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**THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 2022-23
RECOMMENDED BUDGET**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2022, 9:30 AM

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: SO, GOOD MORNING, AND WELCOME TO THE
SPECIAL BUDGET HEARING MEETING OF THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS, WHICH IS BEING HELD REMOTELY, AND TODAY IS
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2022. WE'LL NOW TAKE A ROLL CALL TO CONFIRM
ATTENDANCE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. SOLIS: PRESENT.

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

SUP. KUEHL: HERE.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN: PRESENT.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. BARGER: HERE.

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

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

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

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8 **DAWYN HARRISON:** GOOD MORNING. PRESENT.

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

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

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15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, EVERYONE. TODAY WE'LL BEGIN
16 WITH THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER. THEN WE'LL
17 HEAR FROM SUPERVISORS, FOLLOWED BY DEPARTMENT SPEAKERS, AND
18 THEN WE WILL OPEN THE MEETING UP TO THE PUBLIC TO ENGAGE IN
19 THE BUDGET PROCESS. SO, AGAIN, ITEM NUMBER 1 FOR TODAY IS A
20 REPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND ITEM NUMBER 2 IS A
21 PUBLIC HEARING. THESE ITEMS ARE RELATED, AND THEREFORE WILL BE
22 TAKEN UP TOGETHER. WE'LL BEGIN WITH OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE
23 OFFICER. GOOD MORNING, MS. DAVENPORT.

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1 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, AND GOOD
2 MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. GETTING A LITTLE FEEDBACK
3 THERE. OKAY. SO, AS WE BEGIN TODAY'S PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
4 '22/'23 RECOMMENDED BUDGET, I JUST WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO
5 RECAP THE PROCESS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC LISTENING, OR
6 FOR THOSE WHO WILL PROVIDE COMMENT TODAY. SO, THE COUNTY'S
7 BUDGET IS A MULTI-FACED PROCESS. WE START WITH THE C.E.O.'S
8 RECOMMENDED BUDGET TO THE BOARD. THIS WAS PRESENTED LAST
9 MONTH. TODAY IS THE PUBLIC HEARING, AND THIS IS A TIME WHERE
10 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN ADDRESS THE BOARD, PROVIDE COMMENTS,
11 THOUGHTS, INSIGHTS, AND THEIR OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE
12 RECOMMENDED BUDGET. NEXT, IN JUNE, THE BOARD WILL DELIBERATE
13 ON THE BUDGET AND ADOPT THE BUDGET; AND THEN WE WILL HAVE THE
14 LAST PHASE OF OUR BUDGET PROCESS IN OCTOBER, WHICH IS CALLED
15 THE SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGES BUDGET. SO THAT'S JUST A RECAP OF HOW
16 WE PROCESS OUR BUDGET HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. I APPRECIATE THE
17 OPPORTUNITY TO QUICKLY RECAP MY PREVIOUS BUDGET PRESENTATION,
18 TO PROVIDE SOME CONTEXT AND IDENTIFY SOME OF THE CHALLENGES
19 AND THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE FACE IN FISCAL YEAR '22/'23. I
20 SEE THE POWERPOINT IS UP. LET'S GO STRAIGHT TO THE NEXT SLIDE:
21 TURNING THE CORNER TO AN EQUITY-FOCUSED RECOVERY. IS THERE A
22 QUESTION? OKAY. SO, THIS WINDING ROAD IS JUST A REMINDER THAT
23 THERE ARE STILL A NUMBER OF MILESTONES TO REACH BETWEEN NOW
24 AND IN OUR FINAL BUDGET IN OCTOBER, WHICH I BASICALLY JUST
25 RECAPPED. NEXT WEEK, FOR EXAMPLE, RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MEASURE

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1 H, OUR HOMELESS INITIATIVE, FOR THE MEASURE H SPENDING PLAN,
2 WILL BE PRESENTED TO YOUR BOARD. ALSO, THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED
3 BY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TRANCHE 2 OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN
4 ACT FUNDING; AND AFTER THAT, RECOMMENDATIONS FOR YEAR 2 OF THE
5 CARE FIRST AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT BUDGET. AS YOU CAN SEE, WE
6 ARE STILL IN THE EARLY STAGES OF OUR ANNUAL BUDGET JOURNEY,
7 AND TODAY JUST MARKS ANOTHER MILESTONE IN THAT JOURNEY. I'LL
8 TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND
9 UNCERTAINTIES. ALTHOUGH WE CONTINUE TO BE CAUTIOUSLY
10 OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE COUNTY'S RECOVERY AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK,
11 THERE ARE A NUMBER OF WARNING SIGNS ON THE HORIZON. THEY ARE
12 DISPLAYED HERE IN THIS SLIDE. INFLATIONARY PRESSURES HAVE
13 INCREASED OUR OVERALL COST. JUST LAST WEEK, THE FEDERAL
14 RESERVE MOVED TO REIN IN INFLATION BY RAISING INTEREST RATES
15 BY A HALF A PERCENT, THE FED'S LARGEST INTEREST RATE HIKE IN
16 MORE THAN TWO DECADES. HIGHER INTEREST RATES WILL INCREASE THE
17 COUNTY'S COST OF SHORT-TERM [INAUDIBLE] AND ANY LONG-TERM
18 BONDS ISSUED THIS YEAR, AND MORE RATE INCREASES ARE
19 ANTICIPATED THIS SUMMER, AND IN THE FALL. MORE IMPORTANTLY,
20 HISTORY INDICATES THAT FIGHTING INFLATION THROUGH RATE
21 INCREASES IS NOT AN EASY THING, AND THERE IS A RISK THAT THE
22 RATE INCREASES CAN PUT THE ECONOMY AT A HIGHER RISK OF A
23 RECESSION. SO WE ARE VERY MINDFUL OF THAT, AND WE'RE KEEPING
24 OUR EYE ON THAT, SUPERVISORS. AT THE SAME TIME, AN UNSTABLE
25 GEOPOLITICAL CLIMATE IS AFFECTING CAPITAL MARKETS AND OUR

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1 ENERGY CRISIS, AND I THINK WE SEE THAT PLAYED OUT ON OUR DAILY
2 NEWS. WE ARE ALSO SEEING A SLIGHT RISE IN THE C.O.V.I.D.-19
3 CASE RATES ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. THIS IS
4 JUST A REMINDER THAT THE PANDEMIC IS STILL VERY MUCH WITH US.
5 WE ARE CLOSELY MONITORING FOR A POTENTIAL BUDGETARY IMPACT IN
6 THAT AREA, AS WELL. AND, OF COURSE, AS YOUR BOARD IS AWARE, WE
7 ARE CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING LABOR CONTRACTS WITH OUR COUNTY
8 WORKFORCE. WE ARE COMMITTED TO CONTINUING TO BARGAIN IN GOOD
9 FAITH, AND ACHIEVE AGREEMENTS THAT ARE FAIR TO OUR VALUED
10 EMPLOYEES, AND TO ALSO REMAIN FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE. JUST TO
11 TAKE A DEEPER DIVE ON THAT NOTE, THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE IS
12 COMMITTED TO NEGOTIATING A FAIR AND A REASONABLE CONTRACT
13 WHICH RECOGNIZES BOTH THE VALUE OF OUR COUNTY WORKFORCE, AS
14 WELL AS LIVE WITHIN OUR MEANS. ALL BUDGETS HAVE LIMITS, AND
15 THE COUNTY'S BUDGET IS NO EXCEPTION, AND WE DO REMAIN
16 COMMITTED TO NEGOTIATING A FAIR CONTRACT. ALONG WITH OTHER
17 FACTORS, INCLUDING MAJOR LITIGATION, ALL OF THESE THINGS ADD
18 UP TO A HIGHLY DYNAMIC PERIOD IN WHICH OUR OPTIMISM MUST BE
19 TEMPERED WITH FISCAL PRUDENCE. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE,
20 PLEASE. BUDGETARY ADVANCES AND KEY BOARD PRIORITIES. DESPITE
21 THE UNCERTAINTIES THAT I JUST OUTLINED, SUPERVISORS, WE REMAIN
22 GENERALLY POSITIVE, AND OUR BUDGET REFLECTS A STRONG
23 COMMITMENT TO ADVANCING YOUR BOARD'S PRIORITIES, SOME OF WHICH
24 ARE HIGHLIGHTED HERE. AND I'D LIKE TO DRAW PARTICULAR
25 ATTENTION TO A RELATIVELY NEW AND MAJOR SHIFT IN OUR BUDGETING

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1 PROCESS, AS WE GROW OUR COMMITMENT TO FUNDING CARE FIRST AND
2 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAMS, KNOWN AS C.F.C.I. IN YEAR 2, WE
3 ARE APPROACHING \$200 MILLION IN ONGOING ANNUAL FUNDING, AND
4 ARE ON TRACK TO MEET THE BOARD'S DIRECTION TO SET ASIDE 10% OF
5 OUR LOCALLY GENERATED, UNRESTRICTED REVENUE FOR C.F.C.I.
6 PROGRAMS BY THE TIME WE REACH FULL IMPLEMENTATION IN 2024.
7 I'LL TAKE THE NEXT THE SLIDE, PLEASE. NEW APPROACHES WILL
8 REQUIRE ADDITIONAL FUNDING. WE HAVE PROGRAMMED THIS BUDGET AS
9 A BLUEPRINT FOR CHANGE. AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, IT'S A
10 STARTING POINT AND NOT THE END OF OUR JOURNEY, SO WE WILL BE
11 RETURNING IN FUTURE BUDGET PHASES WITH ADDITIONAL FUNDING
12 RECOMMENDATIONS TO SUPPORT SOME OF THE EXCITING INNOVATIONS
13 NOW UNDERWAY IN OUR COUNTY. THESE INCLUDE THE PLANNED LAUNCH
14 OF NOT ONE, BUT 4 NEW COUNTY DEPARTMENTS DURING FISCAL YEAR
15 '22/'23, SOMETHING THAT IS UNPRECEDENTED HERE IN THE COUNTY OF
16 LOS ANGELES. AS A REMINDER, THE NEW DEPARTMENTS ARE THE
17 JUSTICE, CARE, AND OPPORTUNITIES DEPARTMENT, THE YOUTH
18 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, THE AGING AND DISABILITIES DEPARTMENT,
19 AS WELL AS THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY DEPARTMENT. THESE NEW
20 DEPARTMENTS WILL HELP REALIZE YOUR BOARD'S VISION TO
21 STRENGTHEN THE COUNTY'S ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE, BY
22 CONSOLIDATING WORK AND EFFORTS CURRENTLY SCATTERED ACROSS
23 MULTIPLE ENTITIES IN THE COUNTY. WE WANT MORE EFFICIENT AND
24 MORE EFFECTIVE SERVICES, LEADING TO BETTER OUTCOMES. WE'RE
25 ALSO BEGINNING TO PLAN THE FISCAL FOUNDATION THAT WILL BE

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1 NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE BLUE-RIBBON
2 COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS RECENTLY APPROVED BY YOUR BOARD.
3 THAT WILL IMPOSE ADDITIONAL OVERSIGHT, AND A NEW, MORE BROADLY
4 COLLABORATIVE APPROACH THAT PRIORITIZES GREATER PARTICIPATION
5 BY ALL 88 CITIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IN ADDITION, WE ARE
6 WORKING TO ROLL OUT A NEW, 9-8-8 ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE
7 SYSTEM: PART OF A NEW, NATIONWIDE PROGRAM TO CHANGE THE
8 PARADIGM ON HOW WE RESPOND TO AND ASSIST PEOPLE EXPERIENCING A
9 MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. THIS MEANS MOVING AWAY FROM A LAW
10 ENFORCEMENT-DOMINATED APPROACH AND TOWARDS A MENTAL HEALTH
11 APPROACH, SO THAT THE RIGHT PEOPLE ARE RESPONDING AT THE RIGHT
12 TIME, AND IN THE RIGHT WAY. THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE
13 IMPORTANT AND POWERFUL WAYS WE ARE CHANGING LOS ANGELES COUNTY
14 FOR THE BETTER. WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH YOUR BOARD TO
15 ACHIEVE THESE AND OTHER PRIORITIES, WHILE ALSO ENSURING THAT
16 WE IDENTIFY THE COMBINATION OF FUNDING RESOURCES AND BUDGETARY
17 TRADE-OFFS THAT WILL BE NEEDED TO MEET OUR LEGAL OBLIGATION TO
18 BALANCE THE BUDGET. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO,
19 CHALLENGES ON THE HORIZON. I'VE ALREADY LAID OUT A NUMBER OF
20 NEAR-TERM CHALLENGES TO BALANCING OUR REVENUES AND EXPENSES,
21 BUT I'D ALSO LIKE TO SHARE SOME OF THE OTHER ISSUES THAT WE
22 WILL NEED TO ADDRESS IN THE NOT-TOO-DISTANT FUTURE. I KNOW
23 YOUR BOARD IS WELL AWARE OF THESE NEEDS, BUT I WANT TO BE SURE
24 THAT THE PUBLIC ALSO HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE BEYOND THE
25 DEMANDS OF THE MOMENT. WE ARE FACING STRUCTURAL DEFICITS IN

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1 SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING FIRE, LIBRARY, AND THE
2 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. WE ALSO HAVE
3 STRUCTURAL DEFICITS IN THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY,
4 THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION, AND IN SOME OF OUR
5 PROGRAMS, LIKE THE PARKS AFTER DARK PROGRAM. IN ADDITION, WE
6 ARE FACING A \$750 MILLION COST, IN TERMS OF DEFERRED
7 MAINTENANCE OF OUR COUNTY FACILITIES, AND MORE THAN \$450
8 MILLION IS NEEDED TO REPLACE OUR MANY, MANY OUTDATED
9 TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS. WE ARE COMMITTED TO FINDING SUSTAINABLE
10 FUNDING SOLUTIONS, BUT RECOGNIZE THAT THERE WILL BE TRADE-OFFS
11 REQUIRED ALONG THE WAY. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. DECISION POINTS
12 AHEAD. I'VE LAID OUT SOME OF THE KEY DATES AHEAD THAT WILL
13 INFORM BOTH YOUR BOARD'S BUDGET DELIBERATIONS IN JUNE, AND THE
14 FINAL ADOPTED BUDGET IN OCTOBER. MORE INFORMATION AROUND
15 FUNDING WILL ALSO BE GATHERED AS THE FEDERAL AND STATE
16 GOVERNMENTS FINALIZE THEIR OWN BUDGETS IN THE WEEKS AND MONTHS
17 AHEAD, AND WE WILL KEEP YOUR OFFICES UPDATED OF THOSE
18 DEVELOPMENTS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. AND FINALLY, THANK YOU. I
19 THANK THE BOARD FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECAP MY EARLIER
20 PRESENTATION AND SHARE SOME PERSPECTIVES ON WHERE WE ARE, IN
21 TERMS OF OUR BUDGETARY OUTLOOK. LED BY YOUR BOARD, WE ARE ON A
22 FAST TRACK TO PROGRESS ON SO MANY FRONTS, AND WE ARE DOING IT
23 DURING A PANDEMIC THAT CONTINUES TO CHALLENGE SO MANY OF OUR
24 MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS. THIS BUDGET IS INTENDED TO SERVE AS
25 A ROADMAP TOWARDS PROGRESS AND AN EQUITY-FOCUSED, BETTER-THAN-

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1 BEFORE RECOVERY. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM MEMBERS OF THE
2 PUBLIC AT TODAY'S HEARING, AND IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS FROM
3 YOUR BOARD, I'M HAPPY TO TAKE THEM AT THIS TIME OR AFTER THE
4 DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATIONS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS.

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6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MS. DAVENPORT. I'M
7 GOING TO MAKE A QUICK STATEMENT, AND THEN WE WILL HEAR FROM
8 SUPERVISORS IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER: DISTRICT 4, 5, 1, AND 3.
9 WE'RE ROTATING IT, SO SUPERVISORS HAVE VARYING OPPORTUNITIES
10 TO PROVIDE INPUT INTO THE BUDGET PROCESS. SO, THANK YOU AGAIN
11 FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. WHAT STRUCK ME IN YOUR INITIAL
12 PRESENTATION, AND AGAIN TODAY, AS YOU TALKED ABOUT IT: THIS
13 BUDGET REALLY IS A BLUEPRINT FOR CHANGE. AND WHAT IS STRIKING
14 IS REALLY THE UNPRECEDENTED INFLUX OF NEW AND DIFFERENT
15 FUNDING STREAMS, THANKS IN LARGE PART DUE TO C.O.V.I.D. AND
16 THE FEDERAL SUPPORT WE'VE GOTTEN THROUGH THE C.A.R.E.S.
17 DOLLARS AND THE A.R.P.A. DOLLARS. IT CREATES, AGAIN, NEW
18 OPPORTUNITIES AND, AS YOU'VE OUTLINED VERY CLEARLY, THE
19 ONGOING FISCAL PRESSURE POINTS THAT WE'RE EXPERIENCING AS A
20 COUNTY. SO, THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR THE PRESENTATION, AND
21 THANK YOU TO YOUR STAFF, BUDGET STAFF, AND THE BUDGET DEPUTIES
22 IN ALL OF THE BOARD OFFICES. LET ME START BY SAYING THAT
23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN OUR BUDGET PROCESS IS AN INCREDIBLY
24 IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF OUR DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM, AND SO TODAY WE
25 WELCOME L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS TO PRESENT THEIR IDEAS AND

