



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, MAY 3, 2022, ON PAGE 251]**

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5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE.
6 WELCOME TO THE REGULARLY-SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE L.A. BOARD
7 OF SUPERVISORS, WHICH IS BEING HELD REMOTELY. TODAY IS
8 TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022. WE'LL TAKE ROLL TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE.
9 SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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11 **SUP. SOLIS:** HERE.

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13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** 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 **ATTORNEY:** PRESENT.

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

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

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15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** GREAT, THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER,
16 WOULD YOU DO US THE HONOR OF LEADING IN THE PLEDGE?

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18 **SUP. BARGER:** I WOULD. WOULD YOU PLEASE STAND AND FACE THE FLAG
19 WITH YOUR HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND REPEAT AFTER ME.

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21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, WE'LL
22 BE TAKING TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENTS DURING TODAY'S MEETING.
23 THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD RECEIVED OVER 150 WRITTEN
24 PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TODAY'S MEETING, AND, AS THOSE WRITTEN
25 COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED, ALL OF THEM WERE AVAILABLE TO THE

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1 SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION CONSISTENT WITH THE BROWN
2 ACTS' REQUIREMENTS. WE'LL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE WRITTEN PUBLIC
3 COMMENTS THROUGHOUT THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE
4 OFFICIAL RECORD. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL AGENDA.

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6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
7 TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 2, SET MATTERS. SET MATTER 1
8 IS A REPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND APPROPRIATE
9 DEPARTMENT HEADS AS NECESSARY ON THE STATUS OF THE AMERICAN
10 RESCUE PLAN FUNDING AND CONSIDERATION OF NECESSARY ACTION. SET
11 MATTER 2 IS A DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF NECESSARY
12 ACTIONS ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER RELATED TO COVID-19 AND THE
13 STATUS OF COVID-19 VACCINE. THESE ITEMS WILL BE HELD FOR
14 DISCUSSION. ON PAGE 3, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
15 ITEMS 3-29, ON ITEM 4, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS
16 ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON
17 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 11, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS
18 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS 16 AND 17, SUPERVISOR
19 MITCHELL REQUESTS THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 18, THIS
20 INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
21 ON ITEM 19, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE
22 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ALSO, SUPERVISOR BARGER WOULD LIKE HER
23 VOTE TO BE RECORDED AS NO. ON ITEM 23, SUPERVISOR KUEHL
24 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 25, SUPERVISOR HAHN
25 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 26, SUPERVISOR HAHN

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1 AND SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE
2 25, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 30-76. ON ITEM 30, THIS
3 INCLUDES A REVISION, AND THAT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS
4 THIS ITEM BE REMOVED FROM FUTURE AGENDAS AS INDICATED ON THE
5 POSTED AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDAS. ON PAGE 54, THIS INCLUDES
6 MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE
7 THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE
8 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE 55, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTIONS,
9 ITEMS 77-80. ON ITEM 78, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT
10 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO MAY 17, 2022. ON PAGE 57,
11 PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 81, THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR HEARING. ON
12 PAGE 58, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE
13 LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ON PAGE 61, NOTICES
14 OF CLOSED SESSION. ON ITEM C.S.1 AND C.S.5, THE ACTING COUNTY
15 COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE REFERRED BACK TO THE
16 DEPARTMENT AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THE
17 REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES AND REFER BACKS THROUGH C.S.5 ARE
18 BEFORE YOU.

19
20 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND CAN
21 YOU PLEASE READ THE REPORT TITLE --

22
23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** I'M SORRY, SUPERVISOR, CAN WE TAKE A VOTE
24 ON THAT?

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OF COURSE WE CAN. I'M MOVING FAST TODAY,
2 JUST SKIPPED A WHOLE PARAGRAPH. YES, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
3 SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS, AND
4 SUCH SHALL BE THE ORDER. NOW, IF YOU COULD GO AHEAD AND
5 [INDISCERNIBLE] TO THE SHORT TITLE.

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7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. FOR THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY
8 BEFORE THE BOARD ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM, PLEASE BE PREPARE
9 TO BE SWORN IN. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS
10 BOARD, YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH,
11 AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD. ITEM 81 IS A
12 HEARING ON A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE JUNIOR LIFEGUARD
13 PROGRAM FEE BY \$50 FROM 535 TO 585, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. NO
14 DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS
15 RECEIVED.

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17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ALL
18 AGENDA ITEMS. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN
19 INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA AND EXPLAIN
20 THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WILL BE
21 CALLING AND IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

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23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE
24 PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT SHOULD CALL 877-336-
25 4437 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 1366786. TO REPEAT,

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1 PLEASE CALL 877-336-4437 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER
2 1366786. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO
3 THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL 877-873-8017 AND
4 FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING IN,
5 WHEN IT'S YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND WHICH
6 AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. WE WILL ALLOCATE 90 MINUTES
7 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL ITEMS POSTED ON TODAY'S AGENDA. YOU
8 WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK ON ONE AGENDA ITEM OR TWO
9 MINUTES TO SPEAK ON TWO OR MORE AGENDA ITEMS. IN ADDITION,
10 THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD WITH GENERAL PUBLIC
11 COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED ONE ADDITIONAL MINUTE FOR MAXIMUM
12 TOTAL UP TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON. WE'LL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT
13 ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH
14 WILL BACK BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. WHEN SPEAKING ON AN
15 AGENDA ITEM, YOU MUST BE ON TOPIC. OUR GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH
16 AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE CAN. IF YOU'RE NOT SPEAKING ON A TOPIC
17 OR IF WE CANNOT TELL IF YOU'RE SPEAKING ON AN AGENDA ITEM,
18 YOU'LL GET ONE WARNING FROM COUNTY COUNSEL OR THE CHAIR. IF
19 YOU DO NOT IMMEDIATELY OR CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC, OR IF YOU
20 STRAY OFF TOPIC AGAIN, YOU'LL FORFEIT THE REST OF YOUR TIME,
21 AND THE CHAIR WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE THAT
22 IF YOU'RE ALSO LISTENING TO THE BOARD MEETING ON A COMPUTER
23 OR SPEAKERPHONE, YOU'LL NEED TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON THOSE
24 DEVICES AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU. IF YOU DO NOT

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1 TURN DOWN THE VOLUME, THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. MODERATOR, MAY WE
2 HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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4 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ZEKE SANDOVAL. PLEASE
5 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
6 YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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8 **ZEKE SANDOVAL:** GOOD MORNING. THIS IS ZEKE SANDOVAL WITH
9 P.A.T.H. REGARDING ITEMS 4, 26, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
10 ITEM 4 IS AN AMBITIOUS MOTION. A NEW ENTITY CHARGED WITH
11 LEADING REGION-WIDE HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE HAS THE POTENTIAL TO
12 BE TRANSFORMATIVE, BUT ONLY IF GIVEN PROPER AUTHORITY AND
13 SUPPORT TO DIRECT COUNTY-WIDE ACTION. CRITICALLY, THE ENTITY
14 MUST HAVE SOME AUTHORITY OVER CREATING NEW PERMANENT
15 SUPPORTIVE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING. HOMES END HOMELESSNESS.
16 SEPARATING LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT POLICIES FROM HOMELESSNESS
17 GOALS IGNORES THAT REALITY. AS WE HAVE EMPHASIZED TO ALL
18 SUPERVISOR OFFICES, WE BELIEVE THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE IN THE
19 C.E.O.'S OFFICE SHOULD BE ELEVATED TO THIS ROLE RETAINING KEY
20 STAFF TO MINIMIZE WASTE AND EQUIP THE NEW ENTITY WITH
21 PRACTICED EXPERTS. REGARDING L.A.H.S.A., WE AGREE THAT
22 STRUCTURAL CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE TO PLACE MORE EMPHASIS ON
23 THEIR SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR ROLE AND AWAY FROM DIRECT SERVICE
24 PROVISION. IF L.A.H.S.A. STAFF ARE TRANSITIONED, IT IS CRUCIAL
25 FOR THE COUNTY TO PRIORITIZE CONTINUITY OF CARE FOR OUR

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1 NEIGHBORS WHO DEPEND ON THEIR L.A.H.S.A. CASE MANAGEMENT AND
2 TO WORK TOGETHER WITH ORGANIZED LABOR TO ENSURE NO L.A.H.S.A.
3 EMPLOYEE FALLS THROUGH THE CRACKS. ON ITEM 26, THE DIRECTION
4 TO IMPROVE CO-INVESTMENT WITH CITIES AND C.O.G.'S IS A
5 POSITIVE STEP, ESPECIALLY IF THOSE CO-INVESTMENTS ARE
6 EXPLICITLY DIRECTED TOWARDS HOUSING CONSTRUCTION. AS THE BLUE
7 RIBBON REPORT ACKNOWLEDGES, SMALL CITIES AND C.O.G.S NEED MORE
8 ASSISTANCE BUILDING OUT STAFF CAPACITY AND HOUSING
9 INFRASTRUCTURE. THE COUNTY SHOULD STRIVE, HOWEVER, TO KEEP THE
10 MAJORITY OF FOCUS ON REGIONAL SERVICE DELIVERY AS OPPOSED TO A
11 CITY BY CITY APPROACH. PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS DO NOT
12 DISTINGUISH BETWEEN CITY BOUNDARIES, AND COUNTY-FUNDED
13 SERVICES MUST REFLECT THAT. ADDITIONALLY, WHILE WE AGREE DATA
14 SHARING BETWEEN PROVIDERS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES CAN AND
15 SHOULD BE STREAMLINED TO SPEED UP SERVICE DELIVERY, WE HAVE
16 SERIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT BROADENING FIRSTHAND H.M.I.S. ACCESS TO
17 CITY AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS. PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS
18 ARE ALREADY SOME OF THE MOST VULNERABLE MEMBERS OF OUR
19 SOCIETY, AND MISHANDLED PERSONAL INFORMATION HEIGHTENS THE
20 RISK OF INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE, UNFAIR CRIMINALIZATION, AND
21 POLITICAL INTERFERENCE. NONPROFIT PROVIDERS ALREADY SAFEGUARD
22 THIS DATA. LET US CONTINUE IN THAT ROLE. ON GENERAL PUBLIC
23 COMMENT, OVERALL, WE KNOW THE HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE SYSTEM IS
24 IN DIRE NEED OF REFORM, AND WE APPRECIATE THE HARD WORK FROM
25 ALL SUPERVISORS TO MAKE THE COUNTY A LEADER FOR THE REGION. IN

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1 THINKING ABOUT THE STRUCTURAL CHANGES AHEAD, WE URGE OUR
2 COUNTY PARTNERS TO TRUST THE EXPERTISE OF PROVIDERS AND
3 C.O.H.I. AND KEEP ULTIMATE FOCUS ON BUILDING MORE PERMANENT
4 HOUSING SO WE CAN BRING OUR NEIGHBORS HOME. ADDITIONALLY, WE
5 STRONGLY DISCOURAGE ANY SORT OF STEERING MEASURE H FUNDING
6 TOWARDS L.A.S.D. H.O.S.T. TEAMS OR ANY OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT-
7 CENTRIC OUTREACH TEAMS, AS HAS BEEN ALLUDED TO IN SOME PRESS
8 REPORTS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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10 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

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

15

16 **ANTHONY ARENAS:** HI, MY NAME IS ANTHONY ARENAS, AND I'LL BE
17 SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEMS 23, 30, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
18 FOR AGENDA ITEM 23, I THANK THE BOARD FOR RECOGNIZING THE
19 IMPORTANCE OF POSTING THE BILL OF RIGHTS IN JUVENILE
20 FACILITIES, BUT THE CLOSURE OF BARRY J. NIDORF IS LONG
21 OVERDUE. PLEASE RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF INVESTING IN OUR
22 YOUTH, INVESTING BY DECARCERATING THE YOUTH POPULATION OF L.A.
23 COUNTY AND PROVIDING SUPPORTIVE CARE THAT IS SEPARATE FROM
24 THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. ON AGENDA ITEM 30, THE SHERIFF'S
25 DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT IS SUPPOSED TO BE A SEMI-

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1 ANNUAL REPORT. WHILE THE C.E.O. IS REQUESTING THIS ITEM BE
2 REMOVED FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISOR AGENDA, I DEMAND CLARITY
3 ON HOW THIS WILL COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE REPORTS
4 ARE PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC ON A SEMI-ANNUAL BASIS AT LEAST TWO
5 TIMES PER YEAR. AND FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, JUST TO
6 REITERATE THE IMPORTANCE OF CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, THE
7 TIME IS NOW. PEOPLE ARE DYING. IN 2021 ALONE, 55 PEOPLE DIED
8 WHILE IN CUSTODY OF THE L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THAT IS
9 MORE THAN ONE PERSON A WEEK DYING IN THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL.
10 THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE. YES, PEOPLE ARE DYING OF COVID IN
11 OVERCROWDED CONDITIONS, WHILE DEPUTIES WHO REFUSE TO GET
12 VACCINATED OR WEAR MASKS COME INTO THEIR LIVING SPACES EVERY
13 DAY. BUT EVEN IF WE DID NOT COUNT COVID DEATHS IN 2021, IT
14 WOULD HAVE STILL BEEN THE DEADLIEST YEAR IN L.A. COUNTY JAIL
15 IN AT LEAST 20 YEARS. WHAT COULD THE BOARD HAVE DONE IN 2021?
16 YOU ALL COULD HAVE ALLOCATED MONEY TO CREATE THE 3,600 MENTAL
17 HEALTH BEDS THAT THE COUNTY WORKGROUP THEY CREATED TOLD THEM
18 TO. YOU ALL COULD HAVE STARTED CLOSING THE MOST DANGEROUS
19 AREAS OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. YOU ALL COULD HAVE DEMANDED THE
20 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT EXERCISE ITS AUTHORITY TO RELEASE PEOPLE
21 TO PROTECT THOSE IN ITS CARE. BUT WHAT DID YOU ALL DO? YOU
22 ALLOWED 55 PEOPLE TO DIE IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S
23 CUSTODY. LIKE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL SAID IN HER OWN WORDS, EVERY
24 DAY THIS JAIL REMAINS OPEN, YOU FAIL IN YOUR OBLIGATION TO
25 KEEP THOSE WHO LIVE AND WORK THERE. ALL DECARCERATION EFFORTS

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1 AND POLICIES MUST FOCUS ON THIS OVER-REPRESENTATION OF BLACK
2 PEOPLE WITHIN THE JAIL POPULATION, PAYING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO
3 BLACK WOMEN AND BLACK PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS. AND
4 WHILE BLACK PEOPLE MAKE UP 8% OF THE L.A. POPULATION, THEY
5 REPRESENT 38% OF THOSE INCARCERATED IN L.A. COUNTY JAILS.
6 WHILE THE JAIL POPULATION DECREASED DURING THE COVID-19
7 PANDEMIC, RACIAL DISPARITIES WORSENER FOR BLACK AND LATINA
8 POPULATIONS, A 2020 STUDY SHOWED THAT THE BLACK WOMEN WERE
9 SPENDING THE LONGEST DAYS IN CUSTODY AND THAT BLACK PEOPLE
10 WITH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS WERE RELEASED AT SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER
11 RATES THAN THEIR WHITE COUNTERPARTS. THE COUNTY MUST ADDRESS
12 THE RACIAL INJUSTICE OF INCARCERATION AND PRIORITIZE BLACK AND
13 LATINO COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN THE COUNTY'S DECARCERATION
14 EFFORTS. THANK YOU.

15
16 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS THADDEUS MCCORMACK. PLEASE
19 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
20 YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

21
22 **THADDEUS MCCORMACK:** YEAH, I WANT TO SPEAK ON ITEM 4 AND 26. I
23 KNOW IT'S BEEN PULL, BUT I'M IN SUPPORT OF THOSE, NOT FOR
24 GENERAL ORAL COMMUNICATIONS. MY NAME IS THADDEUS MCCORMACK.
25 I'M LAKEWOOD CITY MANAGER, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF

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1 LAKEWOOD IN SUPPORT OF ITEMS 4 AND 26. I WANT TO THANK
2 SUPERVISORS HAHN, BARGER, AND SOLIS FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP IN
3 BRINGING THESE MOTIONS FORWARD TODAY AND FOR FOR THEIR SUPPORT
4 IN IMPLEMENTING THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS
5 RECOMMENDATIONS. I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE
6 CONTRACT CITIES' PROPOSED AMENDMENTS. SMALLER TO MEDIUM SIZE
7 CITIES, CONTRACT CITIES, IN PARTICULAR, OFTEN DON'T HAVE THE
8 RESOURCES OR POLITICAL CLOUT OF LARGER ENTITIES, BUT IT
9 DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE'RE NOT AS EQUALLY COMMITTED TO ADDRESSING
10 HOMELESSNESS AND IMPROVING HOW WE ADDRESS THE ISSUES IN L.A.
11 COUNTY. ALLOWING CITIES A SEAT AT THE TABLE WITH THE PROPOSED
12 COUNTY STRUCTURE WOULD GO A LONG WAY TO ALLOW US TO BE A TRUE
13 PARTNER ON THESE CRITICAL ISSUES. ALLOWING FOR H.O.S.T. TEAM
14 FUNDING WOULD HELP MULTIPLY A PROVEN AND EFFECTIVE TOOL
15 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. ALLOWING FOR THE IN-KIND FUND MATCHING
16 WILL HELP LOWER INCOME COMMUNITIES AS WELL AS SMALLER TO
17 MEDIUM SIZE CONTRACT CITIES LIKE LAKEWOOD, WHO RECEIVE A
18 SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER PERCENTAGE OF PROPERTY TAX AND OTHER
19 REVENUES COMPARED TO LARGER CITIES, WHICH MAKES IT MORE
20 DIFFICULT TO FUND ROBUST SOCIAL SERVICES LIKE THOSE NEEDED TO
21 COMBAT HOMELESSNESS ON OUR OWN. AGAIN, THANK YOU SUPERVISORS
22 HAHN, BARGER, AND SOLIS, AND THE REST OF THE BOARD FOR YOUR
23 CONCERN AND CONSIDERATION ON THESE MATTERS THAT WILL HELP US
24 ALL SERVE THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGHOUT THE
25 COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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

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4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KENT MENDOZA. PLEASE STATE
5 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL
6 ADDRESS ON PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **KENT MENDOZA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS KENT MENDOZA. I'M THE
9 MANAGER OF ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION AT
10 [INDISCERNIBLE], AND I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM 23 AND PROVIDING
11 GENERAL COMMENT. I JUST WANTED TO SAY THIS COUNTY HAS WORKED
12 ON MANY ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION IN THE PAST SEVERAL
13 YEARS, AND AS WE CONTINUE TO MOVE TOWARDS A REAL YOUTH JUSTICE
14 REIMAGINED IN OUR COUNTY, WE MUST ALSO ENSURE THAT WE SET
15 STANDARDS OF HOW YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD BE TREATED AND BE VIEWED
16 IN THE MOST VULNERABLE PLACES SUCH AS JUVENILE HALLS, CAMPS,
17 AND JUST OVERALL JAILS. BY SUPPORTING THIS MOTION, I JUST WANT
18 TO SAY THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR
19 HILDA SOLIS FOR JUST BRINGING IT FORWARD BECAUSE THIS IS
20 SOMETHING THAT WE REALLY NEED IN THIS COUNTY RIGHT NOW,
21 ACTUALLY. BY SUPPORTING THIS MOTION, THE COUNTY AGREES THAT
22 YOUTH LIVES DON'T ONLY MATTER, BUT THAT THEY ALSO HAVE A
23 VOICE, AND THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE EVERY AVENUE AND OPPORTUNITY
24 TO BE AVAILABLE TO THEM TO BE ABLE TO BE HEARD. WHEN I WAS
25 INCARCERATED IN THESE FACILITIES IN L.A. COUNTY FROM THE AGE

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1 OF 15 THROUGH 20, I SPENT MANY TIMES IN THIS COUNTY JUVENILE
2 HALLS AND CAMPS WHERE I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO USE MY VOICE
3 OR HOW TO SPEAK FOR MYSELF. IT WAS JUST HARD TO KNOW THAT I
4 EVEN HAD A VOICE BECAUSE IT WAS NEVER REALLY EXPLAINED, OR IT
5 WASN'T SOMETHING THAT WAS BROKEN DOWN IN A WAY THAT, AS A
6 YOUNG PERSON, I WOULD FEEL EMPOWERED. IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE
7 NEED, AND HAD I HAD PROPER UNDERSTANDING, ORIENTATION, AND
8 BREAKDOWN OF ALL THESE TYPES OF RIGHTS I HAD, I WOULD I HAVE
9 BEEN ABLE TO ADVOCATE FOR MYSELF FROM THE START OF MY JOURNEY
10 FROM 15 TO 20 IN THESE FACILITIES. SO THIS IS WHY I BELIEVE
11 THE BOARD SHOULD APPROVE AND MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS MOTION.
12 REGARDLESS WHAT HAPPENS AT THE STATE LEVEL, THIS IS SOMETHING
13 THAT IS NEEDED AS WE HAVE SEEN IN OUR OWN JUVENILE HALLS AND
14 CAMPS. SPECIFICALLY, BARRY J. NIDORF JUVENILE HALL, THERE ARE
15 A LOT OF THINGS THAT NEED TO BE FIXED IN THAT PLACE AND JUST
16 IN GENERAL, THAT'S THE PLACE WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD FEEL
17 EMPOWERED AND NOT BE FELT FORGOTTEN. SO I JUST REALLY URGE
18 THIS BOARD TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS STATE BILL,
19 ASSEMBLY BILL 2417, BY ASSEMBLYMEMBER [INDISCERNIBLE] I WOULD
20 ALSO HONOR THAT MY ORGANIZATION IS A COSPONSOR OF THIS BILL.
21 SO, I REALLY URGE --

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

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MARISA CRETER. PLEASE STATE
2 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL
3 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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5 **MARISA CRETER:** HIS, MY NAME IS MARISA CRETER, AND I'M THE
6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF
7 GOVERNMENTS, AND I'M SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM 4 AND
8 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I WANTED TO THANK SUPERVISORS BARGER
9 AND SOLIS FOR BRINGING FORWARD THIS IMPORTANT MOTION TO
10 IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON
11 HOMELESSNESS. WE APPRECIATE THE THOUGHTFUL AND COMPREHENSIVE
12 APPROACH THAT THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION TOOK TO WELCOME
13 DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES AND EXPERTISE. THE SEVEN RECOMMENDATIONS
14 ARE A CRITICAL STEP FORWARD TO IMPROVING HOW WE ADDRESS
15 HOMELESSNESS ACROSS THE COUNTY, PARTICULARLY IN SMALLER
16 CITIES. THE C.O.G. AND THE 31 MEMBER CITIES HAVE WORKED
17 TIRELESSLY TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT LOCAL SOLUTIONS TO BEST
18 SERVE PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.
19 THE LOCAL SOLUTIONS FUND WILL SUPPORT LOCAL INITIATIVES TO
20 ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS FOR THESE RESIDENTS. THE COUNTY ENTITY
21 WILL GIVE CITIES THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE PART OF THE STRATEGY
22 AND VISION FOR ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS COUNTY-WIDE. THE MOTION
23 WILL HELP INCREASE COLLABORATION ACROSS THE COUNTY. IT'S A
24 CRITICAL STEP FORWARD THAT WILL IMPROVE OUR RESPONSE TO
25 HOMELESSNESS FOR ALL RESIDENTS. WE COMMEND B.R.C.H. AND THE

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1 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON THEIR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE EXISTING
2 CHALLENGES AND DEVELOPMENT OF RECOMMENDATIONS THAT COULD
3 BETTER SERVE P.E.H. ACROSS THE COUNTY. PLEASE VOTE YES ON ITEM
4 4. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

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8 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ZACHARY WARMA. PLEASE STATE
9 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL
10 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

11

12 **ZACHARY WARMA:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. ZACHARY WARMA,
13 ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF POLICY AT L.A FAMILY HOUSING, CALLING ON
14 ITEMS 4, 26, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. ON ITEM 26,
15 IMPLEMENTING A NEW FRAMEWORK TO END HOMELESSNESS IN LOS
16 ANGELES. THANKS TO YOUR LEADERSHIP, SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND OF
17 SUPERVISOR BARGER, WE HAVE A CLEAR, STREAMLINED, AND
18 COMPREHENSIVE VISION FOR HOW WE CAN MORE EFFECTIVELY COMBAT
19 HOMELESSNESS IN L.A. COUNTY. UNDER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHERI
20 TODOROFF, THE COUNTY HOMELESS INITIATIVE UNDERTOOK A THOROUGH
21 EXAMINATION OF MEASURE H FUNDED STRATEGIES THAT WAS INCLUSIVE
22 OF CITIES, C.O.G.S, PROVIDERS, AND, CRITICALLY, THOSE WITH
23 LIVED EXPERTISE. THE FINAL REPORT POWERFULLY CENTERS THE
24 IMPORTANCE OF PERMANENT HOUSING, REDUCING BARRIERS THAT LIMITS
25 ONE'S ABILITY TO EXIT HOUSELESSNESS, AND ADDRESSING THE

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1 ONGOING RACIAL INEQUITIES THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE GROWTH OF OUR
2 UNHOUSED POPULATION. THE NEW FRAMEWORK LAYS OUT CLEARLY
3 DEFINED ROLES ROOTED IN BEST PRACTICES FOR ALL STAKEHOLDERS,
4 WHICH, IF FULLY IMPLEMENTED, WILL LEAD TO A ROBUST COUNTY-WIDE
5 RESPONSE SYSTEM. WE URGE A RESOUNDING APPROVAL OF THIS MOTION
6 AND THAT H.I. BE PROVIDED THE NECESSARY RESOURCES TO BEGIN
7 IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION. ON ITEM 4, THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF
8 THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS, WE ARE CONCERNED
9 THAT THE MOTION IN ITS CURRENT FORM WILL HINDER THE SUCCESS OF
10 THE NEW FRAMEWORK AND THE COMMISSION'S STATED PURPOSE TO
11 IMPROVE ACCOUNTABILITY, TRANSPARENCY, AND INCLUSIVITY. SHOULD
12 THE BOARD DEVELOP A NEW COUNTY ENTITY AND LEADER, WE URGE YOU
13 TO UPLIFT H.I. AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TOTEROFF TO THIS ROLE.
14 FOR THE LOCAL SOLUTIONS FUND, THESE DOLLARS SHOULD BE
15 AVAILABLE EXCLUSIVELY TO JURISDICTIONS WILLING TO CO-INVEST IN
16 PROGRAMS SPELLED OUT IN THE NEW FRAMEWORK, WHILE BEING
17 REVIEWED ANNUALLY BASED ON THE SAME METRICS WE'RE DEVELOPING
18 FOR THE REST OF THE SYSTEM. ON RECOMMENDATIONS 3-5, ANY
19 CONSOLIDATION OF L.A.H.S.A.'S GOVERNING BODIES MUST CENTER THE
20 VOICES OF THOSE MOST INTIMATELY CONNECTED TO THE CRISIS, THOSE
21 WITH LIVED EXPERTISE AND SERVICE PROVIDERS. LASTLY, REGARDING
22 DATA, EXCLUDING PROVIDERS FROM RECOMMENDATION 6, WHILE
23 GRANTING H.M.I.S. ACCESS TO CITY STAFFERS NOT DIRECTLY
24 ENGAGING UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS AND NOT TRAINED IN H.M.I.S.
25 RAISES BOTH PROGRAMMATIC AND PRIVACY ISSUES. LASTLY, ON

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1 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, CHAIR MITCHELL, YOUR SENATE BILL 1380,
2 THE STATE'S HOUSING FIRST LAW, REMAINS TRULY HISTORIC AS IT
3 ENSHRINED EFFECTIVE HUMAN-CENTERED POLICIES AT THE HEART OF
4 OUR REHOUSING SYSTEM. HOUSING FIRST IS AN EVIDENCE-BASED
5 APPROACH THAT RECOGNIZES HAVING A SECURE ROOF OVER ONE'S HEAD
6 IS AN ESSENTIAL FIRST STEP TOWARDS REGAINING PERSONAL
7 STABILITY. THROUGH HOUSING FIRST, INDIVIDUALS BECOME HOUSED
8 FASTER, PARTICIPATE IN SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AT A HIGHER RATE,
9 AND MOST CRITICALLY ARE MORE LIKELY TO REMAIN STABLY HOUSED.
10 L.A.F.H. WAS PROUD TO TESTIFY BEFORE SENATE HOUSING LAST WEEK
11 AS A PRIMARY WITNESS IN OPPOSITION TO S.B.1284 BECAUSE THE
12 LAST THING WE SHOULD BE PURSUING ARE POLICIES THAT MAKE IT
13 HARDER FOR PEOPLE TO COME OFF THE STREETS. FOR THAT REASON, WE
14 ALSO WISH TO EXPRESS OUR RESOUNDING OPPOSITION TO THE
15 UTILIZATION OF MEASURE H FUNDS FOR LOCAL POLICE AND THE
16 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. TAKING LIMITED MEASURE H DOLLARS FROM
17 SERVICE PROVIDERS AND REDIRECTING THEM TO LAW ENFORCEMENT WILL
18 RESULT IN REDUCED LEVELS OF SERVICE PROVISION, WHILE
19 INCREASING THE POTENTIAL FOR TRAUMATIZATION AND
20 CRIMINALIZATION FOR A POPULATION ALREADY DISPROPORTIONATELY
21 JUSTICE-INVOLVED. THIS POTENTIAL REALLOCATION IS ALSO
22 FUNDAMENTALLY MISALIGNED TO BEST PRACTICES, THE COUNTY'S CARE
23 FIRST VISION, AND THE ONGOING EFFORTS TO DEVELOP UNARMED
24 CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEMS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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

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3 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. PLEASE
4 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
5 YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. THIS IS DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.
8 I'M GOING TO SPEAK ON ITEM 2, 4, 18, AND 47. ON ITEM 2, WE
9 NEED TO REOPEN. PLEASE REOPEN. I MEAN, YOU ARE LOSING A LOT OF
10 CONNECTION WITH THE PEOPLE, WITH THE PUBLIC. AND PLEASE GO
11 BACK TO WEEKLY MEETINGS. ON ITEM 4, ABOUT THE BLUE RIBBON
12 COMMISSION, I LIKE A LOT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS, BUT I THINK
13 IT'S TIME THAT YOU MOVE ON AND MAKE SURE L.A.H.S.A. LEADER ARE
14 NOT PART OF THE SOLUTION BECAUSE THEY ARE THE ONES WHO HAVE
15 THE MAIN MANAGEMENT PROBLEM, AND THOSE NEED TO BE DEALT WITH.
16 ON ITEM 18, I UNDERSTAND THE WORRY ABOUT THE STRIKE, BUT I
17 THINK TO LEAVE CARTE BLANCHE FOR DR. GHALY IS VERY SCARY, AND
18 I HOPE YOU DON'T DO THAT. AND ON 47, AS USUAL, I'VE BEEN
19 COMPLAINING ABOUT THE GOVERNOR. I STILL CANNOT BELIEVE
20 WHATEVER YOU HEAR WITH THE GOVERNOR TO SUPERVISE
21 [INDISCERNIBLE] WORK WHEN WE HAVE AN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
22 EVALUATION OURSELF. THAT SHOULD BE THE ONE SURVEY ITSELF TO
23 MAKE SURE THEY WERE DOING THEIR WORK. TO TAKE THAT MANY
24 MILLIONS EVERY YEAR REALLY UPSETS ME. ANYWAY, HAVE A GOOD

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1 WEEK, AND I HOPE YOU REOPEN PLEASE. DO THAT SOON. TAKE CARE.

2 LOVE YOU, BYE.

3

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

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6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MARCEL RODARTE. PLEASE
7 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
8 YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN. THE

9

10 **MARCEL RODARTE:** HI, GOOD MORNING. I'M GOING TO BE ADDRESSING
11 ITEMS 4, 26, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS PULLED, AND GENERAL PUBLIC
12 COMMENT THIS MORNING. GOOD MORNING, CHAIR MITCHELL AND MEMBERS
13 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MARCEL RODARTE. I'M
14 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE CALIFORNIA CONTRACT CITIES
15 ASSOCIATION. AS I SAID, I'M SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEMS 4,
16 26, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. FIRST, I APPLAUD AND ENCOURAGE
17 THE ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SEVEN B.R.C.H.
18 RECOMMENDATIONS. I'D ALSO LIKE TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE
19 THREE AMENDMENTS BEING PROPOSED BY THE CALIFORNIA CONTRACT
20 CITIES. THOSE AMENDMENTS PROPOSE GIVING CITIES A SEAT AT THE
21 TABLE WITH THE PROPOSED NEW COUNTY STRUCTURE. OUR LOCAL CITIES
22 DESERVE TO BE HEARD ON THESE CRITICAL ISSUES. THEY ALSO ALLOW
23 FOR H.O.S.T. TEAM FUNDING THAT WOULD PROVIDE A CRITICAL NEED
24 IN HOW WE INTERACT AND REACH OUR HOMELESS POPULATION, AND
25 PROVIDING A MECHANISM FOR THE MONETARY OR IN-KIND FUND

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1 MATCHING FOR UNDERSERVED -- PROVIDING A MECHANISM FOR THE
2 WAIVER OF THOSE IN-KIND OR MATCHING FUNDS FOR UNDERSERVED
3 COMMUNITIES, WHICH YOU ALL CAN DEFINE. I WANT TO ADD ON A
4 LITTLE BIT. I HAVE HEARD A COUPLE COMMENTS ABOUT THE H.O.S.T.
5 TEAMS. H.O.S.T. TEAMS ARE A CRUCIAL COMPONENT TO ENSURE THE
6 SAFETY OF OUTREACH WORKERS. THESE SPECIALLY TRAINED DEPUTIES
7 HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVE IN POSITIVELY IMPACTING OUR HOMELESS
8 POPULATION WHEN DEPLOYED CORRECTLY. ALLOWING CITIES TO USE
9 MEASURE H UNDER FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL H.O.S.T. TEAMS WILL
10 GIVE THOSE CITIES LEVERAGE TO PREVENT THESE TEAMS FROM BEING
11 USED FOR POLITICAL OR OTHER PURPOSES. I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK
12 THE REST OF THE B.R.C.H. COMMISSION AND THE B.R.C.H. STAFF
13 ESPECIALLY FOR ALL THE HARD WORK THEY'VE DONE TO GET US TO
14 THIS POINT. WE KNOW THANKS TO THE WORK OF THE B.R.C.H. THAT
15 OUR EXISTING SYSTEM IS NOT AS EFFECTIVE AS IT SHOULD BE, AND
16 THE STATUS QUO NEEDS TO BE CHANGED. I URGE OUR YES VOTE TODAY
17 ON ITEM 4 AND ENCOURAGE FUTURE AMENDMENT FOR ITEM 26 WHEN WE
18 SEE IT COME BACK. THANK YOU ALL. HAVE A GREAT DAY.

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

21
22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS COUNCILWOMAN ADELE ANDROTTI
23 STADLER. PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND WHETHER YOU'LL
24 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1 **ADELE ANDROTTI STADLER:** YES. MY NAME IS ADELE ANDROTTI
2 STADLER, AND I'M VICE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ALHAMBRA AND A
3 DIRECTOR OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY HOUSIN TRUST. I'M SPEAKING
4 ON ITEM 4 AND PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU BOTH TO SUPERVISORS
5 BARGER AND SOLIS FOR BRINGING FORWARD THIS IMPORTANT MOTION TO
6 IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON
7 HOMELESSNESS. I PARTICULARLY WANT TO RECOGNIZE AND RECOMMEND
8 THE SEVEN CRITICAL RECOMMENDATIONS. THERE ARE CRITICAL STEP IN
9 IT IMPROVING HOW WE ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS ACROSS THE COUNTY,
10 BUT PARTICULARLY IN OUR SMALLER CITIES. DESPITE OUR EFFORTS,
11 WE NEED EVERY OPPORTUNITY, AND WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE
12 OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE OUR RESPONSES, RIGHT? THANK YOU VERY
13 MUCH, AND I URGE YOUR SUPPORT ON ITEM NUMBER 4.

14

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

16

17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RICHIE SERGIANCO. PLEASE
18 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
19 YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

20

21 **RICHIE SERGIANCO:** YES. THIS IS RICHIE SERGIANCO FROM THE
22 PEOPLE CITY'S COUNCIL. I WANT TO CALL IN ABOUT ITEM 26 AND
23 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. FOR ITEM 26, I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT
24 WHY IS MEASURE H MONEY GOING TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. IT'S
25 SUPPOSED TO BE GOING TOWARDS LIKE HOUSING STUFF, AND THE

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1 H.O.S.T. TEAM DOESN'T -- THEY ADMIT THAT THEY DON'T HAVE DO
2 HOUSING. THEY DON'T HAVE HOUSING. SO WE'RE URGING THE BOARD TO
3 PASS ITEM 26 AS IT IS WITHOUT THE AMENDMENT. AS IT STANDS,
4 IT'S ACTUALLY SOMETHING THAT WE SUPPORT. WE JUST DON'T THINK
5 THAT THE AMENDMENT WOULD ALLOW MEASURE H -- OR THAT IT SHOULD
6 ALLOW MEASURE H FUNDS TO GO TOWARDS THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
7 IN 2017, VOTERS PASSED MEASURE H FOR THE EXPLICIT PURPOSE OF
8 SERVICES FOR THE UNHOUSED COMMUNITIES AND HOUSING FOR UNHOUSED
9 RESIDENTS, NOT FOR SUBSIDIZING LAW ENFORCEMENT. THE SHERIFF'S
10 DEPARTMENT AND OTHER CITY POLICE AGENCIES ALREADY HAVE THE
11 FUNDING SOURCES FOR THEIR CORE FUNCTIONS, WHICH DO NOT INCLUDE
12 ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS. I'VE SEEN THE H.O.S.T. TEAM IN
13 VENICE, AND THEY JUST SHOWED UP IN FULL RIOT GEAR BASICALLY --
14 NOT RIOT GEAR, BUT THEY CAME ALL TOOLED UP TO THE BEACH TO DO
15 "OUTREACH" WITH UNHOUSED FOLKS, AND WHAT EXACTLY WERE THEY
16 DOING THERE? BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T OFFER HOUSING, AND THEY
17 DIDN'T HAVE SERVICES. THEY DIDN'T BRING FOOD CLOTHING. SO
18 THEY WERE JUST THERE TO SCARE PEOPLE AND MOVE THEM AWAY FROM
19 VENICE. ALLOWING THESE DOLLARS FROM MEASURE H TO GO TOWARDS
20 LAW ENFORCEMENT IS A STEP IN THE WRONG DIRECTION. BEST
21 PRACTICES AND EVIDENCE-BASED RESEARCH HAVE DEMONSTRATED THAT
22 THE PRESENCE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT IN HOMELESS SERVICES IS NOT
23 TRAUMA-INFORMED --

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

3

4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GWENDOLYN JULIAN. PLEASE
5 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
6 YOU'LL ADDRESS ON PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **WENDELYN JULIEN:** GOOD MORNING. WENDELYN JULIEN, EXECUTIVE
9 DIRECTOR OF THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, SPEAKING IN
10 FAVOR OF ITEM 23 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU
11 SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND SOLIS FOR INCLUDING THIS IMPORTANT
12 MOTION ON TODAY'S AGENDA TO SUPPORT ASSEMBLY BILL 2417 AND
13 ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT A POWERFUL BILL OF RIGHTS FOR
14 INCARCERATED YOUTH IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE CLOSURE OF THE
15 STATE'S DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE PRESENT AN INCREDIBLE
16 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COUNTY TO KEEP YOUNG PEOPLE CLOSE TO THEIR
17 FAMILIES AND FOR US, AS A COUNTY, TO FULLY IMPLEMENT OUR CARE
18 FIRST/ JAILS LAST VISION BY PROVIDING TRAUMA-INFORMED
19 REHABILITATIVE CARE TO YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WERE PREVIOUSLY SENT
20 TO STATE INSTITUTIONS. THE PHASED CLOSURE OF D.J.J. BEGAN 10
21 MONTHS AGO, AND OUR PROGRESS HAS BEEN PAINFULLY SLOW AT THE
22 EXPENSE OF NOW OVER 30 YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE SITTING AT BARRY
23 J. NIDORF WHO WOULD PREVIOUSLY HAVE GONE TO D.J.J. PROGRESS IN
24 SELECTING TWO SITES AND DISCUSSIONS ABOUT PROGRAMMING HAVE
25 MOVED FORWARD, BUT NEW OBSTACLES SEEM TO COME UP EVERY WEEK.

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1 THE HEALTH, WELL BEING, OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH AND
2 REHABILITATION, AND PREPARATION FOR REENTRY FOR THESE YOUTH
3 HANG. IN THE BALANCE, MAKING THE NEED TO PRESS FORWARD URGENT.
4 THIS MOTION IS A STEP FORWARD BY IMPLEMENTING A POWERFUL BILL
5 OF RIGHTS. IF THE MOTION PASSES TODAY, THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT
6 COMMISSION LOOKS FORWARD TO ENSURING THAT THE DEPARTMENT
7 IMPLEMENTS, EMBRACES, AND FULLY EXECUTES THE BILL OF RIGHTS.
8 WE'LL FOLLOW UP THROUGH OUR INSPECTION SITE VISITS TO THE
9 FACILITIES, MEETINGS WITH DEPARTMENT STAFF AND LEADERSHIP, AND
10 REGULAR CONVERSATIONS AND SURVEYS OF YOUTH ABOUT
11 IMPLEMENTATION AND THEN REPORT THAT PROGRESS BACK TO YOU AND
12 THE PUBLIC. GIVEN THAT OVER 70% OF THE CURRENTLY INCARCERATED
13 YOUTH ARE AT BARRY J. NIDORF JUVENILE HALL, I AGREE IT'S RIGHT
14 TO START THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS THERE AND
15 THEN EXTEND IT TO ALL FACILITIES. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE
16 BENEFITS IT WILL HAVE ON THE HUMANE AND DIGNIFIED TREATMENT
17 ON YOUTH IN YOUR FACILITIES. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ITEM 23
18 IN ADVANCE OF THAT GOAL.

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

21
22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS VERONICA LEWIS. PLEASE
23 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
24 YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1 **VERONICA LEWIS:** GOOD MORNING. VERONICA LEWIS AT
2 [INDISCERNIBLE]. I'LL BE ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEMS NUMBER 4,
3 NUMBER 26, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU
4 FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO TAKE BOLD ACTION TO MAKE SURE WE'RE
5 STARTING OUR MOST VULNERABLE FOLKS AT AN EFFECTIVE AND
6 STRATEGIC AND THOUGHTFUL MANNER BECAUSE SOMETHING DOES NEED TO
7 CHANGE, AND WE NEED TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE. I APPRECIATE THE
8 ALL YOUR EFFORTS. WITH THAT SAID, ON AGENDA ITEM 4, I JUST
9 WANT TO OFFER SOME CONSIDERATIONS AND CONCERNS RELATED TO SOME
10 OF THE SEVEN RECOMMENDATIONS. FOR RECOMMENDATION NUMBER ONE
11 RELATED TO THE NEW COUNTY ENTITY, I HOPE THAT IN ORDER FOR
12 THIS TO MAKE SENSE AND TO ACTUALLY CHANGE SOME OF THE DYNAMICS
13 AND THE PAIN POINTS THAT WE HAVE AS PROVIDERS AND AS PEOPLE
14 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE
15 COUNTY DEPARTMENT HAS MEANINGFUL AUTHORITY AND HAVE THE
16 ABILITY TO REALLY DRIVE WHAT OUR HOMELESS SERVICE SYSTEM LOOKS
17 LIKE, INCLUDING HOLDING OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, LIKE THE
18 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
19 SERVICES, AND OTHERS THAT RECEIVE MEASURE H FUNDS ACCOUNTABLE
20 TO BE IN LINE WITH THE FRAMEWORK. WE ALSO NEED TO MAKE SURE
21 THAT IF THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE, I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE
22 RUMORS I'M HEARING RELATED TO WHAT THE STRUCTURE MAY BE LIKE.
23 IT MAKES MOST SENSE FOR IT TO BE THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE WHO
24 HAVE DONE A LOT OF THE HEAVY LIFTING AND JUST NEED TO BE
25 EXPANDED IN THEIR ROLE. SOME OF THE OTHER PIECES, I KNOW THE

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1 COUNTY CURRENTLY HAS CONTRACTING EQUITY WORKGROUP BECAUSE
2 THERE IS A RECOGNITION THAT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO CONTRACT WITH
3 THE COUNTY. SO, MY ONLY CONCERN RELATED TO THE NEW COUNTY
4 ENTITY IS JUST ALL THE BUREAUCRACY AND UNNECESSARY
5 ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN THAT IT CREATES. AND SO, I'M HOPING SOME
6 OF THE PRINCIPLES COMING OUT OF THAT WORK GROUP WILL BE
7 APPLIED AS WE THINK ABOUT THIS NEW COUNTY ENTITY, AND I'M
8 REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE SMALLER AGENCIES THAT HAVE BECOME A
9 KEY PART OF THE SAFETY NET [INDISCERNIBLE] MEASURE H FUNDS,
10 EITHER AS DIRECT CONTRACTORS OR SUBCONTRACTORS, WILL STILL
11 HAVE ACCESS BECAUSE WHAT WE DO KNOW IS THAT THE COUNTY IS
12 ALWAYS LOOKING TO COMPLETELY INDEMNIFY ITSELF, AND THAT
13 CREATES A LOT OF BURDENS. SO I'M REALLY HOPEFUL THAT YOU CAN
14 BE THOUGHTFUL ABOUT THAT PROCESS. THE OTHER THING THAT'S
15 CONCERNING ME IS THE COUNTY, AS MUCH AS IT'S PRIZED, YOU'RE
16 NOT THE MOST COLLABORATIVE GRANT ADMINISTRATORS. SO, I'M
17 REALLY HOPING THAT, SEPARATE FROM PUBLIC COMMENT, THAT
18 LISTENING SESSIONS THAT THIS NEW COUNTY ENTITY CONTINUES TO
19 WORK AND DEVELOP WITH L.A.H.S.A. TO HAVE A MEANINGFUL
20 COLLABORATIVE PROCESS AND REALLY ALLOW FOR SOME JOINT DECISION
21 MAKING. THE LAST THING I WILL SAY THAT NEEDS TO BE CONSIDERED
22 AS YOU'RE DOING THE ANALYSIS OF CREATION OF THIS NEW ENTITY IS
23 THAT YOU ALSO NEED LOOK AT THE COMPETITIVE BID PROCESS. ALL OF
24 THIS IS JUST LOOKING AT SOME OF THE MAIN BARRIERS PEOPLE HAVE
25 TO ACCESSING COUNTY FUNDS. IN TERMS OF RECOMMENDATION NUMBER

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1 TWO, I WHOLEHEARTEDLY TO BELIEVE THAT THE CITY SHOULD HAVE
2 SOME MONEY TO ADDRESS THESE NUANCES. HOWEVER, IT NEEDS TO BE
3 WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK THAT'S COVERED UNDER AGENDA NUMBER 26.
4 AND CITIES NEED TO BE ABLE TO USE MEASURE H MONEY IN LINE WITH
5 THE FRAMEWORK AND NOT TO CRIMINALIZE HOMELESSNESS. I DO NOT
6 SUPPORT H.O.S.T. TEAMS OR SHERIFF DEPARTMENT FUNDING AT ALL.
7 IN TERMS OF RECOMMENDATION NUMBER FOUR, I THINK IT WOULD BE
8 DETRIMENTAL TO COLLAPSE ALL THOSE TEAMS. FIVE TO SEVEN YEARS
9 AGO, I WAS ON THE FIRST AD HOC COMMITTEE LOOKING AT
10 GOVERNANCE, WHICH CREATED THE C.O.C. BOARD. AND WHILE I DO
11 THINK THERE CAN BE SOME CONSOLIDATION, TO HAVE ONE BODY WHERE
12 YOU HAVE MAYBE ON OR TWO PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE, MAYBE
13 ONE PROVIDER, IS NOT GOING TO ALLOW FOR THE DECISIONS TO BE
14 MADE WITH ALL THE DIFFERENT NUANCES THAT WE NOW HAVE --

15

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

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19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROY HUMPHREYS. PLEASE STATE
20 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL
21 ADDRESS ON PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

22

23 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** RIGHT, AGENDA ITEMS 4, 25, 26, AND 30. BLUE
24 RIBBON COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS IS 10 YEARS IN THE MAKING
25 AND REFLECTING GOVERNANCE IN DISARRAY AND DISMAY. A

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1 CONGRESSWOMAN NOTES A MILLION BORDER CROSSERS SHOULD BE BLAMED
2 ON PRESIDENT TRUMP. SO JUST BLAME PRESIDENT TRUMP FOR THIS.
3 THE COMMISSION WILL NEVER REALIZE ITS GOALS DUE TO A PROFOUND
4 LACK OF FUNDING AND FAILURE PROVIDE SECURE TRANSIENT CAMPSITES
5 FOR THE HOMELESS. YOUR PROPOSED 25 AND 26 HOMELESS -- WHEN YOU
6 HAVE NOT GOT THE FUNDING FOR EXISTING STRATEGIES AND SAFE
7 HOMELESS CAMPS, AS PER THE SHERIFF, AS ABOVE, AND INSIST ON
8 CHOKING THE COURTS WITH HOOKERS INSTEAD OF CRIMINALIZING SEX,
9 BLAME PRESIDENT TRUMP. THE COURT SYSTEM IS IN PROFOUND STATE
10 OF DECAY. WHERE'S THE PLAN? WHERE'S THE MONEY? BLAME TRUMP.
11 THE GENERAL COMMENT. THE RADAR SEARCH FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY OF
12 ROWLAND HEIGHTS ARE STILL LACKING. AND JULIAN GARCIA STILL HAS
13 A JOB. BLAME TRUMP. THE MARTINEZ HOUSE ON OTTERBEIN HAS NOT
14 BEEN RED-TAGGED AND CONDEMNED FOR DEMOLITION. BLAME TRUMP.
15 [INDISCERNIBLE] COUNTY ROADS IS TAKING ONE YEAR TO DO A SIX
16 MONTH JOB ON OTTERBEIN STREET CLEANING. STILL EMPLOYED, BLAME
17 TRUMP. THE WORKS APP PROCESS, AND I TALKED TO RYAN SERRANO
18 ABOUT THIS, DOES NOT HAVE A NUMBER WHICH CAN BE CALLED TO
19 CLEAR PROBLEMS WITH THAT APP FUNCTION. BLAME TRUMP. HOMELESS
20 INSURRECTION A LA VENICE BEACH, BLAME TRUMP. MY YOUTUBE
21 CHANNEL, WHICH IS NOW 300 SUBSCRIBERS, AND I ENCOURAGE YOU TO
22 SUBSCRIBE, BLAME ME. SANCTUARY ANYTHING IS CRIMINAL. BLAME
23 YOURSELVES. THE POSTING OF A BILL OF RIGHTS MEANS NOTHING
24 WITHOUT THE ENFORCEMENT. THE BIG ISSUE HERE IS MONEY.

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1 **SPEAKER:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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3 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ALEXIA CENA. PLEASE STATE
4 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL
5 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **ALEXIA CENA:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ALEXIA CENA. AND I'M WITH THE
8 ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION. I'M SPEAKING IN FULL SUPPORT OF
9 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 23, SAFEGUARDING THE RIGHTS OF INCARCERATED
10 YOUTH. AS SOMEONE WHO WORKS CLOSELY WITH DIRECTED IMPACTED
11 YOUTH, I KNOW THAT MOST OF THEM ARE NOT AWARE OF THEIR RIGHTS.
12 YOUTH WHO ARE INCARCERATED IN L.A. COUNTY DESERVE TO HAVE
13 THEIR RIGHTS ACKNOWLEDGED AND COMMUNICATED TO THEM WITH THEM
14 WITH LANGUAGE THAT YOUNG PEOPLE CAN UNDERSTAND AS WELL AS
15 RIGHTS THAT ARE ENFORCED. SUPPORTING THIS MOTION AND THIS BILL
16 WILL ENSURE THAT YOUTH ARE LIVING IN A SAFE, HEALTH, AND
17 CLEAN ENVIRONMENT WORKING TOWARDS POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
18 AND HEALING. THANK YOU.

19

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

21

22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RICHARD CORRAL. PLEASE
23 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
24 YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

25

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1 **RICHARD CORRAL:** MY NAME IS RICHARD CORRAL. I'M THE HOMELESS
2 SERVICE COORDINATOR FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE. I'M
3 SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM 4, 26, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
4 THANK YOU SUPERVISORS BARGER AND SOLIS FOR BRINING FORWARD
5 THIS IMPORTANT MOTION TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
6 BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS. THE B.R.C.H. LISTENED
7 TO OVER 280 STAKEHOLDERS TO IMPROVE HOW THE COUNTY GOVERNS ITS
8 HOMELESS SERVICES SYSTEM AND THE SEVEN - RECOMMENDATIONS
9 SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE HOW WE ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS ACROSS THE
10 COUNTY, PARTICULARLY IN SMALLER CITIES LIKE SOUTH EL MONTE.
11 MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE RECOMMENDATIONS GIVE CITIES OUTSIDE THE
12 CITY OF LOS ANGELES A SEAT AT THE TABLE TO MORE EFFECTIVELY
13 IMPACT HOMELESSNESS LOCALLY. THE CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE HAS
14 BEEN ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS IN INNOVATIVE WAYS THROUGH A
15 REGIONAL COLLABORATION WITH EL MONTE AND BALDWIN PARK CALLED
16 THE MID VALLEY COLLABORATIVE ON HOMELESSNESS, PREVENTION AND
17 DIVERSION PROGRAMS, LOCAL HOUSING CONTINUUM, THAT INCLUDES
18 EMERGENCY HOUSING, PROVIDING LOCAL MOTELS, BRIDGE HOUSING, AND
19 INCREASINGLY PERMANENT HOUSING SOLUTIONS. HOWEVER, WE NEED
20 RESOURCES TO CONTINUE AND EXPAND THIS IMPORTANT AND IMPACTFUL
21 WORK THROUGH IMPROVED PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY. TO THIS
22 END, THE PROPOSED LOCAL SOLUTIONS FUND IS ESSENTIAL TO SUSTAIN
23 OUR LOCAL EFFORTS, AND THEREFORE I'D LIKE TO PROPOSE THE
24 FOLLOWING ENHANCEMENTS TO THE LOCAL SOLUTIONS FUND. FIRST,
25 SMALL CITIES LIKE SOUTH EL MONTE WOULD LIKE TO LIKE TO USE

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1 MEASURE H FUNDS TO FUND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
2 HOMELESS OUTREACH SERVICES TEAM, LIKE H.O.S.T. WE CURRENTLY DO
3 CONTRACT FOR SHERIFF SERVICES AS WELL AS CITIES WITH THEIR
4 OWN POLICE DEPARTMENTS THAT ACTIVELY PARTNER WITH THE H.O.S.T.
5 TEAMS WOULD LIKE TO USE MEASURE H FUNDS TO CONTINUE THIS WORK.
6 CLEARLY OUTLINE HOW DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES WILL BE ABLE TO
7 BENEFIT FROM THE FUND AND PARTICIPATE IN MATCHING CONTRIBUTION
8 PROGRAMS. BY DEFINING A PROCESS THAT WAIVES DISADVANTAGED
9 COMMUNITIES' MATCHING CONTRIBUTION, DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND
10 INCLUSION WILL BE AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE PROGRAM'S MISSION
11 AND DESIGN. ALSO THE MOTION PROPOSED TO INCREASE COLLABORATION
12 ACROSS THE COUNTY BY PROVIDING CITIES THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE
13 PART OF THE STRATEGY AND VISION FOR ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS
14 COUNTY-WIDE. THEREFORE, LET'S INCREASE CITY LEADERSHIP
15 REPRESENTATION ACROSS ALL COMMITTEES MENTIONED IN THE
16 B.R.C.H.'S RECOMMENDATIONS, INCLUDING THE SINGLE BODY
17 CONSOLIDATING THE L.A.H.S.A. COMMISSION CONTINUUM OF CARE
18 BOARD C.S. POLICY COUNCIL AS WELL AS THE EXECUTIVE LEVEL
19 ACTION TEAM. ITEM NUMBER 4 IS A CRITICAL STEP FORWARD THAT
20 WILL IMPROVE OUR RESPONSE TO HOMELESSNESS FOR ALL RESIDENTS IN
21 THE COUNTY, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. REGARDING ITEM
22 26, IMPLEMENTING THE FRAMEWORK TO END HOMELESSNESS IN LOS
23 ANGELES COUNTY, WE'RE SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTING AND THE
24 FRAMEWORK TO END HOMELESSNESS CHAMPIONED BY SUPERVISORS HAHN
25 AND BARGER. THE COUNTY HOMELESS INITIATIVE UNDER EXECUTIVE

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1 DIRECTOR TOTEROFF CONDUCTED AN EXHAUSTIVE PROCESS ENGAGING A
2 VARIETY OF STAKEHOLDERS TO HELP STREAMLINE THE COUNTY PROCESS
3 TO GET MORE PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS AND INTO HOUSING. THE
4 PROPOSED FRAMEWORK OFFERS A POWERFUL REGIONAL VISION, INCLUDES
5 CITIES, C.O.G.S., FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, ETC., AS WELL AS
6 GOVERNMENTS TO DETERMINE HOW WE CAN COLLECTIVELY BETTER
7 SUPPORT THE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF ANGELENOS WHO ARE WITHOUT
8 STABLE HOUSING TODAY. IN DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE HOMELESS
9 REHOUSING SYSTEM, COMMUNITY MEMBERS EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR
10 MORE INTERIM AND PERMANENT HOUSING, WHICH I THINK IS ESSENTIAL
11 TO THE WORK THAT WE'RE DOING LOCALLY. ONCE THIS ITEMS RETURNS
12 FOR CONSIDERATION, I ENCOURAGE ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS. AND ITEM
13 NUMBER 26 --

14
15 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER,
16 PLEASE.

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18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SOFIA CRISTO. PLEASE STATE
19 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL
20 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

21
22 **SOFIA CRISTO:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SOFIA CRISTO, AND I'M
23 SPEAKING ON ITEM 23. GOOD MORNING, I'M A YOUTH ADVOCATE WITH
24 THE ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION. AND AS A YOUTH WHO WAS
25 INCARCERATED FROM THE AGES 14-24, I KNOW FIRSTHAND HOW

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1 IMPORTANT IT IS FOR YOUTH TO HAVE RIGHTS AS WELL AS BEING
2 INFORMED OF EXACTLY WHAT THEY ARE. BEING INCARCERATED AT A
3 YOUNG AGE IS ALREADY SCARY AND TRAUMATIZING ENOUGH, NOT TO
4 MENTION THE TRAUMA THE YOUTH HAVE EXPERIENCED BEFORE
5 INCARCERATION. MAKING SURE THE YOUTH HAVE RIGHTS AS WELL AS
6 KNOWING WHAT THEY ARE ALLOWS THEM TO FEEL SAFE AND SECURE IN
7 SUCH AN UNFAMILIAR AND DAMAGING ENVIRONMENT. ENSURING THESE
8 YOUTH KNOW WHAT SHOULD OR SHOULDN'T TAKE PLACE, WHAT THEY ARE
9 ALLOWED, AND WHAT THEY CAN DO IF THEIR NEEDS AREN'T MET GIVES
10 THEM A VOICE AND A CHANCE TO DEFEND THEMSELVES. IT'S EXTREMELY
11 IMPORTANT AND MAKES A HUGE DIFFERENCE TO OUR YOUTH AND FOR OUR
12 YOUTH TO HAVE RIGHTS IN SUCH SETTINGS. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE
13 OUR YOUTH ARE SAFE AND TAKEN CARE OF AT ALL TIMES AND THEM
14 HAVING RIGHTS ONLY STRENGTHENS AND MAKES THAT WANT AND NEED
15 FOR THEM A REALITY. THANK YOU.

