THEY COULD BUILD APARTMENT BUILDINGS, JUST SO THEY CAN HARVEST
20 VOTES.

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

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

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** TO ENSURE THAT WE ALLOW THE FULL 90
5 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, THE CALL-IN LINE WILL REMAIN OPEN
6 UNTIL 11:09. WE'LL TAKE ANY OTHER CALLERS THAT COME IN BY THAT
7 TIME. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.

8

9 **MODERATOR:** AND WE HAVE HAD A COUPLE MORE QUEUE UP NOW AT THIS
10 TIME. WE'LL GO NOW TO OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT, JULIANA REYES.
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 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. CAN YOU HEAR ME OKAY?

16

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

18

19 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEM 68. MY NAME IS
20 JULIANA REYES, AND I'M A COLLEGE STUDENT STUDYING
21 SUSTAINABILITY. I'D LIKE TO URGE YOU TO VOTE IN SUPPORT OF
22 L.A. COUNTY'S EFFORT TO PASS AN ORDINANCE LIMITING SINGLE-USE
23 PLASTICS. PLASTIC USE IS HARMING OUR ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITIES,
24 AND OUR WILDLIFE, AND I'M GLAD THAT L.A. CITY IS TAKING ACTION
25 REGARDING THIS ISSUE. PLEASE VOTE YES ON THE REDUCTION OF

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1 WASTE FROM SINGLE-USE ARTICLES AND EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE
2 PRODUCTS ORDINANCE. I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED WITH THE IMPACTS OF
3 PLASTIC POLLUTION ON OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT.
4 THE USE OF PLASTIC FOODWARE HAS INCREASED AS MUCH AS 300% IN
5 THE LAST 2 YEARS, AND THIS ONE IS THE MOST COMMON LITTER ITEMS
6 FOUND AT L.A. COUNTY TRASH CLEAN-UPS. OUR FOCUS SHOULD BE ON
7 ENCOURAGING REUSABLES OR COMPOSTABLE SINGLE-USE FOODWARE.
8 THANK YOU.

9

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** MADAM CHAIR, ONCE AGAIN, THERE ARE NO ADDITIONAL
14 SPEAKERS IN QUEUE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AGAIN, TO ENSURE THE 90
17 MINUTES, WE WILL KEEP THE LINE OPEN UNTIL 11:09.

18

19 **MODERATOR:** AND WE HAVE ANOTHER PARTICIPANT QUEUED UP. WE ARE
20 GOING NOW TO THE LINE OF STEVEN SIMON. PLEASE STATE THE
21 REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER
22 YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL COMMENT. YOU CAN GO AHEAD. YOU MAY
23 BEGIN.

24

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1 **STEVEN SIMON:** THANKS A LOT. I APPRECIATE IT. GOOD MORNING. I'M
2 HERE TO OFFER COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM 28, ON THE
3 COUNTY'S HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE. MY NAME IS STEVEN SIMON. I'M
4 FROM THE WORKER EDUCATION AND RESOURCE CENTER. WE ARE THE
5 COUNTY'S HEALTH AGENCY LABOR MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP, AND WE'RE
6 NOTED IN THE SECOND DIRECTIVE IN THE MOTION TODAY,
7 PARTICULARLY IN REFERENCE TO THE P.L.A.C.E. PROGRAM: PREPARING
8 LOS ANGELES FOR COUNTY EMPLOYMENT. THIS MOTION RECALLS THE
9 CIRCUMSTANCES OF OUR FOUNDING AS AN ORGANIZATION, WHEN THE
10 COUNTY AND S.E.I.U. PARTNERED TO CREATE WORK TO ADDRESS
11 SHORTAGES IN THE NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH OCCUPATIONS. ONE
12 THING THAT WE LEARNED THEN, AND ALSO MORE RECENTLY, WHILE
13 IMPLEMENTING THE P.L.A.C.E. PROGRAM, IS THAT YOU REALLY NEED
14 TO GET ALL THE RIGHT PEOPLE IN THE ROOM TO FOCUS ON A PROBLEM-
15 - C.E.O., D.H.R., THE HIRING DEPARTMENTS, OUR PARTNERS AT THE
16 NEW DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY; AND WHEN YOU DO, THAT
17 THERE ARE SOLUTIONS TO THESE KIND OF HIRING AND RECRUITMENT
18 CHALLENGES. SO, WE'RE REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH
19 ALL OF OUR COUNTY PARTNERS ON THIS MOTION. AND I'M OPTIMISTIC
20 THAT WE CANNOT ONLY ADDRESS HIRING CHALLENGES IN THE SHORT
21 TERM, BUT ALSO DEVELOP SORT OF A LONGER-TERM SOLUTION, RIGHT,
22 WHERE WE CAN GROW OUR OWN INCUMBENT WORKFORCE TO STEP INTO
23 THESE CRITICAL ROLES, WHERE WE HAVE DIFFICULTY RECRUITING.
24 THANK YOU.

25

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

3

4 **MODERATOR:** MADAM CHAIR, ONCE AGAIN, THERE ARE NO ADDITIONAL
5 SPEAKERS IN QUEUE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC
8 SPEAKERS HAS ENDED, AND I WANT TO THANK ALL THAT CALLED IN TO
9 SPEAK. IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS, YOU MAY
10 SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS, AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA. WE WILL
11 CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING
12 THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. EXECUTIVE
13 OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE THE ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE WILL BE
14 VOTING.

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THE FOLLOWING
17 ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU: 10 THROUGH 16; 17, WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN
18 ABSTAINING FROM THE VOTE; 18; 21 AND 22; 23, AS AMENDED; 24
19 THROUGH 26; 27, WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER VOTING NO; 30, AS
20 REVISED; 31 THROUGH 39; 41 THROUGH 49; 51 THROUGH 62; 63, AS
21 AMENDED BY 27, AND WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER VOTING NO; 64
22 THROUGH 67; 68, WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER VOTING NO; 69 THROUGH
23 71; 73 THROUGH 79; 80-A, AS AMENDED; 80-B THROUGH 80-D; 83;
24 AND 1-D.

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

4

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

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

8

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

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11 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

12

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

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

16

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

18

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

20

21 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

22

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

25

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

2

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

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** BEFORE WE TAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE
7 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER WILL READ THE
8 SHORT TITLE OF EACH PUBLIC HEARING ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
9 PLEASE SWEAR IN THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD ON
10 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS.

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** FOR THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE
13 BOARD ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, PLEASE PREPARE TO BE SWORN
14 IN. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU
15 SOLEMNLY TO SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND
16 NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD? ITEM 3 IS A HEARING ON
17 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DETACHMENT OF ZONE 56, VALENCIA
18 COMMERCE CENTER AREA-WIDE, FROM THE COUNTY LANDSCAPE
19 MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT DISTRICT 2.
20 A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND NO
21 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM 4 IS A HEARING ON THE
22 PROPOSED VACATION OF AVENUE L-4 EAST OF 47TH STREET WEST IN
23 THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF QUARTZ HILL. A WRITTEN
24 DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS
25 RECEIVED. ITEM 5 IS A HEARING ON THE PROPOSED VACATION OF THE

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1 ALLEY SOUTH OF FLORAL DRIVE BETWEEN BONNIE BEACH PLACE AND
2 HAZARD AVENUE IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF EAST LOS
3 ANGELES. A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND
4 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM 6 IS A HEARING ON PROJECT
5 NUMBER PRJ2021-003049-(1), TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE
6 THE UNIQUE THEATRE, LOCATED AT 3641 AND 3643 EAST 1ST STREET,
7 IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF EAST LOS ANGELES, AT THE
8 LOS ANGELES COUNTY HISTORIC LANDMARK. A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL
9 STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM
10 7 IS A HEARING ON PROJECT NUMBER 2019-001009-(1), TO AUTHORIZE
11 A 33-UNIT RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT LOCATED AT 15716
12 TETLEY STREET IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF HACIENDA
13 HEIGHTS, APPLIED FOR BY THE APPLICANT, THE OLSON COMPANY. A
14 WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND
15 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM 8 IS A HEARING ON PROJECT
16 NUMBER 2019-000224-(3), TO AMEND THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS
17 LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE LAND USE PLAN AND LOCAL
18 IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM, TO MODIFY THE STANDARD OF REVIEW UNDER
19 WHICH RESOURCE-DEPENDENT USES, INCLUDING LOW-IMPACT
20 CAMPGROUNDS, MAY BE ESTABLISHED IN H1 AND H2 HABITATS. A
21 WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND
22 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM 9 IS A HEARING ON PROJECT
23 NUMBER PRJ2021-002912-(1-5), FOR THE DISASTER RECOVERY
24 ORDINANCE, TO AMEND COUNTY CODE, TITLE 22, PLANNING AND
25 ZONING, TO EXPAND EXISTING REGULATIONS FOR TEMPORARY HOUSING

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1 FOR RESIDENTS DISPLACED BY A DISASTER. A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL
2 STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE
5 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS WE JUST HEARD READ; AGAIN, ITEMS 3
6 THROUGH 9, ONLY. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN
7 INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA, AND EXPLAIN
8 THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE
9 CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS TO THE BOARD.

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TIME FOR PUBLIC
12 COMMENT FOR REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS HAS ENDED. WE WILL ONLY HEAR
13 PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY FOR ITEMS 3 THROUGH 9 AT THIS TIME.
14 AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO
15 OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 3 THROUGH 9
16 SHOULD CALL 877-692-8955, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 443-
17 3663. TO REPEAT: PLEASE CALL 877-692-8955, AND USE PARTICIPANT
18 CODE NUMBER 443-3663. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT
19 TO LISTEN TO THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL 877-873-
20 8017 AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
21 CALLING IN FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 3 THROUGH 9: WHEN IT'S
22 YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME. WE WILL ALLOCATE A
23 TOTAL OF FIVE MINUTES FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY. EACH
24 PERSON WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR ONE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM, AND 2
25 MINUTES FOR TWO OR MORE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. WE WILL CONTINUE

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1 TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE
2 MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. WHEN SPEAKING
3 ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 3 THROUGH 9, YOU MUST BE ON TOPIC.
4 OUR GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE CAN. IF
5 YOU'RE NOT SPEAKING ON A TOPIC, OR IF WE CANNOT TELL IF YOU'RE
6 SPEAKING ON A PUBLIC HEARING ITEM, YOU WILL GET ONE WARNING
7 FROM COUNTY COUNSEL OR THE CHAIR. IF YOU DO NOT IMMEDIATELY OR
8 CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC, OR IF YOU STRAY OFF TOPIC AGAIN, YOU
9 WILL FORFEIT THE REST OF YOUR TIME, AND THE CHAIR WILL MOVE TO
10 THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU'RE ALSO LISTENING TO
11 THE BOARD MEETING ON A COMPUTER OR SPEAKERPHONE, YOU WILL NEED
12 TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON THOSE DEVICES AS SOON AS THE
13 MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU. IF YOU DO NOT TURN DOWN THE VOLUME,
14 THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. AGAIN, PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TIME FOR
15 PUBLIC COMMENT FOR REGULAR ITEMS HAS ENDED. WE WILL ONLY HEAR
16 PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY FOR PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS AT THIS
17 TIME. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE?

18

19 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AS A REMINDER, LADIES AND
20 GENTLEMEN, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE
21 SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN ZERO AT THIS TIME. DO NOT PRESS 1-0 A
22 SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE QUEUE.

23

24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH
25 INTERPRETATION OF THIS REMINDER. [SPANISH INTERPRETATION].

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1

2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST
3 SPEAKER, PLEASE?

4

5 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS PAUL GRISANTI. PLEASE
6 STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU
7 MAY BEGIN.

8

9 **PAUL GRISANTI:** HI. MY NAME IS PAUL GRISANTI. I'M MAYOR OF
10 MALIBU, AND I AM ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 8.

11

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

13

14 **PAUL GRISANTI:** THIS IS PAUL GRISANTI. I'M ADDRESSING ITEM
15 NUMBER 8.

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** PLEASE BEGIN WITH YOUR COMMENT.

18

19 **PAUL GRISANTI:** YES. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS GOT THIS RIGHT
20 THE FIRST TIME THEY DECIDED THIS. THE COASTAL COMMISSION'S
21 RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD NOT BE IMPOSED. IF YOU DO DECIDE TO
22 IMPOSE THOSE, YOU WOULD MAKE-- PLEASE MAKE THE PROPOSALS FOR
23 LOW-IMPACT CAMPING SUBJECT TO A MAJOR C.D.P. HEARD BY THE
24 BOARD. I LOST A HOUSE IN '07 BECAUSE OF PEOPLE CAMPING ON A
25 RED-FLAG FIRE DAY, AND IN AN ILLEGAL FASHION, WITH AN ILLEGAL

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1 FIRE, ALONG WITH 65 OTHER PEOPLE IN MY AREA. PLEASE DO NOT
2 CREATE THE SITUATION FOR THAT TO HAPPEN AGAIN. THANK YOU.

3

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DOUG CARSONS. PLEASE STATE
8 THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY
9 BEGIN.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, GOOD MORNING. THIS IS DOUG CARSONS. I'M
12 ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 8. GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS.
13 I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE RAMIREZ CANYON PRESERVATION FUND. WE
14 SUBMITTED A LETTER LAST WEEK, ASKING THAT YOU ADHERE TO THE
15 COUNTY-APPROVED ORDINANCE, RATHER THAN MAKING CHANGES
16 SUGGESTED BY THE COASTAL COMMISSION. THEY HAVE THE EFFECT OF
17 PROVIDING LESS PROTECTION TO SENSITIVE HABITAT AND CREATING
18 GREATER DANGER IN FIRE-PRONE AREAS. THE COMMISSION'S
19 MODIFICATIONS WOULD TAKE AWAY THE COUNTY'S REQUIREMENTS TO BAN
20 CAMPING ON RED-FLAG DAYS, AND TO REQUIRE DAILY INSPECTIONS,
21 AND INSTEAD LEAVE THOSE DECISIONS TO A FUTURE CAMP PERMITEE.
22 THE COMMISSION'S SUGGESTED MODIFICATIONS WOULD ALLOW SO-CALLED
23 FIREPROOF STATIONS, WHICH THE COUNTY INTENTIONALLY DELETED. SO
24 FAR AS WE CAN TELL, THERE ARE NO SUCH THINGS AS "FIREPROOF"
25 COOKING STATIONS. THE COMMISSION WOULD ROLL BACK THE MANY

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1 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS ENSURED BY THE COUNTY. WE ASK THAT
2 YOU STICK WITH THE ORDINANCE THAT YOU HAVE, NOT FOLLOW THE
3 COMMISSION'S SUGGESTIONS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

4

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

7

8 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVEN. PLEASE STATE
9 THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY
10 BEGIN.

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** PLEASE BEGIN. **MODERATOR:** MR. PREVEN, YOUR
13 LINE IS OPEN. YOU MAY BE MUTED.

14

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

16

17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS STEVE ARMINO. PLEASE STATE
18 THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY
19 BEGIN. HE'S DROPPED OUT OF THE QUEUE. APOLOGIES. WE'LL GO NOW
20 TO OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT, MARIA CORONA. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC
21 HEARING ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN. MARIA
22 CORONA, YOUR LINE'S OPEN. YOU MIGHT BE MUTED ON YOUR END.
23 PLEASE CHECK YOUR MUTE BUTTON.

24

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

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1

2 **MODERATOR:** NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DORA LUNA. PLEASE STATE THE
3 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** YES, HELLO. THIS IS DORA LUNA. THANK YOU VERY MUCH
6 FOR GIVING ME THIS OPPORTUNITY. I'M CALLING IN REGARDS TO
7 AGENDA NUMBER 6, IN REGARDS TO THE UNIQUE THEATRE, JUST TO SAY
8 THAT I TOTALLY SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE TO-- FOR THE UNIQUE
9 THEATRE IS VERY IMPORTANT TO OUR COMMUNITY. IT'S A WITNESS OF
10 OUR CULTURAL HISTORY, HELPING TO GIVE US A SENSE OF PLACE AND
11 CONNECTION TO THE PAST. IT'S OUR HERITAGE. IT ADDS-- IT WILL
12 ADD CHARACTER TO OUR COMMUNITY. IT'LL ATTRACT INVESTMENT. IT'S
13 A DECORATIVE THAT NO LONGER EXISTS ANYMORE. IT WILL BE AN
14 EDUCATIONAL, A SOCIAL WELLBEING BENEFIT TO OUR COMMUNITY, TO
15 [INAUDIBLE] PLACE FOR OUR CHILDREN, AND PROMOTING CIVIC PRIDE
16 OF OUR COMMUNITY. SO I HOPE THAT THE UNIQUE THEATRE WILL BE
17 VOTED ON AS AN HISTORICAL PLACE FOR US TO BRING PLAYS TO OUR
18 CHILDREN, INSTEAD OF OUR CHILDREN TRAVELING OUT OF OUR
19 COMMUNITY TO GO SEE PLAYS, LIKE--

20

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

23

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ALEXIS ENDRY. PLEASE STATE
2 THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY
3 BEGIN.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ALEXIS EMBRY. I'LL BE SPEAKING ON
6 ITEM NUMBER 7. I AM IN SUPPORT OF THE OLSON COMPANY BUILDING
7 THE 33-UNIT TOWNHOME COMMUNITY. IT'S GOING TO IMPROVE THE
8 CHARACTER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THE COMMUNITY WILL BEAUTIFY THE
9 LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD. IT'LL UPDO THE LANDSCAPING. AS A PART OF
10 L.A. COUNTY, IT'S GOING TO IMPROVE WITH MORE NEW, AFFORDABLE
11 HOUSING THAT IS MUCH NEEDED IN THE COMMUNITY. IT'S ALSO PART
12 OF THE L.A. COUNTY [INAUDIBLE], AND IT IS WALKABLE TO RETAIL
13 IN HACIENDA BOULEVARD. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

14

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

17

18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ALAN ARMSTRONG. PLEASE
19 STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU
20 MAY BEGIN.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** HI. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 8, PLEASE.

23

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

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS ALAN ARMSTRONG, AND I'VE-- YEAH. HI.
2 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 8. THIS IS ALAN ARMSTRONG, A MALIBU
3 RESIDENT SINCE 1950. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH, BOARD OF
4 SUPERVISORS, FOR ALLOWING US TO INPUT ON THIS ITEM. AND WE ALL
5 WENT AND TALKED TO YOU BEFORE, AND IT SEEMED THAT THE ITEM
6 THAT WE TALKED ABOUT BEFORE WAS FOR A LOT OF CONTROL ON
7 CAMPING, SO WE DON'T HAVE ANY MORE FIRES. WE WERE BURNED OUT
8 IN 1993, AND CONTROLLED CAMPING IN AREAS LIKE MALIBU STATE
9 CREEK PARK IS VERY IMPORTANT, BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE THERE TO
10 SUPERVISE IT. AND, AS WRITTEN AND CHANGED BY THE NEW
11 CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION CHANGES, WE DEFINITELY OPPOSE
12 THOSE AND WANT TO GO BACK TO WHAT WAS ORIGINALLY AGREED TO,
13 WHICH IS CONTROLLED CAMPING IN AREAS WHERE WE HAVE MAINTENANCE
14 OF THOSE AREAS, AND WE HAVE PARK RANGERS SUPERVISE THOSE
15 AREAS. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO SUPERVISE, AND ESPECIALLY RED-
16 FLAG DAYS. WE DON'T WANT ANY MORE FIRES.

17

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

20

21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BARRY HOLLOMAN. PLEASE
22 STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU
23 MAY BEGIN.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** ITEM NUMBER 8 AND GENERAL COMMENT. CAN I GO AHEAD?

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1

2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, THANK YOU. MY NAME IS BARRY HOLLOMAN, AND I
5 LIVE IN DISTRICT NUMBER 3. OVER 215 PEOPLE, ON VERY SHORT
6 NOTICE, HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE AMENDMENT TO
7 THE L.C.P., TO ALLOW OVERNIGHT CAMPING IN AREAS OF THE SANTA
8 MONICA MOUNTAINS. THE AMENDMENT WAS FIRST PASSED OVER 8 YEARS
9 AGO, AND WAS STRUCK DOWN BY THE SUPERIOR COURT AS BEING NOT
10 COMPLIANT WITH THE COASTAL ACT. [INAUDIBLE] IS THE HOLY GRAIL
11 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT, AND SHOULD BE PROTECTED AND
12 APPRECIATED. NO ONE IS AGAINST A WALK-THROUGH OF THE AREA, YET
13 THIS AMENDMENT ALLOWS FOR TENTS, PORTA-POTTIES, CAMPING WITHIN
14 50 FEET OF A STREAM, AND 4-DAY STAYS. IT ALSO ALLOWS FOR SO-
15 CALLED FLAMELESS CAMPING, BUT THAT'S UNDEFINED. SO THAT'S WHY
16 SUPERVISOR HAHN, IN THE LAST GO-AROUND, REQUESTED THAT THERE
17 BE DAILY WALK-THROUGHS TO SUPERVISE THAT THERE WAS NO FLAMES,
18 NO MATCHES, ET CETERA. GUESS WHAT? COASTAL TOOK THAT OUT. THEY
19 SAY THE M.R.C.A. WILL DECIDE, THEMSELVES, IF AND WHEN THERE IS
20 A WALK-THROUGH. WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF THE WORST DROUGHT IN
21 128 YEARS. WE'VE HAD THE WOOLSEY FIRE, AND WE, SINCE THE
22 BEGINNING OF THE YEAR, HAVE HAD 30 FIRES BUILT BY THOSE
23 WITHOUT HOMES. THEY WERE UNAUTHORIZED AND, BUT FOR THE FIRE
24 DEPARTMENT, THEY WOULD HAVE BURNED DOWN THE SANTA MONICA
25 MOUNTAINS.

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1

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

4

5 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROBERTA SMITH. PLEASE STATE
6 THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY
7 BEGIN.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS ROBERTA SMITH. I AM ADDRESSING NUMBER 7,
10 THE OLSON HACIENDA TOWNHOME PROJECT, AND FOR GENERAL COMMENT.
11 I AM ENCOURAGINGLY IN SUPPORT AND BEHIND THE 33-HOUSE TOWNHOME
12 PROJECT. I BELIEVE THAT IT'S GOING TO BEAUTIFY THE AREA WITH
13 THE PROPOSED LANDSCAPE AND FRONTAGE AREAS, AND IT'S ALSO GOING
14 TO PROVIDE ACCESS, AS THE PREVIOUS WOMAN HAD MENTIONED, TO
15 HACIENDA BOULEVARD. IT'S GOING TO INCREASE THE VALUE OF NOT
16 ONLY THE AREA, BUT ALSO THE SURROUNDING PROPERTY VALUES OF
17 THOSE IN THIS AREA. SO, AGAIN, I AM ENTIRELY IN SUPPORT OF
18 NUMBER 7, WHICH IS THE OLSON TOWNHOME PROJECT. THANK YOU.

19

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

22

23 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS STEVE ARMINO. PLEASE STATE
24 THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY
25 BEGIN.

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1

2 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. ACTUALLY, GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE
3 BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF. MY NAME IS STEVE ARMINO, WITH THE
4 OLSON COMPANY. WE ALSO HAVE JOHN REEKSTIN, WITH THE OLSON
5 COMPANY, WHO WILL PRESENT LATER, AND OUR DESIGN TEAM IS
6 AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS. HERE TO PRESENT ON ITEM NUMBER 7, THE
7 HACIENDA TETLEY CONDOMINIUM COMMUNITY OF 33 TWO-STORY CONDOS.
8 STAFF WILL OUTLINE MOST OF THE DETAILS, SO I THOUGHT I'D JUMP
9 STRAIGHT TO THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT. THIS COMMUNITY CONSIDERS
10 FEEDBACK FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS, NEIGHBORS, AND IS SUPPORTED
11 BY THE HACIENDA HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION. WE'VE WORKED
12 VERY HARD TO INCORPORATE 3 AFFORDABLE FOR-SALE HOMES AT
13 WORKFORCE LEVELS. C.E.Q.A. SHOWS NO IMPACT TO THE SURROUNDING
14 COMMUNITY. THIS COMMUNITY SUPPORTS THE POLICIES AND GOALS OF
15 THE GENERAL PLAN, AND PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.
16 IT IS ALSO CONSISTENT WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD, OFFERING A LOW-
17 DENSITY TRANSITION FROM SINGLE-FAMILY TO HIGHER-DENSITY
18 CONDOS. IT'S CONSISTENT IN HEIGHT WITH SURROUNDING HOMES AT 2
19 STORY, AND OFFERS ATTRACTIVE SPANISH ARCHITECTURE AND NEW
20 LANDSCAPING TO ENHANCE TETLEY STREET.

21

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

24

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SOFIA PILLAS. PLEASE STATE
2 THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY
3 BEGIN.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** I'M SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEMS 5, 6, AND PUBLIC
6 COMMENT. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

7

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

9

10 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, I'M CALLING TO SPEAK IN REGARDS TO THE SOUTHERN
11 CALIFORNIA EDISON AT&T ISSUE ON FLORAL AND HAZARD, AND I
12 WANTED TO CALL IN TO EXPRESS MY GRAVE CONCERNS REGARDING THE
13 ANNEXATION OF THAT ALLEY OVER TO A PRIVATE ENTITY; ALSO, TO
14 TALK ABOUT HOW CABLE, SATELLITE, AND PHONE SERVICE-- YOU CAN'T
15 TALK ABOUT THAT WITHOUT TALKING ABOUT ELECTRICITY. AND WHEN WE
16 WENT OVER TO TALK TO OUR NEIGHBORS, I MYSELF EXPERIENCED--

17

18 **SPEAKER:** MA'AM, WE'RE OFF TOPIC. THE COMMENT PERIOD IS FOR
19 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 3 THROUGH 9, ONLY. IF YOU HAVE OTHER
20 COMMENTS, PLEASE SUBMIT THEM.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** WELL, THIS IS ITEM NUMBER 5.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** THIS IS ITEM NUMBER 5. SO, ITEM NUMBER 5. IT HAS TO
2 DO WITH A TOWER, A TRANSFORMER. SO, WE'RE SCARED, BECAUSE
3 ELECTRICITY ON THESE TOWERS ARE CONNECTED ON THE SAME LINE,
4 AND ALL OF THESE ENTITIES RECEIVE FEDERAL FUNDS, PUBLIC FUNDS,
5 AND SUBSIDIES TO DO THE BUILD-OUT, WHICH THEY NEVER DID. SO,
6 IN MY HOME, MY LINES ARE ALL CONNECTED. THEY'RE ALL IN THE
7 SAME POLES THAT ARE FULL OF TERMITES, AND THIS IS A FIRE
8 WAITING TO HAPPEN. WE'VE ALREADY EXPERIENCED ELECTRICAL FIRES.
9 SO OUR LINES ARE SHOT, IN OUR HOMES AND THEN OUTSIDE OUR
10 NEIGHBORHOOD. SO, IN THIS PARTICULAR AREA, OUR RESIDENTS ARE
11 SCARED. THEY'RE SCARED THAT WITH THIS TRANSFORMER, YOU'RE
12 GOING TO HAVE MORE POWER. AND WE HAVE A GENTLEMAN WHO LIVES
13 RIGHT ON HAZARD, WHO IS BEING KEPT ALIVE BECAUSE HE HAS TWO
14 BATTERIES ATTACHED TO HIS BODY AND OTHER MEDICAL DEVICES TO
15 KEEP HIS HEART PUMPING. AND IF HE GETS A SURGE, HIS BODY WILL
16 BURN. AND SO WE UNDERSTAND THAT AT&T IS COMING HERE. AS A
17 CUSTOMER OF AT&T AND EDISON-- BECAUSE YOU CAN'T TALK ABOUT ONE
18 WITHOUT THE OTHER-- I WAS BILLED FOR MONTHS OF SERVICE I NEVER
19 RECEIVED, BECAUSE OUR LINES ARE STILL BURNT. AND I HAD TO
20 FIGHT TO GET MY REFUND BACK. SO, ONCE AGAIN, WE HAVE A PRIVATE
21 ENTITY COMING INTO OUR COMMUNITY--

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

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BRENDA MARTINEZ. PLEASE
2 STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU
3 MAY BEGIN.

4
5 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

8
9 **SPEAKER:** ALL RIGHT, EXCELLENT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. GOOD
10 MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS BRENDA MARTINEZ, AND
11 I AM A BOARD MEMBER OF THE BOYLE HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL.
12 I ALSO CHAIR THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE, AND WE BORDER WITH
13 EAST L.A. SO, I JUST WANT TO SPEAK WITH REGARD TO CONCERNS OF
14 MANY CONSTITUENTS OF YOUR AREA, WITH REGARDS TO ITEM NUMBER 5,
15 THE ITEM DEALING WITH THE AT&T AND THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
16 EDISON. SO, IT APPEARS THAT THEY ARE GOING TO BE ABANDONING
17 THE ALLEY BETWEEN BONNIE BEACH AND HAZARD, BUT ALL WILL REMAIN
18 AS EXISTING UTILITY [INAUDIBLE]. NOW, THIS IS A CONCERN,
19 BECAUSE THAT SPACE IS USED PUBLICLY FOR SOME OF THE RESIDENTS
20 TO UTILIZE AS PARKING. SO THEY'RE CONCERNED THAT THEY MIGHT
21 NOT BE ABLE TO CONTINUE DOING THAT, WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THEIR
22 PROPERTY. AT PRESENT, ANOTHER BIG CONCERN IS THAT THEY WILL
23 ADD A CELL TOWER-- WHETHER IT'S A 4G OR A 5G-- IN THE FUTURE,
24 BECAUSE THEY'RE REQUESTING C.E.Q.A. EXEMPTIONS. SO, WE ALSO
25 BELIEVE THAT NO PROPER PUBLIC OUTREACH WAS DONE. SOME OF THE

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1 PUBLIC NOTICES WERE RIPPED, AND MANY RESIDENTS COMPLAINED THAT
2 THEY WERE NOT NOTIFIED, AND THEY WERE NOT NOTIFIED OF THIS
3 PROCEEDING.

4

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

7

8 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SHEILA ELLISON. PLEASE
9 STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU
10 MAY BEGIN.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** HI. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SHEILA, AND THANKS FOR
13 TAKING MY CALL. I'M CALLING ABOUT NUMBER 7, THE OLSON COMPANY
14 PROJECT. I DEFINITELY SUPPORT THIS. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF
15 EVERYTHING THAT'S GOING ON THROUGH THE OUTREACH LADY, DIANE
16 RIPLEY, WHO HAS INFORMED US OF EVERYTHING THAT'S GOING TO BE
17 GOING ON WITH THIS 33-UNIT PROJECT-- ALL THE WONDERFUL THINGS.
18 AND WE DO NEED NICE HOMES IN THIS AREA, AND IT'S GOING TO
19 BEAUTIFY THE NEIGHBORHOOD. I MEAN, IT'S LIKE A NO-BRAINER.
20 EVERYTHING THAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT IS JUST GOING TO BE A
21 PLUS. AND I DON'T WANT TO EMBARRASS OUR REPRESENTATIVE, BUT
22 THE NEIGHBORS ARE HOPING THAT SHE WILL MOVE INTO THE
23 NEIGHBORHOOD, TOO, BECAUSE SHE'S GETTING THINGS DONE, AND
24 WE'RE JUST SO EXCITED ABOUT THIS PROJECT; I MEAN, ALL THE
25 NEW LANDSCAPING AND EVERYTHING. AND IT'S GOING TO MAKE THE

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1 OTHER HOMES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD MORE DESIRABLE, AND THE EQUITY
2 WILL GO UP. I JUST CAN'T SAY ENOUGH ABOUT THIS PROJECT. AND
3 IT'S SO WONDERFUL THAT THE OLSON COMPANY HAS SENT SOMEBODY OUT
4 TO REACH US AND LET US KNOW EVERYTHING THAT'S GOING ON.

5

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

8

9 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CHRIS YORK. PLEASE STATE
10 THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY
11 BEGIN.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I'M ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 7, THE OLSON
14 HOMES, AS OTHER INDIVIDUALS HAVE IDENTIFIED. IT'S GOING TO
15 REALLY BEAUTIFY THE NEIGHBORHOOD. IT'S SORELY NEEDED. THE TYPE
16 OF HOUSING IN CALIFORNIA, WHERE SOME OF THE HOUSING PRICES ARE
17 SO HIGH, THIS GIVES AFFORDABILITY, AN ENTRANCE INTO OWNING
18 YOUR HOME, FOR MANY INDIVIDUALS. THE OLSON COMPANY HAS A FINE
19 REPUTATION OF WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY, AND REALLY MEETING
20 THE NEEDS AND WANTS AS THEY DEVELOP THEIR PROPERTIES. AND
21 ADDITIONALLY, IT'S GOING TO HELP THE ECONOMY THROUGH HOUSING
22 STARTS, AND BUILDERS, AND ALL THE TRADESMEN THAT ARE REQUISITE
23 FOR THESE TYPES OF ACTIVITIES. SO, I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS
24 ENDEAVOR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

25

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

3

4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SANDY BECKER. PLEASE STATE
5 THE PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY
6 BEGIN.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** I'M ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 7. I'M CALLING IN SUPPORT
9 OF THE OLSON PROJECT. I BELIEVE THIS NEW RESIDENTIAL
10 DEVELOPMENT WILL INCREASE PROPERTY VALUES IN THE SURROUNDING
11 AREA, WHICH IN MY OPINION, AS A HOMEOWNER, IS VERY RELEVANT.
12 IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING QUALITY HOUSING AND AFFORDABLE
13 HOUSING IN OUR COMMUNITY, THE DEVELOPMENT WILL HELP DETER THE
14 VANDALISM PROBLEM THAT CURRENTLY TAKES PLACE AT THE EXISTING
15 PROPERTY. MY FAMILY LIVES DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE
16 PROPOSED SITE. WE'RE SECOND-GENERATION HOMEOWNERS, OUR FAMILY
17 HAVING OWNED THIS HOME SINCE 1965. IN FACT, OUR FATHER HELPED
18 TO BUILD THE CHURCH THAT EXISTS ON THE PROPERTY NOW. AND AS
19 SAD AS IT WILL BE TO SEE THE CHURCH GO, I BELIEVE THIS IS A
20 TIME FOR CHANGE AND GROWTH, AND THEREFORE I WELCOME THE OLSON
21 COMPANY TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

22

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

25

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS STEWART SMITH. PLEASE STATE
2 THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY
3 BEGIN.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** HI. THIS IS STEWART SMITH, AND I'M TALKING ON BEHALF
6 OF CORRAL CANYON AND ACTION ITEM 8. I'M A CURRENT RESIDENT. I
7 ALMOST LOST MY HOME IN 2007, BUT DID IN 2018, IN THE FIRES.
8 I'M STILL TRYING TO REBUILD MY HOME, AND HAVING DIFFICULTIES
9 WITH L.A. COUNTY, STILL TRYING TO DO THAT. IF I CAN'T BUILD MY
10 HOME IN A DWELLING ON A PROPERTY THAT I OWN, HOW CAN WE ALLOW
11 OTHERS TO BE ABLE TO HAVE CAMPFIRE AND OTHER THINGS AND
12 CAMPING IN MY OR OTHER CANYONS SURROUNDING US? I'M AN L.A.
13 COUNTY CALL FIREFIGHTER. I WAS ON ARSON WATCH AFTER THE 2007
14 FIRES. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN OUT THERE ON A STRONG WINDY DAY AT
15 40 MILES AN HOUR IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, SCARED FOR YOUR
16 LIFE? WHO IS GOING TO TAKE ACCOUNTABILITY? WHO IS GOING TO
17 TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL THE OTHER PEOPLE, IF IT KILLS US
18 OR WE LOSE OUR HOMES AGAIN? THERE'S NOBODY THAT-- IT'S SO
19 DISRESPECTFUL. I CAN'T GET OVER THE FACT THAT THIS IS EVEN UP
20 FOR CONSIDERATION. IT'S BEYOND BELIEF. I'D LOVE YOU TO COME UP
21 AND VISIT US IN THE CANYON AND SEE WHAT IT'S LIKE AT 40 MILES
22 AN HOUR OR 100 MILES AN HOUR, IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT,
23 DURING RED-FLAG.

24

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

3

4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JAMES DAMON. PLEASE STATE
5 THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY
6 BEGIN.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** I AM CALLING ON ITEM NUMBER 7. I LIVE IN THE ADJACENT
9 PROPERTY RIGHT BEHIND THE PROPERTY, AND I TOTALLY OBJECT TO
10 THIS, BECAUSE YOU GUYS ARE ALL-- EVERYBODY IS TALKING ABOUT
11 HOW BEAUTIFUL IT WILL LOOK FROM THEIR SIDE OF THE STREET. LOOK
12 AT IT FROM MINE. YOU TAKE AWAY MY VIEW, MY LINE OF SIGHT,
13 TAKING AWAY MY MOUNTAINS. YOU'RE PUTTING CARS ON MY PROPERTY
14 LINE IN THE BACK. YOU PUT A PING-PONG TABLE NEXT TO MY FENCE,
15 NEXT TO MY T.V. THIS DOES NOT WORK FOR ME. AND THE ROOF IS
16 SUPPOSED TO BE 33 FEET HIGH. YOU NEED TO PUT A FLAT ROOF ON IT
17 IF THIS DOES PASS, BUT I PRAY TO GOD IT DOESN'T. WE NEED TO
18 PUT A FLAT ROOF AND GET RID OF THAT HIGH ROOF, SO I DO NOT
19 LOSE MY VIEW. SO, I'M TOTALLY OPPOSED TO THIS PROJECT. PLUS,
20 THE LIGHTING WILL LIGHT UP MY BACKYARD. IT'S NOT GOOD FOR MY
21 LIVING, IN MY CONDITION, AT THIS POINT. PLEASE OBJECT TO THIS
22 PROJECT. THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

23

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

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1

2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KATHY CLASS. PLEASE STATE
3 THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY
4 BEGIN.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I'M CALLING TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION
7 AGAINST ITEM NUMBER 5, AND THE VACANCY OF THE ALLEY SOUTH OF
8 FLORAL. I LIVE ON FLORAL, AND I DID NOT KNOW ABOUT THIS TILL 2
9 DAYS AGO, SO I WOULD LIKE FOR THIS ITEM TO BE TABLED. WE WERE
10 NOT THE RESIDENTS [INAUDIBLE] NOTIFICATION OF THIS MEETING. I
11 JUST HAPPENED TO LOOK AT THE BOARD ITEMS AND SAW THAT THIS WAS
12 ON THERE. WE ALSO HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY CALLBACKS FROM
13 SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S OFFICE, BECAUSE WE HAVE QUESTIONS AND WE
14 HAVE CONCERNS THAT WE WANT TO HAVE ADDRESSED. SO, IF THEY CAN
15 TABLE THIS FOR ANOTHER ITEM. THE RESIDENTS, MANY OF THEM ON
16 BONNIE BEACH, DID NOT KNOW. I LIVE ON FLORAL, LIKE I SAID. THE
17 NEIGHBORS ARE SPANISH-SPEAKING, SO THIS IS ABOUT EQUAL ACCESS,
18 AND WE'RE NOT BEING TOLD ABOUT THESE THINGS. YES, IT AFFECTS
19 PARKING, IT AFFECTS OUR HEALTH. THANK YOU.