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1 THOUGHTS ON HOW THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD BE SPENT BY THE
2 COUNTY. 3 WEEKS AGO, I HELD A BUDGET TOWN HALL FOR THE SECOND-
3 DISTRICT COMMUNITY, WHERE WE HEARD FROM MANY OF OUR
4 CONSTITUENTS. IT WAS A ROBUST CONVERSATION, TO SAY THE LEAST.
5 SO I WANT TO THANK THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE EVENT, AND FOR THE
6 IDEAS AND CONCERNS THAT YOU SHARED. AND TODAY, EVERY RESIDENT
7 OF THE COUNTY HAS YET ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THEIR
8 PERSPECTIVE. MY ENGAGEMENT WITH THE PUBLIC WON'T STOP AFTER
9 TODAY'S HEARING. WE'LL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO
10 HEAR FROM YOU, AND WE'LL STRIVE TO MAKE THE BUDGET PROCESS
11 COLLABORATIVE, INCLUSIVE, AND TRANSPARENT. SO, THIS YEAR, I'M
12 REALLY VERY EXCITED BY THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH MY
13 COLLEAGUES TO HELP SHAPE THE PRIORITIES OF OUR BOARD, AND
14 APPROVE FUNDING FOR SERVICES THAT WILL MAKE A REAL IMPACT IN
15 THE LIVES OF EVERY COUNTY RESIDENT. THAT'S WHAT BUDGETS DO.
16 THE PROCESS SHOULD REMIND US OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CONSIDER
17 THE COST OF OUR IDEAS AND OUR DECISIONS. IT SHOULD REMIND US
18 TO BE STRATEGIC WITH THE IDEAS WE BRING FORWARD, SO WE'RE
19 SERVING L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS WITH AN OPTIMAL FRAMEWORK THAT
20 COMBINES PROBLEM-SOLVING AND THE EFFECTIVE USE OF VERY LIMITED
21 RESOURCES. THE PANDEMIC, AGAIN, HAS BROUGHT MANY CHALLENGES TO
22 THE RESIDENTS OF OUR COUNTY, AND SO DEVELOPING AND APPROVING A
23 BUDGET THAT EQUITABLY ALIGNS OUR RESOURCES WITH THE NEEDS OF
24 OUR COMMUNITIES TO MOVE FORWARD IN THIS RECOVERY IS MY TOP
25 PRIORITY, AND I KNOW THE BOARD MEMBERS SHARE THAT. SO, AGAIN,

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1 THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROCESS, AND I'M
2 EXCITED ABOUT HEARING PERSPECTIVES FROM EVERY CORNER OF THE
3 COUNTY. WE WILL BE LISTENING VERY CLOSELY TODAY, AS WELL AS
4 READING CORRESPONDENCE AND TESTIMONY THAT'S SUBMITTED IN
5 WRITING. AGAIN, WE WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE HOURS OF WORK THAT
6 GOES INTO DEVELOPING A BUDGET THE SIZE, COMPLEXITY, AND
7 MAGNITUDE OF ONE THAT HELPS GOVERN A COUNTY OF CLOSE TO 11
8 MILLION PEOPLE. WE'VE GOT LOTS OF WORK TO DO. I APPRECIATE THE
9 C.E.O.'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ONGOING LABOR NEGOTIATIONS, BECAUSE
10 WE'RE CLEAR THAT THE WORK OF THE COUNTY IS OPERATIONALIZED
11 THROUGH COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND COUNTY WORKERS. THAT'S HOW WE GET
12 SERVICES OUT TO COUNTY RESIDENTS. SO I APPRECIATE HER
13 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THAT, AND THE ONGOING WORK TO MAKE SURE THAT
14 WE CREATE THAT BALANCE, IN TERMS OF SUPPORTING OUR WORKERS, AS
15 WELL AS MAKING SURE WE CAN AFFORD ALL OF THE COSTS THAT THE
16 COUNTY BRINGS TO BEAR. SO, THANK YOU FOR YOUR IMPORTANT
17 CONTRIBUTION TO THE BUDGET PROCESS, TO ENSURE THAT L.A. COUNTY
18 REMAINS AN AMAZING PLACE FOR US ALL TO LIVE, WORK, AND PLAY.
19 WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU'RE UP.

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21 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU SO MUCH, FESIA,
22 FOR THE PRESENTATION. AND, AS SUPERVISOR MITCHELL SAID TODAY,
23 IT IS MORE ABOUT THE 5 OF US LISTENING TO OUR CONSTITUENTS
24 WEIGH IN ON OUR \$39 BILLION BUDGET. BUT I DID HAVE A COUPLE
25 THINGS I WANTED TO SAY. IT'S CLEAR, AND WE RECOGNIZE THAT

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1 THERE ARE MORE ASKS THAN WE CAN FUND AT ANY ONE TIME, AND SO
2 WE RECOGNIZE THAT'S WHY THIS BUDGET HAPPENS IN PHASES, AND WE
3 LOOK TO AND WE THANK OUR C.E.O. FOR KEEPING EVERYTHING
4 BALANCED. I KNOW I'VE ASKED FOR MORE MONEY FOR PARKS AND
5 LIBRARIES, TO KEEP RESIDENTS ENGAGED IN MENTAL AND PHYSICAL
6 ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, BUT ESPECIALLY DURING THE
7 SUMMER MONTHS, WHEN OUR KIDS ARE OUT OF SCHOOL. I'VE WORKED
8 WITH MANY OF MY CITIES TO HELP SHELTER THE UNHOUSED, AND HAVE
9 ASKED FOR MORE MONEY RELATED TO INTERIM BEDS, TO MAKE SURE
10 PEOPLE HAVE A PLACE TO SLEEP AT NIGHT. AND I'M EXPECTING OUR
11 ADVOCATES FOR THE ARTS TO CALL IN TODAY AND ASK FOR MONEY,
12 BECAUSE OUR CREATIVE ECONOMY ISN'T JUST ABOUT HOLLYWOOD; BUT
13 RATHER, THE ARTS IS SOMETHING THAT CAN BE INFUSED ACROSS MANY
14 COMMUNITIES, TO ADD VALUE TO ALL. AND I WANT TO ECHO,
15 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, WHAT YOU ADDED AT THE END OF YOUR REMARKS
16 ABOUT OUR COUNTY WORKERS. I WAS GLAD TO HEAR YOU SAY, FESIA,
17 THAT YOU ARE WORKING HARD TO GET A FAIR CONTRACT, AND THAT'S
18 WHAT I WANTED TO ADD: THAT OUR WORKERS ARE SO IMPORTANT TO
19 REALLY CARRYING OUT THIS BOARD'S PRIORITIES, AND TO
20 DELIVERING SERVICES TO OUR RESIDENTS. AND THEY'VE GONE THROUGH
21 A LOT IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, AND THEY HAVE KEPT THIS COUNTY
22 MOVING FORWARD, DESPITE THE CHALLENGES THAT THE PANDEMIC HAS
23 CREATED. I HOPE WE CAN LOOK AT THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH OUR
24 FRIENDS AND OUR PARTNERS, AND NOT SO MUCH A WARNING OR A RED
25 FLAG OR A CHALLENGE. THEY HAVE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE PART OF THE

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1 SOLUTION OF THE COUNTY. WE NEED THEM, THEY NEED US, AND I
2 TRUST THAT WE WILL GET TO A FAIR CONTRACT SOON. SO, WITH THAT,
3 I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC. THANK YOU TO
4 EVERYONE WHO HAS TAKEN THE TIME TO CALL IN AND WEIGH IN ON
5 YOUR COUNTY'S BUDGET. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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9 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I ECHO WHAT BOTH OF
10 YOU HAD SAID, AND I'LL JUST ADD A LITTLE MORE ONTO THAT. AND I
11 WANT TO THANK YOU, FESIA, AND YOUR ENTIRE TEAM, BUT ESPECIALLY
12 FOR THE PRESENTATION AND THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET THAT YOU'VE
13 BROUGHT FORWARD TODAY. I REALLY DO BELIEVE THAT THIS IS A GOOD
14 SUMMARY OF AREAS OF STRENGTH WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND
15 THE POTENTIAL CHALLENGES WE SHOULD CONSIDER IN THE UPCOMING
16 FISCAL YEAR. MAKING DECISIONS ABOUT OUR BUDGET IS PROBABLY ONE
17 OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS WE DO HERE AT THIS BOARD, AS WE
18 ARE THE SAFETY NET FOR MORE THAN 10 MILLION CHILDREN, YOUTH,
19 AND ADULTS. I'D LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO RECOGNIZE OUR COUNTY
20 WORKFORCE, WHO CONTINUE TO GO ABOVE AND BEYOND IN SERVING OUR
21 RESIDENTS, WHETHER THEIR NEEDS ARE GREAT OR SMALL. THROUGH
22 C.O.V.I.D., WE SAW INCREDIBLY DEDICATED FRONTLINE WORKERS, WHO
23 PUT THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES ON HOLD TO MAKE SURE THAT
24 THE RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY HAD THEIR SERVICES. OUR WORKERS
25 ARE THE ONES ON THE GROUND IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES, AND REPRESENT

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1 THE COUNTY WELL IN ASSISTING THE MOST VULNERABLE AMONG US. AND
2 I WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE WORK OF OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND
3 AGENCIES WHO ARE WORKING COLLABORATIVELY TO ENSURE THAT
4 SERVICES ARE DELIVERED EFFICIENTLY, AND PROGRAMS ARE
5 DISTRIBUTED RESPONSIBLY. OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS, WE
6 HAVE KEPT UP WITH INCREASED DEMANDS FOR COUNTY SERVICES, SUCH
7 AS FOOD, HOUSING, HEALTH SERVICES, HOMELESS SERVICES, SMALL
8 BUSINESS GRANTS, AND MORTGAGE RELIEF, TO NAME A FEW. AT THE
9 SAME TIME, I HOPE WE CAN WORK TO MAINTAIN THE PUBLIC SAFETY
10 AND ENSURE THE GENERAL WELLBEING OF OUR ENTIRE REGION. I WOULD
11 LIKE TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES, AS WELL, HERE ON THIS BOARD, FOR
12 THEIR PARTNERSHIP AND SUPPORT, AND I AM GRATEFUL TO WORK
13 TOGETHER WITH YOU TO SERVE THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES
14 COUNTY. AND I THINK IT'S BEEN SAID BEFORE THAT THIS IS A
15 LIVING DOCUMENT, OUR BUDGET, AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE
16 REVISIT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. AND I REALLY DO THINK IT'S
17 IMPORTANT FOR THE PUBLIC TO ENGAGE IN THAT. AND TO CHAIR
18 MITCHELL'S POINT, HAVING THE PUBLIC PROVIDE INPUT MAKES IT A
19 BETTER REFLECTION OF WHAT THIS COUNTY IS ALL ABOUT. SO, WITH
20 THAT, I'M EXCITED. AGAIN, THANK YOU, FESIA, AND THANK YOU TO
21 ALL MY COLLEAGUES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE, AND THANK YOU. THANK
2 YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXTEND MY APPRECIATION
3 TO OUR C.E.O., FESIA DAVENPORT, AND HER TEAM, FOR THEIR
4 CONTINUED HARD WORK ON THE BUDGET. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING
5 FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THEIR RESPONSE TO THE BUDGET.
6 THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS, ALSO, THAT WE JUST PREVIEWED BY OUR
7 C.E.O. IS VERY IMPORTANT. THAT TOOK PLACE APRIL 19TH, AND NOW
8 WE'RE READY TO HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC. AS WE HAVE GONE THROUGH
9 THIS PANDEMIC IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, THE COUNTY WAS ABLE TO
10 WEATHER FISCAL IMPACTS OF THE PANDEMIC BECAUSE OF THE LONG-
11 STANDING FISCAL POLICIES THAT WERE ESTABLISHED TO ENSURE THAT
12 WE COULD PROVIDE A SAFETY NET OF SERVICES THAT ARE REQUIRED BY
13 LAW TO DELIVER. AND IT'S IN NO SMALL PART ALSO THANKS TO THE
14 FUNDING SUPPORT WE RECEIVED FROM PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN AND
15 GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM. WITHOUT THOSE FISCAL POLICIES AND THE
16 SUPPORT WE RECEIVED FROM THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT, THE
17 COUNTY WOULD NOT HAVE MADE IT THROUGH AS WELL AS WE DID, AND I
18 REALLY THINK THE PUBLIC NEEDS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT. ALTHOUGH I
19 WAS PLEASED TO SEE THAT THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET FUNDED SOME OF
20 THE PROGRAMS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO MY DISTRICT CONSTITUENTS,
21 THERE ARE SEVERAL MORE THAT I WOULD LIKE TO FURTHER SEE
22 FUNDED, MANY OF WHICH I, ALONG WITH MY COLLEAGUES ON THE
23 BOARD, PASSED MOTIONS FOR. FIRST AND FOREMOST, I BELIEVE WE
24 NEED MORE FUNDING TO INCREASE HOUSING OF ALL TYPES: AFFORDABLE
25 HOUSING, AS WELL AS INTERIM AND PERMANENT HOUSING FOR THOSE

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1 THAT ARE UNHOUSED. LAST YEAR, I OPENED, AS YOU KNOW, THE HILDA
2 SOLIS CARE FIRST VILLAGE, BRINGING 232 BEDS OF INTERIM HOUSING
3 TO THE DOWNTOWN AREA. AND I THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR SUPPORTING
4 THAT, AND OUR C.E.O. BECAUSE THEY ARE MADE OUT OF SHIPPING
5 CONTAINERS, WE WERE ABLE TO EXPEDITE THE CONSTRUCTION IN A
6 VERY SHORT TIME FRAME, AND GET THEM UP IN ONLY 6 MONTHS, AT A
7 COST OF LESS THAN \$60 MILLION. I ALSO PASSED A MOTION TO
8 CREATE A THOUSAND ADDITIONAL HOUSING SLOTS THROUGH THE
9 COUNTY'S FLEXIBLE HOUSING SUBSIDY POOL. OUR BUDGET SHOULD ALSO
10 ENABLE MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO BUILD HOUSING THROUGHOUT THE
11 COUNTY, PARTICULARLY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SOME OF OUR LOCAL
12 JURISDICTIONS. OUR CITIES PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN BOLSTERING
13 OUR REHOUSING SYSTEM, AND TO THAT END, I JUST WANT TO
14 REITERATE THAT I HELPED TO SECURE \$10 MILLION TO FUND THE
15 SERVICE COSTS FOR INTERIM HOUSING SITES IN OUR LOCAL
16 JURISDICTIONS. AND I CREATED A FUND FOR CITIES WHO WANT TO
17 APPLY FOR THE STATE'S PROJECT HOMEKEY, BUT NEEDED ADDITIONAL
18 SUPPORT FROM THE COUNTY TO DRAW DOWN MATCHING SERVICE FUNDS
19 FROM THE STATE. WE NEED TO CREATE MORE OPPORTUNITIES LIKE
20 THESE TO CO-INVEST WITH OUR CITIES, PARTICULARLY TO HELP THEM
21 BUILD OUT THEIR INTERIM AND PERMANENT HOUSING. SINCE I CAME TO
22 THIS BOARD, BACK IN 2014, I'M PROUD TO SHARE THAT WE HAVE
23 BUILT 500 INTERIM HOUSING UNITS IN MY DISTRICT ALONE, AND
24 2,000 AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, WITH
25 ANOTHER 13 THAT ARE IN THE PIPELINE. BUT AS WE ALL KNOW, WE

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1 HAVE TO DO MORE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND SO I
2 DID PROVIDE A MOTION TO CREATE A PILOT COMMUNITY, A LAND TRUST
3 PROGRAM, AN ANTI-DISPLACEMENT INITIATIVE, TO PRESERVE
4 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN PERPETUITY. I JOINED SUPERVISOR HAHN, AS
5 HER CO-AUTHOR FOR THE MORTGAGE RELIEF PROGRAM AND FORECLOSURE
6 PREVENTION PROGRAM, TO ASSIST OUR SMALL LANDLORDS WITH GRANTS
7 AND COUNSELING SERVICES. I AUTHORED AND CO-AUTHORED
8 INITIATIVES WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL, TO ADDRESS BARRIERS TO
9 BUILD ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS IN L.A. COUNTY. AND AS CHAIR OF
10 THE METRO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, I CO-AUTHORED A MOTION, WITH
11 BOARD MEMBER DUPONT-WALKER, THAT LED TO A 10-YEAR METRO JOINT
12 DEVELOPMENT GOAL OF COMPLETING 10,000 HOUSING UNITS IN THE
13 COMING YEARS, WITH AT LEAST 5,000 OF THOSE UNITS DESIGNATED AS
14 INCOME-RESTRICTED. SIMILARLY, WITH METRO'S RECENTLY UPDATED
15 HOUSING POLICY, METRO WILL ALWAYS FIRST SEEK TO BUILD 100%
16 INCOME-RESTRICTED HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS ANYTIME A PROPERTY HAS
17 BEEN IDENTIFIED ON A JOINT PROJECT. AND WHEN IT COMES TO THE
18 PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITIES, WE NEED MORE
19 FUNDING TO SAFEGUARD OUR MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS. WE
20 LEARNED THAT THROUGH THE PANDEMIC. I PASSED MOTIONS TO EXPAND
21 THE COUNTY'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN SCHOOLS FOR OUR YOUTH,
22 AND WE ALSO HELPED TO ADDRESS THE IMPACTS OF DIABETES, PRE-
23 DIABETES, AND UNDIAGNOSED DIABETES, AND THE DISPARATE IMPACTS
24 EXPERIENCED BY LATINO, BLACK, AND NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES.
25 WE LEVERAGED ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES TO DEVELOP A

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1 COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO ADDRESS THE SKYROCKETING RISE IN
2 S.T.D. CASES, AND THE END OF THE S.T.D. CRISIS IN THE COUNTY.
3 AND MORE ATTENTION, I BELIEVE, IS NEEDED FOR GENDER-AFFIRMING
4 CARE, BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT, WITHIN OUR HEALTHCARE SETTINGS,
5 L.G.B.T.Q. PATIENTS, ESPECIALLY TRANS PATIENTS, FACE
6 INSURMOUNTABLE HURDLES IN ACCESSING MEDICALLY NECESSARY
7 HEALTHCARE SERVICES. I HOPE THAT THE MOTION I PASSED FOR
8 D.H.S. TO CREATE A WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT, WHERE EVERYONE,
9 REGARDLESS OF THEIR GENDER IDENTITY, CAN ACCESS CARE THAT THEY
10 NEED. AND LASTLY, WE NEED MORE FUNDING TO INCREASE THE ROLE OF
11 PROMOTORAS AND COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS, WHO ARE TRUSTED
12 HEALTHCARE MESSENGERS, HIRED FROM THE COMMUNITY, WHO DELIVER
13 SERVICES IN A CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY APPROPRIATE WAY.
14 DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE PANDEMIC, THIS PROGRAM WAS HUGEY
15 SUCCESSFUL IN DISSEMINATING ACCURATE INFORMATION AND TESTING
16 AND VACCINATIONS. AND I SEE THE VALUE IN CONTINUING THIS WORK
17 TO REACH OUR MOST UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES, SO I HELPED TO
18 SECURE \$45 MILLION IN FUNDING TO EXPAND THE WORKFORCE ACROSS
19 THE COUNTY. AND WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE
20 IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE, THIS BOARD IS TAKING A VERY BOLD
21 ACTION, AND I AM COMMITTED TO TAKE EVERY OUNCE OF OUR
22 WILLPOWER TO ADDRESS THE COMPLEXITIES OF OUR CHANGING
23 ENVIRONMENT. WE'LL STILL BE LAUNCHING OUR YOUTH CLIMATE
24 COMMISSION, WHICH WILL STRENGTHEN THE COUNTY'S LEADERSHIP IN
25 THE AREA OF CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION, BY

