



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, JUNE 14, 2022, ON PAGE 242]

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5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. WELCOME TO THE REGULARLY
6 SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
7 WHICH IS BEING HELD REMOTELY, AND TODAY IS TUESDAY, JUNE 14TH.
8 WE ARE HALFWAY THROUGH 2022.

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10 **SUP. HAHN:** FLAG DAY.

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12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** FLAG DAY. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. IT'S
13 HARD TO BELIEVE. TIME FLIES BY. WE'LL GO AHEAD AND TAKE ROLL
14 TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS? SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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16 **SUP. KUEHL:** HERE.

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

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20 **SUP. HAHN:** HERE.

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

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24 **SUP. BARGER:** HERE.

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

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

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

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8 **DAWYN HARRISON:** PRESENT.

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10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AND JEFF LEVINSON, CHIEF DEPUTY
11 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD?

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13 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** PRESENT.

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15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WONDERFUL. THANK YOU, ALL. IF YOU DON'T
16 MIND, I WILL DO THE HONOR OF LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF
17 ALLEGIANCE, IF EVERYONE WILL PLEASE STAND AND FACE THE FLAG.
18 PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART, AND BEGIN. I PLEDGE
19 ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO
20 THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS: ONE NATION, UNDER GOD,
21 INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. THANK YOU VERY
22 MUCH. AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, WE'LL BE TAKING
23 TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENT DURING TODAY'S MEETING. THE
24 EXECUTIVE OFFICE RECEIVED OVER 1,000 WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS
25 FOR TODAY'S MEETING, AND AS THOSE WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE

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1 RECEIVED, ALL OF THEM WERE AVAILABLE TO THE SUPERVISORS FOR
2 THEIR CONSIDERATION, CONSISTENT WITH THE BROWN ACT
3 REQUIREMENTS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE WRITTEN PUBLIC
4 COMMENTS THROUGHOUT THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF OUR
5 OFFICIAL RECORD. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

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7 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
8 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 2, SET MATTERS.
9 SET MATTER 1 IS A REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE
10 PLAN FUNDING AND CONSIDERATION OF NECESSARY ACTIONS. SET
11 MATTER 2 IS A DISCUSSION IN CONSIDERATION OF NECESSARY ACTIONS
12 ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER RELATED TO C.O.V.I.D.-19 AND A
13 STATUS ON THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 VACCINE. THESE ITEMS WILL BE HELD
14 FOR DISCUSSION. ON PAGE 3, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS ITEMS 3 THROUGH 39. ON ITEM 3, THIS INCLUDES AN
16 ADDITION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ALSO,
17 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THE APPOINTMENTS FOR ANGELA
18 GEORGE-MOODY AND LILLY O'BRIEN-KOVARI BE REFERRED BACK TO HER
19 OFFICE. ON ITEM 5, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
20 BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS, TO JUNE 28TH, 2022. ON ITEM 6,
21 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO
22 WEEKS, TO JUNE 28TH, 2022. ON ITEM 12, SUPERVISOR KUEHL
23 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 13, SUPERVISOR BARGER
24 WOULD LIKE HER VOTE TO BE RECORDED AS "NO." ON ITEM 16,
25 SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 17,

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1 THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
2 AGENDA. ON ITEM 19, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON
3 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 20, SUPERVISOR BARGER
4 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS 23, 24, AND 25,
5 SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM
6 27, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
7 AGENDA. ALSO, SUPERVISOR BARGER WOULD LIKE HER VOTE TO BE
8 RECORDED AS "NO." ON PAGE 33, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 40
9 THROUGH 139. ON ITEM 87, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS
10 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 107, SUPERVISOR
11 KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 112, SUPERVISOR
12 BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 115,
13 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO
14 WEEKS, TO JUNE 28TH, 2022. ON ITEM 118, THIS INCLUDES A
15 REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEMS
16 120 AND 121, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE
17 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS, TO JUNE 28TH, 2022. ON PAGE 93, THIS
18 INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA, WHICH WERE
19 POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS
20 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 137-A,
21 SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 137-
22 D, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK.
23 ON PAGE 94, ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEMS 140 TO 142. ON
24 ITEM 140, SUPERVISOR KUEHL WOULD LIKE TO AMEND SECTION
25 2.117.040 OF THE ORDINANCE, BY ADDING, "IMPLEMENTING AND

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1 ALIGNING SELECT TO SUBSECTION H." ALSO, SUPERVISOR BARGER
2 WOULD LIKE HER VOTE TO BE RECORDED AS "NO." ON PAGE 95,
3 SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEMS 143 TO 145. ITEM 143 IS A
4 RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT BRANDON NICHOLS TO THE POSITION OF
5 DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, AT AN ANNUAL SALARY
6 OF \$353,921.95, EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST, 2022. ITEM 145 IS A
7 RECOMMENDATION, ACTING AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE COUNTY
8 OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2021-01, TO
9 ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE
10 SPECIAL TAX BONDS, SERIES 2022, ON A TAX-EXEMPT BASIS, WITH AN
11 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$70 MILLION, TO FINANCE CERTAIN PUBLIC
12 IMPROVEMENTS BENEFITING THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT,
13 INCLUDING THE ACQUISITION AGREEMENT AND DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO
14 ISSUE THE BONDS AND COMPLETE THE PROPOSED BOND TRANSACTION. ON
15 PAGE 98, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDAS. THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE
16 LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ITEM 1-D IS A
17 RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS DECLARING THE INTENT TO
18 ISSUE MULTIFAMILY HOUSING MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS OR NOTES TO
19 FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION, AND
20 DEVELOPMENT OF 4 AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS; TO
21 UNDERTAKE BOND FINANCING, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
22 \$26,880,000, TO FINANCE 85 UNITS OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR
23 HOMELESS AND LOW-INCOME FAMILIES, LOCATED IN UNINCORPORATED
24 SOUTH LOS ANGELES; UNDERTAKE BOND FINANCING, IN AN AMOUNT NOT
25 TO EXCEED \$58,080,000, TO FINANCE 160 UNITS OF SUPPORTIVE

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1 HOUSING FOR HOMELESS AND LOW-INCOME FAMILIES, LOCATED IN
2 UNINCORPORATED SOUTH LOS ANGELES; UNDERTAKE BOND FINANCING, IN
3 AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$47,200,000, TO FINANCE 112 UNITS OF
4 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR HOMELESS VETERANS, LOCATED IN
5 UNINCORPORATED WEST LOS ANGELES; AND TO UNDERTAKE BOND
6 FINANCING, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,800,000, TO FINANCE
7 50 UNITS OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND
8 FAMILIES, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ALHAMBRA. ON ITEM 5-D, THE
9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT
10 AUTHORITY REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE
11 DEPARTMENT. ON ITEM 8-D, THIS IS AN ADDITION, AS INDICATED ON
12 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE 106, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR
13 THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. THE REQUEST FOR
14 CONTINUANCES AND REFER-BACKS, THROUGH 3-P, ARE BEFORE YOU.

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16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
17 KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, TO APPROVE THESE
18 ITEMS. THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

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20 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** ON PAGE 107, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION.
21 ON ITEM CS-4, THIS IS AN ADDITION, AS INDICATED ON THE
22 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE
23 AGENDA, MADAM CHAIR.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, EXECUTIVE OFFICER. WE'LL NOW
2 TAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
3 PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON
4 THE AGENDA, AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO MEMBERS OF THE
5 PUBLIC WHO ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD TODAY.

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7 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF
8 THE PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT SHOULD CALL 877-
9 226-8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 133-6503. TO REPEAT:
10 PLEASE CALL 877-226-8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 133-
11 6503. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO
12 THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL 877-873-8017 AND
13 FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING IN:
14 WHEN IT'S YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND WHICH
15 AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. WE WILL ALLOCATE 90 MINUTES
16 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL OF THE ITEMS POSTED ON TODAY'S
17 AGENDA. YOU WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK ON ONE AGENDA ITEM,
18 OR TWO MINUTES TO SPEAK ON 2 OR MORE AGENDA ITEMS. IN
19 ADDITION, THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD WITH
20 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED ONE ADDITIONAL MINUTE,
21 FOR A MAXIMUM TOTAL OF UP TO 3 MINUTES PER PERSON. WE WILL
22 CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING
23 THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. WHEN
24 SPEAKING ON THE AGENDA ITEMS, YOU MUST BE ON TOPIC. OUR GOAL
25 IS TO GET THROUGH AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE CAN. IF YOU'RE NOT

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

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

15
16 **JON CHRISTENSEN:** HI. MY NAME IS JON CHRISTENSEN. I TEACH AND
17 DO RESEARCH ON ENVIRONMENTAL EQUITY AND ACCESS AT THE LUSKIN
18 CENTER FOR INNOVATION, AND THE INSTITUTE OF THE ENVIRONMENT
19 AND SUSTAINABILITY AT U.C.L.A., AND I'M CALLING IN SUPPORT OF
20 AGENDA ITEM 24-- ESTABLISHING THE L.A. COUNTY LAND BANK-- IN
21 THE CONTEXT OF ITEM 107, THE LOS ANGELES RIVER MASTER PLAN.
22 THE L.A. RIVER MASTER PLAN IS A BIG STEP FORWARD IN THE
23 COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT ON THE L.A.
24 RIVER, SO THAT COMMUNITIES CAN THRIVE IN PLACE, INSTEAD OF
25 BEING DISPLACED BY GENTRIFICATION. THE COUNTY CAN DEMONSTRATE

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1 ITS COMMITMENT IS REAL NOW, BY MOVING FORWARD QUICKLY TO
2 ESTABLISH A LAND BANK FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING ALONG THE RIVER,
3 IN A PILOT PHASE THAT COULD BE EXPANDED TO OTHER COMMUNITIES
4 IN L.A. COUNTY. PROVIDING SEED FUNDING FOR THE LAND BANK IS
5 ESSENTIAL TO GET STARTED NOW, BEFORE PROPERTY VALUES RISE OUT
6 OF REACH, AS REAL-ESTATE SPECULATION ANTICIPATES THE RIVER
7 REVITALIZATION EFFORTS ENVISIONED IN THE MASTER PLAN.
8 FORTUNATELY, AT LEAST \$50 MILLION IS AVAILABLE FROM A.R.P.A.
9 FUNDS, AND THERE IS PRECEDENT FOR USING THOSE FUNDS TO SUPPORT
10 LAND BANKS, IN NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA. THE L.A. RIVER
11 MASTER PLAN IS A BOLD AND AMBITIOUS VISION FOR A THRIVING
12 RIVER AND EQUITABLE COMMUNITIES. BY APPROVING THE LAND BANK AT
13 THE SAME TIME AS THE MASTER PLAN, LOS ANGELES COUNTY WILL
14 BECOME - -

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

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

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23 **YESENIA CUARENTA:** HI. MY NAME IS YESENIA CUARENTA, AND I
24 CURRENTLY SERVE AS A BOARD MEMBER FOR PARAMOUNT UNIFIED SCHOOL
25 DISTRICT, AND I'M ALSO AN EDUCATOR FOR DOWNEY UNIFIED. I'M

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1 CALLING TODAY IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN AND
2 SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS'S MOTION, ITEM 16, ON REVISING OPTIONS
3 FOR GUN CONTROL IN L.A. COUNTY. I BELIEVE THAT WE DO NEED TO
4 DO MORE TO STRENGTHEN OUR LAWS AND DO SOMETHING TO PREVENT
5 FUTURE VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY. I'M
6 SUPPORTING THIS MOTION THAT WOULD GIVE OPTIONS TO THE BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS TO IMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL GUN-CONTROL REGULATIONS IN
8 UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY; FOR EXAMPLE, RAISING THE AGE TO
9 21, BANNING .5-CALIBER HANDGUNS, ENACTING A SAFE STORAGE
10 ORDINANCE, LIKE THE CITY OF L.A. I SUPPORT [INAUDIBLE]
11 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HOW TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY AND EFFICACY OF
12 EXISTING GUN CONTROL. AGAIN, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS
13 AND SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN.

14

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

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17 **YESENIA CUARENTA:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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

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23 **ANDREW MENOR:** HI. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4,
24 AND LEAVE A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, AS WELL. PLEASE LET ME
25 KNOW WHEN YOU'D LIKE ME TO BEGIN MY TIME.

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2 **SPEAKER:** PLEASE BEGIN. THANK YOU.

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4 **ANDREW MENOR:** YEAH, I'LL BEGIN NOW. GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE
5 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ANDREW MENOR, AND I AM WITH
6 THE THAI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTER, BASED IN THE EAST
7 HOLLYWOOD AREA OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, IN SUPERVISORIAL
8 DISTRICT ONE. OUR ORGANIZATION IS A PROUD MEMBER OF THE
9 "IMMIGRANTS ARE LOS ANGELES" CAMPAIGN, AND WE ARE SPEAKING IN
10 SUPPORT OF ITEM 4: ENSURING AN EQUITABLE POST-PANDEMIC
11 RECOVERY FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY IMMIGRANTS. SINCE ITS
12 INCEPTION IN 1994, OUR ORGANIZATION HAS STRIVED TO MEET THE
13 SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC NEEDS OF LOW-INCOME THAIS AND OTHER
14 IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES IN L.A. OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS FACE MANY
15 CHALLENGES, SUCH AS HOUSING INSECURITY AND LACK OF ACCESS TO
16 BASIC HEALTH SERVICES, EDUCATION, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES, AND
17 QUALITY EMPLOYMENT. THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 PANDEMIC HAS ONLY
18 EXACERBATED THESE SOCIOECONOMIC CONDITIONS, AND LAID BARE THE
19 WIDENING SYSTEMIC INEQUALITIES HARMING THAIS AND OTHER
20 IMMIGRANTS, EVEN AS THEY'VE WORKED ON THE FRONT LINES IN
21 ESSENTIAL SERVICE SECTOR JOBS, AND HAVE KEPT OUR ECONOMY
22 AFLOAT. ALTHOUGH LOW-WAGE IMMIGRANTS HAVE BORNE THE BRUNT OF
23 THE PANDEMIC, AND HAVE THE GREATEST NEED FOR PUBLIC
24 ASSISTANCE, MANY OF THEM HAVE BEEN LEFT OUT OF FEDERAL, STATE,
25 AND LOCAL C.O.V.I.D. RELIEF PROGRAMS BECAUSE OF THEIR

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1 IMMIGRATION STATUS, LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL BARRIERS,
2 TECHNOLOGICAL DIVIDES, BUREAUCRATIC HURDLES, AND A LACK OF
3 SUFFICIENT INFORMATION AND OUTREACH TO THEIR COMMUNITIES.
4 THESE BARRIERS TO ACCESSING VITAL SAFETY-NET PROGRAMS ARE NOT
5 EXCLUSIVE TO THE THAI COMMUNITY, BUT ARE THE EXPERIENCES OF
6 IMMIGRANTS ACROSS OUR ENTIRE COUNTY. IN LIGHT OF THESE
7 CHALLENGES, IT'S CLEAR THAT L.A. COUNTY MUST EMPLOY A
8 TAILORED, THOUGHTFUL APPROACH ON HOW TO ALLOCATE AND REDUCE
9 BARRIERS TO A.R.P.A. RELIEF, IN ORDER TO BETTER SERVE
10 IMMIGRANTS. WE SUPPORT SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND SOLIS'S
11 MOTION, BECAUSE IT WOULD ENABLE THE COUNTY TO WORK WITH
12 COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS, REPRESENTATIVES OF L.A.'S DIVERSE
13 IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES, TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS ON DATA
14 GATHERING, STANDARD METRICS, RECORDING POLICY AND PROGRAM
15 CHANGES, THAT WILL MAKE A.R.P.A. PROGRAMS MORE INCLUSIVE OF
16 IMMIGRANT ANGELENOS, WHO ARE AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE
17 ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL FABRIC OF OUR COUNTY.

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19 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

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21 **ANDREW MENOR:** THANK YOU.

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

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

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5 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, I BELIEVE THE AGENDA NUMBER IS 8. IF I GOT IT
6 WRONG, PLEASE CORRECT IT FOR ME, AND THAT'S ON THE BOARD IS
7 GOING TO RECOGNIZE THE FEDERAL HOLIDAY ABOUT THE EMANCIPATION
8 OF THE AMERICAN AFRO-AMERICANS. AND IF YOU TREAT THE SLAVES
9 LIKE SLAVES, YOU GET SLAVES. LIKE, WE HAVE TO BE REMINDED
10 ABOUT A FEDERAL HOLIDAY? AND YOU KNOW THAT THE FEDS WILL BE
11 OUT THERE WITH PARADES, AND THE WHOLE ENCHILADA. SO, IS THIS
12 NOT THE EPITOME OF PANDERING? ON THAT ITEM. AND ON THE
13 COMMUNITY OR PUBLIC COMMENT THERE, YOU ALL HAVE FAILED YOUR
14 DUTY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND RULE OF LAW. I
15 WAS SHOT WITH A HIGH-POWERED PELLET GUN BY A ROWLAND HEIGHTS
16 TUNNEL DWELLER, WHILE THE SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S STAFF AND
17 SUPERVISOR SOLIS KNEW OF, AND FAILED TO HAVE THEM REMOVED. AND
18 THIS SAGA CONTINUES, AND SO THANK YOU FOR THE SHOOTING. I
19 REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. AND THEN, LAST NIGHT--

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

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

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5 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MARIA MIRAZ. CAN YOU HEAR
6 ME?

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8 **SPEAKER:** YES, WE CAN HEAR YOU. PLEASE BEGIN.

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10 **SPEAKER:** OH, OKAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH. MY NAME IS MARIA MIRAZ.
11 I'M A MEMBER OF THE "IMMIGRANTS ARE L.A." COALITION, I.R.L.A.
12 I.R.L.A. IS A DIVERSE, COMMUNITY-LED INITIATIVE TO BUILD A
13 JUST AND EQUITABLE FUTURE FOR IMMIGRANTS IN L.A. I'M A C.E.O.
14 OF A COMMUNITY-BASED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, WORKING WITH
15 PARENTS AND FAMILIES IN L.A. COUNTY, AND I'M CALLING TO
16 SUPPORT THE MOTION-- I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THE MOTION TO ENSURE
17 AN EQUITABLE POST-PANDEMIC RECOVERY FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY
18 IMMIGRANTS. THE MOTION IS FROM HOLLY MITCHELL AND HILDA SOLIS.
19 THE C.O.V.I.D. PANDEMIC HAS DEVASTATED OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY
20 FAMILY, AND WE, AS A COALITION, ARE HERE TO SUPPORT THIS BILL.
21 THANK YOU.

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

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

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5 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS DIANE VALENCIA, AND I'M SPEAKING IN
6 SUPPORT ON BEHALF OF THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE,
7 AND THE LOW-INCOME REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT YOUTH AND FAMILIES
8 THAT WE SERVE. I AM IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM 24, ESTABLISHING
9 THE L.A. COUNTY LAND BANK. OUR COMMUNITY OF CHINATOWN HAS BEEN
10 ONE OF THE HARDEST HIT BY EFFECTS OF THE C.O.V.I.D. PANDEMIC.
11 MANY OF OUR YOUTH COME FROM FAMILIES THAT HAVE SUFFERED SO
12 MANY LOSSES DURING THIS TIME. OUR FAMILIES ARE OFTEN FORCED TO
13 MAKE THE IMPOSSIBLE CHOICE TO PAY RENT AND FOREGO OTHER BASIC
14 NEEDS, OR FACE DISPLACEMENT FROM THEIR HOMES. THE ONLY WAY OUT
15 OF THIS CRISIS IS TO ENSURE THAT WE PRODUCE MORE AFFORDABLE
16 HOUSING TO OUR WORKING FAMILIES. WE SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT
17 OF THE L.A. COUNTY LAND BANK, AND WE URGE YOU TO ALLOCATE 50
18 MILLION IN A.R.P.A. FUNDS TO GET IT OFF THE GROUND. WE THANK
19 YOU FOR YOUR VISION AND LEADERSHIP IN ENSURING PRODUCTION OF
20 AFFORDABLE UNITS, PROTECTING COMMUNITIES FROM PREDATORY
21 DEVELOPMENT, AND WORKING WITH COMMUNITY LAND TRUSTS TO COME UP
22 FROM THIS CRISIS WITH A ROBUST ABILITY TO HOUSE OUR MOST
23 VULNERABLE RESIDENTS. PLEASE APPROVE THE MOTION, AND ALLOCATE
24 50 MILLION IN A.R.P.A. FUNDS. THANK YOU.

25

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

3

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

7

8 **SUMMER LACEY:** HELLO. MY NAME IS SUMMER LACEY. I'M THE CRIMINAL
9 JUSTICE DIRECTOR AT THE A.C.L.U. OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. I
10 WILL BE ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEM 6, AND PROVIDING GENERAL
11 COMMENT. THE A.C.L.U. OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA UNEQUIVOCALLY
12 SUPPORTS SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S MOTION TO EXPAND O.D.R. HOUSING
13 BY THOUSANDS OF BEDS. THE EXPANSION IS NOT MERELY A NECESSARY
14 STEP TO PROVIDE SUPPORT AND CARE FOR INDIVIDUALS INCARCERATED
15 WITH PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITIES; THIS IS A MATTER OF LIFE OR
16 DEATH. OUR COUNTY JAILS ARE NOT THE PLACE, NOR ARE THEY
17 EQUIPPED, TO SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS.
18 EACH MONTH, THE DEMAND FOR ADDITIONAL MEDIUM- OR HIGH-
19 OBSERVATION HOUSING LARGELY STAYS CONSTANT OR INCREASES,
20 RESULTING IN HORRIFIC DELAYS IN PROCESSING PEOPLE THROUGH THE
21 INMATE RECEPTION CENTER, WHILE RECORD-HIGH DEATH RATES IN THE
22 JAILS PERSIST AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF ONE PERSON DYING PER WEEK.
23 O.D.R. EXPANSION IS VITAL TO STOP THIS HORRIBLE CYCLE, AND WE
24 KNOW THAT O.D.R. WORKS: 7 YEARS OF SUCCESSFUL SUPPORT, MORE
25 THAN 7,000 PEOPLE DIVERTED FROM JAIL. THAT IS WHAT "CARE

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1 FIRST, JAILS LAST" LOOKS LIKE. WE OPPOSE THE AMENDMENT TO
2 LIMIT O.D.R. BEDS, AND URGE THE BOARD TO DO WHAT IS NEEDED TO
3 TRULY PRIORITIZE THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITY. THANK
4 YOU.

5

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

7

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

11

12 **LUIS ROA:** YES, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LUIS ROA. I'M THE
13 MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS, AND I WANT TO ADDRESS
14 ITEM NUMBER 16. AND FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR
15 JANICE HAHN FOR BRINGING THIS ITEM IN REVISITING OPTIONS FOR
16 GUN CONTROL IN L.A. COUNTY. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE MOVE PAST
17 HAVING JUST THIS CONVERSATION AND INTO AN ACTION PLAN TO
18 PROVIDE BETTER OPTIONS FOR GUN CONTROL, TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITY
19 SAFER. AS WE HAVE SEEN WITH THE MOST RECENT UNFORTUNATE
20 EVENTS, IT'S TIME THAT WE ACT NOW. THANK YOU.

21

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

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

4

5 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
6 IS KALA BABU, AND I'LL BE ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 24,
7 AND PROVIDING PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM FROM N.R.D.C., AND I'M HERE
8 TO SAY THAT N.R.D.C. STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE BOARD'S
9 AUTHORIZATION OF AN L.A. COUNTY LAND BANK, TO ENSURE HOUSING
10 AFFORDABILITY AND STABILITY FOR L.A.'S HARDEST-HIT RESIDENTS
11 DURING THE PANDEMIC, BY REDUCING SPECULATION AND DEVELOPMENT
12 COSTS. THIS WOULD MAKE THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT
13 PROCESS FASTER, MORE AFFORDABLE, AND MORE PREDICTABLE. AS AN
14 ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY GROUP, N.R.D.C. RECOGNIZES THAT
15 ENSURING HOUSING SECURITY IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF PURSUING
16 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. CURRENT HOUSING UNAFFORDABILITY
17 AGGRAVATES THE INTERMINABLE CONSEQUENCES OF AMERICA'S
18 HISTORICAL PATTERNS OF REDLINING, PREDATORY LENDING, AND OTHER
19 DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES, WHICH HAVE ACTIVELY CREATED
20 SEGREGATED HOUSING IN FRONTLINE COMMUNITIES. BECAUSE
21 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IS SO INTIMATELY TIED TO HOUSING
22 SECURITY, IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF
23 SUPERVISORS ALLOCATE 50 MILLION OF A.R.P. FUNDS AS SEED
24 FUNDING FOR THE LAND BANK. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

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

2

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

7

8 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ROBIN WILLIAMS. I'M
9 ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 6, AND GENERAL COMMENTS FOR THE OFFICE
10 OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY. I WANTED TO STATE THAT I AM A
11 RECIPIENT OF THIS PROGRAM IN 2020. I WAS LOOKING AT 25 YEARS
12 TO LIFE. AFTER BEING RELEASED TO THE O.D.R. PROGRAM, I WAS
13 ABLE TO GET MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND NOW I AM A PRODUCTIVE
14 MEMBER OF SOCIETY. I HAVE WORKED IN A FULL PAID POSITION, AND
15 I NO LONGER HAVE THE TRAUMA THAT I WAS LIVING WITH FOR MANY,
16 MANY YEARS, BECAUSE THE O.D.R. PROGRAM COMPLETELY HELPED
17 CHANGE MY LIFE. WITHOUT THIS PROGRAM, I WOULD NOT BE THE WOMAN
18 THAT I AM TODAY. I CURRENTLY WORK AS A CARE COORDINATOR FOR
19 THE HOMELESS SERVICES, GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY AND
20 HELPING OTHERS TO NOT [INAUDIBLE] THE PROGRAM. 500 BEDS WOULD
21 BE A START. HOWEVER, WITH \$3 MILLION GOING INTO THE SHERIFF'S
22 DEPARTMENT SETTLEMENT MONEY, AND \$3 BILLION GOING TO THE
23 SHERIFF'S OFFICE EVERY YEAR, I THINK THAT MONEY COULD BE
24 DIVERTED TO THE O.D.R. PROGRAM, AND ASSIST WITH CHANGING THE
25 LIVES THAT ARE SO DESPERATELY NEEDED. THIS PROGRAM WORKS, AND

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1 I'M IN SUPPORT OF THE ITEM NUMBER 6, THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION
2 AND REENTRY PROGRAM. THANK YOU.

3

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

5

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

9

10 **ALEXANDER SANCHEZ:** YES, I'LL ADDRESS ON PUBLIC COMMENT, AS
11 WELL. MY NAME IS ALEX SANCHEZ, AND I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
12 OF HOMIES UNIDOS, AND I'M SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 4, FOR
13 THE RESCUE PLAN FOR THIS SUMMER. HOMIES UNIDOS HAS BEEN AT THE
14 FOREFRONT OF FIGHTING AGAINST YOUTH VIOLENCE IN THE IMMIGRANT
15 COMMUNITY SINCE 2000. SINCE THE PANDEMIC, WE FOCUSED ON THE
16 NEEDS OF OUR CONSTITUENTS, SO WE DISTRIBUTED FOOD AND P.P.E.
17 MATERIALS, AND WE SAW MANY NEEDS THAT WERE NOT BEING MET OR
18 HAD ACCESS TO FOR OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY, SUCH AS
19 UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AND HEALTH SERVICES. MANY WERE AFRAID TO
20 GO TO THE HOSPITAL AND SEEK HELP FOR C.O.V.I.D.-19, BECAUSE
21 THEY DIDN'T HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE OR FUNDS. WE ALSO SAW MANY
22 IMMIGRANTS THAT BECAME HOMELESS AND WERE AT RISK OF LOSING
23 THEIR HOUSING. SINCE THEN, WE HAVE RECEIVED A CONTRACT FROM
24 THE CITY TO WORK WITH THE HOMELESS POPULATION, AND WE CONTINUE
25 TO SEE THOSE BARRIERS ONCE AGAIN, IN REGARDS TO HOMELESS

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1 HOUSING FOR-- I MEAN, HOUSING FOR IMMIGRANTS THAT ARE
2 HOMELESS. SO, HOMELESS SERVICES ARE NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE THIS
3 TO UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS, BECAUSE OF THEIR ILLEGAL STATUS,
4 AND I THINK THAT THAT NEEDS TO CHANGE. WE NEED TO EXPAND,
5 ALSO, THE LEGAL REPRESENTATION PROGRAMS FOR IMMIGRANTS FACING
6 DEPORTATION, WHO HAVE BEEN CRIMINALIZED. THERE IS NO NEED FOR
7 CARVE-OUTS. MANY OF OUR COMMUNITIES ARE BEING DIVIDED BETWEEN
8 THE "GOOD" AND THE "BAD" IMMIGRANT. MANY IMMIGRANT FAMILIES
9 CONTINUE TO BE DIVIDED BY THE DEPORTATION SYSTEM, BECAUSE THEY
10 JUST DON'T HAVE AN ATTORNEY. MANY IMMIGRANTS ARE FACING
11 DEPORTATION AND PERSECUTION, INCARCERATION, OR BEING KILLED IN
12 THEIR COUNTRIES, SUCH AS EL SALVADOR, AT THIS MOMENT. IF WE
13 ARE SERIOUS ABOUT HELPING THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES, WE NEED
14 TO REMOVE THOSE BARRIERS FACED BY THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY.
15 THIS MOTION WILL ENABLE THE COUNTY TO WORK WITH COMMUNITY
16 STAKEHOLDERS WHO HAVE DIRECT ACCESS--

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

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

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1 **JESSICA SARRIOT:** HI. THIS IS JESSICA SARRIOT. I'M GOING TO BE
2 ADDRESSING ITEM 12 AND 23. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR THIS
3 AMAZING AGENDA TODAY, THAT HAS A LOT OF REALLY WONDERFUL
4 THINGS. I AM A PROGRAM MANAGER AT THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND
5 REENTRY. I'M NOT SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THAT OFFICE, BUT AS
6 MYSELF. AND THE FIRST THING I WANT TO SHARE ON AGENDA ITEM 12
7 IS JUST MY SINCERE HOPE THAT THE BOARD WILL VOTE IN SUPPORT OF
8 EXPANDING THE P.L.A.C.E. PROGRAM. PART OF MY ROLE AND PART OF
9 WHAT I'VE BEEN DOING FOR THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS IS WORKING ON
10 EXPANDING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR SYSTEM-IMPACTED
11 INDIVIDUALS-- PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THE CRIMINAL
12 LEGAL SYSTEM, THAT HAVE INNUMERABLE BARRIERS TO ALL KINDS OF
13 EMPLOYMENT-- AND THE P.L.A.C.E. PROGRAM HAS BEEN A REALLY
14 WONDERFUL RESOURCE, AND IT'S A RESOURCE THAT OUR OWN COUNTY
15 PROGRAMS, INCLUDING OUR [INAUDIBLE] PROGRAM, CAN MAKE USE OF,
16 AND IS REALLY ONE OF THE ONLY DOORS INTO WHAT IS A VERY
17 CONVOLUTED PROCESS TO GET INTO COUNTY EMPLOYMENT. AND SO
18 REALLY, REALLY HOPE THAT THAT EXPANSION CAN GET APPROVED, SO
19 THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO BUILD THOSE PATHWAYS INTO COUNTY
20 EMPLOYMENT. WE'VE HAD A LOT OF SUCCESS, NOT ONLY THROUGH THAT
21 PROGRAM, BUT THROUGH OUR OWN INTENTIONALITY AT O.D.R., BUT WE
22 NEED TO CONTINUE TO BUILD ON THAT, AND I KNOW THAT'S A
23 PRIORITY. AND THEN SECONDLY, ON AGENDA ITEM 23, I AM VERY,
24 VERY EXCITED TO SEE THIS AGENDA ITEM, AND STRONGLY ENCOURAGE
25 THE BOARD TO VOTE IN SUPPORT OF EXPANDING AND FUNDING AND