20

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

23

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MIKE GATTO. PLEASE STATE
2 THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY
3 BEGIN.

4
5 **MIKE GATTO:** GOOD MORNING. THIS IS FORMER STATE ASSEMBLYMAN
6 MIKE GATTO, ADDRESSING ITEM 8. IT'S NICE TO SEE ALL OF YOU.
7 I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF FRIENDS OF MINE, WHO I MET DURING MY
8 TIME IN OFFICE. ONE OF MY FRIENDS HAS, FOR DECADES, RUN A
9 NONPROFIT WHERE HE BRINGS KIDS FROM ALL OVER LOS ANGELES TO
10 THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS, WHICH HE LOVES. AND DURING THE
11 WOOLSEY FIRE, HE NOT ONLY LOST EVERYTHING HE HAD, BUT THE FIRE
12 SCORCHED HIS RESIDENCE. SUPERVISORS, THIS IS NOT ABOUT
13 DISTRICT BOUNDARIES. FIRES DON'T RECOGNIZE DISTRICT
14 BOUNDARIES. ALL OF US BREATHE THE AIR AND PAY THE COST IF A
15 FIRE BREAKS OUT. THIS IS NOT ABOUT ACCESS. MY FRIEND, FOR
16 EXAMPLE, AND I HAVE FOUGHT FOR ACCESS OUR WHOLE LIVES. BUT
17 WHEN WE ASK FOR A RANGER TO SWING BY ON RED-FLAG DAYS, IT'S
18 BECAUSE WE ASSUME CAMPSITES WILL BE BUILT. WE'RE ASKING THE
19 COUNTY TO GET THIS JUST RIGHT. IMAGINE LOOKING BACK TO THIS
20 DAY IF A FIRE BREAKS OUT IN THE FUTURE. WE RESPECT THE TASK
21 YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU, BUT WE ALSO RESPECTFULLY ASK YOU TO TAKE
22 A COUPLE MORE MONTHS TO DEMAND, ON BEHALF OF ALL YOUR
23 CONSTITUENTS, THAT THE COASTAL COMMISSION GET THIS JUST RIGHT.
24 THERE IS A LOT AT STAKE, AND WE THANK YOU FOR TRYING TO GET
25 THIS JUST RIGHT.

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1

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

4

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

9

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS VICTOR GARCIA. PLEASE STATE
13 THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY
14 BEGIN.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

17

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

19

20 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS VICTOR GARCIA. MY FAMILY HAS
21 BEEN IN EAST LOS ANGELES SINCE THE 1800S. I AM HERE IN FAVOR
22 OF SAVING THE UNIQUE THEATRE. WE NEED SOMETHING THAT IS-- WE
23 DON'T HAVE NOTHING THAT'S HISTORICAL IN EAST L.A., AND OUR
24 CULTURE IN EAST L.A. WAS MADE UP OF MANY CULTURES: JAPANESE,
25 JEWISH, ET CETERA. AND MY PARENTS WENT TO GARFIELD ROOSEVELT,

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1 HOW BEAUTIFUL IT WAS MADE OF MULTICULTURES. AND I WOULD LIKE
2 TO MAKE THAT-- HOPEFULLY, WE CAN MAKE IT A MULTICULTURAL
3 CENTER, AND NAME IT AFTER THE FIRST MEXICAN-AMERICAN WOMAN WHO
4 WAS PART OF OUR COMMUNITY, WHICH IS ROMANA ACOSTA BAÑUELOS,
5 WHO IS THE FIRST LATINA IN THE WHITE HOUSE, THE U.S. TREASURER
6 OF THE UNITED STATES. WE NEED SOMETHING TO RECOGNIZE EAST L.A.
7 WE HAVE NOTHING HERE BESIDES TACOS. WE NEED MORE HERE. WE NEED
8 A BEAUTIFUL MULTICULTURAL CENTER. THANK YOU.

9

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER SPEAKERS IN QUEUE
14 TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. ACTUALLY, WE DO HAVE A COUPLE QUEUEING
15 UP NOW AT THIS TIME. WE'LL GO NOW TO THE LINE OF ROGER
16 PUGLIESE. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU'RE
17 ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

18

19 **ROGER PUGLIESE:** THANK YOU. I'M ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 8. THIS
20 IS ROGER PUGLIESE, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE LAS VIRGENES
21 HOMEOWNERS FEDERATION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. OUR ASK
22 IS SIMPLE AT THIS POINT: NO CAMPING ON RED FLAG DAYS, AND
23 MECHANISM FOR THE PUBLIC TO WEIGH IN ON THE PROCESS. IT MAKES
24 ZERO SENSE TO ALLOW ANY CAMPING WHILE SANTA ANA WINDS ARE
25 BLOWING ON RED FLAG DAYS. THERE WILL BE NO STANDING TENTS, AND

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1 THEREFORE NO SHELTER. THE WINDS WILL JUST BLOW THEM DOWN AND
2 SCATTER EVERYTHING EVERYWHERE THAT IS NOT GLUED TO THE GROUND.
3 WHAT APPARATUS THEY HAVE BROUGHT WITH THEM WILL JUST BLOW
4 AWAY, AS WELL. AS A RESIDENT AND WILDFIRE FEARING STAKEHOLDER,
5 WE KNOW THE PANIC THESE WINDS BRING TO ALL OF US. IN ADDITION
6 TO THAT, THERE IS AN OVERWHELMING MULTITUDE OF REASONS WHY WE
7 CANNOT ALLOW CAMPING IN THE H1 OR H2 ON RED-FLAG DAYS. IT IS
8 CLEAR AND POTENTIALLY DEVASTATING--

9

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JULIE HOFFMAN. PLEASE STATE
14 THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY
15 BEGIN.

16

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

18

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

20

21 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR HEARING ON
22 AGENDA 8. I'M A PSYCHOTHERAPIST. I'M A DIRECTOR OF CLINICAL
23 PRACTICUM AT VENICE FAMILY CLINIC. I DO PRO BONO GRIEF
24 COUNSELING FOR DOZENS OF PEOPLE WHO LOST EVERYTHING AT THE
25 WOOLSEY FIRE. BUT MOST OF MY PATIENTS I WORKED WITH DID NOT

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1 HAVE INSURANCE. LIKE EVERY MASSIVE FIRE BEFORE, THE WOOLSEY
2 FIRE CAUSED PEOPLE TO BECOME HOMELESS. THIS OVERREACH BY THE
3 COASTAL COMMISSION IS IRRESPONSIBLE AND COUNTER TO THE
4 PASSIONATE WISHES OF THE PUBLIC. ON A ONE-DAY NOTICE, 215
5 RESIDENTS REGISTERED A VOTE OF OPPOSITION YESTERDAY AGAINST
6 ITEM 8. SINCE WE STILL LIVE IN A DEMOCRACY, I HOPE OUR VOTES
7 AFFECT YOUR VOTES. CURRENTLY, THERE IS AN ABUNDANCE OF
8 AVAILABILITY IN EXISTING CAMPGROUNDS. OF THE 30 FIRES IN THE
9 SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS IN 2022, MOST BEGAN IN HOMELESS
10 ENCAMPMENTS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR SENSITIVELY
11 ADDRESSING THE SPECIFICS OF INSISTING THERE BE MULTIPLE WALK-
12 THROUGHES, ESPECIALLY ON RED-FLAG WIND DAYS. BUT THE COASTAL
13 COMMITTEE REMOVED THAT IN THIS NEW AGENDA ITEM. RANGERS MUST
14 MONITOR AND ENFORCE THE FLAMELESS CAMPING. I DON'T EVEN KNOW
15 WHAT FLAMELESS CAMPING IS, AND THE PUBLIC DOESN'T KNOW,
16 EITHER. THIS OVERREACH IS DANGEROUS FOR THE WILDLIFE WHOSE
17 BRIDGE YOU JUST VOTED TO BUILD--

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

21
22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BRUCE SILVERSTEIN. PLACE
23 STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU
24 MAY BEGIN.

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1 **BRUCE SILVERSTEIN:** GOOD MORNING. I'M ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 8.
2 MY NAME IS BRUCE SILVERSTEIN. I'M THE MAYOR PRO TEM OF MALIBU,
3 BUT I'M SPEAKING TODAY IN MY PERSONAL CAPACITY AS A MEMBER OF
4 THE PUBLIC AND A RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY. I HAVE ONLY A MINUTE
5 TO MAKE MY COMMENT, SO I WILL BE DIRECT AND BLUNT: WHAT THE
6 [EXPLETIVE] ARE YOU THINKING? NOW THAT I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION,
7 I OFFER JUST A FEW MORE WORDS OF PUBLIC COMMENT. I SUBMITTED A
8 FORMAL WRITTEN COMMENT YESTERDAY. MY WRITTEN COMMENT APPEARS
9 ON PAGES 30-33 OF THE 62-PAGE DOCUMENT CREATED BY YOUR STAFF.
10 OF MORE THAN 250 WRITTEN COMMENTS YOU RECEIVED, PRACTICALLY
11 NOBODY FAVORS THE PROPOSAL, ASIDE FROM THE M.R.C.A. DID YOU
12 READ THE COMMENTS OF PEOPLE WHO CHECKED THE "FAVOR" BOX?
13 YOU'LL SEE THEY SIMPLY CHECKED THE WRONG BOX. THEY ACTUALLY
14 OPPOSED THE PROPOSAL. PLEASE LISTEN TO YOUR CONSTITUENTS. I DO
15 THAT ALL THE TIME. THERE ARE CONSEQUENCES IF YOU DON'T. AS I
16 STATED IN MY WRITTEN OBJECTION, YOUR PRIMARY AND OVERRIDING
17 RESPONSIBILITY IS TO PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE
18 OF THE COMMUNITY. YOUR PROPOSAL IS ASS-BACKWARDS AND THREATENS
19 FAR MORE HARM THAN GOOD. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO READ MY WRITTEN
20 COMMENT. IT OFFERS A SENSIBLE TWEAK TO YOUR PROPOSAL TO BRING
21 IT IN LINE WITH THE SENTIMENTS OF THE COMMUNITY, AND TO
22 ENCOURAGE SAFETY. FIX THE PROPOSAL BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE. YOU
23 DO NOT WANT ANOTHER DEVASTATING WILDFIRE ON YOUR CONSCIENCE.
24 THANK YOU.

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU.

2

3 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I UNDERSTAND THAT'S
4 OUR LAST CALLER, SO OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON THE PUBLIC
5 HEARINGS HAS ENDED. THANK YOU TO ALL THAT CALLED IN. IF YOU
6 WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS, YOU MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN
7 COMMENTS, AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA. WE'LL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT
8 ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH
9 WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. TODAY, WE'LL BEGIN WITH ITEM
10 84, THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET, FOLLOWED BY THE PUBLIC HEARING
11 ITEMS, NUMBER 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, AND 9. WE'LL THEN PROCEED TO
12 ITEMS 19, 20, 28, 29, AND FINISHING WITH ITEM 40. BEGINNING
13 WITH ITEM 84, FISCAL YEAR '22/'23 RECOMMENDED BUDGET. I'D LIKE
14 TO CALL OUR C.E.O., MS. DAVENPORT, TO PRESENT THE FISCAL YEAR
15 '22/'23 RECOMMENDED BUDGET, AFTER WHICH I'LL MAKE A FEW
16 REMARKS, AND THEN OPEN IT UP TO MY COLLEAGUES. MRS. DAVENPORT?

17

18 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND GOOD
19 MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IT IS MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT TO
20 YOU THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR '22/'23. BUT BEFORE
21 I BEGIN, I'D LIKE TO SHARE A SHORT, SIMPLE ANIMATED VIDEO
22 ABOUT WHAT IT TAKES TO BUILD THE COUNTY'S BUDGET. AS YOU KNOW,
23 WE OFTEN TALK ABOUT TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT, BUT SOMETIMES
24 IT'S HARD FOR THE PUBLIC TO UNDERSTAND OUR COUNTY TERMINOLOGY
25 AND PRACTICES. I THINK THAT THIS VIDEO, WHICH WAS DEVELOPED BY

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1 OUR COUNTYWIDE COMMUNICATIONS TEAM, IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT
2 DIRECTION, AS WE TRY TO BUILD UNDERSTANDING OF THE BUDGET, AND
3 HOW IT POWERS YOUR BOARD'S AMBITIOUS POLICY AGENDA TO MAKE
4 LIFE BETTER FOR OUR RESIDENTS. WE WILL DEVELOP ADDITIONAL
5 VIDEOS IN THE FUTURE TO EXPLAIN OTHER COMPLEX PROCESSES
6 INVOLVING OUR BUDGET. I'M ASKING NOW FOR THE VIDEO TO BE
7 PLAYED, PLEASE.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS THE NATION'S LARGEST MUNICIPAL
10 GOVERNMENT, WITH MORE RESIDENTS THAN MOST STATES, AND A
11 MULTIBILLION-DOLLAR BUDGET THAT'S BIGGER THAN THAT OF KANSAS,
12 MONTANA, AND VERMONT COMBINED. WE WORK ALL YEAR LONG TO BUILD
13 A BUDGET THAT MEETS THE NEEDS OF OUR 10 MILLION RESIDENTS.
14 HERE'S A LOOK INSIDE THE PROCESS. WE START IN JANUARY, WHEN
15 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS SUBMIT THEIR BUDGET PROPOSALS TO THE C.E.O.
16 THE C.E.O. EVALUATES THOSE PROPOSALS, AND MAKES
17 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. STATE LAW
18 REQUIRES THE COUNTY TO ALWAYS BALANCE ITS BUDGET, AND JUST AS
19 WITH A HOUSEHOLD BUDGET, THAT MEANS MAKING HARD CHOICES BASED
20 ON HOW MUCH FUNDING IS AVAILABLE. COUNTY FUNDING COMES
21 PRIMARILY FROM THREE SOURCES: FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCALLY
22 GENERATED REVENUES, LIKE PROPERTY AND SALES TAXES. MOST OF
23 THIS MONEY IS RESTRICTED TO SUPPORT SPECIFIC PROGRAMS THAT THE
24 COUNTY IS LEGALLY REQUIRED TO PROVIDE, LIKE PUBLIC HEALTHCARE,
25 ASSISTANCE TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY

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1 SAFE, AND RUNNING FAIR AND ACCESSIBLE ELECTIONS. THE BUDGET
2 ALSO FUNDS CULTURE, EDUCATION, AND RECREATION, INCLUDING
3 WORLD-CLASS MUSEUMS AND BEACHES, AN EXPANSIVE PARK SYSTEM, AND
4 AN EXTENSIVE NETWORK OF COMMUNITY LIBRARIES. IT ALSO SUPPORTS
5 PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS SOME OF OUR TOUGHEST SOCIAL PROBLEMS, AND
6 SETS ASIDE RAINY-DAY FUNDS TO KEEP SERVICES RUNNING WHEN TIMES
7 GET TOUGH. IT'S ALL GUIDED BY THE POLICY VISION OF THE BOARD
8 OF SUPERVISORS, INCLUDING STRONG COMMITMENTS TO ANTI-RACISM,
9 EQUITY, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE. THESE VALUES, ESTABLISHED THROUGH
10 A SET OF BOARD-DIRECTED PRIORITIES, SHAPE THE RECOMMENDED
11 BUDGET, WHICH THE C.E.O. SUBMITS TO THE BOARD FOR
12 CONSIDERATION IN MID-APRIL. IN MAY, THE BOARD HOLDS PUBLIC
13 HEARINGS, SO THAT RESIDENTS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS CAN VOICE
14 THEIR OPINIONS ON THE BUDGET. NEXT COMES THE ADOPTED BUDGET,
15 WHICH IS TRADITIONALLY APPROVED BY THE BOARD BEFORE JUNE 30TH;
16 AND FINALLY, THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET IN OCTOBER, TO
17 INCORPORATE STATE, FEDERAL, AND OTHER ALLOCATIONS. ONCE
18 APPROVED, THE COUNTY'S FINAL ADOPTED BUDGET BECOMES ITS
19 SPENDING PLAN. THAT'S A QUICK SNAPSHOT. FOR MORE INFORMATION,
20 VISIT C.E.O.LACOUNTY.GOV, AND CLICK ON THE "BUDGET" TAB.

21
22 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. I HOPE YOU
23 ENJOYED THAT INTRODUCTION TO BUDGET 101, L.A. COUNTY STYLE. IT
24 WILL BE POSTED ON OUR NEW AND IMPROVED BUDGET PAGE AND
25 LACOUNTY.GOV, ALONG WITH OTHER USER-FRIENDLY BUDGET

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1 INFORMATION. I WILL NOW PROVIDE A PRESENTATION OF THE
2 RECOMMENDED BUDGET, AND THEN WILL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY
3 QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE. AND I SEE THAT THE PRESENTATION IS UP.
4 THANK YOU. THE PAST TWO YEARS HAVE BEEN SOME OF THE MOST
5 DIFFICULT IN THE COUNTY'S HISTORY. THIS BUDGET MARKS A TURNING
6 POINT. WHILE MINDFUL OF THE CHALLENGES ON THE ROAD AHEAD, WE
7 BELIEVE WE ARE ROUNDING THE CORNER, FINALLY, INTO A DYNAMIC
8 NEW PERIOD WHERE A BROAD-BASED AND EQUITABLE RECOVERY CAN BE
9 OUR PRIMARY FOCUS, EVEN AS WE CONTINUE TO RESPOND TO THE
10 PUBLIC HEALTH DEMANDS OF THE EVOLVING PANDEMIC. OUR COUNTY DID
11 NOT STAND STILL, EVEN DURING THE TOUGHEST PERIODS OF THE PAST
12 25 MONTHS. LED BY YOUR BOARD, WE KEPT INNOVATING AND FINDING
13 NEW WAYS TO DELIVER SERVICES MORE EQUITABLY AND MORE
14 EFFECTIVELY. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. SO, WE'RE ON A FAST
15 TRACK, BUT IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT THE \$38.5 BILLION
16 RECOMMENDED BUDGET YOU SEE TODAY IS JUST THE STARTING POINT OF
17 A LONG PROCESS CULMINATING WITH THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET IN
18 OCTOBER. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. I JUST MENTIONED THAT WE ARE IN A
19 HIGHLY DYNAMIC PERIOD, AND THAT MAY BE AN UNDERSTATEMENT. FOR
20 THE FIRST TIME IN OUR RECENT HISTORY, WE ARE ABOUT TO LAUNCH
21 NOT ONE, BUT 4 NEW COUNTY DEPARTMENTS DURING FISCAL YEAR
22 '22/'23. EACH NEW DEPARTMENT REFLECTS THE BOARD'S VISION TO
23 STRENGTHEN THE COUNTY'S ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE, BY
24 CONSOLIDATING WORK AND EFFORTS CURRENTLY SCATTERED ACROSS
25 MULTIPLE ENTITIES IN THE COUNTY. WE WANT MORE EFFICIENT AND

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1 MORE EFFECTIVE SERVICES, LEADING TO BETTER OUTCOMES. THOSE 4
2 DEPARTMENTS ARE: THE JUSTICE, CARE AND COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT;
3 THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT; THE AGING AND DISABILITIES
4 DEPARTMENT; AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES. THE
5 JUSTICE, CARE AND OPPORTUNITIES DEPARTMENT WILL EVENTUALLY BE
6 THE HOME OF MANY COUNTY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES DESIGNED TO
7 PREVENT INVOLVEMENT WITH OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT, JUSTICE, AND
8 CARCERAL SYSTEMS, AND/OR TO DIVERT PEOPLE AWAY FROM THOSE
9 SYSTEMS. THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WILL HOUSE PROGRAMS
10 AND PROVIDE SERVICES AND INTERVENTIONS DESIGNED TO PREVENT
11 INVOLVEMENT OF YOUTH WITH OUR JUSTICE, JUVENILE JUSTICE, AND
12 CARCERAL SYSTEMS. THE IDEA HERE IS TO CHANGE HOW WE INTERACT
13 WITH AND SERVE YOUTH AT RISK OF SYSTEMS INVOLVEMENT. NEXT,
14 MOVING ON TO THE AGING AND DISABILITIES DEPARTMENT. THIS
15 DEPARTMENT WILL FOCUS ON OUR RAPIDLY GROWING AND AGING
16 POPULATION, CONSOLIDATING UNDER ONE ROOF VARIOUS COUNTY
17 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES INTENDED TO SERVE THIS POPULATION.
18 ADDITIONALLY, THE DEPARTMENT WILL FOCUS ON SERVING THOSE WITH
19 DISABILITIES, REGARDLESS OF THEIR AGE. AND FINALLY, THE
20 DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES. THIS DEPARTMENT WILL
21 FOCUS ON STRENGTHENING THE ECONOMIC SECTOR IN THE COUNTY, LIKE
22 ATTRACTING MORE JOBS TO THE COUNTY REGION, WHILE ALSO FOCUSING
23 ON DEVELOPING AND PREPARING COUNTY RESIDENTS FOR EMPLOYMENT.
24 IN ADDITION TO THESE 4 NEW DEPARTMENTS, WE'RE ALSO WORKING TO
25 ROLL OUT A NEW 9-8-8 ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM, PART

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1 OF A NEW, NATIONWIDE PROGRAM TO CHANGE THE PARADIGM ON HOW WE
2 RESPOND TO AND ASSIST PEOPLE EXPERIENCING A MENTAL HEALTH
3 CRISIS, MOVING AWAY FROM A LAW ENFORCEMENT-DOMINATED APPROACH,
4 AND TOWARDS A MENTAL HEALTH APPROACH, SO THAT THE RIGHT PEOPLE
5 ARE RESPONDING AT THE RIGHT TIME AND IN THE RIGHT WAY. WE HAVE
6 ALSO JUST LAUNCHED OUR GUARANTEED INCOME PROGRAM, WHICH WILL
7 SUPPORT 1,000 FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS IN UNDERSERVED
8 COMMUNITIES WITH \$1,000 EACH MONTH OVER THE NEXT 3 YEARS. IT
9 IS NOW A PART OF OUR PROCESS TO APPLY AN EQUITY LENS TO BUDGET
10 DECISIONS AND HOW DEPARTMENTS IMPLEMENT THEM, INTENTLY FOCUSED
11 ON ENSURING THAT HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES AND
12 THOSE HARDEST HIT BY THE PANDEMIC RECEIVE AN EQUITABLE
13 ALLOCATION OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES. WE'RE ALSO PLACING GREATER
14 EMPHASIS ON PREVENTION, AND PROVIDING RESOURCES EARLY, TO
15 AVOID OUTCOMES LIKE HOMELESSNESS OR JUSTICE SYSTEM
16 INVOLVEMENT. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THE BUDGET IS ALSO INFORMED
17 BY OUR ECONOMIC OUTLOOK. AS THE COUNTY AND THE NATION RECOVERS
18 FROM A PERIOD OF LOCKDOWNS AND CLOSED BUSINESSES, WE ARE
19 CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC, AND EXPECT AN INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAX
20 ASSESSMENT ROLL AND IN SALES TAXES, WHICH MAKE UP THE MAJORITY
21 OF OUR LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUES. HOWEVER, THERE ARE ALSO
22 CHALLENGES ON THE HORIZON. WE ARE MONITORING INTERNATIONAL
23 DEVELOPMENT AND THE GLOBAL ECONOMY FOR IMPACT ON ENERGY COSTS,
24 SUPPLY CHAINS, AND INFLATIONARY PRESSURES. WE ARE WORKING WITH
25 PUBLIC HEALTH TO MONITOR AND RESPOND TO THE EMERGENCE OF NEW

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1 SUBVARIANTS, AND WE ARE MINDFUL OF POTENTIAL COSTS FROM
2 LITIGATION INVOLVING THE COUNTY. WE ARE ALSO IN THE MIDST OF
3 NEGOTIATING NEW CONTRACTS WITH OUR LABOR PARTNERS, AND THE
4 OUTCOME OF THOSE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING DISCUSSIONS WILL HAVE
5 AN IMPACT ON AVAILABLE FUNDING. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE,
6 PLEASE. SO, BASIC BUDGETING FACTS. [INAUDIBLE] ARE SOME HIGH-
7 LEVEL DETAILS. AS I STATED EARLIER, THIS RECOMMENDED BUDGET
8 TOTALS \$38.5 BILLION, AND WE ARE RECOMMENDING 111,551 BUDGETED
9 POSITIONS. THAT'S A NET INCREASE OF 531 POSITIONS OVER THE
10 CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, AND REFLECTS THE LIFTING OF A HIRING
11 FREEZE IMPOSED DURING THE UNCERTAINTIES OF THE EARLY DAYS OF
12 THE PANDEMIC. WE ARE NOW MOVING TO STRENGTHEN THE DELIVERY OF
13 VITAL SERVICES, AND BOLSTER OUR RECOVERY. MOST OF THE NEW
14 POSITIONS WILL BE DEVOTED TO REINFORCING OUR PUBLIC HEALTH AND
15 HEALTH SERVICES INFRASTRUCTURE. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. WE ARE
16 DOING THINGS DIFFERENTLY THIS YEAR. WE ARE TRANSFORMING OUR
17 PROCESSES TO MEET THE MOMENT. NOW, I INCLUDED THIS SLIDE TO
18 HIGHLIGHT THAT OUR BUDGET IS NOT JUST A SHUFFLING OF DOLLARS
19 AND DECIMAL POINTS, BUT ALSO REFLECTS THOUGHTFUL CONSIDERATION
20 OF WHEN AND HOW PEOPLE ENTER OUR SYSTEMS, AND HOW WE CAN HELP
21 THEM EMERGE STRONGER, HEALTHIER, AND MORE SELF-SUFFICIENT. AS
22 YOU MAY BE AWARE, THIS IS THE SEQUENTIAL INTERCEPT MODEL, A
23 POWERFUL TOOL TO HELP US CREATE HEALTHY SUPPORT SYSTEMS THAT
24 KEEP PEOPLE FROM ENTERING OUR JUSTICE AND CARCERAL SYSTEMS IN
25 THE FIRST PLACE; AND TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE SERVICES, FOR

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1 THOSE WHO DO BECOME SYSTEM-INVOLVED, TO REENTER THE COMMUNITY
2 AND TO LEAD FULL AND PRODUCTIVE LIVES. WHEN WE PRESENT THE
3 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET IN OCTOBER, FINAL FUNDING AMOUNTS WILL BE
4 ATTACHED TO EACH INTERCEPT CATEGORY, TO ILLUSTRATE WHERE
5 PROGRAM AND SERVICE INVESTMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE OVER THE ENTIRE
6 FISCAL YEAR. IN BUDGET TERMS, IT IS A NEW WAY TO MAP AND
7 INFORM OUR FUNDING CHOICES, SO WE HAVE ADDED IT TO OUR
8 BUDGETING PROCESS. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. TO MEET
9 OUR BOARD'S CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST POLICY OBJECTIVES, WE HAVE
10 CREATED A CARE FIRST AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT BUDGET UNIT, AND
11 WE ARE SYSTEMATICALLY CATEGORIZING OUR LOCALLY GENERATED
12 REVENUES AS EITHER RESTRICTED OR UNRESTRICTED. THIS ENABLES US
13 TO MEET YOUR DIRECTION TO SET ASIDE 10% OF LOCALLY GENERATED
14 UNRESTRICTED REVENUE FOR CARE FIRST AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT
15 PURPOSES, JUST AS WAS ORIGINALLY SPELLED OUT IN MEASURE J,
16 WITH A FULL IMPLEMENTATION DATE OF JUNE 2024. NEXT SLIDE,
17 PLEASE. THIS NEXT SLIDE HIGHLIGHTS IN MORE DETAIL SOME OF THE
18 PROGRAMS WE ARE RECOMMENDING FOR FUNDING IN THIS BUDGET BASE.
19 WE'LL START WITH A CLOSER LOOK AT CARE FIRST AND COMMUNITY
20 INVESTMENT, OR C.F.C.I., AS WE CALL IT. AS WE MOVE TOWARD FULL
21 FUNDING BY JUNE 2024, WE ARE ONCE AGAIN RECOMMENDING THE
22 COMMITMENT OF \$100 MILLION FOR C.F.C.I. PROGRAMS. THIS SECOND
23 INSTALLMENT WILL DOUBLE THE FUNDING TO \$200 MILLION AS WE
24 ENTER YEAR 2, REPRESENTING A MAJOR SHIFT IN COUNTY BUDGETING
25 AND PROGRAMMING. WE WILL COME BACK TO THE BOARD IN THE MONTHS

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1 AHEAD WITH SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THESE YEAR 2
2 ALLOCATIONS. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS REFLECT IMPORTANT INPUT
3 FROM THE C.F.C.I. ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
4 PUBLIC. WE'RE ALSO RECOMMENDING \$30 MILLION TO ADDRESS THE
5 STRUCTURAL DEFICIT IN THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY. IN
6 ADDITION, WE ARE ADDING FUNDING TO BRING ON MORE PUBLIC
7 DEFENDERS AND ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDERS AS THE BUDGET YEAR
8 PROGRESSES. AND FINALLY, WE ARE ALSO HARD AT WORK ESTABLISHING
9 A FRAMEWORK FOR THE NEW JUSTICE, CARE AND OPPORTUNITIES
10 DEPARTMENT THAT I MENTIONED EARLIER. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE,
11 PLEASE. AS WE ALL KNOW, HOMELESSNESS REMAINS A DAUNTING,
12 REGION-WIDE CHALLENGE THAT AFFECTS PEOPLE IN COMMUNITIES IN
13 ALL 88 OF OUR CITIES, AS WELL AS OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS.
14 THANKS TO MEASURE H, THE COUNTY HAS MOBILIZED TO HOUSE MORE
15 THAN 75,000 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, AND HAS RAMPED
16 UP SHELTER CAPACITY BY 60% IN THE LAST 3 YEARS. BUT AN EXTREME
17 REGION-WIDE SHORTAGE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND ECONOMIC
18 PRESSURES THAT WORSENERED DURING THE PANDEMIC, CONTINUE TO MOVE
19 PEOPLE ONTO THE STREETS MORE QUICKLY THAN A SYSTEM CAN HOUSE
20 THEM. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER AND TO WHAT EXTENT OUR
21 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES ARE A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR. WE HAVE
22 TO DO MORE, AND WE MUST DO BETTER. IN THAT VEIN, MEMBERS OF
23 YOUR BOARD VOTED TO ESTABLISH THE BLUE-RIBBON COMMISSION ON
24 HOMELESSNESS TO ADDRESS ISSUES OF GOVERNANCE, AND REQUESTED AN
25 ASSESSMENT OF THE ORIGINAL 47 MEASURE H STRATEGIES, TO

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1 DETERMINE WHETHER THEY REMAIN RELEVANT IN TODAY'S ENVIRONMENT.
2 ADDRESSING THESE CHALLENGES REQUIRES NOT ONLY LARGE AND
3 SUSTAINED INVESTMENTS IN PROVEN STRATEGIES, BUT ALSO
4 IMPLEMENTING NEW APPROACHES TO ADDRESS THE RAPIDLY CHANGING
5 DYNAMICS OF A CRISIS THAT HAS BEEN DECADES IN THE MAKING. BOTH
6 THE BLUE-RIBBON COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS AND THE HOMELESS
7 INITIATIVES RECENTLY ISSUED REPORTS CONTAINING FINDINGS AND
8 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WILL BE DELIBERATED UPON BY YOUR BOARD AT
9 A FUTURE DATE. OVER THE PAST YEAR ALONE, THE COUNTY HAS
10 COMMITTED MORE THAN \$1 BILLION FOR A RANGE OF PROGRAMS THAT
11 OFFER HOUSING AND SERVICES TO TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE
12 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. THIS
13 RECOMMENDED BUDGET BUILDS UPON THAT BY INCLUDING NEARLY A
14 HALF-BILLION DOLLARS OF MEASURE H TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS THAT
15 INCLUDE AN EXPANDED FOCUS ON MENTAL HEALTH, AND DEVELOPING
16 MORE HOUSING ALTERNATIVES TO MOVE PEOPLE OFF THE STREET. OUR
17 HOMELESS INITIATIVE TEAM WILL COME BEFORE YOU SOON, WITH
18 SPECIFIC FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THESE MEASURE H DOLLARS.
19 BUT MEASURE H IS JUST PART OF THE SOLUTION. WE'RE ALSO
20 RECOMMENDING INVESTMENTS IN MENTAL HEALTH AND CRISIS
21 INTERVENTION SERVICES, SUPPORTING THE COUNTY'S \$100 MILLION
22 AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND, AND STREAMLINING THE PERMIT PROCESS
23 FOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS. NO SINGLE SOLUTION CAN SOLVE THE
24 PROBLEM, BUT EACH OF THEM MAKES A DIFFERENCE, AS WE BUILD ON
25 YOUR BOARD'S LONG-STANDING COMMITMENT TO DO EVERYTHING IT

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1 TAKES TO TURN THE TIDE ON THIS CRISIS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THE
2 NEXT FIVE SLIDES OR SO TAKE A LOOK AT SOME OTHER POPULATIONS
3 WE PROPOSE TO SERVE THROUGH NEW OR EXPANDED PROGRAMS. ONE OF
4 OUR BIGGEST FOCUS AREAS IN THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET IS HEALTH.
5 C.O.V.I.D.-19 WAS A DRAMATIC REMINDER OF HOW MUCH WE RELY ON
6 OUR HEALTHCARE INFRASTRUCTURE. AND WHILE WE HOPE THAT WE WILL
7 NOT SOON NEED THE SAME LEVEL OF MASSIVE RESPONSE THAT WAS
8 REQUIRED DURING 2020 AND 2021, THE COUNTY MUST BE PREPARED FOR
9 FUTURE EMERGENCIES OF ALL KINDS. THAT'S WHY THESE INVESTMENTS
10 IN OUR DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES ARE
11 PRIORITIZED IN THIS RECOMMENDED BUDGET. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.
12 ANOTHER FOCUS IN THE BUDGET IS OUR YOUTH. THERE ARE SEVERAL
13 RECOMMENDATIONS HERE, AND I WILL HIGHLIGHT A FEW. I PREVIOUSLY
14 MENTIONED THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. IN LAST YEAR'S
15 BUDGET, WE ALLOCATED A TOTAL OF \$71 MILLION TO YOUTH JUSTICE
16 REIMAGINED INITIATIVES. INCLUDED IN THAT \$71 MILLION WAS
17 APPROXIMATELY \$27 MILLION TO SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
18 YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED DEVELOPMENT FUND, AND A LITTLE OVER
19 \$13 MILLION TO FULLY FUND THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT DIVERSION
20 PROGRAM. THE YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED DEVELOPMENT FUND WAS
21 ESTABLISHED TO SUPPORT THE LAUNCH OF THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF
22 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. WE ARE NOW PREPARING TO LAUNCH, AND WE WILL
23 BE DRAWING DOWN ON THIS YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED FUND TO HELP
24 ESTABLISH THE NEW DEPARTMENT, AS WE IDENTIFY FUNDING NEEDS. AS
25 WE STAND UP THE NEW DEPARTMENT, AND ADD STAFF AND FUNCTIONS,

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1 WE WILL ASSESS THE STAFF, RESOURCES, AND FISCAL NEEDS ON A
2 FLOW BASIS. AS WE CONDUCT THAT ASSESSMENT, YOUR C.E.O. WILL
3 RETURN TO THIS BOARD IN FUTURE BUDGET PHASES WITH FUNDING
4 RECOMMENDATIONS. IN ADDITION, THIS INITIAL BUDGET RECOMMENDS
5 FUNDING FOR A CONSULTANT, TO HELP CREATE A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR
6 THE DEPARTMENT'S WORK. THIS WILL ENABLE THE DEPARTMENT OF
7 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT TO HIT THE GROUND BOTH RUNNING AND PLANNING.
8 WE ARE ALSO PROVIDING \$15.7 MILLION FOR THE YOUTH AT WORK
9 PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH FIRST-TIME WORK
10 EXPERIENCES, AND SUPPORT THEIR DEVELOPMENT AS MEMBERS OF LOS
11 ANGELES COUNTY'S FUTURE WORKFORCE. FINALLY, THIS RECOMMENDED
12 BUDGET ALSO SUPPORTS FUNDING FOR MEDICAL HUBS AND A WIDE RANGE
13 OF PROGRAMS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES,
14 TO HELP IDENTIFY RELATIVES AND FRIENDS AS FOSTER FAMILIES,
15 KEEP CHILDREN IN THEIR ORIGINAL SCHOOLS, AND SUPPORT
16 L.G.B.T.Q.+ FOSTER YOUTH. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. BEYOND OUR NEW
17 DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND DISABILITIES, WHICH WILL OPEN ITS
18 DOORS TO ENSURE THAT THE COUNTY'S OLDER RESIDENTS RECEIVE THE
19 SPECIALIZED SERVICES THEY NEED, WE ARE ALSO SUSTAINING THE
20 WORK OF PROGRAMS LIKE L.A. FOUND, A PROGRAM WHICH HELPS
21 FAMILIES FIND LOVED ONES WHO GO MISSING DUE TO ILLNESSES LIKE
22 ALZHEIMER'S. I WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. WORKERS AND
23 BUSINESSES. THIS BOARD HAS MADE IT CLEAR THROUGHOUT THE
24 PANDEMIC THAT IT IS CONCERNED WITH BOTH PROTECTING WORKERS AND
25 SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS. THE NEW DEPARTMENT, FOCUSED

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1 ON ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES, WILL DO JUST THAT. IN ADDITION, A
2 NEW OFFICE OF LABOR EQUITY WILL HELP EXPAND THE COUNTY'S LABOR
3 LAW ENFORCEMENT AND WORKER PROTECTIONS. IT WILL PROVIDE A
4 PLACE FOR WORKERS TO REPORT VIOLATIONS, RECEIVE EDUCATION, AND
5 SEEK RELIEF THROUGH INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT. NEXT
6 SLIDE, PLEASE. IN RECENT YEARS, THIS BOARD HAS MADE IT CLEAR
7 THAT WE MUST TRANSFORM OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE LANDSCAPE TO
8 DISRUPT LONG-STANDING DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES, AND MAKE REAL
9 THE WORD "ALTERNATIVES" IN THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION
10 INITIATIVE; ALL THE WHILE, BUILDING COMMUNITY-BASED SUPPORT
11 STRUCTURES THAT HELP PEOPLE STAY OUT OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE
12 SYSTEM IN THE FIRST PLACE. YOUR BOARD HAS ALSO MADE CLEAR THAT
13 COMMUNITY SAFETY IS IMPORTANT, AND THAT WE NEED SAFETY AND
14 INNOVATIONS, LIKE ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE, TO KEEP OUR
15 NEIGHBORHOODS SAFE AND HEALTHY OVER THE LONG TERM. AS A MATTER
16 OF FACT, 20 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS HAVE JUST COMPLETED
17 THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION INCUBATION ACADEMY. THIS
18 ACADEMY IS DESIGNED TO BUILD CAPACITY FOR COMMUNITY-BASED
19 PROVIDERS TO SERVE THE JUSTICE-INVOLVED POPULATION. SOME OF
20 THE ORGANIZATIONS WILL SERVE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN CHARGED
21 WITH A MISDEMEANOR, BUT FOUND INCOMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL,
22 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS M.I.S.T.; WHILE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WILL
23 SERVE INDIVIDUALS PLACED ON PROBATION BY THE SUPERIOR COURT,
24 ALL WITH AN AIM TO PROVIDE INDIVIDUALS IN THE COMMUNITY WITH
25 SUPPORT THEY NEED TO ELIMINATE FURTHER OR PROLONGED