16

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

18

19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS HAKAN WILLIAMS. PLEASE
20 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
21 YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

22

23 **HAKAN WILLIAMS:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS HAKAN
24 WILLIAMS, SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM 24 ON THE SANTA
25 SUSANNA FIELD LAB. THE SANTA SUSANNA CLEANUP WAS SUPPOSED TO

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1 BE DONE BY 2017. IT STILL HAS NOT EVEN REALLY BEGUN, AND THE
2 STATE THE NOW SEEMS POISED TO ALLOW THE POLLUTERS TO BREAK OUT
3 OF THE CLEANUP AGREEMENTS THEY SIGNED. I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE
4 THE COUNTY'S UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO THE SANTA SUSANNA
5 CLEANUP. I ASK THAT YOU VOTE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION ON THE
6 SANTA SUSANNA FIELD LAB. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

7

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

9

10 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JOSEPH LYONS. PLEASE STATE
11 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL
12 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

13

14 **JOSEPH LYONS:** YES, MY NAME IS JOSEPH LYONS. I AM SPEAKING TO
15 ITEMS 4, 26, AND OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT. AND I WANT TO BEGIN BY
16 THANKING SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND BARGER, MY TWO FAVORITE
17 SUPERVISORS, FOR REMAINING FAITHFUL TO THE LOCAL
18 IMPLEMENTATION AND PROJECTS AND FOR THEIR AGAIN SUPPORT FOR
19 MOVING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION FORWARD,
20 CORRECTING THE DYSFUNCTIONAL AND AMBIGUOUS RELATIONSHIPS THAT
21 EXISTS AMONG THE NUMEROUS ENTITIES AND STAKEHOLDERS NAMED IN
22 THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS AND ATTENDANT LACK
23 OF ACCOUNTABILITY THIS CAUSES, BOTH CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESSFUL
24 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE
25 COMMISSION'S REPORT. AND WE ARE ALL AWARE OF THE URGENCY

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1 ASSOCIATED WITH THE RESTRUCTURING AND REPURPOSING EFFORTS AND
2 THE NEED TO EXPEDITE ACHIEVING AN OBJECTIVE WHENEVER POSSIBLE.
3 TO THAT END, I OFFER THE FOLLOWING FOR YOUR YOU ARE
4 CONSIDERATION AND ACTION AT TODAY'S MEETING. FIRSTLY, BRING
5 INTO ALIGNMENT WITH THE 2017 H.U.D. REGULATIONS, L.A.H.S.A.'S
6 ROLE AS THE L.A. CONTINUUM OF CARE'S COLLABORATIVE AFFILIATE
7 AND THE L.A. CONTINUUM OF CARE AND ITS BOARD BEING RECOGNIZED
8 AS THE GOVERNING AND OVERSIGHT ENTITY WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY
9 TO MANAGE AND ADMINISTER H.U.D. FUNDED PROGRAMS AND IN
10 COLLABORATION WITH ITS DESIGNATED COLLABORATIVE AFFILIATE,
11 L.A.H.S.A., WHICH, THROUGH ITS COMMISSION, HAS ASSUMED A
12 QUASI-GOVERNANCE IN ROLE OVER ITS OWN AND OTHER INDEPENDENT
13 ENTITIES, INCLUDING THE CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD. DOING SO
14 WOULD ESTABLISH THE RIGHT AND LEGAL RELATIONSHIP AMONG THE
15 FOUR ENTITIES THAT ARE THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF CONFUSION
16 ASSOCIATED WITH THE GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR H.U.D.
17 FUNDED PROGRAMS, AND, BY EXTENSION, WOULD PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK
18 IN WHICH TO ESTABLISH THE RIGHT AND LEGAL RELATIONSHIPS AMONG
19 THE ENTITIES AND STAKEHOLDERS CURRENTLY RECOGNIZED AS
20 PARTICIPANTS IN THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE AS WELL AS THOSE THAT
21 ARE EXPECTING TO BE INCLUDED BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND
22 IMPLEMENTATION. SECONDLY, NAME THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE AS THE
23 ENTITY TO ADMINISTER AND MANAGE THE REMAINDER OF MEASURE H TAX
24 REVENUES AND ALL GRANTS AND AWARDS DESIGNATED TO ADDRESS
25 HOMELESSNESS AT THE COUNTY-WIDE LEVEL USING COUNTY STAFF AND

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1 RESOURCES AND PROCUREMENT OF NECESSARY ANCILLARY AND
2 SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM L.A.H.S.A. AS
3 APPROPRIATE. DOING SO WOULD ESTABLISH RIGHT AND LEGAL CONTROL
4 OVER THE USE OF THE COUNTY HOMELESS FUNDS AND THE
5 ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THOUGH PROVIDED
6 WITH THESE FUNDS, INCLUDING ADDING LOCAL SOLUTIONS AS A
7 PRIORITY ADDITION TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURE H
8 STRATEGIES. AND WITH REGARDS TO LOCAL SOLUTIONS, I THINK THAT
9 THE REFERENCE TO REQUIRING RECIPIENTS TO PROVIDE MATCHING
10 FUNDS IS NOT ONLY DEMEANING AND EXCLUSIONARY TO THOSE
11 RECIPIENTS THAT WOULD BE AWARDED FUNDING, PRESUMABLY BASED ON
12 THE MERITS OF THE PROJECT AND ITS CONTRIBUTION TO ENDING AND
13 PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS LOCALLY --

14

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

17

18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SARA GARFINKEL. PLEASE
19 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
20 YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

21

22 **SARA GARFINKEL:** I'M ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 4 ON GENERAL
23 COMMENT. CHAIR MITCHELL AND SUPERVISORS, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME
24 IS SARA GARFINKEL, AND I'M CALLING ON BEHALF OF V.I.C.A., THE
25 VALLEY INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE ASSOCIATION. WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF

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1 IMPLEMENTING THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS'S
2 RECOMMENDATIONS MOTION. OUR COUNTY NEEDS THE BLUE RIBBON
3 COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS, SPECIFICALLY THAT THE COUNTY
4 STRENGTHEN ITS INVOLVEMENT IN CITIES AND COUNCILS OF
5 GOVERNMENTS BY ESTABLISHING MULTI-YEAR LOCAL SOLUTIONS FUNDS
6 FOR JURISDICTIONS THAT COMMIT TO PROVIDING IN-KIND OR
7 MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SERVICE PROGRAMS
8 OR HOUSING. ADDITIONALLY, RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ADDRESS
9 REVAMPING HOMELESS SERVICES GOVERNANCE ARE ESSENTIAL.
10 THROUGHOUT OUR HOMELESS SERVICES OFFERINGS, WE ARE LACKING
11 LEADERSHIP AND ACCOUNTABILITY. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION
12 AND BELIEVE THAT THE SEVEN RECOMMENDATIONS NAMED WITHIN IT
13 WILL RESULT IN SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVING THE EFFICIENCY AND
14 EFFICACY OF HELPING PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. OUR
15 LOCAL TAXPAYERS DESERVE TO SEE THEIR DOLLARS AT WORK IN THEIR
16 OWN COMMUNITIES. WE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. AND THANK
17 YOU. HAVE A GOOD DAY.

18

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

20

21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JOSE USUNA. PLEASE STATE
22 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL
23 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

24

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1 **JOSE USUNA:** I'LL BE ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 26 AND GENERAL
2 PUBLIC COMMENT. FIRST OF ALL, I AM THE HOUSING JUSTICE MANAGER
3 FOR BRILLIANT CORNERS, ONE OF THE COUNTY'S STRONGEST HOUSING
4 PARTNERS. I'M ALSO THE 4TH DISTRICT APPOINTEE FOR THE PUBLIC
5 SAFETY REALIGNMENT TEAM. I WANT TO REMIND THE BOARD THAT LAW
6 ENFORCEMENT DOES NOT EQUAL HOUSING SERVICES. ALTHOUGH WE
7 SUPPORT ITEM NUMBER 26, WE DO NOT SUPPORT THE AMENDMENTS THAT
8 WOULD ALLOW FUNDING TO GO TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. WE
9 CANNOT CONTINUE TO CRIMINALIZE OUR UNHOUSED COMMUNITY MEMBERS,
10 AND THAT IS WHAT LAW ENFORCEMENT DOES WHEN THEY ENGAGE OUR
11 UNHOUSED COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THAT IS THEIR JOB, TO ENFORCE
12 LAWS, NOT TO PROVIDE HOUSING OR SOCIAL SERVICES. LET'S
13 REMEMBER THAT. I HAVE NOT HEARD ANY SERVICE PROVIDERS OR ANY
14 UNHOUSED COMMUNITY MEMBERS EXPRESS ANY KIND OF INTEREST IN LAW
15 ENFORCEMENT BEING FUNDED BY MEASURE H FUNDING. I VOTED FOR
16 MEASURE H WITH THE IDEA THAT THIS WOULD FUND HOUSING SERVICES,
17 NOT CONTINUE TO BUILD UP THE WAR CHEST FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT
18 AGENCIES TO CONTINUE TO FUND THEIR WAR ON OUR UNHOUSED
19 COMMUNITY MEMBERS. I AM IN FAVOR OF LOCAL SOLUTIONS JUST AS
20 LONG AS THEY ARE NOT LAW ENFORCEMENT-BASED SOLUTIONS TO DEAL
21 WITH THE CRISIS AROUND THOSE THAT ARE UNHOUSED. I URGE THE
22 BOARD TO REMOVE THE AMENDMENTS THAT WOULD ALLOW FUNDING TO GO
23 TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. I URGE THE SUPERVISOR FROM
24 THE DISTRICT THAT I LIVE IN, SUPERVISOR HAHN, I URGE YOU TO

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1 PULL THE AMENDMENTS THAT WOULD CAUSE -- THAT WOULD ALLOW LAW
2 ENFORCEMENT TO BE FUNDED BY MEASURE H FUNDING. THANK YOU.

3

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JENNY MACK. PLEASE STATE
7 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL
8 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **JENNY MACK:** HI. I AM ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 24 AND
11 GENERAL COMMENT. FIRST, I'D LIKE TO THANK KUEHL AND BARGER FOR
12 PROPOSING THIS MOTION TO ENSURE THE COMPLETE CLEANUP OF THE
13 SANTA SUSANNA FIELD LAB HONORING THE 2007 AND 2010 AGREEMENT.
14 YOUR LEGACY CHAMPIONING THIS CAUSE IS GREATLY APPRECIATED BY
15 OUR COMMUNITY. WITH SOME OF THE CLEANUP'S STRONGEST ADVOCATES
16 SOON LEAVING OFFICE, WE MUST ACT QUICKLY AND AGGRESSIVELY TO
17 BRING THE RESPONSIBLE PARTIES INTO COMPLIANCE, ESPECIALLY AS
18 WE EXPECT THE E.I.R. TO BE FINALIZED THIS SUMMER. WE LOOK
19 FORWARD TO WORKING IN COOPERATION WITH THE L.A. CITY ATTORNEY
20 AND VENTURA COUNTY COUNSEL AND N.G.O.S TO TAKE LEGAL ACTION.
21 IT WILL TAKE ALL OF THESE ENTITIES WORKING TOGETHER IN A
22 TIMELY MANNER TO HOLD THE RESPONSIBLE PARTIES TO THEIR
23 OBLIGATIONS AT THE SITE. THE CONCERNS, AS YOU KNOW, OF THE
24 RESPONSIBILITY PARTIES IS STRICTLY FINANCIAL. THEY INTEND TO
25 AVOID INVESTING IN THE COMPREHENSIVE CLEANUP BY ANY AND ALL

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1 MEANS NECESSARY. WE HOPE THAT, AS A UNITED FRONT, WE CAN SHOW
2 THEM THAT YOU INTEND TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITIES
3 WITH THE SAME RESOLVE. WE HOPE YOU APPROVE THE MOTION OF
4 AGENDA ITEM 24. MANY FAMILIES, LIKE MINE, THAT CAN'T BE HERE
5 TODAY BECAUSE OF WORK AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS WANT TO THANK YOU
6 FOR TAKING ACTION TO ENSURE THIS CONTAMINATION AT S.S.F.L. IS
7 FINALLY REMEDIATED, AND THAT THE CULTURAL RESOURCE IS
8 PRESERVED AND PROTECTED AND THE LAND AND HABITAT IS RESTORED
9 FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. THANK YOU SO MUCH. I APPRECIATE IT.

10

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SHARON SAND. PLEASE STATE
14 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL
15 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

16

17 **SHARON SAND:** HELLO, THIS IS SHARON SAND FROM TRUST FOR PUBLIC
18 LAND SPEAKING ON 74A AND GENERAL COMMENT. WE WANT TO THANK
19 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND HER LEADERSHIP FOR INTRODUCING THE MOTION
20 TO SUPPORT GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S 30 BY 30 INITIATIVE. THIS
21 PROPOSAL WILL HELP CLOSE THE NATURE GAP THAT EXISTS IN
22 CALIFORNIA, ESPECIALLY IN L.A. COUNTY. WE ALSO WANT TO APPLAUD
23 THE WORK INITIATED BY L.A. COUNTY PARKS FOR THE REGIONAL AND
24 RURAL PARKS NEEDS ASSESSMENT TO GIVE L.A. A LEG UP IN
25 COMPETING FOR FUNDS, AND WE WANT TO THANK L.A. COUNTY PARKS

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1 FOR THEIR VISION AND DILIGENCE IN PREPARING FOR THIS. WE ASK
2 FOR A UNANIMOUS VOTE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. THE

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6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROXANNE HOGE. PLEASE STATE
7 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL
8 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **ROXANNE HOGE:** HI. MY NAME IS ROXANNE HOGE. AND I'LL BE
11 ADDRESSING SET ITEMS 2 AND 9, A LITTLE BIT OF 19, AND GENERAL
12 PUBLIC COMMENT. I JUST WANT TO MAKE IT VERY CLEAR THAT WHAT'S
13 BEEN HAPPENING TO OUR CHILDREN AND ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
14 UNDER THE DICTATORSHIP REALLY OF BARBARA FERRER IS ABSOLUTELY
15 UNCONSCIONABLE. SHE NEEDS TO BE QUESTIONED DIRECTLY ABOUT WHY
16 SHE'S NOT ALIGNING WITH THE STATE. SHE RECENTLY SAID IN A
17 PRESENTATION SHE MADE TO U.S.D.'S SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH THAT
18 IT'S VERY COMPLICATED TELLING PEOPLE THE TRUTH, AND I THINK WE
19 NEED HAVE HER ADDRESS THAT. IN ADDITION, IT'S A BIT SPURIOUS
20 TO PROCLAIM MAY MENTAL HEALTH MONTH WHEN ALMOST ALL OF THE
21 STEPS SHE RECOMMENDED AND THE BOARD AGREED TO HARMED OUR
22 CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AND THAT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN LOS
23 ANGELES COUNTY EGREGIOUSLY. FORCED MASKING, FORCED
24 VACCINATION, AND SHUTTING THEM OUT OF SCHOOL FOR OVER A YEAR
25 IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOL AT THE BEHEST OF PUBLIC SECTOR

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1 UNIONS WAS ACTUALLY A CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. IN ADDITION, JUST A
2 QUICK NOTE, WE SHOULD NOT SUPPORT HOUSING FIRST MODEL, AS IT'S
3 BEEN SHOWN TO BE AN ABSOLUTE DISASTER EVERYWHERE IT'S BEEN
4 TRIED. A NOTE ABOUT THE BUDGET IS THAT WE DEFINITELY DO NOT
5 NEED FOUR NEW DEPARTMENTS UNLESS WE'RE GOING TO ELIMINATE SOME
6 OF THE DUPLICATION OF DEPARTMENTS WE ALREADY HAVE. SO WHEN
7 WE'RE LOOKING AT OUR PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR THE FUTURE, I WANT
8 TO POINT OUT THAT WE HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH MONEY TO HAVE CLEAN
9 STREETS AND SAFE STREETS, AND WE SHOULD MAKE AN EFFORT TO AT
10 LEAST PRETEND WE'RE SPENDING MONEY ON PUBLIC SERVICES. LASTLY,
11 IT WONDERFUL THAT THERE ARE NEW AND OPEN OFFICES FOR THE BOARD
12 OF SUPERVISORS. AND I CAN'T WAIT TO JOIN YOU, AS I'M RUNNING
13 IN THE THIRD DISTRICT, BUT OPEN MEETINGS AND THE CONSENT OF
14 THE GOVERNED AND THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE MEAN THAT YOU SHOULD
15 BE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL. COVID IS ENDEMIC NOT PANDEMIC, AND THOSE
16 RESTRICTIONS NO LONGER COUNT. PLEASE ALLOW THE PEOPLE OF LOS
17 ANGELES TO ADDRESS THEIR CONCERNS TO YOU. HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A
18 WONDERFUL DAY AND LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU ALL VERY SOON.
19 YOU CAN FIND ME AT SUPERROXANNE.COM.

20
21 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22
23 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DOUG FORBES. PLEASE STATE
24 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL
25 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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2 **DOUG FORBES:** MY NAME IS DOUG FORBES. I'M ADDRESSING ITEM 10
3 AND GENERAL COMMENT. I'M THE FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF MEOW
4 MEOW FOUNDATION BASED HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. OUR MISSION
5 IS TO MAKE CAMPS AND AQUATICS SAFE FOR CHILDREN NATIONWIDE.
6 I'M PLEASED THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WOULD INTRODUCE
7 THIS PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF MY DAUGHTER ROXIE, WHO WAS
8 KILLED BY A PREVENTABLE DROWNING AT AN ALTADENA SUMMER CAMP
9 AND IN SUPPORT OF MILLIONS OF CHILDREN WHO DESERVE LONG
10 OVERDUE PROTECTIONS THAT WILL HELP ELIMINATE THE NUMBER ONE
11 INJURY-RELATED CAUSE OF DEATH FOR CHILDREN 1-4, AND NUMBER FOR
12 CHILDREN 5-14. I WISH TO THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND BARGER
13 FOR INTRODUCING THIS PROCLAMATION AND OUR FORTHCOMING DROWNING
14 PREVENTION AND CAMP SAFETY MOTIONS. I WANT TO MAKE SURE,
15 HOWEVER, THAT ALL OF US UNDERSTAND HOW PROCLAMATIONS AND
16 ORDINANCES ARE ONLY AS WORTHY AS THEIR REAL-LIFE APPLICATIONS
17 TO PROTECT HARDWORKING FAMILIES THROUGHOUT THIS MIGHTY COUNTY
18 OF OURS. LAST YEAR, WE SUCCESSFULLY PERSUADED THE STATE TO
19 ADOPT ROXIE'S WISH DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK FOR CHILDREN AS A
20 PERENNIAL RESOLUTION, AND WE ALREADY SEE ITS IMPACT. WE HAVE
21 INTRODUCED THE SAME IN OTHER STATES. WE ARE HERE TO DO THE
22 WORK THAT WILL PROTECT MILLIONS OF YOUNG LIVES RIGHT HERE IN
23 OUR COUNTY. I WANT TO THANK YOU AND WISH YOU AN EARLY HAPPY
24 MOTHER'S DAY.

25

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

2

3 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVEN. PLEASE STATE
4 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL
5 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. I'LL ADDRESS ON ALL ITEMS AND A
8 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. HOW MUCH TIME DO I GET?

9

10 **SPEAKER:** THREE MINUTES. PLEASE BEGIN.

11

12 **ERIC PREVEN:** YOUR HONOR, HOW MUCH TIME DO I GET?

13

14 **SPEAKER:** THREE MINUTES. PLEASE BEGIN.

15

16 **ERIC PREVEN:** THREE TOTAL, TWO ON THE ITEMS, AND ONE ON
17 GENERAL?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** CORRECT. PLEASE BEGIN.

20

21 **ERIC PREVEN:** OKAY, FAIR ENOUGH. LET'S GO ALONG WITH THAT.

22 LET'S TRY TO BE APPROPRIATE. I WANT TO JUST CALL OUT THE SANTA
23 SUSANNA CALLERS. I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS SITUATION AS
24 WELL. WHAT WE HAVE GOT IS TOXIC MATTER ALL OVER THE PLACE. NOT
25 ALL OVER THE PLACE, BUT IN THAT AREA. AND ROCKETDYNE AND THESE

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1 BIG CORPORATIONS ARE RESPONSIBLE AND WERE SUPPOSED TO CLEAN IT
2 UP, HAVEN'T CLEANED IT UP. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WAS SUPPOSED
3 TO CLEAN IT UP, AND THEN ANDREA WARDEN, THE FORMER L.A. COUNTY
4 COUNSEL, WHO HAS BEEN A DOGGED AND VETERAN FIGHTER, TOOK IT
5 ALL THE WAY UP TO A HIGH COURT, AND THEY REJECTED HER AND SAID
6 NO, UNFORTUNATELY, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO FORCE THE FEDERAL
7 GOVERNMENT TO DO IT RIGHT. SO THEN, MIKE SHURE AND PAUL
8 PERCORIAN AND GREG SMITH OF WASTE MANAGEMENT DECIDED LET'S
9 SPEND 600 AND SOMETHING THOUSAND DOLLARS OF CITY MONEY BECAUSE
10 THE CITY WANTS TO HELP THE COUNTY, AND THE COUNTY WANTS TO
11 HELP THE CITY SOMETIMES WHEN THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BATTLE OVER
12 THE HOMELESS CRISIS, FOR EXAMPLE. AND HERE A GREAT FIRM BY THE
13 NAME OF MEYERS, NAVE, RIBACK, AND SILVER WERE BROUGHT IN TO
14 EAT UP THE \$650,000 CHASING DOWN THE LANE THAT WAS NOT THE
15 RIGHT AVENUE, APPARENTLY. WE DON'T WANT GREG SMITH'S GUYS AND
16 ALL THE TRUCK, WHO IS A LOBBYIST AND A COUNCILMEMBER, WHO
17 FILLED IN FOR MITCH ENGLANDER, THE F.B.I. INDICTEE BEFORE JOHN
18 LEE, WHO SEEMS TO BE GLANCING RIGHT PAST GETTING INDICTED, BUT
19 IT'S UNCLEAR TO GET THE JOB TO MOVE THE STUFF. WE DON'T EVEN
20 KNOW THAT MOVING THE STUFF IS THE RIGHT WAY TO HANDLE IT.
21 ISN'T THERE A WAY TO SUPPRESS IT THROUGH SOME CLEVER WAY
22 BECAUSE TURNING IT INTO A TRANSPORT MISSION IS A TERRIBLE
23 IDEA? AND I KNOW THAT THE COUNTY AND THE BOARD AND THE PEOPLE
24 WHO LIVE IN AND AROUND THE AREA DON'T WANT THAT, BUT WE DON'T
25 WANT OUR CHILDREN EXPOSED TO THIS TOXIC STUFF FOR VERY LONG

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1 ANY LONGER. IT'S INTOLERABLE. IT IS INTOLERABLE, AND YOU KNOW
2 WE'VE GOT A LOT OF LAWYERS WHO ARE GOING TO MAKE A LOT OF
3 MONEY, BUT WE'VE GOT TO TAKE CARE OF THE TASK AT HAND. THAT
4 SEEMS TO BE ONE OF OUR BIG PROBLEMS ON THE BOARD OF
5 SUPERVISORS IS WE DON'T MIND ENDLESS LITIGATION, AND THEN WE
6 BURY THE LITIGATION REPORT. WHY HASN'T THAT BROUGHT FORWARD BY
7 THE WAY? HOW COME INSTEAD OF THE NEW LITIGATION REPORT, WE'VE
8 GOT THE COUNTY COUNSEL STEPPING OFF, AND WE HAVE A NEW COUNTY
9 COUNSEL IN THERE, DAWYN HARRISON, WHO'S NOT WHAT I WOULD
10 DESCRIBE AS NEW. SHE'S ONE OF THE OLD VETERAN INSIDERS. NO
11 DISRESPECT TO HER IF SHE WOULD PUT THE COVINGTON AND BURLING
12 RECORDS ON THE TABLE. AND WE CAN'T HAVE KUBATA AND SHALMAN
13 ALSO CHASING THE SHERIFF IF THEY ARE BEING THE HONEST BROKERS
14 TRYING TO LOOK AT THE COUNTY'S INSIDE FRAUD. AND NO DISRESPECT
15 TO MR. GABAY AND THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE IN REAL ESTATE, BUT WHAT
16 A HORRIFYING REVEAL THAT EXACTLY WHAT WE FEAR, THAT PEOPLE ARE
17 DOING DIRTY AND TAKING PAYMENTS HERE AND THERE, WHICH IS WHAT
18 THEY SHOWED, THAT GUY SHEPPPOS. THIS IS WHY WE NEED TO HAVE AN
19 INDEPENDENT LOOK AT THE COUNTY BY --

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

23

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GINA THORNBURG. PLEASE
2 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
3 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **GINA THORNBURG:** GOOD MORNING, THIS IS GINA THORNBURG OF
6 COALITION FOR VALLEY NEIGHBORHOODS. I AM SPEAKING ONLY ON
7 AGENDA ITEM 24. THE SANTA SUSANNA FIELD LAB SHOULD HAVE BEEN
8 CLEANED UP YEARS AGO, BUT VARIOUS PRIVATE, FEDERAL, AND STATE
9 AGENCIES HAVE FAILED THE COMMUNITIES ADJACENT AND NEAR THE LAB
10 SITE. THE RADIOLOGIC AND CHEMICAL CONTAMINATION AT THE
11 S.S.F.L. HAVE LED TO COUNTLESS CASES OF CANCER, INCLUDING IN
12 CHILDREN. I URGE THE SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
13 24 TO ENSURE COMPREHENSIVE CLEANUP AND REMEDIATION OF THE
14 S.S.F.L. CONTAMINATION TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH. ENFORCEMENT
15 OF A CLEAN UP CONFORMING TO THE 2007 AND 2010 AGREEMENTS CAN
16 BE DONE SAFELY. THE TECHNOLOGY, KNOWLEDGE, AND SKILL EXIST. WE
17 NEED THE POLITICAL SUPPORT. THANK YOU SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND
18 BARGER FOR PLACING THIS ITEM ON THE AGENDA.

19

20 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MICHAEL WEBB. PLEASE STATE
23 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU
24 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

25

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1 **MICHAEL WEBB:** THANK YOU. I WILL BE SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF ITEM
2 OF 25 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK
3 SUPERVISOR HAHN AND CHAIR MITCHELL FOR BRINGING FORWARD THIS
4 MOTION IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLYMEMBER MURATSUCHI BILL 80-22-20,
5 WHICH WOULD CREATE A PILOT PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS COURTS
6 THROUGHOUT THE STATE. IT IS BASED ON THE SUCCESS THAT WE HAVE
7 HAD IN REDONDO, IN SAN DIEGO, IN SACRAMENTO. IT WOULD SET UP A
8 STATEWIDE PILOT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL
9 AND WOULD PROVIDE GRANT FUNDING FOR ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS. OUR
10 OUTDOOR HOMELESS COURT BRINGS THE JUSTICE SYSTEM OUT OF THE
11 COURTHOUSE AND INTO THE COMMUNITY IN A NONTHREATENING LESS
12 INTIMIDATING WAY. IT IS ENTIRELY VOLUNTARY. IT IS FREE PLEA.
13 TYPICALLY, AS PROSECUTORS, WE WOULD WANT A PLEA DEAL FIRST, SO
14 THAT THERE WOULD BE SOME SORT OF PUNISHMENT HANGING OVER THEIR
15 HEAD. WE DELIBERATELY SET THIS UP AS -- TO NOT HAVE THAT
16 BECAUSE WE WANTED TO PROVIDE RESOURCES TO HELP PEOPLE WHO ARE
17 MOTIVATED IN OBTAINING PERMANENT HOUSING. SO WE BRING ALL THE
18 RESOURCES THAT COULD BE NEEDED, ADDITIONAL MENTAL HEALTH AND
19 ADDICTION COUNSELING SERVICES, ALL THE SERVICES TO BECOME
20 DOCUMENT READY, JOB PLACEMENT SERVICES, AND OF COURSE WE
21 PROVIDE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING.
22 THIS BILL WOULD SET UP A STATEWIDE PROGRAM THAT WOULD FUND
23 HOMELESS COURTS THAT PROVIDE THESE NECESSARY SERVICES, WHILE
24 STILL ALLOWING FLEXIBILITY FOR LOCAL JURISDICTIONS TO ADDRESS

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1 THEIR PARTICULAR NEEDS. SO I THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND I URGE
2 SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 25.

3

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

5

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

9

10 **SEAN GAIGE:** HELLO. I WILL BE ADDRESSING ITEM 23 AND GENERAL
11 PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS SEAN GAIGE. I AM WITH THE
12 ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION HOPE AND REDEMPTION TEAM. I AM IN
13 SUPPORT OF ITEM 23, THE YOUTH RIGHTS BILL. HONESTLY, WHEN I
14 WAS IN JUVENILE HALL, I HAD NO IDEA THAT I HAD ANY RIGHTS.
15 THEREFORE, I HAD NO WAY OF ADVOCATING FOR MYSELF OR THAT THERE
16 SOMEONE EVEN REALLY THAT I COULD ADDRESS MY ISSUES WITH. WITH
17 THIS YOUTH RIGHTS BILL, OUR YOUTH WOULD HAVE ACCESS TO THEIR
18 RIGHTS IN ONE PLACE, AND AN UNDERSTANDABLE LENGTH. I BELIEVE
19 THAT WHEN THEY KNOW THEIR RIGHTS, THEY KNOW THEIR VOICE
20 MATTERS, AND THEY HAVE AN ADVOCATE FOR THEIR VOICE, IT GIVES
21 THEM ACCOUNTABILITY, PAVING THE THING WAY FOR SUCCESSFUL
22 REHABILITATION AND SUCCESSFUL REENTRY INTO OUR SOCIETY. I
23 THANK YOU.

24

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

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1

2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SYLVIA BURLISON BROWN.
3 PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY,
4 AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU
5 MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **SYLVIA BURLISON BROWN:** HELLO, THIS IS SYLVIA, AND I AM
8 ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I HAVE BEEN GOING TO
9 KATHRYN BARGER'S OFFICE BECAUSE I AM IN HER DISTRICT, BUT THIS
10 REFLECTS ALL LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I AM REALLY ASKING FOR LOS
11 ANGELES COUNTY AND YOU, AS OUR LEADERS, IN YOUR POSITION, TO
12 STOP ALL WHAT IS GOING ON IN COUNTY EMPLOYMENT, ALL OF THE
13 OPPRESSION, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, LEGAL, CULTURAL, AND
14 INSTITUTIONAL OPPRESSION, AND ALSO THAT THEY ALLOW FOR SOCIAL
15 OPPRESSION THAT GOES WITH THIS OFFICE. I TRIED TO RESIGN OUT
16 OF [INDISCERNIBLE] YESTERDAY AND RETURN MY EQUIPMENT, AND IT
17 WAS HORRIBLE HOW I WAS TREATED OVER IN THAT LANCASTER D.P.S.F.
18 OFFICE, WHERE I USED TO WORK THERE WHEN I CAME TO RETURN MY
19 EQUIPMENT. THEN I WENT INTO A PANIC ATTACK. THEY DIDN'T TRY TO
20 DO NO WELLNESS OR ANYTHING, THEN I TRIED TO CALL ON THE WAY
21 HOME, PUTTING MYSELF AND MY GRANDCHILDREN BECAUSE THEY WENT TO
22 ME. THEY HELPED ME RETURN THAT OFFICE TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE.
23 YES, I TRANSFERRED TO THE NORFISH, BUT THEY SAID WE WILL GET
24 ACCOMMODATED.

25

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1 **MODERATOR:** EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER,
2 PLEASE.

3

4 **SYLVIA BURLISON BROWN:** THAT THEY'RE NOT GETTING ACCOMMODATED.
5 IT IS A TWO WAY CONTRACT.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS WILLIAM HARRISON. PLEASE
10 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
11 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
12 BEGIN.

13

14 **WILLIAM HARRISON:** I WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
15 MY NAME IS WILLIAM HARRISON. I LIVE IN DISTRICT 1. I SPOKE TO
16 THE COUNCIL ON 4/19 REGARDING A ISSUE WITH MY SCHOOL
17 DISTRICTS. AND AS I FINISHED MY STUDY, I WANT TO GO OVER THIS
18 WITH YOU. IN THE WALNUT VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, 10 OF
19 THE 15 SCHOOLS HAVE NO BLACKS ON STAFF AT ALL. THAT'S FROM THE
20 PRINCIPAL TO THE MAINTENANCE. THREE OF THE 15 SCHOOLS HAVE TWO
21 BLACKS ON STAFF. THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS NO ONE BLACK ON
22 STAFF. WORLD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS NINE OF THEIR 19
23 SCHOOLS HAVE NO BLACKS ON STAFF, AGAIN, FROM THE PRINCIPAL TO
24 THE MAINTENANCE. SEVEN OF THE 19 HAVE TWO ON STAFF, DISTRICT
25 OFFICE, NOBODY BLACK ON STAFF. NOW, WHO ARE THESE BLACK KIDS

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1 ROLE MODELS WHEN THEY GO TO SCHOOL? I HAVE BEEN FIGHTING THIS
2 BATTLE FOR A FEW YEARS. SO I AM COMING SO THE COUNTY
3 SUPERVISORS. I KNOW THAT YOU CANNOT MAKE THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS
4 DO ANYTHING ABOUT THIS, BUT I WOULD HOPE YOU WOULD LOOK INTO
5 IT TO SEE IF I AM RIGHT OR NOT. I DO HOPE THAT I AM WRONG, BUT
6 AFTER DOING MY STUDY, I'M POSITIVE I'M RIGHT. AND IT IS A VERY
7 SAD SITUATIONS WHERE, IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, THE COUNTY OF
8 LOS ANGELES, THAT WE HAVE NUMBERS LIKE THIS, SCHOOLS WITH
9 ABSOLUTELY NOBODY BLACK ON STAFF.

10

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

13

14 **WILLIAM HARRISON:** MAN, THAT WAS QUICK.

15

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

17

18 **MODERATOR:** YES, THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MICHAEL VILLEGAS.
19 PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
20 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU MAY
21 BEGIN.

22

23 **MICHAEL VILLEGAS:** GOOD MORNING, MICHAEL VILLEGAS, COMMUNITY
24 PRESERVATION MANAGER AND HOMELESSNESS LIAISON FOR THE CITY OF
25 SANTA CLARITA ON THE COMMUNITY TASKFORCE ON HOMELESSNESS, AND

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1 I WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM 4. ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SANTA
2 CLARITA, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR ITEM 4 AND URGE
3 YOU TO SUPPORT THE ITEM. FOLLOWING AN EXTENSIVE SERIES OF
4 MEETINGS, PRESENTATIONS, INTERVIEWS, AND LISTENING SESSIONS
5 WITH STAKEHOLDERS, SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS, AND COMMUNITY
6 MEMBERS OVER A SIX MONTH PERIOD, THE B.R.C.H. HAS DEVELOPED A
7 COMPREHENSIVE SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WILL SIGNIFICANTLY
8 ENHANCE TRANSPARENCY, INCLUSIVENESS, AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF
9 MEASURE H FUNDING AND HOMELESSNESS SERVICES. WE ARE
10 APPRECIATIVE OF THE BOARD'S UPDATED MOTION TO IN INCREASE
11 REPRESENTATION FOR CITIES ACROSS THE COMMITTEES MENTIONED IN
12 THE B.R.C.H.'S RECOMMENDATION AND TO ALLOW FOR MEASURE H
13 FUNDING TO BE USED FOR LOCAL INITIATIVES, INCLUDING THAT LOS
14 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S H.O.S.T. TEAMS. WE WOULD ALSO WANT TO
15 EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR SUPERVISORS BARGER AND SOLIS FOR
16 BRINGING THESE RECOMMENDATIONS FORWARD, AND THE B.R.C.H.'S
17 COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF WHO WORKED TIRELESSLY THE PAST SIX
18 MONTHS TO DEVELOP THESE RECOMMENDATIONS AND FRAMEWORK. THANK
19 YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION ON THIS MATTER.

20
21 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22
23 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ELLIOT CATS. PLEASE STATE
24 THE AGENDA ITEMS AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND

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

3

4 **ELLIOT CATS:** YEAH, I AM JUST GOING TO ADDRESS ITEM 26. WHICH
5 ONE OF YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO GET UP AND TELL YOUR CONSTITUENTS
6 THAT YOU LIED TO US IN 2017 WHEN YOU TOLD US MEASURE H MONEY
7 WAS GOING TO GO TO SOLUTIONS FOR THE HOMELESS? WERE YOU LYING
8 ABOUT THAT THEN AND KNEW ALL ALONG THAT A LOT OF THIS MONEY
9 WAS GOING TO GO TO LAW ENFORCEMENT? YOU KNOW, SO, YOU GUYS
10 LOOK TERRIBLE. YOU ARE MAKING L.A. LOOK BAD. YOU KNOW, AND I -
11 - I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT IS GOING ON WITH YOU GUYS. IT
12 IS A BAD LOOK. YOUR IMAGES ARE ABSOLUTELY RUINED FOR ALL OF
13 US.

14

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

16

17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DONALD HARLAND. PLEASE
18 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
19 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
20 BEGIN.

21

22 **DONALD HARLAND:** HELLO. THIS IS DONALD. I'D LIKE TO COMMENT ON
23 CALENDAR NUMBER 4, GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS NUMBER 24, 31, 41, 55,
24 AND I NEED TO NOTE, THE SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA WILL GET ITS
25 OWN COMMENT PERIOD, AND A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

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1

2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** TO CLARIFY, NO IT WILL NOT. THIS IS ALL
3 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

4

5 **DONALD HARLAND:** THANK YOU. ITEM 4 -- THANK YOU, JUST A
6 RECOMMENDATION TO HIRE PEOPLE WHO DO DUE DILIGENCE ON
7 PROPERTIES AND DON'T JUST TRY TO STEAL PROPERTIES. THAT SAY
8 HEY THAT'S VACANT LAND, LET'S TRY AND CLAIM THAT. AND HIRE
9 PEOPLE THAT AREN'T CRIMINALS FOR CALENDAR ITEM 4. AGENDA ITEM
10 NUMBER 24, NO. DEFINITELY THE SANTA SUSANNA FIELD LAB CLEANUP
11 HAS ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED FOR THE PARTS THAT WAS DUE FOR
12 THAT. PEOPLE WHO HAVE POLLUTED MORE AREAS, YOU SHOULDN'T TRY
13 TO STICK DEFENSE COMPANIES ILLEGALLY WITH CLEAN UPS FOR SOME
14 PEOPLE THAT COMMIT CRIMES THERE AND DO STUFF LIKE THE
15 SUPERVISOR MEMBERS WHO RECOMMENDED THIS AGENDA ITEM. WEST LOS
16 ANGELES COURTHOUSE, AGENDA ITEM 31, 1633 PURDUE AVENUE. SINCE
17 2010, THERE'S AN UNVERIFIED PARCEL SALE THAT YOU GUYS ARE
18 TRYING TO DO A LEASE AGREEMENT. YOU GUYS WANT TO DO
19 DEVELOPMENT OR SOMETHING. YEAH, ONCE SECURE THAT DEAL, MAKE
20 SURE THAT -- I THINK WHAT THEY DID THERE, THEY MODIFIED THE
21 ASSESSOR REPORTS. THOSE MODIFIED ASSESSOR REPORTS WERE THESE
22 PROPERTIES I AM LISTING THAT ARE ILLEGAL. THEY TRIED TO PAY
23 SOMEBODY FOR THESE PROPERTIES THAT THEY DIDN'T BELONG TO, SO
24 DEFINITELY THEY SHOULD CEASE DEVELOPMENT WITH GOVERNMENT MONEY
25 ON THESE PROPERTIES. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 41, PURCHASE AGREEMENT

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1 FOR DEFAULT TAX PROPERTIES. THIS IS A TAX DEFAULT SCHEME. THEY
2 CREATE A FALSE ASSESSOR REPORT TO TRY TO CLAIM THE PROPERTY.
3 THEY DEFAULT THE TAXES. THEY ARE TRYING TO CLAIM THIS PROPERTY
4 OVER \$24,000 OR \$6,000, I AM NOT EVEN SURE WHAT THEY ARE UP
5 TO. AND THEN THEY GET SOMEBODY CROOKED IN THE GOVERNMENT TO
6 SELL IT TO THEM. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 41, NO. JUST GO OVER THAT
7 ONE A LITTLE MORE. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 55, FORD THEATER'S
8 HIKING TRAIL PROJECT, THERE ARE QUESTIONABLE EXCHANGES, THREE
9 TIMES OF THE COUNTY ASSESSOR REPORTS AROUND 2005 AND 2007. I
10 WOULD LOOK AT THAT. I CAN'T IMAGINE WHY THEY WOULD BE MOVING
11 THAT BACK AND FORTH, HANDING IT BACK AND FORTH. THERE'S
12 SOMETHING GOING ON OVER THERE PROBABLY. I DON'T KNOW IF
13 BRINGING PEOPLE TO THOSE HILLS OVER THERE IS GOING TO HELP
14 ANYTHING. IT PROBABLY WILL CREATE A PROBLEM, PROBABLY NO ON
15 NUMBER 55. PEOPLE ARE GOING TO HIKE OVER THERE OR WHATEVER,
16 BUT YOU SHOULDN'T TRY TO DEVELOP ANYTHING OVER THERE OR DO
17 ANYTHING LIKE THAT. YOU ARE JUST ENABLING THOSE PEOPLE OVER
18 THERE FOR MORE CRIME. SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA 1D AND C.S.5. I
19 THINK THAT THEY PROBABLY SHOULD DO DUE DILIGENCE ON THOSE.
20 THESE REAL ESTATE COMPANIES IN THERE, THERE'S FIVE OF THEM.
21 THERE'S CONTRACTS FOR THEM TO DO CONTRACTS. I WOULD REALLY
22 TAKE A LOOK AT THESE COMPANIES.

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

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1

2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JEANNE PLUMM. PLEASE STATE
3 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
4 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **JEANNE PLUMM:** HELLO, JEANNE PLUMM IN CHATSWORTH, OWNER OF
7 LEGAL EQUESTRIAN PROPERTY ZONE FOR HORSE KEEPING. I WILL BE
8 TALKING ON GENERAL COMMENT ONLY. I WANT TO ADDRESS LAND THAT
9 STRIDES BETWEEN SUPERVISOR BARGER AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL AT THIS
10 TIME. IT IS THE FOUR FABULOUS COUNTY PARKS THAT WERE SECURED
11 BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND SUPERVISOR BARGER THAT FRONT
12 BROWN'S CANYON. THEY -- THEIR ONLY ACCESS IS FROM BROWNS
13 CANYON ROAD. THAT IS THE ANTONOVICH PARK AND CREEKS PARK, THE
14 QUERY PROJECT, AND THE BROWNS CANYON PARK OFFERING OUR AREA IN
15 THE NORTHWEST VALLEY THOUSANDS OF ACRES OF RIDING, HIKING, AND
16 BICYCLING LAND UNTOUCHED AND UNMARRED BY CIVILIZATION. MY
17 QUESTION IS, SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOUR \$3 MILLION COMMITMENT TO
18 CONSTRUCT HORSE FACILITIES, MINIMAL AT BEST, BUT STILL
19 APPRECIATED, IN BROWNS CANYON EQUESTRIAN PARK HAVE NOT BEEN
20 SEEN. THE LAND HAS BEEN CLEARED, AND THIS PARK IS CENTRAL
21 POINT BETWEEN THE HIDDEN CREEKS TRAILS PROJECT, WHICH IS
22 ALMOST COMPLETE, AND THE VAST PORTER RANCH TRAILS PROJECT.

23

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

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1

2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DANIEL HIRSCH. PLEASE STATE
3 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
4 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **DANIEL HIRSCH:** MY NAME IS DAN HIRSCH FROM THE COMMITTEE TO
7 BRIDGE THE GAP SPEAKING IN STRONG SUPPORT OF ITEM 24, SANTA
8 SUSANNA FIELD LAB CLEANUP, PLUS A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. IN
9 1979, WHILE TEACHING AT U.C.L.A., STUDENTS WORKING WITH ME
10 UNCOVERED DOCUMENTS SHOWING THAT A PARTIAL NUCLEAR MELTDOWN
11 HAD OCCURRED AT SANTA SUSANNA THAT HAD BEEN KEPT SECRET FOR
12 DECADES. I'VE WORKED OVER 42 YEARS SINCE THEN TO GET THE SITE
13 CLEANED UP FROM THAT ACCIDENT AND NUMEROUS OTHER RADIOACTIVE
14 AND TOXIC CHEMICAL TOXIC RELEASES. IN 2007 AND 2010, LEGALLY
15 BINDING AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED REQUIRING FULL CLEANUP BY 2017,
16 BUT WE ARE IN 2022, AND THE REQUIRED SOIL CLEANUP HAS NOT EVEN
17 BEGUN. THIS RESOLUTION WOULD ADD CARRYING OUT THOSE AGREEMENTS
18 TO THE COUNTY, STATE, AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDAS AND
19 DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL TO EXPLORE COOPERATIVE LEGAL ACTION WITH
20 L.A. CITY AND VENTURA COUNTY AS WELL AS NONGOVERNMENTAL
21 ORGANIZATIONS TO FINALLY GET THE SITE FULLY CLEANED UP AS
22 PROMISED. IT IS CRITICAL TO THE HEALTH OF THE THREE-QUARTERS
23 OF A MILLION PEOPLE THAT LIVE NEAR THE SITE. I SUPPORT ITS
24 ADOPTION. NOW A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT THAT'S A LITTLE
25 PERSONAL. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS BARGER AND KUEHL FOR

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1 THEIR LONG WORK TOGETHER ON THIS ISSUE. I PARTICULARLY WANT TO
2 TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO SUPERVISOR
3 KUEHL, WHO HAS WORKED PERSISTENTLY ON THIS FOR 20 YEARS SINCE
4 SHE WAS IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE. I HAVE KNOWN HER SINCE SHE
5 WAS AN ASSISTANT DEAN AT U.C.L.A., AND I CANNOT PUT INTO WORDS
6 THE APPRECIATION AND ADMIRATION WE HAVE FOR HER DECADES OF
7 COMMITTED AND EFFECTIVE WORK IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST. THANK
8 YOU, SHEILA.

9

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

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

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

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20 **SPEAKER:** [INSTRUCTIONS IN SPANISH]

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

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

4

5 **HARRY SMERJEN:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
6 HARRY SMERJEN. I AM A SENIOR MANAGER WITH THE LOS ANGELES AREA
7 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON ITEM 4, PLEASE.
8 THE L.A. CHAMBER FULLY SUPPORTS THE RECOMMENDATIONS PRESENTED
9 IN THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION GOVERNANCE REPORT ADOPTED ON
10 MARCH 30TH, 2022. THIS IMPORTANT REPORT ENTAILS SEVEN
11 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT REFLECT THE URGENCY FOR REFINED
12 GOVERNANCE MODELS THAT CAN DELIVER IMPROVED AND ACCELERATED
13 RESULTS INCORPORATING THE DIVERSE NEEDS IN THE REGION, ITS 88
14 CITIES, AND THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY. THIS
15 REPORT WAS GENERATED AS A RESULT OF THE GROWING HUMANITARIAN
16 CRISIS OF HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COUNTY AND THE NEED TO REFORM
17 THE EXISTING SYSTEM. THE REPORT IS THE PRODUCT OF
18 COMPREHENSIVE TESTIMONY RECEIVED OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS.
19 STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING THAT L.A. CHAMBER'S PRESIDENT AND
20 C.E.O., MARIA SALINAS, PROVIDED IMPORTANT FEEDBACK TO THE
21 COMMISSION TO BETTER ADDRESS THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS. WE
22 COMMEND THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND
23 STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO IMPLEMENT THESE
24 RECOMMENDATIONS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.

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

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3 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANN MISKY. PLEASE STATE THE
4 AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL
5 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **ANN MISKY:** GOOD MORNING. I AM ANN MISKY, C.E.O. OF UNION
8 STATION HOMELESS SERVICES. I AM SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM 4, AND
9 26, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN BY
10 THANKING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR ONGOING COMMITMENT
11 TO THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS. AS SOMEONE WHO HAS WORKED FOR
12 MANY YEARS ON THIS ISSUE NATIONALLY AND LOCALLY IN BOTH L.A.
13 CITY AND L.A. COUNTY, I AM SOMEWHAT CONCERNED BY THIS MOTION.
14 WHILE THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT OUR SYSTEM IS FAR FROM
15 PERFECT, AND THAT THERE CONTINUE TO BE MANY CHALLENGES, WE
16 HAVE WORKED HARD OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS TO BUILD A SYSTEM
17 THAT HAS EFFECTIVELY AND PERMANENTLY HOUSED TENS OF THOUSANDS
18 OF PEOPLE IN SPITE OF THE MANY CHALLENGES. THE FACT THAT WE
19 HAVE NOT SOLVED HOMELESSNESS IS NOT BECAUSE OF FAILING FROM
20 OUR HOMELESS SYSTEM OR APPROACH, BUT IT IS IN FACT BECAUSE OF
21 THE MYRIAD OF DEEP SEATED ISSUES THAT CONTINUE TO GO
22 UNADDRESSED IN OUR COMMUNITIES, HOUSING, LOW WAGES, AND RACIAL
23 INEQUITY. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THERE ARE INEFFICIENCIES IN
24 THE SYSTEM, AND THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION HAS ADDRESSED SOME
25 OF THESE IN WAYS WHICH WILL BE HELPFUL, BUT I AM CONCERNED

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1 THAT WE MAY ALSO DO AWAY WITH THE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE IN
2 BUILDING EVIDENCE-BASED AND EFFECTIVE PRACTICES THAT FOCUS ON
3 ENDING HOMELESSNESS FOR PEOPLE RATHER THAN SWEEPING THEM OFF
4 THE STREETS OR CRIMINALIZING THEM. WHILE WE ALL AGREE WITH THE
5 IMPORTANCE OF WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES
6 AND SUPPORT THEIR NEED FOR INCREASED FUNDING, WE MUST ALSO NOT
7 MOVE AWAY FROM A REGIONAL APPROACH, AND MUST CONTINUE TO
8 PROVIDE RESOURCES BASED ON NEED. I AM ALSO STRONGLY OPPOSED TO
9 AGENDA ITEM 26 TO REMOVE FUNDING FROM ORGANIZATIONS THAT
10 DEEPLY UNDERSTAND AND PRACTICE EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICES WHICH
11 END HOMELESSNESS, TO FUND LAW ENFORCEMENT, WHICH ALREADY
12 RECEIVES COUNTY FUNDING IS MISGUIDED AND WILL NOT BE
13 EFFECTIVE. WE WORK CLOSELY WITH THE POLICE AS VALUED PARTNERS,
14 BUT THEIR PURPOSE IS DIFFERENT, AND USING THEM TO END
15 HOMELESSNESS IS NOT EFFECTIVE. IT WILL TAKE FUNDING FROM WHERE
16 IT IS NEEDED AND RETURN US TO A SYSTEM WHERE THOSE
17 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS WILL BE INCREASINGLY CRIMINALIZED
18 WITHOUT PROVIDING ACCESS TO HOUSING OR SERVICES. WE ALL KNOW
19 WHAT IT WILL TAKE TO END HOMELESSNESS, WHICH IS TO STOP THE
20 INFLOW, ALLOW AND CREATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN EVERY
21 COMMUNITY, AND PROVIDE THE SERVICES TO GET AND KEEP PEOPLE
22 HOUSED. WE THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER.

23
24 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GEORGE PANCAKE. PLEASE
2 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
3 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
4 BEGIN.

5

6 **GEORGE PANCAKE:** YES. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MR.
7 PANCAKE. I AM WITH L.A. CAN. I'M SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM,
8 GENERAL COMMENT, 26. I AM ASKING THE SUPERVISORS TO FULLY
9 REJECT THE AMENDMENT TO MEASURE 8 -- MEASURE H. I AM IN
10 SUPPORT OF THE ORIGINAL MEASURE H FOR WHAT IT WAS INTENDED TO
11 DIVEST IN INCARCERATION, MORE JAILS, AND POLICING AND INVEST
12 IN HOUSING THE HOMELESS AND HOMELESS SERVICES. AND I WILL TELL
13 IT LIKE IT IS. LAW ENFORCEMENT DEFINITELY CANNOT BE TRUSTED
14 IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT DISCLOSED UNACCEPTABLE PRACTICES AND SO
15 I AM ASKING THE SUPERVISORS TO FULLY REJECT AMENDMENT -- ANY
16 AMENDMENTS TO MEASURE H. AND I HAVE A LITTLE SONG. [SINGING]
17 VILLANUEVA CAME TO VENICE, RIDING ON HIS PONY. HE SAID HE WAS
18 THERE TO HOUSE THE FOLKS, BUT THE HELP IS IMAGE ONLY.
19 VILLANUEVA, YOU MUST GO. VILLANUEVA, YOU MUST GO. .
20 VILLANUEVA, YOU MUST GO, SO RIDE OFF ON YOUR PONY. THANK YOU
21 VERY MUCH.

22

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

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS PAUL RUBENSTINE. PLEASE
2 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
3 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

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5 **PAUL RUBENSTINE:** GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I'M PAUL
6 RUBENSTINE, VICE PRESIDENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS FOR SAINT
7 JOSEPH CENTER. I WILL BE SPEAKING TO ITEMS 4, 26, AND GENERAL
8 PUBLIC COMMENT. SAINT JOSEPH CENTER APPRECIATES THE TIME AND
9 THE DEDICATION OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS.
10 WE ALSO HAVE CONCERNS WITH THE NEXT STEPS FOR THE COMMISSION'S
11 RECOMMENDATIONS. OUR CONCERNS ARE ON TIMELINE AND ITS
12 LIMITATION. ON RECOMMENDATION NUMBER ONE, A NEW COUNTY ENTITY,
13 WE KNOW DEVELOPING AN ENTIRELY NEW OFFICE OR DEPARTMENT WOULD
14 REQUIRE MULTIPLE SHIFTS AND A MAJOR ALLOCATION OF TIME AND
15 RESOURCES ALL WHILE WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF A CRISIS. WE URGE
16 YOU NOT TO DISCARD THE LEADERSHIP WE HAVE AT HAND IN THE
17 OFFICE OF HOMELESS INITIATIVES BECAUSE NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO
18 REINVENT THE WHEEL. IN RECOMMENDATION NUMBER TWO, LOCAL
19 SOLUTIONS, WE ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THE
20 LOCAL SOLUTIONS FUND ON THE EFFICACY OF OUR OVERALL EFFORTS.
21 IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT THE PERMITTED USES OF THIS
22 FUNDING ALIGN WITH THE COUNTY HOMELESSNESS STRATEGIES. WE MUST
23 ALSO TAKE CARE TO ENSURE THE LOCAL SOLUTIONS FUND DOES NOT
24 RESULT IN DUPLICATIVE CONTRACTING PROCESSES OR CREATE
25 ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE BURDENS FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS THAT

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1 WILL INEVITABLY TAKE AWAY FROM DIRECT SERVICES. ADDITIONALLY,
2 IT IS CRITICAL THAT THE COUNTY BOTH MEASURE AND ILLUSTRATE FOR
3 ALL CITIES WHERE MEASURE H RESOURCES ARE CURRENTLY BEING
4 DEPLOYED. WE MUST ESTABLISH THIS FACTUAL BASELINE TO ENSURE
5 THAT FUTURE SHIFTS IN FUNDING ARE ACTUALLY GROUNDED IN EQUITY
6 AND NEED. ON RECOMMENDATION NUMBER SIX, DATA AND METRICS, AS
7 THE COMMISSION'S REPORT MADE CLEAR, OUR SYSTEMS MUST IMPROVE
8 ACCESS FOR DATA FOR PROVIDERS, THE GOVERNMENT, AND THE PUBLIC.
9 HOWEVER, EXPANDING ACCESS IS DATA IS DISTINCT FROM ACCESS TO
10 PERSONAL INFORMATION, WHICH IS CONFIDENTIAL AND PROTECTED.
11 ONLY MEMBERS OF THE PERSON'S CARE TEAM NEEDS OR SHOULD HAVE
12 ACCESS TO THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION. WHILE THE BLUE RIBBON
13 COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION SUGGESTS MAJOR STRUCTURAL CHANGES,
14 THE MOTION TO IMPLEMENT A NEW FRAMEWORK TO IMPLEMENT
15 HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES OFFERS A WAY FORWARD NOW. WE URGE
16 THE BOARD TO ADOPT LANGUAGE TO PRIORITIZE THIS TASK AND ENSURE
17 THE PROGRESS ITS OFFERS IS NOT IMPEDED BY INEVITABLY SLOWER
18 PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTING THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION'S
19 RECOMMENDATION. FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE QUESTION
20 OF ALLOCATING MEASURE H FUNDS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT. OUR
21 SUCCESSFUL INTERVENTIONS RESULT IN HOUSING PLACEMENTS NOT
22 SIMPLY CLEARING SPACES. L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF H.O.S.T. TEAMS
23 CANNOT HOUSE PEOPLE OR RETAIN THEM IN HOUSING. PLEASE DO NOT
24 DIVERT ANY OF THIS UNIQUE RESOURCE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL
25 FUNDING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, WHICH ARE ALREADY AMONG

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1 THE MOST WELL FUNDED PUBLIC ENTITIES. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR
2 TIME THIS MORNING AND YOUR THOUGHTFUL CONSIDERATION OF THESE
3 VITAL ISSUES.

4

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GREG THOMPSON. PLEASE STATE
8 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU
9 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **GREG THOMPSON:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
12 GREG THOMPSON. I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PUBLIC
13 AUTHORITY. WE RUN THE I.S.F.S. REGISTER FOR L.A. COUNTY. I
14 WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM NUMBER 29, ITEM NUMBER 33, AND
15 GENERAL COMMENT. FOR ITEM NUMBER 29, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO FULLY
16 SUPPORT TAKING A LOOK AT THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AND
17 LOOKING AT THE ROLE OF THE MEMBERSHIP AND THEIR DUTIES. I
18 THINK -- I.H.S.S. AND OTHERS LIVING WITH DISABILITIES WILL BE
19 CRITICALLY IMPORTANT, AND THAT COMMISSION HAS BEEN DOING AN
20 EXCELLENT JOB, AND I HOPE THAT YOU WILL APPOINT SOME PEOPLE TO
21 REPRESENTATIVE I.H.S.S. ITEM 39, WE ARE EXTREMELY EXCITED
22 ABOUT THE NEW L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY AND
23 COMMUNITY SERVICES. AND AGAIN WE ARE HOPING THAT YOU -- THIS
24 NEW DEPARTMENT WILL WORK IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT
25 OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AND P.A.S.C. SO THAT WE CAN DEVELOP

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1 A STRONGER MORE EFFECTIVE REGISTRY. I WOULD ALSO ASK -- LIKE
2 TO ASK THE BOARD IF THEY WOULD CONSIDER WRITING A LETTER IN
3 SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLYMEMBER CARLA'S BUDGET REQUEST TO RESTORE
4 FUNDING FOR I.H.S.S. PUBLIC AUTHORITY GOVERNING BOARDS AND
5 ADVISORY COMMISSIONS. IT IS A \$26 MILLION STATE INVESTMENT,
6 WHICH WOULD BE MATCHED BY THE FEDS, FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND
7 SHOULD BE NO COSTS TO L.A. COUNTY. THIS IS A CRITICAL ADVISORY
8 GROUP THAT PROVIDES INFORMATION TO THE ESSENTIAL DEPARTMENTS
9 ON HOW I.H.S.S. IS BEING RUN IN L.A. COUNTY. AND I WOULD ALSO
10 CONSIDER THE BOARD SUPPORTING AN INCREASE TO THE STATE
11 ALLOCATION FOR PUBLIC AUTHORITIES. AGAIN, THIS IS A STATE AND
12 FEDERAL FUNDED PROGRAM AND SHOULD BE NO ADDITIONAL COST TO THE
13 COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE GREAT WORK YOU ARE DOING.

14

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

16

17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CAMILLO LOKESY. PLEASE
18 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
19 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
20 BEGIN.

21

22 **CAMILLO LOKESY:** HELLO. MY NAME IS CAMILLO. I WILL BE
23 ADDRESSING ITEM 26. I VOTED FOR MEASURE H WITH ZERO
24 FOREWARNING OR INTENT THAT ELECTED OFFICIALS OR CITY MANAGERS
25 WOULD USE THAT -- WOULD TRY TO USE THAT MONEY FOR THE SHERIFF.

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1 THE H.O.S.T. PROGRAM HAS NOT PROVEN TO BE EFFECTIVE. IT HAS
2 BEEN PROVEN TO BE A POLITICAL TOOL USED BY THE SHERIFF FOR
3 P.R., AND I DO NOT SEE WHY SOMETHING THAT VOTERS VOTED FOR
4 SHOULD BE MANIPULATED TO THE SHERIFF. WE SUPPORT THE MEASURE
5 AS IS AND DO NOT THINK THAT THE BLUE RIBBON RECOMMENDATION
6 FOR EXTRA FUNDING TO GO TO THE H.O.S.T. TEAM IS NECESSARY OR
7 FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE. IT IS NOT SOMETHING THAT THE VOTERS WERE
8 EVER INTENDING FOR THESE FUNDS TO BE USED. AND I THINK IT IS
9 QUESTIONABLE TO MANIPULATE A VOTER APPROVED MEASURE TO SEND
10 MORE MONEY TO THE SHERIFF. IT IS UNNECESSARY AND
11 UNCONSCIONABLE, ESPECIALLY AT A TIME WHERE THE SHERIFF IS OUT
12 OF CONTROL, AND SPENDING ON THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS OUT OF
13 CONTROL AS WELL. SO, I URGE YOU TO PLEASE REJECT THAT
14 AMENDMENT AND GO FORWARD WITH --

15
16 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME. THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS YOU URICO RUSISPARZA.
19 PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING AND
20 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
21 BEGIN.

22
23 **URICO RUSISPARZA:** HI, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY
24 NAME IS URICO RUSISPARZA, AND I AM WITH THE CITY OF BALDWIN
25 PARK, AS WELL AS THE LEAD APPLICANT FOR THE MID VALLEY

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1 COLLABORATIVE ON HOMELESSNESS. AND WE ARE CALLING TO URGE THE
2 SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 4. THE CITY OF BALDWIN PARK, ALONG WITH
3 OUR COHORT CITIES IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, HAVE STEPPED UP
4 IN AN INNOVATIVE WAY TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS LOCALLY. AND WE
5 URGE AND THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR ALL OF THEIR HARD WORK AND
6 DEDICATION TO THIS EFFORT. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SUPPORT THE
7 SEVEN RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WERE BROUGHT FORTH BY THE BLUE
8 RIBBON COMMISSION AND THANK THEM FOR THEIR HARD WORK ON THIS
9 ISSUE. WE WOULD LIKE TO ONCE AGAIN CALL FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE
10 STRATEGIES TO STREAMLINE L.A.H.S.A. AND TO GIVE LOCAL CITIES
11 AND LOCAL JURISDICTIONS A SEAT AT THAT TABLE. THE CITY OF
12 BALDWIN PARK HAS SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSED HOMELESSNESS IN A VERY
13 INNOVATIVE WAY WITH THE CREATION OF THE ESPERANZA VILLA TINY
14 HOME VILLAGE, WHICH HAS CREATED 25 UNITS OF BRIDGE HOUSING IN
15 AN ASTONISHING AMOUNT OF TIME OF JUST A LITTLE OVER FOUR
16 MONTHS.

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

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21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS VICTORIA G. PLEASE STATE
22 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU
23 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1 **VICTORIA G.:** THANK YOU. HI, MY NAME IS VICTORIA GOMEZ, AND I'M
2 WORKING WITH THE YOUNG WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER. I WILL BE
3 COMMENTING ON MOTIONS 17 AND 23. I FIRST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU
4 TO SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND MITCHELL FOR PROMOTING MOTION 17. WE
5 ARE IN SUPPORT AND BELIEVE THAT WOMEN NEED AND DESERVE ACCESS
6 TO RESOURCES THAT ARE SAFE AND TRUSTWORTHY REGARDING THEIR
7 PERSONAL HEALTH. WE BELIEVE THAT WOMEN SHOULD MAKE THEIR OWN
8 DECISIONS AND HAVE SELF-DETERMINATION AND AGENCY FOR WHAT
9 HAPPENS TO THEIR BODIES. WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF MOTION 17. WE
10 ARE ALSO IN SUPPORT OF MOTION 23 AND THANK SUPERVISORS KUEHL
11 AND SOLIS AS WELL. I AM A CONSTITUENT OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND
12 I AM A YOUNG LATINA WOMAN AND BELIEVE THAT YOUTH DESERVE TO
13 KNOW THEIR RIGHTS AND HAVE THEM PROTECTED. THEY ALSO DESERVE
14 TO KNOW HOW TO CALL ON THEIR OMBUDSMANS TO RECEIVE SUPPORT. AN
15 IMPORTANT PIECE OF THIS BILL WILL ALSO CREATE A MECHANISM FOR
16 SERVING YOUTH ON THEIR EXPERIENCE AND EVALUATION OF THE BILL
17 OF RIGHTS, WHICH IS IMPORTANT TO CONTINUE TO MAKE SURE THAT
18 RIGHTS AND LAWS ARE APPROPRIATE AND RELEVANT TO THOSE THAT
19 THEIR INTENDED FOR AND IMPACT. THANK YOU.