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1 REALLY INVESTING IN A GENDER HEALTH PROGRAM OUT OF D.H.S. WE
2 KNOW THAT THE BOARD ALREADY ASKED FOR SORT OF RESEARCH INTO
3 WHAT WAS NEEDED TO MAKE SURE THE HEALTHCARE WAS INCLUSIVE AND
4 GENDER-AFFIRMING, AND THAT THERE WERE FINDINGS FROM THAT. IT'S
5 BEEN A LONG PROCESS, AND IT'S TIME TO PUT THOSE FINDINGS INTO
6 ACTION BY SUPPORTING THIS GENDER HEALTH PROGRAM. I, MYSELF, AM
7 PART OF THE L.G.B.T.Q. COMMUNITY. I'M ONE OF THE CO-CHAIRS FOR
8 THE L.G.B.T.Q. AFFINITY GROUP WITHIN D.H.S.'S EQUITY,
9 DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION ANTI-RACISM WORK, AND THIS IS ONE OF
10 THE TOP PRIORITIES FOR THAT GROUP. AND SO WE'RE SO, SO EXCITED
11 TO SEE IT ON THE AGENDA, AND REALLY HOPE THAT D.H.S.--

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

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

19
20 **J. STEPHEN BRANTLEY:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS J. STEPHEN
21 BRANTLEY, AND I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 5. I WOULD LIKE TO
22 SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS 5, 6, 13, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
23 REGARDING ITEM 5, I'M DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT OUR VALID CONCERNS
24 ABOUT GUN VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS MAY CLOUD OUR VISIONS ABOUT WHAT
25 DOES AND DOES NOT KEEP STUDENTS SAFE. CAMPUS POLICE ARE NOT

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1 IMMUNE TO THE PROBLEMS THAT PLAGUE POLICE DEPARTMENTS,
2 NATIONALLY. PLACING L.A.S.D. DEPUTIES IN SCHOOLS PERPETUATES
3 THE SAME RACIAL BIASES AND VIOLENT PATTERNS THAT L.A.S.D.
4 ENACTS THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY EVERY DAY. WHILE THIS MOTION
5 ATTEMPTS TO IMPLEMENT FURTHER OVERSIGHT OF THE SCHOOL RESOURCE
6 DEPUTY PROGRAM, NO AMOUNT OF OVERSIGHT CAN ELIMINATE THE RISK
7 OF VIOLENCE AND INCARCERATION THAT ACCOMPANIES COPS ON CAMPUS.
8 WHAT STUDENTS NEED IS CARE AND SUPPORT, AND THE KNOWLEDGE THAT
9 WE ARE WORKING TO ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSES OF VIOLENCE IN OUR
10 COMMUNITIES. ALTHOUGH THIS MOTION SHORTENS THE LENGTH OF THE
11 SCHOOL RESOURCE, AND TRIES TO IMPLEMENT TRAUMA-INFORMED
12 PROCESSES AND GUIDELINES TO LIMIT LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE,
13 THE ONLY WAY TO TRULY PREVENT HARM BY L.A.S.D. IS BY NOT
14 ALLOWING THEM TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO SCHOOLS AT ALL. I OPPOSE
15 THIS ITEM, AND I HOPE YOU WILL LOOK FOR BETTER WAYS TO KEEP
16 OUR KIDS SAFE. BY CONTRAST, I STRONGLY SUPPORT ITEM NUMBER 6.
17 I KNOW THAT THERE IS STRONG SUPPORT AMONG YOUTH FOR THIS
18 MOTION, AND I URGE YOU ALL TO VOTE IN FAVOR FOR IT. AS YOU
19 CONSIDER THIS ITEM, I JUST WANT TO REMIND YOU OF A FEW THINGS
20 YOU LIKELY ALREADY KNOW. AS OF JUNE 7, 2022, 42% OF L.A.
21 COUNTY'S JAIL POPULATION WAS ASSESSED TO HAVE MENTAL HEALTH
22 NEEDS, AND THAT FIGURE HAS RISEN TO AN ASTONISHING 65% FOR
23 THOSE INCARCERATED AT THE WOMEN'S JAIL. THAT MEANS 5,557 OF
24 OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE CURRENTLY SUFFERING IN CAGES,
25 INSTEAD OF BEING SUPPORTED IN CARE. OUR JAILS CAN NO LONGER

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1 SERVE AS OUR MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS, A REALITY THAT THIS
2 BOARD ACKNOWLEDGED IN 2019, WHEN IT COMMITTED TO A CARE-FIRST
3 APPROACH. SINCE THE BOARD MADE THAT COMMITMENT THREE YEARS
4 AGO, WHAT IS AT STAKE HAS ONLY BECOME CLEARER. IN 2021, THERE
5 WERE RECORD IN-CUSTODY DEATHS IN L.A. COUNTY, WITH MOUNTING
6 EVIDENCE OF THE INHUMANE AND DEADLY CONDITIONS INSIDE OUR
7 JAILS. BUT THE O.D.R. HAS ALREADY MORE THAN PROVEN ITS WORTH.
8 A 2019 STUDY FOUND THAT 90% OF PEOPLE SURVEYED IN O.D.R.
9 PROGRAMMING HAD STABLE HOUSING AFTER 6 MONTHS, AND 86% HAD NO
10 NEW FELONY CONVICTIONS AFTER 12 MONTHS. THIS MORNING, WE'VE
11 ALREADY HEARD FROM SOMEBODY WHO WAS POSITIVELY IMPACTED BY
12 THIS PROGRAM IN SIGNIFICANT WAYS. AND THE RE-ARREST RATE FOR
13 THOSE IN O.D.R.'S F.I.S.T.-C.B.R. PROGRAM WAS MORE THAN 60%
14 LOWER THAN THAT FOR THOSE PEOPLE CHARGED WITH FELONIES AND
15 FOUND INCOMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL, WHO WENT TO STATE MENTAL
16 HOSPITALS. ON ITEM 13, I ALSO STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS ONE, BUT I
17 DO HAVE CONCERNS. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUSTICE, CARE, AND
18 OPPORTUNITIES DEPARTMENT IS AN IMPORTANT STEP, AND THIS
19 ORDINANCE DOES A GOOD JOB OF LAYING OUT SOME OF THE
20 FOUNDATION, BUT IT LACKS EXPLICIT FUNDING COMMITMENTS--
21 FUNDING WHICH MUST BE EQUAL TO OR HIGHER THAN THAT OF THE
22 SHERIFF AND PROBATION DEPARTMENTS, IN KEEPING WITH THE CARE-
23 FIRST VISION TO WHICH THIS BODY IS COMMITTED. LASTLY, I JUST
24 WANT TO REMIND THIS COUNTY OF ITS COMMITMENT TO CLOSING MEN'S

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1 CENTRAL JAIL. IT IS WAY PAST TIME. PLEASE MOVE SWIFTLY FORWARD
2 WITH--

3

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

6

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

10

11 **MONTSERRAT PINEDA:** HELLO. I'M CALLING FOR ITEM 16, AND TO
12 PROVIDE GENERAL COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, AND THANK YOU,
13 SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION
14 FORWARD. MY NAME IS MONTSERRAT PINEDA. I'M A RECENT GRADUATE
15 OF THE UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS, AND A PROUD LIFELONG RESIDENT
16 OF NORTH LONG BEACH. I GREW UP IN A PLACE WHERE, ON THE FOURTH
17 OF JULY, YOU DIDN'T KNOW IF YOU WERE HEARING FIREWORKS OR
18 GUNSHOTS, WHERE GUN VIOLENCE WAS NORMAL. I REMEMBER BEING 8
19 YEARS OLD, LEARNING WHAT A LOCKDOWN DRILL WAS. I WAS 12 WHEN
20 26 WERE KILLED AT SANDY HOOK ELEMENTARY. I WAS 12 WHEN I
21 EXPERIENCED MY FIRST SCHOOL SHOOTING THREAT, WHERE, ALONG WITH
22 MY CLASSMATES, WAITED HOURS IN A MIDDLE-SCHOOL GYM, WONDERING
23 IF WE WOULD MAKE IT OUT SAFELY. I WAS 17 WHEN 17 STUDENTS WERE
24 MURDERED ON VALENTINE'S DAY AT THEIR HIGH SCHOOL. MY
25 EXPERIENCES WITH GUN VIOLENCE LED ME TO ORGANIZE A "MARCH FOR

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1 OUR LIVES" MARCH IN LONG BEACH. I WAS 17, SPEAKING IN FRONT OF
2 5,000 PEOPLE. 4 YEARS LATER, WE FIND OURSELVES IN THE SAME
3 PLACE. THE DAY BEFORE MY 22ND BIRTHDAY, 21 WERE KILLED IN
4 UVALDE, TEXAS: 19 STUDENTS AND 2 TEACHERS. I AM PART OF A
5 GENERATION THAT HAS WITNESSED, TIME AFTER TIME, THE DEATHS OF
6 OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS-- OUR TEACHERS, OUR STUDENTS, OUR
7 CHILDREN, AND OUR FAMILIES. CALIFORNIA HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO
8 MOVE FORWARD AND PROVIDE SAFETY FOR OUR FAMILIES AND OUR
9 RESIDENTS. I'M HERE TODAY IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR HAHN'S AND
10 SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION. I'M HERE TODAY BECAUSE I NO LONGER
11 WILL ASK MYSELF IF THIS TIME WILL BE DIFFERENT, BUT I URGE YOU
12 THAT WE MUST MAKE IT DIFFERENT. THANK YOU.

13

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

15

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

19

20 **BENJAMIN HARRIS:** GOOD MORNING. I AM SPEAKING TODAY ON ITEMS
21 107 AND 137-A. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS BENJAMIN
22 HARRIS, AND I AM THE STAFF ATTORNEY AT LOS ANGELES
23 WATERKEEPER. I REQUEST THAT THE SUPERVISORS VOTE "NO" ON THE
24 L.A. RIVER MASTER PLAN. THE FINAL PLAN IS NOT ACTUALLY A PLAN,
25 BUT A MENU OF OPTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS THAT COULD LEAD

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1 TO WILDLY DIFFERENT RESULTS, INCLUDING ENCASING THE RIVER IN
2 CONCRETE TO BUILD HARMFUL PLATFORM PARKS. THE PLAN LACKS A
3 COHERENT PROJECT DESCRIPTION, AND DEFERS ALL MEANINGFUL
4 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW TO FUTURE PROJECT PROPOSALS, RAISING
5 CONCERNS ABOUT COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL
6 QUALITY ACT. L.A. WATERKEEPER APPRECIATED THE OPPORTUNITY TO
7 SERVE ON THE PLAN'S STEERING COMMITTEE. WE AND OUR COMMITTEE
8 PARTNERS MET DILIGENTLY WITH THE PLANNING TEAM OVER TWO YEARS,
9 CALLING FOR THE PLAN TO PRIORITIZE NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS, TO
10 REMOVE CONCRETE AND REMEDIATE CONTAMINATED LAND WHEREVER
11 FEASIBLE, WITHOUT SACRIFICING FLOOD-CONTROL NEEDS. THE
12 PLANNING TEAM FAILED TO CONSIDER OUR REQUESTS, AND THE FINAL
13 PLAN DID NOT REFLECT OUR INPUT OR OUR PRIORITIES FOR THE
14 RIVER. FOR THOSE REASONS, WE UNFORTUNATELY FELT COMPELLED TO
15 ASK THAT OUR NAMES AND LOGOS BE REMOVED FROM THE FINAL PLAN.
16 WE ALSO GREATLY APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S MOTION IN ITEM
17 137-A, AS AN IMPORTANT FIRST STEP TOWARD IMPLEMENTING THE
18 MASTER PLAN IN AN EQUITABLE MANNER, WITH MORE COMMUNITY INPUT,
19 BUT THIS COUNTY COULD GO FARTHER TO GUARANTEE THAT FUTURE
20 RIVER PROJECTS ARE CONSISTENT WITH COMMUNITY NEEDS AND
21 PRIORITIES. LOS ANGELES IS AT A CROSSROADS FOR THE FUTURE OF
22 THE L.A. RIVER. WE CAN EITHER RESTORE THE RIVER TO ACHIEVE
23 ECOLOGICAL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH AND RESILIENCE, OR WE CAN
24 TREAT IT ONLY AS A FLOOD-CONTROL CHANNEL, AND BUILD PROJECTS
25 THAT ADD MORE CONCRETE. THE MASTER PLAN REGRETTABLY SUPPORTS

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1 THE LATTER, AND WOULD KEEP IN PLACE THE DECADES OF
2 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE BURDENS THAT RIVER COMMUNITIES FACE.
3 L.A. WATERKEEPER URGES THE SUPERVISORS TO VOTE "NO" ON THE
4 MASTER PLAN. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC
5 COMMENT ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE.

6

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

8

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

12

13 **SPEAKER:** AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4. VERY GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE
14 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SHAKEEL SAYED, AND I AM FROM
15 CITY OF ARTESIA, IN SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 4. I
16 REPRESENT SOUTH ASIAN NETWORK, WHICH IS A MEMBER OF THE
17 "IMMIGRANTS ARE L.A." COALITION, WHICH IS A DIVERSE,
18 COMMUNITY-LED INITIATIVE TO BUILD A JUST AND EQUITABLE FUTURE
19 FOR IMMIGRANTS IN LOS ANGELES. I'M SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM
20 4; THAT IS, TO ENSURING AN EQUITABLE POST-PANDEMIC RECOVERY
21 FOR L.A. COUNTY IMMIGRANTS, THE MOTION FROM SUPERVISORS HOLLY
22 MITCHELL AND HILDA SOLIS, TO BOTH OF WHOM I AM DEEPLY
23 GRATEFUL. THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 PANDEMIC HAS DEVASTATED IMMIGRANT
24 FAMILIES AND HURT OUR COMMUNITIES, EVEN AS IMMIGRANT RESIDENTS
25 WORKED ON THE FRONT LINES TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITIES, FED,

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1 CLOTHED, HOUSED, AND SAFE. AS L.A. COUNTY PREPARES TO ALLOCATE
2 THE REMAINING \$975 MILLION IN A.R.P.A. FUNDS THIS SUMMER, THE
3 BOARD MUST ENSURE THAT IT DIRECTS RESOURCES AND SERVICES TO
4 THE COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN MOST IMPACTED AND UNDER-
5 RESOURCED, SUCH AS THE COUNTY'S IMMIGRANT POPULATION.
6 SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND SOLIS'S MOTION WILL DIRECT THE COUNTY
7 TO WORK WITH COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS--

8

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

11

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

15

16 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. PLEASE BEGIN.

17

18 **MODERATOR:** NATALIE MILLER, YOUR LINE'S OPEN.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I'M SPEAKING REGARDING ITEM 6-D. I'M
21 FROM CITY OF CLAREMONT. I'M STRONGLY OPPOSED... THE FUNDING
22 TO PILGRIM PROJECT, PROVIDED BY CITY OF CLAREMONT, AS LEADER
23 AGENCY. THE DEVELOPMENT DID NOT DO ANY COMMUNITY OUTREACH
24 MEETINGS BEFORE THEY SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATION. THE PROJECT IS
25 TOO CLOSE TO THE NEARBY [INAUDIBLE] POPULATION. [INAUDIBLE]

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1 SEVEN CHURCHES, SIX SCHOOLS. THE [INAUDIBLE] SCHOOL IS LESS
2 THAN 200 FEET. BASED ON THE [INAUDIBLE] ON THE LOCATIONS, AND
3 REQUESTING THE BOARD DO NOT APPROVE THIS [INAUDIBLE]. THANK
4 YOU.

5

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

7

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

12

13 **SPEAKER:** WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH INTERPRETATION OF THIS
14 REMINDER.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** [SPEAKS SPANISH]

17

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

19

20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LYNNE PLAMBECK. PLEASE
21 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER
22 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23

24 **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** MY NAME'S LYNNE PLAMBECK, AND I'M HERE
25 REPRESENTING SANTA CLARITA ORGANIZATION FOR PLANNING AND THE

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1 ENVIRONMENT. WE WANTED TO SPEAK ON THE TWO FLOODPLAIN AGENDA
2 ITEMS AND PUBLIC COMMENT, SO IT WOULD BE 97 AND 142. AGAIN,
3 PUBLIC WORKS IS PROPOSING TO CHANGE THE FLOOD MAPS IN AN AREA
4 OF THE SANTA CLARA RIVER THAT IS OCCUPIED BY THREATENED AND
5 ENDANGERED SPECIES. IT'S A VERY SENSITIVE AREA. THE SANTA
6 CLARA RIVER IS THE LAST FREE-FLOWING RIVER IN LOS ANGELES
7 COUNTY. THE AREA THAT IS PROPOSED FOR THE FLOOD MAP CHANGE IS
8 CURRENTLY UNOCCUPIED, SO THIS IS NOT AN ISSUE WHERE HOMES ARE
9 BEING THREATENED. IT'S NOT A SAFETY ISSUE AT THIS POINT. WE
10 JUST DISAGREE WITH A CATEGORICAL C.E.Q.A. EXEMPTION ON THIS
11 MATTER. WE BELIEVE THERE IS TIME TO REALLY TAKE A CLOSER LOOK
12 AT THIS. AND IN REALITY, THERE IS A NOTICE OF PREPARATION OUT
13 ON ONE OF THE PROPERTIES, ONE OF THE TRACK MAPS. IT'S BEEN OUT
14 SINCE 2015, AND WE ASK THAT THIS FLOOD MAP CHANGE BE
15 INCORPORATED INTO THAT PROCESS, SO THAT YOU SUPERVISORS CAN
16 REALLY SEE WHAT IMPACTS WOULD ARISE FROM THESE FLOODPLAIN MAP
17 CHANGES. IT SEEMS THAT THEY ARE TO ACCOMMODATE PARTICULAR
18 DEVELOPMENT ON THE PROPERTY IN ADVANCE OF A THOROUGH E.I.R.
19 INVESTIGATION, A MATTER WHICH WOULD BE REQUIRED TO OCCUR
20 ANYWAY. SO, WE WOULD JUST LIKE, ALSO, TO ASK THAT YOU HOLD A
21 PUBLIC HEARING AT THE SECOND READING, WHICH I GUESS YOU'RE
22 GOING TO PUT ON YOUR NEXT AGENDA, OR WHENEVER, BUT IT REALLY
23 SHOULD HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING, BECAUSE THIS IS A REALLY
24 IMPORTANT MATTER. AND LASTLY, ON PUBLIC COMMENT, HOW CAN YOU
25 HAVE 150 ITEMS ON YOUR AGENDA? I MEAN, THAT'S NOT FAIR TO THE

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1 PUBLIC. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT YOU CANNOT CONSIDER, REALLY, ANY
2 PUBLIC COMMENT, WHEN IT COMES LIKE A FIRE HOSE STREAMING AT
3 YOU. AND WE'VE NEVER-- I'VE BEEN COMING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
4 FOR A LONG TIME. YOU USED TO HAVE TWO MEETINGS A WEEK, AND
5 THEN YOU WENT TO ONE MEETING A WEEK, AND NOW YOU'RE ALMOST AT
6 ONE MEETING A MONTH, WITH 150 ITEMS. THAT'S NOT FAIR TO YOUR
7 STAFF, IT'S NOT FAIR TO THE PUBLIC, AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW
8 YOU CAN REALLY UNDERSTAND THE ITEMS ON SUCH A LONG AGENDA
9 THOROUGHLY ENOUGH TO MAKE REALLY GOOD DECISIONS ON THEM. SO
10 I'M ASKING YOU, PLEASE, WOULD YOU GO BACK TO HAVING ADDITIONAL
11 BOARD MEETINGS, AND NOT HAVE THESE HORRIBLE, LONG AGENDAS?
12 IT'S REALLY NOT-- IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S A BROWN ACT VIOLATION TO
13 HAVE SO MANY ITEMS ON THERE THAT PEOPLE CANNOT EVEN REALLY BE
14 HEARD. THANK YOU.

15

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

17

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

21

22 **PAMILA LEW:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. I WILL BE
23 SPEAKING ON ITEM NUMBER 6 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME
24 IS PAMILA LEW, AND I'M AN ATTORNEY AT DISABILITY RIGHTS
25 CALIFORNIA, URGING YOU TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF SUPERVISOR

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1 MITCHELL'S MOTION TO EXPAND O.D.R. HOUSING, BECAUSE EVERY DAY
2 THAT THE COUNTY FAILS TO FUND THIS PROGRAM CREATES UNNECESSARY
3 HARM AND SUFFERING TO THE HUNDREDS OF INDIVIDUALS,
4 DISPROPORTIONATELY BLACK AND LATINX, WHO WAIT IN JAIL WHEN
5 THEY COULD INSTEAD BE SERVED IN THE COMMUNITY BY O.D.R.
6 MENTALLY ILL INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN SHACKLED FOR DAYS IN THE
7 INMATE RECEPTION CENTER, A VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, CREATING
8 LEGAL LIABILITY TO THE COUNTY. O.D.R. IS A LIFELINE THAT
9 COUNTERS THIS CRISIS, AND MOVES PEOPLE OUT OF JAIL. TO OUR
10 KNOWLEDGE, THERE ARE NO OTHER PROGRAMS IN L.A. COUNTY-- OR THE
11 STATE, FOR THAT MATTER-- THAT CURRENTLY DIVERT DISABLED
12 INDIVIDUALS FROM THE JAIL SYSTEM WITH THE SAME SUCCESS AS
13 O.D.R. JAIL IS NO PLACE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY. O.D.R.'S
14 IMMEDIATE EXPANSION AND FUNDING IS IMPERATIVE TO MOVE L.A.
15 COUNTY TO A CARE-FIRST VISION. THANK YOU.

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

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

22
23 **JANET HUGHES:** I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM NUMBER 6 AND A
24 GENERAL COMMENT. MY NAME IS JANET HUGHES, AND I'M A MEMBER OF
25 ESSIE JUSTICE GROUP, A COMMUNITY OF WOMEN WITH INCARCERATED

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1 LOVED ONES, FIGHTING TO END MASS INCARCERATION. I AM A
2 RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES ALL OF MY LIFE, AND I URGE THE BOARD
3 OF SUPERVISORS TO VOTE "YES" ON SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S MOTION
4 TO EXPAND O.D.R. COMMIT TO FUNDING THE 3600 TREATMENT BEDS
5 NOW. RIGHT NOW, I'M THE PRIMARY CARETAKER OF MY 43-YEAR-OLD
6 SISTER, VENUS, WITH SEVERE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS. VENUS IS
7 SMART, CARING, AND LOVES HER FAMILY AND HER SON. SHE ALSO HAS
8 BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH SCHIZOAFFECTIVE DISORDER. BEFORE SHE
9 STARTED LIVING WITH ME, VENUS WAS STUCK IN A CYCLE OF LIVING
10 ON THE STREETS, IN SHELTERS, AND IN AND OUT OF C.R.D.F. IT'S
11 HEARTBREAKING THAT THE LONGEST PLACE SHE'S STAYED, OVER THESE
12 LAST TWO DECADES, HAS BEEN IN L.A. COUNTY JAIL. AS YOU KNOW,
13 STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL HEALTH MEANS THAT YOU ARE A TARGET FOR
14 THE POLICE OF LOS ANGELES, AND THERE AREN'T A LOT OF OPTIONS
15 BEYOND A 72-HOUR HOLD IN A HOSPITAL HERE AND THERE. I'VE DONE
16 THE BEST I CAN TO CARE FOR VENUS, BUT SHE NEEDS INTENSIVE CARE
17 THAT I CAN'T ALWAYS PROVIDE. I'VE AWAKENED UP TO FIND HER GONE
18 IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, AND LIVED WITH THE UNCERTAINTY AND
19 CONCERN OF NOT KNOWING WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN TO HER. PROGRAMS LIKE
20 O.D.R. WOULD BE LIFE-CHANGING FOR MY FAMILY. THEY'D BE LIFE-
21 CHANGING FOR THE 1 IN 4 WOMEN WITH INCARCERATED LOVED ONES,
22 WHO ARE DOING OUR BEST TO PROVIDE THE CARE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR
23 OUR FAMILIES, THAT L.A. COUNTY HAS REFUSED TO FUND. YOU SAY
24 YOU BELIEVE IN CARE FIRST, THAT YOU BELIEVE IN THE MENTAL
25 HEALTH SUPPORT. SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND HAHN, WHY WOULD YOU BE

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1 AGAINST A KEY PART OF THIS MOTION: TO SCALE THIS NEED FOR 3600
2 BEDS IN THE COMING YEAR? PASS THIS MOTION AS ORIGINALLY
3 WRITTEN. THE TIME IS NOW.

4

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

6

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

10

11 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS SUPANARAP SAM, AND I'M CALLING IN
12 SUPPORT OF ITEM 24. I WORK IN CHINATOWN, DIRECTLY WITH YOUTH
13 AND FAMILIES WHO HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING PRIOR TO THE PANDEMIC,
14 AND EVEN MORE SO DUE TO THE PANDEMIC, WHICH HAS BEEN AN
15 UNPRECEDENTED FORCE THAT HAS DEVASTATED OUR FAMILY, ESPECIALLY
16 THE LOW-INCOME FAMILIES THAT WE WORK WITH. THIS IS WHY WE ASK
17 THAT YOU ALLOCATE \$50 MILLION IN SEED FUNDING FOR THE LOS
18 ANGELES LAND BANK PILOT PROJECT, IN ORDER TO STREAMLINE AND
19 STABILIZE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRODUCTION IN THE COUNTY. THE
20 LAND BANK COULD REDUCE SPECULATION, LOWER DEVELOPMENT COSTS BY
21 ACQUIRING PROPERTY QUICKLY, AND WORK WITH COMMUNITIES TO MAKE
22 THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROCESS FASTER, MORE AFFORDABLE, AND
23 MORE PREDICTABLE. THE LAND BANK CAN ALSO HELP PRESERVE
24 EXISTING AFFORDABLE UNITS, AS WELL AS ACQUIRE PROPERTIES FOR
25 DEVELOPMENT. IT'S A MUCH-NEEDED TOOL IN OUR TOOLBOX FOR A JUST

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1 RECOVERY. INVESTING IN THE LAND BANK WILL HELP ADDRESS THE
2 LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING, WHICH HAS BEEN DEVASTATING THE
3 ESSENTIAL WORKERS, IMMIGRANT REFUGEE FAMILIES, AND LOW-INCOME
4 HOUSEHOLDS THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC. WE URGE YOU TO APPROVE
5 THIS INNOVATIVE PILOT PROJECT, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR
6 LEADERSHIP.

7

8 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

9

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

13

14 **DIEGO RODRIGUEZ:** GOOD MORNING. I'M CALLING TO SPEAK ON ITEM
15 16, AND TO PROVIDE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE LET ME KNOW
16 WHEN I SHOULD BEGIN.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** PLEASE BEGIN.

19

20 **DIEGO RODRIGUEZ:** GOOD MORNING, ESTEEMED BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
21 I'M DIEGO RODRIGUEZ, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF ALMA FAMILY
22 SERVICES. I'D LIKE TO FIRST THANK SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN AND
23 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR THEIR TIMELY AND COURAGEOUS MOTION TO
24 REVISIT OPTIONS FOR GUN CONTROL IN L.A. COUNTY. SINCE OUR
25 FOUNDATION, AND MORE INTENSIVELY IN THE PAST 15 YEARS, ALMA

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1 HAS BEEN DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN PUBLIC SAFETY EFFORTS, INCLUDING
2 GANG AND VIOLENCE REDUCTION SERVICES, PEACEMAKING INITIATIVES
3 INVOLVING COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS, AND MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS
4 FOR THOSE IMPACTED BY GUN VIOLENCE. AS A PROVIDER WITH 18
5 SERVICE SITES ACROSS L.A. COUNTY, ALMA HAS SEEN A DRAMATIC
6 INCREASE IN VIOLENCE IN VARIOUS COMMUNITIES, LEADING TO
7 FURTHER TRAUMA, HOPELESSNESS, AND FEAR. WE HAVE AND CONTINUE
8 TO OFFER COUNSELING TO VICTIMS OF CRIME, HEALING CIRCLES, AND
9 GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS. THIS YEAR, WE EXTENDED TRAUMA-INFORMED
10 CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO NEW AREAS, INCLUDING LONG BEACH,
11 HUNTINGTON PARK, AND PICO RIVERA. I HAVE PERSONALLY SERVED
12 FAMILIES THAT ENDURED THE UNEXPLAINABLE PAIN OF LOSING A LOVED
13 ONE TO GUN VIOLENCE. CONFRONTING PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD
14 TO GUN VIOLENCE PROFOUNDLY IMPACTED ME AS A MENTAL HEALTH
15 PROFESSIONAL, AND AS AN ANGELENO. THE BOARD'S LEADERSHIP IS
16 CRITICALLY NEEDED TO FURTHER PROTECT ANGELENOS OF ALL AGES AND
17 BACKGROUNDS, ENHANCING SAFETY ACROSS OUR L.A. COUNTY
18 COMMUNITIES. SINCE VIOLENCE IS AN EXTREMELY COMPLEX ISSUE, WE
19 ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS MOTION, WHICH CALLS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS
20 ON AREAS IN WHICH THE COUNTY CAN EXPAND THE EFFICACY OF GUN
21 CONTROL AND SAFETY MEASURES. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION,
22 AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS COUNTY COUNSEL AND
23 OTHER DEPARTMENTS WILL PROVIDE TO DETER THE CURRENT TRENDS OF
24 GUN VIOLENCE, TO ELIMINATE BARRIERS TO ENFORCEMENT, AND TO
25 IMPROVE COLLABORATION AND COORDINATION, LEADING TO A SAFER AND

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1 HEALTHIER COUNTY. WE RESPECTFULLY ASK THE BOARD TO SUPPORT
2 THIS MOTION. THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN TO SUPERVISORS HAHN AND
3 SOLIS. THANK YOU.