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1 INVOLVEMENT WITH OUR JUSTICE SYSTEMS. THIS RECOMMENDED BUDGET
2 SUPPORTS THIS BALANCED APPROACH. THIS BUDGET REFLECTS A
3 STEADFAST COMMITMENT TO CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, WHILE
4 PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF THOSE WHO REMAIN IN CUSTODY, AS SHOWN
5 IN A RECOMMENDED \$15.3 MILLION ALLOCATION TO SUPPORT
6 COMPLIANCE WITH THE FEDERAL CONSENT DECREE GOVERNING
7 CONDITIONS IN THE JAIL. IT ALSO RECOMMENDS \$12.3 MILLION IN
8 ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR SHERIFF'S ACADEMY CLASSES, TO TRAIN A
9 NEW GENERATION OF DEPUTIES TO FILL VACANCIES. ALONG WITH
10 EXTENSIVE C.F.C.I. PROGRAMS, WE EXPECT THAT THE NEW JUSTICE,
11 CARE AND OPPORTUNITIES DEPARTMENT WILL HELP BRING AN
12 UNPRECEDENTED LEVEL OF FOCUS TO THE TRANSFORMATIVE WORK NOW
13 UNDERWAY. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, FROM HERE, I WOULD LIKE TO
14 MOVE QUICKLY THROUGH A COUPLE OF BIG-PICTURE SLIDES. THIS
15 SLIDE HIGHLIGHTS WHERE WE GET THE \$38.5 BILLION TO BUILD THIS
16 BUDGET. YOU WILL SEE THAT 37% OF THE FUNDING COMES FROM STATE
17 AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS, AND THESE DOLLARS USUALLY COME TO US
18 WITH SIGNIFICANT STRINGS ATTACHED. THEY ARE TYPICALLY TIED TO
19 SPECIFIC PROGRAMS OR SERVICES, AND CANNOT BE REPURPOSED, EVEN
20 IF THE COUNTY'S PRIORITIES CHANGE. SIMILAR RESTRICTIONS APPLY
21 TO THE REVENUES THAT THE COUNTY RECEIVES FOR THE CONTRACTED
22 SERVICES IT PROVIDES. THAT'S THE 21% IN THE "CHARGES FOR
23 SERVICES" CATEGORY LISTED ON THIS SLIDE. 22% OF THE BUDGET IS
24 LOCALLY GENERATED, PRIMARILY FROM PROPERTY AND SALES TAXES,
25 WITH THE REMAINING 20% COMPRISED OF A VARIETY OF OTHER REVENUE

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1 SOURCES. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. IT MAY ALSO BE HELPFUL TO SEE
2 WHERE THESE DOLLARS GO, BROKEN DOWN BY CATEGORY. YOU WILL SEE
3 THAT HEALTH AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ARE THE CATEGORIES WHERE WE
4 DEVOTE THE MOST RESOURCES, FOLLOWED BY PUBLIC PROTECTION,
5 WHICH INCLUDES LAW ENFORCEMENT, PARAMEDICS, FIREFIGHTERS,
6 PUBLIC DEFENDERS, AND EMPLOYEES OF THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS YOU
7 SEE LISTED ON THE SLIDE. AND WHILE "RECREATION AND CULTURE"
8 LOOKS LIKE A VERY SMALL SLIVER HERE, REMEMBER THAT 2% OF THIS
9 YEAR'S TOTAL BUDGET TRANSLATES INTO \$737 MILLION OF SPENDING
10 POWER TO IMPROVE OUR RESIDENTS' QUALITY OF LIFE. NEXT SLIDE,
11 PLEASE. UNMET NEEDS. THIS UNMET NEEDS SLIDE IS NOT THE MOST
12 POPULAR WITH OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. IT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT,
13 WHEN IT COMES TO OUR BUDGET, OUR REACH HAS EXCEEDED OUR GRASP.
14 THIS YEAR, COUNTY DEPARTMENTS SUBMITTED MORE THAN \$2.5 BILLION
15 IN BUDGET REQUESTS FOR UNMET NEEDS. SINCE WE ARE REQUIRED BY
16 LAW TO BALANCE OUR BUDGET, WE HAD TO SAY "NO" TO MOST
17 REQUESTS, "NOT YET" TO OTHERS, AND "YES" TO THE REMAINING 20%
18 OF THE REQUESTS SUBMITTED. THESE ARE TOUGH DECISIONS, AND THEY
19 ARE NOT EASY TO MAKE. AND BECAUSE THE NEEDS AND REQUESTS ARE
20 SO GREAT, I CONTINUE TO BE GRATEFUL TO OUR DEPARTMENTS FOR
21 THEIR RESOURCEFULNESS IN DELIVERING CRUCIAL SERVICES WHILE
22 LIVING WITHIN THEIR BUDGETS. THE NEXT SLIDE SHOWS THINGS THAT
23 I SPEND A LOT OF TIME THINKING ABOUT. BEYOND THE CHALLENGES I
24 MENTIONED EARLIER, WE ARE ALSO FACING BUDGETARY PRESSURES AND
25 UNKNOWNNS, EACH REQUIRING CREATIVE THINKING, PARTNERSHIPS, AND

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1 A SUSTAINED FOCUS, BEFORE WE CAN GET TO A RESOLUTION. THE
2 ISSUES LISTED ON THIS SLIDE LEADS TO VULNERABILITIES, AND
3 CAUSES UNCERTAINTY AROUND THE BUDGET: UNCERTAINTY, WHICH, IN
4 TURN, IMPACTS BUDGET PLANNING. WE ARE EXPLORING ANOTHER BALLOT
5 MEASURE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AFTER THE FAILURE OF MEASURE
6 F IN 2020. WE ARE ACTIVELY PURSUING FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING
7 ASSISTANCE FOR D.C.F.S.; WE ARE DEVELOPING LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS
8 AND PLANS FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR PROGRAMS WITH STRUCTURAL
9 DEFICITS; AND AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, WE ARE IN ACTIVE
10 NEGOTIATION WITH OUR LABOR PARTNERS. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE,
11 PLEASE. LET ME CLOSE BY SAYING ONCE AGAIN THAT THIS
12 RECOMMENDED BUDGET IS JUST THE BEGINNING OF OUR MONTHS'-LONG
13 BUDGET PROCESS. MANY, MANY PROGRAM DETAILS WILL BE FILLED IN
14 AS WE MOVE THROUGH THE BUDGET PROCESS. IT ALL WRAPS UP WITH
15 THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET IN OCTOBER, AND THEN THE WHOLE CYCLE
16 BEGINS AGAIN. AND AS YOU CAN SEE ON THIS SLIDE, THE PUBLIC
17 BUDGET HEARINGS BEGIN ON MAY 11TH, AND BUDGET DELIBERATIONS
18 ARE HELD ON JUNE 27TH. I WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. IN
19 CLOSING, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO RECOGNIZE THE HARD
20 WORK OF SO MANY COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO MADE THIS RECOMMENDED
21 BUDGET POSSIBLE. THE COMPLEXITIES INVOLVED ARE HARD TO
22 OVERSTATE, AND THE TALENTED TEAM OF PEOPLE WHO WORKED TO
23 DEVELOP THIS BUDGET HAVE BEEN TIRELESS IN THEIR ATTENTION TO
24 DETAIL, AND EQUALLY IMPRESSIVE IN THEIR GRASP OF THE BIG-
25 PICTURE ISSUES AT STAKE. AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, WE INSTITUTED

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1 LOTS OF CHANGES IN AN ALREADY MULTILAYERED PROCESS, AND OUR
2 C.E.O. BUDGET TEAM ROSE TO THE CHALLENGE. I WOULD LIKE TO
3 PUBLICLY RECOGNIZE OUR ENTIRE C.E.O. BUDGET TEAM FOR THEIR
4 EXCEPTIONAL HARD WORK AND DEDICATION, ALONG WITH OTHER MEMBERS
5 OF THE C.E.O. STAFF WHO PLAYED CRITICAL SUPPORTING ROLES. I
6 WOULD ALSO LIKE TO PERSONALLY THANK EACH OF YOUR OFFICES,
7 PARTICULARLY YOUR BUDGET DEPUTIES: TAMI OMOTO-FRIAS, FROM THE
8 FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT; KIRK SHELTON AND KOPI COASI,
9 FROM THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT; ANGELICA AYALA, FROM
10 THE THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT; MARK BAUCUM, FROM THE FOURTH
11 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT; AND MICHELLE VEGA, FROM THE FIFTH
12 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. THANK THEM ALL FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND
13 PARTNERSHIP EVERY STEP OF THE WAY. THIS BUDGET WOULD SIMPLY
14 NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THEIR DEDICATION, INSIGHT, AND CLOSE
15 COLLABORATION. AND FINALLY, SUPERVISORS, I WOULD LIKE TO
16 EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO YOUR BOARD, FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL
17 LEADERSHIP THROUGH THESE VERY DIFFICULT TIMES. YOU HAVE GUIDED
18 US BY SETTING CLEAR-CUT PRIORITIES, INSPIRING US AND
19 CHALLENGING US TO ALWAYS DO BETTER ON BEHALF OF OUR RESIDENTS.
20 THANK YOU FOR MAPPING OUT THE ROAD AHEAD. I WOULD BE HAPPY NOW
21 TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE, OR RECEIVE ANY COMMENTS
22 YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE. THANK YOU.

23
24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** MS. DAVENPORT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
25 THE PRESENTATION. LET ME BE THE FIRST TO APPLAUD THE VIDEO. I

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1 HOPE THE COUNTY CHANNEL RUNS THAT ON A LOOP. I THOUGHT IT WAS
2 REALLY INFORMATIONAL AND VALUABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, SO
3 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT. ALSO, THANK YOU FOR
4 ACKNOWLEDGING NOT ONLY YOUR TEAM, BUT ALSO OUR TEAMS, BECAUSE
5 BUDGETS ARE COMPLEX LIVING DOCUMENTS THAT SHOULD BE A
6 REFLECTION OF OUR CORE VALUES AS ANGELENOS. SO WE WANT TO
7 ACKNOWLEDGE, AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS PROCESS, ALL OF THE
8 WOMAN- AND MAN-POWER HOURS IT TAKES TO DEVELOP A BUDGET, AND
9 SO WE APPRECIATE YOU VERY MUCH. I AM GOING TO MAKE A FEW
10 OPENING REMARKS, AND THEN I WILL CALL ON SUPERVISORS IN THE
11 FOLLOWING ORDER: SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3, 4, 5, AND THEN 1,
12 AND WE'RE GOING TO ROTATE THAT THROUGHOUT THE BUDGET PROCESS,
13 SO EVERYONE HAS A DIFFERENT ORDER IN THE LINEUP, IF YOU WILL.
14 SO, AGAIN, MS. DAVENPORT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WANT TO THANK
15 YOU, YOUR TEAM, THE DEPARTMENTS, BUDGET STAFF, IN DEVELOPING
16 IT. I APPRECIATE YOU HIGHLIGHTING THAT THIS PRESENTATION OF
17 THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET TO OUR BOARD IS INDEED A STARTING POINT
18 IN THE ANNUAL PROCESS. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THE UPCOMING
19 OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PUBLIC TO PROVIDE THEIR PERSPECTIVE ON
20 THE BUDGET. WE HAVE AND WILL CONTINUE TO HEAR FEEDBACK FROM
21 PEOPLE IN ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING IN TODAY'S PUBLIC COMMENT,
22 AND I HOPE THAT WE WILL HEAR MUCH MORE AS WE MOVE FORWARD.
23 AGAIN, I WILL REITERATE: THE PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING ON MAY
24 11TH-- MAY 11TH-- PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL MEMBERS OF
25 THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD IN THE COUNTY'S BUDGET PROCESS, AND I

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1 ENCOURAGE COUNTY RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE, TO ENGAGE, TO SHARE
2 YOUR FEEDBACK, AND LET YOUR VOICES BE HEARD IN THIS PROCESS. I
3 AM ALSO HOSTING A BUDGET TOWN HALL, ACTUALLY, THIS THURSDAY,
4 FOR RESIDENTS OF THE SECOND DISTRICT, SO I CAN SHARE
5 INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROCESS, AND HEAR FROM MY OWN COMMUNITY
6 MEMBERS ABOUT THEIR PRIORITIES. WE'RE GOING TO OPEN WITH YOUR
7 VIDEO, MADAM C.E.O., AS A LAUNCHING PAD, TO MAKE SURE
8 EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS THE INTEGRAL COMPONENTS OF THE BUDGET,
9 AS THEY SHARE WITH US THEIR PERSPECTIVE. THE C.E.O. HAS SHARED
10 WITH US A VISION FOR A NEW COUNTY BUDGETING PROCESS. I LOOK
11 FORWARD TO MOVING FORWARD WITH CHANGES THAT WILL ADD
12 TRANSPARENCY AND REAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INTO THE COUNTY'S
13 DECISION-MAKING PROCESS. I WAS PARTICULARLY TAKEN BY YOUR
14 SLIDE, MS. DAVENPORT, THAT PREVIEWED OUR AMBITIOUS PROGRAMS,
15 AND THE FACT THAT THEY WILL REQUIRE MULTI-YEAR BUDGETING, AND
16 SO I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE KEEP THAT PERSPECTIVE IN
17 MIND. THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN HAS PROVIDED US WITH AN
18 INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE HOW EQUITY CAN BE BUILT INTO THE
19 CORE PROCESS OF ALLOCATING FUNDS AND DESIGNING PROGRAMS.
20 EQUITY HAS BEEN A CORE COMPONENT OF NOT ONLY OUR AMERICAN
21 RESCUE PLAN PROGRAMS, BUT WHAT WE HEARD VERY CLEARLY FROM THE
22 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, FROM THE ADMINISTRATION, IN TERMS OF THEIR
23 EXPECTATION OF HOW THOSE FUNDS WOULD BE ADMINISTERED AND
24 UTILIZED. EQUITY ISN'T SOMETHING THAT CAN BE AN AFTERTHOUGHT
25 OR MERELY SPRINKLED ON TOP OF A BUDGET PROCESS. IT HAS REALLY

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1 GOT TO BE BAKED INTO OUR CORE POLICY AND BUDGET-MAKING
2 DECISIONS, AND I THINK THE COUNTY IS DOING THAT. DEPARTMENTS
3 SHOULD BE DEVELOPING THEIR FUNDING REQUESTS USING AN EQUITY
4 LESS. AGAIN, IT MUST BE USED AS A KEY COMPONENT BY THE C.E.O.,
5 AS THEY REVIEW, ANALYZE, AND RECOMMEND FUNDING FOR
6 DEPARTMENTS. AND EQUITY MUST BE CONSIDERED BY US, THE BOARD,
7 AS WE LOOK AT FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS, AND MAKE DECISIONS
8 ABOUT WHERE COUNTY FUNDS ARE SPENT. DEPARTMENTS NEED TO MAKE
9 SURE THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR PROGRAMS AND DELIVERY OF
10 SERVICES UTILIZES THOSE SAME EQUITY PRINCIPLES THAT THEY
11 CONSIDERED AS THEY MADE THEIR FUNDING REQUESTS IN THE
12 BEGINNING. THE LESSONS WE HAVE LEARNED THROUGH C.O.V.I.D.-19
13 AND THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PROCESS CAN INFORM AND HELP US
14 IMPROVE THE COUNTY'S ENTIRE BUDGET PROCESS. LESSONS CAN ALSO
15 BENEFIT THE COUNTY BEYOND THE BUDGET PROCESS. THE COUNTY IS
16 USING AN EQUITY LENS WHEN DEVELOPING THE CONTRACTING TOOLS TO
17 HELP DISTRIBUTE FEDERAL RESCUE PLAN DOLLARS INTO THE
18 COMMUNITIES WHERE THEY ARE MOST NEEDED. EQUITY IN COUNTY
19 CONTRACTING PROJECT, THAT RESULTED FROM A MOTION I CO-AUTHORED
20 WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WILL HELP ENSURE THAT EQUITY IS
21 INTEGRAL TO OUR COUNTY CONTRACTING PROCESS. AGAIN, THIS WILL
22 GO BEYOND A.R.P.A. CONTRACTING. IT WILL ALSO INCLUDE COUNTY
23 CONTRACTS FUNDED BY GENERAL FUND DOLLARS, ALONG WITH FUNDS
24 FROM OTHER STATE AND FEDERAL SOURCES. IT WILL BENEFIT SMALL
25 EMPLOYERS FROM THE BUSINESS SECTOR AND THE NONPROFIT SECTOR. I

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1 LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THE INNOVATIONS TO OUR CONTRACTING
2 PROCESS THAT WILL RESULT FROM THE WORK THAT OUR C.E.O.
3 DEPARTMENTS AND PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERS ARE COMPLETING
4 TOGETHER. EQUITY AND ANTI-RACISM ARE KEY COMPONENTS OF THE
5 COUNTY'S CARE FIRST VISION, FOCUSING ON SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION.
6 THAT WILL ULTIMATELY MAKE COMMUNITY, STAFF, AND THOSE IN THE
7 COUNTY'S CARE SAFER AND WHOLE. AS WE ALL KNOW, AFRICAN
8 AMERICANS ARE 8% OF L.A.'S POPULATION, AND ALMOST 30% OF OUR
9 JAIL POPULATION. LATINOS MAKE UP MORE THAN 50% OF THE JAIL
10 POPULATION. 43% OF THE JAIL POPULATION-- CONSERVATIVELY, AN
11 ESTIMATE-- HAS MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS. AND 45% OF PEOPLE IN JAIL
12 ARE PRETRIAL, AND HAVE NOT BEEN CONVICTED YET OF A CRIME, OR
13 AT ALL. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ESTABLISHED THE M.C.J.
14 CLOSURE WORKGROUP TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL
15 JAIL IN 24 MONTHS, BY INVESTING IN COMMUNITY-BASED SYSTEMS OF
16 CARE. I URGE MY COLLEAGUES, THE JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION
17 TEAM, AND THE C.E.O. TO FOLLOW THAT PLAN. I BELIEVE TWO ISSUES
18 ARE PARTICULARLY URGENT. FIRST, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE INVEST
19 IN COMMUNITY-BASED SYSTEMS OF CARE, AND CREATE, MINIMALLY,
20 3600 NEW O.D.R. MENTAL HEALTH BEDS, SO THAT THOSE WHO ARE
21 SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS DO NOT CONTINUE TO DETERIORATE
22 IN JAIL. I WILL REITERATE: WE MUST EXPAND FUNDING FOR THE
23 OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY. THAT'S CRITICAL. SECOND, WE
24 ARE CREATING AN INDEPENDENT PRETRIAL SERVICES AGENCY WITHIN
25 OUR NEW JUSTICE, CARE AND OPPORTUNITIES DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE TO

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1 PROPERLY FUND IT, IF IT IS GOING TO BE EFFECTIVE. THERE ARE
2 TOO MANY PEOPLE IN OUR JAILS THAT HAVE NEVER BEEN CONVICTED OF
3 A CRIME, AND SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCING THE PRETRIAL JAIL
4 POPULATION, AND MEETING [INAUDIBLE]. IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE
5 CARE FIRST VISION, WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT OUR COMMUNITY
6 PARTNERS HAVE THE RESOURCES THEY NEED TO PROACTIVELY ADDRESS
7 THE ROOT CAUSES OF VIOLENCE. SO, WE MUST INVEST MEANINGFULLY
8 IN COMMUNITY-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION. THOSE
9 SERVICES WORK. THIS INCLUDES PROVIDING TRAUMA-INFORMED
10 SERVICES AND BUILDING COMMUNITY CAPACITY AROUND THE WORK OF
11 VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION. ONE EXAMPLE OF OUR
12 EFFORT TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE IS OUR ADVOCACY AT THE STATE
13 LEVEL. MS. DAVENPORT, YOU HAD THE SLIDE THAT SAYS WHERE THE
14 MONEY COMES FROM, AND YOU TALKED ABOUT THE RESTRICTIONS
15 IMPOSED ON THE DOLLARS WE RECEIVE FROM THE FEDERAL AND STATE
16 GOVERNMENT. ONE EXAMPLE OF THAT IS OUR A.B. 900 DOLLARS, AND
17 HOW WE ARE WORKING REALLY HARD TO GET THE STATE TO GIVE US
18 GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN THE USE OF THOSE GRANT FUNDS, WHERE WE
19 DON'T HAVE TO USE THEM MERELY TO BUILD JAILS, BUT USE THEM IN
20 OUR NEW CONTEXT AROUND CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST. AND SO I AM
21 CROSSING MY FINGERS THAT THE STATE WILL ALLOW US THAT
22 FLEXIBILITY AND THAT FUNDING, AS A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF HOW WE
23 CAN MOVE FORWARD WITH THE COUNTY'S PRIORITY AND THE COUNTY'S
24 VISION. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE CONTINUE TO ACTUALIZE WITH
25 URGENCY THE VISION OF YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, SO OUR YOUNG

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1 ANGELENOS ARE PROVIDED THE REHABILITATIVE AND DEVELOPMENTALLY
2 APPROPRIATE SERVICES THEY NEED, AND I BELIEVE SHOULD BE
3 ENTITLED TO. AS WE PREPARE TO LAUNCH THE NEW DEPARTMENTS IN
4 THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR, I WANT TO STRESS HOW IMPORTANT IT IS
5 THAT WE SET UP EACH OF THESE NEW DEPARTMENTS FOR REAL SUCCESS.
6 IT IS MY EXPECTATION THAT WE IDENTIFY SUSTAINABLE FUNDING TO
7 PROPERLY ESTABLISH AND BUILD OUT THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH
8 DEVELOPMENT, AS WELL AS BUILD UP A RESERVE FUND AS WE PREPARE
9 TO PLAN FOR AND CREATE CRITICAL COMMUNITY ASSETS, INCLUDING
10 SAFE AND SECURE HEALING CENTERS AND YOUTH COMMUNITY CARE
11 CENTERS. I AM LOOKING FORWARD WITH INTEREST TO SEE THE FUNDING
12 STRUCTURE AND STAFFING PLANS FOR EACH OF THESE DEPARTMENTS;
13 AGAIN, DOING ALL THAT WE CAN TO GUARANTEE THEIR SUCCESS. THE
14 NEW DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY HAS KEY STAFFING NEEDS
15 THAT MUST BE MET IN ORDER TO RETAIN THE RIGHT PEOPLE, IN THE
16 RIGHT SEATS IN THE BUS, TO DO THE IMPORTANT WORK. I URGE MADAM
17 C.E.O. TO MAKE SURE THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS THE RIGHT
18 POSITIONS IT NEEDS FROM THE BEGINNING OF THIS DEPARTMENT, TO
19 ENSURE THAT SUCCESS. I WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT THE DEPARTMENT
20 OF PUBLIC WORKS' EQUITY IN INFRASTRUCTURE WORK. I HAVE
21 APPRECIATED SEEING THE LEADERSHIP OF THE DEPARTMENT TO
22 REDEFINE HOW IT DELIVERS SERVICES TO ITS RESIDENTS, WHICH
23 LARGELY DOES NOT USE GENERAL FUND DOLLARS TO DO THE WORK.
24 DEPARTMENTS THAT TAKE ON THIS KIND OF ORGANIZATIONAL
25 REALIGNMENT SHOULD BE REWARDED IN THEIR BUDGET REQUESTS, AS IT

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1 REFLECTS A CULTURE SHIFT THAT NEEDS TO BE SUPPORTED BY THE
2 ENTIRE COUNTY. ULTIMATELY, THIS WORK WILL LEAD TO
3 OPPORTUNITIES TO RETHINK HOW RESOURCES ARE PRIORITIZED AND
4 PAID FOR, AND I AM CALLING ON THE C.E.O. TO SUPPORT D.P.W.
5 FURTHER IN THIS EFFORT, AND TO STRATEGIZE ON WAYS TO FUND
6 EQUITY-DRIVEN PRIORITIES THAT MOST SERVE OUR HIGHEST-NEED
7 RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITIES. DIGITAL EQUITY IS ALSO VERY
8 IMPORTANT TO MY CONSTITUENTS, AND I.S.D. HAS TAKEN A
9 LEADERSHIP ROLE, REGIONALLY, TO CLOSE THE DIGITAL DIVIDE FOR
10 REAL. THEY HAVE TAKEN ON THIS ROLE PRIMARILY WITHOUT ANY NEW
11 STAFFING. THEIR REQUEST TO BUILD A MAJOR PROJECTS DIVISION
12 WILL SUPPORT THIS AND OTHER BOARD-APPROVED PRIORITIES, AND IT
13 IS THE ONLY WAY TO CARRY THE COUNTY'S DIGITAL DIVIDE WORK
14 FORWARD. IN THESE TIMES OF ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY, I KNOW THE
15 C.E.O. AND OUR DEPARTMENTS WILL DO THEIR BEST TO LEVERAGE AND
16 MAXIMIZE THE AMOUNT OF ADDITIONAL FEDERAL AND STATE DOLLARS WE
17 CAN USE TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITIES WITH DIGNITY AND EQUITY.
18 THERE'S LOTS OF GOOD NEWS IN THIS RECOMMENDED BUDGET. I ALSO
19 SEE OPPORTUNITIES IN AREAS WHERE WE CAN MAKE OUR BUDGET A
20 BETTER REFLECTION OF OUR CORE VALUES AS A COUNTY, AND
21 PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED BY THIS BOARD THROUGH MOTIONS. I LOOK
22 FORWARD TO HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC, AND AGAIN, I ENCOURAGE YOU
23 TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR COUNTY BUDGET PROCESS. BUDGETS ARE
24 COMPLICATED, COMPLEX DOCUMENTS, BUT THESE BUDGET DECISIONS
25 HAVE REAL IMPACT ON THE DAILY LIVES OF ALL OF US WHO CALL L.A.

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1 COUNTY HOME, AND SO WE MUST HEAR FROM YOU. THANK YOU AGAIN,
2 MS. DAVENPORT, FOR THE ONGOING WORK YOU WILL BE DOING WITH THE
3 PUBLIC, DEPARTMENTS, AND THIS BOARD, TO DEVELOP OUR COUNTY
4 BUDGET, THAT WILL MOVE US FORWARD TO A MORE EQUITABLE LOS
5 ANGELES COUNTY. AND WITH THAT, WE WILL HEAR FROM SUPERVISORIAL
6 DISTRICT THREE.

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8 **SUP. KUEHL:** GOSH, THREE HAS NEVER BEEN FIRST BEFORE. OR I
9 GUESS WE ARE SECOND, SO WE ARE STILL NOT FIRST. SO, FIRST OF
10 ALL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. "THANKS" IS REALLY TOO
11 SMALL A WORD TO OUR C.E.O., FESIA DAVENPORT, AND YOUR WHOLE
12 TEAM ON THIS. THE BUDGET MAGICALLY APPEARS THROUGH EVERY PHASE
13 TO US. OUR STAFF REVIEWS IT. IT'S NOT SO MAGIC TO THEM. TELLS
14 US A LOT ABOUT IT. WE ASK A LOT OF QUESTIONS. AND SO, BRINGING
15 FORWARD THIS RECOMMENDED BUDGET. IT HAD A LOT OF MOVING
16 POINTS, AND I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE INVOLVED. AND IT WAS VERY
17 GRACIOUS OF YOU TO THANK OUR BUDGET DEPUTIES, BECAUSE THEY
18 WORK VERY, VERY HARD, OFTEN IN KIND OF A SMALL TEAM IN EACH
19 OFFICE, TO ANALYZE THIS. THE BUDGET INCLUDES A LOT OF FUNDING
20 FOR BOARD PRIORITIES, AND I HAVE ALWAYS REALLY APPRECIATED THE
21 WAY THAT YOU HAVE MADE THAT WORK. THE BOARD, FIVE OF US, HAVE
22 LOTS OF DIFFERENT PRIORITIES. WE'VE MANAGED TO COME TOGETHER
23 ON SOME VERY BIG ISSUES OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, AND WE
24 SORT OF DECLARE, AND THEN SAY, "WELL, FESIA WILL MAKE IT
25 WORK." AND, AMAZINGLY ENOUGH, MOST OFTEN, YOU DO. I WANT TO

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1 HIGHLIGHT A FEW PRIORITIES ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO ME:
2 C.F.C.I., WHAT ESSENTIALLY WAS MEASURE J, BEFORE THE COURT
3 SAID THAT MEASURE J COULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED, BUT WE DECIDED
4 WE WOULD DO IT ANYWAY. AND THE PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF AN
5 ADDITIONAL \$100 MILLION FOR CARE FIRST AND COMMUNITY
6 INVESTMENTS IN THE SECOND YEAR IS A TOTAL OF \$200 MILLION
7 ONGOING-- ONGOING-- AND REALLY, REALLY GREAT, AS WE RAMP UP TO
8 A FULL 10% OF UNRESTRICTED N.C.C. FUNDING NEXT YEAR, IN YEAR
9 THREE. THE BOARD CONTINUES ITS COMMITMENT TO L.A. COUNTY
10 VOTERS WHO APPROVED MEASURE J, AND WHO DIDN'T REALLY CARE WHAT
11 THE COURT SAID, BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT, "WE ARE THE VOTERS." SO
12 WE SAID, "OKAY, YOU'RE THE VOTERS. WE WILL DO IT ON OUR OWN."
13 AND WE APPRECIATE THAT, AND WE ARE KEEPING OUR PROMISE TO
14 THEM. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO SEE THESE DOLLARS
15 INVESTED IN UNDERSERVED, UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES, THOSE
16 THAT ARE MOST IN NEED. YOU MENTIONED, ALSO, MADAM C.E.O., THE
17 FOUR NEW DEPARTMENTS, AND I AM REALLY HAPPY. I LOVE NEW
18 DEPARTMENTS. YOU CAN PROBABLY TELL, BECAUSE I THINK I WAS THE
19 AUTHOR OR CO-AUTHOR ON MOST OF THEM, BUT NOT ALL OF THEM. AND
20 WE HAVE OUR OWN IDEAS, BUT WE HAVE COME TOGETHER IN A REALLY
21 GOOD WAY, I THINK, AND YOU HAVE MADE IT WORK. WE MADE THE
22 STRATEGIC MOVE TO CREATE THE AGING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, AND
23 THE ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS, BY FALL OF
24 THIS YEAR, AND IT GREW OUT OF A SEPARATION OF WHAT WE CALLED
25 W.D.A.C.S. AND SO THE PROPOSED BUDGET SETS ASIDE ALMOST \$9.5

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1 MILLION FOR THESE DEPARTMENTS, WHICH WILL ALLOW OUR AGING
2 SERVICES AND OUR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TO APPLY THEIR
3 EXPERTISE TO INDIVIDUALLY SPECIALIZE ON THESE TWO IMPORTANT
4 AND YET STILL EMERGING AREAS. WE ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE
5 APPOINTED LAURA TREJO AS E.D. OF AGING AND COMMUNITY SERVICE;
6 KELLY LOBIANCO, AS E.D. OF ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.
7 LAURA AND KELLY HAVE WASTED NO TIME, AND HAVE ALREADY
8 DEMONSTRATED GREAT PROGRESS, AND I AM EXCITED TO SEE THIS WORK
9 CONTINUE ALONG ALL THESE LINES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE
10 DEPARTMENTS. I AM ALSO THRILLED THAT WE WILL BE ESTABLISHING
11 THE JUSTICE, CARE AND OPPORTUNITIES DEPARTMENT, WHICH WE'RE
12 CALLING J.C.O.D., THOUGH IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH FISH. THE
13 DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE ONE SINGULAR FOCUS: SERVING VULNERABLE
14 JUSTICE-IMPACTED PEOPLE. IT INSTITUTIONALIZES THE BOARD'S
15 COMMITMENT TO A CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST APPROACH, AND
16 DEMONSTRATES OUR LONG-TERM COMMITMENT TO ADDRESSING THE
17 FACTORS THAT OFTEN LEAD TO JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT, DOING SOME
18 PREVENTION; AS WE KNOW, AN OUNCE OF WHICH IS WORTH A POUND OF
19 CURE. THE C.E.O. AND THE SUPERVISORS HAVE SHOWN STRONG AND
20 STEADY LEADERSHIP OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, AND I AM VERY
21 GRATEFUL FOR ALL OF THAT WORK. I'M EQUALLY THRILLED THAT WE
22 WILL BE MAKING GOOD ON OUR PROMISE TO ESTABLISH A DEPARTMENT
23 OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. THIS IS A BIGGIE. THE DEPARTMENT OF
24 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT WILL HAVE A STRONG FOUNDATION. IT IS BEING
25 STOOD UP NOW BY SEPARATING THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND DIVERSION

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1 UNIT FROM THE EXISTING OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY. SO,
2 BETWEEN THE RESOURCES THE BOARD AND THE C.E.O. HAVE ALLOCATED
3 TO Y.D.D., AND THE ROBUST RESERVE FUND WE HAVE ALSO
4 ESTABLISHED, THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT WILL BE IN A
5 GOOD POSITION TO REIMAGINE YOUTH JUSTICE, AS ENVISIONED BY THE
6 BOARD, BY OUR COMMISSIONS, BY OUR COMMITTEES, AND MOST
7 ESPECIALLY BY THE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT WE HAVE INVITED AND
8 APPOINTED TO PARTICIPATE. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU, MADAM
9 C.E.O., FOR YOUR CREATIVE AND STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP IN
10 DEVELOPING THE MODEL THAT WE ARE USING OF SHARED
11 ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT, TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THESE
12 DEPARTMENTS TO BECOME A REALITY. ANOTHER PRIORITY FROM THE
13 BEGINNING, FOR ME-- AND I GUESS THIS IS MY LAST BUDGET, SO I'M
14 JUST GOING TO SAY A FEW EXTRA WORDS-- AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THE
15 BUDGET BEFORE US ALSO INCLUDES AN ADDITIONAL \$10 MILLION IN
16 ONGOING FUNDING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, TO MAKE THE TOTAL
17 ONGOING ALLOCATION \$70 MILLION. AS YOU KNOW, OUR GOAL FROM THE
18 MOTION SEVERAL YEARS AGO WAS \$100 MILLION A YEAR. SO,
19 FURTHERMORE, 30 MILLION IN ONE-TIME FUNDING IS IDENTIFIED TO
20 MAINTAIN OUR COMMITMENT OF \$100 MILLION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING
21 IN FISCAL YEAR '22/'23. THIS TRUST FUND HAS ALREADY MADE A
22 TREMENDOUS IMPACT IN OUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT
23 PIPELINE, AND THE BOARD'S INVESTMENT HAS BEEN CRITICAL. SO I
24 HOPE TO SEE THE ONGOING ALLOCATION GROW TO THE FULL \$100
25 MILLION EVERY YEAR, AS DIRECTED BY THE BOARD, SO THAT WE CAN

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1 HAVE A SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION TO THIS LONG-TERM AND ONGOING
2 CHALLENGE. NEXT, THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY, WHICH
3 WAS OUR VERY FIRST IDEA ABOUT DIVERTING PEOPLE FROM THE
4 JUSTICE SYSTEM AND REALLY HELPING THEM GET WHAT THEY NEED. IT
5 PROVIDES ESSENTIAL SUPPORT SERVICES TO JUSTICE-INVOLVED
6 INDIVIDUALS: MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE USE, OR HEALTH-RELATED
7 ISSUES. SO WE HAVE TO ENSURE THAT WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT
8 EXISTING SERVICES, AND INCREASE CAPACITY FOR THIS CRITICAL
9 WORK. SO, I AM VERY PLEASED TO SEE THE INVESTMENT OF \$30
10 MILLION IN ONGOING FUNDING FOR O.D.R., AS WE CALL IT, TO
11 REDUCE THE STRUCTURAL DEFICIT, AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THE
12 BUDGET SHORTFALL FULLY RESOLVED IN THE NEXT BUDGET PHASES OR
13 IN NEXT FISCAL YEAR'S BUDGETS. I ALSO WANT TO TALK FOR A
14 MINUTE ABOUT THE LA BREA TAR PITS. IT DOESN'T GET A LOT OF
15 CONVERSATION HERE. IT'S BEEN A LONG FIXTURE IN THE THIRD
16 DISTRICT, AND NOW PASSED LOVINGLY TO THE SECOND DISTRICT.
17 IT'S-- SERIOUSLY, I MEAN, THEY HAVE A \$400 MILLION PLAN FOR
18 REDOING THE LA BREA TAR PITS. AND I THOUGHT, "OH, MY GOODNESS,
19 THAT'S A WHOLE LOT OF MONEY." BUT I WENT TO A GATHERING AT THE
20 TAR PITS, PROBABLY MORE THAN A YEAR AGO, AND I WAS SURPRISED
21 THAT ATTENDING THIS GATHERING WERE THE DIRECTORS OF NATURAL
22 HISTORY MUSEUMS FROM BERLIN, FROM PARIS, FROM LONDON, FROM
23 VIENNA, FROM ALL AROUND THE WORLD. THEY WERE VERY EXCITED
24 ABOUT THE FACT THAT THIS IS THE ONLY ACTIVE, PUBLICLY
25 ACCESSIBLE PLACE THAT REALLY WAS DEALING WITH WHAT CAUSED

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1 CLIMATE CHANGE, AND WHAT THE EFFECTS WERE, AND HOW PEOPLE
2 COULD COME HERE AND SEE WHAT HAD HAPPENED. SO THE PROPOSED
3 ALLOCATION OF \$10 MILLION IN ONE-TIME FUNDING IN THIS BUDGET,
4 FOR THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM DESIGN, IS VERY, VERY WELCOME,
5 AND IS THE NEXT NEEDED PIECE TO MAKE THIS A REALITY. IT WILL
6 BE A WORLD-CLASS, IMPORTANT SITE FOR VISITATION FROM MANY,
7 MANY DIFFERENT COUNTRIES. NEXT, I WANT TO TALK ABOUT OUR
8 L.G.B.T.Q.+ POPULATION, AND I AM REALLY PLEASED TO SEE THE
9 PROPOSED INVESTMENT OF OVER \$2 MILLION FOR D.C.F.S., FOR
10 L.G.B.T.Q.+ SPECIALIZED SERVICES IN YEAR TWO. THESE CHILDREN,
11 THESE YOUNG PEOPLE, ARE PARTICULARLY AT RISK FOR ABUSE, AND,
12 AS WE ALL KNOW, ARE SIGNIFICANTLY OVERREPRESENTED IN THE CHILD
13 WELFARE POPULATION. UP TO 40% OF YOUNG PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
14 HOMELESSNESS IDENTIFY AS QUEER. ADDITIONALLY, UNIQUE
15 CHALLENGES LIKE FAMILY REJECTION AND BULLYING PUSH OUR
16 L.G.B.T.Q.+ YOUTH INTO SITUATIONS THAT COMPROMISE THEIR MENTAL
17 HEALTH, THEIR HOUSING STABILITY, AND THEIR FINANCIAL SECURITY.
18 SO WE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO INVEST IN THESE YOUTH, AND THESE
19 INVESTMENTS ARE A GREAT START, AS WE RAMP UP THESE SPECIALIZED
20 SERVICES. NEXT, THE YOUTH COMMISSION. I LOVE THE YOUTH
21 COMMISSION. I AM REALLY PLEASED TO SEE THE ONGOING COMMITMENT
22 OF \$203,000 FOR THE YOUTH COMMISSION, AND IT IS MY HOPE THAT
23 ONGOING FUNDING AND ADEQUATE POSITIONS-- EVEN MORE-- ARE
24 ALLOCATED IN A FUTURE BUDGET PHASE, TO ENSURE THE
25 SUSTAINABILITY AND THE SUCCESS OF THE YOUTH COMMISSION. IT WAS