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

22
23 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SHANE HAZE. PLEASE STATE
24 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU
25 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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2 **SHANE HAZE:** HI, MY NAME IS SHANE HAZE. I AM IN SPEAKING IN
3 SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM 24 AND ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I
4 LIVE FOUR MILES FROM THE SANTA SUSANNA FIELD LAB, AND I URGE
5 YOU TO VOTE IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA NUMBER 24, AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
6 24. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE FULL S.S.L.
7 CLEANUP. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC
10 SPEAKERS HAS ENDED. WITH THE HOUR OF 11:08 HAVING ARRIVED, OUR
11 90 MINUTES HAS LAPSED. WE WANT TO THANK ALL THAT CALLED IN TO
12 SPEAK. IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS, YOU MAY
13 STILL SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, AND
14 WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN
15 DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF OUR OFFICIAL
16 RECORD. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM
17 NUMBERS ON WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING TODAY.

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU. ITEM
20 3, 5-10, 12-15, 18, 19 WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER VOTING NO, 20-
21 22, 24, 27-29, 30 WITH THIS ITEM BEING REMOVED FROM FUTURE
22 AGENDAS, 31-73, 74A, AND 74B, 77, 79, AND 80, AND 1D THROUGH
23 3D.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I WILL MAKE THE MOTION, SECONDED BY
2 SUPERVISOR KUEHL 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.

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

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9 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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13 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

18

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

21

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

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES
25 5-0.

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2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. COLLEAGUES, WE WILL BEGIN
3 WITH SET MATTERS 1 AND 2, THEN ITEMS 4 AND 26 TOGETHER, WHICH
4 WILL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER, FOLLOWED BY ITEMS 11, 16, AND 17,
5 AND THEN ITEMS 23 AND 25, AND FINISHING WITH PUBLIC HEARING
6 ITEM 81. WE'LL BEGIN, AGAIN, WITH SET MATTER 1, OUR AMERICAN
7 RESCUE PLAN FUNDING REPORT. I THINK DR. SCORZA, EXECUTIVE
8 DIRECTOR OF OUR RACIAL EQUITY, AND FIRE CHIEF OSBY ARE HERE TO
9 MAKE A PRESENTATION? DR. SCORZA?

10

11 **DR. SCORZA:** YES, GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. IT
12 IS AN INCREDIBLE PLEASURE TO SEE YOU TODAY. REALLY HAPPY TO BE
13 HERE. TODAY'S PRESENTATION MARKS THE NINTH UPDATE IN OUR
14 SERIES OF REGULAR PRESENTATIONS ON THE COUNTY'S PROGRESS
15 IMPLEMENTING YOUR BOARD'S AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PHASE ONE
16 SPENDING PLAN. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. AS IS OUR REGULAR PRACTICE,
17 THIS SLIDE PREVIEWS THE TOPICS WE INTEND TO COVER TODAY. I
18 WILL PROVIDE A GLOBAL PROGRAM OVERVIEW DETAILING THE CURRENT
19 STATUS OF PROJECTS IN THE DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROVAL
20 PROCESS. CHIEF DARRYL OSBY WILL PRESENT ON THE FIRE
21 DEPARTMENT'S ADVANCED PROVIDER RESPONSE UNIT PROGRAM. NEXT
22 SLIDE, PLEASE. AS OF MAY 2ND, I AM SORRY, AS OF APRIL 30TH,
23 2022, THERE WERE 45 PROJECTS IN THE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT
24 PHASE. THIS ENTAILS A PROCESS TO CLARIFY THE GOALS AND
25 OUTCOMES OF THE PROJECT, ITS POTENTIAL IMPACT ON REDUCING

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1 DISPARITIES, COST EXACERBATED BY THE PANDEMIC, AND HOW TO
2 MEASURE THAT IMPACT. A TOTAL OF 30 PROJECTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED
3 FOR LAUNCH AND IMPLEMENTATION. A TOTAL ALLOCATION OF
4 \$495,120,000, MORE THAN HALF OF THE PROJECT FUNDS.

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** DR. SCORZA, CAN I GET YOU TO PAUSE A
7 MOMENT. I SOUNDS LIKE WE HAVE SOMEONE ELSE WITH AN OPEN MIC.
8 IF EVERYONE WOULD MUTE THEIR MICS OTHER THAN DR. SCORZA, THAT
9 WOULD BE GREAT. THANK YOU.

10

11 **DR. SCORZA:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WHILE THERE ARE CURRENTLY
12 NO PROJECTS UNDER R.D. OR COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW, R.D. IS
13 WORKING DIRECTLY WITH DEPARTMENTS ON A PIPELINE OF PROJECT
14 DESIGNS. SO I AM PROUD TO NOTE THAT OF THE 45 PROJECTS IN THE
15 DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT PHASE, R.D. T.A. PROVIDERS ARE ACTIVELY
16 PARTNERING AND MEETING WITH DEPARTMENTS ON 29 PROJECTS TO
17 SUPPORT THE DESIGN AND EQUITABLE IMPLEMENTATION OF THOSE
18 PROJECTS. 18 PROJECT DESIGN SUBMISSIONS ARE UNDERGOING
19 REVISIONS BY THE DEPARTMENTS FOLLOWING AN INITIAL REVIEW,
20 WHICH MEANS THAT THERE ARE QUITE A FEW PROJECTS IN THE
21 PIPELINE AND ARE CLOSE TO APPROVAL. NEXT SLIDE. NEXT, CHIEF
22 OSBY WILL HIGHLIGHT THE DEPARTMENT'S ADVANCE PROVIDER RESPONSE
23 UNIT PROGRAM. A.R.P. FUNDS WILL BE USED TO SUPPORT THE
24 EXISTING INITIATIVE LAUNCHED VIA A BOARD MOTION IN LATE 2020.
25 THE PROGRAM SEEKS TO UNIFY EFFORTS TO PROVIDE YOUTH AND SMALL

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1 BUSINESSES IN IMPACTED COMMUNITIES WITH THE DIRECT ACCESS
2 NEEDED FOR MODERN TECHNOLOGIES AND SUPPORT OF THEIR HEALTH.
3 CHIEF OSBY.

4

5 **CHIEF OSBY:** GOOD MORNING, CAN EVERYONE HEAR ME?

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YES, SIR, WE CAN, THANK YOU.

8

9 **CHIEF OSBY:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU FOR THE INTRODUCTION, DR.
10 SCORZA. GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE BOARD. DARYL OSBY, FIRE CHIEF
11 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. I ASKED DR. KASHANI
12 TO JOIN ME LATER, IF THERE'S ANY TECHNICAL QUESTIONS REGARDING
13 OUR PRESENTATION. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO PRESENT THIS
14 MORNING. JUST A LITTLE BACK DROP, MYSELF AND SUPERVISOR HAHN,
15 BEFORE COVID, SPENT SOME TIME AT THE SACRAMENTO TRYING TO GET
16 SOME LEGISLATIVE CHANGES FOR THE SCOPE OF PARAMEDICS TO EXPAND
17 THE SCOPE OF PARAMEDICS AND ALSO TO ENABLE THEM TO TRANSPORT
18 PATIENTS OTHER THAN GOING TO AN EMERGENCY ROOM, WHICH IS
19 LEGISLATIVE LAW RIGHT NOW. WE WERE UNSUCCESSFUL IN THAT
20 ENDEAVOR, SO SINCE THEN, THE DEPARTMENT HAS PIVOTED TO THE
21 PROGRAM THAT I AM ABOUT TO GIVE YOU A QUICK OVERVIEW RIGHT
22 NOW. FOR DECADES, THE CALL VOLUME FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS
23 ACROSS THE COUNTRY HAVE BEEN INCREASING, AND ALSO THE CALL
24 VOLUME AND THE IMPACT ON EMERGENCY ROOMS HAS BEEN IMPACTED
25 SIGNIFICANTLY IN A WAY THAT WE BELIEVE IS NOT A SUSTAINABLE

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1 PROCESS. JUST AS A QUICK BACK DROP, WHEN I GOT APPOINTED AS
2 FIRE CHIEF IN 2011, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS
3 THE 7TH BUSIEST DEPARTMENT IN THE NATION. WE ARE NOW THE 4TH
4 BUSIEST IN THE NATION BEHIND NEW YORK, CHICAGO, AND LOS
5 ANGELES. AND OUR PROJECTIONS ARE THAT IN A DECADE, WE WILL BE
6 SECOND ONLY TO NEW YORK AS IT RELATES TO CALL VOLUME.
7 CURRENTLY, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDS TO
8 OVER 400,000 CALLS A YEAR. 85% OF THOSE CALLS, THOSE 9-1-1
9 CALLS, ARE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES CALLS, WHICH WE CALL
10 E.M.S. IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THE IMPACT OF THAT, IN 2019, THE
11 LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT IMPLEMENTED, WITH THE
12 SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR BARGER, IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AN
13 ADVANCE PROVIDER RESPONSE UNIT, WHICH WE CALL AN A.P.R.U., AND
14 IN ORDER TO DO THAT, SINCE WE WERE UNSUCCESSFUL IN ADVANCING
15 THE SCOPE AND MODIFYING SCOPE OF THE PARAMEDIC, WE STAFF THAT
16 UNIT WITH A NURSE PRACTITIONER OR A PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANCE
17 WITH THE PARAMEDICS WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF REDUCING THE IMPACT
18 OF OUR PARAMEDICS IN ANTELOPE VALLEY TO TREAT LOW ACUITY
19 PATIENTS AND REDUCE THE IMPACT OF 9-1-1 CALLS. THE REASON WE
20 CHOSE ANTELOPE VALLEY IS BECAUSE THAT'S ONE OF THE BUSIEST
21 ASPECTS OF OUR ORGANIZATION. AND WE HAVE SOME OF THE BUSIEST
22 FIRE STATIONS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AS IT PERTAINS TO THE
23 NUMBER OF CALLS THEY RECEIVE IN THE NATION. SO THAT'S WHY WE
24 CHOSE ANTELOPE VALLEY FIRST. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO THE
25 PATIENTS THAT WE LOOK AT AS IT RELATES TO THE A.P.R.U. ARE

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1 PATIENTS THAT HAVE MINOR INJURIES OR JUST NEED A PHYSICAL EXAM
2 OR NEED PRESCRIPTION REFILLS OR ANY MANAGE -- ANY WOUNDS THAT
3 NEED TO BE MANAGED, JUST TO NAME A FEW. THESE ARE NOT THE TYPE
4 OF CALLS THAT WE NEED TO SEND OUR PRECIOUS PARAMEDICS TO AS IT
5 RELATES TO THESE TYPES OF PATIENTS. WITH THE A.P.R.U., WE HAVE
6 BEEN ABLE TO TREAT ABOUT 1,000 PATIENTS PER YEAR SINCE IT'S
7 BEEN IMPLEMENTED IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, WHICH FREES OUR
8 PARAMEDICS UP FOR MORE SERIOUS CALLS LIKE HEART ATTACKS,
9 STROKES, ETC., AND ALSO BECAUSE OF THIS AND THE EXPANDED SCOPE
10 OF THE NURSE PRACTITIONER OR THE PHYSICIAN ON THE UNIT, THE
11 UNIT'S ABLE TO DIRECT PATIENTS TO THE APPROPRIATE FACILITY AND
12 KEEP THEM AWAY FROM THE EMERGENCY ROOM. AN EXAMPLE OF THE
13 SUCCESS OF THIS UNIT IS -- AND I GOT THIS INFORMATION FROM --
14 THE UNIT, IS THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO TRIAGE A PATIENT THAT WE
15 RESPONDED TO OVER 200 TIMES IN A YEAR. AND THEY WERE ABLE TO
16 TRIAGE THE PATIENT, SPEND SEVERAL HOURS WITH THE PATIENT TO
17 ADDRESS THEIR NEEDS, TO ASSURE THEY HAD THE RIGHT MEDICATIONS,
18 AND ALSO TO EDUCATE THAT PATIENT ON THE PROPER USE OF THE 9-1-
19 1 SYSTEM. FROM THAT, THAT PATIENT WENT FROM 200 TIMES A YEAR
20 CALLING US, WHICH MOST LIKELY IF THE PATIENT NEEDED TO GO TO
21 THE HOSPITAL, OUR PARAMEDICS BY LAW HAVE TO TAKE THE PATIENT
22 TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM, TO FROM 200 CALL AS YEAR, WHICH IS NOW
23 DOWN TO ONE OR TWO TIME AS MONTH, WHICH YOU CAN SEE THE IMPACT
24 OF THE A.P.R.U. IN THAT ONE PARTICULAR PATIENT. NEXT SLIDE,
25 PLEASE. ADDITIONALLY, OUR A.P.R.U. IS ABLE TO TRIAGE PATIENTS

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1 THAT HAVE PSYCHIATRIC NEEDS OR PATIENTS THAT NEED TO GO TO
2 URGENT CARE. AS AN EXAMPLE, WE WERE ABLE TO DIVERT 5,000
3 PATIENTS TO PSYCHIATRIC URGENT CARE UNITS, INCLUDING THE
4 EXODUS RECOVERY OR STARVIEW BEHAVIOR CENTERS, WHICH BOTH
5 LOCATIONS ARE IN OUR JURISDICTION. BUT AS AN ASK, ALTHOUGH A
6 SEPARATE ITEM, WE NEED MORE OF THESE CENTERS TO LESSEN THE
7 IMPACT ON OUR HOSPITALS. THE A.P.R.U. IS ALSO REALLY IMPORTANT
8 AS IT RELATES TO HELPING OUR PATIENTS AND RESIDENTS WITH
9 THESE CHALLENGING NEEDS. THROUGH THE A.R.P. FUNDS, THE
10 DEPARTMENT PLANS TO STAFF THE A.P.R. UNIT LANCASTER, BUT THEN
11 ALSO EXPAND IT INTO EL MONTE AND INGLEWOOD, AND WITH THAT
12 NEEDED AN ADDITIONAL FUNDS THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT. OUR GOAL IS
13 TO EXPAND IT BY THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2022 WITH THE
14 UNDERSTANDING THAT WE HAVE THE PROPER VEHICLE AND THE
15 EQUIPMENT TO STAFF A VEHICLE. THAT'S OUR PLAN FOR THE
16 EXPANSION. WE HAVE BEEN CHALLENGED AS IT RELATES TO FUNDING
17 THE CURRENT A.P.R.U. THAT WE IMPLEMENTED IN LANCASTER.
18 THEREFORE, THE ONE POINT -- \$8.1 MILLION THAT WE RECEIVED FROM
19 A.R.P. IS REALLY CRITICAL IN FUNDING THAT NEEDS TO THE MISSION
20 OF THE A.P.R.U., WHICH I INDICATED EARLIER IS TO REDUCE THE
21 IMPACT ON OUR PARAMEDICS, PROVIDE BETTER CARE TO OUR PATIENTS,
22 ADDRESS THE REPEAT 9-1-1 CALLERS, AND LESSEN THE IMPACT ON THE
23 EMERGENCY ROOMS. WE LOOK FORWARD, AS A DEPARTMENT, IN
24 CONTINUING OUR A.P.R.U. PROGRAM. AND OUR GOALS ARE TO MAINTAIN
25 THE FACT THAT WE CAN REDUCE THE CALL VOLUME ON OUR HOSPITALS,

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1 LESSEN THE IMPACT ON THE PARAMEDICS. WE REALLY WANT TO THANK
2 THE BOARD FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF FUNDING THIS PROGRAM,
3 AND THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE
4 DEPARTMENT. AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION TO THIS
5 IMPORTANT ISSUE. THAT'S THE END OF MY PRESENTATION.

6

7 **DR. SCORZA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, CHIEF. BOARD, THAT CONCLUDES
8 OUR PRESENTATION.

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU TO YOUR BOTH. WE HAVE GOT
11 QUESTIONS FROM SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WHO WILL BE FOLLOWED BY
12 SUPERVISOR HAHN.

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU TO OSBY. I
15 REALLY WANT TO COMMEND YOU FOR ALL THE WORK YOU HAVE DONE OVER
16 THE LAST FEW DECADES, AND ESPECIALLY THIS IS ONE PROGRAM
17 THAT'S VERY OUTSTANDING. BUT I REMEMBER, I RECALL A FEW YEARS
18 AGO, YOU ALSO PROVIDED PARAMEDIC SERVICE AND TRAINING FOR OUR
19 MOST HEAVILY INDUSTRIALIZED AREAS. AND THAT WAS ON THE CUTTING
20 EDGE BECAUSE IN OUR BUSINESS ZONED COMMUNITIES, AREAS, THAT
21 ONE STATION HAD I FORGET HOW MANY CALLS THAT CAME IN BECAUSE
22 OF HAZARDS THAT SURROUNDED THE -- PARTICULARLY THE CITY OF
23 INDUSTRY. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THAT BECAUSE THAT WAS
24 GROUNDBREAKING THEN. AND THIS IS ANOTHER PRODUCT OF THAT. AND
25 I REALLY WANT TO COMMEND ALL THE STAFF, THE MEN AND WOMEN. YOU

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1 HAVE BEEN OUR HEROES AND SHEROES ESPECIALLY DURING THE
2 PANDEMIC BECAUSE YOU WERE OUT THERE HELPING US PUT UP OUR
3 COVID TESTING AS WELL AS OUR VAX SITES. AND YOU DID SO MUCH
4 MORE. AND I DON'T KNOW THAT THE PUBLIC HAS REALLY HEARD THAT
5 FROM THE BOARD. AND I'M SURE ALL OF US FEEL THE SAME WAY. I
6 PARTICULARLY WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THAT. THIS ADVANCE PROVIDER
7 RESPONSE UNIT THAT YOU LAUNCHED BACK IN 2019 WAS ALSO
8 RECOGNIZED BY THE COUNTY QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY AWARD. SO WE
9 KNOW THAT THE SUCCESS IS VERY EVIDENT, AND IT IS BASED ON THE
10 DATA YOU ARE SHARING TODAY. THIS IS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF
11 EFFECTIVELY EXPANDING THE COUNTY SAFETY NET RESOURCES TO OUR
12 RESIDENTS IN NEED OF SERVICES AND RIGHT-SIZING THAT RESPONSE.
13 THE PROGRAM, AS YOU KNOW, IS ESPECIALLY CRITICAL GIVEN ACROSS
14 OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM INCLUDING COUNTY HOSPITALS AND OUR
15 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS, AND YOU HAVE ALREADY OUTLINED SOME OF
16 THAT, BUT JUST THE FACT THAT YOU'RE ABLE TO RESPOND SO QUICKLY
17 AND MINIMIZE INTERRUPTIONS AT OUR TRAUMA CENTERS AND ALL OUR
18 SOBERING SITES, EXODUS AND OTHERS THAT WE SERVE. WE KNOW HOW
19 COMPOUNDED THAT CAN BE AND HOW STRESSFUL IT IS ON OUR STAFF.
20 AND I AM ESPECIALLY HAPPY AND PLEASED YOU WILL BE EXPANDING TO
21 THE CITY OF EL MONTE. I AM SURE THEY WILL BE VERY PLEASED, AND
22 WHATEVER WE NEED TO DO TO HELP YOU, AND I AM EXCITED THAT YOU
23 WILL BE ABLE TO USE SOME OF THE A.R.P. MONEY, BUT THAT'S ONLY
24 ONE SOURCE, AND WE DO NEED TO LOOK AT HOW WE CONTINUE THIS
25 FUNDING FOR YOUR PROGRAM. SO I AM THRILLED ABOUT THE PROGRAM

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1 AND REALLY HAPPY TO HEAR THAT THE PROGRAMS -- DURING THE
2 PROGRAM'S INCEPTION, THAT YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DISCHARGE OVER
3 2,000 PATIENTS ON THE SCENE. THAT IS SAVING THE COUNTY --
4 HOSPITAL SYSTEM FUNDS. AND I'D ALSO WANTED TO ASK YOU, IF YOU
5 CAN SHARE IF THE DEMAND OF THESE ON SITE LOWER ACUITY SERVICES
6 EXCEEDS THE CURRENT CAPACITY FOR A.P.R.U. AND HOW MANY UNITS
7 WOULD YOU ESTIMATE ARE REQUIRED TO MEET THE EXISTING NEED?

8

9 **CHIEF OSBY:** WELL, THANK YOU FOR THOSE COMMENTS, SUPERVISOR,
10 AND THE SUPPORT. WE ARE GOING TO EXPAND LIKE WE INDICATED TO
11 EL MONTE AND INGLEWOOD, BUT I WOULD SAY ON A LOW ESTIMATE, WE
12 HAVE 22 BATTALIONS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT.
13 THEY ARE SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. SO MINIMALLY, I WOULD
14 SAY ONE PER BATTALION. SO IDEALLY IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE 22.

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS:** THAT'S A GOAL.

17

18 **CHIEF OSBY:** AND THAT IS A GOAL. OUR BIGGEST CHALLENGE THOUGH
19 HAS BEEN FUNDING. SO WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE BOARD
20 AND THE C.E.O. IN THAT ENDEAVOR, BUT IDEALLY, AND I SAY
21 MINIMALLY, 22. AND NOT ONLY IS THAT A GOOD FIT FOR THE
22 PATIENTS AND LESSEN THE IMPACT ON OUR PARAMEDICS, BUT IT IS
23 ALSO A BETTER COST EFFECTIVE WAY TO MANAGE OUR RESOURCES. YOU
24 MENTIONED THE UNIT THAT WE PUT IN THE INDUSTRY WHICH GOES ON
25 ABOUT 4,000 CALLS A YEAR NOW, SO THANK YOU FOR THAT SUPPORT,

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1 BUT A PARAMEDIC UNIT COSTS US OVER \$4 MILLION A YEAR TO STAFF.
2 SO THIS IS A LOT MORE EFFECTIVE WAY TO UTILIZE OUR PRECIOUS
3 RESOURCES ALSO.

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS:** PERHAPS IN THE FUTURE WE MAY LOOK AT HOW OUR
6 CITIES, MUNICIPALITIES, MAY BE ALSO HELP OUT BECAUSE I THINK
7 IF THEY WERE TO GET A PRESENTATION, THEY WOULD PROBABLY SEE
8 THAT THIS IS SO EFFICIENT AND COST SAVING FOR THEM AND OUR
9 RESIDENTS IN SO MANY WAYS. PERHAPS THAT'S DISCUSSIONS THAT WE
10 CAN HAVE LATER ON.. THANK YOU SO MUCH, CHIEF OSBY.

11

12 **CHIEF OSBY:** THANK YOU.

13

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

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16 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, DR. SCORZA
17 AND CHIEF OSBY FOR THE PRESENTATION. I WILL ECHO MY COLLEAGUE
18 SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S REMARKS IN THE BEGINNING ABOUT HOW
19 SUPPORTIVE WE ARE OF YOU AND THE GREAT MEN AND WOMEN IN OUR
20 L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. I WAS HONORED TO GO FRIDAY NIGHT
21 TO OUR ANNUAL MEDAL OF VALOR AWARDS FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN IN
22 OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT. AND THE STORIES AND THE BRAVERY AND THE
23 COURAGE THAT WAS EXHIBITED JUST IN THOSE THAT GOT HONORED THAT
24 NIGHT WAS REALLY STAGGERING AND AMAZING OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN
25 WHO GO REALLY BEYOND THEIR NORMAL CALL OF DUTY TO RESPOND TO

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1 DANGEROUS SITUATIONS. I DO LIKE THIS PROGRAM, CHIEF, AND I
2 LIKE THAT WE ARE -- OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT IS ALWAYS READY TO
3 ADAPT TO MEET THE DIFFERENT NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE THAT CALL FOR
4 HELP. AND YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I DO THAT OUR PARAMEDICS HAD TO
5 TAKE -- HAVE TO TAKE PEOPLE TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM NO MATTER
6 WHAT, EVEN IF THEY WERE HAVING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS AND
7 COULD BE BETTER SERVED BY GOING TO A PSYCHIATRIC URGENT CARE.
8 AND YOU RECALL THAT, OF COURSE, WAS PART OF THE LAW THAT MY
9 DAD ACTUALLY HELPED TO WRITE BACK IN 1970 BECAUSE THAT WAS THE
10 ONLY WAY THE PARAMEDIC PROGRAM GOT ESTABLISHED WAS TO
11 GUARANTEE TO ALL THOSE WHO WERE SKEPTICS THAT INDEED THE
12 PARAMEDICS WOULD EVENTUALLY TRANSPORT THE PATIENTS TO A
13 HOSPITAL, BUT WE HAVE LEARNED A LOT SINCE THEN, AND WE REALIZE
14 THAT IT ISN'T NECESSARILY THE MOST EFFICIENT WAY TO GET PEOPLE
15 THE HELP THEY NEED IS JUST TO IMMEDIATELY TAKE THEM TO THE
16 E.R. SO I WAS ONE OF THOSE, ALONG WITH YOU, THAT LOBBIED THE
17 STATE TO TRY TO GET THIS CHANGED. AND WE DIDN'T TOTALLY GET
18 THE LAW CHANGED, BUT WE DO HAVE THIS E.M.S. ALTERNATE
19 DESTINATION PILOT PROGRAM TO TAKE QUALIFYING PEOPLE IN CRISIS
20 TO PSYCHIATRIC URGENT CARE CENTERS, SOBERING CENTERS, AND AS
21 YOU SAID, RESPOND TO SOME OF THE MEDICAL NEEDS OUT THERE THAT
22 REALLY DON'T NEED THE INTENSITY OF A PARAMEDIC RESPONSE. SO
23 THIS IS ANOTHER WAY THAT WE CAN USE OUR RESOURCES MORE
24 EFFECTIVELY AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, GET PEOPLE THE HELP THEY
25 NEED WHERE THEY NEED IT AND NOT NECESSARILY TAKING THEM TO AN

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1 E.R. SO IT IS A GREAT PROGRAM. I AM GLAD TO SEE WE ARE USING
2 THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS TO EXPAND IT, BUT I GUESS MY
3 QUESTION -- ONE OF MY QUESTIONS WAS TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT
4 WHAT YOU REALLY ARE ENCOUNTERING OUT THERE IN TERMS OF MEDICAL
5 NEED, BUT, CHIEF, YOU KIND OF TOLD US WHAT THEY ARE
6 ENCOUNTERING OUT THERE. SO IF THIS IS A PILOT PROGRAM, AND WE
7 ARE USING OUR ONE TIME A.R.P. FUNDS FOR THIS, WHAT ARE YOU
8 ENVISIONING GOING FORWARD? DO YOU THINK WE WILL END THIS PILOT
9 PROGRAM? ARE THERE ANY PLANS TO MAKE IT PERMANENT? WHAT SHOULD
10 WE BE LOOKING AT AS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO MAKE THIS
11 PERMANENT AND FIND AN ONGOING REVENUE STREAM?

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13 **CHIEF OSBY:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS, SUPERVISOR HAHN. AND
14 ALSO THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING OUR MEDAL OF VALOR EVENT. ONE OF
15 THE THINGS IS KIND OF HARD TO MEASURE TOO FOR THE MEMBERS OF
16 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT IS JUST THE IMPACT THAT
17 THE INCREASED CALL VOLUME IS HAVING. WE UNSUCCESSFULLY DID NOT
18 PASS THE BALLOT MEASURE THAT WE ATTEMPTED. SO WE CONTINUE TO
19 HAVE THIS INCREASED CALL VOLUME WITH THE SAME NUMBER OF STAFF
20 THAT WE HAVE. AND WHEN YOU DO A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS TO THE
21 OTHER DEPARTMENTS THAT I MENTIONED LIKE CHICAGO, NEW YORK, AND
22 LOS ANGELES, THEY HAVE WAY MORE STAFFING THAN WE DO. SO THIS -
23 - HATS OFF TO THE FIREFIGHTERS AND PARAMEDICS OF OUR
24 DEPARTMENT. WE ARE GRATEFUL WE HAVE THIS A.R.P. FUNDING FOR
25 THE NEXT THREE YEARS, BUT WE ARE TRYING TO COLLECT DATA THAT

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1 JUST SHOWS THE IMPACT AND THE BENEFITS OF THIS PROGRAM. SO WE
2 WILL CONTINUE TO COLLABORATE WITH THE BOARD, AND THE C.E.O. IS
3 LOOKING FOR FUNDING STREAMS, POTENTIALLY ANOTHER BALLOT
4 MEASURE, BUT ALSO TOO WITH THAT FUNDING WITH THE DATA AND I
5 WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR INDICATING WE SHOULD LOOK
6 AT CITIES, BUT WE ARE ALSO TRYING TO COLLABORATE WITH THE
7 KAISERS OF THE WORLD OR SOME OF THE INSURANCE AGENCIES FOR
8 THEM TO SEE THE BENEFITS AND THE COST SAVINGS THAT WE PROVIDE
9 BY NOT TRANSPORTING TO THE E.R.S BECAUSE, WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE
10 COST OF THE PATIENT BEING TRANSPORTED TO AN EMERGENCY ROOM VIA
11 A PARAMEDIC, IT'S THE MOST EXPENSIVE WAY TO GO TO THE
12 HOSPITAL, WHICH IS ALMOST \$2000 A CALL. AND NOW TO TAKE INTO
13 CONSIDERATION THE COST AS IT RELATES TO THEIR EMERGENCY ROOM
14 VISITS. WE ARE ALSO TRYING --

15
16 **SUP. HAHN:** AND THEY DON'T ALWAYS GET THE HELP THEY NEED. IT
17 DOES HAVE THE OUTCOME THAT I THINK WE ARE ALL HOPING FOR.

18
19 **CHIEF OSBY:** CORRECT. SO WE'RE TRYING TO PARTNER WITH THEM TO
20 TRY TO HELP THEM HAVE THEM SHARE THE COST WITH US. YOU ARE
21 ABSOLUTELY RIGHT IS RELATES TO LIKE OUR MENTAL PATIENTS, WE GO
22 GO TO ABOUT 2,000 CALLS A MONTH. AND IN MANY INSTANCES, I
23 WOULD SAY TO THE HIGH 90 PERCENTILE PLUS, THOSE PATIENTS ARE
24 NOT TRANSPORTED TO THE APPROPRIATE FACILITY BECAUSE OF A LACK
25 OF FACILITIES OR THE INABILITY FOR OUR PARAMEDICS TO TRANSPORT

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1 OUTSIDE OF AN EMERGENCY ROOM. SO THE EXPANSION OF THE PROGRAM
2 WOULD ALSO HELP US ALLEVIATE THAT CHALLENGE. SO THERE'S A LOT
3 MORE WORK, AS YOU CAN TELL, THAT IS NECESSARY FOR THE
4 DEPARTMENT TO COORDINATE AND COLLABORATE TO FIND ADDITIONAL
5 FUNDING IN THE FUTURE.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, CHIEF. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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11 **SUP. BARGER:** I ECHO WHAT MY COLLEAGUES ARE SAYING, CHIEF OSBY.
12 THIS TRULY IS A PROGRAM THAT WHEN I FIRST HEARD ABOUT IT I WAS
13 VERY EXCITED, ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY.
14 THE GEOGRAPHY, AND A LOT OF THE AREAS ARE ISOLATED. AND IF I'M
15 CORRECT, I THINK STATION 33 [INAUDIBLE] IN THE COUNTY IN
16 LANCASTER. IS THAT CORRECT?

17

18 **CHIEF OSBY:** THAT'S ABSOLUTELY, AT THE TIME, SUPERVISOR BARGER,
19 STATION 33 WAS THE BUSIEST STATION IN THE NATION. SO -- BUT
20 BECAUSE OF THIS PROGRAM, AND AS YOU CAN SEE IN THAT AREA, WE
21 REDUCED OUR CALL VOLUME BY APPROXIMATELY 1,000 CALLS PER YEAR
22 IN ANTELOPE VALLEY. THEY ARE NO LONGER NUMBER ONE, BUT THEY
23 ARE STILL ONE OF THE BUSIEST STATIONS IN THE NATION.

24

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** AND I JUST WANT, AND I DON'T KNOW IF YOU
2 MENTIONED IT, BUT DR. KAZAN, WHO I KNOW ACTUALLY WENT UP AND
3 WAS STAFFING WHEN THEY WERE DOING THE CALLS GOING OUT, AND I
4 APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT HE HAS DONE ON THIS. I AGREE ABOUT
5 COLLECTING THE DATA, AND I THINK L.A. CITY ALSO HAS A SIMILAR
6 PROGRAM THAT THEY ARE DOING. I THINK IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL
7 FOR US TO PUT TOGETHER THAT DATA, BUT ALSO WORK, FOR EXAMPLE,
8 A.V. HOSPITAL, THEIR WAITING ROOM I MEAN FOR THE PARAMEDICS UP
9 THERE THAT I HAVE TALKED TO, THE WAIT TIME FOR THEM HAS BEEN
10 INCREDIBLE, AND SO THIS ACTUALLY FREES UP THEM NEEDING TO GO
11 INTO THE E.R. FOR SOMETHING THAT QUITE FRANKLY THEY WOULD HAVE
12 BEEN TREATED [AWAY FROM MIC] BUT IT ALSO PROVIDES AN
13 OPPORTUNITY FOR ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL [INAUDIBLE] AS WELL.
14 SO I THINK THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO WORK WITH THE
15 HOSPITALS, SUPERVISOR HAHN, BECAUSE THERE IS A NARRATIVE THERE
16 AS IT RELATES TO THE IMPACT IT HAS ON THE E.R.S. AND RIGHT NOW
17 JUST WITH THIS ONE PILOT YOU DID, YOU SEE THE BENEFIT BEYOND
18 JUST THE BENEFIT TO THE INDIVIDUAL, BUT TO THE SYSTEM AS A
19 WHOLE. SO I AM ALL IN FOR THIS. I'M EXCITED. IT IS SOMETHING
20 THAT I THINK WE SHOULD ROLL OUT. AND WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT THE
21 MENTAL HEALTH COMPONENT, HAVING THESE MENTAL HEALTH URGENT
22 CARES IS GREAT. BUT I HOPE CAN BECAUSE I KNOW L.A. CITY
23 APPROACHED US TO PUT THE THERAPEUTIC VANS ON SITE AT SOME OF
24 THEIR STATIONS THAT GET THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CALLS. I THINK
25 WE SHOULD LOOK TO DO THE SAME IN L.A. COUNTY WITH L.A. COUNTY

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1 FIRE. SO WE ARE PARKING A COUPLE OF THE THERAPEUTIC VANS AT
2 LOCATIONS [AWAY FROM MIC] WHERE THE CALL OUTS TEND TO BE HIGH
3 WITH MENTAL HEALTH. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE US -- CHARITY BEGINS
4 AT HOME, AS WELL. I THINK WE NEED TO PARTNER WITH YOU -- HAVE
5 A HIGH USE ON THE MENTAL HEALTH CALLS TO ALSO DO THAT BECAUSE
6 I THINK WE HAVE FIVE VANS THAT ARE I THINK AT LEAST -- I KNOW
7 HAVE ONE UP IN APT LOPE VALLEY THAT I WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY
8 TO WORK ON AS A PILOT FOR THAT AS WELL BECAUSE I THINK WE HAVE
9 INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITIES TO DIVERT FROM E.R. INTO -- FOR
10 APPROPRIATE TREATMENT. BUT I APPLAUD YOU AND YOUR ENTIRE TEAM.
11 I CAN'T THINK OF A BETTER USE OF FUNDING, AND I THINK IT IS AN
12 EXCITING TIME. THANK YOU.

13

14 **CHIEF OSBY:** THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR BARGER,
17 AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. YOU ANSWERED MY QUESTION AS I
18 LISTENED TO THE CHIEF TALK ABOUT THE EFFORTS TO CHANGE THE
19 STATE LAW. I THOUGHT ABOUT THE SOBERING CENTER. I KNOW THE ONE
20 DOWNTOWN THAT I HAD TOURED. I DIDN'T KNOW IF IT HAD BEEN
21 EXCLUDED FROM THAT RULE. SO I HEARD FROM YOUR PRESENTATION,
22 IT'S PART OF THE PILOT, SO THAT'S GREAT TO HEAR. SEEING
23 NOTHING FURTHER QUESTIONS, THANK YOU BOTH, CHIEF OSBY, DR.
24 SCORZA. THIS STANDING ITEM IS VERY HELPFUL AS A WAY TO REMIND
25 US OF THE WONDERFUL PROGRAMS WE ARE BEING ABLE TO FUND THANKS

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1 TO OUR A.R.P.A. DOLLARS TO INFORM THE BOARD, AS WELL AS THE
2 GENERAL PUBLIC, SO THEY KNOW WHERE THOSE A.R.P.A. DOLLARS ARE
3 GOING. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE APPRECIATE YOU.

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5 **CHIEF OSBY:** ALRIGHT, THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** COLLEAGUES, WE WILL MOVE ON TO SET
8 MATTER NUMBER 2. SO WE WILL HEAR FROM DRS. FERRER, DIRECTOR OF
9 PUBLIC HEALTH, AND DR. CHRISTINA GHALY, DIRECTOR OF HEALTHCARE
10 SERVICES. WE WILL START WITH DR. FERRER, GOOD MORNING.

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12 **DR. FERRER:** GOOD MORNING, CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW.

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14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YES, I CAN, THANK YOU.

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16 **DR. FERRER:** AND HOPEFULLY, YOU CAN SEE ME AS WELL.

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18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AND WE CAN SEE YOU TOO. THANK YOU.

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20 **DR. FERRER:** OKAY, GREAT. GOOD MORNING AND THANK YOU,
21 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AND TO THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
22 FOR YOUR STRONG LEADERSHIP AS WE NAVIGATE THE ONGOING
23 PANDEMIC. I DO APPRECIATE TIME AT TODAY'S BOARD MEETING TO
24 PROVIDE YOU AND THE PUBLIC WITH A UPDATE ON OUR RESPONSE.
25 TODAY, I AM GOING TO SHARE CURRENT COVID-19 METRICS AND

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1 MITIGATION STRATEGIES, BUT MOSTLY I WANT TO FOCUS ON THE
2 DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT OF COVID OVER THE COURSE OF THE
3 PANDEMIC. SO WE WILL LOOK AT SOME TRENDS BY RACE, AND
4 ETHNICITY, GEOGRAPHY, AND POVERTY LEVELS, AND THEN I WILL
5 CLOSE WITH POST-SURGE GOALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTIONS
6 THAT WE CAN TAKE TO REALLY ADDRESS THE LONGSTANDING HEALTH
7 INEQUITIES. I WILL GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE. AS WE LOOK AT THE
8 COVID-19 METRICS OVER THE PAST WEEK, WE CAN SEE THAT THE
9 NUMBER OF COVID CASES HAS CONTINUED TO INCREASE. THE AVERAGE
10 NUMBER OF DAILY NEW CASES REPORTED OVER THE LAST SEVEN DAYS
11 HAS INCREASED NOW TO OVER 2,000 NEW CASES A DAY. LAST WEEK, WE
12 WERE AT ABOUT 1500 NEW CASES DAY. I THINK THAT'S AN INCREASE
13 OF CLOSE TO 30%. AND WHILE THE CASES HAVE BEEN STEADILY
14 INCREASING OVER THE LAST MONTH, WE DO REMAIN RELIEVED THAT
15 COVID-RELATED HOSPITALIZATIONS, DEATHS, AND TEST POSITIVITY
16 REMAIN RELATIVELY STABLE. NEXT SLIDE. ON THIS SLIDE, WE WILL
17 JUST LOOK AT THE TRENDS OVER THE PAST FOUR WEEKS. THIS IS THE
18 SEVEN DAY AVERAGE DAILY CASES BY REPORT DATE, THAT'S THAT
19 GREEN LINE, THE SEVEN DAY AVERAGE DAILY HOSPITALIZATIONS BY
20 ADMISSION DATE, THAT'S THE ORANGE LINE, AND THE BLUE LINE IS
21 THE SEVEN DAY AVERAGE DAILY DEATHS. AND AS YOU CAN SEE, WITH
22 THAT GREEN LINE, PRETTY STEEP INCREASE NOW, BUT IT IS STILL
23 FAR LOWER THAN IT WAS DURING OUR WINTER SURGE, WHICH REMEMBER
24 WE TOPPED OUT AT ABOUT 45,000 CASE AS DAY. SINCE THE END OF
25 MARCH, HOWEVER, AS YOU CAN SEE, THERE'S BEEN OVER 200%

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1 INCREASE IN THE SEVEN DAY AVERAGE OF CASES. HOSPITALIZATION
2 RATES, ORANGE LINE, DEATH RATES, THE BLUE LINE, THEY ARE
3 STABLE. WE HAD A SMALL INCREASE LAST WEEK IN HOSPITALIZATIONS.
4 THAT GOES UP AND DOWN, BUT IT IS BASICALLY STABLE. AND WE
5 THINK THAT THAT REFLECTS A COUPLE OF THINGS. FIRST IS THERE IS
6 ALWAYS A SMALL LAG BETWEEN CASES AND HOSPITALIZATIONS AND
7 DEATH, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE THINK THIS REFLECTS THE
8 PROTECTIVE EFFECTS OF VACCINATIONS, BOOSTERS, AND NOW
9 THERAPEUTICS. I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT MANY OTHER COMMUNITIES
10 ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE BEGINNING TO SEE INCREASES NOW IN
11 HOSPITALIZATIONS EVEN HERE IN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATED WITH THE
12 HIGHLY INFECTIOUS B.A.2 AND B.A.2.12.1 VARIANTS THAT ARE
13 CIRCULATING WIDELY ACROSS MANY REGIONS IN THE UNITED STATES.
14 AND HERE IN CALIFORNIA, THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
15 HAS INDICATED THEY BELIEVE THAT B.A.2.12.1, THAT'S SORT OF A
16 SUBTYPE OF B.A.2, IS THOUGHT TO BE CIRCULATING AT ABOUT 50%
17 OF WHAT IS CAUSING INFECTIONS HERE. UNFORTUNATELY,
18 B.A.2.12.1. LOOKS TO BE MORE INFECTIOUS THAN EVEN B.A.2, WHICH
19 WOULD EXPLAIN WHY WE ARE ALL SEEING SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN
20 OUR CASES AS WELL. NEXT SLIDE. I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT,
21 THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF THE PANDEMIC, WE HAVE HAD A LOT OF
22 DIFFERENT MITIGATION STRATEGIES AND TOOLS THAT WE COULD USE.
23 AND DEPENDING ON WHAT WAS GOING ON AND WHAT TOOLS WE HAD AT
24 THE TIME, REALLY DEPENDED ON WHAT STRATEGIES WERE MOST
25 HELPFUL. BUT WE HAVE ALWAYS RELIED ON WHAT WE CALLED NON-

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1 PHARMACEUTICAL INTERVENTIONS. THIS INCLUDES MASKING AND
2 INFECTION CONTROL TO LAYER IN SAFETY. THIS WAS ESPECIALLY
3 IMPORTANT, AS WE ALL KNOW, DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF THE
4 PANDEMIC, WHEN THESE WERE OFTEN THE ONLY PROTECTION MEASURES
5 THAT WERE AVAILABLE. BUT I WANT TO NOTE THE STRATEGIES
6 CONTINUE TO OFFER PROTECTION, ESPECIALLY DURING THESE TIMES
7 WHERE WE ARE SEEING SOME INCREASED TRANSMISSION. TESTING,
8 VACCINATIONS, AND NOW THERAPEUTICS ARE THE MOST POWERFUL TOOLS
9 THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO PROTECT AGAINST BOTH SPREAD AND SEVERE
10 ILLNESS, AND OUR RECENT STRATEGIES ARE FOCUSED REALLY VERY
11 SIGNIFICANTLY ON CREATING EASY AND WIDESPREAD ACCESS TO EACH
12 OF THESE INTERVENTIONS. AND AS WE ALL KNOW, THROUGHOUT THE
13 PAST TWO YEARS, WE HAVE RELIED HEAVILY ON OUR HEALTHCARE AND
14 SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE CARE AND SUPPORT FOR
15 RESIDENTS AND WORKERS THAT HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH THE
16 DEVASTATING IMPACTS OF THIS PANDEMIC. OUR CLINICS, OUR
17 QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION SITES, THE NEARLY 700 COMMUNITY
18 HEALTH WORKERS AND PROMOTORAS, AND THE DOZENS OF FAITH BASED
19 AND COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS HAVE AND CONTINUE TO SERVE
20 AS TRUSTED EMISSARIES OF LIFE SAVING INFORMATION AND SERVICES.
21 NEXT SLIDE. IT HAS BEEN IMPORTANT WITH THE NEW TOOLS THAT HAVE
22 BECOME AVAILABLE TO BUILD OUT ACCESS. AND I WANT TO NOTE THAT
23 THE FIRST TOOL THAT WE HAD THAT REQUIRED A VAST NETWORK WAS
24 TESTING. NOW, WE ACTUALLY HAVE BOTH A VAST NETWORK AND MUCH
25 EASIER ACCESS TO OVER-THE-COUNTER TESTS THAT PEOPLE CAN USE IN

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1 THEIR HOMES, BUT TESTING CONTINUES TO BE AN IMPORTANT STRATEGY
2 FOR US. AND I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU CAN SEE THERE'S
3 ABOUT 330 TESTING SITES ACROSS L.A. COUNTY. UNFORTUNATELY,
4 THESE GAINS THAT WE HAVE MADE, REALLY UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF
5 DR. GHALY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, ARE
6 THREATENED BY THE ELIMINATION OF FEDERAL DOLLARS TO PAY FOR
7 TESTING FOR THOSE WHO ARE INSURED. AND I KNOW DR. GHALY WILL
8 TALK MORE ABOUT THIS CHALLENGE IN A FEW MINUTES. NEXT SLIDE.
9 WITH THE HELP OF HUNDREDS OF PARTNERS, WE HAVE ALSO BEEN ABLE,
10 AS YOU CAN SEE ON THIS SLIDE, TO BUILD OUT A VAST NETWORK OF
11 MOBILE AND FIXED SITES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. THERE'S ANYWHERE
12 1,500 AND 2,000 VACCINATION SITES OPEN WEEKLY. VACCINES ARE
13 FREE. THERE'S ALMOST NO REQUIREMENTS TO GET VACCINATED, AND
14 RESIDENTS CAN REQUEST EITHER TRANSPORTATION TO VACCINATION
15 SITES, OR IN-HOME VACCINATIONS FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO
16 LEAVE THEIR HOMES. EVERY WEEK, THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF
17 VACCINATION CLINICS AT COMMUNITY EVENTS, IN HUNDREDS OF
18 SCHOOLS. WE'RE AT CHURCHES AND TEMPLES, AND WE ARE STILL AT
19 LOTS OF WORK SITES. ANYONE CAN REQUEST A MOBILE TEAM, AND
20 THERE'S A CALL CENTER THAT IS OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK FROM 8 IN
21 THE MORNING UNTIL 8:30 AT NIGHT TO HELP RESIDENTS GET THEIR
22 QUESTIONS ANSWERED, CONNECT TO VACCINATIONS AND TO BOOSTER
23 DOSES. NEXT SLIDE. NOW WITH IMPROVED AVAILABILITY OF
24 THERAPEUTICS, WE ARE WORKING TO BUILD OUT A VAST NETWORK OF
25 SITES WHERE PATIENTS CAN ACCESS THERAPEUTICS. SO WE ARE UP TO

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1 ABOUT 625 SITES THAT PROVIDE ANTIVIRALS ACROSS THE COUNTY. OF
2 THESE, MORE THAN HALF, OR ABOUT 332, WERE LOCATED IN OUR
3 UNDER-RESOURCED COMMUNITIES, AND THOSE ARE DENOTED WITH THOSE
4 PINK DOTS. AND WHILE WE HAVE MANY MORE SITES NOW WHERE
5 RESIDENTS CAN PICK UP THESE ANTIVIRAL MEDICATIONS, GIVEN THE
6 IMPORTANCE OF STARTING THESE MEDICATIONS WITHIN A FEW DAYS OF
7 SOMEONE TESTING POSITIVE AND EXPERIENCING MILD SYMPTOMS, THE
8 PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS ALSO OFFERING A TELEHEALTH OPTION,
9 WHICH IMPROVES EASY ACCESS TO THESE ORAL MEDICATIONS.
10 RESIDENTS CAN CALL 833- 540-0473 SEVEN DAYS A WEEK 8 IN THE
11 MORNING TO 8:30 AT NIGHT. THEY WILL BE ASSESSED FOR
12 ELIGIBILITY FOR ANTIVIRAL MEDICATIONS. WE ARE THE CLINICAL
13 PROVIDER, AND IF THEY ARE ELIGIBLE, THE MEDICATION WILL BE
14 SENT OVERNIGHT TO THEIR HOMES, OR, IF THEY WISH, TO A NEARBY
15 PHARMACY. TO DATE, OVER 600 RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO USE
16 THIS SERVICE. NEXT SLIDE. IN SPITE OF OUR EFFORTS TO ENSURE
17 EASY AND WIDESPREAD ACCESS TO TESTING, VACCINES, AND
18 THERAPEUTICS, THE TRAGEDY OF THIS PANDEMIC IS NOT JUST THE
19 HUGE NUMBER OF LIVES LOST, ABOUT 32,000, BUT ALSO THE HUGE
20 DISPROPORTIONALITY, MOST PRONOUNCED DURING THE SURGES, WHICH
21 SUGGESTS THAT FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO THE GAPS ARE RELATED TO
22 MUCH MORE THAN INDIVIDUAL CHOICES. NEXT SLIDE. WHEN WE LOOK AT
23 CASE RATES BY RACE AN ETHNICITY FROM THE VERY BEGINNING OF
24 THIS PANDEMIC, WE CAN SEE THAT THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC, BLACK
25 AND BROWN RESIDENTS, THOSE ARE THE GREEN LINES AND THE BLUE

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1 LINES, HAVE CONSISTENTLY EXPERIENCED HIGHER CASE RATES.
2 UNFORTUNATELY, DURING EACH OF THE SURGES, AND WE'VE HAD FOUR,
3 THE DISPROPORTIONALITY IN CASE RATES, AS YOU CAN SEE ON THIS
4 SLIDE, IS EXACERBATED WITH CASE RATES GENERALLY RISING BETWEEN
5 TWO AND FOUR TIMES AMONG BLACK AND BROWN RESIDENTS WHEN
6 COMPARED TO WHITE AND ASIAN RESIDENTS. AT THE PEEK OF OUR
7 SUMMER 2020 SURGE, CASE RATES AMONG LATINX RESIDENTS WERE
8 NEARLY FOUR TIMES HIGHER THAN THEY WERE FOR WHITE RESIDENTS.
9 NEXT SLIDE. ON THE NEXT SLIDE, YOU SEE A SIMILAR PATTERN WHEN
10 WE LOOK AT HOSPITALIZATIONS WITH BLACK RESIDENTS AND LATINX
11 RESIDENTS SEEING HOSPITALIZATION RATES THAT ARE THREE TO FOUR
12 TIMES HIGHER THAN RATES FOR WHITE AND ASIAN RESIDENTS, AND
13 THIS IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO NOTE DURING THE OMICRON
14 SURGE. NEXT SLIDE. AND TRAGICALLY, THE TRENDS HAVE FOLLOWED
15 WHEN WE LOOKED AT DEATH RATES WITH BLACK AND LATINX RESIDENTS
16 HAVE SEEN DEATH RATES THAT ARE TWO TO THREE TIMES HIGHER THAN
17 DEATH RATES FOR WHITE AND ASIAN RESIDENTS. AND THIS WAS IN OUR
18 MOST RECENT WINTER SURGE. NEXT SLIDE. WE LOOK AT THE
19 CUMULATIVE CASE, HOSPITALIZATION, AND DEATH RATES, WHICH YOU
20 CAN SEE ON THIS SLIDE, THE DIFFERENCES ARE STARK WITH LATINX
21 RESIDENTS, THAT'S HIGHLIGHTED IN GREEN, AND BLACK RESIDENTS,
22 HIGHLIGHTED IN BLUE, EXPERIENCING MUCH HIGHER RATES WHEN
23 COMPARED TO WHITE AND ASIAN RESIDENTS. THESE HUGE DIFFERENCES
24 IN CASE, HOSPITALIZATION, AND DEATH RATES REFLECT IN PART
25 EXPOSURES, COMMUNITY CONDITIONS, AND HEALTH STATUS. WHERE

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1 PEOPLE LIVE AND WORK REALLY MATTERS. AND AS WE ALL HAVE
2 LEARNED, ESSENTIAL WORKERS NEVER GOT TO STAY HOME, AND MANY
3 WERE RETURNING TO VERY DENSELY POPULATED COMMUNITIES AND
4 OVERCROWDED HOUSING. ALL OF THESE CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTED TO
5 THIS DISPROPORTIONALITY. NEXT SLIDE. NOT ONLY HAVE COVID
6 HEALTH OUTCOMES VARIED BY RACE AND ETHNICITY, THEY HAVE ALSO
7 VARIED DEPENDING ON WHERE PEOPLE LIVE. ON THIS MAP, YOU CAN
8 SEE THE CASE RATES. THESE ARE CUMULATIVE CASE RATES FROM THE
9 BEGINNING OF THE PANDEMIC THROUGH NOW PER 100,000 RESIDENTS
10 PER CITY AND COMMUNITY. THE LIGHT GREEN AREAS HAVE THE LOWEST
11 CASE RATES. AND THESE ARE GENERALLY THE BETTER RESOURCED
12 COMMUNITIES. THE DARK GREEN AREAS, WHICH INCLUDE AREAS OF
13 CENTRAL AND SOUTH L.A., AREAS OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, THE
14 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, AND ANTELOPE VALLEY, SAW HIGHER CUMULATIVE
15 CASE RATES. NEXT SLIDE. AND UNFORTUNATELY, WE SEE A SIMILAR
16 PATTERN WHEN WE LOOK AT THE DEATH RATES BY CITY AND COMMUNITY
17 WITH THE AREAS IN DARKER BLUE SEEING THE HIGHEST COVID-19
18 DEATH RATES. THESE ARE ALMOST THE EXACT SAME COMMUNITIES THAT
19 EXPERIENCE THE HIGHEST CASE RATES. NEXT SLIDE. ON THIS SLIDE,
20 WE QUANTIFY THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN COMMUNITIES WITH LOW AND
21 HIGH BURDENS OF POVERTY FOR CASES AND DEATHS. AS YOU CAN SEE,
22 THE CASE RATE AMONG INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN THE HIGHEST POVERTY
23 COMMUNITIES IS ABOUT 1.5 TIMES HIGHER THAN THE CASE RATE AMONG
24 INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN THE WEALTHIEST COMMUNITIES. AND THE
25 DEATH RATE AMONG INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN THE HIGHEST POVERTY

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1 COMMUNITIES IS DEVASTATINGLY THREE TIMES HIGHER THAN THE DEATH
2 RATE AMONG INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN THE WEALTHIEST COMMUNITIES.
3 NEXT SLIDE. BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT THE VACCINES ARE A POWERFUL
4 TOOL AND CONTINUE TO DEMONSTRATE PROTECTION AGAINST INFECTION
5 AND A LOT OF PROTECTION AGAINST SEVERE ILLNESS, IT IS
6 IMPORTANT TO LOOK AT THE IMPACT OF VACCINATIONS ON
7 DISPROPORTIONALITY. ON THIS SLIDE, WE CAN LOOK AT
8 HOSPITALIZATION AND DEATH RATES BY VACCINATION STATUS AND RACE
9 AND ETHNICITY FOR THE MOST RECENT THREE MONTH PERIOD THROUGH
10 APRIL 15. FOR ALL RACIAL AND ETHNIC GROUPS, THE VACCINE
11 PROVIDED A GREAT DEAL OF PROTECTION FROM HOSPITALIZATION AND
12 DEATH WHEN COMPARED TO UNVACCINATED RESIDENTS. FOR EXAMPLE,
13 FULLY VACCINATED LATINOS AND LATINAS WERE MORE THAN FOUR TIMES
14 LESS LIKELY TO BE HOSPITALIZED AND NEARLY EIGHT TIMES LESS
15 LIKELY TO DIE THAN UNVACCINATED LATINOS AND LATINAS. FULLY
16 VACCINATED BLACK RESIDENTS WERE NEARLY THREE TIMES LESS LIKELY
17 TO BE HOSPITALIZED AND NEARLY FOUR TIMES LESS LIKELY TO DIE
18 THAN UNVACCINATED BLACK RESIDENTS. HOWEVER, IT IS CLEAR FROM
19 LOOKING AT THIS TABLE THAT VACCINES ARE NOT EQUALIZERS.
20 VACCINATED BLACK AND LATINX RESIDENTS ARE TWO TIMES MORE
21 LIKELY TO BE HOSPITALIZED THAN VACCINATED WHITE RESIDENTS AND
22 MORE THAN THREE TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE HOSPITALIZED THAN
23 VACCINATED ASIAN RESIDENTS. AND VACCINATED BLACK AND LATINX
24 RESIDENTS ARE ONE AND HALF TIMES MORE LIKELY TO DIE FROM COVID
25 THAN VACCINATED WHITE RESIDENTS AND THREE TIMES MORE LIKELY TO

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1 DIE FROM COVID THAN VACCINATED ASIAN RESIDENTS. NEXT SLIDE. WE
2 SEE THESE DIFFERENCES WHEN WE LOOK AT CASE, DEATH, AND
3 HOSPITALIZATION RATES BY VACCINATION STATUS AND POVERTY LEVEL.
4 FULLY VACCINATED RESIDENTS IN THE WEALTHIEST COMMUNITIES WERE
5 MORE THAN TWO TIMES LESS LIKELY TO BE HOSPITALIZED THAN THOSE
6 VACCINATED AND LIVING IN COMMUNITIES WITH HIGH RATES OF
7 POVERTY. IN FACT, THOSE VACCINATED LIVING IN COMMUNITIES WITH
8 SIGNIFICANT POVERTY WERE ALMOST AS LIKELY TO BE HOSPITALIZED
9 AS THOSE UNVACCINATED LIVING IN THE WEALTHIEST COMMUNITIES. IT
10 IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THOSE UNVACCINATED LIVING IN
11 COMMUNITIES WITH HIGH RATES OF POVERTY ARE 11 TIMES MORE
12 LIKELY TO GET INFECTED THAN THOSE UNVACCINATED LIVING IN THE
13 WEALTHIEST COMMUNITIES, AND SADLY WE SEE A SIMILAR GRADIENT
14 AROUND DEATHS. THOSE UNVACCINATED LIVING IN HIGH POVERTY
15 COMMUNITIES ARE ALMOST 12 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO DIE THAN
16 UNVACCINATED PEOPLE LIVING IN WEALTHIER COMMUNITIES. AND AMONG
17 THOSE VACCINATED, THOSE LIVING IN COMMUNITIES OF HIGH POVERTY
18 ARE STILL TWO TIMES MORE LIKELY TO DIE THAN THOSE IN THE
19 WEALTHIEST COMMUNITIES. NOT SURPRISINGLY, THESE ENORMOUS GAPS
20 IN COVID OUTCOMES HAVE HAD AN IMPACT ON OVERALL DEATH RATES.
21 WHEN WE LOOK AT TREND LINES FOR OVERALL MORTALITY RATES, WE
22 CAN SEE THAT ALL GROUPS EXPERIENCED A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN
23 DEATH RATES DURING THE PANDEMIC. THIS DOES REFLECT THE VERY
24 HIGH DEATH TOLL FROM COVID AS WELL AS SMALLER INCREASES THAT
25 WERE SEEN IN DEATHS FROM OTHER CAUSES LIKELY ASSOCIATED WITH

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1 DELAYS IN SEEKING OR OBTAINING CARE. AND WHILE THERE IS A
2 FOCUS ON THE BIG INCREASES IN DEATH RATES ASSOCIATED WITH
3 COVID, IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT DISPROPORTIONALITY IN
4 HEALTH OUTCOMES IS NOT NEW. MORTALITY RATES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN
5 HIGHER FOR BLACK RESIDENTS. AND DURING THE PANDEMIC, THERE WAS
6 A DRAMATIC INCREASE IN MORTALITY RATES AMONG LATINX RESIDENTS,
7 WHICH WE CAN SEE ON THE NEXT SLIDE. THIS IS THE PERCENTAGE
8 INCREASES IN THE ALL-CAUSE MORTALITY RATES OVER THE LAST TWO
9 YEAR PERIOD OF THE PANDEMIC. YOU CAN SEE THAT LATINOS AND
10 LATINAS SAW AN INCREASE OF 48% IN THEIR ALL-CAUSE DEATH RATE
11 OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS. NEXT SLIDE. THESE GAPS IN HEALTH
12 OUTCOMES BY RACE AND ETHNICITY HAVE BEEN DOCUMENTED FOR
13 DECADES. THIS TABLE CAPTURES SOME OF THE DETAIL FOR THE 2020
14 MORTALITY RATES. ON NEARLY EVERY INDICATOR WE ARE TRACKING,
15 INCLUDING HEART DISEASE, LUNG CANCER, DIABETES, AND INFANT
16 MORTALITY, BLACK RESIDENTS HAVE THE HIGHEST DEATH RATES. THE
17 ONLY EXCEPTION IS FOR COVID, WHERE LATINX RESIDENTS HAVE THE
18 HIGHEST DEATH RATE. AND FOR MANY OF THESE MORTALITY METRICS,
19 LATINX RESIDENTS, AS REFLECTED ON THE PREVIOUS SLIDE,
20 EXPERIENCE THE SECOND HIGHEST DEATH RATE. THOSE ARE THOSE
21 NUMBERS THAT ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN BLACK. NEXT SLIDE. A LOT OF
22 TIMES WHEN WE LOOK AT THIS DATA ON HEALTH OUTCOMES MANY WILL
23 ASSUME THAT THESE HIGHER RATES ARE ASSOCIATED WITH POOR
24 INDIVIDUAL CHOICES OR BAD BEHAVIOR. THIS IS A DANGEROUS AND
25 FALSE NARRATIVE SINCE THERE HAS BEEN EVIDENCE FOR DECADES OUR

