



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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1 **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON**
2 **TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022 ON PAGE 240]**

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5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WELCOME TO THE
6 REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS, WHICH IS BEING HELD REMOTELY. TODAY IS TUESDAY,
8 MAY 17TH, 2022. WE'LL TAKE ROLL TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE.

9 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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11 **SUP. SOLIS:** PRESENT.

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

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15 **SUP. KUEHL:** HERE.

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

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19 **SUP. HAHN:** HERE.

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

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23 **SUP. BARGER:** HERE.

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

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

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

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15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BEFORE I ASK SUPERVISOR SOLIS
16 TO LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG, I JUST
17 WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE FOR EVERY COUNTY RESIDENT THAT, IN HONOR
18 AND RESPECT FOR THE PRESIDENT'S WISHES, WE ARE PROUD THAT OUR
19 FLAG AT EVERY COUNTY FACILITY IS BEING FLOWN AT HALF MAST,
20 RECOGNIZING THE BRUTAL MURDERS THAT HAVE TAKEN EFFECT THIS
21 PAST WEEKEND, BOTH HERE IN CALIFORNIA AND IN NEW YORK. WITH
22 THAT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WILL YOU LEAD US?

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24 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. PLEASE RISE AND PLACE
25 YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART. I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE

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1 FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR
2 WHICH IT STANDS: ONE NATION, UNDER GOD... WITH LIBERTY AND
3 JUSTICE FOR ALL. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR.
6 APPRECIATE YOU. AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, WE'LL BE
7 TAKING TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENTS SEPARATELY FOR REGULAR
8 AGENDA ITEMS, AND THEN FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, DURING
9 TODAY'S MEETING. SO, AGAIN, THERE WILL BE TWO OPPORTUNITIES
10 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: ONE FOR THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS, AND THEN
11 FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE
12 BOARD RECEIVED OVER 250 WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TODAY'S
13 MEETING, AND AS THOSE WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED, ALL OF
14 THEM WERE AVAILABLE TO THE SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR
15 CONSIDERATION, CONSISTENT WITH THE BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS.
16 WE'LL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE WRITTEN COMMENTS THROUGHOUT THE
17 MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD.
18 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, GOOD MORNING, AND WILL YOU PLEASE CALL THE
19 AGENDA?

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21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
22 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 2. SET MATTER 1
23 IS A REPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND APPROPRIATE
24 DEPARTMENT HEADS, AS NECESSARY, ON THE STATUS OF THE AMERICAN
25 RESCUE PLAN FUNDING AND CONSIDERATION OF NECESSARY ACTION. SET

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1 MATTER 2 IS A DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF NECESSARY
2 ACTIONS ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER RELATED TO C.O.V.I.D.-19,
3 AND A STATUS OF C.O.V.I.D.-19 VACCINE. THESE ITEMS WILL BE
4 HELD FOR HEARING. ON PAGE 3, PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, ITEMS 3 TO
5 5. ON ITEM 5, THE ACTING COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS
6 ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JUNE 28TH, 2022. ITEMS 3 AND 4 WILL BE
7 HELD FOR HEARING. ON PAGE 5, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS ITEMS 6 THROUGH 44. ON ITEM 6, THIS INCLUDES A
9 REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEMS 7,
10 8, AND 9, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD.
11 ON ITEM 12, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
12 REFERRED BACK TO HER OFFICE. ON ITEM 27, SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND
13 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, THIS
14 INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
15 ON ITEM 30, SUPERVISOR HAHN REVISED HER MOTION TO ADD
16 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AS A CO-AUTHOR. ON ITEM 31, SUPERVISOR HAHN
17 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, THIS INCLUDES A
18 REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEMS 37
19 AND 39, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD.
20 ON PAGE 29, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 45 THROUGH 81. ON
21 ITEM 45, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
22 ITEM 58, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
23 ITEM 64, THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
24 BE CONTINUED TO JUNE 14, 2022. ON PAGE 51, THIS INCLUDES
25 MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE

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1 THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE
2 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 79-G, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS
3 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 52, ORDINANCE FOR
4 INTRODUCTIONS, ITEMS 82 AND 83. ON PAGE 53, SEPARATE MATTER.
5 ITEM 84 IS A RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
6 THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE 2022-2023 TAX AND REVENUE
7 ANTICIPATION NOTES, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO
8 EXCEED \$1 BILLION. ON PAGE 54, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDAS. THIS
9 IS THE AGENDA FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SANITATION
10 DISTRICT NUMBER 27 IN THE NEWHALL RANCH SANITATION DISTRICT OF
11 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. ITEM SD-1 WOULD BE HELD FOR
12 HEARING. ON PAGE 55, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES
13 COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ON PAGE 58, THIS IS THE AGENDA
14 FOR THE REGIONAL FINANCE AUTHORITY. THE REQUEST FOR REFERRED-
15 BACKS OR CONTINUANCES, THROUGH 1-R, ARE BEFORE YOU.

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17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY
18 SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. SUCH WILL BE THE
19 ORDER.

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21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 59, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION.
22 ITEMS CS-2 AND CS-3 ARE ADDITIONS, AS INDICATED ON THE
23 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA,
24 MADAM CHAIR.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'RE MOVING ON TO
2 PUBLIC COMMENT AGAIN, FOR REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS. WE'LL NOW TAKE
3 PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS, EXCLUDING PUBLIC HEARING
4 ITEMS 3 THROUGH 5, AND SD-1. AGAIN, THIS IS FOR REGULAR AGENDA
5 ITEMS, EXCLUDING HEARING ITEMS 3 THROUGH 5, AND SD-1.
6 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT
7 WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA, AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING
8 RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO CHOOSE TO ADDRESS THE
9 BOARD.

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11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE
12 PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT SHOULD CALL 877-226-
13 8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 133-6503. TO REPEAT:
14 PLEASE CALL 877-226-8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 133-
15 6503. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO
16 THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL 877-873-8017, AND
17 FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING IN:
18 WHEN IT'S YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND WHICH
19 AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. WE WILL ALLOCATE 90 MINUTES
20 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL OF THE REGULAR ITEMS, EXCEPT PUBLIC
21 HEARING ITEMS 3 THROUGH 5, AND SD-1, WHICH HAVE A SEPARATE
22 CALL-IN NUMBER, AND WILL BE HEARD AT APPROXIMATELY 11:15 A.M.
23 FOR ALL REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK ON
24 ONE AGENDA ITEM, OR TWO MINUTES TO SPEAK ON TWO OR MORE AGENDA
25 ITEMS. IN ADDITION, THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

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

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18 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS DIEGO RODRIGUEZ. PLEASE
19 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY,
20 AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU
21 MAY BEGIN.

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23 **DIEGO RODRIGUEZ:** GOOD MORNING, ESTEEMED SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
24 IS DIEGO RODRIGUEZ, AND I AM C.O.O. OF ALMA. I AM SPEAKING IN
25 STRONG SUPPORT OF ITEM 9 AND ITEM 55. ON ITEM 9, I WOULD

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1 STRONGLY SUPPORT SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION FOR LOS ANGELES
2 COUNTY TO PUT TOGETHER A COORDINATED EFFORT TO ADDRESS THE
3 SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH. WE THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR
4 HER LEADERSHIP IN THIS MOTION. AS YOU KNOW, WHERE YOU LIVE,
5 LEARN, WORK, AND PLAY AFFECT YOUR OVERALL HEALTH, YOUR MENTAL
6 HEALTH, AND EVEN YOUR LIFE EXPECTANCY, AS DEMONSTRATED BY
7 RESEARCH, INCLUDING [INAUDIBLE] STUDY IN 2020. AS AN EXAMPLE,
8 THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC, AREAS OF HIGH POVERTY, LACKING
9 HOUSING STABILITY, HAD WORSE OUTCOMES FROM C.O.V.I.D. AND AS
10 WE STRATEGIZE RECOVERY EFFORTS, IT'S CRITICAL TO PRIORITIZE
11 SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH. THIS MOTION WILL BRING TOGETHER
12 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND COMMUNITY TO PUT TOGETHER AN ASSESSMENT
13 REGARDING CURRENT EFFORTS, WHILE CREATING A ROADMAP TO ADDRESS
14 THIS GAP. PLEASE, APPROVE THIS MOTION. WE ALSO ASK FOR THE
15 APPROVAL OF ITEM 55. SINCE AUGUST OF 2018, ALMA HAS LED A
16 COALITION OF C.B.O.S, WHICH INCLUDES THE EAST L.A. WOMEN'S
17 CENTER, NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES, JOVENES, INC., MATERNAL
18 AND CHILD HEALTH ACCESS, AND THE WELLNESS CENTER AT THE
19 [INAUDIBLE] GENERAL HOSPITAL, UNDER AN INNOVATION 2 GRANT
20 SERVING BOYLE HEIGHTS, EAST L.A., AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES.
21 THIS PROJECT HAS ENHANCED THE CAPACITY AND RESILIENCE OF
22 COMMUNITY MEMBERS, SO THEY CANNOT ONLY COPE WITH, BUT OVERCOME
23 TRAUMA. THESE ARE SENIORS, PARENTS OF SMALL CHILDREN, HOMELESS
24 YOUTH, AND OTHER MARGINALIZED AND HARD-TO-REACH COMMUNITY
25 MEMBERS. OUR COALITION PROVIDES ONGOING SUPPORT GROUPS, GRIEF

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1 CIRCLES, AND MANY OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS TO FIND
2 SOURCES OF HOPE AMID PERSONAL AND COMMUNITY HARDSHIP.
3 THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC, WE ALSO DISTRIBUTED OVER 15,000
4 P.P.E. ITEMS, 21,000 [INAUDIBLE], [INAUDIBLE] HOUSING AND
5 MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVES, AND RECRUITED 15 COMMUNITY
6 AMBASSADORS, WHO ARE SERVING AS CREDIBLE MESSENGERS. THIS IS
7 WHY WE RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT YOU APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF
8 INNOVATION 2 PROGRAMS, AS RECOMMENDED BY L.A.C.D.M.H. AND
9 PLEASE APPROVE IT WITHOUT DELAY, AS ANY DISRUPTIONS TO
10 CONTINUED SERVICES WOULD DAMPER THE C.O.V.I.D. RECOVERY
11 EFFORTS, WHICH HAVE BEEN A LIFELINE FOR ENTIRE COMMUNITIES.
12 THANK YOU.

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

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19 **ERIC PREVEN:** OKAY, THANKS. THERE'S 90 OR SOMETHING ITEMS, SO
20 IT'S GOING TO BE VERY HARD TO DO ALL OF THE WORK, BUT I WOULD
21 LIKE TO ADDRESS SEVERAL ITEMS. CERTAINLY, I WOULD LIKE TO
22 APPLAUD THE BOARD FOR ADDRESSING THE COST OF LITIGATION, ONCE
23 AGAIN. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT DETAIL, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE THE
24 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, UNDER-- YOU KNOW, SHEILA IS COMING NEAR
25 THE END OF HER TWO TERMS. SHE HAS BEEN A GREAT PROGRESSIVE

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1 ICON AND LEADER. YET, THE LITIGATION PROBLEMS HAVE REALLY BEEN
2 WORRISOME; NOT JUST WITH SKIP MILLER, THE PRIVATE ATTORNEY
3 FROM A LAW FIRM IN TOWN, TAKING ENORMOUS FEES AND SUMS THAT
4 ARE BLOCKED FROM DISCLOSURE BY THE FORMER COUNTY COUNSEL, AND
5 NOW DAWYN HARRISON, WHO IS AN INVETERATE VETERAN OF THE LEGAL
6 FLOOR ON THE SIXTH FLOOR IN COUNTY HALL. SHE'S JUST BEEN THERE
7 FOREVER, AND SO IS GOING TO ROLL EVERYTHING FORWARD. NOW, THEY
8 ARE LOOKING AT PERKIER NUMBERS, BECAUSE ALL THE COURTS WERE
9 SHUT, BUT THIS IS AN ABSOLUTE EXIT PARACHUTE FOR SHEILA AND
10 MR. CASTRO-SILVA, AND PRESUMABLY SKIP, EVENTUALLY. WELL, I
11 THINK THE PUBLIC IS REALLY LOSING CONFIDENCE IN THE IDEA THAT
12 SKIP MILLER CAN DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT THE COUNTY IS DOING A
13 GOOD JOB ON HOMELESSNESS, AND THEN MAKE PRONOUNCEMENTS IN
14 FEDERAL COURT. THE CITY IS NOW SUING THE COUNTY UNDER THIS
15 GREAT TENURE, WHICH IS JUST INCREDIBLY EMBARRASSING. WELL, NOT
16 SUING THEM, BUT THERE'S A LEGAL SETTLEMENT THE CITY IS
17 SETTling WITH THE COURT. THE COUNTY IS ENDLESSLY
18 CONGRATULATING ONE ANOTHER ON ALL THE HOUSING THEY'VE BEEN
19 DOING, AS THE HOMELESS CRISIS, A NATIONAL DISGRACE, SPINS OUT
20 OF CONTROL. AND THE LOCAL POLITICIANS ALL RALLY AROUND THE
21 VICTIM-BLAMER; THE VICTIM-BLAMER, ERIC GARCETTI, WHO IS READY
22 TO PUSH BACK. HILDA SOLIS HAS DONE SO MUCH TO SUPPORT THIS
23 MAN, WHO LOOKED AWAY IN BROAD, BROAD DAYLIGHT, AS THE ENTIRE
24 REGION OF ANGELENOS NOTICED THIS EMBARRASSING, RAPE-LIKE
25 BEHAVIOR OF PEOPLE'S CAPACITY TO WORK IN A PUBLIC SETTING. AND

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1 CITY HALL OF LOS ANGELES, AND THESE HELPERS FROM PEACE OVER
2 VIOLENCE AND EVERYWHERE, DID NOTHING. THEY ALL LOOKED AWAY,
3 BECAUSE HE WAS THE RAINMAKER. HE WAS THE RAINMAKER, RICK
4 JACOBS. HE IS THE GUY WHO'D GET ALL THE MONEY, AND ERIC
5 GARCETTI WENT AROUND THE COUNTRY RAISING A HUGE AMOUNT OF
6 MONEY. AND, NOW, I AM A DEMOCRAT, BUT WE DON'T SUPPORT SENDING
7 A MAN WHO LOOKED AWAY OVER AND OVER AGAIN, AND LIED, AND THEN
8 STAINED 50 ANGELENOS, WHO ALL SWORE UNDER OATH THAT HE KNEW,
9 BY SAYING, "NO, NO, NO. LET'S GET ME OVER TO INDIA, AND QUICK.
10 LET'S TURN IT INTO A PARTISAN ISSUE. THAT WILL BE HELPFUL."
11 NONSENSE. ABSOLUTE NONSENSE. AND THE LAWYERS WHO WORKED ON
12 THAT PROJECT FOR \$100,000 OUGHT TO DONATE THAT MONEY BACK,
13 RIGHT NOW. DONATE THE MONEY BACK, THAT THE CITY PAID OUT FOR
14 YOU TO COVER UP THIS EGREGIOUS BEHAVIOR. AND MY HEART GOES OUT
15 TO DAN SHALLMAN AND CAROLYN KUBOTA, WHO HAVE BEEN DRAGGED INTO
16 THIS MESS BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WHO ARE SO SHAMEFUL.

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18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JULIE MARTINEZ. PLEASE
19 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND
20 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
21 BEGIN.

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23 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
24 SPEAK. I WILL BE ADDRESSING-- I AM IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 9 AND
25 ITEM 10, AND I WILL BE SPEAKING IN SUPPORT-- I MEAN, ON

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1 GENERAL COMMENT. I AM A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT FIVE, AND THANK
2 YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. I WANTED TO ADDRESS, AS
3 PART OF MY GENERAL COMMENT, THAT I UNDERSTAND THAT THE BOARD
4 HAS STATED THAT IT IS COMMITTED TO REALIZE THE CARE FIRST
5 VISION FOR THE COUNTY. HOWEVER, THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2023
6 TRULY DOES NOT REFLECT THE COMMITMENT FOR CARE FIRST THAT WE
7 IN THE COMMUNITY DO WANT. THE COUNTY INTENDS TO INCREASE THE
8 L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET AND, NOTABLY, THE L.A.S.D.'S
9 PERSONAL BUDGET. THE COUNTY PROPOSES A \$6.2 BILLION ALLOTMENT
10 FOR LAW AND JUSTICE OFFICERS, WITH MORE THAN HALF OF ITS
11 FUNDING BEING USED FOR L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND
12 THE PROBATION. THE COUNTY IS SPENDING SO MUCH MONEY JAILING
13 OUR COMMUNITY. OVER 60% OF L.A.S.D.'S BUDGET IS SPENT ON
14 CONTROL AND CUSTODY PERSONNEL. WHEN THE COUNTY CHOOSES TO
15 CONTINUE TO POUR MONEY INTO L.A.S.D.'S BLOATED BUDGET, THEY
16 ARE CHOOSING FUNDING A MACHINE OF MASS INCARCERATION. \$3.4
17 BILLION TO THE L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS NOT A CARE FIRST
18 PRIORITY. IT DOES NOT DEMONSTRATE A CARE FIRST PRIORITY. \$3.4
19 BILLION TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND \$2.8 MILLION FOR
20 AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS. WHAT DOES THIS COMPARISON
21 SAY ABOUT THE COUNTY'S PRIORITIES? THANK YOU.

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23 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DR. WILMA FRANCO. PLEASE
24 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND

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

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4 **DR. WILMA FRANCO:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, AND THANK YOU FOR
5 THE TIME TO SPEAK THIS MORNING. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM 9
6 AND GENERAL COMMENT. MY NAME IS DR. WILMA FRANCO. I AM THE
7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTHEAST L.A. COLLABORATIVE, AND A
8 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 2. AND THIS MORNING, I AM CALLING TODAY
9 TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION FOR L.A. COUNTY TO PUT
10 TOGETHER A COORDINATED EFFORT TO ADDRESS THE SOCIAL
11 DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH. RESEARCH HAS SHOWN FOR MANY YEARS NOW
12 THAT AN INDIVIDUAL'S ZIP CODE IMPACTS THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE,
13 AND THIS IN ITSELF IS AN INJUSTICE TO OUR COMMUNITIES. SOCIAL
14 DETERMINANTS ARE THE CONDITIONS IN THE PLACES WHERE PEOPLE
15 LIVE, LEARN, WORK, AND PLAY, THAT AFFECT A WIDE RANGE OF
16 HEALTH OUTCOMES, INCLUDING HEALTHCARE. AS PART OF THE
17 IMPORTANCE OF THIS, WE'VE ALSO SEEN HOW THE PANDEMIC HAS
18 IMPACTED OUR COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE THE HIGHEST POVERTY, LACK
19 HOUSING STABILITY, OR HAVE POOR ENVIRONMENTAL SURROUNDINGS,
20 LIKE OUR COMMUNITIES IN THE SOUTHEAST AND SOUTH L.A. REGIONS.
21 THAT'S WHY I ASK THAT YOU ALL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S
22 MOTION. AND I WANT TO ALSO TAKE A MOMENT TO JUST THANK
23 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER LEADERSHIP, AND FOR HER DETERMINATION
24 TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

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

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6 **GREG THOMPSON:** GOOD MORNING. THIS IS GREG THOMPSON. I AM THE
7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES
8 COUNCIL. WE HANDLE REGISTRY SERVICES FOR I.H.S.S. I AM CALLING
9 IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 11. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
10 MITCHELL AND SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR PUTTING FORTH MAY FOR
11 CELEBRATING THE SENIORS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND REQUESTING
12 A REPORT FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE NEW
13 DEPARTMENT ON AGING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES. I ENCOURAGE THIS
14 REPORT BACK TO YOU TO INCLUDE I.H.S.S. SERVICES AND PROVIDERS
15 [INAUDIBLE] CRISIS THAT WE'VE BEEN EXPERIENCING. I WOULD ALSO
16 LIKE TO PUBLICLY THANK D.P.S.S. FOR ASSISTING US WITH THE
17 MARKETING CAMPAIGN TO ONBOARD NEW I.H.S.S. PROVIDERS, BUT WE
18 STILL HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO, TO HAVE ENOUGH PROVIDERS FOR
19 THE I.H.S.S. RECIPIENTS. AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO--

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

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1 **DAVID KIM:** HI, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS DAVID KIM. I WILL BE
2 SPEAKING ON ITEM 31 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. AND ALSO, A
3 MEMBER OF THE REIMAGINE CHILD SAFETY COALITION, AND ALSO JUST
4 WANTED TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR LISTENING TO OUR DEMANDS
5 FOR THE PAST SIX MONTHS AND MORE. SO, I AM A FORMER JUVENILE
6 DEPENDENCY ATTORNEY. I WILL BE RETURNING BACK TO THE WORK, AS
7 WELL. BUT IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS
8 REALLY UNDERSTAND THE SERIOUSNESS AND GRAVITY OF OUR JUVENILE
9 DEPENDENCY SYSTEM, AND HOW IT IS NOT WORKING, AND HOW WE ARE
10 PUNISHING FAMILIES FOR NOT HAVING THE RESOURCES THAT THEY
11 SHOULD HAVE; FOR PUNISHING FAMILIES FOR BEING POOR; FOR
12 PUNISHING FAMILIES FOR NOT HAVING A SUPPORT SYSTEM. AND FOR US
13 TO BE DOING THE MOST EVIL THING IN THIS WORLD, WHICH IS
14 SEPARATING FAMILIES AND TAKING CHILDREN AWAY FROM THEIR
15 PARENTS, IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE CAN'T REALLY ALLOW TO
16 CONTINUE FURTHER, AND SO WE HAVE PROPOSED SEVERAL DEMANDS. AND
17 OF THE DEMANDS THAT I WANTED TO COMMENT ON ARE, THERE NEEDS TO
18 BE A MORATORIUM ON DETENTIONS RELATED TO GENERAL NEGLECT,
19 PARENTS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND PARENTS
20 WHO TEST POSITIVE FOR DRUGS DURING PREGNANCY AND BIRTH. I HAVE
21 PERSONALLY DEFENDED SO MANY PARENTS WHO WERE LAUNCHED INTO
22 CHILDREN'S COURT, BECAUSE THEY WERE DRUG-TESTED WITHOUT THEIR
23 WILL AND CONSENT. AND I WAS ABLE TO HAVE HALF OF THOSE CASES
24 WITH THE CHILDREN RETURNED TO THEIR PARENTS, BECAUSE THOSE
25 PARENTS SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN IN COURT IN THE FIRST PLACE, YET

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1 THEIR BABIES WERE TAKEN AWAY FROM THEM. AND THAT'S SO EVIL,
2 AND I DON'T THINK ANY OF THAT SHOULD BE CONDONED AND APPROVED
3 BY OUR SUPERVISORS, AS WELL. THERE SHOULD ALSO BE DUE-PROCESS
4 RIGHTS FOR THESE PARENTS. THESE PARENTS, WHEN THEY ARE VISITED
5 BY A SOCIAL WORKER, THEY ARE NOT INFORMED OF WHAT THEIR RIGHTS
6 ARE, WHAT THEY ARE BEING TALKED ABOUT TO. AND THESE SOCIAL
7 WORKERS ESSENTIALLY ARE POLICE, AND THEY BRING THESE PARENTS
8 INTO COURTS, AND THESE PARENTS HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THEY ARE
9 BEING CHARGED WITH. [INAUDIBLE] REPRESENTATION. AND SO IT IS
10 VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE PARENTS' RIGHTS TO PRE-PETITION
11 COUNSEL BEFORE THIS WHOLE PROCESS STARTS. AND SO, FOR THESE
12 DEMANDS AND ALL THE OTHER DEMANDS, IT WOULD BE GREAT IF THE
13 SUPERVISORS COULD REALLY TAKE SOME TIME. IF YOU DON'T KNOW
14 ABOUT THE SYSTEM NOW, NOW I AM EARNESTLY ASKING YOU TO LEARN
15 ABOUT THE SYSTEM RIGHT NOW. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

16
17 **MODERATOR:** AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE
18 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS ONE THEN ZERO AT THIS TIME.
19 DO NOT PRESS ONE AND ZERO A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE
20 REMOVED FROM THE QUEUE. [INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN IN SPANISH].

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

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1

2 **SPEAKER:** I'LL SPEAK ON ITEM 53. HOW MUCH MORE MONEY ARE WE
3 GOING TO SPEND ON [INAUDIBLE]? AND ALSO, I HAVE GRAVE CONCERNS
4 ABOUT BASICALLY ALLOWING D.H.S. TO HAVE A POOL OF MONEY THAT
5 DOES NOT REQUIRE SUPERVISION FROM THE BOARD, OR APPROVAL FROM
6 THE BOARD. THIS REALLY NEEDS TO BE RETHOUGHT. THANK YOU.

7

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

12

13 **BRISIA GUTIERREZ:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS BRISIA GUTIERREZ.
14 I'M THE OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT FELLOW WITH THE L.A.
15 OPPORTUNITY YOUTH COLLABORATIVE AT THE ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN'S
16 RIGHTS. I ALSO HAVE LIVED EXPERIENCE OF THE FOSTER CARE
17 SYSTEM. I AM HERE TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR ITEM 40. THANK YOU,
18 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR PUTTING FORTH
19 THE MOTION. DUE TO A PLETHORA OF FACTORS, INCLUDING LACK OF
20 SUPPORT AND LACK OF ACCESS TO SERVICES THAT MEET NEEDS, YOUTH
21 IN FOSTER CARE OFTEN HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME FINDING EMPLOYMENT,
22 HOUSING, AND GETTING AN EDUCATION. IN ADDITION TO THOSE
23 BARRIERS, MANY YOUTH DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO ONE OR MORE OF THEIR
24 VITAL DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING A SOCIAL SECURITY CARD, AND HAVE AN
25 EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TIME OBTAINING THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY CARD.

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1 THIS MOTION ADDRESSES THE POLICIES THAT MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR
2 D.C.F.S. STAFF TO HELP OBTAIN A SOCIAL SECURITY CARD FOR
3 FOSTER YOUTH. ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF
4 SUPERVISORS, AND I HOPE YOU HAVE A GREAT DAY.

5

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

10

11 **LATIA SUTTLE:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LATIA SUTTLE, RETIRED
12 U.S. ARMY CHIEF [INAUDIBLE] OFFICER. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON
13 AGENDA ITEM 31 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. AS A MEMBER OF THE
14 REIMAGINING CHILD SAFETY GROUP, I AM THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2021
15 BETTY FISHER AWARD FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DOMESTIC
16 VIOLENCE COUNCIL, AND I AM ALSO A MEMBER OF THE REIMAGINING
17 CHILD SAFETY COALITION. I HAVE LIVED EXPERIENCE DEALING WITH
18 D.C.F.S. AND FAMILY COURT. I AM IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM
19 NUMBER 31, BUT THERE IS SO MUCH MORE TO DO. I AM STILL IN
20 DISBELIEF OF THE FACT THAT D.C.F.S. NOR FAMILY COURT DOESN'T
21 BOTHER TO ASK PEOPLE FOR THEIR MILITARY STATUS, WHETHER IT BE
22 ACTIVE DUTY, VETERAN, OR RETIREE. EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE SOME
23 SERVICES FOR VETERANS OR RETIREES PROVIDED BY THE V.A., U.S.
24 VETS, AND THE U.C.L.A. VETERANS FAMILY WELLNESS CENTER, THESE
25 SERVICES AND CLASSES ARE DISREGARDED BY THE FAMILY COURT. EVEN

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1 THOUGH STAFF FROM THE VETERANS FAMILY WELLNESS CENTER REACHES
2 OUT TO D.C.F.S. SOCIAL WORKERS, THEIR CALLS AND E-MAILS GO
3 IGNORED BY D.C.F.S. SOCIAL WORKERS. THESE SOCIAL WORKERS COULD
4 CARE LESS ABOUT FAMILY REUNIFICATION WITH BIOLOGICAL FAMILY.
5 EVEN WHEN THERE'S NO ABUSE FROM THE PROTECTIVE PARENT, NO
6 CRIMINAL CHARGES, NO SUBSTANCE ABUSE, D.C.F.S. STILL STILL
7 COULD CARE LESS ABOUT FAMILY REUNIFICATION. WHAT A SLAP IN THE
8 FACE AFTER HONORABLY SERVING YOUR COUNTRY AND RETIRING FROM
9 THE U.S. MILITARY. SO THERE'S MUCH MORE THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE,
10 AND THE DEMANDS THAT HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED NEED TO BE TAKEN
11 SERIOUSLY. AND PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE NEED TO BE A PART
12 OF THIS CHANGE. THAT'S MY TIME. THANK YOU.

13

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

17

18 **SPEAKER:** YES, 31 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. IN FAVOR OF 31,
19 AND I'LL BEGIN WITH PUBLIC COMMENT. L.A. COUNTY BUDGET WAS
20 INTRODUCED IN A MANNER THAT WAS UNFRIENDLY, ONCE AGAIN, TO
21 COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION. WE NEED TO HAVE THE VOICES OF FOLKS
22 WHO ARE RUNNING THE LEADING ORGANIZATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY BE
23 A PART OF THAT BUDGETARY PROCESS, LIKE [INAUDIBLE], BLACK
24 LIVES MATTER, JUSTICE L.A., AND SO MANY MORE. I BELIEVE THAT A
25 CARE FIRST BUDGET MEANS INVESTING IN AND LISTENING TO

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1 COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN FORGOTTEN AND ABANDONED, LIKE
2 SOUTHEAST L.A. WE HAVE TO LISTEN TO THOSE FOLKS. SUPERVISOR
3 BARGER, I LIVE IN YOUR PRISTINE AND COZY DISTRICT, WHERE MY
4 CHILDREN ATTEND SCHOOLS THAT ARE GRADED NINES AND TENS, WHERE
5 THEY EAT ORGANIC PRODUCE AND DRINK ALKALINE WATER, BECAUSE WE
6 CAN AFFORD IT. MY KIDS REGULARLY GO TO THE LA CRESCENTA
7 LIBRARY, WHERE I SEE YOUR PICTURE ON THE WALL, AND EVERY TIME
8 I SEE THAT PICTURE, I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK ABOUT THE POWER YOU
9 HAVE IN YOUR HANDS TO CREATE A WORLD WHERE MY STUDENTS IN
10 SOUTH L.A. DON'T HAVE TO LIVE THROUGH THE NIGHTMARE THAT THEY
11 EXPERIENCE DAILY, LIVING IN JOB DESERTS, FOOD DESERTS. THEIR
12 EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE IS A JOKE, AND THE UNDERFUNDING IS A
13 JOKE. CERTAINLY, WITH YOUR INVESTMENT IN THE POLICE, AT \$3.6
14 BILLION ANNUALLY, AND \$218 MILLION FOR UNHOUSED COMMUNITY
15 MEMBERS, YOU'RE PLANNING TO INCARCERATE OUR UNHOUSED RELATIVES
16 AND NOT FUND HOUSING, WHICH IS A FRACTION, A FRAGMENT, OF THE
17 BUDGET THAT IS SPENT ON THE POLICE SYSTEM, WHICH IS GROSSLY
18 INCARCERATING 85% NONVIOLENT INMATES, 70% FOSTER CHILDREN. 70%
19 FOSTER CHILDREN. IT SHOWS YOU IN THE DATA. IN THE STATS, IT
20 SHOWS YOU THAT WE ARE NEEDING TO FUND COMMUNITIES,
21 SPECIFICALLY EAST AND SOUTH L.A. AND UNDERPRIVILEGED
22 COMMUNITIES. OUR KIDS NEED-- OUR PARENTS ARE LIVING THROUGH
23 JOBLESSNESS AND DIRTY WATER AND HEALTH ISSUES, AND NOT HAVING
24 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. THE ONLY EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
25 THEY HAVE ARE NONPROFITS. AND YES, D.C.F.S. IS FALSIFYING

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1 REPORTS, DAY AND NIGHT, ON POOR BLACK MOTHERS, WHO DON'T HAVE
2 THE SAME RESOURCES THAT I HAVE, FOR EXAMPLE, AND TAKING
3 CHILDREN AWAY. AND SO, "CARE FIRST" MEANS THAT WE HONOR THE
4 OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF PEOPLE WHO SPOKE WHEN WE PASSED
5 MEASURE J, AND THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO CALL BACK EVERY SINGLE
6 WEEK TO DEAL WITH A COUPLE OF--

7

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

11

12 **SPEAKER:** YES, HI. GOOD MORNING, AND THANK YOU FOR THE
13 OPPORTUNITY. I AM SPEAKING ON THE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. AND
14 I AM ACTUALLY ASKING THAT A \$2 MILLION FUNDING BE ALLOCATED
15 FOR THE CODIFIED RIGHT TO COUNSEL FOR THE L.A. COUNTY
16 UNINCORPORATED LOW-INCOME TENANTS AREAS OF ANGELES COUNTY, IN
17 ADDITION TO FULL FUNDING FOR THE STAY HOUSED L.A. ALSO, IN
18 REGARDS TO HARASSMENT FOR LANDLORDS AND TENANTS, THE NEED FOR
19 REPRESENTATION AND FAIR RIGHTS IN COURT. AND I COULD SAY MORE,
20 BUT I KNOW I AM TIMED. SO, I JUST WANTED TO SPEAK ON THOSE.
21 THANK YOU SO MUCH.

22

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

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2 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, I WILL BE ON ITEMS 11, 29, 30, 31, AND GENERAL
3 PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU FOR RECOGNIZING THE OLD FOLKS
4 [INAUDIBLE] POPULATION, SHORT OF THOSE ILLEGALLY CROSSING OUR
5 SOUTHERN BORDER, BUT YOU CAN BLAME TRUMP FOR THAT. SUPPORTING
6 THE DISMANTLING OF THE EXIDE PLANT, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
7 THAT'S A CRIMINAL CULPABILITY ON YOUR PART AND YOUR
8 PREDECESSORS FOR THAT PARTICULAR SITUATION. AND SUPPORTING THE
9 HOME SERVICES, THAT'S A GREAT THING. WE NEEDED THAT. AND ON
10 31, THE PETITION FOR THE ADVOCACY FOR THE CHILDREN, WHAT A
11 JOKE THAT IS. AND UNTIL THE LEADERSHIP-- THIS IS GOING ON FOR
12 DECADES. UNTIL THE LEADERSHIP GOES TO PRISON, WHICH THEY
13 DESERVE-- AND YOU ARE CULPABLE ON THIS, ALSO, AS THE COUNTY
14 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. YOU KNOW THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR
15 DECADES. YOU NEED TO GO TO JAIL. OKAY, NOW, ON THE HOMELESS
16 SITUATION, AS WE ALL REALLY KNOW, \$540 MILLION IS A DROP IN
17 THE BUCKET FOR A MINIMUM \$1 BILLION OPERATION, BUT YOU GET
18 WHAT YOU PAY FOR. AND THANK YOU, ERIC PREVEN, FOR YOUR STELLAR
19 COMMENTS ON THE LITIGATION EXPOSURE THERE. AND NOW, FOR THE
20 GENERAL COMMENT, THE TRANSIENT CAMPS, WHICH YOU'RE FAILING
21 THIS COMMUNITY, AND I MEAN THE ENTIRE COUNTY, ON FAILURE TO
22 ESTABLISH THE TRANSIENT CAMPS, AS NOTED BY THE SHERIFF ON
23 THAT. AND ALSO, WE NEED THE PUBLIC TOILETS, SO THEY DON'T HAVE
24 TO RELIEVE THEMSELVES ANYWHERE AND EVERYWHERE, AS IT HAPPENS
25 HERE IN ROWLAND HEIGHTS. AND ALSO, PUMPING \$2 BILLION A YEAR

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1 INTO ORGANIZED CRIME IS A FAILURE TO DECRIMINALIZE
2 PROSTITUTION. AND WE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT THE MIDTERMS WILL
3 CORRECT THIS AND PUT ASUNDER THE GANG OF FOUR. AND AGAIN, THE
4 CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES, THOSE PEOPLE NEED TO GO TO PRISON.
5 AND WE MUST RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR GOING ON A CAMPAIGN
6 RANT LAST WEEK, WHEN IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE ABOUT THE BUDGET,
7 WHICH IS WOEFULLY-- AND HOW ABOUT BEING TRUTHFUL WITH THE
8 PEOPLE? IF WE WANT TO GO TO THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY, WHAT
9 WOULD THAT BUDGET BE? AND GIVE THE PEOPLE A CHANCE TO VOTE ON
10 THAT. AND I SUGGEST A MINIMUM OF \$60 BILLION. SO GET STRAIGHT
11 WITH THE PEOPLE. GEE WHIZ. WE HAVEN'T GOT A LOT OF TIME TO BE
12 GOING ON THIS LA-LA LAND PROJECTION THERE. THANK YOU VERY
13 MUCH.

14

15 **MODERATOR:** AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE
16 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS ONE THEN ZERO AT THIS TIME.
17 DO NOT PRESS ONE AND ZERO A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE
18 REMOVED FROM THE QUEUE. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CHERYL MANUEL.
19 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING
20 TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
21 YOU MAY BEGIN.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. THIS IS CHERYL MANUEL
24 SPEAKING. I AM WITH S.A.J.E., THE GROUP S.A.G.E., AND I AM
25 JUST GOING TO MAKE A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ABOUT THE RIGHT TO

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1 COUNSEL, AND THE TENANTS NEED THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL, AND THAT
2 FUNDING FOR THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL. THANK YOU.

3

4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CAMILA ALVARADO. PLEASE
5 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND
6 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
7 BEGIN. PARDON ME. JUST A MOMENT, PLEASE. MS. ALVARADO, YOU MAY
8 BEGIN.

9

10 **DR. CAMILA ALVARADO:** I AM DR. ALVARADO. I AM A FAMILY MEDICINE
11 RESIDENT AT HARBOR-U.C.L.A., AND A PROUD MEMBER OF THE
12 COMMITTEE OF INTERNS AND RESIDENTS, S.E.I.U. THIS WEEK, THE
13 INTERN RESIDENTS AND FELLOW PHYSICIANS AT COUNTY HOSPITALS ARE
14 TAKING A U.L.P. STRIKE VOTE BECAUSE OF THE BAD-FAITH
15 BARGAINING THAT IS HAPPENING BETWEEN US AND THE COUNTY. AS
16 RESIDENTS, WE WORK UP TO 80 HOURS A WEEK, AND SPEND ANY FREE
17 NIGHTS THAT WE HAVE BARGAINING WITH THE COUNTY TO ENSURE A
18 FAIR CONTRACT FOR ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS AND FELLOWS. BUT THE
19 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE COUNTY OF L.A. HAVE CANCELED
20 MEETINGS, COME UNPREPARED, OR HAVE NO COUNTER PROPOSALS. SO WE
21 ARE ASKING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO INTERVENE IN
22 NEGOTIATIONS AND ENSURE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO SETTLE A FAIR
23 CONTRACT IN A TIMELY MANNER. THANK YOU.

24

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

4

5 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I AM CALLING FOR AGENDA 55, GENERAL
6 PUBLIC. WE ARE CALLING IN STRONG SUPPORT TO RECOMMENDATION OF
7 AUTHORIZATION TO DIRECTORS OF MENTAL HEALTH TO EXCUSE THE
8 AMENDMENT OF INNOVATION 2 CONTRACT. OUR AMBASSADORS HAVE DONE
9 A REALLY GREAT JOB IN OUR COMMUNITY, PROVIDING WORKSHOPS,
10 SUPPORT GROUPS, PARENTING PRESENTATIONS, AND THEY HAVE ALSO
11 AIDED OUR COMMUNITY WITH DIFFICULT TIMES WITH C.O.V.I.D. -19,
12 AND LINKED THEM TO CLINICS FOR C.O.V.I.D. VACCINES, P.P.E.
13 ITEMS. SO, CAN YOU PLEASE APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR INNOVATION
14 2? THANK YOU.

15

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

19

20 **SPEAKER:** YES, GOOD MORNING. LET ME PUT MY HEADPHONES ON. I'M
21 SORRY, I WASN'T READY. MY NAME IS CARLOS MONTES. I'M WITH
22 CENTRAL C.S.O., COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATION, HERE IN L.A.,
23 AND I WANT TO ADDRESS PUBLIC COMMENT AND AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 9.
24 EXCUSE ME. I AM GETTING OVER A BAD ALLERGY. FIRST OF ALL, I
25 WANTED TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR INTRODUCING THE

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1 MOTION ON NUMBER NINE, AND I AM CALLING YOU ALL TO SUPPORT AND
2 VOTE FOR THE MOTION TO PUT TOGETHER A COORDINATED EFFORT TO
3 ADDRESS THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH. WHEN PEOPLE ASK ME,
4 HOW DO I LIKE LIVING IN L.A., I SAID, "IT IS GREAT, BUT I'M
5 DYING. WE'RE DYING. OUR COMMUNITY IS DYING." SOCIAL
6 DETERMINANTS ARE THE CONDITIONS IN THE PLACES WHERE WE LIVE,
7 LEARN, WORK, AND PLAY, THAT AFFECT THE WIDER RANGE OF HEALTH
8 OUTCOMES. THIS INCLUDES HEALTHCARE ACCESS, AND QUALITY
9 EDUCATION ACCESS, AND QUALITY SOCIAL COMMUNITY CONTEXT, AND
10 ECONOMIC STABILITY, LIKE OUR JOBS, AND WHERE WE LIVE AND OUR
11 COMMUNITY, RIGHT? THIS WIDE RANGE OF FACTORS PLAY A HUGE ROLE
12 IN HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY FOR
13 WORKING-CLASS FOLKS LIKE MYSELF, WHERE WE LIVE. CLOSING HEALTH
14 DISPARITIES MEANS SERIOUSLY ADDRESSING THESE ISSUES IN A
15 COMPREHENSIVE WAY. THIS WORK IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT IN LIGHT
16 OF THE PANDEMIC. MY NEIGHBOR DIED. SEVERAL OF MY FRIENDS DIED
17 IN MY COMMUNITY, WHERE WE SAW THE COMMUNITIES IN AREAS OF HIGH
18 POVERTY, LACKING HOUSING STABILITY, OR HAD POOR ENVIRONMENTAL
19 SURROUNDINGS HAD WORSE OUTCOMES OF C.O.V.I.D., WHICH HAD A
20 HIGHER DEATH RATE. THAT'S WHY I ASK THAT YOU SUPPORT
21 SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS'S MOTION. THIS MOTION WILL BRING
22 TOGETHER THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT AND THE COMMUNITY TO PUT
23 TOGETHER AN ASSESSMENT REGARDING CURRENT EFFORTS, BY CREATING
24 A ROADMAP TO ADDRESS ANY GAPS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND I WANT

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1 TO AGAIN THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR INTRODUCING THIS
2 MOTION. THANK YOU. HAVE A NICE DAY.

3

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

7

8 **KRUTI PAREKH:** HI, GOOD MORNING. I AM COMMENTING ON AGENDA ITEM
9 ONE, TWO, AND 79-E. MY NAME IS KRUTI PAREKH, AND I AM THE
10 COORDINATOR FOR THE LOS ANGELES YOUTH UPRISING COALITION. MY
11 HEART IS HEAVIER TODAY BECAUSE OF WHAT HAPPENED IN BUFFALO;
12 THE MASSACRE THAT HAPPENED IN BUFFALO BECAUSE OF ANTI-
13 BLACKNESS. IT IS COMPOUNDED BECAUSE OF THE COMMENTS THAT SANTA
14 CLARITA RESIDENTS HAVE HAD, AS IT RELATES TO YOUNG PEOPLE THAT
15 ARE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, YOUNG PEOPLE OF COLOR IN LOS ANGELES
16 COUNTY, AS IT RELATES TO THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. AND TODAY,
17 I WANT TO ASK YOU ALL TO THINK, AS WE ARE ABOUT TO BIRTH THE
18 DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ON JULY 1ST, ABOUT THE 18-
19 YEAR-OLD IN BUFFALO, WHO SHOT SO MANY PEOPLE. THE GRACE THAT
20 HE IS GOING TO BE GIVEN... I WOULD LIKE FOR US TO EXTEND THAT
21 SAME GRACE TO YOUNG PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY; THAT ON JULY
22 1ST, AS THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ARISES, THAT
23 WE SURROUND YOUNG PEOPLE, EVERY YOUNG PERSON IN LOS ANGELES
24 COUNTY, ESPECIALLY BLACK YOUNG PEOPLE, CENTERING BLACK YOUNG
25 PEOPLE, SO THAT THEY FEEL THE LOVE FROM THE COUNTY, SO THAT IT

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1 IS CARE FIRST AND JAILS LAST. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL FOR
2 THE DIRECTOR OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, FOR THE DEPARTMENT THAT IS
3 LAUNCHED ON FRIDAY. SUPER EXCITED. IF ANYONE ON THIS CALL
4 FEELS LIKE YOU LOVE YOUNG PEOPLE, YOU BELIEVE IN THEIR GROWTH,
5 YOU HAVE UNLIMITED PATIENCE, YOU HAVE MASTERED ACCOUNTABILITY
6 AS AN ACTIVE RADICAL LOVE, PLEASE APPLY FOR THIS POSITION, AS
7 IT RELATES TO THE ORDINANCE, WHICH IS 79-E. PLEASE MAKE SURE
8 THAT THE VISION OF THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IS
9 REAL. PLEASE LOOK TO THIS YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED REPORT, AND
10 THE YOUTH STATEMENT IN PARTICULAR, TO GUIDE AND MAKE SURE THAT
11 THE HEART OF IT IS IN THIS ORDINANCE. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT
12 ALL LEGISLATIVE CHANGES HAPPEN, AND THAT IT IS VERY, VERY
13 CLEARLY ARTICULATED, SO WHEN THE LEGISLATIVE CHANGES HAPPEN,
14 SO THAT ALL YOUNG PEOPLE GET TO BE REMOVED.

15

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

19

20 **LIZA DAVIS:** GOOD MORNING. I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM 31 AND GENERAL
21 PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS LIZA DAVIS, AND I AM AN ATTORNEY
22 WITH THE LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES. AS AN ATTORNEY
23 AT LEGAL AID, I STAFF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CLINICS IN COURTS
24 THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. ALMOST EVERY TIME, I MEET AND
25 ASSIST A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WHO HAS RECENTLY SUFFERED

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1 ABUSE, AND IS ALSO NOW DISTRAUGHT BECAUSE, AS A VICTIM, THEY
2 ARE UNDER THREAT OR IN FEAR OF LOSING THEIR CHILDREN TO
3 D.C.F.S., BECAUSE THEY FINALLY SOUGHT HELP. VICTIMS AND
4 SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHOULD NOT LIVE IN FEAR OF
5 LOSING THEIR CHILDREN, ONLY BECAUSE THEY SUFFERED ABUSE. THESE
6 PARENTS WOULD GREATLY BENEFIT FROM PRE-PETITION ADVOCACY
7 SERVICES, LEGAL SERVICES LIKE THE ONES THAT WE PROVIDE IN OUR
8 COURT CLINICS, BUT ALSO SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING, AND SUPPORT,
9 SO THAT THEIR FAMILIES STAY TOGETHER. FOR THIS REASON, LEGAL
10 AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES STRONGLY SUPPORTS AGENDA ITEM
11 NUMBER 31. IT IS TIME TO SUPPORT FAMILIES AND REIMAGINE CHILD
12 SAFETY. THANK YOU.

13
14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SILVIA MARROQUIN. PLEASE
15 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND
16 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
17 BEGIN.

18
19 **SILVIA MARROQUIN:** YES, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME'S SILVIA
20 MARROQUIN. I AM WITH THE COALITION FOR THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL,
21 AND I JUST WANT TO GIVE A GENERAL COMMENT. SO, I JUST WANT TO
22 START BY SAYING 0.028% IS JUST A MINUSCULE AMOUNT FROM THE
23 COUNTY'S ANNUAL BUDGET, AND WE ARE ASKING ONLY FOR \$10 MILLION
24 IN A CODIFIED RIGHT TO COUNSEL. THIS WILL PREVENT SO MANY
25 PEOPLE FROM ENDING ON THE STREET. WE ARE HAVING ALREADY SO

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1 MANY REPRESENTED WITH THE STAY HOUSED L.A. IT IS SAVING
2 THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE. BUT WE NEED MORE. WE NEED ACTION FROM THE
3 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. WE ARE ASKING YOU TO PLEASE GIVE
4 US THE CODIFIED RIGHT TO COUNSEL. MANY OTHER CITIES ALREADY
5 HAVE THIS IN PLACE. L.A. CANNOT STAY BEHIND. [SPEAKS SPANISH]

6

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

11

12 **ALEXANDER HARNDEN:** GOOD MORNING. ALEXANDER HARNDEN, WITH THE
13 INNER CITY LAW CENTER, JUST SPEAKING FOR GENERAL PUBLIC
14 COMMENT. AND WE ARE CALLING FOR THE BOARD TO CODIFY A RIGHT TO
15 COUNSEL FOR TENANTS FACING EVICTION IN UNINCORPORATED LOS
16 ANGELES COUNTY, AND ASKING FOR \$10 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR THAT
17 PURPOSE. AS MENTIONED, THIS IS A MINUSCULE, VERY, VERY SMALL
18 PERCENTAGE OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET, BUT COULD PRODUCE REALLY
19 MEANINGFUL RESULTS FOR VULNERABLE TENANTS. WE KNOW THAT WE HAD
20 A HOUSING CRISIS THAT PREDATES THE PANDEMIC, AND THE PANDEMIC
21 HAS MADE THE EVICTION THREAT MUCH MORE REAL FOR MILLIONS OF
22 TENANTS, AND WE ASK FOR A RIGHT TO COUNSEL. THANK YOU.

23

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

4

5 **DAVID DIAZ:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DAVID DIAZ, EXECUTIVE
6 DIRECTOR OF ACTIVE S.G.V., AND I AM CALLING TODAY TO SUPPORT
7 ITEMS SEVEN AND NINE, AND PUBLIC COMMENT. I WANT TO THANK
8 SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR AUTHORIZING ITEM SEVEN, WHICH
9 ALLOCATES FUNDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FUTURE REGIONAL
10 PUENTE HILLS PARK. THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN IN THE WORKS FOR
11 DECADES, STEMMING FROM ACTION FROM SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WHEN SHE
12 WAS IN THE STATE SENATE IN 1999. RESIDENTS IN THE REGION HAVE
13 SUFFERED THE IMPACT OF THE LANDFILL FOR TOO LONG, MANY WHOM
14 ARE PEOPLE OF COLOR, DISENFRANCHISED COMMUNITIES. LOCAL
15 RESIDENTS DESERVE MORE OPEN SPACE AND PLACES TO RECREATE
16 OUTDOORS IN THIS AREA. ON A RELATED NOTE, I WILL SUPPORT ITEM
17 9, THE COUNTY'S EFFORT TO ADDRESS SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF
18 HEALTH. THE ENVIRONMENT IS ONE OF SEVERAL DETERMINANTS THAT
19 AFFECT PEOPLE'S HEALTH AND WELLBEING. THANK YOU AGAIN TO
20 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND I HOPE THAT THE BOARD FULLY SUPPORTS
21 BOTH OF HER MOTIONS. THANK YOU.

22

23 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DR. LORENZO GONZALEZ.
24 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING

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

3

4 **DR. LORENZO GONZALEZ:** HI. I'M DR. LORENZO ANTONIO GONZALEZ,
5 THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF C.I.R. S.E.I.U., AND I SPEAK HERE
6 TODAY FOR AGENDA ITEM 9 AND PUBLIC COMMENT. TO BE FRANK,
7 SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH AND VALUING YOUR SAFETY-NET CARE
8 PROVIDERS GO HAND IN HAND. SO IT'S UP TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO
9 RESPECT US, PROTECT US, AND PAY US FAIRLY. THIS MEANS HOUSING
10 SECURITY FOR OUR MEMBERS THAT VOW TO PROTECT LOS ANGELES
11 COUNTY'S MOST VULNERABLE. THIS MEANS INCREASED EDUCATIONAL
12 OPPORTUNITIES TO COMPETE AND STAY AT PAR WITH NONCOUNTY LOS
13 ANGELES REGIONAL HEALTH SYSTEMS. THIS MEANS VALUED MENTAL
14 WELLNESS AND INCREASING AFFORDABILITY AND ACCESS TO THERAPY. I
15 SPEAK TODAY BECAUSE THIS CONTRACT NEGOTIATION WITH L.A. COUNTY
16 MATTERS. THE OATH YOU TOOK, THE ONE WE ALL TOOK TO SERVE AND
17 PROTECT THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES, STARTS HERE-- WITH
18 HEALTH. IT STARTS BY RECRUITING AND RETAINING THE DOCTORS WHO
19 SAID "YES" TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY, TO FOSTER THE DIVERSITY AND
20 INCLUSIVE POLICIES THAT WILL USHER THE NEXT GENERATION OF
21 DOCTORS FROM SOUTH L.A. TO EAST L.A., AND ALL THOSE WHO DREAM
22 TO BE THE VANGUARDS OF THEIR COMMUNITY. IT IS IMPORTANT TO
23 NOTE THAT THIS NEGOTIATION IS FAR MORE THAN FINANCIAL, AND WE
24 WILL NOT ALLOW THE POLITICAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH TO IMPACT
25 OUR PATIENT POPULATION. THIS IS THE TIME FOR PARTNERSHIP, AND

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1 LET US END THESE TACTICAL STRATEGIES TO CREATE WINNERS AND
2 LOSERS. IT MUST STOP, FOR OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR PATIENTS IS
3 UNWAVERING. WE WILL MOVE MOUNTAINS FOR OUR PATIENTS. WE WILL
4 STAND TALL AGAINST ANY PANDEMIC FOR OUR PATIENTS. WE WILL DO
5 WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE FOR OUR PATIENTS. THIS IS WHAT
6 RECTIFYING SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH LOOKS LIKE. SO, BOARD
7 OF SUPERVISORS, C.I.R. ASKS OF YOU, RESPECT US, PROTECT US,
8 AND PAY US FAIRLY. WE WILL SEE YOU AT THE NEGOTIATION TABLE.
9 THANK YOU.

10

11 **MODERATOR:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER SPEAKERS IN QUEUE
12 TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. [NO AUDIO, TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES].
13 [AUDIO DIFFICULTIES].

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR PATIENCE.
16 WE BELIEVE WE HAVE RECTIFIED THE TECHNICAL CHALLENGE. I WANT
17 TO THANK ALL THE STAFF WHO FIGURED IT OUT, POSTHASTE.
18 APPRECIATE YOU VERY MUCH. SO, AGAIN, WE ARE STILL IN REGULAR
19 PUBLIC COMMENT. MODERATOR?

20

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

22

23 **MODERATOR:** YES. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MINOUCHE KANDEL.
24 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY,

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

3

4 **MINOUCHE KANDEL:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I AM SPEAKING ON
5 ITEM 31 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS MINOUCHE
6 KANDEL, AND I AM AN ATTORNEY WITH THE A.C.L.U OF SOUTHERN
7 CALIFORNIA, AND OUR L.G.B.T.Q., GENDER, AND REPRODUCTIVE
8 JUSTICE TEAM, AND I AM A MEMBER OF THE REIMAGINE CHILD SAFETY
9 COALITION. FAMILY REGULATION, ALSO KNOWN AS THE CHILD WELFARE
10 SYSTEM, IS A REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE ISSUE. REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE
11 INCLUDES BEING ABLE TO CONTROL IF, WHEN, AND HOW WE BECOME
12 PARENTS, AND TO BE ABLE TO PARENT THE CHILDREN WE HAVE IN
13 SAFETY AND DIGNITY. YET, FAR TOO OFTEN, THE FAMILY REGULATION
14 SYSTEM IMPROPERLY SEPARATES CHILDREN FROM THEIR PARENTS, WITH
15 A PARTICULARLY RACIST IMPACT ON BLACK AND INDIGENOUS MOTHERS.
16 IN A COUNTY WHERE 58% OF BLACK CHILDREN WILL BE SUBJECT TO A
17 CHILD WELFARE INVESTIGATION BEFORE THEY TURN 18, WE MUST TAKE
18 ACTION TO SHRINK THE PIPELINE OF FAMILIES BEING FED TO THE
19 CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM, AND INVEST IN TRUE PREVENTION AND
20 SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES THAT NEED IT. IN NOVEMBER, THE REIMAGINE
21 CHILD SAFETY COALITION SUBMITTED A SERIES OF 11 DEMANDS TO THE
22 BOARD, AND WE WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR SPONSORING THE
23 FIRST MOTION TO ADDRESS ANY OF THESE DEMANDS, THIS ONE
24 PROVIDING A FREE ATTORNEY TO PARENTS AT THE VERY START OF A
25 CHILD WELFARE INVESTIGATION. PROVIDING ATTORNEYS TO PARENTS AT

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1 THE START OF AN INVESTIGATION ENSURES THEY KNOW THEIR RIGHTS.
2 WHEN ATTORNEYS PARTNER WITH SOCIAL WORKERS AND PARENT
3 ADVOCATES, THIS INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM CAN HELP IDENTIFY AND
4 ADDRESS THE ISSUES THAT MAY HAVE LED TO THE FAMILY'S CONTACT
5 WITH THE SYSTEM, SUCH AS HOUSING, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,
6 HEALTHCARE OR GOVERNMENT BENEFITS. THE PRE-PETITION
7 INTERDISCIPLINARY MODEL HAS SHOWN GREAT PROMISE IN
8 JURISDICTIONS OUTSIDE AND INSIDE CALIFORNIA. AND WHILE WE SAW
9 THIS INITIAL STEP TO REIMAGINING CHILD SAFETY, IT IS NOT
10 ENOUGH. WE ASK THE BOARD TO MOVE FORWARD ON ALL OF THE DEMANDS
11 OUR COALITION HAS PUT FORWARD, TO ADDRESS SOME OF D.C.F.S.'S
12 MOST INEQUITABLE POLICIES, AND TO IMPLEMENT PROVEN STRATEGIES
13 THAT CAN KEEP CHILDREN SAFE, WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY PREVENTING
14 FAMILIES FROM BEING RIPPED APART. THANK YOU.