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1 ESTABLISHED SHORTLY BEFORE THE PANDEMIC, AND IT IS ACTUALLY
2 NEVER BEEN TRULY ADEQUATELY RESOURCED AND STAFFED. AND THIS IS
3 A UNIQUE COMMISSION. THESE ARE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH LIVED
4 EXPERIENCE IN OUR CHILD WELFARE AND JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM.
5 THEY BRING EXCEPTIONAL VALUE AND FEEDBACK TO THE COUNTY, BUT
6 THE COMMISSION NEEDS TO BE ADEQUATELY RESOURCED TO ENSURE ITS
7 SUCCESS, INCLUDING HELPING THE YOUNG PEOPLE ON THE COMMISSION
8 UNDERSTAND HOW BEST TO PARTICIPATE AND WORK WITH US TO REALLY
9 GET STUFF DONE. THIS COULD MEAN SOME COACHING. THIS COULD MEAN
10 SOME HELP IN OTHER WAYS; CERTAINLY, TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
11 WHO IS WONDERFUL, BUT HAS A LOT OF YOUNG PEOPLE ON HIS
12 COMMISSION. AND HE IS DOING A GREAT JOB. SO, ALL THE PEOPLE
13 WHO WILL BE IMPACTED BY THE FEEDBACK DESERVE THIS. SO, THANK
14 YOU FOR THIS INITIAL INVESTMENT. I WANT TO TALK, AS ALWAYS,
15 ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. THIS PROPOSED BUDGET ALLOCATES ONE
16 POSITION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR DOMESTIC
17 VIOLENCE CONTRACTING. YES, GOOD START, BUT IT IS MY HOPE THAT
18 IN FUTURE BUDGET PHASES, WE CAN ESTABLISH ONGOING FUNDING TO
19 ADEQUATELY SUPPORT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS IN THE COUNTY.
20 UNFORTUNATELY, D.V. FUNDING AND COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES ARE
21 OFTEN OVERLOOKED BY THE FEDS IN THE STATE, AND OFTEN BY US.
22 THE REALITY IS, FUNDING FROM THE FEDS AND THE STATES
23 GOVERNMENT, IT'S NOT STABLE. IT IS NOT PREDICTABLE. IT LEAVES
24 SURVIVORS WITHOUT A FULL ARRAY OF SUPPORT. SO, I WILL CONTINUE
25 TO ENCOURAGE THE COUNTY TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY, TO CREATE MORE

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1 STABILITY IN FUNDS TO SUPPORT DIMINISHING BUT NECESSARY
2 PROGRAMMING AND BEDS TO OFFER SAVE HAVENS TO OUR SURVIVORS.
3 NEXT, THE ARTS. WE HAVE, I THINK, PAID SOME SIGNIFICANT
4 ATTENTION TO THE ARTS; NOT JUST, "OH, IT IS KIND OF NICE, AND
5 YOU CAN LOOK AT A PICTURE, AND IT IS PRETTY," BUT ITS CENTRAL
6 PLACE, REALLY, IN MENTAL HEALTH, IN PEACE, IN UNDERSTANDING
7 OUR WORLD IN SO MANY DIFFERENT WAYS. SO, I AM PLEASED THAT THE
8 DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE, WHICH IS SOMETIMES A LITTLE
9 OVERLOOKED, BUT SERVES A CRITICAL PIECE IN THE LIVES OF OUR
10 CONSTITUENTS, I AM GLAD THAT A POSITION IS BEING FUNDED FOR
11 RESEARCH AND EVALUATION. BUT THE DEPARTMENT REALLY NEEDS, I AM
12 JUST GOING TO SAY, FOUR ADDITIONAL POSITIONS TO REALLY
13 STRENGTHEN, TO REALLY EXPAND PROGRAMS AND SERVICE DELIVERY TO
14 THE ARTS SECTOR, TO OUR CONSTITUENTS, AND OUR COMMUNITIES, IN
15 SUPPORT OF THEIR RECOVERY AND THEIR SUSTAINABILITY, THEIR
16 RESILIENCE, AND IN SUPPORT OF EQUITY. FINALLY, I WANT TO TALK
17 A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION. I LOVE
18 THAT IT IS IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT. THAT'S REALLY
19 WHERE IT SHOULD BE. BUT WE HAVE A LOT OF FAITH IN IT. WE HAVE
20 SO MUCH FAITH IN IT THAT WE KEEP ALLOCATING NEW PROGRAMS TO
21 IT. AND WE ARE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT IT. THAT'S GOOD. BUT IN
22 2018, I BROUGHT IN A MOTION, UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE
23 BOARD, TO ESTABLISH THIS OFFICE, AND THE OBJECTIVE WAS TO
24 COORDINATE AND IMPLEMENT EVIDENCE-INFORMED STRATEGIES TO
25 ADDRESS MULTIPLE FORMS OF VIOLENCE, OFTEN WHICH OVERLAP. FOUR

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1 YEARS LATER, O.V.P. HAS SHOWN GREAT PROMISE, BUT NEVER REALLY
2 BEEN ADEQUATELY RESOURCED WITH ONGOING FUNDING. SO, I WANT US
3 TO LOOK FORWARD, PRIORITIZE, AND ADEQUATELY FUND IT; NOT JUST
4 THE CURRENT CORE OPERATIONS, BUT TO EXPAND AND PROVIDE THE
5 SERVICES AND EXPERTISE IT WAS ESTABLISHED TO DO. IT HAS
6 CREATED A STRATEGIC PLAN, BUT THEN WE KEEP SAYING, "BUT HOW
7 ABOUT ADDING THIS AND ADDING THIS?" JUST RESOURCE THEM TO DO
8 IT, BECAUSE WE ARE RIGHT. SO, AS WE ENTER THE-- WELL, LET'S
9 SAY, THE CITY OF L.A. IS HAVING A MAYORAL RACE. WE ARE HEARING
10 A LOT OF IDEAS ABOUT HOW TO ADDRESS THE RECENT ESCALATION OF
11 CRIME, ALTHOUGH IT IS KIND OF ALL LUMPED TOGETHER IN A WAY
12 THAT I THINK ISN'T HELPFUL. BUT MUCH OF THE DEBATE IS CENTERED
13 AROUND HOW MANY NEW L.A.P.D. OFFICERS TO HIRE. BUT ALMOST NO
14 TALK ABOUT HOW TO PREVENT VIOLENCE IN THE FIRST PLACE. SO WE
15 NEED TO FUND THIS OFFICE, SO THAT WE CAN SUPPORT AND EXPAND
16 THE MOST EFFECTIVE VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAMS THAT CAN BE
17 DEVELOPED IN THE COUNTY. SO, IN CONCLUSION-- AND THANK YOU FOR
18 ALLOWING ME TO DO THIS. YOU WON'T HAVE TO SUFFER THROUGH ANY
19 MORE-- OH, MAYBE YOU WILL. MAYBE THERE'S ANOTHER BUDGET PHASE
20 LATER, AND I'LL STILL BE HERE, SO I MAKE NO PROMISES. BUT IN
21 CONCLUSION, PROJECTED REVENUE GROWTH IS SHOWING GREAT SIGNS OF
22 RECOVERY, AND THE BUDGET BEFORE US GIVES FUNDING FOR A LOT OF
23 IMPORTANT SERVICES AND POLICIES. BUT THE IMPACT OF C.O.V.I.D.
24 IS NOT OVER YET. OUR COMMUNITIES ARE CONTINUING TO STRUGGLE,
25 WITH INFLATION ON THE RISE. A NUMBER OF CRITICAL NEEDS HAVE

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1 BEEN DEFERRED TO FUTURE BUDGET PHASES, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO
2 SEEING HOW WE WILL DEVELOP THEM. BUT MY FEELING TODAY IS ONE
3 OF PRIDE IN THIS BUDGET, ONE OF GRATITUDE TO THE C.E.O. AND
4 HER STAFF, AND ONE OF HOPE FOR THE WAY THIS COUNTY CONTINUES
5 TO TRY TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS AND HELP ITS CONSTITUENTS. THANK
6 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

7

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

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND, SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
11 LET'S JUST SAY, WE WILL MISS YOUR VISION, YOUR INSIGHT. YOU
12 ALWAYS SEEM TO LOOK AT OUR COUNTY AND OUR BUDGET THROUGH A
13 LENS REALLY BASED UPON YOUR OWN LIFE AND YOUR OWN EXPERIENCES
14 AND YOUR OWN PERSPECTIVE, AND WE WILL FOR SURE MISS THAT.
15 THANK YOU TO FESIA AND YOUR INCREDIBLE STAFF, TO ALL OF OUR
16 BUDGET DEPUTIES IN OUR BOARD OFFICES. HERE IT IS: \$38.5
17 BILLION BUDGET FOR OUR NEXT FISCAL YEAR. AND I THINK,
18 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU SORT OF ALLUDED TO IT IN YOUR
19 COMMENTS THAT THIS BUDGET IS A MORAL DOCUMENT. IT REALLY
20 REFLECTS OUR VALUES AND OUR RESPONSIBILITIES TO TAKE CARE OF
21 THOSE WHO LEAST HAVE THE RESOURCES THAT OTHERS HAVE. SO, THANK
22 YOU TO THE WHOLE C.E.O. DEPARTMENT. THANK YOU, FESIA, FOR YOUR
23 WORK ON THIS. AND I KNOW THAT AN OVERWHELMING AMOUNT OF
24 REQUESTS HAVE COME YOUR WAY FROM ALL THE DEPARTMENTS-- THE
25 FIVE OF US, IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS-- FOR INCREASES IN FUNDING

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1 FOR VARIOUS THINGS. AND WE HAVE LOOKED TO YOU AND YOUR STAFF
2 TO SIFT THROUGH EVERYTHING AND DELIVER US THIS RECOMMENDED
3 BUDGET. THANK YOU. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT MY COLLEAGUES, BUT EVERY
4 TIME WE GET TO THIS EXERCISE, I AM AMAZED AT THE SIZE AND THE
5 SCOPE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WE HAVE MORE THAN 100,000
6 EMPLOYEES, ALL WORKING TO BRING HIGH-QUALITY SERVICES TO OUR
7 OVER 10 MILLION RESIDENTS. AND WHEN I GO THROUGH THIS BUDGET
8 PROCESS, I DO THINK ABOUT MY DAD, WHO ACTUALLY SAT IN THIS
9 POSITION AS THE SECOND SUPERVISOR, AND HE CERTAINLY DID THE
10 BIG THINGS, RIGHT? HE CREATED THE PARAMEDIC PROGRAM, PUT THE
11 CALL BOXES ON THE FREEWAYS, BUILT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING
12 HOSPITAL IN WATTS. BUT HE WAS ALSO KIND OF KNOWN FOR THE SMALL
13 THINGS, AND I THINK THIS BUDGET ALSO KIND OF REFLECTS THAT. HE
14 WAS KIND OF KNOWN AS THE POTHOLE GUY, AND HE KNEW THAT HIS
15 RESIDENTS CARED ABOUT THE STREETS THEY DROVE ON, THE SIDEWALKS
16 THEY WALKED ON, THE TREES, WHETHER OR NOT THEY WERE TRIMMED;
17 QUALITY-OF-LIFE KINDS OF ISSUES, LIKE OUR PARKS AND OUR
18 SWIMMING POOLS. AND I DO LIKE THIS BUDGET SPEAKS TO THAT.
19 WE'RE GOING TO SEE ABOUT \$30 MILLION GOING TO OUR PUBLIC WORKS
20 DEPARTMENT FOR THE PAVING OF ROADS AND TRAFFIC SAFETY
21 IMPROVEMENT. I KNOW I HAVE CALLED DIRECTOR PESTRELLA MANY
22 TIMES WITH CONCERNS THAT MY RESIDENTS HAVE BROUGHT UP ABOUT
23 DANGEROUS ROADS AND INTERSECTIONS, AND HIS TEAM WORKS TO
24 RESPOND AND TO FIX THOSE PROBLEMS. LET'S MAKE SURE THAT HE
25 CONTINUES TO HAVE THE FUNDS THAT DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO MEET THE

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1 NEEDS OF OUR RESIDENTS. EVERY TIME HE WOULD COME BACK TO
2 CONGRESS AND LOBBY US WHEN WE WERE THERE, I SAID, "I AGREE. IT
3 IS ALL ABOUT PUBLIC WORKS." SO MUCH OF QUALITY-OF-LIFE ISSUES
4 ARE RIGHT THERE WITH PEOPLE'S ROADS AND SIDEWALKS. I ALSO KNOW
5 THAT ONE OF THE SERVICES THAT WE PROVIDE IS OUR PARKS. WITH
6 SUMMER JUST AROUND THE CORNER, I AM GLAD TO SEE THAT \$5
7 MILLION IS GOING TO EXPAND OUR SUMMER SWIM SEASON, BECAUSE
8 THAT WAS SOMETHING I ASKED ABOUT AT THE END OF LAST SUMMER,
9 BECAUSE I HAD A CONSTITUENT COME UP TO ME IN ONE OF OUR PARKS
10 AND SAY, "WHY CAN'T WE KEEP SWIMMING IN OUR COUNTY POOLS
11 DURING SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER? BECAUSE, FRANKLY, THAT'S REALLY
12 WHEN THE HOT MONTHS ARE." AND I DIDN'T HAVE A GOOD ANSWER, SO
13 I BROUGHT A MOTION TO THE BOARD, AND YOU ALL SUPPORTED IT:
14 THAT WE ASK THE C.E.O. TO FIND THE DOLLARS TO HELP US EXPAND
15 OUR SWIM SEASON. SO WE'VE GOT 5 MILLION IN THIS BUDGET. I
16 THINK THAT'S A BIG HELP. AND NORMA GARCIA, I'M SURE, WILL
17 APPRECIATE THAT, BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH. IT ONLY GETS US THROUGH
18 SEPTEMBER, AND I WAS HOPING TO GET THROUGH OCTOBER. BUT I
19 THINK IT IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. BUT THESE ARE THE
20 KIND OF ACTIVITIES THAT I THINK WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE OUR
21 RESIDENTS TO DO: THESE OUTDOOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES THAT
22 EVERYONE CAN ENJOY. SO, HOPEFULLY, WE CAN GET TO THE FUNDING--
23 THE FUTURE FUNDING-- THAT WILL KEEP THEM OPEN MORE THAN JUST
24 TEN WEEKS EVERY SUMMER. I KNOW MANY OF US HAVE LOVED OUR PARKS
25 AFTER DARK PROGRAMS; VERY IMPORTANT. NOW WE HAVE THE SUN THAT

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1 DOESN'T SET UNTIL VERY LATE AT NIGHT, THANKS TO DAYLIGHT
2 SAVINGS. I AM KIND OF ONE OF THOSE THAT DOESN'T REALLY LIKE
3 IT, BUT IT DOESN'T REALLY SAVE AN HOUR OF LIGHT. YOU EITHER
4 GET IT IN THE EVENING, OR YOU GET IT IN THE MORNING. BUT WE
5 WON'T HAVE THAT DISCUSSION HERE. BUT PARKS AFTER DARK IS A
6 GREAT PROGRAM. IT KEEPS OUR KIDS, OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, INVOLVED,
7 ENGAGED, SUPERVISED, INSTEAD OF POTENTIALLY GETTING INTO
8 TROUBLE. THEY ARE A HUGE COMMUNITY ASSET, AND I WANT TO MAKE
9 SURE THAT THEY CONTINUE TO GET THE FUNDING THEY NEED. AND I'M
10 GLAD TO SAY, IN THIS BUDGET, THERE'S MORE MONEY FOR OUR PARKS
11 AFTER DARK TO BE FUNDED. IT IS STILL UNDERFUNDED, BUT I AM
12 GLAD TO SEE MORE MONEY GOING FOR THAT. AND I'M ALSO GLAD,
13 FESIA, THAT WE IDENTIFIED THE \$12 MILLION FOR OUR NEW
14 SHERIFF'S ACADEMY, ANOTHER CLASS TO BEGIN HIRING, AS YOU SAID
15 IN YOUR POWERPOINT, THE NEXT GENERATION OF DEPUTIES. WE HAD A
16 LOT OF CALLERS TODAY LETTING US KNOW ABOUT THE FUNDING RELATED
17 TO CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT. WE THANK THEM ALWAYS FOR
18 RAISING THEIR VOICES ON THIS MATTER. I NOW REPRESENT THE
19 S.E.L.A. COMMUNITY, AND JUST LIKE YOU DID, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I
20 WILL BE LOOKING CLOSELY AT OUR SPENDING PLAN FOR THOSE \$200
21 MILLION, TO MAKE SURE THAT THE S.E.L.A. COMMUNITIES GET THEIR
22 FAIR SHARE. YOU WERE SUCH A GREAT GATEKEEPER OF THAT
23 COMMUNITY, AND I AM GOING TO TRY TO FOLLOW IN YOUR FOOTSTEPS.
24 I WAS JUST IN COMMERCE LAST WEEK, DOING A MOBILE VACCINE
25 EVENT, AND I AM ALWAYS AMAZED AND PLEASED TO SEE HOW EFFECTIVE

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1 OUR MOBILE EVENTS ARE FOR OUR RESIDENTS. DR. FERRER HAS SET UP
2 HUNDREDS-- MAYBE EVEN THOUSANDS-- OF THESE THROUGHOUT THE
3 COUNTY, SINCE THE START OF OUR PANDEMIC, BECAUSE ACCESSIBILITY
4 IS SUCH A BARRIER FOR MANY PEOPLE, AND IT IS GREAT TO SEE NEW
5 MONEY GOING TO OUR D.H.S. SYSTEM FOR STREET MEDICINE AND
6 MOBILE CLINICS. WE HAVE SO MANY FOLKS THAT ARE JUST HARD TO
7 REACH. BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, THEY ARE ALSO JUST MORE
8 CONVENIENT FOR PEOPLE. I SET ONE UP AT AN ART FAIR IN SAN
9 PEDRO, AND IT WAS AMAZING. THE PEOPLE WALKING BY, TO GO OUT TO
10 EAT OR TO LOOK AT AN ART GALLERY, DECIDED TO GET THEIR SECOND
11 BOOSTER. SO, MAKING IT EASY, CONVENIENT, AND FREE, I THINK IS
12 GOING TO REALLY HELP US CONTINUE TO GET THROUGH OUR CURRENT
13 HEALTH CHALLENGES, BUT A POSSIBLE SURGE IN THE FUTURE. AND DR.
14 GHALY, I KNOW, WILL APPRECIATE THESE MOBILE CLINICS AND THE
15 STREET MEDICINE FUNDING. D.H.S. IS ALSO GETTING MUCH-NEEDED
16 RECURRING FUNDING FOR O.D.R., AS SUPERVISOR KUEHL TALKED
17 ABOUT, WHICH HAS BEEN ONE OF THE BEST AND MOST SUCCESSFUL WAYS
18 WE HAVE TO KEEP PEOPLE OUT OF JAIL, AND TO RE-ESTABLISH
19 FORMALLY INCARCERATED PEOPLE BACK INTO SOCIETY SAFELY, WHICH
20 IS GOOD FOR US AS A COUNTY, AND SAVES US MONEY, ULTIMATELY.
21 AND I KNOW THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY STILL HAS A GAP
22 IN ONGOING FUNDING, BUT THESE \$30 MILLION OF ONGOING FUNDING
23 IS HELPING TO NARROW THAT GAP, AND I AM HOPEFUL THAT NEXT
24 YEAR, WE WILL SEE THAT GAP CLOSED COMPLETELY. I LIKE THAT THIS
25 BUDGET ALSO INCLUDES FUNDING FOR OUR THERAPEUTIC

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1 TRANSPORTATION VANS, WHICH ARE MENTAL HEALTH TEAMS THAT
2 RESPOND TO 9-1-1 CALLS FOR SERVICE THAT ARE RELATED TO MENTAL
3 HEALTH. AND I WANTED TO GIVE A SHOUT-OUT TO DR. SHERIN, WHO IS
4 OUR DIRECTOR OF OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, WHO
5 HAD THIS VISION YEARS AGO. EVEN BEFORE WE WERE TALKING ABOUT
6 9-8-8 AND ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE, HE KNEW THAT THERE ARE
7 SOME 9-1-1 CALLS THAT WOULD BE BETTER SERVED BY MENTAL HEALTH
8 PROFESSIONALS THAN BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OR EVEN PARAMEDICS. BUT
9 MOST PEOPLE CALL 9-1-1 IF ONE OF THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS, FOR
10 INSTANCE, IS HAVING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS, AND THE ONLY
11 OPTIONS WERE PARAMEDICS OR LAW ENFORCEMENT. DR. SHERIN ALWAYS
12 KNEW THAT IF WE COULD BEGIN TO DIVERT THOSE 9-1-1 CALLS TO A
13 DIFFERENT KIND OF RESPONSE, WE WOULD HAVE BETTER OUTCOMES. SO
14 HE CAME UP WITH THIS THERAPEUTIC TRANSPORTATION VAN PILOT
15 PROGRAM TO DIVERT THOSE CALLS, AND I AM GLAD TO SEE THAT THEY
16 ARE GETTING THE FUNDING IN THIS BUDGET, BECAUSE THEY ARE AN
17 IMPORTANT PART OF THE OVERALL WORK THAT WE ARE DOING TO MAKE
18 SURE PEOPLE GET THE MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE THAT THEY NEED,
19 WHEN THEY NEED IT. UNFORTUNATELY, I DID NOT SEE ANY ONGOING
20 FUNDS TO CLOSE THE GAP ON LIBRARY STRUCTURAL DEFICIT. I'VE
21 TALKED ABOUT THIS EVERY YEAR. AND SO I WILL ASK OUR C.E.O.
22 AGAIN TO IDENTIFY THE MONEY NEEDED TO KEEP OUR LIBRARIES OPEN
23 ALL THE TIME. YOU KNOW, UNDER SKYE PATRICK, WE ARE SO LUCKY TO
24 HAVE HER AS OUR COUNTY LIBRARIAN. THE LIBRARY PROVIDES AMAZING
25 SERVICES, FROM PRESCHOOLERS TO OLDER ADULTS. FOR PRESCHOOLERS,

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1 THEY HAVE A SMARTY-PANTS STORY TIME; AND FOR TEENS
2 TRANSITIONING TO ADULTS, THEY HAVE "ADULT 101" SERIES. AND
3 THEN THEY EVEN ARE HELPING US OLDER FOLKS TO GET BETTER AT
4 MESSAGING APPS FOR COMMUNICATION. SO, THANK YOU, SKYE. THANK
5 YOU, LIBRARIES. I WILL KEEP CONTINUING TO FIGHT FOR MORE
6 FUNDING FOR YOU. AND I KNOW, SHEILA, YOU TALKED ABOUT OUR NEW
7 DEPARTMENTS, BUT I REALLY AM EXCITED ABOUT THE NEW DEPARTMENT
8 OF AGING AND DISABILITIES. IT'S BEEN THREE YEARS IN THE
9 MAKING, AND GETTING ALL THE FINANCES AND STAFFING IN ORDER,
10 BUT IT IS GREAT TO SEE DR. LAURA TREJO AS OUR NEW DEPARTMENT
11 HEAD. WE ARE SO LUCKY TO HAVE GOTTEN HER, AND SHE IS ALREADY
12 PRIORITIZING THE NEEDS OF OUR AGING AND DISABILITIES
13 COMMUNITIES. I HAVE ALREADY GOTTEN LOTS OF PHONE CALLS, E-
14 MAILS FROM RESIDENTS, APPRECIATIVE OF WHAT WE ARE DOING IN
15 THAT DEPARTMENT. AND I AM GRATEFUL THAT L.A. FOUND HAS A
16 PERMANENT PLACE IN THIS NEW DEPARTMENT, WITH INCREASED
17 FUNDING, TO ENSURE THAT ADULTS WHO WANDER DUE TO ALZHEIMER'S
18 DEMENTIA, OR EVEN CHILDREN WITH AUTISM, CAN BE RETURNED TO
19 THEIR LOVED ONES, QUICKLY AND SAFELY. THIS IS A MASSIVE
20 BUDGET; A LOT TO DIGEST. I ONLY HIGHLIGHTED A FEW THINGS. THE
21 VIDEO WAS GREAT. I, TOO, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, THINK THAT'S A
22 GREAT IDEA TO HOST BUDGET HEARINGS IN OUR OWN DISTRICTS, AND
23 START WITH THAT VIDEO. IT IS SO EDUCATIONAL AND EASY TO
24 UNDERSTAND. BUT I DO THINK THIS BUDGET SETS US ON THE RIGHT
25 FOOT FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR, TO KEEP OURSELVES ACCOUNTABLE

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1 TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE JOB THAT WE WERE ALL ELECTED TO DO.

2 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR. MOVING
5 ON TO DISTRICT FIVE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

6

7 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. EXCUSE ME. AND I ALSO WANT
8 TO THANK OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, FESIA DAVENPORT, FOR
9 TODAY'S PRESENTATION OF THE COUNTY'S 2022-23 RECOMMENDED
10 BUDGET. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR ENTIRE STAFF,
11 FESIA. AND I KNOW THAT I ALWAYS EMBARRASS MATT MCGLOIN, BUT I
12 WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK HIM, AS WELL AS EVERYONE ELSE
13 THROUGHOUT THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, WHO WORKED TO PREPARE THE
14 BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS WE ARE CONSIDERING. I ALSO WANT TO
15 ACKNOWLEDGE ALL THE STAFF ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR, ESPECIALLY
16 MICHELLE VEGA. WORKING TOGETHER COLLABORATIVELY, WORKING WITH
17 THE C.E.O., IS WHAT MAKES THE BUDGET PROCESS WORK. IT IS ABOUT
18 TRANSPARENCY AND WORKING TOGETHER. AND I APPRECIATE THE
19 THOUGHT AND FORWARD-THINKING VISION THAT GOES INTO THE
20 DEVELOPMENT OF OUR BUDGET EACH YEAR. IT IS NOT DONE IN A
21 VACUUM. IT IS DONE WITH THOUGHTFUL DELIBERATION; REALLY, TO
22 YOUR POINT, CHAIR MITCHELL, A LIVE DOCUMENT THAT TRULY DOES
23 REFLECT THE PRIORITIES OF THIS COUNTY. I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE
24 PARTNERSHIP OF OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEADS AND THEIR STAFF FOR
25 THE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THE NEEDS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE

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1 DEPARTMENTS. AS FESIA POINTED OUT TO US, I DO KNOW THAT THERE
2 WERE A LOT OF ASKS, AND THEY EXCEEDED, IN FACT, WHAT EACH
3 DEPARTMENT GOT. BUT I APPRECIATE THEIR WILLINGNESS TO
4 COMPROMISE, TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO DELIVER ESSENTIAL
5 PROGRAMS AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS OF LOS
6 ANGELES COUNTY. THAT REALLY IS THE BOTTOM LINE. AND,
7 SUPERVISOR HAHN, I REMEMBER YOUR FATHER SITTING RIGHT WHERE
8 YOU ARE SITTING. AND IT WAS ABOUT MORE THAN JUST THE BIG-
9 TICKET ITEMS. IT WAS ABOUT THE QUALITY-OF-LIFE ISSUES THAT
10 IMPACT EACH AND EVERY RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY. DURING LAST
11 YEAR'S BUDGET, THE COUNTY WAS ABLE TO FULLY RESTORE ITS RAINY-
12 DAY FUND, AND ENSURE A 10% SET-ASIDE. WHILE I REMAIN
13 OPTIMISTIC AND KNOW THAT THIS YEAR'S BUDGET INCLUDES STRONG
14 GROWTH, I CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE FOR FISCAL PRUDENCE-- SOMETHING
15 THIS BOARD ACTUALLY IS EMBRACING-- AND THE NEED TO CAREFULLY
16 FUND OUR RESERVES, ESPECIALLY AS WE FACE UNCERTAINTY AROUND
17 THE ECONOMY. AND, FESIA, I APPRECIATE THE SLIDE THAT YOU DID
18 ON THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK, BECAUSE IT TALKS ABOUT THE POSITIVE
19 ECONOMIC OUTLOOK, WITH PROPERTY TAX REVENUES PROJECTED TO GROW
20 BY 6%; ESTIMATED 7.9% INCREASE IN SALES TAX REVENUES. BUT YOU
21 ALSO TALKED ABOUT THE CHALLENGES. I THINK IT IS A BALANCE. AND
22 ONE OF THEM IS RAPID INFLATION, ONGOING LABOR NEGOTIATIONS,
23 AND I HOPE THAT WE CAN WORK WITH OUR LABOR PARTNERS TO PUT
24 THIS TO BED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I THINK WE ARE ALL ANXIOUS TO
25 GET A DEAL CUT, AND I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO MOVE

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1 THAT FORWARD, SO THAT WE HAVE CERTAINTY AS IT RELATES TO WHAT
2 THE OVERALL COST PUT INTO OUR BUDGET IS GOING TO BE: THE
3 POTENTIAL NEW C.O.V.I.D.-19 IMPACTS-- A VARIABLE THAT I THINK
4 WE ALL AGREE IS AN UNKNOWN-- AND AN UNSTABLE GEOPOLITICAL
5 CLIMATE AFFECTING CAPITAL MARKETS AND ENERGY PRICES, AS WELL
6 AS LITIGATION. LITIGATION IS AN ONGOING ISSUE, A REALITY,
7 UNFORTUNATELY, FOR THIS COUNTY, BUT I THINK THESE ARE ALL
8 UNCERTAINTIES THAT ARE MANAGEABLE IF WE TACKLE THEM AND WALK
9 IN WITH OUR EYES WIDE OPEN. I'D LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT A FEW
10 THINGS. AND, SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU TALKED ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH,
11 SOMETHING NEAR AND DEAR, SO I WON'T REPEAT THAT, BUT I AGREE
12 WITH THE VISION THAT DR. SHERIN HAD, AS IT RELATES TO THE
13 MOBILE UNITS, THE THERAPEUTIC UNITS. THAT IS GOING TO BE A
14 GAME CHANGER, ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU LOCATE THEM IN AREAS WHERE
15 THERE'S THE GREATEST NEED OF CALLS COMING IN FOR MENTAL HEALTH
16 SERVICES. THE GOAL IS TO REALLY PROVIDE COMPASSIONATE CARE,
17 AND I BELIEVE THAT THESE ARE THE RIGHT TOOL TO DO JUST THAT. I
18 ALSO KNOW THAT, FESIA, IN YOUR PRESENTATION, YOU HIGHLIGHTED A
19 FEW THINGS, BUT I'D LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE
20 12 MILLION THAT'S BEING ALLOCATED TO PROVIDE THE LOS ANGELES
21 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WITH ADDITIONAL ACADEMY CLASSES, SO THAT
22 THEY CAN RECRUIT AND TRAIN NEW RECRUITS TO SERVE THE COUNTY
23 AND HELP SUPPORT PUBLIC SAFETY. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THAT.
24 I'D ALSO LIKE TO COMMENT ON THE ADDITIONAL \$15.3 MILLION THAT
25 WILL BE SET ASIDE FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE

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1 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, TO HELP ENSURE ADEQUATE
2 STAFFING TO SUPPORT THE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF THOSE THAT ARE
3 INCARCERATED, AS PART OF THE COMPLIANCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
4 JUSTICE CONSENT DECREE. WORKFORCE TRAINING IS GOING TO BE ONE
5 OF THE KEY ISSUES THAT WE HAVE, AND I KNOW SOMEONE CALLED IN
6 AND TALKED ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE'RE HAVING A TOUGH TIME
7 ATTRACTING INDIVIDUALS TO WORK IN THIS COUNTY, BUT IT'S NOT
8 JUST THIS COUNTY. ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO MENTAL HEALTH
9 AND HEALTHCARE WORKERS, WE ARE COMPETING WITH A LIMITED SUPPLY
10 AND A HUGE DEMAND. SO I THINK THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT
11 INNOVATIVE WAYS FOR US TO ATTRACT EMPLOYEES HERE, SOMETHING
12 THAT WILL BE LOOKED AT AS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT LABOR
13 NEGOTIATIONS, BUT ALSO BEYOND THAT: LOOKING AT OPPORTUNITIES
14 TO HELP WITH STIPENDS, AS IT RELATES TO EDUCATION, TO OFFSET,
15 SIMILAR TO WHAT THEY DID IN THE PEACE CORPS, WHERE IF YOU
16 DEDICATE YOUR TIME TO PUBLIC SERVICE, YOUR TUITION WILL BE
17 FORGIVEN. WE HAVE OPPORTUNITIES, AND I THINK WE NEED TO TAKE
18 THEM, BECAUSE I DON'T SEE THAT DIMINISHING ANYTIME IN THE NEAR
19 FUTURE, BUT YET THE NEED IS GOING UP, ESPECIALLY WITH MENTAL
20 HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE. SO I THINK THAT THERE ARE
21 OPPORTUNITIES. THERE ARE OTHER CRITICAL PROGRAMS THAT ARE
22 HIGHLY BENEFICIAL TO OUR RESIDENTS, THAT ALSO IMPACT PUBLIC
23 SAFETY. ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT FOR ME-- AND I THINK SOME OF
24 MY COLLEAGUES WOULD AGREE-- IS PARKS AFTER DARK PROGRAM,
25 THAT'S BEEN FACILITATED BY L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND

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1 REC. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS TRULY, IN MY DISTRICT, THE GAME
2 CHANGER. THIS PROGRAM TURNS COUNTY PARKS INTO A COMMUNAL
3 CENTER, WITH SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR
4 COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF ALL AGES, WITH A SPECIAL FOCUS ON AT-RISK
5 YOUTH. PARKS AFTER DARK, WHICH PROVIDES FREE RECREATIONAL
6 ACTIVITIES, ALONG WITH HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, HAS A
7 PROVEN RECORD OF POSITIVE OUTCOMES FOR THE COMMUNITIES IT
8 SERVES. PARKS AFTER DARK HAS BEEN SHOWN TO INCREASE PHYSICAL
9 ACTIVITY, AND DECREASE CHRONIC DISEASE RISK, AS WELL. IT HAS
10 ALSO SUCCESSFULLY DECREASED COMMUNITY VIOLENCE, WHILE
11 PROVIDING A SENSE OF WELLBEING AND SUPPORT FOR OUR LOCAL
12 RESIDENTS. THE PARKS AFTER DARK PROGRAM IS AN EXAMPLE OF A
13 GREAT COUNTY COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENTS OF MENTAL
14 HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH, THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
15 FAMILY SERVICES, THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, AGING, AND
16 COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT.
17 THIS PROGRAM SERVES VULNERABLE NEIGHBORHOODS THAT ARE
18 EXPERIENCING ECONOMIC HARDSHIPS, THEREBY BUILDING RESILIENCE
19 AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS: SOMETHING THAT, GIVEN C.O.V.I.D., I
20 THINK WE WOULD ALL AGREE IS MORE NEEDED NOW THAN EVER. I'M
21 HIGHLIGHTING THE PARKS AFTER DARK PROGRAM BECAUSE I'VE HEARD
22 FROM CONSTITUENTS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS JUST HOW IMPORTANT
23 THESE PROGRAMS ARE TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, AND I WANT TO BE
24 SURE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO FULLY FUND THESE PROGRAMS. I BELIEVE
25 THAT THE SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS, SUCH AS PARKS AFTER DARK, SHOULD

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1 BE PART OF THE CONVERSATION FOR THE CARE FIRST COMMUNITY
2 INITIATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AS THEY CONSIDER PROGRAMS TO
3 PROVIDE PREVENTION AND DEFICIT REDUCTION SERVICES IN HIGH-RISK
4 COMMUNITIES. I THINK THAT WHEN WE LOOK AT WHERE OUR PRIORITIES
5 ARE, WE ALL AGREE THAT IT'S THE PRIORITY TO KEEP OUR YOUTH OUT
6 OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. AND WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY, FRONT AND
7 CENTER, ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE CROSSOVER YOUTH THAT
8 GO FROM CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES TO PROBATION, WE ARE ON
9 THE FRONT LINE OF REALLY CHANGING THE TRAJECTORY OF A LOT OF
10 THESE YOUTH. AND I THINK THAT THIS DOCUMENT, MOVING FORWARD,
11 IS GOING TO BENEFIT SO MANY, LONG AFTER WE'RE GONE. AND I HOPE
12 THIS WILL SERVE AS A TEMPLATE, MOVING FORWARD. AGAIN, FESIA,
13 TO YOU AND YOUR TEAM, THANK YOU. YOU MAKE IT LOOK EASY, AND I
14 KNOW IT'S NOT. AND TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU KNOW, YOU WERE
15 ALWAYS SOMEONE THAT I LOOK UP TO, EVEN THOUGH I LOOK DOWN WHEN
16 I'M STANDING UP. BUT I APPRECIATE THAT THIS IS YOUR LAST
17 BUDGET, BUT JUST KNOW HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT
18 YOU'VE DONE ON BEHALF OF NOT JUST YOUR 2 MILLION RESIDENTS
19 WITHIN THIRD, BUT FOR ALL 10 MILLION IN THE COUNTY.