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1 HEALTH IS MOST INFLUENCED BY WHAT WE CALL THE SOCIAL
2 DETERMINANTS. THIS ACKNOWLEDGES THE NEED FOR US TO HAVE THESE
3 HEALTH AFFIRMING -- THE HEALTH AFFIRMING RESOURCES THAT
4 PROMOTE OPTIMAL WELL BEING. ON THIS SLIDE, FOR NEARLY EVERY
5 INDICATOR, BLACK AND LATINOS AND LATINAS FACE SIGNIFICANTLY
6 MORE CHALLENGES. WITH BLACK AND LATINX RESIDENTS EXPERIENCING
7 THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF FOOD INSECURITY, HOUSING INSECURITY,
8 AND DISCRIMINATION AT WORK AND WHEN SPEAKING HEALTHCARE
9 SERVICES. NEXT SLIDE. THE HEALTH THINK PLACES INDEXES, AND WE
10 HAVE SHOWED YOU A LOT OF MAPS THAT HAVE THE HEALTH PLACES
11 INDEX SORT OF EMBEDDED IN THEM, BUT THIS IS A METRIC THAT
12 COMBINES 25 COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS, INCLUDING POLLUTION
13 LEVELS, ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE, SAFE HOUSING, QUALITY EDUCATION,
14 HEALTHY FOODS, AND MORE INTO A SINGLE INDEX HEALTHY PLACES
15 SCORE. THE HEALTHIER THE COMMUNITY, THE HIGHER THE HEALTHY
16 PLACES INDEX SCORE. AS WE LOOK AT THE MAP OF L.A. COUNTY, WE
17 CAN SEE THAT THE LOWER SCORING DARK AND LIGHT BLUE SHADED
18 COMMUNITIES ARE THE SAME COMMUNITIES OF CENTRAL AND SOUTH
19 L.A., PARTS OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, PARTS OF SAN GABRIEL
20 VALLEY, AND THE ANTELOPE VALLEY THAT HAD THE HIGHER COVID CASE
21 AND DEATH RATES. THE COMMUNITIES SHADED IN THE LIGHTER GREEN,
22 AND -- ARE ACTUALLY THE COMMUNITIES THAT HAD GREATER ACCESS TO
23 HEALTH AFFIRMING RESOURCES. NEXT SLIDE. I AM SHARING THE DATA
24 ON THE DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACTS OF COVID AND THE LONGSTANDING
25 HEALTH INEQUITIES TO HELP US THINK ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS FOR US

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1 IN THIS POST-SURGE PERIOD OF THE PANDEMIC. NEXT SLIDE. AS A
2 PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT, WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO PREVENT AND
3 REDUCE SERIOUS ILLNESS AND DEATH AMONG RESIDENTS OF L.A.
4 COUNTY. AND AS WE CONTINUE IN THIS DIFFERENT PHASE OF THE
5 PANDEMIC, OUR GOAL HAS NOT CHANGED. AND WE WORK WITH ALL OUR
6 PARTNERS TO REDUCE SERIOUS ILLNESS AND DEATHS FROM COVID-19.
7 IT IS REALLY NOT APPROPRIATE TO TOLERATE DISPROPORTIONALITY
8 THAT RESULTS IN HIGHER RATES OF ILLNESS, DEATH, AND LONG TERM
9 DISABILITY AMONG SOME RESIDENTS AND WORKERS, WHEN THERE ARE
10 COLLECTIVE PREVENTION STRATEGIES THAT CAN MITIGATE SPREAD AND
11 SERIOUS ILLNESS. I KNOW MANY PEOPLE ARE TIRED OF THE PANDEMIC.
12 THEY ARE TIRED OF WEARING MASKS. AND THEY WANT LIFE TO GO BACK
13 TO NORMAL. AND THEY BELIEVE THAT THE RESPONSIBILITY NOW LIES
14 WITH EACH INDIVIDUAL TO TAKE ACTIONS TO MINIMIZE THEIR
15 PERSONAL RISK, BUT WE DO HAVE A COLLECTIVE OBLIGATION TO TAKE
16 PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES TO PROTECT OUR MOST VULNERABLE. AND
17 THIS IN L.A. COUNTY IS A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT
18 OUGHT NOT BE LEFT BEHIND. IT INCLUDES THOSE WHO ARE OLDER AGE,
19 THOSE WHO HAVE UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS, THOSE WHO LIVE IN
20 COMMUNITIES WITH HIGH POVERTY RATES, THOSE WHO ARE BLOCK AND
21 BROWN, THOSE THAT ARE UNVACCINATED OR NOT YET FULLY
22 VACCINATED, AND THE MANY THAT FACE MULTIPLE EXPOSURES EVERY
23 DAY AT WORK AND IN THEIR COMMUNITY. NEXT SLIDE. AND A RETURN
24 TO NORMAL DOESN'T REALLY WORK FOR THOSE THAT HAVE FOR DECADES
25 EXPERIENCED THE DISADVANTAGES IN ALLOCATIONS OF HEALTH

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1 AFFIRMING RESOURCES, THE DISINVESTMENTS, THE RACISM AND
2 DISCRIMINATION, AND THE MARGINALIZATION. OUR POST-SURGE PLAN
3 AND OUR EXPANSIVE MITIGATION STRATEGIES CAN BEST ADDRESS THE
4 DISPROPORTIONALITY EXACERBATED BY COVID-19 WHEN WE ALSO
5 ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSES OF INEQUITIES IN HEALTH. I WANT TO
6 THANK THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP IN
7 THIS WORK. OUR EFFORTS REQUIRE TARGETED INVESTMENTS, AND I
8 WANT TO HIGHLIGHT A FEW AREAS THAT REMAIN CRITICALLY
9 IMPORTANT. WE DO NEED TO CONTINUE TO ENSURE BARRIER FREE
10 ACCESS TO TESTING, VACCINATIONS, THERAPEUTICS, AND P.P.E. AND
11 WE HAVE TO WORK WITH OUR PARTNERS TO BETTER MEET THE NEEDS OF
12 SOME OF OUR RESIDENTS AND WORKERS BY CONNECTING THESE BY
13 CONNECTING THESE COVID SPECIFIC EFFORTS WITH SERVICES THAT
14 ADDRESS FOOD, INCOME, AND HOUSING INSECURITY. I WANT TO AGAIN
15 THANK THE BOARD, MANY OF YOU WHO LAYERED IN THESE OTHER
16 SERVICES AT OUR VACCINATION SITES. PART OF THIS WORK MEANS
17 HELPING OUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS IN HARD HIT COMMUNITIES
18 PROVIDE TESTING, VACCINATION, AND THERAPEUTICS TO THEIR OWN
19 PATIENTS. IT COSTS MONEY TO STAND UP TESTING, VACCINATION, AND
20 DISTRIBUTION OF THERAPEUTICS, PARTICULARLY TO DEAL WITH YOUR
21 ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP, THROUGH ALL OF YOUR PATIENTS, WITHIN A VERY
22 SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. AND OUR SMALLER PROVIDERS NEED RESOURCES
23 TO BE ABLE TO DO THIS WORK. AND THIS WORK IS NOT OVER. WE NEED
24 TO LIFT UP THE WORK OF THE NETWORK OF TRUSTED COMMUNITY BASED
25 AND FAITH BASED ORGANIZES IN OUR HARD HIT COMMUNITIES BECAUSE

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1 THEY ARE THE BACKBONE OF A PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE. OFTENTIMES,
2 WE NEGLECT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM IS NOT
3 EQUIVALENT TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT. OUR
4 INFRASTRUCTURE, ESPECIALLY FOR ESSENTIAL PANDEMIC MITIGATION,
5 REALLY DEPENDS ON BUILDING AND RESOURCING A WHOLE NETWORK OF
6 PUBLIC HEALTH PROVIDERS. IT RELIES EXTENSIVELY ON THOSE
7 TRUSTED AMBASSADORS WHO ARE IN OUR COMMUNITIES, OUR
8 PROMOTORAS, AND OUR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS. THE BOARD HAS
9 DIRECTED US FROM THE BEGINNING TO ENSURE THAT WORKERS,
10 PARTICULARLY OUR LOW WAGE WORKERS AND THOSE THAT ARE NOT
11 UNIONIZED, THAT THEY ARE AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE AT WORK. THIS
12 WORK ALSO ISN'T DONE, AND WE WILL NEED TO ENSURE THERE'S
13 COMPLIANCE WITH VENTILATION AND INFECTION CONTROL STANDARDS
14 AND WITH PUBLIC HEALTH SAFETY MEASURES. AND ALSO APPRECIATE
15 ALL THE SUPPORT FOR PAID SICK LEAVE FOR WORKERS. IT IS ALMOST
16 IMPOSSIBLE TO MITIGATE DURING A PANDEMIC WITHOUT PAID SICK
17 LEAVE. AND I WANT TO ALSO THANK AND COMMEND THE BOARD FOR
18 RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR
19 THOSE IN SERVICE OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE. THIS TOO REMAINS
20 IMPORTANT IN THE MONTHS AHEAD. NEXT SLIDE. IN CLOSING, I
21 WANTED TO ELEVATE THAT CLOSING THE GAPS IS GOING TO REQUIRE
22 MORE OF A FOCUS THAN WHAT WE HAVE JUST BEEN DOING TO MITIGATE
23 THE IMMEDIATE EFFECTS OF THE PANDEMIC, WHICH, WHILE CRITICALLY
24 IMPORTANT, WILL NOT BE SUFFICIENT. WE HAVE NOTED OVER AND
25 OVER, AND I WANT TO THANK OUR PROVIDERS FOR ALSO LIFTING THIS

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1 UP, THAT ALTHOUGH IT IS SO HARD TO IMAGINE THAT IN 2022 WE
2 HAVE COMMUNITIES IN OUR COUNTY THAT DON'T HAVE THE NEEDED
3 NETWORK OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES. AND THIS WOULD BE THE
4 OPPORTUNITY TO ACTUALLY MAKE SURE THAT WE FIX THAT, THAT
5 WHEREVER PEOPLE LIVE, THEY HAVE ACCESS TO HIGH QUALITY,
6 CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE, HEALTH AND MEDICAL CARE IN WHAT HAVE
7 BEEN TRADITIONAL BEEN UNDER-RESOURCED AND UNDERSERVED
8 COMMUNITIES. WE HAVE ALSO LEARNED A LOT ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE
9 OF CREATING NETWORKS AND THAT WE SHOULD FIGURE OUT A WAY TO
10 EXTEND THE WORK OF THESE TEAMS THAT WE HAVE DEVELOPED IN
11 RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC TO HELP US ADDRESS ALL OF THE OTHER
12 THREATS THAT EXIST TO OPTIMAL WELL BEING. THESE ARE HAVING OUR
13 PUBLIC HEALTH EMPLOYEES REALLY EMBEDDED IN COMMUNITY TEAMS IN
14 THESE PARTNER TEAMS WITH OUR C.B.O.S, OUR FAITH BASED
15 ORGANIZATIONS, AND OUR RESIDENTS. THIS IS PARTICULARLY
16 IMPORTANT IN ADDRESSING ISSUES RELATED TO ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
17 INJUSTICES, ISSUES RELATED TO PROLIFERATION OF UNHEALTHY
18 BUSINESSES DISPROPORTIONATELY IN SOME OF OUR COMMUNITIES THAT
19 IMPACT QUALITY OF LIFE, AND IT REMAINS IMPORTANT FOR ALL OF US
20 IN SECURING SORT OF SAFETY IN OUR COMMUNITIES. WE HAVE LEARNED
21 A LOT FROM HOW TO WORK WITH EACH OTHER DURING THE PANDEMIC. IT
22 WILL BE IMPORTANT TO CARRY THOSE LESSONS OVER INTO THE OTHER
23 IMPORTANT WORK THAT, AS WE KNOW, AFFECT THE ROOT CAUSES --
24 THAT HAVE THE ROOT IMPACT ON PEOPLE'S HEALTH AND WELL BEING. I
25 WANT TO ALSO THANK THE BOARD FOR THE SUPPORT FOR THE WORKER

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1 COUNCILS AND FOR OUR WORKER CENTERS. WE THINK THESE HAVE BEEN
2 ENORMOUSLY IMPORTANT, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING
3 WORKER COUNCILS AND WORKER CENTERS SO OUR LOWER WAGE WORKERS
4 CAN ORGANIZE FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY AT THEIR WORKPLACES BECAUSE
5 THIS ISSUE, AGAIN, NOT JUST IMPORTANT DURING THE PANDEMIC. AND
6 THERE ARE A COUPLE OF OTHER AREAS WHERE WE ARE WORKING WITH
7 OUR PARTNERS TO MAKE SURE WE ACKNOWLEDGE WE NEED TO CREATE
8 PIPELINES FOR HEALTH CAREER PROGRAMS SO THAT BLACK AND BROWN
9 STUDENTS, YOUTH, SEE THEMSELVES AND GAIN THE SKILLS THAT THEY
10 NEED TO ENTER INTO THESE SORT OF LIFE SAVING AND CRITICALLY
11 IMPORTANT HEALTH CAREERS. AND FINALLY, I WANT TO AGAIN THANK
12 THE BOARD FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP IN INSISTING THAT WE ALL WORK
13 TO CHANGE SYSTEMS, POLICIES, AND PRACTICES THAT PERPETUATE
14 RACISM, DISCRIMINATION, AND MARGINALIZATION. SO, THANK YOU TO
15 THE BOARD. I WANT TO THANK THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE
16 ALSO DOING JUST REALLY CRITICALLY IMPORTANT AND HIGH QUALITY
17 WORK TO GET US TO A BETTER PLACE FOR ALL OF OUR L.A. COUNTY
18 RESIDENTS. THIS CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION, AND I WILL BE
19 AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS AFTER DR. GHALY'S PRESENTATION.

20
21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DR. GHALY.

22
23 **DR. GHALY:** THANK YOU AND GOOD MORNING. I WILL PROVIDE BRIEF
24 UPDATES AND THEN MORE THAN HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS THAT
25 YOU MIGHT HAVE. IF YOU CAN GO GO TO SLIDE THREE. OUR COVID

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1 HOSPITALIZATIONS IN THE D.H.S. HOSPITALS, THE FOUR OF THEM,
2 HAVE REMAINED STEADY AND RELATIVELY LOW IN THE 30S OVER THE
3 PAST SEVERAL WEEKS. STILL, THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF COVID
4 POSITIVE CASES IN D.H.S. HOSPITALS ARE STILL THERE AND
5 HOSPITALIZED FOR REASONS THAT ARE UNRELATED TO THEIR
6 CONCURRENT COVID INFECTION. IF YOU GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, SLIDE
7 4, OUR BOOSTER SHOT COMPLIANCE FOR OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS
8 WITHIN D.H.S. FACILITIES IS SITTING RIGHT NOW AT AROUND 91%.
9 WE CONTINUE TO WORK WITH OUR STAFF TOWARD FULL COMPLIANCE AND
10 COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE AND COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS
11 THAT MANDATE BOOSTER SHOTS FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS. SLIDE 5,
12 D.H.S. MANAGES STILL TWO QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION SITES THAT
13 ARE SPECIFICALLY FOCUSED ON INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE MEDICALLY
14 FRAGILE. UTILIZATION REMAINS LOW AT THE SITES AS YOU CAN SEE
15 IN THE SLIDE. I'LL NOW SHIFT TO AN UPDATE ON COMMUNITY
16 TESTING. IF YOU CAN GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THANKS.
17 SLIDE 7 SHOWS THE OVERALL TESTING CAPACITY AND UTILIZATION
18 OVER THE COURSE OF THE PANDEMIC AT THE FIXED AND MOBILE
19 COMMUNITY TESTING SITES. YOU CAN SEE THAT UTILIZATION HAS
20 REMAINED STEADY AND LOW OVER THE PAST TWO MONTHS. OUR GOAL IS
21 TO KEEP THE CAPACITY AT THE COUNTY'S COMMUNITY TESTING SITES
22 AT AT LEAST DOUBLE THE CURRENT UTILIZATION TO ALLOW FOR SOME
23 CUSHION AND ENSURE ACCESS. SLIDE 8 SHOWS A SIMILAR TYPE OF
24 DATA ON CAPACITY AND UTILIZATION, BUT THIS ONE IS FOR THE TEST
25 PICK UP -- TEST KIT PICK UP AND DISTRIBUTION DROP OFF SITES.

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1 THE UTILIZATION OF THE SERVICE IS ALSO LOW. MOST RECENT WEEKS,
2 WE WERE DISTRIBUTING UNDER 500 TESTS PER WEEK OVER THE LAST
3 COUPLE OF MONTHS. SLIDE 9 SHOWS THE CURRENT FOOTPRINT OF THOSE
4 PICKUP AND DROP OFF DISTRIBUTION SITES. WE REMAIN STEADY AT 28
5 SITES. WE ARE NOW STAFFED WITH DISASTER SERVICE WORKERS AT
6 THESE SITES AS NEEDED THAT ARE COMMITTED THROUGH AT LEAST THE
7 END OF MAY. SLIDE 10 LOOKS AT THE OVERALL FOOTPRINT OF
8 COMMUNITY FIXED AND MOBILE SITES. THE SITES LISTED HERE
9 INCLUDE ALL COMMUNITY TESTING SITES THAT HAVE AGREED TO SERVE
10 ALL INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING THOSE WHO ARE UNINSURED. AND ON
11 THAT NOTE, ON SLIDE 11, SINCE THE LAST UPDATE THAT I PROVIDED
12 TO THE BOARD, THERE'S BEEN NO CHANGE ON THE AVAILABILITY OR
13 RATHER THE LACK OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS TO COVER COVID
14 TESTING FOR THE UNINSURED. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET
15 PROPOSED OR TAKEN ANY ACTION TO REPLENISH THE POOL OF FUNDS
16 THAT HAS BEEN HISTORICALLY ADMINISTERED THROUGH H.R.S.A. THAT
17 REIMBURSES GOVERNMENTS AND PROVIDERS OR OTHER ENTITIES FOR
18 TESTING THAT'S PROVIDED TO INDIVIDUALS WHO LACK INSURANCE. AND
19 JUST TO PUT THE MAGNITUDE OF THIS PROBLEM INTO CONTEXT, IN
20 2021, OVER HALF OF ALL OF THE TESTS THAT WERE COMPLETED AT THE
21 COUNTY MANAGED COMMUNITY TESTING SITES WERE PROVIDED TO
22 INDIVIDUALS THAT STATED THEY LACKED INSURANCE AND THEN WERE
23 BILLED TO THIS H.R.S.A. POOL. THIS CREATES A FISCAL CHALLENGE
24 FOR THE COUNTY AND WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL REVENUE SOURCES TO
25 BE ABLE TO COVER THE COSTS OF COMMUNITY TESTING, COVID TESTING

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1 FOR THE UNINSURED IF H.R.S.A., THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, DOES
2 NOT TAKE ACTION TO REPLENISH THAT POOL. AND FINALLY ON THE
3 NEXT SLIDE, SLIDE 12, I WILL CLOSE WITH JUST RECENT
4 OPERATIONAL UPDATES ON THE COMMUNITY TESTING PROGRAM. SO AS I
5 JUST MENTIONED, WE HAVE EXTENDED THE DISASTER SERVICE WORKS
6 TERMS OF SERVICE THROUGH THE END OF MAY TO COVER THE PICK UP
7 AND DROP OFF LOCATIONS AT THE LIBRARIES. I AM VERY THANKFUL TO
8 THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND D.H.R. AS WELL AS ALL
9 OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS THAT HAVE STAFFED DEPLOYED TO THESE
10 SITES FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE. WE HAVE ALSO ALTERED THE SCRIPT
11 AND THE REGISTRATION PROCESS WHEN PEOPLE REGISTER FOR TESTING
12 THROUGH THE COMMUNITY TESTING PLATFORM IN A WAY THAT
13 ENCOURAGES AND SUPPORTS INDIVIDUALS WHO DO HAVE HEALTH
14 INSURANCE TO BE ABLE TO ENTER THAT INFORMATION SUCCESSFULLY
15 UPFRONT. THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT FOR ALLOWING THE COUNTY TO
16 BILL HEALTH PLANS AND OUR VENDOR TO BILL HEALTH PLANS WHEREVER
17 POSSIBLE, WHILE ALSO MAINTAINING FUNDING AND ACCESS THAT IS
18 NEEDED FOR INDIVIDUAL WHO DO LACK INSURANCE. WE HAVE ALSO
19 UPDATED AND WILL KEEP UPDATING THE COVID WEBSITES SO THAT
20 INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT INSURANCE CAN SEE WHICH SITES IN THE
21 COUNTY ARE ABLE TO SERVE THEM. AND JUST AS A REMINDER, ALL OF
22 THE DIRECTLY MANAGED COUNTY SITES AND STATE SITES SERVE
23 INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT INSURANCE, AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF OTHER
24 COMMUNITY BASED SITES. FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO RECEIVE THEIR
25 TEST RESULTS THROUGH OUR HEALTHVANA PLATFORM, THAT INCLUDES

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1 ALL OF THE PICKUP/DROP OFF SITES, INCLUDING THAT LIBRARIES, IF
2 THEY TEST POSITIVE, THEY RECEIVE INFORMATION ON HOW TO ACCESS
3 TREATMENT OPTIONS, INCLUDING ACCESS TO D.P.H.'S TEST TO TREAT
4 PROGRAM AND THEIR TELEHEALTH OPTION. TO REDUCE THE NEED FOR
5 ONGOING D.S.W.S ON SITE, WE WILL KEEP WORKING ON THE ROLL OUT
6 OF OUR ONLINE AND PHONE REQUEST PROCESS. THAT WILL ALLOW
7 INDIVIDUALS TO SEAMLESSLY OBTAIN THE TEST AT THE PICK UP/DROP
8 OFF LOCATIONS WITHOUT THE SAME NEED FOR THE NUMBER OF STAFF AT
9 THOSE SITES. AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH D.P.H. AND ARE
10 REALLY GRATEFUL FOR THEIR PARTNERSHIP IN EXPANDING THOSE TEST
11 TO TREAT SITES. AND RIGHT NOW, THE WORK IS ONGOING TO HAVE
12 THAT OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE AT THE TWO EXISTING OPTUM SITES. I
13 WILL CLOSE THERE, BUT PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHAT QUESTIONS YOU
14 HAVE, THANK YOU.

15
16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DR. GHALY. IN A MEETING WITH
17 SECRETARY BECERRA LAST WEEK, IN ADDITION TO TALKING TO HIM
18 ABOUT L.A. COUNTY'S NEED FOR AN I.M.D. WAIVER, I RAISED THE
19 ISSUE ABOUT H.R.S.A.'S DECISION TO NO LONGER FUND TESTING FOR
20 THE UNINSURED. AND I WAS SADDENED THAT, FROM HIS PERSPECTIVE,
21 HE DID NOT THINK THAT ADDITIONAL RESOURCES WOULD BE COMING
22 FROM THIS CONGRESS. AND I LAID IT ON THICK IN TERMS OF THE
23 IMPACT THAT WAS GOING TO HAVE ON L.A. COUNTY'S BUDGET. SO IT
24 IS REALLY DEVASTATING NEWS TO HEAR, HEAR THE PERCENTAGE YOU
25 SHARED WITH US. WE ARE AS A BOARD WILL REALLY HAVE TO TAKE

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1 DECISIVE ACTION TO MAKE SURE THAT'S AVAILABLE. ONE QUICK
2 CLARIFICATION FOR YOUR, DR. GHALY, AND THEN I WILL GO TO
3 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. YOUR SLIDE THAT SHOWED 91% OF OUR HEALTHCARE
4 PERSONNEL HAVE RECEIVED THE BOOSTER. IS THAT THE SECOND
5 BOOSTER OR THE FIRST BOOSTER?

6

7 **DR. GHALY:** THAT IS THE FIRST BOOSTER. HEALTHCARE WORKERS IN
8 CALIFORNIA AND L.A. COUNTY ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE RECEIVED THE
9 FIRST BOOSTER, BUT THERE'S NO SIMILAR MANDATE FOR ANY
10 SUBSEQUENT BOOSTERS AT THIS POINT.

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE SEVERAL
15 QUESTIONS. I WANT TO START WITH DR. FERRER, IF I MAY. FIRST OF
16 ALL, DR. FERRER, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK THAT YOU
17 HAVE DONE SINCE THE VERY BEGINNING WHEN WE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW
18 WHAT WAS HAPPENING WITH THE VIRUS. YOU ARE CLEARLY THE WOMAN
19 OF THE YEAR, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO CELEBRATING YOU ON MONDAY
20 AT THE WOMAN OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON ALONG WITH OTHERS. I WANT TO
21 START WITH THE NOTION THAT WE ARE POST-SURGE. I DO UNDERSTAND
22 THAT THE NUMBER OF CASES THAT WE ARE SEEING PER DAY IS QUITE A
23 BIT LOWER THAN WHAT WE SAW AFTER THE HOLIDAYS AND DURING THE
24 HOLIDAYS. HOWEVER, THERE'S BEEN KIND OF AN ALARMING INCREASE
25 IN INFECTIONS I THINK, EVEN THOUGH WE SEE, SO FAR, LESS

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1 SERIOUS NOT A HUGE INCREASE IN HOSPITALIZATION OR DEATH. WE
2 HEAR ABOUT NEW STRAINS, NOT ONLY THE LETTERS AND NUMBERS THAT
3 YOU NAME, BUT SOME NEW STRAIN IN SOUTH AFRICA THAT HAD BEEN
4 DISCOVERED. AND HEARING THAT IT IS EVEN MORE TRANSMISSIBLE, OR
5 EVEN THE ONES WE ARE SUFFERING HERE, ARE MORE TRANSMISSIBLE,
6 CAN YOU CLARIFY SOME OF THAT?

7

8 **DR. FERRER:** SURE. THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. AND YOU
9 KNOW, THANKS ALSO FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND KINDNESS. I DO WANT TO
10 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE'S AN AMAZING TEAM IN THIS COUNTY. I
11 HAVE AN AMAZING TEAM HERE AS WELL. AND EVERYONE HAS BEEN
12 WORKING EXTRAORDINARILY HARD AND DOING THEIR VERY BEST, SO I
13 WANT TO EXTEND ALL THAT APPRECIATION TO EVERYBODY, TO ALL OF
14 YOU, YOUR TEAMS, AND OBVIOUSLY ALL THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS
15 BECAUSE NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE IF WE HADN'T HAD
16 SUCH HIGH LEVELS OF PARTNERSHIP, COLLABORATION, AND
17 COOPERATION. I AM REALLY GLAD YOU BROUGHT UP THE ISSUE OF OUR
18 CASES ARE INCREASING, AND WHEREAS BEFORE IT SEEMED LIKE EVERY
19 FEW MONTHS WE HAVE HEARD ABOUT A NEW VARIANT AND A POTENTIAL
20 NEW VARIANT OF CONCERN, NOW THIS IS A REALLY FREQUENT
21 NOTATION. WITHIN WEEKS OF ONE VARIANT OF CONCERN DOMINATING,
22 THERE ARE REPORTS FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY OR OTHER
23 PARTS OF THE WORLD OF OTHER EITHER SUBTYPES OR DIFFERENT
24 STRAINS. AND THIS HAS BEEN ESPECIALLY TRUE WITH OMICRON. SO
25 YES, WE HAVE HERE IN THE UNITED STATES BEGUN TO SEE THE

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1 PROLIFERATION OF WHAT I CALL THE B.A.2.12.1 VARIANT. YOU KNOW,
2 AGAIN, THIS IS REALLY A SUBVARIANT OF OMICRON B.A.2, BUT IN
3 SOUTH AFRICA, THEY ARE SEEING A HUGE INCREASE IN CASES THAT
4 ALSO NOW IS RESULTING IN AN INCREASE IN HOSPITALIZATIONS WITH
5 A VERY DIFFERENT MUTATED VIRUS THAT'S BEEN LABELED
6 B.A.4/B.A.5. AND AGAIN, FOR SOME OF THESE VARIANTS, THEY HAVE
7 MOVED FROM OTHER COUNTRIES ACROSS THE WORLD. SO WHEN FOLKS ASK
8 WHY PUBLIC HEALTH REMAINS CAUTIOUS, IT IS BECAUSE EVERY TIME
9 THERE'S A NEW VARIANT THAT IS MORE INFECTIOUS, OR POTENTIALLY
10 MORE INFECTIOUS, THAT MEANS IT CAN SPREAD MORE EASILY, YOU
11 HAVE TO BE SUPER CAREFUL ABOUT THOSE THAT ARE MOST VULNERABLE
12 IN OUR COMMUNITIES. AND HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, THAT'S MILLIONS
13 OF PEOPLE. IT IS NOT A TINY NUMBER. THERE ARE LOTS AND LOTS OF
14 PEOPLE WHO WHEN THERE'S LOTS OF, PARTICULARLY IF IT IS
15 UNCHECKED TRANSMISSION, CAN, IN FACT, STILL, EVEN IF THEY'RE
16 VACCINATED, EVEN IF THEY'VE BEEN BOOSTED, CERTAINLY WE HAVE A
17 LOT OF PEOPLE WHO HAVEN'T DONE THAT YET, THEY CAN STILL SUFFER
18 A SEVERE CONSEQUENCE SHOULD THEY GET INFECTED. WE ALSO, AS WE
19 NOTE EVERY TIME WE HAVE A NEW VARIANT OF CONCERN, IT TAKES A
20 WHILE FOR THE CLINICIANS AND THE SCIENTISTS TO REALLY ASSESS
21 WHAT THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THAT NEW STRAIN OF THE VIRUS IS
22 GOING TO BE IN TERMS OF ILLNESS SEVERITY. AND THAT'S BECAUSE
23 IT IS A LITTLE BIT COMPLICATED TO FIGURE OUT THAT
24 RELATIONSHIP. SO I THINK, AT THE MOMENT, WE DO URGE PEOPLE TO
25 BE CAUTIOUS, TO KEEP THOSE MASKS ON WHEN YOU ARE INDOORS. WE

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1 DO KNOW THAT THE STATE IS ESTIMATING THAT 50% OF WHAT IS
2 CIRCULATING IN CALIFORNIA IS B.A.2.12.1, WHICH IT DOES HAVEN'T
3 A NAME YET, BUT IT IS MORE INFECTIOUS THAN B.A.2, WHICH WAS
4 MORE INFECTIOUS THAN THE ORIGINAL STRAIN OF OMICRON THAT
5 CIRCULATED AND CAUSED A SIGNIFICANT SURGE LAST WINTER. WE ARE
6 IN A BETTER PLACE. SO WE CAN REMAIN HOPEFUL, BUT WE SHOULDN'T
7 LOSE ALL OF OUR CAUTIONS. WE CAN REMAIN HOPEFUL BECAUSE A LOT
8 OF PEOPLE HAVE A LOT OF PROTECTION. LOTS OF PEOPLE ARE FULLY
9 BOOSTED. LOTS OF PEOPLE ARE VACCINATED. LOTS OF PEOPLE WERE
10 RECENTLY INFECTED AND HAVE SOME NATURAL IMMUNITY. I AM NOT
11 SURE HOW DURABLE THAT IS AND HOW LONG IT WILL LAST, BUT IT
12 CERTAINLY WILL OFFER SOME PROTECTION, DIFFERENT THAN WHERE WE
13 WERE WHEN WE STARTED THE OMICRON SURGE LAST DECEMBER, BUT IT
14 IS TIME FOR PEOPLE TO GO GET BOOSTED, GO GET YOUR FIRST DOSES
15 OF THE VACCINE IF YOU HAVEN'T YET BEEN VACCINATED, AND BE
16 CAREFUL, PARTICULARLY IF YOU ARE AROUND OTHER WHO ARE AT
17 HIGHER RISK, OR YOU ARE AT HIGHER RISK YOURSELF.

18
19 **SUP. KUEHL:** I ALSO WANTED TO -- I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
20 LIFTING UP THE WORKERS COUNCILS. I THINK THE MOTION THAT, AT
21 OUR WORK SITE, WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO SAY, YOU KNOW,
22 [INAUDIBLE] INFECTION. BUT I THINK IT IS SO NOT THE CASE IN 99
23 PERCENT OF ALL THE WORKPLACES. AND I THINK ABOUT THE STRONG
24 RECOMMENDATION TO US TO WEAR MASKS INSIDE, AND IT IS KIND OF
25 LOST ON PEOPLE WHO GO INTO RESTAURANTS, WHO GO INTO DEPARTMENT

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1 STORES, WHO GO INTO ANY KIND OF COMMERCE, WHO GO INTO MARKETS
2 BECAUSE WE THINK, WELL, IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED, BUT WE
3 DON'T REALLY HAVE TO WEAR A MASK. WE ARE NOT A DANGER. I WISH
4 THERE WAS A WAY, AND MAYBE IF THERE'S A NEW ROUND OF
5 [INDISCERNIBLE], THAT THE MOTION IS WE ARE NOT JUST PROTECTING
6 OURSELVES, WE ARE REALLY PROTECTING THAT PERSON AT THE CHECK
7 OUT COUNTER, WHO IS COMING IN CONTACT WITH 500 PEOPLE A DAY. I
8 AM NOT. I AM COMING IN CONTACT WITH HER. AND THE OTHER ISSUE I
9 THINK THAT WE DON'T WANT TO THINK ABOUT, BUT WE ALL TALK
10 ABOUT, THE ISSUE OF RACISM. I THINK WE UNDERSTAND SOMETHING
11 ABOUT RACE. THERE ARE DIFFERENT [INAUDIBLE]. AND RACISM IS
12 REALLY AN ATTITUDE OF DISCRIMINATION OR SOMETHING OVERT. BUT
13 WHAT YOU ARE POINTING OUT IS IGNORANCE OR DENIAL THAT THERE'S
14 A DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT ALSO IS A FORM AIDING IN THAT
15 [INAUDIBLE] EVEN IF WE DON'T WANT TO. SO I THINK IT IS VERY
16 IMPORTANT TO CALL PEOPLE'S ATTENTION TO WHO IS BEHIND THE
17 CHECK OUT COUNTER, WHO ARE THESE ESSENTIAL WORKERS, WHO ARE
18 THE PEOPLE WE ARE RELYING ON EVERY DAY IN EVERY PLACE WE GO.
19 EVEN WHEN WE SEE THE PEOPLE STEPPING OUT OF THE AMAZON TRUCKS,
20 YOU KNOW, WE DON'T COME IN CONTACT WITH THEM AS MUCH, BUT
21 STILL, AND HOW THIS IMPACTS COMMUNITIES. THAT'S ONE THING.
22 PEOPLE HAVE [INAUDIBLE] EXPOSED. THEY COME HOME. AS YOU
23 INDICATED, PROBABLY MORE PEOPLE LIVING IN A SMALLER SPACE, BUT
24 REALLY, THE THIRD THING THAT YOU MENTIONED IS ALSO IMPORTANT,
25 AND THAT'S THE INTERPLAY BETWEEN ISSUES LIKE AIR POLLUTION OR

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1 OTHER WAYS IN WHICH LUNGS ARE AFFECTED BECAUSE IS THIS ALSO
2 WEAKENS YOUR CONDITION AND MAKES YOU MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO
3 HAVING A WORSE RESPONSE. SO I DON'T KNOW ANY WAY -- I MEAN WE
4 TALK ABOUT IT AND TALK ABOUT IT AND TALK ABOUT IT, AND WE HAVE
5 DONE WHAT WE CAN TO PAY ATTENTION TO IMPOVERISHED COMMUNITIES,
6 ALWAYS COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, BUT THE LAST QUESTION I WANTED TO
7 ASK WAS ABOUT THE MEDS. JUST TO UNDERSTAND ABOUT WHAT THE SORT
8 OF TELEMEDICINE ISSUE IS HERE. SO, FOR INSTANCE, I AM A
9 REGULAR PERSON, BUT I MANAGE TO GET A COUPLE OF HOME TESTS. SO
10 I TAKE A HOME TEST, AND IT IS POSITIVE. IS THAT SUFFICIENT FOR
11 ME TO DO SOMETHING IN TERMS OF TELEMEDICINE AND SAY I NEED
12 SOME MEDS SENT TO ME RIGHT NOW, PLEASE? WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I
13 SEE THOSE TWO LINES ON MY TEST?

14

15 **DR. FERRER:** YOU CAN CALL US SEVEN DAYS A WEEK FROM 8 IN THE
16 MORNING UNTIL 8:30 AT NIGHT. SOMEBODY WILL SCREEN ON THE
17 INITIAL CALL. YOU WILL ACTUALLY -- THEY WILL SCREEN TO MAKE
18 SURE THAT YOU HAVE THAT TEST. IN OTHER WORDS, SOME PEOPLE ARE
19 JUST CALLING --

20

21 **SUP. KUEHL:** AM I SHOWING YOU THE TWO LINES LIKE ON MY --

22

23 **DR. FERRER:** EXACTLY. THEY WILL HAVE A WAY FOR YOUR TO SHARE
24 YOUR POSITIVE TEST RESULTS. SO, NO, YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO
25 SOMEWHERE ELSE. YOU REALLY ARE SELF-ATTESTING THAT YES, I

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1 TESTED POSITIVE. WE DO HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT CALL US, AND
2 THEY HAVEN'T TESTED POSITIVE, BUT THEY JUST WANT THE
3 MEDICATION TO HAVE WHEN THEY DO TEST POSITIVE. THAT'S NOT
4 POSSIBLE, BUT FOR PEOPLE THAT TELL US I TESTED POSITIVE, THEY
5 ACTUALLY WILL THEN GET WHAT WE CALL A TELEHEALTH APPOINTMENT
6 WITH A PHYSICIAN. AND THAT PHYSICIAN WILL THEN DO A FULL
7 ASSESSMENT BECAUSE THERE ARE CONTRAINDICATIONS TO THIS
8 MEDICATION. PEOPLE DO NEED TO GO THROUGH A SCREENING.
9 EVERYBODY IS NOT A GOOD CANDIDATE FOR THESE MEDICATIONS. SO
10 THAT SCREENING WILL HAPPEN. IF THEY ARE A GOOD CANDIDATE FOR
11 THE MEDICATION, WE WILL GO AHEAD AND EITHER OVERNIGHT IT TO
12 THEIR HOUSE, OR, IF THEY PREFER, WE CAN SEND IT IT TO THEIR
13 PRESCRIPTION TO THEIR LOCAL PHARMACY THAT THEY CAN PICK UP.

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL:** HOW DO THEY PAY FOR THOSE MEDS?

16

17 **DR. FERRER:** THEY DON'T PAY FOR THEM. THE MEDICATION --

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THINK THAT'S AN IMPORTANT POINT TOO BECAUSE I
20 CAN DO THIS ON MY PHONE. I CAN DO THIS ON MY COMPUTER. I'M AT
21 HOME. AND I DON'T HAVE TO PAY FOR THE MEDS.

22

23 **DR. FERRER:** YOU DON'T HAVE TO PAY FOR ANYTHING, NOT FOR THE
24 VISIT, NOT FOR ANYTHING BECAUSE IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT THAT
25 PEOPLE GET THESE MEDICATIONS RIGHT AWAY AS SOON AS THEY ARE

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1 TESTING POSITIVE AND DEVELOPING SYMPTOMS. THIS IS AN ANTIVIRAL
2 MEDICATION. IT DOESN'T WORK AFTER THE FIRST FEW DAYS. SO WE
3 ARE MAKING IT EASY. NOW, I WILL NOTE THAT WE HAVE SET UP A
4 TELEHEALTH OPTION TO GIVE TIME TO THE THE PROVIDER COMMUNITY
5 BECAUSE MOST PEOPLE HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE, AND MOST PEOPLE
6 HAVE A CUSTOMARY PROVIDER, FOR THE PROVIDER COMMUNITY PUT IN
7 PLACE THEIR SYSTEMS SO THAT PEOPLE CAN GO TO THEIR PROVIDER
8 OF CHOICE AND GET THE SAME VERY QUICK RESPONSE, BUT WE KNOW
9 THIS TAKES TIME. IN THE MEANTIME, LIKE WE DON'T WANT ANYBODY
10 TO LOSE OUT. WE DON'T WANT ANYBODY TO NOT HAVE ACCESS. AND
11 THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE IN SOME OF THE HARDEST HIT
12 COMMUNITIES. WE ALSO WANT IT TO BE SUPER CONVENIENT BECAUSE
13 YOU CAN SEE A SITUATIONS WHERE YOU MAY HAVE TO GO TO THREE
14 DIFFERENT PLACES BEFORE YOU GET YOUR MEDICATION, SOMEWHERE TO
15 GET TESTED, A PROVIDER TO DO YOUR ASSESSMENT, AND THEN A
16 DRUGSTORE OR PHARMACY WHERE YOU PICK UP YOUR MEDICATION. SO WE
17 ARE TRYING TO AVOID THAT BECAUSE NOT EVERYONE HAS A CAR, AND
18 THAT WOULD BE A HUGE BURDEN ON SOME MEMBERS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE NEED -- AND HAVE,
21 REALLY, THE FIVE OF US IN OUR OWN DISTRICTS, TO KEEP SAYING.
22 THIS IS SOMETHING YOU CAN DO ON YOUR PHONE OR OUR ON YOUR
23 COMPUTER. YOU GET A VISIT WITH A DOCTOR. THE MEDS WOULD BE
24 DELIVERED TO YOUR HOUSE, AND IT IS FREE. THIS IS ALL FREE.

25

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1 **DR. FERRER:** EVERYTHING IS FREE.

2

3 **SUP. KUEHL:** THE COUNTY HAS PROVIDED FREE TESTING, FREE MEDS.
4 FREE. EVERYTHING IS FREE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE ONE
5 QUESTION FOR DR. GHALY, IF I MAY. DR. GHALY, WE WERE TALKING
6 ABOUT TRAINING AND TRAINING OF DOCTORS AND OTHER MEDICAL
7 PROFESSIONALS IN TERMS OF THE IMPACTS OF RACE AND POVERTY AND
8 ACCESS TO [INAUDIBLE] FOR HEALTH. I SPENT A LONG TIME IN THE
9 LEGISLATURE TRYING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE TRAINING OF
10 MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, BUT WE WERE TOLD THAT KIND OF EVERY
11 SCHOOL DECIDES FOR THEMSELVES WHETHER THEY ARE GOING TO TEACH
12 THIS OR NOT, BUT I JUST WONDER IS THERE SOME CENTRALIZED WAY
13 TO IMPACT MEDICAL SCHOOLS SO THAT -- OR IS IT HAPPENING
14 ALREADY? SO THAT THERE'S SOME ADDITIONAL RECOGNITION THAT
15 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, COMMUNITIES OF POVERTY, DO HAVE ALL OF
16 THIS ELEVATED -- ALL OF THESE ELEVATED NUMBERS AND NOT JUST
17 ABOUT THE PANDEMIC BECAUSE I HONESTLY DON'T THINK MEDICAL
18 STUDENTS WHEN THEY START OUT, KNOW THIS UNLESS THEY COME FROM
19 THOSE COMMUNITIES, AND THEN IT IS LIKE, YEAH. IT IS THE WATER
20 WE SWIM IN, BUT I JUST DON'T KNOW WHETHER THERE'S A REAL WAY
21 TO IMPACT TRAINING.

22

23 **DR. GHALY:** YES, SUPERVISOR, IT IS A GOOD QUESTION BOTH FOR
24 MEDICAL EDUCATION AND MEDICAL SCHOOLS, AND I WOULD SAY FOR A
25 VARIETY OF OTHER DISCIPLINES AS WELL, INCLUDING TECHS,

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1 NURSING, ACROSS THE BOARD IN HEALTHCARE. THERE'S A VARIETY OF
2 ENTITIES AND AUTHORITIES THAT REGULATE THE CONTENT OF THOSE
3 TRAINING CURRICULUM. FOR MEDICAL SCHOOL, IT IS THE A.C.G.M.E.,
4 AND THEY HAVE PUT IN ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS THAT TRIES TO
5 GIVE SOME -- THAT'S FOR RESIDENCY PROGRAMS, SOME DEGREE OF
6 TRAINING IN MEDICAL SCHOOL AND THEN IN RESIDENCY PROGRAMS --
7 EXPOSURE TO SOME OF THE TOPICS YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT, BUT I
8 THINK REALLY WHAT IS ONE OF THE MAIN WAYS THAT CAN BE
9 SUCCESSFUL IS FIRST BY HAVING TRAINING PROGRAM LOCATIONS,
10 WHETHER IT IS IN MEDICAL SCHOOL OR RESIDENCIES, WITHIN AT RISK
11 AND VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES SO THAT DURING THE TRAINING,
12 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE RECEIVING TRAINING ARE WORKING IN
13 COMMUNITIES OF NEED, WORKING IN VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES, AND
14 HAVE THAT EXPERIENCE RATHER THAN JUST BEING TAUGHT IT IN A
15 CLASSROOM, WHICH I THINK IS LESS EFFECTIVE. AND THEN SECONDLY,
16 ALSO ENSURING THAT WE ARE DIVERSIFYING THE CANDIDATES
17 THEMSELVES THAT ARE IN THOSE TRAINING PROGRAMS. AND YOU MADE A
18 REFERENCE TO THIS IN TERMS OF HAVING THE CANDIDATES HAVE THOSE
19 LIFE EXPERIENCES OR COME FROM VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES OR BE
20 INDIVIDUALS OF COLOR THEMSELVES. AND I THINK BY DIVERSIFYING
21 THE WORKFORCE, BY INVESTING IN TRAINING PROGRAMS THAT ARE
22 COMMITTED TO RECRUITING INDIVIDUALS FROM THE COMMUNITIES,
23 THAT'S HOW WE WILL MAKE I THINK A SIZABLE DENT IN THE PROBLEM
24 YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT, WHICH IS TRAINING A FUTURE WORKFORCE
25 ACROSS THE BOARD THAT IS FAMILIAR WITH COMMUNITIES OF NEED,

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1 COMMITTED TO SERVING COMMUNITIES OF NEED ACROSS RACIAL AND
2 ETHNIC LINES, ACROSS GEOGRAPHY AND ALL THE REST. AND I WOULD
3 SAY HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THERE'S A VARIETY OF
4 COMMITMENTS TO THAT, AND MOST NOTABLY THE DREW MEDICAL SCHOOL
5 DOES AN OUTSTANDING JOB OF TRAINING A DIVERSE, EXTREMELY
6 DIVERSE, SET OF MEDICAL SCHOOL CANDIDATES AND OFFERING THEM
7 ALSO RESIDENCY OPPORTUNITIES. A LOT OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS ARE
8 FROM COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, BORN AND RAISED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF
9 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THEY HAVE THOSE LIFE EXPERIENCES. AND WE
10 HAVE SEEN AGAIN AND AGAIN THAT AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE
11 RESIDENCY TRAINING, THEY RETURN IN HIGHER NUMBERS TO THE
12 COMMUNITIES THAT THEY CAME FROM AND WORK IN THOSE COMMUNITIES,
13 AND THAT'S AN INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION THAT DREW
14 MAKES TO THE ENTIRE LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

15
16 **SUP. KUEHL:** OF COURSE YOU KNOW, I AM CERTAIN THAT YOU KNOW
17 FROM YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE, HOW DIFFICULT IT IS WHEN YOU ARE THE
18 PERSON. THE TWO WOMEN OF COLOR ON THIS BOARD, THE ONE QUEER
19 PERSON ON THIS BOARD, AND ALL OF FIVE US, WHO ARE WOMEN CAN
20 TELL YOU IF YOU ARE THE ONE SAYING NO, NO, NO TO YOUR ENTIRE
21 CLASS, FROM MY EXPERIENCE, YOU KNOW, THIS IS WHAT IT IS. AND
22 THEY DON'T LIKE -- IT IS A LOT TO PUT ON ANY OF THE STUDENTS
23 THEMSELVES. THOUGH REPRESENTATION IS A REALLY IMPORTANT THING,
24 BUT I THINK -- I DON'T KNOW ANY WAY THAT HERE IN THE COUNTY WE
25 CAN ACTUALLY IMPACT TRAINING, BUT IT IS A REALLY IMPORTANT

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1 PIECE. I DON'T KNOW, CONTINUING EDUCATION, WHATEVER WE MIGHT
2 REQUIRE. YOU KNOW, THE BAR REQUIRES THAT YOU TAKE SOME CLASS
3 EVERY OTHER YEAR ON DIVERSITY AND UNDERSTANDING HOW THESE
4 THINGS IMPACT THE LAW, BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW SERIOUSLY PEOPLE
5 TAKE IT. I JUST KNOW THAT WHEN YOU ARE ONE OF THE PEOPLE THAT
6 YOU ARE TRYING TO GET PEOPLE TO PAY ATTENTION TO, I REMEMBER
7 IN THE EARLY DAYS AND NOW THAT ROW V. WADE IS AT RISK, MAYBE
8 EVEN AGAIN, PEOPLE WOULD SAY WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WOMEN WANT.
9 LIKE YOU ARE THE REPRESENTATION OF ALL THE ENTIRE FEMALE
10 POPULATION, JUST TELL ME WHAT YOU WANT. IT IS TOO MUCH OF A
11 BURDEN. SO I HOPE WE FIND A WAY THAT WE CAN MAYBE IMPACT
12 TRAINING, EVEN IF IT IS ONLY FOR OUR OWN, MAKE CERTAIN THEY
13 REALLY UNDERSTAND THESE COMMUNITIES. I HAVE 17 MORE QUESTIONS,
14 BUT THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. YOU KNOW,
17 AND I WOULD ARGUE, I FOLLOWED YOU IN THE LEGISLATURE AND
18 CARRIED A BILL THAT TURNED OUT TO BE SURPRISINGLY
19 CONTROVERSIAL WHEN WE LOOKED AT THE AFRICAN AMERICAN MATERNAL
20 MORBIDITY RATE IN THIS STATE AND SIMPLY ASKED THAT ALL HEALTH
21 PROFESSIONALS WHO ARE INVOLVED IN BIRTHING HAVE IMPLICIT BIAS
22 TESTING BECAUSE I THINK THE ISSUE IS NOT JUST MEDICAL SCHOOLS.
23 WE HAVE TO ADDRESS THE CURRENT GROUP OF HEALTHCARE
24 PROFESSIONALS AS WELL. SERIOUS OPPOSITION FROM THE USUAL
25 SUSPECTS. AND I THINK THAT WE AS A COUNTY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY

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1 TO HAVE A DIFFERENT KIND OF CONVERSATION AS AN EMPLOYER
2 BECAUSE ONE OF THE HICCUPS, IF YOU WILL, WAS THAT HOSPITALS
3 DON'T EMPLOY DOCTORS, BUT WE, AS A COUNTY, DO EMPLOY OUR
4 HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS. SO TO FIGURE OUT A WAY IN WHICH WE
5 CAN BEGIN THE PROCESS BECAUSE THE POINT WAS NOT NECESSARILY A
6 TRAINING BUT TO PUT PEOPLE IN CHECK WITH THEIR OWN BIAS. AND
7 SO EVEN IF THEY WERE TO SELF-REGULATE, AND DISPEL THE MYTH
8 THAT BLACK WOMEN HAVE A HIGHER PAIN THRESHOLD, DISPEL THE
9 MYTH THAT OUR SKIN IS MORE DIFFICULT TO PENETRATE, THE
10 HORRIFIC THINGS WE HEARD FROM MEDICAL STUDENTS BY SURVEYING
11 THEM. AND SO I THINK THAT WE PERHAPS HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY, AS
12 AN EMPLOYER OF HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS, TO TALK ABOUT THAT IN
13 A MEANINGFUL, TANGIBLE WAY.

14
15 **SUP. KUEHL:** AND DR. FERRER BROUGHT UP THAT OTHER IMPORTANT
16 POINT, WHICH YOU JUST MENTIONED ABOUT BLAMING THE PEOPLE.
17 WELL, YOUR COMMUNITY HAS A HIGHER GETTING SICK RATE, IT MUST
18 BE YOUR OWN FAULT. YOU'RE NOT EATING RIGHT. YOU'RE NOT
19 PROTECTING YOURSELF. YOU'RE NOT GETTING VACCINATED,
20 WHATEVER IT IS. THAT'S AN IMPORTANT PIECE THAT WE HAVE
21 RECOGNIZED. THAT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY. WE'RE NOT GOING TO SAY,
22 OH, EVERYTHING IS YOUR FAULT. IT WAS ALMOST -- I REMEMBER WHEN
23 WE WERE IN LAW SCHOOL, THERE WAS ONE PROFESSOR THAT WE READ,
24 NOT AT OUR SCHOOL, THAT SAID THAT THE BEST WAY TO DEAL WITH
25 AIR POLLUTION IS JUST FOR EVERYBODY TO WEAR A MASK BECAUSE

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1 THEN YOU DON'T HAVE TO CLEAN UP THE POLLUTION, WHICH WAS VERY
2 EXPENSIVE, IT WAS ONLY \$2 FOR EACH PERSON. AND CHEAPEST COST
3 AVOIDER WAS WHAT THE LEGAL THEORY WAS CALLED. SO WE WANT TO BE
4 CAREFUL NOT TO ENGAGE IN THAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS:** A VERY LIVELY DISCUSSION, AND I WANT TO THANK
9 BARBARA FERRER AND DR. GHALY AGAIN FOR PRESENTING INFORMATION
10 THAT JUST REMINDS ME AGAIN HOW WE HAVE MANY GAPS AND HOLES IN
11 OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, AND IT IS VERY CLEAR AND EVIDENT THAT
12 DISPARITIES CONTINUE TO EXACERBATED, SO TO SPEAK. AND I WANT
13 TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO ONE OF THE SLIDES, DR. FERRER, THAT
14 YOU POINTED OUT THAT, TO ME, IS STILL VERY ALARMING. EVEN
15 AFTER WE HAVE GONE THROUGH THE WORST OR WE THOUGHT THE WORST
16 OF COVID, WE STILL SEE AMONG THE LATINX COMMUNITY 25,543.9
17 CASE RATES. THESE ARE HOSPITALIZATIONS. AND CASE RATES AND
18 THEN HOSPITALIZATION RATES, VERY HIGH AGAIN, 1,983.8. AND
19 DEATH RATES, HIGHEST AMONGST ALL THE DIFFERENT GROUPS YOU'VE
20 SHOWN HERE OF 452.6 DEATHS, AND THIS IS I GUESS UP TO MARCH
21 THE 1ST THROUGH MAY 1ST. TO ME, THESE NUMBERS CONTINUE TO BE
22 STAGGERING, AND THEY'RE NOT ACCEPTABLE. THEY'RE JUST IS NOT
23 ACCEPTABLE. AND I REALLY DO THINK THAT THE ALARM HAS TO BE
24 SOUNDED, AND I AGREE WITH MY MY COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
25 THAT YOU CAN'T BLAME THE PEOPLE FOR THE HIGH RATE OF DEATH OR

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1 HOSPITALIZATIONS BECAUSE IT'S MORE THAN THAT. IT'S ABOUT JOB
2 INSECURITY AND CONTINUING TO FACE LACK OF ACCESS TO
3 HEALTHCARE. EVEN WHEN YOU DO HAVE HEALTHCARE, YOU HAVE TO
4 PROVIDE CO-PAYMENT OR YOUR DOCTOR OR YOUR PERSON THAT YOU
5 WOULD LIKE TO SEE MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE TO TREAT YOU. THEY'RE
6 OVERWHELMED, TOO. AND I KEEP SAYING THIS OCCURRING, AND I WANT
7 TO JUST CONTINUE TO PUSH OUR COUNTY FAMILY, OUR STAFF, TO
8 CONTINUE TO LOOK AT THOSE AREAS THAT WE KNOW ARE MOST
9 IMPACTED. AND DR. FERRER, YOU POINTED OUT THOSE OUT. IT'S NOT
10 JUST THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY IN MY DISTRICT. IT'S EAST L.A.,
11 UNINCORPORATED AREAS, AND EVEN HACIENDA HEIGHTS, I WOULD SAY.
12 AND THAT'S AMONGST THE MINORITY COMMUNITIES THERE, BUT WE
13 REALLY NEED TO DO MORE TO TO MAKE INVESTMENTS BECAUSE OUR
14 PRIVATE SECTOR HEALTH SYSTEMS DON'T ALWAYS REACH OUR
15 COMMUNITIES. SO I THINK WE -- I REALLY WANT TO JUST CONTINUE
16 TO PRESS AHEAD ON THAT AND ALSO JUST TO ASK AGAIN, THE HIGH
17 NUMBER OF LATINOS THAT ARE GOING TO THE HOSPITAL FULLY
18 VACCINATED, OKAY, I CAN SEE THAT. THAT'S GREAT. THAT'S A GOOD
19 TREND, BUT WHEN THEY'RE UNVACCINATED, OH MY GOD, AT THE SLIDE
20 I'M LOOKING AT RIGHT NOW, FULLY VACCINATED, 83. UNVACCINATED,
21 351 HOSPITALIZATIONS. SO THAT MEANS THEY'RE OUT. THEY'RE NOT
22 WORKING. SOMEBODY HAS TO PAY THAT BILL, AND PERHAPS MANY OF
23 THEM, I WOULD -- I DON'T KNOW IF I COULD EVEN SAY THAT. I
24 DON'T KNOW IF THEY HAVE HEALTHCARE COVERAGE. AND SO, THEY MAY
25 END UPCOMING TO OUR HOSPITALS OR MAY NOT EVEN BE COMING TO A

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1 HOSPITAL AT ALL. AND THEN THE DEATH RATES AGAIN FOR LATINOS
2 CONTINUE TO BE THE HIGHEST AMONGST ALL THE GROUPS, 181. THOSE
3 ARE THE ONES THAT ARE NOT VACCINATED. I CONTINUE TO SAY WHAT
4 ARE WE DOING TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS GETS OUT TO THEM? AND I
5 CAN'T UNDERSCORE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO USE LIVE RADIO, TO USE
6 THE SYSTEMS THAT PEOPLE LISTEN TO AT THEIR WORK SITES. I
7 CONTINUE TO RECEIVE A LOT OF CALLS SAYING WHY ARE WE NOT
8 REACHING OUR WORKFORCE, THE ESSENTIAL WORKERS THAT WE KNOW.
9 THEIR NAMES AREN'T SHOWN HERE, BUT THAT'S PROBABLY WHO THESE
10 PEOPLE ARE. WE REALLY DO NEED TO SPEND MONEY, FUNDS, TO TARGET
11 IN A MORE, COULD I SAY, STRATEGIC MANNER, ESPECIALLY WHERE
12 THESE WORKPLACES ARE RIGHT NOW WHERE WE SEE OUR WORKFORCE
13 COMING BACK AND HAVING TO WORK, BUT YET MAYBE THEIR EMPLOYER
14 ISN'T GIVING THEM TIME OFF. THEY'RE AFRAID TO SAY ANYTHING,
15 THEY'RE FEARFUL THEY'LL LOSE THEIR JOB. AND I KEEP HEARING
16 THOSE STORIES OVER AND OVER FROM MY STAFF. I WANT TO SAY ALSO
17 THAT I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT THEY CALL LONG COVID
18 AMONGST THESE COMMUNITIES, AND I'VE YET TO SEE ANY INFORMATION
19 -- I THINK OUR COUNTY -- I'VE ASKED THE COUNTY BEFORE TO LOOK
20 INTO THIS, AND I THINK WE'RE WAITING FOR SOME FEEDBACK. SO I'D
21 LIKE TO KNOW WHERE THE STATUS IS AND IF WE'RE WORKING WITH
22 U.C.L.A. OR ANY OTHER INSTITUTION BECAUSE I BELIEVE THEY WERE
23 CONDUCTING STUDIES, BUT TO REALLY TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THE
24 DISPARITIES IN TERMS OF THE POPULATIONS HERE AS WELL. WHAT I
25 CONTINUE TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT IS THAT THE REINFECTION RATE

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1 AND WHAT DOES THAT IMPACT HAVE ON PEOPLE THAT ARE FROM LOW
2 INCOME, DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES THAT DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO
3 HEALTHCARE. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR US GOING FORWARD AND THEN
4 FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. I DON'T MEAN NECESSARILY THE SECONDARY
5 STUDENTS, I MEAN -- I'M REALLY THINKING ABOUT THE YOUNGER
6 ONES, THE INFANTS, THAT ARE MAYBE -- CAN'T GET THE
7 VACCINATION, BUT WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THEM AND ESPECIALLY
8 WITH COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. THOSE ARE MY QUESTIONS. I AGREE
9 WITH MUCH OF WHAT HAS BEEN SAID, THAT WE HAVE TO INCREASE OUR
10 EFFORTS TO GET MORE FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. AND I
11 THINK WE SHOULD HAVE OUR LOBBYISTS READY IN WASHINGTON AND
12 SACRAMENTO, AND WE NEED TO RAISE HELL. WE NEED TO RAISE HELL
13 BECAUSE THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE. WE'RE THE LARGEST COUNTY, THE
14 LARGEST COUNTY IN THE COUNTRY, AND WE CAN'T SEEM TO GET ANY
15 TRACTION. AT LEAST PERHAPS MAYBE SOME OTHER REGULATORY RELIEF
16 MIGHT BE PROVIDED IF YOU CAN'T GET IT THROUGH THE HOUSE, THEN
17 THERE MIGHT BE SOME OTHER WAYS OF GETTING THAT FUNDING HERE.
18 SO, I WOULD JUST ASK FOR THAT. SO, DR. FERRER, DR. GHALY, IF
19 YOU WANT TO RESPOND.

20
21 **DR. FERRER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND FOR YOUR
22 SUPPORT AS WELL. SO, LONG COVID, AGAIN, THERE'S A COUPLE OF
23 ACADEMIC MEDICAL CENTERS THAT ARE SETTING UP TO ACTUALLY
24 PROVIDE CARE FOR PATIENTS WITH LONG COVID. WE'RE OBVIOUSLY
25 TALKING WITH THEM. THERE IS NOT MUCH THAT'S REALLY BEEN

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1 PUBLISHED YET THAT'S POPULATION BASED. I SHARE YOUR SAME WORRY
2 THAT IF YOU HAVE DISPROPORTIONALITY IN THE NUMBER -- IN THE
3 CASE RATES BY RACE AND ETHNICITY, BY PEOPLE LIVING IN
4 COMMUNITIES WITH HIGH RATES OF POVERTY, YOU'LL SEE
5 DISPROPORTIONALITY FOR SURE IN THE LONG COVID CASES. THAT CAN
6 GET AGGRAVATED, AS YOU NOTED, IF SOME PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN
7 COMMUNITIES WITH LESS RESOURCES HAVE A HARDER TIME GETTING
8 ACCESS TO ANY KINDS OF SUPPORT OR TREATMENT FOR LONG COVID
9 BECAUSE THERE IS NO STANDARDIZATION ON THAT TREATMENT. PEOPLE
10 SHOW UP WITH MANY DIFFERENT SYMPTOMS THAT AFFECT MANY
11 DIFFERENT SYSTEMS IN THEIR BODY FOR LONG COVID. SO IT'S A
12 COMPLICATED DIAGNOSIS. IT'S A COMPLICATED DISEASE TO TREAT
13 BECAUSE FOLKS DON'T KNOW EVERYTHING THEY WANT TO KNOW ABOUT IT
14 YET. BUT I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT WE HAVE SUBMITTED AN
15 APPLICATION TO BE A SITE WITH C.D.C. THAT WILL ACTUALLY TRACK
16 PATIENTS OVER I THINK IT'S A THREE YEAR PERIOD SO WE WOULD BE
17 IN ON ONE OF THE LARGER STUDIES THAT REALLY IS LOOKING AT
18 TRYING TO DEVELOP A MUCH BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF ALL THE
19 QUESTIONS YOU ASKED, WHO GETS IT, WHY DO SOME GET IT AND OTHER
20 PEOPLE DON'T, DON'T, WHEN PEOPLE GET IT, WHAT ARE THE BEST
21 TREATMENTS FOR THEM, HOW DO WE MAKE SURE THAT FOLKS ARE ABLE
22 TO ACCESS SERVICES AND SUPPORT FOR LONG COVID BECAUSE YOU HEAR
23 A LOT OF NIGHTMARE STORIES. YOU KNOW, I WENT TO THE DOCTOR.
24 THEY TOLD ME THERE WAS NOTHING THEY COULD DO ABOUT IT. THEY
25 TOLD ME TO COME BACK IN THREE MONTHS, BUT I'M UNABLE TO WORK.