4

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

6

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

11

12 **MARSHA MCLEAN:** GOOD MORNING. I AM ADDRESSING ITEMS NUMBER 5,
13 120, AND PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE. I WANTED TO MENTION THAT,
14 FIRST OF ALL, IN SANTA CLARITA, I'M SURE YOU HAVE ALL HEARD
15 ABOUT THE TRAGIC SHOOTING WE HAD AT SAUGUS HIGH SCHOOL, AND
16 THESE ITEMS DIRECTLY IMPACT US AND OUR PARENTS. OUR PARENTS
17 HAVE VOICED BROAD SUPPORT FOR OUR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS,
18 AND FEEL THAT THEY NEED TO BE ENHANCED, AND NOT TAKEN AWAY.
19 ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL. EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT IS UNIQUELY
20 QUALIFIED TO DECIDE, WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WHAT
21 PARENTS NEED FOR THE SAFETY OF THEIR CHILDREN. AND I DON'T
22 UNDERSTAND WHY IN THE WORLD WOULD WE WANT TO BRING IN ANOTHER
23 ENTITY INTO THE MIX, THAT HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT EACH SCHOOL
24 DISTRICT AND THE PARENTS ACTUALLY NEED OR WANT. AND I'M
25 TALKING ABOUT BRINGING IN ANOTHER LAYER, WITH THE INSPECTOR

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1 GENERAL. WHAT WE NEED IN OUR SCHOOLS IS ENHANCED MENTAL HEALTH
2 PROGRAMS, WORKING ALONG WITH THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS,
3 WHICH, PRACTICALLY TO A PERSON, OUR PARENTS UNDERSTAND THAT
4 THEIR CHILDREN FEEL SAFER WITH OUR SHERIFFS ON CAMPUS, TO BE
5 THERE IN CASE SOMETHING HORRIBLE DOES HAPPEN. SO, ONCE AGAIN,
6 PUTTING ANOTHER LAYER OF BUREAUCRACY WASTES TAXPAYERS'
7 DOLLARS. LOCALLY ELECTED SCHOOL BOARDS KNOW THE NEEDS OF THEIR
8 COMMUNITIES. SCHOOL DISTRICTS PAY FOR THE SERVICES, AND SHOULD
9 BE EMPOWERED TO DEFINE THEIR CONTRACT TERMS WITH THE SHERIFF'S
10 DEPARTMENT. THAT DOES NOT BELONG WITH COUNTY GOVERNMENT; IT
11 BELONGS WITH LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS, NEGOTIATING WITH OUR
12 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. SO, I JUST WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU. I KNOW
13 THESE ITEMS WERE PULLED OFF OF TODAY'S AGENDA, BUT PLEASE,
14 THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS WHEN YOU'RE MAKING YOUR DECISION, AND
15 UNDERSTAND THAT, IN SANTA CLARITA, OUR PARENTS FEEL THAT
16 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS ARE DEFINITELY A RESOURCE. AND MAKING
17 THEM REPORT BACK TO SOMEONE EVERY SINGLE YEAR JUST IS NOT
18 EFFICIENT, AND IT TAKES AWAY THE POWER FROM OUR SCHOOL
19 DISTRICTS AND THE COMMUNITIES THAT THEY SERVE. THANK YOU SO
20 MUCH.

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

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

4

5 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS HELENE SCHULTZ, AND I AM A RESIDENT
6 OF S.D. ONE, AND I AM HERE IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM 24,
7 ESTABLISHING THE L.A. COUNTY LAND BANK. I GRADUATED FROM
8 [INAUDIBLE] HIGH LAST YEAR. MY WHOLE SENIOR YEAR WAS COLORED
9 BY UNCERTAINTY, LOCKDOWNS, STRESS, AND WORRY. MY CLASSMATES
10 AND I WORRIED ABOUT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR PARENTS, WHO
11 WORK IN LOW-WAGE ESSENTIAL INDUSTRIES. BUT WE ALSO WORRIED
12 ABOUT THE FAMILIES THAT LOST JOBS AND INCOMES, AND LIVED IN
13 FEAR OF BEING KICKED OUT OF THEIR HOME. IN LOS ANGELES, IT IS
14 WAY TOO HARD TO FIND HEALTHY, SAFE, AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING.
15 FINISHING HIGH SCHOOL IS HARD ENOUGH. WE SHOULDN'T HAVE TO
16 TAKE ON THE STRESS OF LOSING OUR HOUSING. THIS IS WHY I
17 SUPPORT THE LAND BANK. IT WILL ENSURE THAT COMMUNITIES THAT
18 ALREADY FACE PRESSURE FROM GENTRIFICATION WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE
19 AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND FAMILIES THAT FACE ECONOMIC HARDSHIPS
20 WON'T BE DISPLACED OR END UP ON THE STREETS. I WANT TO THANK
21 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR CREATING THE LAND BANK--

22

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

25

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

4

5 **LILLIAN CABRAL:** YES. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I WILL BE
6 SPEAKING ON AGENDA 12. ITEM 12. S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721 STANDS IN
7 STRONG SUPPORT OF THE MOTION FOR SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND SOLIS
8 TO EXPAND THE PREPARING THE LOS ANGELES FOR THE COUNTY
9 EMPLOYMENT P.L.A.C.E. PROGRAM. THE WORKERS' EDUCATION AND
10 RESOURCE CENTER WORK IS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF THE GOOD
11 ACCOMPLISHMENTS WE'VE MADE WITH THE COUNTY AND THE UNIONS
12 COMING TOGETHER IN PARTNERSHIP. S.E.I.U. AND D.H.S. CAME
13 TOGETHER 20 YEARS AGO, CREATING WORK AS AN EFFORT TO ADDRESS
14 THE COUNTY'S CRITICAL SHORTAGE IN NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH
15 OCCUPATIONS. TODAY, THROUGH PREPARING LOS ANGELES FOR COUNTY
16 EMPLOYMENT P.L.A.C.E., WE ARE ADDRESSING AN EVEN GREATER
17 CRISIS: INCOME INEQUALITY AND [INAUDIBLE] JOBS IN LOS ANGELES
18 COUNTY. P.L.A.C.E. IS AN EXCITING DEVELOPMENT IN WORK ROLES AS
19 A LABOR MANAGEMENT PARTNER--

20

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

23

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

4

5 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. I AM CALLING ON ITEM NUMBER
6 24. I AM WITH THE [INAUDIBLE]. I'M WITH THE [INAUDIBLE], THE
7 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST IN EAST L.A., AND WE ARE ALSO PART OF THE
8 [INAUDIBLE] COALITION, AND WE ARE CALLING IN SUPPORT OF THE
9 LAND BANK PILOT PROGRAM. WE ARE DOING A LOT OF WORK TO DO
10 ANTI-GENTRIFICATION, SUPPORTING TENANTS AND ACQUIRING
11 BUILDINGS, AND WE THINK AND FEEL THAT THE LAND BANK WILL BE AN
12 ESSENTIAL TOOL TO FIGHT GENTRIFICATION AND DISPLACEMENT IN THE
13 UNINCORPORATED EAST L.A. AND L.A. COUNTY. WE NEED A TOOL LIKE
14 THE LAND BANK TO BE ABLE TO PRESERVE AND STABILIZE HOUSING,
15 AND HAVING A LAND BANK IS ONE OF THE FIRST TOOLS WE NEED,
16 SPECIFICALLY TO HOLD LAND, HOUSING, AS WE CONTINUE TO IMPROVE
17 THE TOOLS FOR MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE COUNTY. SO,
18 PLEASE, WE ARE JUST CALLING TO SUPPORT THE L.A. COUNTY LAND
19 BANK PILOT PROGRAM. THANK YOU.

20

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

22

23 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ALEXANDRA PECK. PLEASE
24 STATE THE 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:** MY NAME IS DR. ALEXANDRA PECK. I AM SPEAKING ON
3 AGENDA ITEM SIX AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM AN ESSIE
4 JUSTICE GROUP SISTER. I AM ALSO A CHILD OF A FORMERLY
5 INCARCERATED PARENT. I WAS BORN IN 1982, AND MY DAD WAS
6 SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS TO LIFE, AT THE AGE OF 16. IT WOULD BE
7 21 YEARS BEFORE HE CAME HOME. WHILE MY DAD WAS INCARCERATED IN
8 CALIFORNIA STATE PRISON, SO MANY FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
9 HAVE BEEN CAGED INSIDE M.C.J. UNFORTUNATELY, I KNOW OF ONE
10 CLOSE FAMILY MEMBER WHO LOST THEIR BROTHER IN 2017, WHILE HE
11 WAS CAGED INSIDE M.C.J. I WANT TO TAKE A SECOND TO CALL HIM
12 AND HIS FAMILY INTO THIS SPACE. WHILE I WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO
13 GET BACK THE 20-PLUS YEARS MY FATHER WAS INCARCERATED, NOR
14 WILL MY DEAR FAMILY AND FRIENDS GET BACK THEIR LOVED ONE, YOU
15 HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE THE LIFE OF SO MANY OTHER PEOPLE
16 SUFFERING IN CAGES RIGHT NOW. YOU'VE SAID YOU ARE COMMITTED TO
17 CARE FIRST. NOW IS THE TIME TO SHOW US THAT THAT IS ACTUALLY
18 TRUE. PASS SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S MOTION AS IT'S WRITTEN. WE
19 MUST MOVE TOWARD CREATING THE 3600 TREATMENT BEDS THAT YOUR
20 WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDED TO MAKE M.C.J. CLOSURE A REALITY.
21 I'D ALSO ASK SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND HAHN TO EXPLAIN THEIR
22 REASONING FOR THEIR AMENDMENT. WHAT COULD POSSIBLY BE THE
23 REASON TO NOT HAVE THE C.E.O. LOOK INTO FUNDING
24 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WOULD HELP US MEET THE 3600-BED GOAL THAT
25 YOUR OWN WORKING GROUP LAID OUT? WE DON'T WANT ANY MORE

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1 EXCUSES OR DELAYS OR STUDIES. WE WANT YOU TO KEEP YOUR
2 PROMISES, AND FUND CARE NOW. 55 PEOPLE DIED INSIDE L.A. COUNTY
3 JAILS IN 2021. DECARCERATING AND ULTIMATELY CLOSING MEN'S
4 CENTRAL JAIL IS THE ONLY PATHWAY TOWARDS A CARE-FIRST VISION.
5 EXPANDING AND FUNDING THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY IS A
6 SUREFIRE WAY TO SAFELY AND SUPPORTIVELY DECARCERATE L.A.
7 COUNTY. O.D.R. HAS A PROVEN TRACK RECORD OF SUCCESS. WHY IS
8 THE BOARD NOT JUMPING AT THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND A COUNTY
9 DEPARTMENT THAT HAS DEMONSTRATED A DEEP COMMITMENT TO HELPING
10 VULNERABLE [INAUDIBLE]? THANK YOU.

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

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

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18 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. GOOD MORNING. THIS IS DR.
19 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, AND I AM GOING TO SPEAK TO ITEM 2, 33, 54,
20 AND 115, CS-1, CS-2, AND PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU KNOW, ON ITEM 2,
21 I AM CONCERNED TO SEE THAT DR. FERRER, SHE'S ALWAYS VERY
22 WILLING TO [INAUDIBLE] THE NUMBER OF CASES, AND SO ON, AND
23 THAT REALLY CONCERNS ME, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE HAVE A WHOLE BUNCH
24 OF BIG MEETINGS WITH NO MASKS ON, AND SO ON. AND ON ITEM 33, I
25 CANNOT BELIEVE THEY WOULD PUT THAT ITEM IN THE MIDDLE OF THE

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1 150-SOME [INAUDIBLE] THAT YOU HAVE TODAY. AND I THINK THAT YOU
2 SHOULD REOPEN AND MEET ON A WEEKLY BASIS, AND NOT EVERY OTHER
3 WEEK. ON ITEM 54, ON THE LAPTOP REFRESH, I HOPE THAT WILL
4 IMPROVE THE CASE OF THE WORKER, BECAUSE MANY TIMES THAT DOES
5 NOT PROVE TRUE. AND NOW, ON 115, THE [INAUDIBLE] SEEMED VERY
6 WILLING TO ATTACH A [INAUDIBLE] TIME, BUT THEY VIOLATE THE
7 BROWN ACT THEMSELVES. THEY HAD POSTED THEIR MEETING TO LAST
8 UNTIL 2:00, AND AT 10:00, WE ARE FINISHED. THAT'S VERY QUICK,
9 YOU KNOW. AND NOW, ON THE PUBLIC COMMENT, HOW CAN YOU JUSTIFY
10 ONLY TWO MINUTES FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING, WHEN YOU HAVE OVER 150
11 ITEMS? THIS IS A JOKE. YOU KNOW, DON'T TELL ME YOU REALLY ARE
12 BEING TRANSPARENT. 10 MILLION PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY, AND YOU
13 ALLOW ONLY TWO MINUTES FOR COMMENTS. THAT'S VERY BAD. ANYWAY,
14 I HOPE THAT YOU WILL REOPEN, BECAUSE I WANT TO FACE YOU AGAIN.
15 ANYWAY, HAVE A NICE WEEK. TALK TO YOU LATER. BYE.

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

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19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MAYRA GARZA. PLEASE STATE
20 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
21 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

22
23 **MAYRA GARZA:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
24 MAYRA GARZA, AND I CURRENTLY SERVE AS A CLERK OF THE GOVERNING
25 BOARD FOR BELLFLOWER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND I AM AN 18-

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1 YEAR EDUCATOR, CURRENTLY WITH THE LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL
2 DISTRICT. I AM CALLING TODAY IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR JANICE
3 HAHN AND SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS'S MOTION, ITEM NUMBER 16, ON
4 REVISITING OPTIONS FOR GUN CONTROL IN L.A. COUNTY. IT IS MY
5 STRONG BELIEF THAT EFFORTS LIKE TODAY'S MOTION WILL FURTHER
6 STRENGTHEN THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR CHILDREN, AND
7 ADULTS WHO EDUCATE THEM. I SUPPORT THIS MOTION THAT WOULD GIVE
8 OPTIONS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO IMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL
9 GUN-CONTROL REGULATIONS IN UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY. IT IS
10 OVERDUE, IT IS IMPORTANT, AND IT WILL SAVE LIVES. I WANT TO
11 THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS
12 MOTION FORWARD TODAY, AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE COMMENT.
13 THANK YOU.

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

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

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21 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. I WISH TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEM 6 AND GENERAL
22 PUBLIC COMMENT. HELLO. MY NAME IS PORTIA ALLEN, AND I AM A
23 MEMBER OF ESSIE JUSTICE GROUP, AN ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN WITH
24 INCARCERATED LOVED ONES, FIGHTING TO END THE HARMS OF MASS
25 INCARCERATION. I HAVE BEEN LOCKED UP IN C.R.D.F. MYSELF, AND I

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1 HAVE A BROTHER WHO'S BEEN LOCKED UP AT M.C.J. I AM HERE TO
2 URGE YOU TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION TO EXPAND O.D.R., AND
3 TO CREATE 3600 TREATMENT BEDS IN OUR COMMUNITY, OUTSIDE OF
4 JAIL. THE FIRST TIME I WAS LOCKED UP AT C.R.D.F. WAS WHEN I
5 WAS 15. AT THAT MOMENT, THE COUNTY MADE A CHOICE TO LABEL ME
6 AS A CRIMINAL AND LOCK ME UP, INSTEAD OF SEEING ME AS A
7 SURVIVOR OF CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING, WHO NEEDED CARE. I REMEMBER
8 I KEPT TELLING THEM THAT I WAS A MINOR, AND THEY DIDN'T
9 BELIEVE ME. FOR TWO WEEKS, I SAT IN THAT JAIL, UNTIL MY MOM
10 FINALLY FOUND OUT WHERE I WAS, AND BROUGHT THEM MY BIRTH
11 CERTIFICATE. THOSE TWO WEEKS ARE SEARED IN MY MEMORY. THEY
12 HANDCUFFED ME ON THE FLOOR, TO A BENCH. THEY WOULDN'T LET ME
13 PEE. WHEN THEY TRIED TO SEARCH ME, I AM TELLING THEM, "I AM ON
14 MY MENSTRUAL. I DON'T FEEL COMFORTABLE BEING SEARCHED IN FRONT
15 OF ALL THESE PEOPLE." AND THEY SAY, "OH, YOU DON'T WANT TO
16 LISTEN?" AND THEN THEY TIED ME BACK TO THE BENCH. THEY TOUCHED
17 ME IN WAYS THAT NO CHILD SHOULD BE TOUCHED. THE VIOLENCE DONE
18 TO ME IN THAT JAIL DID NOT END WHEN I WALKED OUT THOSE DOORS.
19 EVEN 15 YEARS LATER, BEING LOCKED UP HAS SHAPED MY LIFE. MY
20 RECORD KEEPS ME FROM GETTING JOBS. THE TRAUMA KEEPS ME FROM
21 OPENING UP TO PEOPLE. I OFTEN THINK WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN
22 POSSIBLE FOR ME, IF I WEREN'T LABELED AS A CRIMINAL AND THROWN
23 AWAY. WHAT IF I HAD BEEN GIVEN SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, COUNSELING,
24 AND CARE? THE CARE I NEEDED WAS NOT AN OPTION FOR ME. THE CARE
25 MY BROTHER NEEDED, WHEN HE GOT LOCKED UP BY M.C.J., WAS NOT AN

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1 OPTION FOR HIM. THE CARE OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS CAN'T WAIT NO
2 LONGER. THE BOARD HAD MADE PROMISES TO FUND CARE FIRST.

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

6

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

10

11 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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

14

15 **SPEAKER:** ALL RIGHT. I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM 24. I AM A RESIDENT
16 OF LINCOLN HEIGHTS, AND WORK IN CHINATOWN, AND I URGE YOU ALL
17 TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 24, TO ESTABLISH L.A. COUNTY LAND BANK,
18 AND ALLOCATE \$50 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR THE LAND BANK, IN
19 ORDER TO ENSURE THAT VULNERABLE L.A. FAMILIES HAVE SAFE,
20 DECENT, AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH SENIORS
21 AND OTHER EXTREMELY LOW-INCOME PEOPLE, TO HELP THEM APPLY FOR
22 RENT RELIEF FROM THE STATE. AFTER WAITING FOR MORE THAN SIX
23 MONTHS, MANY STILL HAVE NOT GOTTEN APPLIED, AND MANY FIND
24 THEMSELVES TERRIFIED OF LOSING THEIR HOMES. THESE ARE COUNTY
25 RESIDENTS THAT LIVE IN S.R.O.S, ON THE EDGE OF HOMELESSNESS.

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1 THEY CANNOT WAIT ANYMORE. THE LAND BANK PROVIDES A PATHWAY TO
2 CREATING MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WE THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS
3 AND KUEHL FOR SUPPORTING THIS, AND I URGE YOU ALL TO APPROVE
4 THE MOTION AND ENSURE THE ALLOCATION OF \$50 MILLION FOR THE
5 LAND BANK.

6

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

8

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

12

13 **SPEAKER:** SET MATTER TWO, PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS, AND GENERAL
14 COMMENT. HELLO. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JAN BEZERE, AND I AM
15 AN L.A. COUNTY RESIDENT. OMICRON IS A VARIANT QUITE UNLIKE ITS
16 PREDECESSORS, AND OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A DIFFERENT PUBLIC
17 HEALTH RESPONSE. OMICRON'S BA.1 THROUGH BA.5 ARE FOLLOWING
18 NORMAL EVOLUTION. EACH ONE IS MORE TRANSMISSIBLE, YET ALSO
19 MORE Milder THAN THE PREVIOUS ONE. ACCORDING TO THE Z.O.E.
20 C.O.V.I.D. SYMPTOM STUDY, TOP REPORTED SYMPTOMS ARE RUNNY
21 NOSE, FATIGUE, SORE THROAT, JUST LIKE THE COMMON COLD. DR.
22 JOHN HANDEL, WHO HAS STUDIED C.O.V.I.D. GLOBALLY SINCE THE
23 BEGINNING OF THE PANDEMIC, SAID THAT INCREASED
24 HOSPITALIZATIONS ARE NO INDICATION OMICRON IS CAUSING MORE
25 SEVERE DISEASE. IT IS MORE LIKELY THAT MORE PEOPLE CAN TEST

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1 POSITIVE AT ONE TIME, AND MORE WILL, WITH EACH NEW, MILDER
2 STRAIN, BECAUSE OF THE INCREASED TRANSMISSIBILITY. REMEMBER,
3 IN SOUTH AFRICA, THE MAJORITY OF HOSPITALIZATIONS WERE FROM
4 PROBLEMS COMPLETELY UNRELATED TO C.O.V.I.D. DR. FERRER'S LAST
5 RESPONSE IS THAT IT WOULD BE LETHAL FOR THE COUNTY TO GO INTO
6 FURTHER DETAIL ON THOSE HOSPITALIZATIONS BEING REPORTED IN THE
7 GRAPH. WHAT DO THEY PRESENT WHEN THEY ARRIVE AT THE HOSPITAL
8 IN THE FIRST PLACE, AND HOW SEVERE WERE THEIR SYMPTOMS? DR.
9 FERRER'S LAST REPORT SAID BA.4 AND 5 HAVE THE POTENTIAL FOR
10 CONSIDERABLE VACCINE EVASION. WITH SUCH MILD SYMPTOMS, DR.
11 [INAUDIBLE] CALLED OMICRON THE "OFF-RAMP OUT OF THE PANDEMIC,"
12 BECAUSE ESCAPING THE VACCINE IS GENERATING IMMUNITY AT A
13 HIGHER RATE, MAKING THE POPULATION MORE RESISTANT TO FUTURE
14 STRAINS AND VARIANTS, AS ALL OF US IN L.A. COUNTY GO ABOUT OUR
15 NORMAL ACTIVITIES. HAVE A GOOD DAY.

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

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

22
23 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. I WILL BE ADDRESSING ITEM 16, AND I AM GOING
24 TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT. FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK
25 SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS

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1 FORWARD. AND IT IS, AGAIN, ARTURO ROSALES. I AM A CRISIS
2 INTERVENTION WORKER IN THE CITY OF COMPTON. I WORK FOR
3 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CROSSROADS. I WORK WITH CLIENTS IN THE
4 COMMUNITY, AND THEY DEAL WITH TRAUMA. I HAVE WORKED WITH THE
5 SURVIVORS OF GUN VIOLENCE, AND THOSE FAMILY MEMBERS WHO HAVE
6 LOST LOVED ONES. I AM OUT THERE TALKING TO THEM ANY TIME
7 THERE'S AN INCIDENT IN COMPTON. I GO DOWN THERE FOR THE GANG
8 VIOLENCE. IN THIS LINE OF WORK, MY SAFETY IS AT RISK, TOO,
9 BECAUSE I GO INTO GANG-INFESTED NEIGHBORHOODS, AND I WANT A
10 PUSH FORWARD TO DECIDEDLY PICK UP THE CONSIDERATION, REALLY
11 CONSIDERATION. SUMMER IS UPON US, AND THE VIOLENCE IS GOING TO
12 INCREASE A LITTLE BIT MORE, BECAUSE THE KIDS ARE OUT OF
13 SCHOOL. EVERYBODY IS JUST DOING EVERYTHING. SO, WITH THIS
14 BEING SAID, I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE PARTNERSHIP,
15 WITH THOSE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT WORK ALONG WITH US, AND
16 THE COUNTY. I'D LIKE TO PARTNER UP WITH THIS, AND I HOPE AND I
17 PRAY THAT YOU PASS ITEM 16. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, AND YOU
18 ALL HAVE A GOOD DAY.

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

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

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2 **SPEAKER:** WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH INTERPRETATION OF THIS
3 REMINDER.

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5 **SPEAKER:** [SPEAKS SPANISH]

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

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

12

13 **TRAUTE WINTERS:** HELLO. I AM TRAUTE WINTERS, THE EXECUTIVE
14 DIRECTOR OF N.A.M.I. GREATER L.A. COUNTY. I AM CALLING IN
15 SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S MOTION 6, REGARDING EXPANDING
16 THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY HOUSING. WE UNDERSTAND
17 THIS MOTION AND AMENDMENT ARE BEING HELD UNTIL JUNE 28TH.
18 THERE ARE GOOD POINTS IN BOTH THE MOTION AND AMENDMENT,
19 INCLUDING THE UTILIZATION OF MEDI-CAL DOLLARS, OUTLINED IN THE
20 AMENDMENT. HOWEVER, AS CURRENTLY WRITTEN, WE MUST STRONGLY
21 SUPPORT THE LONG-TERM APPROACH AND INCREASE IN SCALE THAT IS
22 PROVIDED IN THE EXPANSION ROADMAP OF THE MITCHELL MOTION. WE
23 ENCOURAGE THE SUPERVISORS AND STAFF TO WORK TOGETHER, REACH A
24 CONSENSUS, AND COME BACK WITH A MOTION THAT IS SUPPORTED BY
25 EVERYONE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THE FINAL MOTION ON THE

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1 28TH, SO WE CAN OPEN O.D.R. BACK UP QUICKLY, AND GET BACK TO
2 CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST. THERE'S A SENSE OF URGENCY, AS THERE
3 ARE PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS SITTING IN JAIL,
4 WAITING FOR O.D.R. TO OPEN UP. THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING OUR
5 LETTER, SENT ON JUNE 11TH. WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE A FINAL MOTION
6 WITH UNANIMOUS BOARD-OF-SUPERVISOR SUPPORT.

7

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

9

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

13

14 **SPEAKER:** DEAR MADAM CHAIR, AND TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY
15 NAME IS KATHY LEE, AND I AM HERE TO MAKE A GENERAL PUBLIC
16 COMMENT, AND ASK THE BOARD'S SUPPORT TO FIND OUT HOW AND WHY
17 DISTRICT ATTORNEY GEORGE GASCON'S FAILURES LED TO THE MURDER
18 OF MY FATHER, A 70-YEAR-OLD KOREAN-AMERICAN IMMIGRANT, SAO-GAN
19 LEE. I ASK THE BOARD TO ALLOW ME A LITTLE EXTRA TIME, SINCE
20 THIS IS A MATTER OF GREAT PUBLIC CONCERN AND IMPORTANCE.
21 PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** YOU MAY BEGIN.

24

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1 **SPEAKER:** MY DAD WAS STABBED AND MURDERED ON MAY 5TH, 2022, AT
2 HIS LAUNDROMAT BUSINESS IN DISTRICT TWO, WHEN HIS KILLER SNUCK
3 UP BEHIND HIM, BRUTALLY STABBED HIS NECK. HE LOST MOST OF HIS
4 BLOOD VERY QUICKLY, AND HE PASSED AWAY BEFORE I COULD SEE HIM.
5 OUR FAMILY RECENTLY LEARNED THAT MY DAD'S MURDER WAS 100%
6 PREVENTABLE. HIS KILLER GOT HIS PRACTICE BY USING THE SAME,
7 EXACT MODUS OPERANDI, ATTACKING ANOTHER ASIAN VICTIM WITH A
8 DEADLY WEAPON ON THE NECK FROM BEHIND, JUST FIVE DAYS PRIOR.
9 THAT VICTIM SURVIVED BY FIGHTING BACK, AND THE PERP WAS
10 QUICKLY ARRESTED BY THE L.A.P.D. BUT THE D.A.'S OFFICE DECIDED
11 NOT TO CHARGE HIM WITH A FELONY ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON,
12 AS L.A.P.D. RECOMMENDED, AND RELEASED HIM. JUST A FEW DAYS
13 LATER, THE PERP FOUND MY DAD, AND THIS TIME, HE ENSURED HE
14 SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED HIS CRIME, BY STABBING AND KILLING HIM.
15 BY FAILING TO CHARGE THE PERSON OF FELONY ASSAULT WITH A
16 DEADLY WEAPON--

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

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21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANA-ALICIA CARR. PLEASE
22 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER
23 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1 **ANA-ALICIA CARR:** GOOD MORNING. I WILL BE GIVING GENERAL PUBLIC
2 COMMENT.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **ANA-ALICIA CARR:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ANA-
7 ALICIA CARR, WITH THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION, A MEMBER OF
8 THE "L.A. PRODUCES" COALITION. BUILDING OFF OF THE COUNTY'S
9 INITIAL INVESTMENT IN MARKET MATCH, WE ARE ADVOCATING FOR A
10 SECOND \$6 MILLION INVESTMENT IN NUTRITION INCENTIVES. THIS
11 ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT WILL INCREASE THE ABILITY OF LOCAL
12 CALFRESH PARTICIPANTS TO PURCHASE HEALTHY FRUITS AND
13 VEGETABLES, AND ALLOW FOR THE EXPANSION OF NUTRITION INCENTIVE
14 PROGRAMS, ENSURING INCREASED HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS TO MORE
15 RESIDENTS. DEMAND FOR EXISTING NUTRITION INCENTIVE PROGRAMS
16 ROSE SIGNIFICANTLY DUE TO INFLATION AND THE ECONOMIC PRESSURES
17 OF THE PANDEMIC. IN LIGHT OF INCREASING DEMAND AND RISING
18 PRICES, THE UPCOMING REDUCTIONS IN MONTHLY CALFRESH BENEFITS,
19 A SECOND \$6 MILLION INVESTMENT IN NUTRITION INCENTIVES, USING
20 THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING, IS NEEDED. THIS WILL ENSURE
21 THAT THOUSANDS OF FOOD-INSECURE RESIDENTS CONTINUE TO HAVE
22 ACCESS TO HEALTHY FRUITS AND VEGETABLES. THANK YOU.

23

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

25

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

4

5 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ANGELIQUE WOODS, AND I WILL
6 BE SPEAKING REGARDING ITEMS 5, 120, AND 121. WE DO NOT NEED
7 COPS OR ANY POLICE AUTHORITY LIKE THAT ON SCHOOL CAMPUSES. AND
8 WHEN STUDENTS, CONCERNED PARENTS, OR EVEN PEOPLE IN THE
9 COMMUNITY SAY THAT, THEY GET COMMENTS LIKE, "WELL, IT WOULD BE
10 SAFER," OR THAT KIDS WOULD FEEL PROTECTED, WHEN IN REALITY, A
11 LOT OF THE KIDS FEEL MORE AFRAID THAN THEY DO PROTECTED WITH
12 COPS ON CAMPUS, ESPECIALLY BLACK AND BROWN KIDS. NOT ONLY DO
13 THEY HAVE TO WORRY OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL ABOUT POLICE, THEY ALSO
14 HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT POLICE IN THE PLACE THEY GO TO LEARN. THEY
15 REALLY AREN'T NECESSARY, NOR ARE THEY HELPFUL. IF ANYTHING, A
16 LOT OF THE TIME, POLICE ESCALATE SITUATIONS, EVEN IF THEY ARE
17 CALLED TO DEFLATE THEM. BEFORE I MOVED HERE, NONE OF THE
18 SCHOOLS THAT I WENT TO HAD POLICE ON CAMPUS, NOR WERE POLICE
19 CALLED, EVER. SO, WITH SCHOOLS THAT ALLOW POLICE, THERE ARE NO
20 CIRCUMSTANCES OR CERTAIN SITUATIONS FOR THEM TO BE ABLE TO
21 CALL THE POLICE. I FEEL THAT ADMIN GETS POLICE INVOLVED WHEN
22 THEY JUST SIMPLY DON'T WANT TO DEAL WITH A STUDENT OR THEIR
23 EMOTIONS. THANK YOU.