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

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23 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO MANY WONDERFUL THINGS HAVE BEEN SAID ABOUT THE
24 GOOD WORK OF OUR C.E.O., AND THE GOOD WORK OF THE BOARD. AND I
25 REALLY DO WANT TO JUST ECHO AND SAY TO FESIA AND YOUR STAFF,

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1 AS WELL AS OUR BUDGET DEPUTIES, AND EVEN THOSE PEOPLE OUTSIDE-
2 - OUR STAKEHOLDERS, OUR RESIDENTS, WHO ALSO MADE THE CASE FOR
3 US TO PUSH. EACH OF US CAME WITH DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES AT
4 TIMES, AND SOME OF US SAID, "NO, YOU'RE RIGHT. LET'S WORK
5 TOGETHER ON THESE ISSUES." BUT NONETHELESS, IT'S AN IMPORTANT
6 PART OF OUR DUTY TO HEAR AND TRUST SOME OF THOSE VOICES THAT
7 ARE OUT THERE. SO, I THANK THE C.E.O. AND MY STAFF, THAT I
8 PUSH A LOT TO DO MORE, AND TO REALLY-- AND I KNOW ALL OF US DO
9 THAT-- TO REALLY SAY, WE WANT TO MAKE SOME CHANGES, AND, AS
10 SHELIA SAYS, WE REALLY MEAN IT. AND WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF
11 TIME, SOME OF US, AND WE DON'T HAVE A BOTTOMLESS PIT. I MEAN,
12 WE HAVE LIMITATIONS. WE HAVE LIMITATIONS IN OUR BUDGET. BUT
13 THIS BUDGET CYCLE, I THINK, FOR ALL OF US, REALLY TOOK A LOT
14 OF WORK ON BEHALF OF ALL OF US, BECAUSE WE KNOW, COMING OUT OF
15 THE PANDEMIC, JUST WHAT THAT MEANT TO OUR COMMUNITIES. AND I
16 KNOW, FOR ME, I THINK I STILL THINK HARD ABOUT THE IMPACT THAT
17 IT HAD ON THE PEOPLE THAT LOST THEIR JOBS; AND THEN THE PEOPLE
18 THAT LOST THEIR LIVES, AND THE UNFAIRNESS OF IT ALL. AND IT
19 SHOWED, I THINK, FOR SOME OF US, THE GAPS IN OUR SYSTEM, AND
20 THOSE ARE REAL, AND I THINK OUR BUDGET DOCUMENT HELPS US TO
21 FILL THOSE GAPS. BUT WE CERTAINLY KNOW THAT IT'S STILL NOT
22 ENOUGH. THERE STILL HAS TO BE A LOT MORE FOR US TO DO. THIS
23 PANDEMIC IS NOT GOING AWAY, AS LONG AS WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE
24 STILL PEOPLE INFECTED OR BECOMING INFECTED. AND I SEE THE
25 FIGURES EVERY DAY IN OUR RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS. SOME OF THOSE

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1 HARD-TO-REACH PLACES ARE STILL HARD. THERE'S STILL A LOT OF
2 YOUNG PEOPLE AND PARENTS, LATINO, IMMIGRANT, PEOPLE OF COLOR,
3 AND OTHERS, THAT JUST DON'T HAVE ACCESS, AND THAT, BECAUSE OF
4 THEIR LIMITATIONS, HAVE TO BE OUT IN THE FIELD, WORKING EVERY
5 DAY, WHETHER IT'S AS A SHORT-ORDER COOK, SOMEONE CLEANING AN
6 OFFICE, SOMEONE BABY-SITTING, OR SOMEONE WHO IS JUST OUT THERE
7 HELPING TO KEEP THEIR FAMILY GOING AND KEEP THAT ROOF OVER
8 THEIR HEAD. SOMETIMES WE DON'T THINK ABOUT THAT PERSON, AND
9 SOME PEOPLE THINK THEY'RE INVISIBLE. THEY'RE NOT. THEY'RE OUR
10 BUS RIDERS. THEY'RE OUR RESIDENTS. THEY'RE THE PEOPLE THAT WE
11 SERVE THROUGH OUR D.P.S.S. AND THROUGH CHILDREN AND FAMILY
12 SERVICES. AND THOSE PEOPLE HAVE ALSO BEEN STRUGGLING. AND I
13 WANT TO SAY THAT THIS PANDEMIC, AND THE FACT THAT WE ARE IN
14 THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION, HAS REALLY IMPACTED US IN MANY
15 WAYS. I CAN'T REMEMBER WHEN WE HAVE SEEN A 40-YEAR INCREASE IN
16 INFLATION. I REMEMBER WHAT THAT DID BACK IN THE 80S, WITH SOME
17 OF OUR FAMILY MEMBERS. I REMEMBER MY TWO BROTHERS WERE IN
18 CONSTRUCTION. THEY LOST THEIR JOBS, AND THEY LOST THEIR
19 HOUSES. AND THEY ALL HAD CHILDREN. AND I'LL NEVER FORGET HOW
20 IMPACTFUL THAT WAS. AND WE WOULD LISTEN TO MY FATHER, WHO
21 WOULD TELL US, "MIJA, THIS ISN'T SOMETHING THAT'S NEW. YOU
22 DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED DURING THE DEPRESSION. YOU DON'T
23 RECALL WHEN THEY RATIONED GASOLINE. YOU MAY NOT EVEN
24 UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAD TO HAVE COUPONS TO GET FOOD." AND I
25 KIND OF THOUGHT, "DAD, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?" IN FACT,

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1 IN SOME CASES, THAT HAPPENED TO MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS. WE
2 DIDN'T HEAR IT QUITE IN THAT MANNER, BUT NONETHELESS, PEOPLE
3 DID HAVE TO RELY ON OUR SERVICES TO GET THEIR CALFRESH, TO GET
4 EVEN THEIR BOXES OF GOODS THAT MANY OF US, HERE IN THE COUNTY,
5 DISASTER WORKERS STOOD UP. MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF PEOPLE
6 WERE FED, BECAUSE WE DID USE OUR RESOURCES WELL, AND WE
7 CONTINUE TO SEE THAT THE NEED IS STILL THERE. SO I'M HAPPY
8 THAT WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THOSE TYPES OF
9 SERVICES, BECAUSE, AFTER ALL, I THINK, FOR ME, WHEN I RAN FOR
10 THIS OFFICE INITIALLY, IT WAS ABOUT THE SAFETY NET. THE SAFETY
11 NET, THE SAFETY NET, AND THE SAFETY NET. AND WHETHER IT'S
12 THOSE PEOPLE THAT ARE OUT THERE RIGHT NOW, THAT CAN'T EVEN
13 LISTEN TO US BECAUSE THEY'RE WORKING-- MOTHERS THAT ARE
14 PRAYING AND WONDERING HOW THEY'RE GOING TO GET ADDITIONAL \$15
15 TO PAY FOR DIAPERS THIS WEEK; GAS PRICES THAT STILL CONTINUE
16 TO GO UP, THAT ARE STILL ABOVE \$6, CLOSE TO \$7, STILL, IN SOME
17 AREAS; AND THE FACT THAT PEOPLE ARE STILL STRUGGLING TO STAY
18 IN THEIR APARTMENTS, OR TO LIVE WITH SOMEONE THAT HAS A ROOF
19 THAT THEY CAN SHARE-- THOSE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT COME
20 TO MIND WHEN I THINK ABOUT THE BUDGET, AND HOW IMPORTANT AND
21 IMPACTFUL THIS IS FOR ALL OF US. AND I HOPE THAT OUR
22 EMPLOYEES-- THAT ALL OF OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES-- UNDERSTAND
23 THAT, WHILE THE BUDGET AT FIRST LOOKS LIKE WE ARE FLUSH WITH
24 MONEY, IN FACT, WE HAVE A LOT OF THINGS THAT WE DID PUT ON
25 HOLD. BUT ONE GOOD THING I HAVE TO SAY IS THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE

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1 TO FIRE ANYBODY. WE DIDN'T HAVE TO TERMINATE PEOPLE, AND THAT,
2 SOMEHOW, WE LOSE SIGHT OF THAT, AND IT'S OUR OBLIGATION TO
3 REMIND PEOPLE OF THAT, AND TO GIVE HOPE TO OUR EMPLOYEES, TOO;
4 TO TELL THEM THAT, AS WE GO IN THROUGH OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH
5 OUR LABOR GROUPS, THAT THEY ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT WE HEAR THEM,
6 THAT THEY'VE SUFFERED A LOT. WE'VE HEARD IT. WE HEARD IT
7 TODAY, AGAIN. PEOPLE PUT THEIR LIVES AT RISK, KEEPING OUR
8 HEALTH SYSTEMS OPEN: OUR DISASTER WORKERS, OUR PUBLIC SAFETY,
9 BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, THOSE PEOPLE THAT CAME IN TO MAKE SURE
10 THAT PEOPLE COULD GET SERVICES, THAT COULDN'T OTHERWISE COME
11 IN; THAT WE USED OUR EFFORTS THROUGH TELECOMMUNICATION, AND
12 THROUGH TELEWORKING, AND MAKING SURE THAT PEOPLE GOT-- THAT
13 THEY STILL GOT THE SERVICE THAT WE HAVE TO PROVIDE. THIS
14 BUDGET, 2022-23, IS \$38.5 BILLION. IT'S A LITTLE SHORT OF WHAT
15 WE WERE USED TO HAVING, A BIT, THOUGH, SO LET'S REMIND
16 OURSELVES WHAT HAPPENED. WE DID ADD 513 POSITIONS, AND THE
17 GOOD THING IS THAT THEY ARE GOOD-PAYING JOBS. THEY ARE MIDDLE-
18 CLASS JOBS. EVEN IF YOU'RE STARTING IN AT THE FIRST TIME, AT
19 THE LOW-END STARTING LEVEL, THE ENTRY-LEVEL POSITIONS ARE DARN
20 GOOD, AND YOU GET BENEFITS THAT OTHERWISE WOULD NOT BE OFFERED
21 TO YOU IN OTHER AGENCIES OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. IN THE
22 FIRST DISTRICT, I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT SOME THINGS THAT I
23 THINK ARE IMPORTANT FOR US. AND IT'S ALREADY BEEN SPOKEN
24 ABOUT, BUT THE \$30 MILLION IN ONE-TIME FUNDING, AND \$10
25 MILLION IN ONGOING FUNDING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND TO

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1 ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS. TO ME, THOSE TWO ARE
2 CONSUMING ISSUES THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO GET AROUND JUST IN
3 THIS BUDGET, AND WE NEED TO KEEP CONTINUING TO SET ASIDE
4 MONEY. SO, I APPLAUD THE BOARD. I APPLAUD THE LEADERSHIP OF,
5 IN PARTICULAR, THE THIRD DISTRICT, FOR FIGHTING SO... JUST
6 INCREDIBLY. INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT FOR THE COUNTY, AND TO SEE
7 WHAT IS HAPPENING RIGHT NOW: THE DISASTER, IN TERMS OF THE
8 UNHOUSED, AND WHY WE NEEDED TO DO IT. FOR YOUR VISION IN
9 SEEING THAT, SHELIA, I APPLAUD YOU AND SALUTE YOU, AND KNOW
10 THAT IT MEANS AND IT'S VERY IMPACTFUL FOR MY DISTRICT. I ALSO
11 WANT TO SAY I'M VERY HAPPY THAT WE HAVE \$3.9 MILLION TO
12 ESTABLISH THOSE 4 MOBILE CLINICS TO PROVIDE STREET MEDICINE.
13 THAT'S A NEW PHASE: STREET MEDICINE. THAT MEANS WE'RE GOING
14 OUT AND TALKING TO PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS. AND THERE'S ALSO
15 \$6.9 MILLION TO EXPAND HOUSING FOR HEALTH, TO PROVIDE CASE
16 MANAGEMENT FOR PEOPLE THAT AREN'T JUST EXPERIENCING
17 HOMELESSNESS, BUT ARE ALSO IMPACTED BY H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S.
18 LET'S NOT FORGET THAT. THAT IS STILL WITH US. \$663,000 FOR
19 PREPARING LOS ANGELES FOR COUNTY EMPLOYMENT, KNOWN AS
20 P.L.A.C.E. THAT PROGRAM PROVIDES COUNTY JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR
21 PEOPLE WITH HIGH BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT, SUCH AS THOSE THAT
22 ARE JUSTICE-INVOLVED, AND THOSE WHO WERE RECENTLY HOMELESS.
23 THAT'S A LAUDABLE PROGRAM. WE NEED TO DO MORE THERE. \$15.7
24 MILLION FOR THE YOUTH AT WORK PROGRAM. 10,000 SLOTS WILL BE
25 PROVIDED FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. THAT, TO ME, IS AN INCREDIBLE,

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1 INCREDIBLE NOTION FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND WE
2 SHOULD BE PROUD AND INSISTING THAT OUR CITIES AND OUR C.B.O.S
3 TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS, INCLUDING THOSE THAT WERE SO
4 SUPPORTIVE OF MEASURE J. THIS IS A GOOD WAY-- AS FATHER BOYLE
5 SAYS, "HOW DO YOU STOP-- HOW DO YOU"-- WHAT'S THE PHRASE HE
6 SAYS? THAT'S RIGHT. "THE WAY YOU STOP A BULLET IS GIVING A
7 YOUNGSTER, A YOUNG PERSON, A JOB." AND THAT'S ABSOLUTELY
8 CORRECT. I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT SOMETHING IN THE BUDGET THAT
9 WASN'T TALKED ABOUT, BUT SOMETHING THAT MEANS A LOT, I THINK,
10 FOR SOME OF US IN OUR COMMUNITIES THAT ARE FACED WITH THE
11 DIGITAL DIVIDE, THERE ARE 50 ORDINANCE-ONLY POSITIONS FOR
12 I.S.D., "DELETE THE DIVIDE," WHICH I WAS INVOLVED IN. AND I'D
13 LIKE TO SEE ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS DEDICATE STUDENT
14 PROFESSIONAL WORKER POSITIONS FOR THIS IMPORTANT PROGRAM. THIS
15 IS HOW YOU BUILD CAREER LADDERS: LOOKING AT THE FUTURE, AND
16 LOOKING INTO I.T. PROFESSIONS THAT ARE GOING TO PAY WELL.
17 \$500,000 HAS ALSO BEEN SET ASIDE AGAIN FOR MY BROTHERS KEEPER
18 PROGRAM, THROUGH THE COUNTY LIBRARY. THE PROGRAM WAS LAUNCHED
19 IN 2014 BY PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA, TO HELP SUPPORT BOYS AND
20 YOUNG MEN OF COLOR TO PURSUE EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT, AND IT
21 STILL RINGS TRUE. I AUTHORED THAT MOTION TO IMPLEMENT THAT
22 PROGRAM HERE, AND WE STARTED OUT, I RECALL, AT ONE OF OUR
23 PROBATION CAMPS, WORKING WITH OUR YOUTH, AND IT STILL HAS JUST
24 CONTINUED TO GAIN MOMENTUM. \$18 MILLION FOR GENERAL RELIEF.
25 THAT IS STILL A BIG PROGRAM. THAT HELPS SO MANY PEOPLE HERE IN

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1 THE COUNTY. I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MANY CALLS WE GET INTO OUR
2 DISTRICT OFFICES, CASEWORKERS ASKING, PEOPLE CALLING: "WHERE
3 CAN I GET MY CHECK? WHAT DO I NEED TO DO? HOW DO I GET
4 IDENTIFICATION SO I CAN QUALIFY FOR GENERAL RELIEF?" \$530,000
5 FOR THE REFUGEE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM. LORD KNOWS WE HAVE PEOPLE
6 COMING IN EVERY SINGLE DAY: THE AFGHANISTANS, THE IRANIANS,
7 AND PEOPLE FROM CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND OTHER PLACES,
8 AND IN OTHER PARTS OF OUR PLANET. I WAS PLEASED THAT WE HAVE
9 \$188 MILLION GOING TOWARDS WATER CONSERVATION PROJECTS,
10 BECAUSE WE MUST BE SMARTER IN OUR APPROACH TO OUR PHYSICAL
11 ENVIRONMENT, WHICH, AS YOU KNOW, NATURALLY SUPPORTS OUR
12 EFFORTS TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE. AND FUNDING INCLUDES, FOR MY
13 DISTRICT ALONE, A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL TO DIVERT
14 URBAN AND STORMWATER RUNOFF INTO FILTRATION GALLERIES THAT
15 BENEFIT THE SCHOOLS' ATHLETIC FIELDS. AND THAT'S MONEY, AND
16 IT'S WISELY SPENT. PECK ROAD WATER CONSERVATION PROJECT, THAT
17 FORMALLY SUPERVISOR BARGER REPRESENTED, NOW IS IN MY DISTRICT,
18 AND THEY'VE DONE SOME INCREDIBLE WORK THERE, DEPARTMENT OF
19 PUBLIC WORKS INCREASING WATER STORAGE TO CAPTURE STORMWATER
20 RUNOFF THAT CAN BE RELEASED INTO OUR GROUNDWATER AND BE
21 RECHARGED INTO OUR WATER TABLES. THE L.A. SUSTAINABLE MEDIAN
22 PROJECT. PEOPLE WOULD ASK ME, "WHAT IS THAT ABOUT, HILDA? I
23 DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS." WELL, WHAT IT HAS DONE FOR OUR
24 DISTRICT IS CONVERTED 5 LARGE MEDIANS TO COLLECT AND TREAT 21-
25 ACRE FEET OF URBAN AND STORMWATER RUNOFF. WE DON'T TALK A LOT

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1 ABOUT THAT, BUT IT MAKES SENSE. AND ALSO, LANDSCAPING, AND
2 USING SUCCULENTS AND OTHER TYPES OF ACTIVITIES-- EXERCISE
3 EQUIPMENT, PICNIC TABLES. BECAUSE IF YOU CAN HAVE A PARK, AT
4 LEAST YOU CAN HAVE A PLACE TO GO. THE ROAD FUND, AS WAS
5 MENTIONED EARLIER, WAS INCREASED BY \$30.4 MILLION IN THE
6 BUDGET, TO HELP FINANCE IMPROVEMENTS TO BEAUTIFY THE COMMUNITY
7 AND TO IMPROVE OUR TRAFFIC. MUCH HAS BEEN DONE IN MY DISTRICT,
8 AND I WANT TO APPLAUD DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. AND WE HAVE
9 MORE TO DO, AS MY DISTRICT HAS EXPANDED NOW INTO HACIENDA
10 HEIGHTS, IMPROVEMENTS IN COLIMA ROAD; UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF
11 ROWLAND HEIGHTS. PEOPLE ARE GOING TO SEE SOME PROGRESS MADE,
12 THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN STARTED BY THIS BOARD. THERE IS MUCH,
13 MUCH MORE TO TALK ABOUT, BUT I WILL SAY THIS: ONE THING IS
14 THAT WE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR OPEN SPACE AND
15 RECREATION THAT WILL IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL OF
16 OUR RESIDENTS. I WAS PLEASED TO SEE \$85 MILLION FOR THE
17 ENHANCED RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES THAT WILL INCLUDE MCCLAREN
18 COMMUNITY PARK, IN THE CITY OF EL MONTE. MCCLAREN HALL USED TO
19 BE, IN PART, WHERE WE KEPT D.C.F.S. CHILDREN. IT HAS BEEN
20 SHUTTERED FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS, BECAUSE OF THE PAST AND THE
21 BAD ACTS THAT HAPPENED THERE. BUT NOW IT'S GOING TO BE
22 REOPENED. NOW WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A PUBLIC PARK THERE, SOCCER
23 FIELDS. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE AN AMPHITHEATER. WE'RE ALSO GOING
24 TO HAVE HOUSING-- AFFORDABLE HOUSING-- FOR PEOPLE: FOR WOMEN,
25 D.V. VICTIMS, T.A.Y., AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS. \$6 MILLION, AS

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1 WAS STATED EARLIER, FOR PARKS AFTER DARK. I'M HAPPY THAT,
2 UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF NORMA GARCIA, THAT WE'RE CONTINUING TO
3 OFFER MORE, BUT I WANT TO PUSH HER A LITTLE BIT HARDER. I WANT
4 TO SEE THAT WE MODEL THAT PROGRAM SOMEWHAT AFTER THE ELEMENTS
5 THAT L.A. CITY USED WITH THE R.I.D. PROGRAM, BECAUSE THAT
6 SHOWED SIGNIFICANT DATA POINTS. THAT'S WHAT WE SHOULD BE USING
7 TO MEASURE HOW WE PUT THOSE DOLLARS INTO THAT PROGRAM. LASTLY,
8 I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT SUMMERTIME SWIMMING, AQUATICS, ARE
9 REALLY IMPORTANT TO ALL OF US, BECAUSE I THINK, IN MANY OF OUR
10 SPACES, WE ARE PARK-POOR, AND WE ARE ALSO MAGNETS FOR HEAT.
11 TOO MUCH BLACKTOP, NO CANOPY, NO SPACES TO GO OUT AND HAVE OUR
12 CHILDREN EXERCISE APPROPRIATELY, WITHOUT HAVING TO SUFFER
13 BEING IMPACTED BY ASTHMA AND OTHER AILMENTS IN THE AIR. I'M
14 HAPPY TO SEE THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO SEE AN AQUATIC
15 CENTER FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE WEST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, IN
16 THE AREA THAT I GREW UP AS A CHILD. ONE OF OUR SCHOOL
17 DISTRICTS IS WORKING WITH US TO GIVE US AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
18 THAT I ATTENDED. ADJACENT TO THAT IS ONE OF OUR PARKS: MARK
19 ALLEN PARK. WE'RE GOING TO USE THAT SPACE TO CREATE AN AQUATIC
20 CENTER, WHERE SENIORS CAN GO AND GET THERAPY-- WATER THERAPY--
21 AND OUR CHILDREN. THOSE ARE EXCITING THINGS. I ALSO WANT TO
22 SAY THAT, LET'S CONTINUE TO WORK HARD ON MAKING SURE, THROUGH
23 OUR CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM, THAT WE PREVENT ABUSE, AS HAS
24 ALREADY BEEN STATED, AND TO ALSO HELP PROVIDE ADDITIONAL
25 TAILORED SERVICES FOR L.G.B.T.Q. YOUTH. AND WE HAVE TO BUILD

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1 OUT TRANSITIONAL-AGE YOUTH HOUSING. I KEEP HEARING THAT ALL
2 THE TIME THAT I GO OUT IN MY DISTRICT, OVER AND OVER. \$100
3 MILLION TO FUND TWO YEARS OF THE BOARD'S COMMITMENT TO CARE
4 FIRST AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT EFFORTS. I'M TOTALLY EXCITED
5 ABOUT THAT, AND WHAT IT WILL MEAN, TRANSFORMATIONAL, FOR MANY
6 OF OUR RESIDENTS. AND I AM EXCITED ABOUT THE ECONOMIC
7 OPPORTUNITY DEPARTMENT, WHICH WE KNOW WAS NEEDED. WE NEEDED TO
8 CREATE A NEW HYBRID, AND IT WILL DO GREAT WORK. AND I'M
9 LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING THOSE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO OUR
10 EMPLOYERS, SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS, AND ALL, SO THAT WE CAN SEE
11 A REGIONAL ECONOMY REALLY THRIVE. I WANT TO JUST SAY-- I'VE
12 SAID ENOUGH ALREADY, BUT I DO WANT TO SAY THAT WE NEED TO DO
13 MORE WITH EQUITY-FOCUSED A.R.P. FUNDING, AND THAT INCLUDES, I
14 UNDERSTAND, \$12.6 MILLION FOR GOBIZ TO LAUNCH A MICRO-
15 ENTREPRENEUR GRANT PROGRAM. LET'S MAKE SURE WE HAVE THAT
16 EQUITY LENS ON, SO WE MAKE SURE IT GOES WHERE IT'S NEEDED. \$25
17 MILLION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY'S LEAD DEPARTMENT, THE
18 INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, IN GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE
19 PROGRAMS. WHY NOT? I'M EXCITED TO SEE THAT I.S.D. IS GETTING
20 INTO AREAS THAT OTHERWISE THEY DID NOT. AND I'M EXCITED THAT
21 WE'RE GOING TO BE SOON SEEING THINGS COME BACK. AGAIN, I'M
22 VERY EXCITED, ALSO, ABOUT ONGOING FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE OF
23 VIOLENCE PREVENTION, THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.
24 I'M EXCITED THAT, IN ADDITION TO \$25 MILLION THAT WE WERE ABLE
25 TO SECURE THROUGH MEASURE B, THAT THE FIRST TRANCHE OF A.R.P.

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1 FUNDING WILL BE ABLE TO ALSO ASSIST THESE EFFORTS. ENOUGH HAS
2 BEEN SAID, BUT I DO WANT TO SAY THAT I STILL HAVE SOME ASKS.
3 PROPERTY REHABILITATION, NUISANCE ABATEMENT ACTIVITIES, NEED
4 TO CONTINUE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. AND ALSO, I
5 HAVE AN INTEREST IN SEEING THE ANNUAL [INAUDIBLE] THAT IS HELD
6 EACH YEAR IN GRAND PARK; TO CONTINUE TO SEE THAT OFFERED. I
7 ALSO WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE COUNTY TO FULLY FUND OUR STREET
8 AMBASSADOR PROGRAM, WHICH WOULD HELP TO PROVIDE OUTREACH AND
9 EDUCATION, AND ADDRESS QUALITY-OF-LIFE ISSUES IN THE
10 UNINCORPORATED AREAS. MUCH CAN BE DONE. WE'VE DONE A LOT IN
11 THE PAST TWO YEARS, BUT WE KNOW OUR WORK IS AHEAD OF US. WE
12 HEAR IT WHEN CALLERS CALL IN: OUR COMMUNITIES, OUR
13 CONSTITUENTS. WE MUST MOVE WITH URGENCY, TO SEE THAT THESE
14 ISSUES ARE ADDRESSED. WITH THAT, MADAM CHAIR, I WANT TO THANK
15 YOU, BUT I DO HAVE ONE QUESTION FOR OUR C.E.O., IF I MIGHT.

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17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OF COURSE.

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19 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'D LIKE TO ASK OUR
20 C.E.O., WHAT HAS THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DONE TO MANAGE ITS
21 STRUCTURAL DEFICIT?

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23 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION,
24 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SO, THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN A
25 NUMBER OF STRATEGIES TO HELP MANAGE THEIR DEFICIT. WE ARE

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1 WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH THEM ON THEIR WORKER'S COMP ISSUES,
2 WHICH IS A LARGE DRIVER OF THEIR BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS AND
3 THEIR CHALLENGES. ONE OF THE OTHER THINGS THAT THEY HAVE ALSO
4 WORKED ON MANAGING, SUPERVISOR, IS THEIR HIRING. AT ONE POINT
5 IN TIME EARLY IN THE PANDEMIC, IN 2020, THE C.E.O. RECOMMENDED
6 A HIRING FREEZE. MANY OF THE CLASSIFICATIONS IN OUR PUBLIC
7 SAFETY DEPARTMENTS, LIKE FIRE, WERE EXEMPTED FROM THAT HIRING
8 FREEZE. AFTER THAT HIRING FREEZE WAS LIFTED, THE DEPARTMENT
9 EMBARKED UPON AN AGGRESSIVE HIRING CAMPAIGN, AND MY
10 UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THEY HAVE FILLED A LARGE NUMBER OF THEIR
11 VACANT POSITIONS, BOTH THEIR BUDGETED POSITIONS AND THEIR
12 ORDINANCE POSITIONS. AND SO WHAT THEY HAVE DONE IS THEY HAVE
13 PLACED A PAUSE ON THE HIRING. THEY WANT TO DO AN ASSESSMENT OF
14 HOW MANY POSITIONS THEY ACTUALLY HAVE AVAILABLE, BEFORE THEY
15 CAN MOVE FORWARD WITH THE HIRING, OR TO CONTINUE OR RESUME
16 HIRING AT THE PACE THAT THEY WERE WORKING AT, PREVIOUSLY. SO,
17 I THINK, BETWEEN THOSE EFFORTS AND OTHERS THAT I WON'T TAKE
18 THE TIME TO GO THROUGH TODAY, I DO BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE
19 WORKING-- THAT THE LEADERSHIP AT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS
20 WORKING-- TO MANAGE THEIR BUDGET, AND TRY TO BRING THAT BUDGET
21 IN ON BUDGET.

22
23 **SUP. SOLIS:** THERE MAY BE OPPORTUNITY FOR US, AS A BOARD, TO
24 LOOK AT HOW WE CAN LOOK AT HELPING THEM RAISE THEIR BUDGET, AS
25 WELL, BY VOTER INITIATIVE ON THE BALLOT, WHEN IT'S

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1 APPROPRIATE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU
2 TO MY COLLEAGUES, AND TO THE C.E.O. AND THE STAFF, INCLUDING
3 MY STAFF, MY BUDGET DEPUTY, TAMI OMOTO, AND ALL OF MY STAFF
4 THAT HELPED AND ASSISTED IN THAT EFFORT. GRACIAS. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
7 AND TO ALL MY COLLEAGUES, FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL PRESENTATIONS ON
8 OUR BUDGET PROCESS. I'D REMIND EVERYONE, PARTICULARLY THOSE
9 WHO DID NOT GET TO MAKE A LIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE BUDGET
10 TODAY, THAT THE PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING IS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY
11 TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON THE COUNTY'S BUDGET. I WANT TO REMIND
12 EVERYONE THAT THAT IS MAY 11TH. ITEM 84 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
13 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE
14 THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 84 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

19

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

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

23

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

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

2

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

4

5 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

6

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

8 MITCHELL?

9

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

11

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

13 5-0.

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, COLLEAGUES. AND AGAIN, THANK

16 YOU VERY MUCH, MS. DAVENPORT. WE'RE NOW GOING TO TAKE UP THE

17 PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS. WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN WITH HEARING

18 ITEM NUMBER 3, ON THE DETACHMENT OF ZONE 56, VALENCIA COMMERCE

19 CENTER AREA-WIDE, FROM COUNTY LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS

20 LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT DISTRICT 2. FOR YOUR INFORMATION,

21 COLLEAGUES, DIRECTOR PESTRELLA, FROM PUBLIC WORKS, IS

22 AVAILABLE IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS. ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS

23 THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE COMMENT, OR HAVE QUESTIONS ON THIS

24 ITEM? SEEING NONE, IT WOULD APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC

25 HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 3 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY

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1 SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THE
2 ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

3

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

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

7

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

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

11

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

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

15

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

17

18 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

19

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

21 MITCHELL?

22

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

24

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

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 4, HEARING ON THE
5 PROPOSED VACATION OF AVENUE L-4 EAST OF 47TH STREET WEST IN
6 THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF QUARTZ HILL. AGAIN, DIRECTOR
7 PESTRELLA'S AVAILABLE IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS. QUESTIONS FROM
8 MEMBERS? SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE
9 PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 4 IS BEFORE US.
10 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO
11 APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

12

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

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

16

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

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

20

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

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

24

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

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

3

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

6

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

8

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

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PUBLIC HEARING 5, HEARING ON
13 THE PROPOSED VACATION OF FLORAL DRIVE IN THE UNINCORPORATED
14 COMMUNITY OF EAST L.A. AGAIN, DIRECTOR PESTRELLA IS AVAILABLE.
15 ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT?
16 SEEING NONE, IT WOULD APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING
17 AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 5 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
18 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY MITCHELL TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
19 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

20

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

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

24

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

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1

2 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

3

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

5

6 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

7

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

9

10 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

11

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

13 MITCHELL?

14

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

16

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

18 5-0.

19

20 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 6, HEARING ON

21 PROJECT NUMBER PRJ2021-00349-(1), THE UNIQUE THEATRE LANDMARK

22 DESIGNATION. DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING, AMY BODEK, IS

23 AVAILABLE IF MEMBERS HAVE QUESTIONS. SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE

24 APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM.

25 ITEM 6 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY

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1 SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
2 CALL THE ROLL.

3

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

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

7

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

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

11

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

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

15

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

17

18 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

19

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

21 MITCHELL?

22

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

24

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

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 7, HEARING ON
5 PROJECT NUMBER 2019-001009, FOR A RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM
6 DEVELOPMENT IN THE COMMUNITY OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS. AGAIN, MS.
7 BODEK IS AVAILABLE IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS. ARE THERE
8 SUPERVISORS WHO WOULD LIKE TO ASK QUESTIONS? YES, SUPERVISOR
9 SOLIS.

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. COLLEAGUES, THIS IS A
12 33 RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM UNIT DEVELOPMENT, AS WE HEARD FROM
13 CALLERS, IN ONE OF THE COMMUNITIES NEWLY ADDED TO THE FIRST
14 DISTRICT. WE NEED HOUSING, AS YOU KNOW, AND THESE ARE HOME
15 OWNERSHIP UNITS THAT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE, AND I'M HAPPY TO
16 SHARE THAT THE DEVELOPMENT HAS A SET-ASIDE OF 3 MODERATE-
17 INCOME UNITS AT 160% A.M.I., WHICH WOULD BRING THE PURCHASE
18 PRICE OF THESE UNITS IN THE RANGE OF AS HIGH AS 400,000 OR
19 MID-500,000, IN COMPARISON TO THE MARKET PURCHASE PRICE OF
20 700,000. I WANT TO THANK THE DEVELOPER, OLSON COMPANY, FOR
21 WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY, INCLUDING HACIENDA HEIGHTS
22 IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, WHICH SUBMITTED A LETTER OF SUPPORT,
23 AMONGST SOME LOCAL RESIDENTS LIVING IN PROXIMITY OF THIS
24 DEVELOPMENT, AND SOME OF THEM WHO HAVE PROVIDED PUBLIC COMMENT
25 TODAY. WITH THAT, COLLEAGUES, I HAVE A READ-IN MOTION FOR THIS

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1 ITEM THAT I WILL NOW READ IN: "I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD
2 OF SUPERVISORS CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, INDICATE ITS INTENT
3 TO CERTIFY THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION
4 MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM ASSOCIATED WITH ENVIRONMENTAL
5 ASSESSMENT NUMBER 2019-001797 FOR THE PROJECT, WHICH HAS BEEN
6 COMPLETED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL
7 QUALITY ACT, AND REFLECTS THE INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT AND
8 ANALYSIS OF THE COUNTY, FIND THAT THE BOARD HAS REVIEWED AND
9 CONSIDERED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE NEGATIVE
10 DECLARATION PRIOR TO APPROVING THE PROJECT; ADOPTED THE
11 MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM, FINDING THAT THE MITIGATION
12 MONITORING PROGRAM IS ADEQUATELY DESIGNED TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE
13 WITH THE MITIGATION MEASURES DURING PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION;
14 AND DETERMINED THAT THE SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECTS OF THE
15 PROJECT HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT LEVEL;
16 INDICATE ITS INTENT TO APPROVE PROJECT 2019-001009 PLAN
17 AMENDMENT NUMBER 2019-001793, ZONE CHANGE NUMBER 2019-001794,
18 VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NUMBER 82498, RPPL2019-001791,
19 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NUMBER 2019-001792, AS RECOMMENDED BY
20 THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, AND WITH MODIFICATIONS, AS
21 PROPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF TO THE COUNTY
22 STREET LIGHTING ANNEXATION CONDITIONS FOR TRACT 82498 AS
23 FOLLOWS: APPROVED STREET LIGHTING PLANS AND STREET LIGHTING
24 ANNEXATION SHALL BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE FIFTH BUILDING
25 PERMIT ISSUANCE; AND INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE

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1 NECESSARY FINAL DOCUMENTS FOR THE PROJECT, AND BRING THEM BACK
2 TO THE BOARD FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."
3 THANK YOU MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SEEING NO ADDITIONAL
6 QUESTIONS, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING
7 AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 7 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
8 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE
9 THE ITEM, AS AMENDED. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

10

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

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

18

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

20

21 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

22

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

24

25 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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1

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

4

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

6

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

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 8,
11 HEARING ON THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM
12 AMENDMENT. AGAIN, MS. DIRECTOR BODEK IS AVAILABLE IF THERE ARE
13 QUESTIONS. ANY OTHER SUPERVISORS WHO WOULD WISH TO MAKE
14 REMARKS? SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

15

16 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. WE HEARD
17 SIGNIFICANT TESTIMONY TODAY FROM MY CONSTITUENTS IN THE
18 MOUNTAINS, ABOUT THEIR CONCERN, SO I WANTED TO SAY A FEW
19 THINGS ABOUT THIS, AND WHAT IT ACTUALLY DOES, AND WHY. I WANT
20 TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL THE HARD WORK THAT REGIONAL PLANNING HAS
21 PUT IN, AND MANY OF OUR MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, WHO'VE TRIED
22 TO WORK THROUGH WITH EVERYBODY IN SHAPING THE AMENDMENT TO
23 BETTER PROTECT THE MOUNTAINS, TO BETTER PROTECT THE PEOPLE IN
24 THE MOUNTAINS, AND TO PROVIDE EQUITY IN TERMS OF ACCESS TO
25 PUBLIC LANDS, WHICH IS REQUIRED, AS YOU KNOW, BY LAW. THE

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1 COASTAL COMMISSION HAS A PRETTY TRICKY JOB. THEY HAVE TO
2 BALANCE THE DIRECTIVES IN THE COASTAL ACT THAT INCLUDE
3 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, BUT ALSO ACCESS. BUT IT MUST BE SAFE
4 ACCESS. SO, THIS AMENDMENT IS ESSENTIALLY A GOOD EXAMPLE, I
5 THINK, OF THE ART OF COMPROMISE. EVERYBODY GOT SOMETHING, BUT
6 NOBODY GOT EVERYTHING THEY WERE HOPING FOR, ON ANY END OF IT.
7 WE ALIGNED WITH COASTAL'S MOST RECENT CHANGES TO THE
8 AMENDMENT, BECAUSE IT REALLY MADE SENSE IN TERMS OF
9 ENFORCEMENT. SO I WANT TO SAY A FEW THINGS ABOUT IT, AND THEN
10 ASK DIRECTOR BODEK A FEW QUESTIONS, IF THAT'S ALL RIGHT. FIRST
11 OF ALL, THIS IS A LOW-IMPACT CAMPING AMENDMENT. LOW-IMPACT
12 CAMPING IS NOT WHERE YOU GO IN WITH A TENT OR WITH A CAR. IT'S
13 ESSENTIALLY WHAT YOU CARRY IN AND WHAT YOU CARRY OUT. SO, WE
14 DON'T HAVE ANY CAMPGROUNDS IN THE LOCAL LAND THAT ARE LOW-
15 IMPACT CAMPGROUNDS AT THE MOMENT. SO, ALL OF THEM, IF THEY
16 WANT TO ESTABLISH A LOW-IMPACT CAMPGROUND, WOULD HAVE TO APPLY
17 UNDER THESE NEW REGULATIONS, WHICH ALSO INCLUDES HOW YOU DEAL
18 WITH RED-FLAG DAYS. AND I'M GOING TO ASK DIRECTOR BODEK ABOUT
19 THAT. SECONDLY, THERE IS A NO-FLAME RULE FOR ANY OF IT. I
20 MEAN, EVERYBODY TALKING ABOUT BRINGING IN FIRES AND BUILDING
21 FIRES. THE CAMPGROUND PERSON IS IN CHARGE OF ENFORCING WHAT
22 HAPPENS ON THEIR CAMPGROUND UNDER THIS, AND THAT MEANS NO
23 FIRES. AND SO, IF YOU DON'T ENFORCE IT, PEOPLE ARE GOING TO
24 KNOW, AND YOU LOSE YOUR PERMIT. SO, I THINK THERE'S A LOT OF
25 REALLY GOOD REQUIREMENTS, AND A LOT OF POSSIBILITY, I THINK,

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1 THAT THE CAMPGROUND ORGANIZERS WILL WANT TO BE ABLE TO USE
2 DIRECTLY. SO, IF I MAY ASK DIRECTOR BODEK JUST A FEW
3 CLARIFYING QUESTIONS, IF SHE'S AVAILABLE? I SEE HER. THANK YOU
4 VERY MUCH. AMY, WHAT DOES THE AMENDMENT NOW SAY ABOUT LOW-
5 IMPACT CAMPING, IN RELATION TO RED-FLAG DAYS?