15

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

17

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

21

22 **DAVID NOBLE:** HI. MY NAME IS DAVID NOBLE. I'M A POLICY
23 ASSOCIATE AT THE ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS. I'M SPEAKING
24 ON ITEM 31, ABOUT ADVANCING A PRE-PETITION ADVOCACY MODEL IN
25 THE COUNTY. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR PUTTING THIS

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1 MOTION FORWARD. UNDER CURRENT PRACTICE, PARENTS OFTEN DON'T
2 MEET WITH THEIR COURT-APPOINTED LAWYERS UNTIL MINUTES BEFORE
3 THEIR HEARING, WHICH MEANS THEY HAVE VERY LIMITED TIME TO
4 CONSULT WITH THEIR ADVOCATES TO PREVENT THEIR CHILD'S REMOVAL.
5 WITHIN A PRE-PETITION MODEL, AN INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM OF
6 ATTORNEYS, SOCIAL WORKERS, AND PARENT ADVOCATES WORK TOGETHER
7 TO ENSURE PARENTS UNDERSTAND THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THEM, AND
8 WHAT TO EXPECT AS THE PROCESS UNFOLDS. AND THIS TEAM CAN ALSO
9 PROTECT THE PARENTS' DUE-PROCESS RIGHTS, AS WELL AS
10 IDENTIFYING AND ADDRESSING THE ISSUE THAT LED TO THE FAMILY'S
11 CONTACT WITH THE SYSTEM. THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
12 SERVICES HAS COMMITTED TO REDUCING THE NUMBER OF BLACK,
13 INDIGENOUS, AND LATINO CHILDREN WHO ENTER THE SYSTEM, AND
14 GUARANTEEING PRE-PETITION REPRESENTATION IS CRITICAL TO
15 KEEPING THOSE FAMILIES TOGETHER. SO I HOPE THE SUPERVISORS
16 WILL SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

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

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

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1 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS VERONICA
2 ROSALES, S.E.I.U. 721 MEMBER, AND I AM HERE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR
3 OF ITEM 79-H, AND PUBLIC COMMENT. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR
4 HAHN FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION AND ALLOWING COUNTY EMPLOYEES
5 TO ORGANIZE WITHOUT INTERFERENCE OR RETALIATION FROM THE
6 EMPLOYER. I SERVE AS A SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER COUNSELOR AT
7 AN ORGANIZED CLINIC THAT HOLDS A CONTRACT WITH LOS ANGELES
8 COUNTY: HEALTHRIGHT 360. OUR INITIAL EFFORTS TO MAKE OUR
9 VOICES HEARD FACED THESE SAME CHALLENGES, AND WERE SUBJECT TO
10 RETALIATION, INTIMIDATION, AND SURVEILLANCE TO OUR BARGAINING
11 UNIT, AS WELL AS OUR ORGANIZERS. AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS OF
12 ORGANIZING, WE FINALLY WERE GRANTED RECOGNITION, AND HAVE
13 UNION REPRESENTATION SINCE 2019. WE HOPE THAT THIS MOTION ALSO
14 SPEAKS TO CURRENT AND FUTURE CONTRACTED EMPLOYERS, SUCH AS
15 HEALTHRIGHT 360, AS UNION REPRESENTATION IS IMPERATIVE TO NOT
16 ONLY THE EMPLOYEES, BUT THE FAMILIES OF THE EMPLOYEES AND THE
17 COMMUNITIES WE SERVE. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME, AND
18 HAVE A GREAT DAY.

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

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

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1 **DAVID GREEN:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. MY
2 NAME IS DAVID GREEN, AND I'M THE PRESIDENT FOR S.E.I.U. LOCAL
3 721, HERE TO SPEAK ON ITEM 79-H AND PUBLIC COMMENT. FIRST, I'D
4 LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN FOR INTRODUCING ITEM 79-
5 H, WHICH REAFFIRMS A COUNTY EMPLOYEE'S RIGHT TO ORGANIZE AND
6 PARTICIPATE IN UNION ACTIVITIES WITHOUT THE FEAR OF
7 RETALIATION OR DISCIPLINE. THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE HAS
8 CONTINUOUSLY BEEN UNDER ATTACK. IN MORE RECENT YEARS, ANTI-
9 WORKER ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE FREEDOM FOUNDATIONS ARE MORE
10 FREQUENTLY ATTEMPTING TO CHALLENGE THESE RIGHTS, AND L.A.
11 COUNTY IS NOT EXEMPT FROM THESE THREATS TO WORKER SOLIDARITY.
12 WE HOPE THAT, WITH THIS MOTION, IT SENDS A CLEAR MESSAGE TO
13 ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND EMPLOYERS THAT THE VOICES OF OUR
14 WORKFORCE WILL BE PROTECTED AND UPLIFTED IN A TIME WHERE WE'RE
15 SHIFTING TO THE COUNTY MODEL THAT ENCOURAGES A CARE FIRST
16 APPROACH. ON MONDAY, MARCH 9TH, WHILE THE WORLD CELEBRATED
17 NURSE'S WEEK, OUR NURSES ENTERED INTO INTENSIVE BARGAINING
18 WITH L.A. COUNTY. EVERY NIGHT SINCE, THEY'VE NEGOTIATED LATE
19 INTO THE NIGHT AND EARLY MORNING, FOR A FAIR CONTRACT THAT
20 ONCE AND FOR ALL ADDRESSES THE CRISIS OF STAFF RECRUITMENT AND
21 STAFF RETENTION. IN 2018, OUR NURSES TRIED TO RAISE THIS
22 ISSUE, AND THE COUNTY'S RESPONSE WERE BAND-AIDS. THAT LACK OF
23 INVESTMENT WAS EXPOSED DURING THE PANDEMIC, AND THE COMMUNITY
24 AND OUR MEMBERS SUFFERED. COUNTY NEGOTIATORS HAVE REPEATEDLY
25 TOLD OUR NURSES THAT THEY CANNOT ADDRESS THESE REQUESTS IN

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1 THIS CYCLE. OUR NURSES STAND STRONGLY UNITED. THIS IS THE
2 CYCLE TO START FIXING THIS PROBLEM. THE COUNTY STANDS TO LOSE
3 NURSES LIKE SANDRA BELTRAN, WHO'S FROM SYLMAR AND PROUDLY
4 WORKS AT THE OLIVE VIEW MEDICAL CENTER; AND NURSES LIKE DENISE
5 WILSON, WHO, AS AN IMMIGRANT FROM BELIZE, WITH VERY LITTLE
6 OPTIONS, SOUGHT SERVICES AT HERBERT HUMPHREY COMPREHENSIVE
7 HEALTH CENTER. TODAY, SHE IS A PROUD L.A. COUNTY NURSE AT THAT
8 SAME FACILITY. THE COMMUNITY DESERVES TO GET HIGH-QUALITY CARE
9 FROM NURSES THEY RECOGNIZE, NOT FROM EXPENSIVE, OUT-OF-STATE
10 TRAVELERS. THIS IS THE CYCLE TO HONOR OUR HEROIC NURSES. THIS
11 BOILS DOWN TO AN ISSUE OF RESPECT FOR OUR NURSES. THANK YOU.

12

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

14

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

19

20 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

21

22 **MODERATOR:** YES.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. I JUST WANTED TO REITERATE, I'M SPEAKING ON
25 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, AND I JUST WANT TO CONTINUE THE DEMAND

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1 FOR A CARE FIRST VISION IN OUR UPCOMING L.A. BUDGET. THE L.A.
2 COUNTY BUDGET WAS INTRODUCED IN A MANNER THAT'S UNFRIENDLY TO
3 COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION. BUDGET HEARINGS, ALLEGEDLY OPEN TO
4 THE PUBLIC, WERE NEVER ANNOUNCED TO THE PUBLIC, AND REMAIN
5 DIFFICULT TO ACCESS. COMMUNITY INPUT HAS TO BE A TOP PRIORITY,
6 AS THE COUNTY WORKS THROUGH HOW TO SPEND OUR TAX DOLLARS. THE
7 BOARD STATED THAT IT IS COMMITTED TO REALIZE A CARE FIRST
8 VISION FOR THE COUNTY. THE PROPOSED 2022-2023 BUDGET DOES NOT
9 REFLECT THE COMMITMENT TO CARE FIRST. IN FACT, THE COUNTY
10 INTENDS TO INCREASE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET, AND
11 NOTABLY THE LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PERSONAL BUDGET.
12 THE COUNTY PROPOSES A \$6.2 BILLION ALLOTMENT FOR LAW AND
13 JUSTICE OFFICES, WITH MORE THAN HALF OF THIS FUNDING BEING
14 USED FOR L.A.S.D. AND THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. THE COUNTY IS
15 SPENDING SO MUCH MONEY--

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

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

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1 **KATHERINE MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS
2 KATHERINE MITCHELL. I'M SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM 31 AND GENERAL
3 PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM AN ATTORNEY WITH LOS ANGELES DEPENDENCY
4 LAWYERS, AND A MEMBER OF THE REIMAGINE CHILD SAFETY COALITION.
5 I AM ALSO A RESIDENT OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S DISTRICT. A LOT OF
6 MY COLLEAGUES HAVE ALREADY HIGHLIGHTED THE IMPORTANCE OF PRE-
7 PETITION COUNSEL. AS THE ATTORNEY THAT REPRESENTS THESE
8 PARENTS, I CAN CONFIDENTLY SAY THAT INTERVENTION FROM PRE-
9 PETITION COUNSEL COULD PREVENT HUNDREDS, PERHAPS THOUSANDS, OF
10 REMOVALS. GIVEN THAT CHILDREN IN OUR COUNTY ARE
11 DISPROPORTIONATELY REMOVED FOR NEGLECT, THESE CONDITIONS CAN
12 BE AMELIORATED WITH EARLY INTERVENTION, ESPECIALLY HOUSING,
13 MENTAL HEALTHCARE, SUBSTANCE ABUSE CARE, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY,
14 KNOWLEDGE. PARENTS DO NOT HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO APPROPRIATELY
15 FIGHT THEIR CASE, AND I CAN CONFIDENTLY STATE THAT, AS SOMEONE
16 WHO IS PRESENT IN CHILDREN'S COURT EVERY DAY. THANK YOU.

17

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

19

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

23

24 **CYNDE SOTO:** THANK YOU. I WILL ADDRESS NUMBER 11, 30, AND
25 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CYNDE SOTO. I

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1 LIVE IN LONG BEACH, AND I CHAIR THE PERSONAL ASSISTANCE
2 SERVICE COUNCIL GOVERNING BOARD. ITEM NUMBER 11. I AM PLEASED
3 THAT YOU WILL BE LOOKING INTO THE GAPS IN SERVICES FOR OUR
4 SENIORS. ONE SUCH GAP IS THE I.H.S.S. PROVIDER SHORTAGE
5 CRISIS. WE HAVE A LACK OF APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR OUR I.H.S.S.
6 REGISTRY SERVICES. THE NEED FOR I.H.S.S. SERVICES FAR
7 OUTWEIGHS OUR CAPACITY TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR GROWING SENIOR
8 POPULATION. ITEM NUMBER 3. I ALSO RECEIVE I.H.S.S. SERVICES,
9 AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISORS HAHN AND SOLIS FOR THIS
10 AGENDA ITEM. I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS ITEM, TO RESTORE
11 FUNDING FOR A PUBLIC AUTHORITY CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND
12 GOVERNING BOARD. IT IS IMPORTANT-- IT IS IMPERATIVE-- THAT
13 CONSUMER INPUT IN I.H.S.S. SERVICES BE SUPPORTED, SO THAT
14 I.H.S.S. CONSUMERS CAN HELP SOLVE SUCH ISSUES AS THE CURRENT
15 PROVIDER SHORTAGE CRISIS, HIGH TURNOVER OF I.H.S.S. PROVIDERS,
16 NEED FOR EMERGENCY BACKUP SERVICES, AND OTHER IMPORTANT
17 ISSUES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

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

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

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1 **SPEAKER:** CAN YOU HEAR ME?

2

3 **MODERATOR:** YES.

4

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** YES.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS KATHY BEAUREGARD. I WANTED
10 TO ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT
11 HARBOR-U.C.L.A. AND TORRANCE, AND THE MEDICAL ATTENTION THAT
12 YOU GET. THERE'S A PROBLEM THERE, AND IT NEEDS YOUR IMMEDIATE
13 INTERVENTION. A PERSON SHOULDN'T HAVE TO WAIT 6 MONTHS TO A
14 YEAR TO GET INTO THE PAIN CLINIC FOR A SHOT TO RELIEVE THE
15 PAIN, WHEN YOU'RE AT A PAIN LEVEL 9-10, ONLY TO BE TOLD THAT
16 YOUR APPOINTMENT IS CANCELED INDEFINITELY, BECAUSE THERE'S A
17 SHORTAGE OF THE CONTRAST. ALSO, IT'S TAKEN OVER A YEAR FOR ME
18 TO BE RE-DIAGNOSED WITH CARPAL TUNNEL AND SPINE ISSUES, AND
19 I'M STILL IN THE QUEUE TO WAIT, INDEFINITELY, FOR CARPAL
20 TUNNEL SURGERY. IN THE MEANTIME, MY CONDITION HAS GOTTEN
21 WORSE, AND I'M ABOUT TO LOSE MY JOB, BECAUSE I TYPE FOR A
22 LIVING. SO, THE SYSTEM IS BROKEN, AND WE NEED YOUR IMMEDIATE
23 HELP.

24

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

3

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

8

9 **CHARLIE KLINAKIS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CHARLIE KLINAKIS,
10 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE. I'M CALLING TODAY TO SUPPORT
11 ITEM 7, AND PUBLIC COMMENT. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA
12 SOLIS FOR AUTHORIZING ITEM 7, WHICH ALLOCATES FUNDING FOR THE
13 DEVELOPMENT OF THE FUTURE REGIONAL PUENTE HILLS PARK. THIS
14 PROJECT HAS SPANNED DECADES, AND OUR COMMUNITIES HAVE SUFFERED
15 THE IMPACTS OF THE LANDFILL FOR TOO LONG. LA PUENTE RESIDENTS
16 AND OUR NEIGHBORS DESERVE MORE OPEN SPACE AND PLACES TO
17 RECREATE OUTDOORS. THANK YOU AGAIN, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND I
18 HOPE THAT THE BOARD FULLY SUPPORTS THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

19

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

21

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

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1

2 **BRENDA VILLANUEVA:** HI, YES. I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM 8 AND
3 GENERAL COMMENT. HI. MY NAME IS BRENDA VILLANUEVA, AND I AM
4 WITH THE LOS ANGELES L.G.B.T. CENTER, AND I AM CALLING TODAY
5 TO COMMEND AND THANK, AND ALSO STATE MY SUPPORT, OF SUPERVISOR
6 SOLIS AND KUEHL'S MOTION FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO SUPPORT
7 THE GOVERNOR'S EFFORT TO ENSHRINE THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY,
8 PARTICULARLY THE RIGHT TO AN ABORTION, THE RIGHT TO SAME-SEX
9 MARRIAGE, AND THE RIGHT TO CONTRACEPTION, IN THE CALIFORNIA
10 CONSTITUTION. ALL THESE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS ARE UNDER THREAT BY
11 THE SUPREME COURT, AND WE KNOW THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY WILL
12 STAND STRONG WITH THE L.G.B.T. COMMUNITY TO ENSURE THAT WE DO
13 EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO SAFEGUARD THE RIGHT TO MARRY WHO YOU
14 LOVE, BECAUSE FRANKLY, THAT IS WHAT IS AT STAKE. I URGE THE
15 BOARD TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

16

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

18

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

22

23 **SPEAKER:** HI. I'M JAMIE. I'M A CONSTITUENT OF DISTRICT 3, AND
24 I'M SPEAKING ON THE BUDGET AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. ONCE
25 AGAIN, L.A. COUNTY'S BUDGET WAS INTRODUCED IN A MANNER THAT IS

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1 UNFRIENDLY TO COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION. BUDGET HEARINGS,
2 ALLEGEDLY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, WERE NEVER ANNOUNCED TO THE
3 PUBLIC, AND REMAIN DIFFICULT TO ACCESS. COMMUNITY INPUT SHOULD
4 BE A TOP PRIORITY, AS THE COUNTY WORKS THROUGH HOW TO SPEND
5 OUR TAX DOLLARS. \$3.4 BILLION TO THE L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
6 IS NOT CARE FIRST. \$3.4 BILLION TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,
7 AND \$218 MILLION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS. WHAT
8 DOES THIS COMPARISON SAY ABOUT THE COUNTY'S PRIORITIES? \$4.4
9 BILLION TO THE SHERIFF AND PROBATION DEPARTMENTS, AND \$1.8
10 BILLION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. "CARE FIRST" IS
11 ABOUT INVESTING IN HEALTHCARE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING, YET THE
12 COUNTY SEEMS TO BELIEVE THAT IT IS STILL MOVING TOWARDS A CARE
13 FIRST VISION BY CONTINUING TO UNDERINVEST IN CRITICAL COUNTY
14 DEPARTMENTS, AND POUR BILLIONS INTO COUNTY DEPARTMENTS RIFE
15 WITH FINANCIAL IRRESPONSIBILITY, A SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FILLED
16 WITH VIOLENT AND MURDEROUS GANGS, AND A PROBATION DEPARTMENT
17 NOT SUITED FOR THE APPROACHED ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. I
18 ALSO JUST WANT TO SAY THAT THE INCREDIBLY DIFFICULT WAY THAT
19 YOU ARE-- THAT CONSTITUENTS ARE ABLE TO LEAVE PUBLIC COMMENT
20 IN THIS MEETING IS ACTIVE REPRESSION AND SILENCING OF
21 CITIZENS' VOICES. THANK YOU.

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

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

5

6 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH
7 INTERPRETATION OF THIS REMINDER. [INSTRUCTIONS IN SPANISH].

8

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

10

11 **MODERATOR:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER SPEAKERS IN QUEUE
12 TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. PARDON ME, WE DO HAVE PEOPLE WHO HAVE
13 JUST SIGNALLED THAT THEY WISH TO SPEAK. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS
14 SHARON BALMER CARTAGENA. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS
15 YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON
16 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

17

18 **SHARON BALMER CARTAGENA:** HI. SHARON CARTAGENA, DIRECTING
19 ATTORNEY OF THE CHILDREN'S RIGHTS PROJECT OF PUBLIC COUNSEL,
20 AND SPEAKING ON ITEM 31, AND PROVIDING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
21 I'D LIKE TO FIRST THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON
22 THIS ISSUE. OUR WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT SITE'S RESEARCH SHOWS
23 THAT PRE-PETITION ADVOCACY PROJECTS WORK. AND I KNOW THIS FROM
24 THE DATA, BUT I ALSO KNOW IT FROM ON-THE-GROUND EXPERIENCE
25 REPRESENTING PARENTS IN LOS ANGELES. EARLIER THIS YEAR, I

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1 REPRESENTED A FORMER FOSTER YOUTH IN A D.C.F.S. INVESTIGATION.
2 MY CLIENT WAS A SURVIVOR OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND WHEN HER
3 FORMER PARTNER CAME TO HER HOME IN VIOLATION OF AN EXISTING
4 CRIMINAL PROTECTIVE ORDER, SHE CALLED THE POLICE TO ENFORCE
5 THAT ORDER. AND UNFORTUNATELY, THE POLICE CALLED D.C.F.S. AT
6 FIRST, THE D.C.F.S. WORKER REALLY STRUGGLED TO GET IN TOUCH
7 WITH MY CLIENT. HE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY HER GATE WAS ALWAYS
8 LOCKED WHEN HE CAME BY UNANNOUNCED. AND WHEN THE WORKER
9 FINALLY GOT IN TOUCH WITH HER, HE DIDN'T HAVE IMPORTANT
10 BACKGROUND INFORMATION, LIKE THAT THERE WAS ALREADY A
11 RESTRAINING ORDER IN PLACE, AND AN ONGOING CRIMINAL CASE. AND
12 MY CLIENT, IMPACTED BY THE RECENT VIOLENCE AND THE STRESS OF
13 THE INVESTIGATION, STRUGGLED TO PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION IN A
14 CLEAR AND LINEAR WAY. MY OFFICE, THOUGH, WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE
15 THAT HISTORY. WE WERE ABLE TO EXPLAIN THAT THERE WAS ALREADY A
16 RESTRAINING ORDER, AND WE WERE ABLE TO ADVOCATE FOR A FEMALE
17 D.C.F.S. WORKER TO CONDUCT THE HOME VISIT, GIVEN THE CASE
18 HISTORY. WE WERE ABLE TO HELP OUR CLIENT FILE FOR CUSTODY
19 ORDERS TO SUPPLEMENT THE RESTRAINING ORDER, AND TO EXPLAIN TO
20 THE WORKER THAT D.V. CLASSES, WHILE VALUABLE, WERE NOT WHAT
21 THE FAMILY MOST NEEDED. INSTEAD, WE DRAFTED AN INDIVIDUALIZED
22 SAFETY PLAN FOR OUR CLIENT. WE CONNECTED OUR CLIENT TO A
23 VICTIM ADVOCATE, TO ENFORCE THE EXISTING RESTRAINING ORDER,
24 AND WE ACCESSED FUNDS FROM ANOTHER NONPROFIT TO HELP THE
25 CLIENT MOVE TO AN APARTMENT THAT STILL MET HER NEEDS, BUT WAS

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1 NOT A WALKABLE DISTANCE FROM HER BATTERER'S WORK. THIS IS WHAT
2 PRE-PETITION ADVOCACY LOOKS LIKE IN L.A.: MEETING A FAMILY'S
3 SPECIFIC NEEDS, SO THAT THEY CAN STAY SAFE, AND STAY TOGETHER.
4 I URGE YOU TO VOTE YES ON ITEM 31, TO BRING THESE SERVICES TO
5 MORE FAMILIES IN LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU.

6

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

8

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

12

13 **SPEAKER:** HI. [INAUDIBLE] ITEM 31. I AM AN INDEPENDENT-LIVING
14 DISABLED PERSON SINCE 1983, AND MY HEALTH HAS GONE UP, NOW
15 IT'S GONE DOWN. RIGHT NOW, I'M IN NEED OF A DOUBLE-INCISION
16 SPINAL SURGERY, AND BECAUSE OF THAT, PASADENA HOUSING JUST
17 ENDED MY CONTRACT WITH THEM, AND GAVE ME TO UNION STATION, AND
18 UNION STATION JUST CAN'T SEEM TO FIND ME A PLACE OF RESIDENCE,
19 SO THAT I CAN GO AND HAVE MY DOUBLE-INCISION SURGERY AND COME
20 BACK HOME AND HEAL. AND I NEED HELP BY A SOCIAL WORKER TO-- TO
21 HAVE THEM-- TO HELP ME FIND A UNIT, SO I CAN GO HAVE MY
22 SURGERY AND COME BACK HOME AND HEAL. AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND
23 THE WAY THAT PASADENA HAS AN AUTHORITY, TOOK AWAY MY VOUCHER,
24 BECAUSE THE INSPECTOR DIDN'T THINK THAT I WAS KEEPING MY
25 APARTMENT NEAT. WELL, I HAD TO PACK.

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1

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

4

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

9

10 **CYNTHIA CARRASCO:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CYNTHIA
11 CARRASCO, AND I'M A RESIDENT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT, AND I OF
12 THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING AS STAFF ATTORNEY AT RAINBOW
13 SERVICES, WHICH IS HOUSED IN THE 4TH DISTRICT. HOWEVER, ALL
14 THE WORK THAT WE DO ENCOMPASSES MORE THAN L.A. COUNTY, AND I'M
15 HERE TO ADDRESS ITEM NUMBER 27 AND ITEM NUMBER 31, AS WELL AS
16 MAKE A GENERAL COMMENT. REGARDING ITEM NUMBER 27, STABILIZING
17 SUPPORT IN PROGRAMS, I AM AN ATTORNEY, AND AS MUCH AS I WANT
18 TO MAKE A LEGAL ARGUMENT FOR THIS ITEM NUMBER, I'M COMING AT
19 THIS WITH AN ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVE. THE INTEREST OF OUR
20 COMMUNITY AND THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY ARE NOT BEING
21 THOROUGHLY MET. AND WITH THE RISING INFLATION THAT WE ARE
22 FACING, AND THE INCREASE OF COMMUNITY NEEDS, IN TERMS OF
23 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS AND VICTIMS WHO NEED ASSISTANCE, I
24 ASK THAT THE ENTIRE LEADERSHIP'S DAIS CONSIDER THE IMPORTANCE
25 OF STABILIZING FUNDING AND SUPPORT FOR SURVIVORS OF INTIMATE

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1 PARTNER VIOLENCE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. INDIVIDUALS LIKE
2 MYSELF, WHO WORK WITHIN NONPROFITS, WHO ARE FACED WITH THIS ON
3 A DAILY BASIS, ARE DEPENDENT UPON THE ABSOLUTE UNEQUIVOCAL
4 SUPPORT OF OUR COUNTY LEADERS, OUR CITY AND STATE LEADERS, TO
5 MAKE SURE THAT WE ADDRESS THESE NEEDS. GIVEN THE ONGOING
6 PANDEMIC-- AND AGAIN, I UTTER THESE REALLY IMPORTANT WORDS:
7 THE ECONOMICS ARE CHANGING. THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE ARE
8 UNABLE TO MEET THEIR NEEDS. WE CAN, AND WE SHALL, BUT WE NEED
9 TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE UNDERWRITING IT PROPERLY. RELATED TO
10 ITEM 31, I AGAIN COME AT THIS FROM A LEGAL PERSPECTIVE, BUT IN
11 ESSENCE, I WANT TO MAKE IT VERY SIMPLE. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
12 ADVANCING THE COUNTYWIDE PRE-PETITION ADVOCACY MODEL IS A BEST
13 PRACTICE. I HAVE HAD EXPERIENCE IN THAT, IN THE 15 YEARS THAT
14 I'VE DONE THIS HONORABLE WORK. HOWEVER, I LOOK AT THIS MORE IN
15 TERMS OF ECONOMICS AND DUE PROCESS. BY SOLIDIFYING THIS
16 PROPOSITION AND ALLOWING FOR THERE TO BE A CONCRETE APPROACH
17 TO DUE PROCESS AND THE FULL UNDERSTANDING OF THOSE RIGHTS AND
18 THOSE OBLIGATIONS, EACH FAMILY THAT TOUCHES THE SYSTEM AND
19 NAVIGATES THE SYSTEM WILL HAVE A MORE EQUITABLE OUTCOME. MY
20 CONCERN IS THAT WE ARE CONTINUOUSLY DISPROPORTIONATELY
21 AFFECTING FAMILIES OF COLOR AND FAMILIES OF VARIOUS
22 SOCIOECONOMIC BACKGROUNDS WITH AN UNFAIR OUTCOME, BECAUSE WE
23 ARE VIOLATING THEIR DUE-PROCESS RIGHTS. THEREFORE, AT THE
24 HEART OF THIS ADVANCEMENT OF THE COUNTYWIDE PRE-PETITION
25 ADVOCACY MODEL IS THE BASIC CODIFIED PRINCIPLE THAT WE SHALL

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1 HONOR THEIR NEEDS AND THEIR RIGHTS, AND THOSE INDIVIDUAL
2 PROFESSIONALS WHO ARE SURROUNDING THESE FAMILIES AS THEY
3 NAVIGATE THIS VERY TUMULTUOUS TIME SHALL BE SERVED AS THEY
4 DESERVE. AGAIN, I'M A PUBLIC INTEREST LAWYER. I'VE BEEN THAT
5 SINCE LAW SCHOOL, AND MY UTMOST CONCERN FOR ANYBODY OUT THERE
6 WHO IS SUFFERING THROUGH THESE VERY TUMULTUOUS EXPERIENCES IS
7 THAT THEY HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION TO NAVIGATE AND PROTECT
8 THEMSELVES, AND PROTECT THOSE THAT THEY LOVE.

9

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

12

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

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THE MEMBERS OF
17 THE PUBLIC, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AS WE NAVIGATED
18 OUR WAY THROUGH THAT TECHNICAL CHALLENGE WITH OUR CABLE T.V.
19 VIEWERS. OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC SPEAKERS HAS ENDED. AND THANK YOU
20 TO ALL THAT CALLED IN TO SPEAK. IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE
21 YOUR COMMENTS, YOU MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS, AS INDICATED
22 ON THE AGENDA. WE'LL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS.
23 TEST, TEST. CAN YOU HEAR ME? MY MIC WAS ON. OKAY. SO, AS I WAS
24 SAYING, FOR THOSE WHO ALREADY HEARD ME, THANK YOU FOR CALLING
25 IN AND PROVIDING YOUR COMMENTS. YOU MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN

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1 COMMENTS, AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA. WE'LL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT
2 ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH
3 WILL BECOME PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD. WE'RE GOING TO
4 TRANSITION TO SPECIALS ON THE AGENDA. I'M JUST MAKING SURE
5 THAT EVERYONE'S MIC IS GOING TO FUNCTION, BEFORE WE PROCEED.
6 YOU READY? THE GREEN LIGHT WAS ON, YES. SO, WE'RE GOING TO
7 TRANSITION INTO THE SPECIALS SECTION OF OUR AGENDA, TO
8 ACKNOWLEDGE A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY FAMILY WHO IS DEPARTING:
9 ANTONIA HERNANDEZ, WHO HAS DIRECTED OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
10 SOCIAL SERVICES-- SOMEONE HELP ME-- FOR 10, 11 YEARS. I DON'T
11 HAVE ALL MY HISTORY STRAIGHT. SO, WE WANT TO JUST SPEND A
12 BRIEF MOMENT, ALLOWING EVERY MEMBER OF THE BOARD TO
13 ACKNOWLEDGE THE SIGNIFICANT ROLE SHE'S PLAYED FOR EVERY L.A.
14 COUNTY RESIDENT. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO PROVIDE
15 SOME REMARKS? I'LL JUST GO IN DISTRICT ORDER.

16
17 **SUP. SOLIS:** SURE. SURE. THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I,
18 TOO, WANT TO COMMEND ANTONIA JIMENEZ FOR HER MANY DECADES OF
19 SERVICE TO L.A. COUNTY, AND REALLY TAKING THE COUNTY AND HER
20 DEPARTMENT TO A DIFFERENT LEVEL. SHE'S RECEIVED SO MANY
21 NUMEROUS RECOGNITIONS THROUGHOUT HER CAREER. SHE WORKED VERY
22 CAREFULLY WITH MANY OF US, AND I KNOW, FOR US, ON MANY
23 OCCASIONS OUT IN THE FIELD, HELPING TO PROVIDE NUTRITION
24 INFORMATION, AND HELPING PEOPLE TO REALLY GET THE SERVICES
25 THAT THEY DESERVE, THROUGH D.P.S.S., THE G.R. PROGRAM, AND

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1 HELPING US WITH OUR TRANSITIONAL-AGE YOUTH PROGRAMS, TO TRY TO
2 GET G.R. BENEFITS TO THOSE THAT ARE COMING OUT OF OUR CARE.
3 AND I WANT TO JUST COMMEND HER FOR HER WORK, HER LEADERSHIP. I
4 KNOW SHE'S GOING ON TO OTHER, NEW CHALLENGES, AND I WISH HER
5 WELL. SHE WILL BE MISSED. AS ONE OF THE HIGHEST-RANKING, OR
6 ONE OF THE FEW HIGHEST-RANKING LATINAS IN THE COUNTY
7 GOVERNMENT, I WANT TO COMMEND HER AND THANK HER FOR ALL THAT
8 SHE'S DONE, AND FOR HER MANY SACRIFICES. MUCHAS GRACIAS,
9 ANTONIA. ALWAYS LUCHADORA. MUCHAS GRACIAS. THANK YOU, MADAM
10 CHAIR.

11

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

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I ECHO, OF
15 COURSE, EVERYTHING THAT HILDA SAID, BUT I WANTED TO ADD, IT
16 WAS NONE OF OUR CHOICE, OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS, TO FACE
17 THE CHALLENGES THAT WE DID. AND ALTHOUGH OUR HEALTH
18 DEPARTMENTS WERE VERY CHALLENGED, MENTAL HEALTH WAS
19 CHALLENGED, I HAVE TO SAY THAT EVERY ONE OF OUR MOST
20 VULNERABLE CLIENTS REALLY WAS A PART OF D.P.S.S., AND IT WAS
21 REALLY SORT OF AWESOME-INSPIRING TO WATCH THE WAY YOU LED,
22 ANTONIA, THROUGH THIS PANDEMIC. THESE WERE THE PEOPLE WHO
23 NEEDED US THE MOST, AND NEEDED THE SERVICES OF D.P.S.S. THE
24 MOST. AND TO MAKE THIS WORK-- ESPECIALLY, SUDDENLY, IN 2020,
25 WHEN EVERYTHING CHANGED-- AND TO WATCH YOUR WORK, TO WATCH

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1 YOUR LEADERSHIP, TO WATCH THE WAY THAT YOU DEALT WITH FOOD
2 INSECURITY, THE WAY YOU STEPPED UP ABOUT MAKING CERTAIN THAT
3 PEOPLE COULD SIGN UP FOR CALFRESH AND OTHER BENEFITS THEY
4 DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THEY COULD HAVE ACCESS TO, THE ADDED BENEFITS
5 DURING THE PANDEMIC, THE WAY YOU LED YOUR STAFF... AND I
6 THINK, HONESTLY, WHEN WE LOOK BACK, WE'LL SAY THAT YOUR
7 LEADERSHIP SAVED LIVES. IT REALLY SAVED LIVES. AND WHERE IT
8 MAY NOT HAVE SAVED A LIFE, IT DEFINITELY ENHANCED A LIFE, AND
9 ESPECIALLY THE LIVES OF OUR FAMILIES. SO, I WANTED TO EXPRESS
10 MY GREAT THANKS TO YOU: THE THANKS OF ALL OF THE PEOPLE,
11 CERTAINLY, IN MY DISTRICT, ESPECIALLY IN THOSE REALLY HARD-HIT
12 POCKETS OF MY DISTRICT, WHERE D.P.S.S. REALLY STEPPED UP.
13 THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. REALLY, ENJOY WHAT'S NEXT.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. IS MY MIC ON? YES. OKAY.
18 ANTONIA, I JUST WANTED TO ADD MY WORDS OF THANKS FOR YOUR
19 SERVICE HERE WITH L.A. COUNTY. WE ASKED YOU TO LEAD A
20 DEPARTMENT THAT EMBODIES THE VERY ESSENCE OF WHAT OUR COUNTY
21 DOES, AND THAT'S HELPING PEOPLE WHO NEED IT THE MOST.
22 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES IS A CENTRAL PART OF OUR
23 SAFETY NET, AND IT'S YOU AND YOUR STAFF AT D.P.S.S. THAT MADE
24 SURE FAMILIES COULD BUY FOOD, COULD GET HEALTHCARE, THAT THE
25 HEADS OF THOSE FAMILIES COULD GET JOB TRAINING AND JOB

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1 PLACEMENT, THAT OUR ELDERLY AND THE DISABLED COULD RECEIVE
2 CARE, AND THAT THE INDIGENT RECEIVED SERVICES AND SHELTER. AND
3 AS SUPERVISOR KUEHL SAID, YOU LED IT DURING, PROBABLY, THE TWO
4 MOST DIFFICULT YEARS ANY OF US HAVE FACED, NEVER QUITE
5 UNDERSTANDING WHAT THIS VIRUS WAS GOING TO DO TO PEOPLE; AND
6 YET WE KNEW, BEYOND ANYTHING, THEY WERE GOING TO NEED HELP. I
7 KNOW YOU KNOW THIS, BUT THAT DEPARTMENT SERVES 3 OUT OF 10
8 COUNTY RESIDENTS, BUT WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE INCREASING
9 ECONOMIC PRESSURE ON FAMILIES, AND OUR HOMELESS CRISIS,
10 D.P.S.S. IS NEEDED MORE THAN EVER. AND I KNOW THAT YOU WORKED
11 TIRELESSLY TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS DEPARTMENT CONTINUED TO BE
12 THE VANGUARD OF OUR COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO SERVE THE LEAST AMONG
13 US. THANK YOU, ANTONIA, FOR YOUR HARD WORK, FOR YOUR
14 DEDICATION TO THE PEOPLE WHO HAD NOWHERE ELSE TO TURN. SO,
15 CONGRATULATIONS, AND GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

16
17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BARGER?

18
19 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, AND I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU,
20 ANTONIA, FOR 11 1/2 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE IN THE COUNTY OF
21 LOS ANGELES, AS A DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. YOU HAVE
22 ALWAYS-- AND I THINK WE WOULD ALL AGREE-- TRIED TO FIND THE
23 BEST OUTCOMES FOR ALL, AND WORK IN COLLABORATION WITH ALL, TO
24 REALLY ACHIEVE CONSENSUS. OH, EXCUSE ME. WHEN YOU CAME TO THE
25 COUNTY IN THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, YOU WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR

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1 OVERSEEING THE CHILDREN AND FAMILY'S WELLBEING CLUSTER,
2 SOMETHING THAT I REMEMBER VERY WELL, AND GOT TO KNOW YOU
3 THERE, WHICH INCLUDED DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES,
4 CHILD SUPPORT, SENIOR SERVICES, AND CHILDREN AND FAMILY
5 SERVICES. AND THEN YOU TRANSITIONED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
6 PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, AND LED THAT FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE
7 YEARS. AND WHILE THERE, YOU REALLY DID FOCUS ON MODERNIZING
8 BUSINESS PRACTICE, USING MORE COMPUTERS AND AUTOMATED
9 SERVICES, AND THAT WORK HAS BEEN VERY BENEFICIAL AS THE COUNTY
10 FACED THE THREAT OF C.O.V.I.D.-19. AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL
11 REMINDED ME THAT THE WORK YOU HAVE DONE ON JOB TRAINING, AND
12 SOMETHING THAT, REALLY, YOU PUT AS A PRIORITY, AND I THINK WE
13 WOULD ALL AGREE, THAT HAS BEEN A GAME CHANGER FOR THIS COUNTY,
14 AND SO I APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR KUEHL REMINDING ME TO INCLUDE
15 THAT IN MY REMARKS. DURING THE PANDEMIC, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU
16 ALL KNOW, BUT THEY RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY 127,000 APPLICATIONS
17 IN ONE MONTH, IN APRIL OF 2020, WHICH REPRESENTED AN 80%
18 INCREASE FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTH. UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP, THOSE
19 APPLICATIONS WERE PROCESSED IN A TIMELY FASHION, DESPITE
20 HAVING TO PROVIDE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF STAFF TO BE DISASTER
21 SERVICE WORKERS, AND WITH OVER 30% OF STAFF CALLING IN SICK
22 DAILY, DUE TO C.O.V.I.D. BUT YOU GOT IT DONE. SO I WANT TO
23 THANK YOU, ANTONIA. YOU REALLY HAVE BEEN SOMEONE-- I'VE
24 ADMIRERD YOUR COUNTY CAREER. I'M SORRY TO SEE YOU GO, BUT I'M

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1 EXCITED FOR THE NEXT CHAPTER. WE ALL THANK YOU AND WISH YOU
2 ALL THE BEST. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND I WOULD JUST
5 CONCLUDE, MS. HERNANDEZ, BY ACKNOWLEDGING FROM MY PERSPECTIVE
6 THE ROLE YOU HAVE PLAYED AS AN INNOVATOR. HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF
7 FIRST MEETING YOU WHEN I WAS IN THE STATE SENATE, AND FOCUSED,
8 REALLY, MY ENTIRE WORK HISTORY-- NOT JUST ELECTED LIFE, BUT MY
9 ENTIRE PROFESSIONAL CAREER-- AROUND FOCUSING ON HOW
10 ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS AND PUBLIC BENEFIT PROGRAMS CAN TRULY
11 HELP FAMILIES WHO NEED IT. AND SO, YOUR OUT-OF-THE-BOX
12 THINKING AND INNOVATIVE WAY OF MOVING PROGRAMS TO MEET THE
13 NEEDS OF FAMILIES, I THINK, IS UNPARALLELED. I THINK THE
14 ENTITLEMENT AND PUBLIC BENEFIT PROGRAMS ARE SOME OF THE MOST
15 HIGHLY REGULATED AREAS OF GOVERNMENT, AND SO TO FIGURE OUT HOW
16 YOU MEET PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE, MEET THEIR NEEDS IN THAT
17 ENVIRONMENT, IS REALLY TRICKY. BUT THERE ARE ANY NUMBER OF
18 EXAMPLES OF WHERE YOU HAVE STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE AND REALLY
19 USED INNOVATION TO MEET PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE. SPECIFIC CASE
20 AND POINT: YOU IMPLEMENTED THE FIRST-IN-THE-NATION RENEWAL
21 LINE, WHERE CUSTOMERS CAN CONTACT YOUR DEPARTMENT WITHOUT
22 HAVING TO COME INTO A D.P.S. OFFICE TO COMPLETE THEIR
23 PAPERWORK. BUT YOU HAD THE VISION TO USE TECHNOLOGY,
24 PARTICULARLY IN A TIME LIKE THIS, WHEN THEIR SAFETY AND THE
25 SAFETY OF YOUR ELIGIBILITY WORKERS WERE OF CONCERN. SO, TO USE

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1 INNOVATION IN A CREATIVE WAY, TO MEET PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE, I
2 THINK, WAS VERY HELPFUL. I'VE ALWAYS APPRECIATED YOUR
3 RESPONSIVENESS. YOU STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE WHEN I TALKED TO
4 YOU ABOUT THE FACT THAT COMPTON COLLEGE HAD THE HIGHEST
5 PERCENTAGE OF UNHOUSED COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS IN THE
6 STATE, AND YOU WERE WILLING TO WORK ARM IN ARM WITH PRESIDENT
7 CURRY TO FIGURE OUT A WAY HOW TO GET FOOD TO THOSE STUDENTS,
8 AND THE CALFRESH PARTNERSHIP WITH COMPTON COLLEGE WAS
9 LAUNCHED. AND I KNOW THAT THERE ARE OTHER COMMUNITY COLLEGES
10 WHO ARE NOW STEPPING UP TO THE PLATE, RECOGNIZING HOW
11 SIGNIFICANT AN ISSUE STUDENT HUNGER IS, RECOGNIZING HOW MANY
12 OF THEM QUALIFY; THERE JUST WASN'T A CONNECTION. AND SO I
13 APPRECIATE YOU, AGAIN, FOR THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX, BEING
14 INNOVATIVE IN MEETING THE NEEDS OF ANGELENOS ACROSS THE
15 COUNTY. SO, WITH THAT, WE WISH YOU A GREAT SUCCESS IN ALL OF
16 YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS, AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SERVICE
17 TO EVERY RESIDENT ACROSS L.A. COUNTY. WE THANK YOU. THANK YOU
18 VERY MUCH, COLLEAGUES. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE THE
19 AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING.

20
21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU: 6, 10
22 AND 11, 13 THROUGH 26, 28 AND 29, 30 AS REVISED, 32 THROUGH
23 36, 38, 40 THROUGH 44, 46 THROUGH 57, 59 THROUGH 63, 65
24 THROUGH 78, 79-A THROUGH 79-F, 79-H, 82 AS AMENDED BY ITEM 79-
25 E, 83 AND 84, 1-D THROUGH 4-D, AND 1-R.

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2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED
3 BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. EXECUTIVE
4 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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16 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

21

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

24

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

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1

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

4

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

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** FOR THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE
12 BOARD ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, PLEASE PREPARE TO BE SWORN
13 IN. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU
14 SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING
15 BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD? ITEM 3 IS A HEARING ON THE
16 SEWER SERVICE CHARGE ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023,
17 FOR THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT AND THE MARINA
18 SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT TO CONTINUE TO COLLECT THE SEWER
19 CHARGE WITH THE ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX. A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL
20 STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM
21 4 IS A HEARING ON THE ANNUAL SOLID WASTE GENERATION SERVICE
22 CHARGE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023, TO PROVIDE FOR THE
23 CONTINUED COLLECTION OF THE EXISTING SOLID WASTE GENERATION
24 SERVICE CHARGE AT THE CURRENT RATE. A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL
25 STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM

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1 SD-1 IS A HEARING ON THE NEWHALL RANCH SANITATION DISTRICT OF
2 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WASTEWATER SERVICE CHARGE REPORT. NO
3 DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS
4 RECEIVED.

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE
7 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 3 THROUGH 5, AND SD-1, ONLY. EXECUTIVE
8 OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO
9 PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA, AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO
10 THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE
11 BOARD.

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TIME FOR PUBLIC
14 COMMENT FOR REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS HAS ENDED. WE WILL ONLY HEAR
15 PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY FOR ITEMS 3, 4, 5, AND SD-1 AT THIS
16 TIME. AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
17 WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 3, 4,
18 5, AND SD-1 SHOULD CALL 877-692-8955, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE
19 NUMBER 443-3663. TO REPEAT: PLEASE CALL 877-692-8955, AND USE
20 PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 443-3663. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF
21 YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE
22 CALL 877-873-8017, AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF
23 THE PUBLIC CALLING IN FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 3, 4, 5,
24 AND SD-1, WHEN IT'S YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR
25 NAME. WE WILL ALLOCATE A TOTAL OF 5 MINUTES FOR THE PUBLIC

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

20

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

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH
2 INTERPRETATION OF THIS REMINDER. [SPANISH INSTRUCTIONS].

3

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVEN. PLEASE STATE
7 THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY
8 BEGIN.

9

10 **ERIC PREVEN:** OKAY, HOW MUCH TIME DO I GET?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** 1 OR 2 MINUTES. WHICH ITEMS ARE YOU SPEAKING ON?

13

14 **ERIC PREVEN:** YEAH, I ALREADY TOLD HIM: 3, 4, 5, AND SD-1, SO
15 TWO MINUTES.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** YOU'LL GET 2 MINUTES.

18

19 **ERIC PREVEN:** OKAY, WELL, THANK YOU. APPRECIATE THE-- SORRY FOR
20 THE INCONVENIENCE OF HAVING TO GET THAT CLARIFIED. OKAY. SO, I
21 WAS LOOKING AT THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES. NICE TO SEE THAT
22 THEY REMAIN UNCHANGED FROM LAST YEAR, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A
23 FEW THINGS, INCLUDING THE TRANCAS ZONE, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF
24 MALIBU, IN THE THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. WELL, THAT'S A
25 DISAPPOINTMENT, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THEY'VE HAD A REALLY TOUGH

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1 TIME OUT THERE, SHELIA AND HENRY STERN AND BOB HERTZBERG AND
2 LINDSEY HORVATH AND ROXANNE HOGE, AND THERE'S A COUPLE OF
3 OTHERS. DID I LEAVE ANY OF THE CANDIDATES OUT? DOESN'T MATTER.
4 ANYWAY, I THINK THAT HAVING THESE HEARINGS LIKE THIS IS
5 DISRESPECTFUL TO PESTRELLA, WHO LIKES A GOOD, STRAIGHTFORWARD
6 HEARING, WHERE PEOPLE CAN BE AROUND AND ASK QUESTIONS AND
7 SUCH, BUT WHATEVER. IF THIS IS ALL THAT WE CAN COME UP WITH
8 AFTER THE CUMULATIVE YEARS OF LEADERSHIP THAT THIS BOARD HAS
9 PROVIDED SO STEADFASTLY-- BY THE WAY, WE WANT TO THANK
10 SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR THE GUN BUY-BACK PROGRAM. SHE'S BEEN
11 WORKING WITH THE SHERIFF ON THAT, AND IT'S JUST A VERY
12 TOUCHING SET OF COORDINATES THERE, WHERE THEY TRY TO BUY BACK
13 THESE GUNS. NOW, IN TERMS OF THE ANNUAL SOLID WASTE GENERATION
14 SERVICE CHARGE REPORT, I WAS LOOKING AT THE PUBLIC
15 CORRESPONDENCE, AND IT'S 3 PAGES, BUT SOMEBODY REALLY SEEMS TO
16 KNOW ABOUT THIS. BUT HE ADDED WHAT SEEMS TO BE COMMENTS ABOUT
17 THE BUDGET AND THE SHERIFF, NOT ABOUT THE ITEM IN QUESTION.
18 SO, IT RAISES QUESTIONS, BECAUSE I'VE BEEN LOOKING AT THE WAY
19 THE WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE GENERATED. THERE APPEARS TO BE
20 SOME KIND OF A BOT THAT GENERATES STATEMENT AFTER STATEMENT--

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

24
25 **ERIC PREVEN:** OKAY.

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

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SO, TO ENSURE THAT WE ALLOW THE FULL 5
6 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, THE CALL-IN LINE WILL REMAIN OPEN
7 UNTIL 11:24. WE'LL TAKE ANY OTHER CALLERS THAT COME IN BY THAT
8 TIME. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE. PLEASE STAND BY.

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON THE
11 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS HAS ENDED. THANK YOU TO ALL THAT CALLED
12 IN TO SPEAK. IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS, YOU
13 MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS, AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, AND
14 WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN
15 DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD.
16 MOVING ON TO OUR MEETING ORDER. TODAY WE WILL BEGIN WITH THE
17 PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS-- ITEMS 3, 4, AND SD-1-- FOLLOWED BY SET
18 MATTER 1 AND SET MATTER 2. WE WILL THEN PROCEED TO ITEMS 7, 8,
19 9, 27, 31, 37, AND 39. ITEMS 45 AND 79-G WILL BE TAKEN UP
20 TOGETHER, AND WE WILL CONCLUDE WITH ITEM 58. SO, BEGINNING
21 WITH PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 3, HEARING ON THE SEWER SERVICE
22 CHARGE ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR '22/'23. I KNOW MR.
23 PESTRELLA, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, IS AVAILABLE, IF ANYONE
24 HAS QUESTIONS. ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD LIKE TO
25 MAKE REMARKS OR ASK QUESTIONS? SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE

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1 APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM.
2 ITEM 3 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY
3 SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
4 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

5

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

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

10

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

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

18

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

20

21 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

22

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

25

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

2

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

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** PUBLIC HEARING ITEM FOUR, HEARING ON THE
7 ANNUAL SOLID WASTE GENERATION SERVICE CHARGE REPORT FOR FISCAL
8 YEAR '22/'23. AGAIN, MR. PESTRELLA IS AVAILABLE. ARE THERE ANY
9 SUPERVISORS WHO HAVE QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A
10 COMMENT? SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE
11 PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 4 IS BEFORE US.
12 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO
13 APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

18

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

20

21 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

22

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

24

25 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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1

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

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

5

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

7 MITCHELL?

8

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

10

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

12 5-0.

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** PUBLIC HEARING ITEM SD-1, HEARING ON THE

15 WASTEWATER SERVICE CHARGE NEWHALL RANCH SANITATION DISTRICT.

16 FELICIA PETRIE, BUDGET MANAGER WITH THE SANITATION DISTRICT,

17 IS AVAILABLE IF MEMBERS HAVE QUESTIONS. ARE THERE ANY FROM

18 SUPERVISORS? SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE

19 PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM. ITEM SD-1 IS BEFORE US.

20 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO

21 APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM SD-1 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

24

25 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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1

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

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

9

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

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

13

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

15 MITCHELL?

16

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

18

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

20 5-0.

21

22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE WILL NOW GO TO
23 OUR STANDING SET MATTER, ON THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING.
24 WE WILL HEAR FROM DR. SCORZA, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OUR
25 RACIAL EQUITY INITIATIVE; DR. GHALY, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

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1 SERVICES; SARAH MAHIN, DIRECTOR OF HOUSING FOR HEALTH; AND
2 DANA VANDERFORD, HOMELESS PREVENTION, HOUSING FOR HEALTH. GOOD
3 MORNING, DR. SCORZA.

4

5 **DR. SCORZA:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. IT IS
6 AN INCREDIBLE PLEASURE TO BE HERE WITH ALL OF YOU AGAIN TODAY.
7 TODAY MARKS OUR TENTH UPDATE IN OUR SERIES OF REGULAR
8 PRESENTATIONS ON THE COUNTY'S PROGRESS IMPLEMENTING YOUR
9 BOARD'S AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PHASE-ONE SPENDING PLAN. WE CAN
10 GO ON TO THE NEXT SLIDE. AS IS OUR REGULAR PRACTICE, THIS
11 SLIDE PREVIEWS THE TOPICS WE INTEND TO COVER TODAY. I WILL
12 PROVIDE A GLOBAL PROGRAM OVERVIEW DETAILING THE CURRENT STATUS
13 OF PROJECTS IN THE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL PROCESS,
14 AND TODAY DR. CHRISTINA GHALY WILL PRESENT ON THE DEPARTMENT
15 OF HEALTH SERVICES' A.R.P.-RELATED AND FUNDED PROJECTS,
16 INCLUDING THE HOUSING FOR HEALTH'S HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION
17 UNIT. NEXT SLIDE. SO, SUPERVISORS, AS OF MAY 16TH, 38 PROJECTS
18 ARE IN THE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT PHASE. AND I SAID BEFORE,
19 THIS ENTAILS A PROCESS TO CLARIFY THE GOALS AND OUTCOMES OF
20 THESE PROJECTS: THEIR POTENTIAL IMPACT ON REDUCING DISPARITIES
21 CAUSED BY OR EXACERBATED BY THE PANDEMIC, AS WELL AS
22 STRATEGIES TO MEASURE THAT IMPACT. SINCE OUR LAST BOARD
23 MEETING, WE HAVE COMPLETED EIGHT PROJECT DESIGN APPROVALS. AND
24 WITH ONGOING SUPPORT FROM OUR A.R.D.I. T.A. PROVIDER TEAM, WE
25 HAVE BEEN ABLE TO REVIEW DEPARTMENTS' UPDATES TO PROJECT

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1 DESIGNS, WITH A STREAMLINED WORK FLOW. CURRENTLY, THERE'S ONE
2 PROJECT UNDER A.R.D.I. COUNTY COUNSEL APPROVAL REVIEW, AND TWO
3 PROJECTS NEAR APPROVAL. OF THE REMAINING PROJECTS, A.R.D.I.
4 T.A. PROVIDERS ARE ACTIVELY PARTNERING AND MEETING WITH
5 DEPARTMENTS ON 28 PROJECTS, TO HELP SUPPORT THE DESIGN AND
6 EQUITABLE IMPLEMENTATION OF THOSE PROGRAMS. TEN PROJECTS ARE
7 PREPARING TO INITIATE PROJECT DESIGNS, AND WE ARE WORKING
8 DILIGENTLY TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAMS IN THEIR PROJECT
9 INITIATION. A TOTAL OF 42 PROJECTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR
10 LAUNCH AND IMPLEMENTATION, WHICH IS A FULL ALLOCATION OF
11 \$511,520,000. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT APPROVALS WILL CONTINUE
12 TO ACCELERATE IN THE COMING WEEKS, AND WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT
13 THE PACE AT WHICH WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PICK UP PROJECT
14 APPROVAL PROCESSES. NEXT SLIDE. NEXT, I AM PROUD TO INTRODUCE
15 DR. CHRISTINA GHALY, WHO WILL HIGHLIGHT HER DEPARTMENT'S
16 HOUSING FOR HEALTH'S HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION UNIT. DR. GHALY?

17
18 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** YES, THANK YOU, DR. SCORZA, AND GOOD
19 MORNING, EVERYBODY. IT IS MY PLEASURE TO BE HERE THIS MORNING
20 AND SHARE JUST A BRIEF BIT ABOUT THE WORK THAT THE DEPARTMENT
21 OF HEALTH SERVICES HAS DONE IN SUPPORT OF THE COUNTY'S
22 A.R.P.A. PROJECTS. IF YOU COULD GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.
23 THANK YOU. D.H.S. HAS SEVEN FUNDED A.R.P.A. PROJECTS, TOTALING
24 ALMOST \$77 MILLION IN FUNDING. THESE PROJECTS SPAN A VARIETY
25 OF HOUSING, CASE MANAGEMENT, AND TENANCY SUPPORT INITIATIVES

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1 THAT ARE MANAGED THROUGH OUR HOUSING FOR HEALTH UNIT; AND ALSO
2 TWO PROJECTS, ONE IN REENTRY AND ONE FOR INTERIM HOUSING
3 PROGRAMS, THAT ARE MANAGED THROUGH THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND
4 REENTRY. TODAY, THOUGH, I AM REALLY PROUD THAT WE HAVE A
5 CHANCE TO HIGHLIGHT A NEW AND EXCITING PROGRAM THAT IS MANAGED
6 THROUGH HOUSING FOR HEALTH, WHICH IS THE HOMELESS PREVENTION
7 UNIT. AND I AM PLEASED NOW TO TURN IT OVER TO SARAH MAHIN--
8 SHE IS THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING FOR HEALTH-- TO SHARE A LITTLE
9 BIT ABOUT HOW THIS PROJECT CAME TO FRUITION. I THINK THE
10 BACKGROUND IS REALLY IMPRESSIVE AND HELPFUL TO UNDERSTAND THE
11 BROAD CONTEXT THAT WE'RE WORKING WITH HERE. AND THEN SHE WILL
12 INTRODUCE HER TEAM MEMBER AND THE PROJECT LEAD, DANA
13 VANDERFORD, WHO CAN SHARE A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE WORK THAT SHE
14 HAS CHAMPIONED IN THE HOMELESS PREVENTION UNIT OVER THE PAST
15 YEAR. SARAH?