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1 AMPLIFYING THE PERSPECTIVES AND PRIORITIES OF THOSE WHO WILL
2 MOST DRAMATICALLY BE IMPACTED IN THEIR LIFETIMES, AND THAT IS
3 OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, OUR YOUTH. AND WHERE THE ENVIRONMENTAL
4 CRIME'S ALREADY COMMITTED, I ADVOCATED FOR OVER \$454 MILLION
5 IN THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET TOWARD THE CLEANUP OF THE FORMER
6 EXIDE FACILITY AND THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOODS, WHO HAVE
7 SUFFERED WITH THE FACILITY'S CONTAMINATION FOR OVER 40 YEARS.
8 I ALSO SET UP A 9-WEEK TRAINING PROGRAM WITH PROTERRA, TO
9 PREPARE WORKERS FOR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN ELECTRIC BUS
10 MANUFACTURING. AND I JOINED SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO PUT FORWARD
11 POLICIES TO REDUCE SINGLE-USE PLASTICS, INCREASE ORGANIC WASTE
12 DIVERSION FROM OUR LANDFILLS, AND TRANSITION UNINCORPORATED
13 COMMUNITIES TO 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY. I HOPE THAT, AS A
14 COUNTY, WE CAN CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN OUR COMMITMENT TO STRIVE
15 FOR CLEAN AIR TO BREATHE, AND CLEAN WATER TO DRINK FOR
16 EVERYONE, REGARDLESS OF WHERE YOU LIVE. THERE ARE MANY THINGS
17 WE HAVE DONE TOGETHER AS A BOARD TO BE PROUD OF, AND THERE'S A
18 LOT MORE TO DO, BECAUSE NONE OF US CAN DO IT ALONE. IN
19 CLOSING, I WANT TO SAY A FEW WORDS TO THE COUNTY WORKFORCE. TO
20 THE MEN, TO THE WOMEN, AND THE PEOPLE WHO, DAY IN AND DAY OUT,
21 MAKE THIS COUNTY RUN, I WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT WE HEAR YOU.
22 I KNOW THAT THE COST OF LIVING TODAY, FOR MANY OF YOU, IS A
23 STRUGGLE, AND IT IS A STRUGGLE FOR YOU TO MAKE ENDS MEET. THE
24 COST OF GAS IS HIGHER, FOOD IS HIGHER, AND SO MANY OF YOU ARE
25 RIGHT NOW STRUGGLING WITH RENT. I KNOW THIS BECAUSE MANY OF

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1 YOU, INDEED, LIVE IN MY OWN DISTRICT. I SUPPORT YOU AND WANT
2 YOU TO HAVE A FAIR AND REASONABLE COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE.
3 IT'S MY HOPE THAT LABOR AND THE COUNTY CAN SETTLE THE
4 NEGOTIATIONS QUICKLY, SO WE CAN CONTINUE TO SERVE THE OVER 10
5 MILLION RESIDENTS WHO DEPEND ON US. THANK YOU, AND WE WISH TO
6 HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC. [SPEAKS SPANISH] THANK YOU SO MUCH,
7 MADAM CHAIR, AND TO MY COLLEAGUES. SORRY I WENT ON A BIT
8 LONGER, BUT I THINK THOSE WERE THINGS THAT HAD TO BE SAID.
9 THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

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11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
12 AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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14 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. IT'S WITH MIXED
15 FEELINGS THAT I SAY THIS WILL BE THE LAST BUDGET IN WHICH I
16 PARTICIPATE IN GOVERNMENT OF ANY KIND, I THINK, BECAUSE I'M
17 CERTAINLY NOT RUNNING AGAIN AT MY AGE. BUT I HAVE TO SAY A
18 COUPLE OF THINGS. FIRST OF ALL, ADDING MY THANKS TO FESIA
19 DAVENPORT AND HER STAFF. SHE'S DONE AN EXTRAORDINARY,
20 EXTRAORDINARY JOB. I MEAN, I HAVE BEEN SO FORTUNATE TO SERVE
21 WITH SACHI HAMAI AS OUR C.E.O., AND THEN WITH FESIA: TWO
22 EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN WHO HAVE MADE A BIG DIFFERENCE IN THE
23 BUDGET. I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES. THIS IS A VERY
24 DIFFERENT BOARD FROM THE ONE THAT I JOINED AT THE END OF 2014.
25 AND I WILL SAY A LITTLE MORE ABOUT OUR PRIORITIES AND WHAT

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1 WE'VE DONE, BUT I AM REALLY GRATEFUL TO EACH OF THE FOUR OF
2 YOU. PEOPLE REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT A PLEASURE IT IS TO SERVE
3 WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE REASONABLE TOGETHER, WHO KNOW HOW TO
4 DISAGREE, AND WHO CAN GET SOMETHING DONE, AND STILL, IN OUR
5 OWN WAY, STICK TOGETHER. I WANT TO THANK MY BUDGET DEPUTY,
6 ANGELICA AYALA, WHO STARTED OUT AS THE DISTRICT OFFICE
7 DIRECTOR FOR MY EAST VALLEY OFFICE, CAME INTO THE DOWNTOWN
8 OFFICE AS MY SECOND SENIOR HEALTH DEPUTY, AND NOW IS MY BUDGET
9 DEPUTY; AN EXTRAORDINARILY TALENTED WOMAN, WHO WOULD NEVER
10 TAKE CREDIT FOR A WHOLE LOT OF STUFF, BUT DEFINITELY IS PART
11 OF THE SOLUTION IN ALL OF THE THINGS ON WHICH WE'VE WORKED. I
12 WANT TO SAY THIS IS A VERY DIFFERENT BUDGET FROM THE FIRST
13 BUDGET I SAW 7 YEARS AGO, AND IT'S VERY DIFFERENT IN A VERY
14 GOOD WAY. A BUDGET IS A MORAL DOCUMENT. IT SAYS, THIS IS THE
15 EXPRESSION OF OUR-- IT'S BASICALLY TENETS OF FAITH, OF WHAT WE
16 BELIEVE IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO. AND I FIND THAT SOME OF THE
17 CHANGES HAVE RELATED TO OUR BEING EVER MORE CLIENT-CENTERED;
18 IN A WAY, EVER MORE REALITY-BASED. SO MANY MORE VOICES WITH
19 LIVED EXPERIENCE JOINING THE CONVERSATION. THIS IS A LISTENING
20 SESSION, THOUGH YOU WOULDN'T KNOW IT UP TO NOW, BECAUSE WE'RE
21 ALL TALKING. BUT I WANT TO SAY TO THE PEOPLE WHO WILL SPEAK,
22 THIS IS NOT JUST PRO FORMA, BECAUSE THE CHANGES THAT HAVE
23 OCCURRED IN THE WAY THE COUNTY THINKS OF WHAT ITS JOBS ARE
24 HAVE BEEN LARGELY, IN PART, TO THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF PEOPLE WHO
25 HAVE NOT JUST COME TO ONE MEETING AND SAID SOMETHING AND GONE

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1 AWAY, BUT WHO HAVE ORGANIZED, WHO HAVE WORKED WITH US,
2 ESPECIALLY ON HOMELESSNESS, ESPECIALLY ABOUT JAILS, DIVERSION,
3 AND ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, ESPECIALLY ABOUT YOUTH. IT
4 HAS BEEN PUBLIC INPUT THAT HAS MADE A VERY, VERY LARGE
5 DIFFERENCE. SO, I HAVE TO SAY, WE ARE LISTENING. SOMETIMES WE
6 DON'T LOOK LIKE IT. SOMETIMES YOU DON'T THINK IT, BECAUSE WE
7 DIDN'T DO WHAT YOU WANTED, EXACTLY AT THAT MOMENT. BUT THERE
8 HAVE BEEN TECTONIC SHIFTS IN WHAT WE ARE DOING WITH OUR COUNTY
9 BUDGET. WHEN I FIRST WAS ELECTED, THERE WAS NOTHING BEING DONE
10 ABOUT DIVERSION. WE DIDN'T HAVE AN IDEA OF-- WE HAD BILLIONS
11 OF DOLLARS IN THE BUDGET FOR JAILS. AND ESSENTIALLY, SLOWLY,
12 WE SAID, "NO. NO. NOT DOING THAT, EITHER. NOT JAILS;
13 ALTERNATIVES TO JAILS," AND STARTED AN ENTIRE NEW WAY OF
14 TRYING TO DEAL WITH JUSTICE. THE SAME WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE,
15 WHO WERE THOUGHT TO BE JUST PART OF THE ADULT POPULATION, OR
16 PART OF D.C.F.S., OR WHATEVER. THERE IS MUCH MORE OF A FOCUS.
17 WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT OUR LABOR FORCE, AND WHEN PEOPLE SAY, "I
18 HOPE YOU'RE ALL WORKING ON THIS," I THINK WE ALL GOT THE E-
19 MAIL THAT FESIA WAS CONTACTED AT 3:00 IN THE MORNING ABOUT
20 ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS. SO I HAVE TO SAY, I THINK THERE IS A LOT
21 GOING ON THERE TO TRY TO SOLVE AND BRING THIS EVER TOGETHER,
22 BECAUSE THE ONLY WORK THAT THE COUNTY DOES IS DONE THROUGH ITS
23 WORKFORCE. I MEAN, ESSENTIALLY, JUST LOOK IN ANY DEPARTMENT.
24 IT'S PEOPLE-- WHAT PEOPLE USED TO CALL "HUMAN CAPITAL"-- WHICH
25 SEEMS A LITTLE... I DON'T KNOW, NOT EXACTLY THE RIGHT WAY TO

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1 THINK ABOUT US. AND FINALLY, I WANT TO SAY THAT THERE IS ALSO
2 A BALANCE IN THE WAY THAT WE WORK WITH OUR COMMUNITY-BASED
3 ORGANIZATIONS. WE WANT OUR WORKFORCE TO DO ALL OF THE JOBS
4 THAT IT COULD DO. WE WANT THERE TO BE JOBS IN THE COUNTY,
5 BECAUSE THEY'RE GOOD JOBS. BUT OUR COMMUNITY-BASED
6 ORGANIZATIONS, MANY OF WHOM WILL BE DELIVERING SERVICES UNDER
7 OUR MEASURE J PLAN, WHICH I THINK IS WHAT EVERYBODY IS SILL
8 CALLING IT, IS ALSO VERY IMPORTANT. I THINK MANY OF US WORKED
9 IN, AND SOME LED, COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, AND WE KNOW
10 THAT-- TALK ABOUT EAR TO THE GROUND AND TRUST FROM THE
11 COMMUNITY. THAT'S AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF WHAT WE DO, AS
12 WELL. SO, WHETHER WE'RE THINKING OF VIOLENCE AS A HEALTH
13 ISSUE, AND WHAT WE DO IN TERMS OF LOOKING AT WORKING AGAINST
14 VIOLENCE, CERTAINLY ANTI-RACISM WORK IS NOT ALL JUST DONE BY
15 COUNTY STAFF; IT'S DONE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. ALL KINDS OF
16 SERVICES TO YOUTH: MENTAL HEALTH, ET CETERA. AND I THINK WE
17 FIND THAT BALANCE IN THIS BUDGET, AND I'M VERY PROUD OF THE
18 WAY THAT WE INCORPORATE MORE PEOPLE WORKING FOR THE COUNTY,
19 AND MORE RECOGNITION OF THE UNDERSTANDING AND REAL GOOD WORK
20 OF OUR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS. SO, WE ARE LISTENING.
21 YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE, AND THANK EVERYONE WHO HAS CALLED
22 IN. THANKS TO MY COLLEAGUES, AND ESPECIALLY, THANKS TO FESIA.
23 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.
2 IT IS A LITTLE DISCONCERTING TO HEAR YOUR OPENING REMARKS
3 ABOUT YOUR LAST BUDGET EXPERIENCE, SO I'LL JUST SAY "BOO" TO
4 THAT.

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** I'LL TRY NOT TO SMILE TOO MUCH.

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

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** I'M THINKING ABOUT DRIVING ACROSS THE COUNTRY IN
11 MY NEW, MUSTARD-YELLOW JEEP, WHICH I DON'T HAVE YET, AND
12 VISITING FRIENDS. BUT I'LL BE THINKING OF YOU EVERY MINUTE, I
13 PROMISE.

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AND NOW I'M NOT SMILING AT ALL. I'M NOT
16 SMILING AT ALL. SO, WE'LL NOW HEAR FROM COUNTY DEPARTMENT
17 HEADS WHO'VE REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. OUR COUNTY
18 ASSESSOR, JEFF PRANG, HAS MADE SUCH A REQUEST. GOOD MORNING,
19 MR. PRANG.

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21 **JEFF PRANG:** GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND
22 HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO
23 ADDRESS YOU, AND TO PRESENT MY OFFICE BUDGET AND A FEW OF OUR
24 EXEMPLARY PROJECTS. DESPITE THE CONTINUED IMPACTS OF A
25 PANDEMIC, MY OFFICE HAS CONTINUED TO PROVIDE QUALITY SERVICE,

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1 WHILE IMPLEMENTING A NUMBER OF PROJECTS AIMED AT SUPPORTING
2 EFFICIENCY, OPERATIONS, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. WITH THE
3 HELP OF YOUR BOARD, OUR OFFICE HAS IMPLEMENTED AN INNOVATIVE
4 WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH WEST LOS
5 ANGELES COLLEGE, RIO HONDO COLLEGE. AND BY PARTNERING WITH
6 LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS, WE HAVE TRANSITIONED TRAINING TO WEST L.A.
7 COLLEGE FOR OUR APPRAISERS, WHILE OFFERING CAREER PREPARATION
8 PROGRAMS FOR ALL STUDENTS AT RIO HONDO COLLEGE. AND BUILDING
9 OFF THE SUCCESS OF THIS PROGRAM, WE'RE GOING TO DEVELOP A
10 PROGRAM AT MOUNT SAN ANTONIO, WHERE STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO
11 ENROLL IN A SIMILAR PROGRAM, AND UPON COMPLETION WILL HAVE THE
12 OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH THE OFFICE. CREATING
13 NEW PIPELINES THAT WILL PROVIDE RESIDENTS WITH EMPLOYMENT
14 OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY IS JUST ONE OF THE WAYS THAT
15 MY OFFICE HAS WORKED TO CAST A SOCIAL SAFETY NET BEYOND THE
16 SERVICES THAT WE ARE KNOWN FOR PROVIDING. MODERNIZING THE
17 OFFICE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT PRIORITY, AND I'M HAPPY
18 TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE ARE CLOSE TO FINISHING PHASE 4 OF THE
19 ASSESSOR'S MODERNIZATION PROJECT. THAT'S OUR TECHNOLOGY
20 OVERHAUL. PHASE 4 WILL INCLUDE THE DECOMMISSIONING OF THE
21 MAINFRAME AND OTHER OUTDATED SUPPORT SYSTEMS, AND THAT WILL
22 OCCUR IN FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023. THE OFFICE IS ALSO FOCUSED ON
23 CHANGE MANAGEMENT, AS USER ADOPTION OF THE NEW SYSTEM WILL
24 REQUIRE SIGNIFICANT STAFF TRAINING. WE ARE WORKING WITH OUR
25 PARTNER DEPARTMENTS, SPECIFICALLY THE TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR

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1 AND THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER AND I.S.D., TO ENSURE A SEAMLESS
2 TRANSITION OFF THE MAINFRAME WITHOUT DISRUPTING THEIR EXISTING
3 SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES. AFTER PHASE 4, THE OFFICE WILL FOCUS ON
4 THE PRODUCTION OF THE ASSESSMENT ROLL WITH OPERATIONAL
5 MAINTENANCE, AND THEN START PHASE 5 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024,
6 WHICH WILL BE THE LAST PART OF OUR REPLACEMENT OF OUR LEGACY
7 SYSTEMS. WHILE C.O.V.I.D.-19 CONTINUES TO CHALLENGE THE
8 OFFICE, WITH THE SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP OF YOUR BOARD AND THE
9 C.E.O., WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ADAPT AND MANAGE IN THIS
10 DIFFICULT ENVIRONMENT. GIVEN THE DEDICATION OF OUR STAFF, IT
11 PLEASES ME TO REPORT THAT WE ARE ON TARGET TO COMPLETE OUR
12 ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ROLL PRODUCTION ON JUNE 30TH. ON MAY 15TH, I
13 WILL FORMALLY TRANSMIT THE ANNUAL ROLL FORECAST ESTIMATE TO
14 THE C.E.O. WE CURRENTLY ESTIMATE THAT THE VALUE OF ALL
15 ASSESSED PROPERTY IN L.A. COUNTY WILL GROW BY APPROXIMATELY
16 6%, WHICH IS EXCEPTIONAL, GIVEN THE UNCERTAINTY IN OUR ECONOMY
17 THIS LAST YEAR. FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO THAT GROWTH INCLUDE
18 THE CONTINUED STRENGTH OF THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY,
19 PARTICULARLY HOUSING; A C.P.I. ADJUSTMENT OF 2%, WHICH IS
20 DOUBLE OF WHAT IT WAS LAST YEAR. PERSONAL PROPERTY GROWTH
21 SHOWED A MODEST DIP, WHILE NEW CONSTRUCTION DID SEE AN
22 INCREASE, ALTHOUGH IT'S ROUGHLY HALF OF THE TYPICAL GROWTH
23 WE'VE EXPERIENCED IN RECENT YEARS. IN CLOSING, MY BUDGET
24 REQUEST SUPPORTS OUR CONTINUED EFFORTS TO PROVIDE QUALITY
25 PUBLIC SERVICE, TO CONTINUE TO UPGRADE OUR TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM,

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1 AND PLANNING FOR A MORE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT WORKFORCE IN
2 THE FUTURE. AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT, YOUR
3 TIME AND ATTENTION.

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, ASSESSOR PRANG.
6 COLLEAGUES, WHILE WE HAVE THE ASSESSOR ON, ARE THERE ANY
7 QUESTIONS ANY OF YOU HAVE OF THE ASSESSOR, BASED ON THE BUDGET
8 INFORMATION HE JUST PRESENTED? OKAY. DID I HEAR SOMEBODY?
9 OKAY, HEARING AND SEEING NONE. AGAIN, ASSESSOR PRANG, THANK
10 YOU VERY MUCH FOR PRESENTING.