24

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

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

5

6 **SPEAKER:** HI. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 23, AND
7 I WILL BE PROVIDING SOME PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS SETA
8 RAOUL. I AM A CURRENT MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY STUDENT, AND
9 I WORK IN [INAUDIBLE]. I SUPPORT THE MOTION THAT WOULD ENSURE
10 GENDER-AFFIRMING MEDICAL SERVICES FOR TRANSGENDER AND
11 NONBINARY POPULATIONS. WITHIN MY WORK WITH THE QUEER
12 POPULATION IN MY OWN COMMUNITY, I WOULD LEAD WORKSHOPS FOR
13 L.G.B.T.Q.+ IDENTIFYING PEOPLE, TO DISCUSS HOW OUR STRUGGLES
14 AS ADULTS WERE SHAPED BY OUR CHILDHOODS, AND SPECIFIC TO THE
15 TRAUMAS, STIGMA, DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT THAT WE FACE AS
16 QUEER PEOPLE. THESE STRESSORS CAUSE THE QUEER POPULATION TO BE
17 AT HIGH RISK OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES
18 THAT WILL ULTIMATELY IMPACT ACADEMIC SUCCESS, FINANCIAL
19 STABILITY, AND HOUSING SECURITY. IT IS FOR THIS REASON IT IS
20 IMPERATIVE THAT L.A. COUNTY PROVIDES GENDER-AFFIRMING
21 HEALTHCARE TO TRANSGENDER AND NONBINARY ADULTS AND CHILDREN.
22 THIS TYPE OF CARE WILL BE A DIRECT INTERVENTION THAT COULD
23 HAVE ASSISTED MY OWN PEERS IN HAVING BETTER MENTAL HEALTHCARE
24 OUTCOMES, AND OVERALL BETTER LIVELIHOODS AS ADULTS. THE
25 GENDER-NEUTRAL TERM FOR A SIBLING'S CHILD IS "NIBLING," AND I

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1 AM VERY PROUD THAT MY OWN NIBLING WAS ABLE TO ASK QUESTIONS
2 ABOUT THEIR GENDER, AND HAVE THE TOOLS TO DISCUSS AND EXPRESS
3 THEIR GENDER IN A WAY THAT GIVES THEM HAPPINESS AND
4 CONFIDENCE. EVERY CHILD AND PERSON DESERVES THAT. DR. JASON
5 RAFFERTY, WHO IS A HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL GRADUATE-- HE DID
6 HIS RESIDENCY AT BROWN-- PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE CALLED "ENSURING
7 COMPREHENSIVE CARE AND SUPPORT FOR TRANSGENDER AND GENDER-
8 DIVERSE CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS," WHEREIN MULTIPLE STUDIES
9 HAVE BEEN SYNTHESIZED ABOUT SHOWING SUPPORT IN AFFIRMING
10 GENDER FOR CHILDREN HAS-- THAT HAS LED TO THE MOST SUCCESSFUL
11 MENTAL HEALTH OUTCOMES THROUGHOUT THE CHANGES AND [INAUDIBLE].
12 THIS MOTION WOULD CHANGE LIVELIHOOD FOR QUEER YOUTH AND
13 L.G.B.T.Q.+ IDENTIFYING ADULTS FOR THE BETTER. I THANK YOU FOR
14 YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION, AND HAPPY PRIDE.

15

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

17

18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS PATRICIA STRONG-FARGAS.
19 PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND
20 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
21 BEGIN.

22

23 **PATRICIA STRONG-FARGAS:** THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME THIS
24 OPPORTUNITY. I AM PASTOR PATRICIA STRONG-FARGAS. I AM A CO-
25 CHAIR OF FAITH FOR SAFER STREETS, AND I AM ADDRESSING ITEM

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1 NUMBER 25, IN SUPPORT OF REDUCING SPEED. AS A PASTOR AND AS A
2 COMMUNITY WORKER, AS AN ACTIVIST AND ADVOCATE, WE NEED TO SLOW
3 THE SPEEDS OF CARS. EVERY DAY WE WAKE UP IN THE MORNING, WE
4 HEAR OF INCIDENTS AND CRASHES AND LOSS OF LIFE. WE HAVE BURIED
5 SO MANY PEOPLE FROM THESE TRAGIC INCIDENTS OF SPEED. SO I AM
6 ASKING THAT YOU SUPPORT, AND THAT THE SUPERVISORS WILL VOTE IN
7 SUPPORT OF ITEM 25, SO THAT NO OTHER FAMILY CAN GET THAT
8 TRAGIC CALL THAT THEIR LOVED ONE IS NOT COMING HOME. SO,
9 PLEASE, SUPPORT ITEM 25. THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

10

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

12

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

16

17 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. THIS IS LANCE DOMINGUEZ. I AM A LOS ANGELES
18 COUNTY RESIDENT AND SINGLE FATHER OF THREE, AND ALSO AN
19 ORGANIZER WITH MARCH FOR OUR LIVES. I WILL BE SUPPORTING ITEM
20 16, AND PROVIDING GENERAL COMMENT. FIRSTLY, I'D LIKE TO THANK
21 SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR INTRODUCING THIS
22 MOTION. AS NOTED IN THE MOTION, GUN VIOLENCE IS ON THE RISE IN
23 OUR COUNTY AND ACROSS THE NATION. PASSING THIS MOTION TO
24 STRENGTHEN OUR GUN LAWS WILL SAVE LIVES. STUDIES HAVE PROVEN
25 THAT STRENGTHENING GUN LAWS REDUCES GUN VIOLENCE. HAD THE

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1 MINIMUM AGE TO PURCHASE AN A.R.-15 IN TEXAS OR NEW YORK BEEN
2 21, AND NOT 18, HOW MANY LIVES WOULD HAVE BEEN SAVED? ASIDE
3 FROM MASS SHOOTINGS, A 2020 STUDY BY THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC
4 HEALTH FOUND THAT RAISING THE MINIMUM AGE TO PURCHASE GUNS
5 FROM 18 TO 21 RESULTED IN AN 18% DROP IN SUICIDES AMONG 18- TO
6 20-YEAR-OLDS. THE MAJORITY OF OUR POPULATION SUPPORTS
7 STRENGTHENING EXISTING GUN LAWS AND INTRODUCING NEW GUN SAFETY
8 MEASURES, INCLUDING RAISING THE MINIMUM AGE TO PURCHASE TO 21,
9 UNIVERSAL BACKGROUND CHECKS, RED FLAG LAWS, SAFE STORAGE
10 REQUIREMENTS, CLOSING LOOPHOLES AROUND GUN DEALERS AND
11 AMMUNITION REQUIREMENTS, AND THE BANNING OF WEAPONS SUCH AS
12 ASSAULT WEAPONS AND GHOST GUNS. THE TIME TO ACT ON THIS ISSUE
13 IS NOW. I CONSIDER MYSELF LUCKY TO BE A RESIDENT OF
14 CALIFORNIA, AS WE HAVE BEEN LEADING THE WAY WITH RESPECT TO
15 GUN-CONTROL MEASURES. WE NEED TO CONTINUE DOING SO BY FILLING
16 THE GAPS. IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ACT NOW, AND ENACT
17 STRENGTHENED MEASURES THAT WILL SAVE LIVES. SINCE THIS SURGE
18 OF RECENT MASS SHOOTINGS, INCLUDING BUFFALO, NEW YORK, AND
19 UVALDE, TEXAS, MARCH FOR OUR LIVES HAS SEEN AN INCREASE IN
20 SUPPORT FROM BOTH REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS, INCLUDING
21 RESPONSIBLE GUN OWNERS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE. WE NEED TO
22 STRENGTHEN OUR LAWS NOW, BEFORE MORE LIVES ARE LOST. THANK
23 YOU.

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

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

5

6 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES. HELLO?

7

8 **SPEAKER:** YES. PLEASE BEGIN.

9

10 **ERIC PREVEN:** ALL RIGHT, SO I WILL ADDRESS SEVERAL ITEMS AND A
11 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, AS WELL. OKAY? IS THAT OKAY?

12

13 **SPEAKER:** YES. YOU MAY BEGIN.

14

15 **ERIC PREVEN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. SO, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT A
16 ROBUST NUMBER OF ITEMS. THIS IS LIKE-- I THINK WE KIND OF
17 JUMPED THE SHARK A LITTLE BIT HERE, AT THE COUNTY BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS, BECAUSE, AS I THINK A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT
19 SPEAKERS MENTIONED, WE USED TO MEET ON A TWICE-WEEKLY BASIS
20 YEARS AGO; AND THEN ONCE A WEEK, FOR SURE, ALMOST EVERY SINGLE
21 WEEK, EXCEPT FOR A COUPLE WEEKS A YEAR. AND THEN WE BEGAN A
22 DRAMATIC REDUCTION, THE LIKES OF WHICH I HAVE NEVER SEEN, LIKE
23 A SWEEPING MIGRATION, [DOG BARKS]. A TERRIBLE, TERRIBLE DOG
24 BARKING, AND PEOPLE TRYING TO GET THROUGH. BUT THERE'S JUST NO
25 MORE MEETINGS. YOU HAVE ROLLED THEM BACK. NOT ONLY DO YOU

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1 SCHEDULE THEM POORLY, BUT THEN YOU CANCEL THEM, LEAVING PEOPLE
2 KIND OF CONFUSED AND BAFFLED. AND HERE WE FACE REAL ISSUES.
3 YOU KNOW, TALKING ABOUT EXPANDING OUR GENDER HEALTH PROGRAM,
4 THIS IS IMPORTANT. WE HAVE OUR INSPECTOR GENERAL, WHO IS
5 HAVING A VERY HARD TIME. HE HAD A MEETING WHERE EVERYONE IN
6 THE ENTIRE TOWN LOOKED, AND NOBODY SHOWED UP, IN TERMS OF THE
7 WITNESSES, WHICH WAS VERY, VERY DISRESPECTFUL, BUT ALSO
8 EMBLEMATIC OF A FAILED POLICY. AND WHAT ELSE DO WE HAVE? WE
9 HAVE-- YOU KNOW, PRETRIAL SERVICES, SO IMPORTANT; A.D.R. AND
10 THEN I TOOK A LOOK, AND I THOUGHT, "HOW MANY SOLE SOURCE--
11 WAIT A MINUTE." AND WE HAVE-- SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTING MEANS
12 YOU DON'T DO BIDDING, BECAUSE YOU KNOW WHO YOU LIKE. YOU KNOW
13 YOUR FRIENDS, AND LET'S NOT GET THE BEST PRICE. WE'LL GET A
14 GOOD PRICE, BECAUSE IT IS SOMEBODY WE KNOW, SO WE LIKE THAT.
15 "BUGGER OFF, MR. PREVEN." BUT WE ALWAYS GET SCREWED,
16 REPEATEDLY. MOTOROLA. I'LL NAME SOME OF THEM: TASER AND AXON,
17 THOSE GUYS. I HOPE YOU TOOK NOTES AT THE ETHICS COMMISSION OF
18 THAT VERY GROUP. AND THIS BOARD TIPPY-TOED UP TO DOING
19 SOMETHING RIGHT, BY HOLDING OFF ON GETTING TASERS IN THE
20 PROBATION DEPARTMENT, BUT I AM SURE SOMEBODY IS LOOKING DOWN
21 IN SHAME NOW, BECAUSE IT WAS SNUCK THROUGH BY THE C.E.O.'S
22 OFFICE, OR SOMETHING. BUT I AM TALKING ABOUT A HALF-DOZEN TO A
23 DOZEN SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS, AND NOT FOR INSIGNIFICANT THINGS;
24 THINGS THAT ARE BIDDABLE. I MEAN, YOU DON'T THINK TRANSITION-
25 AGE YOUTH SERVICES IS SOMETHING WHERE WE WANT TO HAVE

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1 COMPETITION AND FIND GOOD VENDORS, NOT JUST ROLL THEM OVER;
2 YEAR IN, YEAR OUT, ROLL THEM OVER? AND THEN, HOW ARE WE DOING?
3 ARE WE STEMMING THE TIDE OF HOMELESSNESS? NO, WE ARE NOT. AND
4 I JUST ENCOURAGE YOU TO LISTEN CLOSELY TO THE COLLEAGUES AT
5 THE CITY, WHO ARE ALSO AN UNSAVORY GROUP, BUT THEY ARE REALLY
6 ADDRESSING THESE ISSUES IN THEIR COMMITTEE MEETINGS, AND THEY
7 WANT TO NOW ENSURE THAT OUTREACH WORKERS THAT MR. RIDLEY-
8 THOMAS TRIED TO INSTALL AT THE CITY, AND THEN BEFORE HE WAS
9 FROG-MARCHED OUT, THEY WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE A GOOD
10 REQUEST FOR BIDS. THAT MEANS WE NEED PEOPLE TO COME AND BID
11 FOR THIS WORK. BUT THEY SET IT UP SO THAT THEY COULD ONLY BID
12 AT THE L.A.H.S.A. RATES OR, I GUESS, HIGHER, OR MAYBE NOT
13 HIGHER, BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT TO SCREW THE L.A.H.S.A.
14 EMPLOYEES WHO GOT INTO S.E.I.U., RECENTLY.

15

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

18

19 **ERIC PREVEN:** WHAT ABOUT MY GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT? DON'T I GET
20 A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT?

21

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

23

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

4

5 **DANIEL ZAMORA:** HI. MY NAME IS DANIEL ZAMORA. I AM WITH
6 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CROSSROADS. I AM THE PROGRAM MANAGER,
7 OVERSEEING THE INTERVENTION IN THE HOSPITAL-BASED DEPARTMENT.
8 I'M GOING TO BE PROVIDING COMMENT ON ITEM NUMBER 16. I AM
9 EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR THE IMPORTANCE SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN
10 AND SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS HAVE GIVEN TO PRIORITIZING MEASURES
11 ON SAFETY REGULATIONS FOR GUNS IN LOS 3 ANGELES COUNTY. ITEM
12 NUMBER 16 IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT MEASURE TO REVISIT GUN
13 REGULATIONS, AND HELPING PEACE AND SAFETY TO OUR COMMUNITIES.
14 THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS JANICE HAHN AND HILDA SOLIS.

15

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

17

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

21

22 **MARINA GRIJALVA:** THIS IS MARINA GRIJALVA, FROM MUNDO ACADEMY.
23 I AM CALLING REGARDING MOTION 23, CARE WITH PRIDE. I AM
24 CALLING TODAY IN SUPPORT TO CREATE A GENDER HEALTH PROGRAM IN
25 THE COUNTY'S HEALTH SYSTEM. THIS WILL STANDARDIZE AND

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1 STRENGTHEN L.G.B.T.Q. SERVICES FOR D.H.S. PATIENTS, AND
2 IMPLEMENT PRACTICES THAT THE COMMUNITY EXPECTS AND DESERVES. I
3 HAVE TRANSGENDER FRIENDS, AND I KNOW THE CONSEQUENCES OF LACK
4 OF ACCESS TO SPECIALIZED GENDER CARE. PATIENTS ARE GIVEN THE
5 WRONG INFORMATION, THEY ARE TOLD SERVICES ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO
6 THEM, AND THEY ARE SEEN IN ENVIRONMENTS WHERE THEY DO NOT FEEL
7 WELCOME, AND THEY ARE FORCED TO SEE PROVIDERS WHO ARE NOT WELL
8 TRAINED IN TRANSGENDER CARE. THEY ALSO GO THROUGH TRAUMATIC
9 EXPERIENCES JUST TO GET BASIC HEALTHCARE. I HAVE SEEN HOW THIS
10 AFFECTS THE PEOPLE AROUND ME. THERE'S DATA TO SHOW REJECTIONS
11 AT A HEALTHCARE SYSTEM INCREASES THE RATE OF SUICIDE ATTEMPTS
12 IN TRANSGENDER INDIVIDUALS. I KNOW THIS IS HAPPENING AROUND
13 THE COUNTRY RIGHT NOW, AND I DO NOT WANT TO SEE THIS HAPPENING
14 IN L.A. COUNTY. WE CAN PREVENT THIS WITH THE FORMATION OF THE
15 GENDER HEALTH PROGRAM IN L.A. COUNTY, AND I SUPPORT MOTION 23.
16 ALSO, I WANT TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE LACK OF--

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

20
21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DEANNA ALLEN. PLEASE STATE
22 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE SPEAKING ON TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
23 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I AM SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 6
2 AND PUBLIC COMMENT.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS DEANNA ALLEN. I AM A MEMBER OF ESSIE
7 JUSTICE GROUP, AN ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN WITH INCARCERATED
8 LOVED ONES, FIGHTING TO END THE HARMS OF MASS INCARCERATION. I
9 AM HERE TO ASK YOU TO VOTE "YES" ON SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S
10 MOTION TO...

11

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

13

14 **SPEAKER:** TO EXPAND...

15

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

19

20 **SPEAKER:** YES, I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS 6-D, AND MAKE A PUBLIC
21 COMMENT. I AM FROM CLAREMONT. MY NAME IS MIKE DUIS, AND I JUST
22 AM STRONGLY OPPOSED TO JAMBOREE'S PROJECT, LARKIN PLACE. YOU
23 CANNOT PUT THE ALLOWABLE 80 HIGH-NEEDS, CHRONICALLY HOMELESS,
24 MENTALLY ILL, DRUG-ADDICTED POPULATION IN THIS COMMUNITY. WE
25 ARE NOT EQUIPPED FOR IT. JAMBOREE HAS PROJECTS DOWN IN ORANGE

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1 COUNTY. IN ANAHEIM, 400 POLICE OFFICERS, HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS
2 OF DOLLARS OF BUDGET. WE ARE A CITY OF 30,000 PEOPLE, 30
3 OFFICERS. OUR POLICE BUDGET IS \$13 MILLION. WE ARE A TINY,
4 LITTLE TOWN. SUPERVISOR BARGER REALLY NAILED IT WHEN SHE HAD
5 OUR ONE-ON-ONE WITH CLAREMONT, THAT CLAREMONT'S GOT 15-17
6 HOMELESS PEOPLE. WE'RE GOING TO BE IMPORTING HOMELESS FROM
7 PASADENA AND MONTEBELLO. PLEASE, I HAVE HEARD YOU TABLE AGENDA
8 ITEMS FOR FURTHER REVIEW. YOU CANNOT BLINDLY APPROVE THIS.
9 THIS IS NEXT TO A JUNIOR HIGH, A PRESCHOOL. IT IS IN A SENIOR
10 ZONE. YOU CANNOT BRING THIS HIGH-NEED POPULATION WITH THE
11 HOUSING FIRST THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE ANY SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR
12 MENTAL ILLNESS TREATMENT. I BELIEVE THAT THESE PEOPLE NEED TO
13 BE TAKEN CARE OF, BUT WE HAVE HOMELESS STUDENTS, AND WE HAVE
14 HOMELESS SENIORS, ALL OF WHICH WOULD BE A BETTER FIT FOR THE
15 POPULATION. BUT PLEASE DO NOT APPROVE THIS. IT DOESN'T MAKE
16 ANY COMMON SENSE. IT IS OUR ONLY JUNIOR HIGH. WE ARE A TINY,
17 LITTLE TOWN. YOU CANNOT PUT THIS HIGH-NEEDS POPULATION WITHOUT
18 SERVICES, CREATING A QUASI PSYCH WARD WITH PEOPLE WITHOUT
19 SUPERVISION IN THIS COMMUNITY. IT WILL DEVASTATE US. I REALLY
20 JUST BEG OF YOU. I KNOW BARGER'S GOT A GREAT HANDLE ON THIS
21 SITUATION, AND I KNOW HILDA SOLIS FROM RIO HONDO DAYS, AND YOU
22 GUYS ARE BRIGHT, AND YOU KNOW WHAT IS GOING TO WORK AND WHAT
23 IS NOT GOING TO WORK, AND THIS IS NOT GOING TO WORK. IT'S
24 GOING TO DEVASTATE OUR COMMUNITY. BEING SOLD TO US AS

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1 "AFFORDABLE HOUSING," PEOPLE THINK IT IS FOR FAMILIES AND
2 SENIOR CITIZENS, BUT IT IS HIGH-NEED--

3

4 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE HAVE THE
5 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE? >SPEAKER: OKAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

6

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

10

11 **MELANIE WINTER:** GOOD MORNING. I AM MELANIE WINTER. I AM HERE
12 TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF ITEM 24, AND AGAINST ITEMS 107 AND 137-A.
13 I'M FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR OF THE RIVER PROJECT. I HAVE BEEN
14 WORKING ON THE LOS ANGELES RIVER FOR MORE THAN 26 YEARS. I
15 WANT TO SPEAK IN STRONG SUPPORT OF ITEM 24. IT'S A FANTASTIC
16 THING TO SEE MOVE FORWARD. PLEASE FUND IT. I ONLY ASK THAT YOU
17 PRIORITIZE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST, AND THAT YOU ENSURE PUBLIC
18 SAFETY BY PROHIBITING DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING WITHIN WHAT WE
19 CURRENTLY CALL THE 500-YEAR FLOODPLAIN. ON ITEMS 107 AND 137-
20 A, PLEASE VOTE "NO." THE MOST ESSENTIAL TASK THAT SHOULD HAVE
21 BEEN UNDERTAKEN, PRIOR TO THIS EFFORT-- UPDATING OUR 40-YEAR-
22 OLD FLOOD RISK MAPS TO ACCOUNT FOR LAND USE CHANGE, AND TO
23 INCORPORATE CLIMATE CHANGE PROJECTIONS-- WAS NOT DONE. THAT
24 ALONE SHOULD BE DISQUALIFYING. THE FACT THAT THE DEPICTION OF
25 RISK IN THE PLAN IS SO FAR FROM REALITY SHOULD BE OF SERIOUS

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1 CONCERN TO THIS BOARD. ADOPTION OF THIS PLAN WOULD MEAN THAT
2 THE BOARD APPROVES OF DEPRIVING THOSE FACING SIGNIFICANT FLOOD
3 RISK, LARGELY LOWER-INCOME COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, THE CRITICAL
4 INFORMATION THEY DESERVE IN ORDER TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS
5 ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THEIR LIVES AND PROPERTY. THE NOTION THAT
6 A "RETHINK BEFORE WE BUILD" PLAN HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN
7 DEVELOPED, WITHOUT PUBLIC INPUT AND BEHIND CLOSED DOORS,
8 BEGGARS BELIEVE. THIS DOCUMENT IS LARGELY A DEFENSE OF FAILED
9 20TH-CENTURY ENGINEERING APPROACHES, DRESSED UP IN HOLLOW
10 LANGUAGE CALCULATED TO MOLLIFY THOSE WHO UNDERSTAND THAT
11 CRITICAL NEEDS DO BETTER AT THIS POINT. THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF
12 ENGINEERS RECENTLY RELEASED INTERNATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR
13 NATURAL AND NATURE-BASED FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT, DEVELOPED IN
14 COLLABORATION WITH N.O.A.A., THE WORLD BANK, AND OTHERS, YET
15 THE COUNTY CONTINUES TO ASSERT THAT NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS ARE
16 INEFFECTIVE FOR FLOOD RISK. THE RESPONSES PROVIDED COMMENTS ON
17 THE DRAFT ARE RIDDLED WITH ASSERTIONS THAT LACK PROOF OR
18 CITATION, DEFLECTIONS, STRAW-MAN ARGUMENTS, AND CLAIMS THAT
19 RELY ON DATA DERIVED FROM OUTDATED OR DISPROVEN MODELS. SOME
20 KEY DATA UPON WHICH ARGUMENTS ARE FOUNDED IS PROPRIETARY, AND
21 THEREFORE CANNOT BE CONSIDERED--

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

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

4

5 **HAL STEINBERG:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD. I AM SPEAKING ON ITEMS 5,
6 120, AND 121. MY NAME IS HAL STEINBERG, AND I AM A STEERING
7 COMMITTEE MEMBER OF CANCEL THE CONTRACT: ANTELOPE VALLEY. THE
8 DATA IS CLEAR: THE PRESENCE OF POLICE IN OUR SCHOOLS LEADS TO
9 HIGHER RATES OF ARRESTS FOR LOW-LEVEL INFRACTIONS, HIGH
10 SUSPENSION RATES, AND LOWER RATES OF GRADUATION. THERE IS NO
11 DATA TO SUPPORT SCHOOLS WITH POLICE KEEP STUDENTS SAFE, AS WE
12 HAVE REPEATEDLY WITNESSED, FROM PARKLAND TO SAUGUS TO UVALDE.
13 THEY DON'T STOP SHOOTINGS, PERIOD. ALL IN OUR COUNTY WANT
14 SAFETY AND SECURITY, BUT THAT IS FOUND NOT THROUGH
15 CRIMINALIZATION, BUT INCREASED SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH,
16 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, AND CULTURALLY RELEVANT CURRICULUM. IN
17 LANCASTER, A YOUNG FEMALE STUDENT WITH DISABILITIES WAS BODY-
18 SLAMMED BY A SCHOOL DEPUTY, YET THERE HAS BEEN NO
19 ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE DEPUTY NOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.
20 L.A.S.D. OFTEN TRIES TO DEFLECT OR COVER UP THEIR VIOLENT
21 ACTIONS. AS A LONGTIME COMMUNITY ORGANIZER, AND NOW TEACHER IN
22 A CREDENTIAL PROGRAM, IT IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THAT THIS
23 BOARD START TO CREATE OVERSIGHT MECHANISMS FOR THE SHERIFF'S
24 DEPARTMENT. IT IS CLEAR THIS DEPARTMENT IS NOT INTERESTED IN
25 ACCOUNTABILITY, AND DESPITE THE AGGRESSIVE PUSHBACK MANY ON

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1 THIS BOARD HAVE RECEIVED, OUR COMMUNITIES NEED YOUR SUPPORT
2 FOR THIS RESOLUTION. THANK YOU.

3

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

5

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

9

10 **DIANA WEYNAND:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS DIANA WEYNAND. I AM CHAIR
11 OF THE CLIMATE REALITY PROJECT, SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER. I
12 AM CALLING TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION TO AGENDA ITEMS NUMBER 107,
13 L.A. RIVER MASTER PLAN, AND 137-A, IMPLEMENTATION OF L.A.
14 RIVER MASTER PLAN. WE ARE AT A CRITICAL TIME. DUE TO CLIMATE
15 CHANGE, CALIFORNIA IS EXPERIENCING EXTREME HEAT, SERIOUS
16 DROUGHT, AND AN INCREASING NUMBER OF WILDFIRES. YET, WE ARE
17 NOT WITHOUT OPTIONS. ONE OPTION THAT MUST REMAIN FRONT AND
18 CENTER IS THE ABILITY TO HARNESS THE POWER OF NATURE. TO WORK
19 IN HARMONY WITH NATURE, WE WILL YIELD MAXIMUM BENEFITS.
20 WHEREVER POSSIBLE, WE MUST RETURN THE RIVER, AND THE
21 TRIBUTARIES THAT FEED INTO IT, TO THEIR GEOMORPHIC OR NATURAL
22 STATE, AND ENACT AS MANY NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS AS POSSIBLE.
23 WE ESPECIALLY WANT TO SEE A REVISIONING OF THE L.A. RIVER IN
24 OUR OWN COMMUNITY, THE SEPULVEDA BASIN. THE STATE,
25 SPECIFICALLY THE C.N.R.A. AND D.W.R., HAS IDENTIFIED NATURE-

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1 BASED PROJECTS AS ONE OF THEIR TOP PRIORITIES. THE 30-BY-30
2 PLAN DEMONSTRATES ONE EXAMPLE OF WHAT THE STATE IS TRYING TO
3 ACHIEVE. THE CURRENT VERSION OF THE L.A. RIVER MASTER PLAN,
4 HOWEVER, DOES NOT HOLD OR REFLECT THIS VISION OR APPROACH. AT
5 A TIME WHEN WE SHOULD BE CONSERVING AND RELYING ON OUR NATURAL
6 RESOURCES THE MOST, THE PLAN DEMONSTRATES IT IS WOEFULLY OUT
7 OF STEP WITH OUR STATE'S GOALS AND VISION. WE DO NOT FEEL THE
8 L.A. RIVER MASTER PLAN SHOULD BE ADOPTED UNTIL IT REFLECTS THE
9 LEVEL AND TYPE OF URGENT ACTION REQUIRED TO MITIGATE CLIMATE
10 CHANGE, AND UNTIL IT UTILIZES EVERYTHING WE NOW KNOW ABOUT
11 NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS. WE NO LONGER HAVE THE LUXURY OF BEING
12 OUT OF STEP WITH NATURE AND SCIENCE. AND THEREFORE, I ASK YOU
13 TO VOTE "NO" ON THE L.A. RIVER MASTER PLAN, AND ASK THAT ALL
14 EFFORTS BE MADE TO REVISE THE PLAN TO INCLUDE THE MOST
15 AGGRESSIVE NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
16 TIME.

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

19
20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROBERTO GUZMAN. PLEASE
21 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER
22 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23
24 **ROBERTO GUZMAN:** HI. I WILL BE ADDRESSING GENERAL PUBLIC
25 COMMENT. MY NAME IS ROBERTO GUZMAN, AND I SERVE AS A COMMUNITY

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1 ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR AT UNITED PARENTS AND STUDENTS. TODAY I
2 WILL BE SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF [INAUDIBLE], A UNITED PARENTS
3 AND STUDENTS LEADER. I STRONGLY URGE THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF
4 SUPERVISORS, WITH PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS, TO PARTNER WITH
5 COMMITMENTS TO HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS, ALLOCATING \$6 BILLION IN
6 FUNDING TO MARKET MATCH. MARKET MATCH IS A LIFELINE TO FRESH
7 AND ORGANIC PRODUCE THAT IS OTHERWISE LACKING IN MANY
8 COMMUNITIES, AS WELL AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR LOCAL PRODUCE
9 ENTREPRENEURS. PLEASE SUPPORT THE FUNDING OF THE MARKET MATCH
10 PROGRAM. THANK YOU.

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

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

17
18 **SPEAKER:** HI. THANK YOU. YEAH, I WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM 24
19 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS KIM YERGAN. I AM WITH
20 LIBERTY COMMUNITY LAND TRUST, AND THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY
21 LAND TRUST COALITION. IN 2020, THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
22 ESTABLISHED TWO COMMUNITY LAND TRUST PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS TO
23 SUPPORT THE CREATION AND PRESERVATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING.
24 NUMEROUS UNITS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ACQUIRED AND PRESERVED AS
25 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN COMMUNITIES EXPERIENCING RAPID

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1 GENTRIFICATION THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. AS THE LOS ANGELES
2 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST COALITION LOOKS FORWARD TO EXPANDING THE
3 ACQUISITION AND REHAB EFFORTS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THESE
4 PILOTS, WE RECOGNIZE THAT MORE MUST BE DONE TO STEM THE
5 DISPLACEMENT, AND STABILIZE OUR COMMUNITIES FOR THE LONG TERM.
6 LAND BANKS WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST TO KEEP
7 PROPERTIES OUT OF THE HANDS OF SPECULATORS. THE LAND BANK CAN
8 ALSO LOWER DEVELOPMENT COSTS FOR C.O.T.S THROUGH RAPID
9 ACQUISITION, AND BY ASSEMBLING AND ENTITLING AND POTENTIALLY
10 REMEDIATING OUR PARCELS. THE COUNTY COULD REDUCE THE FUTURE
11 RISK OF DISPLACEMENT AND HOMELESSNESS BY INVESTING IN THE LAND
12 BANK TODAY, TO STABILIZE NEIGHBORHOODS AND CREATE A PIPELINE
13 OF SITES READY FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WE THANK THE BOARD FOR
14 YOUR LEADERSHIP, AND ENCOURAGE YOUR ACTION ON THIS FORWARD-
15 THINKING PLAN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

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

23
24 **SPEAKER:** WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH INTERPRETATION OF THIS
25 REMINDER.