16

17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SARAH, YOU ARE ON MUTE.

18

19 **SARAH MAHIN:** THANK YOU. DOUBLE UNMUTE. GOT THAT FIGURED OUT
20 NOW. SARAH MAHIN, DIRECTOR OF HOUSING FOR HEALTH, AND REALLY
21 EXCITED TO BE ABLE TO BE HERE WITH YOU TODAY, AND TO TALK A
22 LITTLE BIT ABOUT OUR HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION UNIT.
23 HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION UNIT-- OR H.P.U., AS WE CALL IT-- IS A
24 PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, THE
25 CALIFORNIA POLICY LAB OUT OF U.C.L.A., THE COUNTY C.I.O.'S

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1 OFFICE, THE C.E.O. HOMELESS INITIATIVE OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF
2 MENTAL HEALTH, AND THE [INAUDIBLE] FOUNDATION, A BROAD BASE OF
3 PARTNERS. WHEN CALIFORNIA POLICY LAB APPROACHED HOUSING FOR
4 HEALTH WITH THE IDEA OF USING PREDICTIVE ANALYTICS TO PREVENT
5 HOMELESSNESS, WE REALLY JUMPED AT THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AS
6 THE HOME FOR H.P.U. HOUSING FOR HEALTH OPERATES A FULL
7 CONTINUUM OF HOUSING AND SERVICES FOR UNHOUSED PEOPLE WITH
8 COMPLEX HEALTH AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONDITIONS. WE SERVED
9 ABOUT 60,000 PEOPLE LAST YEAR THROUGH OUR PROGRAMS, AND MOST
10 OF THE PEOPLE WHO WE SERVE HAVE EXPERIENCED LONG PERIODS OF
11 HOMELESSNESS AND MULTIPLE TRAUMAS THROUGHOUT THEIR LIVES. SO,
12 WE ARE VERY OFTEN WORKING VERY FAR DOWNSTREAM, AND WE WERE
13 EXCITED ABOUT AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK UPSTREAM, AND HELP
14 PREVENT PEOPLE FROM BECOMING HOMELESS IN THE FIRST PLACE. WE
15 KNOW THAT HOMELESSNESS IS COSTLY, FROM A FINANCIAL
16 PERSPECTIVE: WHAT IT COSTS THE COUNTY TO SHELTER, HOUSE, AND
17 PROVIDE SERVICES TO OUR UNHOUSED RESIDENTS; BUT ALSO, THE
18 HUMAN COST, AND THE TRAUMAS ASSOCIATED WITH EXPERIENCING
19 HOMELESSNESS, IN AND OF ITSELF. ANOTHER REASON WHY HOUSING FOR
20 HEALTH IS EAGER TO TAKE ON H.P.U. IS THAT THERE'S REALLY
21 LIMITED KNOWLEDGE ABOUT HOW TO EFFECTIVELY TARGET HOMELESSNESS
22 PREVENTION SERVICES, NATIONWIDE. WHEN YOU HAVE A LARGE NUMBER
23 OF PEOPLE WHO APPEAR VULNERABLE, YOU HAVE LIMITED RESOURCES,
24 HOW DO YOU KNOW WHO IS AT THE HIGHEST RISK, AND WHO DO YOU
25 HELP WITH THOSE LIMITED RESOURCES? WELL, H.P.U. PROVIDES US

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1 WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO USE OUR COUNTY DATA, TO TARGET OUR
2 INTERVENTIONS, TO EVALUATE THEIR EFFECTIVENESS, AND TO
3 CONTRIBUTE TO THE NATIONAL KNOWLEDGE BASE AROUND HOMELESSNESS
4 PREVENTION, AND TO PROMOTE EQUITY. I AM NOW GOING TO TURN IT
5 OVER TO DANA VANDERFORD. SHE'S OUR ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR
6 HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION, AND LEADS OUR H.P.U. WORK.

7

8 **DANA VANDERFORD:** THANK YOU, SARAH. THANK YOU, DR. GHALY. THANK
9 YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR HAVING US HERE TODAY. MY NAME IS DANA
10 VANDERFORD. I'M THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF THE HOMELESSNESS
11 PREVENTION UNIT HERE AT HOUSING FOR HEALTH. IF WE COULD SKIP
12 FORWARD, I THINK, TWO SLIDES. I WANTED TO START WITH A BIT OF
13 A TIMELINE TODAY: TAKE US BACK TO 2017, WHEN OUR PARTNERS AT
14 THE CALIFORNIA POLICY LAB PUBLISHED THEIR REPORT ON PREDICTING
15 AND PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS, WHICH REMAINS FOUNDATIONAL TO THE
16 WORK THAT WE DO TODAY IN THE H.P.U. THEY REALLY SOUGHT TO
17 ANSWER ONE QUESTION WITH THIS REPORT: CAN WE PREDICT FOLKS WHO
18 ARE THE MOST LIKELY TO LOSE THEIR HOUSING AND FALL INTO THE
19 HOMELESS SERVICES SYSTEM HERE IN L.A. COUNTY? WE STILL USE
20 THEIR PREDICTIVE MODEL TODAY, TO GENERATE OUR HIGH-RISK LIST
21 OF CLIENTS, AND THEY REMAIN A CLOSE PARTNER TO THE H.P.U.
22 FAST-FORWARD A FEW YEARS TO JANUARY OF LAST YEAR. THE H.P.U.
23 WAS BORN, REALLY, TO ANSWER A SECOND QUESTION. SO, IF WE CAN
24 EFFECTIVELY IDENTIFY WHO IS MOST AT RISK OF FALLING INTO
25 HOMELESSNESS, CAN WE DO ANYTHING TO PREVENT THAT, EARLIER ON

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1 IN THEIR LIVES? SO, IN JANUARY OF LAST YEAR, WE LAUNCHED INTO
2 OUR RESEARCH AND PROGRAM DESIGN PHASE, AND BY JULY, WE WERE
3 READY TO START REACHING OUT TO OUR FIRST SINGLE ADULT CLIENTS.
4 SHORTLY AFTER THAT, WE STARTED TO SCALE, THANKS TO THE
5 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND PLANNING THAT WE RECEIVED, AND
6 I'M GOING TO TALK A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT WHAT WE HAVE BEEN
7 ABLE TO DO, IN TERMS OF GROWTH THERE, IN JUST A LITTLE BIT.
8 SO, WE CAN GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE. THANK YOU. I WANTED TO TALK
9 ABOUT OUR KEY PROGRAM ELEMENTS HERE IN THE H.P.U. SO, WE ARE
10 FAIRLY UNIQUE AS A PREVENTION PROGRAM, BECAUSE WE ARE A
11 PROGRAM THAT DOES PROACTIVE OUTREACH, SO WE ARE NOT REFERRAL-
12 BASED. WE DON'T ACCEPT OUTSIDE REFERRALS INTO OUR PROGRAM. WE
13 IDENTIFY OUR CLIENTS, AND THEN WE PROACTIVELY OUTREACH TO
14 THEM. REALLY HELPS US, I THINK, REACH A POPULATION OF FOLKS
15 WHO OTHERWISE WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO CONNECT TO EXISTING
16 PREVENTION PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTY. ONCE WE REACH OUR CLIENTS,
17 WE ENROLL THEM IN THE PROGRAM, AND THEY STAY WITH US FOR FOUR
18 TO SIX MONTHS, WHERE THEY RECEIVE A REALLY SHORT BUT INTENSIVE
19 CASE-MANAGEMENT SUPPORT FROM OUR PROGRAM. OUR INTERVENTION IS
20 TWOFOLD. SO, WE PROVIDE FLEXIBLE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO OUR
21 CLIENTS, REALLY TO MEET WHATEVER THEIR FINANCIAL NEEDS ARE. WE
22 ARE A PROGRAM THAT SAYS "YES" A LOT MORE OFTEN THAN WE SAY
23 "NO," WHEN OUR CLIENTS EXPRESS FINANCIAL NEEDS TO US. WE
24 RESOLVE BARRIERS THAT YOU MIGHT THINK OF; SO, RENTAL
25 ASSISTANCE FOR OUR CLIENTS, RENTAL ARREARS, UTILITY

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1 ASSISTANCE. BUT OUR PROGRAM ALSO DOES SOME UNIQUE THINGS FOR
2 OUR CLIENTS, SO WE DO A LOT OF DEBT RESOLUTION. WE DO VEHICLE
3 REPAIRS WITH OUR CLIENTS; AGAIN, REALLY BASING OUR APPROACH IN
4 TRUSTING OUR CLIENTS AND TRYING TO BE AS FLEXIBLE AS POSSIBLE
5 TO RESOLVE THEIR FINANCIAL BARRIERS. EQUALLY AS IMPORTANT AS
6 OUR LINKAGE-BASED INTERVENTIONS, WE CONNECT OUR CLIENTS TO
7 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, WHATEVER THOSE MIGHT BE, TO HELP IMPROVE
8 THEIR OVERALL HEALTH, WHETHER THAT'S A MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDER,
9 AN EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM, A LEGAL SERVICES PROVIDER. BECAUSE WE
10 ARE WITH OUR CLIENTS FOR SUCH A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, WE THINK
11 THAT CONNECTING OUR CLIENTS TO SUPPORTIVE SERVICES WILL HELP
12 THEM REMAIN WELL HELD BEYOND THEIR TIME WITH THE H.P.U. AND
13 THOSE LINKAGES ARE FULLY DEPENDENT ON GREAT PARTNERSHIPS WITH
14 OUR FELLOW COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, SO WE HOLD HANDS CLOSELY WITH
15 D.M.H., D.P.S.S.-- NEWLY, D.C.F.S.-- BECAUSE WE CARE FOR OUR
16 CLIENTS IN COLLABORATION. SO, OUR RELATIONSHIPS ACROSS COUNTY
17 DEPARTMENTS ARE CRITICAL TO OUR CLIENTS' WELLBEING. THE GOALS
18 OF THE PROGRAM ARE TWOFOLD. WE ARE A HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION
19 PROGRAM, SO OUR PRIMARY GOAL IS LONG-TERM HOUSING RETENTION
20 FOR OUR CLIENTS. WE HOPE THAT WE CAN IDENTIFY THEM AND HELP
21 THEM STABILIZE IN THEIR EXISTING HOUSING, OR FIND NEW, SAFER,
22 MORE SUSTAINABLE LONG-TERM HOUSING. BUT THE GOAL IS TO KEEP
23 THEM IN HOUSING AND PREVENT THEM FROM ENTERING INTO THE
24 HOMELESS SERVICES SYSTEM, IF POSSIBLE. OUR SECONDARY GOAL IS
25 TO IMPROVE OUR CLIENTS' OVERALL HEALTH, SO WE THINK ABOUT THE

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1 WAYS IN WHICH OUR CLIENTS COME INTO THE H.P.U. THEY ARE FOLKS
2 WHO ARE HAVING FREQUENT INTERACTIONS WITH D.H.S. EMERGENCY
3 ROOMS, FREQUENT CRISIS STABILIZATION HOLDS FOR THEIR MENTAL
4 HEALTH, FREQUENT ARRESTS. WE WANT TO SEE THOSE KINDS OF
5 INTERACTIONS SHIFT, AS A RESULT OF THE CARE THEY RECEIVE FROM
6 THE H.P.U.; SO, LESS CRISIS-LEVEL INTERACTIONS, AND MORE
7 OUTPATIENT VISITS IN D.H.S. AND D.M.H. DATA SYSTEMS, TO REALLY
8 REFLECT THAT CLIENTS ARE RECEIVING CONSISTENT CARE. IT IS EASY
9 TO COLLECT THIS INFORMATION WHEN WE ARE WORKING WITH OUR
10 CLIENTS, BUT WE ARE INTERESTED IN LONG-TERM HOUSING RETENTION
11 AND LONG-TERM IMPROVED OVERALL HEALTH FOR OUR CLIENTS. SO,
12 ONCE A CLIENT DISCHARGES FROM OUR PROGRAM, WE WILL LOOK AT
13 CLIENT DATA SIX MONTHS OUT, 12 MONTHS OUT, 18 MONTHS OUT, TO
14 REALLY MEASURE HOW EFFECTIVE OUR PROGRAM IS, LONG TERM, IN
15 KEEPING OUR CLIENTS IN THEIR HOUSING. THANK YOU. NEXT SLIDE,
16 PLEASE. I WANT TO TALK A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT WHO OUR CLIENTS
17 ARE. SO, OUR PROGRAM WAS INITIALLY DESIGNED TO SERVE SINGLE
18 ADULTS WITH COMPLEX HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS, WHO ARE
19 HIGH UTILIZERS OF COUNTY SERVICES AND SYSTEMS. WE ARE NEWLY
20 SERVING FAMILIES, AS OF TWO WEEKS AGO, AND I'LL TALK MORE
21 ABOUT THAT IN A MINUTE. THAT'S WHO OUR CLIENT IS. WE, AS I
22 MENTIONED, RECEIVE OUR CLIENTS ON A HIGH-RISK LIST GENERATED
23 BY C.P.L. AND THE C.I.O. THE TOP 3,000 INDIVIDUALS AT HIGHEST
24 RISK, WHO FIND THEMSELVES ON THIS LIST, ARE 48 TIMES MORE
25 LIKELY TO EXPERIENCE FIRST-TIME HOMELESSNESS THAN THE AVERAGE

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1 COUNTY CLIENT. THOSE IN THE TOP 1 PERCENT OF THE RISK
2 DISTRIBUTION ON OUR LIST ARE 34 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO
3 EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS, SO TIME IS
4 REALLY OF THE ESSENCE THERE, AND ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE
5 INTENSIVE UTILIZERS OF SERVICES, INCLUDING HAVING NINE TIMES
6 AS MANY ARRESTS AND JAIL BOOKINGS AS THE AVERAGE COUNTY
7 CLIENT, AND 12 TIMES AS MANY INTERACTIONS WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE
8 PREVENTION AND CONTROL. I DO WANT TO MENTION HERE THAT EQUITY
9 IS AT THE TOP OF OUR MIND, AT EVERY STAGE OF OUR PROGRAM, SO
10 WE LOOK AT OUR DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION WHEN OUR CLIENTS COME
11 IN ON OUR HIGH-RISK LIST: AGE, RACE, ETHNICITY, GEOGRAPHY,
12 GENDER. AND THEN WE LOOK AT IT AGAIN, ONCE WE DATA-MINE AND DO
13 A LITTLE BIT OF ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY TESTING FOR OUR
14 CLIENTS. WE LOOK AT IT AGAIN AFTER OUTREACH, WE LOOK AT IT
15 AFTER ENROLLMENT, WE LOOK AT IT AT DISCHARGE, JUST TO MAKE
16 SURE THAT NO ONE IS BEING LEFT OUT OF OUR SERVICES AND OF OUR
17 CARE AT ANY STAGE OF OUR PROCESS. AND WE ALIGN THAT
18 DEMOGRAPHIC DATA WITH POINT-IN-TIME COUNT DATA, BECAUSE WE
19 BELIEVE THAT THE FOLKS WHO ARE OVERREPRESENTED IN OUR
20 POPULATION OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS ARE
21 THE SAME FOLKS THAT WE SHOULD BE SERVING AS A PREVENTION
22 PROGRAM, CATCHING THEM EARLIER ON AND PREVENTING THOSE SPELLS
23 OF HOMELESSNESS IN THEIR LIFE. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. I HAVE SOME
24 MEASURABLE OUTCOMES TO SHARE. AGAIN, OUR PROGRAM HAS BEEN
25 OPERATING SINCE JULY OF LAST YEAR. WE HAVE ENROLLED AND SERVED

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1 92 CLIENTS, AND HAVE 51 CLIENTS ACTIVELY ENROLLED TODAY. ON
2 AVERAGE, WE PROVIDE AROUND \$4,000 IN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO
3 OUR CLIENTS, WITH RENTAL ASSISTANCE BEING OUR BIGGEST
4 EXPENDITURE CATEGORY. OUR CLIENTS RECEIVE ABOUT FIVE SERVICES
5 OR FORMS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, ON AVERAGE, THROUGHOUT THEIR
6 TIME WITH US, WHICH I THINK REALLY SPEAKS TO THE HARD WORK
7 THAT OUR CASE MANAGERS DO, TO KIND OF PARSE OUT CLIENT FUNDING
8 ACROSS THEIR TIME WITH THE UNIT; NOT JUST PROVIDING ONE FORM
9 OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, BUT REALLY LOOKING AT THE HOLISTIC
10 NEEDS OF OUR CLIENTS, AND MAKING THOSE... PROVIDING ASSISTANCE
11 AT VARIOUS POINTS THROUGHOUT THEIR TIME WITH US. WE MAKE, ON
12 AVERAGE, ABOUT TWO LINKAGES TO SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR OUR
13 CLIENTS THROUGHOUT THEIR TIME WITH THE UNIT, AND OUR TOP
14 CATEGORIES THERE ARE TO MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS AND TO
15 EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS, WHICH I THINK IS INTERESTING AND VERY
16 REFLECTIVE OF THE DIVERSITY THAT WE SEE AMONGST OUR CLIENTS IN
17 THE UNIT. WE HAVE SOME CLIENTS WITH EXTREMELY COMPLEX MENTAL
18 HEALTH NEEDS, BUT WE ALSO HAVE CLIENTS WHO REALLY BENEFIT FROM
19 A LIGHTER-TOUCH PROVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, AND THEN
20 ARE SORT OF READY TO START THINKING ABOUT REENTERING THE
21 WORKFORCE. SO, WE SEE CLIENTS ALONG THE SPECTRUM OF NEEDS IN
22 OUR PROGRAM. THIS IS EARLY DATA, BUT I THINK IT IS WORTH
23 NOTING, 90% OF OUR H.P.U. CLIENTS HAVE RETAINED THEIR
24 PERMANENT HOUSING THROUGHOUT THE DURATION OF THEIR PROGRAM. OF
25 COURSE, WE WILL LOOK AT WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE FURTHER OUT,

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1 AFTER THEY DISCHARGE FROM THE PROGRAM, BUT I WILL SAY THIS: WE
2 OFTEN FIND OUR CLIENTS WITHIN DAYS OF THEIR LOSS OF HOUSING,
3 SOMETIMES WITHIN HOURS. SO WE REALLY FIND OUR CLIENTS AT
4 CRITICAL MOMENTS, AND OUR ABILITY TO ENTER INTO THEIR LIVES
5 AND IMMEDIATELY RESOLVE THAT HOUSING CRISIS, TO KEEP THEM IN
6 THEIR PERMANENT HOUSING, IS JUST AN EARLY SUCCESS THAT I WANT
7 TO SHARE WITH ALL OF YOU. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. AND LOOKING
8 FORWARD A BIT, SO VERY EXCITED TO SHARE THAT, THANKS TO THE
9 A.R.P.A. FUNDING THAT WE'VE RECEIVED, WE ARE NEWLY ABLE TO
10 SERVE FAMILIES AS AN H.P.U., WHICH WE ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT.
11 WE REALLY HAD TO GET OUR PROGRAM SET UP TO TAILOR OUR
12 INTERVENTION AND OUR APPROACH TO MEET THE NEEDS OF FAMILIES
13 WHO ARE AT RISK OF LOSING THEIR HOUSING. WE BEGAN OUR OUTREACH
14 TWO WEEKS AGO, AND I HAVE TO SAY, ANECDOTALLY, IT SEEMS TO BE
15 GOING VERY WELL. WE NEVER KNOW EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE GOING TO GET
16 ON THE OTHER END OF A COLD CALL, BUT OUR FAMILIES, SO FAR, ARE
17 VERY RECEPTIVE AND EAGER TO ENROLL IN THE PROGRAM. SO,
18 THRILLED ABOUT THAT. WE'VE ALSO JUST BEEN ABLE TO GROW OUT THE
19 PROGRAM, AND WE SHOULD BE AT FULL SCALE BY THE END OF MAY.
20 WE'LL HAVE AN IN-HOUSE DATA TEAM THAT WILL PERFORM OUR
21 ELIGIBILITY TESTING AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE H.P.U.; FOUR CASE
22 MANAGEMENT TEAMS IN HOUSE: TWO DEDICATED TO SERVING FAMILIES,
23 AS WELL AS AN IN-HOUSE HOUSING NAVIGATOR, WHO CAN HELP WITH
24 CLIENTS WHO ARE IN IMMEDIATE NEED OF RELOCATION TO SAFE AND
25 STABLE HOUSING. WHEN WE ARE AT FULL SCALE, IT WILL TAKE US A

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1 FEW MONTHS TO GET UP TO THESE NUMBERS, BUT WE WILL BE ABLE TO
2 SERVE AROUND 300 INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES AT ANY GIVEN TIME,
3 SO SERVING AROUND 1,000 INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES EVERY YEAR.
4 AND THE LAST THING I WANTED TO MENTION, TO CIRCLE BACK TO WHAT
5 SARAH SHARED AT THE BEGINNING, WE ARE VERY COMMITTED TO
6 PERFORMING A RIGOROUS EVALUATION ON OUR WORK HERE; NOT JUST SO
7 THAT WE CAN MAKE OUR PROGRAM AS EFFECTIVE AS POSSIBLE FOR THE
8 PEOPLE THAT WE SERVE, BUT ALSO SO THAT WE CAN CONTRIBUTE
9 LEARNING, NATIONALLY, TO THE LARGELY UNDER-EVIDENCED SPACE OF
10 HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION, SO WE CAN REALLY LEARN WHAT WORKS
11 HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, AND SHARE THAT LEARNING WITH
12 JURISDICTIONS AROUND THE COUNTRY. SO, THAT FORMAL EVALUATION
13 WILL BEGIN SUMMER OF 2022. THAT'S ALL I HAVE. THANK YOU SO
14 MUCH FOR LETTING US COME AND PRESENT TODAY ON OUR WORK, AND
15 JUST SO GRATEFUL FOR THE A.R.P.A. FUNDING THAT HAS ALLOWED OUR
16 PROGRAM TO GROW IN THESE WAYS.

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18 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** THANK YOU, SARAH AND DANA, AND THANKS FOR
19 YOUR HARD WORK. AND WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS,
20 IF THERE ARE ANY.

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22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, BOTH OF YOU. DR.
23 SCORZA, WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP IN OUR EQUITY-
24 INFUSED A.R.P.A. STRATEGY AND PLAN, AND RECOGNIZING THAT WE
25 ARE ALL ANXIOUSLY AWAITING THE SECOND TRANCHE OF DOLLARS TO

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1 BECOME AVAILABLE, AND RECOGNIZING THAT WE NOW HAVE THE
2 INFRASTRUCTURE THAT HAS BEEN STOOD UP THAT WILL ALLOW THOSE
3 DOLLARS TO GO OUT ACROSS THE COUNTY IN A MEANINGFUL WAY. AND
4 TO DR. GHALY, GIVEN THE SIGNIFICANT DISPARITIES REFLECTED IN
5 OUR UNHOUSED POPULATION, I AM REALLY THRILLED TO SEE THAT
6 EQUITY IS BEING MEASURED AT EVERY STAGE OF THE HOMELESS
7 PREVENTION UNIT'S PROCESS. AND WE CAN SEE THAT REFLECTED IN
8 YOUR WORK, SO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PRESENTATIONS TODAY. WE
9 HAVE GOT SEVERAL SUPERVISORS WHO HAVE QUESTIONS. WE'RE GOING
10 TO START WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
11 SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I ACTUALLY HAVE
14 A FEW QUESTIONS AND A LOT OF PRAISE, AND MAYBE A COUPLE OF
15 SUGGESTIONS. FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU SO MUCH, DR. SCORZA, FOR
16 BRINGING THIS TO US. TODAY IS AN ASPECT OF THE A.R.P. REPORT.
17 AND TO YOU, DR. GHALY, WHO CLEARLY HAS PROVIDED REALLY GREAT
18 LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE, AS WELL AS OTHERS; ESPECIALLY, OF
19 COURSE, TO DANA AND TO SARAH, FOR THE REPORT AND FOR THE WORK.
20 ALSO, WANT TO LIFT UP JANEY ROUNTREE AT U.C.L.A., WHO I THINK
21 HEADS UP THE CALIFORNIA POLICY LAB, WITH WHOM WE'RE WORKING.
22 IT IS INTERESTING TO ME, WHEN I LOOK OVER AN AGENDA FOR ANY
23 TUESDAY BOARD MEETING, HOW OFTEN THINGS SORT OF COME TOGETHER,
24 BUT HAVEN'T NECESSARILY YET BEEN SEEN TO COME TOGETHER. IT
25 REMINDS ME OF WHEN I USED TO STUDY AT THE END OF SEMESTER,

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1 WHEN I WAS AT U.C.L.A. I HAD ALL THESE DIFFERENT CLASSES, AND
2 I WOULD START STUDYING FOR THE FINALS, AND REALIZE THAT THE
3 CLASSES ACTUALLY RELATED TO EACH OTHER IN VERY INTERESTING
4 WAYS, WHETHER IT WAS MYTHOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY, OR WHATEVER. AND
5 IT IS SORT OF LIKE THAT. SO I WANTED TO SUGGEST, AND MAYBE
6 EVEN ASK-- PERHAPS YOU CAN TELL ME, "OH, OF COURSE, WE'RE
7 ALREADY DOING THAT"-- IN THE VERY IMPORTANT MOTION THAT WE ARE
8 SEEING TODAY, NUMBER NINE, ON LOOKING AT THE SOCIAL
9 DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH, THIS SEEMS TO ME TO BE A LOGICAL
10 CONNECTION TO THE KINDS OF EVALUATIONS WE ARE DOING ABOUT
11 HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION. AND I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THERE'S A
12 WAY-- BECAUSE I KNOW THAT STUDIES ARE DISCREET-- TO TRY TO
13 UNDERSTAND THE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE LIVES OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO
14 WE CAN DOCUMENT WE HAVE HELPED NOT TO BECOME HOMELESS. SO, I
15 ACTUALLY NEVER KNOW HOW THESE THINGS CAN GO TOGETHER, BUT
16 THINKING THAT THEY MIGHT, AND ALSO THINKING ABOUT THE BREATHE
17 PROGRAM, THE GUARANTEED BASIC INCOME PROGRAM, WHERE WE ARE
18 ALSO TRYING TO EVALUATE THE RESULT. AND MAYBE THAT'S ALSO A
19 HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION PROGRAM IN ITS WAY, BUT ALSO, MAYBE,
20 AT LEAST THERE MIGHT BE SOME WAY TO LOOK AT THE DATA WHEN IT
21 IS AVAILABLE, SIDE BY SIDE, AND MAYBE COME TO SOME EVEN
22 BROADER CONCLUSIONS. I KNOW THAT'S OFTEN DIFFICULT, BUT WANTED
23 TO SUGGEST AT LEAST THOSE TWO THINGS. AND I THINK THERE MAY BE
24 THREE OTHER THINGS, JUST ON THE AGENDA TODAY, THAT WOULD
25 RELATE. SO, AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR THIS WORK. IT IS REALLY

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1 IMPORTANT, AND IMPORTANT TO SCALE UP. AND I THINK THE COUNTY
2 NEEDS TO LOOK AT WAYS TO CONTINUE IT AFTER WE STOP GETTING
3 A.R.P. FUNDING, WHICH I CAN'T SAY I HOPE WE STOP GETTING
4 FUNDING, BUT I HOPE THE PANDEMIC WINDS DOWN SO MUCH THAT THEY
5 WON'T HAVE TO RESCUE US AS MUCH. BUT THIS IS REALLY, REALLY
6 IMPORTANT, AND A GREAT ELEMENT OF, AGAIN, THE WAY WE ARE
7 WORKING TO TRY TO SAVE LIVES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU,
8 MADAM CHAIR.

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

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU. THANK YOU, DR. SCORZA, DR. GHALY,
13 SARAH AND DANA, FOR THE PRESENTATION. I AM REALLY EXCITED TO
14 HEAR ABOUT YOUR SUCCESSES, AND THE FACT THAT, MANY YEARS AGO,
15 I THINK, WHEN I GOT ON THE BOARD, WHEN WE WERE TALKING ABOUT
16 HOMELESSNESS, WE WANTED TO SEE HOW WE COULD REALLY FOCUS IN ON
17 THE KINDS OF INDIVIDUALS THAT WE SERVE ON MULTIPLE OCCASIONS,
18 BUT NEVER REALLY HAVING A SERIOUS THREAD THAT CONNECTED IT ALL
19 TOGETHER. AND I THINK THIS PROGRAM DOES THAT. I WOULD LOVE TO
20 SEE IT EXPAND ON A LARGER SCALE. AND MY QUESTION, TOO, IS
21 WORRYING ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS AFTER A.R.P. FUNDING, AND ARE WE
22 GOING TO BE ABLE TO PERHAPS GET ADDITIONAL FUNDING, OR CAN WE
23 REPRIORITIZE FUNDING THAT WE HAVE TO DO THIS WORK? IT IS VERY
24 INTENSIVE, AND I THINK THAT YOUR RATE OF SUCCESS, OR YOUR
25 POPULATION THAT YOU ARE SERVING, LOOKS REALLY GOOD,

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1 IMPRESSIVE. BUT I KNOW, FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PROGRAM, YOU
2 ARE GOING TO BE LOOKING AT SERVING, WHAT, 1,000 CLIENTS? AND
3 JUST WANTED TO ASK-- I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. SO, ONE IS,
4 WHERE DO WE GET FUNDING TO CONTINUE AND EXPAND THIS? AND THEN,
5 NUMBER TWO, I WANTED TO ASK, HAVE YOU GOTTEN ANY MATERIALS OR
6 DATA WHERE THESE PEOPLE ARE COMING FROM: WHERE THEY LIVE BY
7 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, AND ALSO BY DEMOGRAPHIC AND AGE? AND
8 ALSO, WANTING TO KNOW HOW THIS WILL FIT IN WITH OUR BROADER
9 DISCUSSION WITH THE BLUE-RIBBON COMMISSION, IN TERMS OF HOW WE
10 SCALE IT UP TO THE OTHER 87 CITIES, OR THOSE CITIES THAT
11 REALLY DO WANT TO TRY TO DO SOMETHING. SO, THOSE ARE MY
12 QUESTIONS.

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14 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I'LL START
15 BRIEFLY, AND THEN WOULD LOVE FOR SARAH AND DANA TO CHIME IN.
16 YOUR QUESTION ABOUT FUNDING IS CRITICAL, AND I THINK PART OF
17 THE VALUE OF DOING THE OUTCOME STUDIES IS BY REALLY
18 UNDERSTANDING AND LEARNING WHICH PROGRAMS HAVE THE MOST VALUE,
19 SO THAT THERE CAN BE INTENTIONAL DECISIONS ABOUT HOW TO
20 PRIORITIZE WHATEVER EXISTING FUNDING THERE IS BETWEEN
21 PROGRAMS, AND THEN ALSO LEARNING HOW WE CAN TAKE WHAT WORKS IN
22 EACH PROGRAM, AND THEN BRAID IN DIFFERENT FUNDING STREAMS.
23 OFTENTIMES, THAT'S REALLY ONE OF THE, I THINK, SECRETS OF HOW
24 HOUSING FOR HEALTH DOES ITS WORK, IS IT TAKES KIND OF WHATEVER
25 IT TAKES APPROACH TO HOUSING, OFFERS A VARIETY OF TYPES OF

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1 SERVICES AND LINKAGES, AND THEN LEVERAGES DIFFERENT TYPES OF
2 FUNDING STREAMS THAT ARE AVAILABLE FROM A WHOLE HOST OF
3 DIFFERENT TYPES OF ENTITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT
4 PROGRAMS, TO DELIVER A PRODUCT THAT, TO THE CLIENT, IS
5 SEAMLESS. AND UNTIL THERE'S A MUCH BROADER WAY IN WHICH
6 HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS IS FUNDED IN OUR NATION, I THINK
7 THAT'S THE APPROACH THAT WILL NEED TO CONTINUE, AND THAT WE'LL
8 NEED TO WORK TOGETHER, AS A COUNTY TEAM, ACROSS A VARIETY OF
9 DEPARTMENTS TO COME TO. BUT SARAH AND DANA WOULD LOVE FOR YOU
10 TO ADD IN, AS WELL.

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS:** YEAH, GO AHEAD. I CAN HEAR YOU.

13

14 **DANA VANDERFORD:** THANK YOU. SARAH, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANTED
15 TO ADD ANYTHING, BUT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I CAN SAY THAT WE DO
16 HAVE SOME EARLY DEMOGRAPHIC DATA FROM OUR FIRST COHORT OF
17 CLIENTS. THE AVERAGE AGE OF OUR CLIENT IS 43 YEARS OLD. I WILL
18 SAY THAT I HAVE BEEN SURPRISED THAT WE HAVEN'T SEEN MORE OLDER
19 ADULTS APPEAR ON OUR HIGH-RISK LIST, AND SO THAT'S SOMETHING
20 THAT WE ARE MONITORING. AND THEN, THE LARGE MAJORITY OF OUR
21 CLIENTS, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE CLIENTS IN EVERY SINGLE SERVICE
22 PLANNING AREA, RESIDE IN S.P.A.S 4, 6, AND 8, WHICH DOES SORT
23 OF ALIGN WITH OUR POINT-IN-TIME COUNT DATA, SO THAT HASN'T
24 BEEN SURPRISING TO US, BUT WANTING TO MAKE SURE THAT WE SEE
25 THE COUNT DATA LINE UP AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE WITH THE

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1 DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION THAT WE SEE, AT EVERY STAGE OF OUR
2 PROCESS AS AN H.P.U.

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4 **SUP. SOLIS:** HOW DOES IT FALL, IN TERMS OF MALE AND FEMALE?
5 WHAT'S THE POPULATION?

6

7 **DANA VANDERFORD:** YEAH. 38% OF OUR CLIENTS ARE FEMALE. SO, IT
8 DOES SKEW A LITTLE BIT MALE FOR US.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** YEAH, OKAY. ALL RIGHT. THAT WILL BE INTERESTING TO
11 SEE. AND THEN, HOW DO WE WORK WITH OTHER-- SO, YOU ARE
12 ADDRESSING THE S.P.A.S, SOME OF THE S.P.A.S, AND I KNOW I HAVE
13 S.P.A. SEVEN AND FOUR, AND WE DO HAVE A LOT OF FOLKS THAT DO
14 NEED HELP. SO, JUST FOLLOWING UP WITH THAT, MAYBE LATER ON,
15 YOU CAN SHARE THAT WITH MY STAFF. I'D BE INTERESTED, AND THEN
16 TO SEE HOW OTHER CITIES CAN REALLY INTERACT AND HELP US
17 ADDRESS THIS. GIVEN HOW YOU WERE TRACING, AND THE DATA AND THE
18 FEEDBACK, I THINK IT COULD BE VERY HELPFUL, EVEN AS WE MOVE
19 ON; SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BLUE-RIBBON
20 COMMISSION, AND ESPECIALLY WITH ADVOCACY FOR MORE MONEY, SINCE
21 WE DO SEE THAT THE STATE HAS A SURPLUS, WHICH I WOULD HOPE
22 WE'LL GO AFTER SOME OF THAT MONEY. I KNOW, DR. GHALY, YOU ARE
23 PROBABLY WELL AWARE OF WHERE THERE MIGHT BE OPPORTUNITIES
24 ,BUT... THANK YOU VERY MUCH, UNLESS THERE'S ANY FURTHER
25 COMMENTS. BUT I APPRECIATE YOUR WORK, AND LOOK FORWARD TO

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1 SEEING THAT WE GET TO THE OTHER 1,000, OR WHATEVER. THANK YOU.

2 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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6 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU FOR THIS
7 PRESENTATION. YOU KNOW, HONESTLY, THIS IS REALLY IMPRESSIVE.
8 WHEN YOU READ THE STATISTICS FOR THIS, WITH \$13 MILLION? IS
9 THAT RIGHT? IT STARTED IN DECEMBER OF 2021, THANKS TO A.R.P.
10 FUNDING. THERE'S BEEN 92 ENROLLMENTS. YOUR CLIENTS HAVE A HIGH
11 RATE OF HOUSING RETENTION: 90%. YOU PROVIDE CASE MANAGEMENT,
12 MODERATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, LINKAGES TO SERVICES. IT'S BEEN
13 SUCCESSFUL IN RAPIDLY HOUSING PEOPLE, LARGELY DUE TO, I THINK,
14 YOUR INNOVATIVE APPROACH, WHICH SEEMS TO AVOID THE
15 BUREAUCRATIC DELAYS THAT SOME OF OUR OTHER DEPARTMENTS HAVE
16 DEALT WITH. I MEAN, HONESTLY, THIS IS THE KIND OF SUCCESS WE
17 WOULD LOVE TO SEE ACROSS THE BOARD, FOR ALL THE FOLKS WHO ARE
18 TOUCHING THOSE WHO ARE UNHOUSED AND TRYING TO GET THEM HOUSED.
19 SO MY QUESTION IS, HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO AVOID THE
20 BUREAUCRATIC QUAGMIRE, IS WHAT I AM GOING TO CALL IT, THAT
21 TYPICALLY HAS SLOWED DOWN MANY OTHER EFFORTS TO GET OUR
22 UNHOUSED PEOPLE HOUSED QUICKLY? HOW DID YOU DO IT?

23

24 **SARAH MAHIN:** I'D BE HAPPY TO JUMP IN HERE, AND THANKS SO MUCH
25 FOR THE QUESTION. I THINK, TO EMPHASIZE SOME OF THE POINTS

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1 THAT DR. GHALY MENTIONED EARLIER, AND THEN TO ADD ON, I MEAN,
2 I THINK, FIRST IS HOUSING FOR HEALTH. AND AT D.H.S., WE REALLY
3 KEEP OUR CLIENTS AND OUR PATIENTS AT THE CENTER OF WHAT WE DO,
4 AND WE TAKE A WHATEVER-IT-TAKES APPROACH IN THE WAY THAT WE
5 RUN OUR PROGRAMS AND WORK WITH OUR PARTNERS, AND WE ASK FOR
6 OUR PROVIDERS TO DO THE SAME. WE TRY AND BE FLEXIBLE AND
7 NIMBLE. WE TRY TO HAVE SIMPLE CONTRACTING AND INVOICE
8 PROCESSES. WE ARE REALLY COMMITTED TO PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR
9 SERVICE PROVIDERS AND WITH OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY. WE TRUST THEM,
10 AND WE TRY TO LEVERAGE AND SUPPORT THEIR STRENGTHS, HELP THEM
11 WITH ELIMINATING BARRIERS THAT THEY MIGHT EXPERIENCE IN THEIR
12 WORK, AND HELP TO LIFT UP THE SOLUTIONS THAT THEY'RE DOING ON
13 THE GROUND. I ALSO THINK A KEY PART OF H.P.U. HAS BEEN DEEP
14 COLLABORATION WITH JANEY ROUNTREE AND CALIFORNIA POLICY LAB,
15 BUT ALSO WITH OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, AND LOOKING AT WHAT
16 ARE OUR EXISTING ASSETS, AS A COUNTY, AND HOW CAN WE MAXIMIZE
17 THEM. IN HOMELESS SERVICES AND WITH HOUSING, WE'RE OFTEN FACED
18 WITH ONE-TIME OR SHORT-TERM FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES, LIKE
19 A.R.P.A. AND AT HOUSING FOR HEALTH, AND THANKS TO DR. GHALY'S
20 LEADERSHIP, WE ARE ABLE TO MAKE LEMONADE OUT OF THOSE LEMONS.
21 WE BRAID FUNDING STREAMS TOGETHER, AND WE CREATE LONG-TERM
22 SOLUTIONS OUT OF SHORT-TERM FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES. AND I JUST
23 WANT TO REEMPHASIZE, I THINK THAT'S REALLY THANKS TO STRONG
24 LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT OF DR. GHALY; OF MY BOSS, DR. CARMEN
25 TONG; AND WITH THE REALLY OPEN AND COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP

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1 THAT WE HAVE WITH THE C.E.O. HOMELESS INITIATIVE DIRECTOR,
2 CHERI TODOROFF. SO I THINK THOSE ARE THE KEYS TO OUR SUCCESS.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. I DO REMEMBER WHEN I WAS GETTING THE
5 SHELTER THAT WAS IN A VACANT COUNTY HEALTH BUILDING DOWN IN
6 SAN PEDRO, A FEW YEARS AGO, AND I STARTED THE PROCESS OF
7 TURNING THIS VACANT BUILDING INTO A 40-BED INTERIM HOUSING.
8 AND I DO KNOW I STARTED WITH L.A.H.S.A., AND GOT SO
9 FRUSTRATED, AND I DID COME TO D.H.S. AND A LOT OF WHAT WE SAW
10 WAS YOUR... WHATEVER IT IS THAT YOU DO, IN TERMS OF YOUR
11 CONTRACTING WITH VENDORS, WITH PROVIDERS, IT JUST SEEMED TO BE
12 SMOOTHER. AND AGAIN, I AM JUST GOING TO KEEP USING THE WORD:
13 "LESS BUREAUCRATIC." SO, I APPRECIATE THAT. I AM WONDERING IF
14 THERE ARE LESSONS THAT WE CAN LEARN FROM YOU, THAT WE CAN
15 APPLY TO ALL THE OTHER EFFORTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS
16 ANGELES, THAT ARE, YOU KNOW, ATTEMPTING TO HOUSE THE UNHOUSED.
17 SO, CURRENTLY, YOU ARE ONLY SERVICING SINGLE ADULTS, AND YOU
18 ARE GOING TO MOVE TOWARDS FAMILIES. AND I KNOW THAT OUTREACH
19 HAS JUST STARTED, BUT HOW IS THIS PROGRAM GOING TO ADJUST TO
20 THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF FAMILIES?

21

22 **DANA VANDERFORD:** DOUBLE-MUTED AGAIN. I APOLOGIZE. THANK YOU
23 FOR THE QUESTION, SUPERVISOR HAHN. YEAH, WE, FIRST AND
24 FOREMOST, MADE SURE THAT WE WERE BRINGING IN CASE MANAGERS
25 WITH DEEP EXPERIENCE IN THE FAMILY SERVICES SYSTEM, WHO HAD

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1 WORKED WITH VULNERABLE FAMILIES; SO, A LOT OF IN-HOUSE
2 EXPERTISE. REALLY, WHEN WE STARTED THINKING ABOUT FAMILIES,
3 THAT IS WHEN WE KIND OF ADJUSTED OUR DURATION AS A PROGRAM, SO
4 THAT WAS A REALLY KEY MOMENT FOR US TO MOVE FROM-- WE STARTED
5 AS A FOUR-MONTH CASE MANAGEMENT PERIOD INTO A FLEXIBLE FOUR-
6 TO SIX-MONTH CASE MANAGEMENT PERIOD, JUST RECOGNIZING THAT
7 THERE ARE MORE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD IN A FAMILY, THAT WE
8 MIGHT NEED A LITTLE BIT LONGER WITH OUR CLIENTS. SO WE MADE
9 THAT ADJUSTMENT FOR A FLEXIBLE, LONGER CASE MANAGEMENT
10 DURATION. AND THE LEVEL OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR OUR
11 FAMILIES IS MUCH HIGHER. SO, OUR SINGLE ADULTS GET A FIXED
12 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CAP. OUR FAMILIES HAVE A VARIABLE CAP,
13 DEPENDING ON HOW MANY MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD THERE ARE. SO
14 THAT'S DIFFERENT ON THE FAMILY SIDE, AS WELL. AND THEN I WILL
15 JUST SAY, WE ARE STILL HAVING CONVERSATIONS, AS WE ARE NEWLY
16 SERVING FAMILIES, ABOUT WHO IS A FAMILY, FOR THE H.P.U.'S
17 PURPOSES, AND IT HAS BEEN A REALLY EXCITED BUT CHALLENGING
18 EXERCISE TO GIVE CLEAR SHAPE TO THAT DEFINITION. WE WILL NEED
19 CLEAR SHAPE TO IT, BUT OUR FAMILIES COME IN ALL DIFFERENT
20 SHAPES AND SIZES. THERE ARE MANY LEVELS OF DEPENDENCY BETWEEN
21 ADULTS AND MULTIPLE FAMILIES LIVING IN SINGLE HOUSEHOLDS, AND
22 WE ARE TRYING TO BE AS INCLUSIVE AS WE CAN BE, WITHIN REASON;
23 TO LOOK AT THE WHOLE FAMILY AND THINK ABOUT WHAT STABILITY
24 MEANS FOR THAT WHOLE ENTIRE FAMILY, OR THAT WHOLE HOUSEHOLD,

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1 AND REALLY INCLUDE AS MANY PEOPLE AS WE CAN, REASONABLY, IF IT
2 MEANS BETTER STABILITY FOR EACH MEMBER OF THAT FAMILY.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** WELL, THANK YOU FOR THAT. AGAIN, HATS OFF. I KNOW
5 THIS HOUSING FOR HEALTH IN YOUR DEPARTMENT, DR. GHALY, IS KIND
6 OF A MICROCOSM OF OUR LARGER EFFORT ACROSS THE COUNTY TO
7 REALLY GET OUR UNHOUSED PEOPLE INTO HOUSING. SO, GOOD JOB, ALL
8 OF YOU. I HOPE WE CAN TAKE SOME LESSONS FROM HOW YOU'VE BEEN
9 ABLE TO DO IT.

10

11 **DANA VANDERFORD:** THANK YOU.

12

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

14

15 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU, DR.
16 GHALY, AND SARAH AND DANA. COULDN'T BE MORE PROUD OF THE WORK
17 THAT YOU ALL ARE DOING. MANY OF THE QUESTIONS THAT I WAS GOING
18 TO ASK, ACTUALLY, SUPERVISOR HAHN TOUCHED ON. BUT I GUESS,
19 LONG TERM, I MEAN, WHEN YOU LOOK AT THESE SUCCESSES-- 90% OF
20 H.P.U. CLIENTS RETAIN THEIR PERMANENT HOUSING-- AS SUPERVISOR
21 HAHN SAID, THAT IS SIGNIFICANT. THAT IS SIGNIFICANT. AND TO
22 YOUR POINT, DANA, I THINK YOU MENTIONED YOU WERE GOING TO LOOK
23 LONG-TERM, IN TERMS OF MOVING FORWARD. I THINK IT'S GOING TO
24 BE IMPORTANT TO SEE WHAT THAT FORMULA, THAT RECIPE, LOOKS
25 LIKE, IN TERMS OF KEEPING THAT 90%. IT MAY FALL A LITTLE BIT,

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1 BUT EVEN IF IT IS AT 80%, THAT IS FAR ABOVE WHAT THE AVERAGE
2 IS. SO, I JUST COMMEND YOU ALL. AND I THINK, AS A BOARD, WHEN
3 YOU LOOK AT SOMETHING LIKE THIS, AND THE EASE IN WHICH YOU ARE
4 DOING IT, I THINK IT IS THE PASSION. I MEAN, DANA, I KNOW YOU.
5 I KNOW YOUR PASSION IS THIS, AND SO YOU ARE DOING SOMETHING
6 THAT IS REALLY SERVICING OTHERS. AND SO I THINK YOU ARE
7 LOOKING AT IT, AS I'M SURE YOU ARE, SARAH, FROM THE STANDPOINT
8 OF, "HOW CAN WE MAKE THIS WORK?" AND BEING ABLE TO PIVOT WHEN
9 YOU NEED TO, TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS PROGRAM REALLY DOES
10 RESPOND TO THE NOT A ONE-SIZE-FITS-ALL. AND THAT'S OBVIOUSLY
11 WHAT YOU ALL ARE DOING. AND SO, DR. GHALY, THIS IS SOMETHING,
12 IF I WERE YOU, I WOULD BE VERY PROUD TO BE AT THE HELM OF
13 LEADING, BECAUSE I THINK THERE ARE GOING TO BE MANY OTHER
14 COUNTIES-- PROBABLY THROUGHOUT THE STATE, MAYBE THE NATION--
15 THAT ARE GOING TO LOOK AT PROGRAMS LIKE THIS, AND WANT TO TAKE
16 THE TEMPLATE AND RUN WITH IT. SO, I HOPE THAT WE CAN GROW IT.
17 I MEAN, THE NUMBERS ARE GOOD, BUT WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE NUMBER
18 OF PEOPLE ON THE STREET-- AND WE JUST GOT OUR HOMELESS COUNT
19 IN-- WE STILL HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO. A PROGRAM LIKE THIS,
20 IN ORDER TO REALLY BE SIGNIFICANT, COUNTYWIDE-- AND I THINK
21 SUPERVISOR SOLIS TOUCHED ON THAT, IN TERMS OF LOOKING AT IT--
22 HOW WE CAN DO THIS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE COUNTY IS AN
23 OPPORTUNITY, AND I JUST REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH
24 YOU ALL. BUT ABSOLUTELY A PHENOMENAL JOB, AND GREAT
25 PRESENTATION. THANK YOU.

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1

2 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I WOULD ADD A HUGE
3 THANKS TO THE TEAM FOR EXPANDING THIS MODEL TO HOMELESSNESS
4 PREVENTION. DANA HAS DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB IN DOING SO. BUT
5 I DO WANT TO HIGHLIGHT, ALSO, JUST FOR THE BOARD THAT THAT
6 HOUSING STABILITY NUMBER IS REALLY REPRESENTATIVE ACROSS THE
7 HOUSING FOR HEALTH PORTFOLIO. SO, WE HAVE ABOUT 15,000 UNITS
8 OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IN HOUSING FOR HEALTH'S
9 PORTFOLIO. WE HAVE SERVED ALMOST 18,000 CLIENTS TO DATE, SINCE
10 THE PROGRAM OPENED IN 2012. AND OVER THE COURSE OF THE
11 PROGRAM, THE HOUSING STABILITY RATE HAS ALWAYS REMAINED ABOVE
12 90%. THE MOST RECENT DATA-- WE TRACK THIS EVERY QUARTER-- IS
13 AT 91%, AND THAT'S DEFINED AS THE PERCENT OF INDIVIDUALS WHO
14 ARE SERVED IN SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, WHO MAINTAIN THAT HOUSING OR
15 EXIT TO OTHER SUPPORTIVE HOUSING WITHIN A 12-MONTH PERIOD. SO,
16 WE ARE VERY PROUD, AND IT'S JUST HUGE THANKS TO THE ENTIRE
17 TEAM, WHO DOES SUCH WONDERFUL, COMMITTED WORK ON A DAILY
18 BASIS. BUT THANK YOU FOR THE KIND COMMENTS.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. CAN I ASK ONE FAVOR FROM YOU ALL,
21 THOUGH? I MEAN, IN TERMS OF BARRIERS, WHETHER IT BE AT THE
22 FEDERAL LEVEL, OR EVEN AT THE STATE LEVEL, AS IT RELATES TO
23 THE HOUSING, I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO KNOW WHAT THE
24 BARRIERS ARE. AND I KNOW WE TALKED ABOUT THIS WITH L.A.H.S.A.:
25 IDENTIFYING THE FEDERAL IMPEDIMENTS, IF YOU WILL, THAT WE NEED

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1 TO LOOK AT TO FIX, MOVING FORWARD. IF THERE ARE, WHETHER IT BE
2 MORE BOARD-AND-CARE STYLE PLACEMENTS FOR THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN
3 ON THE STREET FOR A LONG TIME, THAT ARE READY TO BE
4 INDEPENDENT, BUT STILL NEED THE WRAPAROUND SERVICES, I THINK
5 IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO KNOW, SO THAT WE CAN BUILD A ROBUST
6 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE, AND WORK TOGETHER TO ADDRESS THAT, SO
7 THAT WE CAN BUILD THIS, AND HOUSING IS THE KEY COMPONENT. AND
8 SO I JUST WOULD ASK THAT YOU ALL PUT THAT THINKING CAP ON, IN
9 TERMS OF WHAT YOU ARE SEEING NOW, AND THEN MAYBE WHAT YOU ARE
10 SEEING LONG TERM. THANK YOU.

11

12 **DANA VANDERFORD:** YES, THANK YOU.

13

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

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16 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, I HAD ONE MORE QUESTION,
17 AND I WAS JUST CURIOUS. FOR THE HOMELESS PREVENTION UNIT,
18 THERE WAS AN INDICATION THAT THERE'S AN ANALYSIS OF DATA THAT
19 WOULD SHOW, I GUESS, WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL PERSON IS AT RISK OF
20 FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS. WHAT DATA IS CRUNCHED? IN OTHER
21 WORDS, I AM A CLIENT OF THE COUNTY'S AND THAT'S HOW SOME OF
22 THE DATA WILL COME. SO, I AM ON SOME OTHER PROGRAM, OR I HAVE
23 SIGNED UP FOR SOME OTHER PROGRAM. IS IT KIND OF ACROSS THE
24 BOARD, IF I SIGNED UP FOR CALFRESH, OR DOES IT TAKE MY AGE

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1 INTO ACCOUNT? HOW IS THE DATA CRUNCHED, SO THAT I AM THE ONE
2 THAT GETS THE CALL?

3

4 **DANA VANDERFORD:** YEAH. THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION, SUPERVISOR
5 KUEHL. WE COULDN'T DO THE WORK THAT WE DO WITHOUT HAVING
6 ACCESS TO COUNTY AND [INAUDIBLE] DATA, WHERE EVERYONE'S
7 UTILIZATION DATA GOES IN. AND USING THE PREDICTIVE MODEL THAT
8 C.P.L. BUILT SEVERAL YEARS AGO, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH C.I.O., WE
9 LOOK AT THOSE MILLIONS OF RECORDS OF DATA THAT REALLY DON'T
10 CAPTURE UTILIZATION INFORMATION. AND IF YOU ARE INTERACTING
11 WITH THE COUNTY IN THESE KINDS OF WAYS, WITH THESE KINDS OF
12 FREQUENCIES, YOU ARE LIABLE TO END UP ON OUR HIGH-RISK LIST.
13 SO, IT LOOKS FOR LESS IDENTIFYING INFORMATION AND MORE
14 UTILIZATION DATA: DID YOU GO TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM 15 TIMES
15 LAST YEAR, AND DID YOU RECEIVE 3 CRISIS STABILIZATION HOLDS,
16 AND DID YOU GET ARRESTED 6 TIMES? THOSE ARE NOT THE EXACT
17 NUMBERS, BUT IF YOU ARE HAVING THOSE KINDS OF INTERACTIONS
18 WITH THOSE KINDS OF FREQUENCIES, WE KNOW THAT PEOPLE WHO
19 INTERACT WITH THE COUNTY IN THAT WAY ARE THE FOLKS WHO WILL
20 LOSE THEIR HOUSING IN 12 MONTHS. SO THAT DATA GETS CRUNCHED
21 AND PULLED INTO THE PREDICTIVE MODEL, AND THEN THOSE
22 INDIVIDUALS END UP ON OUR LIST.

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

25

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND SEEING NO FURTHER
2 QUESTIONS, WE WANT TO THANK ALL FOR YOUR VERY INFORMATIVE
3 PRESENTATIONS. THIS REPORT IS RECEIVED AND FILED. HEARING NO
4 OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. AGAIN, THANK YOU ALL FOR
5 SHARING THE DATA. APPRECIATE YOU. MOVING ON TO SET MATTER 2,
6 THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER. WE WILL HEAR FROM DR. FERRER,
7 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND AGAIN FROM DR. CHRISTINA GHALY,
8 DIRECTOR OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES. DR. FERRER? GOOD AFTERNOON,
9 DR. FERRER. WE'RE READY FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. WELL, IT
10 DOESN'T LOOK LIKE YOU ARE MUTED, BUT WE CAN'T HEAR YOU. DR.
11 FERRER, WOULD YOU MIND IF WE GO TO DR. GHALY FIRST, WHILE WE
12 TRY TO FIGURE OUT THE TECHNICAL CHALLENGES WITH YOUR AUDIO?
13 THAT WAS THUMBS UP. THANK YOU. WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS, THE
14 THUMBS-UP HELPS. DR. GHALY, THANK YOU.