11

12 **JEFF PRANG:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS.

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14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** MM-HMM. SO, COLLEAGUES, WE'LL NOW GET TO
15 THE POINT OF THIS HEARING WHERE IT GIVES US THE OPPORTUNITY TO
16 HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC, SO WE'LL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON
17 BOTH AGENDA ITEMS. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN
18 INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA, AND EXPLAIN
19 THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE
20 CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AS INDICATED ON
23 THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC
24 COMMENT SHOULD CALL 877-336-4437, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE
25 NUMBER 1366-786. TO REPEAT: PLEASE CALL 877-336-4337, AND USE

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1 PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 1366-786. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF
2 YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE
3 CALL 877-873-8017 AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF
4 THE PUBLIC CALLING IN: WHEN IT'S YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE
5 STATE YOUR NAME AND WHICH AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON.
6 WE WILL ALLOCATE 45 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE TWO
7 ITEMS POSTED ON TODAY'S AGENDA. YOU WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE TO
8 SPEAK ON THESE ITEMS. IF THERE ARE STILL ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS
9 WAITING TO SPEAK AT THE END OF THE 45 MINUTES, THEN THE CHAIR
10 MAY EXTEND THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD. WE WILL CONTINUE TO
11 ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING,
12 WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. WHEN SPEAKING ON THE
13 AGENDA ITEMS, YOU MUST BE ON TOPIC. OUR GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH
14 AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE CAN. IF YOU'RE NOT SPEAKING ON A TOPIC,
15 OR IF WE CANNOT TELL IF YOU'RE SPEAKING ON AN AGENDA ITEM, YOU
16 WILL GET ONE WARNING FROM COUNTY COUNSEL AND THE CHAIR. IF YOU
17 DO NOT IMMEDIATELY OR CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC, OR IF YOU STRAY
18 OFF TOPIC AGAIN, YOU WILL FORFEIT THE REST OF YOUR TIME, AND
19 THE CHAIR WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF
20 YOU'RE ALSO LISTENING TO THE BOARD MEETING ON A COMPUTER OR A
21 SPEAKERPHONE, YOU WILL NEED TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON THOSE
22 DEVICES AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU. IF YOU DO NOT
23 TURN DOWN THE VOLUME, THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. MODERATOR, MAY WE
24 HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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1 **MODERATOR:** AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE
2 NOT DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME. DO NOT PRESS
3 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE QUEUE.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** [SPEAKS SPANISH] THANK YOU.

6

7 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS KRUTI PAREKH. PLEASE STATE
8 WHICH ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. PLEASE BEGIN.

9

10 **KRUTI PAREKH:** HI. GREETINGS. CAN YOU HEAR ME OKAY? I'LL BE
11 SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM 1 AND 2. MY NAME IS KRUTI PAREKH. I'M
12 THE COORDINATOR FOR THE LOS ANGELES YOUTH UPRISING COALITION,
13 AND A CRISIS INTERVENTION COUNSELOR. EVERY DAY, I DO
14 PEACEBUILDING WORK IN THE COMMUNITY, ASSISTING YOUNG PEOPLE
15 AND FAMILIES. AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THESE COUPLE OF MINUTES
16 TO BE ABLE TO SHARE WITH YOU HOW DISAPPOINTED I AM THAT THE
17 COUNTY CONTINUES TO INVEST \$1 BILLION ON THE PROBATION
18 DEPARTMENT. I LOSE SLEEP OVER THE FACT THAT YOUNG PEOPLE ARE
19 IN A TRAGIC SITUATION AT BOTH SYLMAR JUVENILE HALL, EACH OF
20 THE FACILITIES. THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT HAS TAKEN NO
21 RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THAT YOUNG PEOPLE ARE SAFE IN OUR
22 COUNTY. IF THEY ARE UNABLE TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR YOUNG
23 PEOPLE, HOW CAN WE CONTINUE TO INVEST \$1 BILLION? WE HAVE A
24 MOMENT IN LOS ANGELES TO FULLY FUND THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH

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1 DEVELOPMENT. I'M ASKING THAT YOU MAKE A COMMITMENT OF A
2 BILLION DOLLARS.

3

4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROY HUMPHREYS. PLEASE STATE
5 WHICH ITEM YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. PLEASE BEGIN.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** S-1. AND AS TO THE HOMELESS AND THE TRANSIENT BUDGET,
8 SAFE CAMPSITES FOR TRANSIENTS, WHICH IS A CRITICAL \$1 BILLION
9 BUDGET, IT'S NOT BEEN ADDRESSED. THE IDEA OF THE LEGACY
10 TECHNOLOGY, IN THE 22ND YEAR OF THE 21ST CENTURY, IS SIMPLY
11 APPALLING. IT IS A SOURCE OF INCOME. IT HAS BEEN NOTED--
12 SEVERAL SOURCES-- THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS A 2- TO 3-
13 BILLION-DOLLAR BUSINESS OF PROSTITUTION, WHICH HAS FAILED TO
14 DECRIMINALIZE THE SITUATION THAT PROMOTES HUMAN TRAFFICKING OF
15 WOMEN AND CHILDREN FOR SEX PURPOSES, PROMOTES SEXUALLY
16 TRANSMITTED DISEASE, AND COSTS MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO ENFORCE,
17 WHEN DECRIMINALIZATION, THESE PEOPLE WOULD BE PAYING TAXES AND
18 PUTTING THIS 2 TO 3 BILLION DOLLARS IN THE ECONOMIC STRUCTURE,
19 AND SAVE JUST A BUNDLE OF MONEY. AND AS FAR AS OVERALL, THERE
20 SHOULD BE NO "BUDGET DEFICIT," PER SE. SELL SOME BONDS. GET
21 THE MONEY, AND GET US INTO THE 21ST CENTURY. AND ALSO--

22

23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** MR. MODERATOR, IF I MAY, I JUST WANT TO
24 MAKE SURE THAT CALLERS... MR. MODERATOR, IF I MAY, I JUST WANT
25 TO MAKE SURE CALLERS UNDERSTAND, BECAUSE THE FIRST CALLER SAID

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1 THAT SHE WANTED TO SPEAK ON TWO AGENDA ITEMS. I WANTED TO MAKE
2 SURE CALLERS REALIZE, THIS IS OUR BUDGET HEARING. AND AS THE
3 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SAID IN HER INSTRUCTIONS, THERE WILL BE 1
4 MINUTE GIVEN TO EVERY CALLER. I DIDN'T WANT PEOPLE TO THINK
5 THAT IF THEY SAY TWO AGENDA ITEMS, THEY GET THE ADDITIONAL
6 MINUTE. SO, IT'S ONE MINUTE PER CALLER TODAY, SO I JUST WANTED
7 TO CLARIFY THAT SO PEOPLE UNDERSTAND. THANK YOU.

8

9 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. ONE MINUTE PER SPEAKER. WE
10 MAY REQUIRE A SPANISH INTERPRETER FOR THE NEXT PARTICIPANT,
11 NORMA FLORES. PLEASE STATE WHICH ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING
12 TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN. PARDON ME JUST A MOMENT, MS. FLORES. AND
13 PARDON ME. WE ARE GOING TO BE MOVING ON TO ERIC PREVEN. PLEASE
14 STATE WHICH ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. PLEASE BEGIN.

15

16 **ERIC PREVEN:** WELL, I'LL SPEAK ON BOTH ITEMS, AND I'M VERY
17 UPSET THAT IT'S ONLY 60 SECONDS ON SUCH AN ENORMOUS BUDGET. IT
18 USED TO BE MUCH DIFFERENT, AND I DON'T THINK THIS IS THE KIND
19 OF CHANGE THAT WE'VE BEEN ROOTING FOR, DESPITE WHAT SHEILA
20 SAID ABOUT HOW WE REALLY DO WANT TO HEAR FROM THE PEOPLE,
21 DESPITE ALL THE TALKING WE'VE BEEN DOING. THIS IS A BIG, BIG
22 ENDEAVOR, AND THE PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE MORE INPUT. THERE WERE A
23 LOT OF FORM LETTERS THAT SAID, "IT'S AN UNFRIENDLY PROCESS,"
24 AND IT'S TRUE. IMAGINE IF THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES, WHO ARE IN
25 PITCHED BATTLE WITH THE SUPERVISORS NOW ABOUT A FAIR WAGE, BUT

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1 IT'S COMPLICATED, BECAUSE THEY SAY THE EXEMPT EMPLOYEES, THE
2 ONES WHO WORK UPSTAIRS AND DON'T HAVE THE UNION BENEFITS, BUT
3 GET A LOT OF MONEY, YOU KNOW, EVERYBODY IS TRYING TO GET THEIR
4 BEST TO SURVIVE. AND YET, THE PUBLIC HAS BEEN CUT TO HALF OF
5 ITS REGULAR MEETINGS. THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE REGULAR MEETINGS
6 ANYMORE. AND, SHEILA, TO REDUCE THE-- THINK ABOUT IT. HUGE
7 BUDGET, 60 SECONDS. NOT EVEN ON BOTH OF THE ITEMS CAN YOU
8 SPEAK. SO, THIS IS A DRACONIAN CUT. AND IT'S NICE THAT WE'VE
9 MIGRATED AWAY FROM KNABE-ANTONOVICH LAND, WHERE EVERYTHING WAS
10 CARCERAL, BUT WE HAVE GOT SUCH A MESS WITH L.A.H.S.A. AND WITH
11 THE BUREAUCRATIC LAYERS THAT ADDING HUGE DEPARTMENTS WITHOUT
12 OVERSIGHT IS REALLY WORRISOME. SO WE NEED MORE TIME. WE NEED
13 MORE TIME.

14

15 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS NICOLE BROWN. PLEASE STATE
16 WHICH ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. PLEASE BEGIN.

17

18 **NICOLE BROWN:** HELLO? I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS BOTH ITEMS.

19

20 **MODERATOR:** PLEASE GO AHEAD.

21

22 **NICOLE BROWN:** MY NAME IS NICOLE BROWN, WITH THE URBAN PEACE
23 INSTITUTE AND LOS ANGELES YOUTH UPRISING COALITION. I WANT TO
24 ECHO THAT IT'S REALLY DISAPPOINTING THAT WE ONLY GET 60
25 SECONDS TO COMMENT ON A \$38.5 BILLION BUDGET. I WANT TO CALL

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1 FOR MEANINGFUL INVESTMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH
2 DEVELOPMENT AND THE CARE FIRST BUDGET, INCLUDING A COMMUNITY-
3 BASED SYSTEM OF CARE TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, AND REALLY
4 WANT TO SAY THAT WE REALLY NEED TO INVEST IN THE DEPARTMENT OF
5 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. WE'VE BEEN PLANNING FOR TWO YEARS. WE NEED
6 TO CUT PROBATION'S BUDGET. AS KRUTI SAYS, YOUNG PEOPLE ARE
7 SUFFERING IN THE HALLS, AND THERE IS NO ACCOUNTABILITY. THERE
8 ARE ALSO HUNDREDS OF VACANT POSITIONS, AND WE NEED TO CUT THAT
9 BUDGET. WE ARE SPENDING \$1 MILLION PER YEAR TO INCARCERATE ONE
10 YOUNG PERSON, INSTEAD OF INVESTING IN THEIR FUTURE. I WANT TO
11 ALSO UPLIFT THE NEED TO INVEST IN VIOLENCE INTERVENTION. WE
12 NEED TO INVEST IN OVERSIGHT, LIKE THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT
13 COMMISSION. AND WE NEED MORE THAN 6 SLIDES AND 60 SECONDS TO
14 COMMENT ON A \$38.5 BILLION BUDGET. I KNOW THAT WE ARE ALL
15 WORKING HARD. I KNOW YOU WANT TO SEE CHANGE, BUT WE NEED MORE.
16 WE REALLY NEED MORE. JANICE HAHN SAID THAT, TWO YEARS AGO, IT
17 WAS A STATUS-QUO BUDGET, AND I CANNOT SAY ANYTHING HAS TRULY
18 CHANGED. THANK YOU.

19
20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GUSTAVO HERRERA. YOU MAY
21 PLEASE BEGIN.

22
23 **GUSTAVO HERRERA:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
24 BOARD. MY NAME IS GUSTAVO HERRERA, C.E.O. OF ARTS FOR L.A. I'M
25 HERE TO SHARE COMMENTS ON ITEM 2. I ASK THAT YOU INVEST IN

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1 BUILDING THE STAFF OF THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND
2 CULTURE. IT'S A REALLY IMPORTANT STEP TOWARDS ENSURING THAT
3 THE INVESTMENTS AND PROGRAMS THAT YOU'VE SUPPORTED OVER THE
4 YEARS QUICKLY IMPACT THE COMMUNITY. LASTLY, I ASK THAT YOU
5 PLEASE FUND THE L.A. COUNTY CULTURAL POLICIES. SPECIFICALLY,
6 WE ASK THAT YOU FUND ITEM NUMBER 24 OF THE CULTURAL POLICY.
7 ARTISTS AND ARTS ORGANIZATIONS CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE WITH THE
8 AFFORDABILITY CRISIS, AND THIS IS A CRITICAL STEP AND NEED IN
9 THE FIELD, AS IDENTIFIED THROUGH OUR EXTENSIVE COMMUNITY
10 LISTENING. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU
11 TODAY.

12

13 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE JULIE MARTINEZ. YOU
14 MAY BEGIN.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, AND THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
17 ADDRESS THE BOARD. I AM A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 5, AND I AM
18 HERE TO URGE THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PLEASE ADOPT
19 THE REIMAGINE L.A. COUNTY CARE FIRST BUDGET THAT ELEVATES THE
20 CARE FIRST DEMANDS, WHICH ARE: PLEASE CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL
21 BY MARCH 2023, BY REDUCING THE JAIL POPULATION BY AT LEAST
22 5,000. IMMEDIATELY ALLOCATE 275 MILLION FOR MENTAL HEALTH
23 TREATMENT. ANOTHER ISSUE IS, FULLY FUND CARE FIRST COMMUNITY
24 INVESTMENT BY ALLOCATING AT LEAST 900 MILLION IN FUNDING FROM
25 THE COUNTY BUDGET. ALSO, FUND THE CARE FIRST BUDGET BY

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1 ALLOCATING AT LEAST 2 BILLION, ANNUALLY, THROUGH LEVERAGING
2 DOLLARS FROM C.F.C.I. AND OTHER LOCAL, STATE, AND FED
3 RESOURCES. ALSO, FUND YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED BY SHIFTING 75
4 MILLION OUT OF PROBATION, AS PART OF THE CARE FIRST BUDGET.
5 AND LASTLY, COMMIT TO BUILDING THE CARE FIRST VISION THROUGH
6 AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY COLLABORATION, WHICH IS EXTREMELY
7 IMPORTANT. I CANNOT LEAVE THIS CALL WITH-- [INAUDIBLE] THANK
8 YOU.

9

10 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE NATHAN KEITH. PLEASE
11 GO AHEAD. MR. KEITH, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

12

13 **NATHAN KEITH:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

14

15 **MODERATOR:** YES.

16

17 **NATHAN KEITH:** MY NAME IS NATHAN KEITH, AND I WORK FOR WILLIAMS
18 HOMES. I AM ALSO A RESIDENT IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT. I WANTED TO
19 TAKE THIS MORNING AND SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER 2, AND THANK THE
20 PARKS AND REC DEPARTMENT FOR PUTTING IN A NEW FACILITIES
21 REQUEST FOR A PUBLIC COUNTY PARK IN NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
22 WE ARE CURRENTLY BUILDING AND FULLY FUNDING A 6-ACRE PARK THAT
23 WILL INCLUDE MANY AMENITIES FOR NOT JUST OUR COMMUNITY, BUT
24 THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES. WE THANK THE FIFTH DISTRICT FOR
25 THE SUPPORT IN THE BUDGET, AND FOR PARKS AND REC, FOR

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1 UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS WILL HELP MEET THE GOALS OF EMPOWERING
2 YOUTH IN MEETING THEIR MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH. THAT IS SO
3 IMPORTANT TO THE YOUTH OF THIS COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

4

5 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE ERIKA GROSS. PLEASE
6 BEGIN.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** HELLO THERE. MY NAME IS ERIKA GROSS, AND I'M WITH
9 BEND THE ARC: JEWISH ACTION, AND THE REIMAGINE L.A. COALITION,
10 AND I LIVE IN DISTRICT 3. I AGREE WITH WHAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL
11 SAID, THAT A BUDGET IS A MORAL DOCUMENT. HOWEVER, THE COUNTY
12 CURRENTLY THINKS THE MORALITY IS FOCUSING ON THE PRISON SYSTEM
13 AND INCARCERATION, INSTEAD OF THE CARE FIRST COMMUNITY BUDGET.
14 CURRENTLY, THE COUNTY SPENDS BILLIONS OF DOLLARS ON POLICE
15 SURVEILLANCE, PROSECUTION, AND INCARCERATION. WHAT WE NEED IS
16 THE MONEY DIVESTED FROM THERE AND INTO BEING A CARE-FIRST
17 COUNTY. I ALSO WANT TO UPLIFT THAT WE ALSO NEED TO START TO
18 FULLY FUND THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. WE NEED AT
19 LEAST \$150 MILLION THIS YEAR TO REALIZE YOUTH JUSTICE
20 REIMAGINED, INCLUDING FUNDING A STRONG DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH
21 DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS FOR YOUTH
22 SERVICES. THIS INCLUDES ALLOCATING \$50 MILLION IN AMERICAN
23 RESCUE PLAN ACT.

24

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.

2 PLEASE BEGIN.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** YES, THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. I APPRECIATE ALL THE
5 EFFORT PLACED INTO THIS BUDGET. I KNOW HOW DIFFICULT IT IS,
6 BUT I REALLY WOULD HAVE APPRECIATED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND
7 MORE TIME FOR SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. THIS BUDGET
8 MEETING COULD HAVE BEEN OVER SEVERAL DAYS, INSTEAD OF THE
9 LIMITED TIME YOU HAVE GIVEN THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK. THANK YOU.

10

11 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BEHRUD TIDBIAN. PLEASE
12 BEGIN.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** OH, HELLO. CAN EVERYONE HEAR ME?