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1 THIS IS UNTENABLE. SO, I SHARE YOUR CONCERNS. I THINK OVER
2 TIME, WE'LL GET MORE AND MORE INFORMATION. I ALSO WANT TO SORT
3 OF USE IT AS AN OPPORTUNITY JUST TO SAY WHY PEOPLE SHOULD BE
4 CAUTIOUS. WE DON'T KNOW EVERYTHING WE NEED TO DO ABOUT LONG
5 COVID AND WHO GETS INFECTED AND WHAT IS THE COURSE OF
6 SOMEONE'S EXPERIENCE WITH LONG COVID AND HOW MUCH OF THAT
7 RESULTS IN SOME MORE LONG TERM DISABILITY, YOU DON'T WANT TO
8 JUST GO OUT AND GET INFECTED. I TALK A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO SAY
9 NO BIG DEAL. I'M JUST GOING TO GET INFECTED, AND I'M
10 INCREDULOUS BECAUSE THERE IS SO MUCH UNKNOWN HERE, ESPECIALLY
11 AROUND LONG COVID. AND THAT INCLUDES LONG COVID IN CHILDREN.
12 SO, I APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN ON THAT. IN TERMS IT OF THE
13 REINFECTION RATE, MANY, MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN ALREADY
14 INFECTED HAVE, IN FACT, BEEN REINFECTED, SO YOU'RE RIGHT TO
15 NOTE THAT, CONTRARY TO WHAT MANY PEOPLE HAD HOPED, BEING
16 INFECTED ONCE DOES NOT PREVENT YOU FROM GETTING REINFECTED AT
17 A LATER DATE. THIS WAS PARTICULARLY TRUE FOR PEOPLE WHO HAD
18 BEEN INFECTED WITH DELTA AND THEN FOUND OUT THAT -- THEY
19 WEREN'T VACCINATED AND FOUND OUT THEY GOT REINFECTED WITH
20 OMICRON, BUT IT ALSO HAPPENS EVEN AMONG PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN
21 VACCINATED. THERE ARE PEOPLE VACCINATED AND BOOSTED WHO HAVE
22 NOW -- WERE INFECTED INITIALLY, NOW HAVE BEEN INFECTED AGAIN.
23 SO, AGAIN, THERE'S THE POSSIBILITY FOR EVERYONE TO GET
24 INFECTED A SECOND TIME. A LITTLE BIT OF DISTURBING EARLY NEWS
25 OUT OF SOUTH AFRICA IS THAT FOLKS WHO WERE INFECTED WITH THE

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1 OMICRON VARIANT B.A.4/B.A.5, SOME OF THEM HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY
2 INFECTED WITH THE EARLIER STRAINS OF OMICRON AND THAT WOULD
3 ACTUALLY BE HUGE PROBLEMATIC BECAUSE, AGAIN, WE GENERALLY
4 COUNT ON PEOPLE HAVING AT LEAST A COUPLE OF MONTHS OF
5 IMMUNITY, BUT WE ALSO COUNT ON THERE BEING LESS REINFECTIONS
6 WITHIN ONE TYPE, ONE STRAIN, OF THE VIRUS. IF THAT'S NOT GOING
7 TO HOLD TRUE, AGAIN, WHICH IT MIGHT NOT, THEN WE AGAIN HAVE TO
8 REEMPHASIZE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR PEOPLE TO GET VACCINATED
9 EVEN IF THEY HAVE BEEN INFECTED. AND LASTLY, VACCINATION FOR
10 YOUNGER -- FOR OUR YOUNGEST CHILDREN, THE TIMELINE HAS BEEN
11 SET BY THE F.D.A. TO REVIEW THE MODERNA APPLICATION. IF THE
12 PFIZER APPLICATION IS COMPLETE BY JUNE, I'M ASSUMING THAT WILL
13 GET REVIEWED AS WELL. THEY HAVE SET THREE DATES IN JUNE TO GO
14 OVER THE DATA THAT WAS SUBMITTED. WE'RE PREPARING, OBVIOUSLY,
15 TO BE ABLE TO ROLL OUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTS TO GET
16 CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 5 VACCINATED AS SOON AS THOSE
17 APPROVALS COME THROUGH. IT WILL BE AN EMERGENCY USE
18 AUTHORIZATION FOR THAT AGE GROUP. I WANT TO NOTE WE CONTINUE,
19 AS YOU KNOW, SUPERVISOR, TO WORK HARD TO ANSWER PARENTS'
20 QUESTIONS ABOUT VACCINE SAFETY FOR THE PEDIATRIC DOSE THAT'S
21 USED FOR 5-11 YEAR OLDS. THAT'S WHERE WE'VE SEEN THE LEAST
22 NUMBER OF CHILDREN VACCINATED, THE LEAST OF ANY AGE GROUP
23 VACCINATED, AND ARE DOING A BIG CAMPAIGN RIGHT NOW URGING
24 PARENTS TO MAKE SURE THEIR CHILDREN ARE WELL PROTECTED AS
25 THEY'RE GOING INTO THEIR SUMMER ACTIVITIES. BUT WE DO, AS YOU

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1 NOTED, WE DO HAVE A LOT OF PROMOTORAS OUT THERE. WE DO A LOT
2 OF INTERVIEWS. WE DO A LOT OF TOWN HALLS. WE DO A LOT OF TOWN
3 SESSIONS. WE HAVE OUR COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR PROGRAM WHICH NOW
4 HAS THOUSANDS OF AMBASSADORS IN IT SO THAT WE CAN DO PEER TO
5 PEER EDUCATION. SO WE'RE TRYING, AS YOU NOTED, THAT IMPORTANT
6 STRATEGY OF MAKING SURE WE'RE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER PEOPLE'S
7 QUESTIONS, GIVE THEM GOOD INFORMATION, AND CONNECT THEM TO
8 APPROPRIATE RESOURCES. I THINK I GOT TO ALL THREE OF THOSE.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** I THINK SO. THANK YOU.

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

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM. AND THANK YOU DR. GHALY AND DR.
15 FERRER FOR YOUR CONTINUED WORK TO INFORM AND PROTECT OUR
16 RESIDENTS, PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES TO VACCINES, TO TESTING,
17 TO TREATMENT. THE GREAT TAKE AWAY TODAY WAS SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
18 YOU JUST REALLY REITERATING -- LET ME SAY THIS ONE MORE TIME,
19 IT'S FREE. YOU CAN DO IT FROM HOME. YOU CAN DO IT FROM YOUR
20 PHONE, YOUR COMPUTER. DRUGS WILL BE DELIVERED TO DO YOUR DOOR,
21 AND IT WILL BE FREE. I THINK THAT'S GOING TO BE A BIG RELIEF
22 TO A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO ARE STILL CONCERNED ABOUT GOING OUT.
23 YOU KNOW, I DO THINK I'M GLAD WE'RE STILL TALKING ABOUT
24 VACCINATIONS, AND I THINK THAT'S STILL REALLY A KEY PROVISION
25 TO MAKING SURE WHATEVER COMES OUR WAY THIS SUMMER, THE WINTER,

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1 THAT THE MORE PEOPLE WE CAN GET VACCINATED, THE MORE WE'RE
2 GOING TO BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND ANY KIND OF SURGE OR VARIANT
3 THAT MAYBE WE HAVEN'T EVEN GIVEN A LETTER TO YET. I HAVE A
4 VACCINE VAN, AND I'M HAVING IT STOP AT CITIES, AT EVENTS, AT
5 ART FESTIVALS. IT'S GOING ALL ACROSS MY DISTRICT. IT'S IN
6 COMMERCE, SOUTH GATE, LYNWOOD, BELL, MAYWOOD, WALNUT PARK,
7 PICO RIVERA. THIS THURSDAY, AGAIN, WE'LL BE IN DOWNTOWN SAN
8 PEDRO AT THE FIRST THURSDAY ART FESTIVAL. WE'RE TRYING TO MEET
9 PEOPLE WHERE THEY'RE AT, MAKING IT CONVENIENT AND EASY, EVEN
10 FOR SOMEONE WHO MAY NOT HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT IT, BUT THEY SEE
11 OUR VACCINATION VAN, AND THEY SEE HOW EASY IT IS, AND MAYBE
12 THEY'LL CONSIDER PROTECTING THEMSELVES. I WAS GOING TO ASK
13 ABOUT HOW READY WE ARE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 5 SHOULD THAT
14 VACCINATION BE AUTHORIZED IN JUNE, BUT I THINK YOU ANSWERED
15 THAT. I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU, I GIVE BIG KUDOS TO OUR PUBLIC
16 HEALTH NURSES ALL ACROSS THE BOARD, BUT WHEN I VISITED A
17 VACCINE SITE IN COMMERCE, THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES HAD GONE
18 BEYOND AND ABOVE AND DID THIS WHOLE ROOM THAT WAS JUST FOR
19 KIDS. IT HAD BALLOONS. IT HAD CHILDREN'S BOOKS. IT HAD STUFFED
20 ANIMALS. IT WAS COLORFUL. IT HAD LIGHTS. AND IMMEDIATELY, IF
21 A PARENT CAME IN WITH A CHILD, IT WAS A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT
22 ATMOSPHERE THAN JUST KIND OF A SCARY, HERE'S WHERE YOU'RE
23 GOING TO GET YOUR SHOT. AND I'M HOPING THAT WE CAN REPLICATE
24 THAT AT ALL OF OUR VACCINE SITES, BUT, AGAIN, I WAS JUST SO
25 IMPRESSED -- I'M ALWAYS IMPRESSED WITH OUR PUBLIC HEALTH

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1 NURSES, BUT I REALLY APPRECIATE THE WAY THEY TRIED TO PUT AT
2 EASE PARENTS AND KIDS WHEN IT CAME TO VACCINES. DO YOU THINK
3 THAT'S FEASIBLE, PARTICULARLY BEFORE JUNE WHEN WE THINK THAT
4 THE UNDER 5 WILL BE AUTHORIZED?

5

6 **DR. FERRER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND ESPECIALLY
7 THANKS FOR CONTINUING TO MAKE IT SO EASY FOR FOLKS TO GET
8 VACCINATED. I TOTALLY AGREE WITH YOU. WE CAN'T LOSE SIGHT OF
9 HOW IMPORTANT IT IS, AND GETTING PEOPLE VACCINATED REMAINS THE
10 MOST IMPORTANT TASK IN FRONT OF US. I DO THINK ALL THE OF OUR
11 SITES HAVE A SPECIAL AREA FOR CHILDREN. I KNOW FOR SURE TED
12 WATKINS DOES, AND I KNOW FOR SURE OBREGON PARK DOES. I HAVE TO
13 CHECK. THE SITES I'M NOT SURE ARE THE SMALLER SITES THAT WE
14 HAVE UP IN ANTELOPE VALLEY, BUT I CAN GET BACK TO EVERYBODY ON
15 THAT. IT'S NOT ALWAYS A ROOM BECAUSE, AS SOME OF YOU KNOW WHO
16 GO TO OUR SITES, WE DON'T ALWAYS HAVE MULTIPLE ROOMS THAT
17 WE'RE ABLE TO USE AT A SITE, BUT WE ALWAYS HAVE A SPECIAL AREA
18 FOR CHILDREN. WE ALWAYS HAVE BOOKS. WE ALWAYS HAVE TOYS. WE
19 ALWAYS HAVE SORT OF OUR PEDIATRIC TEAM THAT SPENDS SOMETIMES
20 HALF AN HOUR WITH A FAMILY MAKING SURE THAT CHILD IS
21 COMFORTABLE AND CAN GET VACCINATED. I, TOO, APPLAUD THEM ALL.
22 THEY'VE BEEN AMAZING. EVERY TIME WE OPENED UP FOR A NEW AGE
23 GROUP, THEY'VE BEEN SWAMPED, AND THEIR PATIENCE AND KINDNESS
24 AND ABILITY TO REALLY REASSURE BOTH PARENTS AND CHILDREN, I

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1 FIND EXTRAORDINARY. SO I THANK YOU FOR THAT SHOUT OUT FOR
2 THEM.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** OUR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES ARE THE BEST. SOME OF MY
5 OTHER QUESTIONS WERE ALREADY ANSWERED, AND I JUST WANTED TO
6 AGAIN THANK YOU. I DON'T KNOW IF I'VE REALLY HEARD US DRILL
7 DOWN ON THE IDEA OF CONNECTING RESIDENTS TO SERVICES, HOUSING,
8 WHATEVER AT OUR TESTING AND VACCINATION SITES. I THINK THAT IS
9 EXACTLY RIGHT. AND I THINK THAT'S A LOT OF WHAT WE'RE GOING TO
10 TALK ABOUT IN A LATER AGENDA ITEM AS IT RELATES TO OUR
11 HOMELESS INITIATIVE IS JUST MAKING SURE ALL OUR COUNTY
12 DEPARTMENTS ARE KIND OF TOUCHING PEOPLE WHEREVER WE FIND THEM,
13 WHEREVER WE COME INTO CONTACT WITH THEM. IT IS NEVER JUST
14 ABOUT THE VACCINE. YOU KNOW IT'S NEVER JUST ABOUT THE TEST.
15 IT'S NEVER JUST ABOUT A ROOF OVER YOUR HEAD. THERE IS SO MUCH
16 MORE THAT I THINK WE CAN HELP PROVIDE TO THE WHOLE RESIDENT OF
17 L.A. COUNTY. SO I APPRECIATE YOUR FOCUS ON THAT. LET US KNOW
18 HOW WE CAN HELP AT THESE SITES TO FURTHER THAT INITIATIVE. OF
19 GETTING THEM SERVICES JUST BEYOND A VACCINE OR A TEST. SO
20 THANK YOU. THANK YOU TO BOTH OF YOU FOR THE WORK THAT YOU DO.
21 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

22

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

24

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, AND I'LL BE SHORT. I WANT TO ALSO
2 THANK YOU, DR. FERRER AND IS DR. GHALY AND YOUR ENTIRE TEAM.
3 THERE'S NO QUESTION THESE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS HAVE BEEN VERY
4 TRYING FOR ALL STAFF, AND EVERYONE HAS STEPPED UP TO THE
5 PLATE. I JUST WANT TO GET A CLARIFICATION. I COULDN'T SEE IT
6 IN THE SLIDES. WHAT IS THE VACCINATION RATE RIGHT NOW FOR LOS
7 ANGELES COUNTY?

8

9 **DR. FERRER:** WE'RE AT SLIGHTLY OVER 75% OF INDIVIDUALS 5 AND
10 OLDER, THOSE ARE THOSE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE, OBVIOUSLY, ARE FULLY
11 VACCINATED. WE'VE GOT ABOUT 57% OF THOSE ELIGIBLE FOR THEIR
12 FIRST IS BOOSTER DOSE. OBVIOUSLY, WE JUST STARTED ROLLING OUT
13 THE SECOND DOSE, BUT OF THOSE ELIGIBLE FOR THE FIRST BOOSTER
14 DOSE, 57% HAVE RECEIVED THEIR FIRST BOOSTER DOSE. THOSE RATES
15 VARY SIGNIFICANTLY, ESPECIALLY ON THE BOOSTER DOSES, BY AGE SO
16 THAT OLDER PEOPLE HAVE A HIGHER RATE OF GETTING BOOSTED,
17 OBVIOUSLY, THAN YOUNGER PEOPLE. SO, THAT'S A RATE ACROSS,
18 AGAIN, FOR BOOSTERS OF THOSE 12 AND OLDER. SO WE CONTINUE, AS
19 NOTED, WORK TO TRY TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE STILL HAVE THAT VERY
20 EASY ACCESS. I MEAN, I'LL BE HONEST, OUR TEAM GOES TO
21 ANYBODY'S HOUSE IF THEY WANT TO GET VACCINATED AT THIS POINT.
22 WE'LL DO ANYTHING TO GET PEOPLE COMFORTABLE WITH GETTING THAT
23 VACCINE DOSE BECAUSE WE THINK IT'S SO IMPORTANT, AND AT THAT
24 POINT, EVERY ADDITIONAL PERSON THAT GETS VACCINATED HELPS ALL
25 OF US. AND WE KNOW THAT, PROVIDES PROTECTION TO THEMSELVES,

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1 THEIR FAMILY, AND EVERYBODY AROUND THEM. SO, WE'RE GOING TO
2 CONTINUE TO WORK HARD ON THAT, BUT IT'S VERY SLOW GOING AT THE
3 MOMENT, VERY SLOW GOING.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER:** AND I APPRECIATE THAT, AND I THINK, TO SUPERVISOR
6 HAHN'S POINT ABOUT TAKING THE VANS OUT TO ANY ACTIVITY, IT'S
7 AN OPPORTUNITY. FOR EVERY ONE WE GET TO DO IT, THAT'S ONE LESS
8 VULNERABLE TO HOSPITALIZATION. REGARDING THE TEST, AND THANK
9 YOU FOR TALKING TO THE SECRETARY ABOUT GETTING THE
10 REIMBURSEMENT AND KNOWING THAT THEY DON'T PLAN ON DOING IT, I
11 GUESS MY QUESTION IS MORE ABOUT THE COST PER MONTH THAT WE'RE
12 PAYING. AND MAYBE THAT'S TO FESIA BECAUSE ARE WE BUDGETING IT?
13 MY CONCERN IS IS THAT WE ARE VERY FOCUSED ON ACCESS TO
14 TESTING, AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR CONTINUITY THAT THIS
15 BOARD BE AWARE OF WHAT THE COSTS WILL BE SO WE CAN PREPARE,
16 RECOGNIZING THAT IF DURING THE HOLIDAYS WE SAW THE NUMBERS
17 GOING UP AND PEOPLE GETTING MORE ACCESS OR LOOKING FOR TESTING
18 AND GETTING MORE TESTING, I JUST HOPE WE'RE PREPARED AND
19 FINANCIALLY ARE AHEAD OF THE CURVE AS IT RELATES TO BUDGETING
20 FOR THAT. I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S FESIA, DR. GHALY, WHOMEVER
21 WANTS TO ANSWER BECAUSE IT COMES OUT OF YOUR BUDGET.

22

23 **DR. GHALY:** I CAN SPEAK TO THE AVERAGE NUMBERS, SO WHAT WE HAVE
24 BUDGETED AND SUBMITTED TO THE C.E.O., AND I KNOW THEY'RE
25 WORKING THROUGH THIS ALONG WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER REQUESTS AND

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1 DEMANDS ON THOSE RESOURCES, IS APPROXIMATELY \$7 MILLION PER
2 MONTH TO MAINTAIN THE COMMUNITY TESTING PROGRAM, WHICH WOULD
3 INCLUDE COVERING THE COST OF THE UNINSURED. NOW, THE
4 EXPENDITURE IS LOWER IN QUIETER MONTHS AND HIGHER IN SURGE
5 MONTHS, BUT WHAT WE PROJECT AT THIS POINT TO BE THE AVERAGE
6 EXPENDITURE OVER THE NEXT YEAR, BARRING ANY MAJOR CHANGES IN
7 THE PANDEMIC WOULD BE \$7 MILLION PER MONTH.

8

9 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THIS IS FESIA
10 DAVENPORT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER. SO, WE ARE GOING TO BE
11 WORKING WITH YOUR OFFICES AND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENTS ON OUR
12 TRAUNCH 2. WE HAVE IDENTIFIED A FIGURE THAT WE HAVE PLACED IN
13 OUR PRELIMINARY PLANNING AS PLUG, BUT WE NEED TO REFINE THAT
14 NUMBER, AND, AS DR. GHALY SAID, WE'LL BE WORKING WITH HER
15 STAFF CLOSELY, AND WE ALSO HAVE A WRITTEN REQUEST FROM DR.
16 FERRER, SO OUR TEAMS WILL BE MEETING TO REFINE OUR NUMBER, BUT
17 AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE ANSWER IS YES. WE'RE PLANNING TO
18 RECOMMEND TO YOUR BOARD AN ALLOCATION THAT WE HOPE WILL COVER
19 THE HEALTH RESPONSE TO COVID.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER:** GREAT. AND THEN A FOLLOW UP TO THAT QUESTION. AS
22 IT RELATES TO THE TESTING, DO WE HAVE A PERCENTAGE THAT ARE
23 BILLING INSURANCE, AND ARE THE INSURANCE COMPANIES REIMBURSING
24 BECAUSE I HAVE HEARD STORIES THAT SOME HAVE DENIED. I JUST

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1 WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE COORDINATING AND BEING A WATCHDOG
2 AS IT IT RELATES TO COMPANIES AND COVERAGE ON THIS.

3

4 **DR. GHALY:** YES, SUPERVISOR, IT'S A GREAT QUESTION. WHERE WE
5 RECEIVE COMPLETE INSURANCE INFORMATION, WE HAVE HIGH SUCCESS
6 RATES WITH BILLING AND WITH REIMBURSEMENT. THERE ARE ALWAYS A
7 FEW CASES WHERE IT'S REJECTED. WE DO WORK AND OUR VENDOR
8 WORKS TO APPEAL THOSE, BUT THE VAST MAJORITY WHERE WE HAVE
9 COMPLETE INSURANCE INFORMATION, OURSELVES OR OUR VENDOR, ARE
10 ABLE TO BILL AND RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT. FOR INDIVIDUALS THAT
11 ALSO DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE THEIR INSURANCE INFORMATION, BUT
12 THEY PROVIDE US WITH SUFFICIENT DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION, WE'RE
13 OFTEN ABLE TO LOOK UP WHETHER THEY HAVE INSURANCE AND OFTEN
14 CAN IDENTIFY THAT INSURANCE INFORMATION AND ALSO BILL IN THOSE
15 CASES. SO THAT'S BEEN A SUCCESSFUL EFFORT AS WELL. THERE ARE
16 EXCEPTIONS. THERE ARE SOME CASES AND SITUATIONS WHERE
17 INSURANCE AND PLANS HAVE PUSHED BACK, AND WE WORK THROUGH
18 THOSE, AND OUR VENDOR WORKS THROUGH THOSE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE,
19 BUT THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE IS THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO
20 DON'T HAVE INSURANCE, THOUGH WITH THE RECENT EXPANSION OF
21 MEDI-CAL TO ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE AGE 50 AND OVER REGARDLESS
22 OF DOCUMENTATION STATUS, THAT'S A HUGE WIN FOR A NUMBER OF
23 INDIVIDUALS WHO DON'T -- LACK INSURANCE -- WHO LACKED
24 INSURANCE PRIOR TO THAT MAY 1ST IMPLEMENTATION DATE, AND THEN
25 ALSO THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO DO HAVE INSURANCE BUT, FOR

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1 VARIOUS REASONS, AREN'T ABLE OR WILLING TO PROVIDE US THAT
2 INFORMATION. WE THEN DON'T HAVE A RECOURSE OR ABILITY TO BILL
3 THE PLANS IF WE DON'T HAVE INSURANCE PLAN INFORMATION OR
4 SUFFICIENT DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION TO LOOK THEM UP. BUT WHERE
5 WE HAVE THE DATA, WE DO PRETTY WELL AT BILLING.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER:** I'LL JUST CLOSE WITH THIS. DR. FERRER, I REMEMBER
8 EARLY ON IN THE PANDEMIC -- NOT EARLY ON, LIKE SIX MONTHS INTO
9 IT, YOU STARTED TO TRACK LACK OF ACCESS TO TESTING, TO
10 HEALTHCARE, AND THIS PRETTY MUCH MIRRORS WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN,
11 ONLY IT'S GROWN EXPONENTIALLY AS IT RELATES TO THE NUMBER OF
12 PEOPLE IMPACTED. SO I GUESS WHAT I WOULD SAY IS, THERE ARE
13 LESSONS LEARNED, AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO YOU ALL PUTTING
14 SOMETHING TOGETHER FOR THE BOARD IS THAT ADDRESSES LACK OF
15 ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE IN CERTAIN COMMUNITIES. I KNOW THAT WHEN
16 I FIRST STARTED, WE USED TO DO MOBILE HEALTHCARE CLINICS OUT
17 IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY TO AREAS THAT DIDN'T HAVE ACCESS TO
18 HEALTHCARE. WE NOW HAVE THE AMBULATORY CENTER THERE, BUT
19 CLEARLY, THERE ARE DESERTS AS IT RELATES TO HEALTHCARE. SO I
20 THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO BEGIN TO LAY THAT GROUNDWORK.
21 WE DID IT WITH THE 1115 WAIVER WHEN WE STARTED TO EXPAND
22 OUTPATIENT CARE RECOGNIZING THAT IF WE DID THAT THEY'RE LESS
23 LIKELY TO COME INTO OUR EMERGENCY ROOM, BUT, AS YOU KNOW, THE
24 NUMBERS HAVE GROWN, AND THE EMERGENCY ROOM IS BACK TO BEING
25 OVERFLOWING, SO I THINK WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY THERE. AND I

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1 THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US ALSO TO RECOGNIZE THAT WE PUT
2 TESTING IN AREAS WHERE THERE WERE NOT ACCESS TO THE PHARMACIES
3 THAT WE PARTNER WITH, WALGREENS, C.V.S., AND I THINK IT'S
4 IMPORTANT FOR US TO PUT THAT ALSO AS ONE OF OUR TO DO LISTS,
5 IF YOU WILL, IN THOSE AREAS WHERE INDIVIDUALS DIDN'T HAVE
6 ACCESS TO TESTING, WHERE WE DIDN'T HAVE SOMETHING SET UP. TO
7 YOUR CREDIT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I KNOW EARLY ON YOU FOCUSED ON
8 THAT, WHERE WE DIDN'T HAVE THE PHARMACIES AND ALL, BUT IT'S
9 IMPORTANT FOR US, AS A BOARD, TO LOOK AT THE PRIVATE SECTOR AS
10 WELL IN TERMS OF HOW WE NEED TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO BE -- I
11 DON'T WANT TO SAY BETTER PARTNERS, BUT FOR LACK OF A BETTER
12 THOUGHT OR WORD, BETTER PARTNERS IN GETTING ACCESS TO SERVICES
13 IN AREAS THAT ARE DISADVANTAGED. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT
14 MESSAGE, BUT THIS IS CONSISTENT, DR. FERRER, WITH WHAT YOU
15 SAID FROM SIX MONTHS INTO THE PANDEMIC WHEN YOU WERE FOLLOWING
16 AREAS THAT THERE WAS SERIOUS IMPACT. AND IT WAS IN THE AREAS
17 THAT ARE ON THIS GRAPH. AND I THINK IT SPEAKS VOLUMES TO THE
18 FACT THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK DO IN OUR LESSONS LEARNED, AND
19 I LOOK FORWARD TO DOING IT. SO THANK YOU.

20

21 **DR. FERRER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR ALL THE LEADERSHIP, AND
22 I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT. THAT'S WHY I TRIED TO HIGHLIGHT SOME OF
23 THE PLACES WHERE WE JUST KNOW -- THERE IS SOME REALLY BIG
24 ISSUES THAT NEED TO GET ADDRESSED. AND I GIVE SO MUCH CREDIT
25 TO THE COUNTY FAMILY FOR STEPPING UP TO FILL IN THE GAPS, BUT

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1 WE HAVE SOME SYSTEMS THAT DON'T REALLY WORK FOR HUNDREDS AND
2 HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE RIGHT NOW. SO WE NEED TO
3 FIGURE OUT WHAT THAT STRATEGY WOULD LOOK LIKE. AGAIN,
4 CERTAINLY FOR SOME OF THE SMALLER PROVIDERS, THEY JUST NEEDED
5 HELP BECAUSE THEY JUST DIDN'T HAVE THE RESOURCES TO BE ABLE TO
6 EXPAND OUTSIDE OF THEIR PATIENTS. THEY COULDN'T REALLY DO
7 THEIR COMMUNITY. SO I THINK WE'VE LEARNED A LOT AND, AGAIN,
8 APPRECIATE ALL YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS.

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. AND I
11 WOULD AGREE, WE HAVE LEARNED A LOT. WHEN I THINK ABOUT HOW FAR
12 THIS BOARD AND THE PREVIOUS BOARD HOW FAR THE COUNTY HAS COME
13 SINCE MARCH 2020 WHEN WE ALL RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF
14 STANDING UP THOSE FIRST FIVE MEGA- SITES AND THEN QUICKLY
15 PIVOTING TO THE COMMUNITY SITES, HEARING SUPERVISOR HAHN AND
16 THE WORK SHE'S CONTINUING TO DO, THAT'S ALL IMPORTANT. THOSE
17 ARE LESSONS LEARNED. GETTING BACK TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S POINT
18 AND DR. FERRER'S DATA, THERE ARE POPULATIONS -- I BELIEVE THAT
19 ACCESS AND THIS ISSUE IS NO LONGER A CHALLENGE. I THINK THE
20 COUNTY HAS COME SO FAR. IF YOU WANT A VACCINATION OR BOOSTER,
21 YOU CAN GET IT WHEREVER YOU LIVE IN L.A. COUNTY. THE ISSUE IS
22 THAT IS THE HARDER ISSUE IS THE ISSUE AROUND RACE AND WHY
23 THERE ARE COMMUNITIES OF PEOPLE WHO DON'T TRUST THE HEALTHCARE
24 DELIVERY SYSTEM AND WHY BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN INSULTED, HAVE
25 RECEIVED SUBPAR CARE AND DON'T TRUST US, WHICH IS WHY THE

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1 PROMOTORAS AND THOSE MODELS ARE SO IMPORTANT BECAUSE THOSE ARE
2 PEER TO PEER CONVERSATIONS THAT WILL HELP US CUT THROUGH THE
3 LONG HISTORY OF SYSTEMIC RACISM THAT BRINGS US TO THE POINT
4 THAT WE SEE THE DISPARITIES IN DATA. THANK YOU, DR. FERRER,
5 THAT YOU CONTINUE TO REMIND US OF, AND I HOPE THAT YOU
6 CONTINUE TO REMIND US BECAUSE WE CAN'T LEAVE THAT PART OUT.
7 GREAT LESSONS LEARNED, WE EXPANDED ACCESS. WE PIVOTED, THE
8 COMMUNITY-BASED PARTNERS, ALL GOOD. WE HAVE TO CUT DEEPER
9 INTO WHAT IS PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM TRUSTING THEIR HEALTHCARE
10 PROVIDER, WHOEVER THAT MAY BE, TO GO IN AND ACCESS CARE.
11 THAT'S THE HARDER WORK, THE WORK AROUND TRAINING, THE WORK
12 AROUND EXPANDING THE DIVERSITY OF THE HEALTHCARE DELIVERY
13 SYSTEM, ALL OF THE ABOVE. THE C.E.O. OF OUR OWN MARTIN LUTHER
14 KING COMMUNITY HOSPITAL WROTE A HEART-WRENCHING ARTICLE IN THE
15 NEW YORKER ABOUT TELLING THE STORY OF HER OWN COLLEGE-EDUCATED
16 93-YEAR-OLD BLACK MOTHER AND WHY SHE, WITH A DAUGHTER WHO WAS
17 A HEALTHCARE PROVIDER, REFUSED TO BE VACCINATED. AND THE
18 C.E.O. OF A HOSPITAL TALKED ABOUT HER MOTHER'S OWN EXPERIENCE
19 LATER IN LIFE WITH THE HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS AND HOW DIFFERENT
20 IT WAS, QUITE FRANKLY, WHEN SHE BROUGHT HER TO M.L.K.
21 COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, AND THERE WERE PROVIDERS WHO NOT ONLY WERE
22 CULTURALLY SENSITIVE BUT LOOKED LIKE HER, QUITE FRANKLY. SO,
23 WE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE DO THAT DIFFICULT
24 WORK. AGAIN, DR. FERRER, YOUR DATA IS REMINDER TO US, TO ME,
25 AT LEAST, THAT OUR EQUITY-BASED INVESTMENTS, THE LENS WE'RE

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1 USING IN SHAPING OUR A.R.P. SPENDING PLANS ARE TIMELY AND
2 APPROPRIATE. I'M VERY GLAD ABOUT THAT. THE ONE QUESTION I
3 HAVE, AND I THINK YOU AND DR. GHALY BOTH MENTIONED PROMOTORAS,
4 AND WE KNOW HOW VALUABLE THEY ARE AS SUPERVISOR HAHN SAID,
5 IT'S NOT JUST COMMUNICATING WHERE TO GET A VACCINE OR A
6 BOOSTER BUT HOW TO ACCESS ANY SERVICE YOU MIGHT NEED, I KNOW
7 THAT FORMER SECRETARY YOLANDA RICHARDSON IN ONE OF HER TRIPS
8 HERE, WHERE SHE WALKED WITH COMMUNITY OUTREACH WORKERS THAT
9 THE STATE FUNDED, TALKED ABOUT HER AH-HA MOMENT WHERE SHE
10 REALIZED WE SHOULDN'T JUST BE FUNDING THEM FOR THIS CONTRACT,
11 FOR THIS RATHER NARROW WORK, BUT WE SHOULD CONTINUE THEIR
12 FUNDING BECAUSE WE'LL NEED THEM FOR OTHER THINGS. IT'S MY
13 UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE IS -- SOME OF THE CONTRACTS FOR THE
14 PROMOTORAS WILL BE ENDING JUNE 30TH. THEY HAVE HISTORICALLY
15 BEEN FUNDED BY THE STATE LEVEL. DO EITHER OF YOU KNOW IF THAT
16 STATE FUNDING WILL COME BECAUSE WHAT WILL NOT BE HELPFUL TO US
17 OR THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE OR THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT
18 PROVIDE THE SERVICE IS THIS START AND STOP? WHEN GOVERNMENT
19 FUNDING COMES, THEN IT ENDS, THEN IT COMES BACK AFTER YOU'VE
20 ALREADY HAD TO LAY OFF ALL THOSE WONDERFULLY TRAINED AND
21 EXPERIENCED PEOPLE. SO, ARE EITHER OF YOU AWARE WHETHER
22 THE STATE WILL STEP UP AND CONTINUE THE FUNDING FOR THE
23 VARIOUS PROMOTORAS CONTRACTS AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE
24 PROVIDING THAT WORK?

25

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1 **DR. FERRER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR YOUR
2 LEADERSHIP, AND THIS IS A REALLY IMPORTANT QUESTION. IT'S
3 COMPLICATED IN THE RESPONSE, AND WE CAN GIVE YOU SORT OF A
4 MORE DETAILED RESPONSE IN WRITING, BECAUSE THERE WERE --
5 THERE'S AT LEAST FOUR DIFFERENT SOURCES OF FUNDING FOR THE
6 PROMOTORAS AND THE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS IN L.A. COUNTY
7 THAT ARE WORKING WITH US. AND DR. GHALY AND DEPARTMENT OF
8 HEALTH SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HAVE BEEN
9 JOINTLY FUNDING SOME OF THIS THROUGH SOME EQUITY FUNDS THAT WE
10 RECEIVED THROUGH PHILANTHROPY. THE STATE CONTRACT THAT I THINK
11 YOU'RE REFERENCING I THINK IS THE CHOI CONTRACT, WHICH WAS
12 USED PRIMARILY IN THE PAST TO HELP US MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE
13 WERE BEING ABLE TO ENROLL IN HEALTH INSURANCE AND GET
14 CONNECTED TO THE RANGE OF HEALTH SERVICES, AND THAT FUNDING --
15 IT'S LIKE WE'RE CONSTANTLY TRYING TO GET THE STATE TO CONTINUE
16 THAT FUNDING. I DON'T THINK THAT THEY HAVE TO DATE REALLY
17 DEFINITELY INFORMED US THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE THAT
18 FUNDING, BUT WE AGREE WITH YOU THAT -- WHICH IS ONE OF THE
19 MAIN FOCUSES RIGHT NOW THESE COMMUNITY PARTNERS THAT WE HAVE,
20 BECAUSE THE WAY WE'RE WORKING WITH THE PROMOTORAS MOST
21 EFFECTIVELY IS THEY ARE HIRED THROUGH A COMMUNITY-BASED
22 ORGANIZATION. AND THEN THEY LIVE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND GET
23 TRAINED TO DO NOT JUST WORK AROUND COVID BUT REALLY BE
24 RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THAT COMMUNITY. AND WE SHOULDN'T BE
25 ALWAYS WORRYING ABOUT HOW WE'LL FUND THAT AND RELYING ON WHAT

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1 I CALL GOOD MONEY BUT NOT SUSTAINED MONEY, WHICH A LOT OF OUR
2 PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS PUT UP SOME SIGNIFICANT DOLLARS INTO
3 THIS, BUT, AGAIN, IT DOESN'T LAST FOREVER, AND WE DON'T WANT
4 TO LOSE THEM. SO WE'RE CONSTANTLY SCROUNGING AROUND TO FIND
5 OTHER GRANTS THAT WILL REPLACE THIS FUNDING SOURCE. AGAIN, WE
6 THINK THESE ARE AREAS WHERE IT'S WORTH DISCUSSIONS WITH THE
7 BOARD AND WITH THE C.E.O. ABOUT HOW TO SUSTAIN THESE MOVEMENTS
8 OVER TIME. AND YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT'S WHY I STRESS IT'S NOT
9 ENOUGH TO FUND THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT. OUR
10 INFRASTRUCTURE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH WORK ARE THESE COMMUNITY-
11 BASED ORGANIZATIONS, AND WE LEARNED THAT LESSON IMMEDIATELY IN
12 THIS PANDEMIC. WE CANNOT DO THIS WORK WITHOUT THOSE
13 PARTNERSHIPS. FOR SOME OF THAT WORK, WE NEED TO HAVE SUSTAINED
14 FUNDING MOVING FORWARD.

15

16 **DR. GHALY:** CAN I ADD ON THAT. THERE ARE A VARIETY OF STATE
17 BILLS AND OPPORTUNITIES THAT I THINK ARE COMING ON THE HORIZON
18 THAT OFFER A CHANCE TO THINK ABOUT FUNDING FUNDING FOR C.H.W.S
19 AND PROMOTORAS. CAL-AIM REPRESENTS SOME OF THOSE
20 OPPORTUNITIES. THE PRE-RELEASE/POST- RELEASE ARE REENTRY
21 SERVICES WILL PROVIDE A POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITY TO FUND C.H.W.S
22 AND PROMOTORAS, AND THERE ARE SOME BILLS ALSO OUT THERE, WHICH
23 THE DEPARTMENTS AND THE A.H.I. ARE WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
24 C.E.O.'S LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIVISION ON. AND LEST WE THINK
25 H.R.S.A. ISN'T FUNDING ANYTHING, H.R.S.A. HAS PUT OUT A GRANT

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1 OPPORTUNITY TO ABOUT A QUARTER OF A BILLION DOLLARS IN FUNDS
2 TO PUT TOWARD TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS AND D.P.H.
3 AND D.H.S. ALONG WITH A.H.I. ARE LOOKING AT THAT POTENTIAL
4 GRANT OPPORTUNITY, WHICH WOULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO
5 TRAIN OUR OUR OWN COUNTY AND C.H.W.S, AS WELL. SO IT'S A VERY
6 ACTIVE FRONT. THERE'S A LOT GOING ON, BUT I KNOW WE BOTH
7 FIRMLY BELIEVE IN THE MODEL AND KNOW THE POTENTIAL IT HAS FOR
8 CERTAIN VULNERABLE GROUPS OF PEOPLE AND BEING ABLE TO DO MORE
9 EFFECTIVE OUTREACH.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I APPRECIATE THAT. SOMETIMES, GOOD MONEY
12 LATE IS EQUIVALENT TO NO MONEY AT ALL. SO THOSE ARE WONDERFUL
13 OPPORTUNITIES. I'M GLAD TO KNOW THEY'RE IN THE WORKS. I JUST
14 HOPE WE DON'T -- THAT THEY GET TO US ON TIME SO THESE
15 CONTRACTS DON'T END AND THESE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS
16 ARE EXPECTED TO START UP ALL OVER AGAIN. I WANT TO LEND MY
17 THANKS TO BOTH OF YOU, ECHO THE COMMENTS MADE BY COLLEAGUES
18 ABOUT THE STELLAR LEADERSHIP YOU HAVE EXHIBITED. ON BEHALF OF
19 ALL OF US WHO CALL L.A. COUNTY HOME, WE APPRECIATE YOU VERY
20 MUCH.

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR.

23

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

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** I'M SORRY.

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3 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** IT'S OKAY.

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS:** BUT I DO WANT TO SAY THAT THIS BOARD DID VOTE FOR
6 \$30 MILLION FOR THE PROMOTORAS PROGRAM. AND THAT WAS THROUGH
7 OUR RECOVERY MONEY, BUT IT CLEARLY ISN'T SUFFICIENT. AND I
8 AGREE WITH EVERYTHING THAT HAS BEEN SAID. WE REALLY DO NEED
9 TO LOOK STRATEGICALLY WHERE WE CAN GET OTHER FUNDING SOURCES
10 HERE, AND I KNOW THAT PLANNED PARENTHOOD FOR MANY, MANY YEARS
11 USED THE MODEL OF PROMOTORAS. AND THEY ACTUALLY DIDN'T JUST
12 TALK ABOUT ENROLLMENT INTO OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. THEY TALKED
13 ABOUT PREVENTION. THEY TALKED ABOUT EVERYTHING. IN FACT, DR.
14 FERRER, YOU RECALL YOU HAD SOME OF OUR PROMOTORAS OUT THERE IN
15 THE EAST L.A. EXIDE INCIDENT. WE HAD MANY OF THEM COMING OUT
16 THERE TALKING ABOUT HEALTHCARE OVERALL, SO IT WASN'T JUST ONE
17 THING, BUT CERTAINLY WE NEED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TRAINING
18 THEM. THERE'S A CADRE OF WELL OVER 7,000 IN THE STATE OF
19 CALIFORNIA RIGHT NOW. AND WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO USE AT LEAST
20 THOSE THAT ARE HERE IN THE COUNTY TO WORK STRATEGICALLY WITH
21 OUR DEPARTMENT. SO I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO DOING WHATEVER WE
22 CAN TO CONTINUE TO GROW THAT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND TO
23 THE BOARD AND TO DR. FERRER AND DR. GHALY FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP
24 ON THIS.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. APPRECIATE THAT.
2 SEEING NO OTHER COMMENTS, THANK YOU BOTH OF YOU FOR JOINING
3 US. THIS REPORT IS RECEIVED AND FILED. AND SUCH WILL BE THE
4 ORDER. MOVING ON, COLLEAGUES, TO AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4,
5 IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION
6 ON HOMELESSNESS. IT WILL BE HEARD IN CONJUNCTION WITH ITEM
7 NUMBER 26, IMPLEMENTING A NEW FRAMEWORK TO END HOMELESSNESS IN
8 L.A. COUNTY. IT WAS HELD BY -- ITEM 4 WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR
9 BARGER. AND ITEM 26 WAS HELD BY SUPERVISORS HAHN AND BARGER.
10 WE HAVE A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO WILL BE MAKING A PRESENTATION,
11 BUT SUPERVISOR BARGER WE'LL ASK YOU TO SPEAK TO AGENDA ITEM 4
12 FIRST.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I THOUGHT RATHER THAN
15 HEARING FROM ME, I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL FOR US TO
16 HAVE THE PRESENTATION BY THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION'S
17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MARY WICKHAM, WHO I BELIEVE IS ON. I
18 THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO HAVE THAT KIND OF SET THE
19 STAGE IF THAT WOULD OKAY WITH MY COAUTHOR.

20

21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YOU WANT TO HAVE THEM TO SPEAK FIRST, OR
22 YOU WANT TO GIVE YOUR REMARKS FIRST?

23

24 **SUP. BARGER:** I WANT THEM TO SPEAK FIRST, PLEASE.

25

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ALRIGHT, MISS WICKHAM, EXECUTIVE
2 DIRECTOR OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION. YOU'RE MUTED. UNMUTE.

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4 **MARY WICKHAM:** CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WE CAN HEAR YOU NOW.

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8 **MARY WICKHAM:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISOR BARGER
9 AND ENTIRE BOARD. IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU ALL AGAIN. I THANK YOU
10 FOR INVITING US HERE TODAY. MY NAME IS MARY WICKHAM. I'M THE
11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS,
12 AND THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME AND MY TEAM TO PRESENT TO THE
13 BOARD TODAY ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE BLUE RIBBON
14 COMMISSION. WITH ME, I HAVE AMY PARK, WHO IS A DEPUTY COUNTY
15 COUNSEL FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL, WHO WILL BE
16 PRESENTING AND BRANDON YOUNG, WHO IS A PARTNER IN THE LAW FIRM
17 OF MANATT, PHELPS, AND PHILLIPS. ALSO AVAILABLE ARE THE TWO
18 CO-CHAIRS FOR THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION, SARAH DUSSEAUT, AND
19 CHRISTIAN HORVATH. WE'RE ALL HERE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AFTER
20 THE PRESENTATION. WE HAVE ABOUT A 15 MINUTE PRESENTATION THAT
21 WE'LL QUICKLY GO THROUGH. WE'LL PROVIDE BACKGROUND ON THE
22 COMMISSION MEETINGS AND THE PROCESS WE WENT THROUGH AND THEN
23 BRANDON WILL WALK YOU THROUGH THE RECOMMENDATION, AND THEN
24 WE'RE ALL HERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE. SO THANK
25 YOU FOR THIS TIME. I'LL TURN IT OVER TO AMY.

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2 **AMY PARK:** THANK YOU, MARY. MAY WE GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE,
3 PLEASE. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS MY NAME IS AMY PARK, AND
4 I'M ATTORNEY WITH COUNTY COUNSEL AND A MEMBER OF THE B.R.C.H.
5 STAFF. AS YOU KNOW, ON JULY 27, 2021, YOUR BOARD ESTABLISHED
6 THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS TO, AMONG OTHER
7 THINGS, ANALYZE VARIOUS HOMELESS GOVERNANCE REPORTS AND OTHER
8 GOVERNANCE MODELS IN THE STATE AND THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND
9 TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A NEW GOVERNANCE MODEL
10 APPROPRIATE FOR L.A. COUNTY, RECOMMENDATIONS THAT INCLUDE HOW
11 THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY, CITIES, AND C.O.G.S,
12 AND REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES CAN BE INCORPORATED INTO THE
13 GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND RECOMMENDATIONS THAT SEEK TO ENHANCE
14 ACCOUNTABILITY, TRANSPARENCY, AND INCLUSIVELY. NEXT SLIDE,
15 PLEASE. SO, IN ORDER TO DEVELOP THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, THE
16 COMMISSION AND THE B.R.C.H. STAFF UNDERWENT A TREMENDOUS
17 RESEARCH AND FACT-FINDING PROCESS. OVER A SIX MONTH PERIOD,
18 THE COMMISSION HELD 20 PUBLIC MEETINGS FROM SEPTEMBER THROUGH
19 MARCH 2022, AND DURING THE SIX MONTH PROCESS, OVER 280
20 INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO,
21 ADVOCATES, PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE, SERVICE PROVIDERS,
22 AND CITIES PARTICIPATED THROUGH THE PUBLIC MEETINGS,
23 PRESENTATIONS, AND INTERVIEWS TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPING THE
24 RECOMMENDATIONS PUT FORTH BY THE COMMISSION. AND I WILL PASS
25 IT OVER TO BRANDON.

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1

2 **BRANDON YOUNG:** THANK YOU. CAN WE GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.

3 SO GOOD AFTERNOON, BRANDON YOUNG, PARTNER WITH MANATT, PHELPS.

4 I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. WHAT I AM GOING TO DO

5 FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF SLIDES IS SET OUT THE RECOMMENDATIONS

6 THAT WERE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION

7 ON HOMELESSNESS, AND THE INTENT HERE IS TO SIMPLY FOCUS ON THE

8 PRIMARY COMPONENTS OF EACH OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO JUST

9 REDUCE TO THE ESSENCE WHAT WAS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION. SO

10 BEGINNING WITH RECOMMENDATION 1, A COUNTY ENTITY AND LEADER.

11 THE PRIMARY COMPONENTS OF THIS RECOMMENDATION IS TO CREATE AN

12 ENTITY WITH RESPONSIBLE CHARGE, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND AUTHORITY

13 OVER HOMELESSNESS WITHIN THE COUNTY. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? THAT

14 THERE WOULD BE A FOCUS ON PREVENTION, REHOUSING, AND HOUSING

15 ACQUISITION, IN FACT, THERE IS A PROPOSAL FOR A CENTRALIZED

16 HOUSING ACQUISITION UNIT WITHIN THIS COUNTY ENTITY, ACCESS TO

17 FEDERAL CARE, INCLUDING CARE FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE

18 ABUSE DISORDERS, ENSURING ACCOUNTABILITY FOR TIMELY

19 CONTRACTING AND PAYMENT AND URGENT ACCESS TO SERVICES, WHETHER

20 THAT BE 24/7 OUTREACH, HOUSING SERVICES, OR OVER THE WEEKENDS

21 ENSURING THAT THERE IS A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT FOR OUR

22 HOMELESS RESPONSE SYSTEM. IN ADDITION TO THE ENTITY ITSELF,

23 THERE NEED TO BE THE IDENTIFICATION OF A COUNTY LEADER. THE

24 INTENT FROM THE COMMISSION IS TO NOT RESHUFFLE THE DECK NOR

25 CREATE A NEW BUREAUCRACY BUT TO WORK ENHANCE THE CURRENT

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1 SYSTEM AND BREAKDOWN SILOING WITHIN THAT SYSTEM. ATTENDANT AND
2 ALSO RELATED TO THE COUNTY ENTITY WOULD BE THE CREATION OF
3 INTER-COUNTY WORKGROUPS. THIS IS KIND OF THE MAIN POINT OF
4 COORDINATION WHERE THERE WOULD BE WORKGROUPS FOCUSED ON THINGS
5 LIKE ACCESS TO TREATMENT, DISCHARGE PLANNING, AND CRIMINAL
6 JUSTICE WORKING ACROSS COUNTY SILOS, AND THEN ESTABLISHING
7 SUB-REGIONAL LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE, OR REGIONAL COMMITTEES,
8 WHICH IS A GAP IN THE CURRENT SYSTEM. THIS PART OF THE
9 RECOMMENDATION FOCUSES ON THE CREATION AND CONVENING REGIONAL
10 COMMITTEES STAFFED BY OR CONTRIBUTED FROM LEADERS OF CITIES
11 THROUGHOUT THE REGION TO HELP INFORM DECISIONS, POLICIES, AND
12 [INDISCERNIBLE] FEEDBACK. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THIS SLIDE
13 FOCUSES PRIMARILY ON WHAT THAT WOULD LOOK LIKE. SO I URGE, FOR
14 THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED, TO EVALUATE THIS SLIDE. NEXT SLIDE,
15 PLEASE. RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 2, MEASURE H. LOCAL SOLUTIONS,
16 THE PRIMARY COMPONENTS OF THIS RECOMMENDATION ARE, IN ORDER TO
17 IMPROVE AND CREATE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE CITIES AND C.O.G.S,
18 ESTABLISH A LOCAL SOLUTIONS FUND WITHIN MEASURE H. THAT FUND
19 WOULD USE AN ALGORITHM TO BE DETERMINED AT THE DISCRETION OF
20 THE BOARD, AND TO MADE AVAILABLE TO JURISDICTIONS THAT ARE
21 WILLING TO MAKE -- TO PROVIDE IN-KIND OR MATCHING CONTRIBUTION
22 FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SERVICE PROGRAMS, HOUSING, AND THE
23 SHARING OF DATA. I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT IT'S IN-KIND
24 OR MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS, MEANING IT'S NOT JUST MONEY THAT
25 WOULD BE CONTEMPLATED THROUGH THIS RECOMMENDATION. OF COURSE,

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1 ANY LOCAL SOLUTION PROGRAM SHOULD NOT DETRACT FROM, TAKE
2 DOLLARS AWAY, FROM SUCCESSFUL WORK FROM YOUR STAKEHOLDERS AND
3 LESS MATURE EQUITY. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THIS IS ANOTHER
4 SCHEMATIC THAT SIMPLY SUMMARIZES THE CONCERNS AND
5 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MEASURE H LOCAL SOLUTIONS. NEXT SLIDE.
6 RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 3, STREAMLINE L.A.H.S.A. SO, IN THIS
7 RECOMMENDATION, THERE ARE TWO PARTS. ONE IS THE ROLE
8 L.A.H.S.A. IS TO PLAY, AND SECOND IS THE GOVERNANCE WITHIN
9 L.A.H.S.A. SO, BEGINNING WITH THE ROLE, THE PRIMARY COMPONENT
10 WOULD BE FOR L.A.H.S.A. TO TRANSITION AWAY FROM DIRECT
11 SERVICES IN ORDER FOR THE COUNTY ENTITY TO COORDINATE URGENT
12 ACCESS TO DIRECT SERVICES. NOW, OF COURSE, THE RECOMMENDATION
13 HERE DOESN'T SPECIFY HOW THAT WOULD BE DONE, AND IT WOULD BE -
14 - A PIECE OF THIS WOULD BE SUBJECT TO FURTHER EVALUATION AND
15 STUDY. RELATEDLY, A PRIMARY COMPONENT OF THIS RECOMMENDATION
16 WOULD BE THE STUDYING OF ALLOCATION OF CERTAIN MEASURE H FUNDS
17 BETWEEN L.A.H.S.A. AND COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND THE COUNTY
18 ENTITY. PROJECT THAT THERE IS A WORLD WHERE THERE IS A COUNTY
19 ENTITY, THERE MAY NEED TO BE A STUDY AS TO HOW RESOURCES ARE
20 ALLOCATED. OF COURSE, EVEN IN THAT SCENARIO, IT SHOULD NOT
21 DISRUPT FROM SERVICE DELIVERY OR UNDERCUT SUCCESSFUL
22 BROKERAGE. SO VERY IMPORTANT FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE WITH RESPECT
23 TO HOW THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION VIEWED THIS PARTICULAR
24 RECOMMENDATION. THE INTENT HERE IS TO ENSURE THAT L.A.H.S.A.
25 IS FOCUSED ON ITS ROLE AS OUR CONTINUUM OF CARE LEAD. SO THAT

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1 MEANS OUR LEAD IN THE REHOUSING SPACE AS WELL AS LEADING THE
2 POINT IN TIME COUNT, THE HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION
3 SYSTEM, AND THE ANNUAL APPLICATION TO H.U.D. WITH RESPECT TO
4 THE CONTINUUM OF CARE. WITH RESPECT TO THE GOVERNANCE TO
5 STREAMLINE L.A.H.S.A., THE PRIMARY COMPONENT IS TO MAINTAIN
6 THE CURRENT NUMBER OF SEATS ON THE L.A.H.S.A. COMMISSION, 10,
7 BUT TO END WHO SITS ON THEM. SO THAT WOULD INVOLVE AN ANALYSIS
8 WITH RESPECT HAVING PERHAPS COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEADS OR THE
9 HEAD OF THE COUNTY ENTITY SO THERE IS A SYNERGISTIC
10 INTERCONNECTIVITY BETWEEN THE COUNTY'S MAINLINE, MAINSTREAM
11 SYSTEMS AND HOMELESS SERVICES DELIVERY SYSTEM, AS WELL AS
12 PERSONS WITH LIVED EXPERTISE, C.O.G.S, OR OTHER CITIES. NEXT
13 SLIDE, PLEASE. AGAIN, IN THE SPIRIT OF JUST SUMMARIZING WHAT
14 THIS WOULD LOOK LIKE, THIS SLIDE KIND OF IDENTIFIES AT A VERY
15 HIGH LEVEL WHAT THE STREAMLINED L.A.H.S.A. WOULD BE. NEXT
16 SLIDE. RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 4, MODIFYING THE CONTINUUM CARE
17 LEADERSHIP, SO WITH THIS RECOMMENDATION, THE PRIMARY COMPONENT
18 IS TO BEGIN THE PROCESS TO CONSOLIDATE THE L.A.H.S.A.
19 COMMISSION, THE CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD, THE COORDINATED
20 ENTRY SYSTEM POLICY COUNCIL INTO A SINGLE BOARD. THIS PROCESS
21 WOULD INCLUDE THE ANALYSIS OF THE SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND
22 EQUITY PIECES OF WHAT THAT BODY WILL LOOK LIKE AND WOULD HAVE
23 BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO REPRESENTATION FROM C.O.G.S, PERSONS
24 WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE, SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTISE, BUSINESS,
25 AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS. IN THE INTERIM, AS THE PROCESS

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1 TO EASE TOWARD CONSOLIDATION, WHICH WOULD BE AN INVOLVED
2 PROCESS, COMES TO BE, THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE BLUE RIBBON
3 COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS IS TO AT LEAST APPOINT COUNTY
4 DEPARTMENT HEADS TO C.E.S. POLICY COUNCIL. C.E.S. POLICY
5 COUNCIL IS A BODY THAT SITS WITHIN OUR CONTINUUM OF CARE THAT
6 IS RESPONSIBLE AND HELPS DRIVE POLICY FORWARD FOR THAT
7 PRIORITIZATION AND SERVICE PRIORITIZATION, SO THE INTENT WITH
8 THAT RECOMMENDATION IS TO BRING A GREATER CONNECTION AND
9 CAPABILITY FOR OUR MAINSTREAM COUNTY SYSTEM INTO THE DECISION-
10 MAKING AND COORDINATION THAT RELATES TO THE COORDINATED ENTRY
11 POLICY COUNCIL. I'LL JUST POINT OUT HERE THAT, WITH THIS
12 PARTICULAR RECOMMENDATION, IT WOULD REQUIRE A MAJORITY VOTE OF
13 SIX OF 10 L.A.H.S.A. COMMISSIONERS TO BEGIN THE PROCESS AND
14 COULD, DEPENDING ON THE FINAL SHAPE OF THAT CONSOLIDATION,
15 INVOLVE THE AMENDING OF THE L.A.H.S.A. POWERS AGREEMENT, WHICH
16 INEVITABLY WOULD INVOLVE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF LOS
17 ANGELES AS WELL AS CHANGING SOMETHING CALLED THE C.O.C.
18 CHARTER, WHICH IS A GOVERNING DOCUMENT THAT APPLIES TO OUR
19 REGION'S CONTINUUM OF CARE, WHICH, IN AND OF ITSELF, WOULD
20 INVOLVE A DISCUSSION WITH H.U.D. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. AGAIN, IN
21 THE SPIRIT OF SUMMARIZATION, SIMPLY THIS GRAPHIC IS JUST
22 TRYING TO CAPTURE THE MULTIPLE GOVERNANCE BOARDS WITHIN
23 L.A.H.S.A. AND THE CONTINUUM OF CARE AND HOW IT WOULD BE
24 CONSOLIDATED INTO. NEXT SLIDE. RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 5,
25 IMPROVING L.A.H.S.A.'S OPERATIONS, THE PRIMARY COMPONENTS HERE

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1 ARE FIRST, DEFINING DECISION-MAKING RESPONSIBILITIES,
2 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO BETWEEN THOSE WITH THE L.A.H.S.A.
3 COMMISSION, THE L.A.H.S.A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND THE VARIOUS
4 BOARDS WITH L.A.H.S.A. AND THE C.O.C., AS WELL OTHER ENTITIES.
5 IN ADDITION, THE RECOMMENDATION CALLS FOR THE EMBEDDING OF AN
6 AUDIT TO IMPROVE L.A.H.S.A.'S OPERATIONS, FOCUS ON
7 CONTRACTING, DETERMINE PAYMENT SYSTEMS, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE,
8 IMPROVING COMMUNICATIONS, WEEKEND WORK, AND ENSURING THAT
9 L.A.H.S.A.'S EXECUTIVE TEAM HAS THE DEPTH, RESOURCES, AND
10 SUPPORT TO OPERATE AN ORGANIZATION OF ITS SIZE AND COMPLEXITY.
11 THIS PARTICULAR RECOMMENDATION IS MOTIVATED BY, AMONG OTHER
12 THINGS, PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS, AUDIT REPORTS, FROM THE COUNTY.
13 SO THE INTENT HERE IS TO HELP L.A.H.S.A. ACCELERATE THE WORK
14 THAT IS ALREADY BEING DONE TO IMPLEMENT THOSE FUNDINGS. NEXT
15 SLIDE, PLEASE. RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 6, DATA AND METRICS, SO
16 AT A HIGH LEVEL, THE PRIMARY COMPONENTS OF THIS RECOMMENDATION
17 IS TO REQUIRE DATA SHARING, WHETHER IT BE THROUGH H.M.I.S.
18 ACCESS, BETWEEN COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, BETWEEN CITIES, COUNTY,
19 AND L.A.H.S.A. SO TO BREAK AWAY AND BREAKDOWN ARTIFICIAL
20 BARRIERS TO DATA SHARING. RELATEDLY, PART OF THIS WOULD
21 INCLUDE THE ESTABLISHMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF QUALITY
22 STANDARDS FOR DATA INPUT, SHARING, ACCESS, AND REPORTING,
23 OBVIOUSLY, TO BE COMPLIANT WITH LAW AND AS A MEANS TO PROTECT
24 SYSTEM PRIVACY AS WELL AS THE ACCURACY OF DATA. OF COURSE,
25 ANOTHER COMPONENT WITHIN IT RELATES TO SOME OF THE OTHER