15

16 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** SURE, THANK YOU. I WILL BE QUITE BRIEF,
17 BUT OF COURSE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MIGHT
18 HAVE. SO, IF YOU COULD GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. OUR
19 HOSPITALIZATIONS HAVE HELD STEADY IN THE 30- TO 45-PATIENT
20 RANGE OVER THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS, AS YOU CAN SEE ON SLIDE
21 TWO. WE REALLY HAVEN'T HAD ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE, TO DATE, IN
22 THAT HOSPITALIZATION NUMBER, BUT I AM AWARE OF THE BROADER
23 TRENDS THAT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IS SEEING IN WHAT IS A
24 SLIGHT UPTICK IN TOTAL C.O.V.I.D.-POSITIVE HOSPITALIZATIONS
25 OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF WEEKS, AND WE ARE CERTAINLY MONITORING

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1 OUR DATA CLOSELY FOR ANY CHANGES THAT WE SEE WITHIN OUR FOUR
2 HOSPITALS. STILL, THE SAME THING HOLDS TRUE THAT I HAVE SHARED
3 PREVIOUSLY, IN THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE
4 HOSPITALIZED WITH A POSITIVE C.O.V.I.D. TEST IN THE D.H.S.
5 HOSPITALS ARE STILL THERE FOR A REASON OTHER THAN THEIR
6 C.O.V.I.D. INFECTION. WHETHER IT IS A HEART ATTACK OR A STROKE
7 OR AN INFECTION OR A TRAUMATIC INJURY, THEY HAPPENED TO TEST
8 POSITIVE FOR C.O.V.I.D., BUT THEIR PRIMARY REASON FOR BEING IN
9 THE HOSPITAL IS NOT GENERALLY THEIR C.O.V.I.D. ILLNESS. THE
10 NEXT SLIDE, SLIDE THREE, LOOKS AT THE UTILIZATION OF THE
11 COUNTY'S QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION BEDS, WHICH ARE MANAGED
12 THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. THESE ARE FOR
13 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE MEDICALLY FRAGILE AND, BECAUSE OF THEIR
14 UNDERLYING MEDICAL CONDITIONS, NEED A SAFE PLACE TO QUARANTINE
15 AND ISOLATE. THAT SUPPLY OF BEDS IS CONSTANT, AND THE
16 UTILIZATION OF THEM REMAINS RELATIVELY LOW, BUT IT IS STILL
17 AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO NEED THAT HIGHLY SPECIALIZED TYPE OF
18 SERVICE. I'LL SHIFT NOW TO TESTING, ON SLIDE FOUR. YOU CAN
19 SEE, AS YOU LOOK TOWARD THE FAR RIGHT OF THE SLIDE, THAT
20 THERE'S BEEN JUST A SLIGHT UPTICK IN TESTING-- UTILIZATION OF
21 TESTING-- OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF WEEKS. BUT STILL,
22 UTILIZATION IS FAR BELOW WHAT WE HAVE SEEN DURING PREVIOUS
23 SURGES IN THE COUNTY. OUR GOAL IS STILL TO KEEP THE CAPACITY
24 AT AT LEAST TWICE WHAT THE UTILIZATION IS. SO, WE
25 INTENTIONALLY KEEP THE BLUE BARS, WHICH IS THE ACTUAL

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1 UTILIZATION, AT LESS THAN HALF OF THE TOTAL CAPACITY. AND AS
2 WE SEE UTILIZATION RISING, WE ALSO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF
3 TEST KITS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC, SO THAT THERE'S
4 STILL EASY ACCESS TO THOSE TEST KITS. SLIDE FIVE SHOWS SIMILAR
5 DATA FOR THE PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF SITES ACROSS THE COUNTY.
6 HERE, UTILIZATION IS VERY SMALL. PLEASE KNOW, FOR THE GENERAL
7 PUBLIC, THAT P.C.R. TEST KITS ARE AVAILABLE AT 28 SITES ACROSS
8 THE COUNTY FOR PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF, AND THIS IS A REALLY
9 EASY, CONVENIENT PLACE TO ACCESS P.C.R. TESTING, IF YOU ARE
10 NOT ABLE TO GET EASY ACCESS TO A TEST KIT THROUGH YOUR
11 ESTABLISHED HEALTHCARE PLAN OR PROVIDER. AND FINALLY, LAST
12 SLIDE IS, I JUST WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT ON THE NEXT SLIDE, SLIDE
13 SIX, THE LAUNCH OF OUR NEW PILOT PROCESS AT THREE OF OUR PICK-
14 UP AND DROP-OFF LOCATIONS: ONE IN LENNOX, ONE IN SOUTH L.A.,
15 AND ONE IN EL MONTE. THIS IS A NEW PROCESS WHERE INDIVIDUALS
16 CAN REGISTER FOR A C.O.V.I.D. P.C.R. TEST, RESERVE IT ONLINE
17 OR THROUGH THE PHONE NUMBER THAT'S LISTED ON THE SCREEN, AND
18 THEN COME TO THE PICK-UP SITE, WHERE THEY CAN GET CURBSIDE,
19 CONTACTLESS SERVICE TO PICK UP THEIR P.C.R. TEST KIT. THEY CAN
20 TAKE THE TEST HOME, USE IT AT HOME, AND BRING IT BACK, OR JUST
21 DO IT IN THEIR CAR IF THEY PREFER, AND THEN THE RESULTS ARE
22 AVAILABLE WITHIN 24 TO 48 HOURS. THOSE TEST KITS ARE INTENDED
23 FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO EITHER HAVE SYMPTOMS CONSISTENT WITH
24 C.O.V.I.D., OR HAD AN EXPOSURE TO SOMEONE WITH C.O.V.I.D. THEY
25 ARE NOT INTENDED FOR USE FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO JUST NEED ROUTINE

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1 SURVEILLANCE SCREENING, SUCH AS THOSE WHO NEED IT FOR THEIR
2 JOB, OR THEIR SCHOOL, OR AN ACTIVITY. WE HOPE THAT THAT'S A
3 REALLY EASY-TO-USE MODEL. AND IF ALL GOES SMOOTHLY OVER THE
4 NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS, WE PLAN TO EXPAND IT TO OTHER SITES, AS
5 WELL, IN THE FUTURE. THAT IS ALL OF THE UPDATES FOR US, BUT
6 PLEASE LET ME KNOW, AFTER DR. FERRER SPEAKS, IF THERE ARE ANY
7 QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** CHECKING TO SEE IF DR. FERRER IS BACK
10 ON. IF NOT, I WILL GO TO TWO QUESTIONS I HAVE, CURRENTLY, FOR
11 DR. GHALY. SUPERVISOR HAHN? SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU HAVE A
12 QUESTION FOR DR. GHALY?

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, DR. GHALY. SO,
15 ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WAS GOING TO ASK: WE HEARD A CALLER
16 THIS MORNING, AND MY OFFICE HAS ALSO HEARD FROM CONSTITUENTS
17 WHO'VE HAD THEIR TEST AND TREATMENT DELAYED BECAUSE OF THE
18 GLOBAL SHORTAGE OF THE I.V. CONTRAST FLUID. AND I KNOW THAT
19 DOCTORS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THIS. OBVIOUSLY, PATIENTS ARE
20 FEELING A LITTLE STRESSED OUT, BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT BEING ABLE
21 TO GET THE TEST THAT THEY NEED. IT SOUNDS LIKE THE DOCTORS ARE
22 PRESERVING THIS CONTRAST FLUID FOR THE URGENT TESTS. BUT,
23 OBVIOUSLY, IF IT GETS WORSE, THAT'S GOING TO EVEN BE
24 COMPROMISED. I DIDN'T REALLY KNOW A LOT ABOUT IT UNTIL I
25 STARTED HEARING PEOPLE CALLING OUR OFFICE, CONCERNED ABOUT IT.

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1 DO YOU, DR. GHALY, HAVE ANY SENSE OF HOW MUCH LONGER THE
2 SHORTAGE IS EXPECTED TO LAST, AND WHAT IS YOUR PLAN TO MANAGE
3 THE SHORTAGE AT OUR COUNTY HOSPITALS, GOING FORWARD?

4

5 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR THAT QUESTION.
6 JUST FOR BACKGROUND, FOR PEOPLE WHO MIGHT NOT BE AWARE, THE
7 CONTRAST SHORTAGE IS DUE TO THE C.O.V.I.D. LOCKDOWN IN
8 SHANGHAI, AND ONE OF THE MAJOR PRODUCTION FACILITIES OF
9 CONTRAST IN THE WORLD IS LOCATED THERE. IT IS A G.E. FACTORY.
10 AND WHEN SHANGHAI SHUT DOWN FOR ITS C.O.V.I.D. LOCKDOWN
11 PROTOCOLS, IT SHUT DOWN THE FACTORY, AND THAT HAS CAUSED,
12 REALLY, MASSIVELY WIDESPREAD SHORTAGES OF CONTRAST THAT'S
13 NEEDED FOR A VARIETY OF STUDIES, INCLUDING CONTRAST C.T.
14 SCANS, CORONARY ANGIOGRAPHY THAT IS NEEDED FOR PEOPLE WITH
15 HEART ATTACKS OR POTENTIAL HEART ATTACKS, STUDIES FOR PEOPLE
16 WITH STROKES. AND IT IS AFFECTING, RIGHT NOW, ABOUT HALF OF
17 THE HOSPITALS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, INCLUDING ALL FOUR D.H.S.
18 FACILITIES. BASED ON A RECENT E.M.S. POLL, 60% OF OUR 15
19 TRAUMA CENTERS, 55% OF THE COUNTY'S DESIGNATED STROKE CENTERS,
20 AND 45% OF THE COUNTY'S DESIGNATED S.T.E.M.I. OR HEART ATTACK
21 CENTERS ARE ALL AFFECTED BY THE CONTRAST SHORTAGE. WHAT WE ARE
22 DOING IN D.H.S. IS SIMILAR TO WHAT IS BEING DONE IN OTHER
23 HOSPITALS, WHICH IS MASSIVELY REDUCING UTILIZATION WHEREVER
24 POSSIBLE, AND RESERVING IT JUST FOR THOSE MOST URGENT,
25 CRITICAL STUDIES THAT NEED TO HAVE CONTRAST. WHEREVER

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1 POSSIBLE, WE'RE PIVOTING PATIENTS OVER TO OTHER TYPES OF
2 STUDIES THAT DON'T USE CONTRAST. SO, SOMETIMES, SOMEONE CAN
3 HAVE AN M.R.I. OR AN ULTRASOUND OR A NON-CONTRAST STUDY,
4 INSTEAD OF THE CONTRAST OPTION. IF THAT'S AN OPTION, WE WILL
5 DO THAT. WE ARE ALSO SENDING PATIENTS TO OTHER PROVIDERS OUT
6 OF NETWORK, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, ALSO. AND THROUGH THOSE STEPS,
7 WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO REDUCE, WITHIN D.H.S., OUR UTILIZATION OF
8 CONTRAST OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF WEEKS BY 90%. SO, WE ARE
9 USING ONLY 10% OF THE BASELINE AMOUNT OF CONTRAST THAT WE WERE
10 USING PREVIOUSLY, BUT IT HAS RESULTED IN POSTPONING DIFFERENT
11 PROCEDURES, AND CERTAINLY, I CAN UNDERSTAND THE FRUSTRATION
12 AND INCONVENIENCE THAT THAT REPRESENTS. HOSPITALS, THANKS TO
13 THE COORDINATION THROUGH HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN
14 CALIFORNIA, AND ALSO OUR OWN E.M.S. AGENCY, ARE ALSO WORKING
15 TOGETHER TO HELP IDENTIFY WAYS WHERE HOSPITALS CAN SHARE
16 CONTRAST MEDIUM. SO, SOME SUPPLIERS ARE NOT AFFECTED, AND WE
17 ARE ASKING THAT HOSPITALS WHO ARE NOT AFFECTED SHARE OR SELL
18 THEIR CONTRAST MEDIUM TO THOSE HOSPITALS THAT ARE AFFECTED.
19 AND E.M.S. IS WORKING ON MUTUAL AID PROCESSES TO BE ABLE TO
20 IMPLEMENT THAT. WE ARE ALSO VERY GRATEFUL FOR ALL OF THE
21 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY FROM THE BOARD AND FROM THE C.E.O.'S
22 OFFICE, IN THIS RESPECT. THE SHORTAGE IS EXPECTED TO LAST AT
23 LEAST THROUGH THE END OF JUNE, OR POSSIBLY JULY. THE G.E.
24 FACILITY IN SHANGHAI HAS STARTED TO RAMP UP PRODUCTION. I
25 BELIEVE THEY ARE STILL AT ABOUT 50% PRODUCTION CAPACITY. THEY

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1 HAVEN'T REGAINED FULL PRODUCTION CAPACITY YET, BUT I
2 UNDERSTAND THAT THAT MAY HAPPEN SOON. BUT IT WILL STILL TAKE
3 TIME FOR THAT PRODUCTION TO FULLY RESOLVE THE SITUATION. SO,
4 UNTIL THE SITUATION IS RESOLVED, WE WILL NEED HOSPITALS TO
5 REDUCE THEIR UTILIZATION, AND TO SHARE WHEREVER POSSIBLE, SO
6 THAT WE DON'T HAVE ANY PATIENTS HARMED AS A RESULT OF THE
7 BROAD SHORTAGE.

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9 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, THANK YOU. AGAIN, I WAS KIND OF UNAWARE OF
10 THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS CONTRAST FLUID. NOW, I KNOW-- I THINK
11 THE WOMAN'S NAME WAS KATHY BEAUREGARD, WHO CALLED IN THIS
12 MORNING, AND I THINK EITHER YOUR OFFICE OR MY OFFICE IS GOING
13 TO REACH OUT TO HER, BUT HOW DO WE LET THE PATIENTS KNOW, AT
14 OUR COUNTY HOSPITALS, EXACTLY WHAT YOU'VE JUST SAID, SO THEY
15 JUST DON'T GET A POSTPONEMENT, CANCELATION, WITH NO SENSE OF
16 WHEN THEY MIGHT BE READY TO GET THE TEST THAT THEY HAVE BEEN
17 WAITING FOR? HOW DO WE COMMUNICATE WITH THE PATIENTS THAT COME
18 INTO OUR COUNTY HOSPITALS?

19

20 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** YES, AND WE HAVE REACHED OUT TO THAT
21 CONSTITUENT. I AM GLAD THAT SHE CALLED IN, AND WE'LL WORK
22 THERE. WE ARE WORKING TO DO PHONE CALLS WITH OUR PATIENTS
23 WHEREVER POSSIBLE, TO LET THEM KNOW IF THEIR STUDY NEEDS TO BE
24 DELAYED AND POSTPONED, AS A RESULT OF THE CONTRAST SHORTAGE,
25 AND TO TRY TO EXPLAIN TO THEM ALL THE DIFFERENT OPTIONS THAT

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1 ARE AVAILABLE, BUT IT DEPENDS ON THEIR UNIQUE CLINICAL
2 CIRCUMSTANCES. SO SOMETIMES, AGAIN, WE CAN OFFER THEM AN
3 ALTERNATIVE TYPE OF A STUDY, AND THEN THE PROVIDER CAN DISCUSS
4 WITH THEM THE PROS AND THE CONS OF DOING THAT STUDY VERSUS
5 WAITING FOR WHAT MIGHT BE, FOR THEIR CONDITION, A BETTER STUDY
6 OF A CONTRAST SCAN, ONCE THE CONTRAST IS AVAILABLE. WHEN WE'RE
7 NOT ABLE TO REACH SOMEONE BY PHONE, DUE TO CHALLENGES IN
8 CONTACTING THEM, WE DO SOMETIMES SEND OUT LETTERS OR
9 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BY MAIL. WE ALSO HAVE COMMUNICATIONS
10 THROUGH OUR HEALTH PORTAL. SO, FOR PATIENTS WHO-- ABOUT A
11 QUARTER OR A THIRD OF OUR PATIENTS ARE ABLE TO ACCESS THEIR
12 CLINICAL INFORMATION, INCLUDING ALL OF THEIR APPOINTMENTS AND
13 STUDIES AND PROVIDER NOTES, THROUGH OUR HEALTH PORTAL. THAT'S
14 ANOTHER GOOD WAY TO GET ACCESS TO INFORMATION. BUT WE ARE
15 DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO KEEP OUR PATIENTS UPDATED AS THIS
16 CONTINUES TO EVOLVE, AND HOPEFUL TO GET THOSE PATIENTS BACK
17 IN, AS SOON AS THE CONTRAST SHORTAGE IS RESOLVED.

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19 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. AND THEN, JUST ONE MORE THING ABOUT THE
20 SIDEWALK P.C.R. TEST PICK-UP PILOT. I AM ASSUMING, BUT YOU CAN
21 TELL ME, THAT THE REASON YOU ARE DOING THAT MODEL VERSUS THE
22 REGULAR P.C.R. PICK-UP AT OUR 28 SITES IS KIND OF A STAFFING
23 ISSUE. BECAUSE IS THE SIDEWALK PICK-UP A LITTLE-- THERE'S NO
24 STAFF INVOLVED IN THAT, OR WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO ACHIEVE WITH
25 THE PILOT PROGRAM?

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2 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** GREAT QUESTION, SUPERVISOR. IT IS A MODEL
3 THAT WE HOPE IS EASIER FOR EVERYBODY, AND MORE CONVENIENT FOR
4 EVERYBODY. INDIVIDUALS CAN RESERVE ONLINE THEIR KITS BY PHONE,
5 AND JUST COME UP TO THE CURB AND GET IT, JUST LIKE THEY MIGHT
6 GET FOOD WHEN THEY ORDER FOOD. THEY DON'T HAVE TO GO INTO A
7 LIBRARY UNLESS THEY OTHERWISE WANTED TO. AND IT IS A FAST,
8 EASY, CONVENIENT SERVICE. IT ALSO DOES UTILIZE LESS STAFFING
9 THAN THE OTHER MODEL, SO IT'S EASIER FROM THE COUNTY'S SIDE;
10 LESS COSTLY TO STAFF, AND REQUIRES FEWER DISASTER SERVICE
11 WORKERS TO MAINTAIN THE STAFFING AT THOSE PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF
12 SITES.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH. YEAH, I WAS THINKING THAT'S WHERE YOU WERE
15 GOING. IT'S A LITTLE BIT LIKE THE SELF-SERVE CHECKOUT, WHICH I
16 NEVER LIKE, BECAUSE I LIKE A REAL PERSON, BUT-- SO, I HOPE YOU
17 DON'T TOTALLY GET AWAY FROM SOME OF THE STAFFED SITES, BECAUSE
18 I DO THINK THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT LOVE SEEING OUR
19 PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS, AND HAVE QUESTIONS THAT THEY WANT TO
20 HAVE ASKED, AND THEY HAVE BEEN SO CONVENIENT AT THE LIBRARIES.
21 BUT I GET WHERE YOU ARE GOING. I HOPE IT DOESN'T COMPLETELY
22 REPLACE A FEW OF THE SITES WHERE WE ACTUALLY HAVE REAL PEOPLE
23 ANSWERING QUESTIONS.

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1 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** YEAH, ABSOLUTELY. WE PLAN TO KEEP THOSE
2 FIXED AND MOBILE SITES, AS WELL. SO, THIS IS JUST AN
3 ALTERNATIVE OPTION TO MAKE THAT PICK-UP/DROP-OFF SERVICE
4 EASIER FOR PEOPLE, BUT WE STILL HAVE THE FIXED SITES, AND WE
5 DON'T HAVE ANY PLANS TO CLOSE THEM DOWN.

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7 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, DR. GHALY.

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9 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I ALSO KNOW THAT THE
12 C.E.O. OF HARBOR-U.C.L.A., DR. MAHAJAN, IS ALSO AWARE,
13 SPECIFICALLY, OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS' CONCERNS, BUT ALSO THE
14 OVERALL ISSUE, BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THE HOSPITAL,
15 AS WELL. AND I HOPE THE MEDIA PICKS UP ON THIS SUPPLY CHAIN
16 ISSUE, JUST LIKE THEY HAVE WITH THE BABY FORMULA. THAT IS
17 OPENING NEWS SEGMENTS, NATIONALLY, SO I HOPE THIS ISSUE GETS
18 PICKED UP, AS WELL. SO, THE GENERAL PUBLIC, WE HAVE A WHOLE
19 NEW EDUCATION APPRECIATION ABOUT SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES. THIS IS
20 JUST FRIGHTENING. DR. FERRER, I KNOW WE'VE GOT YOU BACK. WE'RE
21 GOING TO SEE YOU ON THE CAMERA, THEN WE'RE GOING TO HEAR YOU
22 VIA PHONE. THIS IS CALLED, "WE ARE GOING TO WORK IT OUT."

23

24 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES. HOPEFULLY, YOU CAN HEAR ME NOW.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WE CAN HEAR YOU JUST FINE.

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3 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** OKAY, I'M SUPER SORRY. BUT THANK YOU SO
4 MUCH, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
5 AS ALWAYS, FOR THE CONTINUED SUPPORT, GUIDANCE, AND
6 LEADERSHIP. I DO APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ABOUT OUR
7 CURRENT STATUS AND THE CHANGING CONDITIONS IN THE ONGOING
8 PANDEMIC. I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT ON MONDAY, THE COUNTRY
9 MARKED, UNFORTUNATELY, 1 MILLION DEATHS FROM C.O.V.I.D. HERE
10 IN L.A. COUNTY, WE HAVE RECORDED MORE THAN 32,000 DEATHS. AND,
11 OF COURSE, OUR HEARTS AND OUR PRAYERS REMAIN WITH ALL THOSE
12 THAT HAVE LOST LOVED ONES. IN TODAY'S PRESENTATION, I WILL
13 SHARE OUR CURRENT C.O.V.I.D. METRICS AND THE EARLY ALERT
14 SIGNALS; WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT RECENT CIRCULATING VARIANTS AND
15 SUBVARIANTS; UPDATES ON THE IMPACT OF SPREAD THAT WE ARE
16 SEEING AT WORKSITES AND AT SCHOOLS; AND I WILL CLOSE WITH SOME
17 ACTIONS THAT WE CAN TAKE TO KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE, WHILE
18 C.O.V.I.D.-19 TRANSMISSION REMAINS HIGH. I WILL TAKE THE NEXT
19 SLIDE. OVER THE PAST WEEK, WE HAVE CONTINUED TO SEE THIS
20 UPWARD TREND IN CASES, AND ACTUALLY, TODAY'S NUMBERS ARE NOW
21 IN. WE HAVE OVER 2200 NEW CASES. 327 PEOPLE ARE IN THE
22 HOSPITAL. OUR TEST POSITIVITY REMAINS AT 2.6%, AND TRAGICALLY,
23 EIGHT MORE DEATHS. IF YOU NOTE THAT THE AVERAGE OF THE DAILY
24 NEW CASES OVER THE LAST SEVEN DAYS INCREASED TO OVER 2900, IT
25 WAS ABOUT 2500 THE WEEK PRIOR, SO THAT'S AN ALMOST 20%

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1 INCREASE. HOSPITALIZATIONS, WHILE RELATIVELY STABLE, AS YOU
2 CAN SEE VERY CLEARLY HERE, ARE INCHING UPWARDS. AND AGAIN,
3 THAT WASN'T NECESSARILY UNEXPECTED, GIVEN THE SIGNIFICANT
4 INCREASES IN CASES, BUT WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE NUMBER, AGAIN,
5 STAYS RELATIVELY LOW. FORTUNATELY, AVERAGE DAILY DEATHS DO
6 REMAIN AT ABOUT SIX DEATHS A DAY, AND WE HAVEN'T SEEN ANY
7 INCREASES THERE. THE NEXT SLIDE. HERE, YOU CAN SEE THOSE TREND
8 LINES LOOKING AT DATA FROM THE LAST MONTH, SO YOU CAN SEE
9 CLEARLY WHAT WE JUST TALKED ABOUT. CASES-- THAT'S THAT GREEN
10 LINE-- INCREASED BY ABOUT 200% THIS MONTH. AND YOU CAN SEE
11 THIS SMALL INCREASE WE'RE STARTING TO SEE IN HOSPITALIZATIONS;
12 THAT'S THE ORANGE LINE. AND THEN THE BLUE LINE, WHICH
13 REPRESENTS DEATHS IN THE COUNTY, REMAINING RELATIVELY STABLE.
14 THE NEXT SLIDE. THE REASONS THAT WE DON'T SEE THESE
15 COMMENSURATE INCREASES IN HOSPITALIZATIONS AND DEATHS IS
16 LIKELY TO REFLECT A COMBINATION OF FACTORS, INCLUDING THE LAG
17 THAT WE HAVE BETWEEN INFECTION AND THE ONSET OF SEVERE
18 ILLNESS, AND OBVIOUSLY THE PROTECTIVE EFFECTS OF VACCINATIONS,
19 BOOSTERS, AND NOW THERAPEUTICS. ANOTHER POSSIBLE EXPLANATION
20 IS THAT WE'RE SEEING LOWER RATES OF INFECTION IN THE AGE
21 GROUPS THAT WE KNOW ARE AT HIGHER RISK FOR SEVERE C.O.V.I.D.-
22 RELATED ILLNESS, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND DEATHS, AND THAT
23 PARTICULARLY IS AMONG OLDER ADULTS. AND THAT IS SUPPORTED BY
24 THE DATA ON THIS SLIDE, WHICH SHOWS THE 7-DAY CUMULATIVE CASE
25 RATES BROKEN DOWN BY AGE GROUPS. AS YOU CAN SEE, CURRENTLY,

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1 THOSE WITH THE LOWEST CASE RATES ARE INDIVIDUALS 80 AND OLDER.
2 THAT'S THE BLUE LINE YOU SEE AT THE BOTTOM. AND THIS IS THE
3 SAME GROUP THAT WE KNOW IS AT HIGHEST RISK FOR SEVERE ILLNESS,
4 THAT COULD RESULT IN A HOSPITALIZATION OR A DEATH. WE HAVE
5 CHILDREN 0-4 IN THE PURPLE LINE, ALSO AT HIGHER RISK, BECAUSE
6 THEY CAN'T BE VACCINATED. THE NEXT LOWEST CASE RATES ARE FOR
7 ADULTS 65-79; THAT'S THAT RED LINE. AND 50-64, WHICH IS THE
8 WHITE LINE, ALSO AT SOMEWHAT ELEVATED RISK. SO, IT DOES SEEM
9 REASONABLE THAT THE LOWER CASE RATES IN THE GROUPS THAT ARE AT
10 HIGHER RISK FOR SEVERE OUTCOMES COULD BE A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR
11 TO LOWER NUMBERS OF HOSPITALIZATION AND DEATH. WHAT'S ALSO
12 VERY STRIKING ON THIS SLIDE IS THAT THE SHARPEST INCREASE IN
13 OUR CASE RATES IS SEEN AMONG TEENS, 12-17-- THAT'S THE GREEN
14 LINE AT THE TOP-- FOLLOWED BY YOUNG ADULTS UNDER THE AGE OF
15 50, THOSE PINK AND ORANGE LINES. FULLY 65% OF OUR RECENT
16 INFECTIONS ARE AMONG THESE GROUPS OF RESIDENTS, AND THEY
17 COMPRISE ABOUT 52% OF THE POPULATION. SINCE YOUNG ADULTS ARE
18 OFTEN ACTIVE IN THE WORKFORCE, AND HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENTS SPEND
19 SIGNIFICANT TIME AT SCHOOL AND SOCIALIZING, HIGH CASE RATES
20 AMONG THESE INDIVIDUALS, AS WE HAVE SEEN IN THE PAST, ARE
21 LIKELY TO SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTE TO CONTINUED TRANSMISSION
22 IN BOTH SCHOOLS AND AT WORKSITES. NEXT SLIDE. ON THIS SLIDE,
23 WE CAN SEE, OVER THE MONTH OF APRIL, CASES WERE HIGHEST IN OUR
24 WEALTHIER COMMUNITIES ON THE WEST SIDE, AND IN SOME OF THE
25 OTHER WELL-RESOURCED COMMUNITIES, AND THAT'S DENOTED BY THAT

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1 DARKER SHADE OF GREEN ON THIS MAP, WHERE CASES ROSE ABOVE
2 ABOUT 1200 NEW CASES PER 100,000 RESIDENTS, TO NOW ABOUT 1600
3 CASES PER 100,000 RESIDENTS. IN THE HARD-HIT AREAS OF SOUTH
4 L.A., SOUTHEAST L.A., AND ANTELOPE VALLEY, SHOWN IN THOSE
5 LIGHTER SHADES OF GREEN, THE CASE RATES FOR THE SAME TIME
6 PERIOD REMAIN MUCH LOWER, AT ABOUT 300 TO 400 NEW CASES PER
7 100,000 INDIVIDUALS. AND AS WE'LL SEE ON THE NEXT SLIDE, THIS
8 DATA IS LIKELY TO REFLECT THE PATTERN THAT WE HAVE SEEN IN
9 EARLIER SURGES IN THE PANDEMIC, WHERE THE CASE RATES ROSE
10 FIRST IN OUR BETTER-RESOURCED COMMUNITIES, ONLY TO BE FOLLOWED
11 BY STEEPER INCREASES IN LOWER-RESOURCED COMMUNITIES. AND AS
12 YOU CAN SEE HERE, AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PAST WINTER OMICRON
13 SURGE, THE RATES ROSE FIRST IN THE COMMUNITIES WITH THE LOW
14 RATES OF POVERTY-- THOSE ARE THE BLUE LINES AND THE YELLOW
15 LINES-- ONLY TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE VERY STEEP INCREASES IN
16 COMMUNITIES WITH HIGH POVERTY RATES. THOSE ARE THE COMMUNITIES
17 REPRESENTED BY THE GREEN AND THE RED LINES. WE'RE CURRENTLY,
18 AS YOU CAN SEE, AT THE END-- AT THE TAIL END-- OF THIS SLIDE,
19 SEEING THE INCREASES IN CASE RATES ACROSS ALL OF THE
20 COMMUNITIES, WITH HIGHER CASE RATES IN COMMUNITIES AGAIN, AS
21 WE NOTED, WITH LESS POVERTY-- THOSE YELLOW AND BLUE TREND
22 LINES-- COMPARED TO COMMUNITIES WITH HIGHER CONCENTRATIONS OF
23 POVERTY, THE GREEN AND THE RED LINES. NEXT SLIDE. WE CAN SEE
24 THESE DIFFERENCES IN THE CASE RATES ON THIS SLIDE, WHERE WE
25 COMPARE THE RATES FOR COMMUNITIES WITH THE LOWEST AND HIGHEST

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1 POVERTY CONCENTRATION AT 3 POINTS DURING THE RECENT PANDEMIC:
2 AT THE BEGINNING OF THE WINTER SURGE, AT THE PEAK OF THE
3 WINTER SURGE, AND NOW. AS YOU CAN SEE, AT THE BEGINNING OF THE
4 WINTER SURGE, THE CASE RATES FOR LOW-POVERTY COMMUNITIES WERE
5 ABOUT 1.2 TIMES HIGHER THAN THE CASE RATES IN A HIGH-POVERTY
6 COMMUNITY. HOWEVER, AT THE PEAK OF THE SURGE, WHICH IS JANUARY
7 10TH OF 2022, THE COMMUNITIES WITH HIGHER CONCENTRATIONS OF
8 POVERTY HAD CASE RATES THAT WERE ALMOST 2 TIMES HIGHER THAN
9 CASE RATES IN WEALTHIER COMMUNITIES. AND NOW, THIS WEEK,
10 SIMILAR TO WHAT WE EXPERIENCED IN DECEMBER, CASE RATES ARE
11 ONCE AGAIN HIGHER IN WEALTHIER COMMUNITIES THAN IN COMMUNITIES
12 WITH HIGHER CONCENTRATIONS OF POVERTY, AT THE BEGINNING OF
13 THIS NEW INCREASE IN CASES. HOWEVER, GIVEN THE PAST TRENDS AND
14 THE INCREASES THAT WE'RE SEEING IN TRANSMISSION AT WORKSITES,
15 WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THE RATES IN THE LOWER-RESOURCED
16 COMMUNITIES MAY ONCE AGAIN RISE HIGHER THAN THE CASE RATES IN
17 THE WEALTHIER COMMUNITIES. SO, GIVEN OUR PANDEMIC HISTORY, WE
18 WILL CONTINUE TO REMAIN FOCUSED ON REDUCING VIRUS TRANSMISSION
19 ACROSS THE ENTIRE COUNTY, SAFEGUARDING SAFETY PROTOCOLS AT OUR
20 WORKSITES, AND ENSURING THAT COMMUNITIES WITH THE FEWEST
21 RESOURCES HAVE EXCELLENT ACCESS TO GOOD INFORMATION, VACCINES,
22 TESTING, AND THERAPEUTICS. THE NEXT SLIDE. OUR COMMUNITY LEVEL
23 RATING, WHICH IS A MEASURE OF SEVERITY OF DISEASE AND STRAIN
24 ON OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, REMAINS AT "LOW." THE FIRST HOSPITAL
25 METRIC THAT DETERMINES OUR COMMUNITY LEVEL IS THE 7-DAY

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1 CUMULATIVE RATE FOR NEW C.O.V.I.D.-19 HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.
2 THAT CURRENT RATE IS 3.1 ADMISSIONS PER 100,000 RESIDENTS, AND
3 IT DOES MEET THE C.D.C. CRITERIA, AS YOU CAN SEE, FOR A LOW
4 COMMUNITY LEVEL. AND I DO WANT TO NOTE, ALTHOUGH THE RATE IS
5 LOW, IT'S 1.5 TIMES HIGHER THAN IT WAS ONE MONTH AGO,
6 REFLECTING THOSE SMALL INCREASES WE SAW IN THE TREND LINES.
7 THE SECOND HOSPITAL INDICATOR IS THE 7-DAY AVERAGE FOR THE
8 PROPORTION OF STAFF AND PATIENT BEDS OCCUPIED BY C.O.V.I.D.-19
9 PATIENTS. AT JUST SLIGHTLY UNDER 2%, THIS REMAINS, AGAIN, VERY
10 STABLE, AND MEETS THE C.D.C. CRITERIA FOR LOW COMMUNITY LEVEL.
11 TOGETHER, THESE METRICS INDICATE THAT C.O.V.I.D.-19 IS NOT
12 CURRENTLY STRAINING OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM AND OUR HEALTHCARE
13 RESOURCES. NEXT SLIDE. HOWEVER, IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT,
14 WITH OUR WEEKLY CASE RATE NOW AT 185 NEW CASES PER 100,000
15 RESIDENTS, WE'RE VERY CLOSE TO REACHING THE THRESHOLD OF 200
16 NEW CASES PER 100,000 RESIDENTS, AS YOU CAN SEE ON THIS SLIDE,
17 AT WHICH TIME THE C.D.C. WILL MOVE L.A. COUNTY AUTOMATICALLY
18 FROM A LOW COMMUNITY LEVEL RATING TO A MEDIUM COMMUNITY LEVEL
19 RATING, ACKNOWLEDGING INCREASED RISKS ACROSS THE COUNTY. AS A
20 REMINDER, SHOULD THE L.A. COMMUNITY LEVEL MOVE TO "HIGH,"
21 SIGNIFYING VERY HIGH TRANSMISSION, CAUSING STRESS ON THE
22 HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, ALL RESIDENTS AND WORKERS WILL NEED TO WEAR
23 THEIR PROTECTIVE MASKS WHEN THEY'RE INDOORS. NEXT SLIDE. GIVEN
24 THE LIKELIHOOD THAT C.D.C. MOVES L.A. COUNTY TO A MEDIUM
25 COMMUNITY LEVEL LATER THIS WEEK, I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL

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1 TO ASSESS THE C.D.C. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR JURISDICTIONS THAT
2 ARE IN THE MEDIUM COMMUNITY LEVEL. SO, AS YOU CAN SEE ON THIS
3 SLIDE, WE'RE ALREADY IMPLEMENTING ALL OF THE C.D.C.
4 RECOMMENDATIONS IN L.A. COUNTY. IN PARTNERSHIP WITH D.H.S.
5 AND, AS YOU'VE JUST HEARD, FROM DR. GHALY AND OUR COMMUNITY
6 PARTNERS, THERE REMAINS VERY GOOD ACCESS TO TESTING, INCLUDING
7 POINT-OF-CARE AND AT-HOME TESTS. RESPONSE TESTING STRATEGIES
8 ARE IN PLACE AT WORKSITES, SCHOOLS, AND HIGH-RISK SETTINGS,
9 FOR ALL OF THOSE WITH SYMPTOMS AND/OR EXPOSURES. WITH MANY OF
10 OUR PARTNERS, WE'VE CREATED THIS VAST NETWORK OF FIXED AND
11 MOBILE VACCINE CLINICS. THIS WEEK, THERE ARE OVER 1,006
12 VACCINATION SITES, 890 MOBILE TEAM SITES, AND THAT INCLUDES
13 298 CLINICS AT SCHOOLS. THERE ARE RIGOROUS SAFETY PROTOCOLS
14 THAT REMAIN IN PLACE AT HEALTHCARE FACILITIES, INTERIM HOUSING
15 AND CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES, AND OUR NURSING HOME FACILITIES,
16 AND THIS INCLUDES MASKING, VACCINATION, AND TESTING
17 REQUIREMENTS. AS WE NOTED EARLIER, WE'RE CLOSELY MONITORING
18 THE DISPROPORTIONALITY THAT WE SEE ACROSS OUR COMMUNITIES, AND
19 DOING OUR BEST TO ENSURE THAT OUR HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES HAVE
20 ACCESS TO NEEDED RESOURCES. IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HUNDREDS OF
21 COMMUNITIES AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, WE'RE ABLE TO TAKE
22 TESTING, VACCINES, AND NOW THERAPEUTICS TO WHERE PEOPLE LIVE--
23 SO, INTO THEIR HOMES-- TO WHERE THEY WORK, AND WHERE THEY
24 SOCIALIZE. C.D.C. APPROPRIATELY NOTES THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING
25 GOOD VENTILATION IN INDOOR SPACES. WE ALREADY ISSUED SPECIFIC

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1 GUIDANCE TO THE DIFFERENT SECTORS, OUTLINING SPECIFIC
2 STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVING VENTILATION, PARTICULARLY IN PUBLIC
3 INDOOR SPACES, DURING THIS PANDEMIC. AND WE HAVE A PARTICULAR
4 FOCUS ON CROWDED WORKPLACES AND AT OUR SCHOOLS. NEXT SLIDE. IN
5 ADDITION TO THE C.D.C. RECOMMENDATIONS, THERE ARE SPECIFIC
6 SAFETY MEASURES THAT HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED IN L.A. COUNTY,
7 THAT WE'RE HOPING WILL HELP REDUCE TRANSMISSION. THESE
8 INCLUDE, AS NOTED ON THE SLIDE, MASKING AND TESTING
9 REQUIREMENTS FOR THOSE INFECTED, THOSE EXPOSED AND
10 QUARANTINING, AND THOSE RESIDING AND WORKING IN HIGH-RISK
11 SETTINGS, ALONG WITH DEDICATED FACILITIES THAT ARE AVAILABLE
12 FOR THOSE THAT NEED HELP ISOLATING AND QUARANTINING. WE HAVE
13 FREE TELEHEALTH SERVICES, INCLUDING FREE ASSESSMENTS AND
14 MEDICATION FOR THOSE WHO ARE INFECTED, AND WANT TO FIND OUT IF
15 THEY'RE ELIGIBLE FOR THERAPEUTICS. IF THEY ARE ELIGIBLE FOR
16 THERAPEUTICS, AS YOU KNOW, THOSE MEDICATIONS ARE DELIVERED TO
17 THEIR HOME OVERNIGHT, OR THEY CAN PICK THEM UP IMMEDIATELY AT
18 A NEARBY PHARMACY. AND AGAIN, THE MEDICATION COSTS ARE FREE.
19 AND WE HAVE EXTENSIVE EFFORTS TO PROVIDE ACCURATE INFORMATION
20 AND SUPPORT IN OUR LOW-RESOURCED COMMUNITIES. WE'RE STILL
21 DOING DOOR-TO-DOOR OUTREACH, IN-HOME VACCINATION FOR
22 RESIDENTS. WE HAVE FREE TEST KIT DISTRIBUTION BY OUR COMMUNITY
23 CLINICS AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, AND AT OUR SCHOOLS. WE
24 HAVE INCREASED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT THAT WE'RE ABLE TO DO, IN
25 PARTNERSHIP WITH PROMOTORAS; PARENT, STUDENT, AND COMMUNITY

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1 AMBASSADORS; AND WITH OUR PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCILS THAT ARE
2 WORKING AT SOME OF OUR HIGHEST-RISK WORKPLACES. OUR HOPE IS
3 THAT WITH CONTINUED SUPPORT FROM PARTNERS AND RESIDENTS, TO
4 IMPLEMENT SENSIBLE SAFETY MEASURES AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF
5 MITIGATION RESOURCES, WE CAN AVOID MOVING TO THE HIGH
6 COMMUNITY LEVEL. NEXT SLIDE. OUR EARLY ALERT SIGNALS DO LET US
7 KNOW THAT TRANSMISSION AND RISK COULD BE INCREASING ACROSS THE
8 COUNTY. WHEN ANY OF OUR COMMUNITYWIDE OR SECTOR-SPECIFIC
9 INDICATORS TRIGGER AN ELEVATED CONCERN-- MEDIUM CONCERN OR
10 HIGH CONCERN-- WE DO CONSIDER WAYS TO ENHANCE PROTECTIVE
11 STRATEGIES AND ENCOURAGE SENSIBLE STEPS THAT RESIDENTS AND
12 WORKERS CAN TAKE TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AND OTHERS. CURRENTLY,
13 OUT OF OUR EIGHT ALERTS, FOUR ALERTS ARE CAUSE FOR ELEVATED
14 CONCERN. FIRST, WITH 97% OF RECENTLY SEQUENCED SPECIMENS
15 IDENTIFIED AS BA.2 OR ONE OF ITS SUBLINEAGES, OUR "VARIANTS OF
16 CONCERN" INDICATOR CONTINUES TO BE A CAUSE FOR HIGH CONCERN.
17 THE THREE ADDITIONAL EARLY ALERTS THAT ARE CAUSE FOR MEDIUM
18 CONCERN INCLUDE AN INCREASE TO 120 NEW CASES PER 100,000
19 PEOPLE, THE CASE RATE IN THE LOWEST INCOME AREAS IN OUR
20 COUNTY, AN INCREASE IN OUTBREAKS AT OUR SCHOOLS, AND AN
21 INCREASE IN WORKSITE CLUSTERS REPORTED IN THE PAST 7 DAYS. THE
22 NEXT FEW SLIDES WILL LOOK AT EACH OF THESE ALERTS. WE'LL GO TO
23 THE NEXT SLIDE. ROUTINE SEQUENCING OF POSITIVE SPECIMENS IS
24 OBVIOUSLY A KEY SURVEILLANCE METHOD, AND IT DOES ALLOW US TO
25 IDENTIFY VARIANTS AND LINEAGES THAT MIGHT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT

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1 PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACT IN L.A. COUNTY. AS YOU CAN SEE ON THIS
2 SLIDE, FOR THE SPECIMENS THAT WERE COLLECTED IN THE WEEK THAT
3 ENDED APRIL 30TH, OMICRON ONCE AGAIN ACCOUNTED FOR 100% OF ALL
4 POSITIVE CASES THAT WERE SEQUENCED, WITH THE BA.2 LINEAGE AND
5 ITS SUBLINEAGES ACCOUNTING FOR ABOUT 97% OF THE POSITIVE
6 SEQUENCED SPECIMENS. BA.2, EXCLUDING BA.2.12.1, CONTINUES TO
7 BE THE PREDOMINANT VARIANT, ACCOUNTING FOR ABOUT 85% OF
8 POSITIVE SEQUENCED SPECIMENS FOR THAT PERIOD THAT ENDED APRIL
9 30TH. HOWEVER, WE'VE SEEN SOME SLIGHT UPTICKS IN WHAT ARE
10 THOUGHT TO BE MORE TRANSMISSIBLE SUBLINEAGES OF BA.2. THIS IS
11 BA.2.12.1, WHICH, AS YOU CAN SEE, IS 12% OF OUR POSITIVE
12 SAMPLES, AND NOW 9% OF OUR POSITIVE SAMPLES ARE BA.2.3 OR
13 BA.2.3X. NEXT SLIDE. THESE EVOLVING MUTATIONS OF THE VIRUS
14 OBVIOUSLY CREATE ADDITIONAL CONCERN AS WE TRY TO ASSESS
15 TRANSMISSIBILITY, VACCINE EVASION PROPERTIES, AND ASSESS
16 WHETHER NEW VARIANTS ARE CAUSING MORE SEVERE ILLNESS. SO, HERE
17 IS WHAT WE CURRENTLY KNOW ABOUT THE CIRCULATING VARIANTS AND
18 SUBVARIANTS: WHILE IN NEW YORK AND MUCH OF THE EAST COAST,
19 BA.2.12.1 IS LIKELY TO BE FUELING THEIR SIGNIFICANT INCREASES
20 IN CASES, AND NOW IN HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS, THE C.D.P.H. REPORTS
21 THAT THIS VARIANT HERE IS HOVERING, PROBABLY, AT ABOUT 50% OF
22 WHAT WE ARE SEEING CIRCULATING, AND THAT ITS GROWTH HERE MAY
23 BE SLOWED BY THE INCREASING PROPORTION OF THE BA.2.3 VARIANT
24 THAT WE'RE SEEING IN THE STATE. WHILE IT'S NOT COMMON IN THE
25 UNITED STATES, WE'RE ALSO MONITORING TWO OTHER EMERGING

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1 OMICRON LINEAGES, BA.4 AND BA.5, WHICH ARE BELIEVED TO BE
2 CONTRIBUTING TO THIS VERY RAPID RISE IN C.O.V.I.D.-19 CASES IN
3 SOUTH AFRICA. THERE IS ALSO A POTENTIAL FOR CONSIDERABLE
4 IMMUNE EVASION BY BA.4 AND BA.5, PARTICULARLY AMONG THOSE WHO
5 ARE UNVACCINATED. IN L.A. COUNTY, TO DATE, WE'VE ONLY HAD TWO
6 POSITIVE SEQUENCED SPECIMENS IDENTIFIED AS BA.4. ONE WAS EARLY
7 IN APRIL, AND ONE IN THE WEEK THAT ENDED APRIL 16TH, AND WE
8 HAVEN'T IDENTIFIED ANY BA.5 IN L.A. COUNTY. BUT THE C.D.C. IS
9 NOTING THAT WE SHOULD BE PAYING ATTENTION, OBVIOUSLY, TO
10 WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OTHER PLACES IN THE WORLD, PARTICULARLY
11 SINCE, AT THIS POINT, ALL OF THE OMICRON LINEAGES ARE HIGHLY
12 TRANSMISSIBLE, AND THEY ALL PARTIALLY EVADE IMMUNITY FROM
13 VACCINATION OR PREVIOUS INFECTION. WHILE OUR VACCINES CONTINUE
14 TO BE REALLY POWERFUL, IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT EVERY TIME
15 THERE IS A NEW SUBVARIANT THAT BEGINS CIRCULATING, WE HAVE TO
16 PAY ATTENTION AND FIGURE OUT, WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP WITH
17 THAT SUBVARIANT AND ITS INTERACTION WITH HUMAN BEINGS? FOR ALL
18 OF THE SUBVARIANTS THAT WE'RE FOLLOWING RIGHT NOW, IT IS
19 REALLY STILL UNCLEAR HOW THEY'LL COMPETE WITH EACH OTHER, AND
20 IF OR WHEN ONE WILL WIN OUT. CERTAINLY, THERE IS NO REASON, SO
21 FAR, FOR US TO BELIEVE THAT THE EMERGING SUBVARIANTS WE'RE
22 SEEING IN THE UNITED STATES ARE CREATING MORE SEVERE ILLNESS,
23 BUT WE DO NEED TO WAIT FOR ADDITIONAL RESEARCH AND STUDIES TO
24 FULLY UNDERSTAND THE IMPACT OF THESE VARIANTS AND THE
25 SUBLINEAGES. AND WHILE IT SOMETIMES FEELS DAUNTING TO FIGURE

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1 OUT WHAT TO DO IN THE FACE OF THE CHANGING NATURE OF THE
2 VIRUS, GIVEN THE CONTINUED PROTECTIONS THAT ARE OFFERED BY THE
3 VACCINES ACROSS ALL OF THE VARIANTS WE'VE SEEN TO DATE, IT
4 DOES REMAIN IMPORTANT FOR RESIDENTS AND FOR WORKERS TO
5 CONTINUE TO GET VACCINATED AND BOOSTED. NEXT SLIDE. THE EARLY
6 ALERT SIGNALS ALSO NOTED CONTINUED INCREASES IN REPORTED
7 TRANSMISSION AT WORKSITES, WITH 195 WORKSITE CLUSTER REPORTS
8 RECEIVED JUST FOR ONE WEEK, BETWEEN MAY 9 AND MAY 15. OF THE
9 195 WORKSITE CLUSTERS, THE MAJORITY WERE FROM 3 SECTORS. 34%
10 WERE IN THE RETAIL TRADE SECTOR ALONE, AND THESE WERE
11 CONCENTRATED IN FOOD AND BEVERAGE STORES, BUILDING MATERIAL
12 AND GARDEN EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY DEALERS, AND ELECTRONICS AND
13 APPLIANCE STORES. AND THESE ARE WORKSITE CLUSTERS THAT ARE
14 OCCURRING AMONGST EMPLOYEES. OTHER BUSINESSES THAT FREQUENTLY
15 WERE REPRESENTED WERE IN MANUFACTURING AND FINANCE, AND THE
16 INSURANCE SECTORS. WE DO CONTINUE TO PARTNER WITH OUR
17 EMPLOYERS AND OUR WORKERS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE PREVENTION
18 STRATEGIES IN PLACE, AND WE DO APPRECIATE THE COMMITMENT AT
19 OUR WORKSITES TO IMPLEMENTING PROTECTIVE MEASURES. NEXT SLIDE.
20 WITH CONTINUED HIGH TRANSMISSION OF THE MORE INFECTIOUS
21 C.O.V.I.D.-19 SUBVARIANTS, THE NUMBERS OF STUDENTS AND STAFF,
22 AS YOU CAN SEE HERE, TESTING POSITIVE AT K-12 SCHOOLS IN L.A.
23 COUNTY HAS INCREASED OVER THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, WITH NEARLY
24 3800 STUDENTS TESTING POSITIVE FOR THE WEEK THAT ENDED MAY
25 8TH. THIS IS ABOUT A 150% INCREASE SINCE THE MIDDLE OF APRIL.

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1 WITH HIGH LEVELS OF COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION, WE CONTINUE TO
2 STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF WEAR WELL-
3 FITTING, HIGH-FILTRATION MASKS, PREFERABLY RESPIRATORS, WHEN
4 THEY'RE INDOORS. MASKING IS ALSO REQUIRED INDOORS FOR
5 ASYMPTOMATIC STAFF AND STUDENTS THAT HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO
6 SOMEONE WITH C.O.V.I.D.-19 FOR 10 DAYS FROM THEIR LAST
7 EXPOSURE. THIS IS THE SAME REQUIREMENT FOR ALL THE REST OF US.
8 IF WE'VE HAD AN EXPOSURE, AND WE ARE NOT QUARANTINING IN OUR
9 HOME, AND WE ARE GOING OUT, WE NEED TO WEAR A MASK FOR 10 DAYS
10 FROM THE LAST DATE OF EXPOSURE. WEARING A WELL-FITTING, HIGH-
11 FILTRATION MASK OR RESPIRATOR PROVIDES A STRONG LAYER OF
12 PROTECTION THAT CAN LOWER THE RISK OF SPREADING THE VIRUS AT
13 SCHOOLS, AT SCHOOL-RELATED ACTIVITIES, AND OBVIOUSLY IN OUR
14 COMMUNITY. WITH THE SCHOOL YEAR COMING TO CLOSE, WE'RE ALL
15 LOOKING FORWARD TO CELEBRATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF STUDENTS
16 AND STAFF. WE DO NOTE THAT WHEN GATHERING WITH OTHER STAFF,
17 STUDENTS, AND THEIR FAMILIES, WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO CONSIDER
18 LAYERING IN ALL SENSIBLE SAFETY MEASURES. IT'S ESPECIALLY
19 IMPORTANT THAT ATTENDEES AT THESE LARGE INDOOR EVENTS-- THIS
20 INCLUDES GRADUATIONS, THEATER PERFORMANCES, AND AWARD
21 ASSEMBLIES-- PLEASE WEAR A WELL-FITTING MASK AND TEST BEFORE
22 GATHERING TO PROTECT OTHERS. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH SCHOOL
23 DISTRICTS TO ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE OVER-THE-COUNTER TEST KITS
24 THAT CAN BE USED BY THOSE THAT ARE ATTENDING THESE EVENTS.
25 FORTUNATELY, WITH EASY ACCESS TO VACCINES, BOOSTERS, TESTING,

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1 THERAPEUTICS, AND HIGH-QUALITY MASKS, STAFF, STUDENTS, AND
2 FAMILY CAN HAVE A GOOD TIME CELEBRATING WITH OTHERS, WITHOUT
3 CREATING UNNECESSARY RISK FOR THEMSELVES AND THOSE AROUND
4 THEM. NEXT SLIDE. WHILE WE ARE DISHEARTENED THAT THE PANDEMIC
5 HASN'T ENDED, I AM REASSURED THAT WITH THE TOOLS AT HAND, WE
6 CAN CONTINUE TO ENJOY OUR TIME WITH EACH OTHER, AND OUR
7 PARTICIPATION IN THOSE ACTIVITIES WE LOVE. THERE ARE, HOWEVER,
8 ACTIONS WE DO NEED TO TAKE TO PROTECT OURSELVES AND OTHERS
9 WHILE COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION IS HIGH. VACCINES REMAIN ONE OF
10 THE MOST POWERFUL TOOLS THAT WE HAVE AGAINST C.O.V.I.D.-19,
11 AND THE LOWER NUMBERS OF HOSPITALIZATIONS AND DEATHS THAT
12 WE'RE SEEING NOW REFLECT, IN LARGE PART, THAT PROTECTION THAT
13 VACCINES AND BOOSTERS ARE PROVIDING. TO FIND A NEARBY LOCATION
14 THAT OFFERS FREE C.O.V.I.D.-19 VACCINES AND BOOSTERS, OR TO
15 SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT TO BE VACCINATED IN YOUR HOME, PLEASE
16 CONTACT US. WE HAVE A CALL CENTER, 7 DAYS A WEEK, 8:00 IN THE
17 MORNING TILL 8:30 AT NIGHT. 833-540-0473. YOU CAN GO ON THE
18 WEBSITE. VISIT US AT VACCINATELACOUNTY.COM. WITH THE RISE IN
19 C.O.V.I.D.-19 CASES, IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER FOR PEOPLE
20 TO GET TESTED IF THEY FEEL SICK, IF THEY'VE BEEN EXPOSED TO
21 SOMEONE WHO IS INFECTED, OR YOU THINK IS INFECTED, OR IF
22 YOU'RE PLANNING ON GATHERING INDOORS, PARTICULARLY WITH OTHER
23 PEOPLE WHO ARE AT HIGHER RISK. YOU CAN ORDER FREE TESTS FROM
24 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AT WWW.COVIDTEST.GOV. YOU CAN CALL
25 THEM: 800-232-0233. I WANT TO NOTE THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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1 ANNOUNCED JUST YESTERDAY THAT HOUSEHOLDS CAN ORDER A THIRD
2 ROUND OF TESTS, OF 8 TESTS PER HOUSEHOLD. THAT WOULD BE A
3 TOTAL OF 16 TESTS PER HOUSEHOLD. THAT GETS SENT DIRECTLY TO
4 YOUR HOME FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. IF YOU HAVE HEALTH
5 INSURANCE, YOU CAN RECEIVE 8 FREE AT-HOME TESTS EACH MONTH FOR
6 EACH INSURED MEMBER IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD. AND IN L.A. COUNTY, AS
7 I NOTED BEFORE, IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS, OR YOU MAY BE EXPOSED,
8 THERE ARE DOZENS OF FREE TESTING SITES ACROSS THE COUNTY. DR.
9 GHALY WENT INTO GREAT DETAIL ABOUT HOW TO GET TEST KITS
10 THROUGH THE COUNTY'S HOME TEST COLLECTION PROGRAM. AND FOR
11 PEOPLE 65 AND OLDER, I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT YOU CAN HAVE A
12 TEST KIT MAILED TO YOU, AND SCHEDULE A PICK-UP TO SUBMIT YOUR
13 SPECIMEN, IF YOU CAN'T LEAVE YOUR HOME. I ALSO WANT TO NOTE,
14 WITH THE AVAILABILITY OF NEW THERAPEUTICS THAT REDUCE SEVERE
15 ILLNESS FOR THOSE INFECTED, EACH OF US SHOULD HAVE A PLAN NOW
16 FOR HOW WE'RE GOING TO GET THERAPEUTICS, SHOULD WE BECOME
17 INFECTED, AND SHOULD WE BE ELIGIBLE. C.O.V.I.D.-19
18 THERAPEUTICS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE A POSITIVE
19 C.O.V.I.D.-19 TEST, HAVE MILD TO MODERATE C.O.V.I.D.-19
20 SYMPTOMS, AND ARE AT HIGHER RISK FOR SEVERE ILLNESS, DUE TO
21 YOUR AGE OR CERTAIN HEALTH CONDITIONS. HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS
22 CAN ALSO RECOMMEND THERAPEUTICS BASED ON SOMEONE'S EXPOSURES
23 OR OTHER RISKS, INCLUDING UNSTABLE HOUSING, LACK OF ACCESS TO
24 HEALTHCARE, AND UNSAFE ENVIRONMENT. BECAUSE THESE MEDICATIONS
25 MUST BE PRESCRIBED BY A PROVIDER, AND THEY DO NEED TO BE GIVEN

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1 WITHIN THE FIRST SEVERAL DAYS OF SYMPTOM ONSET, WE DO ASK THAT
2 YOU TALK WITH YOUR PROVIDER AHEAD OF TIME, OR PUBLIC HEALTH,
3 TO LEARN HOW YOU WOULD GO AHEAD AND RECEIVE THESE
4 THERAPEUTICS, SHOULD YOU TEST POSITIVE. AT PUBLIC HEALTH, AS I
5 NOTED EARLIER, WE DO OFFER A COMPLETELY FREE TELEHEALTH
6 SERVICE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE TESTED POSITIVE AND NEED AN
7 ASSESSMENT, AND, IF ELIGIBLE, FREE MEDICATION. INDIVIDUALS CAN
8 CALL US AT 833-540-0473. AND AGAIN, AS I NOTED, THIS IS OPEN 7
9 DAYS A WEEK, AND WE CAN ANSWER QUESTIONS, AS WELL AS HAVE YOU
10 CONNECTED TO A PROVIDER FOR AN ASSESSMENT, IF YOU'VE TESTED
11 POSITIVE. WHILE COEXISTING WITH THE UNPREDICTABLE VIRUS DOES
12 REMAIN CHALLENGING, I DO NOTE THAT WE ARE SO LUCKY TO LIVE IN
13 A COUNTY WHERE WE HAVE ABUNDANT ACCESS TO TOOLS THAT OFFER US
14 SIGNIFICANT PROTECTION FROM THIS VIRUS. AND I WANT TO CLOSE BY
15 NOTING THE EXPANSIVE-- AND WE CAN GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE-- THE
16 EXPANSIVE NETWORK OF VACCINATION AND THERAPEUTIC SITES ACROSS
17 THIS COUNTY. WE CAN GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE. CURRENTLY, AS YOU
18 CAN SEE ON THIS MAP, THERE ARE A TOTAL OF OVER 2,000 SITES
19 WHERE YOU CAN GET VACCINATED, INCLUDING 6 MOBILE AND SCHOOL-
20 BASED SITES. I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT THE F.D.A. ISSUED AN
21 EMERGENCY YOUTH AUTHORIZATION APPROVAL THIS MORNING FOR
22 BOOSTERS FOR CHILDREN 5-11. THIS WOULD BE A PEDIATRIC BOOSTER
23 DOSE. WE ANTICIPATE THE C.D.C. COMMITTEE THAT REVIEWS THIS
24 AUTHORIZATION BY THE F.D.A. WILL MEET ON THURSDAY. WE
25 ANTICIPATE THAT THE C.D.C. DIRECTOR WILL THEN FULLY AUTHORIZE

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1 US TO BEGIN OFFERING PEDIATRIC VACCINE BOOSTER DOSES LATE
2 THURSDAY, AND INTO FRIDAY AND THE WEEKEND. ALL OF OUR COUNTY
3 VACCINATION SITES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR FOLKS TO GET THEIR
4 PEDIATRIC DOSES, AND WE'RE WORKING WITH THAT VAST NETWORK I
5 JUST SHOWED YOU. THAT INCLUDES ALMOST 300 SCHOOL SITES THIS
6 WEEK, OFFERING VACCINES, INCLUDING PEDIATRIC DOSES FOR YOUNGER
7 PEOPLE. ON THIS NEXT SLIDE THAT YOU CAN SEE IF YOU GO TO THE
8 NEXT SLIDE, YOU CAN ALSO SEE THAT WE NOW HAVE 813 ANTIVIRAL
9 PROVIDERS AND TEST-TO-TREAT SITES ACROSS L.A. COUNTY. TO DATE,
10 ABOUT 1100 PEOPLE USE THE TELEHEALTH OPTION TO ACCESS
11 THERAPEUTICS. WITH INCREASED TRANSMISSION IN L.A. COUNTY, WE
12 KNOW HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO MAKE SURE THAT RESIDENTS HAVE EASY
13 ACCESS TO MEDICATION, TO VACCINES, AND TO TESTING. THIS
14 CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION, AND I'LL GLADLY TAKE ANY QUESTIONS.