6

7 **AMY BODEK:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL. YOUR
8 STATEMENTS WERE HIGHLY ON POINT, BECAUSE THIS REALLY WAS THE
9 ART OF THE COMPROMISE. AND IF I COULD JUST GIVE IT A LITTLE
10 BIT OF CONTEXT: WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS ISSUE SINCE 2014,
11 WHEN THE ORIGINAL L.C.P., OR LOCAL COASTAL PLAN, WAS ADOPTED
12 BY THE COASTAL COMMISSION. SO, YOU ARE ALSO CORRECT THAT WE DO
13 NOT HAVE THIS TYPE OF CAMPGROUND CURRENTLY IN THE SANTA MONICA
14 MOUNTAINS COASTAL ZONE. WE DO HAVE CAMPGROUNDS IN THE COASTAL
15 ZONE, SUCH AS MALIBU CREEK, OR LEO CABRILLO, OR EVEN TOPANGA
16 OR DECKER CANYON, BUT THOSE ARE DIFFERENT TYPES OF CAMPGROUNDS
17 THAT ARE EITHER DESIGNATED FOR LARGE GROUP TENTS, OR ALLOW
18 R.V.S, AND MOST OF THEM ALLOW FIRE RINGS. SO THAT'S CRITICALLY
19 IMPORTANT, BECAUSE THIS TYPE OF RESOURCE, THIS LOW-IMPACT
20 CAMPING, TRULY IS A HIKE IN/HIKE OUT, BRING EVERYTHING YOU
21 NEED IN YOUR BACKPACK, AND LEAVE NO TRACE. BUT PARTICULARLY
22 WHAT WE DID HERE WAS SIGNIFICANT CONCERNS OVER RED-FLAG DAYS,
23 AND THAT MAKES SENSE, GIVEN THE HISTORY-- THE VERY RECENT
24 HISTORY-- OF THE WOOLSEY FIRE, BUT ALSO THE HUNDRED-YEAR
25 HISTORY OF FIRES THROUGHOUT THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND

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1 OTHER HIGH-RESOURCE AREAS IN THE COUNTY. BUT WE ARE ALSO
2 CONCERNED WITH OTHER TYPES OF EMERGENCIES, NOT JUST THE RED-
3 FLAG DAYS. SO, THERE'S TWO THINGS GOING ON IN THIS AMENDMENT.
4 ONE IS THAT CAMPING, THIS TYPE OF LOW-IMPACT CAMPING, IS
5 PROHIBITED WHEN THERE IS A RED-FLAG WARNING. THAT RED-FLAG
6 WARNING IS ACTUALLY ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE.
7 IT'S NOT ISSUED BY THE COUNTY OR A LOCAL JURISDICTION. BUT WE
8 ALSO SAID, NO CAMPING WHEN THERE ARE OTHER TYPES OF RISKS
9 ASSOCIATED WITH WEATHER. SO IF THERE'S A FLOOD HAZARD
10 ADVISORY, THERE IS GOING TO BE NO CAMPING ON THESE
11 CAMPGROUNDS, AS WELL. THE REQUIREMENTS OF A PERMIT WILL
12 INCLUDE AN OPERATIONAL AND SAFETY PLAN. SO, LET'S SAY AN
13 APPLICANT WANTS TO DEVELOP THIS, AND THEY HAVE-- MAYBE IT'S
14 STATE PARKS, MAYBE IT'S THE M.R.C.A., OR MAYBE IT'S A PRIVATE
15 INDIVIDUAL WHO WANTS TO DEVELOP THIS CAMPGROUND FOR LOW-IMPACT
16 CAMPING. PART OF THEIR REQUIREMENT, AS THEIR PERMIT, IS TO
17 DEVELOP BOTH AN OPERATIONAL AND SAFETY PLAN, AND AN EMERGENCY
18 MANAGEMENT PLAN. THAT INCLUDES HOW THEY'RE GOING TO NOTIFY
19 INDIVIDUALS THAT THEY CAN NO LONGER CAMP. THAT INCLUDES HOW
20 THEY'RE GOING TO EVACUATE THESE INDIVIDUALS, IN THE CASE OF
21 ANY KIND OF AN EMERGENCY, WHETHER IT'S FIRE, FLOOD, OR
22 EARTHQUAKE. AND THEN ALSO, THAT OPERATIONAL PLAN IS GOING TO
23 SPECIFY HOW THEY SPECIFICALLY DEAL WITH THE RED-FLAG DAYS. I
24 HOPE THAT ANSWERS YOUR QUESTION.

25

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES. AND SO ALL OF THESE CAMPS WILL REQUIRE AN
2 APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT. THEY'LL HAVE TO MEET THE MANAGEMENT
3 PLAN THAT YOU JUST TALKED ABOUT, AND AGREE TO THAT, IN ORDER
4 TO GET A PERMIT. SO, AT WHAT POINT IN THAT ENTITLEMENT PROCESS
5 WILL THE COMMUNITY BE ABLE TO WEIGH IN WHEN A NEW APPLICATION
6 IS MADE?

7

8 **AMY BODEK:** SUPERVISOR, EXCELLENT QUESTION. THESE TYPES OF USES
9 CANNOT JUST APPEAR. THERE IS A FORMAL APPLICATION PROCESS, AND
10 A PERMIT IS REQUIRED BY THE COUNTY UNDER THE COASTAL PLAN,
11 WHICH IS ADMINISTERING THE COASTAL ACT. SO AN APPLICANT--
12 AGAIN, A PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL, OR STATE PARKS, OR THE M.R.C.A.--
13 THEY ARE ALL OBLIGATED TO COMPLY WITH THE COASTAL ACT, AND
14 THAT COASTAL ACT MEANS THAT THEY HAVE TO COMPLY WITH OUR LOCAL
15 COASTAL PLAN. SO THEY ALL HAVE TO COME IN AND GET A PERMIT
16 FROM US. THEY FILE AN APPLICATION. WE REVIEW THAT APPLICATION.
17 WE NEGOTIATE WITH THAT APPLICANT ON THEIR PROPOSED PROJECT,
18 AND THEN WE FORMULATE A RECOMMENDATION. THAT RECOMMENDATION IS
19 A PUBLIC RECOMMENDATION THAT'S REVIEWED EITHER BY THE HEARING
20 OFFICER OR OUR REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, AND THE PUBLIC IS
21 NOTIFIED THROUGHOUT THAT PROCESS. SO, FILING AN APPLICATION,
22 YOU CAN FIND THAT OUT, BECAUSE WE DO WEEKLY REPORTS ON ALL
23 APPLICATIONS THAT ARE FILED WITHIN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
24 UNINCORPORATED AREA. WE ARE REQUIRED TO PUBLICLY NOTICE WITHIN
25 A CERTAIN RADIUS OF ALL INTERESTED PARTIES; BUT WE ALSO

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1 PROVIDE COURTESY NOTICES TO INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP FOR
2 OUR COURTESY LISTS, AND THEN WE ALSO PROVIDE COURTESY NOTICES
3 TO THE MAJOR RESIDENTIAL HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATIONS IN THE SANTA
4 MONICA MOUNTAINS COASTAL ZONE. THEN THERE'S A PUBLIC HEARING.
5 SO THERE'S A PUBLIC HEARING WHERE MEMBERS CAN PARTICIPATE IN
6 THE PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS AND THE DELIBERATION PROCESS, AND
7 WEIGH IN ON THEIR CONCERNS. SO THIS IS NOT A CLOSED PROCESS.
8 IT IS, IN FACT, A VERY OPEN PUBLIC PROCESS, EVERY SINGLE STEP
9 OF THE WAY.

10

11 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR, I DO HAVE A MOTION TO READ IN, BUT IF
12 NO OTHERS HAVE QUESTIONS.

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WE DO HAVE ONE PERSON WITH A QUESTION.
15 CAN WE DO THAT FIRST? SUPERVISOR HAHN.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, AMY. YEAH,
18 AND I HAD BEEN SPEAKING TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL, TO KIND OF
19 CLARIFY THE RED-FLAG DAY, BECAUSE I WAS LISTENING AS A CALLER
20 SAID, "HOW ABOUT NO CAMPING ON RED-FLAG DAYS?" BUT COULD YOU
21 JUST STATE THAT AGAIN, AND WHOSE RULE SAYS, "NO CAMPING ON
22 RED-FLAG DAYS"?

23

24 **AMY BODEK:** ABSOLUTELY, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND CHAIR MITCHELL.
25 THANK YOU. SPECIFICALLY, THIS AMENDMENT WOULD SAY, "CAMPING IS

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1 PROHIBITED WHEN HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS EXIST." AND AN EXAMPLE OF
2 THAT HAZARDOUS CONDITION IS A RED-FLAG WILDFIRE WARNING, OR
3 FLASH-FLOOD WARNINGS THAT MAY BE ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL
4 WEATHER SERVICE.

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6 **SUP. HAHN:** WHAT ABOUT OUR OWN COUNTY? DO WE ISSUE RED-FLAG
7 DAYS, OR IS THAT JUST US COMPLYING WITH NATIONAL WEATHER
8 FORECAST?

9

10 **AMY BODEK:** WELL, WE BASE OUR WARNINGS ON THE OXNARD NATIONAL
11 WEATHER SERVICE CENTER. SO, IT'S BASED IN OXNARD, IN THE SANTA
12 MONICA MOUNTAINS AREA, AND WE TAKE OUR DIRECTION FROM THOSE
13 WARNINGS, AND THEN ISSUE OUR OWN.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** SO, WHEN YOU SAY THAT THESE CAMP OPERATORS, IN
16 THEIR APPLICATION, HAVE TO SPECIFY HOW THEY WILL-- I FORGET
17 WHAT YOU SAID-- DEAL WITH A RED-FLAG DAY, OR MANAGE IT, WHAT
18 DOES THAT MEAN? BECAUSE IF IT'S NOT ALLOWED, HOW DO THEY,
19 QUOTE, "DEAL WITH IT"? I FORGET HOW YOU SAID IT.

20

21 **AMY BODEK:** CERTAINLY. THE APPLICANT HAS TO CREATE AN
22 OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT PLAN; AN OPERATIONAL AND SAFETY
23 MANAGEMENT PLAN. SO, YOU HAVE TO REGISTER TO CAMP THERE. YOU
24 HAVE TO LOG IN WHEN YOU GET THERE. YOU HAVE TO COMPLY AND SIGN
25 OFF THAT YOU COMPLY WITH THE POLICIES THAT SAY YOU'RE NOT

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1 GOING TO HAVE OPEN FLAME IN COOKING. AND THEN IT IS THE
2 APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO MONITOR FOR HAZARDOUS
3 CONDITIONS. THE APPLICANT WILL BE REQUIRED TO DEMONSTRATE TO
4 US HOW THEY'RE GOING TO NOTIFY THOSE CAMPERS.

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** ON A RED-FLAG DAY, FOR INSTANCE, LIKE, "YOU CAN'T
7 CAMP HERE." SO YOU'LL BE LOOKING FOR THAT IN THEIR
8 APPLICATION, AND IF YOU'RE NOT COMFORTABLE WITH HOW THEY'RE
9 STATING IT, THEN WE COULD DENY THEIR APPLICATION. IS THAT KIND
10 OF WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?

11

12 **AMY BODEK:** YES, MA'AM, THAT IS EXACTLY CORRECT.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** WELL, I APPRECIATE IT. AND I KNOW, ANYBODY THAT HAS
15 EVER DEALT WITH THE COASTAL COMMISSION, I GET THAT. IT IS A
16 BALANCE BETWEEN ACCESS AND SORT OF SAFETY AND CONSIDERATION OF
17 LOTS OF VARIABLES, WITH PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN ONE OF THESE VERY
18 DESIRABLE PLACES. SO, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR YOUR
19 WORK ON IT, AND I'M SATISFIED, FINALLY TRYING TO UNDERSTAND
20 HOW WE CAN LIMIT THE CAMPING ON SOME DANGEROUS DAYS.

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL:** YEAH, AND I THINK IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT THAT, WHEN
23 THEY'RE ORDERED TO LEAVE BECAUSE IT'S A RED-FLAG DAY, THEY
24 JUST CAME IN WITH A BACKPACK. I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S GOING
25 TO TAKE ME THREE HOURS TO LOAD UP MY CAR, OR WHATEVER. SO, I

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1 THINK THE EVACUATION PLAN, WHICH MUST ALSO BE DEMONSTRATED TO
2 GET THE PERMIT, IS NOT AS COMPLICATED AS PEOPLE THINK.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** SO, DO WE NOT ALLOW TENTS? BECAUSE SOME PEOPLE CAN
5 CARRY IN A TENT.

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** I DON'T KNOW. AMY, ARE TENTS ALLOWED?

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** DO PEOPLE SPEND THE NIGHT THERE?

10

11 **AMY BODEK:** TENTS ARE ALLOWED. WHAT'S NOT ALLOWED IS, YOU CAN'T
12 PITCH A SLEEPING BAG IN THE BACK OF YOUR CAR, AND CAR-CAMP.
13 YOU CAN'T DRIVE AN R.V. HERE. YOU CAN'T HAVE 20 OF YOUR
14 FRIENDS AND DO A GROUP CAMPGROUND EXPERIENCE WITH LARGE, GIANT
15 FAMILY TENTS. THIS IS REALLY, YOU'RE ON THE PACIFIC CREST
16 TRAIL, AND YOU KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO BE HITTING THE SANTA
17 MONICA MOUNTAINS IN A COUPLE OF DAYS, AND YOU GO ON THE
18 WEBSITE TO MAKE A RESERVATION FOR THIS CAMPGROUND. AND YOU GET
19 THERE, YOU SIGN IN, YOU CAMP, AND THEN YOU LEAVE THE NEXT
20 MORNING FOR YOUR CONTINUATION TO EITHER NORTHERN WASHINGTON
21 STATE OR MEXICO, DEPENDING ON WHAT DIRECTION YOU'RE TRAVELING.
22 SO THIS IS REALLY MUCH MORE LIMITED, AND FOR, I THINK, FOLKS
23 WHO ARE A LITTLE BIT MORE HEARTY THAN I AM IN CAMPING IN THE
24 GREAT WILDERNESS.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU.

2

3 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. IF I MAY, I THEREFORE MOVE
4 THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS
5 ITEM; FIND THE PROJECT EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE
6 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, PURSUANT TO STATE AND
7 LOCAL C.E.Q.A. GUIDELINES; INDICATE THE BOARD'S INTENT TO
8 APPROVE THE PROJECT, ADVANCE PLANNING PROJECT NUMBER RPPL2019-
9 000396; INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE A RESOLUTION
10 ADOPTING THE POLICY REVISIONS TO THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS
11 L.U.P. INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT; INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO
12 PREPARE AN ORDINANCE WITH THE NECESSARY FINDINGS, ADOPTING THE
13 REVISIONS TO THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS L.I.P. INCLUDED IN THE
14 PROJECT; AND INSTRUCT THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING OR HER
15 DESIGNEE TO TRANSMIT THE ADOPTED AMENDMENT TO THE CALIFORNIA
16 COASTAL COMMISSION, ONCE FINALIZED.

17

18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.
19 ITEM 8 IS BEFORE US, AS AMENDED. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
20 SECONDED BY MITCHELL TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
21 PLEASE CALL ROLL.

22

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

24

25 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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1

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

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

9

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

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

13

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

15 MITCHELL?

16

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

18

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

20 5-0.

21

22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 9, HEARING ON

23 PROJECT PR2021-0029112, FOR THE DISASTER RECOVERY ORDINANCE.

24 MEMBERS WHO HAVE QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS?

25 SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC

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1 HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 9 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
2 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE
3 ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL ROLL.

4

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

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

8

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

10

11 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

12

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

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

16

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

18

19 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE, WITH A SPECIAL THANK-YOU TO AMY BODEK.

20

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

23

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

25

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

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'RE GOING TO TRANSITION TO
5 ITEMS THAT WERE HELD BY THE BOARD. ITEM 19, PERMANENT FUNDING
6 AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. IT WAS
7 HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND ALSO FOR
10 AGREEING TO CO-AUTHOR THE MOTION THAT'S BEFORE US. I ALSO WANT
11 TO THANK THE ENTIRE BOARD FOR GETTING THE FAMILY ASSISTANCE
12 PROGRAM, WHICH STARTED OFF AS A PILOT PROGRAM, TO THIS POINT.
13 WE'RE AT THAT FINISH LINE, AND WITH THIS MOTION, WE'LL TURN
14 F.A.P. INTO A PERMANENT PROGRAM TO HELP SURVIVORS AND VICTIMS
15 OF SHERIFF DEPARTMENT VIOLENCE. COLLEAGUES, EACH OF US HAD A
16 ROLE IN PUSHING FOR THIS, AND WE ALL UNDERSTOOD THE IMPORTANCE
17 OF ENSURING ALL VICTIMS AND ALL SURVIVORS ARE ABLE TO ACCESS
18 RESOURCES AND SUPPORT WHILE ON THEIR JOURNEY OF HEALING AND
19 SEEKING JUSTICE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU
20 PUSHED FOR THE FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BACK IN 2018.
21 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL HAS CO-AUTHORED SEVERAL MOTIONS WITH ME,
22 TO TURN THE PROGRAM INTO A MEANINGFUL RESOURCE FOR OUR
23 RESIDENTS IN L.A. COUNTY. AND THIS BOARD COLLECTIVELY APPROVED
24 AND SUPPORTED THE F.A.P.-RELATED MOTION THROUGHOUT THE YEARS.
25 ALSO WANT TO THANK OUR O.I.G., THE SHERIFF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT

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1 COMMISSION, AND THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION FOR THEIR
2 WORK ON THE REPORT-BACK ON A PLAN TO TURN F.A.P. INTO A
3 PERMANENT PROGRAM IN THE COUNTY. ALSO, THE C.E.O., IN RESPONSE
4 TO MY MOTION REGARDING F.A.P., HAD IDENTIFIED AND WILL SOON
5 DISPERSE \$100,000 FOR BRIDGE FUNDING TO HELP SURVIVING
6 FAMILIES DURING THAT TRANSITION PERIOD. AND I KNOW IT'S GOING
7 TO TAKE SOME TIME, BUT WE WANT TO MAKE SURE OUR FAMILIES CAN
8 SEEK AND RECEIVE THE SUPPORT FROM THE COUNTY UNTIL THE OFFICE
9 OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION, WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
10 HEALTH, IS ABLE TO LEAD THE PROGRAM LONG-TERM. I ALSO WANT TO
11 POINT OUT THAT NEXT WEEK IS CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS WEEK, AND AS
12 MY PROCLAMATION STATES, WE'LL BE HONORING THE RIGHTS OF ALL
13 VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF VIOLENCE AND HARM. THIS EFFORT IN OUR
14 COMMITMENT TO SURVIVORS GOES BEYOND JUST ONE WEEK, BUT WILL
15 CONTINUE LONG AFTER. IN FACT, THIS SATURDAY, ON APRIL 23RD, MY
16 OFFICE IS HOSTING A RESOURCE FAIR WITH THE CRIME SURVIVORS OF
17 SAFETY AND JUSTICE-- THE LARGEST CRIME SURVIVOR NETWORK IN THE
18 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, FOR SURVIVORS AND VICTIMS-- AT OUR EAST
19 L.A. CIVIC CENTER. ON SATURDAY, ALMOST 20 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
20 AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE PROVIDERS WILL BE THERE TO SHARE
21 INFORMATION, PROVIDE RECORDS, CLEARING SERVICES, FOOD BOXES,
22 P.P.E., C.O.V.I.D.-19 TEST KITS, AND SO MUCH MORE. AND I WANT
23 TO URGE OUR RESIDENTS, EVEN IF THEY DON'T LIVE IN EAST L.A.,
24 TO PLEASE COME. EVERYONE IS INVITED. AND FINALLY, TO THE
25 FAMILIES: I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY LAST MARCH TO SPEAK TO THE

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1 FAMILIES, TO HEAR WHAT THEY HAD TO SAY, AND I WANT TO REMEMBER
2 AND SAY THEIR NAMES NOW. EDWIN RODRIGUEZ, ANTHONY VARGAS,
3 FERNANDO CRUZ, IVAN PENA, PAUL REYA, JORGE SERRANO, MARCOS
4 VASQUEZ JR. AND JUAN VERSENO, AND SO MANY OTHERS. I LISTEN TO
5 THE FAMILIES' PAIN AND GRIEF, AND I HEARD THEIR VOICES, THE
6 EXHAUSTION, THE FRUSTRATION, BUT ALSO THE COURAGE TO KEEP
7 MOVING FORWARD, SEEKING JUSTICE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES, WHO WERE
8 TRAGICALLY TAKEN AWAY FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. IT HAS
9 TAKEN TIME, BUT THIS PERMANENT PROGRAM IS FOR YOU, THE
10 FAMILIES, AND OUR COMMUNITY, TO GET SUPPORT, LIKE GRIEF
11 COUNSELING, FUNDS FOR BURIAL EXPENSES, AND SYSTEM NAVIGATION.
12 WE HEARD FROM YOU-- THE TOWN HALLS THAT WERE PUT TOGETHER BY
13 OUR SHERIFF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, OUR O.V.P.-- AND
14 YOU TOLD US WHAT YOU NEEDED AND WHAT YOU WANTED OUT OF THIS
15 COUNTY PROGRAM, AND WHAT WORKED AND WHAT DIDN'T. YOUR LIVED
16 EXPERIENCE HELPED CUSTOMIZE A FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
17 FOCUSED ON THE NEEDS OF SURVIVING FAMILIES. THE PROGRAM IS IN
18 THE MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONES: AN OFFER OF HEALING TO YOU.
19 ALTHOUGH WE CAN NEVER TAKE AWAY THE PAIN THAT YOU HAVE
20 ENDURED, WE'LL DO OUR PART TO ALLOW YOU TO COPE. CONCURRENTLY,
21 WE'LL CONTINUE TO DEMAND ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY
22 THROUGH THE SUPPORT OF OUR OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL AND THE
23 SHERIFF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, TO RESOLVE INDIVIDUAL
24 AND SYSTEMIC INSTANCES OF DEPUTY MISCONDUCT. WE BELIEVE IN
25 YOU, AND WE'RE HERE FOR YOU. MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU.

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1

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

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. DID CO-AUTHOR WISH TO
5 SPEAK? I CAN GO AHEAD. THANK YOU. SO, I WANT TO THANK YOU,
6 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MADAM CHAIR, FOR BRINGING THIS REALLY
7 IMPORTANT MOTION. AS YOU MENTIONED, SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS BEEN
8 PRETTY SUPPORTIVE OF THIS PROGRAM; CO-AUTHORED THE ORIGINAL
9 MOTIONS WITH SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, TO RESEARCH THE PILOT,
10 AND THEN ESTABLISH IT IN 2018 AND 2019. AND IT'S BECOME EVER
11 MORE OBVIOUS THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT VIOLENCE AND IN-CUSTODY
12 DEATHS ARE BEYOND TRAUMATIC FOR FAMILIES AND LOVED ONES. IN
13 ESTABLISHING THE PILOT, WE TALKED ABOUT FAMILIES THAT COULDN'T
14 EVEN FIND OUT WHETHER THEIR SON OR DAUGHTER WAS ALIVE OR DEAD,
15 WHAT HOSPITAL THEY WERE IN, HOW TO ACCESS THEM THROUGH THE
16 CORONER. I MEAN, IT WAS JUST NOTHING. AND THAT'S WHAT THIS WAS
17 ESTABLISHED TO DO, BECAUSE WE DIDN'T WANT OUR COMMUNITY
18 MEMBERS TO CONTINUE TO SUFFER. OF COURSE, AS I MENTIONED
19 BEFORE, I'M KIND OF DISAPPOINTED THAT THE PROGRAM HAS NEVER
20 BEEN REALLY ADEQUATELY FUNDED OR EXPANDED, EVEN THOUGH THE
21 NEED IS GREATER THAN EVER. LAST YEAR, THERE WERE 24 HIT
22 SHOOTINGS AND 11 ADDITIONAL NON-HIT SHOOTINGS. WE SAW THE MOST
23 DEPUTY-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS SINCE AT LEAST [INAUDIBLE]. WE ALSO
24 SAW THE MOST IN-CUSTODY DEATHS SINCE 2013. THERE WERE 55 IN-
25 CUSTODY DEATHS. SO OUR COMMUNITIES NEED SUPPORT TO HEAL FROM

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1 THESE TRAGEDIES. I'M SPEAKING TO THE CONVERTED, BUT WE MAKE
2 SPEECHES HERE SOMETIMES, BECAUSE OTHER PEOPLE ARE LISTENING,
3 WE HOPE. BUT, FOR THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION TO
4 SUCCESSFULLY ADD THIS FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, AS I SAID IN
5 MY BUDGET REMARKS, GOT TO BE SOME MORE MONEY. SO, I LIKE
6 ASKING THEM TO FIND ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR THIS. I REALLY THINK
7 IT IS A GOOD MOVE TO MOVE IT INTO THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE
8 PREVENTION, AND I THANK YOU AGAIN VERY MUCH FOR THIS MOTION.

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU,
11 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR INVITING ME TO CO-AUTHOR THIS, AND I
12 REMEMBER CLEARLY THAT MEETING LAST MARCH. I SHARED IN THAT
13 EXPERIENCE WITH YOU, AND TO SAY IT WAS PAINFUL IS TRULY AN
14 UNDERSTATEMENT. THE COUNTY HAS AN OBLIGATION TO ENSURE THAT
15 ALL SERVICES ARE PROVIDED TO ALL VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE,
16 INCLUDING FAMILIES WHO'VE LOST LOVED ONES AT THE HANDS OF LAW
17 ENFORCEMENT. AND SO, I APPRECIATE YOUR ONGOING WORK. I
18 APPRECIATE YOUR WORK, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND I'M PROUD TO
19 CONTINUE TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH YOU ON BEHALF OF THESE
20 FAMILIES, WHO TOO ARE VICTIMS. WITH THAT, SEEING NO FURTHER
21 COMMENTS, ITEM 19 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
22 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE
23 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

24

25 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 19 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

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 20, ADDRESSING RECREATIONAL VEHICLE
2 ENCAMPMENTS IN UNINCORPORATED COUNTY, WHICH WAS HELD BY
3 SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU FOR
6 RECOGNIZING ME, AND ALSO CO-AUTHORING THE MOTION. THE BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS HAS BEEN WORKING, AS YOU KNOW, FOR MANY YEARS NOW
8 TO TACKLE THE GROWING PROBLEM OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, R.V.S,
9 ENCAMPMENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. IN 2018, THE BOARD PASSED A
10 MOTION DIRECTING OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO PROVIDE
11 RECOMMENDATIONS ON SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS TO ASSIST INDIVIDUALS
12 LIVING IN R.V.S. THE REPORT-BACK FROM THAT MOTION INCLUDED
13 RECOMMENDATIONS: ONE, THE PROPER DISPOSAL OF UNCLAIMED,
14 DILAPIDATED, AND HAZARDOUS R.V.S; TWO, MINIMIZING IMPROPER
15 DISPOSAL OF R.V. WASTE; AND THREE, THE CREATION OF SAFE
16 PARKING FOR R.V.S. EARLIER THIS YEAR, THE BOARD PASSED A
17 FOLLOW-UP MOTION, AUTHORED BY SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND BARGER,
18 TO UPDATE THAT 2018 REPORT, AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS TO
19 CONNECT THE PEOPLE LIVING IN R.V.S TO HOUSING SOLUTIONS AND
20 SUPPORT SERVICES. A REPORT-BACK FROM THAT MOTION WAS DELIVERED
21 TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS YESTERDAY, SUGGESTING THE NEED FOR
22 CONTROLLED R.V. PARKING AT LOCATIONS WHERE THEY WILL HAVE THE
23 LEAST IMPACT TO SURROUNDING COMMUNITY, AND WHERE HEALTH AND
24 SAFETY CONCERNS CAN BE MONITORED AND ADDRESSED. THE REPORT-
25 BACK ALSO EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF A MULTI-AGENCY

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1 COMMITMENT TO ADDRESS R.V. ENCAMPMENTS. THAT MEANS THAT ALL OF
2 OUR COUNTY RESOURCES, INCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
3 WORKS, THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE, AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
4 HOMELESS OUTREACH SERVICE TEAM, KNOWN AS H.O.S.T., MUST WORK
5 TOGETHER TO HELP US ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. WE KNOW HOW DIFFICULT
6 IT IS TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT LIVE
7 IN R.V.S. FOR MANY R.V.S, WE KNOW THAT THAT'S THE PRIMARY
8 RESIDENCE FOR MANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS. IN SOME CASES
9 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, INDIVIDUALS ARE RENTING R.V.S FROM
10 THIRD PARTIES. MANY OF THOSE R.V.S ARE INOPERABLE, CAUSING
11 PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS FROM SEWAGE RUNOFF AND WASTE, AND
12 IMPROPER SEWAGE DISPOSAL. DURING THE PANDEMIC, TO PROVIDE
13 RELIEF TO THE MILLIONS OF RESIDENTS SHELTERING IN PLACE, MANY
14 OF OUR CITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE RELAXED OR EVEN SUSPENDED
15 THEIR PARKING ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS. THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, AS
16 YOU KNOW, RECENTLY OPTED TO RESTART THEIR ENFORCEMENT OF THOSE
17 REGULATIONS. THIS WILL, AS YOU KNOW, UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE AN
18 IMPACT ON OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY. FOR ME, I
19 THINK ABOUT EAST L.A. WE NEED TO BE PREPARED TO ADDRESS ANY
20 SPILLOVER EFFECTS OF THE CITY OF L.A.'S PARKING ENFORCEMENT ON
21 OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS IN THE COUNTY. THAT'S WHY I HAVE
22 AUTHORED THIS MOTION TO PREVENT SPILLOVER EFFECTS ON OUR
23 UNINCORPORATED RESIDENTS, AND TO ENSURE THAT THOSE LIVING IN
24 R.V.S HAVE THE APPROPRIATE RESOURCES NEEDED TO FIND MORE
25 PERMANENT HOUSING SOLUTIONS. WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT R.V.

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1 PROTOCOLS BALANCE THE NEEDS OF THE UNHOUSED RESIDENTS, AS WELL
2 AS THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS THAT ARISE FROM
3 ILLEGAL DUMPING OF WASTE ONTO OUR STREETS, OR ILLEGAL
4 CONNECTIONS TO PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE FOR ELECTRICITY. I HAVE
5 CONFIDENCE THAT THIS CAN BE DONE HUMANELY, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT
6 THE COUNTY'S HOMELESSNESS CRISIS AND THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS
7 WHO CAN'T AFFORD TO RENT ANYTHING LARGER THAN AN R.V. THE
8 MOTION ASKS FOR A REPORT-BACK IN 14 DAYS, WITH RECOMMENDATIONS
9 TO MITIGATE ANY POTENTIAL SPILLOVER EFFECTS OF THE CITY OF LOS
10 ANGELES R.V. ENFORCEMENT FOR UNINCORPORATED AREAS. IT ALSO
11 DIRECTS THE HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE TO UPDATE THE COUNTY
12 PROTOCOL PROCESS, SPECIFIC TO R.V. ENCAMPMENTS, TO MITIGATE
13 POTENTIAL SPILLOVER FROM THE CITY OF L.A.'S POLICIES, AND
14 OTHER CITIES' PARKING ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS. AND LASTLY, THE
15 MOTION REQUESTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO WORK WITH H.I.
16 TO IDENTIFY FUNDING TO HELP RESOLVE THE RE-SALE AND
17 RECIRCULATION OF INOPERABLE R.V.S. AND I HOPE THAT OUR
18 DEPARTMENTS-- ALL OF THEM THAT ARE LISTENING-- WILL WORK
19 COLLABORATIVELY TOGETHER TO HELP US TAKE THIS ISSUE ON.
20 COLLEAGUES, I RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE. THANK YOU,
21 MADAM CHAIR.

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

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. THE BOARD HAS
2 TAKEN, AS YOU KNOW, A NUMBER OF ACTIONS TO TRY TO ADDRESS THE
3 UNIQUE NEEDS OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, WHO LIVE IN
4 R.V.S IN ALL THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES. AND AS SUPERVISOR
5 SOLIS INDICATED, THE CITY OF L.A. DID, IT SEEMED TO ME, A
6 SUDDEN POLICY SHIFT. AND IT REMINDS ME WHEN PEOPLE WERE
7 ASKING, "DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR TRASH GOES WHEN IT IS
8 COLLECTED?" AND THEY SAID, "AWAY. THEY TAKE IT AWAY." AND SO,
9 SAYING THAT R.V.S CAN'T PARK IN THE CITY OF L.A. IS LIKE
10 SAYING, "TAKE IT AWAY," BUT WE DON'T CARE WHERE IT GOES. AND
11 SO THIS IS A VERY RESPONSIBLE AND, I THINK, MUCH NEEDED MOTION
12 ABOUT, HOPEFULLY, SOME COORDINATION, SOME ADDITIONAL HOUSING
13 RESOURCES. BUT IT IS LIKELY TO CREATE AN ABRUPT INCREASE FOR
14 US IN R.V. ENCAMPMENTS IN OUR SURROUNDING AREAS. BUT WE ALSO
15 HAVE BEEN PRETTY CLEAR, WE DON'T WANT TO SEE AN INCREASED
16 CRIMINALIZATION OF FOLKS WHO SIMPLY HAVE NOWHERE ELSE TO GO,
17 AND IT IS GETTING TO BE SMALLER AND SMALLER GEOGRAPHY. SO, I
18 APPRECIATE MY COLLEAGUES FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN RESPONDING
19 THOUGHTFULLY AND PROACTIVELY TO THE IMPACTS OF THIS, TO THE
20 HOUSING INITIATIVE, TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, AND
21 THESE THOUGHTFUL RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW BEST TO SUPPORT THE
22 PEOPLE LIVING IN THE R.V.S, BUT ALSO OUR SURROUNDING
23 COMMUNITIES. SO, I AM IN FAVOR OF THIS, AND THANK YOU VERY
24 MUCH FOR IT.

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

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3 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
4 SOLIS, FOR AUTHORIZING THIS MOTION AND BRINGING THIS FORWARD. I
5 ALSO WANT TO THANK YOUR CO-AUTHOR, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR
6 HER CONTINUING COMMITMENT TOWARD THIS ISSUE. THIS ISSUE
7 IMPACTS EVERY SINGLE ONE OF OUR DISTRICTS. OVER THE LAST 26
8 MONTHS, WE HAVE SEEN A SUBSTANTIAL RISE IN R.V. ENCAMPMENTS
9 ACROSS THE COUNTY. THIS IS LIKELY DUE TO THE ECONOMIC HARDSHIP
10 EXACERBATED BY THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 PANDEMIC. IN THE FIFTH
11 DISTRICT, WE'VE CONTINUED TO SEE R.V. ENCAMPMENTS GROWING ON
12 VACANT PARCELS IN THE DESERT OR RURAL AREAS, PRIMARILY ON THE
13 EDGE OF LANCASTER, PALMDALE, AND, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, SANTA
14 CLARITA. ACCORDING TO THE VEHICULAR HOMELESS OUTREACH PROJECT,
15 ONLY ABOUT 20% OF THE R.V.S INVESTIGATED WERE CONSIDERED
16 HEALTHY AND SAFE FOR HABITATION. 80% WERE CONSIDERED UNSAFE,
17 OR NEEDED TO BE TOWED AND REMOVED. IT IS CONCERNING TO SEE
18 THAT. IN THE ABSENCE OF SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, AN UNDERGROUND
19 ECONOMY HAS EMERGED, AS YOU SAID, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THAT
20 CYCLES UNSAFE R.V.S FROM TOW YARDS BACK INTO THE VERY
21 COMMUNITIES THEY CAME OUT OF. PREDATORY SLUMLORDS OFTEN RENT
22 THESE R.V.S TO PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, OR TO LOW-
23 INCOME TENANTS. THIS IS AN ABUSIVE PRACTICE. IT EXPLOITS
24 PEOPLE IN DESPERATE NEED OF SHELTER AND HOUSING, AND QUITE
25 FRANKLY, IT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. THAT IS WHY I SUPPORTED

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1 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S MOTION IN JANUARY, WHICH AIMED TO
2 ADDRESS OUR GROWING R.V. ENCAMPMENT CONCERN, BY EVALUATING AND
3 RESTRUCTURING THE COUNTY'S R.V. PROTOCOLS. WE NEED TO BE
4 THOROUGH IN EVALUATING OUR R.V. ENCAMPMENT PROTOCOLS, AND WE
5 MUST STRIVE TO BE AS CREATIVE AS POSSIBLE WHEN IDENTIFYING
6 SOLUTIONS THAT HELP THE VULNERABLE POPULATIONS. AND I WILL
7 SAY, AS SOMEONE THAT TENDS TO WALK QUITE A BIT ON THE STREETS,
8 I HAVE WALKED BY SOME OF THESE R.V.S THAT ARE NOT RUNNING. AND
9 THEY HAVE TO DUMP SOMEWHERE, AND THEY DO IT INTO OUR GUTTERS.
10 AND I SAW IT FIRSTHAND. SO, IF YOU LOOK AT IT FROM AN
11 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STANDPOINT, IT IS REAL. I HIGHLY
12 ENCOURAGE THE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT-BACK TO DEVELOP A COMMUNITY
13 OUTREACH STRATEGY FOR THE COUNTY'S UNINCORPORATED AREAS THAT
14 ARE MOST LIKELY TO BE IMPACTED BY THE EFFECTS OF THIS POLICY
15 CHANGE. I AM GOING TO VOTE YES TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THIS
16 MOTION, TO SHOW MY SUPPORT ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE. THANK YOU,
17 MADAM CHAIR.

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19 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, COLLEAGUES. AND
20 AGAIN, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO
21 PARTICIPATE. I JUST WANT TO ECHO YOUR POINT ABOUT THE COUNTY'S
22 HOMELESS INITIATIVE. WE HAVE GOT TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO STOP
23 SHUFFLING R.V. ENCAMPMENTS FROM ONE ARBITRARY JURISDICTION TO
24 ANOTHER. BECAUSE IT IS ARBITRARY, WHEN YOU ARE LIVING IN AN
25 R.V., WHETHER YOU ARE IN A CITY OR WHETHER YOU ARE IN

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1 UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY. AND WE ALL KNOW IT COULD BE
2 LITERALLY THE NORTH SIDE VERSUS THE SOUTH SIDE OF A STREET. SO
3 WE HAVE TO STOP THAT. IN ADDITION TO THE COMMENTS MADE BY
4 SUPERVISORS BARGER AND KUEHL, IN TERMS OF THIS KIND OF
5 UNDERGROUND ECONOMY THAT FUELS THESE R.V.S, THE HORROR OF THE
6 REALITY WHEN SOME OF THESE PEOPLE FALL BEHIND ON THEIR RENT,
7 THAT'S WHERE WE SEE THE FIRES: WHERE THE OWNERS, IF YOU WILL,
8 OF THESE QUESTIONABLY HABITABLE R.V.S THEN BURN THEM OUT. AND
9 SO IT IS A PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE THAT WE'VE GOT TO ADDRESS, AND
10 SO I WILL BE JOINING WITH EVERYONE TO STRONGLY SUPPORT TODAY'S
11 MOTION. ANY OTHER COMMENTS? SEEING NONE, ITEM 20 IS BEFORE US.
12 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I WILL SECOND. SECONDED BY MITCHELL
13 TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

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17 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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21 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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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.