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2 **SPEAKER:** [SPEAKS SPANISH]

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

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

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10 **SPEAKER:** YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

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12 **MODERATOR:** STEVEN SIMON, IT IS YOUR TURN, SIR.

13

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

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

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20 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS CARISSA ZINGULA, AND I WOULD LIKE TO
21 PROVIDE A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I SERVE AS A COMMUNITY
22 ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR AT UNITED PARENTS AND STUDENTS, A
23 NONPROFIT COMMITTED TO EMPOWERING FAMILIES TO BECOME POWERFUL
24 SELF-ADVOCATES FOR QUALITY SCHOOLS AND NEIGHBORHOOD
25 REVITALIZATION. WE STRONGLY URGE THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF

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1 SUPERVISORS, WITH PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS, TO RENEW THEIR
2 COMMITMENT TO HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS BY ALLOCATING \$6 MILLION IN
3 FUNDING FOR CALFRESH AND NUTRITION INCENTIVE PROGRAMS LIKE
4 MARKET MATCH. WE SERVE OVER 11,000 FAMILIES THROUGH L.A.
5 COUNTY, MANY OF WHOM ARE FACING SIGNIFICANT FOOD INSECURITY.
6 THE GROCERY STORES IN THEIR COMMUNITIES OFTEN LACK ADEQUATE
7 ACCESS TO FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, PRODUCE AND MEATS ARE
8 FREQUENTLY MOLDY, AND DAIRY PRODUCTS EXPIRED. MARKET MATCH
9 ENABLES FAMILIES THAT RECEIVE CALFRESH TO STRETCH THEIR FOOD
10 DOLLARS AND BUY HEALTHIER OPTIONS, WHILE STRENGTHENING THE
11 LOCAL ECONOMY. WITHOUT ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOODS AND A
12 NUTRITIOUS DIET, GOOD HEALTH IS UNREALISTIC, AND CAN LEAD TO
13 CHRONIC DISEASES LIKE HEART DISEASE, TYPE-TWO DIABETES, AND
14 STROKE. CURRENTLY, 3 OUT OF 4 L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE
15 WORRIED ABOUT HAVING ENOUGH FOOD TO SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES.
16 WITH INFLATION AND THE RISING COST OF PRODUCING AND
17 TRANSPORTING FOOD--

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

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

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1 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM 6 AND
2 PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS DEANNA ALLEN, AND I AM A MEMBER OF
3 THE ESSIE JUSTICE GROUP, AN ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN WITH
4 INCARCERATED LOVED ONES, FIGHTING TO END THE HARMS OF MASS
5 INCARCERATION. I AM HERE TO ASK YOU TO VOTE "YES" ON
6 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S MOTION TO EXPAND O.D.R., TO MAKE A REAL
7 COMMITMENT TO FUND 3,600 TREATMENT BEDS, AND TO SET A TIMELINE
8 TO CLOSE M.C.J. FOR GOOD. I HAVE MANY FAMILY MEMBERS WHO HAVE
9 BEEN INCARCERATED, BOTH AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, AND I ALSO,
10 MYSELF, WAS INCARCERATED AT C.R.D.F. ONCE, I WAS THERE FOR 30
11 DAYS. THE CONDITIONS THERE, THEY ARE DEPLORABLE. I WAS ASKED
12 TO STRIP IN FRONT OF 30 TO 40 WOMEN. I SAW MANY WOMEN WITH
13 PHYSICAL, VERBAL ABUSE. I CRIED EVERY DAY WHILE I WAS THERE,
14 EVEN BECAME SUICIDAL. I ALSO SAW OTHER WOMEN HAVING MENTAL
15 HEALTH BREAKDOWNS, BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T GET THEIR MEDS. THE
16 WOMEN LEFT THERE IN WORSE CONDITION THAN THEY CAME IN. THEY
17 DON'T WANT US TO SUCCEED, AND THIS IS NOT ABOUT
18 REHABILITATION. IT IS DEFINITELY NOT ABOUT CARE. I HAVE SEEN
19 IT RECENTLY WITHIN MY OWN SON. ONE OF THEM WAS RELEASED TWO
20 WEEKS AGO, BECAUSE HE MISSED A CHECK-IN BECAUSE OF PUBLIC
21 TRANSPORTATION. HE WAS THEN ARRESTED AGAIN. I AM TRYING-- I AM
22 TIRED OF SEEING MY PEOPLE SUFFER LIKE THIS. THEY HAVE BEEN
23 BREAKING DOWN OUR BLACK FAMILIES, AND TRYING TO BREAK THE
24 BLACK AND BROWN WOMEN, FOR 400 YEARS-PLUS. YOU HAVE AN

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1 OPPORTUNITY TO INVEST IN A PROGRAM THAT CAN PROVIDE REAL
2 MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING.

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4 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR CALLING IN
7 AND PARTICIPATING IN PUBLIC COMMENT, OUR DESIGNATED TIME
8 PERIOD. WE ACTUALLY EXCEEDED IT, BUT IT HAS COME TO AN END. IF
9 YOU WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE YOUR ORAL COMMENTS, YOU MAY SUBMIT
10 THEM IN WRITTEN FORM, AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, AND WE'LL
11 CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING
12 THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME A PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD.
13 AGAIN, THANK YOU, ALL WHO CALLED IN. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
14 INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING.

15

16 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** MADAM CHAIR, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE
17 BEFORE YOU: 3, WITH SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REFERRING BACK TO HER
18 OFFICE THE APPOINTMENTS FOR ANGELA GEORGE-MOODY AND LILLY
19 O'BRIEN-KOVARI; 4; 7 THROUGH 11; 13, WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER
20 VOTING "NO"; 14 AND 15; 17 THROUGH 19; 21 AND 22; 26; 27, WITH
21 SUPERVISOR BARGER VOTING "NO"; 28 THROUGH 106; 108 THROUGH
22 111; 113 AND 114; 116 THROUGH 119; 122 THROUGH 136; 137-B AND
23 137-C; 137-E AND 137-F; 140, AS AMENDED, AND WITH SUPERVISOR
24 BARGER VOTING "NO"; 141 THROUGH 145; 1-D THROUGH 4-D; 6-D
25 THROUGH 8-D; 1-P THROUGH 3-P.

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

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7 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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9 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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11 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

14

15 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

18

19 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

20

21 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

22

23 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR
24 MITCHELL?

25

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

2

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

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6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL BEGIN WITH SET
7 MATTERS ONE AND TWO, THEN PROCEED TO ITEMS 12, 16, 20, 23,
8 FOLLOWING WITH ITEM 24, WHICH WILL BE TAKEN IN CONJUNCTION
9 WITH ITEM 107 AND ITS RELATED ITEM, 137-A, AND THEN FOLLOWED
10 BY ITEM 25, AND FINISHING WITH ITEM 112. SET MATTER, AMERICAN
11 RESCUE PLAN FUNDING REPORT. DR. SCORZA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
12 OUR RACIAL EQUITY, AND CHERI TODOROFF, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
13 OUR HOMELESS INITIATIVE, GOOD MORNING.

14

15 **DR. D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND
16 SUPERVISORS. AS USUAL, IT IS AN INCREDIBLE PLEASURE TO BE HERE
17 WITH ALL OF YOU TODAY. TODAY'S PRESENTATION MARKS THE ELEVENTH
18 UPDATE IN OUR SERIES OF REGULAR PRESENTATIONS ON THE COUNTY'S
19 PROGRESS IMPLEMENTING YOUR BOARD'S AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PHASE-
20 ONE SPENDING PLAN. NEXT SLIDE. AS IS OUR REGULAR PRACTICE,
21 THIS SLIDE PREVIEWS THE TOPICS WE INTEND TO COVER TODAY. I
22 WILL PROVIDE A GLOBAL PROGRAM OVERVIEW, DETAILING THE CURRENT
23 STATUS OF PROJECTS IN THE DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROVAL
24 PROCESS, AS WELL AS A STATUS SUMMARY OF WHEN PROJECTS ARE
25 EXPECTED TO LAUNCH. AND THEN CHERI TODOROFF, EXECUTIVE

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1 DIRECTOR OF THE C.E.O.'S HOMELESS INITIATIVE, WILL PRESENT ON
2 PROJECT HOMEKEY, ONE OF THE MANY A.R.P.-FUNDED PROJECTS
3 FOCUSED ON SERVING PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. NEXT
4 SLIDE. NOW, THIS IS A HIGH-LEVEL SUMMARY AND OVERVIEW OF THE
5 PROJECT DESIGN PROCESS AND PROJECT LAUNCH PROCESS. AS OF JUNE
6 10TH, THERE ARE 36 PROJECTS THAT ARE IN THE DESIGN AND
7 DEVELOPMENT PHASE. THIS ENTAILS A PROCESS TO CLARIFY THE GOALS
8 AND OUTCOMES OF THE PROJECT, THEIR POTENTIAL IMPACT ON
9 REDUCING DISPARITIES CAUSED OR EXACERBATED BY THE PANDEMIC,
10 AND STRATEGIES TO MEASURE THAT IMPACT. OF THOSE 36 PROJECTS,
11 A.R.D.I. [INAUDIBLE] PROVIDERS ARE ACTIVELY PARTNERING AND
12 MEETING WITH DEPARTMENTS ON 29 OF THEM, TO SUPPORT THE DESIGN
13 AND EQUITABLE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE PROJECTS. THERE WERE 5
14 ADDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVALS SINCE THE LAST BOARD MEETING, AND
15 A TOTAL OF 47 PROJECTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR LAUNCH AND
16 IMPLEMENTATION, WHICH, COMBINED, IS AN ALLOCATION OF
17 \$543,720,000. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT APPROVALS WILL CONTINUE
18 TO ACCELERATE IN THE COMING WEEKS, AS WE ARE MOVING
19 DEPARTMENTS THROUGH THE PROJECT DESIGN PROCESS. NEXT SLIDE.
20 NOW, OF THE 47 PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR LAUNCH, 22
21 PROJECTS ARE ACTIVATED. THAT'S 46.8% OF THE APPROVED PROJECTS,
22 AND 26.5% OF ALL A.R.P.-FUNDED PROJECTS. AN ADDITIONAL 29
23 PROJECTS ARE EXPECTED TO LAUNCH IN LATE JUNE TO JULY, AND
24 THERE ARE SIX PROJECTS THAT ARE EXPECTED TO LAUNCH IN AUGUST,
25 ALONG WITH 16 THAT ARE EXPECTED TO LAUNCH IN THE FALL. AS MORE

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1 PROJECTS ARE APPROVED TO LAUNCH AND MOVE TOWARDS
2 IMPLEMENTATION, SPENDING IS EXPECTED TO ACCELERATE, AND C.E.O.
3 WILL CONTINUE TO TRACK AND PROVIDE, ON THE DASHBOARD, TIMELY
4 UPDATES TO BOTH THE BOARD AND THE PUBLIC ON OUR PROJECT
5 EXPENDITURES. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT EXPENDITURES
6 REPORTING WILL ALWAYS BE DELAYED, AND NOT FULLY REFLECTIVE OF
7 ALL EXPENSES INCURRED TO THE DATE, DUE TO SEVERAL FACTORS,
8 INCLUDING THE TIME IT TAKES TO FINALIZE SOLICITATION,
9 SELECTION, AND ONBOARDING PROCESS OF THE CONTRACTORS AND/OR
10 THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATORS; RETROACTIVE PAYMENTS FOR
11 DELIVERABLES, OR PAYMENTS FOR DELIVERABLES-- I'M SORRY-- WHICH
12 POSTPONE INVOICING UNTIL ACTIVITIES ARE COMPLETE; OUR
13 INVOICING PRACTICES, WHICH ALLOW CONTRACTORS AT LEAST 30 DAYS
14 UPON COMPLETION OF DELIVERABLES TO SUBMIT AN INVOICE FOR
15 PAYMENT; AND DATA REPORTING. DEPARTMENTS REPORT MONTHLY ON
16 A.R.P. PROGRAM EXPENDITURES. NEXT SLIDE. NEXT, THE EXECUTIVE
17 DIRECTOR OF THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE, CHERI TODOROFF, WILL
18 HIGHLIGHT THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE
19 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, THROUGH PROJECT HOMEKEY. CHERI?

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21 **CHERI TODOROFF:** THANK YOU, AND GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. NEXT
22 SLIDE, PLEASE. IN 2020, THE GOVERNOR LAUNCHED THE HOMEKEY
23 PROGRAM AS PART OF ITS C.O.V.I.D. RESPONSE FOR PEOPLE
24 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. THE PROGRAM IS MEANT TO INCREASE
25 THE SUPPLY OF PERMANENT AND INTERIM HOUSING FOR PEOPLE

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1 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, WHO HAVE BEEN DISPROPORTIONATELY
2 AFFECTED BY C.O.V.I.D.-19. THE PROGRAM HAS A PARTICULAR FOCUS
3 ON EQUITY, AND REQUIRES JURISDICTIONS TO PRIORITIZE EQUITY IN
4 THEIR PROPOSED PROJECTS. THROUGH THE HOMEKEY PROGRAM, THE
5 CALIFORNIA HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS
6 FUNDING LOCAL JURISDICTIONS TO ACQUIRE AND RAPIDLY DEVELOP
7 PROPERTIES FOR USE AS INTERIM AND PERMANENT HOUSING FOR PEOPLE
8 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. MOTEL CONVERSIONS HAVE BEEN THE
9 MOST COMMON APPROACH, ENABLING JURISDICTIONS TO QUICKLY OCCUPY
10 THE PROPERTIES SOON AFTER AWARD. IN HOMEKEY ROUND ONE,
11 LAUNCHED BY THE GOVERNOR IN THE SUMMER OF 2020, L.A. COUNTY
12 ACQUIRED TEN PROPERTIES, ALL OF WHICH WILL ULTIMATELY BE
13 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. THE COUNTY WAS AWARDED \$108
14 MILLION IN HOMEKEY FUNDING FROM THE STATE FOR ROUND ONE. NINE
15 OF THE SITES ARE CURRENTLY OPERATING AS INTERIM HOUSING, AND
16 ONE IS CURRENTLY OPERATING AS PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING.
17 THE SITES WILL ALL CONVERT TO PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
18 OVER THE NEXT ONE TO TWO YEARS. THE BOARD APPROVED \$113
19 MILLION IN A.R.P. FUNDING FOR THE RENOVATIONS TO CONVERT THESE
20 SITES TO PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. FOR HOMEKEY ROUND TWO,
21 LAUNCHED BY THE GOVERNOR IN OCTOBER OF 2021, L.A. COUNTY
22 SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS TO THE STATE FOR BOTH PERMANENT AND
23 INTERIM HOUSING SITES, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING
24 DEVELOPERS. BY PARTNERING WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPERS,
25 THE COUNTY IS TAPPING INTO THEIR EXPERTISE TO QUICKLY AND

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1 EFFICIENTLY CONVERT MOTELS AND OTHER PROPERTIES INTO HOUSING.
2 THE DEVELOPERS WILL OWN THE PROPERTIES, AND THE PROPERTIES
3 WILL ALL HAVE RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS, WHICH WILL REQUIRE THEM
4 TO BE USED AS INTERIM OR PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR 15
5 OR 55 YEARS, RESPECTIVELY. THE BOARD APPROVED \$115 MILLION IN
6 A.R.P. FUNDING FOR USE AS A LOCAL MATCH IN HOMEKEY ROUND 2.
7 THE STATE FUNDS UP TO A CERTAIN AMOUNT IN CAPITAL FUNDS PER
8 UNIT, WITH THE AMOUNT VARYING, DEPENDING ON THE POPULATION
9 SERVED AND THE UNIT SIZE. CAPITAL COSTS EXCEEDING THE AMOUNT
10 PROVIDED BY THE STATE REQUIRE A MATCH FROM THE LOCAL
11 JURISDICTION. THE STATE PROVIDES THREE YEARS OF OPERATING
12 FUNDING, AT \$1,000 TO \$1,400 PER UNIT PER MONTH, IF THE LOCAL
13 JURISDICTION COMMITS UP TO FOUR YEARS OF OPERATING FUNDING.
14 NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. IN THE FALL OF 2021, THE COUNTY RELEASED A
15 REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF INTEREST TO IDENTIFY QUALIFIED
16 DEVELOPERS WITH WHOM TO SUBMIT HOMEKEY ROUND 2 APPLICATIONS.
17 THE SOLICITATION PROVIDED GUIDANCE ON THE TYPES OF PROPERTIES
18 THAT THE COUNTY WAS SEEKING, WHICH WAS INFORMED IN
19 CONSULTATION WITH BOARD OFFICES. 40 ENTITIES RESPONDED TO THE
20 R.F.S.I. THEY WERE ASSESSED BASED ON THE REQUIRED
21 QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE THAT THE STATE LAID OUT IN THEIR
22 FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT, AND THE PREFERENCES THE COUNTY
23 ESTABLISHED FOR THE TYPES AND LOCATIONS OF PROPERTIES. THROUGH
24 THE R.F.S.I., 10 AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPERS WERE SELECTED
25 AS CO-APPLICANTS. THE COUNTY WORKED CLOSELY WITH THEM TO

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1 COMPLETE APPLICATIONS AND SUBMIT BY THE JANUARY 31ST, 2021,
2 DEADLINE FOR [INAUDIBLE] SET-ASIDE FUNDING. NEXT SLIDE,
3 PLEASE. TO DATE, THE COUNTY AND ITS CO-APPLICANTS HAVE BEEN
4 AWARDED NEARLY \$200 MILLION TO SUPPORT 12 PROJECTS, WITH 642
5 UNITS LOCATED ACROSS ALL 5 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS, INCLUDING
6 5 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROJECTS, WITH A TOTAL OF 299
7 UNITS, AND 7 INTERIM HOUSING PROJECTS, WITH A TOTAL OF 343
8 UNITS. THE INTERIM HOUSING PROJECTS ARE FOCUSED LARGELY ON
9 PROVIDING INTERIM HOUSING FOR FAMILIES, BUT THEY ALSO INCLUDE
10 PROJECTS FOR TRANSITION-AGE YOUTH AND ADULTS. APPROXIMATELY
11 \$80 MILLION IN A.R.P. FUNDS HAVE BEEN COMMITTED TO THESE
12 PROJECTS. ADDITIONAL PROJECTS ARE PENDING AWARD
13 DETERMINATIONS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. WITH THE GOAL OF MAKING
14 THIS A PROGRAM THAT RAPIDLY PRODUCES MORE HOUSING AT A LOWER
15 COST, THE STATE HAS IMPOSED AGGRESSIVE DEADLINES FOR
16 EXPENDITURE AND OCCUPANCY. STATE FUNDS MUST BE EXPENDED WITHIN
17 8 MONTHS OF AWARD, CONSTRUCTION MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN 12
18 MONTHS OF AWARD, AND MANY PROJECTS ARE SEEKING BONUS FUNDING
19 OF \$10,000 PER UNIT, WHICH CAN BE ACCESSED BY ACHIEVING
20 OCCUPANCY WITHIN 8 MONTHS OF AWARD. THE STATE PROVIDES THE
21 OPERATING SUBSIDY FOR UP TO 3 YEARS. THE STATE OPERATING
22 SUBSIDY DOES NOT COVER THE FULL COST OF OPERATIONS,
23 PARTICULARLY FOR INTERIM HOUSING, WHERE OPERATIONS CAN COST AS
24 MUCH AS THREE TIMES THE AMOUNT THE STATE IS PROVIDING. THE
25 COUNTY IS CLOSING THIS GAP, IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING THE 4

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1 YEARS OF FUNDING REQUIRED TO DRAW DOWN THE 3 YEARS OF STATE
2 FUNDING. PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROJECTS WILL RECEIVE
3 RENTAL SUBSIDIES THROUGH PROJECT-BASED VOUCHERS FROM THE L.A.
4 COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. CLIENTS WHO ARE HOUSED IN THE
5 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROJECTS WILL RECEIVE INTENSIVE
6 CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES PROVIDED BY HOMELESS SERVICES
7 PROVIDERS, THROUGH CONTRACTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
8 SERVICES HOUSING FOR HEALTH PROGRAM. THESE CLIENTS WILL ALSO
9 RECEIVE ON-SITE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 MENTAL HEALTH, AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES FROM THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. THE FAMILY INTERIM HOUSING
12 PROJECTS WILL BE SUPPORTED WITH MEASURE H OPERATING FUNDING.
13 WE WILL BE REPURPOSING MEASURE H FUNDS THAT ARE CURRENTLY
14 BEING USED TO PURCHASE MOTEL VOUCHERS FOR FAMILIES, AND
15 REDIRECTING THESE DOLLARS TO THE NEW HOMEKEY INTERIM HOUSING
16 SITES, WHERE WE'LL BE ABLE TO FUND MORE ROBUST WRAPAROUND
17 SERVICES FOR THE FAMILIES, USING THE DOLLARS THAT WERE
18 PREVIOUSLY USED TO PAY FOR MOTEL ROOMS. THE GOAL IS TO PROVIDE
19 BETTER SERVICES THAT WILL EXPEDITE THROUGHPUT, ALLOWING FOR
20 THE SITES TO SERVE MORE PEOPLE AS FAMILIES EXIT TO PERMANENT
21 HOUSING, AND MAKE SPACE BEHIND THEM FOR OTHER FAMILIES. THE
22 TRANSITION-AGE YOUTH INTERIM HOUSING PROJECTS WILL BE
23 SUPPORTED WITH L.A.H.S.A.'S ALLOCATION OF STATE FUNDING. THE
24 COUNTY AND CO-APPLICANTS SUBMITTED RACIAL EQUITY AND COMMUNITY
25 ENGAGEMENT PLANS AS PART OF OUR APPLICATIONS TO THE STATE. THE

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1 RACIAL EQUITY PLANS INCLUDED AN ANALYSIS OF SYSTEMWIDE DATA,
2 INFORMATION ABOUT HOW WE ARE CURRENTLY ADDRESSING INEQUITIES,
3 AND PLANS TO INCORPORATE THESE ACTIONS INTO HOMEKEY PROJECTS.
4 WE WILL BE CONDUCTING RIGOROUS DATA COLLECTION AT HOMEKEY
5 SITES, BROKEN DOWN BY RACE AND ETHNICITY, AND REGULAR ANALYSIS
6 OF THE DATA. DATA WILL BE DISCUSSED AND SHARED WITH KEY
7 STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERTISE. WE WILL
8 BE PROVIDING ENHANCED TRAINING FOR STAFF AT HOMEKEY SITES ON
9 IMPLICIT BIAS AND NONDISCRIMINATION, CULTURAL COMPETENCY, AND
10 TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE. TO IMPROVE RETENTION PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE
11 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN INTERIM AND PERMANENT HOUSING,
12 WE'LL BE WORKING WITH PROVIDERS TO REDUCE CASE MANAGEMENT
13 TURNOVER, PROVIDE 24-HOUR SERVICES, AND TO PROVIDE HIGH-
14 QUALITY HOUSING RETENTION SERVICES. EACH SITE HAS A COMMUNITY
15 ENGAGEMENT PLAN, AND IS WORKING WITH BOARD OFFICES TO ENSURE
16 THAT COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE ENGAGED AS THE PROJECTS MOVE
17 FORWARD. IN TERMS OF NEXT STEPS, WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF
18 EXECUTING AGREEMENTS WITH THE STATE. 40 AGREEMENTS-- I'M
19 SORRY, 4 AGREEMENTS OF THE 12 PROJECTS [INAUDIBLE] TO DATE
20 HAVE BEEN EXECUTED. AS THE STATE AGREEMENTS ARE EXECUTED, WE
21 ARE ENTERING INTO SEPARATE AGREEMENTS WITH THE CO-APPLICANTS,
22 TO PROVIDE THE COUNTY A.R.P. CAPITAL FUNDING MATCH. IN THE
23 COMING MONTHS, WE'LL ENTER INTO OPERATING AGREEMENTS WITH
24 OPERATORS, TO PROVIDE OPERATING FUNDING. THESE OPERATING
25 AGREEMENTS WILL INCLUDE TERMS AND CONDITIONS TO ENSURE THAT

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1 THERE IS GOOD OVERSIGHT FOR ALL OF THE PROJECTS, AND THAT ALL
2 HOMEKEY PROJECTS ARE OPERATING AS GOOD NEIGHBORS IN OUR
3 COMMUNITIES, AND ARE SERVING CLIENTS ACCORDING TO ESTABLISHED
4 BEST PRACTICES. AND WITH THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IF ANYBODY
5 HAS ANY QUESTIONS.

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7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. LET ME START BY AGAIN
8 CONGRATULATING YOU AND THANKING YOU ON BEHALF OF ALL OF US,
9 MS. TODOROFF. LAST WEEK, YOU HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH
10 GENE SPERLING, WHO IS THE WHITE HOUSE A.R.P. COORDINATOR. I
11 WAS PLEASED TO KNOW THAT HIS STAFF HAS BEEN MANAGING-- HAVE
12 BEEN WATCHING, QUITE FRANKLY-- OUR SET MATTERS, AND ARE FULLY
13 AWARE OF...

14

15 **DR. D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA:** MADAM SUPERVISOR, WE CAN'T HEAR YOU AT
16 THIS TIME.

17

18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WELL, THAT'S WEIRD, BECAUSE MY MIC SURE
19 SAYS I'M ON.

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21 **SUP. HAHN:** I CAN HEAR. OH, I'M SITTING RIGHT THERE.

22

23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** RIGHT, BUT I CAN HEAR MYSELF THROUGH THE
24 MIC. TEST, TEST. 1, 2. MR. SCORZA, CAN YOU HEAR ME YET? MAYBE
25 NOT. HILDA, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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2 **SUP. HAHN:** NO.

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** NO RESPONSE. THIS IS ON GREEN. EXACTLY.

5 MAYBE-- JANICE, HIT YOUR MIC. SEE IF IT'S A TEST. CAN THEY

6 HEAR YOU?

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8 **SUP. HAHN:** TEST. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

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10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ASK HILDA IF SHE CAN HEAR YOU.

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12 **SUP. HAHN:** HILDA, CAN YOU HEAR ME RIGHT NOW?

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14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OKAY, NOW.

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16 **SUP. HAHN:** BLINK YOUR EYES TWICE. YES.

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18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** GIVE US A MOMENT.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** THIS IS A HOSTAGE SITUATION.

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22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** RIGHT, EXACTLY. IT'S A GOOD THING MR.

23 SCORZA CAUGHT ME, BECAUSE HE COULDN'T SEE MY LIPS MOVING

24 BEHIND MY MASK, BUT HE KNEW I LEANED IN, AND I WAS INTENT.

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1 OKAY, SURE. ONE MINUTE. COMMERCIAL BREAK. BIO BREAK. YEAH. YOU
2 KNOW, I SIGN.

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4 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY, SO THEY CAN HEAR YOU ONLINE. I'M HAVING
5 PEOPLE TEXT ME AND SAY THEY CAN HEAR YOU ONLINE.

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7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OKAY, SO WE UNDERSTAND THAT PEOPLE
8 ONLINE CAN HEAR ME. IT'S JUST OUR REMOTE PARTICIPANTS,
9 APPARENTLY, WHO CANNOT. SO WE WILL PAUSE FOR TECHNICAL
10 SUPPORT.

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12 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, I CAN HEAR YOU.

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OH, HILDA, YOU CAN HEAR ME NOW?

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS:** YEAH.

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18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** DR. SCORZA, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

19

20 **DR. D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA:** MADAM CHAIR, WE CAN HEAR YOU NOW, AS
21 WELL.

22

23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE UNDERSTOOD IT WAS A WEBEX
24 ISSUE, AND PERHAPS THEY CORRECTED IT. SO THANK YOU, DR.
25 SCORZA. EVEN THOUGH YOU COULDN'T REALLY SEE MY LIPS MOVING,

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1 YOU KNEW I WAS TALKING. THANK YOU FOR ALERTING US TO THE
2 PROBLEM. WHAT I WAS SAYING, I WAS THANKING MS. TODOROFF. LAST
3 WEEK, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH GENE SPERLING, WHO IS
4 THE WHITE HOUSE A.R.P. COORDINATOR, AND I WAS VERY PLEASED TO
5 KNOW THAT HIS STAFF HAS BEEN MONITORING OUR SET ITEMS, AND
6 BEEN TRACKING THE WORK IN PROGRESS WE, AS A COUNTY, ARE
7 MAKING, WITH REGARD TO THE SPENDING OF OUR A.R.P. DOLLARS. SO
8 WE GOT A CHANCE TO BRAG, BUT WE'RE PLEASED TO KNOW THAT WE'VE
9 GOT THE ATTENTION OF THE WHITE HOUSE, AND THAT HE SHARED WITH
10 US THE IMPORTANCE, FROM THEIR PERSPECTIVE, IN STATE AND LOCAL
11 GOVERNMENTS ADDRESSING AFFORDABLE HOUSING ISSUES THROUGH THE
12 USE OF A.R.P. FUNDS. SO WE WERE VERY PROUD TO, AGAIN, MAKE HIM
13 AWARE OF YOUR WORK ON OUR BEHALF, MS. TODOROFF, AND SO I THINK
14 TODAY'S PRESENTATION REINFORCES THAT WE ARE USING A.R.P. FUNDS
15 AS ENVISIONED AND INTENDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION, SO THANK YOU
16 VERY MUCH FOR THAT PRESENTATION. APPRECIATE YOU. SUPERVISOR
17 SOLIS, I KNOW YOU HAD A QUESTION OR COMMENT.