15

16 **MODERATOR:** YES.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS DR. [INAUDIBLE] HOSPITAL. THE REASON
19 THAT I AM CALLING TODAY IS BECAUSE OF AGENDA ITEM ONE AND TWO.
20 THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM WITH STAFFING IN OUR HOSPITALS.
21 PHYSICIANS ARE LEAVING. WE HAVE LOST MANY OF THEM DUE TO THE
22 PANDEMIC, BE IT DUE TO ILLNESS, BURNOUT, OR OTHER
23 OPPORTUNITIES ELSEWHERE. I AM ASKING FOR IMPROVEMENT IN THE
24 BUDGET FOR OUR BENEFITS. THERE'S TWO TIERS OF BENEFITS FOR
25 PHYSICIANS, AND A MAJORITY OF PHYSICIANS HAVE A LESSER TIER OF

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1 BENEFITS, WHICH CAUSES SIGNIFICANT TURNOVER, ISSUES WITH
2 PHYSICIAN RETENTION, HIRING, AND ULTIMATELY RESULTING IN SHORT
3 STAFFING FOR OUR PATIENTS. AN EXAMPLE OF THIS LOSS OF BENEFITS
4 IS, LACKING SHORT-TERM DISABILITIES PREVENTS US FROM TAKING
5 MATERNITY LEAVE WHEN WE HAVE A CHILD, LACK OF A 401(K), WORSE
6 HEALTH BENEFITS. AND BECAUSE OF THESE ISSUES, WE ARE LOSING
7 SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF PHYSICIANS IN THE SAFETY-NET HOSPITALS,
8 WHERE OUR PATIENTS DEFINITELY NEED US. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH
9 FOR YOUR TIME.

10

11 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS WILLIAM HARRISON. YOU MAY
12 BEGIN.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS WILLIAM HARRISON. I LIVE IN
15 DISTRICT ONE. I WANT TO THANK HILDA SOLIS FOR TURNING HER BACK
16 ON THE BLACK COMMUNITY. I BROUGHT TO HER ATTENTION A CONCERN
17 WE HAD WITH WALNUT VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, ROWLAND
18 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, WHERE THEY ARE NOT HIRING BLACK
19 PEOPLE. NOW, I KNOW THAT YOU CANNOT DETERMINE HOW THE HIRING
20 PRACTICES ARE, BUT YOU COULD LOOK INTO IT, INVESTIGATE IT.
21 MAKE A PHONE CALL. NO ONE EVEN CALLED ME FROM YOUR OFFICE TO
22 TALK ABOUT THIS CONCERN. SO I AM ASKING, MS. SOLIS, AND OTHER
23 SUPERVISORS, AT LEAST HAVE THE DECENCY TO LOOK INTO THE
24 ALLEGATIONS. DON'T JUST TURN YOUR BACK ON THE BLACK COMMUNITY,
25 AS YOU HAVE IN THE PAST, AND YOU PROBABLY WILL IN THE FUTURE.

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1 THESE HOLLOW SHOUTS OF LIBERTY AND EQUALITY FOR BLACK PEOPLE,
2 IT'S JUST NOT COMING TO FRUITION AS I SPEAK HERE TODAY. I
3 CALLED YOU FOR THREE MONTHS. NO ONE HAS CALLED BACK TO SAY,
4 "WELL, WE ARE INVESTIGATING." YOU PASSED THE BUCK, AND I FIND
5 IT TO BE REPREHENSIBLE THAT YOU ARE NOT TAKING A STAND. BUT
6 YOU SAY THAT YOU ARE SO CONCERNED WITH EDUCATION, EDUCATION,
7 EDUCATION.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** I'M SORRY, MADAM CHAIR? MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD JUST
10 LIKE TO CORRECT THE RECORD. OUR OFFICE HAS REACHED OUT TO THIS
11 INDIVIDUAL SEVERAL TIMES. HE HAS NOT RETURNED CALLS, AND WE
12 HAD THE SCHOOL DISTRICT CALL HIM, AS WELL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
13 COMMENTS.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** [LAUGHS]

16

17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MARIA VIDES. PLEASE GO
18 AHEAD.

19

20 **MARIA VIDES:** HI. GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
21 IS MARIA VIDES, AND I AM A POLICY ADVOCATE WITH C.H.I.R.L.A.,
22 AS WELL AS PART OF THE IMMIGRANTS ARE L.A. COALITION. AND I
23 REALLY DO APPRECIATE THE EFFORT THAT I THINK THE COUNTY HAS
24 MADE IN INTEGRATING YOUTH AND THE NEEDS OF WORKING-CLASS
25 COMMUNITIES IN THE GENERAL BUDGET, AND ALSO THE PLAN FOR THE

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1 SECOND ROUND OF A.R.P. FUNDING. I AM CALLING, THOUGH, TO URGE
2 US TO INTEGRATE A LENS WHERE IMMIGRANT FAMILIES ARE INCLUDED
3 IN THE DISCUSSION, AND ARE VERY MUCH HEAVILY CONSIDERED, AND
4 THEIR NEEDS ARE CONSIDERED, AS WELL, AS WE CONTINUE TO REFINED
5 THE BUDGET AND APPROVE ONE BY THE END OF THIS CYCLE: ONE THAT
6 REFLECTS THE HOUSING NEEDS, FOOD NEEDS, AND THEIR NEEDS FOR
7 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. THANK YOU.

8

9 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS FRANCISCO ROMERO. YOU MAY
10 BEGIN. MR. ROMERO, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

11

12 **FRANCISCO ROMERO:** HELLO. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

13

14 **MODERATOR:** YES.

15

16 **FRANCISCO ROMERO:** GOOD MORNING. FRANCISCO HERE, WITH PROMESA
17 BOYLE HEIGHTS, HERE IN S.D. 1. WE ARE PART OF A 13 MAINLY
18 BLACK, BROWN, INDIGENOUS, AND ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER-LED
19 ORGANIZATION, THE PARK EQUITY ALLIANCE, BOTH NATIONAL AND
20 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGS, ADVOCATING TO UPHOLD PARKS AS A CRITICAL
21 EQUITY MATTER. AS WE KNOW, PARKS SERVE MULTIPLE LIFESAVING
22 ROLES, FOR RESPITE, EXERCISE, COMMUNITY-BUILDING, JOB
23 OPPORTUNITIES, AND CAREERS, ESPECIALLY FOR YOUTH, AND WE HOPE
24 PARK PROMOTORAS, AS WELL. I WANT TO THANK NORMA GARCIA, AS
25 WELL AS ALINA BAKHI, FROM PARKS, BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN IN

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1 CONSTANT ENGAGEMENT WITH THEM TO CONTINUALLY IMPROVE PARK
2 BUILDING RENOVATIONS AND PROGRAMMING, WHETHER IT IS IN THE
3 PARK'S PROGRAM AND STRATEGIC PLANNING, AS WELL AS COMMUNITY-
4 DRIVEN PARK PLANNING AND DESIGN. THAT'S WHY, TODAY, WE ARE
5 URGING THE BOARD TO DOUBLE DOWN ON THE BUDGET NECESSARY FOR
6 KEEPING THE PARKS STRONG. THAT'S HUMAN CULTURAL WEALTH, THE
7 ESSENTIAL WORKERS THAT, ON THE DAILY, KEEP LIVES AT THE PARKS
8 GOING. INVESTING IN PARKS IS INVESTING IN WELLNESS AND THE
9 HEALTH OF ALL ANGELENOS. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

10

11 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MR. ACHILLE. PLEASE BEGIN.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** YES. MY NAME'S ACHILLE. I'M WITH BLACK LIVES MATTER
14 L.A. AND THE FANNIE LOU HAMER INSTITUTE. THIS IS A CLASSIC
15 CONTRADICTION. ON ONE HAND, WE TALK ABOUT AND MAKE REFERENCE
16 TO CARE FIRST. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE ARE INCREASING THE BUDGET
17 FOR THE SHERIFF. YOU CAN'T HAVE IT BOTH WAYS, AS WAS STATED IN
18 THE PEOPLE WHO VOTED FOR AND ENDORSED MEASURE J. WE WANT TO
19 SEE A DIVEST INVEST. THIS BUDGET REFLECTS THE REVERSE, WITH
20 INVESTING MORE IN THE SHERIFFS, AND MAKING REFERENCE TO CARE
21 FIRST, BUT IT STILL GETS A LOT LESS THAN THE SHERIFFS. SO WE
22 ARE ASKING YOU TO GO BACK, REDO THIS BUDGET WITH AN EMPHASIS
23 ON CARE FIRST, AND A DE-EMPHASIS ON THE SHERIFF.

24

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE KENT MENDOZA. PLEASE
2 BEGIN. PARDON ME, MR. MENDOZA? JUST A MOMENT.

3

4 **KENT MENDOZA:** I'M HERE.

5

6 **MODERATOR:** MR. MENDOZA, PLEASE BEGIN, SIR.

7

8 **KENT MENDOZA:** OKAY. GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY
9 NAME IS KENT MENDOZA. I AM THE MANAGER OF ADVOCACY AT THE
10 ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. I HAVE BEEN WORKING ON YOUTH
11 JUSTICE ISSUES SINCE COMING HOME 8 YEARS AGO, WHEN I WAS JUST
12 20 YEARS OF AGE. THE ISSUES THAT WE ARE SEEING TODAY ARE STILL
13 THE ONES THAT WERE HAPPENING WHEN I WAS INCARCERATED IN 2009.
14 TODAY, AS A 28-YEAR-OLD PERSON, I HAVE BEEN WORKING TO IMPROVE
15 OPPORTUNITIES THAT THIS COUNTY CAN CREATE FOR OUR MOST
16 VULNERABLE POPULATION OF BLACK AND BROWN YOUTH. I AM HERE TO
17 URGE THIS BOARD TO FULLY FUND THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH
18 DEVELOPMENT. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT YOU HAVE PROMISED TO THE
19 COMMUNITY AND YOUTH. BY ALLOCATING \$450 MILLION, THIS COUNTY
20 CANNOT ONLY HELP STAND UP D.Y.D., BUT IT CAN ACTUALLY REALIZE
21 CRUCIAL AND IMPORTANT COMPONENTS OF THE OVERALL YOUTH JUSTICE
22 REIMAGINED VISION AND REPORT. BY ALLOCATING THESE FUNDS, THE
23 COUNTY HAS THE POTENTIAL TO FULLY INVEST IN YOUTH EMPOWERMENT
24 SUPPORT TEAMS AND CREDIBLE MESSENGERS, WHICH IS SOMETHING THAT
25 THIS COUNTY CRUCIALLY NEEDS RIGHT NOW, AT THE MOMENT, IN OUR

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1 JUVENILE HALLS, CAMPS, AND FACILITIES AND COMMUNITIES. I THINK
2 THAT IT'S DISAPPOINTING TO SEE THAT THE C.E.O. CONTINUES TO
3 FUND ALL THE DEPARTMENTS.

4

5 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KENZO SOHOUE. PLEASE GO
6 AHEAD.

7

8 **KENZO SOHOUE:** HELLO. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

9

10 **MODERATOR:** YES.

11

12 **KENZO SOHOUE:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS KENZO SOHOUE. I AM A
13 POLICY ADVOCATE AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZER WITH THE ANTI-
14 RECIDIVISM COALITION. I AM HERE, PRESENT TODAY, TO SPEAK ON
15 ITEM ONE AND TWO, AND HOW YOU GET TO YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITIES.
16 I WAS RELEASED FROM THE DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE TWO YEARS
17 AGO, AND I CONSIDER I TRANSITIONED TO ADULTHOOD WITH THE HELP
18 OF CREDIBLE MESSENGERS PLACED IN MY LIFE. I FIND IT SAD TO SEE
19 THAT THERE'S NO FUNDING TO FUND D.Y.D. BY THE COUNTY. WITH SO
20 MUCH MONEY INVESTED INTO PROBATION, THERE HAS TO BE A MUCH
21 STRONGER REALIZATION THAT OUR YOUTHS' NEEDS ARE BIGGER THAN
22 PROBATION. THE CURRENT GENERATION IS OUR FUTURE. THE
23 IMPORTANCE OF EXPOSURE TO OPPORTUNITIES AND MEANINGFUL
24 RESOURCES WILL BRING THE BIGGEST CHANGES IN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.
25 CHILDREN AND YOUTH [INAUDIBLE] PUNISHMENT IN THEIR LIVES WILL

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1 TEACH THEM THAT IT IS NOT OKAY TO MAKE MISTAKES, AND THE ONLY
2 WAY TO LEARN IS TO BE MISERABLE IN JAIL. SO, WHAT ARE WE
3 REALLY FIGHTING FOR? CREDIBLE MESSENGERS ARE THE ONLY PEOPLE
4 THAT OUR YOUTH CAN RELATE TO. INVESTING IN THIS TYPE OF
5 FOUNDATION WILL EMPOWER THE YOUTH THAT WE WILL BE OUR NEXT
6 LEADERS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, AND I INSIST THE BOARD TAKE
7 THIS VERY SERIOUSLY. I EXPECT CHANGE FOR OUR COMMUNITIES.
8 THANK YOU.

9

10 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KAITLYN QUACKENBUSH. YOU
11 MAY BEGIN. MS. QUACKENBUSH, YOUR LINE IS NOW OPEN.

12

13 **KAITLYN QUACKENBUSH:** GREAT. THANK YOU. MY NAME IS KAITLYN
14 QUACKENBUSH, AND I AM CALLING TO PROVIDE A GENERAL PUBLIC
15 COMMENT, AND PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM NUMBER 2. THANK YOU,
16 SUPERVISORS. OH, OKAY. MY NAME IS KAITLYN. I AM THE DIRECTOR
17 OF POLICY AND RESEARCH FOR TENANT RIGHTS AT STRATEGIC ACTIONS
18 FOR A JUST ECONOMY, AND A MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES RIGHT TO
19 COUNSEL COALITION, AND I HELP IMPLEMENT THE STAY HOUSED L.A.
20 COUNTY PROGRAM. AND I AM CALLING FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
21 TO CODIFY A RIGHT TO COUNSEL FOR TENANTS FACING EVICTION IN
22 UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY. AND FOR THAT PURPOSE, I ASK THE
23 BOARD TO ALLOCATE \$10 MILLION IN ITS ANNUAL BUDGET. IN 2021,
24 THE COUNTY LAUNCHED STAY HOUSED L.A., WHICH IS CURRENTLY

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1 SERVING THOUSANDS OF TENANTS WITH EVICTION PREVENTION. HELLO?

2 AND DEFENSE SERVICES. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

3

4 **MODERATOR:** YES.

5

6 **KAITLYN QUACKENBUSH:** OKAY. HOWEVER, THOUSANDS OF MORE TENANTS

7 STILL HAVE NEEDS THAT GO UNMET, BECAUSE WE HAVE YET PROVIDED

8 SUFFICIENT FUNDING TO GUARANTEE THIS AS A RIGHT FOR TENANTS

9 FACING EVICTION. AND SO, WHILE CONTINUING-- YES. OKAY.

10

11 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROBERT DECAMP. PLEASE

12 BEGIN.

13

14 **ROBERT DECAMP:** GOOD MORNING. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

15

16 **MODERATOR:** YES.

17

18 **ROBERT DECAMP:** OKAY, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ROBERT DECAMP. I

19 AM A MEMBER OF THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. I'M A LIFE COACH

20 ON THE H.E.A.R.T. TEAM, HOPE AND REDEMPTION TEAM, AND AS

21 SOMEONE THAT WAS INCARCERATED FROM THE AGE OF 14 TO 36-- DID

22 22 YEARS STRAIGHT-- I AM HERE TO SPEAK ON THE COUNTY'S BUDGET,

23 AND URGE THE B.O.S. TO FULLY FUND AND STAND UP FOR THE

24 DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT BY ALLOCATING \$152 MILLION TO

25 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. AND AS I SAID, AS A FORMER YOUTH OFFENDER,

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1 I CAN FULLY ATTEST TO THE PROGRAMS THAT CHANGED MY LIFE AS A
2 YOUTH OFFENDER AND SENT ME ON A DIFFERENT PATH, AND HOW MUCH
3 IT HELPS THE YOUTH IN OUR JUVENILE HALLS, OUR CAMPS, AND OUR
4 CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO BE SUPPORTIVE TO TRADE SCHOOLS,
5 FROM EVERYTHING TO JANITORIAL SERVICES AND ANYTHING IN
6 BETWEEN. AND I BELIEVE THAT IT MAKES OUR YOUTH STRONGER, AND
7 WE FULLY SUPPORT THIS.

8

9 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MIGUEL CASAR. YOU MAY
10 BEGIN.

11

12 **MIGUEL CASAR:** CAN YOU HEAR ME?

13

14 **MODERATOR:** YES.

15

16 **MIGUEL CASAR:** OKAY. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I APPRECIATE
17 THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU ALL. MY NAME IS MIGUEL CASAR,
18 WITH CAL STATE DOMINGUEZ HILLS. AND EVERY YEAR, WHEN IT IS
19 TIME TO MAKE BOLD AND COURAGEOUS DECISIONS, WE ARE ONCE AGAIN
20 GIVEN PLATITUDES ABOUT THIS COUNTY BEING A SAFETY NET FOR
21 CHILDREN, AND EQUITY THIS AND THAT, ALL WHILE CONTINUING TO
22 REPRODUCE THE VERY STRUCTURES THAT HARM CHILDREN, FAMILIES,
23 AND COMMUNITIES EVERY DAY. WE HAVE ASKED THIS BOARD TO LEAD
24 BEFORE; NOT TO PANDER TO POLITICAL INTERESTS, BUT TO LEAD. NOW
25 WE FIND OURSELVES HERE AGAIN, DOING THE SAME THINGS, BEING

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1 WITNESS TO THE TERRIBLE IMPACT OF HAVING DONE THOSE THINGS
2 LAST YEAR, AND AGAIN WE GET TO HEAR FROM SUPERVISORS SAYING
3 THAT THIS BUDGET IS A STATEMENT OF VALUES AND MORALS. DESPITE
4 THE MOUNTAIN OF EVIDENCE AND THE RESEARCH THAT THE SHERIFF'S
5 OFFICE, THAT POLICING, THAT PUNISHMENT, THAT PROBATION DO NOT
6 SUPPORT PUBLIC SAFETY, AND ON THE CONTRARY, IT COMPROMISES
7 PUBLIC SAFETY, WE ONCE AGAIN FIND OURSELVES WITH A HUGE BUDGET
8 FOR THEM. YOU ARE PUNISHING PEOPLE, AND YOU HAVE ZERO
9 ACCOUNTABILITY, SHUFFLING YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN [INAUDIBLE]
10 WITH NO PLAN, NO SUPPORT.