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14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON
15 TO ITEM 28, INVESTING IN STRENGTHENING THE COUNTY HEALTHCARE
16 WORKFORCE, WHICH I HELD. AS BOARD CHAIR, MY FOCUS HAS BEEN ON
17 BUILDING BACK WITH EQUITY, AND THIS MEANS BEING INTENTIONAL
18 ABOUT HOW WE INVEST IN HARDLY SERVED COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING
19 TRAINING OUR COMMUNITIES IMPACTED BY C.O.V.I.D.-19 FOR IN-
20 DEMAND JOBS IN HEALTHCARE. COLLECTIVELY, THE DEPARTMENTS OF
21 PUBLIC HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, AND HEALTH SERVICES, ARE THE
22 LARGEST HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS IN THE COUNTY, WITH A BUDGET OF
23 APPROXIMATELY \$9 BILLION A YEAR. YET, OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENTS
24 ARE EXPERIENCING SIGNIFICANT STAFF VACANCY RATES, AS HIGH AS
25 21%. NEARLY SIX MONTHS AGO, THE BOARD APPROVE A MOTION

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1 DIRECTING THE HEALTH DEPARTMENTS TO IDENTIFY THE VARIOUS
2 REASONS FOR THE HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE SHORTAGES IMPACTING THEM.
3 THESE VACANCIES AFFECT THE WAY WE DELIVER COUNTY SERVICES.
4 THEY ALSO AFFECT OUR ABILITY TO EFFECTIVELY LAUNCH NEW
5 CREATIVE AND RESPONSIVE WELLNESS INITIATIVES, SEVERAL OF WHICH
6 WERE DISCUSSED TODAY. IF WE DON'T SIGNIFICANTLY CLOSE THESE
7 VACANCY RATES, THESE NEW INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS WILL NOT MOVE
8 FORWARD. EARLIER THIS MONTH, FOR EXAMPLE, THE BOARD ADOPTED A
9 MOTION TO CREATE A ROADMAP FOR A NEW OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
10 JUSTICE AND CLIMATE HEALTH, TO BE HOUSED IN DEPARTMENT OF
11 PUBLIC HEALTH. YET, OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S
12 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH UNIT CURRENTLY HAS A 30% VACANCY RATE.
13 THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES RECENT ANALYSIS SHOWS THE
14 AVERAGE TIME TO HIRE FOR COUNTY PHYSICIANS EXCEEDS ONE YEAR.
15 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DASHBOARD, DEPARTMENT OF
16 MENTAL HEALTH POSITIONS ARE VACANT ON AVERAGE FOR 597 DAYS. WE
17 MUST DRAMATICALLY CHANGE OUR RECRUITING, HIRING, AND RETENTION
18 PROCEDURES TO SOLVE OUR HEALTHCARE AND OUR BEHAVIOR HEALTH
19 WORKER SHORTAGES, AND KEEP UP WITH OUR CONSTITUENTS' NEEDS.
20 THE ALLIANCE FOR HEALTH INTEGRATION'S MARCH 2022 REPORT
21 REVEALED OPPORTUNITIES TO REIMAGINE THE COUNTY'S HIRING AND
22 ONBOARDING PROCESS, AND TO MAKE SYSTEMIC IMPROVEMENTS. TODAY'S
23 MOTION ASKS US TO PRIORITIZE FILLING CRITICAL VACANCIES, TO
24 STREAMLINE THE COUNTY'S HIRING PROCESS, TO DEVELOP FAIR
25 PATHWAYS FOR LOCAL WORKERS TO JOIN THE COUNTY TEAM, AND TO

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1 EXPLORE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY IN COMPENSATION PACKAGES TO
2 ATTRACT WORKERS. WE MUST FORGE STRONGER CONNECTIONS AND
3 PARTNERSHIPS WITH OUR COUNTY'S NETWORK OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
4 AND ADULT SCHOOLS. THAT'S WHY IT IS CRITICAL TO WORK TOGETHER
5 TO ACCESS THE INFLUX OF STATE AND FEDERAL DOLLARS BEING PUT
6 FORWARD TO BUILD THE WORKFORCE PIPELINE OF THE FUTURE, AND TO
7 FILL OUR VACANCIES. I WOULD LIKE TO READ IN THE FOLLOWING
8 AMENDMENT, ADDING SECTION 1 SUB-F TO THE MOTION, AS FOLLOWS:
9 "WILL SEEK FUNDING FOR SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS AT
10 THE LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL LEVEL, INCLUDING CALIFORNIA
11 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD FUNDS, STATE AND FEDERAL
12 APPRENTICESHIP FUNDS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA RESILIENT WORKFORCE
13 FUNDS, AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS, THE COUNTY'S SERVICE
14 EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
15 RESOURCES NEGOTIATED TRAINING FUNDS, TOGETHER WITH
16 PHILANTHROPIC DOLLARS." I LOOK FORWARD TO MAKING MEASURABLE
17 PROGRESS ON THIS ISSUE, WHILE PROVIDING A PATHWAY TO ECONOMIC
18 MOBILITY FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES. I WANT TO THANK THE
19 ALLIANCE, THE HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, THE C.E.O., AND DEPARTMENT
20 OF HUMAN RESOURCES FOR YOUR HARD WORK ON THIS MOTION. I
21 ANTICIPATE HEARING FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION REPORTS AND FURTHER
22 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OUR PARTNERS ON OPTIONS TO BEST
23 STREAMLINE HIRING INTO QUALITY COUNTY CAREERS. FIRST, WE WILL
24 HEAR FROM SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR, I REGRET TO TELL YOU THAT I'M GOING
2 TO ABSTAIN ON THIS MOTION. I HAVE SOME SERIOUS CONCERNS,
3 ALTHOUGH I REALLY UNDERSTAND THE NEED FOR IT. THE DEPARTMENT
4 OF HEALTH SERVICES IS UNIQUE, AS ALL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS ARE,
5 COMPARED TO OTHERS, WHERE THEY ARE HIRING OUT PROFESSIONALS:
6 DOCTORS, NURSES, ET CETERA. BUT IT LOOKS TO ME LIKE THE MOTION
7 GOES FURTHER THAN THAT, IN TERMS OF ALLOWING THESE DEPARTMENTS
8 TO SET THEIR OWN CLASSIFICATIONS, AND EVEN PAY SCALE, IN WAYS
9 THAT I THINK DISRUPTS THE KIND OF PARITY THAT WE HAVE TRIED TO
10 CREATE ACROSS THE SAME SORTS OF JOBS IN OTHER DEPARTMENTS.
11 LET'S SAY THAT WE IDENTIFY PEOPLE IN TERMS OF WHAT THEY SHOULD
12 BE PAID BY THEIR SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE, AND ABILITY. AND WE HAVE,
13 FOR INSTANCE, A PATIENT FINANCIAL SERVICES WORKER IN D.H.S.,
14 WHO DOESN'T DO THINGS A WHOLE LOT DIFFERENT THAN THAT DONE IN
15 D.C.F.S. OR D.P.S.S. BUT THIS LOOKS LIKE IT WOULD GIVE THE
16 ABILITY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES TO SAY SOMETHING
17 VERY DIFFERENT ABOUT THEIR PATIENT FINANCIAL SERVICES WORKER.
18 SO, I AM CONCERNED. I AM CONCERNED, IN A WAY, WHAT LABOR MIGHT
19 LOOK AT THIS AS KIND OF BEING. I REALLY UNDERSTAND THE NEED
20 FOR MORE FLEXIBILITY, AND IT IS A VERY COMPETITIVE MARKET FOR
21 THOSE WHO ARE HEALTHCARE WORKERS NOW. I MEAN, I THINK
22 SOMETHING LIKE THE TOP 25 PAID PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY ARE IN
23 THESE HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, BECAUSE YOU NEED TO COMPETE WITH OUR
24 PRIVATE HEALTH SYSTEMS, AND I REALLY GET THAT. SO, I AM HOPING
25 THAT THERE MAY BE A WAY TO SEGREGATE OUT. YOU USED LANGUAGE

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1 ABOUT ITEMS THAT ARE UNIQUE TO THESE DEPARTMENTS. SO, IF
2 THERE'S SOME WAY NOT TO CREATE SUCH DISPARITY, WHERE ITEMS ARE
3 NOT UNIQUE ACROSS OTHER DEPARTMENTS, BECAUSE I THINK IT IS
4 KIND OF CHAOTIC. AND IF I RAN A DEPARTMENT, I WOULD SAY,
5 "WELL, I WANT TO SET MY LEVELS, TOO. WHY ARE YOU LETTING THEM
6 DO IT, AND NOT ME?" SO, IF THERE'S SOME WAY IN THE REPORTING
7 BACK, THAT'S REALLY THE REASON FOR MY ABSTENTION, IS SIMPLY TO
8 SAY, I CAN'T SUPPORT IT THE WAY IT IS, BUT I DON'T OPPOSE IT,
9 BECAUSE I GET THE NEED FOR IT. BUT THERE CAN BE SOME
10 THOUGHTFUL CONSIDERATION ABOUT WHERE JOBS ARE REALLY THE SAME,
11 OR THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITY REALLY THE SAME.
12 BECAUSE THERE ARE ALSO PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKERS IN OTHER
13 DEPARTMENTS, NOT THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENTS, AND THEY WOULD BE
14 TREATED DIFFERENTLY, EVEN THOUGH THEY MIGHT BE DOING THE SAME
15 JOB. SO, I AM JUST SAYING, I HOPE THAT THERE WILL BE A LITTLE
16 MORE SLICING AND DICING ABOUT THE RESPONSE TO THIS, SO THAT IT
17 WOULD BE MORE... EQUITABLE, I THINK WE WOULD USE THE TERM NOW,
18 BUT SERIOUSLY, IN TERMS OF TREATING OUR WORKERS THE SAME,
19 WHERE THEY ARE DOING THE SAME KIND OF JOBS. JUST LIKE WE
20 LOOKED AT THE GENDER DIFFERENCES YEARS AGO. IF THEY ARE DOING
21 THE SAME KIND OF WORK, THEY SHOULD HAVE EQUAL PAY. SO, I JUST
22 WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT GETS THE ATTENTION. THANK YOU VERY
23 MUCH MADAM CHAIR.

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

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2 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND ACTUALLY, I THINK
3 THAT IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT IN THE REPORT-BACK TO GET THAT, AND
4 I THINK THAT FESIA IS EQUIPPED TO DO THIS. I KNOW THE ONLY
5 TIME WE HAVE REALLY CHANGED THE PAY SCALE ON AN IDENTICAL JOB
6 IN EACH DEPARTMENT IS WHEN IT'S GEOGRAPHICALLY NEEDED. FOR
7 EXAMPLE, WHEN WE NEEDED PSYCHIATRISTS UP IN THE ANTELOPE
8 VALLEY, AND WE COULDN'T RECRUIT, WE GAVE AN INCENTIVE FOR THEM
9 TO RELOCATE. SOCIAL WORKERS, SAME THING, THAT THIS BOARD
10 SUPPORTED, UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. SO, I THINK THAT IS
11 WHERE IT HAS BEEN UNIQUE. AND I HAD NOT ACTUALLY THOUGHT ABOUT
12 THE FACT THAT YOU DO HAVE AN APPLES-TO-APPLES, AS IT RELATES
13 TO CERTAIN JOB SPECS, AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO BE CREATING
14 DISPARITY WITHIN OUR DEPARTMENTS, AND WE ARE GOING TO BE
15 COMPETING FOR THE SAME JOBS, WHICH IS PROBLEMATIC IN AND OF
16 ITSELF. SO, I MEAN, I THINK THAT IS SOMETHING THAT FESIA
17 PROBABLY WOULD FLAG IN HER REPORT-BACK, AND THAT'S WHY I LOVE
18 REPORT-BACKS, BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S THE GOAL, IS TO FLESH OUT
19 THINGS THAT WE DIDN'T THINK ABOUT. BUT THERE IS NO QUESTION,
20 AS WE TALK ABOUT ISSUES LIKE HOMELESSNESS, AND WE TALK ABOUT
21 PROVIDING THE SERVICES IN OUR JAILS, THE NUMBER-ONE BARRIER IS
22 RECRUITING [INAUDIBLE]. WE ARE COMPETING NOT ONLY WITH OTHER
23 COUNTIES OR OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES; WE ARE COMPETING WITH
24 THE PRIVATE SECTOR. AND SO I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO
25 LOOK AT OPPORTUNITIES TO DO A BETTER JOB OF RECRUITMENT AND

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1 RETENTION. AND I SAY "RETENTION" BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S THE
2 OTHER KEY THAT WE'VE GOT TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION, IS THE
3 RETENTION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES, TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY MAKE
4 THIS NOT JUST A JOB, BUT A CAREER. SO I WILL SUPPORT THIS, BUT
5 I THINK THAT YOUR SUGGESTION IS A GOOD CATCH, SHEILA.

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7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I'M GOING TO GO TO
8 SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND ASK MY CO-AUTHOR TO HAVE THE FINAL WORD,
9 AND THEN ASK OUR C.E.O. TO COMMENT, BECAUSE WE DID TAKE SOME
10 OF THEIR LANGUAGE TO ATTEMPT TO AVOID THE DISPARITY ISSUE. AND
11 SO LET ME GO TO SUPERVISOR HAHN FIRST, FOLLOWED BY SOLIS.

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13 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY, THANKS. I FEEL WEIRD GOING AHEAD OF THE CO-
14 AUTHOR, BUT I KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE HER TAKE IT HOME. SO,
15 I JUST WANTED TO ADD A FEW OF MY COMMENTS ABOUT THIS, AS WELL.
16 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
17 SOLIS, FOR AUTHORIZING THIS MOTION AND BRINGING FORWARD THE
18 SOLUTIONS TO SOME OF THE CHALLENGES THAT WE HAVE BEEN FACING
19 IN RECRUITING AND HIRING HEALTHCARE WORKERS. MANY OF THE
20 SOLUTIONS IN THIS MOTION COME STRAIGHT FROM THE
21 RECOMMENDATIONS PROVIDED TO US BY THE ALLIANCE FOR HEALTH
22 INTEGRATION. I THOUGHT THE MEMO THEY PROVIDED TO US LAST MONTH
23 WAS THOUGHTFUL AND WELL DONE, AND I AM GLAD WE ARE ADVANCING
24 THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS. HEALTHCARE IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT
25 SERVICES WE PROVIDE AS A COUNTY. OUR COMMUNITIES RELY ON OUR

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1 HOSPITALS, OUR HEALTHCARE CLINICS, FOR CARE, BUT WE ARE ONLY
2 AS GOOD AS THE HEALTHCARE WORKERS THAT WE CAN HIRE AND RETAIN.
3 WE WANT TO RECRUIT THE BEST, HIRE THEM AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE,
4 SO THAT THEY CAN DO THEIR WORK. IT WILL TAKE A COLLABORATIVE
5 EFFORT WITHIN THE COUNTY TO FILL THE OPENINGS WE CURRENTLY
6 HAVE. IT IS SHOCKING, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, TO HEAR HOW LONG
7 SOME OF THOSE POSITIONS HAVE BEEN VACANT. SO THIS MOTION,
8 HOPEFULLY, WILL HELP US MOVE FORWARD. BUT WHILE WE ARE WORKING
9 ON HIRING MORE HEALTHCARE WORKERS, WE CAN'T FORGET ABOUT THE
10 HEALTHCARE WORKERS WHO HAVE ALREADY BEEN WORKING IN OUR COUNTY
11 HOSPITALS AND CLINICS, AND NEED AND DESERVE OUR SUPPORT. THEY
12 HAVE REALLY BEEN THROUGH DARK TIMES, THESE LAST FEW YEARS.
13 THEY HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY THROUGH THE PANDEMIC. THEY HAVE
14 PUT THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES AT RISK, WHILE STEPPING UP
15 TO CARE FOR OUR COMMUNITIES; AND NOW MANY OF THEM, INCLUDING
16 THOSE IN S.E.I.U. 721, ARE WORKING WITHOUT A CONTRACT. SO,
17 WHILE WE WORK ON RECRUITMENT, I WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT
18 THERE IS ALSO MORE WORK TO DO, SUPPORTING OUR CURRENT
19 EMPLOYEES. EMPLOYEE WELLBEING NEEDS TO BE OUR TOP PRIORITY,
20 AND I THINK, ULTIMATELY, SUPPORTING OUR COUNTY WORKERS WILL
21 HELP US LONG-TERM WITH RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION. I FULLY
22 SUPPORT THIS MOTION. LET'S RECRUIT THE BEST. LET'S HIRE THEM
23 FAST. LET'S SUPPORT THEM, SO WE CAN KEEP THEM IN THE COUNTY.
24 THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND SOLIS.

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

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3 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU FOR
4 ALLOWING ME TO CO-AUTHOR THIS MEASURE WITH YOU. I, LIKE YOU
5 AND MANY OF US, HAVE GREAT CONCERNS REGARDING THE VACANCIES
6 THAT WE ARE EXPERIENCING IN OUR COUNTY WORKFORCE, ESPECIALLY
7 IN OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, GIVEN THE IMMENSE NEED BROUGHT
8 ABOUT BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC. MY TEAM AND I HAVE HELD
9 MEETINGS WITH OUR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, AND THE MESSAGE
10 HAS COME THROUGH LOUD AND CLEAR: THEY NEED HELP TO RECRUIT AND
11 RETAIN A CRITICAL WORKFORCE. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE AS
12 EMPLOYERS ACROSS INDUSTRIES ARE FEELING THE EFFECTS OF
13 WORKFORCE SHORTAGE. I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MANY HOSPITAL
14 ADMINISTRATORS, COMMUNITY CLINICS, MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS,
15 AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT I HAVE MET WITH, WHO HAVE SHARED
16 THEIR PRIMARY CHALLENGE RIGHT NOW, IS A LACK OF WORKFORCE. WE
17 MUST DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO MAKE SURE OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENTS
18 CAN BE COMPETITIVE IN RECRUITING THE MOST TALENTED
19 PROFESSIONALS, AND CAN BRING THEM ON QUICKLY. AND WE ARE, AS
20 YOU KNOW, THE SAFETY NET PROVIDER. WE PROVIDE SERVICES AND
21 CARE TO THE RESIDENTS WHO NEED IT THE MOST AND, DUE TO
22 SYSTEMIC ISSUES AND SOCIAL DETERMINANTS, OFTEN HAVE THE MOST
23 COMPLEX HEALTH NEEDS. THESE RESIDENTS NOT ONLY DESERVE THE
24 BEST CARE, OFTEN THEIR HEALTHCARE DEPENDS UPON IT: LIFE AND
25 DEATH. AND I HAVE SPOKEN WITH MANY MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS WHO

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1 ARE MISSION-DRIVEN, AND THEY WANT TO STAY AND WORK WITH THE
2 COUNTY, OR COME ON BOARD AND WORK WITH THE COUNTY. I HAVE
3 SPOKEN TO GRADUATES FROM OUR OWN COLLEGE OF NURSING AND ALLIED
4 HEALTH, TRAINED BY THIS COUNTY, AND THEY ARE READY TO SERVE
5 OUR COUNTY. IT IS AMAZING HOW WE SPEND MILLIONS AND MILLIONS
6 OF DOLLARS TO TRAIN NURSES IN OUR SYSTEM, ONLY TO SEE THEM
7 TAKEN AWAY BY BIGGER CORPORATIONS, WHO PAY MAYBE A LITTLE BIT
8 MORE. BUT WE'VE GOT TO THINK ABOUT HOW WE ARE INVESTING ALL
9 THIS MONEY, AND HOW WE ARE CREATING THAT LABOR FORCE. WE NEED
10 TO KEEP THEM, AND WE NEED TO ALSO ALLOW FOR THAT GROWTH HERE,
11 AS WELL. SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN DO EVERYTHING WE
12 CAN TO RECRUIT QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS, REMOVE ANY BARRIERS AS
13 POSSIBLE TO BRINGING THEM ON BOARD TO SERVE US AND OUR
14 RESIDENTS. SO, I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THE MOTION, AND I ALSO
15 AGREE THAT THE REPORT-BACK COULD INCLUDE-- IT SHOULD GIVE US
16 BETTER INFORMATION ABOUT CLASSIFICATIONS OF POSITIONS, BECAUSE
17 WE KNOW THIS HAS BEEN AN ISSUE WITH RESPECT TO DIFFERENT
18 DEPARTMENTS AND THEIR BUDGETS. SO, IT HAS COME UP TO THIS
19 BOARD BEFORE, SO I UNDERSTAND THAT, AND I AM HOPEFUL THAT WE
20 WILL GET THE RIGHT INFORMATION WE NEED FROM OUR C.E.O. WITH
21 THAT, MADAM CHAIR, I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE MEASURE BEFORE US.
22 THANK YOU.

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24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THAT. I KNOW
25 THAT THIS WAS-- THIS WAS A MONUMENTAL TASK, AND WE WORKED

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1 COLLABORATIVELY AND WORKED REALLY HARD TO TAKE AMENDMENT
2 LANGUAGE FROM BOARD OFFICES, AS WELL AS THE C.E.O. MS.
3 DAVENPORT, DO YOU WANT TO COMMENT AT ALL ON SOME OF THE ISSUES
4 RAISED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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6 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** YES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. FIRST OF ALL, LET
8 ME THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR WORKING WITH MY OFFICE AND MY
9 TEAM TO MAKE AMENDMENTS TO THE MOTION, TO GET IT INTO A PLACE
10 WHERE WE FELT LIKE WE HAD A VERY STRONG, COLLABORATIVE
11 FOUNDATION FOR US TO WORK WITH A.H.I. AND THE OTHER
12 DEPARTMENTS. I THINK THE COMMENTS THAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL MADE
13 REALLY GOES TO THE ART OF IMPLEMENTATION. SO, YOUR MOTION, ON
14 PAGE EIGHT, TALKS ABOUT WORKFORCE JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND
15 CLASSIFICATIONS THAT ARE UNIQUE TO THE THREE HEALTH
16 DEPARTMENTS, WHICH IS LANGUAGE THAT OUR OFFICE REALLY
17 SUPPORTED AND ADVOCATED. I THINK, AT THE END OF THE DAY,
18 THERE'S GOING TO HAVE TO BE A LAYERED ANALYSIS WHEN WE LOOK AT
19 THOSE CLASSIFICATIONS. SO, YOU MIGHT HAVE A CLASSIFICATION
20 TITLE THAT IS UNIQUE TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, BUT IN
21 PRACTICE, THE WORK-- A VERY SIMILAR TYPE OF WORK-- IS BEING
22 DONE IN ANOTHER DEPARTMENT, THAT MIGHT HAVE A DIFFERENT
23 CLASSIFICATION. SO WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FIGURE OUT A RULE,
24 HOW TO HANDLE THAT. I THINK, FOR THE POSITIONS THAT ARE IN THE
25 HEALTH DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE WHAT I WOULD CALL HIGHLY TECHNICAL

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1 IN NATURE, PARTICULARLY THE DOCTORS AND THE SPECIALTY
2 PHYSICIANS AND THE SPECIALTY TECHNICIANS, I THINK THOSE ARE
3 GOING TO BE THE LOW-HANGING FRUIT. THOSE ARE THE EASY ONES,
4 BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE, I DON'T KNOW, A PEDIATRICIAN
5 THAT'S GOING TO BE WORKING IN YOUR OTHER DEPARTMENTS. SO THOSE
6 CATEGORIES, THAT'S A UNIQUE CLASSIFICATION. IT IS A TECHNICAL
7 POSITION, AND THE SKILL SET IS UNIQUE, IN THAT YOU'RE NOT
8 TYPICALLY GOING TO SEE THAT IN ANOTHER DEPARTMENT. AND I THINK
9 THE LAST CATEGORY THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO LOOK AT, IN TERMS OF
10 HOW WE'RE GOING TO IMPLEMENT THIS, IS BASICALLY THE JOB
11 TITLES. SO, YOU MIGHT HAVE POSITIONS THAT HAVE SIMILAR JOB
12 TITLES. MAYBE THEY'RE EVEN THE SAME JOB TITLES, BUT THE WORK
13 MAY NOT NECESSARILY BE COMPARABLE. ALL OF THAT MEANS,
14 SUPERVISOR, IS I THINK THAT THERE'S A PATH FORWARD. WE WILL
15 WORK CLOSELY WITH THE DEPARTMENTS, SO THAT WHEN WE DEVELOP
16 WHAT THE IMPLEMENTATION LOOKS LIKE, THAT WE MINIMIZE TO THE
17 MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE THE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES. AND WE
18 JUST NEED TO MOVE FORWARD IN A THOUGHTFUL MANNER.

19
20 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT. I THINK
21 JUST A FINAL 3 POINTS I WOULD ADD IS JUST TO REMIND US THAT
22 THESE THREE DEPARTMENTS HAVE SOME OF THE HIGHEST VACANCY RATES
23 IN THE COUNTY. THEY ALSO, TO SOME DEGREE, ARE UNIQUE, IN TERMS
24 OF, FOR SOME OF THEM, THE SOURCE OF SOME OF THEIR OUTSIDE
25 FUNDING IN THE FORM OF GRANTS. AND IF YOU HAVE A THREE-YEAR

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1 GRANT, AND YOU CAN'T HIRE SOMEONE TO START THE WORK OR DO THE
2 PROJECT FOR 500 DAYS, THAT WAS A WHOLE BUNCH OF WASTED GRANT-
3 WRITING AND MISSED OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COUNTY. THIRDLY, I
4 WOULD SAY, WITH REGARD TO SUPERVISOR HAHN'S COMMENTS AND 721,
5 YOU KNOW, THE GOAL OF THIS-- AND YOU SEE THE TERM "RETENTION"
6 IS LACED THROUGHOUT THE MOTION-- IS REALLY TO HELP CURRENT
7 EMPLOYEES, ALSO, AS THEY EITHER UPSKILL OR TRANSFER TO
8 DEPARTMENTS, WITH THE GOAL BEING NOT TO JUST BE A COUNTY
9 EMPLOYEE, BUT TO MAKE COUNTY EMPLOYMENT YOUR FULL CAREER. AND
10 THAT'S WHY RETENTION IS SO CRITICAL, AND I BELIEVE CURRENT
11 EMPLOYEES, REPRESENTED BY 721 AND OTHERS, WOULD DIRECTLY
12 BENEFIT FROM THIS FOCUSED WORK ON THESE THREE DEPARTMENTS. SO,
13 THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS. AND SEEING NO
14 ADDITIONAL HANDS RAISED, ITEM 28, AS REVISED, IS BEFORE US. I
15 WILL MOVE AND ASK THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS SECOND TO APPROVE THIS
16 ITEM, AS AMENDED. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 28, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE YOU.
19 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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21 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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25 **SUP. KUEHL:** ABSTAIN.

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

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5 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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9 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES,
17 4-0, WITH 1 ABSTENTION.

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19 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WE WILL MOVE TO ITEM 29, PERMANENT
20 OUTDOOR DINING ORDINANCES, WHICH I HELD. SO, FIRST, LET ME SAY
21 THANK YOU TO ALL OUR FELLOW ANGELENOS FOR THE SUPPORT MANY OF
22 YOU HAVE SHOWN L.A. RESTAURANTS OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS. I
23 THINK THE OUTDOOR ORDINANCE HELPED KEEP MANY OF THEIR DOORS
24 OPEN DURING A VERY TOUGH TIME. ORDERING TAKEOUT OR DINING
25 OUTDOORS AT A FAVORITE MOM-AND-POP RESTAURANT WAS HOW WE

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1 SHOWED LOVE TO OUR SMALL BUSINESSES. AS WE ALL KNOW,
2 RESTAURANTS TOOK A HEAVY BLOW IN 2020, AND FOR THE
3 UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY, SOME WERE KEPT AFLOAT BY THE
4 CREATIVE THINKING AND RAPID ACTION FROM STAKEHOLDERS, PROGRAM
5 IMPLEMENTERS, AS WELL AS POLICYMAKERS. I WANT TO THANK THE
6 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
7 FOR QUICKLY ADAPTING TO OUR RESTAURANTS' NEEDS DURING
8 C.O.V.I.D., AND SETTING UP OUR TEMPORARY OUTDOOR DINING
9 PROGRAM. THE INNOVATIVE WORK ALLOWED FOR SMALL BUSINESSES TO
10 STAY IN BUSINESS AND KEEP OUR WORKERS EMPLOYED. HOWEVER, I AM
11 CLEAR THAT WE CAN BUILD-- AND SHOULD BUILD IN THIS PROGRAM--
12 AN IMPROVED ACCESS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES, AS WE CREATE A
13 PERMANENT OUTDOOR DINING PROGRAM. IN THE CITY OF L.A., AS A
14 POINT OF COMPARISON, 55% OF ALL THE RESOURCES AND APPLICATIONS
15 APPROVED FOR THE PROGRAM WERE EARMARKED FOR BUSINESSES, AND
16 BUSINESSES LOCATED IN AREAS THAT SUFFERED THE GREATEST WERE
17 OWNED OR OPERATED BY PEOPLE OF COLOR, OR JOB LOSSES DUE TO
18 C.O.V.I.D.-19. THE RESULT IN THE CITY OF L.A. WAS ASTOUNDING.
19 2,800 BUSINESSES WERE SUPPORTED BY THIS PROGRAM. IN
20 COMPARISON, MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES IN LOW-INCOME
21 COMMUNITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY RECEIVED LITTLE TO NO SUPPORT
22 THROUGH OUR VERY OWN CURRENT PROGRAM. IN MY OWN DISTRICT,
23 THERE WERE ZERO OUTDOOR DINING PERMITS ISSUED, DESPITE BEING
24 ESPECIALLY HARD HIT DURING THE PANDEMIC. IF WE ARE TO TRULY
25 ACHIEVE PARITY FOR OUR BUSINESSES IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, WE

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1 MUST PROACTIVELY REACH OUT TO SMALL RESTAURANTS, WHO MIGHT NOT
2 BE ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS PIVOTAL PROGRAM, OTHERWISE.
3 WE CAN'T EXPECT OUR BUSINESSES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF
4 OPPORTUNITIES WHEN THEY ARE NOT AWARE THAT THESE PROGRAMS
5 EXIST, OR HOW TO APPLY FOR THEM. I APPRECIATE THE AMENDMENT
6 FROM MY COLLEAGUES TO SHARE THE SUCCESS OF THIS PROGRAM WITH
7 OTHER CITIES, AND IN THE FOURTH AND FIFTH DISTRICTS, THIS VERY
8 WELL MAY HAVE BEEN A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM. BUT IT WAS NOT
9 SUCCESSFUL IN S.D. 2, AND WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO USE A MODEL
10 THAT WAS COMPLETELY UNUSED BY THE BUSINESSES AND NEIGHBORHOODS
11 MOST SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTED BY C.O.V.I.D.-19. THIS MOTION
12 FOLLOWS DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING'S STAFF
13 RECOMMENDATIONS TO UPDATE COUNTY CODES IN A WAY THAT ENSURES
14 OUR RESTAURANTS CAN CONTINUE TO OPERATE OUTDOORS AS WE EMERGE
15 FROM THIS PANDEMIC. THIS IS THE FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION IN
16 THIS PROCESS, AND MY OFFICE WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE DEPARTMENT
17 OF REGIONAL PLANNING ON THE LANGUAGE OF THIS MOTION. AND I
18 WANT TO THANK THE DEPARTMENT FOR REACHING OUT TO US, TO CARRY
19 THIS MOTION. WE REALIZE IT WAS IMPORTANT TO TAKE LESSONS
20 LEARNED FROM OUR TEMPORARY PROGRAM, SO THAT BUSINESSES AND
21 COMMUNITIES THAT WERE DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY THIS
22 PANDEMIC WERE ENGAGED IN MAKING THE PROGRAM PERMANENT. WE KNEW
23 THAT WE NEEDED TO UNDERSTAND WHY THEY COULDN'T PARTICIPATE IN
24 OUR TEMPORARY PROGRAM, AND HOW TO INCLUDE THEM MOVING FORWARD.
25 OUR DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY SHOULD PARTNER WITH

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1 REGIONAL PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL
2 ASSISTANCE FOR OUR SMALL, VERY SMALL, IN SOME INSTANCES MOM-
3 AND-POP RESTAURANTS, WHO CAN FEASIBLY EXPAND THEIR OUTDOOR
4 DINING FOOTPRINT. FOR THAT REASON, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A
5 SMALL AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION. I WOULD LIKE TO READ IN AN
6 AMENDMENT ON DIRECTIVE THREE, TO CHANGE "THE DEPARTMENT OF
7 CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS" TO "THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC
8 OPPORTUNITY." THIS LANGUAGE HAS BEEN SHARED WITH THE EXECUTIVE
9 OFFICER, AND CIRCULATED TO OTHER BOARD OFFICES. AS THIS BOARD
10 KNOWS, THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS WAS MOVED TO THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, SO THIS IS MORE
12 ADMINISTRATIVE THAN ANYTHING. THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF
13 OPPORTUNITY FOR ENGAGEMENT, BUT WE CANNOT HAVE THAT ENGAGEMENT
14 UNTIL WE DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING AND THE
15 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP. THANK YOU,
16 AND I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR DISCUSSIONS. WE'RE GOING TO START
17 WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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19 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,
20 FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD, AND FOR SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR
21 CO-AUTHORING THE AMENDMENT WITH ME. I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT
22 THAT WE CONTINUE WORKING WITH OUR COMMUNITIES AND STAKEHOLDERS
23 ON POLICIES TO PROVIDE PERMANENT OUTDOOR DINING OPPORTUNITIES
24 TO RESTAURANTS AND THEIR PATRONS. AND TO YOUR POINT,
25 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, IT IS IMPORTANT TO DO OUTREACH AND

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1 EDUCATION, AND EVEN PROVIDE GRANTS WHEN NEEDED. BECAUSE, FOR
2 MANY OF THESE RESTAURANTS, TO PUT TOGETHER AN OUTDOOR SEATING
3 AREA IS EXPENSIVE, AND IT TAKES MONEY. THE LAST FEW YEARS HAVE
4 PRESENTED TREMENDOUS ECONOMIC CHALLENGES, AS BUSINESSES
5 PIVOTED AND ADAPTED TO THE CHALLENGE OF THE GLOBAL PANDEMIC.
6 WHILE SOME BUSINESSES HAVE HAD THE ABILITY TO TRANSITION TO
7 REMOTE WORKING, THE RESTAURANT AND HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY FACED
8 LONG PERIODS OF UNCERTAINTY, AS C.O.V.I.D.-19 CASES AFFECTED
9 THEIR ABILITY TO OPERATE, AND THE CAPACITY TO OPERATE. AS
10 CHAIR OF THE BOARD IN 2020, I WORKED WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO
11 QUICKLY ESTABLISH AN ECONOMIC RESILIENCY TASK FORCE, FROM
12 WHICH THE RESTAURANT AND HOSPITALITY SECTOR WORKING GROUP
13 RECOMMENDED EXPEDITED USE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE RIGHT OF WAY
14 FOR OUTDOOR DINING, SOMETHING THAT WE DID. IN JULY OF 2020,
15 SUPERVISOR HAHN AND I INTRODUCED A MOTION TO FAST-TRACK
16 OUTDOOR DINING GUIDELINES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE
17 COUNTY. AND IN JUNE OF 2021, WE FOLLOWED UP WITH A MOTION FOR
18 THE COUNTY TO DEVELOP AND ESTABLISH OPTIONS FOR PERMANENT
19 OUTDOOR DINING, BECAUSE WE RECOGNIZED THAT THIS WAS THE
20 LIFELINE FOR MANY OF THESE RESTAURANTS TO CONTINUE TO SUCCEED.
21 FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS, THE COUNTY HAS BEEN WORKING ON OUTDOOR
22 DINING, FOR WHICH MORE THAN 100 RESTAURANTS THROUGHOUT THE
23 UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY HAVE RECEIVED TEMPORARY
24 PERMITS. EVEN WITH NUMEROUS EFFORTS, LAST MONTH, THE LOS
25 ANGELES TIMES REPORTED THAT AN ESTIMATED 30% OF THE

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1 RESTAURANTS IN CALIFORNIA MAY BE SHUTTERED FOR GOOD. LOCALLY,
2 L.A.E.D.C. HAS NOTED THE CONTINUED STRUGGLE OF RESTAURANTS,
3 AND I WILL QUOTE: "RESTAURANTS ARE STILL STRUGGLING TO RECOVER
4 FROM THE PANDEMIC-RELATED SHUTDOWNS AND LIMITS ON THEIR
5 OPERATIONS. EMPLOYMENT IN THIS SECTOR IN THE COUNTY IS STILL
6 SIGNIFICANTLY BELOW PRE-PANDEMIC LEVELS, AND OUR ECONOMISTS
7 BELIEVE IT MAY NOT FULLY RECOVER UNTIL AT LEAST 2024."
8 RESTAURANTS ARE NOT ONLY STAPLES AND INSTITUTIONS IN OUR
9 COMMUNITIES, THEY ARE ALMOST ALWAYS SMALL BUSINESSES, AND
10 OFTEN A GENERATIONAL ENDEAVOR THAT EMPLOYS COUNTLESS SERVICE
11 WORKERS. THESE INSTITUTIONS MORE THAN SERVE FOOD. THEY ALSO
12 SERVE AS EXAMPLES OF THE DIVERSE ETHNICITIES AND CULTURES THAT
13 MAKE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SO SPECIAL. IN THE WORDS OF THE LATE
14 JONATHAN GOLD, SOMEONE THAT I ADORED, WITH THE L.A. TIMES, "IN
15 A LOT OF WAYS, I THINK FOOD IS STARTING TO TAKE THE PLACE OF
16 CULTURE, THAT ROCK-AND-ROLL TOOK 30 YEARS AGO." THE
17 METAMORPHOSIS OF FOOD IN OUR CULTURE IS REFLECTIVE OF OUR
18 EFFORTS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE CULTURAL THREADS THAT MAKE UP THE
19 FABRIC OF THIS COUNTY. THIS AMENDMENT TODAY IS TO HELP SPREAD
20 THE WORD OF THE SUCCESSES OF THE COUNTY'S TEMPORARY OUTDOOR
21 DINING PROGRAM, AND TO HELP GUIDE OTHER CITIES LOOKING FOR
22 WAYS TO SUPPORT THEIR RESTAURANTS. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO
23 SEEING THESE EFFORTS ENHANCE THE QUALITIES OF ALL OF OUR
24 COMMUNITIES. SO I THANK YOU, AND AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR
25 ACCEPTING OUR AMENDMENT.