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16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, DR. FERRER. WE'RE
17 GOING TO START WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND MOVE ON TO
18 SUPERVISOR BARGER.

19
20 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE A
21 QUESTION FOR DR. GHALY FIRST. YOU SHOWED US A SLIDE-- I THINK
22 IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN YOUR 4TH SLIDE-- THAT WERE KIND OF TESTING
23 RATES. IT KIND OF MADE IT LOOK-- NOT MADE IT LOOK, BUT SEEMED
24 THAT FEWER PEOPLE WERE ACTUALLY GETTING TESTED. BUT I THINK
25 OUR OWN EXPERIENCE, JUST ACROSS, I DON'T KNOW, NEIGHBORS AND

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1 FRIENDS AND WHATEVER, IS THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF DIFFERENT
2 WAYS THAT PEOPLE ARE GETTING TESTED. THEY HAVE THE HOME TEST.
3 THEY'RE GETTING THE FREE TEST FROM THE FEDS. THEY'RE GOING
4 FOR, I DON'T KNOW, NEIGHBORHOOD GIANT TESTING EVENTS AT A
5 PARK, OR WHATEVER. SO, DOES THIS DATA THAT YOU PRESENTED TO US
6 CAPTURE SOME OR ANY OF THAT? BECAUSE THE IMPRESSION WE GET IS
7 THAT TESTING IS GOING DOWN, WHEN, IF YOU TAKE ALL OF THOSE
8 OTHER THINGS INTO ACCOUNT, IT MAY NOT BE. SO, I'M JUST KIND OF
9 WONDERING WHAT TO CONCLUDE.

10

11 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** YES, SUPERVISOR, THANK YOU FOR THE
12 QUESTION, AND FOR POINTING THAT OUT. IT'S A GOOD
13 CLARIFICATION. SO, THE SLIDE AND THE DATA THAT I SHOW IS JUST
14 THE TESTING VOLUME IN THE COMMUNITY TESTING SITES THAT D.H.S.
15 MANAGES AND HAS ACCESS TO THE DATA FOR. SO, ANY TESTING THAT
16 IS PERFORMED, TO YOUR POINT, THROUGH PHYSICIANS' OFFICES,
17 HOSPITALS, SEPARATE PRIVATE TESTING FACILITIES, ANTIGEN TESTS
18 PURCHASED AT RETAIL PHARMACIES, A SLEW OF OTHER OPPORTUNITIES
19 WHERE PEOPLE CAN ACCESS TESTING, THAT DATA, WE DON'T HAVE
20 ACCESS TO IT IN D.H.S., AND WE DON'T REPORT THAT ON THIS
21 SLIDE. SO THIS SLIDE IS JUST THE TESTING VOLUME THAT'S MANAGED
22 THROUGH THE COMMUNITY TESTING SITES. I'LL WORK TO MAKE THAT
23 CLEARER IN THE FUTURE ON THIS SLIDE, SO THERE IS NOT ANY
24 CONFUSION ON THAT POINT, BECAUSE YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY CORRECT.
25 TESTING HAS BECOME MUCH MORE WIDELY AVAILABLE OVER THE COURSE

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1 OF THE PANDEMIC, AND PART OF THE REASON WHY WE SEE TESTING GO
2 DOWN ON THAT SLIDE THAT I SHOW ISN'T BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE
3 TESTING LESS; THOUGH, OBVIOUSLY, IN PERIODS OF LOW
4 TRANSMISSION, THEY ARE TESTING LESS, FOR UNDERSTANDABLE
5 REASONS. BUT IT'S ALSO BECAUSE THERE ARE SO MANY OTHER PLACES
6 WHERE PEOPLE CAN ACCESS TESTING. SO WE'LL MAKE THAT CLEARER,
7 BUT THANK YOU FOR CLARIFYING.

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** IT WASN'T A CRITIQUE. I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY.
10 AND I GUESS IT'S PRETTY IMPOSSIBLE TO KIND OF AGGREGATE ANY
11 DATA ABOUT HOW MANY TESTS ARE BEING TAKEN, BECAUSE PEOPLE TAKE
12 HOME TESTS, BUT THEY DON'T REPORT IT, NECESSARILY, SO WE DON'T
13 HAVE A WAY TO CAPTURE THAT DATA. BECAUSE I KNOW, FOR INSTANCE,
14 THERE WAS A RETREAT OF THE BOARD AND STAFF OF A.Q.M.D.-- SOUTH
15 COAST A.Q.M.D.-- AND SOMEONE REPORTED THAT THEY HAD BEEN
16 INFECTED, AND THEN TWO MORE PEOPLE REPORTED THEY HAD BEEN
17 INFECTED, AND, AS YOU MIGHT IMAGINE, TESTING WENT UP AMONG ALL
18 THE PEOPLE WHO WERE THERE. NOT CRITICAL CASES, SO FAR. SAME
19 THING AT THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL MEETING, WHERE ONE
20 PERSON REPORTED THEY'D BEEN INFECTED, AND THEN SUDDENLY YOU
21 HEAR 6 OTHERS REPORT IT. SO, I'M NOT SAYING, YOU KNOW, ALL
22 THESE THINGS ARE CAUSING IT TO GO UP, BUT I'M JUST SAYING, I
23 THINK TESTING GOES UP, BUT A LOT OF IT IS KIND OF OUR OWN
24 THING. I ALSO WANTED TO ASK ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP WITH-- OH,
25 PLEASE.

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2 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** SUPERVISOR, I COULD JUST GIVE YOU SORT OF
3 LIKE THE DATA FOR THE COUNTY. SO, WE'RE AVERAGING ABOUT
4 125,000 TEST RESULTS REPORTED TO US EACH DAY. AT THE HEIGHT OF
5 OMICRON, WE WERE CLOSER TO 200,000 TEST RESULTS BEING REPORTED
6 TO US. SO, THOSE ARE PEOPLE THAT CONTINUE TO GO TO COMMUNITY
7 TESTING SITES, OR THEIR PROVIDER SENDS THEIR TEST RESULTS TO
8 LABS, AND WE GET ALL OF THOSE RESULTS REPORTED TO US. WE DON'T
9 GET MOST OF THE TEST RESULTS REPORTED TO US FROM IN-HOME
10 TESTS. I MEAN, ONE EXCEPTION TO THAT IS, SOME SCHOOLS COLLECT
11 THAT INFORMATION AND THEN SHARE IT WITH US. THE VOLUME AT
12 SCHOOLS IS ABOUT SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 550,000 AND 585,000 TESTS A
13 WEEK ARE HAPPENING ACROSS OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS, TESTING FOR
14 STUDENTS AND STAFF, AND WE GET ALL OF THOSE RESULTS, BUT THE
15 ESTIMATES ACROSS THE COUNTRY IS THAT WE ARE UNDERREPORTING THE
16 TRUE POSITIVITY RATE IN OUR COMMUNITIES, PROBABLY BY A FACTOR
17 OF 3 AT THIS POINT, RECOGNIZING WHAT YOU JUST SAID. LOTS OF
18 PEOPLE HAVE ACCESS TO OVER-THE-COUNTER TEST RESULTS, AND THOSE
19 ARE NOT REPORTED TO US. I WILL SAY THAT THAT IS ONE REASON WHY
20 WE HAVE RAMPED UP OUR ABILITY TO USE THE CONCENTRATIONS IN OUR
21 SEWAGE SYSTEMS TO SORT OF VERIFY WHAT MAY BE HAPPENING, IS
22 BECAUSE, AGAIN, WE CAN USE THAT AS SOMEWHAT OF AN EARLY ALERT.
23 IT TENDS TO TRACK VERY WELL AT THIS POINT, BECAUSE WE STILL
24 HAVE ENOUGH TESTING GOING ON, WITH WHAT WE'RE SEEING IN OUR
25 TESTING NUMBERS. BUT THE CONCENTRATIONS OVERALL, HERE IN L.A.

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1 COUNTY, HAVE ALMOST DOUBLED OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS,
2 REFLECTING AGAIN THIS PATTERN OF INCREASED TRANSMISSION. BUT
3 ONE REASON TO SORT OF MAKE SURE WE'RE ABLE TO CAPTURE OTHER
4 WAYS OF UNDERSTANDING HOW MUCH TRANSMISSION IS HAPPENING IS
5 LOOKING AT THE CONCENTRATIONS IN OUR SEWAGE SYSTEM.

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THINK, PROBABLY, ALL 5 OF US HAVE SERVED ON
8 SANITATION DISTRICTS AND ARE STARTING TO SEE THIS, OR HAVE
9 SEEN THIS DATA, BUT I'M NOT CLEAR WHETHER IT IS DATA THAT'S
10 ABLE TO BE SEGREGATED BY SYSTEM, BECAUSE I THINK THEY'RE JUST
11 ALL JOINED TOGETHER AND SENT TO A PROCESSING PLANT. SO, I
12 DON'T KNOW THAT WE WOULD SAY, "OH, IT'S CONCENTRATED IN WEST
13 L.A., OR THE WESTERN PART OF THE COUNTY," OR WHATEVER. SO, THE
14 ONLY DATA WE KIND OF SHOW ABOUT WHERE WE SEE AN INCREASE AS A
15 WARNING SYSTEM IS REALLY IN TESTING, RIGHT? NOT IN THE SEWAGE
16 TESTING.

17

18 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** WELL, WE HAVE 4 DIFFERENT SEWAGE SYSTEMS
19 THAT REPORT TO US, AND SO THEY EACH COVER DISTINCT AREAS, BUT
20 YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT: IT DOESN'T ALLOW US TO DO WHAT WE ARE
21 DOING WITH THE TESTING RESULTS, WHICH IS, WE REALLY GIVE YOU
22 YOUR CASE RATES BY COMMUNITY, BUT UNDERSTANDING THAT ALL OF
23 THIS DATA HAS ITS LIMITATIONS. AND I THINK YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY
24 CORRECT IN NOTING THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING THAT PEOPLE
25 CAN DO IS GET TESTED, ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, IF THEY'VE HAD AN

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1 EXPOSURE OR THEY HAVE SYMPTOMS, SO THAT THEY CAN TAKE CARE OF
2 THEMSELVES AND THE PEOPLE AROUND THEM.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** ONE OF THE GUESSES AS TO WHY THE MORE AFFLUENT
5 AREAS, THE LAST TIME THIS HAPPENED, SHOWED UP AN INCREASE
6 EARLIER WAS THAT THEY HAD MORE ACCESS TO TRAVELING, OR WERE
7 MORE LIKELY TO TRAVEL; NOT NECESSARILY THAT THEY WERE INFECTED
8 WHERE THEY WENT, BUT JUST COMING IN CONTACT WITH SO MANY MORE
9 PEOPLE. I NEVER KNEW WHETHER THAT WAS A GOOD THEORY, BECAUSE
10 PEOPLE IN ALL OF OUR DISTRICTS IN THE POORER AREAS ARE THE
11 PEOPLE WHO ARE THE ESSENTIAL WORKERS, AND NOBODY COMES IN
12 CONTACT WITH MORE PEOPLE THAN THE CHECKOUT PERSON, WITH 400
13 PEOPLE GOING BY HER LINE EVERY DAY. SO, I DON'T KNOW WHY IT
14 WAS A PREDICTOR LAST TIME, OR WHY IT WAS HIGHER FIRST IN THE
15 AFFLUENT AREAS. WAS THERE EVER, JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY,
16 ANYTHING MORE THAN A KIND OF BEST GUESS?

17

18 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** WELL, I THINK WHAT YOU'RE NOTING IS
19 ACTUALLY ACCURATE, SUPERVISOR; THAT, CERTAINLY, HERE IN L.A.
20 COUNTY-- I CAN'T REALLY SPEAK TO WHAT HAPPENS IN OTHER
21 JURISDICTIONS, BUT CERTAINLY, HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, AT THE
22 BEGINNING OF OUR SURGES, WE SEE THE HIGHER RATES AMONG MORE
23 AFFLUENT-- IN MORE AFFLUENT COMMUNITIES. AND I DO THINK THAT
24 IT'S BEEN NOTED THAT CONTRIBUTING TO THAT IS THEIR ABILITY TO
25 DO MORE TRAVELING AND, FRANKLY, TO GO TO MORE EVENTS, PERHAPS,

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1 TO BE SOCIALLY IN CONTACT WITH OTHERS THROUGH THOSE
2 ACTIVITIES THAT OFTEN COST A BIT OF MONEY. I THINK WHAT
3 HAPPENS IS, AS THE RATES GO UP, AND THERE IS MORE
4 TRANSMISSION, THEN YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT: FOLKS WHO ARE MORE
5 LIKELY TO BE INFECTED AND MAY BE ASYMPTOMATIC ARE COMING IN
6 GREATER CONTACT WITH ESSENTIAL WORKERS, WHO, AS YOU NOTED,
7 HAVE MORE EXPOSURES THAN ANYBODY IN A GIVEN DAY, USUALLY,
8 BASED ON THEIR WORK. AND THEN WE SEE THAT RAPID SPREAD THAT
9 SEEMS TO GROW MUCH QUICKER AMONG COMMUNITIES WHERE PEOPLE HAVE
10 LESS RESOURCES. AND I THINK THAT IS DRIVEN BY SORT OF THE
11 INCREASE IN THE EXPOSURES IN THOSE COMMUNITIES, AND CONDITIONS
12 IN WHICH THOSE PEOPLE ARE LIVING AND WORKING, THAT ALLOW FOR
13 MORE SPREAD.

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL:** ONE LAST QUESTION, IF I MAY. WHEN YOU WERE TALKING
16 ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF VACCINATION FOR OUR YOUNGER KIDS, I
17 WANTED TO ASK BOTH YOURSELF AND DR. GHALY ABOUT THE HUBS WHERE
18 OUR CHILDREN ARE TAKEN TO BE SEEN, AND SERVICES TO OUR FOSTER
19 KIDS, ET CETERA. ARE WE ADMINISTERING THE VACCINES TO THE
20 YOUNGER KIDS AT THESE HUBS?

21

22 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** YES, WE ARE. WE PROVIDE FULL HEALTH
23 SERVICES AT THE HUBS, AND THAT INCLUDES VACCINATIONS FOR THOSE
24 WHO AGREE TO RECEIVE ONE.

25

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** GREAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANKS, BOTH OF YOU,
2 AS ALWAYS, FOR THE WORK, AND YOUR STAFF, AND EVERYBODY WHO IS
3 GETTING US THROUGH THIS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

4

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

6

7 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I GUESS IT'S MORE OF A QUESTION; I
8 MEAN, A STATEMENT. IN LOOKING AT YOUR SLIDE, DR. FERRER, THE
9 7-DAY CUMULATIVE CASE RATES BY AGE GROUP, I FOUND IT
10 INTERESTING THAT, ACTUALLY, AGE 80-PLUS WENT DOWN. I MEAN,
11 THAT'S AT THE LOWEST, CORRECT, IF I'M READING IT CORRECTLY?
12 AND THEN THE HIGHEST IS AGE 12-17. AND I HAVE TO WONDER IF
13 THERE IS ANY CORRELATION. I KNOW THAT L.A. UNIFIED ANNOUNCED
14 THAT THEY'RE NOT GOING TO MANDATE THE BOOSTERS. AND, I MEAN, I
15 LOOK AT THIS NUMBER, AND I JUST WONDER IF THERE IS ANY
16 CORRELATION BETWEEN WHAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE DOING. BECAUSE
17 IF YOU LOOK AT THE AGE GROUP 80-PLUS, WE REALLY PUSHED HARD TO
18 GET, ESPECIALLY IN OUR CONVALESCENT HOSPITALS, VACCINATIONS
19 AND BOOSTERS IN PLACE. AND YET, THE ONE AREA WHERE I KNOW IT'S
20 BEEN KIND OF CONTROVERSIAL HAS BEEN WITH, ACTUALLY, THE 12- TO
21 17-YEAR-OLD VACCINATIONS. SO, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN ANSWER
22 THAT, BUT I'M JUST CURIOUS, BECAUSE I FOUND THAT-- I MEAN, THE
23 GOOD NEWS IS, AGE 80 IS AT THE LOW END. THE BAD NEWS IS, IS
24 THAT AGE 12-17 SEEMS TO BE WELL ABOVE EVEN THE CLOSEST, BEING
25 THE 30-49.

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1

2 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, IT'S SUCH A GOOD POINT, SUPERVISOR.
3 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR RAISING THIS. YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. I
4 MEAN, I PUT THIS SLIDE UP BECAUSE THE RISK OF HAVING SOMETHING
5 BAD HAPPEN TO YOU IF YOU GET INFECTED IS NOT SPREAD EQUALLY
6 ACROSS OUR COMMUNITIES OR ACROSS DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS. AND SO
7 YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. ONE THING WE WANT TO MAKE SURE IS
8 THAT OLDER RESIDENTS, WHO HAVE A MUCH HIGHER RISK IF THEY GET
9 INFECTED OF ENDING UP IN THE HOSPITAL, HAVE THE LOWEST CASE
10 RATES. AND ONE WAY TO DO THAT IS TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAVE
11 LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES TO GET VACCINATED AND FULLY BOOSTED-- UP
12 TO DATE ON THEIR VACCINES, AS WE LIKE TO SAY-- AND WE PUT A
13 LOT OF EFFORT IN THAT. OUR MOBILE TEAMS, IN FACT, OVER THE
14 LAST 3 OR 4 WEEKS, HAVE DONE A CONCERTED EFFORT TO GET OUT TO
15 SENIORS, SO THAT WE WANT TO MAKE IT SUPER EASY FOR THEM TO GET
16 THAT SECOND BOOSTER, BECAUSE WE WANT THESE NUMBERS TO STAY
17 REALLY LOW, BECAUSE THESE NUMBERS WILL DRIVE WHAT WE'RE SEEING
18 IN HOSPITALIZATIONS. AND I DO THINK IT'S UNFORTUNATE. I DO
19 THINK THAT THE REALITY IS, THE VACCINES WANE OVER TIME. YOU
20 NEED TO GET BOOSTED TO HAVE OPTIMAL PROTECTION. ALL OF OUR
21 DATA CONTINUES TO SHOW THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE FULLY VACCINATED,
22 AND FULLY VACCINATED AND BOOSTED, HAVE MUCH LESS CHANCE OF
23 ENDING UP IN THE HOSPITAL, AND ENDING UP TRAGICALLY DYING. AND
24 THE SAME HOLDS TRUE FOR NATURAL IMMUNITY. LOTS OF PEOPLE SAY
25 TO ME, "I GOT INFECTED, SO I'M PROTECTED. I'M PROTECTED FOR

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1 LIFE." BUT NOT FROM CORONAVIRUS. NOT FROM C.O.V.I.D. YOU GET
2 MORE COLDS. YOU HAVE ONE COLD. YOU GO ON LATER ON, AND YOU GET
3 ANOTHER COLD. IT'S THE SAME FAMILY. SO, C.O.V.I.D., YOU GET
4 YOUR PROTECTION. THEY PROTECT YOU FOR A LITTLE WHILE. AGAIN,
5 IT WANES. BEST BET, SAFEST BET, SAFEST WAY TO EXTEND THAT
6 PROTECTION IS OBVIOUSLY GOING TO BE BY GETTING VACCINATED AND
7 BOOSTED. AND THAT'S WHY WE REALLY CONTINUE TO STRESS THAT
8 THESE TRANSMISSION RATES THAT ARE GOING UP, THEY DO IN FACT
9 END UP HURTING THE MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE AMONG US, BECAUSE
10 JUST THEIR CHANCES OF GETTING AN EXPOSURE GO UP. AND YOU COULD
11 SEE THAT EVEN HERE. THEIR LINES ARE GOING UP. THEY'RE NOT
12 GOING UP AS MUCH, BUT THEY'RE GOING UP. BECAUSE EVEN WITH ALL
13 THAT PROTECTION, THE VACCINES AREN'T PERFECT. SO, OUR BEST JOB
14 HERE IS TO TRY TO REDUCE HOW MUCH TRANSMISSION IS HAPPENING.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THE AGE 65 TO 79 ARE GOING
17 UP? BECAUSE THE OTHER ONES ARE GOING DOWN. AND ACTUALLY, I
18 TAKE IT BACK. THE YELLOW, THE 5-11. I MEAN...

19

20 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THOSE ARE VERY-- OVER TIME, THESE LITTLE
21 SQUIGGLES-- BECAUSE THE NUMBERS ARE SMALL, I WOULDN'T WORRY
22 ABOUT THEM. I WOULD LOOK AT, EVERYBODY'S LINE WENT UP FROM
23 APRIL 15TH TO MAY. IN THIS LAST MONTH, EVERYBODY HAS SEEN AN
24 INCREASE; EVERY SINGLE GROUP. SOME ARE STARTING TO SEE A SMALL
25 DECREASE. WE'LL HAVE TO SEE IF THAT HOLDS NEXT WEEK, BECAUSE

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1 THE NUMBERS, AGAIN, ARE RELATIVELY SMALL. BUT IT DOESN'T LOOK
2 LIKE WE'VE PLATEAUED. AND CERTAINLY, THOSE PEOPLE THAT ARE OUT
3 AND ABOUT THE MOST HAVE THE HIGHEST CASE RATES, AND THAT MAKES
4 IT EASIER FOR THEM TO SPREAD TO EVERYBODY ELSE.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, I GUESS, I MEAN... AND AGAIN, MY TAKEAWAY--
7 AND, DR. GHALY, IN TERMS OF THE HOSPITALIZATION RATE AND WHAT
8 YOU TALKED ABOUT, IF YOU LOOK AT THE MOST VULNERABLE GROUP,
9 THEY ARE ON THE LOW END OF CASE RATE PER 100,000, AND THAT'S
10 THE GROUP THAT WE TENDED TO SEE, AT THE HEIGHT OF C.O.V.I.D.,
11 REALLY ENDING UP IN OUR I.C.U.S AND DYING, QUITE FRANKLY. SO I
12 HAVE TO WONDER, DO THERAPEUTICS PLAY A ROLE, AS IT RELATES TO
13 THE HOSPITALIZATION RATES STAYING LOW, AND THE SEVERITY OF
14 THOSE THAT ARE GETTING C.O.V.I.D. LESSENING? I DON'T KNOW IF
15 IT WOULD BE DR. GHALY OR DR. FERRER, BECAUSE I'VE HEARD-- AND
16 I GUESS MY STAFF-- BUT MY STAFF DID TELL ME THAT THE THOUGHT
17 IS, WITH THE AVAILABILITY OF THE VACCINE AND THERAPEUTICS, WE
18 DON'T NEED TO BE AS CONCERNED WITH CASE NUMBERS AS WE
19 PREVIOUSLY WERE. AND SO I JUST AM TRYING TO...

20

21 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. NO. YOUR STAFF IS ABSOLUTELY CORRECT
22 THAT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CASE NUMBERS AND
23 HOSPITALIZATIONS HAS CHANGED. THERE IS STILL A RELATIONSHIP.
24 YOU DON'T END UP IN THE HOSPITAL UNLESS YOU GOT INFECTED. SO,
25 YOU STILL DON'T WANT A LOT OF COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION, NO

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1 MATTER WHAT, BECAUSE IT WILL LEAD TO, NO MATTER WHAT, SOME
2 SMALLER INCREASES, LIKE WE'RE SEEING NOW, IN HOSPITALIZATIONS.
3 SOME PROPORTION OF INFECTED PEOPLE END UP GETTING
4 HOSPITALIZED. THE WORK AT HAND THAT I THINK HAS BEEN
5 SUCCESSFUL, AS YOU NOTED, SUPERVISOR, IS THAT WITH THESE NEW
6 TOOLS-- VACCINATIONS, BOOSTERS, AND NOW THERAPEUTICS-- YOU
7 REDUCE THE CHANCE OF INFECTED PEOPLE ENDING UP IN THE
8 HOSPITAL. AND THAT'S WHY, EVEN THOUGH WE'VE SEEN THIS 200%
9 INCREASE IN CASES, WE'VE SEEN A TINY INCREASE IN
10 HOSPITALIZATIONS. IN THE PAST, THAT RELATIONSHIP WAS MUCH MORE
11 PRONOUNCED. AND WE REMEMBER ALL OF THOSE TREND LINES THAT WE
12 HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT FOREVER, AND WITHIN A COUPLE OF WEEKS OF
13 CASES GOING UP, YOU STARTED SEEING A SIMILAR CURVE OF
14 HOSPITALIZATIONS GOING UP. AND NOW, WHAT WE HAVE SEEN IS CASES
15 GO UP A LOT, AND HOSPITALIZATIONS GO UP VERY LITTLE. AND I
16 THINK THAT IS THE GOOD NEWS, AND THAT IS WHY, IF WE CAN
17 CONTINUE TO SORT OF KEEP A CHECK ON HOW MUCH TRANSMISSION
18 THERE IS, AND MAKE SURE PEOPLE HAVE GOOD ACCESS TO VACCINES,
19 BOOSTERS, AND THERAPEUTICS, WE HAVE A CHANCE-- I THINK, A GOOD
20 CHANCE-- AT NEVER GOING INTO THAT HIGH COMMUNITY LEVEL THAT SO
21 MANY PLACES ON THE EAST COAST ARE NOW EXPERIENCING. THAT WOULD
22 BE MY HOPE, IS THAT WE'RE ABLE TO USE ALL THESE TOOLS TO KEEP
23 OURSELVES OUT OF AN ACCELERATING RISK FOR THE HEALTHCARE
24 SYSTEM.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** DR. GHALY, DO YOU WANT TO ADD SOMETHING? I SEE
2 THAT.

3

4 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** YEAH, JUST VERY BRIEFLY. I THINK YOU'RE
5 RIGHT, SUPERVISOR. THAT RELATIONSHIP DOES EVOLVE OVER TIME,
6 AND WE SEE THAT IN A VARIETY OF A WAYS. AND THANKS, AS DR.
7 FERRER POINTED OUT, TO THE WIDESPREAD AVAILABILITY OF VACCINES
8 AND TREATMENT, I THINK THAT THE RATE AT WHICH PEOPLE ARE
9 INFECTED, AND THEN THE RISK THAT THAT INFECTION PRESENTS, IS
10 REALLY VERY DIFFERENT THAN IT WAS EARLIER IN THE PANDEMIC. AND
11 ALSO, AS WE THINK ABOUT WHAT TYPE OF A RESPONSE IS NEEDED
12 EARLIER IN THE PANDEMIC, WE SPENT A LOT OF TIME TALKING ABOUT
13 HOW WE NEEDED TO REDUCE COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION AND REDUCE
14 INFECTIONS BECAUSE OF THE RISK OF OVERWHELMING THE HOSPITAL
15 SYSTEM. AND THAT RISK OF OVERWHELMING THE HOSPITAL SYSTEM IS
16 DANGEROUS, NOT JUST FOR THE INDIVIDUALS WITH C.O.V.I.D., BUT
17 FOR EVERYBODY. AND I THINK, AT THIS POINT, THERE ARE OTHER
18 REASONS TO STILL WORK ON REDUCING COMMUNITY TRANSMISSIONS AND
19 OTHER REASONS FOR MAINTAINING A VIBRANT PUBLIC HEALTH
20 RESPONSE, BUT THE RISK OF OVERWHELMING THE HOSPITAL SYSTEM, AT
21 THIS POINT, IS SIGNIFICANTLY LESS LIKELY BECAUSE OF THE WIDER
22 AVAILABILITY OF THE VACCINE AND THE LEVEL OF IMMUNITY THAT'S
23 PRESENT AMONG THE COMMUNITY, AND THAT RISK REALLY DOESN'T
24 FEEL, AT THIS POINT, THAT PREVALENT OR LIKELY.

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND THEN, MY LAST QUESTION: WHERE ARE
2 WE ON CONTACT TRACING? ARE WE STILL INVESTING A LOT IN THE
3 CONTACT TRACING ELEMENT, OR ARE WE BACKING OFF THAT? I'M JUST
4 MORE CURIOUS THAN ANYTHING.

5

6 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** IT'S A GREAT QUESTION. I MEAN, AT THE
7 ADVICE OF C.D.C., ALL LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS HAVE SORT OF
8 SHIFTED THE PRIORITIES FOR CONTACT TRACING. SO, WE CONTINUE TO
9 DO CONTACT TRACING IN ALL OF OUR HIGHER-RISK SETTINGS. SO, WE
10 CONTINUE TO DO CONTACT TRACING AT SCHOOLS, AT WORKSITES THAT
11 HAVE A CLUSTER. THAT'S WHY WE INVESTIGATE AT ALL OF OUR
12 HEALTHCARE FACILITIES. CERTAINLY, THERE'S CONTACT TRACING AT
13 ANY CONGREGATE LIVING SITUATION. WE ALSO DO CONTACT TRACING TO
14 FILL IN SOME OF OUR HIGHEST-NEED COMMUNITIES, WHERE WE KNOW
15 THAT IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE TO GET GOOD INFORMATION
16 ABOUT WHAT TO DO IF THEY'VE HAD AN EXPOSURE, BECAUSE THEY
17 OFTEN CAN LIVE IN OVERCROWDED SITUATIONS, OR WORK IN SETTINGS
18 WHERE PEOPLE ARE CROWDED TOGETHER. SO, WE STILL DO A LOT OF
19 CONTACT TRACING, BUT WE NO LONGER TRY TO CALL EVERY SINGLE
20 PERSON THAT WE HAVE A POSITIVE TEST ON. I WANT TO NOTE THAT
21 EVERYBODY WHO TESTS POSITIVE AND GOES THROUGH SORT OF ONE OF
22 OUR SITES IS GIVEN INFORMATION ON HOW THEY CAN CALL US, SO
23 WE'VE KIND OF AMPLIFIED OUR CALL CENTER TO ACTUALLY TAKE CALLS
24 FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE POSITIVE; NOT TO DO TRADITIONAL CONTACT
25 TRACING, AS MUCH AS TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAVE RESOURCES

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1 AVAILABLE TO HELP THEM EITHER COPE WITH AN ILLNESS ASSOCIATED
2 WITH C.O.V.I.D., GET CONNECTED TO SERVICES, OR IF THERE'S
3 SOMEBODY WHO'S HAD AN EXPOSURE, SO THAT THEY KNOW WHAT TO DO.
4 SO, ANYBODY WHO TESTS POSITIVE CAN CALL US. AND AGAIN, THAT
5 CALL CENTER IS OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK, FROM 8:00 IN THE MORNING
6 TILL 8:30 AT NIGHT, AND WE HAVE NURSES THAT ACTUALLY HANDLE
7 ALL OF THOSE CALLS. SO, I THINK WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO IS
8 MAKE SURE PEOPLE HAVE THE INFORMATION THAT THEY WERE GETTING
9 THROUGH TRADITIONAL CONTACT TRACING, BUT, YOU KNOW, LOTS OF
10 PEOPLE DIDN'T WANT TO ACTUALLY ANSWER THOSE CALLS FROM US, SO
11 THIS IS WORKING BETTER, I THINK, HAVING PEOPLE CALL US.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH, I THINK IT'S A BETTER USE OF RESOURCES,
14 PERSONALLY, JUST GIVEN WHERE THIS PANDEMIC IS HEADED, BUT ALL
15 RIGHT. WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU, DR. GHALY, THANK
16 YOU, DR. FERRER, AS ALWAYS, FOR THIS INFORMATION. THANK YOU.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, DR. FERRER.
21 YOU GAVE A LOT OF DATA AND INFORMATION IN YOUR PRESENTATION,
22 AND I KNOW NOBODY IS ENJOYING THE LATEST STATISTICS, WHERE
23 CASES ARE GOING UP. IT IS UNFORTUNATE. I THINK A LOT OF US
24 THOUGHT MAYBE WE WERE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS. BUT AS YOU
25 SAID, THERE'S A LOT OF TOOLS IN THE TOOLBOX TO KEEP YOU SAFE,

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1 IF YOU WANT TO BE KEPT SAFE. AND I'M PRETTY SURE I KNOW HOW
2 YOU'RE GOING TO ANSWER THIS, BUT A PART OF REPRESENTATIVE
3 GOVERNMENT IS REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE ELECTED YOU,
4 AND I'M HEARING FROM SOME OF MY SCHOOL DISTRICTS, WHO ARE...
5 COUPLE THINGS. ONE, THEY HAVE EXPRESSED CONFUSION ABOUT THE
6 MASK REQUIREMENT THAT WE HAVE, THAT DON'T ALIGN WITH THE
7 STATE. AND JUST MAYBE-- AGAIN, YOU PROBABLY ALREADY TALKED A
8 LOT ABOUT THIS, BUT JUST SPECIFICALLY TO THIS ISSUE OF MASKING
9 IN THE SCHOOLS, CAN YOU EXPLAIN HOW OUR HEALTH ORDER DIFFERS
10 FROM THE STATE, REGARDING MASKING; AND WHAT DO YOU SAY TO THE
11 PARENTS-- SOME PARENTS AND SOME SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS-- WHO
12 DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THEY'RE BEING REQUIRED TO FOLLOW
13 DIFFERENT MASKING RULES THAN SCHOOLS ACROSS THE STATE? SO,
14 LIKE I SAID, I'M PRETTY SURE I KNOW WHAT YOUR ANSWER WILL BE,
15 BUT IF YOU COULD JUST TAILOR IT TO TEACHERS, PARENTS, THE ONES
16 THAT ARE CONCERNED. I KNOW SOME OF THEM ARE FINE WITH THIS
17 RECOMMENDATION, BUT IN MY OFFICE, WE'VE BEEN HEARING FROM
18 THOSE WHO AREN'T FINE WITH IT, AND THOUGHT MAYBE I'D GIVE YOU
19 AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO THEM.

20
21 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, THANKS SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN. AND
22 I DO AGREE THAT IT'S ALWAYS DIFFICULT. THERE'S FRANKLY NOT
23 100% CONSENSUS ON WHAT NEEDS TO OCCUR IN THE SCHOOLS. THERE
24 ARE LOTS OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS WHO WISH
25 WE STILL HAD, FRANKLY, A MANDATE FOR INDOOR MASKING AT ALL OF

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1 THEIR SCHOOLS. SO, AND THEN THERE ARE, AS YOU NOTED, A GROUP
2 OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS AND STAFF AND ADMINISTRATORS WHO ARE
3 DISTRESSED BECAUSE WHAT THERE IS-- AND I WANT TO JUST CLARIFY:
4 WHAT THERE IS, IS A CONTINUED REQUIREMENT THAT IF YOU HAVE HAD
5 AN EXPOSURE, AND YOU ARE IN THAT QUARANTINE PERIOD-- SO, I WAS
6 SOMEWHERE WHERE SOMEBODY WAS INFECTED. I HAD AN EXPOSURE TO
7 THAT PERSON, WHO IS NOW POSITIVE, AND I'M GOING TO BE ASKED TO
8 GENERALLY QUARANTINE MYSELF FOR 10 DAYS, BECAUSE THAT'S THE
9 OPTIMAL PERIOD FOR INCUBATION OF THIS VIRUS, TO MAKE SURE THAT
10 I'M NOT GETTING INFECTED AND THEN GOING AHEAD AND SPREADING TO
11 OTHERS, BECAUSE MANY PEOPLE WHO GET INFECTED ARE STILL
12 ASYMPTOMATIC. SO, WHAT THIS DID IS IT ACTUALLY-- AND IT'S FOR
13 EVERYONE, NOT JUST AT SCHOOL-- IS IT MODIFIES THAT QUARANTINE
14 REQUIREMENT, AND IT ALLOWS PEOPLE WHO HAVE NO SYMPTOMS-- SO,
15 IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS, AND YOU HAD AN EXPOSURE, PLEASE STAY
16 HOME. BUT IF YOU DON'T HAVE SYMPTOMS, AND YOU WANT TO BE OUT
17 AND ABOUT, YOU CAN DO THAT, AS LONG AS, IN THIS COUNTY, YOU GO
18 AHEAD AND YOU WEAR A MASK WHEN YOU'RE INDOORS AND AROUND
19 OTHERS, AND YOU GET TESTED WITHIN THE FIRST 5 DAYS OF YOUR
20 LAST EXPOSURE. AGAIN, THIS IS TO TRY TO CATCH AS MANY PEOPLE
21 AS POSSIBLE, BEFORE THEY END UP INFECTING OTHERS, BY GETTING
22 THAT TEST RESULT AND KEEPING THAT MASK ON FOR THE FULL
23 INCUBATION PERIOD, SO THAT IF AT ANY POINT YOU BECOME A PERSON
24 WHO'S INFECTED AND CAN NOW TRANSMIT, YOU'RE LESS LIKELY TO
25 TRANSMIT, BECAUSE YOU'RE WEARING THE MASK. THE STATE ACTUALLY

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1 STRONGLY RECOMMENDS-- I MEAN, I WOULD SAY WE'RE ALIGNED WITH
2 THE STATE, BECAUSE THE STATE STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT
3 EVERYBODY DO THIS. THE STATE HAS INDICATED IT DOESN'T REALLY
4 SEE THAT IT HAS AUTHORITY AT THE STATE LEVEL TO ENSURE THAT
5 THERE'S COMPLIANCE WITH THIS BEING A MANDATORY REQUIREMENT,
6 BUT I'LL BE HONEST: FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPOSED, PLEASE, IF
7 YOU'RE GOING TO GO OUT AND ABOUT, TAKE THIS EXTRA STEP TO
8 PROTECT OTHER PEOPLE. THIS IS NOT A MASK MANDATE AT SCHOOLS,
9 WHEN EVERYBODY IS INDOORS. THIS A MANDATE THAT SAYS, "TAKE
10 PROPER PRECAUTIONS IF YOU'VE HAD AN EXPOSURE, SO YOU DON'T
11 INADVERTENTLY END UP CREATING FOR EVERYONE AT THAT SCHOOL A
12 HIGHER-RISK SITUATION."

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** SO, YOU WOULD TELL THESE ADMINISTRATORS THAT OUR
15 MASKING REQUIREMENTS IS IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE STATE. IS THAT
16 WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?

17

18 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** IT'S DEFINITELY IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE
19 STATE. AND I WILL ALSO NOTE, SUPERVISOR, THAT WE HAVE TALKED
20 WITH ALL OF THE ADMINISTRATORS, INCLUDING THOSE THAT ARE
21 CONTINUING TO EXPRESS UNHAPPINESS WITH THIS REQUIREMENT, BUT
22 IT IS A REQUIREMENT FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC. SO I WANT TO ALSO
23 NOTE, BECAUSE I THINK IT'S GOOD FOR EVERYONE TO KNOW, PLEASE,
24 IF YOU HAD AN EXPOSURE, AND YOU ARE IN YOUR QUARANTINE PERIOD,
25 THAT 10-DAY PERIOD, AND YOU WANT TO GO TO WORK, YOU WANT TO GO

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1 OUT AND ABOUT, IN SOME WORKPLACES THERE ARE SPECIAL RULES FOR
2 YOU-- HEALTHCARE FACILITIES, ET CETERA-- BUT IN GENERAL, YOU
3 GOT TO KEEP YOUR MASK ON. THAT IS ALSO A REQUIREMENT BY
4 CAL/O.S.H.A.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN:** SO, YOU WOULDN'T SAY THAT-- I MEAN, SOME OF THEM
7 HAVE TOLD ME THEY FEEL LIKE THEY'RE BEING UNFAIRLY TARGETED IN
8 THE SCHOOLS, WITH THE MASK REQUIREMENTS. SO, YOU'RE PRETTY
9 MUCH SAYING IT'S-- THAT'S NOT-- LIKE I SAID, WHAT WOULD YOU
10 SAY TO THEM?

11

12 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** I THINK THIS IS SENSIBLE; SENSIBLE AND
13 APPROPRIATE. AND I DON'T THINK THAT ANY OF US WANT TO TAKE
14 EXTRA RISKS WHEN WE HAVE THIS MUCH TRANSMISSION. SO, THIS IS A
15 WAY TO ACTUALLY KEEP SCHOOLS SAFER, AS MANY PEOPLE AS
16 POSSIBLE. AND WHILE I RECOGNIZE THAT EVERYBODY ASSESSES THEIR
17 OWN RISK DIFFERENTLY, I WOULD ASK PEOPLE TO NOTE THAT, AT OUR
18 SCHOOLS, WE HAVE A LOT OF STUDENTS THAT ATTEND, THAT ARE
19 VULNERABLE. THEY'RE VULNERABLE TO HAVING A BAD OUTCOME, SHOULD
20 THEY GET INFECTED, AND THEIR PARENTS ARE ALSO WORRIED, AND
21 THEIR PARENTS WOULD ALSO LIKE THOSE STUDENTS TO HAVE AS MUCH
22 SAFETY AT SCHOOL AS POSSIBLE. THIS IS A TIME-LIMITED REQUEST.
23 WHEN YOU'RE IN THAT QUARANTINE PERIOD, PLEASE PUT A MASK ON. I
24 THINK IT'S SENSIBLE, AND I HOPE EVERYONE DOES IT, BECAUSE IT'S
25 ONE WAY OF PROTECTING EACH OTHER.

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2 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH. THANK YOU. AND THEN, THE SLIDE YOU HAD UP
3 ABOUT OUR MOVING FROM LOW TO MEDIUM, OR WHATEVER THAT WAS-- I
4 THINK IT WAS LOW TO MEDIUM-- YOU PRETTY MUCH CHECKED OFF ALL
5 THE BOXES, LIKE WE'RE ALREADY DOING WHAT YOU THOUGHT, IF WE
6 MOVE FROM LOW TO MEDIUM, THAT WE WOULD ALREADY HAVE THOSE
7 THINGS IN PLACE. SO, IF WE DO GET MOVED, DO YOU SEE ANY OTHER
8 HEALTH ORDERS THAT YOU MIGHT BE RECOMMENDING GET CHANGED?

9

10 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** NO. THANKS FOR ASKING THAT, BUT NO. AT
11 THIS POINT, NO, BECAUSE WE'RE ALREADY IN FULL COMPLIANCE. I
12 MEAN, I WANT TO, AGAIN, GIVE A LOT OF CREDIT TO THE STATE, AS
13 WELL, BECAUSE WE KEPT A LOT OF PROTECTIONS IN PLACE AT HIGH-
14 RISK SETTINGS. AND REALLY, WHAT THE C.D.C. IS DOING IS THEY'RE
15 BASICALLY NOTING THAT WHEN YOU GO TO MEDIUM, YOU SHOULD REALLY
16 START DOING EVERYTHING YOU CAN TO TRY TO PROTECT THOSE MOST
17 VULNERABLE, AND TO TAKE STEPS THAT CAN REDUCE TRANSMISSION.
18 AND WE'RE DOING THAT, SO I THANK ALL OF OUR PARTNERS, I THANK
19 THE STATE, FOR CONTINUING TO HAVE REQUIREMENTS IN PLACE.
20 CAL/O.S.H.A. ALSO HAS REQUIREMENTS IN PLACE. SO, I THINK THIS
21 IS A STATE WHERE WE'RE ACTUALLY WELL POSITIONED TO GO AHEAD
22 AND TRY TO KEEP OURSELVES OUT OF MOVING TO A HIGH COMMUNITY
23 LEVEL.

24

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. YEAH. THANK YOU, DR. FERRER. THANK YOU,
2 MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'RE GOING TO GO TO
5 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND THEN BACK TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL.
6 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. SO MANY QUESTIONS
9 HAVE ALREADY BEEN ASKED THAT I WOULD HAVE ASKED, BUT ONE AREA
10 THAT I DID WANT TO RAISE IS WITH THE ESSENTIAL WORKERS AND
11 WORKSITES. AND I SEE FROM THE DATA THAT I HAVE BEEN GIVEN IS
12 THAT, I GUESS IN THE LAST WEEK, WE SAW AN OUTBREAK OF ABOUT
13 140 THAT WERE NOTED THE WEEK BEFORE; AND THEN NOW, THIS PAST
14 WEEK, 195. AND WE'RE SEEING A TREND HERE IN THE RETAIL TRADE
15 SECTOR, FOOD AND BEVERAGE, BUILDING MATERIAL, GARDEN
16 EQUIPMENT, SUPPLY DEALERS; I'M ASSUMING, ALSO, GROCERY
17 WORKERS. AND I NOTICE THAT MANY, OBVIOUSLY, ARE NOT WEARING
18 THEIR MASKS ANY LONGER, IN SOME OF THESE LOCATIONS, AND
19 PERHAPS, MAYBE, FOLKS ARE JUST RELUCTANT TO GET A BOOSTER, OR
20 JUST HAVEN'T HAD THE TIME. AND I'M WONDERING WHAT KIND OF
21 MEDIA AND OUTREACH ARE WE DOING, AND WILL WE BE LOOKING AT
22 POSSIBLY GOING TO THE MOBILE UNITS TO GO TO DIFFERENT
23 MANUFACTURING SITES, AS WE DID BEFORE, TO THOSE INDUSTRIES
24 THAT MAY WANT TO COOPERATE WITH US? AND THAT'S FOR DR. FERRER.

25

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1 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
2 AND YES, WE AGREE WITH YOU, THE NUMBERS ARE CONCERNING. OUR
3 MOBILE TEAMS CONTINUE TO GO TO WORKSITES, SO WE HAVE NEVER
4 STOPPED GOING TO WORKSITES. AND WE'RE DOING SECOND ROUNDS AT
5 SOME WORKSITES, JUST LIKE YOU NOTED, TO MAKE IT EASY FOR
6 PEOPLE TO GET ACCESS TO BOOSTERS. AND ANY SITE CAN EITHER CALL
7 US OR JUST GO ONLINE AND REQUEST THAT WE COME. AND AT THE
8 SITES WHERE WE ARE SEEING OUTBREAKS, WE OFFER TO SEND MOBILE
9 TEAMS, AS WELL. SO, I WANT TO NOTE THAT WE DO OFFER ALL OF
10 THOSE SITES, AND ALL OF THE WORKERS AT THOSE SITES, AN
11 OPPORTUNITY TO GET VACCINATED FOR THEIR INITIAL SERIES OR GET
12 BOOSTED, AS APPROPRIATE. WE ALSO CONTINUE TO REQUIRE-- I MEAN,
13 I THINK THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS, WE CONTINUE TO REQUIRE
14 THAT WORKSITES REPORT TO US WHEN THEY'VE HAD 3 CASES OVER A
15 14-DAY PERIOD, BECAUSE THAT TRIGGERS FOR US A CALL AND A
16 VISIT. AND THAT IS OUR BEST OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO WORKERS AND
17 TO FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON, AND ALSO BECAUSE, AT THE POINT
18 THAT THERE IS AN OUTBREAK AT A SITE, WE CAN GO AHEAD AND
19 INSTITUTE ADDITIONAL PROTECTION, WHICH WE DO. IT ALLOWS US TO
20 TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT ELSE COULD HAPPEN AT THAT SITE THAT WOULD
21 REDUCE THE RISK OF TRANSMISSION. I'D ALSO WANT TO NOTE THAT WE
22 DO HAVE A REQUIREMENT, HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, THAT ALL EMPLOYERS
23 AT ANY SITES THAT HAVE OPTIONAL MASKING OFFER THEIR WORKERS
24 RESPIRATOR MASKS. AGAIN, WE ALL KNOW, WE'VE LEARNED OVER THE
25 COURSE OF THE PANDEMIC, THAT THOSE RESPIRATOR MASKS PROVIDE

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1 THE BEST PROTECTION. AND SO WE HAVE A RULE, HERE IN L.A.
2 COUNTY, THAT ALL EMPLOYERS WHO DO NOT REQUIRE MASKING INDOORS
3 MUST OFFER THEIR EMPLOYEES A RESPIRATOR MASK. IT'S VOLUNTARY,
4 AS YOU NOTED, SUPERVISOR. IT'S VOLUNTARY USE FOR THE
5 EMPLOYEES, BUT THE EMPLOYERS MUST OFFER WELL-FITTING
6 RESPIRATOR MASKS TO THEIR EMPLOYEES. SO, AGAIN, WE CAN
7 MAXIMIZE PROTECTION. BUT IF YOU KNOW OF SITES-- I MEAN, WE
8 MEET WITH OUR LABOR PARTNERS, AND WE HAVE THOSE WONDERFUL
9 PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCILS THAT YOU ALL SET UP, SO THAT FOLKS KNOW
10 THAT WE'RE HERE AND AVAILABLE TO SEND OUT RESOURCES, AS
11 NEEDED.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** I THINK IT WOULD BE GREAT IF WE COULD JUST MAKE
14 SURE THAT THE INFORMATION GETS OUT TO THOSE MANUFACTURING
15 ASSOCIATIONS, AS WELL AS OUR LABOR FRIENDS, AND PEOPLE CAN
16 CALL AND ASK FOR A MOBILE UNIT; THAT PERHAPS YOU CAN PUT THAT
17 OUT. WE'LL CERTAINLY DO THAT, AS WELL, BUT I'M JUST CONCERNED
18 AGAIN, BECAUSE THE TRENDS GO UP THERE, AND THESE ARE OUR
19 ESSENTIAL WORKERS, AND THEY'RE PIVOTAL TO OUR ECONOMY,
20 OBVIOUSLY, BUT THEY ARE ALSO THE ONES THAT ARE MOST
21 VULNERABLE. AND IT SEEMS TO ME THAT EVEN THE RATES THAT ARE
22 GOING UP WITH OUR YOUNGER ELEMENTARY STUDENTS IS ALMOST AT THE
23 SAME RATE. I SEE A CORRELATION THERE. AND SO I THINK THAT WE
24 HAVE TO BE DOUBLY ARMED, I THINK, TO GET THAT MESSAGE OUT
25 AGAIN, EVEN THOUGH SOME SCHOOLS ARE GOING TO BE GETTING READY

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1 IN JUNE, AND WHAT HAVE YOU, FOR A VACATION. PEOPLE ARE GOING
2 TO BE TRAVELING. I KNOW A LOT OF OUR RESIDENTS MAY BE
3 TRAVELING SOUTH FOR OTHER REASONS, BUT I THINK THERE STILL HAS
4 TO BE ANOTHER PUSH. AND I'M HAPPY TO WORK ALONGSIDE WITH YOU
5 ON THAT, AND JUST TO ENCOURAGE PARENTS TO REALLY TAKE
6 ADVANTAGE, TO MAKE SURE, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE THEY WON'T BE IN
7 SCHOOL IN A MATTER OF WEEKS, THAT THEY GET THEIR BOOSTERS. SO,
8 I THINK THAT'S REALLY CRITICAL. AND I, TOO, AM ALARMED THAT
9 WE'RE NOT SEEING ENOUGH SCHOOLS REALLY PUSHING FOR MORE USE OF
10 MASKS FOR THOSE STUDENTS THAT ESPECIALLY HAVEN'T BEEN
11 VACCINATED. BUT THOSE ARE MY COMMENTS. THANK YOU, DR. FERRER
12 AND MADAM CHAIR.

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14 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR.

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16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR::** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR.
17 SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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19 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE ONE MORE THING TO
20 ADD ABOUT SCHOOLS. I KNOW SEVERAL OF MY COLLEAGUES AND THOSE
21 OF YOU WHO ARE WATCHING AND LISTENING ARE PARENTS, AND SEVERAL
22 OF YOU, LIKE MYSELF, HAVE BEEN TEACHERS. AND BEFORE WE HAD A
23 PANDEMIC, IF YOU CAN THINK BACK THAT FAR, WE ALL KNEW THAT
24 SCHOOLS WERE A PETRIE DISH FOR EVERY SINGLE THING THAT YOU
25 COULD EVER CATCH. I MEAN, IT WAS SUMMER. WE'RE ALL HEALTHY.

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1 WE'RE DOING GREAT. EVEN THOUGH WE TRAVELED, WE PRIMARILY WERE
2 DOING GREAT. AFTER LABOR DAY, EVERYBODY GOES BACK TO SCHOOL,
3 AND IMMEDIATELY WE ALL HAD COLDS, THEN WE GOT THE FLU. AS IT
4 GOT COLDER, WE GOT BRONCHITIS. I MEAN, AND THE WHOLE FAMILY
5 WOULD HAVE IT. AND I WENT BACK TO TEACH EVERY FALL, AND EVEN
6 THOUGH I WAS TEACHING AT LAW SCHOOL, I GOT SICK EVERY FALL,
7 BECAUSE EVERYBODY BROUGHT EVERYTHING THEY HAD INTO THE
8 CLASSROOM. MASKING IS NOT AN AMERICAN TRADITION; THERE'S NO
9 QUESTION. IT'S NOT THE SAME IN OTHER COUNTRIES, WHERE THERE IS
10 A LITTLE MORE SENSE OF COMMUNITY, AND, "I DON'T WANT TO GET
11 SICK, AND I DON'T WANT TO MAKE YOU SICK." BUT IN AMERICA, IT'S
12 NOT BEEN A TRADITION. BUT BEFORE THE PANDEMIC, THERE WERE SORT
13 OF ATTITUDES. I MEAN, IN MY OFFICE, I TOLD PEOPLE, "IF YOU
14 FEEL SYMPTOMS OF ANYTHING, STAY HOME. OTHERWISE, YOU'RE GOING
15 TO INFECT MY WHOLE STAFF, AND NOBODY WILL BE ABLE TO WORK. SO,
16 DON'T BE SELFISH. STAY HOME. IF YOU'VE GOT A COLD, AND YOU
17 COME IN, FOR GOD'S SAKE, DON'T SHAKE HANDS WITH ANYBODY." I
18 MEAN, IT JUST-- WE'D BE BUMPING ELBOWS. BUT I DO REMEMBER
19 GOING TO SEVERAL EVENTS WHERE I LOOKED AS THOUGH I WAS
20 SHUTTING EVERYONE OUT, BECAUSE I HAD MY ARMS CROSSED, BUT I
21 SAID, "I THINK I'M COMING DOWN WITH SOMETHING, AND I'M NOT
22 SHAKING HANDS TODAY." AND IT WASN'T POLITICAL. IT WAS REALLY
23 ABOUT COMMON SENSE. SO, I GET THE SAME CALLS FROM PARENTS,
24 ALTHOUGH I HAD AN INTERESTING DEMONSTRATION BY STUDENTS IN MY
25 DISTRICT, PRO-MASK, BECAUSE THEY WERE THE ONES THAT THEY FELT

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1 NEEDED TO BE PROTECTED FROM EACH OTHER, AND IT WASN'T SUCH A
2 BIG DEAL. SO, I WOULD WANT TO ENCOURAGE PUBLIC HEALTH TO
3 CONTINUE TO STRONGLY SAY THE IMPORTANCE OF MASKING, WHERE YOU
4 BRING A BUNCH OF KIDS TOGETHER IN ONE ROOM, INSIDE. AND ALSO,
5 DR. FERRER, IS THERE MESSAGING GOING OUT ABOUT MEMORIAL DAY? I
6 THINK THERE PROBABLY IS. EVERYBODY IS SO GIDDY WITH GETTING
7 BACK TOGETHER THAT THEY HONESTLY WISH TO BELIEVE THAT THEY'RE
8 ALL JUST FINE. BUT AS I INDICATED EARLIER, THE MINUTE YOU DO
9 THAT, SOMEBODY GETS SICK, AND THEN THE NEXT GUY GETS SICK, AND
10 THE NEXT GUY GETS SICK, AND YOU THINK, "WELL, WE DIDN'T GO TO
11 THE HOSPITAL, SO IT WASN'T SO BAD." WELL, IT IS BAD, AND VERY
12 TRANSMISSIBLE. SO, I THINK THE MORE MESSAGES ABOUT THE FACT
13 THAT IT AIN'T OVER, AND YOU'RE STILL AT RISK, AND PLEASE DON'T
14 PUT EVERYBODY ELSE AT RISK, THE BETTER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15
16 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, AND I TOTALLY AGREE
17 WITH YOU. AND YES, WE ARE MESSAGING A LOT. AND IT'S REALLY 3
18 SIMPLE THINGS, AT THIS POINT: IT'S GET VACCINATED AND BOOSTED;
19 WEAR A MASK WHEN YOU'RE INDOORS, A WELL-FITTING MASK WHEN
20 YOU'RE INDOORS; AND IF YOU'RE GATHERING WITH OTHERS, YOU HAVE
21 SYMPTOMS, OR YOU'VE HAD AN EXPOSURE, PLEASE GET TESTED. AND WE
22 ARE DOING A MASSIVE DISTRIBUTION AGAIN AT THE SCHOOLS, REALLY
23 KNOWING THAT THERE ARE SO MANY ACTIVITIES WHERE PEOPLE ARE
24 GETTING TOGETHER, AND TRYING TO ENCOURAGE SCHOOLS TO
25 DISTRIBUTE TEST KITS, SO THAT FAMILIES CAN TEST THEMSELVES

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1 BEFORE THOSE ACTIVES; AND THEN, WITH OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS,
2 GETTING OUT KITS THAT THEY CAN DISTRIBUTE IN NEIGHBORHOODS
3 THAT HAVE LESS RESOURCES, SO THAT FOLKS, AGAIN, CAN DO EXACTLY
4 WHAT YOU'RE SUGGESTING: BE AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE, WHILE YOU'RE
5 HAVING A GOOD TIME. I THINK YOU CAN DO BOTH, BUT YOU DO HAVE
6 TO TAKE SOME STEPS TO KEEP YOURSELF AND THOSE AROUND YOU AS
7 SAFE AS POSSIBLE.