18
19 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I, TOO, WANT
20 TO THANK OUR C.E.O., FESIA DAVENPORT, DR. SCORZA, AND ALSO
21 CHERI TODOROFF, FOR ALL THE WORK THAT THEY'VE DONE, AND
22 ESPECIALLY ON THIS PRESENTATION. I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING
23 MORE IMPORTANT THAN WHAT HOMEKEY HAS REALLY PROVIDED FOR OUR
24 COUNTY. I DO WANT TO SAY, THOUGH, THAT WHILE WE ARE WORKING
25 TIRELESSLY TO TRY TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR HOMELESS COMMUNITY,

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1 UNHOUSED PEOPLE, WE ARE STILL 20,000 UNITS SHORT. AND I DO
2 BELIEVE THAT PROJECT HOMEKEY CAN HELP US BRIDGE THAT GAP. SO
3 THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT FOR US TO MAKE CLEAR TO THE PUBLIC.
4 AND I'M VERY HAPPY THAT THE COUNTY IS ABLE TO USE THAT 115
5 MILLION OF THE A.R.P. MONEY, AS YOU JUST STATED, AND I'M GLAD
6 THAT THE WHITE HOUSE IS RECOGNIZING ALL OF THAT. I ALSO WANT
7 TO GIVE A BIG SHOUT-OUT TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT
8 AUTHORITY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, FOR PROVIDING
9 US ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE, TO ENSURE THAT
10 THERE ARE HOUSING VOUCHERS THAT MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR
11 UNHOUSED. AND I'M GRATEFUL THAT PROJECT HOMEKEY ROUND 1
12 BROUGHT TWO PROJECTS IN MY OWN DISTRICT: THE FIRST IN THE CITY
13 OF BALDWIN PARK, AND THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF HACIENDA
14 HEIGHTS. I'M ALSO EXCITED THAT TWO MORE SITES, THROUGH THE
15 SECOND ROUND OF HOMEKEY, ARE COMING TO THE FIRST DISTRICT: ONE
16 IN BOYLE HEIGHTS, FOR TRANSITIONAL-AGED YOUTH, AS WELL AS A
17 MACARTHUR PARK FOR FAMILIES. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE HOMELESS
18 INITIATIVE AGAIN FOR CONTINUING TO EXPAND AND SUPPORT OUR
19 CITIES THAT ALSO NEED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE DOLLARS. AND
20 I REALLY WANT TO DO A SHOUT-OUT FOR THE CITY OF EL MONTE, WHO
21 RECENTLY PURCHASED TWO HOTELS THROUGH THEIR FIRST ROUND OF
22 PROJECT HOMEKEY FUNDING, THAT WILL ALSO BE SUPPORTED BY
23 OPERATING FUNDS. BUT I WILL SAY THIS TO CHERI: HOW CAN WE WORK
24 BETTER TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR CITIES TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE \$10
25 MILLION THAT WE SET ASIDE THROUGH A MOTION I CARRIED TO

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1 SUPPORT OUR CITIES? I THINK THAT'S ONE OF OUR BIG CAVEATS:
2 THAT WE REALLY HAVE TO DO MORE. SO THAT'S QUESTION I HAVE FOR
3 YOU. AND ALSO, GIVEN THAT HOMEKEY ROUND 3 IS GOING TO HELP US
4 WITH PERMANENT AND INTERIM HOUSING, WE KNOW THAT THESE FUNDING
5 STREAMS ARE GOING TO BE SCARCE AFTER A FEW YEARS. HOW ARE WE
6 GOING TO BE ABLE TO MAKE UP FOR THAT, SO THAT WE DON'T JUST
7 GET LEFT WITH THE KEYS, AND WE'RE NOT ABLE TO CONTINUE TO
8 HOUSE PEOPLE? THOSE ARE PRIMARILY MY TWO QUESTIONS, AND REALLY
9 WANT TO THANK THE STAFF, AND HEAR MORE ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES
10 THAT WE CAN GET MORE OF OUR DEPARTMENTS ENGAGED-- FOR EXAMPLE,
11 THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES-- WHEN IT COMES
12 TO HOMEKEY, TO ADDRESS OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. SO, THOSE ARE MY 3
13 QUESTIONS TO CHERI TODOROFF.

14

15 **CHERI TODOROFF:** YEAH, THANK YOU. THOSE ARE GREAT QUESTIONS. AS
16 IT RELATES TO THE FUND THAT YOUR BOARD SET ASIDE FOR OTHER
17 CITIES TO SUPPORT THEM WITH PARTICIPATING IN HOMEKEY, WE ARE
18 VERY HAPPY THAT WE DID HAVE A CITY TAKE US UP ON THAT
19 OPPORTUNITY WITH HOMEKEY ROUND 2, AND THAT IS CULVER CITY. WE
20 ARE ACTUALLY DOING A LOT OF OUTREACH WITH CITIES RIGHT NOW,
21 AND WITH C.O.G.S, AND WE ARE REFORMING OUR HOMELESS INITIATIVE
22 TEAM TO HAVE A CITY-FOCUSED UNIT, AS WELL. WE'RE GOING TO
23 REALLY STEP UP OUR COMMUNICATION TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL
24 JURISDICTIONS ARE AWARE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR OPERATING
25 FUNDING SUPPORT TO HELP THEM APPLY FOR HOMEKEY. THIS IS

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1 AVAILABLE TO CITIES AND TO TRIBES IN OUR COUNTY, AS WELL, AND
2 WE WILL BE PROMOTING THIS AS A HOMEKEY ROUND 3 OPPORTUNITY
3 BECOMES AVAILABLE, AND ALSO OFFERING ANY TECHNICAL SUPPORT OR
4 ASSISTANCE THAT WE CAN PROVIDE WITH THOSE CITIES, TO HELP
5 PURSUE THIS HOMEKEY ROUND 3 OPPORTUNITY. YOUR QUESTION ABOUT
6 LONGER-TERM OPERATING FUNDING, A VERY BIG SHOUT-OUT AND DEEP
7 APPRECIATION TO L.A.C.D.A., WHO HAS COMMITTED PROJECT-BASED
8 VOUCHERS TO BOTH HOMEKEY ROUND 1 AND HOMEKEY ROUND 2. THESE
9 ARE ESSENTIAL TO PROVIDING A LONG-TERM OPERATING SUBSIDY FOR
10 THESE BUILDINGS, AND ARE REALLY KEY TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR
11 HOMEKEY PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING EFFORTS. I JUST WANT TO
12 MENTION THIS ONE IN PARTICULAR, BECAUSE AS WE LOOK TO HOMEKEY
13 ROUND 3, THOSE OPERATING SUBSIDIES ARE GOING TO BE VERY
14 IMPORTANT. AND WE KNOW THE CHALLENGE THAT WE'RE FACING WITH
15 FEDERAL RENTAL SUBSIDIES NATIONWIDE, EVEN MORE ACUTELY HERE IN
16 L.A. COUNTY, AND ALSO THE CHALLENGE THAT WE HAVE WITH THE CAP
17 ON PROJECT-BASING THOSE OPERATING SUBSIDIES, AS WELL, THAT I
18 KNOW THE BOARD CONTINUED TO ADVOCATE REGARDING. AND WE ARE--
19 IN ADDITION TO NEEDING TO CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE FOR MORE
20 FEDERAL RENTAL SUBSIDIES HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, AND THE
21 INCREASING OF THAT PROJECT-BASED RENTAL SUBSIDY CAP, WE'RE
22 ALSO LOOKING AT HOW WE CAN MORE EFFECTIVELY USE TENANT-BASED
23 RENTAL SUBSIDIES IN THESE PROPERTIES. WE KNOW THAT MANY OF OUR
24 CLIENTS WHO GET ISSUED A TENANT-BASED RENTAL SUBSIDY, WHERE
25 THEY GET ALL LEASED UP IN THE PRIVATE MARKET, HAVE A VERY

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1 DIFFICULT TIME LEASING UP. IT CAN TAKE MANY, MANY MONTHS,
2 SOMETIMES OVER A YEAR, TO FIND A LANDLORD THAT IS WILLING TO
3 RENT TO THEM. IF WE'RE ABLE TO, OURSELVES, EITHER OWN THE
4 PROPERTY, OR PARTNER WITH OUR DEVELOPER PARTNERS WHO OWN THE
5 PROPERTIES, TO HELP PEOPLE WITH THOSE TENANT-BASED VOUCHERS,
6 AND TO GUIDE THEM INTO THESE PROPERTIES, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO
7 LEASE UP QUICKLY, AND THEY'LL ALSO GET ON ALL OF THOSE ON-SITE
8 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, AS WELL. SO THAT'S ANOTHER STRATEGY THAT
9 WE'RE USING TO BRING OPERATING SUBSIDIES INTO THESE PROJECTS.
10 YOUR LAST QUESTION: PARTNERING WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS. WE
11 ALREADY HAVE A DEEP PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENTS,
12 AS IT RELATES TO OUR WORK IN PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. ALL
13 OF US ARE INVOLVED WITH PROVIDING SERVICES TO THOSE SITES. WE
14 ARE ALSO INTERESTED, AS YOU ALLUDED TO WITH OUR DEPARTMENT OF
15 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, TO LOOK AT OPPORTUNITIES WITH
16 HOMEKEY ROUND 3 FOR OUR TRANSITIONED-AGED YOUTH, WHO ARE
17 COMING OUT OF THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM AND ARE AT RISK OF
18 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, OR WHO MAY ALREADY BE EXPERIENCING
19 HOMELESSNESS. THERE ARE CERTAINLY OPPORTUNITIES THERE, AS
20 WELL, AND WE ARE STARTING THOSE DISCUSSIONS.

21
22 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU SO MUCH,
23 CHERI, AND TO THE TEAM. REALLY APPRECIATE YOU. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SEEING NO
2 OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS... OKAY. WELL, THEY'RE NOT ON MY
3 SCREEN. LET'S GO WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL FIRST, FOLLOWED BY
4 SUPERVISOR HAHN.

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I PUSHED THE BUTTON, BUT I
7 THINK WE OUGHT TO USE THE OLD-FASHIONED METHOD AND JUST WAVE
8 OUR HANDS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND, CHERI AND
9 EMILIO, THANK YOU BOTH SO MUCH FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, AND THE
10 CREATIVITY, ACTUALLY, THAT'S ALLOWED US TO REALLY
11 DRAMATICALLY INCREASE OUR SUPPLY OF BOTH INTERIM AND PERMANENT
12 HOUSING. I MEAN, 22 MOTELS AND HOTELS-- IT'S A BIG FEAT. AND
13 AS YOU KNOW, WE WERE DREAMING ABOUT THIS YEARS AGO, BEFORE
14 C.O.V.I.D., AND SORT OF COULDN'T FIGURE OUT TO DO IT. BUT I
15 WANTED TO ASK, BECAUSE I'M NOT-- I'M CONCERNED ABOUT OUR
16 ABILITY TO USE FUTURE STATE FUNDING, BECAUSE OF THE LIMITED
17 NUMBER OF SECTION 8 VOUCHERS WE CAN USE TO COVER OPERATIONS,
18 KNOWING THAT H.U.D. SAYS WE CAN ONLY PROJECT-BASE 30% OF THE
19 TOTAL. I MEAN, I GUESS PEOPLE KNOW SOME SECTION 8 VOUCHERS
20 ATTACH TO A PERSON, AND THEY GO FIND A PLACE TO LIVE. SOME
21 SECTION 8, THE ENTIRE PROJECT WILL BE SECTION 8, AND WE CAN
22 HELP A LOT OF PEOPLE. SO MY QUESTION IS, WHAT RESOURCES--
23 GIVEN SOME OF THOSE BARRIERS, WHAT RESOURCES MIGHT WE NEED TO
24 BUILD ON THESE SUCCESSES, ESPECIALLY WITH PROJECT HOMEKEY 3.0
25 COMING DOWN THE PIPELINE?

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2 **CHERI TODOROFF:** YEAH. THANK YOU. THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION. AS
3 YOU MENTIONED, AS WE WERE DISCUSSING, CONTINUING TO MAKE
4 PROJECT-BASED VOUCHERS, OR TENANT-BASED VOUCHERS-- FOR US TO
5 BE ABLE TO DIRECT CLIENTS WITH TENANT-BASED VOUCHERS INTO
6 THESE PROPERTIES-- WILL BE KEY TO THE SUCCESS OF THEM, BECAUSE
7 THAT'S WHERE WE GET THE ONGOING OPERATING FUNDING FROM. SO I
8 THINK WE REALLY NEED TO CONTINUE OUR WORK AND OUR ADVOCACY AT
9 THAT LEVEL. AND WE HAVE ALREADY BEGUN WORKING ON THE APPROACH
10 OF DIRECTING CLIENTS WITH TENANT-BASED VOUCHERS INTO SOME OF
11 OUR PROPERTIES THAT WE HAVE SITE CONTROL OVER, OR THAT OUR
12 PARTNERS HAVE SITE CONTROL OVER, AS A SOLUTION TO HELP THEM
13 LEASE UP IN A MORE TIMELY WAY. SO THAT IS A MODEL THAT WE ARE
14 ACTIVATING WITHIN HOMEKEY, AND BEYOND HOMEKEY, AS WELL, AND
15 THE ONE THAT WE WANT TO CONTINUE EXPLORING. WE ALSO-- AT THE
16 STATE LEVEL, IT'S REALLY-- AT A FEDERAL LEVEL, OUR BIGGEST
17 CHALLENGE IS ONGOING OPERATING SUPPORT ON BOTH THE RENTAL
18 SUBSIDY SIDE, BUT ALSO THE SERVICES SIDE, AND WE NEED TO
19 CONTINUE THAT ADVOCACY, AS WELL. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT
20 THINGS THAT WE NEED ARE MORE RENTAL SUBSIDIES. WE KNOW, HERE
21 IN L.A. COUNTY, THAT PROBABLY ONLY ABOUT 10% OF PEOPLE WHO ARE
22 ELIGIBLE FOR A FEDERAL VOUCHER RECEIVE ONE, AND WE HAVE A VERY
23 LARGE GAP, IN TERMS OF THE CLIENTS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A
24 SUBSIDY, OR NEED A SUBSIDY, AND WHOEVER RECEIVED ONE. WE HAVE
25 ADDRESSED THAT GAP IN THE PAST WITH SOME SUCCESS, WITH A

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1 FLEXIBLE HOUSING SUBSIDY POOL, AND THAT IS WHERE WE USE A
2 LOCAL SUBSIDY TO ACT LIKE A FEDERAL SUBSIDY, AND WE ARE ABLE
3 TO SUPPORT MORE PEOPLE MOVING INTO PERMANENT HOUSING. WE ARE
4 ABLE TO SIZE THE FLEXIBLE HOUSING SUBSIDY POOL UP TO THE LEVEL
5 INVESTMENT THAT WE HAVE AVAILABLE TO US, OR FUNDING THAT WE
6 HAVE AVAILABLE TO US, TO INVEST IN IT. SO, WE ARE GENERALLY AT
7 A CAP RIGHT NOW, IN TERMS OF THOSE DOLLARS, BUT WE'RE
8 CONTINUING TO ADVOCATE FOR MORE, AND PARTICULARLY AT THE STATE
9 LEVEL. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE DEEPER STATE INVESTMENTS IN LOCAL
10 RENTAL SUBSIDIES. AND I KNOW THAT IS SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN
11 CONTEMPLATED AT THE STATE LEVEL, AND SOMETHING THAT I AM VERY
12 MUCH SUPPORTIVE OF, AND CONTINUE TO WANT TO ADVOCATE FOR.

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I THINK IT'S WORTH REMINDING
15 EVERYBODY THAT, ESSENTIALLY, PRIVATE BUSINESS AND PRIVATE
16 INDUSTRY IS NOT EVEN THOUGHT OF BY PEOPLE IN TERMS OF SOLVING
17 THE ISSUES OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS, KEEPING PEOPLE
18 IN THEIR HOUSING, ET CETERA. ESPECIALLY DURING C.O.V.I.D., BUT
19 EVEN BEFORE, PEOPLE HAVE ALWAYS SAID, "WHAT'S THE GOVERNMENT
20 DOING? THE GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO SOLVE IT." SO, USING THE
21 A.R.P.A. MONEY, I THINK, HAS BEEN ENORMOUSLY BENEFICIAL TO US
22 IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT. BUT, OF COURSE, THAT'S NOT GOING TO GO ON
23 FOREVER. SO I THINK WHATEVER WE CAN PUT IN PLACE TO TRY TO
24 CONTINUE, BECAUSE HOMELESSNESS EXISTED BEFORE C.O.V.I.D., AND
25 IT'S GOING TO EXIST, IF THERE IS SUCH A THING AS AFTER

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1 C.O.V.I.D., OR DURING/ONGOING C.O.V.I.D., OR WHATEVER. AND I
2 THINK-- BUT I LOVE THE IDEA OF OUR BEING ABLE TO ACQUIRE THESE
3 ENTIRE PROPERTIES, AND BE ABLE TO UTILIZE THEM. SO THANK YOU
4 AGAIN FOR YOUR WORK, AND THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

5

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

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8 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, D'ARTAGNAN AND
9 CHERI, FOR THAT PRESENTATION. I'VE BEEN A BIG FAN AND
10 SUPPORTER OF, FIRST, ROOMKEY, AND NOW HOMEKEY. I REALLY
11 BELIEVE IT'S ONE OF THE MORE CREATIVE, SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS
12 THAT WE HAVE. AND I'M REALLY PROUD THAT, IN MY DISTRICT, WE
13 HAVE 7 PROJECT HOMEKEY SITES: TWO IN LONG BEACH, ONE IN
14 WHITTIER, NORWALK, ONE IN COMMERCE. AND WE'VE GOT A GREAT ONE
15 COMING TO SAN PEDRO, WHICH WE'RE USING A.R.P.A. FUNDS IN
16 PARTNERSHIP WITH THE STATE FUNDS TO PURCHASE A HOTEL IN SAN
17 PEDRO, WHICH WILL BE USED FOR HOMELESS VETERANS. AND SO FAR,
18 IT'S BEEN SUPPORTED BY THE COMMUNITY, AND EMBRACED AS, AGAIN,
19 A REAL SOLUTION. AND JUST IN THESE PROJECTS, IN MY DISTRICT,
20 IT WILL BRING 576 UNITS. SO, AGAIN, WE'RE NOT THERE YET. WE
21 HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO, BUT I THINK THIS IS REALLY A GREAT
22 SOLUTION. THEN YOU HEAR A LOT ABOUT-- IN SOME OF THESE RACES
23 GOING ON, PEOPLE-- THEIR ANSWER TO HOMELESSNESS, RIGHT? BUT
24 THESE ARE REALLY GOOD, POSITIVE SOLUTIONS THAT WORK. AND I
25 JUST WANT TO TAKE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TELL ONE STORY ABOUT A

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1 CLIENT IN OUR NORWALK PROJECT HOMEKEY. HIS NAME IS MR. GEORGE
2 FERAZ. HE'S 58 YEARS. HE WAS A HUSBAND WHO'S A FATHER OF TWO
3 YOUNG ADULTS, AND IN 2015, HE EXPERIENCED AN INJURY THAT
4 RESULTED IN HIM TAKING OPIOID PAIN PILLS. AND THEN THOSE
5 WEREN'T EFFECTIVE, AND HE WENT ON TO HEROIN. AND HE WAS SO
6 ENTRENCHED IN HIS ADDICTION THAT HIS WIFE LEFT HIM, TOOK HIS
7 TWO SONS, AND HE EVENTUALLY LOST HIS BUSINESS, HIS HOME,
8 LEAVING HIM TO FIND SHELTER WITH FRIENDS, AND HE ENDED UP ON
9 OUR STREETS. AND ON THE STREETS, HE GOT IN TROUBLE WITH THE
10 LAW, AND ACTUALLY FOUND HIMSELF IN CUSTODY. AND SOMETHING
11 STRUCK HIM THAT HE NEEDED TO CHANGE HIS LIFE. HE WANTED SOME
12 HELP, AND HE WAS ABLE TO GET ENROLLED IN A REHAB PROGRAM.
13 AFTER GOING THROUGH SEVERAL SHELTERS IN THE COUNTY, HE FOUND
14 HIMSELF AT THE NORWALK PROJECT HOMEKEY. SO, THIS HAS CHANGED
15 HIS LIFE. HE'S FOUND-- HE'S GRATEFUL FOR THESE SERVICES. HE'S
16 FOUND A NEW PURPOSE IN LIFE. HE'S BEEN SOBER NOW FOR 18
17 MONTHS, AND HAS BEEN RELEASED, RECENTLY, FROM PROBATION. AND
18 HE'S RELIEVED BY NOT THE STRESS OF BEING HOMELESS. I DON'T
19 THINK WE EVEN KNOW THE STRESS OF THOSE WHO ARE HOMELESS AND
20 LIVING ON OUR STREETS, HOW THEY ARE JUST TRYING TO SURVIVE.
21 AND GEORGE NOW HAS HIS FAMILY BACK WITH HIM. HE'S REALLY ON A
22 DIFFERENT PATHWAY. AND SO, JUST WANTED TO TELL THAT STORY.
23 PARTICULARLY AS WE GO OUT, AND WE'RE GOING TO BE ACQUIRING
24 MORE, AND USING THESE A.R.P.A. FUNDS TO DO THIS, THESE AREN'T
25 ALWAYS RECEIVED AS WELL IN THE COMMUNITIES AS WE WANT TO. IN

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1 FACT, I THINK THIS NORWALK ONE, WE WERE ACTUALLY SUED OVER.
2 BUT SINCE THEN, I THINK THE MORE YOU CAN TELL POSITIVE,
3 SUCCESSFUL STORIES ABOUT HOW THIS IS REALLY CHANGING PEOPLE'S
4 LIVES, I THINK AS WE GO FORWARD, WE'LL BE ABLE TO SITE MORE OF
5 THESE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. BUT I WANTED TO PIVOT AND TALK A
6 LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE WORKERS, AFTER WE PURCHASED THESE SITES.
7 AND IT SEEMS LIKE WE WERE RUSHING LAST YEAR TO GET INVOLVED
8 PURCHASING SOME OF THESE HOTELS, AND SOME OF THESE WORKERS GOT
9 LEFT BEHIND, AND MANY OF THEM WERE THE HOUSEKEEPERS, THE
10 JANITORS, THE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF, WHO BECAME VERY CONCERNED
11 ABOUT THEIR JOBS. AND AS WE KNOW, MANY OF THESE WORKERS ARE
12 WOMEN AND IMMIGRANTS. SO LAST YEAR, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU
13 AND I INTRODUCED A MOTION TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE CREATING
14 EMPLOYMENT PLANS FOR ALL THE EMPLOYEES OF THESE HOTELS, THAT
15 CAN'T BE ABSORBED BY THEIR CURRENT EMPLOYER, AND RELOCATED TO
16 ANOTHER LOCATION. SO I JUST WANTED TO ASK CHERI: AS WE'RE
17 GOING INTO THIS NEW ROUND OF PROJECT HOMEKEY ACQUISITIONS, HOW
18 ARE WE COMMUNICATING WITH THE CURRENT HOTEL WORKERS, AND
19 MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE CONNECTING THEM TO NEW JOB
20 OPPORTUNITIES, SO, GOD FORBID, WE AREN'T ALLOWING THESE PEOPLE
21 TO FALL INTO HOMELESSNESS, BECAUSE WE'VE SNATCHED THEIR JOBS
22 AWAY? SO, THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND AGAIN, I THINK THIS IS A
23 GREAT USE OF THESE FUNDS. I MEAN, THEY ARE THE AMERICAN RESCUE
24 PLAN FUNDS, AND THIS IS CERTAINLY-- WE ARE RESCUING THOSE WHO
25 HAVE NOWHERE ELSE TO GO, THROUGH THESE FUNDS. SO, THANK YOU

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1 FOR THAT PRESENTATION. AND, CHERI, IF YOU COULD JUST TELL US
2 HOW WE'RE COMMUNICATING WITH THE WORKERS. THANK YOU. THANK
3 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

4

5 **CHERI TODOROFF:** YEAH, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT QUESTION. THE
6 EMPLOYMENT STABILITY AND EARNINGS STABILITY OF THE WORKFORCE
7 AT THESE HOTELS IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO US, SO OUR CO-
8 APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO WORK WITH THE SELLERS TO
9 COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR WORKERS ABOUT THE UPCOMING SALE AS
10 EARLY AS POSSIBLE. WE ARE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN OVERSEEING THAT
11 AND ENSURING THAT THAT HAPPENS. SOME OF THE PROPERTIES-- THEY
12 ARE IN DIFFERENT SITUATIONS. SOME OF THEM ACTUALLY DO NOT HAVE
13 EMPLOYEES, AS THEY WERE ALREADY VACANT, AND SOME OF THEM WERE
14 ONLY STAFFED BY THE OWNER. IN SOME CASES, THE CURRENT OWNERS
15 ARE ABLE TO PLACE WORKERS AT OTHER HOTEL SITES THAT THEY OWN;
16 AND IN ADDITION, OUR CO-APPLICANTS ARE LOOKING AT WHETHER THEY
17 CAN HIRE THE HOTEL WORKERS TO WORK AT SOME OF THEIR OTHER
18 EXISTING SITES. ONE REASON WHY WE'RE VERY INTERESTED IN THAT
19 OPTION IS BECAUSE, ONCE THESE SITES ARE ACQUIRED, THEY'RE
20 GOING TO HAVE A PERIOD OF RENOVATION, SO THEY WILL NOT
21 IMMEDIATELY BE OPERATING, AND SO WE WANT THESE EMPLOYEES TO
22 HAVE CONTINUITY IN THEIR EMPLOYMENT AND GET CONNECTED TO
23 EMPLOYMENT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. WE ARE-- WE'VE WORKED WITH
24 ALL OF OUR CO-APPLICANTS, OUR DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS, TO GATHER
25 INFORMATION ON THE WORKFORCE AT ALL OF THE SITES, AND WE ARE

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1 PARTNERING WITH W.D.A.C.S. TO SUPPORT THE IMPACTED EMPLOYEES.
2 SO, W.D.A.C.S. BEGAN REACHING OUT TO ALL OF OUR CO-APPLICANTS
3 EARLY, AND IS WORKING WITH ALL OF THE SITES THAT HAVE BEEN
4 APPROVED BY THE STATE, AND THAT HAVE EMPLOYEES. THEY ARE
5 WORKING WITH THE OWNERS TO SCHEDULE ORIENTATION AND
6 INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR OUR WORKERS. THEY WILL BE ACTIVATING
7 THE RAPID RESPONSE PROGRAM TO QUICKLY PROVIDE SERVICES TO
8 THESE WORKERS, AND THAT'S A PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES RE-
9 EMPLOYMENT SERVICES AND BENEFITS, BUT THERE WILL BE OTHER
10 OPPORTUNITIES, AS WELL. THE WORKERS WILL BE CONNECTED TO JOB
11 OPPORTUNITIES IN THE HOMELESS SERVICES SECTOR, WHERE WE KNOW
12 THAT THERE ARE MANY JOB OPENINGS, AND THEY WILL BE WELCOME IN
13 THAT SECTOR, AS WELL AS W.D.A.C.S. IS ALSO CONNECTING
14 EMPLOYEES TO APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN HIGH-GROWTH
15 INDUSTRIES. SO WE ARE PURSUING A NUMBER OF AVENUES, AND WE
16 WILL CONTINUE TO WATCH THIS VERY CLOSELY, AND WORK WITH ALL OF
17 OUR HOTEL PARTNERS AND OUR NEW CO-DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS TO
18 PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT CONTINUITY AND TRANSITION FOR THE
19 EMPLOYEES.

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21 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THAT. THANK YOU, MADAM
22 CHAIR.

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24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND NOW, SEEING IN
25 PERSON AND ON MY SCREEN NO ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, THIS WAS A

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1 REPORT-AND-RECEIVED. HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, SUCH WILL BE THE
2 ORDER. COLLEAGUES, WE'RE NOW HERE MOVING ON TO SET MATTER 2,
3 OUR PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER. WE'LL HEAR FROM DR. FERRER, DIRECTOR
4 OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND DR. GHALY, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES.
5 GOOD MORNING TO YOU BOTH. DR. FERRER, WE CANNOT HEAR YOU. DR.
6 GHALY, GIVE ME A SOUND CHECK WHILE WE SEE IF DR. FERRER CAN
7 GET...

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9 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WE CAN HEAR YOU. DR. FERRER, WE'RE GOING
12 TO GO TO GHALY FIRST, WHILE YOU GET YOUR SOUND IN ORDER. DR.
13 GHALY?