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

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4 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK EVERYBODY AGREES
5 THAT ALLOWING RESTAURANTS TO OPERATE OUTDOORS WAS ONE OF THE
6 MOST SUCCESSFUL ELEMENTS OF EMERGENCY PANDEMIC RELIEF THAT
7 MANY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OFFERED. RESTAURANTS ACROSS OUR COUNTY
8 HAVE TRANSFORMED SIDEWALKS, PARKLETS, ALLEYWAYS, AND PRIVATE
9 PARKING LOTS INTO BEAUTIFUL OUTDOOR DINING PATIOS. AND AS WAS
10 SAID, FOR MANY OF THEM, IT HELPED KEEP THEIR DOORS OPEN. I'D
11 LIKE IT THAT WE ARE TODAY DIRECTING THE CREATION OF AN
12 ORDINANCE TO MAKE THE OUTDOOR DINING PROGRAM PERMANENT,
13 BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT IT WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE
14 RECOVERY OF BUSINESSES, AND ALLOW MANY PEOPLE TO ENJOY A MEAL
15 OUTDOORS, YEAR ROUND. WE HAVE THE WEATHER CONDITIONS TO
16 SUPPORT DINING OUTDOORS ALL YEAR ROUND, AND EVEN WHEN WE LIFT
17 SOME OF OUR HEALTH PROTOCOLS, I THINK MANY PEOPLE WILL CHOOSE
18 TO ASK TO BE SEATED OUTSIDE, IF THAT OPPORTUNITY IS AVAILABLE
19 TO THEM. AN OFFICIAL ORDINANCE, THIS WILL ONLY IMPACT
20 UNINCORPORATED AREAS, AND THAT'S WHY I AM PLEASED THAT
21 SUPERVISOR BARGER AND I INTRODUCED AN AMENDMENT TO SEND A
22 JOINT LETTER TO ALL 88 CITIES, TO SHARE THE SUCCESSES OF THE
23 COUNTY'S OUTDOOR DINING PROGRAMS, AND ENCOURAGE THEM ALL TO
24 MAKE IT PERMANENT. THERE'S A LOT ABOUT THE PANDEMIC I HOPE WE

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1 LEAVE BEHIND, BUT OUTDOOR DINING, IT'S ONE OF THOSE THINGS
2 THAT WE SHOULD HANG ONTO.

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

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6 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THERE'S NO QUESTION
7 IN MY MIND THAT THE PANDEMIC HAD A REALLY DEEP IMPACT ON MANY
8 OF OUR MOM-AND-POP BUSINESSES, ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT I
9 REPRESENT IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF EAST LOS ANGELES AND
10 PARTS OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. BUT I AM ALSO PROUD OF HOW
11 THE COUNTY AND STATE REACTED QUICKLY TO ADDRESS THAT IMMEDIATE
12 CONCERN. MY OFFICE WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH THE DEPARTMENT TO
13 MONITOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GUIDELINES, TO ENSURE THAT ALL
14 AREAS OF OUR UNINCORPORATED COUNTY ARE BEING RECOGNIZED FOR
15 THEIR UNIQUE POSITIONS. [INAUDIBLE] ANY SMALL BUSINESSES--
16 MOM-AND-POPS-- IN EAST LOS ANGELES DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE
17 TEMPORARY OUTDOOR DINING PROGRAM, FOR LACK OF ACCESS TO
18 INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. AND I THINK THAT WAS--
19 THAT BORE TRUE FOR, ALSO, THE AREAS IN THE WALNUT PARK REGION
20 THAT IS UNINCORPORATED, IN PART BECAUSE OF LIMITATIONS WITH
21 NAVIGATION, NOT ENOUGH INFORMATION IN THEIR LANGUAGE TO TELL
22 THEM WHAT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OR GRANTS AND INFORMATION IS
23 AVAILABLE. AND AS A RESULT, SOMETHING THAT I LEARNED OVER THE
24 COURSE OF THE LAST YEAR WAS, THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
25 BLOCK GRANT FUNDING, WE WERE ABLE TO GIVE OUT ABOUT \$250,000

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1 WORTH OF GRANTS TO SMALL MOM AND POP BUSINESSES, THAT WERE NOT
2 TOUCHED BY OUR DEPARTMENTS. SO WE INDIVIDUALLY, THEN, WORKED
3 TO SEE HOW WE COULD GET THEM IN THE QUEUE TO RECEIVE SOME
4 HELP, EVEN IF IT WAS FROM \$5,000 TO \$10,000, JUST TO KEEP THE
5 DOOR OPEN, AND JUST TO KEEP, PERHAPS, SOME STAFF ON BOARD,
6 KEEPING IN MIND, MOST OF THESE BUSINESSES HAD LESS THAN TEN
7 PEOPLE ON STAFF. SO, THESE ARE HARDSHIPS. THEY'RE REAL. AND WE
8 NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT, WHATEVER WE DO, WE HAVE THAT EQUITY
9 LENS ON, AND THAT WE GO ABOVE AND BEYOND WHERE WE SEE POVERTY,
10 AND WHERE WE SEE THAT THERE'S A LACK OF ACCESS THAT IS NOT
11 FAIRLY DISTRIBUTED ACROSS UNINCORPORATED AREAS. THANK YOU,
12 MADAM CHAIR.

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14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I AGREE WITH ALL
15 THAT WAS SAID, AND JUST WANT TO ABSOLUTELY MAKE SURE-- IT IS
16 MY RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE-- THAT THE RICH CULTURAL
17 DIVERSITY OF THE SECOND DISTRICT, FROM RESTAURANTS IN
18 KOREATOWN, TO LITTLE ETHIOPIA, TO SOUTH L.A., HAVE THE
19 INFORMATION THEY NEED TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS VIABLE
20 PROGRAM, AND THAT'S MY GOAL WITH TODAY'S MOTION. WITH THAT,
21 SEEING NO ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, ITEM 29, AS REVISED, IS BEFORE
22 US. I WILL MOVE ITS PASSAGE AND ASK THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS
23 SECOND IT, TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL
24 THE ROLL.

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 29, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE YOU.

2 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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4 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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8 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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12 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

13

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

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

19 MITCHELL?

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

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

24 5-0.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVING ON TO ITEM 40,
2 PROCLAIMING APRIL 27TH AS DENIM DAY. IT WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR
3 KUEHL.

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5 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. MORE THAN 20
6 YEARS AGO, THE VERY LAST YEAR OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY, THE
7 ITALIAN SUPREME COURT OVERTURNED A RAPE CONVICTION, BECAUSE,
8 THEY SAID, THE VICTIM HAD BEEN WEARING TIGHT JEANS, AND
9 THEREFORE SHE MUST HAVE CONSENTED AND HELPED TO GET THEM OFF.
10 THE WOMEN IN THE ITALIAN PARLIAMENT SAID, "WHAT?" AND DECIDED-
11 - ACTUALLY, THEY WERE A LOT MORE EXPRESSIVE THAN THAT-- AND
12 DECIDED THAT THEY WOULD DO SOMETHING TO COMMEMORATE THIS
13 REALLY DUMB APPROACH, AND SHOWED UP-- AND I HAVE TO SAY, IN
14 THE ITALIAN PARLIAMENT, THIS WAS NOT ENCOURAGED AMONG WOMEN--
15 THEY SHOWED UP WEARING JEANS THE NEXT DAY. AND IT HAS BECOME A
16 WORLDWIDE PHENOMENON THAT ON A DAY EVERY YEAR, WOMEN AND MEN
17 WEAR JEANS TO WORK, OR TO THE MARKET, OR TO TEACHING OR
18 WHATEVER THEY ARE DOING, TO COMMEMORATE NOT ONLY THE DECISION,
19 BUT ALSO SO THAT PEOPLE REMEMBER THAT SEXUAL ASSAULT IS STILL
20 A VERY SERIOUS ISSUE. I MEAN, YOU MIGHT BE THINKING, "WELL,
21 THAT WAS 1999. THAT WAS ITALY." BUT, SADLY, CAMPAIGNS TO BRING
22 AWARENESS TO BLAMING THE VICTIM, OR MYTHS ABOUT SEXUAL
23 VIOLENCE, CONTINUE TO BE VERY, VERY NECESSARY. AND SO LOS
24 ANGELES DECIDED TO BEGIN COMMEMORATING, EACH YEAR, DENIM DAY.
25 AND I THINK WE HAVE ALL WORN OUR JEANS TO WORK. WE GOT OUR

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1 STAFF TO DO IT. AND WHEN THERE WERE MEN ON THIS BOARD, THEY
2 DID IT, AS WELL, TO SUPPORT US. AND, YOU KNOW, IT IS STILL THE
3 CASE THAT ALMOST ONE OUT OF EVERY FIVE WOMEN, AND 13% OF MEN,
4 REPORT THAT THEY THEMSELVES HAVE SUFFERED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR
5 SEXUAL ASSAULT BY AN INTIMATE PARTNER IN THEIR LIFETIME. WOMEN
6 ON THE STREETS WHO ARE HOMELESS, MORE THAN HALF OF THEM REPORT
7 EXPERIENCE WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT. AND IT
8 REALLY, REALLY CHANGES A PERSON'S LIFE. SO, I ENCOURAGE
9 EVERYBODY, NEXT WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27TH, TO WEAR JEANS, TO
10 ATTEND DENIM DAY OBSERVANCES IN THEIR OWN AREA, TO COMMUNICATE
11 THE MESSAGE THAT, QUOTE, "THERE IS NO EXCUSE AND NEVER AN
12 INVITATION TO RAPE." THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO THANK
13 MY CO-AUTHOR, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

14
15 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
16 KUEHL, FOR INVITING ME ONCE AGAIN TO JOIN YOU. IT IS A
17 PROFOUND PRIVILEGE EACH YEAR TO CELEBRATE DENIM DAY. I
18 REMEMBER WHEN WE WERE MEMBERS IN SACRAMENTO, HOW PROUD WE FELT
19 WEARING OUR JEANS, AND CONTINUING TO DO THAT, EVEN IN THE
20 CONGRESS-- HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. THIS IS A SERIOUS ISSUE,
21 AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE, IN MY OPINION, IS A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE.
22 AND IT CAN BE TRAUMATIZING. IT IS DEVASTATING, AND A
23 DESTRUCTIVE CONDUCT THAT HURTS NOT JUST THE SURVIVOR, BUT OUR
24 SOCIETY AT LARGE. WITH THE EFFORTS OF PEACE OVER VIOLENCE, MY
25 COLLEAGUES HERE TODAY AND THE MANY SURVIVORS THAT REPRESENT

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1 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, LIKE THE EAST L.A. LOS ANGELES
2 WOMEN'S CENTER AND OTHERS SUPPORTING THEM, WE'RE CHOOSING
3 PEACE OVER VIOLENCE. OUR NEIGHBORS ARE ENDURING PROFOUND HARM
4 DUE TO SEXUAL VIOLENCE, AND IT'S BEEN EXACERBATED DURING THE
5 PANDEMIC. IT IS UNDER-REPORTED, AND WE KNOW THAT. THAT'S WHY
6 DENIM DAY IS SO IMPORTANT, NOT JUST FOR WOMEN, BUT FOR MEN,
7 L.G.B.T.Q., AND OTHERS. THAT'S WHY WE ARE PROCLAIMING APRIL
8 27TH AS DENIM DAY. THIS PROCLAMATION IS A RECOGNITION OF OUR
9 CONTINUED WORK. WE NEED TO WRAP AROUND OUR SURVIVORS, AND
10 PROVIDE THEM WITH HOUSING, CHILD CARE, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES,
11 AND JOB TRAINING. WE'VE GOT TO DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO HELP
12 THEM LIVE A FULL AND HEALTHY LIFE, AND THAT MEANS OUR WORK IS
13 NOT FINISHED, AND WE SHOULD NOT GIVE UP. WE STAND IN
14 SOLIDARITY WITH THOSE WHO HAVE ENDURED SEXUAL VIOLENCE. WE
15 NEED TO CONTINUE TO HELP SURVIVORS THROUGH THEIR JOURNEY, AND
16 SIMULTANEOUSLY WORK TO EDUCATE OTHERS TO PREVENT AND END
17 SEXUAL VIOLENCE, ONCE AND FOR ALL. THAT IS NOW TRUE MORE THAN
18 EVER, BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC. WE URGE OUR RESIDENTS TO CALL
19 213-626-3396 IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING SEXUAL VIOLENCE. PLEASE
20 SEEK HELP. DENIM DAY IS A CAMPAIGN TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO WEAR
21 DENIM AND JEANS AS A VISIBLE MEANS TO PROTEST AGAINST
22 MISCONCEPTIONS SURROUNDING SEXUAL VIOLENCE. AND I WANT TO
23 THANK PATTI GIGGINS AND PEACE OVER VIOLENCE, AND THE VARIOUS
24 COALITION MEMBERS THAT REPRESENT US-- D.V. PROVIDERS AROUND
25 THE COUNTY-- FOR CHAMPIONING THIS CAMPAIGN ON BEHALF OF OUR

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1 RESIDENTS IN L.A. COUNTY. WE WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT
2 SURVIVORS THROUGH THEIR JOURNEY, AND WORK TO EDUCATE OTHERS TO
3 END VIOLENCE, ONCE AND FOR ALL. IT IS TIME TO FIGHT BACK
4 AGAINST THESE MISCONCEPTIONS THAT SURROUND SEXUAL VIOLENCE.
5 HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU HEARD, "OH, SHE DESERVED IT, LOOK WHAT
6 SHE WORE"? I AM SORRY. THAT'S GOT TO END. THANK YOU, MADAM
7 CHAIR, AND I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION.

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9 **SUP. KUEHL:** HOWEVER WE DRESS, WHEREVER WE GO, YES MEANS YES,
10 AND NO MEANS NO.

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12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THAT PART, SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND KUEHL,
13 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE MOTION. AND I BOUGHT A BRAND NEW
14 PAIR OF TIGHT JEANS FOR THIS DENIM DAY, SO I'M GOING TO BE
15 READY. I HOPE EVERYBODY ELSE IS, TOO. WE'RE GOING TO MAKE OUR
16 POINT. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR COMMENTS. SEEING NO ADDITIONAL
17 QUESTIONS, ITEM 40 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
18 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO PROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE
19 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 40 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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23 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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2 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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6 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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10 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

13 MITCHELL?

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

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

18 5-0.

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20 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE

21 APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM SUPERVISORS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE

22 POSTED AGENDA, BUT THERE ARE NO SPECIALS BEFORE US TODAY, AND

23 SO WE WILL PROCEED IN OUR ADJOURNMENTS IN MEMORY. WE WILL

24 BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND PROCEED NUMERICALLY.

25 SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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2 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
3 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF LIEUTENANT DANIEL
4 GILLESPIE, WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
5 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR 28 YEARS, BEFORE RETIRING EARLIER
6 THIS YEAR. I GOT TO KNOW HIM, ALONG WITH MY NORWALK FIELD
7 DEPUTY, IVAN SOULIC. WE WORKED CLOSELY WITH HIM FROM 2017 TO
8 2018, WHEN HE WAS THE FOURTH DISTRICT LIAISON TO THE
9 UNINCORPORATED RESIDENTS OF SOUTH AND EAST WHITTIER. HE WAS A
10 STRONG AND DEDICATED MAN WHO TRULY CARED FOR THE COMMUNITY HE
11 SERVED. LIEUTENANT GILLESPIE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND HIS
12 THREE CHILDREN. WE THANK HIM FOR HIS SERVICE TO L.A. COUNTY
13 RESIDENTS, FOR ALL THOSE 28 YEARS. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. I
14 MOVE WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ANGELA
15 "ROMEE" ROMERO, A FOURTH-GENERATION SAN PEDRAN, WHOSE LIFE'S
16 MISSION WAS PRESERVING THE HISTORY OF HER HOMETOWN. PASSED
17 AWAY TOO SOON, AT THE AGE OF 43. IN 2009, ROMEE WENT OUT FOR A
18 WALK THAT CHANGED HER LIFE. WHAT STARTED AS A SIMPLE STROLL
19 AROUND HER BLOCK TURNED INTO SAN PEDRO, BLOCK BY BLOCK: A
20 NINE-MONTH BLOGGING PROJECT IN WHICH SHE WALKED EVERY STREET
21 IN SAN PEDRO, AMASSING A FOLLOWING OF DEDICATED READERS WHO
22 SHARED HER FASCINATION FOR THE UNIQUE CULTURE AND HISTORY OF
23 OUR PORT TOWN. HER BLOG SERIES BECAME SO POPULAR THAT SHE
24 BEGAN LEADING WALKING TOURS THROUGH HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOODS AND
25 FAMOUS FILMING LOCATIONS. SHE EVEN HAD A TOUR OF THE BEST

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1 PIZZA PLACES IN SAN PEDRO. SHE WAS COMMITTED TO BRINGING SAN
2 PEDRO'S HISTORY TO THE PEOPLE, AND THE TOWN LOVED HER FOR
3 THAT. ROMEE'S LOVE FOR SAN PEDRO HISTORY LED HER TO SERVE ON
4 THE BOARDS OF THE SAN PEDRO BAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND THE
5 NORTHWEST SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL. SHE WAS A REGULAR
6 CONTRIBUTOR TO THE "SAN PEDRO TODAY" MAGAZINE, AND WAS A
7 STUDIO ARTIST AT ANGELS GATE CULTURAL CENTER. IN 2018, SHE
8 FOUNDED THE SAN PEDRO HERITAGE MUSEUM, A NONPROFIT
9 ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO CELEBRATING THE RICH HISTORY AND
10 CULTURE OF SAN PEDRO THROUGH RESEARCH, HISTORIC PRESERVATION,
11 EXHIBITIONS, AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. SHE WILL BE GREATLY
12 MISSED BY HER FAMILY, HER FRIENDS, HER MANY LONGTIME READERS,
13 AND THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY OF SAN PEDRO. ROMEE WAS PRECEDED IN
14 DEATH BY HER MOTHER, MARIA. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER FATHER,
15 JUVENTINO, THREE SIBLINGS, AND MANY NIECES AND NEPHEWS. I ALSO
16 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN TODAY IN THE MEMORY OF
17 DONALD KUSAR, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO, WHO PASSED
18 AWAY AFTER A COURAGEOUS SEVEN-YEAR BATTLE WITH A.L.S. DON
19 WORKED FOR THE LOS ANGELES CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR 35 YEARS
20 AS AN ENGINEER. AFTER RETIRING FROM THE DEPARTMENT, HE BECAME
21 A LONGSHOREMAN AND A TOP HANDLER WITH I.L.W.U. LOCAL 13. AFTER
22 BEING DIAGNOSED WITH A.L.S., DON CHOSE TO FACE EACH DAY WITH
23 COURAGE AND INTEGRITY, NO MATTER HOW DIFFICULT HIS LIFE
24 BECAME. HE WAS A SHINING EXAMPLE TO HIS FAMILY, HIS FRIENDS,
25 AND HIS COMMUNITY. DON IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 50 YEARS,

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1 LYNN; CHILDREN JASON AND AIMEE; AND FIVE GRANDCHILDREN. I ALSO
2 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
3 ROGER MURRY, WHO WAS A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO. HE
4 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 70. ROGER WAS AN AEROSPACE ENGINEER
5 FOR OVER 30 YEARS, IN WHICH TIME HE RECEIVED FIVE PATENTS FOR
6 HIS INVENTIONS. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC
7 CHURCH, AND THE THING HE CHERISHED MOST IN LIFE WAS HIS
8 FAMILY. ROGER IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, CATHERINE; HIS
9 CHILDREN, JEFF, AUDREY, LUKE, ROGER, AND HENRY; AND 16
10 GRANDCHILDREN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THOSE ARE MY
11 ADJOURNMENTS

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13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** 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 DEBRA MARIE CATELLO, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF
17 BURBANK, WHO BATTLED CANCER FOR ALMOST 20 YEARS; PASSED AWAY
18 ON MARCH 28TH, 2022. DEBRA WAS A SISTER, WIFE AND MOTHER, AND
19 A TEACHER OF MATH, HEALTH SCIENCE, AND SIGN LANGUAGE, AND OF
20 LIFE. AS A MATH TEACHER AT JOHN MUIR MIDDLE SCHOOL IN BURBANK,
21 SHE WOULD OFTEN DESCRIBE THE DREADED WORD PROBLEMS FOUND IN
22 MANY SCHOOLS' TEXTBOOKS AS "LIFE PROBLEMS," THE IDEA BEING TO
23 STOP STUDENTS FROM OVERTHINKING, AND TO REALLY FOCUS ON THE
24 PIECES OF INFORMATION THAT WERE TRULY IMPORTANT. SHE APPLIED
25 THE IDEA OF FOCUSING ON WHAT MATTERED TO HER EVERYDAY LIFE,

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1 TRYING HER BEST TO HELP AS MANY PEOPLE AS SHE COULD, TEACHING
2 HER SONS AND HUSBAND TO GROW AND TO TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES,
3 AND DOING EVERYTHING SHE COULD TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WORLD
4 AND THE PEOPLE AROUND HER. SHE WAS A SHINING EXAMPLE OF
5 SELFLESSNESS, DEPENDABILITY, AND QUIET STRENGTH. DEBRA'S
6 SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, MICHAEL, AND HER TWO SONS, ANTHONY
7 AND JULIAN. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HOWARD K.
8 CORNWELL, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF CANYON COUNTRY, WHO PASSED
9 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90. HE JOINED THE U.S. NAVY IN 1950, WHERE
10 HE BECAME A SEABEE IN THE KOREAN WAR, AND WAS STATIONED IN
11 JAPAN FOR MOST OF HIS SERVICE. HE WAS HONORABLY DISCHARGED IN
12 1954. HE MARRIED IN 1958, AND MOVED TO THE SANTA CLARITA
13 VALLEY IN 1962. HE WAS IN ROUGH-GRADING CONSTRUCTION FOR HIS
14 ENTIRE LIFE. HE RAN HIS OWN COMPANY FOR A SHORT TIME, AND ALSO
15 WORKED IN ALASKA ON THE PIPELINE, AND THEN FOR C.A. RASMUSSEN,
16 INC., UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 1992. HOWARD IS SURVIVED BY HIS
17 DAUGHTER CONNIE, HIS SON FRED, AND HIS BROTHER LOWELL. ALSO,
18 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BERNARD LOUIS FASANA. BERNIE, A
19 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF ARCADIA, AND FATHER OF FORMER DUARTE
20 COUNCILMEMBER JOHN FASANA, PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 11TH AT THE
21 AGE OF 98. BERNIE WAS BORN IN HIGHLAND PARK, LOS ANGELES, AND
22 GRADUATED FROM FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL IN 1942. UNABLE TO SERVE
23 IN THE ARMED FORCES, BERNIE SUPPORTED THE WAR EFFORT BY
24 BUILDING P-80 FIGHTER JETS AT LOCKHEED MARTIN, AND SERVED AS A
25 BLOCK COORDINATOR IN HIS NEIGHBORHOOD, PREPARING PEOPLE FOR

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1 POSSIBLE WAR AT HOME. AFTER THE WAR, BERNIE WORKED WITH HIS
2 FATHER IN THE TRADES AS A PAINTER, AND WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE
3 CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION. BERNIE MARRIED HIS WIFE, EILEEN,
4 IN 1954, AND THEY SETTLED IN ARCADIA, WHERE THEY RAISED THEIR
5 4 CHILDREN. WHILE RAISING HIS FAMILY, BERNIE WENT TO WORK AS A
6 PAINTER AT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON, WHERE HE EVENTUALLY
7 RETIRED. BERNIE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, EILEEN; HIS 4
8 CHILDREN, JOHN, LOUISE, CATHERINE, AND JEANNE; 6
9 GRANDCHILDREN; AND ONE GREAT-GRANDCHILD.

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11 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, CAN I JOIN ON THAT?

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13 **SUP. BARGER:** ABSOLUTELY. I ALSO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
14 OF JOHN F. LLEWELLYN, RESIDENT OF PASADENA, WHO PASSED AWAY ON
15 APRIL 6, 2022. JOHN WAS BORN IN LOS ANGELES. AFTER ATTENDING
16 COLLEGE AND OBTAINING HIS M.B.A., JOHN JOINED FOREST LAWN
17 MEMORIAL-PARKS AND MORTUARIES, AND ROSE TO BECOME PRESIDENT
18 AND C.E.O. IN 1988. HE STEPPED DOWN AS PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. IN
19 2011, BUT REMAINED ON FOREST LAWN'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS
20 BOARD CHAIR. JOHN PASSIONATELY BELIEVE IN AND INSTILLED A
21 CULTURE OF CARING THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE ORGANIZATION. JOHN IS
22 A PAST PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CEMETERY, CREMATION, AND
23 FUNERAL HOME ASSOCIATION, AND THE CEMETERY AND MORTUARY
24 ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA. HE IS ALSO AN AUTHOR OF 3 BOOKS
25 RELATED TO THE INDUSTRY. JOHN BELIEVED IN GIVING BACK TO THE

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1 COMMUNITY, AND I THINK WE WOULD ALL AGREE HE DID. JOHN WAS A
2 DIRECTOR OF THE CALIFORNIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE LOS
3 ANGELES AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE Y.M.C.A. OF METROPOLITAN
4 LOS ANGELES, AND THE BRAILLE INSTITUTE OF AMERICA. JOHN IS
5 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE CAROL, AND HIS DAUGHTER SHARON. ALSO,
6 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ELIZABETH RUSNAK ARIZMENDI, A
7 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND BELOVED
8 PHILANTHROPIST, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 17TH AT THE AGE OF
9 59. LIZ ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, AND
10 WORKED IN MANAGEMENT WITH RUSNAK AUTO GROUP FOR 10 YEARS,
11 BEFORE TAKING A BREAK TO START A FAMILY. SHE LATER RETURNED TO
12 THE BUSINESS TO SERVE AS VICE PRESIDENT. IN THIS ROLE, SHE
13 DIRECTED MEDIA AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS, AND INTERNAL
14 COMMUNICATIONS. SHE WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR ENGAGEMENT WITH
15 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS ON BEHALF OF RUSNAK AUTO GROUP.
16 THROUGHOUT HER LIFE, LIZ DEFINED THE RUSNAK AUTO GROUP'S
17 PHILOSOPHY TO GIVE BACK TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES, AND HELP RAISE
18 AWARENESS AND FUNDS FOR QUALITY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. LIZ
19 IS SURVIVED BY HER LOVING HUSBAND ANDREW, THEIR TWO CHILDREN,
20 ISABELLA AND ANDREW, AND HER AMAZING FATHER, PAUL RUSNAK. I
21 ALSO MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
22 THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE IDENTIFIED AS INDIGENT
23 VETERANS BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER, AND WERE
24 SUBSEQUENTLY BURIED WITH DIGNITY AND HONOR AT RIVERSIDE
25 NATIONAL CEMETERY IN THE LAST MONTH: DENNIS JAMES CHANNELL,

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1 ARMY; WILLIAM JOSEPH DONNELLY, JR., AIR FORCE; STANLEY PAUL
2 DOUGLAS. ARMY; THOMAS RICHARD ESTRADA, ARMY; WAYNE FOWLER, AIR
3 FORCE; WILLIAM THOMAS GROOMS, MARINE CORPS; JOHN DEXTER
4 HANKINS, JR., ARMY; MATTHEW HARTLEY, NAVY; DAVID NORMAN
5 HISLOP, ARMY; PHILIP JOHNSON, ARMY; HARRY JAMES JONES, MARINE
6 CORPS; ADOLPH GEORGE LYONS, ARMY; REGINALD GLEN MONTGOMERY,
7 ARMY; CLARENCE MOORE, MARINE CORPS; JOHN ANSELMO MORACE, NAVY;
8 MARVIN RAYE MURRAY, NAVY; ROBERT EDWARD NESBITT, ARMY; BERNARD
9 FRANCIS RANDALL, ARMY; GEORGE JAMES SMITH, MARINE CORPS; AND
10 JERRY GLENN WILLIAMS, MARINE CORPS. MAY THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS
11 AND SACRIFICE IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.
12 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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16 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. TODAY I MOVE THAT
17 WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MANUEL SANTIAGO. HE
18 WAS BORN IN JUCHITAN, OAXACA, MEXICO, ON AUGUST 8, 1964, AND
19 EVENTUALLY IMMIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1988. HE WORKED
20 AS A JANITOR IN LOS ANGELES. THE INJUSTICES IN THE CLEANING
21 INDUSTRY LED HIM TO JOIN S.E.I.U.'S JUSTICE FOR JANITORS
22 CAMPAIGN, WHERE HE WAS AN ACTIVE LONGTIME VOLUNTEER. HIS
23 EXPERIENCE LED HIM TO SUPPORT MANY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS
24 THROUGH MEDIA AND PUBLIC RELATIONS WORK. HIS PASSION WAS
25 FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHTS OF IMMIGRANT WORKERS, AND GIVING VOICE

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1 TO THOSE WHO ARE OFTEN MARGINALIZED. HE WAS A LOVER OF THE
2 ARTS, AND SUPPORTED COMMUNITY THEATER. HE LIVED IN LOS
3 ANGELES, AND IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 21 YEARS, BLANCA
4 GALLEGOS, AND HIS BELOVED SON, TIMOTEO "TIMO" SANTIAGO. MAY HE
5 REST IN PEACE. AND I MOVE TODAY THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN IN
6 MEMORY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF RAQUEL "ROCKY" VARGAS. SHE
7 PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 16TH, AT THE AGE OF 46. ROCKY, A LIFELONG
8 RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY, WAS BORN WITH A NUMBER OF SPECIAL
9 NEEDS, AND YET SHE LIVED EVERY DAY WITH COURAGE, STRENGTH, AND
10 LOVE: A TRUE INSPIRATION OF HOW WE SHOULD ALL LIVE OUR LIVES.
11 ROCKY, MAY YOUR SOUL REST IN PEACE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
14 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
15 BOOKER TURNER. AND THE REALITY IS, MR. TURNER COULD NOT HAVE
16 HAD THE CAREER HE HAD IN COLLEGIATE ATHLETICS IF IT HADN'T
17 BEEN FOR JACKIE ROBINSON REALLY BREAKING THROUGH THE COLOR
18 LINE IN PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL. AND JUST THIS PAST FRIDAY, WE
19 CELEBRATED THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THAT COURAGEOUS,
20 MONUMENTOUS ACT, SO I THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE TODAY THAT WE
21 HONOR THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF BOOKER TURNER. MR. TURNER WAS
22 BORN ON NOVEMBER 24, 1931, IN HOPE, ARKANSAS, AND
23 UNFORTUNATELY PASSED AWAY THIS PAST MARCH 14TH, AT THE AGE OF
24 90, HERE IN LOS ANGELES. AFTER GRADUATING FROM ROOSEVELT HIGH
25 SCHOOL, HE ENLISTED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY, WHERE HE SERVED

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1 OVERSEAS IN GERMANY. AFTER PROUDLY SERVING HIS COUNTRY, MR.
2 TURNER IMMERSED HIMSELF INTO HIS LOVE OF COMPETITIVE SPORTS,
3 BY PLAYING BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL, AND RUNNING TRACK, UNTIL A
4 SEVERE KNEE INJURY CAUSED HIM TO RETIRE. AFTER THE INJURY, HE
5 TURNED HIS ATTENTION TO OFFICIATING BASKETBALL GAMES AT LOCAL
6 PARKS, AND MOVED UP THE RANKS QUICKLY FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO
7 COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND THEN TO N.C.A.A. GAMES. MR. TURNER
8 LOVED WORKING AS AN OFFICIANT, AS IT ALLOWED HIM TO BE A
9 POSITIVE ROLE MODEL IN THE LIVES OF YOUNG BLACK MEN. HIS HARD
10 WORK, DEDICATION, AND COMMITMENT GARNERED THE ATTENTION OF
11 RECRUITERS FROM HIGH SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES. MR. TURNER
12 OFFICIATED 6 N.C.A.A. FINAL 4 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT GAMES, AND
13 WAS THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN OFFICIAL WEST OF THE
14 MISSISSIPPI TO WORK AN N.C.A.A. CHAMPIONSHIP GAME. HE WAS ALSO
15 THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN TO LEAD AN ALL-BLACK CREW IN A
16 P.A.C.-10 GAME, AND THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN TO HOLD THE
17 TITLE OF SUPERVISOR OF OFFICIALS FOR A MAJOR CONFERENCE. HE
18 LATER HAD A PRESTIGIOUS P.A.C.-12 REFEREE AWARD NAMED IN HIS
19 HONOR. WHILE SERVING AS REFEREE FOR THE N.C.A.A., MR. TURNER
20 WAS SELECTED BY MICHAEL JORDAN AND GEORGE RAVELING TO SERVE AS
21 THE DIRECTOR OF OFFICIALS FOR THE MICHAEL JORDAN FLIGHT SCHOOL
22 BASKETBALL CAMPS. THE N.B.A. CAME CALLING SEVERAL TIMES, BUT
23 HE WOULDN'T LEAVE HIS FAMILY TO GO ON THE ROAD. INSTEAD, HE
24 PUT ON CLINICS AND HAD SEMINARS TO DEVELOP OFFICIALS AND HELP
25 THEM TO HONE THEIR CRAFT. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS

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1 PROFESSIONALISM, KNOWLEDGE, AND PASSION FOR THE GAME, HIS LOVE
2 OF JAZZ MUSIC, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, HIS LOVE FOR HIS FAMILY.
3 MR. TURNER IS SURVIVED BY HIS LOVING WIFE OF 66 YEARS, BETTY
4 JEAN; SON RON; 4 GRANDCHILDREN: ANDREW, CAMERON, DONOVAN, AND
5 VICTOR; GODDAUGHTER TIFFANIE; AND A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY,
6 FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES, AND MENTEES WHO WILL HONOR HIS MEMORY.
7 AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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9 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I ASK THAT WHEN
10 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARLENE BRAM, WHO
11 DIED ON APRIL 1ST. AFTER GETTING HER UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE FROM
12 U.C.L.A., AND HER MASTER'S IN LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK
13 FROM S.C., SHE STARTED HER PROFESSIONAL CAREER AS A SOCIAL
14 WORKER IN LOS ANGELES. PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY BOTH,
15 MARLENE WAS A PASSIONATE SUPPORTER OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS. AN
16 ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY FROM AN EARLY AGE, SHE
17 WAS INVOLVED IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE METROPOLITAN ELECTION
18 COMMITTEE OF LOS ANGELES, M.E.C.L.A., WHICH WAS THE VERY FIRST
19 L.B.G.T. POLITICAL P.A.C. IN THE WHOLE COUNTRY. SHE
20 VOLUNTEERED AT THE L.A. L.B.G.T. CENTER IN THE 80S, WORKING
21 WITH STAFF AND MANAGEMENT TO DEVELOP THE ORGANIZATION AND
22 PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR A.I.D.S. PROJECTS IN LOS
23 ANGELES. SHE WAS ONE OF THE PROUD FOUNDERS OF KOL AMI
24 SYNAGOGUE, A WELCOMING CONGREGATION FOR THE L.B.G.T.
25 COMMUNITY, WHICH ACTUALLY ORIGINATED IN HER LIVING ROOM IN

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1 SHERMAN OAKS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER PARTNER PHYLLIS, HER
2 DAUGHTERS CARYN AND ROBIN, AND HER BROTHER HARLEY. AND I ASK
3 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARVIN
4 CHOMSKY, A REALLY FINE DIRECTOR, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MARCH
5 28TH. HE HELPED MAKE THE INFLUENTIAL MINISERIES "ROOTS," AND
6 WON SEVERAL EMMYS FOR SOBERING TELEVISION DRAMAS ON THE
7 HOLOCAUST, THE ATTICA PRISONER UPRISING, AND EARLY-DAY RUSSIAN
8 IMPERIALISM. "ROOTS" WAS AN 8-PART DRAMA THAT AIRED IN 1977,
9 WON 9 EMMYS, AND HELPED TO PROPEL LONG-FORM STORYTELLING ON
10 TELEVISION, AND ALSO HELPED TO CHANGE RACIAL ATTITUDES ACROSS
11 HOLLYWOOD. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SONS, DAVID, ERIC AND PETER.
12 I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
13 ESTELLE HARRIS, A GREAT ACTRESS, WHO DIED ON APRIL 2ND. SHE
14 PLAYED GEORGE COSTANZA'S MOTHER, "ESTELLE," ON THE ICONIC
15 N.B.C. SITCOM "SEINFELD." SHE WAS IN 27 EPISODES OF THE
16 SERIES, BETWEEN '92 AND '98. SHE FOUND INCREDIBLE SUCCESS,
17 BOTH ON STAGE AND ON SCREEN, IN SUCH SERIES AS "FUTURAMA,"
18 "THE LOONEY TUNES SHOW," "CURB YOUR ENTHUSIASM," "E.R."
19 "SABRINA THE TEENAGE WITCH," "CYBILL," "STAR TREK: VOYAGER,"
20 "MARRIED... WITH CHILDREN," "NIGHT COURT," AND MANY, MANY,
21 MANY MORE. WITH A DISTINCTIVE VOICE, SHE APPEARED IN MANY
22 COMMERCIALS, BUT HER VOCAL TALENTS WERE PROBABLY MOST
23 MEMORABLY UTILIZED IN THE "TOY STORY" FRANCHISE, WHERE SHE
24 VOICED MRS. POTATO HEAD. AHA! SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER 3
25 CHILDREN. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN

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1 MEMORY OF EDWIN KANTAR. A TRANSPLANTED CALIFORNIAN, EDDIE
2 BECAME A SUCCESSFUL PROFESSIONAL BRIDGE PLAYER, A REVERED
3 TEACHER, AND ONE OF THE BEST KNOWN BRIDGE WRITERS IN THE
4 WORLD. HE GAINED STATURE AS A PLAYER BY WINNING TWO WORLD
5 BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES, AND 15 NORTH AMERICAN
6 CHAMPIONSHIPS. HE WAS SO WELL RESPECTED BY HIS PEERS THAT HE
7 WAS ALSO AWARDED THE OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD IN 2017.
8 AS THE YEARS WENT BY, EDDIE BECAME BEST KNOWN AS A WRITER, AND
9 MANY OF HIS OVER 30 BOOKS ARE CONSIDERED CLASSICS, INCLUDING
10 THE BEST-SELLING "BRIDGE FOR DUMMIES" BOOK. HE'S SURVIVED BY
11 HIS WIFE YVONNE, AND HIS STEPSONS BRYAN AND JEFF. THANK YOU,
12 MADAM CHAIR. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND WE'LL TAKE ALL THE
15 MOTIONS AS SECONDED. IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS
16 VOTE, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ
17 US INTO CLOSED SESSION.

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19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
20 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
21 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-1, DEPARTMENT
22 HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATION; AND ITEM CS-2, CONFERENCE WITH
23 LABOR NEGOTIATOR FESIA DAVENPORT AND DESIGNATED STAFF, AS
24 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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

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8 Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

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10 **No reportable action was taken.**
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13 CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
14 (Government Code Section 54957.6)

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16 Agency designated representatives: Fesia Davenport, Chief
17 Executive Officer, and designated staff.

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19 Employee Organization(s) for represented employees: All
20 individual member unions of the Coalition of County Unions,
21 AFL-CIO; Local 721, SEIU; All affiliated member unions of
22 AFSCME Council 36; Association of Deputy District
23 Attorneys; Los Angeles County Association of Environmental
24 Health Specialists;
25 Los Angeles County Public Defenders; and
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27 Unrepresented employees (all). (17-0363)

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

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors April 19, 2022, were
6 thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my direction and
7 supervision;

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

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

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
16 26th day of April 2022, for the County records to be used only
17 for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts as
18 on file of the office of the reporter.

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20 JENNIFER A. HINES

21 CSR No. 6029/RPR/CRR

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