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1 RECOMMENDATIONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE MEASURE H
2 LOCAL SOLUTIONS FUND, WILL BE DEFINING AND IMPLEMENTING
3 METRICS OF SUCCESS AND TOOLS FOR ACCOUNTABILITY. SO,
4 OBVIOUSLY, HOW MONEY IS SPENT NEEDS TO BE KEY TO POSITIVE
5 OUTCOMES, AND THOSE OUTCOMES SHOULD BE TRACKED. THEN FINALLY
6 DEVELOPING FORMULAS FOR TRACKING, WHETHER IT BE MEASURE H
7 FUNDS AT A COUNTY DEPARTMENT ON A CITY BY CITY LEVEL,
8 SOMETHING THAT DOES NOT EXIST, THE USE OF ALL FUNDS SYSTEM-
9 WIDE, WHICH THERE ARE PIECES OF THAT THROUGHOUT THE SYSTEM BUT
10 NOT IN A COMPREHENSIVE WAY, AND THEN ENSURING AND REALLY
11 THINKING ABOUT, WHEN WE DO DEFINE METRICS, HAVE THOSE METRICS
12 VIEWED THROUGH AN EQUITY LENS AND TO CAPITALIZE ON OTHER
13 THINGS, EXISTING COUNTY SYSTEMS, INCLUDING C.E.O. R.D. TO
14 ENSURE THAT WE DO HAVE THAT VIEW AND RIGOR TO OUR METRICS.
15 NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THE FINAL RECOMMENDATION IS THE CREATION
16 OF AN EXECUTIVE LEVEL ACTION TEAM. SO THE PRIMARY COMPONENTS
17 HERE WOULD BE FOR THE COUNTY TO SUPPORT A CENTERING FORUM, A
18 FORUM THAT WOULD BE DESIGNED FOR THE HIGHEST LEVEL DECISION-
19 MAKERS IN OUR REGION TO CONVENE, AND IT'S INTENDED TO DRIVE
20 REFORMS REQUIRING URGENCY, ASSESS ISSUES OF COMMON INTEREST,
21 AND TO FACILITATE DATA DEVELOPMENT AND SHARING. SO, AGAIN, THE
22 IDEA IS WE WOULD HAVE A COUNTY ENTITY, BUT WE WOULD ALSO HAVE
23 THE EXECUTIVE LEVEL ACTION TEAM AT THE VERY TOP TO ENSURE
24 CONSISTENCY ACROSS THE SYSTEM AND URGENCY ACROSS THE SYSTEM.
25 NEXT SLIDE. THIS IS JUST ANOTHER SUMMARY OF KIND OF THIS MORE

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1 SPECIFIC DETAILS OF THE EXECUTIVE LEVEL ACTION TEAM AND WHAT
2 THAT MIGHT LOOK LIKE. NEXT SLIDE. SO, HERE'S JUST A RECAP OF
3 THE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECOMMENDATIONS, AND AGAIN I'LL JUST
4 READ THEM OFF QUICKLY. 1, AGAIN, IS TO CREATE A COUNTY ENTITY
5 AND IDENTIFY A LEADER. 2 IS THE CREATION OF A MEASURE H LOCAL
6 SOLUTIONS FUND. 3 IS TO STREAMLINE L.A.H.S.A. 4 IS TO MODIFY
7 THE CONTINUUM OF CARE LEADERSHIP AND CONSOLIDATE THE
8 GOVERNANCE BOARDS INTO A SINGLE BOARD. 5 IS TO TAKE STEPS TO
9 HELP IMPROVE L.A.H.S.A.'S OPERATIONS. 6 IS TO TAKE STEPS TO
10 ENSURE BETTER DATA TRACKING, DATA SHARING, DATA INPUT, AND
11 METRICS FOR SUCCESS AND EQUITY. AND 7 TO SUPPORT AN EXECUTIVE
12 LEVEL ACTION TEAM. NEXT SLIDE. SO, THAT IS THE -- THOSE ARE
13 THE RECOMMENDATIONS, AND WE'RE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS
14 THE BOARD MAY HAVE. THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I WOULD LIKE TO START BY CONVEYING
17 MY THANKS TO ALL THE INDIVIDUALS WHO LOCKED ARMS WITH ME TO
18 MAKE THIS MOTION A REALITY. IN PARTICULAR, THANK YOU,
19 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR PARTNERING ON THIS MOTION AND SPECIAL
20 THANKS TO MARY WICKHAM AND THE ENTIRE B.R.C.H. STAFF AND THE
21 EIGHT COMMISSIONERS WHO DEDICATED THEIR TIME AND SERVICE OVER
22 THE THIS LAST SIX MONTHS TO CRAFT A B.R.C.H. RECOMMENDATION
23 AFTER EXTENSIVE ANALYSIS AND PROCESS. I'D LIKE TO THANK FESIA
24 DAVENPORT AND, OF COURSE, CHERI TODOROFF, AND ALL THE L.A.
25 COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEADS AND STAFF THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE

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1 B.R.C.H. ROBUST PLANNING PROCESS. YOU ALL WERE VITAL TO REALLY
2 COMING UP WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS BEFORE US TODAY.
3 ADDITIONALLY, I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK OUR 88 CITIES
4 FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION AND THE WIDE ARRAY OF SERVICE
5 PROVIDERS WORKING TO HELP PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN
6 LOS ANGELES COUNTY EACH AND EVERY DAY. WHEN I THOUGHT OF
7 CREATING THE B.R.C.H. IN JULY OF LAST YEAR, THE COMMISSION'S
8 PURPOSE WAS REALLY PARTLY TO COLLABORATE AND ENGAGE AS MANY
9 STAKEHOLDERS AS POSSIBLE TO CREATE A SHARED APPROACH TOWARD
10 COMBATING HOMELESSNESS BECAUSE I DO BELIEVE THAT COLLABORATION
11 IS THE KEY. THE TIMING OF THE COMMISSION'S REPORT BACK IS
12 INDEED REALLY INTERESTING IN THE SENSE THAT JUST A FEW WEEKS
13 AGO OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH RELEASED THEIR
14 THIRD ANNUAL REPORT ON THE MORTALITY RATES OF THE HOMELESS.
15 THEIR REPORT FOUND THAT 1,988 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS
16 DIED OUR COUNTY IN A SINGLE YEAR. THAT IS A 56% INCREASE IN
17 HOMELESS DEATHS DURING 2021 IN COMPARISON TO THE PRIOR YEAR.
18 THAT NUMBER, I THINK WE WOULD ALL AGREE, IS APPALLING AND
19 UNACCEPTABLE. IT'S URGENT WE CHANGE WHAT WE'RE DOING OR NOT
20 DOING TO HELP THE MOST VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS LIVING OUR
21 STREETS. TO ME, THIS IS A CALL TO ACTION. OUR COUNTY MUST
22 ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS WITH SUSTAINED FOCUS AND COMMITMENT TO
23 FUNDAMENTALLY CHANGING HOW OUR HOMELESS SUPPORT SYSTEMS ARE
24 MANAGED. WE HAVE KNOWN FOR SOME TIME THAT WE NEED TO MAKE BIG
25 CHANGES. LAST JULY, I TOOK A STAND TO REJECT THE STATUS QUO

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1 AND INTRODUCE THE MOTION THAT ESTABLISHED BLUE RIBBON
2 COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS, WHICH IS COAUTHORED, AGAIN, BY
3 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION WAS CHARGED WITH
4 TAKING A HARD LOOK AT THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICE
5 AUTHORITY AND COMING UP WITH RECOMMENDATIONS TO REFORM THE
6 SYSTEMIC DYSFUNCTION AND WITHIN LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICE
7 SYSTEM AT LARGE. AND LET ME JUST SAY THAT IT WASN'T JUST ABOUT
8 L.A.H.S.A., IT WAS ABOUT ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. EVERYONE THAT
9 COMES IN CONTACT WITH HOMELESS SERVICES I BELIEVE WE NEEDED TO
10 TAKE A HARD LOOK AT. INITIALLY, THERE MAY HAVE BEEN SOME
11 SKEPTICISM ABOUT WHY WE WOULD WANT TO CREATE A COMMISSION TO
12 ASSESS HOMELESSNESS SYSTEMS WHEN THERE WERE ALREADY
13 PREEXISTING REPORTS ON THE TOPIC. HOWEVER, NONE HAVE BEEN
14 QUITE AS COMPREHENSIVE AND COLLABORATIVE AS THE BLUE RIBBON
15 COMMISSION'S ASSESSMENT. I'M PROUD OF ALL THE CITIES WHO
16 PARTICIPATED IN THIS PROCESS AND TRULY APPRECIATE THEIR
17 INVALUABLE FEEDBACK. THEY ARE READY TO PARTNER UP WITH THE
18 COUNTY AND TO GET TO WORK IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. MARY, YOU DID
19 AN EXCELLENT JOB PRESENTING THE SEVEN B.R.C.H. RECOMMENDATIONS
20 WITH YOUR TEAM, BUT ALLOW ME TO RECAP AND EXPAND ON WHAT I'M
21 ASKING OF THIS BODY TODAY. THERE IS NO QUESTION IN MY MIND
22 THAT WE NEED A NEW COUNTY ENTITY SPECIFICALLY CHARGED WITH
23 TACKLING HOMELESSNESS. HOWEVER, I REALLY WANT TO BE CLEAR.
24 THIS ISN'T ABOUT CREATING A NEW LUMBERING BUREAUCRACY. IT'S
25 ABOUT CREATING A NIMBLE ENTITY THAT WILL BE DIRECTLY

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1 ACCOUNTABLE TO THIS BOARD. IT'S ABOUT CREATING A COUNTY
2 DEPARTMENT THAT WILL SUPPORT FLEXIBLE SOLUTIONS THAT HELP
3 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS BY MEETING THEM WHERE THEY
4 ARE AND HELPING THEM TO HEAL. IT WOULD COORDINATE AND UNIFY
5 THE VARIOUS EFFORTS OF COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, SUCH AS THE
6 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, HEALTH SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH,
7 AND OF COURSE SOCIAL SERVICES. IT WOULD ALSO BE AUTHORIZED AND
8 EQUIPPED TO ACT AS A CENTRALIZED HOUSING ACQUISITION UNIT
9 DESIGNED TO GET PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS A ROOF OVER
10 THEIR HEAD, CONNECTED TO SUPPORT SERVICES, BACK INTO THE
11 WORKFORCE, AND THE GOAL OFF THE STREETS FOR GOOD. THERE IS A
12 SECOND RECOMMENDATION CREATING A LOCAL SOLUTIONS FUND THROUGH
13 MEASURE H, WHICH WE CAN UTILIZE TO PARTNER WITH OUR CITIES
14 THAT ARE READY TO IMPLEMENT THEIR OWN HOMELESS HOUSING AND
15 SERVICE PLANS. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I'M SURE SOME OF MY
16 COLLEAGUES WOULD AGREE IS LONG OVERDUE BECAUSE WE HAVE HEARD
17 FROM OUR CITIES TIME AND TIME AGAIN. THEY'VE BEEN PAYING INTO
18 MEASURE H SINCE ITS PASSAGE, AND IT SEEMS NOT RIGHT THEY WOULD
19 ESTABLISH A SYSTEM -- THAT WE WOULD ESTABLISH A SYSTEM THAT
20 THEY COULD TAP INTO AND LEVERAGE THIS FUNDING FOR HOMELESS
21 SOLUTIONS THAT MAKE SENSE FOR THEIR COMMUNITIES. THIS IS NOT A
22 ONE SIZE FITS ALL. FLEXIBILITY IS GOING TO BE A CRITICAL
23 COMPONENT IN ESTABLISHING THIS LOCAL SOLUTIONS FUND SINCE
24 HOMELESSNESS REALLY CANNOT BE SOLVED BY JUST ONE VIEW BASED ON
25 WHAT ONE ENTITY BELIEVES IS NECESSARY AS AN APPROACH. TO BE

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1 CLEAR, I SUPPORT HAVING MULTIPLE MODELS. I SUPPORT HOUSING
2 FIRST. I SUPPORT RECOVERY, AND THERE ARE MANY, MANY MORE.
3 HOWEVER, I BELIEVE WE CANNOT NARROWLY PRESCRIBE THESE OTHER
4 SOLUTIONS TO OUR CITY. EVERY CITY SHOULD BE AFFORDED THE
5 NECESSARY FLEXIBILITY AND CHOICE TO DETERMINE THE BEST MODELS
6 FOR THEIR VULNERABLE RESIDENTS WITH THE STRATEGIES AND
7 SERVICES THAT MAKE SENSE TO THEIR HOMELESS POPULATIONS. THE
8 COUNTY WILL OF COURSE ESTABLISH SOME GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND
9 PARAMETERS THROUGH OUR MEASURE H FUNDED STRATEGIES, BUT THESE
10 STRATEGIES SHOULD BE CONSTANTLY REEVALUATED AND CHANGED AS
11 NEEDED. OUR CITIES WILL PLAY AN ACTIVE, COLLABORATIVE PART IN
12 DETERMINING THESE STRATEGIES, AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR
13 CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS AND OUR
14 CONTRACT CITIES. AGENDA ITEM 26, WHICH ADDRESSES THIS FURTHER
15 BY INTEGRATING OUR CITIES INTO A FORMAL FRAMEWORK THAT
16 OUTLINES HOMELESS STRATEGIES TO BE FUNDED BY MEASURE H, AND
17 THEN THERE'S RECOMMENDATION 3, 4, 5, AND 6, WHICH WERE DERIVED
18 FROM THE COMMISSION'S CHARGE TO ANALYZE L.A.H.S.A.'S STRUCTURE
19 AND GOVERNANCE AND L.A. COUNTY'S CONTINUUM OF CARE AND PROVIDE
20 DETAILED ANALYSIS WITH RECOMMENDATIONS TO REFORM AND TO
21 ENHANCE OUR SYSTEM. THE COMMISSION'S CONCLUSION SHOULDN'T
22 SURPRISE ANYONE. L.A.H.S.A. NEEDS TO BE STREAMLINED, AND CLEAR
23 ROLE CLARITY NEEDS TO BE ESTABLISHED. ADDITIONALLY, OUR
24 CONTINUUM OF CARE MODEL SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED BY
25 CONSOLIDATING VARIOUS GOVERNING BODIES INTO A SINGLE UNIFIED

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1 BOARD. AS WE ALL HEARD, L.A.H.S.A.'S DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY
2 IS LIMITED, AND IT IS FURTHER BURDENED BY LITTLE TO NO
3 AUTHORITY OVER FUNDING, PREVENTION, HOUSING ACQUISITION, AND
4 SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT. THIS CONCLUSION
5 ON ROLE CLARITY AND ACTING AUTHORITY WAS REFERRED TO AS THE
6 L.A.H.S.A. CONUNDRUM WITHIN THE B.R.C.H. REPORT. IN ORDER TO
7 ADDRESS THIS, THE B.R.C.H. OUTLINES SOME THOUGHTFUL
8 CONSIDERATIONS THAT WOULD HELP ALLEVIATE ITS BURDEN AND ALLOW
9 IT TO DO WHAT IT DOES BEST, FUNCTION AS LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S
10 CONTINUUM OF CARE LEAD. BY BRINING L.A.H.S.A. BACK INTO ITS
11 PRE-MEASURE H ROLE AND TRANSITIONING DIRECT SERVICE PROVISION
12 AWAY FROM IT, THE AGENCY CAN FOCUS ON ENSURING THAT FEDERAL
13 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES ARE ALIGNED WITH STATE AND LOCAL
14 PRIORITIES. L.A.H.S.A. COULD ALSO TAKE LEAD IN CHARGE ON
15 SEEKING CHANGES TO FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS THAT WOULD MAKE IT
16 DIFFICULT TO HOUSE INDIVIDUALS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I KNOW
17 WE'VE HEARD THE HURDLES THAT ARE IN PLACE. SO WE HAVE AN
18 OPPORTUNITY, AND L.A.H.S.A. SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT AND
19 LOOK AT HOW WE CAN WORK WITH OUR FEDERAL PARTNERS TO BREAKDOWN
20 THOSE BARRIERS. SPECIFICALLY L.A.H.S.A.'S ROLE IN THE
21 ADMINISTRATION OF OUR COUNTY'S HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION
22 SYSTEM COULD BE STRENGTHENED AND BETTER POSITIONED AS A DATA
23 DRIVEN APPROACH, WHICH SERVES AN A PASS THROUGH PROVIDING DATA
24 ACCESS TO GOVERNMENTS, NONPROFITS, AND OTHER RELEVANT
25 PARTNERS, THUS ADDING VALUE TO OUR OVERALL SYSTEM.

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1 CONSOLIDATING THE VARIOUS GOVERNING BODIES AND COMMISSIONS
2 DOWN TO A SINGLE DECISION-MAKING ENTITY IS GOING TO BE
3 IMPORTANT AND QUITE FRANKLY A DIFFICULT TASK. IT WILL BE
4 SOMETHING WE NEED TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH OUR CITY
5 PARTNERS ON ACCOMPLISHING WITH GREAT THOUGHT AND CARE. JUST AS
6 IMPORTANT WILL BE THE COMPOSITION OF THE PEOPLE APPOINTED THIS
7 NEW BOARD. AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE MY COLLEAGUES TO TAKE A VERY
8 COORDINATED, FRESH APPROACH WHEN MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THIS
9 BODY. ON THAT NOTE, I WANT TO THANK MY APPOINTEE TO
10 L.A.H.S.A., COMMISSIONER ANDY BAILS, FOR HIS DEDICATION AND
11 SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES
12 COUNTY. HIS LEADERSHIP FOR THE WORK AT UNION RESCUE MISSION IS
13 JUST AN EXAMPLE OF THE KIND OF DIVERSE STAKEHOLDERS WE NEED TO
14 ENGAGE AND SERVE IN THIS SPACE. AND THEN SPEAKING OF
15 LEADERSHIP, THIS BRINGS ME TO MY 7TH AND FINAL RECOMMENDATION
16 PUT FORTH BY B.R.C.H., ENCOURAGING PHILANTHROPY TO CONVENE A
17 SMALL ACTION-ORIENTED, EXECUTIVE LEVEL MASTERMIND GROUP
18 COMPRISED OF LEADERS FROM THE COUNTY, EACH CITY, THE STATE,
19 AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS. WHILE MANY OF THESE CHANGES WE'LL NEED
20 TO MAKE THROUGH ADOPTING THEE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE LONG TERM,
21 THIS SMALL ACTION COULD RALLY NECESSARY STAKEHOLDERS FOR MORE
22 IMMEDIATE CHANGE AND SOLICIT SUPPORT FROM OUR STATE AND OUR
23 FEDERAL PARTNERS. I WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER SARAH
24 DUSSEAUT, YOUR APPOINTEE, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND MIGUEL
25 SANTANA FROM THE COMMITTEE OF GREATER LOS ANGELES FOR

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1 ADVOCATING FOR THIS CENTERING FORUM. IT WILL BE TRULY BE
2 EXCITING TO SEE WHAT KIND OF IMMEDIATE ACTIONS CAN BE TAKEN
3 TOWARDS UNIFYING LOS ANGELES IN OUR EFFORTS TO END
4 HOMELESSNESS AND HELP OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS ON THE STREET.
5 IN CLOSING, YES, WE DO HAVE A LOT OF WORK AHEAD OF US, BUT
6 THANKS TO THE WORK COMPLETED BY THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON
7 HOMELESSNESS, WE HAVE A ROAD MAP. AND THAT PATH MOVES US
8 FORWARD. SO I WOULD HUMBLY ASK YES TO ENACT THE BLUE RIBBON
9 RECOMMENDATIONS, WHICH IS TAKING THAT FIRST STEP, AND I'M
10 HOPEFUL THAT WE'RE READY TO START THIS JOURNEY BECAUSE I TRULY
11 DO BELIEVE A LOT OF LIVES DEPEND UPON IT. THANK YOU, MADAM
12 CHAIR.

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14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE ARE GOING TO
15 HEAR FROM SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. OF
16 COURSE, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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18 **SUP. SOLIS:** SORRY, WAS --

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20 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I GOT YOU. IT'S ALRIGHT. I SEE YOU.

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22 **SUP. SOLIS:** OKAY, THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND ALSO
23 I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER AND HER STAFF, AND I'D ALSO
24 LIKE TO THANK MY STAFF ALSO FOR WORK THEY CONDUCTED. AND MARY
25 WICKHAM, IT'S GOOD TO HEAR YOUR VOICE, GOOD TO SEE YOU, AMY,

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1 AND BRANDON, AND ALSO MY COMMISSIONER, SARAH DUSSEAUT, AS
2 WELL AS THE MANY OTHER STAKEHOLDERS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO
3 PARTICIPATED IN THIS STAKEHOLDER EVENT THAT TOOK PLACE IN THE
4 PAST SEVERAL MONTHS. I THINK IT WAS REALLY, REALLY IMPORTANT
5 FOR US TO TAKE A LOOK BACK BECAUSE IT'S BEEN ALMOST FIVE YEARS
6 NOW SINCE THE PASSAGE OF MEASURE H. UNDOUBTEDLY, WE LEARNED A
7 LOT OF LESSONS, AND WE LEARNED ABOUT SOME OF THE GAPS IN OUR
8 HOMELESS SERVICE SYSTEM. THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON
9 HOMELESSNESS HELPED US TO SYNTHESIZE EVERYTHING WE HAVE
10 LEARNED ABOUT SERVING UNHOUSED ANGELENOS, AND PROVIDED THE
11 FRAMEWORK FOR BUILDING A TRANSPARENT, INCLUSIVE, AND
12 ACCOUNTABLE HOMELESS GOVERNANCE SYSTEM. I WANT TO PARTICULARLY
13 THANK ALL THE PARTNERS, INCLUDING CITIES, SCHOOL DISTRICTS,
14 SERVICE PROVIDERS, AND COMMUNITY GROUPS REPRESENTING THE 1ST
15 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT WHO MADE TIME TO PERSONALLY PRESENT TO
16 THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION. AND I WANT TO THANK THE STAFF OF
17 THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION FOR GOING OUT TIME AND TIME AGAIN
18 TO OUR COMMUNITIES AND TO OUR CITIES THAT WE REPRESENT. YOUR
19 INPUT TO ALL WAS INVALUABLE AND MADE THE PROCESS AS SUCCESSFUL
20 AS IT COULD POSSIBLY BE. AND I'M EXCITED ABOUT FINALLY GIVING
21 ALL OUR PARTNER CITIES IN THE CITY AT LEAST A VOICE AT THE
22 TABLE TO ENHANCE COLLABORATION AND INCREASE COORDINATION AMONG
23 STAKEHOLDERS COUNTY-WIDE. ONE OF THE MORE CRITICAL LESSONS WE
24 LEARNED IN THE PAST FEW YEARS IS THE IMPORTANCE OF ENGAGING
25 OUR CITY PARTNERS, AND BEFORE REDISTRICTING, I HAD ABOUT 24

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1 CITIES THAT I REPRESENTED. IT'S REDUCED A BIT, BUT NOW I HAVE
2 A LARGER PART OF UNINCORPORATED, WHICH, QUITE FRANKLY, DOESN'T
3 HAVE A HOMELESS INFRASTRUCTURE THE WAY IT'S REFLECTED IN OTHER
4 PARTS OF THE COUNTY IN LOS ANGELES, UNFORTUNATELY. SO WITH
5 THAT, I THINK THAT WE'LL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE CITY OF LOS
6 ANGELES. THIS IS NOT AN EXCLUSION IN ANY WAY BECAUSE MY
7 FOOTPRINT NOW IS MUCH LARGER IN THE CITY OF L.A. I'M NOT AS
8 WORRIED THERE, BUT I'M WORRIED ABOUT THINGS WE NEED TO DO
9 BETTER, AND I'M PROUD TO SAY THAT THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION
10 AND THIS MOTION FINALLY GIVE OUR PARTNER CITIES IN THE COUNTY
11 THE VOICE THEY HAVE BEEN ASKING FOR FOR SEVERAL YEARS. THE
12 CITIES IN MY DISTRICT ARE THRILLED ABOUT THE SYSTEM CHANGES
13 THAT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED THROUGH THIS MOTION. THEY FEEL THAT
14 THEY WILL FINALLY HAVE THAT VOICE AND THE RESOURCES TO SUPPORT
15 UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN JURISDICTIONS. I DON'T MAKE ANY
16 PRETENSIONS HERE THAT SOMEHOW WE'LL TURN OVER AN ABUNDANT FUND
17 OF MONIES TO OUR CITIES. THAT'S NOT WHAT THIS IS ABOUT. IT'S
18 BEING VERY STRATEGIC ABOUT IT AND WORKING WITH THOSE CITIES
19 THAT WANT TO WORK WITH US. AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO MAKE THOSE
20 CHANGES TO IMPROVE OUR HOMELESS SERVICE SYSTEM, AND WE KNOW
21 HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO PRESERVE THE PARTS OF THE SYSTEM THAT
22 REALLY ARE WORKING. I DON'T WANT TO AVOID -- I WANT TO AVOID
23 DISRUPTIONS, AND I DON'T WANT TO TANGLE UP OR DUPLICATE. I
24 DON'T THINK THAT IS WHAT THIS IS ABOUT AT ALL. AND THAT'S WHY
25 THE MOTION IS METHODICAL WHEN IT COMES TO IMPLEMENTATION. AND

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1 IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO FULLY
2 UNDERSTAND THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION AND
3 THE RECOMMENDATIONS BEFORE IMPLEMENTING THEM. AND I LOOK
4 FORWARD TO SEEING HOW A GOOD NEW COUNTY ENTITY THAT CAN
5 PROVIDE LEADERSHIP AND COORDINATION ACROSS OUR HOMELESS
6 SERVICE SYSTEM. NOT TO CREATE ANOTHER BUREAUCRACY BUT TO MAKE
7 IT MORE FORCEFUL AND MORE STRATEGIC. THIS ENTITY IS MUCH
8 NEEDED TO ENSURE THAT WE'RE DIRECTING OUR COUNTY RESOURCES IN
9 THE MOST EFFICIENT AND POSSIBLE WAY. AND I'M GLAD THAT WE'RE
10 CONSIDERING THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION MOTION ALONGSIDE ITEM
11 26 BY SUPERVISORS HAHN AND BARGER TO IMPLEMENT THE NEW
12 STRATEGIES TO GOVERN THE HOMELESS SERVICE SYSTEM. WHEN THE
13 STRATEGIES REVISION MOTION WAS PASSED LAST YEAR, I AUTHORED
14 AN AMENDMENT TO THAT MOTION TO INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT
15 WOULD INCREASE CITIES PARTICIPATION IN EACH STRATEGY AND
16 STRENGTHEN OPPORTUNITIES FOR CITIES TO AUGMENT LOS ANGELES
17 COUNTY'S INVESTMENT IN INTERIM AND PERMANENT HOUSING SOLUTIONS
18 WITHIN THEIR OWN CITY BOUNDARIES FOR RESIDENTS EXPERIENCING
19 HOMELESSNESS. THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE HAS INCLUDED IN THIS
20 STRATEGY REVISION EXAMPLES OF HOW WE CAN CO-INVEST WITH CITIES
21 TO STRENGTHEN OUR HOMELESS SERVICE SYSTEM. MANY OF THESE
22 EXAMPLES ARE INITIATIVES I HAVE SPEARHEADED, INCLUDING THE
23 FOLLOWING: PROVIDING FUNDING FOR CITY SANCTIONED INTERIM
24 HOUSING SITES. AND SOME OF THOSE CITIES CALLED IN TODAY. QUITE
25 FRANKLY, I WAS HAPPY THAT AFTER ALMOST THREE YEARS, FIVE YEARS

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1 OF WORKING ON IT, THAT THEY FINALLY -- SOME CAME TO REASON AND
2 SAID WE WANT TO BE PART OF THIS. SUPPORTING CITIES AND TRIBAL
3 ENTITIES WAS ANOTHER MOTION WE PUT FORWARD APPLYING TO THE
4 STATE'S PROJECT HOME KEY BY COMMITTING COUNTY FUNDING FOR
5 SERVICES AT THOSE SITES, WHICH IS VERY ESSENTIAL, PROVIDING
6 MEASURE H FUNDS TO CITIES AND C.O.G.S FOR LOCAL HOMELESSNESS
7 PROJECTS. AND YOU HEARD SOME OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS CALLING IN,
8 AND THE HOPE AND INSPIRATION THAT HAS PROVIDED BUT ALSO
9 RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTING FOR THE C.O.G.S. THEIR ACTIONS
10 ALSO HAVE TO BE VIEWED VERY CAREFULLY. THIS IS A GOOD ROAD
11 MAP, IN MY OPINION, TO CONTINUE TO INVEST IN OUR CITIES, AND
12 I'M GLAD THAT THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE UNDER CHERI TODOROFF'S
13 LEADERSHIP HAS RECOGNIZED HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO WORK IN
14 PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITIES TO END HOMELESSNESS. I SAW HER AT
15 AN EVENT IN MY CITY IN EL MONTE, WHERE THEY PURCHASED TWO HOME
16 KEY MOTELS TO HOUSE CLOSE TO 200 INDIVIDUALS, MOSTLY WOMEN AND
17 FAMILIES. THAT FOR ME, WAS A TRANSFORMATIONAL MOMENT. THE
18 HOMELESS STRATEGIES RECOMMENDATIONS ALSO HIGHLIGHT I BELIEVE
19 THE IMPORTANT ROLE OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS PLAY IN TACKLING
20 HOMELESSNESS, AND WE HAVE HEARD THESE STORIES OVER AND OVER
21 WHERE D.P.S.S. TOUCHES HOMELESSNESS, MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT
22 TOUCHES HOMELESSNESS, AND FOR GOD'S SAKE, EVEN OUR PUBLIC
23 WORKS TOUCHES HOMELESSNESS. THEY HIGHLIGHT THE NEED FOR COUNTY
24 MAINSTREAM SERVICES TO RESPOND QUICKLY AND EFFECTIVELY TO
25 THOSE FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS AND TO BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR

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1 THEIR ROLE IN ADDRESSING THE COUNTY'S HOMELESS CRISIS. THE
2 MOTION TO IMPLEMENT THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE STRATEGIES
3 REASSESSMENT RECOMMENDATION I BELIEVE ALIGNS WITH THE BLUE
4 RIBBON COMMISSION MOTION IN ITS GOAL TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES
5 THAT SUPPORT LOCAL SOLUTIONS TO HOMELESSNESS AND TO DRIVE A
6 STRONGER RESPONSE TO HOMELESSNESS FROM OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS.
7 DESPITE OUR BEST EFFORTS, WE HAVE CONTINUED TO SEE AN
8 INCREASE YEAR-OVER-YEAR IN UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS ACROSS THIS
9 COUNTY. I BELIEVE WITH THESE TWO MOTIONS I'M CONFIDENT THAT
10 HOUSED AND UNHOUSED RESIDENTS ACROSS THE COUNTY WILL BEGIN TO
11 SEE THE RESULTS THAT THEY TRULY DESERVE. COLLEAGUES, I ASK FOR
12 YOUR AYE VOTE ON THESE TWO MOTIONS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'LL GO TO
15 SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO SPEAK, AND THEN YOU'LL PRESENT ON 26. SO
16 KUEHL CAME UP BEFORE YOU. SO, I'M GOING TO GO TO KUEHL AND
17 THEN COME BACK TO YOU. FAIR ENOUGH? SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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19 **SUP. KUEHL:** 3 BEFORE 4, HEY? WE'RE GOOD AT GOING IN NUMERICAL
20 ORDER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU TO MY
21 COLLEAGUES. I THINK YOU KNOW I DID NOT VOTE TO EVEN ESTABLISH
22 THIS BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION, AND I CONTINUE TO FEEL THAT THE
23 RECOMMENDATIONS ARE NOT GOING TO HELP IN ANY WAY, AND I
24 APOLOGIZE OR NOT THAT I CAN'T SUPPORT THIS TODAY. I APOLOGIZE
25 TO MY COLLEAGUE, CHRISTIAN HORVATH, WHO I WORK ON THE CLEAN

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1 POWER ALLIANCE, WHO IS GREAT. BUT LET ME SAY WHY. THERE IS NO
2 QUESTION THAT WE ALL AGREE AND WE'VE ALL BEEN WORKING HARD TO
3 DO EVERYTHING WE POSSIBLY CAN TO REHOUSE MORE PEOPLE FASTER.
4 REHOUSE. I BELIEVE THAT THIS MOTION IS MOTIVATED BY A SINCERE
5 FRUSTRATION WITH THE PROGRESS WE HAVE NOT MADE ON THE HOMELESS
6 CRISIS DESPITE THE FACT THAT IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS WE PUT
7 OVER 100,000 PEOPLE IN PERMANENT HOUSING. THAT IS NOT A
8 FAILURE. IT'S JUST ENOUGH. AND WE'VE PUT 80,000 PEOPLE IN
9 INTERIM HOUSING, AND OUR PREVENTION MODELS HAVE PREVENTED AT
10 LEAST 20,000 PEOPLE FROM FALLING OUT OF THEIR HOUSING AND INTO
11 HOMELESSNESS. OF COURSE, IT'S FLAWED, BUT I WANT TO
12 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE SYSTEM WE HAVE STOOD UP HAS REHOUSED
13 ENORMOUS NUMBER OF PEOPLE. IT IS MAKING A DENT IN THE CRISIS.
14 THE CURRENT SYSTEM IS EXPONENTIALLY MORE CAPABLE OF REHOUSING
15 PEOPLE AND PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS THAN IT WAS FIVE YEARS AGO.
16 I MEAN, I'VE BEEN HERE SEVEN YEARS, I CAN TELL YOU WHAT IT
17 LOOKED LIKE FIVE YEARS AGO. SO, I JUST DON'T WANT US TO
18 OVERLOOK OUR SUCCESSES. EVERYBODY SAYS WE'RE NOT BASHING
19 L.A.H.S.A. WE JUST THINK THERE NEED TO BE CHANGES, ETC. SO, I
20 THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO START THERE. I'M VERY SUPPORTIVE OF
21 ITEM 26, WHICH PROVIDES, IN MY OPINION, A THOUGHTFUL AND
22 PRACTICAL AND VERY SPECIFIC GUIDANCE ABOUT HOW TO STOP MORE
23 PEOPLE FROM FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS AND REHOUSE MORE PEOPLE
24 FASTER. THE MOTION HAS A LOT OF MOVING PARTS, BUT, IN MY
25 OPINION, MOST OF THE DIRECTIVES ARE REALLY MILES AWAY FROM

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1 BEING ABLE TO ACTUALLY REHOUSE MORE PEOPLE FASTER OR PREVENT
2 HOMELESSNESS. IT'S MORE LIKE WHAT MY GRANDMOTHER USED TO CALL
3 RESETTling THE DECK CHAIRS ON THE TITANIC AND THINKING THAT
4 THAT MIGHT KEEP IT FROM SINKING BECAUSE A LOT OF WHAT WE ARE
5 DOING IS ACTUALLY ENGAGING IN RESHUFFLING. IT ENGAGES THE
6 COUNTY AND L.A.H.S.A. AND OTHER ENTITIES IN A GOOD DEAL OF
7 CHAIR SWAPPING, PUT THIS HERE, PUT THIS THERE, EXPAND THIS
8 BOARD, COLLAPSE THAT BOARD, AND, YOU KNOW, A LOT OF ATTENTION
9 AS WELL TO ENGAGING OUR CITIES, WHICH I KNOW HAS ALWAYS SEEMED
10 LIKE A GOOD IDEA, PROBABLY MORE TO SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES THAN
11 TO ME, BECAUSE I HAVE AT LEAST ONE CITY IN MY AREA THAT THINKS
12 THE SOLUTION TO HOMELESSNESS IS MOVING THEIR HOMELESS PEOPLE
13 INTO ANOTHER CITY. AND SO, THE MONEY THEY WANT TO APPLY FOR IS
14 TRANSPORTATION MONEY, BUT THEY ALSO WANT THE OTHER CITY TO PAY
15 FOR IT. NOW, YOU'LL SAY WELL, THAT'S NOT MY CITY. BUT YOU
16 KNOW, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I THINK WE'VE BEEN SOMEWHAT
17 CRITICAL OF L.A. ABOUT IS THAT EVERYONE OF THEIR COUNCIL
18 DISTRICTS HAS THE ABILITY TO SAY DON'T BUILD IT HERE, DON'T
19 BUILD IT THERE, I DON'T WANT THIS IN MY COUNCIL DISTRICT. TO
20 ME, IT LOOKS LIKE 88 COUNCIL DISTRICTS IN A WAY, IN OUR
21 COUNTY, EACH OF WHOM MIGHT HAVE A DIFFERENT STRATEGY. I
22 UNDERSTAND WE THINK THAT THEY KNOW THEIR CITIES BETTER THAN WE
23 KNOW THEM. AND IN SOME CASES, THEY DO, BUT, CITY COUNCILS,
24 THEY'RE EVEN WORSE AT FIGURING THIS OUT THAN WE ARE. I MEAN,
25 HONESTLY, THEY ARE NOT EXPERTS ON HOMELESSNESS IN ANY WAY,

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1 THEY NEED TO LOOK TO THEIR PROVIDERS. THEY NEED TO LOOK TO
2 THEIR EXPERTS. AND SO, I LOOK AT THE PRESENTATION, AND, MARY,
3 I WANTED TO SAY I'M GRATEFUL FOR YOUR WORK. THIS IS NOT ABOUT
4 THE WORK THAT YOU AND THE GROUP HAVE DONE OR ANY OF THE
5 PEOPLE. I WANT TO THANK WENDY GRUEHL, WHO HAS WORKED ON
6 HOMELESSNESS IN ONE APPOINTMENT OR ANOTHER FOR ME AND ON HER
7 OWN FOR SO MANY YEARS AND DID PARTICIPATE IN THIS IN THE
8 UNANIMOUS DECISIONS. BUT CITIES -- ONE OF THE THINGS IN THE
9 PRESENTATION IT SAID THE LOCAL SOLUTION, WHICH IS THE MONEY WE
10 WOULD ALLOCATE TO THE CITIES, SHOULD NOT TAKE MONEY AWAY FROM
11 WORK DONE BY STAKEHOLDERS. AND WE ALREADY HAVE INDICATED OVER
12 THE PAST YEARS, THERE'S NOT EVEN ENOUGH MONEY FOR THE
13 STAKEHOLDERS TO DO THEIR JOB, NOT ENOUGH MONEY TO HOUSE
14 ENOUGH PEOPLE, AND CERTAINLY NOT ENOUGH CONNECTION TO MAKE
15 SURE THERE IS MORE AND MORE HOUSING IN PLACES TO HOUSE PEOPLE.
16 SO, I DON'T KNOW HOW A LOCAL SOLUTION COULD FAIL TO TAKE MONEY
17 AWAY FROM THE WORK THAT'S BEING DONE BY STAKEHOLDERS. LET ME
18 SAY VERY SPECIFICALLY, AND I'M SORRY THIS IS SO LONG, BUT I AM
19 PROBABLY STANDING ALONE ON THIS, SO I JUST WANT TO ARTICULATE
20 THE NO POSITION IN CASE ANYBODY WANTS TO SAY, "ON THE OTHER
21 HAND." THE RECOMMENDATION TO ESTABLISH A COUNTY ENTITY AND
22 IDENTIFY A LEADER, AND IT WAS INDICATED THIS IS NOT A
23 DEPARTMENT. IT'S AN ENTITY, WHICH I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THAT
24 HAS A DESCRIPTION. HOWEVER, MAYBE IT IS A DEPARTMENT BECAUSE I
25 BELIEVE KATHRYN SAID THAT -- WE SHOULD USE THE WORD

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1 DEPARTMENT, AND IT NEEDS TO BE A DEPARTMENT. SO THE QUESTION
2 THAT I WOULD PUT OUT, AND NOT TO YOU BUT TO SIMPLY TO RAISE
3 INTO THE ELEMENTS, WAS HOW DO WE BELIEVE THAT A NEW DEPARTMENT
4 WOULD HAVE ANY LEVERAGE OVER THE BUDGETS OF OTHER COUNTY
5 DEPARTMENTS? SAY, I'M A DEPARTMENT -- LIKE A SUPER DEPARTMENT.
6 SOUNDS TO ME LIKE THE OLD AGENCY DECISION, WHICH WE TRIED AND
7 LIKE DID AWAY WITH INSTANTLY BECAUSE IT DIDN'T WORK. SO, IT'S
8 NOT THAT ANYTHING CAN'T BE WORKED OUT. IT'S JUST THAT ONE
9 DEPARTMENT IS NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO SAY TO THE OTHER, "AND
10 YOU SPEND YOUR MONEY THIS WAY." SECONDLY, I TALKED ABOUT THE
11 SOLUTION FUND FOR THE CITIES. THIRDLY, TRANSITIONING SOME
12 MEASURE H FUNDING BACK TO THE COUNTY. MOVING OUTREACH AWAY
13 FROM L.A.H.S.A.'S H.E.T. TEAMS, I THINK IT'S PRETTY TOUGH.
14 THESE L.A.H.S.A. STAFF ARE UNIONIZED, AND WE'RE PRETTY I THINK
15 RESPONSIBLE TO ORGANIZED LABOR ABOUT IT. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER
16 THE OUTREACH THEY'RE DOING IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS COULD
17 ACTUALLY BE REPLICATED BY OTHERS. I JUST THINK THAT I HAD --
18 I WAS AT AN EVENT OVER THE WEEKEND FOR P.A.T.H., AND THEY WERE
19 REALLY FREAKED OUT, REALLY FREAKED OUT ABOUT WHAT WAS GOING TO
20 HAPPEN IF THEY DIDN'T HAVE THIS KIND OF HELP IN OUTREACH.
21 FOURTHLY, THE IMPROVEMENT OF DATA SHARING, ALWAYS VERY
22 IMPORTANT. I THINK CREATING METRICS IS VERY GOOD, BUT IF YOU
23 LOOK AT THE DIRECTIVES IN ITEM 26, MOST OF THEM ARE ALREADY IN
24 THERE ABOUT CREATING METRICS AND DATA SHARING. THE EXECUTIVE
25 LEVEL ACTION TEAM, RECOMMENDATION SEVEN, I THINK THE

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1 RECOMMENDATION LARGELY CAME FROM L.A.H.S.A.'S GOVERNANCE
2 REPORT, AND THE WEINGART REPORT, WHICH SUGGESTED THAT LEADERS
3 NEED TO MEET TO SET SYSTEM GOALS AND OUTCOMES, AND I THINK
4 THAT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND I INTRODUCED A MOTION LAST YEAR
5 TO DO THAT BUT IT DIDN'T PASS. SO I THINK WE'LL HAVE TO LOOK
6 VERY CAREFULLY IF THAT'S REALLY WHAT WE WANT TO DO, BUT IT
7 COULD BE I THINK DIFFICULT. IT'S SAYING WE NEED ANOTHER KIND
8 OF STRUCTURE AND ANOTHER KIND OF STRUCTURE, BUT IT DOESN'T
9 FEEL TO ME LIKE IT BUILDS OR FILLS HOUSING. YESTERDAY, I
10 BELIEVE THE NEW YORK MODEL ELEVATED AS AN EXAMPLE, BUT THE NEW
11 YORK MODEL CURRENTLY COSTS TAXPAYERS \$3 BILLION A YEAR, AND
12 THEIR COUNT HASN'T GONE DOWN ON HOMELESSNESS. SO, IT'S NOT
13 THAT IT'S A BAD IDEA. IT'S THAT THIS IS NOT NECESSARILY A
14 MODEL THAT HAS WORKED. SO, I DO UNDERSTAND THE IMPETUS. I
15 DON'T WANT TO SAY THAT ANYONE IS WRONG OR DOING THIS FOR ALL
16 THE WRONG REASONS. I JUST FEEL THAT, WHEN YOU'RE CONFRONTED
17 WITH A HEMORRHAGING WOUND, YOU DON'T SAY LET'S RECONSTITUTE
18 OUR HOSPITAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THEN RESTRUCTURE THE WAY
19 WE SEND THE AMBULANCE OUT AND THEN DEPLOY OUR PARAMEDICS
20 DIFFERENTLY, AND, IF YOU BLEED OUT WHILE WE'RE TRYING SOME OF
21 THIS STUFF, WE'RE REALLY SORRY. THIS IS NOT TO SAY WE DON'T
22 CARE ON THIS BOARD. I KNOW WE DO. I JUST DON'T THINK THIS IS
23 THE RIGHT ANSWER. IT'S -- IT DOES LOOK TO ME LIKE DECK CHAIRS
24 ON THE TITANIC. I WANT TO SEE MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. YOU
25 KNOW, PUTTING DIRECT -- THE DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS ON THE BOARD

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1 INSTEAD OF APPOINTEES, FRANKLY, EVERY APPOINTEE THAT I PUT ON
2 EVERY COMMISSION KNOWS MORE THAN I DO ABOUT THAT ISSUE. AND I
3 HAVE FOUND -- NOW, AT METRO, WE'RE ALL ON THE METRO BOARD.
4 METRO HAS GOT BILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO SPEND, AND WE ARE THE
5 PEOPLE DIRECTING BILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO BE SPENT. THAT WOULD
6 NOT BE THE CASE WITH THIS GROUP. SO, I DON'T KNOW HOW
7 DIRECTORS WOULD NECESSARILY SPEND THEIR TIME AND IF THEY
8 WOULD AND IF IT WOULD ACTUALLY BE A GAIN FOR US. SO, I FEEL
9 LIKE I KIND OF WANT TO APOLOGIZE BECAUSE I LIKE THE WAY THIS
10 BOARD WORKS TOGETHER. AND I WANT YOU TO ALL UNDERSTAND, I HAVE
11 NO QUESTION ABOUT YOUR MOTIVATIONS. I JUST THINK LOOKING AT
12 THIS ITEM BY ITEM, HONESTLY, I DON'T THINK IT REALLY HELPS.
13 SO, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** WELL. ALTHOUGH I DO APPRECIATE BECAUSE I THINK SOME
18 -- I THINK THEY'RE NOT WRITING THE STORIES ANYMORE ABOUT FIVE
19 WOMEN ON THE BOARD AND ISN'T IT GREAT AND DON'T YOU ALL GET
20 ALONG. I THINK WE READ THE LAST STORY ABOUT THAT, BUT YOU
21 KNOW, WE'RE NOT THE SAME, AND WE LOOK AT THINGS DIFFERENTLY,
22 AND WE HAVE A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE, BUT I WILL SAY,
23 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WE AGREE ON IT'S NOT GOING IN THE RIGHT
24 DIRECTION. YOU REFERRED TO IT AS THE TITANIC, SO THAT'S A
25 SINKING SHIP, AND YOU REFERRED TO IT AS LIKE A GAPING WOUND

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1 THAT'S BLEEDING. SO, AT LEAST WE AGREE THAT I THINK WE HAVE A
2 PROBLEM. AND I'LL SAY, IT WAS ALMOST A YEAR AGO THAT I THINK
3 WE TALKED ABOUT THE CREATION OF THIS BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON
4 HOMELESSNESS, AND I WAS A LITTLE BIT THERE TOO. I WAS THINKING
5 ARE WE JUST REARRANGING THE CHAIRS ON THE DECK OF THE TITANIC.
6 I WAS A LITTLE BIT ON THE FENCE, BUT THEN IT JUST STRUCK ME
7 THAT WHAT WE WERE DOING, TO ME, DIDN'T SEEM TO BE WORKING, AND
8 I WAS HEARING FROM SO MANY OF MY CONSTITUENTS THAT ALSO DIDN'T
9 BELIEVE WHAT WAS WERE DOING WAS WORKING. IT SEEMED LIKE WE
10 WERE SPENDING MORE MONEY, AND NUMBERS WERE GOING UP EVERY TIME
11 WE HAD A HOMELESS COUNT. SO I ENDED UP VOTING FOR THIS. I
12 THINK I WAS THE THIRD VOTE THAT GOT THIS TO PASS BECAUSE I
13 THOUGHT -- I JUST DIDN'T FEEL GOOD NOT DOING ANYTHING. FOR ME,
14 THE STATUS QUO IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. AND IS THIS GOING TO WORK? I
15 DON'T KNOW IF WE EVER KNOW IF THINGS ARE GOING TO WORK, BUT I
16 PERSONALLY BELIEVED IN THIS COMMISSION AND BELIEVED IN TRYING
17 SOMETHING AGAIN. AGAIN, I APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT BLUE RIBBON
18 COMMISSION DID. THANK YOU, MARY WICKHAM. IT'S REALLY NICE THAT
19 YOU CAME BACK BRIEFLY TO FACILITATE THIS COMMISSION. THANKS TO
20 CHRISTIAN AND TO SARAH FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. I APPRECIATE THIS.
21 I THINK -- I MEAN, I'M GOING TO SUPPORT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS
22 TODAY. AND I KNOW THERE'S STILL A LOT OF WORK THAT WE HAVE TO
23 DO TO GET US TO THE PLACE WHERE WE REALLY DO BEGIN ERADICATING
24 HOMELESSNESS ON THE STREETS OF L.A. COUNTY, BUT I THINK THESE
25 REFORMS WILL ADD SOME ACCOUNTABILITY AND SOME COORDINATION,

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1 AND I ALWAYS BELIEVE REFORM AND ACCOUNTABILITY ARE TWO KEY
2 COMPONENTS FOR ANY PROGRESS THAT WE ATTEMPT TO MAKE. WHEN
3 HEIDI MARSTON ANNOUNCED HER RESIGNATION LAST WEEK, SHE TALKED
4 ABOUT HOW L.A.H.S.A. HAS NEVER HAD THE AUTHORITY TO SOLVE THE
5 BIGGEST CHALLENGES IN THE HOMELESS CRISIS, AND THAT'S WHY I'M
6 HOPEFUL ABOUT ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS WE'LL BE VOTING ON
7 TODAY AND THAT'S TO CREATE A NEW COUNTY ENTITY THAT IS
8 EMPOWERED TO TAKE ON THE CRISIS, HAS THE RESOURCES TO DO SO,
9 AND IS ULTIMATELY ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE OUTCOMES. I THINK THAT'S
10 SOMETHING WE HAVE NEEDED FOR A LONG TIME. I THINK IT'S GOING
11 TO GET US IN A BETTER POSITION TO IMPLEMENT THIS MARSHALL PLAN
12 THAT I KNOW I'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT AND A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE
13 BEEN TALKING ABOUT THAT ACTUALLY WILL LOOK AT THIS LIKE A
14 MAJOR DISASTER THAT IT IS. WE'RE ALSO CONSIDERING ITEM 26
15 RIGHT NOW, AND I THINK THERE WILL BE A PRESENTATION ON THIS.
16 THAT WAS A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BARGER AND ME TO REWORK OUR
17 MEASURE H STRATEGY. WE'RE ABOUT HALFWAY THROUGH MEASURE H'S
18 LIFE SPAN. SO LAST YEAR I AUTHORED THIS MOTION TO REASSESS THE
19 47 STRATEGIES, WHICH WERE DEVELOPED BEFORE I GOT ON THIS
20 BOARD. AND AGAIN, IT SEEMED LIKE IT WAS A GOOD IDEA THEN, AND
21 I WANTED TO SEE IS IT STILL A GOOD IDEA, IS 47 STILL THE RIGHT
22 NUMBER, ARE THE STRATEGIES EVEN NAMED PROPERLY THIS MANY YEARS
23 LATER. SO THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE, LED BY CHERI TODOROFF,
24 PREPARED A REPORT BACK TO US BASED ON THAT MOTION AND POINTED
25 OUT SOME OF THE PROBLEMS WE'RE FACING AND RECOMMENDED A

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1 COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FRAMEWORK. ONE THING THE REPORT SAID WAS
2 THAT, WHILE MEASURE H IS GETTING PEOPLE INTO HOUSING, IT'S
3 BEEN MOST HELPFUL FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST FALLEN INTO
4 HOMELESSNESS, PART OF THE RAPID REHOUSING THAT I THINK YOU
5 WERE SPEAKING ABOUT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, BUT IT POINTED OUT THAT
6 WE'RE STILL NOT DOING A GOOD JOB HELPING THE PEOPLE WHO ARE
7 CHRONICALLY HOMELESS, THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN LIVING IN OUR
8 ENCAMPMENTS FOR YEARS. THOSE ARE THE ONES THAT I BELIEVE THE
9 PUBLIC SEES DAY IN AND DAY OUT AND DOESN'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE
10 HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO HELP THEM. AND THE DATA SHOWS WE NEED TO
11 ADJUST OUR STRATEGY THERE. WE NEED TO FOCUS OUR MEASURE H
12 RESOURCES ON THOSE HARDEST TO REACH INDIVIDUALS, THE
13 CHRONICALLY HOMELESS. THAT MEANS WE NEED OTHER DEPARTMENTS IN
14 THE COUNTY TO DO MORE TO STRENGTHEN OUR SAFETY NET AND HELP
15 PEOPLE WHO ARE ON THE BRINK OF HOMELESSNESS. WITH OTHER
16 DEPARTMENTS DOING MORE TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM FALLING INTO
17 HOMELESSNESS, AND AS WE SAID, SO MANY OF OUR DEPARTMENTS TOUCH
18 PEOPLE WHO ARE ON THE BRINK, IF THEY CAN DO MORE OF THAT WORK,
19 THEN WE CAN PRESERVE OUR INTERIM HOUSING BEDS AND PERMANENT
20 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING UNITS FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO LIVE IN
21 ENCAMPMENTS AND DESPERATELY NEED OUR HELP. SECONDLY, THEY
22 FOUND OUT THAT HAVING MEASURE H ORGANIZING THROUGH 47
23 STRATEGIES HAS BEEN A BIT OF A HEADACHE FOR OUR SERVICE
24 PROVIDERS. I'VE HEARD FROM NONPROFITS THAT HAVE SPENT ENDLESS
25 HOURS ON SEPARATE CONTRACTS, SEPARATE REPORTS, SEPARATE

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1 INVOICES FOR EACH DIFFERENT STRATEGY. IT'S A WASTE OF THEIR
2 TIME. BY CONSOLIDATING THESE STRATEGIES, WE CAN CUT THE RED
3 TAPE AND ALLOW OUR NONPROFITS TO FOCUS ON THE WORK THEY DO
4 WELL ON THE GROUND. AND THIRDLY, THE REPORT SAID THAT WE NEED
5 TO INCREASE OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR CITIES. OVER THE PAST FEW
6 YEARS, I'VE SEEN CITIES IN MY DISTRICT FROM TORRANCE TO
7 BELLFLOWER STEP UP AND SAY YES TO SHELTERS AND PERMANENT
8 HOUSING. I KNOW THERE'S A LOT THAT DON'T, BUT I FOUND A LOT OF
9 OUR CITIES AND OUR CITY COUNCILS WHO DO UNDERSTAND THIS ISSUE
10 AND ARE READY TO HELP. IT'S NO LONGER JUST A CITY OF L.A.
11 ISSUE. I THINK WE ALL STARTED AT THE BEGINNING OF MEASURE H
12 THINKING IT WAS SKID ROW, BUT I THINK WHAT WE FOUND IS IN
13 EVERY SINGLE ONE OF OUR 88 CITIES IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
14 ANGELES, EVERYONE IS SEEING ENCAMPMENTS, EVERYONE IS
15 FRUSTRATED BY THOSE WHO ARE FINDING THEMSELVES SLEEPING ON THE
16 STREETS AT NIGHT. MEASURE H WASN'T SET UP WITH THE
17 PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE CITIES IN MIND. AND WE STILL DON'T HAVE
18 A RELIABLE STREAM OF MEASURE H FUNDING FOR THESE CITIES, BUT
19 WE ALLOCATE ONE-TIME FUNDING FOR THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO
20 DRAW DOWN FROM, AND I THINK THAT'S HELPED OUR CITIES WITH SOME
21 OF THEIR INTERIM HOUSING PROJECTS. I THINK WE NEED TO ALLOCATE
22 MORE FUNDING, AND IT NEEDS TO BE BUILT INTO MEASURE H'S ANNUAL
23 ALLOCATIONS. THE MOTION IN FRONT OF US, COLLEAGUES, FOR 26
24 BEGINS TO IMPLEMENT THIS NEW FRAMEWORK, CONSOLIDATING THE
25 STRATEGIES, FOCUSING ON HOUSING CHRONICALLY UNHOUSED

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1 INDIVIDUALS, AND CO-INVESTING WITH CITY PARTNERS. THERE IS
2 STILL SOME ANSWERED QUESTIONS AS WE BEGIN THIS WORK, BUT I
3 JUST FEEL LIKE WE HAVE TO TRY SOMETHING ELSE. AND I THINK THAT
4 THE COLLABORATIVE PROCESS THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE WILL LEAD
5 WITH COUNTY DEPARTMENTS WILL BE IMPORTANT TO OUR SUCCESS. I
6 JUST WANTED TO END, MADAM CHAIR, I KNOW THERE'S A
7 PRESENTATION. I JUST WANTED TO FOCUS ON CONTRACT CITIES AND
8 MANY OF THE CALLS THAT CAME IN ASKING FOR THREE AMENDMENTS
9 THAT THEY WANTED US TO INCLUDE IN THIS. AND I DON'T KNOW IF
10 MARY OR CHRISTIAN OR SARAH COULD ANSWER THAT. IT WAS MY
11 UNDERSTANDING THAT TWO OF WHAT THEY'RE ASKING FOR IS ALREADY
12 IN THIS MOTION. THEY ASKED FOR INCREASING CITY LEADERSHIP
13 REPRESENTATION ACROSS ALL COMMITTEES MENTIONED IN THE B.R.C.H.
14 RECOMMENDATION, NUMBER TWO, ENSURING DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES
15 WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE AND BENEFIT FROM THE LOCAL
16 SOLUTIONS FUND, AND I KNOW THEY WANTED MEASURE H FUNDING TO BE
17 ALLOCATED TO THE H.O.S.T. TEAM. ON THE FIRST ONE, IT LOOKS TO
18 ME LIKE RECOMMENDATION ONE AND DIRECTIVE THREE INCLUDE THE
19 CITY LEADERSHIP. DID YOU ALL READ IT THE WAY I'M READING IT?

20

21 **MARY WICKHAM:** YES, SUPERVISOR, YES, CORRECT. THE CITIES WILL
22 BE REPRESENTED THROUGHOUT THE MODEL THAT'S BEEN PRESENTED.
23 THERE'S OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CITIES AND THE C.O.G.S TO
24 PARTICIPATE IN THIS MODEL EVERYWHERE. THAT'S NUMBER ONE. I
25 THINK ANOTHER QUESTION WAS --

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2 **SUP. HAHN:** A LOT OF THEM WERE CONCERNED THAT THEY COULDN'T
3 AFFORD THE FINANCIAL MATCH CONTRIBUTION, BUT I THINK THIS
4 LOCAL SOLUTIONS RECOMMENDATION ALLOWS FOR IN- KIND TO BE
5 MATCHED.

6

7 **MARY WICKHAM:** THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT, AND YOU DON'T NEED MONEY
8 IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE. YOU CAN BRING SOMETHING ELSE TO THE
9 TABLE OTHER THAN MONEY.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN:** DO WE HAVE EXAMPLES OF WHAT SOME OF THE IN-KIND
12 SERVICES WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE MOVING FORWARD?

13

14 **MARY WICKHAM:** REAL ESTATE. YOU KNOW, THEY MAY HAVE A FACILITY.
15 THEY MAY HAVE A COMMITMENT, JUST TO THE COMMITMENT TO WANT TO
16 HOUSE THEIR HOMELESS.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** I LIKE THAT, AN IN-KIND -- JUST THE HEART AS THEIR
19 IN-KIND. OKAY, I LIKE THAT. OKAY, I JUST WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT
20 BECAUSE I KNOW MANY PEOPLE CALLED IN THIS MORNING ASKING FOR
21 THAT, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE TWO OF THE THREE SO CALLED AMENDMENTS
22 ARE EMBEDDED IN WHAT WE ARE VOTING ON TODAY. I THINK IN TERMS
23 OF ALLOWING FUNDS TO BE USED FOR A H.O.S.T. TEAM, I DON'T
24 THINK AT THIS POINT THERE'S SUPPORT ON THIS BOARD TO DO THAT,
25 BUT I THINK WE WILL STILL LOOK AT SOLUTIONS AS IT RELATES TO

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1 THAT KIND OF OUTREACH GOING FORWARD. SO COLLEAGUES, I WILL END
2 BY SAYING WE HAVE BEEN DOING THIS WORK FOR A LONG TIME, SO HAS
3 EVERYBODY ELSE IN THE COUNTY. THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE THAT
4 HAVE HAD THAT HEART, THAT HAVE HAD THAT COMMITMENT, THAT HAVE
5 REALLY BEEN WORKING TO END HOMELESSNESS. I HAVE BEEN
6 FRUSTRATING BY HOW PERSISTENT THE PROBLEM OF HOMELESSNESS AND
7 THE HUMAN SUFFERING THAT GOES ALONG WITH IT HAS BEEN, BUT I AM
8 JUST NOT COMFORTABLE WITH SETTTLING FOR THE STATUS QUO. I THINK
9 WE NEED TO KEEP ADJUSTING OUR STRATEGIES UNTIL WE FIND THE
10 MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO GET PEOPLE THE HELP THEY NEED AND
11 ULTIMATELY OFF OF SLEEPING ON OUR STREETS AT NIGHT. I AM NOT
12 GOING TO KID MYSELF INTO BELIEVING THAT WE HAVE DONE ENOUGH
13 TODAY TO SOLVE THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS, BUT THESE REFORMS, IN
14 MY OPINION, REPRESENT PROGRESS, AND I AM HOPEFUL THEY WILL
15 HELP. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

16

17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET ME JUST ADD MY
18 2 CENTS TOO. I TOO WANT TO EXTEND MY APPRECIATION. HAVING
19 SERVED BEFORE I RAN ON OFFICE ON ANY NUMBER OF BOARDS OR
20 COMMISSIONS WHERE WE WERE ASKED TO BRING OUR POLICY AREA OR
21 DIRECT SERVICE AREA OF EXPERTISE TO THE TABLE AS A VOLUNTEER
22 IS ACTUALLY WHAT ENCOURAGED ME TO RUN FOR OFFICE. I AM LIKE
23 LET ME RUN FOR OFFICE SO I CAN BE IN THE DECISION MAKING
24 POSITION AS OPPOSED TO HAVING MY EXPERTISE SUCKED OUT OF MY
25 BODY, AND THEN MAYBE NEVER SEEING IT COME TO FRUITION. SO LET

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1 ME THANK THE PEOPLE THAT VOLUNTEERED, SHERYL PORTER, THE
2 SECOND DISTRICT APPOINTEE WHO WORKS FOR SAINT JOSEPH CENTER,
3 FOR YOUR TIME, AND COMMITMENT, AND WHAT YOU POURED INTO THIS
4 PROCESS. I APPRECIATE YOU. LIKE SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I HAVE MORE
5 QUESTIONS THAN I HAVE ANSWERS. AND FRANKLY, I THINK THAT'S THE
6 CASE FOR ALL OF US. WHEN I THINK ABOUT THE MEASURE H PROCESS,
7 I WAS NOT HERE, BUT AS I RECALL THAT WAS A TWO YEAR
8 EXPERIENCE WITH HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE WHO PROVIDED THEIR
9 EXPERTISE AND PERSPECTIVE, WHICH I THINK IS HELPFUL. I, DURING
10 THAT TIME, WAS THE AUTHOR OF THE HOUSING FIRST BILL THAT
11 BECAME LAW IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE. I, AT THAT TIME, WAS THE
12 AUTHOR OF THE BILL THAT CREATED THE STATE'S INTER-AGENCY
13 COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS. I BELIEVE IN PARTNERSHIP. I BELIEVE
14 IN STREAMLINING PROCESSES THAT ARE TOO BUREAUCRATIC AND NO
15 LONGER WORK AND ARE NO LONGER RELEVANT, WHICH IS WHY I
16 INTRODUCED THE MOTION SEVEN MONTHS AGO, TO STREAMLINE
17 L.A.H.S.A.. IS L.A.H.S.A. PERFECT? NO. HAVE THEY DONE WORK IN
18 SUPPORTING COMMUNITY-BASED AGENCIES THAT DO THE WORK EVERY DAY
19 TO GET PEOPLE HOUSED? YES. SO I AGREE THAT IT NEEDED SOME HELP
20 AND DIRECTION AND REFINEMENT, BUT I WON'T CALL IT BROKEN. MY
21 CONCERN TODAY, AND YOU ALL KNOW I SPEND A LOT OF TIME TALKING
22 ABOUT BUDGETS, IS WHAT I DON'T SEE IN ANY OF THESE
23 RECOMMENDATIONS IS A SENSE, TO ME, GIVEN MY FIDUCIARY, OUR
24 COLLECTIVE FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY AS BOARD MEMBERS ABOUT THE
25 COST AND FUNDING SOURCES OF IMPLEMENTING THE B.R.C.H.