14

15 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** OKAY. THANK YOU, AND GOOD AFTERNOON, OR
16 ALMOST AFTERNOON. I'LL GIVE A BRIEF UPDATE ON HOSPITALIZATIONS
17 IN THE D.H.S. HOSPITALS, QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION, AND THEN
18 TESTING, AND JUST LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. SO,
19 IF YOU'LL TURN FIRST TO SLIDE 2, D.H.S.'S 4 HOSPITALS SAW
20 RELATIVELY STABLE C.O.V.I.D. VOLUMES, WITH APPROXIMATELY 40 TO
21 50 OR SO PATIENTS THAT WERE HOSPITALIZED IN OUR 4 HOSPITALS,
22 WITH A POSITIVE C.O.V.I.D. TEST, OVER THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS.
23 HOWEVER, JUST OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF DAYS-- REALLY, SINCE
24 FRIDAY-- WE HAVE STARTED TO SEE VOLUMES INCREASE INTO THE 50S;
25 SO, ABOUT 10 ADDITIONAL PATIENTS, OVERALL. AND AS OF THIS

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1 MORNING, THERE ARE 58 PATIENTS WHO ARE C.O.V.I.D.-POSITIVE IN
2 THE 4 D.H.S. HOSPITALS. JUST AS A REMINDER, WE DO TEST EVERY
3 PATIENT FOR C.O.V.I.D. ON ADMISSION, SO WE'RE OFTEN FINDING
4 PEOPLE WHO MAY NOT BE SYMPTOMATIC, OR MAY HAVE AN INCIDENTAL
5 C.O.V.I.D. TEST THAT COULD HAVE BEEN FROM AWHILE BACK, ALSO.
6 ON THE NEXT SLIDE, SLIDE 3, WE SHOW THE MOST RECENT DATA
7 THAT'S AVAILABLE FOR THE PERCENT OF THOSE WHO WERE ADMITTED--
8 THE C.O.V.I.D.-POSITIVE PATIENTS WHO WERE ACTUALLY ADMITTED
9 FOR THEIR C.O.V.I.D. ILLNESS, VERSUS MERELY JUST WITH A
10 POSITIVE C.O.V.I.D. TEST. AND AS YOU CAN SEE ON THE CHART,
11 THAT DATA WAS REALLY HIGH EARLIER IN THE PANDEMIC-- UP TO
12 AROUND 70% OR SO-- AND THEN FELL PRETTY PRECIPITOUSLY, DOWN AS
13 LOW AS 10% OVER THE EARLIER PARTS OF THIS YEAR, AND THEN MORE
14 RECENTLY HAS STARTED TO INCREASE SLIGHTLY. AND RIGHT NOW, THE
15 MOST RECENT NUMBERS THAT WE HAVE, WHICH WE OBTAIN THROUGH
16 DOING A DAILY CHART AUDIT OF THE REASONS FOR ADMISSION AMONG
17 THOSE WITH A POSITIVE C.O.V.I.D. TEST, IS THAT ABOUT 20% OF
18 THE PATIENTS WITH A POSITIVE C.O.V.I.D. TEST ARE THERE FOR
19 C.O.V.I.D., AND THAT TRANSLATES INTO ABOUT 10-15 PATIENTS OR
20 SO IN THE D.H.S. HOSPITALS WHO ARE HOSPITALIZED FOR THEIR
21 C.O.V.I.D. ILLNESS. WE'RE THANKFUL THAT THAT RATE IS STILL
22 MUCH LOWER THAN WHAT WE SAW EARLIER IN THE PANDEMIC, AND ALSO
23 GRATEFUL THAT, FOR THOSE PATIENTS WHO ARE ADMITTED FOR
24 C.O.V.I.D., THAT THEIR RATE OF UTILIZATION OF THE INTENSIVE
25 CARE UNIT, OR THE I.C.U., IS ALSO MUCH LOWER THAN IT WAS

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1 EARLIER IN THE PANDEMIC. RIGHT NOW, THE MAJORITY OF
2 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE HOSPITALIZED FOR C.O.V.I.D. ARE ABLE TO BE
3 SAFELY CARED FOR ON A STANDARD MEDICAL SURGICAL WARD, AND THEN
4 THEY CAN BE DISCHARGED HOME WITH CLOSE FOLLOW-UP, SOMETIMES
5 NEEDING TO USE SUPPLEMENTAL OXYGEN AT HOME FOR A WHILE. AND
6 THAT'S REASSURING DATA, IN GENERAL, THOUGH OF COURSE WE'LL
7 WATCH THAT SLIGHT TREND UP IN THE HOSPITALIZATIONS, TO SEE IF
8 IT'S A TREND THAT CONTINUES OVER THE SUBSEQUENT DAYS AND
9 WEEKS. IF YOU'LL MOVE, PLEASE, TO SLIDE 4, IT SHOWS
10 UTILIZATION OF THE D.H.S.-OPERATED QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION
11 SITES OVER TIME. CURRENTLY, D.H.S. IS OPERATING ONE OF OUR
12 RECUPERATIVE CARE SITES, THE ONE AT M.L.K. CAMPUS, FOR
13 MEDICALLY FRAGILE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE REQUIRING QUARANTINE AND
14 ISOLATION, AND WE'RE WORKING WITH C.E.O. TO IDENTIFY A
15 SUITABLE SITE FOR ONGOING QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION FOR
16 MEDICALLY FRAGILE INDIVIDUALS, SO THAT WE CAN REPURPOSE THAT
17 RECUPERATIVE CARE SITE BACK INTO ITS ORIGINALLY INTENDED
18 PURPOSE, WHICH HAS BEEN RAMPING UP WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
19 CALA.I.M. TURNING NOW TO TESTING, IF YOU'LL GO TO THE NEXT
20 SLIDE. THANK YOU. THESE SLIDES, JUST AS A REMINDER, FOCUS ON
21 THE CAPACITY AND UTILIZATION OF TESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY
22 TESTING SITES, AND THAT'S THE SITES THAT ARE OPERATED OR
23 MANAGED BY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND OUR CONTRACTOR,
24 FULGENT, AS WELL AS THOSE THAT ARE OPERATED BY THE STATE. IT
25 DOESN'T INCLUDE ALL OF THE TESTING VOLUME THAT HAPPENS IN

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1 PRIVATE HOSPITALS, CLINICS, PHARMACIES, THROUGH A NUMBER OF
2 OTHER ENTITIES. IT'S JUST THE DATA THAT WE HAVE ACCESS TO
3 THROUGH THE TESTING VOLUME THAT WE MANAGE DIRECTLY. AND AS YOU
4 CAN SEE, THE UTILIZATION OF THOSE SITES HAS BEEN STABLE OVER
5 THE PAST FEW WEEKS, AFTER A SLIGHT INCREASE IN MAY. THE TEST
6 POSITIVITY RATE AT THOSE COMMUNITY SITES ALSO HAD INCREASED,
7 BUT HAS NOW STABILIZED AND IS CURRENTLY AT ABOUT 21%. GIVEN
8 THAT THE COMMUNITY TESTING SITES FOCUS ON A POPULATION THAT
9 HAS A HIGHER LIKELIHOOD OF HAVING C.O.V.I.D., BECAUSE WE ASK
10 PEOPLE TO USE THOSE SITES IF THEY HAVE SYMPTOMS CONSISTENT
11 WITH C.O.V.I.D., OR WERE EXPOSED TO SOMEONE WITH C.O.V.I.D.,
12 AND IT REALLY ISN'T INTENDED JUST FOR GENERAL, PERIODIC
13 SCREENING, SUCH AS WHAT MIGHT BE NEEDED THROUGH SCHOOL OR
14 THROUGH WORK, BECAUSE OF THAT, THE HIGHER TEST POSITIVITY RATE
15 IN THE COMMUNITY TESTING SITES MAKES A LOT OF SENSE, AND ISN'T
16 IN AND OF ITSELF A CAUSE FOR CONCERN. SLIDE 6 SHOWS THE VOLUME
17 OF TEST KITS THAT ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE PICKUP AND DROP-
18 OFF SITES. WHILE THE UTILIZATION AT THESE SITES REMAINS VERY
19 LOW, IT IS AN IMPORTANT AND LOW-COST POINT AT WHICH TEST KITS
20 CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THOSE IN NEED, AND IT CAN EASILY AND
21 QUICKLY BE RAMPED UP IN THE FUTURE IF WE HAVE ANOTHER SURGE.
22 NEXT SLIDE, ON SLIDE 7. ON JUNE 1ST, D.H.S. EXPANDED THE
23 PREVIOUSLY PILOTED SIDEWALK PICKUP SITES, SO WE NOW HAVE 14
24 L.A. COUNTY LIBRARIES WHERE COUNTY RESIDENTS CAN REGISTER FOR
25 TESTS, PICK THEM UP CURBSIDE, WITHOUT NEEDING TO ENTER THE

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1 LIBRARY. IT'S A QUICK AND CONVENIENT SERVICE. PLEASE KNOW
2 THAT, ALSO, INDIVIDUALS CAN WALK UP AND REGISTER ON SITE, IF
3 THAT'S WHAT THEY PREFER TO DO, AND THAT OPTION ALSO REMAINS
4 AVAILABLE AT ALL OF THE PICKUP AND DROP-OFF SITES. THERE IS
5 INFORMATION ON THIS SLIDE ABOUT HOW INDIVIDUALS CAN REGISTER
6 FOR TEST KITS THROUGH THE WEB, OR THROUGH NUMBERS THAT THEY
7 CAN CALL TO HELP WITH TEST KIT RESERVATIONS, IF THEY DON'T
8 HAVE GOOD DIGITAL ACCESS OR ACCESS TO THE INTERNET. AND
9 THERE'S ALSO ALWAYS MORE INFORMATION THAT'S AVAILABLE ON OUR
10 WEBSITE. NEXT SLIDE. THIS IS A LIST OF THE PICKUP PROGRAMS
11 WHERE YOU CAN DO THAT VERY EASY SIDEWALK PICKUP TEST KIT
12 OPTION, AND THEN THE FOLLOWING SLIDE LISTS THE REMAINDER-- ON
13 SLIDE 9-- LISTS THE REMAINDER OF THE TEST KIT SITES WHERE YOU
14 CAN ALSO DO PICKUP AND DROP-OFF OF A TEST KIT, INCLUDING
15 THROUGH WALK-IN SERVICE, AND THE HOURS AND DAYS OF THOSE SITES
16 ARE LISTED ON THE SLIDE. I WILL CLOSE THERE, BUT PLEASE LET ME
17 KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER:** I JUST WANTED A CLARIFICATION ON THE
20 HOSPITALIZATION, DR. GHALY. WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL COMES IN, YOU
21 SAY THAT EVERYONE GETS TESTED WHEN THEY COME IN TO THE
22 HOSPITAL. SO, WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THOSE THAT ARE IN THE
23 HOSPITAL, THAT WE'RE SHOWING AS BEING C.O.V.I.D., ARE THERE
24 STRICTLY FOR C.O.V.I.D., THAT PRESENTED THEMSELVES IN THE E.R.
25 BECAUSE OF THEIR SYMPTOMS?

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2 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** SO, THAT'S THE 20% NUMBER. SO, WE MEASURE
3 IT ON THE PATIENTS THAT ARE ADMITTED. SO, 20% OF THE
4 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ADMITTED AND HAVE A POSITIVE C.O.V.I.D.
5 TEST ARE ACTUALLY THERE FOR C.O.V.I.D., AND THE REMAINDER, OR
6 ABOUT 80%, ARE THERE PRIMARILY FOR SOME OTHER REASON. THEY'RE
7 HOSPITALIZED FOR SOME REASON, AND THEY JUST HAPPEN TO HAVE A
8 POSITIVE C.O.V.I.D. TEST.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, ARE OUR HOSPITALS SEEING A DRAMATIC INCREASE
11 IN PATIENTS, OR IS IT THAT OUR PATIENTS AT THE HOSPITALS ARE
12 TESTING POSITIVE MORE FREQUENTLY? BECAUSE WHAT I'M HEARING IS-
13 - AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT MAYBE WE, AS A BOARD, NEED TO
14 ADDRESS, AND THAT IS, SOME, WHEN THEY HEAR THEY'RE POSITIVE,
15 END UP COMING TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM, WHEN THEY REALLY DON'T
16 NEED TO. AND SO I'M JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND HOW THAT'S
17 PLAYING OUT IN OUR E.R.S, BOTH IN THE COUNTY, BUT ALSO IN THE
18 PRIVATE SECTOR. DOES THAT MAKE SENSE?

19

20 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** YEAH. YEAH, IT DOES. AND IF INDIVIDUALS
21 HAVE CONCERNS-- THEY TEST POSITIVE, AND THEY'RE HAVING
22 SYMPTOMS-- IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO GO TO YOUR DOCTOR, WHETHER IT'S
23 AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOUR PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN, OR TO AN
24 URGENT CARE, OR TO AN EMERGENCY ROOM, DEPENDING ON YOUR
25 SYMPTOMS, SO THAT YOU CAN BE CHECKED OUT. AND THE MOST

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1 IMPORTANT THING TO BE CHECKED OUT WITH IS JUST REALLY TESTING
2 THAT OXYGEN SATURATION, TO SEE HOW EFFECTIVELY PEOPLE ARE ABLE
3 TO MOVE AIR THROUGH THEIR LUNGS. SO WE ALWAYS ENCOURAGE PEOPLE
4 TO DO THAT IF THERE'S ANY DOUBT OR CONCERN, AND ESPECIALLY FOR
5 INDIVIDUALS WHO MIGHT BE ELDERLY OR HAVE UNDERLYING HEALTH
6 CONDITIONS, SO THAT THEY CAN BE CHECKED OUT BY A PROVIDER. THE
7 VAST MAJORITY OF PEOPLE, THOUGH, THAT DO PRESENT TO THE
8 URGENT CARE OR TO THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT WITH A POSITIVE
9 C.O.V.I.D. TEST ARE ABLE TO BE DISCHARGED HOME. THEY DON'T
10 REQUIRE ADMISSION. AND THEN IT'S JUST THAT VERY SMALL
11 MINORITY, REALLY, FOR D.H.S. HOSPITALS-- THAT 10-15 NUMBER OF
12 PATIENTS HOSPITALIZED RIGHT NOW, AT ANY ONE TIME, WHO WERE
13 ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL-- THEY WERE ADMITTED BECAUSE OF THEIR
14 C.O.V.I.D. THEIR C.O.V.I.D. IS SO SERIOUS THAT THEY NEED TO BE
15 WATCHED IN THE HOSPITAL FOR ONE OR MORE DAYS, THOUGH
16 THANKFULLY AT A LOWER RATE OF I.C.U. UTILIZATION THAN WHAT WE
17 SAW PREVIOUSLY IN THE PANDEMIC. AND THE NICE THING ABOUT THOSE
18 NUMBERS-- AND YOU ALLUDED TO THIS POINT, SUPERVISOR BARGER--
19 IS THAT BECAUSE ONLY 20% OF THE PATIENTS WHO ARE C.O.V.I.D.-
20 POSITIVE ARE ADMITTED FOR THEIR C.O.V.I.D., THAT MEANS THAT
21 THE REMAINDER AREN'T ADDING TO THE VOLUME AT THE HOSPITALS. SO
22 THEY'RE NOT ADDING-- THEY'RE A VOLUME IN THE HOSPITALS THAT
23 WAS GOING TO BE ADMITTED, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR POSITIVE
24 C.O.V.I.D. STATUS, SO IT'S NOT CONTRIBUTING TO AN OVERWHELMING
25 OF THE HOSPITALS OR INCREASED CENSUS AT THE HOSPITALS.

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2 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, JUST REALLY QUICK--

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4 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** SUPERVISOR, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU COULD HEAR
5 ME, BUT I CAN GIVE YOU THE NUMBERS FOR THE COUNTY; FOR THE
6 REST OF THE COUNTY. SO, THE NUMBERS ARE A LITTLE BIT
7 DIFFERENT. 40% OF THE FOLKS THAT ARE HOSPITALIZED ARE THERE
8 FOR C.O.V.I.D., 60% INCIDENTAL. SO, A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT
9 THAN WHAT'S SEEN AT THE COUNTY HOSPITALS, AND WE'VE HAD A
10 STEADY INCREASE OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF WEEKS IN EMERGENCY
11 ROOM VISITS. SO, IN GENERAL, THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS, WHAT
12 THEY WERE DOING A MONTH AGO AND WHAT THEY ARE DOING NOW IS
13 PRETTY SIMILAR, BUT WE DO HAVE MORE PATIENTS. ABOUT 6% OF
14 EMERGENCY ROOM VISITS, EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS, ACROSS THE
15 WHOLE COUNTY ARE PATIENTS WITH C.O.V.I.D. ILLNESS PRESENTING
16 FOR SOME FORM OF CARE. BUT I TOTALLY AGREE WITH DR. GHALY: THE
17 PICTURE ACROSS THE COUNTY IS VERY DIFFERENT WITH THIS INCREASE
18 IN CASES THAN IT WAS BEFORE, MANY PEOPLE NOT REQUIRING
19 HOSPITALIZATION, ALTHOUGH PEOPLE FEEL PRETTY LOUSY,
20 PARTICULARLY WITH THIS LATEST SUBVARIANT THAT IS CIRCULATING.
21 AND SOME PEOPLE ARE ALSO COMING IN BECAUSE THEY'RE TRYING TO
22 MAKE SURE THEY GET ASSESSED FOR A THERAPEUTIC. WE HAVE LOTS OF
23 OTHER PLACES THEY CAN GO, BUT FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE FEELING
24 PRETTY SICK AND HAVE TESTED POSITIVE, WE HAVE, OBVIOUSLY, AN
25 INCREASE AT OUR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS, AND IT PROBABLY

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1 CORRESPONDS TO THE SMALL INCREASE WE CONTINUE TO SEE AT OUR
2 HOSPITALS ACROSS THE COUNTY. AVERAGE HOSPITALIZATIONS NOW ARE
3 SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 550 AND 600 PEOPLE HOSPITALIZED FOR
4 C.O.V.I.D., WITH A POSITIVE C.O.V.I.D. DIAGNOSIS; 60%, AS I
5 NOTED, INCIDENTAL, WOULD BE THERE ANYWAY. 40% ARE THERE
6 BECAUSE THEY'RE SICK. AND ALL OF THE PATIENTS THAT ARE THERE
7 ARE GOING TO GET SOME STEPPED-UP LEVEL OF INFECTION CONTROL IF
8 THEY'RE POSITIVE, SO THERE WILL BE THAT RESOURCE. BUT I'M GLAD
9 YOU CAN HEAR ME NOW.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YES, THANK YOU. ONE QUICK QUESTION FOR
12 YOU, DR. GHALY, BEFORE WE OPEN IT UP TO DR. FERRER. YOU LISTED
13 THE M.L.K. TESTING SITE ON YOUR SLIDE. I'M CONCERNED THAT THE
14 7-DAY AVERAGE TEST POSITIVITY RATE THERE IS AT A MUCH HIGHER
15 RATE THAN THE COUNTY AVERAGE. IT'S AT CLOSE TO 18%, WHERE THE
16 COUNTY AVERAGE IS CLOSER TO 5%. AND SO...

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** WHAT'S GOING ON?

19

20 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YEAH, YEAH. SUPERVISOR HAHN SAID,
21 "WHAT'S GOING ON?" AND BEYOND WHAT'S GOING ON, WHAT ARE WE
22 GOING TO DO ABOUT IT? WHAT IS OUR RESPONSE?

23

24 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** YEAH, IT'S A GOOD QUESTION. I'M GLAD YOU
25 RAISED IT. THE TEST POSITIVITY RATE AT THE COMMUNITY TESTING

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1 SITES, ACROSS ALL OF THE D.H.S. SITES, AVERAGES AT 21% RIGHT
2 NOW, SO IT IS SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER EVEN THAN THAT RATE NOTED
3 AT M.L.K. I'M NOT SURE WHERE THAT DATAPOINT CAME FROM, BUT I
4 TRUST THAT IT'S ACCURATE, AND IT IS SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER THAN
5 THE 5%, WHICH IS THE COUNTY OVERALL. AND THAT'S REALLY BECAUSE
6 IT'S A DIFFERENT POPULATION THAT IS SEEKING TESTING AT THE
7 COMMUNITY TESTING SITES, VERSUS THE TOTAL DENOMINATOR OF TESTS
8 THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IS LOOKING AT, IN
9 REPORTING THE 5% TEST POSITIVITY RATE. SO, WHEN DR. FERRER
10 REPORTS-- HER TEAM REPORTS OUT A 5% OR SO TEST POSITIVITY
11 RATE, THAT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT ALL TESTS THAT WERE CONDUCTED,
12 THAT WERE REPORTED TO D.P.H.; ALL P.C.R. TESTS. AND IT
13 INCLUDES, FOR EXAMPLE, SCHOOL SCREENING, WORKFORCE SCREENING,
14 PEOPLE WHO HAVE A VERY LOW LIKELIHOOD OF BEING POSITIVE, BUT
15 ARE UNDERGOING, FOR EXAMPLE, REQUIRED WEEKLY SCREENING. THE
16 PEOPLE THAT ARE USING THE COMMUNITY TESTING SITES ARE
17 GENERALLY NOT UNDERGOING WEEKLY SCREENING. THEY ARE PEOPLE
18 THAT HAVE SYMPTOMS OF C.O.V.I.D., WERE EXPOSED TO SOMEONE WITH
19 C.O.V.I.D., AND SO THEY ARE SEEKING TESTING BECAUSE OF THAT.
20 AND BECAUSE OF THAT, THEIR PRE-TEST PROBABILITY, OR THEIR
21 LIKELIHOOD OF HAVING C.O.V.I.D., IS MUCH, MUCH HIGHER. SO WE
22 SEE THE TEST POSITIVITY RATE, ACROSS ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY
23 TESTING SITES, AT THAT 20-21% RATE RIGHT NOW, WHICH IS
24 UNDERSTANDABLE, GIVEN THE POPULATION, AND NOT IN AND OF ITSELF
25 CONCERNING, THAT WE WATCH IT TO MAKE SURE THE TREND IN THAT

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1 NUMBER, FOR THAT SITE, IS IMPORTANT TO WATCH, AND HAS NOW
2 STABILIZED.

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AND SO, IN OUR UPDATES, IF YOU COULD
5 MAKE SURE MAKE THAT DISTINCTION FOR US, RECOGNIZING THAT THAT
6 REALLY IS A POPULATION THAT THE COUNTY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR, IN
7 MANY INSTANCES, UP TO AND INCLUDING PROVIDING, BEING THE
8 PROVIDER OF THEIR HEALTHCARE. SO, IF YOU WOULD KEEP US POSTED
9 ON THAT NUMBER IF YOU SEE IT BEGIN TO SPIKE, SO WE CAN FIGURE
10 OUT WHAT OUR STRATEGY SHOULD BE, TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT
11 POPULATION REMAINS AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE, TOO. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

12

13 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** ABSOLUTELY. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST
16 WANTED TO ASK DR. GHALY: I THINK IT'S GREAT THAT WE'RE
17 CONTINUING TO HAVE TESTING SITES OPEN, BUT WHAT I, TOO, AM
18 ALARMED AT IS THAT WE CONTINUE TO SEE SURGES IN DIFFERENT
19 PARTS OF, FOR EXAMPLE, THE FIRST DISTRICT. I HEAR THAT
20 MONTEBELLO'S PERCENTAGE IS 35%. AND I KNOW WE HAVE A TESTING
21 CENTER IN THE CITY THERE, BUT I'M JUST WONDERING... KNOWING
22 THIS IS SO HIGH, WHAT ARE WE DOING IN TERMS OF PREVENTION, TO
23 KIND OF GET THAT INFORMATION OUT THERE? AND I SAY THAT BECAUSE
24 I'M MORE CONCERNED, ALSO, ABOUT THE YOUNG CHILDREN THAT HAVE
25 EVEN A LOWER RATE OF GETTING VACCINATED, BETWEEN 5 AND 11, AND

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1 I KNOW IT HOVERS AROUND 35 OR LESS. AND I KNOW, WITH OUR
2 LATINO AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHILDREN, IT'S PROBABLY EVEN
3 HIGHER. SO, I KNOW, IN MONTEBELLO, THAT'S A LATINO COMMUNITY,
4 BUT I'M VERY ALARMED BY THE TRENDS I SEE, AND CAN YOU TALK A
5 LITTLE BIT ABOUT THAT, HOW WE CAN HELP THAT?

6

7 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** SURE, SUPERVISOR. I AGREE. WHAT'S
8 CONCERNING IS, ANY COMMUNITY THAT HAS A HIGH TEST POSITIVITY
9 RATE, WE WOULD WANT TO LOOK AT THAT IN COMBINATION WITH THE
10 OVERALL NUMBER OF TESTS THAT ARE BEING DONE. SO, IS IT JUST
11 THAT THE TEST POSITIVITY RATE IS HIGHER BECAUSE THERE IS NOT
12 ENOUGH TESTING ACCESS AND UTILIZATION IN THE REGION, AND WHAT
13 WAS NEEDED IS PUSHING OUT MORE COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION AND
14 AVAILABILITY OF TEST KITS? BUT THEN, ALSO-- AND YOU MADE THE
15 POINT-- IT'S REALLY THAT IN COMBINATION WITH WHAT THE
16 VACCINATION RATE IS IN THE REGION. AND IF IT IS A REGION THAT
17 HAPPENS TO HAVE A LOWER VACCINATION RATE, THAT'S WHERE,
18 TOGETHER, THE TESTING TEAMS, AND THE VACCINATION TEAMS, AND
19 THAT ROBUST MESSAGING, USING TRUSTED MESSENGERS IN THE
20 COMMUNITY TO GET INFORMATION OUT ABOUT VACCINATION IS SO
21 IMPORTANT. THE RATE OF SERIOUS ILLNESS, OF SICKNESS, CERTAINLY
22 OF DEATH, AMONG INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE VACCINATED IS MUCH, MUCH
23 LOWER THAN THAT AMONG INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT VACCINATED. SO,
24 EVEN IF SOMEONE TESTS POSITIVE, WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS HAVING
25 THAT UNDERLYING RATE OF VACCINATION AMONG THE INDIVIDUALS AND

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1 THEIR FAMILIES IN THE COMMUNITY, TO HELP PRESERVE THEIR LIFE
2 AND THOSE THEY LOVE, AND HELPING TO PREVENT THE SPREAD AND
3 TRANSMISSION IN THAT LOCAL COMMUNITY.

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS:** AND JUST LASTLY, DR. GHALY, I DID NOTICE-- AND
6 THIS IS MAYBE JUST MORE ANECDOTAL FOR ME, BUT ON A RECENT
7 VISIT TO KAISER, I COULD NOT BELIEVE THE IMPACT AT THE URGENT
8 CARE ON A SUNDAY. AND IT WAS DUE TO C.O.V.I.D. AND INFLUENZA.
9 AND I KNOW WE'RE NOT NECESSARILY, MAYBE, TRACKING ALL THAT,
10 BUT NEVERTHELESS, THAT OVERLAYS A LOT OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY,
11 IN TERMS OF THE COUNTY THERE. AND I JUST FEEL LIKE THERE IS A
12 BURDEN THAT OUR HOSPITALS ARE EXPERIENCING; BECAUSE, AGAIN,
13 JUST LIKE OUR COUNTY HOSPITALS, WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF STAFF
14 AVAILABLE ON SUNDAYS. AND THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT ARE ABLE
15 TO APPROPRIATELY SEE FOLKS IS NOT TIMELY ANYMORE. IT TAKES
16 HOURS. YOU MAY NOT EVEN BE SEEN, BECAUSE THERE IS NO ROOM TO
17 PUT YOU IN, EVEN IN URGENT CARE. AND I WONDER, WHAT ARE WE
18 DOING TO HELP MESSAGE AROUND THAT? BECAUSE I REALLY DO BELIEVE
19 THAT WE MAY BE UNDERESTIMATING WHAT THIS REAL IMPACT IS HAVING
20 RIGHT NOW, WITH THIS TREMENDOUS SURGE.

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22 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, I COULD JUST TELL YOU, WE HAVE A LOT
23 OF INFLUENZA; I MEAN, YOU'RE COMPLETELY RIGHT TO NOTE. WE
24 REALLY ALMOST HAVE NEVER HAD INFLUENZA IN JUNE. WE HAVE MORE
25 INFLUENZA IN JUNE THIS YEAR THAN WE'VE HAD FOR THE ENTIRE TIME

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1 WE'VE BEEN IN THE PANDEMIC. WE HAVE SOME OF THE HIGHEST RATES
2 OF INFLUENZA. IT'S HIGHLY UNUSUAL TO SEE FLU CIRCULATING AT
3 THIS LEVEL IN THE SUMMER. IT'S SORT OF PART OF THE CONUNDRUM
4 THAT SCIENTISTS AND RESEARCHERS ARE LOOKING AT, AT SORT OF THE
5 UNUSUAL PATTERNS WITH SOME OF OUR INFECTIOUS VIRUSES AND THEIR
6 CIRCULATION PATTERNS. I THINK IT PROBABLY REFLECTS A FEW
7 THINGS, INCLUDING MOST PEOPLE DIDN'T GET ANY INFLUENZA FOR THE
8 LAST TWO YEARS. NOW OUR MASKS ARE OFF. LOTS MORE IS
9 CIRCULATING. IT NEVER-- IT REALLY TOOK OFF IN MARCH FOR US,
10 WHEN OUR MASKS CAME OFF, AND WE JUST HAVEN'T SEEN IT GO DOWN
11 AT ALL. IT ACTUALLY KEEPS GOING UP, WHICH IS SUPER UNUSUAL FOR
12 US. I KNOW WE'RE A LITTLE WORRIED. AUSTRALIA IS HAVING A VERY-
13 - IT'S THEIR WINTER. THEY'RE HAVING A TERRIBLE TIME. THEY HAVE
14 BOTH C.O.V.I.D. AND A VERY BAD INFLUENZA SEASON. SO, AGAIN, WE
15 ARE NOT REALLY SURE WHAT THAT BODES FOR THE FALL, FOR THOSE OF
16 US WHO WILL BE HEADING INTO WINTER THIS FALL. BUT I THINK
17 YOU'RE RIGHT TO NOTE, THERE IS A LOT OF BURDEN OF PEOPLE WHO
18 ARE ACTUALLY GETTING SICK. AND AS I NOTED, THE EMERGENCY
19 DEPARTMENTS ARE NOTING THOSE INCREASES. AND I THINK YOU'RE
20 RIGHT: THERE'S A LOT OF ILLNESS. THERE'S ALSO OTHER
21 RESPIRATORY VIRUSES. I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SEEING AT THE
22 COUNTY HOSPITALS, DR. GHALY, BUT I KNOW OUR OTHER HOSPITALS,
23 EVEN WITH OTHER RESPIRATORY VIRUSES THAT, AGAIN, USUALLY
24 CIRCULATE AT HIGHER RATES IN THE WINTER, ARE CIRCULATING,
25 PARTICULARLY AMONG CHILDREN, AT MUCH HIGHER RATES NOW. SO, I

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1 THINK ALL OF THAT IS A CONFLUENCE THAT ENDS UP WITH PEOPLE
2 SEEKING CARE-- AND APPROPRIATELY-- WITH A PROVIDER, WHEN
3 THEY'RE NOT FEELING WELL.

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5 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO, THAT BEGS THE QUESTION, THOUGH-- I'M SORRY. I
6 DON'T WANT TO INTERRUPT YOU, DR. GHALY, BUT ON THAT NOTE,
7 THOUGH, DR. FERRER, ARE WE THEN ALSO PUSHING FOR THE FLU SHOT
8 AGAIN, SIMULTANEOUSLY?

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10 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. I MEAN, WE ARE STILL VACCINATING
11 PEOPLE AT ALL OF OUR SITES. I MEAN, I WILL SAY, WE'RE GOING TO
12 RUN INTO THE NEED FOR PEOPLE TO GET THE NEW-- EVERY YEAR, WE
13 GET A SORT OF A NEW FORMULA THAT'S PUT TOGETHER INTO OUR FLU
14 DOSES, OUR FLU VACCINE, AND SO WE'RE GOING TO RUN RIGHT INTO
15 THE NEED FOR PEOPLE TO GET VACCINATED THIS FALL WITH SORT OF
16 THE LATEST AND, HOPEFULLY, THE BETTER VERSION OF WHAT THEY'LL
17 NEED TO GET FOR PROTECTION AGAINST FLU THIS FALL. SO, BUT WE
18 STILL ARE OFFERING FLU VACCINES, JUST BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU
19 SAID, AS MANY PEOPLE ARE EXPERIENCING FLU NOW, AND DIDN'T TAKE
20 ADVANTAGE OF GETTING VACCINATED EARLIER. IT'S JUST, PEOPLE
21 WILL NEED TO GET A FLU VACCINE THIS FALL. AGAIN, WE USUALLY
22 START ROLLING THAT OUT END OF SEPTEMBER, THROUGH NOVEMBER,
23 DECEMBER, TO TRY TO GET PEOPLE VACCINATED, WHEN WE USUALLY
24 HAVE OUR WORST FLU SEASON.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** DR. GHALY?

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3 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** YEAH, I WANTED TO JUST COMMENT. AS DR.
4 FERRER SHARED, THE E.R. VOLUME IS HIGH IN VIRTUALLY ALL
5 HOSPITALS, AND YOU MENTIONED THE KAISER EXAMPLE. URGENT CARES
6 ARE THE SAME, AND WE'VE SEEN THE SAME IN D.H.S., WITH URGENT
7 CARE VOLUMES THAT ARE HIGH. AND PROVIDERS ARE DOING A NUMBER
8 OF THINGS TO TRY TO ADDRESS THIS; FIRST, OBVIOUSLY, TRYING TO
9 GET THE VACCINE OUT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, TO HELP REDUCE THE
10 INCIDENCE AND THE SPREAD. BUT EVEN MORE SO, WE HAVE DONE WORK
11 TO EXPAND HOURS OF OPERATIONS OF URGENT CARES; EXPANDED THE
12 USE OF TELEHEALTH, SO THAT PEOPLE DON'T NEED TO COME IN TO AN
13 URGENT CARE, AND THEY CAN GET THEIR PROBLEM RESOLVED BY PHONE,
14 IN MANY SITUATIONS. ALSO, WORKING TO MAKE NURSE ADVICE LINES
15 AVAILABLE BY PHONE, AND SO THAT PEOPLE HAVE MULTIPLE WAYS IN
16 WHICH THEY CAN ACCESS CARE, AND DON'T ALWAYS NEED TO TAKE THE
17 HOURS THAT IT WOULD REQUIRE TO TAKE OFF WORK OR AWAY FROM
18 FAMILY TO GO INTO AN EMERGENCY ROOM OR AN URGENT CARE. THEY
19 CAN GO THROUGH, HOPEFULLY, AN EASIER PROCESS TO GET THEIR
20 NEEDS MET, WITHOUT NECESSARILY HAVING TO MAKE AN E.R. OR AN
21 URGENT CARE VISIT.

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23 **SUP. SOLIS:** AND WE'RE MESSAGING THAT, DR. GHALY? WE'RE
24 MESSAGING THAT TO OUR...

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1 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** TO OUR PATIENTS? WE DO MESSAGING TO OUR
2 PATIENTS ABOUT THE D.H.S. HOSPITALS AND CLINICS, AND THE NURSE
3 ADVICE LINE AVAILABILITY, TELEHEALTH AVAILABILITY, AND WE'VE
4 SEEN A LARGE INCREASE IN UTILIZATION OF OUR PATIENT PORTAL,
5 WHERE PATIENTS CAN ACCESS THEIR TEST RESULTS, GET CONNECTED
6 WITH NURSE ADVICE LINE. IT'S A GREAT RESOURCE FOR PEOPLE TO BE
7 ABLE TO UTILIZE, THROUGH THE INTERNET OR THROUGH THEIR PHONE,
8 THROUGH THE APP THAT'S ON THE PHONE, THOSE RESOURCES, WITHOUT
9 ALWAYS NECESSARILY NEEDING TO COME IN PERSON.