11
12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LYNN ACOSTA. YOU MAY BEGIN.

13
14 **LYNN ACOSTA:** GOOD MORNING. I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM 1 AND 2. MY
15 NAME IS LYNN ACOSTA. I AM A MEMBER OF THE HOPE AND REDEMPTION
16 TEAM. I'M A LIFE COACH FOR THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. AS
17 SOMEONE WHO WAS INCARCERATED FROM 1998 TO 2018, I AM HERE TO
18 SPEAK ON THE COUNTY'S BUDGET, AND URGE THE BOARD OF
19 SUPERVISORS TO FULLY FUND AND STAND UP FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
20 YOUTH, BY ALLOCATING \$152 MILLION IN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. I WANT
21 TO URGE INVESTMENT IN YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SUPPORT TEAMS. I WANT
22 TO URGE INVESTMENT IN COMMUNITY-BASED REENTRY SUPPORT, AND
23 URGE YOU TO INVEST IN STARTING AND PILOTING CREDIBLE MESSENGER
24 PROGRAMS IN FACILITIES ACROSS THE COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS VERJUVA MCDUFFIE. YOU MAY
2 BEGIN.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS VERJUVA MCDUFFIE. I AM A
5 LIFE COACH IN THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION, H.E.A.R.T.
6 REDEMPTION TEAM. I AM FULLY SUPPORTIVE OF THE YOUTH BUDGET
7 BILL. AS A FORMER JUVENILE LIFER, I WAS INCARCERATED IN ALL
8 THREE JUVENILE FACILITIES, AS WELL AS CAMP HOLT AND MILLER. I
9 CAN PERSONALLY ATTEST TO THE LACK OF CARE AND GUIDANCE IN
10 THESE JUVENILE FACILITIES. WE WERE TREATED LIKE DOGS IN A
11 KENNEL. LOOKING BACK, WHAT WAS NEEDED WAS SOME COUNSELING, AND
12 HELPING ME TRY TO UNDERSTAND MY FEELINGS, AND GETTING ME A
13 SAFE PLACE TO EXPRESS MYSELF. HAD I BEEN EXPOSED TO THESE
14 REHABILITATIVE CLASSES, I WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO EXPLORE
15 DIFFERENT OPTIONS. WE NEED REHABILITATIVE CLASSES AND LIFE
16 COACHES WITH LIVED EXPERIENCES. THANK YOU.

17

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

22

23 **SPEAKER:** [SPEAKS SPANISH] THANK YOU.

24

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS REBA STEVENS. YOU MAY
2 BEGIN.

3

4 **REBA STEVENS:** GOOD MORNING. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

5

6 **MODERATOR:** YES.

7

8 **REBA STEVENS:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS REBA
9 STEVENS, WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE. FOR 21 YEARS, FROM THE TENDER
10 AGE OF 19, I EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS, SUBSTANCE ABUSE,
11 CRIMINAL JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT, AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. WE ARE AT
12 A CRITICAL MOMENT, WHEN YOUNG PEOPLE NEED TO SEE THEMSELVES
13 REFLECTED IN THIS BUDGET. THEY HAVE TOLD US, THEY NEED AND
14 WANT A FULLY FUNDED YOUTH DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. THEY WANT
15 PREVENTION AND REDIRECTION SERVICES, AND WE NEED TO MAKE GOOD
16 ON THE PROMISE. I URGE THE BOARD TO FUND \$150 MILLION TO THE
17 DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. I ALSO ASK THIS BOARD TO FUND
18 THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY, FOR WE KNOW THAT FOR
19 THOSE OF US WITH MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES, WE CANNOT GET WELL
20 IN A CELL. AND DURING MY 21 YEARS OF BEING HOMELESS, UNTREATED
21 MENTAL ILLNESS, AND 12 ARRESTS, EVERY TIME I WAS RELEASED, I
22 HAD NOWHERE TO GO. THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY
23 PROVIDES EXCELLENT SERVICES. ADDITIONALLY, WE NEED AND WE MUST
24 FUND DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT FACILITIES. THANK YOU,

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1 HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, FOR ALLOWING ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO
2 SPEAK. THANK YOU.

3

4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS YUVAL YOUSEFI. YOU MAY
5 BEGIN.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** HI. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR MAKING THE TIME. MY NAME IS
8 YUVAL YOUSEFI. I AM A RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT, AND I
9 AM CALLING WITH THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL COALITION. I AM CALLING
10 FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO FUND THE STAY HOUSED L.A.
11 PROGRAM AND RIGHT TO EVICTION COUNSEL AT \$10 MILLION FOR ITS
12 ANNUAL BUDGET. IT IS A SMALL COST, A MERE 0.028% OF THE
13 COUNTY'S ANNUAL BUDGET, AND THAT COULD PREVENT THOUSANDS OF
14 HOUSEHOLDS FROM ENTERING HOMELESSNESS, AND IT WOULD PAY FOR
15 ITSELF. WE HAVE SEEN MANY COST-SAVING STUDIES AROUND THE
16 COUNTRY THAT SHOW THAT THIS BRINGS MANY MORE SAVINGS, AND
17 WOULD PREVENT A LOT OF DISPLACEMENT IN OUR COMMUNITIES. THE
18 COUNTY, IN 2021, LAUNCHED THE STAY HOUSED L.A. PROGRAM, AND
19 WAS A LEADER IN THAT PROGRAM, BUT WE ARE REALLY URGING YOU TO
20 CODIFY THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL, AND MAINTAIN THE CURRENT FUNDING,
21 AND MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE FULLY FUNDING IT AT \$10 MILLION PER
22 YEAR. THANK YOU.

23

24 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JANET ASANTE. YOU MAY
25 BEGIN.

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1

2 **JANET ASANTE:** HELLO. MY NAME IS JANET ASANTE, AND I AM A
3 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT FOUR, AND I AM SPEAKING ON ITEMS 1 AND 2.
4 I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT CARE FIRST,
5 AND MANY OF YOU SUPERVISORS HAVE, THAT MEANS YOU HAVE TO PUT
6 CARE FIRST, NOT IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, NOT LAST, NOT AS A
7 LITTLE AFTERTHOUGHT IN THE BUDGET. WE NEED IT NOW. YOU ARE
8 SPENDING 17 TIMES AS MUCH ON THE L.A.S.D., COMPARED TO THE
9 CARE FIRST AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT BUDGET. THAT IS A SHAME.
10 WE ARE SPENDING MORE ON LOCKING PEOPLE UP AND PUTTING THEM IN
11 PROBATION TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE GO BACK INTO PRISONS AND
12 JAILS, AS OPPOSED TO SPENDING IT ON CARING FOR PEOPLE, AS IN
13 GIVING THEM THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES THAT THEY NEED, AS IN
14 GIVING THEM THE HEALTHCARE THAT THEY NEED, AS IN GIVING THEM
15 THE RESOURCES THAT THEY NEED. AND YOU'RE RIGHT, SHEILA KUEHL,
16 WHEN YOU SAY THAT THE BUDGET IS A MORAL DOCUMENT, AND IT SHOWS
17 WHERE YOU ARE PUTTING YOUR RESOURCES. IT SHOWS WHERE YOU THINK
18 OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS, AND WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU. AND
19 ULTIMATELY, IT'S NOT CARE, BECAUSE THAT WOULD MEAN THAT YOU
20 WOULD BE FUNDING IT MORE. THAT WOULD MEAN THAT INSTEAD OF 3
21 STAFF FOR THE CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT BUDGET, IT WOULD
22 HAVE NEARLY 30,000 STAFF, LIKE THE LAW AND JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.
23 SO WE NEED MORE CARE, AND WE NEED IT FIRST. THANK YOU.

24

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MILINDA KAKANI. PLEASE
2 BEGIN.

3

4 **MILINDA KAKANI:** HI. CAN YOU HEAR ME OKAY?

5

6 **MODERATOR:** YES.

7

8 **MILINDA KAKANI:** ALL RIGHT, GREAT. GOOD MORNING. THIS IS
9 MILINDA KAKANI, WITH CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND CALIFORNIA. I AM
10 CALLING TO SPEAK ABOUT THE C.E.O.'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET. SO,
11 THERE'S THIS THING; IT'S CALLED A "RETURN ON INVESTMENT." I
12 IMAGINE YOU ARE ALL FAMILIAR WITH IT, ESPECIALLY THE C.E.O.,
13 BUT HERE'S HOW IT GOES, IN CASE YOU'RE NOT: YOU PUT MONEY INTO
14 SOMETHING. YOU MAKE AN INVESTMENT. YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A
15 VALUE-ADDED OUTCOME RELATED TO MONEY, PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH,
16 HAPPINESS, WHATEVER IT IS. AND WHAT MAKES NO SENSE TO ME IS
17 THIS COMMITMENT TO INVESTMENT IN FLAWED INSTITUTIONS, BE IT
18 THE SHERIFF, PROBATION, MAYBE EVEN D.C.F.S.; ALL OF THESE
19 INSTITUTIONS ROOTED IN NOT SEEING THE HUMANITY OF COMMUNITIES
20 OF COLOR, IN PARTICULAR. LET'S TALK ABOUT PROBATION FOR A
21 SECOND. HOW IS IT THAT YOU ARE SUED FOR THE HARM YOU CAUSED TO
22 YOUNG PEOPLE A YEAR AGO? YOUR INSTITUTIONS ARE DEEMED
23 UNSUITABLE FOR THE CONFINEMENT OF YOUTH, ESSENTIALLY TWO TIMES
24 IN A ONE-YEAR PERIOD. YOU SEXUALLY ASSAULTED YOUTH IN YOUR
25 CARE. YOUR STAFF MEMBERS HAVE BEEN CRIMINALLY CHARGED FOR

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1 THEIR USE OF O.C. SPRAY. AND YET, YOU CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN A
2 \$409 MILLION BUDGET FOR THE INCARCERATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE.
3 C.E.O., COME ON. IF YOUR PRIORITY IS TO PROTECT AND EMPOWER
4 YOUTH, THIS IS PROBABLY THE EQUIVALENT OF A MASSIVE FAIL. WE
5 ARE ASKING FOR \$152 MILLION TO STAND UP THE DEPARTMENT OF--

6

7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MAYNOR X. YOU MAY BEGIN.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** YES, CAN YOU GUYS HEAR ME?

10

11 **MODERATOR:** YES.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. YEAH, I AM JUST HERE TO REALLY JUST URGE YOU
14 GUYS TO, YOU KNOW, LIKE EVERYBODY HAS BEEN SAYING, INVEST IN
15 THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT WITH \$152 MILLION, AND TO
16 REDUCE PROBATION'S VOTED \$1 BILLION BUDGET. AS YOU CAN HEAR
17 AND KNOW, PROBATION IS LACKING ON EVEN-- GOING TO WORK, WE
18 HEAR FROM THE YOUTH THAT THERE'S NO PROGRAMS. THEY ARE ON
19 LOCKDOWN BECAUSE OF LACK OF PROBATION, BUT YET, WE STILL FUND
20 PROBATION. WE NEED TO INVEST IN PROGRAMS THAT WORK, LIKE
21 L.A.Y.U.P. AND ALL THESE OTHER COMMUNITY ORGS. SO, I URGE YOU
22 GUYS TO PLEASE FULLY FUND THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.
23 THANK YOU.

24

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CHRISTOPHER IGE. PLEASE GO
2 AHEAD.

3

4 **CHRISTOPHER IGE:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THIS IS
5 CHRISTOPHER IGE, FROM THE UNION OF AMERICAN PHYSICIANS AND
6 DENTISTS, AND WE ARE HERE TODAY REPRESENTING OUR PHYSICIANS
7 AND DENTISTS AND PHARMACISTS AND VETERINARIANS, TO ASK THAT
8 THE BUDGET ADDRESS THE INEQUALITY THAT OUR MEMBERS GET IN
9 BENEFITS. OUR MEMBERS GET 20% LESS BENEFITS THAN OTHER COUNTY
10 EMPLOYEES. DURING THE PANDEMIC, OUR MEMBERS WERE IN THE FRONT
11 LINES, RISKING THEIR LIVES, YET THE COUNTY STOPPED PROVIDING
12 SHORT-TERM DISABILITY AND A 401(K) FOR OUR MEMBERS. WE HAVE
13 THE HIGHEST VACANCY RATE, AND THE COUNTY SAYS IT IS IMPORTANT
14 TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN DOCTORS. YET, ALL YOU OFFER THEM IS A
15 BENEFITS PACKAGE THAT IS 20% LESS THAN EVERYONE ELSE WORKING
16 IN THE COUNTY. WE ASK FOR YOUR HELP TO FIX THIS. THANK YOU.

17

18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MEGAN RUBLE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

19

20 **MEGAN RUBLE:** HI. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS MEGAN
21 RUBLE. I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM NUMBER 2. I AM A LOS ANGELES
22 ARTIST, AND I AM CALLING TO ASK FOR AN INCREASE IN THE
23 ORGANIZATIONAL ARTS PROGRAM-- OR O.G.P-- BUDGET TO \$9 MILLION,
24 TO ENSURE THE SURVIVAL OF SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ARTS
25 ORGANIZATIONS. L.A. ARTISTS ALSO NEED INCREASED ACCESS TO

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1 AFFORDABLE SPACE FOR ARTISTS AND ARTS ORGANIZATIONS, SO THAT
2 THEY CAN CONTINUE TO CREATE ART HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
3 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

4

5 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MEREDITH GALLEN. YOU MAY
6 BEGIN.

7

8 **MEREDITH GALLEN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MEREDITH GALLEN. I
9 AM WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDERS UNION. I AM
10 HERE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS NUMBER 1 AND 2. WE, THE PUBLIC
11 DEFENDERS, APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S STATED COMMITMENT TO CARE
12 FIRST, JAIL LAST. THIS BOARD RECOGNIZES THAT, IN ORDER TO
13 ADDRESS ISSUES RELATED TO HOUSELESSNESS AND MENTAL HEALTHCARE,
14 WE MUST INVEST IN ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. AS PUBLIC
15 DEFENDERS, WE ARE ON THE FRONT LINES OF PROVIDING SERVICES TO
16 THE PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE IN THE MOST NEED OF THOSE
17 SERVICES. THE BUDGET PROPOSED BY THE C.E.O. FOR THE OFFICES OF
18 PUBLIC DEFENDER IS INSUFFICIENT TO ALLOW US TO PROVIDE FOR A
19 CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST MODEL, AND ALSO TO MEET OUR SIXTH-
20 AMENDMENT OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE AND
21 COUNSEL TO OUR CLIENTS. WE ARE ASKING FOR THE BOARD TO FUND
22 US, SO THAT WE ARE ABLE TO CONNECT OUR CLIENTS TO THE KIND OF
23 SERVICES THAT THE COUNTY IS SEEKING TO FUND, AND TO MAKE THE
24 MODEL FOR ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION FOR THE COUNTRY. THANK
25 YOU.

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1

2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SEAN GAGE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

3

4 **SEAN GAGE:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SEAN GAGE. I AM A LIFE
5 COACH WITH THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION HOPE AND REDEMPTION
6 TEAM. I AM IN SUPPORT OF THE YOUTH BUDGET BILL. OUR MOST
7 PRECIOUS AND PRICELESS RESOURCE IS OUR YOUTH. TO INVEST IN OUR
8 YOUTH IS TO INVEST IN OUR FUTURE. THIS BUDGET WILL ALLOW US,
9 AS A COMMUNITY, TO SHOW OUR YOUTH THAT WE BELIEVE IN AND CARE
10 ABOUT THEM AND THEIR FUTURES. THANK YOU.

11

12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JANET KELLY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

13

14 **JANET KELLY:** HELLO. MY NAME IS JANET KELLY. I AM THE EXECUTIVE
15 DIRECTOR OF SANCTUARY OF HOPE, AS WELL AS A SECOND-DISTRICT
16 RESIDENT. I AM SPEAKING ON ITEMS 1 AND 2. I ASK THAT YOU TRULY
17 INVEST IN OUR YOUTHS' PROMISE AND POTENTIAL. TOO MANY TIMES,
18 YOUNG PEOPLE DON'T RECEIVE THE FULL INVESTMENT THAT WE OWE
19 THEM TO IMPROVE THEIR OVERALL WELLBEING. WE HOSTED A C.F.C.I.
20 LISTENING SESSION YESTERDAY, WITH 25 YOUNG PEOPLE IN SOUTH
21 L.A., AND WE WILL HOST ANOTHER ONE TOMORROW, WITH 30 MORE, IN
22 THE SOUTH BAY. AND YOUNG FOLKS SAID THAT THEY WANT MORE
23 SUPPORT WITH THEIR CASE PLANS TO BE REMOVED FROM PROBATION
24 QUICKLY, SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION, LEGAL ASSISTANCE, AND
25 CRISIS INTERVENTION. AND NOT SURPRISINGLY, THEY SAID THAT THEY

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1 WANTED PEOPLE LIKE YOU TO PRIORITIZE THEM BY FUNDING
2 PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION SERVICES, TO PRESERVE AND
3 STRENGTHEN THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES. EVEN AS WE ARE
4 EXPANDING INTO ANTELOPE VALLEY, WE ARE HEARING THE SAME
5 DEMANDS. IT IS MY HOPE THAT YOU INVEST AND ALLOCATE \$150
6 MILLION OR MORE TO FULLY FUND THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH
7 DEVELOPMENT, AND GIVE OUR YOUTH WHAT THEY DESERVE: AN L.A.
8 COUNTY FAMILY READY TO REALIZE THEIR POSSIBILITIES.