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1 RECOMMENDATIONS, AND CONTINUATION, QUITE FRANKLY, OF B.R.C.H.
2 STAFF IN OUR FISCAL YEAR '22-'23 BUDGET. WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE
3 OF A BUDGET PROCESS. THIS SIX MONTH ACTIVITY HAS ALREADY COST
4 ALL OF US AS COUNTY TAXPAYERS \$1 MILLION. AND LIKE SUPERVISOR
5 KUEHL, I DIDN'T SUPPORT THE MOTION, BUT I REMAINED HOPEFUL AND
6 MUST SAY, THAT I AM DISAPPOINTED BECAUSE I DIDN'T -- THERE IS
7 NO GOLDEN TICKET IN THESE RECOMMENDATIONS. WHEN WE DISCUSSED
8 THAT FAILED MOTION, I HEARD A LOT OF COMMENTS ABOUT HOW THIS
9 ISSUE HAS BEEN STUDIED AND WE NEEDED TO TAKE ACTION, AND SO
10 THAT MOTION WAS VOTED DOWN, AND YET I SEE SEVEN
11 RECOMMENDATIONS, MANY OF WHICH INCLUDE REPORT BACKS STILL. SO
12 WHEN I WALK OUTSIDE OF THIS HALL OF ADMINISTRATION TODAY OR
13 DRIVE HOME AND COUNT, AS I HAVE TAKEN TO DO, THE NUMBER OF
14 R.V.S AND TENTS I SEE, I CAN'T SAY THAT MY VOTE ON THIS ACTION
15 TODAY WILL HAVE, IN AN IMMEDIATE FASHION, DIRECT IMPACT ON
16 THOSE WOMEN, FAMILIES, SENIORS, VETERANS, BLACK AND BROWN
17 PEOPLE, WHO ARE UNHOUSED IN OUR COUNTY. THERE ARE FAR TOO MANY
18 QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS FROM PEOPLE WHO HAVE STUDIED THIS WAY
19 BEYOND SIX MONTHS, WHO DO THIS WORK EVERY DAY, OUR HOMELESS
20 S.P.A. LEADS, FOR ME TO BE COMFORTABLE VOTING FOR THIS PACKAGE
21 AS A WHOLE. I APPRECIATE THE B.R.C.H. VOTED FOR ALL SEVEN
22 RECOMMENDATIONS, BUT THEY ALSO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE
23 ADJUSTMENTS TO THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS AS THEY VOTED FOR THEM.
24 BASED ON OUR INFRASTRUCTURE, BASED ON THE FACT THAT OUR MOTION
25 AUTHORS WERE NOT WILLING TO BIFURCATE. I AM NOT EMPOWERED TO

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1 DO THAT TODAY. AND THAT'S UNFORTUNATE, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE,
2 BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME ELEMENTS THAT I WOULD SUPPORT. I WOULD
3 SUPPORT THE STREAMLINING OF L.A.H.S.A.. AGAIN, THAT WAS IN THE
4 MOTION SEVEN MONTHS AGO. I WOULD SUPPORT L.A.H.S.A.
5 OPERATIONS, WITHOUT QUESTION. I WOULD SUPPORT DATA AND
6 METRICS, BUT THERE ARE OTHER KEY ELEMENTS THAT I HAVE NO IDEA
7 IN TERMS OF BUDGET HOW WE PAY FOR IT, HOW THIS WILL HAPPEN.
8 THAT'S PROBLEMATIC FOR ME. WHAT I BELIEVE WE ALL NEED IS TO
9 EXPEDITE THE STREAMLINING OF SERVICES. AND WHILE WE TALK ABOUT
10 OUR IMPORTANT PARTNERS AND WE USE THE TERM CITIES, WE HAVE TO
11 ACKNOWLEDGE THE MISSING ELEPHANT IN THE B.R.C.H. ROOM, AND
12 THAT WAS THE CITY OF L.A. I APPRECIATE THAT TWO COUNCIL
13 MEMBERS CAME AND PRESENTED TO THE SECOND TO THE LAST MEETING,
14 BUT THEY PRESENTED AS PUBLIC MEMBERS. THEY WEREN'T INVOLVED IN
15 THE DEVELOPMENT OF RECOMMENDATIONS. AND SO, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT
16 STREAMLINING AND BRINGING THESE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TOGETHER
17 ALL UNDER ONE, YOU ALL KNOW I JUST GOT HERE, BUT I HAVE HEARD
18 REPEATEDLY, IT TOOK SOME INORDINATE NUMBER OF YEARS FOR TWO
19 DEPARTMENT HEADS TO COME TO SOME AGREEMENT ON WHO WAS
20 RESPONSIBLE FOR CLAIMING THE MEDI-CAL FUNDING TO PAY FOR
21 O.D.R. SO I AM NOT QUITE SURE HOW UNDER THIS PROCESS ALL THESE
22 MULTIPLE DEPARTMENT HEADS ARE GOING TO COME TOGETHER AND
23 WE'RE GOING TO STREAMLINE FUNDING SILOS. SO MUCH OF THIS
24 FUNDING IS FEDERAL AND STATE AND THROUGH REGULATION. AND SO,
25 IT'S CHALLENGING. IT IS SO MUCH EASIER SAID THAN DONE HOW WE

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1 STREAMLINE AND BRING ALL THESE DEPARTMENTS TOGETHER AND JUST
2 MAKE IT HAPPEN, AND WE KNOW IT IS NOT THAT SIMPLE. I DON'T SEE
3 IN THIS PROCESS, REALISTICALLY, ANY TIME SOON, HOW THIS ONE
4 ENTITY WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN DOING THAT. I UNDERSTOOD THE
5 GOAL, THE ORIGINAL GOAL OF THE MOTION, WAS TO FOCUS ON
6 GOVERNANCE, BUT GOVERNANCE ISN'T THE ONLY ISSUE. IT IS
7 BUILDING. AND WHEN WE TALK ABOUT ALL THESE CITIES HAVE NOW
8 COME TO THE TABLE, AND THEY ARE PARTNERS, ALL OF THE CITIES
9 TOGETHER ARE BEHIND IN BUILDING 340,000 HOUSING UNITS. I CAN'T
10 SEE, AND I HAVE READ IT REPEATEDLY, THESE SEVEN ACTIONS, HOW
11 THAT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THEM. I APPRECIATE THEY FEEL
12 HEARD. THEY ARE AT THE TABLE. I DON'T SEE THE DIRECT NEXUS
13 BETWEEN THESE ACTIONS AND HOW THOSE CITIES WILL MOVE. IT DOES
14 NOT STATE HOW IMPLEMENTING THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WILL GET OUR
15 UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS INTO HOMES, HOW IT WILL INCREASE CONNECTION
16 TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, HOW WE ENSURE EQUITY IN RESOURCE IS
17 DISTRIBUTED TO THOSE -- AND SOLVE FOR THE FACT THAT ARE MORE
18 UNHOUSED BLACK PEOPLE AND A GROWING UNDOCUMENTED AND MIGRANT
19 UNHOUSED POPULATION. I HEARD RUMORS -- WE TALKED ABOUT PUBLIC
20 COMMENT, AND PEOPLE HAVE HEARD -- I HAVE HEARD RUMORS THAT
21 THERE WERE ENTITIES THAT WANTED TO REMOVE THE EQUITY LENS WITH
22 REGARD TO THIS WORK. PLEASE KNOW THAT I WILL BE TRACKING AND
23 WATCHING THAT VERY CLOSELY BECAUSE THAT IS UNACCEPTABLE BASED
24 ON THE REALITIES OF WHO WE KNOW ARE UNHOUSED, BASED ON THE
25 REALITIES THAT THE DATA WE JUST HEARD FROM DR. FERRER. I AM

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1 NOT SURE HOW B.R.C.H. DEFINED EQUITY. WE HAVE HAD STAFF ASK
2 THE QUESTION. WE NEVER GOT A CLEAR ANSWER. SO I WILL ASK THAT
3 B.R.C.H. GET BACK TO ME TO HELP ME UNDERSTAND HOW YOU VIEW AND
4 DEFINE EQUITY AS YOU PROCEED ON THIS WORK. ONE OF THE MAJOR
5 CRITICISMS OF L.A.H.S.A. FROM THE CITIES AND THE C.O.G.S AND
6 OTHERS IS THAT WE DON'T KNOW HOW THE MONEY IS ALLOCATED, WHO
7 MAKES THE DECISIONS, AND WHERE THE MONEY GOES. WELL, FROM MY
8 READ, THIS MOTION IS CREATING YET ANOTHER SYSTEM WITHOUT US
9 KNOWING HOW MUCH MONEY WE ARE USING, WHERE IT IS GOING, NOR
10 THE IMPACT IT WILL HAVE. SO WE CERTAINLY DON'T WANT -- WOULD
11 NOT WANT TO BE IN A POSITION WHERE WE SPENT SIX MONTHS, \$1
12 MILLION, AND HAVE BUILT SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T GIVE US ANY
13 MORE CLARITY, TRANSPARENCY, THAN THE EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE.
14 I KNOW THAT'S NOT OUR COLLECTIVE GOAL. I JUST THINK IT IS
15 IMPORTANT THAT WE FINE TUNE AND GET CLEAR TO MAKE SURE THAT WE
16 ARE NOT SIMPLY CREATING ONE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WILL BE AS
17 HAMPERED BY BUREAUCRACY AS THE ONE WE ARE TRYING TO IMPROVE
18 AND REPLACE. WHILE THE MOTION BRINGS FORTH CONSOLIDATING
19 COMMITTEES AND BODIES FOR L.A.H.S.A. TO HELP WITH CLARITY OF
20 DECISION-MAKING, IT SIMULTANEOUSLY CREATES TWO COUNTY BODIES
21 THAT, PER THE DESCRIPTION, OVERLAP IN RESPONSIBILITIES. I AM
22 NOT CLEAR ON THE CONTRADICTIONS I SEE IN THE MOTION. THE BLUE
23 RIBBON COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS WAS VERY CLEAR THAT THEIR
24 RECOMMENDATIONS WERE NOT TO SLOW DOWN OR TAKE AWAY FROM
25 EXISTING PROGRAMS AND FUNDING DEDICATED TO THE UNHOUSED.

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1 HOWEVER, I FAIL TO UNDERSTAND HOW WE CAN ACCOMPLISH BUILDING A
2 NEW ENTITY, TRANSFERRING AN ENTIRE WORK FORCE FROM L.A.H.S.A.
3 TO THE COUNTY WITHOUT INDEED SLOWING DOWN SERVICES AND TAKING
4 AWAY FROM THE EXISTING STRATEGIES WITHIN MEASURE H. SO, AGAIN,
5 I WON'T TAKE UP ANY MORE TIME. I DO HAVE QUESTIONS OF B.R.C.H.
6 STAFF. I HAVE QUESTIONS OF L.A.H.S.A.. I HOPE THAT -- I KNOW
7 THAT HOMELESS INITIATIVE, CHERI WAS HERE, GOING TO MAKE A
8 PRESENTATION. PERHAPS, SHE WILL COVER THIS WHEN I AM DONE. WE
9 WANT TO HEAR HER PRESENTATION BEFORE WE VOTE ON ITEM 26,
10 COLLEAGUES. BUT, AGAIN, TOO MANY QUESTIONS. YOU ALL KNOW THAT
11 I HAVE HAD TO GET USED TO THE POLICYMAKING PROCESS HERE, WHERE
12 THERE AREN'T COMMITTEES. WE DON'T HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO
13 FLESH IT OUT, INCLUDE PUBLIC COMMENT. IT MOVES A LITTLE FAST
14 FOR MY TASTE IN TERMS OF THE TRUE INTEGRITY OF THE POLICY,
15 AND, FOR ME, THIS IS AN EXAMPLE. I APPRECIATE THE B.R.C.H.
16 COMMITTEE SPENT SIX MONTHS, BUT, AGAIN, I HAVE HEARD FAR TOO
17 MANY QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS FROM HOMELESS AGENCIES AND
18 ADVOCATES WHO ARE DOING THE WORK EVERY DAY TO FEEL COMFORTABLE
19 VOTING ON THESE ISSUES IN A BLOCK. AND I CERTAINLY HOPE THAT
20 THE MOTION'S AUTHORS OR THE C.E.O. WILL INCLUDE IN THE REPORT
21 BACK THE COSTS AND FUNDING SOURCES OF IMPLEMENTING THE
22 B.R.C.H. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONTINUATION OF B.R.C.H. STAFF IN
23 OUR CURRENT '22''23 BUDGET FINAL CHANGES. WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE
24 OF THE BUDGET PROCESS MAKING TOUGH DECISIONS, AND WE CAN'T
25 PASS THESE SEVEN RECOMMENDATIONS, STAND UP THESE NEW ENTITIES,

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1 AND NOT BE CLEAR, CLEAR WITH THE PUBLIC, ABOUT WHAT THE PRICE
2 TAG ULTIMATELY WILL BE. I DON'T KNOW THAT WE WERE CLEAR THAT
3 IT WOULD BE \$1 MILLION WORTH OF WORK OVER SIX MONTHS WHEN THE
4 MOTION PASSED THAT ENABLED THEIR WORK. WITH THAT, I SEE FIRST,
5 MS. BARGER. I SEE SECOND, MS. SOLIS.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER:** I WILL BE VERY SHORT. I WANT TO THANK FIANEE
8 EVANGELIST, WHO IS MY APPOINTEE. I DIDN'T DO THAT. BUT I ALSO
9 WANT -- I DIDN'T TALK ON 26, AND I JUST HAVE TO SAY THAT I
10 THINK THAT IT IS PAIRED WELL WITH ITEM 4 AS IT RELATES TO THE
11 FEEDBACK THAT WE GOT ABOUT STREAMLINING THE PROCESS. AND I
12 JUST APPRECIATE BEING A COAUTHOR ON THAT MOTION. AND THEN,
13 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I WANTED TO GET A CLARIFICATION, WHEN YOU
14 SAID NEW YORK CITY, THAT WAS ANDY BAILS THAT BROUGHT IT UP,
15 BUT, IN FACT, THE COMPARISON WAS HOUSTON. AND IN HOUSTON,
16 CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS WAS REDUCED BY 50% BECAUSE, WHEN YOU SAID
17 THAT, I THOUGHT THAT'S NOT WHAT I REMEMBERED. AND SO, I GOT A
18 CLARIFICATION. IT, IN FACT, WAS HOUSTON.

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** APOLOGIES. I GOT THAT WRONG.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER:** BUT THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BECAUSE I KNOW THAT NEW
23 YORK HAS A MODEL THAT IS OFTEN TOUTED AS WELL. SO I JUST
24 WANTED TO MAKE THAT CLARIFICATION. THANK YOU.

25

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

2

3 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANTED TO
4 BRING UP SOME ITEMS I HAD TALKED ABOUT EARLIER. AND THAT WAS
5 THAT OUR CITIES, NOT ALL OF THEM ARE HOW COULD I SAY AS GUNG-
6 HO IN PERHAPS DEALING WITH THIS ISSUE. AND SOME REALLY MAY NOT
7 HAVE A GOOD MAP OR ASSISTANCE, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. SO MY
8 HOPE IS THAT THIS PROCESS WILL ALLOW FOR THAT FOR THOSE CITIES
9 THAT HAVEN'T ALL FULLY APPRECIATED THE WORK THAT IT TAKES. AND
10 PART OF IT IS ALSO MAKING SURE THAT OUR PROVIDERS THAT, I KNOW
11 AT LEAST IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, THAT HAVE BEEN AT THIS FOR
12 DECADES, DECADES, WERE NOT GETTING PAID APPROPRIATELY THROUGH
13 THEIR OWN CONTRACTING. THEY ALMOST WENT UNDER. AND PART OF IT
14 WAS BECAUSE THE INATTENTION, I DON'T KNOW WHAT EXACTLY, BUT I
15 CAN TELL YOU THAT SOME OF OUR KEY SERVICES IN POMONA, THE SAN
16 GABRIEL VALLEY ALMOST WENT UNDER. I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MANY
17 CALLS I GOT, MY STAFF DID, LATE NIGHTS AND ON HOLIDAYS WHEN
18 PEOPLE WERE ALMOST -- STAFF ALMOST HAD TO BE LET GO. AND HERE
19 WE WERE STANDING UP SHELTERS, WINTER SHELTERS AND ALL THAT.
20 AND THESE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT I TRULY BELIEVE ARE OUR ANGELS.
21 THEY ARE PART -- THEY ARE NOT PART OF L.A.H.S.A., SO TO SPEAK,
22 BUT THEY GET CONTRACTS THROUGH US AND THROUGH MEASURE H, AND
23 THEY ARE DOING OUTSTANDING WORK. WE NEED TO FIX THE
24 CONTRACTING SYSTEM. IF ANYTHING, I AGREE THAT THAT HAS TO
25 HAPPEN. AND I ALSO BELIEVE THERE SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT FUNDING

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1 AVAILABLE TO THOSE CITIES THAT CAN PROVE THAT THEY REALLY WANT
2 TO MEET US IN THE RIGHT PLACE. AND I MENTIONED EL MONTE. AND I
3 WANT TO SAY EL MONTE ACTUALLY DID ROOM KEY BEFORE ANYBODY IN
4 THE WHOLE COUNTY DID. THEY WERE THE FIRST CITY TO SAY WE'RE
5 GOING TO DO IT. AND OTHER CITIES WERE LIKE I DON'T KNOW ABOUT
6 THIS, BUT THEY TOOK THE DEEP DIVE. AND NOW, THEY ARE OPENING
7 UP MORE HOUSING UNITS THROUGH ROOM KEY AND HOME KEY. AND THEY
8 ARE PUTTING IN THEIR OWN MONEY, AND THEY WANT TO KNOW HOW THEY
9 CAN PARTNER WITH US. SO I DON'T KNOW THAT THEY WILL ALWAYS ASK
10 US FOR EVERYTHING, BUT THEY DO EXPECT SOME HELP FROM US. AND I
11 THINK PART OF IT IS OUR DUTY TO PROVIDE THEM WITH PARTNERING
12 WITH UNION STATION, WHICH DOES THE WRAPAROUND SERVICES FOR THE
13 CITY OF EL MONTE. THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE FUND ANYWAYS. SO IT
14 ISN'T GOING TO DISRUPT THAT. IN FACT, I WANT IT TO GROW
15 BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE IN SOME OF MY CITIES IN SAN GABRIEL
16 VALLEY, IN UNINCORPORATED AREA, A STRUCTURE THAT'S THERE THAT
17 YOU CAN POINT TO. I CAN'T EVEN GET IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS A
18 WINTER SHELTER SET UP YET, BUT I KNOW IT WILL TAKE ME, AND
19 IT'S GOING TO TAKE A LOT OF OTHER PEOPLE OUT THERE SAYING WE
20 WILL DO IT. AND NOW THERE'S A WILL TO DO IT. AND PARTNERSHIPS
21 MEAN A LOT. AND PEOPLE DO LOOK TO THE COUNTY FOR THAT. SO I
22 JUST WANT TO SAY THAT'S WHAT I AM LOOKING FOR. I AM LOOKING
23 FOR OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO PLAY A BIGGER ROLE. THEY SPEND
24 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS RIGHT NOW. AND I GET IT. THEY MAY HAVE
25 FORMULA THAT SAYS THEY HAVE TO DO SOMETHING THIS WAY, BUT

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1 THERE'S FLEXIBILITY THERE, TOO. AND THEY COULD BE MORE
2 STRATEGIC. AND I CAN SEE THAT HAPPENING IN D.P.S.S. FOR SURE
3 AND EVEN D.C.F.S. BECAUSE WE ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE THERE TO
4 PROVIDE HOUSING FOR TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH. WE SHOULD BE
5 WORKING WITH MEASURE H AND EVERYBODY TO SEE THAT WE ARE ALL
6 WORKING ON THE SAME PATH. I DON'T THINK THAT HAS HAPPENED. AND
7 THE DEPARTMENT HAS SAID, WELL, WE DIDN'T HAVE TIME. THAT IS
8 REALLY UPSETTING TO ME. SO I THINK THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS
9 THAT ALL OF US CAN POINT TO FOR IMPROVEMENT. AND I HOPE THAT
10 WHEN WE DO GET OUR REPORT BACKS THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE
11 THOSE QUESTIONS ANSWERS. AND SOMETHING I WANTED TO ASK MARY
12 WICKHAM IF I MIGHT. MARY, I KNOW YOU ARE STILL ON THERE. I
13 WANTED YOU TO PLEASE CLARIFY WHAT A COUNTY ENTITY OR A
14 DEPARTMENT IS IN TERMS OF THIS REPORT. AND WHAT DOES THAT
15 REALLY MEAN? AND HOW CAN THE BOARD BE ENSURED THAT WE WILL SEE
16 SUCCESS OUT OF THAT MODEL?

17

18 **MARY WICKHAM:** SURE. GREAT QUESTION, SUPERVISOR, AND OTHER
19 SUPERVISORS RAISED IT. WHAT THE REPORT IDENTIFIES IS THE FORM
20 OF THE ENTITY. IT COULD TAKE DIFFERENT FORMS. IT COULD BE A
21 COUNTY DEPARTMENT. IT COULD BE SOMETHING OTHER THAN A COUNTY
22 DEPARTMENT. FOR EXAMPLE, THE COUNTY COULD ENTER INTO A
23 RELATIONSHIP WITH L.A.C.D.A. AND CREATE AN ENTITY LIKE
24 L.A.C.D.A. WHICH IS NOT A CIVIL SERVANT TYPE ENTITY. OR
25 ANOTHER MODEL THAT WE LOOKED AT WAS THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY

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1 MANAGEMENT. YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE GREAT QUOTES THAT KIND OF
2 CAME OUT OF THIS EXERCISE IS THAT WE HAVE A CRISIS, BUT WE
3 AREN'T OPERATING IN CRISIS MODE. SO O.E.M., OFFICE OF
4 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, OPERATES IN A CRISIS MODE. THEY COME
5 TOGETHER IN A CRISIS AND THEN HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO TELL OTHER
6 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO ADDRESS THE
7 CRISIS. SO THE NEXT PHASE OF THIS EFFORT WOULD BE TO REPORT
8 BACK TO THE BOARD -- THE C.E.O. TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON
9 WHAT FORM THIS ENTITY SHOULD TAKE.

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

12

13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, FOLLOWING UP ON YOUR
14 QUESTION, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. MS. WICKHAM, AS YOU TALK ABOUT THE
15 ENTITY VERSES THE DEPARTMENT, DID YOU OR YOUR STAFF AT ANY
16 TIME THINK THROUGH OR PREPARE TO SHARE WITH US OR THE C.E.O.
17 IDEAS AROUND COSTS OF SETTING UP A DEPARTMENT OR AN ENTITY?
18 WAS THAT A PART OF YOUR CHARGE? WAS ANY TIME SPENT THINKING
19 THROUGH COSTS, PARTICULARLY IN THAT WE'RE THE MIDDLE OF BUDGET
20 SEASON? AND I AM ASSUMING BECAUSE WE ALL WANT THIS TO HAPPEN
21 SOONER RATHER THAN LATER THAT IT WILL HAVE IMPACT ON OUR '22-
22 '23 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET?

23

24 **MARY WICKHAM:** A GREAT QUESTION, MADAM CHAIR. THAT WAS BEYOND
25 THE SCOPE OF THIS DIRECTIVE. THE BOARD'S JULY 27TH MOTION WAS

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1 TO REPORT BACK ON GOVERNANCE, BUT, OF COURSE, WE ARE MINDFUL
2 OF COST, AND WHAT THE REPORT TOUCHES ON IS THAT THE VISION IS
3 THAT -- WHAT THE ENTITY CREATED IS NOT LUMBERING BUREAUCRACY.
4 IT IS SOMETHING NIMBLE AND STAFFED WELL, RESOURCED WELL, BUT
5 NIMBLE, FLEXIBLE, SOMETHING THAT COULD GET STOOD UP IN A SHORT
6 AMOUNT OF TIME AND START ADDRESSING THE TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF
7 WORK THAT IS BEFORE US.

8

9 **BRANDON YOUNG:** I WILL ALSO ADD, IF I MAY, THE REPORT DOES
10 DEFINE OR GIVES PARAMETERS AROUND WHAT IT COULD LOOK LIKE. SO,
11 AS MARY MENTIONED, DEPARTMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY OR
12 SOMETHING LIKE O.E.M. THE IMPORTANCE OF JUST IDENTIFYING
13 THOSE, THOSE OPTIONS, WERE MINDFUL BECAUSE THERE'S A
14 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A DEPARTMENT AND O.E.M. FROM A COST
15 PERSPECTIVE, SO THE FACT THAT THE REPORT EVEN RECOMMENDS OR --
16 NOT RECOMMENDS, BUT SUGGESTS THAT, SAY, AN O.E.M. TYPE ENTITY
17 MIGHT BE SOMETHING, OR A JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY, IS MOTIVATED
18 BY THE FACT THAT THERE ARE GOING TO BE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE
19 TWO. WE COULD HAVE SAID, FOR EXAMPLE, OR THE COMMISSION COULD
20 HAVE SAID, FOR EXAMPLE, JUST A DEPARTMENT, BUT IT DIDN'T DO
21 THAT. AND THE REASON IT DIDN'T DO THAT IS, SUPERVISOR
22 MITCHELL, YOUR PRECISE CONCERN, WHICH IS THERE ARE GOING TO BE
23 COST IMPLICATIONS THAT ARE GOING TO NEED TO BE STUDIED, BUT IT
24 WAS THE CHARGE OF THE COMMISSION UNDER THE BOARD MOTION TO

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1 IDENTIFY MODELS FOR GOVERNANCE THAT COULD BE THERE. THE
2 ULTIMATE DISCRETION, OBVIOUSLY, TO THE BOARD.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. SO THEN, MS.
5 DAVENPORT, THEN I WILL PIVOT TO YOU. SINCE THAT WAS THE CHARGE
6 OF THE COMMISSION, AND WE ARE NOW POISED TO TAKE A VOTE ON
7 IMPLEMENTING SEVEN RECOMMENDATIONS FROM B.R.C.H., AT WHAT
8 POINT WILL YOU THEN PROVIDE US, I AM GUESSING, OR THROUGH THE
9 BUDGET PROCESS, IDEAS ABOUT FUNDING SOURCES AND COSTS FOR
10 THESE SEVEN SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS.

11

12 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND
13 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SO LET ME ANSWER THE QUESTION THIS WAY.
14 THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE IS IN THE PROCESS OF STANDING UP FOUR
15 DEPARTMENTS IN FISCAL YEAR '22-'23. AND I THINK EVERYONE ON
16 THE BOARD HAS COME ALONG ON THAT JOURNEY WITH US. WE HAVE
17 WORKED ON THE SPLITTING OF W.D.A.C.S. FOR OVER ALMOST TWO
18 YEARS NOW. AND EVEN THOUGH WE ARE ABLE TO SPLIT THE DEPARTMENT
19 FIVE MONTHS EARLIER THAN WE TOLD THE BOARD, THERE IS A
20 TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF PLANNING AND PREPARATION THAT GOES INTO
21 STANDING UP A NEW DEPARTMENT. THE SAME IS TRUE FOR THE WORK
22 THAT WE ARE DOING RIGHT NOW ON THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH
23 DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS J.C.O.D., THE JUSTICE, CARE, AND
24 OPPORTUNITIES DEPARTMENT. I DO NOT ANTICIPATE -- WE HAVE TWO
25 MORE BUDGET PHASES LEFT IN FISCAL YEAR '22-'23. THAT'S FINAL

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1 CHANGES BUDGET IN MAY AND SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET CHANGES IN
2 OCTOBER. I DO NOT ANTICIPATE THAT WE WILL HAVE COMPLETED THE
3 NECESSARY WORK, ANALYSIS, AND BUDGETARY FORECAST TO BE ABLE TO
4 BRING A PROPOSAL TO THIS BOARD IN THIS CURRENT BUDGET YEAR.
5 WHAT I CAN COMMIT TO, HOWEVER, IS THAT WE WILL DO THE WORK --
6 BEGIN THE WORK NECESSARY TO THE PLANNING AND THE PREPARATION.
7 SO I THINK, AT THE END OF THE DAY, IF YOU LOOK AT THE OTHER
8 FOUR DEPARTMENTS THAT WE ARE CURRENTLY STANDING UP, IF YOU
9 HAVE LOOKED AT THAT TRAJECTORY, IT HAS TAKEN AT LEAST A YEAR
10 FOR US TO GET THE PLANNING AND THE ANALYSIS AND THE NECESSARY
11 ORDINANCE ITEMS ETC. -- I'M SORRY, NOT ORDINANCE ITEMS, BUT AT
12 LEAST THE PLAN BEFORE WE WERE ABLE TO COME TO THE BOARD TO
13 SUBMIT A RECOMMENDATION. SO THERE'S GOING TO BE A FAIR AMOUNT
14 OF WORK TO GET THAT PLANNING DOWN. AND THAT'S GOING TO ALSO
15 INVOLVE US WORKING WITH YOUR OFFICES ON THE APPROPRIATE MODEL,
16 WHETHER THE BOARD WANTS TO MOVE IN A J.P.A. MODEL, WHETHER THE
17 BOARD WANTS THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE TO BE THE NEW ENTITY, OR
18 WHETHER THE BOARD WANTS TO MOVE TO SOMETHING LIKE AN AGENCY
19 MODEL. THAT WILL ALSO HAVE TO BE DECIDED BY THE BOARD, AND
20 THEN WE WILL, IN EARNEST, BE ABLE TO START DOING THE
21 APPROPRIATE PLANNING AND PREPARATION. AND FINALLY, I WILL ALSO
22 -- SO THERE ARE SOME LEGAL COMPONENTS TO THIS, AND WE WILL OF
23 COURSE WORK WITH ALL THE NECESSARY DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING
24 COUNTY COUNSEL, AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, I.S.D., ETC.

25

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I APPRECIATE THAT
2 CLARITY. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** I JUST WANTED TO SAY ON ITEM 26, AND I THINK
5 SUPERVISOR HAHN IS OKAY WITH NOT HAVING THE PRESENTATION
6 BECAUSE I THINK WE TALKED ABOUT IT, UNLESS YOU ALL NEED IT,
7 BECAUSE I THINK OUR MOTION SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** I WOULD AGREE.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YOU MEAN THE PRESENTATION FROM MS.
12 TODOROFF?

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH.

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OKAY, THAT'S FINE. MS. TODOROFF, ARE
17 THERE ANY ONE OR TWO BULLETS YOU WANT TO SHARE BEFORE WE SHUT
18 IT DOWN? I APPRECIATE YOU COMING AND SPENDING YOUR TIME AND
19 GIVING US THE POWER POINT. ANY QUICK ANYTHING?

20

21 **CHERI TODOROFF:** ACTUALLY, I WANT TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS. I
22 THINK YOU HAVE HAD A VERY GOOD DISCUSSION TODAY. AND DURING
23 YOUR DISCUSSION, YOU HAVE ACTUALLY COVERED ALL THE HIGHLIGHTS
24 OF THE STRATEGY REASSESSMENT AND THE PROPOSED FRAMEWORK. SO
25 JUST APPRECIATE LISTENING TO YOUR CONVERSATION, AND ALSO JUST

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1 WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE PROCESS. IT
2 WAS A VERY COLLABORATIVE PROCESS. WE HAD A HIGH NUMBER OF
3 COMMUNITY INPUT SESSIONS. WE HAD HUNDREDS OF PARTICIPANTS. WE
4 HAD OUR HOMELESS SERVICES PROVIDERS, PEOPLE WITH LIVED
5 EXPERTISE. WE HAD OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. WE HAD OUR AGENCIES
6 LIKE L.A.H.S.A. AND L.A.C.D.A. WE HAD OUR CITIES AND C.O.G.S
7 IT WAS JUST REALLY WIDE PARTICIPATION AND CAME BACK WITH A
8 REALLY GOOD SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WILL MOVE OUR SYSTEM
9 FORWARD.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I APPRECIATE THAT.
12 THAT WAS COMMENTS FOR ITEM 26. SO SEEING NO OTHER HANDS
13 RAISED, MY PAPER COVERS YOU ALL, BUT SEEING NO OTHER HANDS
14 RAISED, I THINK EVERYONE HAS SPOKEN. ITEM 4 IS BEFORE US. WE
15 WILL TAKE TWO SEPARATE VOTES. ITEM 4, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
16 BARGER, AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.
17 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

18

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

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

22

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

24

25 **SUP. KUEHL:** NO.

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1

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

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** YES.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. BARGER:** YES.

9

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

11 MITCHELL.

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, NO. MOTION CARRIES 3-

14 2.

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 26 IS BEFORE US FOR APPROVAL, MOVED

17 BY HAHN, SECONDED BY BARGER, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL

18 THE ROLL.

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 26 IS BEFORE YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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22 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

25

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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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.

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

17 5-0.

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19 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 11, PROCLAIMING MAY 2022 AS ASIAN

20 AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH AND RENEWED

21 COMMITMENT TO STOP ANTI-A.P.I. HATE.

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23 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR

24 BARGER FOR JOINING ME ON THIS MOTION. HAPPY A.A.P.I. HERITAGE

25 MONTH. CHINESE NATIONALS WERE THE FIRST ASIAN IMMIGRANTS TO

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1 ARRIVE ON AMERICAN SOIL IN SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS IN THE MIDDLE
2 OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY. SINCE THEN, FROM HELPING TO BUILD A
3 TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD TO PROTECTING THE NATION DURING
4 TIMES OF WAR, A.A.P.I.S HAVE PLAYED, AS YOU KNOW, A CRITICAL
5 ROLE IN SHAPING OUR HISTORY. THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE BEEN
6 FOUND IN EVERY ASPECT OF SOCIETY. A.A.P.I.S ARE LEADERS IN
7 INDUSTRY, POLITICS, ENTERTAINMENT, CULTURE, CIVIC ACTIVISM,
8 EDUCATION, AND MUCH MORE. LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS PROUD TO BE
9 HOME TO MORE THAN 1.5 MILLION A.A.P.I. RESIDENTS, AND MORE
10 THAN 500,000 LIVE IN MY DISTRICT. AND COLLEAGUES, A.A.P.I.S
11 REPRESENT AT LEAST 10% OF THE POPULATION IN EACH OF OUR
12 DISTRICTS, ACCORDING TO THE MOST RECENT CENSUS DATA. AND YET,
13 AS WE KNOW, THE RISE IN ANTI-A.A.P.I. HATE HAS REALLY SHAKEN
14 OUR COMMUNITIES. IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, A RECENT SURVEY
15 INDICATED THAT MORE THAN A THIRD OF THE RESIDENTS HAD
16 WITNESSED OR EXPERIENCED AN ACT OF HATE, OR HARASSMENT, IN
17 RECENT YEARS DUE TO COVID-19 SCAPEGOATING. NEARLY 11,000
18 A.A.P.I.S ACROSS THE COUNTRY REPORTED HATE INCIDENTS TO THE
19 NATIONAL TRACKER LAUNCHED BY STOP A.A.P.I. HATE BETWEEN MARCH
20 2020 AND DECEMBER 2021, INCLUDING MORE THAN 4,100 REPORTS IN
21 CALIFORNIA AND MORE THAN 1,000 REPORTS IN LOS ANGELES. THE
22 COUNTY'S L.A. VERSES HATE INITIATIVE RECEIVED 1,600 REPORTS OF
23 HATE THROUGH OUR 2-1-1 L.A. HOTLINE THAT WAS ESTABLISHED.
24 NATIONWIDE, 63% OF HATE INCIDENTS REPORTED DESCRIBED VERBAL
25 HARASSMENT, AND THREE-QUARTERS, 75%, OF HATE INCIDENTS

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1 OCCURRED IN PLACES OPEN IN THE PUBLIC, ON PUBLIC STREETS, ON
2 PUBLIC TRANSIT, AND BUSINESSES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. AND
3 FURTHERMORE, 23% OF NON-BINARY A.A.P.I. PEOPLE, AND 19% OF
4 A.A.P.I. WOMEN THAT REPORTED HATE INCIDENTS IDENTIFIED GENDER
5 AS ONE OF THE REASONS THEY EXPERIENCED THE REPORTED
6 DISCRIMINATION. MANY HATE INCIDENTS INVOLVE STREET HARASSMENT,
7 WHICH INCLUDED UNWANTED WORDS, GESTURES, OR ACTIONS THAT
8 FORCED -- THAT ARE FORCED ON A STRANGER IN A PUBLIC PLACE
9 BECAUSE OF THEIR REAL OR PERCEIVED IDENTITY AND CAN INCLUDE
10 RADICALIZED OR SEXUALIZED SLURS. EXISTING CALIFORNIA LAWS,
11 MEMBERS, ARE ILL-EQUIPPED TO PREVENT AND ADDRESS STREET
12 HARASSMENT BECAUSE MOST LAWS ARE UNDER THE PENAL CODE DESPITE
13 STREET HARASSMENT REQUIRING A PUBLIC HEALTH AND CIVIL RIGHTS
14 RESPONSE. ALL PEOPLE DESERVE TO FEEL SAFE AND MOVE ABOUT
15 FREELY WITHOUT BECOMING TARGETS OF HATE AND HARASSMENT. AND
16 STREET HARASSMENT IS NOT JUST AN A.A.P.I. ISSUE, AS WE KNOW.
17 ALL WOMEN, PARTICULARLY BLACK AND INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND WOMEN
18 OF COLOR, AND L.G.B.T.Q.+ PEOPLE, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES,
19 UNHOUSED PEOPLE, THE YOUNG, THE ELDERLY, THE PEOPLE OF COLOR
20 EXPERIENCE STREET HARASSMENT, WHICH CARRIES A THREAT OF AND
21 OCCASIONALLY ESCALATES IN VIOLENCE. WE HAVE TO DO MORE TO
22 ADDRESS THE ISSUE, WHICH IS WHY THIS MOTION WOULD SUPPORT
23 SEVERAL BILLS TO ADDRESS STREET HARASSMENT IN PUBLIC TRANSIT,
24 BUSINESSES, ON STREETS, FROM PUBLIC HEALTH AND CIVIL RIGHTS.
25 JUST BECAUSE ANTI-A.A.P.I. HATE INCIDENTS NO LONGER MAKE

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1 NATIONAL HEADLINES DOESN'T MEAN THAT THEY HAVE STOPPED. SO ON
2 A.A.P.I. HERITAGE MONTH, I HOPE WE WILL CONTINUE TO SHINE A
3 LIGHT ON THIS ISSUE AND MAKE REAL INVESTMENTS TO ADDRESS THIS
4 ISSUE IN THE LONG TERM. SO I RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR AYE
5 VOTE. I BELIEVE SUPERVISOR BARGER YOU WANTED TO --

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7 **SUP. BARGER:** YES. FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
8 FOR ASKING ME TO COAUTHOR THIS MOTION WITH YOU. AS WE
9 CELEBRATE THIS MONTH OF MAY, AS ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC
10 ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH, WE MUST RECOGNIZE OUR A.A.P.I.
11 RESIDENTS AND THE IMMENSELY VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS THEY MAKE
12 TO OUR SOCIETY IN ART, EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGY, GOVERNMENT, AND
13 SO MUCH MORE. THIS CELEBRATION MUST ALSO BE MET WITH
14 REFLECTION ON HOW FAR WE HAVE COME, BUT ALSO HOW FAR WE STILL
15 HAVE TO GO. THE HATE CRIMES AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ASIAN
16 AMERICAN COMMUNITIES HAVE SKYROCKETED SINCE THE START OF THIS
17 PANDEMIC. THE MAJORITY OF THESE REPORTED HATE CRIMES OCCUR IN
18 PUBLIC PLACES, AND I HAVE SEEN VIDEOS WHERE PEOPLE ARE
19 WATCHING HELPLESSLY. IT IS CRITICAL THAT WE STAND UP FOR OUR
20 A.A.P.I. COMMUNITIES. SO SHOWING OUR SUPPORT FOR THIS NO PLACE
21 FOR HATE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE TRULY IS A STEP IN THE
22 RIGHT DIRECTION IN PREVENTING STREET HARASSMENT AND DOING WHAT
23 WE CAN AS A BOARD TO MAKE OUR ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITIES FEEL
24 SAFE AND PROTECTED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO AGAIN, THANK YOU

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1 FOR ASKING ME TO COAUTHOR THIS WITH YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM
2 CHAIR.

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

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6 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
7 SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR AUTHORIZING THIS MOTION SO THAT
8 WE CAN INDEED PROCLAIM MAY 2022 AS ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC
9 ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH AND SUPPORT THE STOP THE A.A.P.I. HATE
10 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE. THIS MONTH MARKS A TIME TO SPEAK OUT, TO
11 SHARE STORIES, AND UPLIFT OUR ASIAN COMMUNITIES IN L.A.
12 COUNTY, THE STATE, AND ACROSS OUR NATION. IT IS SIGNIFICANT TO
13 NOTE THAT ASIAN CULTURE IS FILLED WITH INCREDIBLE STORIES OF
14 RESILIENCE, PERSISTENCE, AND DETERMINATION TO FIGHT FOR BASIC
15 RIGHTS. LAST YEAR, WE SUPPORTED THE FEDERAL HATE CRIMES ACT
16 THAT WAS PROMPTED BY THE RECENT OUTBREAK OF ATTACKS AND
17 HARASSMENT AGAINST AMERICANS OF ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER
18 HERITAGE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. ADDITIONALLY, AT OUR
19 LAST BOARD MEETING, I AUTHORED A FIVE SIGNATURE MOTION TO
20 SUPPORT SENATE BILL 1161, WHICH WILL DEVELOP AN ANTI-
21 HARASSMENT TRANSIT PLAN TO ENSURE THAT OUR TRANSIT AGENCIES IN
22 THE STATE DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT PLANS TO ADDRESS HARASSMENT OF
23 RIDERS IN A MEANINGFUL AND LASTING MANNER. I AM PLEASED TO SEE
24 THIS BILL AND OTHERS WILL SEE MUCH DESERVED SUPPORT AS PART OF
25 THE STOP A.A.P.I. HATE LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE. STILL SO MUCH WORK

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1 TO DO. IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING. WE ALL NEED TO
2 RISE UP AND RIGHT THE WRONGS THAT WE SEE IN OUR COMMUNITIES,
3 WHERE WE SEE DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT. HOWEVER, WE ARE
4 TAKING STEPS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. THANK YOU TO BOTH OF YOU
5 FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE.

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7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I AGREE. WHEN YOU SEE
8 SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING. AND THIS BOARD TOOK ACTION AND
9 ACTUALLY PUT MONEY AROUND DATA COLLECTION AROUND A.P.I. HATE
10 BECAUSE COLLECTING DATA REALLY HELPS VALIDATE THAT LAW
11 ENFORCEMENT AND BYSTANDERS NEED TO STEP UP AND TAKE ACTION.
12 SO, THANK YOU BOTH VERY MUCH. ARE THERE ANY OTHER SUPERVISORS
13 THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE COMMENTS. SEEING NONE, HEARING ON
14 OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 16 IS BEFORE US. HAPPY TO ASK THAT
15 SUPERVISOR BARGER MOVE, SUPERVISOR SOLIS SECOND. EXECUTIVE
16 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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3 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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7 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

10 MITCHELL.

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

13

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

15 5-0.

16

17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THAT WAS ITEM 11, NOT ITEM 16. ONCE

18 AGAIN, I GOT AHEAD OF MYSELF. MOVING ON NOW TO ITEM 16,

19 PROCLAIMING MAY FIFTH THROUGH THE THIRTIETH AS L.A. COUNTY

20 FAIR DAYS. WE ARE GOING TO SEE A LITTLE VIDEO IN A MINUTE.

21 AFTER, WE ALL KNOW, AFTER A TWO YEAR HIATUS, WHERE WE COULDN'T

22 GET TURKEY LEGS OR CORN ON THE COB OR RIDE WONDERFUL FAIR

23 RIDES OR SMELL THE PIGS.

24

25 **SUP. KUEHL:** CHOCOLATE BACON DONUTS.

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2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THAT PART, THANK YOU. AS A RESULT OF
3 COVID, WE COULD NOT ENGAGE IN THOSE FUN GASTRO ACTIVITIES. BUT
4 THEY ARE BACK. IT IS OPENING THIS WEEK ON CINCO DE MAYO, AS A
5 MATTER OF FACT. SO I WOULD ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC AND MEMBERS OF
6 OUR OWN COUNTY FAMILY TO MAKE A TRIP TO THE FAIRPLEX FOR L. A.
7 COUNTY FAIR DAY, WHICH IS ON SATURDAY MAY 7TH. YOU CAN VISIT
8 WITH STAFF FROM OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, PICK UP VALUABLE
9 INFORMATION, AND EVEN GET A COVID-19 VACCINE OR BOOSTER FROM
10 OUR VERY OWN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. WE WILL PLAY THE
11 VIDEO, AND WHEN WE COME BACK, SUPERVISOR SOLIS WILL TALK ABOUT
12 ALL THE WONDERFUL THINGS FAIRPLEX DID FOR US WHILE THEY
13 WEREN'T DOING THE FAIR. BUT LET'S ROLL THAT COUNTY FOOTAGE.

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15 **SPEAKER:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WELCOME TO FAIRPLEX, HOME OF
16 YOUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAIR. I AM JOINED THIS MORNING WITH
17 OUR CHAIR, HEIDI HANSON, THUMMER, AND MYSELF, WALTER MARCUS,
18 PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. I WANT TO THANK YOU, CHAIR MITCHELL,
19 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND
20 SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO KICKING OFF OUR CENTENNIAL
23 CELEBRATION NEXT WEEK AT THE L.A. COUNTY FAIR. WE WELCOME YOU
24 ALL TO COME OUT AND JOIN US FROM MAY FIFTH THROUGH MAY

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1 THIRTIETH, AND THANK YOU AGAIN TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR
2 THIS PROCLAMATION.

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

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6 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. ONE OF THE MANY
7 THINGS THAT I MISSED DURING THE PANDEMIC, OBVIOUSLY, WAS GOING
8 TO THE COUNTY FAIR BECAUSE THEY HAVE -- THEY DON'T JUST HAVE A
9 LOT OF GOOD FOOD, BUT THEY HAVE A LOT OF GOOD ENTERTAINMENT,
10 AS WELL AS A BUNCH OF GOODIES THAT PEOPLE CAN GO THROUGH THESE
11 DIFFERENT HALLS AND PICK UP THINGS THAT YOU WOULDN'T FIND
12 ANYWHERE ELSE. THE FAIR IS REALLY SPECIAL TO ME BECAUSE IT IS
13 HOME AT THE L.A. COUNTY FAIRPLEX, WHICH IS IN THE FIRST
14 DISTRICT, WHICH I REPRESENT. AND STARTING FROM THIS YEAR, IT
15 WILL BE HELD IN MAY, WHICH IS VERY DIFFERENT. SO THEY FIGURED
16 OUT THAT IT IS BETTER TO HAVE IT EARLY THAN IN AUGUST AND
17 SEPTEMBER WHEN IT WAS REALLY HOT. PEOPLE COULDN'T STAND THE
18 HEAT. SO THEY GOT IT, WHICH IS WONDERFUL. SO WE ARE GOING
19 BEFORE I THINK THE ORANGE COUNTY FAIR, WHICH IS GOOD. SO
20 LISTEN UP, ORANGE COUNTY. THIS YEAR MARKS THE ONE HUNDREDTH
21 ANNIVERSARY, SO I HOPE ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS WILL JOIN US,
22 ESPECIALLY ON THE OPENING WEEKEND, MAY THE 7TH, WHEN ALL OF
23 OUR L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS GET IN AT HALF PRICE. SO GET YOUR
24 TICKETS, FOLKS. I ALSO WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
25 ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK THE POMONA FAIRPLEX FOR THEIR

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1 PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION WITH MY OFFICE AND ALSO WITH THE
2 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC. JUST REMEMBER,
3 BACK IN 2020, COVID PARTNERED WITH THE HOTEL AT FAIRPLEX TO
4 SERVE AS A QUARANTINE SITE. AND THEY HELPED TO ISOLATE ABOUT
5 2,547 PEOPLE WHO HAD BEEN EXPOSED TO COVID BUT HAD NOWHERE TO
6 GO, NO SAFEGUARDS. AND LET ME TELL YOU, WE HAD PEOPLE FROM ALL
7 AROUND THE COUNTY THAT WERE PLACED THERE. HOW WONDERFUL FOR US
8 TO BE ABLE HELP OUT THE FAIRPLEX AND THE HOTEL. AND FOR THE
9 PAST TWO YEARS, SINCE THE ONSET OF THE PANDEMIC THE FAIRPLEX
10 HAS BEEN A TESTING SITE FOR US AND, IN FACT, HAVE BEEN ONE OF
11 THE COUNTY'S LARGEST TESTING SITES. CONDUCTING OVER, GET THIS,
12 445,000 TESTS AT FAIRPLEX. CAN YOU IMAGINE? SO IT WASN'T JUST
13 POMONA. IT WAS A LOT LARGER THAN THAT. AND I WANT TO REMIND
14 EVERYONE THAT, WHILE THE COUNTY FAIR IS RUNNING THE TESTING
15 SITE WILL BE TEMPORARILY RELOCATED PALOMARES PARK IN POMONA,
16 JUST THREE MILES AWAY FROM THE FAIRGROUNDS. HOWEVER, THERE
17 WILL BE A TESTING KIOSK AVAILABLE AT THE FAIR FOR ATTENDEES
18 THERE. AND WHEN THE VACCINES BECAME AVAILABLE, THE POMONA
19 FAIRPLEX SET UP OPERATIONS TO ADMINISTER OVER 218,000 SHOTS.
20 THAT'S AMAZING. LAST YEAR, THE POMONA FAIRPLEX TOOK ON ANOTHER
21 MISSION WHEN I MADE A REQUEST FOLLOWING A CONVERSATION WITH
22 PRESIDENT BIDEN. IT SERVED AS AN EMERGENCY INTAKE SITE FOR
23 UNACCOMPANIED MINER, WHO ARE MOSTLY COMING FROM CENTRAL
24 SEEKING REFUGE LAST YEAR DURING THE SURGE AT OUR BORDER. THE
25 CHILDREN WERE HOUSED ON A PART OF THE FAIRGROUNDS ON THE 60

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1 ACRE CAMPUS WITH LUSH SOCCER FIELDS AND AMPLE SPACE AND HAD A
2 CAPACITY OF 2,500 CHILDREN AT ANY GIVEN TIME. THE SAFE BUT
3 EFFICIENT SPEED OF REUNIFICATIONS WAS REMARKABLE. IT TOOK
4 ALMOST 14 DAYS TO REUNIFY THESE CHILDREN WITH CARETAKERS,
5 GUARDIANS, AND FAMILY. IT IS REMARKABLE BECAUSE, IN THE END,
6 CLOSE TO 8,000 CHILDREN WERE REUNIFIED WITH FAMILY MEMBERS OR
7 SPONSORS RIGHT HERE IN THE UNITED STATES. WE VACCINATED ALMOST
8 6,100 OF THOSE CHILDREN. AND THE U.S. SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND
9 HUMAN SERVICES, XAVIER BECERRA, TOURED THE SITE WITH ME AND
10 COINED IT, "A MODEL SITE." I AM VERY PROUD OF WHAT THE COUNTY
11 OF LOS ANGELES AND THE POMONA FAIRPLEX HAVE ACCOMPLISHED
12 TOGETHER. AND NOW, THE POMONA FAIRPLEX IS REOPENED TO ALL OF
13 US AGAIN AS OUR FAIR. SO LET'S GET OUT. LET'S CELEBRATE. LET'S
14 MAKE IT HAPPEN. SPEND YOUR DOLLARS THERE AT THE FAIRPLEX.
15 THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AGAIN, JUST
18 TO REMIND FOLKS THAT THE FAIR OFFICIALLY OPENS ON MAY 5TH. IT
19 WILL RUN TO MAY 30TH. L.A. COUNTY DAY IS SATURDAY MAY 7TH.
20 SUPERVISOR SOLIS SAID COUNTY RESIDENTS GET HALF OFF. RIGHT?
21 AND SO, FOR TICKETING INFORMATION IT'S AT LACOUNTYFAIR.COM OR
22 OUR OWN COUNTY WEBSITE LACOUNTY.GOV. WITH THAT, HEARING NO
23 COMMENTS, ITEM 16 IS BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR SOLIS WILL MOVE, I
24 WILL SECOND. APPROVAL OF THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
25 CALL THE ROLL.

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

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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8 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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12 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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16 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ITEM 17, SENATE BILL 1245 BY
2 SENATOR KAMLAGER, L.A. COUNTY ABORTION ACCESS SAFE HAVEN PILOT
3 PROGRAM. LITTLE DID WE KNOW WHEN WE PUT THIS ITEM ON THE
4 AGENDA, THE NEWS WE WOULD RECEIVE YESTERDAY. OR MAYBE WE DID,
5 TRAGICALLY. I WANT TO THANK A NUMBER OF THE COMMUNITY-BASED
6 HEALTH ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS THAT ASSISTED MY COAUTHOR,
7 SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL, AND I. I WANT TO THANK PLANNED
8 PARENTHOOD LOS ANGELES AND BLACK WOMEN FOR WELLNESS. BACK IN
9 JANUARY OF THIS YEAR, WE DIRECTED THE C.E.O. TO WORK WITH KEY
10 COMMUNITY GROUPS TO CREATE A PLAN IN THE LIKELY EVENT THAT THE
11 U.S. SUPREME COURT WOULD OVERTURN ROE V. WADE, WHICH CREATED A
12 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS TO CHOOSE WHETHER OR
13 NOT TO HAVE AN ABORTION. I WANT TO THANK THE C.E.O., COUNTY
14 DEPARTMENTS, AND STAKEHOLDERS FOR THEIR INITIAL PLAN AND THEIR
15 CONTINUED HARD WORK TO GET US READY FOR WHAT APPEARS TO BE THE
16 INEVITABLE. AMONG THE RECOMMENDATIONS IS A PLAN TO PURSUE
17 STATE LEGISLATION TO CREATE A PILOT PROJECT WITH STATE FUNDING
18 THAT WILL SUPPORT INNOVATIVE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH APPROACHES
19 FOR WOMEN REGARDLESS OF THEIR STATE RESIDENCY, AND HERE IS THE
20 FRUIT OF THAT LABOR, SENATE BILL 1245 AND IT IS COMPANION
21 STATE BUDGET REQUEST OF \$20 MILLION. THE STATE FUNDING COULD
22 BE USED IN A NUMBER OF WAYS, INCLUDING TO ADVANCE AND IMPROVE
23 HEALTH OUTCOMES, TO STREAMLINE AND SECURE MORE INFRASTRUCTURE
24 FOR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE, TO COORDINATE CARE AND PATIENT
25 SUPPORT SERVICES, AND TO PROVIDE MEDICALLY ACCURATE EDUCATION

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1 AND TRAINING TOOLS SPECIFIC TO COMMUNITY NEEDS. IT'S NOT GOING
2 TO ALLOW US TO MEET THE BRUTAL NEED SHOULD ROE V. WADE BE
3 OVERTURNED, BUT FOR US HERE IN L.A. COUNTY IT IS AN IMPORTANT
4 STEP TO SHOW WE ARE STANDING IN SOLIDARITY, AND WE ARE DOING
5 OUR PART IN THE FIGHT TO PRESERVE ACCESS TO ALL REPRODUCTIVE
6 SERVICES FOR ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS, INCLUDING THOSE WHO ARE
7 FORCED TO SEEK CARE IN OUR COUNTY FROM OUT OF STATE. AND WE
8 WANT TO THANK SENATOR SYDNEY KAMLAGER FOR INTRODUCING THE
9 BILL. AND SOMEONE NEEDS TO MUTE THEMSELVES.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** ARE YOU LOGGING BACK IN? NO, I AM HOST.

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13 **SPEAKER:** OKAY.

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15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YOU MAY BE HOST, BUT I AM THE CHAIR. SO
16 MUTE YOURSELF. OKAY. WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, COAUTHOR,
17 WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK TO THIS MOTION?

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19 **SUP. KUEHL:** YOU KNOW, I THOUGHT I KNEW WHAT I WAS GOING TO SAY
20 WHEN WE LOOKED AT IT YESTERDAY, AND THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN, WE
21 SAW THE TWEET FROM POLITICO AND EVERYTHING OPENED UP. I MEAN
22 THERE'S A DEMONSTRATION GOING ON RIGHT NOW IN VAN NUYS, MY
23 DISTRICT. I MEAN PEOPLE ARE JUST TURNING OUT AT COURTHOUSES
24 AND EVERYWHERE. IT IS TECTONIC. AND THAT ACTUALLY MAKES
25 SYDNEY'S BILL EVEN MORE IMPORTANT. YOU KNOW, CALIFORNIA --

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1 EVERYBODY TAKES CALIFORNIA FOR GRANTED AS KIND OF A LIBERAL
2 STATE, BUT WE HAVE A LOT OF DIFFERENT CONSIDERATIONS. OVER A
3 DECADE AGO, WHEN I BROUGHT A BILL TO EMBED ALL THE RIGHTS THAT
4 WERE CONTAINED IN ROE V. WADE IN CALIFORNIA STATUTE, WHICH WAS
5 SUCCESSFUL AND WAS SIGNED, I THOUGHT YOU KNOW, WELL, I DON'T
6 KNOW THAT WE WILL EVER NEED THIS, BUT OH WELL, JUST IN CASE.
7 AND NOW, OF COURSE, IF ROE IS OVERTURNED, HAVING IT IN
8 CALIFORNIA STATUTE -- THE BETTER THING WOULD BE IN CALIFORNIA
9 CONSTITUTION, OF COURSE, AND THERE WILL BE A MOVEMENT ABOUT
10 THAT, BUT WE NEED TO STAND AT THIS MOMENT, AND THAT'S REALLY I
11 THINK WHAT SYDNEY'S BILL HELPS US DO, AS A BEACON, AS A
12 RATIONAL, WELCOMING, AND SUPPORTING PLACE. YOU KNOW, L.A.
13 COUNTY PROVIDES A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF THE REPRODUCTIVE
14 HEALTHCARE SERVICES IN THE STATE, INCLUDING ABORTIONS, BUT
15 THAT'S APPROPRIATE. WE ARE A QUARTER OF THE STATE. AND WE GOT
16 THE FIRST REPORT FROM THE WORKGROUP TO PROVIDE US WITH
17 RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT HOW WE MIGHT INCREASE OUR SERVICES.
18 PLANNED PARENTHOOD ACTUALLY ADDED SOMETHING LIKE 4 OR \$5
19 MILLION THIS YEAR TO PROVIDE HELP TO WOMEN COMING FROM OTHER
20 STATES. AND THEY ARE LOOKING AT 9 OR 10 MILLION NEXT YEAR OR
21 MORE. SO, EVERYTHING THAT WE CAN DO IN CALIFORNIA, AND HERE IN
22 L.A. COUNTY, TO HELP I THINK IS -- IT IS REASONABLE. IT IS
23 RATIONAL. I CAN'T BELIEVE 47 YEARS LATER, OR WHATEVER, 49, OH
24 YEAH, ALMOST 50, YOU ARE RIGHT, I MEAN, THAT WE START ALL OVER
25 AGAIN, BUT I AM EXPERIENCED IN THE WORM TURNING. AND SOMETIMES

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1 IT TURNS THE WRONG WAY, AND SOMETIMES IT TURNS BACK OUR WAY.
2 IT TAKES A LOT OF WORK. THIS MAY ACTIVATE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO
3 WERE THINKING, "OH WELL, YOU KNOW, THIS WILL NEVER HAPPEN. I
4 DON'T KNOW WHAT THE SUPREME COURT IS FOR. CAN IT BE SO BAD?"
5 AND NOW IT IS KIND OF LIKE, YEAH. IT IS BAD. SO I AM HAPPY TO
6 COAUTHOR THIS, HAPPY TO SUPPORT S.B.1245. STATE LEGISLATION IS
7 REALLY IMPORTANT. A BILL JUST WENT INTO EFFECT AT THE
8 BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR THAT ALLOWS YOU TO INCLUDE IN YOUR
9 RESTRAINING ORDERS UNDER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE THAT YOUR ABUSER IS
10 KEEPING YOU FROM GETTING REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES. AND
11 THAT WAS A GOOD STEP BECAUSE, IF HE CAN FIND A WAY TO TORTURE
12 YOU, HE WILL DO IT. AND IT IS KIND OF LIKE NO, I AM NOT GOING
13 TO LET YOU GO, NOT GOING TO LET YOU DO THIS, ETC. SO THIS IS A
14 GOOD NEXT STEP, I THINK. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT, WE WILL HEAR FROM
17 SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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19 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
20 MITCHELL AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION. AND
21 YOU'RE RIGHT, WHEN I LOOKED AT OUR AGENDA FOR TODAY LAST WEEK,
22 I THOUGHT OKAY, THIS IS GOOD. OF COURSE, I WILL SUPPORT IT.
23 BUT AFTER LAST NIGHT'S BOMBSHELL ANNOUNCEMENT BASED ON A LEAK
24 THAT OUR SUPREME COURT IS ON THE PRECIPICE OF OVERTURNING ROE
25 V. WADE, A LOT OF PEOPLE MADE THE COMMENT NOT UNEXPECTED, OR

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1 THIS WAS EXPECTED, NOT A BIG SURPRISE, BUT, NONETHELESS, I
2 THINK ONCE WE ACTUALLY HEARD IT AND SAW IT, IT IS DEVASTATING.
3 IT IS DEVASTATING TO SO MANY WOMEN, TO GIRLS WHO ARE GOING TO
4 FIND THEMSELVES IN THE POSITION OF HAVING AN UNWANTED
5 PREGNANCY. AND I AGREE. IT WAS 1973. I REMEMBER WHEN WE GOT
6 THIS FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO MAKE OUR OWN REPRODUCTIVE CHOICES. I
7 THINK EVERYONE THOUGHT WELL, THAT'S GREAT FOR GENERATIONS TO
8 COME. RIGHT. ALL THE GIRLS GROWING UP IN THIS COUNTRY WILL
9 NEVER HAVE TO AGAIN BE RELEGATED TO BACK ALLEY, UNSAFE
10 ABORTIONS THAT MANY TIMES LED TO DEATH. AND I THINK THAT'S WHY
11 WHAT WE ARE DOING SUPPORTING THIS BILL IS SO IMPORTANT BECAUSE
12 OVERTURNING ROE V. WADE IS NOT GOING TO END ABORTIONS. IT IS
13 JUST GOING TO CAUSE WOMEN TO GO TO EXTREMES TO DO WHAT THEY
14 FUNDAMENTALLY HAVE THE RIGHT TO DO, BUT AT LEAST THERE WILL BE
15 SOME STATES IN THIS COUNTRY THAT WILL BE A BEACON, AND
16 CALIFORNIA WILL BE ONE OF THOSE, BUT IT WILL REALLY -- THE
17 BURDEN WILL FALL ON, ONCE AGAIN, POOR WOMEN AND WOMEN OF
18 COLOR, WHO MIGHT NOT NECESSARILY HAVE THE ABILITY TO TRAVEL
19 SEVERAL STATES AWAY TO PERFORM -- TO GET AN ABORTION, OR WOMEN
20 WHO MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO LEAVE THEIR JOBS FOR THREE OR FOUR
21 DAYS TO MAKE THAT LONG DISTANCE TRIP. SO IT IS REALLY
22 UNFORTUNATE. I AM PROUD OF US AS THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR
23 BEING THAT BEACON. I AM PROUD OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO HAVE
24 THIS SAFE HAVEN PILOT PROGRAM SO THAT WE WILL BE A SAFE HAVEN
25 FOR WOMEN, NO MATTER WHAT STATE THEY HAPPEN TO COME FROM. I

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1 FULLY SUPPORT THIS BILL AND TO CREATE THIS ABORTION ACCESS
2 SAFE HAVEN PILOT PROGRAM HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND
3 MAYBE, JUST MAYBE, THE MASSES THAT ARE NOW POURING INTO THE
4 STREETS, PROTESTING THIS POTENTIAL DECISION MIGHT TURN, MIGHT,
5 TURN THE SUPREME COURT JUSTICES TO RETHINK THIS TERRIBLE, ONE
6 OF THE WORST DECISIONS THEY WOULD EVER MAKE.