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9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, ALL. AND HEARING NO OTHER
10 COMMENTS, THIS REPORT IS RECEIVED AND FILED, AND SUCH WILL BE
11 THE ORDER. THANK YOU TO BOTH DOCTORS FERRER AND GHALY, FOR
12 YOUR TIME AND YOUR INFORMATION. WE APPRECIATE IT. ITEM 7: USE
13 OF FUNDS FROM THE SALE OF LAND AT DIAMOND BAR GOLF COURSE, FOR
14 THE PUENTE HILLS LANDFILL COUNTY REGIONAL PARK DEVELOPMENT.
15 THE ITEM WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. COLLEAGUES, I'M
18 REALLY EXCITED ABOUT PRESENTING THIS MOTION TO YOU TODAY. THIS
19 IS A FOLLOW-UP ACTION TO ONE TAKEN IN OCTOBER OF 2021, WHEN I
20 PRESENTED A MOTION CO-AUTHORED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, TO SETTLE
21 THE COUNTY'S DISPUTE WITH THE SANITATION DISTRICTS, AND SECURE
22 FUNDING FOR THE BUILDOUT OF THE PUENTE HILLS REGIONAL PARK. I
23 WANT TO ESPECIALLY THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN AND HER STAFF, AS
24 WELL AS MEMBERS OF THE SANITATION BOARD THAT REALLY WORKED
25 THROUGH THIS WITH US. SO, WE OWE SO MANY PEOPLE A DEBT OF

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1 GRATITUDE. I ALSO WANT TO MENTION THAT, IN OCTOBER OF 2021,
2 THE MOTION DID THE FOLLOWING, JUST AS A REMINDER: IT APPROVED
3 A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE SANITATION
4 DISTRICTS, WHICH RESOLVED THE LITIGATION BETWEEN BOTH
5 AGENCIES. IT REQUIRED SANITATION DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE \$80
6 MILLION TO THE COUNTY OVER THE NEXT 5 YEARS, TO FUND THE
7 DEVELOPMENT OF THE PUENTE HILLS REGIONAL PARK. IT APPROVED THE
8 TERMS OF A JOINT POWER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO AGENCIES,
9 WHICH WILL DICTATE THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH
10 PARTY, RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATIONS OF THE PARK.
11 AND FINALLY, THE MOTION ESTABLISHED A NEW CAPITAL PROJECT THAT
12 ALLOWED OUR PUBLIC WORKS TEAM TO IMMEDIATELY BEGIN WORK, TO
13 PLAN AND DESIGN PHASE ONE OF THIS PARK. BUILDING ON LAST
14 OCTOBER'S ACTION, TODAY'S MOTION, ALSO CO-AUTHORED BY MY
15 COLLEAGUE SUPERVISOR HAHN, ALLOCATES \$28.25 MILLION TOWARDS A
16 PUENTE HILLS REGIONAL PARK, UTILIZING THE FAIR COMPENSATION
17 FROM THE SALE OF 9.13 ACRES OF PARK LAND TO THE SAN GABRIEL
18 VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS. THE PARK LAND WAS REPURPOSED BY
19 THE C.O.G., FROM THE COUNTY-OWNED DIAMOND BAR GOLF COURSE, TO
20 PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RIGHT OF WAY TO THE SR-5760 CONFLUENCE
21 FREEWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. THE REPURPOSING OF THE PUBLIC
22 PARK LAND REQUIRED FAIR COMPENSATION TO COMPLY WITH THE
23 CURRENT ACT PARKS AND RESERVATION. IN OCTOBER OF 2021, THE
24 C.O.G. AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION AGREED THAT
25 THE C.O.G. WOULD PAY 28 MILLION AS COMPENSATION FOR THE PUBLIC

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1 PARK LAND TAKEN. WITH THIS NEW ALLOCATION OF FUNDING, WE WILL
2 NOW FINALLY BE ABLE TO REALIZE PHASE ONE OF THE PUENTE HILLS
3 PARK MASTER PLAN, WHICH WAS ESTIMATED AT A COST OF ABOUT \$120
4 MILLION. PHASE 1 WILL PROVIDE A BASIC BUT SORELY NEEDED NEW
5 REGIONAL PARK THAT WILL INCLUDE WALKING TRAILS, RESTORATION OF
6 HABITAT, A VISITOR CENTER, AND RESTROOM FACILITIES, AMONG
7 OTHER AMENITIES. IT WILL BE, IN MY OPINION, MOSTLY A LOW-
8 MAINTENANCE PARK. IT WON'T BE ONE WHERE YOU WILL HAVE HEARD
9 BEFORE THAT THEY WANTED TO PUT GONDOLAS AND DIFFERENT THINGS
10 OF THAT NATURE. THIS IS GOING TO BE MORE OF A PASSIVE PARK,
11 FOR REAL PEOPLE THAT LIVE AROUND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY.
12 AND HAVING BEEN ONE OF THOSE RESIDENTS THAT GREW UP IN LA
13 PUENTE AT AN EARLY AGE, I REMEMBER VERY DISTINCTLY THE TRAFFIC
14 FROM THE TRASH HAULERS COMING IN AND OUT OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS
15 AND ALONG OUR MAJOR THOROUGHFARES, CLOGGING AND CONGESTING
16 THOSE AREAS. AND ALSO, I'LL NEVER FORGET THE SMELL OF THE
17 LANDFILL THAT WAS EMITTED THROUGHOUT OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. THIS
18 HAS BEEN AN ISSUE THAT I HAVE BEEN FIGHTING ON, PERSONALLY,
19 FOR MANY DECADES. IN FACT, BACK IN 1994, I AUTHORED A VERY
20 BILL THAT MENTION THIS MOTION THAT REQUIRED THE OWNER OF THE
21 PUENTE HILLS LANDFILL TO DEDICATE CERTAIN AREAS AS PARK SPACE.
22 AND NOW, THANKS TO THE PRESERVATION AND ORGANIZATION AND
23 COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT HAVE ALL COME TOGETHER, WE GET TO
24 FINALLY REALIZE THIS DREAM. WE'RE ON OUR WAY, IN MY OPINION,
25 TO TRANSFORMING WHAT WAS ONCE AN ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICE TO

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1 THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES, INTO AN ASSET AND A REGIONAL
2 PROJECT FOR THOSE FAMILIES AND NEIGHBORS THAT HAD TO PUT UP
3 WITH THE LANDFILL. IT HAS BEEN 6 YEARS SINCE THE PUENTE HILLS
4 LANDFILL PARK MASTER PLAN WAS COMPLETED, AND 9 YEARS SINCE THE
5 LANDFILL CLOSED. OUR COMMUNITIES, AS YOU KNOW, HAVE WAITED TOO
6 LONG FOR THE PARK, SO TODAY'S ACTION IS FINALLY MAKING IT A
7 REALITY. OUR MASTER PLAN LAYS OUT THE VISION OF THE PARK THAT
8 WAS DEVELOPED BY OUR DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION,
9 THROUGH EXTENSIVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COLLABORATION, AND
10 I PERSONALLY WANT TO THANK OUR DIRECTOR, NORMA GARCIA, FOR HER
11 WORK ON THIS MATTER. THE RESULT OF THE PLAN SPEAKS FOR ITSELF,
12 AND IS TRULY EXTRAORDINARY. AS A PARK FOR ALL PEOPLE, THE
13 PUENTE HILLS REGIONAL PARK WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH A WIDE RANGE
14 OF SPACES, AMENITIES, AND SERVICES, INCLUDING TRAILS, RUNNING
15 LOOPS, A BIKE SKILLS AREA, PICNIC AREAS, AND OBSERVATION
16 OUTLOOKS, JUST TO NAME A FEW. ACCESS TO THE PARK WILL ALLOW US
17 TO ENJOY NATURE, AND TO IMPROVE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL WELLBEING.
18 BUT SADLY, WE KNOW THAT ACCESS TO PARKS AND OPEN SPACE IS NOT
19 DISTRIBUTED EQUALLY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, SO I THINK THIS IS
20 ONE OF THOSE GOOD WAYS TO REMEDY THAT SOLUTION. SO, AGAIN,
21 MEMBERS, I ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO PLEASE SUPPORT THIS, AND THE
22 MANY COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND STAKEHOLDERS THAT WORKED OVER THE
23 DECADES TO SEE THAT THIS LANDFILL WOULD BE CONVERTED INTO A
24 PARK, AND NOW IT WILL BE HOME FOR L.A. COUNTY PARKS AND REC.
25 AND I THANK, AGAIN, SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND MEMBERS OF THE

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1 SANITATION BOARD, AND OTHERS THAT WERE HELPING US TO FULFILL
2 THIS DREAM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. WITH THAT,
3 SUPERVISOR HAHN?

4

5 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THANK YOU, MADAM
6 CHAIR. YOU REALLY ENCAPSULATED EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED, BUT I
7 THINK I WILL JUST REITERATE EXACTLY WHAT YOU HAVE SAID,
8 BECAUSE IT NEEDS SAYING. THANK YOU, FIRST OF ALL, FOR LETTING
9 ME JOIN YOU ON THIS MOTION. I KNOW THE TWO OF US ARE VERY
10 EXCITED ABOUT APPROVING THIS \$28 MILLION TOWARD THE NEW PUENTE
11 HILLS LANDFILL COUNTY REGIONAL PARK. THIS IS A PROJECT THAT
12 BOTH OF US HAVE BEEN WORKING ON. YOU STARTED, I THINK, WHEN
13 YOU WERE IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE, IS WHEN YOU STARTED REALLY
14 WORKING ON THIS. THIS WAS IN MY DISTRICT UNTIL RESTRICTING,
15 AND SO I ALSO WAS MAKING SURE THAT WE GOT THIS ACROSS THE
16 FINISH LINE. AND THAT SETTLEMENT THAT YOU TALKED ABOUT, THE
17 \$80 MILLION SETTLEMENT WITH L.A. COUNTY SAN DISTRICT, WE
18 WEREN'T REALLY SURE THAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN. IT TOOK A LOT OF
19 AROUND-THE-CLOCK NEGOTIATING. YOUR STAFF-- I KNOW MY STAFF,
20 MATT JOHNSON-- WORKED AROUND THE CLOCK TO ALSO BRING THAT \$80
21 MILLION TO A HEAD. AND YOU ARE RIGHT, AND WE THANK OUR COUNTY
22 SANITATION BOARD FOR APPROVING IT, BECAUSE THERE WAS ALSO A
23 TIME WHEN WE WEREN'T SURE THEY UNDERSTOOD HOW IMPORTANT THIS
24 WAS. AND WE WERE REPRESENTING THE NEEDS OF THE COUNTY
25 RESIDENTS, AND SOMETIMES THE NEEDS OF THE COUNTY SANITATION

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1 DISTRICT WERE IN CONFLICT WITH THAT. BUT WE KEPT FIGHTING, AND
2 YOU AND I STOOD REALLY FIRM ON, NO, THAT THIS WAS IMPORTANT,
3 AND IT WAS SOMETHING THAT WE FELT WE WERE OWED BY THE COUNTY
4 SANITATION DISTRICT WHEN THAT LANDFILL WAS CLOSED. BUT WE KNEW
5 THAT \$80 MILLION WAS NOT ENOUGH TO EVEN DEVELOP THE FIRST
6 PHASE OF THIS, SO I LOVE THIS \$28 MILLION. IT IS COMING FROM
7 THE 5760 FREEWAY INTERCHANGE PROJECT, WHICH WAS A \$300 MILLION
8 PROJECT TO ADDRESS THE FREEWAY CONGESTION, ONE OF THE WORST
9 ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTRY. I KNOW YOU AND I, WHEN WE WENT BACK
10 TO D.C., WE TALKED ABOUT THE 5760 INTERCHANGE AND HOW MUCH IT
11 NEEDED TO BE IMPROVED. THE OTHER THING ABOUT WHAT WE ARE DOING
12 TODAY: MAKING THIS PROJECT HAPPEN REQUIRED THAT WE TOOK NEARLY
13 TEN ACRES OF OUR COUNTY'S DIAMOND BAR GOLF COURSE FOR THE
14 5760, AND THANKS TO THE PARK'S PRESERVATION ACT, WE ARE
15 REQUIRED TO REPLACE THAT PUBLIC PARK LAND, AND THIS \$28
16 MILLION WILL ALLOW US TO DO JUST THAT. YOU KNOW, ABOUT A YEAR
17 AGO, SOME FOLKS WERE ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW MUCH THE
18 COUNTY SHOULD RECEIVE FOR THE LAND NEEDED TO BUILD THIS NEW
19 INTERCHANGE PROJECT. AND WE WORKED-- AS YOU SAID, YOU DID TOO--
20 - WITH THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY C.O.G., WITH METRO, WITH
21 CALTRANS, AND OUR COUNTY LEADERSHIP, TO MAKE SURE THAT WE GOT
22 A FAIR CONTRACT THERE. I KNOW MY TRANSPORTATION DEPUTY WORKED
23 ON THIS. AND SO THIS \$28 MILLION NOW WILL BE USED TOWARD THIS
24 NEW PUBLIC PARK, WHICH YOU PROBABLY MENTIONED IT, BUT I DON'T
25 THINK PEOPLE REMEMBER: IT WAS AMERICA'S LARGEST LANDFILL. AND

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1 YOU CAN SAY THAT, BUT TO LISTEN TO YOU TALK ABOUT IT,
2 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WHERE YOU LIVED: THE TRUCKS, THE SMELL... TO
3 THINK, NOW, IT'S GOING TO BE TURNED INTO A PARK, THAT THE
4 PUBLIC WILL BENEFIT IN WAYS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. IT IS NOT
5 MANY IN MY DISTRICT ANYMORE. IT IS BACK TO YOU, SO I AM
6 GRATEFUL THAT WE HAVE CONTINUED THIS WORK. IT IS MUCH-NEEDED
7 PARK SPACE THAT WE ARE BRINGING TO OUR L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS.
8 SO, THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEADFAST WORK ON THIS.

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU BOTH VERY MUCH. ANY QUESTIONS
11 OR COMMENTS FROM ANY MEMBERS? OKAY. SEEING NONE, HEARING NO
12 OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 7 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
13 SOLIS, SECONDED BY HAHN TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE
14 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

15

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

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18 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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22 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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5 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

8 MITCHELL?

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

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

13 5-0.

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15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MOVING ON TO ITEM

16 8, COUNTY SUPPORT FOR CODIFYING THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY,

17 INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO AN ABORTION IN THE CALIFORNIA

18 CONSTITUTION, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR?

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I ALSO WANT TO THANK

21 SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR CO-AUTHORING THIS MOTION WITH ME. IT'S

22 BEEN TWO WEEKS, AS YOU KNOW, SINCE WE LAST SAW THE LEAK OF

23 WHAT WE KNEW WAS COMING IN DOBBS VS. JACKSON'S WOMEN'S HEALTH

24 CENTER. THE SUPREME COURT IS ON A PATH TO TAKE AWAY A WOMAN'S

25 RIGHT TO PRIVACY. MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT, THIS IS AN ASSAULT

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1 ON ALL OF US. IT WILL LEAD TO DEATHS OF WOMEN, PARTICULARLY
2 WOMEN OF COLOR AND LOW-INCOME WOMEN, AND IT WILL BE
3 DESTRUCTIVE ON THE RIGHTS AND DIGNITIES OF THOSE RIGHTS. LIKE
4 I SAID BEFORE, I AM OUTRAGED, AND I KNOW THAT THIS ENTIRE
5 BOARD, MY FEMALE COLLEAGUES, FEEL THE SAME WAY. THAT'S WHY I
6 BROUGHT THE MOTION BEFORE US TODAY: TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNOR
7 AND THE LEGISLATURE'S EFFORT TO ENSHRINE THE RIGHT TO AN
8 ABORTION IN THE CONSTITUTION, AS WELL AS THE RIGHTS TO
9 CONTRACEPTION AND SAME-SEX MARRIAGE. THESE RIGHTS ARE ALL
10 INTERTWINED, AND HINGE ON THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY, AND THAT'S WHY
11 I AM PROUD TO STAND WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, GOVERNOR
12 GAVIN NEWSOM, TO UPHOLD THESE RIGHTS HERE IN CALIFORNIA. BY
13 EXPLICITLY ENUMERATING AND GUARANTEEING EACH OF THESE
14 INDIVIDUAL PRIVACY RIGHTS IN THE STATE CONSTITUTION VIA THE
15 AMENDMENT PROCESS, THE LEGISLATURE CAN ENSURE THESE RIGHTS
16 REMAIN PROTECTED, SOMETHING THAT THE WHIM OF JUDGES OR
17 LAWMAKERS CANNOT TAKE AWAY. THIS BOARD MUST SUPPORT THESE
18 ACTIONS. BUT I ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE INCREDIBLE EFFORTS
19 OF OUR COMMUNITIES. THIS PAST WEEKEND, WE SAW INSPIRATIONAL
20 MARCHES AND DEMONSTRATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY: PEOPLE OF ALL
21 BACKGROUNDS COMING TOGETHER FOR A NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION TO
22 PROTEST THE SUPREME COURT'S DECISION, AND INSTEAD UPHOLD ROE
23 VS. WADE AND THE RIGHT TO AN ABORTION. AS I SAID BEFORE,
24 ABORTION IS A PERSONAL CHOICE. ABORTION IS SETTLED LAW FOR
25 ALMOST 50 YEARS. ABORTION IS A HEALTHCARE ISSUE, AND ABORTION

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1 IS A HUMAN RIGHT. AND MAKE NO MISTAKE, MEMBERS: THE IMPACTS OF
2 THIS UNCONSCIONABLE DECISION WILL BE BORNE OUT BY OUR MOST
3 VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES, AND THIS ASSAULT ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND
4 THOSE MOST IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE WILL NOT STAND. THAT EXTENDS
5 TO THE RIGHT TO MARRY WHO YOU LOVE AND WHO YOU CHOOSE. IT ALSO
6 EXTENDS TO ACCESS TO CONTRACEPTION, OVERALL. HERE IN L.A.
7 COUNTY, WE WILL PUT OUR WORDS INTO ACTION, AND WE WILL FIGHT
8 FOR THESE RIGHTS, AND FIGHT FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU
9 VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND I ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.

10

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

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU,
14 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR BRINGING THE MOTION AND FOR ASKING ME TO
15 CO-AUTHOR, WHICH I AM VERY PLEASED TO DO. 20 YEARS AGO, I
16 BROUGHT A BILL IN THE STATE SENATE, S.B. 1301, TO CODIFY THE
17 RIGHTS THAT WERE ENUMERATED IN ROE V. WADE INTO CALIFORNIA
18 STATUTE, AND I DID THAT BECAUSE THINGS-- THE UNTHINKABLE HAD
19 STARTED TO BECOME THINKABLE, EVEN THEN. ROE, OF COURSE, WAS
20 DECIDED IN 1973. BUT IN 1992, THERE WAS A CHALLENGE TO ROE, IN
21 PENNSYLVANIA VS. CASEY, AND PEOPLE WERE VERY WORRIED, AND I
22 THINK ALSO BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND HOW FRAGILE ANY RIGHT
23 DECLARED UNDER THE CONSTITUTION IS, BECAUSE, AS ONE OF THE
24 EARLY SUPREME COURT JUSTICES REFERRED TO THEM, THE "NINE BLACK
25 BEETLES" CAN UNDO IT AT ANY TIME. SO I THOUGHT, "WELL, I WILL

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1 EMBED IT IN THE STATUTE." BUT IT BECAME MORE AND MORE CLEAR
2 THAT STATUTORY LAW, THOUGH IN CALIFORNIA IT ALWAYS LOOKS
3 PRETTY SECURE, CAN BE UNDONE IN THE ASSEMBLY BY 41 VOTES, AND
4 IN THE SENATE BY 21 VOTES, AND THEN IT IS GONE. AND THAT'S WHY
5 I THINK THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT THING FOR THE STATE OF
6 CALIFORNIA TO DO: BECAUSE OUR LEGISLATURE CANNOT UNDO WHAT IS
7 EMBEDDED IN THE CONSTITUTION; IN THE STATE CONSTITUTION. WE
8 HAVE ALREADY DECLARED THAT WE ARE THE KIND OF COUNTY THAT IS
9 OPEN TO WOMEN WHO ARE BEING DECLINED THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE
10 FULL REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM IN THEIR STATES. OUR PLANNED
11 PARENTHOOD IS REALLY UPPING ITS WORK IN THIS COUNTY AND IN THE
12 STATE, INCLUDING PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION, AND OVERNIGHT OR
13 LONGER STAYS, FOR WOMEN COMING TO THE COUNTY. BUT MAKE NO
14 MISTAKE, THIS IS ALSO ABOUT WOMEN IN OUR COUNTY: WOMEN WHO
15 LIVE HERE, AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND THE MEN WHO SUPPORT THEM.
16 SO, SENDING THIS 5-SIGNATURE LETTER, I HOPE, TO THE GOVERNOR
17 AND OUR LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP, ASKING THEM TO PUSH THIS AND
18 MAKE IT SO, I THINK, IS REALLY IMPORTANT, AND I THANK YOU FOR
19 IT, AND I ADOPT ALL OF THE-- EVERYTHING YOU HAVE SAID ABOUT
20 BEING OUTRAGED, BEING SCARED, BEING WORRIED; MOSTLY, REALLY
21 WORRIED. SO, THANK YOU FOR THIS MOTION. THANK YOU, MADAM
22 CHAIR.

23
24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OF COURSE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
2 SOLIS, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR BRINGING THIS BEFORE US TODAY.
3 AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR LEADING THE WAY IN THE
4 CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE 20 YEARS AGO. YOU SAW SOMETHING THAT
5 YOU HAD A RIGHT TO BE WORRIED ABOUT. THIS WEEKEND, WE SAW MORE
6 THAN 50,000 WOMEN MARCH HERE IN DOWNTOWN. MANY OTHER RALLIES.
7 I KNOW, IN MY DISTRICT, THERE WERE RALLIES IN LONG BEACH AND
8 PALOS VERDES. SO MANY PEOPLE ARE STANDING UP FOR WOMEN ACROSS
9 THE NATION WHO, IF THIS OPINION BECOMES NOT JUST LEAKED BUT
10 THE REAL THING, WE'LL HAVE MANY WOMEN WHO WILL NOT HAVE ACCESS
11 ANYMORE TO CONVENIENT AND SAFE ABORTIONS. SO, YES, BY ALL
12 MEANS, WE SHOULD PUT THE FULL WEIGHT OF THE COUNTY IN SUPPORT
13 OF EFFORTS TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF PRIVACY, INCLUDING A
14 WOMAN'S RIGHT TO AN ABORTION, IN OUR STATE CONSTITUTION. THIS
15 WILL FURTHER BOLSTER OUR OWN EFFORTS, LOCALLY, TO ENSURE THAT
16 LOS ANGELES COUNTY CAN BE A SAFE HAVEN FOR WOMEN SEEKING
17 ABORTION. OH. THANK YOU. ALL THIS TIME. SORRY. I SAID IT
18 BETTER WHEN NO ONE WAS WATCHING ME.

19
20 **SUP. KUEHL:** IT WAS SORT OF LIKE RADIO.

21
22 **SUP. HAHN:** I THOUGHT I WAS BY MYSELF. OH, I AM AT A COUNTY
23 BOARD MEETING. HELLO, EVERYBODY. ANYWAY, THANK YOU, SHEILA,
24 FOR YOUR WORK. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR BRINGING THIS

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1 FORWARD. AND AGAIN, LET'S MAKE SURE WE DOUBLE DOWN ON OUR
2 EFFORTS FOR WOMEN CONTINUING TO HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AND HEAR, HEAR. ARE THERE ANY OTHER
5 SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS? SEEING NONE, ITEM
6 8 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY
7 SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THE ITEM. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

8

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

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

12

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

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

16

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

18

19 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

22

23 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

24

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

3

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

5

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

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM NOW-- ITEM NOW. ITEM 9, WE WILL
10 TAKE UP NOW-- L.A. COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO ADDRESS SOCIAL
11 DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH-- WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
12 SUPERVISOR?

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THIS IS MY LAST MOTION
15 FOR TODAY. I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES. AS WE ALL KNOW, IT'S
16 BECOME ABUNDANTLY CLEAR, DURING THE PANDEMIC, THAT FACTORS
17 THAT ARE NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO HEALTHCARE PLAY A VERY
18 PIVOTAL ROLE IN OUR HEALTH OUTCOMES. THESE ARE KNOWN AS SOCIAL
19 DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH-- CONDITIONS WHERE PEOPLE LIVE, WHERE
20 THEY LEARN, WHERE THEY WORK AND PLAY-- THAT WILL IMPACT THEIR
21 HEALTH AND QUALITY OF LIFE TO COME. THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
22 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OUTLINES FIVE KEY AREAS OF SOCIAL
23 DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH: HEALTHCARE ACCESS, QUALITY, EDUCATION
24 ACCESS AND QUALITY, SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY CONTEXT, ECONOMIC
25 STABILITY, AND NEIGHBORHOOD AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT. AND GIVEN

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1 THIS BOARD'S SHARED COMMITMENT TO HEALTH EQUITY, I THINK WE
2 ALL SHOULD START TO LOOK AT SOME OF THOSE ROOT CAUSES THAT WE
3 HEAR OF HEALTH OUTCOMES TO HELP US CLOSE THOSE DISPARITIES.
4 FORTUNATELY, THE COUNTY, AS YOU KNOW, HAS OVER 35 DEPARTMENTS
5 AND GROWING, ALREADY PROVIDING A VAST ARRAY OF SERVICES TO OUR
6 MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS. AND THESE DEPARTMENTS, I BELIEVE,
7 ARE WELL POSITIONED TO ADDRESS SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH.
8 BUT WITH A NETWORK OF SERVICES AS EXTENSIVE AS OURS, IT IS
9 ESSENTIAL THAT OUR DEPARTMENTS ARE WORKING IN CONCERT TO
10 ADDRESS THESE SHARED GOALS. FOR EXAMPLE, THIS MEANS WHEN
11 EXAMINING THE CONNECTION BETWEEN EDUCATION AND WELLBEING, THAT
12 OUR COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH BUILD UPON
13 THEIR STRONG COLLABORATION DURING THE PANDEMIC TO ADDRESS THE
14 CONTINUUM OF STUDENT HEALTH NEEDS, AND CONNECTING THE DOTS
15 BETWEEN PUBLIC HEALTH'S EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION EFFORTS WITH
16 L.A.C.O.E.'S SPECTRUM OF SERVICES, OR WHEN EXAMINING THE
17 CONNECTION BETWEEN WHERE PEOPLE LIVE, LEARN, AND WORK, WITH
18 THEIR HEALTH, WELLBEING, HAVING INSURING DEPARTMENTS LIKE
19 W.D.A.C.S. ALSO HAVE A HEALTH LENS TO THEIR EFFORTS, AND CAN
20 DRAW A LINE BETWEEN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO SERVICES OUR HEALTH
21 DEPARTMENTS PROVIDE. IT MEANS, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT PARKS AND
22 RECREATION, WORKING CLOSELY WITH ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, TO
23 ENSURE THAT OUR RESIDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO HEALTHY RECREATIONAL
24 SPACES, FREE FROM ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS. AND, OF COURSE, IT
25 MEANS ENSURING OUR RESIDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY AND

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1 CULTURALLY ALIGNED AND AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE, AS WELL AS
2 INVESTMENTS IN HEALTH LITERACY AND PROGRAMS LIKE OUR
3 PROMOTORAS, SO INDIVIDUALS HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR OWN
4 HEALTH, AND ACCESS TO RESOURCES. WE HAVE ALL SEEN THE DATA
5 SHARED BY PUBLIC HEALTH REGARDING OUTCOMES OF THE PANDEMIC.
6 EVEN WHEN GIVEN THE SAME HEALTH INTERVENTIONS, LIKE VACCINES,
7 OUTCOMES DIFFER STARKLY ACROSS COMMUNITIES, AS WE HEARD
8 EARLIER IN THE PRESENTATION BY DR. FERRER. IF WE WANT TO
9 UPLIFT THOSE THAT ARE STRUGGLING, INCLUDING SO MANY
10 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, PARTICULARLY LATINO COMMUNITIES THAT I
11 REPRESENT, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR DEPARTMENTS ARE
12 FIRMLY COMMITTED TO THE SAME GOALS, AND ARE COORDINATING WITH
13 ONE ANOTHER. THAT'S WHY I INTRODUCED THE MOTION TODAY TO
14 AFFIRM OUR COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO ADDRESSING SOCIAL
15 DETERMINANTS, AND SETTING US ON A PATH FORWARD. BUT THAT
16 STARTS BY HAVING OUR DEPARTMENTS COORDINATE WITH ONE ANOTHER
17 ON THESE EFFORTS, AND HAVING A COMPREHENSIVE UNDERSTANDING OF
18 WHAT PROGRAMS THAT ARE BEING OFFERED ADDRESS ONE OF THESE KEY
19 FIVE AREAS. THIS RESET AND EXAMINATION IS ESPECIALLY
20 IMPORTANT, GIVEN THE INFLUX OF RESOURCES DURING THE PANDEMIC,
21 AND THE MANY PROGRAMS WE IMPLEMENTED TO HELP STRUGGLING
22 RESIDENTS, MANY OF WHICH WE KNOW FALL UNDER ONE OF THESE KEY
23 CATEGORIES. FOLLOWING THAT ANALYSIS, OUR DEPARTMENTS, LED BY
24 PUBLIC HEALTH AND OUR C.E.O. AND A.R.D.I., WILL WORK WITH THE
25 COMMUNITY TO FIND GAPS IN THE COUNTY'S RESPONSE TO ADDRESS ONE

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1 OF THESE KEY AREAS, AND WILL PUT FORWARD RECOMMENDATIONS,
2 INCLUDING METRICS AND DATA COLLECTION, TO ADDRESS THOSE GAPS
3 THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED. COLLEAGUES, I WANT TO EMPHASIZE
4 THAT THIS IS AN IMPORTANT FIRST STEP IN WHAT I HOPE IS
5 COMPREHENSIVE, AND WILL BE SURE THAT WE, AS BOARD MEMBERS,
6 TRULY DEDICATE OURSELVES TO REALLY TACKLE THESE ROOT CAUSES,
7 AND TO GIVE US A ROADMAP MOVING FORWARD, AS WE FACE THESE
8 OTHER CHALLENGES. MEMBERS, I KINDLY ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.
9 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOLLOWED
12 BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR
15 BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. YOU KNOW, I RECOGNIZE THAT
16 HEALTHCARE DISPARITIES HAVE EXISTED FOR DECADES. AND YOU ARE
17 RIGHT: I THINK C.O.V.I.D. SHED A LIGHT ON WHAT WE ALL KNEW,
18 AND WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN FIGHTING TO PROVIDE MORE SERVICES IN
19 UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES. BUT, OBVIOUSLY, IT REALLY IS NOT
20 ENOUGH TO ADDRESS THE DISPARITIES THAT ARE TAKING PLACE. AND I
21 APPRECIATE THE DATA-DRIVEN APPROACH THAT YOU'RE DOING, BECAUSE
22 I REALLY DO BELIEVE THAT WE'RE GOING TO BETTER SERVE OUR
23 COMMUNITIES IF WE HAVE THE DATA TO SUPPORT WHAT WE ARE DOING.
24 AND I JUST WOULD BRING UP THE FACT THAT, RIGHT NOW, WE'VE GOT
25 A BABY FORMULA SHORTAGE TAKING PLACE THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTRY.

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1 AND IN MY NORTH COUNTY, IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, IT HAS
2 IMPACTED THEM TO THE POINT OF WHERE THE MAYOR CALLED, ASKING
3 IF WE COULD HELP, BECAUSE THERE ARE WOMEN THAT ARE GENUINELY
4 FRIGHTENED ABOUT WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT. AND IF YOU LOOK
5 AT EVEN THE NUMBERS THAT DR. FERRER PUT UP, AS IT RELATES TO
6 C.O.V.I.D., WE CAN TRACK WHERE THOSE NUMBERS ARE: IN NORTH
7 COUNTY, CENTRAL LOS ANGELES, PARTS OF SOUTHWEST L.A. AND I BET
8 YOU THERE IS A PARALLEL TO WHAT THE DATA'S GOING TO SHOW US.
9 AND WHEN YOU LOOK AT BABY FORMULA TODAY, WHAT WILL IT BE
10 TOMORROW? AND I THINK THAT WE NEED TO BE PREPARED FOR THAT.
11 AND SO I APPRECIATE THIS MOTION, AND I THINK THAT IT WILL GIVE
12 US A GOOD TEMPLATE TO REALLY BUILD A SYSTEM THAT IS GOING TO
13 LOOK NOT ONLY WITH AN EQUITY LENS, BUT ALSO LOOK AT IT FROM
14 THE STANDPOINT OF PREVENTATIVE FOR ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS. SO,
15 THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD.

16

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

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
20 SOLIS, FOR THE MOTION. IT IS REALLY, REALLY IMPORTANT, AND ONE
21 OF THE MANY REASONS IT IS IMPORTANT IS TO ASK US TO RECOGNIZE
22 THE INTEGRATION OF LIFE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT CAN LEAD TO
23 DIMINISHED HEALTH RESULTS. AND IT'S NOT JUST MONEY, THOUGH
24 MONEY IS BIG. I MEAN, THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BABY FORMULA,
25 PEOPLE WHO DON'T. BUT IT IS MORE THAN THAT. IT IS WHERE WE

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1 WORK AND HOW WE GET THERE. WHAT KIND OF TRANSIT DO WE HAVE TO
2 USE? AND WHAT IS THE STRESS OF OUR LIVES, REALLY, IN TERMS OF
3 JUST TRYING TO GET THROUGH IT AND MAKE SURE THAT THE PEOPLE
4 WHO RELY ON US HAVE WHAT THEY NEED? I THINK THERE'S REAL
5 DEVOTION FROM THE ANTIRACISM AND DIVERSITY INITIATIVE, AND DR.
6 SCORZA'S WHOLE OPERATION FROM THE CENTER FOR HEALTH EQUITY,
7 ALL THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE SET UP, TO SAY, "WE WANT THERE TO
8 BE MORE EQUITY, AND WE PUT THESE SYSTEMS IN PLACE TO DO IT."
9 BUT IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE HOW, WHETHER THEY MAY
10 KNOW IT OR NOT, OR MAY HAVE KNOWN IT OR NOT, OUR DIFFERENT
11 DEPARTMENTS CAN ADD TO THE SOLUTION. EVERYBODY THOUGHT, "WELL,
12 PARKS, OF COURSE, HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH HEALTH, BECAUSE
13 YOU GET OUTSIDE, AND YOU BREATHE, AND YOU WALK AROUND," BUT IT
14 IS MORE THAN THAT. BECAUSE, AS WE FOUND OUT FROM THE PROGRAMS
15 AFFILIATED WITH PARKS AFTER DARK, A REDUCTION IN VIOLENCE ALSO
16 HAS A REAL IMPACT ON PEOPLE'S HEALTH. AND JUST BEING ABLE TO
17 CLAIM A TAX DEDUCTION WILL GIVE YOU MORE ABILITY TO EXPEND
18 SOMEWHERE ELSE, TO PROTECT YOUR HEALTH. AND I REMEMBER WHEN
19 MITCH KATZ WAS HERE, AND SAID, "WHERE A PERSON LIVES, AND
20 WHETHER THEY HAVE HOUSING OR NOT, CAN IMPACT THEIR HEALTH." SO
21 HE TOLD HIS GREAT STAFF TO START WRITING PRESCRIPTIONS FOR
22 HOUSING. THUS, "HOUSING FOR HEALTH," WHICH WE HEARD ABOUT
23 TODAY. BUT IT WAS KIND OF LIKE, "I WANT TO PULL DOWN SOME
24 MEDI-CAL MONEY AND OTHER KIND OF HEALTH MONEY FOR HOUSING,"
25 AND IT WASN'T ALLOWED BY ANY GOVERNMENT. SO HE SAID, "THE HELL

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1 WITH IT. WRITE A PRESCRIPTION. THIS PERSON MUST HAVE HOUSING.
2 HERE IS THE PRESCRIPTION." AND IT WAS REALLY BRILLIANT. SO,
3 THE INTEGRATION OF THESE NOTIONS IS SO IMPORTANT FOR US TO
4 RECOGNIZE, AND, I THINK, FOR EVERYONE ELSE TO RECOGNIZE, AND
5 ASK EVERYBODY TO WORK TOGETHER TO GET THIS DATA TO US, AND
6 JUST EVERYBODY SEE THEMSELVES AS A PART OF THE SOLUTION. SO,
7 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I WILL JUST ECHO ALL OF THE
10 SENTIMENTS SHARED. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR
11 INTRODUCING THE MOTION, AND JUST REMIND US, I HAVE NEVER OFTEN
12 THOUGHT OF GOVERNMENT AS AN INNOVATOR, QUITE FRANKLY. AND IN
13 THIS AREA, ABOUT WHAT ARE THE SURROUNDING CIRCUMSTANCES THAT
14 IMPACT OUR HEALTH, I THINK WE HAVE TO THANK PHILANTHROPY AND
15 THOSE HEALTH-BASED FOUNDATIONS FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. 20-PLUS
16 YEARS AGO, WHEN CALIFORNIA WELLNESS DID THEIR REPORT AND HAD
17 BILLBOARDS, AT LEAST IN THE SACRAMENTO AIRPORT, THAT SAID,
18 "YOUR ZIP CODE HAS A DIRECT IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE EXPECTANCY,"
19 THAT REALLY MADE US ALL STOP AND THINK ABOUT A BROADER, MORE
20 ORGANIC DEFINITION FOR HELP. SO I THINK IT IS WONDERFUL THAT
21 GOVERNMENT GETS IT, HAS CAUGHT UP, IS BEGINNING TO THINK
22 DIFFERENTLY ABOUT HOW WE PROVIDE SERVICES, AND THAT WE ARE
23 CROSSING DEPARTMENTS, AND NOT THINKING AND FUNDING AND ACTING
24 IN SILOS, BECAUSE WE DON'T LIVE OUR LIVES IN SILOS. OUR LIVES
25 ARE COMPLEX, AND THEREFORE OUR GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO SUPPORT

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1 CONSTITUENTS MUST BE EQUALLY AS COMPLEX. SO, THANK YOU,
2 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I KNOW SOME OF THIS WORK HAS ALREADY
3 STARTED, WITH SOME OF THESE AMAZING DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS
4 THAT THIS BOARD HAS STOOD UP, AND I AM SURE IT WILL CONTINUE.
5 AND YOU KNOW WHAT I AM ALWAYS GOING TO SAY: IF WE BELIEVE IN
6 IT AND PRIORITIZE IT, WE MUST FUND IT. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO
7 THE OUTCOMES FROM THIS WORK, WHICH WILL GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY
8 TO PUT RESOURCES ON THE TABLE TO ADD MEANING TO THE WORK THAT
9 THEY WILL PRODUCE. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SEEING AND HEARING
10 NO OTHER COMMENTS FROM SUPERVISORS, WE WILL HAVE THE MOTION
11 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WE WILL HAVE IT SECONDED BY
12 SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
13 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

18

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

20

21 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

22

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

24

25 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

5

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

8

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

10

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

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 27, STABILIZING SUPPORT AND
15 PROGRAMS FOR SURVIVORS OF INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE, DOMESTIC
16 VIOLENCE, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR?

17

18 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. YOU KNOW, IN THE
19 1960S, THERE WAS NO CONSCIOUSNESS, REALLY, ABOUT DOMESTIC
20 VIOLENCE. IT WAS KIND OF LIKE THERE WERE NO LAWS IN
21 CALIFORNIA. THERE WAS JUST NO RECOGNITION THAT THIS KIND OF
22 INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE, OR PRIVATE, IN-YOUR-HOME, HIDDEN
23 VIOLENCE WAS AN ISSUE. THERE WAS ONE SHELTER IN CALIFORNIA. IT
24 WAS STARTED BY ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, AND IT WAS A PLACE FOR
25 THE WIVES OF ALCOHOLICS, MOST OF WHOM WHO WERE VICTIMS OF

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1 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-- BUT WE DIDN'T EVEN HAVE THE LANGUAGE--
2 COULD GO. AND IT WAS IN PASADENA. IT WAS HAVEN HOUSE. BUT
3 THERE WAS NO SHELTER THAT HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED, REALLY,
4 RECOGNIZING THAT THIS WAS A SOCIAL ISSUE, AND IT WAS A WOMEN'S
5 ISSUE. I MEAN, IT WASN'T UNTIL THE '70S THAT WE EVEN KIND OF
6 STARTED TALKING ABOUT ISSUES BEING WOMEN'S ISSUES, AND THE LAW
7 OUGHT TO DO SOMETHING. AND IN 1974, A SHELTER OPENED IN SANTA
8 MONICA-- THE SOJOURN SHELTER FOR BATTERED WOMEN-- WHICH LATER
9 WAS CALLED "BATTERED WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN," BECAUSE WE
10 WANTED TO EMPHASIZE THOSE PROGRAMS, TOO. AND THE NOTION OF IT
11 WAS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT. IT WASN'T JUST, "OH, OF COURSE, WOMEN
12 ARE GOING TO GET BEAT UP, AND WE SHOULD HAVE A PLACE FOR THEM
13 TO GO." IT WAS REALLY ABOUT DEVELOPING A POLICY, SO THAT THERE
14 WOULD BE A LARGER RECOGNITION OF THIS. BUT THERE WAS REALLY NO
15 MONEY. AND WE'VE ALL VOLUNTEERED AT SOJOURN. I MEAN, THERE
16 WASN'T ONE PAID STAFF THAT RAN THE HOTLINE, OR ANYTHING. AND
17 THE LITTLE HOUSE IN SANTA MONICA, WHICH WAS A-- IT HAD A
18 SECRET LOCATION, BUT EVERY TIME WE PARKED THERE, WE GOT OUR
19 WINDSHIELDS BATTED IN BY SOME ABUSER TRYING TO FIND HIS WIFE,
20 SO THAT WAS EXPENSIVE, TOO. BUT IT STARTED TO REALLY BECOME
21 RECOGNIZED THAT THIS WAS A SOCIAL ISSUE. AND THE FIRST PLACE
22 WE WENT WAS LAW ENFORCEMENT. SO, WHEN I GOT INTO THE
23 LEGISLATURE, WE STARTED BRINGING SOME... SNEAKY, REALLY,
24 BILLS, WHERE FIRST IT WAS AN INFRACTION IF YOU HURT YOUR WIFE,
25 THEN IT WAS A MISDEMEANOR, AND THEN IT WAS A FELONY. AND IT

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1 DID GET LAW ENFORCEMENT'S ATTENTION, BECAUSE FELONIES, THEY
2 LIKE GOING ON FELONIES. SO, IT BECAME MORE AND MORE
3 RECOGNIZED, BUT WE REALLY WANTED IT EMBEDDED MORE IN THE
4 HEALTH SYSTEM, BECAUSE THIS WAS A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE. AND THE
5 SHELTER SYSTEM BECAME STRONGER AND STRONGER, AND IT WAS THE
6 ELEMENTAL-- AND IS THE ELEMENTAL-- SYSTEM, NOT ONLY FOR THE
7 CARE OF BATTERED WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN, BUT THEY'RE MOVING
8 BACK INTO SOCIETY, THEY'RE FINDING INDEPENDENT LIVES, AND
9 REALLY DEVELOPING POLICY. IT IS A VERY STRONG NETWORK. AND
10 OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS, IT HAS DIMINISHED AND DIMINISHED AND
11 DIMINISHED IN THE FUNDING THAT IT'S RECEIVED. BEFORE I WAS
12 THERE, SENATOR PRESLEY BROUGHT A BILL TO PUT A FEE ON MARRIAGE
13 LICENSES, BECAUSE WE HAVE TO FIND A NEXUS. SO THEY SAID,
14 "WELL, GET MARRIED, THERE'S GOING TO BE VIOLENCE. OKAY, SO
15 WE'RE GOING TO TAX MARRIAGE LICENSES." BUT DURING THE
16 PANDEMIC, PEOPLE'S APPLICATIONS FOR MARRIAGE LICENSES HAS GONE
17 WAY DOWN, AND SO THE FUNDING HAS ESSENTIALLY BEEN CUT IN HALF
18 FROM THE STATE, AND THAT IS THE MAIN WAY THAT THEY GET ANY OF
19 THEIR MONEY. SO, THIS \$3.1 MILLION, WHICH INCLUDES
20 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, SO THE SHELTERS DON'T HAVE TO THEN CARVE
21 OUT 8% AND PAY IT BACK, WERE NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE
22 SERVICES, BUT IT WILL ALLOW EACH ONE OF OUR 29 CURRENT SHELTER
23 BASE PROVIDERS TO BE SECURELY FUNDED-- INSUFFICIENTLY BUT
24 SECURELY-- AT ABOUT \$100,000 A YEAR, WHICH THEY CAN USE AND
25 UTILIZE AND REALLY, REALLY NEED, BUT IT MAKES A WORLD OF

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1 DIFFERENCE TO THEM TO PROVIDE RESOURCES AND SUPPORT, NOT ONLY
2 IN THE PLACE, BUT HELPING THEM TO RE-ESTABLISH THEIR LIVES.
3 ASKING THE C.E.O., OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND THE
4 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO LOOK AT EXPANDING THE D.V.
5 SUPPORT SERVICE PROGRAM TO INCLUDE NON-CALWORKS FAMILIES IS
6 ACTUALLY A REALLY SIGNIFICANT PART OF THIS MOTION, AND IT IS A
7 WAY TO HELP TO ADDRESS THE GAPS IN FUNDING, WHICH, CURRENTLY,
8 SINGLE ADULTS WITH NO CHILDREN, OLDER ADULTS, WHO OFTEN ARE A
9 SIGNIFICANT PART OF THE VICTIM POPULATION, AS WELL AS OUR
10 UNDOCUMENTED FOLKS, CURRENTLY CANNOT QUALIFY FOR UNDER
11 CALWORKS. I REALLY APPRECIATE DR. FERRER'S SUPPORT ON THIS
12 MOTION, AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING HOW THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE
13 PREVENTION CAN WORK, AND WILL WORK, IN A COORDINATED EFFORT TO
14 ADDRESS THE LACK OF PREVENTION SERVICES AROUND THE ISSUE. BUT
15 WE ALSO WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
16 IS APPROPRIATELY STAFFED, SO THEY CAN CARRY OUT THE WORK. I
17 WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR CO-AUTHORING THIS. AS YOU
18 CAN TELL, THIS MEANS A LOT TO ME. IT IS A LONG HISTORY, AND
19 WILL BE A LONG HISTORY. AFTER I LEAVE, I'M GOING BACK UP TO
20 THE LEGISLATURE TO GO, "HELLO. WHERE'S THE MONEY THAT WE NEED
21 TO DO THIS?" NOT ELECTED, JUST PETITIONING. SO, I WANT TO
22 PARTICULARLY END BY THANKING THE SHELTER-BASED SERVICE
23 PROVIDERS. IT IS AN AMAZING THING. IF YOU'VE EVER WORKED ON A
24 HOTLINE, IF YOU HAVE EVER STAFFED A SHELTER, IF YOU'VE EVER
25 HELPED A WOMAN MOVE INTO A NEW APARTMENT AFTER SHE IS LEAVING,

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1 IF YOU HAVE EVER GONE BACK TO A PARTY THAT THEY HAVE FOR THE
2 KIDS, THOSE VIOLENT SITUATIONS, THE TRAUMATIC EFFECT IS
3 FOREVER. SO, THE SAFETY THAT THEY FEEL AND GET IN THESE
4 SHELTERS, AND THE SUPPORT THEY GET IN A CRITICAL TIME HAS BEEN
5 SO, REALLY, LIFESAVING. I HAVE TO SAY, I'VE MADE A LOT OF
6 SPEECHES ABOUT SHELTERS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND THERE HAVE
7 BEEN SEVERAL TIMES THAT WOMEN HAVE COME UP TO ME IN A CROWD,
8 AND SAID, "YOU DON'T KNOW ME. THAT LAW THAT YOU PASSED SAVED
9 MY LIFE." OR, "WHEN YOU SAID AT YOUR SPEECH, 'IT'S NOT YOUR
10 FAULT,' I WENT 'OH, MY GOD, IT'S NOT MY FAULT.'" "YOU CAN GET
11 OUT SAFELY." THESE ARE SUCH IMPORTANT MESSAGES. THIS SHELTER
12 SYSTEM HAS TO SURVIVE, SO I ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE. THANK YOU.

13

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

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU SO MUCH,
17 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND PASSION FOR A LONG
18 TIME ON THIS ISSUE. AND THANKS FOR ASKING ME TO BE THE CO-
19 AUTHOR ON THIS MOTION. AND, I MEAN, EVERYTHING YOU SAID, IT
20 JUST HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPORTANCE, THE NECESSITY, OF MAKING SURE
21 THAT WE KEEP THIS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NETWORK FUNDED AND
22 SUPPORTED. OUR COUNTY RELIES HEAVILY ON THE COMMUNITY-BASED
23 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICE PROVIDERS TO ADDRESS ALL SORTS OF
24 NEEDS-- HOUSING, SOCIAL SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH, EMPLOYMENT,
25 LEGAL ADVOCACY, SO MUCH MORE-- IN SUPPORT OF THOSE WHO HAVE

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1 EXPERIENCED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. AND IT IS INTERESTING THAT THIS
2 FLEXIBLE FUNDING THAT HAS SUPPORTED THE COUNTY'S DOMESTIC
3 VIOLENCE PROVIDERS COMES FROM A FUND THAT RELIES ON MARRIAGE
4 LICENSE FEES AND PROBATION FEES. AND, YOU KNOW, OVER THE LAST
5 FEW YEARS, THIS BOARD HAS SHIFTED OUR PRIORITIES, AND IT WAS
6 OUR LEAD THAT IMPLEMENTED SOME SOCIAL JUSTICE REFORM POLICIES
7 AND SUPPORTED STATEWIDE REFORMS FOR OUR CARE FIRST, JAIL LAST,
8 THAT ACTUALLY HAVE HAD SOME UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES, AND THIS
9 IS ONE OF THEM, BECAUSE WE VOTED TO ELIMINATE CERTAIN FEES AND
10 FINES ASSOCIATED WITH PROBATION THAT WERE UNFAIRLY IMPACTING
11 LOWER-INCOME INDIVIDUALS, AND WE BELIEVED IT WAS PERPETUATING
12 THE CYCLE OF POVERTY AND JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT. AND WHILE WE
13 STILL BELIEVE THAT ELIMINATING THOSE FEES WAS THE RIGHT THING
14 TO DO, IT TURNS OUT THAT THIS FUNDING FOR OUR D.V. PROVIDERS
15 HAS DECLINED, AS A RESULT OF THAT. AND I GUESS, THE LAST TWO
16 YEARS, LESS AND LESS PEOPLE HAVE GOTTEN MARRIED, SO WE HAVE
17 LOST SOME OF THE MARRIAGE LICENSE FEES, AS WELL. SO, YOU ARE
18 RIGHT IN ASKING TO LOOK FOR A STABILIZED FUNDING MECHANISM FOR
19 THE D.V. SERVICES. IT IS IMPORTANT. I JUST DON'T THINK WE CAN
20 LET IT DECLINE ANY MORE. AND IF WE NEED TO FILL THAT GAP, THEN
21 I THINK WE NEED TO STEP UP AND FILL THAT GAP, BECAUSE IN NO
22 SCENARIO CAN I IMAGINE THAT THIS VALUABLE SERVICE WOULD BE
23 UNDERFUNDED OR UNSURE OF WHAT THEIR FUNDING IS, BECAUSE THAT,
24 I THINK, IMPACTS HOW THEY OPERATE, AS WELL. SO, THANK YOU FOR
25 LEADING THE EFFORT ON THIS.

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2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU BOTH, AND THANK YOU,
3 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR CARRYING THE MOTION, AND REALLY WALKING
4 US DOWN KIND OF THE HISTORICAL LANE. THAT'S AN IMPORTANT
5 PERSPECTIVE TO SHARE: TO UNDERSTAND, KIND OF HISTORICALLY, HOW
6 THE NETWORK CAME TO BE. I THINK IT IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF HOW
7 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS ARE THE ONLY APPROPRIATE
8 ENTITIES TO PROVIDE THIS KIND OF NURTURE AND CARE AND SERVICE.
9 AND SO, AS WE TALK ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN C.B.O.S AND
10 GOVERNMENT, I THINK THIS IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF, THEY ARE THE
11 ONLY APPROPRIATE ENTITY TO DO THIS WORK. AS YOU WALK DOWN
12 MEMORY LANE, I AM REMINDED OF MY OWN EXPERIENCE IN SUPPORTING
13 A SHELTER IN MY DISTRICT, LONG BEFORE I WAS ELECTED-- THE
14 JENESSE CENTER-- IN THAT IT BEGAN TO CARVE OUT AND UNDERSTAND
15 THE IMPORTANCE OF CULTURAL COMPETENCE IN PROVIDING SERVICES TO
16 WOMEN, THEIR CHILDREN, AND FAMILIES DURING THIS VERY
17 VULNERABLE TIME. AND SO I AGREE WITH YOU. THE NETWORK IS
18 IMPORTANT. IT MUST BE SUPPORTED, WHEN WE RECOGNIZE THE DEPTH
19 OF SERVICES THAT ARE PROVIDED, TO HELP WOMEN NAVIGATING THEIR
20 WAY THROUGH THE FAMILY COURT SYSTEM. AND SO ALL OF THE
21 WRAPAROUND SERVICES THAT HAVE GROWN OVER TIME, AND
22 UNDERSTANDING, AND LEARNING, FOR ALL OF THE SHELTERS IN THE
23 NETWORK. AS THE AUTHOR OF SOME OF THOSE INITIAL FINES AND
24 FEES, ROLLBACK POLICIES AT THE STATE, WE WERE VERY CLEAR WHEN
25 WE INTRODUCED THAT LEGISLATION THAT IT WASN'T ABOUT NOT

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1 VALUING THE SERVICE; IT WAS ABOUT WHO SHOULD PAY FOR IT, AND
2 THAT THIS IS A FUNDAMENTAL ROLE OF GOVERNMENT, TO PAY THOSE
3 SERVICES. AND SO, AT THE STATE LEVEL, YOU KNOW, WE WERE VERY
4 CLEAR, AND THE THE GOVERNOR AT THAT TIME PUT MONEY BACK INTO
5 THE STATE BUDGET BEFORE HE WOULD EVEN SIGN THE BILL TO
6 ELIMINATE FINES AND FEES ACROSS THE BOARD. SO, FROM MY
7 PERSPECTIVE, THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT GOVERNMENT IS HERE
8 FOR: TO FUND THESE KIND OF SERVICES. SO, OF COURSE I AM GOING
9 TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. I DO HAVE A QUESTION FOR THE C.E.O.,
10 IN TERMS OF PROCESS FOR US, WITH REGARD TO THE BUDGET AND
11 TIMING. AND SO, MS. DAVENPORT, IF YOU COULD JUST HELP ME
12 UNDERSTAND. IN KEEPING WITH OUR ESTABLISHED BUDGET PROCESS AND
13 WHERE WE ARE IN THE PROCESS AT THIS POINT IN TIME, HOW WILL
14 BOARD MOTIONS THAT DIRECT YOUR OFFICE TO REPORT BACK ON THE
15 IDENTIFICATION AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES IMPACT THAT BUDGET?
16 YOU FOLLOW ME? IS THIS EARLY? IS THIS MIDWAY THROUGH? IS THIS
17 LATE? DOES THE PASSAGE OF THIS MOTION TODAY SEND A SIGNAL TO
18 YOU, IN TERMS OF PRIORITIES OF ALL OF OUR BOARD MOTION ASKS?
19 JUST HELP ME UNDERSTAND WHERE THIS FALLS IN THE PROCESS.