9

10 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LYDIA SCOTT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN BY SAYING THANK YOU FOR YOUR
13 OVERWHELMING SUPPORT OF THE AQUATICS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. YOUR
14 INSIGHT HAS ALLOWED MANY CONSTITUENTS TO AGAIN ENJOY HEALTH
15 EQUITY WITHIN THE POOL. THERE ARE STILL MANY AQUATICS PROGRAM
16 USERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO UTILIZE THE NEIGHBORHOOD POOL, BECAUSE
17 OF THE ENTRANCE FEES. WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE IS THE
18 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CONTINUE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH
19 DISABILITIES, AND SENIOR CITIZENS CURRENTLY 65 YEARS OLD. WE
20 WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU LOWER THAT AGE OF SENIORS TO 50 YEARS.
21 ADDITIONALLY, WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE INCLUSION OF LOW-INCOME
22 CITIZENS UNDER THE AGE OF 50 YEARS BE ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE
23 OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM; YOU KNOW, THOSE RECEIVING PUBLIC
24 L.A. COUNTY ASSISTANCE. AND LASTLY, WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A
25 "PAY AS YOU GO" PROGRAM, SIMILAR TO THAT USED BY LOS ANGELES

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1 CITY POOLS, WHERE RESIDENTS CAUGHT WITHIN THE DIGITAL DIVIDE,
2 WHO ARE LACKING A COMPUTER, INTERNET SERVICE, AND KNOWLEDGE ON
3 HOW TO USE THEM, ARE THOSE UNABLE TO PAY FOR MONTHLY ENTRANCE.
4 THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH.

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ALEXIA THENA. YOU MAY
7 BEGIN.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ALEXIA THENA, AND I AM WITH
10 THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. I AM A RESIDENT OF THE FIFTH
11 DISTRICT, AND I WANT TO URGE THE BOARD TO FULLY FUND THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, BY ALLOCATING \$152 MILLION TO
13 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. THE COUNTY SPENDS \$570 MILLION ON
14 PROBATION'S JUVENILE OPERATIONS, AND ONLY A FRACTION OF THE
15 COUNTY'S BUDGET GOES TO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND YOUTH REENTRY
16 SERVICES. YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED IS A VISION TO INVEST IN
17 YOUTHS' POTENTIAL, WITH HAVING CREDIBLE MESSENGERS ON THEIR
18 JOURNEY EVERY STEP OF THE WAY. THANK YOU.

19

20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JAMES NELSON. YOU MAY
21 BEGIN.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. YEAH, MY NAME IS JAMES NELSON. I AM WITH
24 D.P.N., DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. FORMALLY INCARCERATED, SPENT 29
25 YEARS INSIDE, BEEN HOME 8 YEARS. AND BEING A PART OF THE WORK

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1 THAT IS TAKING PLACE HERE IN L.A., WITH JUSTICE L.A., AND JUST
2 KNOWING THE WORK THAT WE DONE TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITIES
3 THAT'S BEEN MARGINALIZED, AND TO KNOW THAT THESE THINGS HAVE
4 WON, BUT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN IMPLEMENTED, LIKE, NOW, TO GIVE
5 THE POLICE MORE MONEY IS JUST REALLY LUDICROUS. AGAIN, THESE
6 ARE THE FOLKS THAT DON'T EVEN WANT TO TAKE A SWORN OATH WHEN
7 THEY COME AND GIVE PUBLIC TESTIMONY. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT
8 HAVE KNOWN GANG MEMBERS ON THEIR DEPARTMENT, AND DON'T WANT TO
9 RECTIFY THE PROBLEM. BUT WHEN WE FOUGHT TO GET THE COMMUNITY
10 SOME SUPPORT AND SOME CARE, FUNDING ALTERNATIVES TO
11 INCARCERATION, FUNDING A CARE-FIRST BUDGET, YOU KNOW, THESE
12 FOLKS IS NOT STILL GETTING THE ATTENTION THAT THEY NEED. AND I
13 THINK IT SHOULD BE UPON EACH BOARD MEMBER TO MAKE SURE THAT
14 THESE THINGS IS IMPLEMENTED IN THE COMMUNITY IN A REAL WAY,
15 AND NOT JUST KEEP TALKING ABOUT IT, NOT JUST KEEP PROLONGING
16 IT, AND NOT JUST KEEP ON GIVING MONEY TO WHERE PROBLEMATIC
17 PROBLEMS IS COMING FROM.

18
19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS OLIVIA SHIELDS. YOU MAY
20 BEGIN.

21
22 **OLIVIA SHIELDS:** HI. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

23
24 **MODERATOR:** YES.

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1 **OLIVIA SHIELDS:** HI. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS OLIVIA SHIELDS,
2 WITH THE URBAN PEACE INSTITUTE AND L.A. YOUTH UPRISING
3 COALITION, AND I WANT TO DEMAND THAT \$152.5 MILLION BE
4 INVESTED IN STANDING UP THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT,
5 WHICH THE BOARD SAID THAT THEY WOULD DO BY JULY 1ST, AS WELL
6 AS DOLLARS FOR YOUTH SERVICES, 24-HOUR YOUTH CENTERS WITHIN
7 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT NETWORKS, PARTICULARLY INVESTMENTS IN S.P.A.
8 1, WHICH IS ANTELOPE VALLEY, AND S.P.A. 6, SOUTH L.A.; YES
9 TEAMS, CREDIBLE MESSENGERS, AND REENTRY, WHICH ALSO INCLUDES
10 \$50 MILLION IN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN DOLLARS FOR YOUTH CENTERS
11 AND HOUSING, ESPECIALLY GIVEN THE FACT THAT L.A. COUNTY WILL
12 RECEIVE \$975 MILLION IN ONE-TIME A.R.P. FUNDS THIS YEAR. YOU
13 CAN DO SO BY REDUCING PROBATION'S BUDGET-- SPECIFICALLY
14 JUVENILE PROBATION'S BUDGET-- OF \$570 MILLION, BY CUTTING ALL
15 400 VACANT AND FROZEN POSITIONS THAT HAVE EXISTED FOR THE LAST
16 3 YEARS. PROBATION HAS FAILED OUR YOUTH TIME AND TIME AND TIME
17 AGAIN FOR COUNTLESS REASONS, YET THEY STILL RECEIVE THE LION'S
18 SHARE OF THE BUDGET, ESPECIALLY IN COMPARISON TO FUNDING FOR
19 YOUTH. AS MY COLLEAGUES HAVE SO BEAUTIFULLY SAID, IT IS
20 CRUCIAL THAT WE FUND THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT TO BE
21 ROBUSTLY STAFFED AND FULLY PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE YOUNG
22 PEOPLE, THE PEOPLE THAT MAKE UP OUR FUTURE. TO BUILD A COUNTY
23 THAT EMBRACES SAFETY AND CARE, WE NEED TO INVEST IN
24 REIMAGINING YOUTH JUSTICE, SO THAT YOUNG PEOPLE ARE INUNDATED
25 WITH SUPPORT.

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1

2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SIR BAILEY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

3

4 **SIR BAILEY:** HOO-EY! SIR BAILEY, HUMANITY FACILITATOR WITH
5 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION, WITH YOUTHBUILD CHARTER SCHOOLS OF
6 CALIFORNIA. EVERYBODY OUGHT TO KNOW ABOUT [INAUDIBLE] OUT IN
7 THE CONGO, HOW TO BEAT POVERTY OUT LIKE A BONGO. THOMAS MORE
8 SAID, "THINK BIG," OVER 500 YEARS AGO, AND IT WAS IN 2020 THAT
9 YOUNG PEOPLE DID THE RESEARCH THAT MADE THE PEOPLE OF
10 CALIFORNIA SPEAK OUT LOUD: "YES, WE HAVE SPOKEN, AND WE'RE NOT
11 JOKIN'." WE GOT TO SHARE THE MONEY. YOU KNOW, FUND DEPARTMENT
12 OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. FUND YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED. THIS IS--
13 THERE IS NO OPTION. THIS IS A TIME-- DETENTION CENTERS IN
14 PENNSYLVANIA ARE WATCHING AND SEEING, HOW DOES IT WORK? HOW DO
15 WE HAVE PEOPLE WITH LICENSE TO OPERATE COMING BACK AND STAYING
16 IN SOCIETY, BECAUSE WE REALLY ARE REBUILDING A NEW SOCIETY?
17 OPEN HEARTS, RECONCILIATION. RECONCILIATION: IT IS AN ECONOMIC
18 TERM. YES, REPARATIONS. POWER TO THE PEOPLE. THANK YOU FOR
19 ALLOWING ME TO SHARE. YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION, L.A.Y.U.P. AND
20 YOU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, YOU CAN DO IT. SHARE THE MONEY.

21

22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LEAH ZEIDLER-ORDAZ. YOU MAY
23 BEGIN.

24

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1 **LEAH ZEIDLER-ORDAZ:** HI. GOOD MORNING. THIS IS LEAH ZEIDLER-
2 ORDAZ, WITH U.C.L.A. LAW'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM. I AM
3 CALLING ON THE BOARD TO ADJUST THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET, IN
4 ORDER TO FULLY FUND THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. THE
5 DEPARTMENT NEEDS AT LEAST \$150 MILLION THIS YEAR, IN ORDER TO
6 REALIZE THE VISION OF Y.J.R., AND PROPERLY STAND UP D.Y.D. BY
7 JULY 1ST OF THIS YEAR. \$150 MILLION WILL DO THE FOLLOWING:
8 BEGIN THE PROCESS OF BUILDING YOUTH DEVELOPMENT NETWORKS IN
9 FOUR S.P.A.S, PAY FOR THE YES TEAM PILOT THAT THE YOUTH
10 JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP IS ORGANIZING, PLACING CREDIBLE
11 MESSENGERS IN FACILITIES AND FUNDING COMMUNITY-BASED REENTRY
12 SERVICES, AND FUNDING [INAUDIBLE] HOUSING. ALL OF THIS FOR
13 \$150 MILLION IS A DEAL. COMPARE THAT TO \$570 MILLION FOR AN
14 INHERENTLY FLAWED, FAILING PROBATION JUVENILE SERVICES
15 DEPARTMENT. THE ANSWER IS SIMPLE: FUND Y.J.R. THANK YOU.

16

17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ACE ANIA. YOU MAY BEGIN.

18

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

20

21 **MODERATOR:** YES.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, PERFECT. THANK YOU. MY NAME IS ACE ANIA,
24 PRONOUNS THEY/THEM. I AM WORKING, CURRENTLY, WITH THE
25 TRANSLATING COALITION, AND I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS BOTH THINGS

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1 ON THE BUDGET, FIRST THING BEING, I HOPE THAT THERE IS A MUCH
2 MORE PARTICIPATORY WAY THAT COMMUNITY MEMBERS CAN INVOLVE AND
3 GIVE INPUT TO THE BUDGET PROCESS, MORE THAN JUST ONE MINUTE.
4 ANOTHER THING THAT I WANT TO MENTION IS, I WANT TO CALL FOR
5 B.O.S., THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TO HONOR THE PEOPLE'S VOTER
6 MANDATE TO INVEST \$900 MILLION EACH YEAR. THIS SHOULD NOT BE
7 AN ISSUE, AND IT IS, AGAIN, A DROP IN THE BUCKET COMPARED TO
8 THE POLICE BUDGET. I WANT TO ADVOCATE TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL
9 JAIL, FUND YOUTH JUSTICE FOR MORE THAN \$75 MILLION OUT OF
10 PROBATION, AND SUPPORT L.A. YOUTH HOLISTICALLY, AND NOT
11 CRIMINALIZE THE FUTURE OF L.A., OF THE UNITED STATES, OF THE
12 WORLD. AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS INTENTIONAL AND
13 URGENT ACTION, AS PROPOSED BY THINGS LIKE THE A.R.D.I.
14 INITIATIVE, RIGHT? ESPECIALLY FOR L.G.B.T.Q. YOUTH, WHO TAKE
15 UP 20% OF THE... 20% OF THE YOUTH THAT--

16

17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS AMBROSE BROOKS. PLEASE
18 BEGIN.

19

20 **AMBROSE BROOKS:** AH, YES. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

21

22 **MODERATOR:** YES.

23

24 **AMBROSE BROOKS:** HI, YES. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

25

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1 **MODERATOR:** YES.

2

3 **AMBROSE BROOKS:** HI. MY NAME IS AMBROSE BROOKS. I AM THE
4 COALITION COORDINATOR OF THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION, AND A
5 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 3. I AM CURIOUS: HOW IS THIS CARE FIRST
6 AND COMMUNITY FIRST, WHEN THE COUNTY IS ALLOCATING 45 MINUTES,
7 ONE MINUTE EACH, TO HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC, IN A COUNTY OF 10
8 MILLION PEOPLE? A MAJORITY OF THIS BOARD CONTINUES TO SPEAK OF
9 CARE FIRST, OF THEIR COMMITMENT TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL,
10 BUT WHAT THIS BUDGET REVEALS IS, YET AGAIN, YOU ARE NOT
11 PUTTING YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS. CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL
12 JAIL BY MARCH 2023, AND TO DO THAT, YOU NEED TO FUND THE
13 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS-- PUBLIC DEFENDERS, OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND
14 REENTRY, HEALTH SERVICES-- AND INVEST IN CARE FIRST COMMUNITY
15 INVESTMENT TO SUCCESSFULLY CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. WHERE IS
16 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL CLOSURE AND CARE FIRST REFLECTED IN THE
17 BUDGET? IT'S NOT. \$3.4 BILLION FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,
18 WHEN THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY IS FACING A COUNTY-
19 CREATED DEFICIT. YOU HEARD FROM PUBLIC DEFENDERS TODAY, WHO
20 ARE TELLING YOU THEY NEED MORE FUNDING TO PROVIDE
21 CONSTITUTIONALLY REQUIRED SERVICES. THERE ARE SO MANY OTHER
22 WAYS TO FUND CARE FIRST, BEYOND FUNDING THE PROBATION AND
23 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND WE URGE THIS COUNTY TO CONSIDER THIS
24 AS THEY PRESENT THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. THANK YOU.

25

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

5

6 **SPEAKER:** [SPEAKS SPANISH] THANK YOU.

7

8 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JANET ASANTE. YOU MAY
9 BEGIN.

10

11 **JANET ASANTE:** HI. I AM BACK AGAIN, BECAUSE ONE MINUTE IS NOT
12 ENOUGH. AS THE LAST SPEAKER SAID, AMBROSE BROOKS, WE
13 DEFINITELY NEED MORE INPUT IN OUR COMMUNITY. I AM A RESIDENT
14 OF DISTRICT FOUR, AND AS THEY SAID, WE NEED TO CLOSE MEN'S
15 CENTRAL JAIL BY MARCH 2023. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR
16 COMMUNITY IS PROPERLY INVESTED IN. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT
17 THERE'S \$900 MILLION FUNDING FROM THE COUNTY BUDGET GOING
18 TOWARDS THE CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT. WE NEED \$2.17
19 BILLION, ANNUALLY, FROM C.F.C.I. WE NEED TO FUND THE YOUTH
20 JUSTICE REIMAGINED, BY SHIFTING \$75 MILLION OUT OF PROBATION
21 AS PART OF THE CARE FIRST BUDGET.

22

23 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS EDDIE FLEMING. YOU MAY
24 BEGIN. EDDIE FLEMING, YOUR LINE IS NOW OPEN. YES.

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, ALL RIGHT. MY NAME IS EDDIE FLEMING. I'M
2 ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 1 AND 2, AND I WANT TO MAKE A COMMENT
3 ON THE PROCESS, AND EVEN... SIX- OR SEVEN-MONTH LISTENING
4 SESSIONS. SEE, I HAVE BEEN DOING THE DATA IN BETWEEN THAT. IN
5 BETWEEN THE SIX-, SEVEN-, AND NINE-MONTH SESSION, THERE'S
6 DEATHS. THERE'S MANY DEATHS. SO, WHAT I WANT TO SUGGEST TO ALL
7 OF THEM, TO EVERY DISTRICT, BECAUSE WE ARE SPEAKING ABOUT
8 HUMANITY... WE NEED TO PURCHASE BACK OLYMPIA HOSPITAL FROM
9 U.C.L.A., AND HAVE THE ENGAGERS, BOOTS ON THE GROUND, DELIVER
10 THE PATIENTS, OR CLIENTS, OR ANYONE EXPERIENCING OR SUFFERING
11 MENTAL ILLNESS OR DRUG ABUSE, AND DELIVER THEM TO THAT
12 LOCATION. YOUR SERVICE PROVIDERS DON'T EVEN HAVE A HUB FOR
13 OURSELVES. HOW IS THIS EFFECTIVE IN ANY WAY? IT SEEMS LIKE A
14 DOG-AND-PONY SHOW. THE SAME PEOPLE RECEIVING THE FUNDING, WHEN
15 YOU GET INTO THE R.F.P.S., YOU NEED THIS APPROVAL, THAT
16 APPROVAL. SO LET'S MOVE AWAY FROM THAT AND INVEST THE MONEY,
17 PURCHASE BACK OLYMPIA HOSPITAL, ALLOW FOR EVERY ORGANIZATION
18 TO HAVE A BASE FOR THE PEOPLE TO CARE FOR. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

19

20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SILVIA MARROQUIN. YOU MAY
21 BEGIN.

22

23 **SILVIA MARROQUIN:** YES, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME'S SILVIA
24 MARROQUIN. I AM A SENIOR ORGANIZER WITH STRATEGIC ACTIONS FOR
25 JUST ECONOMIES, AND I AM ALSO PART OF THE-- WE'RE ALSO PART OF

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1 THE COALITION FOR THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL. AND SO, THIS MORNING,
2 I AM APPROACHING THE BOARD TO PLEASE ASK THEM TO PUT \$10
3 MILLION FOR THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL. WE KNOW THAT STAY HOUSED
4 L.A. IS DOING THE BEST THAT THEY CAN, BUT WE NEED THIS NOT AS
5 A PROGRAM. WE NEED THIS AS A RIGHT. WE HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE
6 THAT ARE IN DIRE NEED OF AN ATTORNEY, AND WE ARE TALKING ABOUT
7 NUMBERS. HOW MANY FLOWERS DOES A WOMAN-- AN 86-YEAR-OLD WOMAN-
8 - NEED TO SELL A MONTH, TO PAY \$800 A MONTH IN RENT? WE
9 REALLY, REALLY NEED THESE SERVICES FOR NOT JUST THE PEOPLE
10 THAT NEED IT THE MOST; WE NEED IT FOR THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES, AS
11 WELL. RIGHT?

12

13 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MEGAN CASTILLO. YOU MAY
14 BEGIN.

15

16 **MEGAN CASTILLO:** HELLO. CAN YOU ALL HEAR ME?

17

18 **MODERATOR:** YES.