7

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

9

10 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I ECHO WHAT MY
11 COLLEAGUES HAVE SAID. AND I NEVER THOUGHT THAT THE WORD SAFE
12 HAVEN WOULD BE USED FOR ABORTION ACCESS. AND IT TELLS ME THAT,
13 YOU KNOW, I HAVE SAID IT EARLIER IN ANOTHER ISSUE, WE HAVE
14 COME A LONG WAY, BUT IN FACT WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO BECAUSE,
15 AS I WAS TALKING TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL WHEN WE WALKED IN, I
16 THOUGHT THIS WAS THE RULE OF LAW NOW BASED ON THE SUPREME
17 COURT RULING AND THAT IT COULDN'T BE OVERTURNED. AND IT LEAVES
18 ME SCRATCHING MY HEAD. AND I THINK IT IS ONE OF THE MOST
19 SHOCKING THINGS, QUITE FRANKLY, THAT HAVE HAPPENED RECENTLY AS
20 IT RELATES TO WHAT IS GOING ON IN WASHINGTON. AND I DIDN'T
21 THINK I COULD BE ANY MORE SHOCKED THAN I HAVE BEEN, BUT I
22 THINK THIS TOPS IT. SO I WAS PREPARED TO SUPPORT THIS PRIOR TO
23 THE NEWS YESTERDAY, AND I WILL SUPPORT IT, BUT I THINK IT
24 SPEAKS VOLUMES TO THE FACT THAT WE, AS WOMEN, DO HAVE TO

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1 CONTINUE TO USE OUR VOICE AND PROTECT OUR RIGHTS. SO THANK
2 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

3

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

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. I TOO AM ANGRY. I AM SADDENED. I AM
7 DEVASTATED, AND I AM ENRAGED. I COULDN'T BELIEVE WHAT I WAS
8 SEEING AND HEARING YESTERDAY ON THE TELEVISION AND AROUND THE
9 WORLD AND SEEING POLITICAL REPORTING ON WHAT HAPPENED. IT IS
10 ABUNDANTLY CLEAR TO ME THAT ABORTION CARE, TO ME, IS
11 HEALTHCARE. IT IS REPRODUCTIVE CARE. SO PEOPLE SHOULD
12 UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE REALLY TALKING ABOUT HARMING OUR
13 HEALTHCARE SYSTEM FOR WOMEN, AND THEIR CHILDREN, AND THEIR
14 FUTURE FAMILIES, OR THAT INDIVIDUAL WOMAN HERSELF. AND GOOD
15 KNOWS IF SHE IS ALSO BEING THREATENED FROM HER PERHAPS ABUSER.
16 IT IS VERY TRUE, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. WE KNOW THAT MEN ARE
17 CAPABLE OF DOING A LOT OF UNFORTUNATELY BAD THINGS WHEN THEY
18 BECOME VERY POSSESSIVE AND TRY TO HURT WOMEN AND THEIR
19 CHILDREN. I, TOO, AM VERY STRUCK BY WHAT HAS COME ABOUT, AND I
20 PLAN ON TAKING ACTION. I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO GRIEVE. WE
21 NEED TO GET ACTIVE. AND WE NEED TO SUPPORT OUR SISTERS AND OUR
22 MOTHERS AND FUTURE GENERATIONS, AND THAT MEANS EVERYBODY ELSE.
23 I AM WHOLEHEARTEDLY IN SUPPORT OF THIS LEGISLATION THAT
24 SENATOR KAMLAGER HAS PUT FORWARD. AND I THINK PEOPLE NEED TO
25 UNDERSTAND. THEY SHOULDN'T BE CONFUSED AS YOU SAID, SUPERVISOR

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1 BARGER ABOUT SAFE HAVEN BECAUSE JUSTICE AMY CONEY BARRETT
2 SOMEHOW THINKS THAT THAT REMOVES THE NEED FOR ABORTIONS. IN
3 MY OPINION, SHE HAS IT MIXED UP. AND OBVIOUSLY, SHE COULDN'T
4 BE SO WRONG. SHE'S REALLY TERRIBLY WRONG. AND THAT'S WHY I'M
5 GLAD ALSO THAT OUR LEGISLATURE AND OUR GOVERNOR ARE NOW GOING
6 TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO HELP TAKE ACTION AS SOON AS
7 POSSIBLE AND TO ENSHRINE THE RIGHT TO AN ABORTION IN OUR
8 CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION, WHICH IS WHAT WE NEED TO DO. SO, WHEN
9 I HEARD ABOUT THIS NEWS, I WAS SAD AND DEVASTATED, BUT I WOKE
10 UP. I WOKE. AND WE HAVE GOT TO FIGHT BACK. AND READING JUSTICE
11 ALITO'S DRAFT OPINION, IT'S CLEAR THAT HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES
12 ARE ONLY GETTING STARTED. HE GOES FURTHER TO SAY THAT A
13 HISTORICAL BASIS IS REQUIRED FOR CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTION. A
14 TRUE HANDMAID'S TALE SCENARIO SETTING UP THE GROUNDWORK TO
15 OVERTURN SAME-SEX MARRIAGE AND OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS
16 THAT, I HATE TO SAY, REPUBLICANS, SOME, HAVE MADE THEIR
17 TWISTED AND CRUEL MISSION TO STRIP FROM AMERICANS. IT'S A
18 TRAVESTY. MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT. WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO,
19 AND I REMAIN COMMITTED. I WANT TO THANK OUR INCREDIBLE
20 PARTNERS HERE IN LOS ANGELES LIKE THIS COUNTY, PLANNED
21 PARENTHOOD, AND OUR FEDERALLY-QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS FOR
22 THEIR SUPPORT BECAUSE WE NEED ALL OF THEM. I WANT TO URGE OUR
23 COMMUNITIES TO SEEK OUT GOOD INFORMATION WHEN IT COMES TO
24 ABORTIONS. PLEASE CONSIDER VISITING INEEDA.COM TO FIND AN
25 ABORTION CLINIC, USE PILL BY MAIL SERVICES, AND FIND FINANCIAL

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1 SUPPORT. TO OUR COUNTY RESIDENTS LOS ANGELES COUNTY WILL STAND
2 WITH YOU. I CALL ON CONGRESS TO CODIFY ROE V. WADE. ABORTION
3 IS ESSENTIAL. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU TO ALL THE COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE
6 SPOKEN. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WHEN YOU MADE YOUR POINT THAT YOU
7 HOPE THAT YOUNG WOMEN, IN PARTICULAR, WILL BE ACTIVATED, I WAS
8 REMINDED, I THINK I WAS 24 WHEN I WAS ELECTED TO SERVE ON THE
9 PLANNED PARENTHOOD SACRAMENTO VALLEY BOARD, AND IN MY BOARD
10 ORIENTATION AND TRAINING, I SAT NEXT TO A BOARD COLLEAGUE WHO
11 HAD A WIRE PIN ON, LAPEL PIN. AND I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THAT WAS
12 BECAUSE I HAD COME INTO MY REPRODUCTIVE MATURITY UNDER ROE V.
13 WADE. AND WHEN THEY EXPLAINED IT TO ME, I SAID THEN YOU NEED
14 DIFFERENT SYMBOLS TO COMMUNICATE THE RISK OF LOSING THIS RIGHT
15 TO MY GENERATION AND YOUNGER BECAUSE THAT'S NOT OUR
16 ORIENTATION, AND I'M AFRAID THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED. WE HAVE
17 SEVERAL GENERATIONS OF PEOPLE WHO ONLY KNOW LIFE AS IT IS
18 UNDER ROE. PERHAPS NOW THAT IT'S AT RISK, MORE PEOPLE WILL BE
19 AWAKENED, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I HOPE IT'S NOT TOO LATE FOR US TO
20 FIGHT. WITH THAT, THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR COMMENTS AND YOUR
21 SUPPORT, YOUR STATED SUPPORT, OF THE MOTION. NOW, LET'S MAKE
22 IT OFFICIAL BY VOTING. HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 17 IS
23 BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO
24 APPROVE THIS ITEM. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 17 BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

2

3 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

4

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

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

8

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

10

11 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

12

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

14

15 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

16

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

18 MITCHELL.

19

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

21

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

23 5-0.

24

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** MOVING ON TO ITEM 23, SAFEGUARDING THE
2 RIGHTS OF INCARCERATED YOUTH SUPPORTED IMPLEMENTATION OF STATE
3 ASSEMBLY BILL 24-17 BY ASSEMBLYMEMBER PHIL TING, WHICH WAS
4 HELD BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR?

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND MY THANKS TO
7 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR COAUTHORING THE MOTION THAT RECOGNIZES
8 THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF INCARCERATED YOUTH. EXAMPLE OF THE
9 RIGHTS THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THE B.O.R. INCLUDE THE RIGHT TO
10 LIVE IN A SAFE, HEALTHY, AND CLEAN ENVIRONMENT CONDUCIVE TO
11 TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION, THE RIGHT TO CONTACT THEIR
12 ATTORNEYS, THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE QUALITY EDUCATION, INCLUDING
13 POST-SECONDARY ACADEMIC AND CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION, THE
14 RIGHT TO CONTACT WITH FAMILY, WHERE FAMILY INCLUDES ANY ADULT
15 WHO HAS AN ESTABLISHED FAMILIAL OR MENTORING RELATIONSHIP,
16 INCLUDING GODPARENTS, CLERGY, TEACHERS, NEIGHBORS, AND FAMILY
17 FRIENDS, AND THAT ALSO INCLUDES THE RIGHT TO SEE THEIR OWN
18 CHILDREN, THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE ADEQUATE AND HEALTHY MEALS AND
19 SNACKS, CLEAN WATER AT ANY TIME, TIMELY ACCESS TO TOILETS,
20 ACCESS TO DAILY SHOWERS, SUFFICIENT PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS,
21 CLEAN BEDDING, AND CLEAN CLOTHING IN GOOD REPAIR, INCLUDING
22 CLEAN UNDER GARMENTS ON A DAILY BASIS, THE RIGHT TO VISIT, AS
23 I SAID, THEIR OWN CHILDREN, AND ALSO TO GET INFORMATION ABOUT
24 THEIR RIGHTS AS PARENTS. NO ONE OF THESE RIGHTS OR ANY OF THE
25 OTHERS IN THE BILL SHOULD BE AT ALL CONTROVERSIAL. AND NONE

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1 SHOULD BE DIFFICULT TO IMPLEMENT. THE SIGNIFICANCE IS NOT ONLY
2 IN ACKNOWLEDGING THAT EVERY YOUTH SHOULD BE AFFORDED THESE
3 RIGHTS. THE SIGNIFICANCE IS IN MAKING SURE THEY KNOW ABOUT
4 THEM, THAT THEY KNOW THEY HAVE THESE RIGHTS, AND ALLOWING THEM
5 TO HOLD US ACCOUNTABLE. THE MOTION HAS THREE KEY STEPS. WE'LL
6 ASK OUR L.A. COUNTY LEGISLATIVE TEAM TO SUPPORT A.B. 2417, BUT
7 WE WON'T WAIT TO FIND OUT IF IT PASSES BECAUSE HERE IN L.A.
8 COUNTY THE BILL OF RIGHTS WILL IMMEDIATELY BE POSTED AND
9 EXPLAINED TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AT BARRY J. AND ONE CAMP TO BE
10 CHOSEN BY THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AS A START. WE'LL GET A
11 REPORT FROM OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT DETAILING AN
12 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN BECAUSE SOME OF THE RIGHTS LISTED IN THE
13 BILL ARE ALREADY PART OF PROBATION'S PRACTICES. OTHERS ARE
14 NOT. SO THE REPORT BACK WILL PROVIDE DETAILS, GIVE US A
15 TIMELINE BY WHICH WE CAN EXPECT THE BILL OF RIGHTS TO BE
16 IMPLEMENTED AT EVERY COUNTY FACILITY. THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT
17 COMMISSION WILL EMPOWER YOUTH TO HOLD US ACCOUNTABLE. THIS
18 COUNTY HAS BEEN HELD ACCOUNTABLE BY THE B.S.C.C. WE'VE BEEN
19 ACCOUNT HELD ACCOUNTABLE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, WHICH
20 RECENTLY IMPOSED A DECENT DECREE IN OUR TWO JUVENILE HALLS,
21 BUT I CAN'T THINK OF ANY BETTER FORM OF ACCOUNTABILITY THAN
22 THAT COMING FROM THE YOUTH WE SERVE THEMSELVES. PROBATION
23 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF ITS EXECUTIVE
24 DIRECTOR, WENDY JULIEN, WILL HELP A SURVEY TO HEAR FROM YOUTH
25 ON A QUARTERLY BASIS IS AND THEN WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT TO

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1 REPORT TO THE BOARD ON THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY, AND THE
2 DEPARTMENT WILL ADDRESS AREAS OF CONCERN THAT MAY ARISE. IN
3 THE PAST FIVE OR SIX MONTHS, WE'VE ALL BEEN MADE PAINFULLY
4 AWARE OF HOW WE'RE FALLING SHORT IN IMPLEMENTING THESE RIGHTS
5 AT BARRY J. WE HAVE HEARD OF PROGRAMMING DEFICITS, CANCELLED
6 VISITS, POOR QUALITY FOOD, LACK OF ADEQUATE RECREATION TIME,
7 INCONSISTENT EDUCATION. THE MOST CREDIBLE REPORTS HAVE COME
8 DIRECTLY FROM THE YOUNG PEOPLE THEMSELVES. SO THE VISION PUT
9 FORTH IN THIS MOTION IS ONE OF CONSISTENT RECOGNITION,
10 COMMUNICATION, AND ACCOUNTABILITY AROUND A SET OF RIGHTS FOR
11 EVERY YOUNG PERSON. I ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.

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

14
15 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR ASKING ME TO
16 COAUTHOR THIS TIMELY MOTION TO SUPPORT A MEANINGFUL BILL,
17 ASSEMBLY BILL 2417, AND IT IS NO SECRET WE'RE GOING THROUGH
18 SOME HARD TIMES RIGHT HERE IN OUR OWN PROBATION CAMPS AND OUR
19 HALLS. IN A SHORT TIME, WE DEALT AND ARE CONTINUING TO DEAL
20 WITH CENTRAL HALL YOUTH TO BARRY J. NIDORF JUVENILE HALL. THE
21 NEED TO IMMEDIATELY MOVE OUR SECURE TRACK YOUTH FROM BARRY J.
22 TO CAMP KILPATRICK, THE EXAMINATION AND SELECTION OF
23 PROBATION CAMPS FOR SUITABLE PLACEMENTS FOR OTHER SECURE
24 TRACK YOUTH WHO WILL BE JOINING US FROM STATE FACILITIES THAT
25 ARE CLOSING, THE NUMEROUS FAILED B.S.C.C. INSPECTIONS AT BARRY

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1 J. AND CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL, AND THE FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE
2 CLOSURE OF CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL. THROUGHOUT ALL OF THIS, I
3 HEARD DISTURBING ACCOUNTS OF STAFF CALLING OUT AND NOT SHOWING
4 UP FOR WORK RESULTING IN PROGRAMMING AND SCHOOL BEING MODIFIED
5 AND VISITS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION TIME BEING CUT OR CANCELLED
6 OUTRIGHT THAT ARE LIKELY CONTRIBUTING TO THE YOUTH ON STAFF
7 INCIDENTS, AND WE HEARD ABOUT SOME EARLIER TODAY AS WELL.
8 PROBATION LEADERSHIP IS ALSO MAKING SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO
9 ITS LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE AND CULTURE THAT WILL IMPACT YOUTH,
10 BUT WHAT REMAINS IS THAT WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO SAFEGUARD AND
11 PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF ALMOST 400 YOUTH, WHO ARE INCARCERATED
12 IN THE COUNTY'S CAMPS AND HALLS. WHEN THESE YOUTH ARE
13 ENTRUSTED TO THE COUNTY'S CARE, WE'RE OBLIGATED AND MANDATED
14 TO PROVIDE THE VERY BASICS, WHICH INCLUDE HOUSING AND FOOD.
15 BUT AS SOMETHING I KNOW BOTH SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND I HAVE
16 CONTINUED TO DO PUSH BE FOR WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE BOARD IS
17 ENSURING THAT THESE YOUTH HAVE THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE
18 PROGRAMMING AND SERVICES. THE BILL OF RIGHTS FOR INCARCERATED
19 YOUTH WAS ALREADY IMPLEMENTED AT THE STATE D.J.J. FACILITIES
20 BUT, SHOULD THIS BILL PASS, IT WOULD REQUIRE EVERY JUVENILE
21 JUSTICE FACILITY TO POST AND DISTRIBUTE THE BILL OF RIGHTS,
22 GIVEN THESE STATE FACILITIES ARE CLOSING. AND JUST BECAUSE
23 D.J.J. FACILITIES ARE CLOSING, THE BILL OF RIGHTS FOR
24 INCARCERATED YOUTH SHOULDN'T DISAPPEAR WITH IT. I'M PROUD TO
25 NOT ONLY SUPPORT A.B.2417 BUT WHAT THIS MOTION DOES BEYOND

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1 THAT. DESPITE WHAT HAPPENS TO THE BILL, THE YOUTH IN THE
2 COUNTY CARE WILL KNOW WHAT THEIR RIGHTS ARE AND WILL
3 UNDERSTAND THEIR RIGHTS. THEIR RIGHTS WILL BE POSTED AND
4 DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY CAMPS AND HALLS, AND THE
5 OVERSIGHT ENTITIES WE HAVE IN PLACE WILL ENSURE THEIR RIGHTS
6 ARE NOT VIOLATED OR THREATENED. THESE ARE JUST NOT WORD OR
7 PIECE OF PAPER. THE BOARD WITH THE SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION AND
8 BILL WILL ENSURE THAT THEY ARE IMPLEMENTED. THANK YOU, MADAM
9 CHAIR AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, BOTH. SEEING NO ADDITIONAL
12 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON THE SAFEGUARDING THE RIGHTS OF
13 INCARCERATED YOUTH, WE'LL HAVE THE MOTION MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
14 KUEHL AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
15 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

16

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

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

20

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

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

24

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

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

3

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

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

7

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

9 MITCHELL.

10

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

12

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

14 5-0.

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 25, SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 2220

17 BY ASSEMBLYMEMBER AL MURATSUCHI, THE HOMELESS COURT PILOT

18 PROGRAM. IT WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANTED TO START BY

21 THINKING ASSEMBLYMEMBER AL MURATSUCHI FOR INTRODUCING THIS

22 BILL THAT WOULD CREATE A STATEWIDE GRANT PROGRAM TO FUND

23 HOMELESS COURTS. I'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT OUR HOMELESS COURT

24 HERE IN L.A. COUNTY AS A MODEL OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS SINCE

25 IT'S BEEN STARTED, AND I THINK CITY ATTORNEY FROM REDONDO

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1 BEACH CALLED THIS MORNING, MIKE WEBB, TO ALSO -- HE WAS
2 INSTRUMENTAL IN GETTING IT UP AND RUNNING. I'M REALLY
3 IMPRESSED WITH THE PROGRAM. IN THE HOMELESS COURT MODEL,
4 UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CHARGED WITH THE LOW LEVEL
5 OFFENSE GO TO COURT WHERE THE GOAL IS NOT TO PUNISH BUT TO
6 CONNECT HOUSING AND ANY OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES THEY NEED. THE
7 JUDGE CONNECTS THE CLIENTS TO SERVICES TO GET THEM HOUSING
8 READY, WHETHER THAT MEANS SIGNING UP FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE
9 CLASSES, EXPUNGING A PAST RECORD, OR SIMPLY GETTING AN I.D.
10 WHEN THEY COMPLETE THE PROGRAM, THEIR CHARGE IS DISMISSED.
11 WHEN I VISITED THE REDONDO BEACH HOMELESS COURT, I LEARNED
12 ABOUT THIS MODEL, AND IT WAS SO FASCINATING. MANY OF OUR
13 COUNTY EMPLOYEES, OUR PUBLIC DEFENDER IS THERE. OUR SHERIFFS
14 ARE THERE. A LOT OF OUR SOCIAL WORK FOLKS ARE THERE. AND IT'S
15 REALLY AMAZING TO SEE HOMELESS PEOPLE SITTING IN THE AUDIENCE
16 AND GETTING CHEERED ON BY EACH AND WHEN THEY PASS A PROGRAM
17 AND THE JUDGE TELLS THEM THEY SUCCEEDED. THEIR RECORD GETS
18 EXPUNGED, AND THEY STAND READY TO BE MOVED INTO HOUSING. YOU
19 CAN FEEL THAT SUPPORT WHEN YOU'RE THERE. AND SINCE THE REDONDO
20 BEACH HOMELESS COURT BEGAN AT THE END OF 2020, THEY HAVE
21 GOTTEN 25 PEOPLE INTO PERMANENT HOUSING. THIS IS JUST ANOTHER
22 ONE EXAMPLE OF WHAT WE ALL BELIEVE IN, CARE FIRST/JAIL LAST,
23 AND ALSO WHEREVER IT IS THAT WE TOUCH THOSE WHO ARE
24 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT
25 THEM TO SERVICES. AND SO I'M REALLY GRATEFUL. I THINK TORRENCE

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1 IS ABOUT TO IMPLEMENT ONE OF THEIR OWN. LONG BEACH HAS STARTED
2 ONE. I HAD TO USE MY ONE TIME DISCRETIONARY FUNDS TO HELP SET
3 THEM UP BECAUSE THERE WASN'T A SUSTAINABLE SOURCE OF FUNDING
4 FOR HOMELESS COURT. SO A.B.2220 WOULD ADDRESS THAT. IT WOULD
5 CREATE A FIVE-YEAR GRANT PROGRAM FOR CITIES TO IMPLEMENT THEIR
6 OWN HOMELESS COURTS AND WOULD COLLECT DATA AND OUTCOMES ON THE
7 PROGRAMS. THIS WILL BE GREAT AND BE VERY HELPFUL TO OUR CITIES
8 WHO AGAIN HAVE THE HEART AND WANT TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT
9 AND WANT TO CHANGE THE TRAJECTORY OF PEOPLE'S LIVES WHO ARE
10 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR
11 COAUTHORING THIS MOTION WITH ME. YOU'RE NOW THE SUPERVISOR
12 THAT IS LUCKY ENOUGH TO COVER REDONDO BEACH WHERE THIS
13 HOMELESS COURT IS, AND THANK FOR THIS SUPPORT ON THIS.

14
15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE INVITATION.
16 I'M THRILLED TO DO REPRESENT REDONDO BEACH AND TO WITNESS
17 FIRSTHAND THE AMAZING WORK THEY'VE DONE WHERE THE UNHOUSED CAN
18 RESOLVE THEIR CASES AND ACCESS CRITICAL RESOURCES ALL IN ONE
19 LOCATION. EVERYBODY WANTS TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT. SO I FULLY
20 SUPPORT A.B.2220. WE KNOW THAT THE PASSION OF THIS LEGISLATION
21 WOULD ASSIST REDONDO BEACH IN THEIR CURRENT EFFORTS AND EXPAND
22 THE MODEL INTO OTHER AREAS OF OUR COUNTY TO SUPPORT UNHOUSED
23 INDIVIDUALS. I THINK AS WE HEARD THE GOVERNOR PRESENT HIS
24 CONCEPT AROUND CARE COURT, IT WILL BE NECESSARY THAT THESE
25 KINDS OF COURTS ARE IN PLACE TO BE ABLE TO HELP FACILITATE

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1 THAT. WHATEVER THAT PROGRAM ULTIMATELY LOOKS LIKE, WE KNOW
2 IT'S IN PROCESS, BUT HAVING THESE KINDS OF COURTS, WHICH IS
3 WHAT INTERESTED HIM IN COMING TO L.A. COUNTY WHEN HE ANNOUNCED
4 THE PROGRAM IS BECAUSE WE HAVE ALREADY TAKEN STRIDES TOWARDS
5 THAT RESOLUTION. SUPERVISOR SOLIS? OH, IT'S OKAY. PERHAPS, I
6 DIDN'T SHUT YOU OUT FROM THE PREVIOUS MOTION, I'M SORRY. ANY
7 OTHER COMMENTS FROM ANY OTHER MEMBER? SEEING NONE, ITEM 25 IS
8 BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. I WILL SECOND TO APPROVE
9 THE ITEM. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

10

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

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

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21 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

22

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

24

25 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

4

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

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

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 81, WE'LL TAKE UP THE PUBLIC
11 HEARING ITEM, THE HEARING ON THE JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM FEE
12 INCREASE. -- FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AVAILABLE IF WE HAVE
13 QUESTIONS. IF NOT, OR IS THERE ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE
14 COMMENTS? OF COURSE, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. COLLEAGUES, I JUST HELD
17 THIS BECAUSE THE JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM IS SO FANTASTIC, AND
18 WE'RE DOING A MUCH BETTER JOB OF OUTREACHING TO KIDS FROM ALL
19 OVER THE COUNTY AND NOT JUST THOSE WHO LIVE AT THE BEACH AND
20 HAVE EASY ACCESS TO IT. WE'RE REALLY REACHING OUT TO KIDS FROM
21 ALL OVER THE COUNTY. MANY OF OUR CURRENT COUNTY LIFEGUARDS
22 ACTUALLY STARTED AS A JUNIOR LIFEGUARD, SO IT'S REALLY IT DOES
23 MORE THAN JUST GIVE THEM WATER SAFETY SKILLS. IT COULD BE A
24 ROAD, A PATHWAY, TO A GOOD CAREER WITH THE COUNTY. SO, FIRE
25 DEPARTMENT CAME TO ME AND SAID THEY WANTED TO INCREASE THE

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1 CURRENT FEE FOR JUNIOR LIFEGUARDS BY ABOUT \$200, WHICH WOULD
2 HAVE BROUGHT IT TO ALMOST \$750. I PUSHED BACK ON THAT BECAUSE
3 THAT COULD BE COMPLETELY UNAFFORDABLE FOR A LOT OF FAMILIES,
4 EVEN THOUGH I WILL SAY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DOES HAVE
5 SCHOLARSHIPS THAT THEY RAISE MONEY FOR SO THAT NO KID IS
6 TURNED AWAY BECAUSE OF AFFORDABILITY, BUT STILL I JUST FELT
7 LIKE THAT WAS A BIT HIGH. I PUSHED BACK AND SAID I COULD
8 SUPPORT RAISING IT BY \$50. THEIR COSTS HAVE GONE UP. THE COST
9 OF THIS PROGRAM ACTUALLY DOESN'T COVER THEIR OWN COST. SO I
10 SAID I COULD SUPPORT \$50 MORE A YEAR MAKING SURE WE AGAIN
11 FOCUSED ON SCHOLARSHIPS. AND WITH THE CAVEAT, AND I TALKED TO
12 FESIA ABOUT THIS YESTERDAY, WITH THE CAVEAT THAT FESIA IS
13 COMMITTED TO LOOKING INTO OTHER FUNDING POTS TO HELP SUPPORT
14 THIS PROGRAM SO THEY CAN MAKE UP THE GAP THAT THE FIRE
15 DEPARTMENT HAS. AGAIN, THIS IS A PROGRAM THAT BENEFITS ALL OF
16 THE COUNTY. I'M NOT SURE WHY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT JUST HAS TO
17 ABSORB THIS BY THEMSELVES, SO TODAY WHAT WE ARE DOING IS
18 RAISING THE FEE BY JUST \$50 AND RECOMMITTING OURSELVES TO
19 DOING OUTREACH THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY PARTICULARLY IN MANY OF
20 OUR UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES WHO KIDS COULD REALLY BENEFIT FROM
21 A PROGRAM LIKE THIS AND WITH THE COMMITMENT THAT OUR C.E.O.
22 WILL BE LOOKING TO FIND MONEY TO FILL THIS GAP. SO, IT'S A
23 GREAT PROGRAM. I HOPE I CAN COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT TODAY. THANK
24 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

25

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ANY OTHER COMMENTS
2 OR QUESTIONS? OKAY, SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO
3 CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 81 IS
4 BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
5 MITCHELL TO APPROVE THIS ITEM PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 81 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

10

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

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

18

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

20

21 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

22

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

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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:** THERE ARE NO SPECIALS BEFORE US TODAY,
7 AND, WITH THAT BEING THE CASE, AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE
8 APPROPRIATE TO TRANSITION TO HEAR ADJOURNMENTS IN MEMORY. WE
9 WILL BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER DISTRICT 5 AND THEN GO IN
10 CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN
13 TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF LEE HARRIS. HE WAS A LIFELONG
14 RESIDENT OF NEWHALL AND PASSED AWAY AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 65.
15 LEE ATTENDED NEW HALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, PLACERITA JUNIOR HIGH
16 SCHOOL, AND WAS A GRADUATE OF WILLIAM S. HART HIGH SCHOOL. HE
17 ATTENDED OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE WITH ACTUALLY, SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
18 YOUR CHIEF OF STAFF, LISA MENDELL, WHERE HE PLAYED RUGBY AND
19 GOLF AND WAS A PROUD MEMBER OF THE OXY OLDE BOYS. HE GRADUATED
20 IN 1979 AND BEGAN A CAREER AS A STOCK BROKER AT DEAN WITTER,
21 NOW KNOWN AS MORGAN STANLEY. HE WAS PASSIONATE ABOUT GOLF,
22 WHICH HE PLAYED AT VALENCIA COUNTRY CLUB AND AT MANY COURSES
23 THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES, IRELAND, AND SCOTLAND. HE
24 ENJOYED AN ECLECTIC TASTE IN MUSIC AND EASILY ATTENDED OVER
25 1,000 CONCERTS IN HIS LIFETIME. LEE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE

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1 KAY, HIS DAUGHTERS, NANCY AND GEORGIA, AND HIS BROTHER DAVE. I
2 ALSO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MICHEL ANGELO
3 HOULEMARD, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF PASADENA, WHO PASSED AWAY
4 APRIL 1ST AT THE AGE OF 89. MIKE WAS BORN IN NEW ORLEANS,
5 LOUISIANA, LEARNING CONSTRUCTION AND SPORTS SKILLS BEFORE HIS
6 ST. AUGUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION IN 1950. IN THE
7 BEGINNING -- IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR, HE MARRIED THE LOVE OF HIS
8 LIFE, GWEN, WHOM HE HAD KNOWN SINCE HE WAS 12 YEARS OLD, AND
9 BY THE AGE OF 22, THEY HAD FOUR CHILDREN. BY THE SAME -- BY
10 THAT SAME AGE, HE GRADUATED FROM XAVIER UNIVERSITY IN
11 LOUISIANA AND PLAYED MULTIPLE YEARS OF NEGRO LEAGUE AND
12 PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL. IN 1956, MIKE AND HIS WIFE MOVED TO
13 PASADENA AND PURSUED TEACHING CREDENTIALS AT CAL STATE
14 UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES. DURING THIS TIME, MIKE AND GWEN ADDED
15 TWO MORE CHILDREN TO THEIR BEAUTIFUL FAMILY. HE FIRST WORKED
16 AT HORACE MANN JUNIOR HIGH, THEN EAGLE ROCK HIGH SCHOOL, WHERE
17 HE WAS ALSO A BASEBALL COACH AND ATHLETIC DIRECTOR. HE WAS AN
18 ACTIVE MEMBER OF ST. ANDREWS CHURCH AND WILL MISSED BY ALL WHO
19 KNEW HIM. MICHAEL IS SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN, MICHAEL JR.,
20 DENISE JONES, STEPHEN, KEVIN, MARIE FOSTER, KEITH AND HIS
21 SISTER, MARIE YVETTE MARINE. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
22 WILLIAM JAMES SIPES, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF CANYON COUNTRY,
23 WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 89. BILL WAS BORN AND RAISED IN
24 TOPEKA, KANSAS. HE RECEIVED A NAVAL SCHOLARSHIP AND ATTENDED
25 THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME. HE MAJORED IN AERONAUTICAL

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1 ENGINEERING AND ENTERED THE U.S. NAVY AS LIEUTENANT J.G. HE
2 BECAME A FIGHTER PILOT WHO FLEW F.J.-3 FIGHTER JETS MAKING 96
3 AIRCRAFT CARRIER LANDINGS. YEARS LATER, HIS SQUADRON WAS
4 TURNED INTO THE TOP GUN SQUADRON. HE BECAME A LEADER IN THE
5 AEROSPACE INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTING TO MANY PATENTS. HE WAS ALSO A
6 VALUED CONSULTANT WITH J.P.L. AND N.A.S.A. WINNING N.A.S.A.
7 AWARDS. HE MARRIED HIS FIRST WIFE, MARY, AND TOGETHER THEY HAD
8 SIX CHILDREN. THEY OPENED THEIR HOME TO CHILDREN FROM ALL OVER
9 THE WORLD, ADOPTING THREE FROM MEXICO AND HOSTING 11 EXCHANGE
10 STUDENTS, WHO EACH SPENT A YEAR WITH THE FAMILY. HE WAS A HEAD
11 COACH OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION YOUTH TRACK
12 TEAM FOR DECADES. THE WARRIOR TEAM BECAME 400 STRONG UNDER HIS
13 LEADERSHIP AND FED THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
14 CHAMPIONSHIP TRACK AND CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS. COACH SIPES
15 ASSISTED IN THE CANYON COUNTRY SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM AND FILMED
16 THE TEAM GAMES FOR MANY YEARS. HE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF HIS
17 CHURCH, SERVING AS LECTOR, EUCHARISTIC MINISTER, AND HEADED
18 THE ANNUAL CHURCH BARBECUE. BILL SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, SALLY,
19 AND HIS CHILDREN ANNE, SHARON, TOM, DIANE, DAVID, ANA, CARMEN
20 AND TERESA. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, MADAM CHAIR.

21
22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL GO TO
23 DISTRICT 1. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
2 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GILBERT FRANK COELHO. HE PASSED AWAY BY
3 APRIL 15, 2022, AND WAS 80 YEARS OLD. GILBERT WAS A GREAT
4 EXAMPLE OF A MAN OF FAITH AND GREAT CHARACTER AND WAS THE
5 BROTHER OF FORMER CONGRESSMAN TONY COELHO. HE WAS RAISED ON A
6 FAMILY DAIRY FARM IN DOS PALOS AND ATTENDED LOCAL SCHOOLS.
7 GILBERT CONTINUED WORKING ON A FAMILY DAIRY FARM UNTIL THE MID
8 1960S, AFTER WHICH TIME, HE WORKED AT EAGLE FIELD AND THEN IN
9 CUSTOM FARMING WITH HIS FATHER IN THE HLIMAR AREA. GILBERT
10 CONTINUED IN THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY AND BECAME A SPECIALIST
11 IN THE MELON GROWING AND HARVESTING INDUSTRY. GILBERT WAS WELL
12 RESPECTED DURING THE MANY YEARS AS A PEST CONTROL ADVISOR,
13 HARVEST MANAGER, AND GROWER RECRUITER. HE RETIRED IN 2009 AND
14 CONTINUED IN THE INDUSTRY WITH SOME INDIVIDUALIZED
15 AGRICULTURAL CONSULTING. GILBERT FOUND TIME WHILE WORKING TO
16 BECOME VERY INVOLVED IN HIS COMMUNITY, THE SCHOOLS, AND THE
17 SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH. HE SERVED ON THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
18 COMMUNITY RECREATION COMMISSION AND VOLUNTEERED AT THE LOCAL
19 HARVEST FESTIVAL. HE SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE LOCAL LIONS
20 CLUB, FIRE BALL SERVICE CLUB, AND FIRE BALL ROTARY CLUB, AND
21 WAS A MEMBER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. GILBERT IS SURVIVED BY HIS
22 LOVING WIFE OF 48 YEARS, CAROL, AND HIS CHILDREN MICHELLE,
23 GREGORY, AND TRACY, FIVE GRANDCHILDREN, HIS BROTHERS, OTTO AND
24 TONY, AND HIS SISTER SUSAN, AND NUMEROUS NIECES AND NEPHEWS.

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1 MAY HE REST IN PEACE. MADAM CHAIR, THAT CONCLUDES MY
2 ADJOURNMENTS.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
5 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
6 MICHAEL C. HERNDON. MR. HERNDON WAS BORN ON APRIL 21ST, 1958
7 IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI AND PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 16TH AT THE
8 AGE OF 63 IN BELLFLOWER. HIS FAMILY RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES
9 WHEN HE WAS JUST TWO YEARS OLD. HE PROUDLY SERVED THE
10 RESIDENTS OF THE SECOND DISTRICT AND FORMER SUPERVISOR YVONNE
11 BRATHWAITE BURKE FOR 20 YEARS DRIVING AND ACCOMPANYING HER TO
12 VARIOUS EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT AND THE COUNTY. HE
13 SPENT THE LAST FIVE YEARS OF HIS CAREER WORKING AS THE HEAD OF
14 STAFF SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND REC UNTIL HIS
15 RETIREMENT. MR. HERNDON WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A LOVING HUSBAND
16 AND FATHER AS WELL AS A DEDICATED COUNTY EMPLOYEE OF 25 YEARS.
17 HE WILL ALSO BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS KINDNESS AND EVEN-TEMPERED
18 NATURE. HE IS SURVIVED AND WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY HIS
19 LOVING WIFE, JACQUELINE, DAUGHTER, MICHELLE, SISTER,
20 STEPHANIE, IN ADDITION TO A HOST OF FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND
21 COLLEAGUES. I'M HEARING THAT PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO BE ADDED ON.
22 IF WE COULD ALL ADD ON, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, COLLEAGUES. NEXT
23 TWO ARE RATHER DIFFICULT FOR ME. THEY ARE WOMEN THAT I KNEW,
24 BLACK WOMEN WHO LOST THEIR LIVES SOONER THAN THEY SHOULD HAVE.
25 LET ME START WITH KIMBERLY WILLIS, ESQ. KIMBERLY WAS BORN MAY

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1 3RD, 1971 IN L.A. AND PASSED AWAY APRIL 21 AT THE AGE OF 50.
2 SHE ATTENDED THE WESTLAKE SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, NOW OF COURSE
3 HARVARD WESTLAKE, WHERE SHE FOUNDED THE BLACK AMERICAN CULTURE
4 CLUB ENABLING YOUNG WOMEN TO SHARE THEIR HERITAGE WITH
5 CLASSMATES. SHE MOVED TO D.C. TO ATTEND HOWARD UNIVERSITY,
6 WHERE SHE GRADUATED CUM LAUDE WITH A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE
7 IN POLITICAL SCIENCE. SHE CONTINUED HER STUDIES AT HOWARD,
8 WHERE SHE GRADUATED WITH A JURIS DOCTORATE DEGREE. AFTER LAW
9 SCHOOL, SHE RETURNED TO LOS ANGELES TO WORK AS A CONTRACTS
10 ADMINISTRATOR FOR COMMUNITY BUILD, A NONPROFIT COMMUNITY
11 DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ESTABLISHED IN 1992 IN RESPONSE TO THE
12 CONDITIONS THAT LEAD TO THE CIVIL UNREST THAT WE JUST
13 COMMEMORATED THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF LAST WEEK. AS THE
14 CONTRACTS ADMINISTRATOR, KIMBERLY ASSISTED WITH PROGRAM
15 DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGED THE TRAFFIC WARRANT CLEANUP PROGRAM.
16 THIS EXPOSED KIMBERLY TO THE CRIMINAL COURTS AND REVEALED THE
17 NEED FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN ATTORNEYS TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL
18 FACETS OF THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM. IN JANUARY 1999, SHE BEGAN
19 WORKING FOR THE CRIMINAL DIVISION OF THE L.A. CITY ATTORNEY'S
20 OFFICE, WHERE SHE EARNED A REPUTATION AS A ZEALOUS ADVOCATE.
21 AFTER MORE THAN 10 YEARS IN THE CRIMINAL DIVISION, SHE WENT TO
22 WORK IN THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT AND FINALLY IN THE GENERAL
23 LITIGATION DIVISION WHERE SHE DISTINGUISHED HERSELF IN
24 DEFENDING THE CITY OF L.A. AND ITS EMPLOYEES IN CIVIL
25 LAWSUITS. SHE WAS A TRUE PUBLIC SERVANT WHOSE WORK WAS

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1 CENTERED ON USING HER EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE, AND AUTHORITY TO
2 HELP SERVE AND EMPOWER HER COMMUNITY. SHE WAS A PROUD MEMBER
3 OF THE LOS ANGELES CHAPTER OF THE LINKS, BLACK WOMEN LAWYERS,
4 BLACK WOMEN'S FORUM, AND THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS. SHE WAS
5 ALSO A MEMBER OF THE LANGSTON BAR ASSOCIATION, WHERE SHE WAS
6 ELECTED AS PRESIDENT IN 2015 AND ALSO SERVED AS CO-CHAIR OF
7 THE YOUTH OUTREACH PROGRAM. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A LOVING
8 WIFE, DAUGHTER, SISTER, AND FRIEND. SHE WILL ALSO BE
9 REMEMBERED FOR HER DEDICATION TO THE COMMUNITY AND FOR BEING
10 WELL-RESPECTED IN THE LEGAL FIELD. SHE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED
11 BY HER LOVING HUSBAND AND HIGH SCHOOL SWEETHEART, MONTE,
12 FATHER, LORENZO, BROTHER, LORENZ, SISTER, LINDA, TWO NIECES, A
13 NEPHEW, AND HER CIRCLE OF B.F.F.S, WHO LOVED HER AND HELPED
14 HER WITH CARE. WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN
15 MEMORY OF SIBONGILE BRADLEY WEST, WHO WAS BORN APRIL 2, 1955
16 TO THE PARENTS OF MANUEL AND ADELINE BRADLEY AND PASSED AWAY
17 UNEXPECTEDLY IN HER HOME IN WINDSOR HILLS APRIL 15TH, JUST A
18 FEW DAYS AFTER HER BIRTHDAY. SHE WAS A WINDOR HILLS RESIDENT
19 FOR MANY YEARS. SHE WAS RAISED IN PACOIMA AND ATTENDED SAN
20 FERNANDO HIGH SCHOOL. SHE GRADUATED WITH A BUSINESS DEGREE
21 FROM THE MAHARISHI UNIVERSITY OF MANAGEMENT, AND IN 1973, SHE
22 UNDERTOOK TRAINING IN ETHIOPIA, WHERE SHE BECAME A CERTIFIED
23 TEACHER OF TRANSCENDENTAL MEDIATION. SHE HAD A SUCCESSFUL A
24 CAREER OF 49 YEARS OF GUIDING MANY TO SPIRITUAL SOLACE THROUGH
25 MEDITATION AS WELL AS TEACHING IT AT UNIVERSITIES AND IN THE

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1 PRIVATE SECTOR. DURING COVID, SHE WROTE A GRANT AND GOT FUNDED
2 AND WAS TEACHING TRANSCENDENTAL MEDIATION TO AFRICAN
3 AMERICANS, LARGELY WOMEN, AS A WAY OF USING MEDITATION TO HELP
4 PEOPLE GET THROUGH THE ISOLATION AND, IN MANY INSTANCES
5 DEPRESSION, BROUGHT ON BY COVID. MS. WEST ACHIEVED SUCCESS AS
6 A REAL ESTATE AGENT FOR MANY YEARS. SHE ALSO SERVED AS VICE
7 PRESIDENT OF YOUNG COMMUNICATIONS GROUP INCORPORATED, WHERE
8 SHE MANAGED THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
9 DIVISIONS. HER DEEP ROOTS IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY AND WIDE
10 CONNECTIONS MADE HER AN INVALUABLE LEADER IN THE FIRM. SHE
11 WORKED ON MANY HIGH VISIBILITY PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGNS,
12 INCLUDING L.A. CARES, COVID-19 VACCINATION EDUCATION, THE STOP
13 THE STIGMA CAMPAIGN, AND CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING FOR
14 FIRST 5 CALIFORNIA. MS. WEST WORKED IN THE SPECIAL ADVISORY
15 BOARD FOR AFRICAN P.T.S.D. RELIEF, WHERE SHE ESTABLISHED AN
16 INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS AT SPELLMAN COLLEGE. SHE WAS A
17 PHENOMENAL ARTIST IN THE 70S AND 80S AND 90S BECOMING AN
18 INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED EXPERT BRAIDER, AND MANY OF THE
19 ENTERTAINERS, INCLUDING PATRICE RUSSIAN AND EVEN FLIP WILSON
20 WIG, WHEN HE BECAME GERALDINE, WERE HER WORKS OF ART WITH
21 INTRICATE BRAIDING AND ELABORATE BEADING THAT MANY OF US WHO
22 HAVE CHOSEN TO WEAR OUR HAIR NATURAL IN THE AFRICAN AMERICAN
23 COMMUNITY CAN CERTAINLY RESPECT AND ACKNOWLEDGE AND REMEMBER.
24 IS A TRUE ART FORM, AND SHE WAS AN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED
25 ARTISAN. SHE'LL BE REMEMBERED AS A STORYTELLER AND EXPERT IN

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1 THE FIELDS OF PUBLIC RELATIONS AND TRANSCENDENTAL MEDIATION.
2 SHE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER LOVING HUSBAND, RICK WEST,
3 WHO WAS A SUCCESSFUL MUSIC PROFESSOR. HER INFECTIOUS SMILE AND
4 WARM SPIRIT WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY HER BROTHER, DARRYL,
5 SISTER, GAYNELL, BEST FRIEND, MICHAEL, AND A HOST OF EXTENDED
6 FAMILY, FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES, AND CLIENTS. SHE WILL BE
7 THOROUGHLY MISSED. 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 SAMUEL ARONI. HE
11 WAS A HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR, JOINED THE U.C.L.A. FACULTY IN 1970
12 AND EVENTUALLY SERVED AS DEAN OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF
13 ARCHITECTURE AND URBAN PLANNING, CHAIR OF THE U.C.L.A.
14 ACADEMIC SENATE, AND DIRECTOR ACADEMIC COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS
15 AND INTERNATIONAL AND OVERSEAS STUDIES. ON HIS RETIREMENT, HE
16 WAS GRANTED THE TITLE OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS. HE MENTORED MANY
17 GENERATIONS OF U.C.L.A. STUDENTS NOT ONLY IN THE CLASSROOM BUT
18 EQUALLY IN LIFE. HE ALSO CONTRIBUTED HIS WEALTH AND HIS
19 BREADTH OF KNOWLEDGE TO THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS
20 OTHER FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. HE
21 SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTERS, RUTH AND MIRIAM. AND I ASK WHEN WE
22 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LILA AURICH, WHO DIED
23 ON APRIL 15TH. IN HER LONG LIFE, SHE HAD A WIDE VARIETY OF
24 ROLES, WIFE, MOTHER, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER, ACTIVIST, PASSIONATE
25 VOLUNTEER. PROFESSIONALLY, SHE HAD WORKED AS A HUMAN COMPUTER

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1 IN THE EARLY AEROSPACE INDUSTRY. SOMETHING THAT WE SAW IN THE
2 MOVIE "HIDDEN FIGURES." LATER, SHE WAS A FISCAL ANALYST FOR
3 THE L.A. COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT. AFTER SHE RETIRED, SHE
4 SERVED MULTIPLE TERMS, INCLUDING PRESIDENT. ON THE BOARD OF
5 HAVEN HILLS, WHICH IS A LEADING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER WITH
6 MULTIPLE PROGRAMS IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. SHE WAS ALSO
7 VERY ACTIVE IN LEADERSHIP ROLES IN THE FOLK DANCE FEDERATION
8 OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, WEST VALLEY FOLK DANCERS, THE AMERICAN
9 ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN, AND THE WOODLAND HILLS
10 COMMUNITY CHURCH. SHE SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, WALLY, AND HER
11 CHILDREN, LEE, SHERRI, AND MIKE. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE
12 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FLORENCE DAVIDSON, WHO
13 DIED ON APRIL 23RD. SHE LIVED A LONG AND HAPPY LIFE. IN HER
14 FIRST FEW DECADES, CRISSCROSSING THE COUNTRY, FINALLY MAKING
15 HER HOME IN L.A., BUT ALSO HAD COME FROM NEW YORK CITY, IOWA
16 CITY, BUFFALO, MILWAUKEE, FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA, FINALLY
17 COMING BACK TO L.A. FOR THE LAST 53 YEARS OF HER LIFE. SHE WAS
18 MUCH BELOVED FOR BEING THE KINDEST, THE SWEETEST, THE MOST
19 LOVABLE, CREATIVE, GENEROUS, AND INTELLECTUALLY CURIOUS PERSON
20 THAT ANYONE KNEW. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SONS, PETER AND JON.
21 JON DAVIDSON, YOU MAY REMEMBER, WAS THE C.E.O. OF THE LAMBDA
22 LEGAL ORGANIZATION. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
23 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF IAO KATAGARI, WHO DIED ON APRIL 28TH. SHE
24 CAME TO SANTA MONICA VIA THE RAND CORPORATION AFTER COMPLETING
25 HER GRADUATE STUDIES AT HARVARD. SHE CREATED RAND'S FIRST

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1 SUSTAINED PRIVATE PHILANTHROPY PROGRAM, LED THE EFFORT TO
2 SECURE DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS FOR ITS SANTA MONICA HEADQUARTERS,
3 AND CREATED THEIR COMMUNITY RELATIONS PROGRAM SUPPORTING
4 DOZENS OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS. SHE SERVED AS CHAIR OF THE
5 SANTA MONICA CHAMBER'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS FROM 2009 TO 2010.
6 SHE RETIRED FROM RAND IN 2015, THE SAME YEAR THAT SHE WAS
7 GIVEN THE CHAMBER'S ROY E. NAYLOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
8 FOR HER MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY.
9 IN ADDITION, TO RAND AND THE CHAMBER, IAO ALSO HELD LEADERSHIP
10 POSITIONS -- WE ACTUALLY IN SANTA MONICA SAID IN EVERYTHING
11 BECAUSE EVERYTHING YOU'D GO TO, SHE WAS EITHER RUNNING IT OR
12 ON THE BOARD -- BUT I'LL JUST LIST A FEW, CONNECTIONS FOR
13 CHILDREN, SANTA MONICA CHILDCARE AND EARLY EDUCATION TASK
14 FORCE, SANTA MONICA ARTS COMMISSION, WISE AND HEALTHY AGING,
15 THE WEST SIDE FOOD BANK, AND THE SANTA MONICA COLLEGE
16 ASSOCIATES. SHE SURVIVED BY HER SISTER, LAURIE. FINALLY, I ASK
17 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HAROLD
18 LIVINGSTON, A SCREENWRITER WHO DIED ON APRIL 28TH. HE WROTE
19 THE SCREENPLAY FOR "STAR TREK: THE MOTION PICTURE" AND MANY
20 EPISODES OF "MISSION IMPOSSIBLE" AND NOVELS THAT EXPLORED THE
21 CHANGING WORLD IN THE AFTERMATH OF WORLD WAR II. BUT HAROLD
22 LIVINGSTON HAD HIS OWN STARRING ROLE IN A REAL LIFE ADVENTURE
23 IN ISRAEL IN 1948 AS PART OF A SMALL PACK OF AMERICAN PILOTS
24 DEFENDING THE NEW NATION. LIVINGSTON'S HEROICS HELPED ISRAEL
25 FEND OFF ITS ATTACKERS AND GAVE BIRTH TO THE ISRAELI AIR

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1 FORCE. "ABOVE AND BEYOND," A DOCUMENTARY NANCY SPIELBERG
2 PRODUCED, FEATURED LIVINGSTON, AMONG OTHERS, AND BROUGHT THE
3 LONG AGO BACK INTO FOCUS. HAROLD IS SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTERS,
4 LEAH AND EVE, AND HIS SON, DAVID. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.
5 THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND WE'LL CLOSE WITH
8 SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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10 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
11 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DETECTIVE ALEXIS GONZALEZ,
12 WHO WAS A FIVE YEAR VETERAN OF THE SOUTH GATE POLICE
13 DEPARTMENT. HE PASSED AWAY DUE TO INJURIES SUFFERED IN A
14 TRAFFIC ACCIDENT ON SUNDAY, APRIL 24TH. HE WAS ONLY 27 YEARS
15 OLD. THE CHIEF OF THAT DEPARTMENT DESCRIBED HIM AS HAVING AN
16 AMBITIOUS DRIVE AND HIS PERSONALITY AND CHARACTER WERE BEYOND
17 UNIQUE. I WENT TO THE HOSPITAL AS HIS BODY WAS BEING TAKEN
18 FROM THE HOSPITAL TO THE CORONER'S OFFICE, AND THERE WAS SUCH
19 AN NOT INCREDIBLE OUTPOURING OF SUPPORT FOR HIS FAMILY AND
20 FELLOW OFFICERS. HIS YOUNGEST BROTHER IS A VOLUNTEER WITH THE
21 DEPARTMENT AND IS HOPING TO FOLLOW IN ALEXIS'S FOOT STEPS AND
22 BECOME A SOUTH GATE POLICE OFFICER. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
23 PARENTS AND TWO BROTHERS. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
24 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF WILLIAM URSO, WHO WAS A
25 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF

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1 77. HE WAS A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS OWNER, WELL KNOWN GENERAL
2 CONTRACTOR. HE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY AND HOLY
3 TRINITY CHURCH, WHERE HIS CHILDREN AND MANY OF HIS
4 GRANDCHILDREN ATTENDED SCHOOL. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,
5 BARBARA, CHILDREN NICOLE, WILLIAM, SAM, AND KATE, AND 10
6 GRANDCHILDREN. AND I WANTED TO ADD ONE THAT IS NOT UP ON THE
7 SCREEN, BUT I JUST FOUND OUT ABOUT THIS A COUPLE OF HOURS AGO,
8 AND I WANTED US TO ADJOURN BE OUR MEETING IN THE MEMORY OF
9 NORM MINETA, WHO WAS A FIRST GENERATION JAPANESE AMERICAN, WHO
10 WAS HELD IN AN INTERNMENT CAMP DURING WORLD WAR II AND LATER
11 BECAME THE HIGHEST PROFILE ASIAN AMERICAN POLITICAL LEADERS AS
12 MAYOR OF SAN JOSE, AND THEN HE WAS A A 10 TERM CONGRESS MEMBER
13 AND A CABINET SECRETARY. HE JUST DIED MAY 3RD, AND HE WAS 90.
14 HE WAS KNOWN FOR HIS REALLY COLLABORATIVE WORKING WITH
15 EVERYONE ACROSS THE AISLE. DURING HIS TENURE IN CONGRESS, HE
16 CHAMPIONED CIVIL LIBERTIES AND PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN OBTAINING
17 AN OFFICIAL APOLOGY AND COMPENSATION FOR JAPANESE AMERICANS
18 WHO WERE FORCED FROM THEIR HOMES DURING WORLD WAR II WHEN
19 THEIR ANCESTRY MADE THEM OBJECTS OF GOVERNMENT SUSPICION. HE
20 SERVED BRIEFLY AS COMMERCE SECRETARY TOWARD THE END OF BILL
21 CLINTON'S ADMINISTRATION, BECOMING THE FIRST ASIAN AMERICAN
22 CABINET MEMBER. AND THE INCOMING PRESIDENT, GEORGE W. BUSH,
23 TAPPED HIM AS TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY IN JANUARY OF 2001, AND
24 HE WAS THE TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY WHEN WE WERE ATTACKED ON
25 SEPTEMBER 11TH. AFTER THE SECOND PLANE HIT NEW YORK'S WORLD

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1 TRADE CENTER THAT DAY, HE INSISTED THAT WE GROUND ALL 4,638
2 PLANES IN THE U.S. AIR SPACE, NO EMERGENCY PROTOCOL HAD BEEN
3 ESTABLISHED TO BRING THEM ALL DOWN AT ONCE, BUT HE FELT THAT
4 WAS IMPORTANT THAT THAT HAPPEN. HE WILL BE KNOWN FOR HIS WORK
5 AS A TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY, AS A BIG CITY MAYOR. HE ALSO --
6 IT WAS HIS WORK THAT LED TO THE BRAND NEW DEPARTMENT OF T.S.A.
7 SO HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT AS WELL. I KNEW HIM FOR MOST OF
8 MY TIME IN PUBLIC SERVICE, AND I REALLY RESPECTED HIM AS A
9 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, A MAYOR, A MEMBER OF CONGRESS, AND THEN
10 AS A TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY IN THE PRESIDENT'S CABINET. GOD
11 REST HIS MEMORY. NORM MINETA, YOU WERE A TRUE PUBLIC SERVANT.

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13 **SUP. KUEHL:** I BET HILDA WOULD PROBABLY LIKE TO TOO I WOULD
14 THINK. AND SO, MAYBE ALL FIVE OF US BECAUSE HE WAS INCREDIBLY
15 IMPORTANT. GREAT GUY.

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17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR LETTING
18 US JOIN IN ON THAT ADJOURN IN MEMORY. THANK YOU. AND WE'LL
19 TAKE ALL THE MOTIONS AS SECONDED. IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO
20 A UNANIMOUS VOTE, SUCH WILL BE THE ACTION. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
21 PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN
22 ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
23 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS
24 C.S.2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING
25 LITIGATION, C.S.3, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, AND

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1 C.S.4, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, FESIA DAVENPORT, AND
2 DESIGNATED STAFF AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR MAY 3, 2022

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5 CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING
6 LITIGATION

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

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10 Joseph J. Ryan, Jr. v. Los Angeles County Board of
11 Supervisors, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No.
12 21STCV38353.

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14 This lawsuit challenges the County's proposed return of real
15 property to the legal heirs of Charles and Willa Bruce
16 pursuant to Senate Bill 796. (22-1776)

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18 **This item was referred back to the department.**
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21 CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING
22 LITIGATION

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

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26 Brenda Jimenez v. County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles
27 County Superior Court Case No. 21STCV19160.

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29 This medical malpractice lawsuit alleges that plaintiff
30 suffered injuries and the wrongful death of her newborn baby
31 due to inadequate care and treatment at Los Angeles
32 County + University of Southern California Medical Center.
33 (22-1733)

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35 **The Board authorized the settlement of the matter**
36 **entitled Brenda Jimenez v. County of Los Angeles in the**
37 **amount of \$450,000. The vote of the Board was 4 to 0,**

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1 with one abstention, with Supervisors Solis, Mitchell,
2 Kuehl and Barger voting aye and Supervisor Hahn
3 abstaining.

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5 CS-3. 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-4. 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; Los Angeles County Public Defenders;
25 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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32 CS-5. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
33 (Government Code Section 54956.8)

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35 Property: Portion of 2600 The Strand
36 Manhattan Beach, California
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1 County Negotiators: D'Artagnan Scorza and Thomas
2 Faughnan

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4 Negotiating Parties: Bruce Family LLC

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6 Under Negotiation: Price and Terms (22-1777)

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8 **This item was referred back to the department.**
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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 May 3, 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 9th
16 day of May 2022, for the County records to be used only for
17 authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts as on
18 file of the office of the reporter.

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