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21 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** YES. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL,
22 AND GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SO, FIRST OF ALL, I
23 WOULD SAY, IN LISTENING TO THE COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OFFICES
24 THAT HAVE SPOKEN, IT IS VERY CLEAR THAT THIS IS A PRIORITY.
25 ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THE C.E.O. IS CONSTANTLY CALLED UPON TO

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1 ENGAGE IN IS THE PRACTICE OF PRIORITIZING THE PRIORITIES. AND
2 SO, WE ARE PAST-- WE ARE ABOUT TO LAND THE PLANE ON OUR FINAL-
3 CHANGES BUDGET IN JUNE, AND THEN WE WILL BE MOVING TO OUR
4 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. AND SO, WHEN WE HAVE A REQUEST SUCH AS
5 THIS, AND BASICALLY THE OTHER MOTIONS THAT ARE ADOPTED BY
6 BOARD OFFICES, EVEN REQUESTS THAT WE RECEIVE FROM THE
7 DEPARTMENTS, WHAT WE TRY TO DO IS, FIRST, IDENTIFY A READILY
8 AVAILABLE FUNDING SOURCE. SO WE ARE LOOKING FOR, IS THERE A
9 SPECIAL FUNDING SOURCE THAT'S UNIQUELY DESIGNED TO FIT THIS
10 NEED? OR, HAVE WE PREVIOUSLY SET FUNDING ASIDE, AND WE WERE
11 JUST WAITING FOR THE TIME SUCH AS THIS, WHERE THE BOARD WAS
12 READY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM AND INITIATIVE? IF THAT DOESN'T
13 HAPPEN, THEN WE ARE LOOKING TO ALIGN THE REQUEST WITH ALL OF
14 THE OTHER PRIORITIES THAT WE ARE BALANCING DURING OUR BUDGET
15 PROCESS. AND THEN THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS THAT WE LOOK
16 AT. WE ARE LOOKING AT URGENCY. WE ARE LOOKING AT WHETHER
17 SOMETHING IS REQUIRED, OR WHETHER IT'S DISCRETIONARY. WE ARE
18 LOOKING AT, BASICALLY, OTHER COMPETING REQUESTS. TWO MONTHS
19 AGO, THERE COULD HAVE BEEN AN EQUALLY IMPORTANT, VERY
20 DESERVING INITIATIVE IDENTIFIED IN A MOTION THAT-- I AM SORRY,
21 I AM GETTING SOME FEEDBACK ON THE MICROPHONE. SOMEBODY IS NOT
22 MUTED.

23
24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

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1 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** SO, LET ME JUST END THERE BY SAYING,
2 SUPERVISOR, IF THERE IS NOT A READILY IDENTIFIABLE FUNDING
3 SOURCE, WE THEN ADD THAT REQUEST TO ALL OF THE OTHER THINGS
4 THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT. AND AGAIN, IT IS A BALANCING ACT THAT
5 IS ULTIMATELY DETERMINED BY A LIMITED SET OF RESOURCES,
6 PARTICULARLY IF THOSE RESOURCES ARE N.C.C., ARE NET COUNTY
7 COSTS. AND SO, TO THE EXTENT THAT THE BOARD HAS THESE MULTIPLE
8 PRIORITIES, AND IF THERE IS A SIGNAL THAT THIS IS URGENT--
9 THIS NEEDS TO BE PUT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE LINE, OR NEAR THE
10 BEGINNING OF THE LINE, WITH LIMITED FUNDING-- THAT BASICALLY
11 MEANS THAT SOMETHING ELSE WILL BE DEPRIORITIZED UNTIL A FUTURE
12 BUDGET PHASE, OR UNTIL NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET. SO, THERE ARE A LOT
13 OF FACTORS THAT WE LOOK INTO. EACH CASE IS A LITTLE BIT
14 DIFFERENT, DEPENDING ON THE INITIATIVE AND THE FUNDING SOURCE,
15 BUT IT REALLY DOES REQUIRE US TO ENGAGE IN A BALANCING ACT. WE
16 ARE TRYING TO PRIORITIZE THE BOARD'S PRIORITIES, BUT WE KNOW
17 THAT, AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE HAVE A LIMITED AMOUNT OF
18 FUNDING. AND SO, SOMETHING THAT IS BROUGHT LATE IN THE BUDGET
19 PROCESS, WE ARE ALREADY PLANNING WHAT WE HAVE PRESENTED TO THE
20 BOARD, IN TERMS OF THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET, AND THE BOARD IS
21 GOING TO VOTE ON THAT RECOMMENDED BUDGET IN JUNE. BUT IF
22 THERE'S A CHANGE IN THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS, UNLESS THERE'S
23 ADDITIONAL FUNDING, THAT USUALLY MEANS THAT SOME FUNDING FOR
24 SOMETHING ELSE IS EITHER DEPRIORITIZED OR DELAYED IN SOME
25 MANNER.

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2 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR, WE WERE ASKED BY THE C.E.O. TO AMEND
3 THIS TO ASK FOR THE REPORT-BACK IN SUPPLEMENTAL, WHICH IS
4 WHERE WE SEE A LOT OF REPORT-BACKS ON THINGS THAT THE BOARD--

5

6 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** AND THAT CONCLUDES MY ANSWER. I'M NOT
7 SURE IF YOU CAN HEAR ME, SUPERVISOR.

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** I CAN HEAR YOU.

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11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YES. WE CAN HEAR YOU. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU. ANYWAY, SO WE CHANGED IT TO
14 SUPPLEMENTAL, AS YOU REMEMBER, WHICH SEEMED MORE APPROPRIATE.

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** RIGHT. AND I APPRECIATE THE
17 CLARIFICATION AND THE EXPLANATION OF THE PROCESS FROM THE
18 C.E.O. I HAD A MOTION THAT I PULLED BACK, BECAUSE WE SAW
19 FUNDING WAS IDENTIFIED IN THE MAY REVISE, WHICH I WAS LIKE,
20 "GREAT." IT WAS A PROGRAM THAT HAD BEEN FUNDED THROUGH THE
21 STATE. THEY PUT IT IN THE MAY REVISE. GREAT. LET'S USE STATE
22 MONEY AND NOT OURS, BECAUSE WE HAVE AN EVER-GROWING UNMET
23 NEEDS ALLOCATION. AND SO, GREAT, AND I AM THRILLED TO HEAR
24 THAT, UPON RETIREMENT, YOU CAN GO TO SACRAMENTO AND SHAKE THE
25 MONEY TREES. THANK YOU. YOU CAN FEEL FREE TO GO SOONER. OH, I

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1 MEAN TO GO UP THERE TO SHAKE THE MONEY TREES, NOT LEAVE HERE.

2 NO! SHE KNOWS WHAT I MEANT.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** I KNOW WHAT YOU MEANT.

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SHEILA. ALL RIGHT.

7 SEEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS FROM COLLEAGUES, LET'S GO AHEAD AND

8 ENTERTAIN A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR

9 HAHN TO APPROVE ITEM 27. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE

10 ROLL.

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 27 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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18 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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22 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

23

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

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

5

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

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

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11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 31, ADVANCING A COUNTYWIDE PRE-
12 PETITION ADVOCACY MODEL FOR CHILD WELFARE, WHICH WAS HELD BY
13 SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR?

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU TO MY CO-
16 AUTHOR ON THIS, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THIS MOTION, COLLEAGUES,
17 WILL FILL A GAP AND PROVIDE FAMILIES WITH MUCH-NEEDED ACCESS
18 TO AN ATTORNEY, WHEN AN INVESTIGATION IS STARTED BY THE
19 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. RIGHT NOW, AN
20 ATTORNEY IS NOT PROVIDED FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN, UNTIL THE
21 CASE IS OPENED IN DEPENDENCY COURT, AND MANY BELIEVE THAT IS
22 FAR TOO LATE. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT RACE EQUITY ISSUE. WE KNOW
23 THAT MORE THAN HALF OF BLACK AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND NATIVE
24 AND INDIGENOUS FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WILL BE INVESTIGATED BY
25 D.C.F.S. BEFORE THEIR EIGHTEENTH BIRTHDAY. WE MUST MAKE SURE

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1 THAT PARENTS ARE AWARE OF THEIR LEGAL RIGHTS FROM THE VERY
2 START OF A D.C.F.S. INVESTIGATION, BEFORE IT GETS TO COURT.
3 AND WHILE IT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER-- AND I WANT TO MAKE
4 SURE EVERYONE HEARS ME SAYING THIS-- THAT ABUSE CASES ARE
5 PROPERLY INVESTIGATED AND CHILDREN ARE PROTECTED, FAR TOO MANY
6 TIMES, PARENTS ARE CHARGED FOR NEGLECT WHEN THE PROBLEM IS
7 REALLY ONE RELATED TO POVERTY. IT COULD BE A SOCIAL WORKER'S
8 INVESTIGATING A FAMILY THAT IS ABOUT TO BE EVICTED, OR A
9 FAMILY WITH LITTLE OR NO FOOD, AND THE GENERAL NEGLECT BOX IS
10 CHECKED, BECAUSE THERE'S NO ALTERNATIVE. THIS MOTION WILL
11 PROVIDE THOSE PARENTS ACCESS TO LEGAL ADVOCACY AT THE VERY
12 FIRST STAGE OF AN INVESTIGATION, AND IT WILL HELP SOCIAL
13 WORKERS DO THEIR JOBS. WITH THIS ADDITIONAL SUPPORT, FAMILIES
14 CAN BE CONNECTED TO RESOURCES THAT PROVIDE THEM WITH EXISTING
15 SOCIAL AND LEGAL SERVICES. WE KNOW THAT THE CHILD WELFARE
16 SYSTEM SOMETIMES SEPARATES OUR FAMILIES, WHEN ALL THEY NEEDED
17 WAS A LITTLE SUPPORT. OUR GOAL WITH THIS MODEL IS TO DECREASE
18 THE NUMBER OF FAMILIES THAT ENTER THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM BY
19 HALF IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. THE MORE WE CAN FOCUS ON AND
20 NARROW THAT DOOR INTO THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM, THE MORE WE
21 CAN PREVENT FAMILIES FROM ENTERING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM
22 AND HOMELESSNESS. IF WE CAN WRAP SUPPORT AROUND OUR FAMILIES,
23 THEY WILL CONTINUE TO THRIVE, HAVE THEIR VOICES HEARD, AND TO
24 MAKE THE BEST INFORMED DECISIONS FOR THEIR CHILDREN. I WANT TO
25 RECOGNIZE THE REIMAGINE CHILD SAFETY COALITION, WHO WAS

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1 OUTSIDE OF OUR HALL OF ADMINISTRATION THIS MORNING, AND MANY
2 OF THEM CALLED IN TO SUPPORT THIS. THIS COALITION IS MADE UP
3 OF NEARLY 40 ORGANIZATIONS, AND THEY HAVE MADE 11 DEMANDS OF
4 THIS BOARD SINCE LAST NOVEMBER. WE HEAR YOU, AND THIS MOTION
5 ADDRESSES ONE OF YOUR DEMANDS. AND IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO
6 DO. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, YOUR WORK. KEEP ON ELEVATING
7 YOUR VOICES AND THE COMMUNITY VOICES, EVERY STEP OF THE WAY. I
8 AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THIS
9 REPORT-BACK. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND I ALSO
14 WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR ALLOWING ME TO CO-AUTHOR
15 THIS MOTION. LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AS WE ALL KNOW, HAS THE
16 LARGEST CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM IN THE COUNTRY, AND WE CANNOT
17 CONTINUE TO DO BUSINESS AS USUAL. THIS MOTION IS EXACTLY THE
18 INNOVATIVE AND WORTHY INITIATIVE THAT THIS COUNTY NEEDS TO
19 TAKE ON, AND IT IS WHAT OUR FAMILIES ARE ASKING FOR, AND
20 DESERVE. PROVIDING LEGAL SERVICES EARLY IN A CASE IS EXACTLY
21 THE IMPACTFUL APPROACH TO PREVENTING SEPARATION OF THESE
22 FAMILIES. AND WE NEED TO PREVENT ENTRIES INTO FOSTER CARE
23 WHENEVER POSSIBLE, BUT THAT DOES NOT JUST MEAN JUST WISHFUL
24 THINKING ON THE COUNTY'S PART. INSTEAD, THAT MEANS SUPPORTING
25 FAMILIES AT AN EARLIER STAGE IN THE PROCESS. PREVENTION LEGAL

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1 SERVICE PROGRAMS ACROSS THE COUNTRY SHOW VERY PROMISING
2 RESULTS. THIS IS AN ISSUE, AS YOU KNOW, OF EQUITY. FAMILIES
3 WITH MEANS CAN HIRE AN ATTORNEY DURING THE INVESTIGATION
4 PHASE, BUT THOSE WITHOUT RESOURCES OR FUNDS CANNOT. THIS IS A
5 TRAGEDY, BECAUSE THESE ATTORNEYS ARE KEY, AS YOU KNOW, TO
6 HELPING FAMILIES REMAIN TOGETHER AND LEVERAGE THE MANY
7 SUPPORTS AND SERVICES THAT THE COUNTY HAS TO OFFER. THERE ARE
8 SO MANY RESOURCES IN OUR COUNTY, BUT THEY NEED TO BE
9 COORDINATED, AND WE NEED MORE CAPACITY TO SERVE THESE
10 FAMILIES. AND I, TOO, WANT TO THANK REIMAGINE CHILD SAFETY
11 COALITION, ALONG WITH THE CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER, A NEW WAY OF
12 LIFE, NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES, LOS ANGELES DEPENDENCY
13 LAWYERS, PUBLIC COUNCILS, AND OTHER PARTNERS FOR THEIR
14 ADVOCACY ON THIS ISSUE, NOT JUST TODAY, BUT EVERY SINGLE DAY.
15 THERE HAVE BEEN PILOTS HERE WITH OUR EXPECTED AND PARENTING
16 YOUTH, WHO ARE PROVIDED ATTORNEYS, PRE-PETITION, AND THERE ARE
17 OTHER SIMILAR INITIATIVES IN JURISDICTIONS ACROSS THIS
18 COUNTRY. THESE EFFORTS HAVE SHOWN THAT WHEN BIOLOGICAL PARENTS
19 HAVE REPRESENTATION PRE-PETITION, IT IS LESS TRAUMATIC.
20 OFTENTIMES, THERE ARE ANCILLARY ISSUES LIKE EVICTIONS,
21 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, IMMIGRATION STATUS, ACCESS TO FOOD AND
22 TRANSPORTATION, AND IT SHOULD NOT REQUIRE SEPARATION FROM
23 ONE'S CHILDREN FOR THESE ISSUES TO GET ADDRESSED. RATHER THESE
24 ISSUES SHOULD BE ADDRESSED OUTSIDE OF THE CHILD WELFARE
25 SYSTEM. THIS MOTION SEEKS TO DO JUST THAT, AND I AM SO EXCITED

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1 TO SEE IT MOVE FORWARD. THANK YOU AGAIN, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR
2 ASKING ME TO CO-AUTHOR.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU BOTH, SUPERVISORS HAHN AND
5 SOLIS, FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. WE KNOW THAT THE
6 RESEARCH COULD NOT BE CLEARER ABOUT THE CAUSES FOR CHILDREN
7 BEING IN THE SYSTEM, WHO THE CHILDREN ARE IN THE SYSTEM, AND
8 WHAT WE REALLY CAN DO TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THEIR
9 LIVES. I WOULD ASK THAT THE WORKGROUP REALLY WORK VERY CLOSELY
10 WITH OUR SACRAMENTO ADVOCATES, BECAUSE PAYING FOR THIS, MY
11 PERSPECTIVE IS REALLY IMPORTANT, TOO. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING TO
12 TRY TO EXPLORE TITLE IV-E FUNDING AS A WAY TO PAY FOR THESE
13 KIND OF SERVICES, SO I'M GOING TO KEEP MY FINGERS CROSSED. I
14 KNOW THAT THERE'S A BILL CURRENTLY IN THE LEGISLATURE THAT
15 WILL HELP REDEFINE NEGLECT. IF THAT DOESN'T MAKE IT THROUGH
16 THE PROCESS THIS YEAR, I THINK L.A. COUNTY SHOULD STEP FORWARD
17 AND RUSH THROUGH THAT DOOR NEXT YEAR, AS WELL. BECAUSE IF
18 TEXAS COULD FIGURE OUT HOW TO REDEFINE NEGLECT IN A WAY THAT
19 REDUCES THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN THEIR SYSTEM, WE CERTAINLY
20 SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO THE SAME. I THINK ALL OF THESE THINGS,
21 COUPLED WITH OUR BLIND REMOVAL PILOT, WE ARE WELL ON OUR WAY,
22 IN TERMS OF REALLY SEEING AND HEARING AND UNDERSTANDING THE
23 TRUE NEEDS OF FAMILIES AND CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN TOUCHED BY
24 THIS SYSTEM. AND WE HAVE THE POWER, I THINK, AND THE POLITICAL
25 WILL BEHIND OUR BACKS, TO MAKE A FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE VERY, VERY

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1 SOON, SO I AM PROUD TO BE A PART OF THAT PROCESS. HEARING NO
2 OTHER COMMENTS, IT'S BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED
3 BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
4 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 31 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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8 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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12 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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16 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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20 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

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

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5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 37, COMMENCEMENT OF THE L.A. COUNTY
6 VETERAN SUICIDE REVIEW TEAM ONE-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM, INITIATING
7 THE FIRST DEATH REVIEW, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR BARGER.
8 SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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10 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
11 KUEHL, FOR CO-AUTHORING THIS MOTION WITH ME, TO COMMENCE THE
12 LOS ANGELES COUNTY VETERAN SUICIDE REVIEW TEAM, OR BETTER
13 KNOWN AS V.S.R.T. FOR SHORT. THE MILITARY- AND VETERAN-
14 CONNECTED COMMUNITY HAS LONG HEARD THE STATISTICS OF 20
15 VETERANS DYING BY SUICIDE EVERY DAY. THE MOST RECENT REPORT
16 FROM THE V.A. INDICATES THAT, AS OF 2019, THE NUMBER OF
17 VETERAN SUICIDE DEATHS PER DAY HAD DECLINED TO 17.2 VETERANS.
18 WHILE THE DECREASE IN THE AVERAGE IS A POSITIVE, THERE ARE
19 STILL OPPORTUNITIES. THE MOST UPDATED DATA THE V.A. HAS IS AS
20 OF 2019, MEANING THE 2020 DATA WILL NOT BE RELEASED UNTIL THE
21 END OF 2022. SO THE DATA WE ARE USING IS AS OF 2019. AT THE
22 LOCAL LEVEL, POLICYMAKERS, PROVIDERS, AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT
23 SERVE VETERANS DO NOT HAVE THE NECESSARY LOCAL DATA TO MORE
24 PRECISELY DEVELOP SUICIDE PREVENTION EFFORTS AND STRATEGIES
25 THAT ARE TAILORED TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND THE LOCAL

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1 POPULATION. WHILE NATIONALLY, VETERAN SUICIDE RATES HAVE SEEN
2 A DECLINE, PRIMARILY, REVIEWS DONE BY THE COUNTY AND THE
3 GREATER L.A. V.A. SHOW THAT THE COUNTY VETERAN SUICIDE RATES
4 ARE INCREASING. THE V.S.R.T. REFLECTS LEADERSHIP OF MANY
5 INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING DR. JONATHAN SHERIN, DR. JONATHAN
6 LUCAS, WHO WERE INVALUABLE IN THEIR EFFORTS; MAYOR ERIC
7 GARCETTI, WHO WAS ONE OF THE FIRST TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
8 S.A.M.H.S.A. MAYOR'S CHALLENGE TO PREVENT SUICIDE; THE
9 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND THE V.A.,
10 SPECIFICALLY; THE V.I.S.N. 22; AND THE GREATER L.A. V.A.
11 THROUGH THE V.S.R.T., WE CAN BE LEADERS ON THIS ISSUE AND
12 SERVE AS A MODEL, BOTH IN CALIFORNIA, BUT ALSO NATIONALLY.
13 JUST AS IMPORTANT IS THAT WE WORK TO CREATE SOMETHING THAT CAN
14 BE REPLICATED FOR US TO EXPAND SUICIDE PREVENTION EFFORTS TO
15 OTHER GROUPS, AND ULTIMATELY THE ENTIRE POPULATION OF SUICIDE
16 DECEDENTS. THE WORK TO DEVELOP THE V.S.R.T. HAS BEEN DONE
17 WITHOUT ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THIS BOARD, WHICH IS TRULY
18 INDICATIVE OF WHAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH COLLABORATION
19 AND PARTNERSHIPS. HOWEVER, GOVERNOR NEWSOM RECENTLY ANNOUNCED
20 \$50 MILLION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CALIFORNIA VETERANS
21 INITIATIVE, TO COMBAT SUICIDE AND ADDRESS MENTAL HEALTH, SO WE
22 ARE WELL POSITIONED, AND SHOULD PURSUE ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDING
23 FROM THE STATE TO SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS MOVING FORWARD. I WANT
24 TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE THE WORK AND ADVOCACY BY
25 THE VETERAN COMMUNITY, AND EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO THE

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1 NUMEROUS VETERANS WHO HAVE WORKED TO GET THE V.S.R.T. TO THIS
2 POINT. AND ONE SUCH VETERAN IS MY OWN MILITARY AND VETERANS
3 AFFAIRS DEPUTY, WHO IS TRULY A REMARKABLE YOUNG MAN, WHO
4 YESTERDAY CELEBRATED HIS BIRTHDAY BY PREPARING THIS MOTION FOR
5 INTRODUCTION. TEN YEARS AGO, WHILE ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE ARMY,
6 HE CELEBRATED HIS BIRTHDAY IN A MEDICAL FACILITY FOR SUICIDAL
7 IDEATION AND MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT. WHILE HE COULD'VE BEEN
8 ONE ADDITIONAL STATISTIC, HE AND OTHERS LIKE HIM ARE SEEKING
9 TO REDUCE THE STATISTICS. FOR MANY OF THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO
10 HAVE SERVED IN OUR ARMED FORCES AND ARE WORKING TO IMPROVE
11 VETERAN SUICIDE RATES, IT IS A PROFESSIONAL ENDEAVOR AS MUCH
12 AS IT IS A PERSONAL ENDEAVOR. AND I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR HIM,
13 NUMBER ONE, WORKING ON THIS, BUT PUTTING HIMSELF OUT THERE TO
14 SHOW WHAT YOU CAN DO WHEN YOU HAVE THE SUPPORT OF YOUR
15 COMMUNITY, AND SHOW THAT THERE IS HOPE. THE BURDEN OF HAVING
16 SERVED THIS COUNTRY IS ONE VERY FEW HAVE SHOULDERED. THE
17 BURDEN OF HAVING TO LOSE A FELLOW BROTHER OR SISTER IN ARMS TO
18 SUICIDE IS ONE NO VETERAN SHOULD HAVE TO SHOULDER, AND ONE WE
19 CAN ALLEVIATE AND HELP PREVENT. SO I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE
20 WHO HELPED WITH THIS EFFORT, AND EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO THE
21 FAMILIES AND VETERANS OF THIS COUNTY. AND I CAN'T THINK OF A
22 MORE FITTING TUESDAY THAN THE ONE BEFORE MEMORIAL DAY. SO WITH
23 THAT, AGAIN, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND THANK YOU TO MY
24 AMAZING DEPUTY THAT TRULY POURED HIS HEART AND SOUL INTO THIS.
25 THANK YOU.

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1

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

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4 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. 53 YEARS AGO, I
5 WENT TO VIETNAM WITH THE U.S.O. AND ACCORDING TO THE U.S.O., I
6 CAME IN CONTACT WITH AND SPOKE WITH 10,000 YOUNG MEN. WE HAVE
7 TO COUNT THEM, BECAUSE THE U.S.O. ACTUALLY WAS PAID BY THE
8 ARMY, PER PERSON, THAT WE TALKED TO. I WAS JUST A T.V.
9 CELEBRITY-- YOUNG. I DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING, BUT I CAME HOME, TO
10 SOME EXTENT, FILLED WITH THE NIGHTMARES THAT I KNEW THAT THOSE
11 YOUNG MEN WERE GOING TO HAVE. AND I REMEMBER ONE CONVERSATION
12 WITH A YOUNG MAN WHO HAD JUST RE-UPPED TO SERVE ANOTHER GIG.
13 AND I SAID, "WHY DID YOU DO THAT?" AND HE SAID, "I JUST DON'T
14 THINK I CAN GO BACK TO MY PARENTS AND TELL THEM WHAT I HAVE
15 DONE HERE." AND THAT'S THE BEGINNING OF NIGHTMARE, AND ALSO
16 TRYING TO DEAL WITH IT. AND WE HAVE SEEN SO MANY MEN-- I MEAN,
17 OUR OWN FATHERS' GENERATION, WHO WOULDN'T TALK ABOUT WHAT THEY
18 HAD DONE IN WORLD WAR II, AND ON DOWN THROUGH BROTHERS AND
19 SONS. I WANT TO REALLY LIFT UP THE INCREDIBLE PARTNERSHIP,
20 INSIDE THE COUNTY AND OUTSIDE THE COUNTY, THAT IS WORKING ON
21 THIS WORK. SUPERVISOR BARGER, THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO CO-
22 AUTHOR. AND YOU HAVE MENTIONED SOME OF THE ORGANIZATIONS. I
23 WANT TO PRAISE AGAIN DR. SHERIN AND DR. LUCAS, BUT ALSO, I
24 WANT TO MENTION JIM ZENNER, TRACY ANDREWS, CARRY PIZANTI WITH
25 MENTAL HEALTH; PETER LU AND ANDY PERRY WITH THE C.I.O.'S

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1 OFFICE, AND C.E.O.; DR. SHARON BERMAN, MIKE FISHER, SANDRY
2 KRAMER AT D.D. HIRSCH; ANDREA WELSING, DR. STERNFLED, NICOLE
3 PARIS AT THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION; AND EVERYONE
4 WORKING WITH THEM. IT'S A HARD SLOG FOR THEM, AND VERY
5 EMOTIONAL WORK. IF WE PASS THIS MOTION TODAY, IT'S GOING TO BE
6 A MILESTONE FOR US, BECAUSE IT WILL INSTRUCT THE VETERAN
7 SUICIDE REVIEW TEAM TO COMMENCE DEATH REVIEWS NO LATER THAN
8 SEPTEMBER OF THIS YEAR. IT IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN
9 CALIFORNIA, AND I THINK ONE OF ONLY THREE IN THE UNITED
10 STATES. THIS EFFORT STARTED OVER A YEAR AGO, TO TRY TO FIGURE
11 OUT WAYS WE CAN BRING DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS
12 TOGETHER, TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE DATA AROUND VETERAN
13 SUICIDE. AND SO OUR DEPARTMENTS AND THEIR PARTNERS HAVE
14 STUDIED MODELS IN MONTANA, IN NEW YORK, TALKED TO EXPERTS IN
15 THE FIELD, TO TRY TO DEVELOP A SYSTEM THAT WORKS SPECIFICALLY
16 WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF SUICIDE PREVENTION IN OUR COUNTY. THE
17 COUNTY HAS LONG BEEN REQUIRED TO ANALYZE DATA AND REPORT IT TO
18 THE STATE THROUGH THE VIOLENT DEATH REPORTING SYSTEM, BUT THIS
19 NEW EFFORT TO CREATE THE VETERAN SUICIDE REVIEW TEAM IN L.A.
20 COUNTY WILL ENHANCE THE WORK AND ALLOW US TO LOOK AT FUTURE
21 OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERVENTION, PREVENTION, AND POSTVENTION
22 SERVICES. AS A RESULT OF THE EARLY WORK IN LOOKING AT THE
23 POSSIBILITY OF CREATING A SUICIDE REVIEW TEAM, THE C.I.O. AND
24 THE DEPARTMENT OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER CORONER LOOKED AT
25 SUICIDE DEATHS IN L.A. COUNTY BETWEEN 2015 AND 2019, AND

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1 MATCHED THOSE RECORDS ONE AT A TIME WITH V.A. DATA RECORDS, TO
2 TRY TO VERIFY THE VETERAN STATUS OF THESE PEOPLE. AND THE DATA
3 REVEALED THAT, OF THE ALMOST 4500 DECEDENTS IN THE CORONER'S
4 SUICIDE FILE, 546 OF WHOM MATCHED V.A. MEDICAL RECORDS, THAT
5 VETERANS WERE ABOUT 75% MORE LIKELY TO USE A FIREARM, CHOOSING
6 TO DIE BY SUICIDE; AND THAT RACE AND ETHNICITY AND GENDER AND
7 AGE ALL PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN ASSESSING
8 DISPROPORTIONALITY AMONGST THE DECEDENTS. THE DATA ALSO SHOWED
9 THAT BETWEEN 2017 AND 2018, THERE WAS A 16% INCREASE IN
10 VETERAN SUICIDES IN L.A. COUNTY, AND IT IS A TREND THAT HAS
11 JUST CONTINUED SINCE 2018. SO, AS NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL
12 ATTENTION IS GROWING AROUND SUICIDE DEATHS AMONG VETERANS,
13 OBVIOUSLY, WE NEED TO DO OUR BEST TO UNDERSTAND HOW WE MIGHT
14 HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PREVENT ANY OF THOSE DEATHS, AND INITIATE
15 POLICY AND PROGRAMMATIC CHANGES TO ENSURE THAT THE RATE OF
16 SUICIDE DEATHS STARTS TO DECREASE. I'M VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE
17 WORK OF THOSE INVOLVED. I WANT TO LIFT UP MY DEPUTY, STEPHANIE
18 COHEN, WHO HAS WORKED WITH THE V.A. ALL THROUGH THE TIME THAT
19 SHE HAS WORKED WITH ME, AND BEFORE, AND IS JUST COMPLETELY
20 DEVOTED TO THIS ISSUE, AND HAS DONE A GREAT DEAL OF WORK WITH
21 MANY OTHERS ON IT. SO THANK YOU, AND LET'S MAKE THIS CHANGE.
22 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, BOTH, TO
2 SUPERVISOR BARGER AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR BRINGING THIS
3 FORWARD. I USED TO WEAR ONE OF THOSE PLASTIC BRACELETS AT
4 MEMORIAL DAY AND VETERANS DAY, THAT JUST SAID, "22," BECAUSE
5 AT THAT POINT, WE WERE LOSING 22 VETERANS TO SUICIDE EVERY
6 DAY. EVERY DAY. AND IT IS A TOUGH STATISTIC, BECAUSE OF ALL
7 THE THINGS THAT YOU FEEL BAD ABOUT: HAVING VETERANS WHO
8 SOMEHOW SURVIVED THE BATTLEFIELD, SOMEHOW SURVIVED ALL THE
9 CHALLENGES THERE AND CAME HOME ALIVE, AND YET ARE SO TROUBLED
10 BY THEIR TIME IN THE SERVICE THAT THEY FEEL HOPELESS. SO, I
11 KNOW THIS IS JUST A PILOT PROGRAM, BUT I AM COMPLETELY
12 SUPPORTIVE OF IT. AND, YOU KNOW, THAT'S WHAT WE DO IN THE
13 COUNTY, RIGHT? WE START A PILOT PROGRAM, AND IF THEY'RE
14 SUCCESSFUL, WE CONTINUE TO DO THEM. AND SOMETIMES WE MAKE THEM
15 PERMANENT, AND I HOPE THIS IS ONE OF THOSE. OUR COUNTY HAS THE
16 LARGEST VETERAN POPULATION, AND WHAT WE DO, OF COURSE, IS
17 HIGHLY VISIBLE, AND IF SUCCESSFUL, IT WOULD BE GREAT IF THIS
18 PROGRAM WAS IMPLEMENTED IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS ACROSS THE
19 COUNTRY, TO HELP OUR NATION'S VETERANS. AND THANKS AGAIN TO SO
20 MANY WHO WORKED ON THIS. I DO WANT TO GIVE THANKS TO DR.
21 SHERIN AND DR. LUCAS FOR BEING A PART OF THIS. I AM GLAD THE
22 V.A. IS COCHAIR OF THIS VETERAN SUICIDE REVIEW TEAM. IT IS
23 IMPORTANT. I THINK THAT WE ALL COLLABORATE TO HELP OUR
24 VETERANS TOGETHER. I THINK THIS IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT

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1 DIRECTION. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
2 KUEHL, FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD TODAY.

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND AGAIN, THANK YOU TO THE
5 AUTHORS OF THIS VERY IMPORTANT MOTION. SEEING NO OTHER
6 COMMENTS, ITEM 39 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER,
7 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE
8 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 37 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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12 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES.

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

15

16 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

23

24 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

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

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9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ITEM 39, COORDINATING FAITH-
10 BASED OUTREACH COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, WHICH WAS HELD BY
11 SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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13 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR
14 HAHN FOR CO-AUTHORING THIS MOTION WITH ME. I HAVE BEEN
15 SUPPORTIVE OF INCLUDING OUR FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY AND HOUSES
16 OF WORSHIP IN COUNTY PROGRAMS AND OUTREACH FOR QUITE SOME
17 TIME. I AM PERSONALLY AWARE OF WONDERFUL PROGRAMS BEING RUN BY
18 CHURCHES TO HELP OUR FOSTER YOUTH, TO HELP PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
19 HOMELESSNESS, AND TO GET HELP IN HIGH-NEED POPULATIONS. AND
20 THE ONE THAT COMES TO MIND, THAT I'M SURE YOU ALL KNOW, IS IN
21 PASADENA-- ALL SAINTS-- WHO NEVER SAYS NO WHEN WE ASK THEM FOR
22 SUPPORT, WHETHER IT BE WITH OUR FOSTER YOUTH, WITH HELPING THE
23 HOMELESS. I MEAN, THE LIST GOES ON AND ON. THEIR OUTREACH HAS
24 HELPED FOSTER YOUTH IN FAITH-BASED COMMUNITIES, AND HAS GIVEN
25 THEM A SAFE PLACE FOR VISITATIONS, HAS PROVIDED EMERGENCY

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1 SHELTERS OR FURNITURE, OR BABY SUPPLIES FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE
2 BEEN TAKEN INTO OUR FOSTER SYSTEM. SOMETIMES, AWAY FROM THEIR
3 FAMILY AT THE LAST MINUTE, WITH NO PREP TIME, THESE FAMILIES
4 HAVE MADE SPACE WHEN ASKED TO BRING IN A FOSTER YOUTH, AND
5 WORKING WITH A FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY CAN HELP TO MAKE THIS A
6 LESS TRAUMATIC TRANSITION, AND IN SOME CASES MADE THE
7 TRANSITION A LITTLE EASIER, ALTHOUGH IT IS NEVER EASY TO TAKE
8 A CHILD OUT OF A HOME, AS WE HEARD TODAY. AS I LOOKED AROUND
9 AND HAVE SEEN THE EXAMPLES OF OUR DIFFERENT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
10 REACHING OUT TO FAITH COMMUNITIES, I HAVE FOUND THAT THERE IS
11 NOT A CENTRAL, COORDINATING ENTITY TO ENSURE THAT OUR OUTREACH
12 IS NOT OVERWHELMING TO FAITH COMMUNITIES. I WANT TO CELEBRATE
13 THAT OUR DEPARTMENTS ARE CONSIDERING AND REACHING OUT TO
14 FAITH-BASED COMMUNITIES, AS ONE COMMUNITY THAT COULD BE OF
15 ASSISTANCE TO SHARING INFORMATION AS A TRUSTED COMMUNITY
16 MESSENGER TO PROVIDE NEEDED SUPPORT, OR EVEN PROVIDING SAFE
17 PLACES FOR VISITATION, OR EVEN PARKING, WHICH IS WHAT WE HAVE
18 REACHED OUT TO THEM WHEN WE'VE TALKED ABOUT THE HOMELESS
19 SITUATION. I AM AWARE OF SEVERAL HOUSES OF WORSHIP WHO HAVE
20 PARTNERED WITH OUR OFFICE TO HOLD FOOD DISTRIBUTION EVENTS
21 OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, PROVIDING VOLUNTEERS, AND ALLOWING
22 THE COUNTY TO UTILIZE THEIR SPACE FOR FREE. I BELIEVE, AS WE
23 HOLD COMMUNITY EVENTS AND LEARN BEST PRACTICES, WE CAN WORK ON
24 ENSURING OUR HOUSES OF WORSHIP AND OUR FAITH-BASED COMMUNITIES
25 AND ORGANIZATIONS ARE NOT OVERWHELMED BY COUNTY REQUESTS, AND

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1 THIS WILL HELP TO EDUCATE OUR DEPARTMENTS ON BEST WAYS TO
2 ENGAGE WITH THESE ORGANIZATIONS. I HAVE HEARD FROM SEVERAL
3 FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND HOUSES OF WORSHIP OVER THE PAST
4 SEVERAL YEARS, AND ONE ISSUE THAT HAS COME UP IS THAT MANY OF
5 THESE HOUSES OF WORSHIP ARE DOING ALL THEY CAN TO ASSIST THE
6 COUNTY, BUT SOMETIMES FINANCIAL CHALLENGES, OR JUST CHALLENGES
7 IN IDENTIFYING VOLUNTEERS, HAS PROVEN DIFFICULT. AND I THINK
8 THAT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT VACCINATIONS, ONE OF THE AREAS WE
9 LOOKED TO WAS TO FAITH-BASED, BECAUSE PEOPLE TRUST IN THEIR
10 CONGREGATION, AND IN THEIR REVEREND, PRIEST, WHATEVER; RABBI.
11 AND SO WE LOOKED TO THEM TO PARTNER WITH US TO BUILD THAT
12 TRUST AND EDUCATE PEOPLE ABOUT THE VALUE OF GETTING
13 VACCINATED. SO, I WANT TO THANK YOU AGAIN, SUPERVISOR HAHN,
14 FOR YOUR CO-AUTHORING THIS MOTION WITH ME. I THINK THIS IS
15 GOING TO BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO REALLY PUT TOGETHER A
16 PROGRAM THAT WILL CENTRALIZE, BUT ALSO COORDINATE WITH OUR
17 FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY, AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES MOVING
18 FORWARD. THANK YOU.

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

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22 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
23 BARGER, FOR ASKING ME TO JOIN YOU. I TRULY BELIEVE THAT OUR
24 FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR NETWORKS ARE CRITICAL TO
25 THE SAFETY-NET SERVICES, AND PROVIDE RESOURCES FOR OUR

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1 COMMUNITIES, SOMETIMES WHERE THE COUNTY CANNOT. I HAVE
2 WITNESSED IN MY DISTRICT HOW OUR FAITH COMMUNITY HAS HELPED
3 WITH HOMELESSNESS, FOCUSED ON SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES, PROVIDED
4 FOOD PANTRIES, HELPED WITH SOCIAL ISOLATION FOR OLDER ADULTS,
5 MENTORSHIP FOR YOUTH, OUTREACH FOR VACCINATIONS, AS YOU SAID,
6 AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT. THE FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY IN THE COUNTY
7 IS STRONG. IT'S DEEPLY INGRAINED AND TRUSTED IN OUR
8 COMMUNITIES, AND THEY HAVE AN UNBELIEVABLE NETWORK. COUNTY
9 DEPARTMENTS OFTEN ENGAGE WITH FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, WITH
10 REQUESTS FROM THEIR OWN PERSPECTIVES. HOWEVER, IT IS USUALLY
11 REQUESTS THAT ARE OFTEN TOO SIMILAR. THIS MOTION TODAY WILL
12 HELP MAKE NECESSARY CONNECTIONS TO FAITH PARTNERS ALL OVER THE
13 COUNTY, THAT WE KNOW ARE READY AND WILLING TO HELP IN A
14 COHESIVE AND COORDINATED WAY, BY HELPING TO CREATE A
15 PERMANENT, COORDINATED FAITH-BASED PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM. AND
16 THIS IS VITAL TO THE COUNTY'S WORK. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THIS
17 WILL CONNECT FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS WITH ONE ANOTHER, TO
18 ILLUMINATE BEST PRACTICES AND FOCUS ON CIVIC PARTNERSHIPS TO
19 HELP ADDRESS THE MOST PRESSING SOCIAL ISSUES, WHILE CATALYZING
20 THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS REPORT-BACK TO
21 DETERMINE BEST PRACTICES, TO MAKE THIS PARTNERSHIP PERMANENT.
22 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU BOTH VERY MUCH
25 FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD, BECAUSE I HAVE TO SAY, ONCE

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1 I JOINED THE BOARD, A YEAR AND A HALF AGO NOW, IT WAS THE
2 FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND LEADERS IN MY OWN COMMUNITY THAT
3 WERE THE FIRST TO REACH OUT TO ME. AND WE HAVE HELD MULTIPLE
4 MEETINGS, AND I HAVE TO SAY, I FOUND MYSELF A LITTLE DEFENSIVE
5 IN MANY INSTANCES, WHERE FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS SAID, "YOU
6 NEED US, BUT YOU DON'T OFTEN LISTEN TO US. YOU COME TO US WHEN
7 YOU NEED US TO DELIVER, BUT WE WANT TO BE PARTNERS. WE ARE
8 SOCIAL SERVICE DELIVERY ORGANIZATIONS. WE PROVIDE CRITICAL
9 SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY." THEY TOLD ME THAT THE TERM "FAITH-
10 BASED" HAS SHOWN UP, IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS, 48 TIMES IN
11 DIFFERENT MOTIONS. AND YET, IT LACKS COORDINATION, IT LACKS
12 CONSISTENCY. THEY SAID, "WE'RE NOT A MONOLITHIC GROUP. SOME OF
13 US ARE SERVICE PROVIDERS, SOME ARE NOT." SO I WAS REALLY
14 PLEASED, AFTER THE... LECTURE I GOT FROM MANY OF THE LEADERS
15 IN MY COMMUNITY, TO SEE THIS MOTION COME FORWARD, SO I CAN GO
16 BACK AND SAY, "I HEARD YOU LOUD AND CLEAR. THIS IS A MOTION
17 COMING FORWARD TO ADDRESS MANY OF THE IMPORTANT ISSUES THAT
18 YOU HAVE RAISED." AND I WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS
19 WITH THOSE LEADERS, WHO HAVE BEEN LEADERS IN D.C.F.S. MANY OF
20 THEM ARE FOSTER CARE AGENCIES AND PROVIDERS DIRECTLY,
21 THEMSELVES, AND UNDERSTAND THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF FAMILIES IN
22 THAT SYSTEM. AS YOU SAID, SUPERVISOR BARGER, THEY STEPPED UP
23 WITHOUT HESITATION AROUND TESTING AND VACCINATION MESSAGING,
24 SO WE DEEPLY APPRECIATE THAT. I HOPE THAT, IN THE REPORT-BACK,
25 THAT OUR SEARCH FOR FUNDING WOULDN'T FOCUS SOLELY ON

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1 PHILANTHROPIC DOLLARS, BUT REALLY, AS WE TALK ABOUT
2 COORDINATION, IN THAT MANY OF THEM ARE PROVIDING DIRECT
3 SERVICES, THAT WE ALSO LOOK AT PUBLIC RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THE
4 NATURE OF THE WORK THEY'RE DOING ON BEHALF OF COUNTY
5 RESIDENTS. SO, THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR THIS MOTION. I WILL BE
6 PROUD TO SUPPORT IT TODAY, TO MAKE THIS RELATIONSHIP AND THE
7 COORDINATION OF THIS SYSTEM PERMANENT AND REAL IN THE EYES OF
8 FAITH-BASED LEADERS AND ORGANIZATIONS. SEEING NO ADDITIONAL
9 COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS, ITEM 39 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
10 SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE
11 ITEM. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 39 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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15 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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19 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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23 **SUP. HAHN:** AMEN. I MEAN, AYE.

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

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2 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

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

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12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 45, FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 HOMELESS
13 INITIATIVE FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS, WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP
14 WITH ITEM 79-G, ACCELERATED IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW MEASURE H
15 FRAMEWORK, WHICH WERE HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR?

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17 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. EVERY YEAR, I HAVE CONCERNS
18 ABOUT THE TIMING OF WHEN WE HAVE TO APPROVE OUR MEASURE H
19 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS. AND THIS YEAR, I HAVE A FEW MORE THAN
20 USUAL. I THINK IT IS A MISTAKE, EVERY YEAR, WHEN WE APPROVE
21 THESE RECOMMENDATIONS BEFORE WE GET THE RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL
22 HOMELESS COUNT. I FEEL STRONGLY THAT THE DATA THAT WE GET FROM
23 THAT SHOULD BE GUIDING WHERE WE DIRECT THIS FUNDING, AND WHAT
24 STRATEGIES WE FOCUS ON. AND ALSO, JUST TWO WEEKS AGO, THIS
25 BOARD UNANIMOUSLY PASSED MY MOTION, WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER,

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1 CREATING A NEW FRAMEWORK FOR MEASURE H, CONSOLIDATING THOSE 47
2 STRATEGIES INTO FIVE NEW STRATEGIES, WITH THREE DISTINCT
3 CATEGORIES THAT FOCUS ON WHAT IS THE CORE OF OUR SYSTEM:
4 OUTREACH, INTERIM HOUSING, AND PERMANENT HOUSING. BUT THE
5 MEASURE H FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS BEFORE US TODAY DO NOT
6 INCORPORATE ANY OF THAT WORK. TO BE HONEST, I KIND OF WANTED
7 TO APPROVE ONLY A FEW MONTHS OF MEASURE H FUNDING-- WE USED TO
8 DO SOMETHING IN CONGRESS CALLED A "CONTINUING RESOLUTION,"
9 THAT WE'D JUST SORT OF KICK THE CAN DOWN THE ROAD A LITTLE
10 BIT-- AND WAIT FOR THE NEW MEASURE H FRAMEWORK TO APPROVE THE
11 REST OF THIS FISCAL-YEAR SPENDING. BUT I WAS CONVINCED BY
12 CHERI AND OTHERS THAT THIS WOULD CREATE PROBLEMS FOR OUR
13 SERVICE PROVIDERS, AND THEN FOR THOSE WE ARE TRYING TO HELP.
14 BUT I DON'T WANT TO WASTE AN ENTIRE YEAR FUNDING THE OLD
15 STRATEGIES, WHEN I BELIEVE WE HAVE DEVELOPED NEW AND BETTER
16 ONES. SO THAT'S WHY ITEM 79-G, WHICH I AM HOLDING TOGETHER
17 WITH THIS, ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THAT WE'LL-- I HOPE
18 THAT WILL ALLOW US TO PASS THESE FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS, AND
19 THEN MAKE SURE WE CAN SMOOTHLY TRANSITION TO THE NEW, FINAL
20 RECOMMENDATIONS, USING THOSE NEW, CONSOLIDATED STRATEGIES,
21 ONCE THEY ARE AVAILABLE IN 2023. SO, MY MOTION OF 79-G DIRECTS
22 OUR HOMELESS INITIATIVE TO REPORT BACK IN 60 DAYS ON THE
23 PROCESS AND THE TIMELINE OF GETTING THOSE NEW RECOMMENDATIONS,
24 AND THEN BRINGING THEM TO THIS BOARD IN JANUARY OF 2023, FOR
25 US TO INCORPORATE THEM. AND IF WE HAVE TO DO SOME SHIFTING, WE

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1 WILL BE ABLE TO DO THAT. SO, THANK YOU, CHERI TODOROFF, FOR
2 WORKING WITH MY STAFF, AND HELPING TO CRAFT THIS MOTION. THIS
3 YEAR'S MEASURE H BUDGET COMES IN AT OVER \$500 MILLION. THAT'S
4 A LOT OF MONEY. AND I THINK OUR TAXPAYERS WANT TO MAKE SURE
5 THAT WE ARE INVESTING THOSE DOLLARS THE RIGHT WAY, TO GET
6 PEOPLE OFF THE STREET AND INTO THE HOMES AS EFFECTIVELY AS WE
7 CAN. I AM GOING TO VOTE TODAY IN FAVOR OF THESE FUNDING
8 RECOMMENDATIONS, WITH SOME RESERVATIONS, BECAUSE I DON'T
9 REALLY WANT TO BE A PERSON THAT DOUBLES DOWN ON STRATEGIES
10 THAT WE MAY FIND OUT, IN THE END, ARE NOT WORKING AS WELL AS
11 WE WANT THEM TO, AND OTHER STRATEGIES DESERVE, MAYBE, MORE
12 FUNDING. SO, HAVING THEM COME BACK TO US IN 60 DAYS AND TELL
13 US HOW THEY ARE GOING TO KIND OF REWORK IT, AND BRING IT BACK
14 TO US IN JANUARY OF 2023, I BELIEVE, IS THE RIGHT APPROACH.
15 SO, I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THOSE NEW RECOMMENDATIONS NEXT
16 JANUARY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOLLOWED BY
19 SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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21 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, FOR RECOGNIZING
22 ME. I ALSO WANT TO THANK CHERI TODOROFF, OF THE HOMELESS
23 INITIATIVE, FOR HER TEAM'S WORK ON THIS YEAR'S MEASURE H
24 BUDGET. AS THE COUNTY CONTINUES TO RECOVER FROM THE PANDEMIC,
25 I AM GLAD THAT THE FISCAL YEAR '22/'23 BUDGET CREATIVELY

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1 AVOIDS ANY CURTAILMENT TO SERVICES. AND I AM ALSO THRILLED TO
2 SEE THAT THERE ARE \$20 MILLION IN FISCAL YEAR '22/'23 BUDGET
3 ALLOCATED TO EITHER COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT OR LOCAL
4 JURISDICTIONS THAT AGREE TO TACKLE HOMELESSNESS AT A
5 SUBREGIONAL LEVEL. COUPLED WITH THE 10 MILLION INTERIM HOUSING
6 FUND FOR CITIES AND C.O.G.S, AND THE 10 MILLION MADE AVAILABLE
7 FOR JURISDICTIONS INTERESTED IN APPLYING TO THE STATE'S
8 PROJECT HOMEKEY, THIS YEAR WE HAVE ALLOCATED \$40 MILLION TO
9 SUPPORT LOCAL EFFORTS TO BOLSTER HOMELESS SERVICE SYSTEMS.
10 THIS IS A HISTORIC INVESTMENT FOR SOME OF OUR CITIES, AND I AM
11 APPRECIATIVE TO CHERI FOR WORKING WITH THE BOARD TO MAKE THIS
12 HAPPEN. WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD LETTER, WE WILL ALSO BE
13 GIVING AUTHORITY TO THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE TO ENTER INTO
14 MULTIYEAR AGREEMENTS WITH LOCAL JURISDICTIONS. THIS, IN MY
15 OPINION, WILL REDUCE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDENS FOR CITIES, AND
16 ENCOURAGE MULTIYEAR PLANNING FOR CITIES TO TACKLE
17 HOMELESSNESS. I KNOW MANY CITIES IN MY OWN DISTRICT WHO
18 ADMINISTER MEASURE H FUNDING, INCLUDING BALDWIN PARK, EL
19 MONTE, MONTEBELLO, SOUTH EL MONTE, AND POMONA, WILL BE VERY
20 APPRECIATIVE OF THIS. AND I AM VERY EXCITED TO SEE INCREASED
21 INVESTMENT IN OUR PERMANENT HOUSING STRATEGIES. AS A REGION,
22 WE KNOW THAT WE NEED TO INVEST MORE IN PERMANENT HOUSING TO
23 PULL OURSELVES OUT OF THIS CRISIS. THAT WAS ALWAYS THE VISION
24 OF MEASURE H, AND I AM GLAD TO SEE THIS TRANSITION, AS MORE
25 PERMANENT HOUSING UNITS COME ONLINE TO SUPPORT OUR UNHOUSED

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1 NEIGHBORS. I ALSO WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR HER MOTION
2 TO ACCELERATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW STRATEGIES
3 FRAMEWORK. THE NEW HOMELESS STRATEGIES HIGHLIGHT THE
4 IMPORTANCE OF PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR C.O.G.S AND OUR CITIES, AND
5 PROVIDES MANY EXAMPLES OF HOW WE CAN STRENGTHEN OUR HOMELESS
6 SERVICE SYSTEM THROUGH CO-INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES. MANY OF
7 THESE EXAMPLES WERE INITIATIVES THAT I SPEARHEADED, INCLUDING
8 PROVIDING FUNDING TO SUPPORT SERVICES AT CITY-SANCTIONED
9 INTERIM HOUSING SITES, SUPPORTING CITIES AND TRIBAL ENTITIES
10 IN APPLYING TO THE STATE'S PROJECT HOMEKEY, BY COMMITTING
11 COUNTY FUNDING FOR SERVICES AT THOSE SITES, AND PROVIDING
12 MEASURE H FUNDS TO CITIES AND C.O.G.S FOR LOCAL HOMELESSNESS
13 PROJECTS. IT IS CRITICAL THAT WE BEGIN TO IMPLEMENT THE NEW
14 STRATEGY FRAMEWORK, SO THAT WE CAN QUICKLY EXPAND ON THOSE
15 INITIATIVES. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THE CHANGE IN OUR
16 HOMELESS SERVICE SYSTEM THROUGHOUT THE EXPEDITIOUS
17 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS NEW STRATEGY FRAMEWORK. AT A TIME WHEN
18 ANGELENOS ARE DEMANDING A BETTER RESPONSE TO HOMELESSNESS,
19 THESE CHANGES SHOW OUR CONSTITUENTS, AS WELL, THAT WE CAN
20 CONTINUE TO THINK CREATIVELY ABOUT HOW TO SOLVE ONE OF THE
21 BIGGEST CHALLENGES FACING LOS ANGELES COUNTY AT THIS TIME.
22 THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I ALSO AM GOING TO THANK YOU,
2 CHERI TODOROFF, AND YOUR ENTIRE TEAM, ACTUALLY, BECAUSE I KNOW
3 THAT YOU'VE HAD A LOT ON YOUR PLATE OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF
4 MONTHS, WORKING WITH ALL OF US, AND YOU DID AN INCREDIBLE JOB,
5 PUTTING TOGETHER THESE RECOMMENDATIONS. ADDITIONALLY, I ALSO
6 WANT TO THANK OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND L.A.H.S.A. STAFF, WHO
7 WORKED COLLABORATIVELY WITH THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, AS WELL AS
8 OUR CITIES WHO WEIGHED IN ON THE PROCESS, SOMETHING THAT I
9 KNOW CITIES IN MY DISTRICT, AND I AM SURE THROUGHOUT THE
10 COUNTY, REALLY APPRECIATED BEING A PART OF THIS DIALOGUE. IT
11 SPOKE TO, REALLY, WHAT WE NEED TO DO, AND THAT IS
12 COLLABORATION. AND I AM SO ENCOURAGED THAT WE HAVE DEVELOPED A
13 COLLABORATIVE, FLEXIBLE, NEW FRAMEWORK THAT WILL GUIDE OUR
14 MEASURE H FUNDING. AND I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR
15 PASSING THE MOTION THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN AND I CREATED TO
16 ESTABLISH THIS NEW FRAMEWORK FOR OUR MEASURE H STRATEGIES. AS
17 A BOARD, WE HAVE DEDICATED A LOT OF OUR TIME, ATTENTION, AND
18 RESOURCES ON HOMELESSNESS. I KNOW EACH ONE OF US IS
19 WHOLEHEARTEDLY COMMITTED TOWARDS TACKLING THIS HUMANITARIAN
20 CRISIS. WITH THE APPROVAL OF TODAY'S MEASURE H FUNDING
21 RECOMMENDATIONS, I REALLY, TRULY BELIEVE WE ARE TAKING THE
22 RIGHT STEPS TOWARD RENEWING THE PUBLIC'S CONFIDENCE IN THE
23 COUNTY'S ABILITY TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITIES AND THOSE LIVING ON
24 THE STREETS. SUPERVISOR HAHN, THE MOTION THAT YOU HAVE TODAY
25 WILL HELP THE COUNTY TEAM BEGIN EXPEDITING SOME OF THE NEW

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1 FRAMEWORK RECOMMENDATIONS, AND IT DOES AIM TO ALLEVIATE SOME
2 OF THE BURDEN PREVIOUS MEASURE H BUDGET TIMELINES HAVE PLACED
3 ON OUR STAFF. IT ALSO PROVIDES US WITH MUCH-NEEDED NIMBLENESS
4 AND FLEXIBILITY BY HAVING OUR C.E.O. HOMELESS INITIATIVE TEAM
5 SUBMIT MID-YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS, IN ALLOWING US TO
6 TRANSITION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AS NECESSARY. THIS IS A
7 CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THING THAT WE MUST DO, AS WE CONTINUE TO
8 WORK WITH OUR CITIES AND IMPLEMENT THE CHANGES OUTLINED IN THE
9 NEW FRAMEWORK AND VARIOUS REFORMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE BLUE-
10 RIBBON COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS. I WOULD LIKE TO ALSO
11 QUICKLY THANK TWO OF MY CITIES, PASADENA AND GLENDALE, FOR
12 THEIR ONGOING FEEDBACK AND COMMITMENT TO SERVING THE UNHOUSED
13 WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONS. BOTH HAVE THEIR OWN CONTINUUM OF
14 CARE, AND HAVE BEEN ASKING FOR THE COUNTY TO GIVE MORE
15 FLEXIBILITY IN THEIR USE OF MEASURE H FUNDING ALLOCATIONS.
16 RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 5 IS GOING TO TAKE THAT ASK, AND HAVE
17 THE C.E.O. HOMELESS INITIATIVE REASSESS ITS FUNDING ALLOCATION
18 METHODOLOGIES FOR OUR COUNTY'S THREE CONTINUUMS OF CARE. I
19 ALSO WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT THIS YEAR'S MEASURE H
20 RECOMMENDATIONS ARE PIVOTAL, AS WE CONTINUE TO SEE MORE
21 FUNDING COMING IN LOCALLY AND FROM STATES TO SERVE OUR
22 VULNERABLE POPULATIONS. IF WE CONTINUE TO WORK WITH OUR LOCAL
23 PARTNERS, AND ARE WILLING TO CONTINUALLY ASSESS OUR
24 STEWARDSHIP OF THESE MONIES, I AM CONFIDENT WE WILL MAKE
25 SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS. AS THE SUNSET