19

20 **MEGAN CASTILLO:** HI. MY NAME IS MEGAN CASTILLO, AND I AM THE
21 COALITION COORDINATOR FOR THE REIMAGINE L.A. COALITION. I AM
22 CALLING TO IMPLORE THE BOARD TO ACTUALLY INVEST IN CARE-FIRST
23 BUDGET ITEMS. WE HAVE SAT ON NUMEROUS COMMISSIONS, SAT ON
24 NUMEROUS BOARDS [INAUDIBLE] BOARD OFFICES, TO REALIZE A CARE-
25 FIRST VISION. RIGHT? AND SO A PART OF THAT, WE WANT TO MAKE

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1 SURE THAT WE ARE CLOSING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. IN ORDER TO CLOSE
2 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, WE HAVE TO INVEST IN SERVICES. WE HAVE TO
3 MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS A SAFETY NET FOR OUR YOUTH. WE HAVE TO
4 MAKE SURE THAT THERE ARE RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR OUR YOUTH. WE
5 NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE COMMITTING TO BUILDING THE CARE-
6 FIRST VISION THROUGH EXTENSIVE COMMUNITY COLLABORATION,
7 FUNDING YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED BY SHIFTING \$150 MILLION AND
8 SHIFTING \$75 MILLION OUT OF PROBATION, AS A PART OF THE CARE-
9 FIRST VISION; AND, OF COURSE, FUNDING THE CARE-FIRST BUDGET BY
10 \$2 BILLION, ANNUALLY, BY LEVERAGING DOLLARS IN C.F.C.I. AND
11 OTHER LOCAL AND STATE AND FEDERAL RESERVES. THANK YOU.

12

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

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MODERATOR, FOR
17 MANAGING THAT PROCESS FOR US, AND WE WANT TO THANK THOSE WHO
18 DID CALL IN AND SHARE YOUR PERSPECTIVE. AGAIN, YOU MAY
19 CONTINUE TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS, AS INDICATED ON THE
20 AGENDA, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT THEM AND MAKE SURE THAT
21 THEY BECOME A PART OF OUR OFFICIAL RECORD. AT THIS POINT,
22 COLLEAGUES, I MOVE--

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR?

25

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

2

3 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THERE ARE TWO SPEAKERS LEFT IN THE QUEUE,
4 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THEM.

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** LET'S HEAR THEM. WE WILL HEAR THESE
7 FINAL TWO. APPRECIATE THAT.

8

9 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WE WILL NOW GO TO THE LINE
10 OF DR. MAUREEN MCCOLLOUGH. YOU MAY BEGIN.

11

12 **MAUREEN MCCOLLOUGH:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DR.
13 MAUREEN MCCOLLOUGH, AND I'M ADDRESSING THE BUDGET. I AM AN
14 EMERGENCY MEDICINE PHYSICIAN AT OLIVE VIEW. A RECENT L.A.
15 TIMES ARTICLE HIGHLIGHTED THE SIGNIFICANT DELAYS IN DIAGNOSTIC
16 PROCEDURES AND SUBSPECIALTY VISITS, AND SHOWCASES THE REAL
17 DIFFICULTIES D.H.S. IS HAVING IN RECRUITING AND RETAINING
18 PHYSICIANS. BECAUSE OF THE UNIONIZATION OF PHYSICIANS,
19 BENEFITS WERE SIGNIFICANTLY CURTAILED FOR NEW POSITIONS. THIS
20 MEANT HIGHER INSURANCE PREMIUMS, LOSS OF MATCHING 401(K), AND
21 THE LOSS OF SHORT-TERM DISABILITY. WE ARE NOT COMPETITIVE WITH
22 THE COMMUNITY. A LETTER ABOUT P.E.P.R.A. TO THE BOARD OF
23 SUPERVISORS IN 2012, FROM THE C.E.O., OUTLINED THE DIFFICULTY
24 THAT WOULD RESULT IN THE ABILITY TO COMPETE FOR, RECRUIT, AND
25 RETAIN PROFESSIONALS. LOWER SALARIES, WORSE BENEFITS, AND NOW

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1 A CAP ON RETIREMENT PENSIONS HAVE LED TO THE CURRENT POSITION
2 SHORTAGES. IN ADDITION, THE VARYING BENEFITS AND RETIREMENT
3 PACKAGES AMONG COLLEAGUES THAT WORK SIDE BY SIDE IN MANAGEMENT
4 IS DEMORALIZING. WE NEED THE TOOLS AND WORKFORCE, SO WE CAN
5 AVOID FUTURE LOS ANGELES TIMES ARTICLES AND STATE
6 INVESTIGATIONS. BY IMPROVING THE BENEFITS PACKAGE TO RECRUIT
7 AND RETAIN PROFESSIONALS, YOU WILL ENSURE THAT THE COUNTY IS
8 ABLE TO OFFER TIMELY AND QUALITY MEDICAL CARE. I THANK YOU.

9

10 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DIANA ZUNIGA. PLEASE BEGIN.

11

12 **DIANA ZUNIGA:** HI, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS DIANA ZUNIGA. I'M WITH
13 TRES LUNAS. I'VE MONITORED THE BUDGET YEAR AFTER YEAR, AND IT
14 STILL LOOKS THE SAME. THERE IS ALWAYS A SLIGHT INCREASE IN THE
15 SHERIFF'S BUDGET, WHICH IS NOW LEADING TO A \$3.4 BILLION
16 BUDGET FROM OUR SHERIFF, THAT HAS INFLICTED A LOT OF PAIN IN
17 OUR COMMUNITIES. ADDITIONALLY, WE NEED TO SHIFT THIS BUDGET
18 PROCESS, LIKE THAT OF THE STATE, AND INCORPORATE PARTICIPATORY
19 BUDGETING PROCESSES, BECAUSE THERE REALLY DOES NEED TO BE MORE
20 MONITORING OF THESE DEPARTMENT BUDGETS. AN EXAMPLE OF WHY THIS
21 HAS TO HAPPEN IS TO SEE THAT THE C.F.C.I. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
22 RESOURCES ARE BEING USED TO FUND H.E.I. STAFF, AND NOT ALL
23 GOING TO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. IN THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL
24 CLOSURE WORK, RESOURCES ARE GOING TO STAFF INSTEAD OF THE BEDS
25 NEEDED TO GET PEOPLE OUT OF THE JAIL. AT THIS POINT, WE NEED

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1 TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL BY MARCH 2023, FULLY FUND CARE
2 FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT, FUND THE CARE FIRST BUDGET, FUND
3 YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, AND REALLY COMMIT TO BUILDING A
4 CARE-FIRST VISION THAT WE ALL BUILT TOGETHER, AND THAT WE NEED
5 ACCOUNTABILITY AROUND, TO ENSURE THAT WE CAN WITNESS ACTUAL
6 RACIAL EQUITY OUTCOMES THAT LEAD TO ACTUAL SERVICE ACCESS TO
7 BLACK, BROWN, AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE.

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I BELIEVE THE MODERATOR SAID WE HAD TWO
10 MORE. ARE THERE ADDITIONAL?

11

12 **MODERATOR:** WE DO. THIS IS DAMON ALA. YOU MAY BEGIN.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS DAMON. I AM A SOCIAL WORKER INTERN AT
15 U.S.C., WITH DIGNITY AND POWER NOW AND L.A. YOUTH UPRISING.
16 FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT IT IS NOT COOL THAT WE ONLY
17 GET ONE MINUTE, AND I WOULD LIKE TO FOCUS THE REMAINDER OF MY
18 COMMENTS ON THE COMBINED BUDGETS OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
19 AND PROBATION DEPARTMENT OF \$4.4 BILLION, IN CONTRAST WITH THE
20 DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT BUDGET, WHICH IS NOTHING, AND
21 WE NEED TO CHANGE THIS. WE NEED TO FULLY FUND THE DEPARTMENT
22 OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. WE NEED AT LEAST \$150 MILLION THIS YEAR
23 TO MAKE YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED A REALITY, AND WE CAN DO THIS
24 BY UTILIZING A.R.P.A. FUNDS, AND BY REDUCING JUVENILE
25 PROBATION'S \$570 MILLION BUDGET TO FUND YOUTH JUSTICE

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1 REIMAGINED. AGAIN, WHAT WE WANT TO SEE IS A REDUCTION IN THE
2 BUDGET FOR BOTH PROBATION AND SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND AN
3 INCREASE IN THE BUDGETS FOR YOUTH, MENTAL HEALTH, PUBLIC
4 HEALTH, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, AND CHILDREN AND FAMILY
5 SERVICES, THAT ARE IN LINE WITH A CARE-FIRST APPROACH. BUT
6 WHAT WE HAVE IS A \$4.4 BILLION BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S
7 DEPARTMENT AND PROBATION DEPARTMENT, DESPITE THE FACT THAT LOS
8 ANGELES HAS COMMITTED TO BEING A CARE-FIRST COUNTY.

9

10 **MODERATOR:** AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE
11 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME. DO
12 NOT PRESS 1 THEN 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM
13 THE QUEUE. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT WILL BE BARBARA BONDURANT. YOU
14 MAY BEGIN.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS BARBARA BONDURANT. I TAKE CARE OF
17 MICHAEL COGLEY. I HAVE BEEN A HOME CARE PROVIDER FOR 42 YEARS,
18 AND I HAVE BEEN WITH THE I.H.S.S. HOME CARE PROGRAM FOR 14
19 YEARS. I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU, CAREGIVERS LIKE ME
20 PROVIDE AN EXTREMELY ESSENTIAL SERVICE IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE
21 CARE FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE, AND WE KEEP THEM OUT OF
22 INSTITUTIONS LIKE NURSING HOMES AND GROUP HOMES. TODAY, I WANT
23 TO ASK THAT THE BUDGET YOU COME UP WITH WILL REFLECT HOW
24 ESSENTIAL YOU FEEL THAT HOME CARE WORKERS ARE FOR THIS COUNTY.
25 WE SHOULD NOT BE FORCED TO CHOOSE WHICH BASIC NEED WE CAN

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1 COVER. I REALLY WANT TO SEE YOU SUPPORT HOME CARE WORKERS AND
2 ACKNOWLEDGE THE AMOUNT THAT WE SAVE THE COUNTY BY KEEPING
3 PEOPLE OUT OF INSTITUTIONS. THANK YOU.

4

5 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BYRON JOSE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **BYRON JOSE:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS BYRON JOSE, AND I WORK AT
8 THE TRANSLATIN@ COALITION. I AM A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT NUMBER
9 2. I WANTED TO AGAIN REITERATE THE EFFORT AND THE SUPPORT OF
10 Y.J.C. WE HAVE TO FUND THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. WE
11 NEED TO A \$100 MILLION INVESTMENT IN THE CARE FIRST COMMUNITY
12 INVESTMENT, AND WE NEED TO LOOK AT THE DIFFERENT NEEDS OF
13 TRANS AND GENDER-NONCONFORMING COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE COUNTY,
14 BUT ALSO IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE COUNTY. AS THE
15 LARGEST TRANS-LAT ORGANIZATION, THE TRANSLATIN@ COALITION NOT
16 ONLY ADVOCATES, BUT A THIRD OF THESE COMMUNITIES WERE ALSO
17 PART-- ONE OF THE CO-CHAIRS OF THE IMMIGRANTS ARE L.A.
18 CAMPAIGN. SO, LOOKING AT THOSE DEMANDS, LOOKING AT THE
19 A.R.P.A. FUNDS. AND AGAIN, THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE
20 COUNTY, FOR EVERY SINGLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TO STEP UP AND
21 SERVE THEIR CONSTITUENTS, AND TRULY INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITIES,
22 AND NOT CONTINUE TO INVEST IN THE FAILED POLICIES OF SHERIFF
23 AND INCARCERATION, AND CRIMINALIZING OUR COMMUNITIES. SO, WE
24 DEFINITELY WANT TO AGAIN UPHOLD EVERYTHING THAT WE SHARE ON
25 HOUSING, AROUND YOUTH JUSTICE, AROUND REALLY INVESTING IN THE

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1 COMMUNITIES, SPECIFICALLY AROUND TRANS, GENDER-NONCONFORMING,
2 IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES.

3

4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JOSEPH LYONS. YOU MAY
5 BEGIN.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** YES, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

8

9 **MODERATOR:** YES.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** OH, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AGAIN, I HAD MENTIONED AND
12 HAD COMMENTS ON THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOMELESS ISSUES
13 THAT ARE BEFORE THE COUNCIL, OR BEFORE THE BOARD, ON MANY
14 OCCASIONS, BUT WAS TAKEN TODAY ON THE BUDGET ISSUE OF THE
15 MORAL COMMITMENT THAT BOTH THE BUDGET AND PUBLIC SUPPORTED
16 TAXES HAVE CONTAINED, BOTH IMPLICITLY AND EXPLICITLY, IN THEIR
17 LANGUAGE. I WOULD REALLY LIKE FOR THERE TO BE A SENSE OF
18 ACCOUNTABILITY THAT THE BOARD HAS IN BOTH TAXING AND
19 EXPENDITURE, AND IN RECEIVING GRANT FUNDS FROM, EXAMPLE,
20 H.U.D., AND TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE SPENT IN A WAY THAT IS
21 APPROPRIATE AND WITHOUT WASTE. IN BOTH CASES, I THINK THERE'S
22 BEEN A SHORTFALL AND A SHORTCOMING ON THE PART OF THE BOARD,
23 WITH RESPECT TO MEASURE H, AS IT IS A CONSIDERATION OF THE
24 ISSUE THAT WILL BE ADDRESSED BY LOCAL INITIATIVES. AND THEN
25 THE SECOND H.U.D., IT IS INEXCUSABLE THAT MONEY WOULD GO BACK

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1 TO H.U.D. IN THE TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. BECAUSE OF AN
2 INAPPROPRIATE AND INCAPABLE ORGANIZATION CALLED L.A.H.S.A.,
3 THAT IS UNABLE TO SPEND THE MONEY AS APPROPRIATE. SO, THANK
4 YOU VERY MUCH.

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DORA SANDOVAL. YOU MAY
7 BEGIN.

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9 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DORA SANDOVAL, AND I
10 AM A HOME CARE PROVIDER FOR MY PARENTS. ONE OF THEM IS A NAVY
11 VETERAN S.E.A.L. HE SERVED FOR HIS COUNTRY, AND HE DESERVES A
12 DIGNIFIED WAY OF LIFE TO BE AT HOME. AND WE DESERVE A \$20 PAY
13 INCREASE, SO THAT WE CAN STAY HOME WITH OUR PARENTS AND TAKE
14 CARE OF THEM, AND NOT HAVE TO PUT THEM IN A HOME AND HAVE THEM
15 TAKEN CARE OF BY OTHERS, WHO REALLY DON'T HAVE THE PASSION OR
16 THE COMPASSION TO DO IT. SO PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING US A \$20
17 RAISE, BECAUSE OUR PARENTS, OUR FAMILIES, DESERVE IT, AND WE
18 DESERVE BETTER, AND WE JUST WANT TO BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF
19 OUR LOVED ONES IN A DIGNIFIED WAY. SO, WE NEED TO BE LIVING A
20 DIGNIFIED WAY OF LIFE, AS WELL. AND WITH INFLATION, THE WAY
21 EVERYTHING HAS GONE UP, WE JUST CAN'T AFFORD TO BE HOME
22 ANYMORE. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO START GOING AND FINDING OTHER
23 PART-TIME JOBS TO SUPPLEMENT OUR CARE-PROVIDER SERVICES TO OUR
24 PARENTS. SO, PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING US A \$20 INCREASE, OR AN
25 INCREASE TO \$20, BECAUSE OUR FAMILIES DESERVE IT.

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

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5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU AGAIN. AND AGAIN,
6 JUST A REMINDER THAT YOU CAN CONTINUE TO SUBMIT YOUR COMMENTS
7 IN WRITING THROUGH OUR NORMAL PROCESS, AS INDICATED ON THE
8 AGENDA, AND THEY WILL CONTINUE TO BE ACCEPTED INTO THE
9 OFFICIAL MEETING RECORD. ALSO, PLEASE CONTINUE TO SEND LETTERS
10 TO BOARD MEMBERS, EXPRESSING YOUR INTERESTS AND DESIRES WITH
11 REGARD TO THIS YEAR'S BUDGET DELIBERATIONS. SO, THANK YOU. AND
12 I THINK A REASONABLE TIME FRAME, BASED ON OUR BUDGET CALENDAR,
13 IS MAKING SURE YOU GET THOSE LETTERS TO OUR OFFICES BY MAY
14 20TH, GIVEN THE SCHEDULE THAT THE C.E.O. OUTLINED AT THE TOP
15 OF OUR HEARING, WITH REGARD TO THE BUDGET. SO, COLLEAGUES, IT
16 IS TIME FOR A MOTION WITH REGARD TO TODAY'S PROCEEDINGS, AND I
17 MOVE THAT THE BOARD RECEIVE AND FILE, AND TAKE UNDER
18 ADVISEMENT VARIOUS SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET REQUESTS AND COMMENTS
19 MADE DURING TODAY'S PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING, MAY 11TH, 2022, AND
20 MAKE A FINDING THAT A NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARINGS WAS
21 GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 29080 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE,
22 THAT SAID HEARINGS COMMENCED ON MAY 11TH, 2022, PURSUANT TO
23 SAID NOTICE, AND AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 29081 OF THE
24 GOVERNMENT CODE. I ALSO MOVE THAT THE BOARD CLOSE THE PUBLIC
25 BUDGET HEARINGS FOR PURPOSES OF ORAL TESTIMONY, FINDING THAT

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1 THERE ARE NO PERSONS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY
2 TO BE HEARD, BUT TO ALLOW MAXIMUM PUBLIC INPUT, PERMIT
3 ADDITIONAL WRITTEN TESTIMONY AND REQUESTS TO BE FILED THROUGH
4 THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, FRIDAY, MAY 20TH, 2022. I FURTHER MOVE
5 THAT THE BOARD RECONFIRMS THAT BUDGET DELIBERATIONS WILL BEGIN
6 ON MONDAY, JUNE 27TH, 2022, AT 9:30 A.M. I SO MOVE, SECONDED
7 BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

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11 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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15 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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19 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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23 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

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

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9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, ALL. THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S
10 MEETING. AGAIN, THANKS TO YOU ALL, AND TO THE PUBLIC, FOR
11 CALLING IN TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCESS. PLEASE NOTE THAT
12 THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY,
13 MAY 17TH, 2022. THANK YOU, ALL, AND HAVE A GOOD DAY. STAY
14 SAFE.

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16 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU.

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18 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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20 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU TO OUR MODERATORS. APPRECIATE
23 YOUR ASSISTANCE.

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11 me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor
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