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1 DATE OF MEASURE H APPROACHES, IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO BE
2 GOOD STEWARDS OF THOSE PUBLIC DOLLARS, ESPECIALLY IF WE WANT
3 TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE THESE RESOURCES, MOVING FORWARD. I WILL
4 CONTINUE TO IMPROVE THIS YEAR'S MEASURE H FUNDING
5 RECOMMENDATIONS, AND SUPERVISOR HAHN-- AND I BELIEVE
6 SUPERVISOR SOLIS IS THE CO-AUTHOR ON THAT MOTION. IS IT ON THE
7 GREEN SHEET? SO, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AS WELL, TO ACCELERATE THE
8 IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR MEASURE H FRAMEWORK. AND YOU CAN COUNT
9 ON MY SUPPORT. AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT THIS COMES AT
10 A TIME WHEN I REALLY DO BELIEVE-- AND THIS IS, I GUESS, TO
11 YOU, FESIA. WE NEED TO BUILD OUT OUR NARRATIVE, BECAUSE OTHERS
12 ARE BUILDING OUT A NARRATIVE THAT CONTRADICTS EVERY ACTION THIS
13 BOARD IS TAKING. SO I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US, AS WE TAKE
14 THESE ACTIONS, TO PUT THEM INTO, FOR LACK OF A BETTER TERM,
15 LAYMAN'S TERMS, TO GET OUT THE WORD OF WHAT WE ARE DOING.
16 BECAUSE OTHERS ARE CREATING A NARRATIVE THAT IS CONTRADICTORY
17 TO EVERY ACTION THAT THIS BOARD HAS TAKEN OVER, REALLY, THE
18 LAST SIX MONTHS, BUT OVER THE LAST MONTH, IN PARTICULAR. AND
19 SO I HOPE THAT WE CAN WORK TOWARD ROLLING OUT, REALLY, WHAT
20 DIFFERENCES IT'S GOING TO MAKE, NOT JUST IN A MOTION, BUT IN
21 TERMS OF SERVICES. I MEAN, YOU LOOK AT THE MOTION THAT
22 SUPERVISOR KUEHL BROUGHT IN TODAY ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. WE
23 KNOW THAT THERE IS A CORRELATION BETWEEN THOSE PEOPLE ON THE
24 STREET, AND THE FACT THAT THEY ARE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC
25 VIOLENCE. SO, IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT THE MOTIONS THAT ARE

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1 SPECIFICALLY SPEAKING ABOUT MEASURE H DOLLARS. IT IS ABOUT
2 WHAT WE, AS A COUNTY, ARE DOING TO ADDRESS EVERY COMPONENT OF
3 WHAT IT TAKES TO KEEP PEOPLE FROM BECOMING HOMELESS. SO, I
4 WILL JUST LEAVE IT WITH THAT, BECAUSE, I MEAN, I'VE BEEN
5 GETTING E-MAILS BECAUSE, EVIDENTLY, THERE'S A NEW CAMPAIGN OUT
6 THERE, AND I JUST FEEL IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO DRIVE OUR
7 NARRATIVE BASED ON FACTS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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11 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. WELL, PEOPLE
12 TOLD ME WHEN I FIRST RAN FOR OFFICE, IF YOU WANT PEOPLE
13 RUNNING UP AND YELLING, "THANK YOU, THANK YOU," THIS IS NOT
14 THE WAY TO GET IT. PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE RUNNING UP AND
15 GOING, "WHY DIDN'T YOU? WHY DIDN'T YOU?" AND AS SUPERVISOR
16 BARGER INDICATED, I MEAN, SOME OF OUR COLLEAGUES, I'LL SAY,
17 SPECIFICALLY IN THE CITY OF L.A., SEEM TO PUT A LOT OF ENERGY
18 INTO MAKING VIDEOS, AND A LOT LESS ENERGY INTO GETTING PEOPLE
19 OFF THE STREET; CERTAINLY, LESS THAN WE HAVE MADE. I WANT TO
20 SAY, EVERY YEAR-- LET'S JUST PUT IT OUT THERE: OVER THE PAST 5
21 YEARS AND MORE, WE HAVE DRAMATICALLY SCALED UP THE HOUSING AND
22 SERVICES THAT ARE NEEDED TO REHOUSE THOSE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING
23 HOMELESSNESS. TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE EVERY YEAR INTO
24 PERMANENT HOUSING; AND IN MANY INSTANCES, SHELTER HOUSING AND
25 TEMPORARY, LOOKING FOR PERMANENT HOUSING. OVER THE LAST TWO

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1 YEARS, OUR DEPARTMENTS AND L.A.H.S.A. AND OUR PROVIDERS, AND
2 SOME OF OUR NONPROFIT CITY PARTNERS, HOUSED THOUSANDS OF
3 VULNERABLE PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN MOTELS, IN A
4 MATTER OF WEEKS, AND OPENED HUNDREDS OF ISOLATION AND
5 QUARANTINE BEDS, DISTRIBUTED THOUSANDS OF MEALS TO PEOPLE
6 LIVING OUTSIDE, WHO WE COULDN'T GET INTO HOUSING QUICKLY
7 ENOUGH, AND JUST NEEDED SOME HELP, AND SET UP OTHER LIFESAVING
8 EFFORTS. AND WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE, WE BOUGHT 22
9 HOTELS AND MOTELS, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DEVELOPERS, TO BE USED
10 INDEFINITELY AS HOUSING FOR FAMILIES AND ADULTS EXPERIENCING
11 HOMELESSNESS. STILL, AS WE'VE HEARD-- AND IN SOME WAYS, CAN'T
12 BLAME PEOPLE IN THE PUBLIC-- THIS GREAT PROGRESS, IT'S HARD TO
13 RECOGNIZE, BECAUSE OF THE VISIBILITY OF STREET HOMELESSNESS
14 AND THE MAGNITUDE OF INFLOW. I MEAN, IF YOU GO-- EVERY TIME
15 THEY CLEAR OUT THE WHOLE CITY OF TENTS UNDER THE BRIDGE A
16 BLOCK FROM MY HOUSE, ON CENTINELA AND PICO, TWO DAYS LATER,
17 THERE IS A WHOLE NEW SET OF TENTS, BUT THEY'RE DIFFERENT
18 PEOPLE. AND THERE ARE PEOPLE FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS EVERY
19 DAY. THE INFLOW IS A REMINDER THAT THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS HAS
20 ITS ROOTS IN AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS. PEOPLE ARE HOME-
21 LESS OR UN-HOUSED. AND IF WE WANT TO TRULY END HOMELESSNESS,
22 WE HAVE TO CONTINUE LOOKING UPSTREAM, AND PREVENTING PEOPLE
23 FROM BECOMING HOMELESS, WHICH WE DISCUSSED EARLIER IN THE DAY,
24 WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT A.R.P.A. FUNDING. THIS BUDGET ALSO SHOWS
25 HOW RESPONSIVE CHERI AND THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE HAVE BEEN TO

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1 FEEDBACK FROM COMMUNITY PROVIDERS, SO THAT THIS YEAR WE'RE
2 APPROVING A BUDGET A MONTH EARLIER, AS YOU INDICATED, ENSURING
3 THAT CONTRACTS GET OUT IN TIME. PROVIDERS AREN'T LEFT HAVING
4 TO FRONT MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAT THEY DON'T HAVE. WE'VE
5 SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED HOW MUCH WE'RE PROVIDING TO CITIES AND
6 TO C.O.G.S, AND TAKING THE FIRST STEP TO ADOPT THE FRAMEWORK
7 THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN HAS SPOKEN OF: A PRACTICAL AND SPECIFIC
8 PLAN TO REORIENT THE SYSTEM TO STOP MORE PEOPLE FROM FALLING
9 INTO HOMELESSNESS, AND REHOUSE MORE PEOPLE, FASTER. SO THIS
10 THOUGHTFUL ADOPTION IS IMPORTANT TO ENSURE THAT THE CHANGES WE
11 ARE MAKING DON'T INADVERTENTLY HARM THE PEOPLE WE'RE TRYING TO
12 SERVE. I WANT TO THANK CHERI, I WANT TO THANK THE C.E.O., FOR
13 TRULY INNOVATIVE AND CRITICAL RETHINKING ON HOW THE COUNTY CAN
14 EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS. AND I WANT TO THANK JANICE
15 FOR ENCOURAGING US TO START WORK ADOPTING THIS NEW FRAMEWORK
16 EARLIER, EARLIER, EARLIER. IT'S A THOUGHTFUL AND RESPONSIBLE
17 IMPLEMENTATION-- I THINK, A GOOD BALANCE ADOPTING TODAY-- SO
18 THAT IT WON'T IMPACT SERVICE DELIVERY AND THE VERY PEOPLE WE
19 RELY ON, BUT STILL SAYING, "OKAY, TIME FOR THIS FRAMEWORK TO
20 GO." SO, I'M JUST GOING TO SAY AGAIN, I'M PROUD OF THE
21 PROGRESS WE'VE MADE AND THE INVESTMENTS THAT WE'RE MAKING IN
22 THIS YEAR'S BUDGET: THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE BUDGET, THE
23 COUNTY'S BUDGET. IT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER TO CEMENT THOSE
24 GAINS AND DOUBLE DOWN ON INVESTMENTS IN UPSTREAM PREVENTION
25 AND REHOUSING, AND WE'RE DOING IT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND I WANT TO JUST
3 SAY, DITTO, KUDOS, APPLAUSE, TO COMMENTS MADE BY EVERYONE. I
4 WILL NOT REPEAT WHAT YOU'VE SAID, BUT I JUST WANT TO ADD AN
5 ADDITIONAL ELEMENT FROM MY PERSPECTIVE. SEEING THE SHEER
6 NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ARE ON OUR STREETS EVERY DAY IS PAINFUL
7 TO EVERYONE. AND YES, WE HAVE DONE GREAT WORK IN THE LONG
8 TERM, MIDTERM, SHORT TERM, TO ADDRESS THAT, AND YET WE STILL
9 SEE IT EVERY DAY WHEN WE LEAVE OUR HOMES. THAT'S OUR REALITY.
10 AND WHAT ALL OF US HAVE TO CONFRONT AND ACKNOWLEDGE, MEMBERS
11 OF THE PUBLIC, ELECTED OFFICIALS, IS IT DIDN'T HAPPEN
12 OVERNIGHT. WE ARE EXPERIENCING THE FALLOUT OF A DECADE-PLUS OF
13 A DOWNTURNED ECONOMY, WHICH IMPACTED PUBLIC FUNDS AND HOW WE
14 COULD INVEST, WHERE WE COULD INVEST. THIS WAS AKIN TO A SLOW
15 BURN. AND EVERY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT TOOK THEIR TURN AT CUTTING
16 PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORTED PEOPLE OVER TIME, THAT CREATED THE
17 SCENARIO WE'RE EXPERIENCING. YOU TALKED ABOUT THE REDUCTION IN
18 FUNDING FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND HERE WE SEE PEOPLE. WE KNOW
19 THE CHANGE IN THE DIFFERENCE IN TERMS OF HOW WE TREAT PEOPLE
20 SUFFERING FROM SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS OVER THE LAST SEVERAL
21 DECADES. THE ECONOMY, THAT SALARIES HAVE NOT KEPT UP WITH
22 INFLATION. PEOPLE CAN'T AFFORD THE RENT. WE CUT THE
23 ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS WHEN THE STATE WAS BROKE. WE CUT CALWORKS
24 SIGNIFICANTLY, AND, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OUR COUNTY'S
25 HISTORY, SAW THE NUMBER OF CALWORKS RECIPIENT FAMILIES WHO

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1 WERE UNHOUSED JUST GO OFF THE CHART. SO, THIS HAS BEEN DECADES
2 IN THE MAKING. AND THE ONLY REASON I REMIND US OF THAT IS
3 BECAUSE, AS WE TALK ABOUT THE IMMEDIATE FIX, LIKE BUILDING,
4 BUILDING, BUILDING, WE CAN'T LOSE SIGHT OF THOSE OTHER
5 FINANCIAL INDICATORS THAT HELPED GET US HERE. SO, WHEN WE
6 ULTIMATELY CATCH UP BY BUILDING THE NUMBER OF UNITS WE NEED TO
7 HOUSE EVERY ANGELENO, WE CAN'T LOSE SIGHT OF THOSE OTHER
8 SOCIAL SUPPORT, HEALTH SUPPORT, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
9 THAT ALLOW PEOPLE TO STAY HOUSED, ALLOWS PEOPLE TO ESTABLISH
10 STABILITY IN THEIR HOUSEHOLDS AND IN THEIR PERSONAL ECONOMIES,
11 TO ALLOW THEM TO STAY HOUSED. WE HAVE TO, FRANKLY, AS
12 GOVERNMENT, DO ALL THOSE THINGS. I AM CLEAR THAT, TODAY,
13 HOUSING IS THE MOST CRITICAL PIECE OF SOLVING HOMELESSNESS,
14 AND FRANKLY, IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO STOP THE TIDAL WAVE OF
15 PEOPLE ENTERING OUR STREETS. AND WHEN I SAY "HOUSING," I MEAN
16 THE ENTIRE FLOW OF HOUSING, FROM SHELTERS TO BOARD-AND-CARE
17 FACILITIES, RECUPERATIVE CARE, INTERIM HOUSING FOR FAMILIES,
18 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING: THE DIVERSITY OF HOUSING
19 NECESSARY FOR THE APPROPRIATE CONNECTION TO SERVICES AND
20 COMMUNITY. THAT'S, WHEN I SAY "HOUSING," WHAT I MEAN, BECAUSE
21 I THINK IT'S JUST VITALLY IMPORTANT. SUPERVISOR HAHN, I HEAR
22 YOU, AND I GET THE FACT THAT GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE NIMBLE AND
23 WORK SMARTER VERSUS HARDER. JUST BECAUSE THE VOTERS HAD THIS
24 BRIGHT IDEA IN 2017 DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE SHOULDN'T LEARN FROM
25 WHAT WE'VE EXPERIENCED SINCE THEN; TO BE BROADER IN TERMS OF

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1 HOW WE DO WHAT WE DO. SO I GET THAT. SO, I'M HAPPY TO SUPPORT
2 THE MOTION TODAY, AND JUST WANT TO REMIND US THAT, YES, THE
3 COUNTY HAS DONE GREAT WORK; HAS DONE PHENOMENAL WORK. AND YET,
4 WE ALL SEE THE LACK OF HUMANITY ON THE STREETS EVERY DAY. AND
5 SO WE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO BE MINDFUL OF HOW PEOPLE GOT THERE,
6 SO WE'RE NOT SHORTSIGHTED AND TOO NARROW IN DEFINING WHAT OUR
7 SOLUTIONS ARE. WE HAVE TO KEEP OUR FOOT ON THE ACCELERATOR, IN
8 TERMS OF PROVIDING SERVICES THAT PEOPLE NEED, TO BE HOUSED AND
9 STAY HOUSED, AND TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES.
10 SEEING NO OTHER COMMENTS FROM SUPERVISORS, WE WILL TAKE THESE
11 ITEMS UP IN CONCERT, AS YOU REQUESTED, SUPERVISOR HAHN. SO
12 WE'LL START WITH ITEM 45, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED
13 BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
14 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 45 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

19

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

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

23

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

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

2

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

4

5 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE

6

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

8 MITCHELL?

9

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

11

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

13 5-0.

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 79-G IS BEFORE US FOR APPROVAL.

16 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

17 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 79-G IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

22

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

24

25 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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1

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

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

9

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

11 MITCHELL? SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

12

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

14 5-0.

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL MOVE TO ITEM 58, WALNUT

17 PARK POCKET PARK DEVELOPMENT AND STORMWATER CONSTRUCTION

18 PROJECTS, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR?

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** THANKS, MADAM CHAIR. I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT THIS

21 ITEM, BECAUSE I JUST WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT HOW IMPORTANT PARKS

22 ARE TO OUR RESIDENTS IN L.A. COUNTY, EVEN POCKET ONES. WE

23 TALKED ABOUT THE PUENTE HILLS LANDFILL MAJOR COUNTY REGIONAL

24 PARK, BUT YOU KNOW WHAT? TO THE COMMUNITY OF WALNUT PARK, THIS

25 POCKET PARK COMING IS PROBABLY JUST AS IMPORTANT. BUT I WANTED

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1 TO START OFF BY RECOGNIZING SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S WORK, AND HER
2 STAFF, TO REALLY BRING THIS PARK INTO FRUITION. BEFORE
3 REDISTRICTING, WALNUT PARK WAS IN SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S DISTRICT,
4 AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK HER FOR HER VISION AND HER
5 LEADERSHIP IN GETTING THIS PROJECT STARTED. AND NOW I HAVE THE
6 PRIVILEGE OF SEEING THIS PROJECT THROUGH. I THINK WE'RE ALL
7 GOING TO EXPERIENCE THAT A LITTLE BIT. WE WERE WORKING ON
8 PROJECTS IN CERTAIN PARTS OF OUR DISTRICT, AND THEN
9 REDISTRICTING HAPPENED, AND ANOTHER SUPERVISOR IS GOING TO GET
10 TO TAKE ALL THE CREDIT AT THE RIBBON-CUTTING. BUT AS LONG AS
11 WE ALL REMEMBER IT TOOK ALL OF OUR HARD WORK BEFORE
12 REDISTRICTING, AFTER REDISTRICTING, TO ULTIMATELY BRING
13 SOMETHING TO L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS. TODAY, WHAT WE ARE DOING
14 IS APPROVING THE PROJECT BUDGET, AND WE'RE DIRECTING OUR
15 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
16 FOR THE NEW WALNUT PARK POCKET PARK. IT HISTORICALLY, AS
17 SUPERVISOR SOLIS KNOWS, HAS BEEN A VERY PARK-POOR COMMUNITY,
18 WHICH IS WHY, IN 2019, OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND REC
19 ACQUIRED ONE OF THE LAST UNDEVELOPED PROPERTIES IN THAT AREA,
20 TO BRING MORE OPEN SPACE TO THE COMMUNITY. AND DURING THE
21 COMMUNITY OUTREACH PERIOD FOR THIS PROJECT, THE RESIDENTS OF
22 WALNUT PARK SHOWED UP IN BIG NUMBERS TO SHARE THEIR INPUT AND
23 IDEAS FOR THIS NEW LITTLE PARK. AND OUR PARK STAFF RECALLED
24 THAT THESE COMMUNITY MEETINGS WERE SOME OF THE MOST
25 INTERACTIVE AND ENGAGED COMMUNITY MEETINGS THAT THEY HAD SEEN

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1 IN A LONG TIME, AND IT JUST SHOWS HOW IMPORTANT PARKS ARE TO
2 OUR RESIDENTS. AND THIS NEW, HALF-ACRE POCKET PARK WILL
3 INCLUDE A PLAYGROUND, A SPLASH PAD, A LAWN, A PICNIC AREA,
4 FITNESS EQUIPMENT, RESTROOM, SHADE STRUCTURES, AND AN OFFICE
5 SPACE. AND THANKS TO FUNDING THROUGH OUR CLEAN, SAFE WATER
6 PROGRAM, THIS PARK WILL ALSO INCLUDE A STORMWATER CAPTURE
7 ELEMENT TO DIVERT AND CAPTURE BOTH URBAN AND STORMWATER
8 RUNOFF. SO, ONE OF THE HARDEST-WORKING PARKS THAT WE'RE GOING
9 TO BUILD. AND WE'RE GOING TO ENGAGE OUR YOUTH, SUPERVISOR
10 SOLIS, IN THIS PROJECT, BY HIRING LOCAL YOUTH, AND THE
11 CONSERVATION CORPS MEMBERS WILL ASSIST IN THE INSTALLATION OF
12 PARK AMENITIES. THIS IS A \$9 MILLION PROJECT AND IT'S SET TO
13 START CONSTRUCTION LATER THIS SUMMER, AND HOPEFULLY WILL BE
14 COMPLETED BY AUGUST OF 2023. AND JUST AGAIN, A SHOUT-OUT TO
15 NORMA GARCIA, OUR COUNTY PARKS, THE STAFF. THEY REALLY DO MAKE
16 LIFE BETTER FOR ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS, AND THIS WILL BE ONE
17 MORE PARK THAT I THINK WILL, FOR GENERATIONS TO COME, BRING A
18 LOT OF JOY TO THAT COMMUNITY. SO, THANKS, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I
19 GOT IT FROM HERE.

20
21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO
22 SPEAK?

23
24 **SUP. SOLIS:** I JUST WANT TO SAY, CONGRATULATIONS, JANICE,
25 SUPERVISOR HAHN. AND I WANT TO THANK OUR STAFFS. I WANT TO

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1 THANK KIMBERLY ORTEGA, WHO WAS MY FIELD REP AND DIRECTOR OUT
2 THERE DURING THE 7 YEARS THAT I WAS WORKING ON THAT PARK.
3 TAKES A LONG TIME, EVEN FOR A POCKET PARK, BUT THE COMMUNITY
4 NEEDS IT. THEY ARE VERY PARK-POOR, AND IT MEANS THE WORLD TO
5 THEM. SO, I'M SO GLAD THAT WE COULD HELP OUT, AND NOW THE
6 BALL'S IN YOUR COURT, SO GO FLY. THANK YOU. AND I ASK FOR YOUR
7 AYE VOTE, TOO.

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** GREAT. I DON'T HAVE TO BE INVITED TO THE
10 RIBBON-CUTTING, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO BE INVITED TO THE OPENING
11 DAY OF THE SPLASH PAD. THOSE ARE MY FAVORITE THINGS IN THE
12 WHOLE WIDE WORLD. ANY OTHER COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM? SEEING
13 NONE, ITEM 58 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED
14 BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
15 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 58 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

20

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

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

24

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

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

3

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

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

7

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

9 MITCHELL?

10

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

12

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

14 5-0.

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THE ONLY SPECIAL WE HAD, WE

17 TOOK CARE OF EARLIER, IN OUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ANTONIO

18 JIMENEZ, SO THERE ARE NO ADDITIONAL SPECIALS ON OUR AGENDA.

19 SO, WITH THAT, AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR

20 OUR ADJOURNMENTS, AND WE'LL BEGIN WITH DISTRICT 1, SUPERVISOR

21 SOLIS.

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN

24 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ROBERTO DE LA

25 CRUZ. BOBBY DE LA CRUZ HELPED TRANSFORM THE LIVES OF HUNDREDS

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1 OF THOUSANDS OF WORKING PEOPLE DURING HIS 50 YEARS IN THE
2 LABOR MOVEMENT, INCLUDING 20 YEARS WITH S.E.I.U., WHO HAS LOST
3 A TRUE WARRIOR FOR ITS MEMBERS AND FOR WORKERS EVERYWHERE. HE
4 STARTED WITH ORGANIZING IN THE FARM WORKERS MOVEMENT, PLAYING
5 A KEY ROLE IN THE NATIONAL GRAPE BOYCOTT AND SERVING ON THE
6 EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE UNITED FARM WORKERS. AT S.E.I.U., HE
7 WORKED IN THE WESTERN REGION, HELPING JANITORS, HOME CARE
8 WORKERS, PUBLIC SERVICE WORKERS, AND MANY OTHERS UNITE AND WIN
9 KEY VICTORIES. HE WAS A PASSIONATE ADVOCATE FOR IMMIGRANT
10 WORKERS, SERVING IN THE PIVOTAL ROLES OF S.E.I.U., IN THE FAST
11 FOR FAMILIES CAMPAIGN ON THE NATIONAL MALL IN 2013, AND THE
12 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SELMA TO MONTGOMERY MARCH IN 2015,
13 THAT BROUGHT TOGETHER THE CIVIL RIGHTS AND IMMIGRANT RIGHTS
14 MOVEMENT. BOBBY ALWAYS GOT THE JOB DONE, AND HIS RELENTLESS
15 SPIRIT WAS SO INFECTIOUS. HE HAD A DEEP LOVE FOR THE PEOPLE OF
16 THE CENTRAL VALLEY, AND INSISTED THAT THE UNION MOVEMENT HAD
17 TO DIG IN AND BUILD POWER FOR THE LONG HAUL. THE LABOR
18 MOVEMENT HAS LOST A GIANT. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. I MOVE THAT
19 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SERGEANT
20 CHRISTOPHER BRACKS. ON TUESDAY, MAY 10TH, 2022, WHILE TAKING
21 PART IN THE NATIONAL POLICE WEEK UNITY TOUR IN NEW JERSEY,
22 SERGEANT CHRISTOPHER M. BRACKS, WHO WAS ASSIGNED TO THE WALNUT
23 DIAMOND BAR SHERIFF'S STATION, PASSED AWAY AFTER SUFFERING A
24 MEDICAL EMERGENCY. SERGEANT BRACKS WAS A HUSBAND, FATHER,
25 FRIEND, MARINE, AND A 16-YEAR VETERAN OF L.A.S.D. HE STARTED

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1 HIS CAREER AS A DEPUTY ON APRIL 12, 2006, AND WORKED IN
2 SEVERAL UNITS, INCLUDING TWIN TOWERS CORRECTIONAL FACILITY,
3 LAKEWOOD STATION, C.O.P.S. BUREAU, TRANSIT SERVICE BUREAU. HE
4 WAS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF SERGEANT ON JULY 24, 2016, AND
5 ASSIGNED TO TWIN TOWERS CORRECTIONAL FACILITY. HE THEN
6 TRANSFERRED TO WALNUT DIAMOND BAR STATION, HIS LAST UNIT OF
7 ASSIGNMENT. SERGEANT CHRISTOPHER M. BRACKS PROUDLY SERVED AS A
8 MARINE IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS FROM MARCH 2000
9 THROUGH MARCH 2008, AS A FIELD RADIO OPERATOR AND CIVIL
10 AFFAIRS NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER, REACHING A RANK OF SERGEANT
11 E-5. HE SERVED WITH THE 3RD CIVIL AFFAIRS GROUP, THE 1ST
12 MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, OUT OF CAMP PENDLETON; AND WHILE
13 IN THE MARINE CORPS, SERGEANT BRACKS WAS MOBILIZED TO KOSOVO,
14 IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION JOINT GUARDIAN; AND IRAQ TWICE, IN
15 SUPPORT OF OPERATION NOBLE EAGLE AND OPERATION ENDURING
16 FREEDOM. HE QUALIFIED AS A MARINE RIFLE EXPERT, AND EARNED THE
17 ARMED FORCES RESERVE MEDAL WITH "M" (MOBILIZATION) DEVICE,
18 NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION,
19 SEA SERVICE DEPLOYMENT RIBBON, GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE
20 MEDAL, AND GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL. HE
21 COMPLETED 7 TOURS IN IRAQ. HE RECEIVED HIS MASTER'S IN
22 BUSINESS MANAGEMENT IN 2020, THROUGH THE VETERAN PROGRAM. MAY
23 HE REST IN PEACE.

24
25 **SUP. HAHN:** CAN WE HAVE ALL MEMBERS ON THAT ONE?

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1

2 **SUP. SOLIS:** SURE.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. SOLIS:** I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
7 MEMORY OF JOSSARA JINARO. ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2022,
8 VETERAN LOS ANGELES ACTRESS JOSSARA JINARO PASSED AWAY OF
9 CANCER AT AGE 48. THE BRAZILIAN-BORN ACTRESS STARTED APPEARING
10 IN HOLLYWOOD TELEVISION SHOWS IN 1998. TWO YEARS LATER, JINARO
11 LANDED HER FIRST RECURRING ROLE ON THE TELEMUNDO COMEDY "VIVA
12 VEGAS!" AS VIRGINIA BUSTOS. IN 2004, SHE LANDED ANOTHER
13 RECURRING ROLE ON C.B.S. DRAMA "JUDGING AMY," AS ACTOR CHEECH
14 MARIN'S DAUGHTER. JINARO THEN TRANSITIONED TO N.B.C.
15 DRAMAS "E.R." AND "PASSIONS." RAE, HER ROLE ON "PASSIONS," WAS
16 NOMINATED, IN 2006, A G.L.A.A.D. AWARD. JINARO JOINED THE CAST
17 OF THE HIGHLY ACCLAIMED HULU ORIGINAL SHOW "EAST LOS HIGH" IN
18 2013, ABOUT THE DIFFICULT EXPERIENCES OF A TEENAGER GROWING UP
19 IN EAST LOS ANGELES. SOME OF HER FILM CREDITS INCLUDE OLIVER
20 STONE'S "WORLD TRADE CENTER," WITH MAGGIE GYLLENHAAL AND
21 MICHAEL PENA, AND ROB ZOMBIE'S "DEVIL'S REJECTS," AMONGST A
22 FEW OTHERS. JINARO WAS A WIFE, AND MOTHER OF TWO, ARTIST, AND
23 FRIEND. SHE HAD A BEAUTIFUL AND KIND SOUL, AND WOULDN'T TAKE
24 NO FOR AN ANSWER. EVEN IN HER LAST MOMENTS, SHE WAS STILL
25 FIGHTING. I ASK THAT WE REMEMBER HER, AND THAT SHE REST IN

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1 PEACE. SHE WAS A CLOSE FRIEND, RELATIVE TO ONE OF MY
2 COLLEAGUES, MANUEL BACA, WHO SERVES AS A BOARD OF TRUSTEE ON
3 MOUNT SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE. AND LASTLY, MADAM CHAIR, I WISH TO
4 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THOSE WE LOST IN BUFFALO, NEW YORK, AND I
5 WANT TO LIST THEIR NAMES: ARON SALTER, RUTH WHITFIELD, PEARLY
6 YOUNG, KATHERINE MASSEY, DEACON HEYWARD PATTERSON, CELESTINE
7 CHANEY, ROBERTA A. DRURY, MARGUS D. MORRISON, ANDRE MACKNEIL,
8 GERALDINE TALLEY. I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO SAY THE NAMES OF THOSE
9 WE LOST IN LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA: DR. JOHN CHENG. AND RIGHT
10 HERE AT GRAND CENTRAL MARKET IN DOWNTOWN L.A., WE DO NOT KNOW
11 THE NAME OF THIS INDIVIDUAL, BUT WE ADJOURN, ALSO, IN THIS
12 PERSON'S MEMORY. MANY WERE ALSO INJURED DUE TO THESE
13 SHOOTINGS, SUCH AS 3 KOREAN WOMEN WHO WERE INJURED AT A HAIR
14 SALON IN KOREATOWN IN DALLAS, TEXAS; THREE WHO WERE INJURED IN
15 THE RACIST MASS SHOOTING IN BUFFALO, NEW YORK; AND 4 WERE
16 INJURED IN A POLITICALLY MOTIVATED MASS SHOOTING IN LAGUNA
17 WOODS IN ORANGE COUNTY. COMMUNITIES ARE GRIEVING THE IMPACT OF
18 GUN VIOLENCE AND RACIST IDEOLOGY, AND THEY ARE WORRIED ABOUT
19 THEIR SAFETY ATTENDING CHURCH, GOING TO WORK, OR SIMPLY
20 GROCERY SHOPPING. HATE COUPLED WITH ACCESS TO A GUN IS A
21 DANGEROUS COMBINATION. WE CAN'T NORMALIZE THESE MASS
22 SHOOTINGS. WE CANNOT NORMALIZE THESE DEADLY WHITE SUPREMIST
23 VIEWS, SUCH AS THE GREAT REPLACEMENT THEORY. WE DESERVE TO
24 LIVE IN A SOCIETY WITH STRONG GUN CONTROL MEASURES, SO OUR
25 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES CAN FEEL A SENSE OF SAFETY. RECENTLY, I

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1 DIRECTED OUR COUNTY COUNSEL TO REPORT BACK WITH AN ORDINANCE
2 TO REGULATE GUNS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, ONE OF THE MANY
3 ACTIONS I WILL TAKE ON BEHALF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS.
4 MY THOUGHTS ARE WITH ALL THOSE IMPACTED BY THESE TRAGIC
5 EVENTS. MAY THEIR SOULS REST IN PEACE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** THAT'S ALL OF US, RIGHT?

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH, THAT'S ALL OF US.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, OTHER MEMBERS ARE
12 ASKING IF WE COULD BE ADDED TO YOUR LAST ADJOURNMENT IN
13 MEMORY.

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS:** ABSOLUTELY. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I APPRECIATE THAT, AND IT'S DIFFICULT
18 FOR ME TO FATHOM THAT SOULS CAN ACTUALLY REST IN PEACE, WHEN
19 THEY WERE LOST SENSELESSLY. YES, WE, AS GOVERNMENT, MUST AND
20 CAN DO ALL WE CAN TO REGULATE ACCESS TO FIREARMS, BUT ALL OF
21 US, AS A PEOPLE, HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE ADDRESS THIS WHITE
22 SUPREMACIST IDEOLOGY THAT EMBOLDENS AND EMPOWERS PEOPLE TO
23 TAKE INNOCENT LIFE. SO, I THANK YOU FOR THAT ADJOURNMENT. I
24 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
25 EARNESTENE WILSON. MS. WILSON WAS BORN MAY 6, 1933, IN

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1 MAGNOLIA, ARKANSAS, AND PASSED AWAY THIS PAST APRIL 23RD, AT
2 THE AGE OF 88. I'M GOING TO ASK SUPERVISOR HAHN TO JOIN ME IN
3 THIS ADJOURNMENT. SHE RELOCATED TO L.A. IN 1957, AND WAS A
4 PROUD RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT FOR OVER 65 YEARS. SHE
5 WAS A DEDICATED COUNTY EMPLOYEE, WHO BEGAN WORKING FOR THE
6 SECOND DISTRICT IN 2003, AND PROUDLY SERVED ITS CONSTITUENTS
7 FOR MANY YEARS, AS A LIAISON FOR THE UNINCORPORATED
8 COMMUNITIES OF ATHENS, WILLOWBROOK, AND EAST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ,
9 WHERE SHE ASSISTED WITH SENIOR CITIZEN-RELATED MATTERS. SHE
10 ALSO SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE WATTS HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION
11 BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND WAS THE OLDEST LIVING MEMBER OF THE
12 WELCOME MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH. MS. WILSON ENJOYED COOKING,
13 GOING TO CHURCH, DESIGNING CHOIR ROBES, AND MAKING BRIDESMAID
14 DRESSES. IN 2011, SHE WAS RECOGNIZED AS SENIOR OF THE YEAR BY
15 THE WILLOWBROOK SENIOR CENTER, FOR HER DEDICATION AND
16 COMMITMENT TO HER COMMUNITY. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A
17 LOVING MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER, AND GEGE, AS WELL AS A BEAUTIFUL
18 WOMAN WHO LOVED HER COMMUNITY AND GOD. MS. WILSON WAS PRECEDED
19 IN DEATH BY HER ONLY CHILD, JOE THOMPSON. SHE IS SURVIVED BY
20 HER 4 GRANDSONS: DEMETRIUS, JERMAINE, JOE, AND MARCUS; 6
21 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN: DYLAN, JORDAN, MORGAN, MYLAN, MYKALA, AND
22 SAMIR; AND THREE GREAT-GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN; AND A HOST OF
23 EXTENDED FAMILY, BOTH BLOOD AND COUNTY FAMILY, AND FRIENDS AND
24 NEIGHBORS, WHO WILL MISS HER DEARLY. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

25

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
2 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SALLY BRANDT, WHO DIED ON APRIL
3 23RD. SHE WAS THE CONSUMMATE COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AND LEADER.
4 SHE SET LOCAL FUNDRAISING RECORDS FOR THE COMMUNITY CHEST, THE
5 UNITED WAY, AND IN 1982 CHAIRED THE LOS ANGELES BEAUTIFUL
6 OLYMPIC COMMITTEE. SHE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES
7 JUNIOR LEAGUE; LAS MADRINAS, WHICH SUPPORTS CHILDREN'S
8 HOSPITAL OF LOS ANGELES; GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL AUXILIARY
9 BOARD; AND THE LOS ANGELES 200 BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE. SHE WAS
10 ALSO INVOLVED WITH THE 1984 OLYMPIC ADVISORY COMMISSION, AND
11 FIRST CENTURY FAMILIES, AS WELL AS NUMEROUS OTHER CIVIC AND
12 NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER SON, BOB.
13 AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
14 MARILYN BUCKLEY, WHO DIED ON MAY THIRD. SHE LIVED HER LIFE IN
15 L.A., GRADUATED FROM L.A. HIGH IN 1951, PURSUED HER EDUCATION
16 AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI. SHE WAS VERY SOCIAL, VERY INVOLVED
17 IN HER COMMUNITY, PARTICIPATING IN A NUMBER OF CHARITIES. MOST
18 OF ALL, SHE TOOK GREAT PRIDE IN HER BEAUTIFUL HOME, HER
19 BEAUTIFUL FAMILY, AND HER TERRIFIC DAUGHTER, CITY OF AGOURA
20 HILLS COUNCILMEMBER ILLECE BUCKLEY WEBER. SHE'S SURVIVED BY
21 HER HUSBAND ROBERT, HER SON BRIAN, HER DAUGHTERS ILLECE AND
22 ELIZABETH, AND HER SIBLINGS, LEE AND MICHAEL. AND I ASK THAT
23 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ELLEN
24 DONALDSON, WHO DIED ON MARCH 24TH. AFTER SEEING HER ELDEST
25 DAUGHTER OFF TO COLLEGE, ELLEN RETURNED TO L.A. A SINGLE

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1 MOTHER, RAISING TWO SONS ALONE, AND TAKING OVER THE REINS OF
2 THE DONALDSON FAMILY BUSINESS, WHICH MEANT MANAGING HER
3 FATHER'S MUSIC CATALOG. SERVING ON THE BOARDS OF BOTH
4 A.S.C.A.P. AND THE SONGWRITERS GUILD, SEEING HER FATHER VOTED
5 INTO THE SONGWRITERS HALL OF FAME, AND BEARING WITNESS TO A
6 RESURGENCE IN ON- AND OFF-BROADWAY SHOWS AND REVIVALS OF
7 WALTER DONALDSON'S WORK BY SUCH NOTEWORTHY FIGURES AS TWYLA
8 THARP, SUSAN STROMAN, TOM WAITS, AND WILLIAM BURROUGHS, WERE
9 ALL MILESTONE EVENTS FOR HER. BUT THE ACCOMPLISHMENT SHE FELT
10 MOST PROUD OF WAS CO-FOUNDING AMSONG, AND THAT ORGANIZATION'S
11 ROLE IN THE PASSAGE OF THE COPYRIGHT TERM EXTENSION ACT IN
12 CONGRESS. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, KELLY, KEVIN, AND
13 SCOTT. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
14 MEMORY OF FRED WARD, A REALLY GREAT ACTOR, WHO DIED ON MAY
15 7TH. HIS FIRST MAJOR FILM ROLE WAS THE 1979 MOVIE "ESCAPE FROM
16 ALCATRAZ," STARRING CLINT EASTWOOD. HE WOULD GO ON TO STAR IN
17 1983'S "THE RIGHT STUFF," WHERE HE PLAYED ASTRONAUT GUS
18 GRISSOM IN THE ADAPTATION OF TOM WOLFE'S BESTSELLER. THAT
19 FILM, WHICH WON 4 OSCARS OFF OF ITS 8 NOMINATIONS, GAVE HIS
20 CAREER A BIG BOOST, AND HIS RESUME ALSO INCLUDED A NUMBER OF
21 T.V. APPEARANCES ON SHOWS LIKE "TRUE DETECTIVE," "GREY'S
22 ANATOMY," AND "E.R." HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, MARIE-FRANCE,
23 AND HIS SON, DJANGO. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
24 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RUTH WEIL, WHO DIED ON APRIL 30TH. SHE
25 WAS AN ACCOMPLISHED ARTIST, SEAMSTRESS, BAKER, BUSINESSWOMAN,

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1 AND PHILANTHROPIST. AFTER LOSING BOTH HER HUSBAND AND HER
2 DAUGHTER TO CANCER, SHE DEDICATED HERSELF TO CANCER RESEARCH
3 AND TREATMENT, AND BECAME ONE OF ITS LEADING BENEFACTORS. SHE
4 ESTABLISHED THE RUTH AND MARTIN H. WEIL FUND, WHICH FUNDS THE
5 RUTH AND MARTIN H. WEIL LABORATORY FOR CANCER RESEARCH, AND
6 SPONSORED THE RUTH AND MARTIN H. WEIL FELLOW IN THE SURGICAL
7 ONCOLOGY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM. SHE WAS HONORED WITH THE FIRST
8 DONALD L. MORTON LEGEND AWARD, AND THE INTEGRITY AWARD FROM
9 ST. JOHN'S HEALTH CENTER, FOR HER OVER 12,000 HOURS OF
10 VOLUNTEER WORK WITH CANCER PATIENTS WHO WERE AWAITING
11 CONSULTATIONS WITH THEIR DOCTORS. RUTH WAS AN HONORARY BOARD
12 MEMBER OF CANCER SUPPORT COMMUNITY L.A., AND WAS AWARDED THEIR
13 TRIBUTE TO THE HUMAN SPIRIT AWARD, AND THE PILLARS OF STRENGTH
14 AWARD. IN 2016, THE WEIL FAMILY ROOM WAS NAMED, AND RUTH ALSO
15 SERVED ON THE BOARD OF ADVOCATES AT PROVIDENCE ST. JOHN'S
16 HEALTH CENTER, AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CANCER ONCOLOGY
17 RESEARCH INSTITUTE. RUTH PROVIDED A BRIDGE BETWEEN ALL THESE
18 ORGANIZATIONS, BRINGING FORWARD THE RECOGNITION THAT CURING
19 CANCER IS A WHOLE-BODY, WHOLE-PERSON, WHOLE-COMMUNITY EFFORT
20 THAT INTEGRATES SCIENCE AND COMPASSIONATE CARE. SHE'S SURVIVED
21 BY HER DAUGHTER SHARON. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
2 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF HENRY ROBLES, WHO WAS 92
3 WHEN HE PASSED AWAY, AND A RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO. AFTER
4 GRADUATING FROM SAN PEDRO HIGH, HENRY ENLISTED IN THE ARMY AND
5 WAS STATIONED AT WEST POINT. UPON DISCHARGING FROM THE ARMY,
6 HENRY RETURNED TO SAN PEDRO TO START A FAMILY. HENRY WORKED
7 FOR 38 YEARS AT DI CARLO'S BAKERY. HE AND HIS WIFE, ROSALIE,
8 ALSO OWNED AND OPERATED THE CATHOLIC ARTS GIFT SHOP. HENRY IS
9 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, ROSALIE, THEIR 4 CHILDREN, 12
10 GRANDCHILDREN, AND 15 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. AND I ALSO MOVE
11 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MARY
12 VARELA RUSSELL, WHO WAS A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO, AND
13 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 97. MARY SERVED HER COMMUNITY WELL.
14 SHE WAS INVOLVED IN EVERYTHING FROM BEING HER SON'S CUB SCOUT
15 DEN MOTHER AND HER DAUGHTER'S CAMPFIRE LEADER, TO BEING A
16 MEMBER OF THE P.T.A. AND THE LITTLE LEAGUE BOARD. SHE WAS ALSO
17 A DEVOUT CATHOLIC AND A PARISHIONER OF MARY STAR OF THE SEA,
18 WHERE SHE TAUGHT CATECHISM AND ATTENDED WEEKLY MASS. MARY IS
19 SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, DAVID, LUPITA, YVONNE, MIKE, AND
20 JAMES; 15 GRANDCHILDREN; AND 12 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. THE
21 VARELA FAMILY IS WELL KNOWN IN SAN PEDRO, AND IF THIS IS THE
22 RIGHT VARELAS, I BELIEVE THAT MY SON MARK WENT TO SCHOOL WITH,
23 PROBABLY, HER GRANDSON DUSTIN. SO, WE WILL MISS MARY, BUT
24 SHE'S RAISED AN INCREDIBLE GROUP OF FAMILY MEMBERS. I ALSO
25 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF

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1 ROSEANN STREI, WHO WAS THE MOTHER OF MY FRIEND JACQUELINE
2 DAVIS. SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86, AFTER A LONG BATTLE
3 WITH DEMENTIA. ROSE LED A LIFE DEDICATED TO SERVICE. SHE
4 WORKED FOR MANY YEARS AS AN EMERGENCY ROOM NURSE, AND WAS AN
5 ACTIVE MEMBER OF HER COMMUNITY. ROSE IS SURVIVED BY HER
6 HUSBAND DONALD, THEIR 5 CHILDREN, AND THEIR 8 GRANDCHILDREN.
7 AND I ALSO MOVE-- AND I THINK, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU'LL WANT
8 TO JOIN ME, I BELIEVE, ON THE ADJOURNMENT FOR EVE KURTIN. I
9 WAS NOTIFIED BY EVE'S DAUGHTER, DREW, THAT EVE HAD PASSED AWAY
10 ON MAY FIFTH. DR. EVE KURTIN-STEINBERG WAS A CHAMPION OF
11 PROFESSIONAL WOMEN HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND A
12 PASSIONATE ADVOCATE FOR ISRAEL. EVE GRADUATED FROM THE
13 UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC SCHOOL OF PHARMACY IN 1976, AND SHE
14 WENT ON TO NOT ONLY SERVE ON THE PACIFIC BOARD OF REGENTS, BUT
15 ALSO LEAD THE PACIFIC VENTURE GROUP, FOCUSING ON FUNDING
16 CUTTING-EDGE HEALTHCARE TECHNOLOGY, AND INVESTING IN
17 INNOVATIONS THAT HELD PROMISE FOR CUTTING COSTS FOR PATIENTS.
18 EVE WAS A DEVOTED MEMBER OF THE STEVEN WISE TEMPLE IN BEL AIR,
19 SERVING AS PRESIDENT OF THE CONGREGATION FROM 2003 TO 2005. IN
20 A MESSAGE TO TEMPLE MEMBERS, EVE WAS REMEMBERED AS A JOYFUL
21 PARTICIPANT AT WORSHIP, SINGING LOUDLY AND SWAYING TO THE
22 MUSIC. SHE WAS A LIFELONG SUPPORTER OF ISRAEL, SERVED IN
23 SEVERAL LEADERSHIP ROLES WITHIN THE AMERICAN ISRAEL PUBLIC
24 AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. SHE CONTINUOUSLY
25 GAVE BACK TO HER COMMUNITY, SERVING ON SEVERAL BOARDS FOR

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1 LOCAL CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING K.O.R.E.H. L.A., THE
2 LITERACY PROGRAM OF THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER LOS
3 ANGELES. DR. EVE KURTIN-STEINBERG WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A
4 LEADER, A LOVING WIFE, A MOTHER, A GRANDMOTHER, A FINANCIAL
5 TITAN IN HER PROFESSIONAL LIFE, A TRUSTED ADVISOR TO MANY, A
6 PASSIONATE SOCIAL ACTIVIST, AND A LOVER OF ISRAEL. YOU KNOW
7 HOW SOMETIMES, AFTER SOMEONE PASSES, YOU GO BACK THROUGH THE
8 TEXT MESSAGES THAT THAT PERSON HAD SENT YOU? AND EVE STARTED
9 TEXTING ME THE DAY I WAS SWORN IN AS COUNTY SUPERVISOR IN
10 2016, WITH A CONGRATULATIONS, AND SHE WAS VERY PASSIONATE
11 ABOUT FOLLOWING WHAT THIS BOARD DID, PARTICULARLY AS IT
12 RELATED TO THE HEALTHCARE WORLD. AND DURING THE PANDEMIC, I
13 WOULD GET MANY TEXTS FROM EVE, ACTUALLY THANKING US FOR OUR
14 TAKING TOUGH STANCES, PARTICULARLY WHEN IT CAME TO
15 VACCINATIONS, AND ANYTHING WE COULD DO DURING THE PANDEMIC TO
16 MAKE SURE PEOPLE HAD ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE. AND SHE ALWAYS
17 REMINDED ME, "YOU KNOW, I'M IN HEALTHCARE, AND I HAVE A FEW
18 IDEAS AND OPINIONS ON WHAT YOU ALL ARE DOING." BUT MOSTLY, SHE
19 WAS VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THIS BOARD, AND APPRECIATED THE STRONG
20 STANCES THAT WE ALL TOOK. SHE LEAVES BEHIND HER HUSBAND, DR.
21 MICHAEL STEINBERG; HER DAUGHTERS, BETH AND DREW; HER
22 GRANDCHILDREN, LEV, LIAM, AND MICAH; AND BROTHERS, DR. PAUL
23 KURTIN, JON KURTIN, AND TODD KURTIN. SHE WAS A FRIEND OF MINE,
24 AND I WILL MISS HER.

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

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3 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
4 DO SO IN MEMORY OF LAWRENCE C. BAKER, WHO PASSED AWAY ON
5 FEBRUARY 22ND, 2022, IN RANCHO PALOS VERDES. I'LL EXPLAIN WHY.
6 LARRY, AS HE WAS KNOWN TO HIS FRIENDS, WAS A BELOVED HUSBAND,
7 LOYAL FRIEND, AND A DEVOTED CITIZEN. HE WAS HIGHLY RESPECTED
8 IN THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY, AS AN INSURANCE EXECUTIVE AND A
9 PUBLIC SERVANT. WHEN MY FATHER WAS INSURANCE COMMISSIONER FOR
10 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, LARRY SERVED AS HIS CHIEF DEPUTY
11 INSURANCE COMMISSIONER. HE LEFT THE DEPARTMENT TO SERVE AS THE
12 C.E.O. OF AERONAUT INSURANCE COMPANY, AND THEN CONTINUED TO
13 OTHER SENIOR EXECUTIVE ROLES IN THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY. LARRY
14 WAS ALSO QUITE A FOOD AND WINE CONNOISSEUR, AND FOR MANY YEARS
15 WAS A MEMBER OF THE CHEVALIERS DU TASTEVIN AND OTHER WINE
16 SOCIETIES. HE AND HIS BEAUTIFUL WIFE-- INSIDE AND OUT-- IDA,
17 WERE CHERISHED FRIENDS OF MY PARENTS AND OUR FAMILY. IDA
18 SURVIVES HIM, AND WE SHALL MISS LARRY TERRIBLY, BUT GRATEFUL
19 FOR HIS YEARS OF DEVOTED FRIENDSHIP TO OUR FAMILY, AND SERVICE
20 TO OTHERS. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JESSIE LEA
21 DEVRIES, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF VALENCIA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT
22 THE AGE OF 97. JESSIE WAS BORN IN CANUTE, OKLAHOMA, AND RAISED
23 IN CLINTON, OKLAHOMA. SHE MOVED WITH HER FAMILY TO LA
24 CRESCENTA, CALIFORNIA, IN 1939, AND SHE ATTENDED GLENDALE HIGH
25 SCHOOL. SHE MARRIED HER HUSBAND, DAVE, IN 1943, AND TOGETHER

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1 THEY STARTED GOPHER CESSPOOL COMPANY, A CONSTRUCTION FIRM
2 WHICH IS STILL OPERATING TODAY AS A FAMILY-RUN BUSINESS. IN
3 2002, JESSIE MOVED TO VALENCIA TO BE NEAR HER DAUGHTER. SHE
4 WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, WHERE SHE MADE
5 MANY FRIENDS. JESSIE IS SURVIVED BY HER 3 CHILDREN, LINDA,
6 DAVID, AND DANNY, AND 9 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN
7 IN MEMORY OF JAN KINDY, A 54-YEAR RESIDENT OF VALENCIA, WHO
8 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86. JAN WAS BORN IN WORLAND,
9 WYOMING. HE MARRIED HIS WIFE IN 1955. TOGETHER, THEY RAN
10 VALENCIA GLASS COMPANY FOR 25 YEARS. HE WAS PASSIONATE ABOUT
11 HIS FAITH, FLY FISHING, ORGANIC GARDENING, AND SINGING IN THE
12 CHURCH CHOIR. HE SERVED FOR DECADES IN A VARIETY OF POSITIONS
13 AT OSBORNE NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCH, INCLUDING AS A CHURCH DEACON,
14 AND AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AS A LEADER OF AN
15 OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR NEW CONGREGANTS, AND AS A SOLOIST IN THE
16 CHOIR. JAN IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE RITA, DAUGHTER KIMBERLY,
17 SISTER KRISTEN, AND HIS BROTHER KELLY. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN
18 IN MEMORY OF TIM MATTHEWS, A LONGTIME LOS ANGELES COUNTY
19 EMPLOYEE, WHO PASSED AWAY APRIL 15TH, AT THE AGE OF 57, FROM
20 PANCREATIC CANCER. BORN MAY 12, 1964, AT RAMEY AIR FORCE BASE
21 IN PUERTO RICO, TIM WAS A SHEET METAL WORKER FOR 35 YEARS, AND
22 WORKED FOR 22 YEARS FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY. HE WORKED FOR THE
23 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, MAINLY AT ITS CASTAIC FACILITIES. IN
24 AUGUST 2020, TIM WAS DIAGNOSED WITH A RARE FORM OF PANCREATIC
25 CANCER. EVEN WITH THIS GRIM DIAGNOSIS, TIM WAS ABLE TO BE A

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1 PART OF HIS DAUGHTER ASHLEY'S WEDDING, MEET HIS NEWBORN
2 GRANDSON, SEE HIS SON TRAVIS FOLLOW IN HIS SKILLS AS A WELDER,
3 AND WATCH HIS SON THOMAS PURSUE HIS NURSING CAREER. WHILE ALL
4 3 KIDS HELPED IN THEIR DAD'S CARE, TIM WAS ABLE TO SEE THE
5 CARING NURSE THOMAS WOULD BECOME. TIM IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,
6 KRIS MATTHEWS, SONS TRAVIS MATTHEWS AND THOMAS MATTHEWS, AND
7 DAUGHTER ASHLEY KING, AND HER HUSBAND AND THEIR SON. AND LAST,
8 I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RETIRED JUDGE ALAN S.
9 ROSENFELD, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA, WHO PASSED
10 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 70. JUDGE ROSENFELD WAS APPOINTED TO THE
11 NEWHALL MUNICIPAL COURT IN 1990, BY THEN-GOVERNOR GEORGE
12 DEUKMEJIAN, AND BECAME A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT BY VIRTUE
13 OF UNIFICATION IN 2000. HE PRESIDED OVER CRIMINAL MATTERS IN
14 THE NEWHALL, LANCASTER, AND ANTELOPE VALLEY COURTHOUSES. HE
15 TRANSFERRED TO SANTA CLARITA COURTHOUSE IN 2014, PRIOR TO HIS
16 RETIREMENT IN 2017. AFTER HIS RETIREMENT, HE CONTINUED TO
17 SERVE AS AN ASSIGNED JUDGE, HELPING TO RESOLVE BACKLOGGED
18 CASES. HE RECEIVED HIS LAW DEGREE FROM SOUTHWESTERN LAW
19 SCHOOL, AND BEGAN HIS CAREER AS A DEPUTY SHERIFF FROM 1976 TO
20 1984, AND SERVED AS A BAILIFF FROM 1980 TO 1984. HE THEN
21 BECAME A DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, WHERE HE WORKED FROM 1984
22 UNTIL 1990. WHEN NOT ON THE BENCH, HE LOVED CARS, MOTORCYCLES,
23 TRAVEL, DOGS, AND THE DODGERS. JUDGE ROSENFELD IS SURVIVED BY
24 HIS WIFE ANGELA, HIS SON ROBERT, AND HIS BROTHER JOE. THOSE
25 ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AT THIS TIME, WE'LL
3 TAKE ALL MOTIONS AS SECONDED, AND IF IS THERE NO OBJECTION TO
4 A UNANIMOUS VOTE, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
5 WILL YOU PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION?

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7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
8 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
9 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-1, CONFERENCE
10 WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR FESIA DAVENPORT AND DESIGNATED STAFF;
11 ITEM CS-2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING
12 LITIGATION; AND ITEM CS-3, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE
13 EVALUATION, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AND SUPPLEMENTAL
14 AGENDAS. THANK YOU.

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CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR MAY 17, 2022

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5 CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
6 (Government Code Section 54957.6)

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8 Agency designated representatives: Fesia Davenport, Chief
9 Executive Officer, and designated staff.

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11 Employee Organization(s) for represented employees: All
12 individual member unions of the Coalition of County Unions,
13 AFL-CIO; Local 721, SEIU; All affiliated member unions of
14 AFSCME Council 36; Association of Deputy District
15 Attorneys; Los Angeles County Association of Environmental
16 Health Specialists; Los Angeles County Public Defenders;
17 and

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19 Unrepresented employees (all). (17-0363)

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21 **No reportable action was taken.**
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24 CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING
25 LITIGATION

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

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29 LA Alliance for Human Rights, et al. v. City of Los Angeles,
30 et al., U.S. District Court, Central District of California, Case
31 Number:
32 20-cv-02291-DOC-KES.

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34 This lawsuit seeks relief stemming from the homelessness
35 conditions in the City and County of Los Angeles. (20-2724)

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37 **No reportable action was taken.**

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CS-3. DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS
(Government Code Section 54957)

Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

No reportable action was taken.

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1 I, JENNIFER A. HINES, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number
2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do
3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors May 17, 2022, were
6 thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my direction and
7 supervision;

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

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

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
16 27th day of May 2022, for the County records to be used only
17 for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts as
18 on file of the office of the reporter.

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20 JENNIFER A. HINES

21 CSR No. 6029/RPR/CRR

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