10

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

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14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DR. FERRER?

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16 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES. I'M SORRY FOR THE TECHNICAL
17 DIFFICULTIES. GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU AGAIN, CHAIR MITCHELL
18 AND THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AS ALWAYS, FOR YOUR
19 CONTINUED SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP AS WE NAVIGATE THE ONGOING
20 PANDEMIC. I DO APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE A BRIEF
21 C.O.V.I.D. UPDATE TO YOU AND THE PUBLIC. IN TODAY'S
22 PRESENTATION, I WILL QUICKLY SHARE THE CURRENT C.O.V.I.D.
23 METRICS, OUR STATUS ACCORDING TO THE C.D.C. COMMUNITY LEVELS
24 FRAMEWORK. WE'LL TAKE A LOOK AT CIRCULATING VARIANTS AND
25 SUBVARIANTS, AND WE'LL CLOSE WITH A REMINDER ON THE CURRENT

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1 MASKING REQUIREMENTS, AND WHAT CHANGES WE SHOULD EXPECT IF OUR
2 DESIGNATION MOVES FROM BEING A MEDIUM COMMUNITY LEVEL TO A
3 HIGH COMMUNITY LEVEL. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. OVER THE PAST
4 WEEK-- I KNOW YOU'VE ALL BEEN FOLLOWING THIS-- WE DID SEE A
5 RENEWED INCREASE IN REPORTED CASES, AFTER SLIGHT DECREASES THE
6 PREVIOUS WEEK. WE ALSO SAW CONTINUED INCREASES, ON AVERAGE, IN
7 HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND A STABLE NUMBER OF REPORTED DEATHS. THE
8 AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAILY NEW CASES, OVER THE LAST SEVEN DAYS,
9 WAS NOW UP ABOUT-- A LITTLE OVER 4800. THE HOSPITALIZATION
10 NUMBERS ALSO INCREASED TO ABOUT 580. THAT'S AN INCREASE OF
11 124% FROM A MONTH AGO, WHEN THOSE POSITIVE PATIENTS MADE UP
12 259 DAILY CASES. DEATHS, WHICH TYPICALLY LAG HOSPITALIZATIONS
13 BY SEVERAL WEEKS, WHILE STILL LOW, THEY DID START TO INCREASE
14 SLIGHTLY. THEY'RE NOW AT AN AVERAGE OF 7 DEATHS A DAY, THIS
15 PAST WEEK. ONE MONTH AGO, WE WERE AT 4 DEATHS A DAY. EVERY
16 DEATH IS TRAGIC, AND WE SEND OUR PRAYERS TO ALL THOSE FAMILIES
17 THAT ARE GRIEVING. THE 7-DAY AVERAGE FOR THE DAILY POSITIVITY
18 RATE WAS JUST UNDER 5%. LAST WEEK, THE 7-DAY AVERAGE FOR THE
19 CASE RATE, AGAIN, UP AGAIN ABOUT 47 NEW CASES. I DO ANTICIPATE
20 THAT, WITH MANY SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR THE SUMMER, THERE WILL BE
21 SIGNIFICANTLY LESS ROUTINE TESTING, AND THAT WILL PROBABLY
22 CONTRIBUTE TO DECREASES IN THE DAILY CASE NUMBERS, AND
23 INCREASES IN TEST POSITIVITY, OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. NEXT
24 SLIDE. WE DO USE THE C.D.C. C.O.V.I.D.-19 COMMUNITY LEVELS
25 FRAMEWORK, AS DOES THE REST OF THE COUNTRY. THIS IS A MEASURE

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1 OF STRAIN ON THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. IT'S AN IMPERFECT MEASURE,
2 BUT IT'S WHAT WE'VE GOT. CURRENTLY, WE DO REMAIN AT THE MEDIUM
3 COMMUNITY LEVEL. THE FIRST HOSPITAL METRIC THAT DETERMINES OUR
4 COMMUNITY LEVEL IS THAT 7-DAY RATE OF NEW C.O.V.I.D.-19
5 HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS. THAT CURRENT RATE IS 7.2 ADMISSIONS PER
6 100,000 RESIDENTS. THAT MEETS THE CRITERIA FOR MEDIUM, AS YOU
7 CAN SEE HERE. THE SECOND HOSPITAL INDICATOR IS THE 7-DAY
8 AVERAGE FOR THE PROPORTION OF STAFFED INPATIENT BEDS THAT ARE
9 OCCUPIED BY C.O.V.I.D.-19 PATIENTS. THIS NUMBER, WHILE IT'S
10 INCREASED, IS STILL REALLY LOW, AT 3.3%; ALSO PLACES US AT THE
11 MEDIUM COMMUNITY LEVEL. WHICHEVER ONE OF THESE IS HIGHER IS
12 THE LEVEL YOU END UP BEING PLACED AT. THE NEXT SLIDE. WITH THE
13 HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS, THOUGH, STEADILY INCREASING, WE DO FACE
14 THAT PROSPECT OF MOVING FROM THE MEDIUM COMMUNITY LEVEL TO THE
15 HIGH COMMUNITY LEVEL. THAT WOULD HAPPEN IF WE REACHED THE
16 C.D.C.-ESTABLISHED THRESHOLD OF 10 OR MORE HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS
17 PER 100,000 PEOPLE. THE GRAPH ON THIS SLIDE IS JUST A ROUGH
18 ESTIMATE OF THE TIMELINE FOR REACHING THE HIGH COMMUNITY LEVEL
19 THRESHOLD, AND WHAT IT'S PROJECTING HERE ARE WHAT WOULD HAPPEN
20 IF HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS CONTINUE TO INCREASE AT THE SAME RATE
21 THAT WE SAW THE LAST TWO WEEKS. THAT SOLID BLUE LINE IS THE
22 ACTUAL 7-DAY HOSPITAL ADMISSION RATE PER 100,000 RESIDENTS,
23 BETWEEN MAY 30TH AND JUNE 12TH. THE GREEN DASHED LINE, THAT'S
24 THE PROJECTED RATE IF WE WERE TO CONTINUE WITH AN INCREASE AT
25 THE SAME RATE, AND THE YELLOW DASHED LINE SHOWS THAT THRESHOLD

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1 RATE OF 10 HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS PER 100,000 RESIDENTS. WHEN WE
2 HIT THAT, THAT PUTS US AT A HIGH COMMUNITY LEVEL. AS YOU CAN
3 SEE, THIS CURRENT ESTIMATE HAS US REACHING THE HIGH COMMUNITY
4 THRESHOLD BY THE END OF JUNE, BUT I WANT TO NOTE: SHOULD THERE
5 BE ANY CHANGE IN THAT RATE OF INCREASE, THE DATE COULD BE
6 EARLIER, OR THE DATE COULD BE LATER. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY THAT
7 WOULD CHANGE OUR DESIGNATED C.D.C. COMMUNITY LEVEL IS IF OUR
8 WEEKLY CASE RATE DROPS SIGNIFICANTLY, IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF
9 WEEKS, TO UNDER 200 NEW CASES PER 100,000 RESIDENTS. THIS
10 WOULD CHANGE THE THRESHOLD FOR THE HOSPITAL METRICS THAT WOULD
11 BE APPLIED TO DETERMINE OUR COMMUNITY LEVEL. BUT SINCE THE
12 CURRENT WEEKLY CASE RATE IS 343 NEW CASES PER 100,000 PEOPLE,
13 WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO SEE A PRETTY BIG DECREASE IN THE CASE
14 RATE FOR THIS TO HAPPEN. NEXT SLIDE. IT IS OUR NEW VARIANTS OF
15 CONCERN THAT ARE FUELING THE HIGH RATES OF COMMUNITY
16 TRANSMISSION. OMICRON NOW ACCOUNTS FOR ALL POSITIVE CASES FOR
17 SEQUENCED SPECIMENS THAT ARE COLLECTED THROUGH THE WEEK THAT
18 ENDED MAY 21ST, AND ABOUT 98% OF THE SPECIMENS THAT WERE
19 SEQUENCED CONTINUE TO BE BA.2 AND ITS SUBLINEAGES. JUST AS A
20 REMINDER, BA.2 MORE INFECTIOUS THAN BA.1, SO WE CONTINUE TO
21 SEE THESE MORE INFECTIOUS AGENTS. THE PROPORTION OF BA.2
22 OMICRON VARIANT ITSELF, EXCLUDING THE SUBLINEAGES, AND SHOWN
23 IN LIGHT BLUE, CONTINUES TO ACCOUNT FOR ABOUT HALF THE
24 SPECIMENS SEQUENCED IN THE COUNTY. THE BA.2.12.1 SUBLINEAGE--
25 THAT'S SHOWN IN ORANGE; MORE INFECTIOUS THAN BA.2-- IT NOW

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1 ACCOUNTS FOR 42% OF THE POSITIVE SEQUENCED SPECIMENS FOR THE
2 WEEK ENDING MAY 21ST. THAT LITTLE RED SECTION AT THE TOP OF
3 THE BAR, THAT INDICATES THE PERCENT OF SPECIMENS THAT TESTED
4 POSITIVE FOR THE BA.4 AND THE BA.5 SUBVARIANTS. THESE ARE THE
5 STRAINS THAT ARE ASSOCIATED WITH HIGHER TRANSMISSIBILITY THAN
6 EVEN THE BA.2 SUBLINEAGES. AND AS YOU CAN SEE, WHILE BA.4 AND
7 BA.5 CONTINUE TO REMAIN RARE IN L.A COUNTY, WE HAVE HAD SOME
8 SMALL INCREASES IN CASES EVERY WEEK. TO DATE, 49 POSITIVE
9 SEQUENCED SPECIMENS OF THESE TWO SUBVARIANTS HAVE BEEN
10 DETECTED. WE HAD 27 OF BA.4, AND 22 OF BA.5. THE C.D.C. IS
11 ESTIMATING THAT ACROSS THE COUNTY, THESE TWO RELATIVELY NEW
12 VARIANTS, COMBINED, MAY HAVE INCREASED FROM ABOUT 1% TO 13% OF
13 SPECIMENS COLLECTED OVER THE PAST MONTH. THIS SUGGESTS THAT
14 THEY MAY HAVE THE ABILITY TO OUTCOMPETE OTHER CIRCULATING
15 VARIANTS. THERE'S ALSO CONCERN THAT THEY MAY BE ABLE TO CAUSE
16 REINFECTIONS IN PEOPLE WHO HAVE ALREADY BEEN INFECTED BY OTHER
17 OMICRON SUBVARIANTS: BA.1 OR BA.2, OR ANY OF THE SUBLINEAGES.
18 BECAUSE OF THIS RAPIDLY CHANGING VARIANT LANDSCAPE, IT DOES
19 REMAIN IMPORTANT TO USE MEASURES THAT ARE PROTECTIVE AGAINST
20 ALL THE VARIANTS. THAT INCLUDES, OBVIOUSLY, VACCINATING AND
21 BOOSTING, MASKING, MOVING ACTIVITIES OUTDOORS, MAXIMIZING
22 VENTILATION IF YOU'RE INDOORS, AND TESTING AND STAYING HOME
23 WHEN YOU'RE SICK. THE NEXT SLIDE. THE IMPLICATIONS OF HIGH
24 COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION ARE FELT EVERYWHERE, AND HAVE RESULTED
25 IN ALMOST ALL OF OUR EARLY ALERT SIGNALS, INDICATING ELEVATED

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1 CONCERN. OUTBREAKS IN ALL FOUR SECTORS THAT WE'RE TRACKING
2 INCREASED THIS PAST MONTH. THERE WERE 30 NEW OUTBREAKS THIS
3 PAST WEEK AT SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES ACROSS L.A. COUNTY.
4 THAT'S A THREEFOLD INCREASE FROM THE 7-DAY PERIOD THAT ENDED
5 MAY 15TH. SIMILARLY, THE NUMBER OF OUTBREAKS IN SETTINGS WITH
6 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS MORE THAN DOUBLED, TO 21 NEW
7 OUTBREAKS, THIS PAST WEEK. AND THE LARGEST INCREASE HAS BEEN
8 RELATED TO SPREAD AT WORKSITES, WITH A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE
9 FROM 144 CLUSTER REPORTS EARLIER THIS MONTH, TO 259 NEW
10 CLUSTERS THIS PAST WEEK. WHILE WE CONTINUE TO WORK WITH OUR
11 SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES, OUR SHELTER PROVIDERS, AND
12 EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS, TO PUT IN PLACE SPECIFIC PREVENTION
13 STRATEGIES TO MITIGATE THE OUTBREAKS, THE HIGH CASE RATE MAKES
14 IT MORE DIFFICULT TO REDUCE EXPOSURES AT THESE SITES. NEXT
15 SLIDE. GIVEN THE PROTECTION THAT'S OFFERED BY APPROPRIATELY
16 WORN HIGH-FILTRATION MASKS, DURING TIMES OF HIGH SPREAD,
17 FUELED BY VARIANTS THAT EVADE SOME OF THE VACCINE PROTECTION
18 AGAINST TRANSMISSION, IT DOES MAKE A LOT OF SENSE FOR FOLKS TO
19 WEAR MASKS WHEN INDOORS. AND BECAUSE OF THE ESTABLISHED
20 EFFECTIVENESS OF MASKS AT REDUCING TRANSMISSION, MASKS ARE
21 REQUIRED TO BE WORN INDOORS AT MANY OF OUR HIGHER-RISK
22 SETTINGS. THIS INCLUDES HEALTHCARE SETTINGS, INDOOR HEALTHCARE
23 SETTINGS, PUBLIC TRANSIT, INDOOR TRANSIT HUBS, LONG-TERM CARE
24 SETTINGS, SHELTERS AND COOLING CENTERS, AND CORRECTIONAL
25 FACILITIES. THERE ARE ALSO MANY EVENT VENUES AND BUSINESSES

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1 THAT REQUIRE MASKING INDOORS, AND AT THESE SITES, BOTH
2 EMPLOYEES AND CUSTOMERS OR VISITORS ARE REQUIRED TO MASK.
3 MASKING'S ALSO REQUIRED BY THE L.A. COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER
4 ORDER FOR ANYONE WHO IS STILL WITHIN 10 DAYS OF BEING
5 DIAGNOSED AS C.O.V.I.D.-POSITIVE, OR THEY'VE HAD AN EXPOSURE.
6 WHEN THEY'RE AROUND OTHERS, THEY NEED TO PUT ON THOSE MASKS.
7 BECAUSE THE PANDEMIC IS NOT OVER, AND MASKS OFFER AN IMPORTANT
8 LAYER OF PROTECTION DURING TIMES OF SIGNIFICANT TRANSMISSION,
9 MASKS ARE CURRENTLY STRONGLY RECOMMENDED IN ALL INDOOR PUBLIC
10 AREAS AND EVENTS, INCLUDING WORKSITES AND SUMMER SCHOOL
11 PROGRAMS, AT INDOOR PRIVATE GATHERINGS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH
12 VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS, AND IF YOU'RE CARING FOR A HOUSEHOLD
13 MEMBER THAT IS C.O.V.I.D.-POSITIVE. NEXT SLIDE. I DO WANT TO
14 JUST CLOSE WITH A NOTE THAT, SHOULD WE CROSS THE C.D.C.
15 THRESHOLD FOR HIGH COMMUNITY LEVEL, THE COUNTY IS POSITIONED
16 TO ALIGN WITH THE C.D.C. FRAMEWORK THAT CALLS FOR UNIVERSAL
17 MASKING INDOORS. WE WOULD IMPLEMENT REQUIRED UNIVERSAL INDOOR
18 MASKING AFTER TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS OF BEING AT THE C.D.C.-
19 DESIGNATED HIGH COMMUNITY LEVEL, AND WE WOULD WITHDRAW THE
20 SAFETY-MEASURE REQUIREMENT ONCE WE'VE RETURNED TO THE C.D.C.
21 MEDIUM COMMUNITY LEVEL DESIGNATION FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.
22 THIS WOULD MEAN THAT INDOOR MASKING WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR
23 EVERYONE AGES 2 AND OLDER IN INDOOR PUBLIC SETTINGS, INCLUDING
24 BUSINESSES, SCHOOLS, RETAIL STORES, FACTORIES, AND AT EVENT
25 VENUES. ALTHOUGH THERE IS A LOT OF UNCERTAINTY ABOUT WHETHER

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1 THE COUNTY IS GOING TO REACH THE C.D.C.-DESIGNATED HIGH
2 COMMUNITY LEVEL, I DO WANT TO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO USE THEIR
3 MASKS NOW, WHENEVER YOU'RE INDOORS, IN PUBLIC SPACES, AROUND
4 OTHERS. MOST OF US, AT THIS POINT, KNOW FIRSTHAND WHAT IS
5 MEANT BY "WIDESPREAD TRANSMISSION," SINCE WITHIN OUR OWN
6 SOCIAL AND WORK CIRCLES, WE'RE SEEING LOTS OF PEOPLE NEWLY
7 INFECTED, ALONG WITH INCREASES IN FOLKS THAT ARE SHOWING UP,
8 AS NOTED, AT URGENT CARE, EMERGENCY ROOMS, AND AT HOSPITALS,
9 THAT NEED ASSISTANCE. TAKING APPROPRIATE PRECAUTIONS FOR
10 YOURSELF AND FOR OTHERS DURING TIMES OF HIGH TRANSMISSION
11 REMAINS SENSIBLE, PARTICULARLY GIVEN THE UNCERTAINTY AROUND
12 BOTH LONG C.O.V.I.D. AND THE IMPACT OF NEW VARIANTS AND
13 SUBLINEAGES. WE DO THANK EVERYONE FOR CONTINUING TO CARE FOR
14 EACH OTHER, AND FOR THOSE MOST VULNERABLE. THAT CONCLUDES MY
15 PRESENTATION, AND HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS.

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17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** DR. FERRER, QUICK FOLLOW-UP QUESTION. ON
18 YOUR SLIDE THAT DELINEATES NEW OUTBREAKS AND S.N.F.S, THE
19 TROUBLING NUMBER THERE IS THE CLUSTER REPORTS FROM WORKSITES.
20 SINCE YOU PULL OUT S.N.F.S, CAN YOU TELL US WHAT CATEGORIES
21 THOSE WORKSITES FALL IN? WHAT KIND OF WORKSITES ARE THEY?

22
23 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THOSE ARE MANUFACTURING PLANTS, FACTORIES,
24 THE AIRPORT, THE BUSINESSES, OFFICES, SOME OF OUR OFFICES. I
25 MEAN, IT IS EVERYWHERE WHERE PEOPLE ARE INDOORS, WORKING IN

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1 CLOSE CONTACT WITH LOTS OF OTHER PEOPLE. WE HAVE A LOT OF FOOD
2 PLANTS AND FOOD DISTRIBUTING CENTERS, AS WELL AS GROCERY
3 STORES. WE HAVE A LOT AT RETAIL, PARTICULARLY THE LARGE-- AND
4 THESE ARE-- WHAT WE TRACK ARE OUR EMPLOYEES. I AM JUST GOING
5 TO BE HONEST. WE ARE NOT REALLY TRACKING-- THE WORKSITE
6 OUTBREAKS ARE OUTBREAKS AMONGST EMPLOYEES AT THESE SITES. SO
7 WE KEEP, OBVIOUSLY, SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES, HEALTHCARE
8 FACILITIES, SEPARATE.

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10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YES. THANK YOU. I THINK THAT PAINTS A
11 PICTURE FOR US, IN TERMS OF WHEN YOU SAY "WORKSITES," WHERE.
12 THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU, DR. FERRER. WHEN YOU
15 TALK ABOUT THE C.D.C. GUIDELINES, HOW DOES THE C.D.C. DIFFER
16 FROM WHAT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IS DOING? I KNOW WE ARE
17 FOLLOWING THE C.D.C., BUT IS THAT ALIGNING WITH THE STATE, AS
18 WELL?

19

20 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. IT IS A GREAT QUESTION, SUPERVISOR.
21 THANKS SO MUCH. THE STATE DOESN'T HAVE ANY DIFFERENT GUIDANCE,
22 AND I AM NOT SURE THAT THEY ARE GOING TO. I MEAN, IT IS A
23 GREAT QUESTION, BECAUSE, OBVIOUSLY, IF THE STATE INTRODUCED
24 DIFFERENT GUIDANCE FOR THE ENTIRE STATE, WE WOULD HAVE TO
25 REVIEW THAT. AND IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, WE WOULD WANT TO ALIGN

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1 WITH THAT, AS WELL. SO, BUT THE STATE DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING
2 DIFFERENT AT THE MOMENT. THE STATE ALSO IS SORT OF LIVING WITH
3 THE C.D.C. FRAMEWORK, BECAUSE ALL OF OUR COUNTIES ARE REALLY
4 CATEGORIZED BASED ON THAT FRAMEWORK, AND THAT'S PUBLISHED
5 INFORMATION. AND C.D.C. HAS SPENT A LOT OF TIME WORKING WITH
6 ALL OF THE COUNTIES AND THE STATES ON WHAT THEY ARE-- WHAT
7 ACTIONS THEY WANT COUNTIES TO TAKE, DEPENDING ON WHAT LEVEL
8 YOU ARE AT. I HAVE NOTED IN THE PAST, WE DO A REALLY GOOD JOB.
9 WE ARE AT MEDIUM, BUT WE HAVE ACTUALLY IMPLEMENTED ALL OF THE
10 C.D.C. ACTION STEPS FOR COUNTIES THAT ARE IN MEDIUM. THE ONE
11 THING THAT WOULD CHANGE WHEN WE WOULD GO TO HIGH WOULD BE THAT
12 REQUIREMENT FOR INDOOR MASKING. BUT THE STATE DOESN'T HAVE
13 ANYTHING DIFFERENT OUT RIGHT NOW. THE STATE DOES HAVE THE
14 HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS THAT WE ALIGNED WITH, AROUND WHERE
15 THERE'S REQUIRED MASKING. SO THAT'S WHY WE LOOK DIFFERENT THAN
16 SOME OTHER STATES: BECAUSE THE STATE ACTUALLY REQUIRES MASKING
17 IN ALL THOSE HIGHER-RISK SETTINGS THAT I NOTED EARLIER, AND WE
18 ARE FULLY ALIGNED WITH THAT. WHICH IS WHY MY SENSE IS, IF THE
19 STATE WERE TO INTRODUCE SOMETHING THAT WAS DIFFERENT, WE WOULD
20 REVIEW IT AND THEN LOOK FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF ALIGNING WITH
21 THE STATE.

22
23 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, SO, AND THEN, GETTING BACK TO HOW WE GET TO
24 THE HIGH LEVEL-- AND I DON'T-- IT MAY JUST BE ME. I DON'T
25 UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE "GREATER THAN 10 NEW

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1 C.O.V.I.D.-19 ADMISSIONS PER 100" VERSUS THE "GREATER THAN 10
2 PROPORTIONATE STAFFED INPATIENT BEDS OCCUPIED BY C.O.V.I.D.-
3 19." WHAT--

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5 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. I CAN TRY TO-- IT IS A GREAT
6 QUESTION. I WILL TRY TO EXPLAIN. THEY ARE MEASURING SLIGHTLY
7 DIFFERENT THINGS, BUT THEY ARE BOTH THEORETICALLY ASSESSING
8 STRESS ON THE HOSPITAL. THE FIRST IS LIKE A RATE. IT IS AN
9 ADMISSION RATE, SO IT DOESN'T REALLY LOOK AT THE NUMBER OF
10 ADMISSIONS JUST STRAIGHT OUT. LIKE, I SHOW YOU THE
11 HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND IT IS JUST A STRAIGHT NUMBER OF
12 HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND THEY ARE GOING UP. THE RATE ACTUALLY
13 USES A DENOMINATOR, SO THAT IT CAN BE USED FOR COMPARISON
14 PURPOSES. AND THAT'S WHY WE GET WHAT IS CALLED THE WEEKLY
15 ADMISSION RATE FOR THE HOSPITALS, AND IT IS FOR EVERY 100,000
16 PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY: HOW MANY OF THEM WERE NEWLY ADMITTED TO
17 THE HOSPITAL. THE PROPORTION OF PEOPLE THAT ARE IN THE BEDS
18 REALLY SAYS-- AND OF THE SORT OF-- THE AMOUNT OF BEDS YOU HAVE
19 IN YOUR COUNTY, WHAT PROPORTION OF THOSE BEDS ARE ACTUALLY
20 BEING TAKEN UP BY C.O.V.I.D. PATIENTS. AND THE C.D.C. DOESN'T
21 MAKE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN PATIENTS THAT ARE THERE
22 INCIDENTALLY, BECAUSE THEY TESTED POSITIVE, AND PATIENTS THAT
23 ARE THERE BECAUSE THEY ARE SICK WITH C.O.V.I.D. IT JUST
24 ACKNOWLEDGES THE HIGHER BURDEN, AND IT LOOKS AT SORT OF WHAT
25 PERCENT OF YOUR BEDS IN THE COUNTY ARE TAKEN UP BY C.O.V.I.D.

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1 PATIENTS. BECAUSE, OBVIOUSLY, THE MORE BEDS THAT ARE TAKEN UP
 2 BY C.O.V.I.D. PATIENTS, THEORETICALLY, LESS BEDS FOR OTHER
 3 PEOPLE TO COME IN. ONE REASON WHY WE HAVE A VERY LOW NUMBER--
 4 AND THIS IS CERTAINLY ACROSS THE COUNTY. I AM NOT SURE HOW
 5 THIS IS EXPERIENCED JUST AT OUR D.H.S. HOSPITALS, BUT WE HAVE
 6 MUCH SHORTER LENGTHS OF STAY RIGHT NOW. SO, WE COULD HAVE A
 7 LOT OF ADMISSIONS, BUT PEOPLE AREN'T STAYING THAT LONG, SO
 8 THEY DON'T TAKE UP A BED FOR AS LONG AS THEY USED TO. WHEN WE
 9 WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF OMICRON AND DELTA, THE LENGTH OF STAY
 10 FOR-- AN AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY WAS SOMEWHERE BETWEEN SEVEN
 11 AND EIGHT DAYS. EVERY SO OFTEN, IT WOULD DROP A LITTLE BIT,
 12 BUT IT WAS PRETTY HIGH. RIGHT NOW, THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY
 13 FOR FOLKS WHO HAVE THAT POSITIVE C.O.V.I.D. DIAGNOSIS IS
 14 SOMEWHERE BETWEEN THREE AND FOUR DAYS. SO, MUCH, MUCH SHORTER,
 15 I THINK REFLECTING ALL OF THAT INCIDENTAL CHARACTERIZATION OF
 16 FOLKS WHO ARE IN THERE FOR-- YOU KNOW, IN THERE WITH
 17 C.O.V.I.D., BUT REALLY NOT SICK WITH C.O.V.I.D.; NOT STAYING
 18 THERE VERY LONG, OR IN THERE FOR SOMETHING ELSE AND GETTING
 19 DISCHARGED EARLIER. SO THAT'S WHY I SAY IT IS AN IMPERFECT
 20 MEASURE, BUT C.D.C. DID A LOT OF SORT OF MODELING TO GET TO
 21 THOSE THRESHOLDS. AND SORT OF THE ADVANTAGE, THE DISADVANTAGE,
 22 IS THEY USED EXPERIENCES IN RURAL AREAS, IN SUBURBAN AREAS, IN
 23 WELL-DEVELOPED HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS, IN LESS-WELL-DEVELOPED
 24 HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS. SO, FOR US, IT IS MORE NUANCED, AND WE
 25 HAVE A VERY WELL-DEVELOPED HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. AND WE'VE TALKED

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1 WITH THE STATE ABOUT THAT: THAT CALIFORNIA MAY LOOK DIFFERENT.
2 I MEAN, EVEN THOUGH, IN OUR COUNTY, WE HAVE RURAL AREAS, WE
3 HAVE THE SUBURBAN AREAS, AND WE HAVE THE URBAN CENTERS, WE
4 STILL HAVE A PRETTY ROBUST HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, BETWEEN
5 HOSPITALS, AND EMERGENCY ROOMS, AND DEPARTMENTS, AND URGENT
6 CARES, AND THE VAST MAJORITY OF FOLKS BEING INSURED, AND IF
7 THEY ARE NOT INSURED, HAVING ACCESS TO SERVICES. MAKES US LOOK
8 A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT, AND MAKES THE HOSPITAL EXPERIENCE HERE
9 LOOK A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT. BUT I DID TALK WITH THE C.D.C.
10 DIRECTOR, DR. WALENSKY, YESTERDAY, KIND OF CHECKING IN WITH
11 HER: WHERE IS C.D.C.? WHAT ARE THEY SEEING? WHAT ARE THEY
12 THINKING? ARE THEY THINKING OF MAKING ANY CHANGES, BASED ON
13 WHAT THEY ARE SEEING ACROSS THE REST OF THE COUNTRY? AND SHE
14 INDICATED THEY'RE NOT GOING TO MAKE ANY CHANGES TO THE
15 COMMUNITY LEVEL FRAMEWORK IN THE NEAR FUTURE, MEANING IN THE
16 NEXT FEW MONTHS; THAT THIS SEEMS TO BE WORKING WELL, IT'S GOT
17 TRACTION ACROSS THE COUNTRY. AND SHE RECOGNIZES THAT THERE ARE
18 ALWAYS UNIQUE SITUATIONS THAT PEOPLE NEED TO PAY ATTENTION TO.
19 SHE'S PARTICULARLY WORRIED IN SOME OF THE RURAL AREAS, WHERE
20 THE THRESHOLDS FOR US, THEY SEEM LIKE THESE ARE PRETTY LOW. IN
21 THE RURAL AREAS, THINGS CAN ESCALATE PRETTY QUICKLY, AND YOU
22 CAN HAVE AN OVERWHELMED HEALTHCARE SYSTEM MUCH FASTER THAN WE
23 WOULD SEE HERE IN L.A. COUNTY.
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1 **SUP. BARGER:** AND I APPRECIATE THAT CLARIFICATION, BECAUSE I
2 THINK THAT WHAT I HEAR IS THAT 20% PRIVATE HOSPITAL. YOU SAID
3 40% IN THE COUNTY SYSTEM, THAT ARE PRESENTING THEMSELVES AT
4 THE HOSPITAL, ARE NOT THERE FOR C.O.V.I.D. I MEAN, THEY TEST
5 POSITIVE FOR C.O.V.I.D. CORRECT?

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7 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES. 60% ARE NOT THERE.

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9 **SUP. BARGER:** I MEAN, 60. I'M SORRY, 60%.

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11 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** 40% ARE SICK WITH C.O.V.I.D.

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13 **SUP. BARGER:** RIGHT. SO, HERE IS MY QUESTION, AND THIS IS MORE
14 CURIOSITY. IF I AM COMING IN TO GET A HIP REPLACEMENT, AND I
15 PRESENT MYSELF IN INTAKE, AND I TEST POSITIVE, WILL THEY SEND
16 ME HOME, OR DO THEY KEEP ME IN THE HOSPITAL?

17

18 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** OH, NO. YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED-- I MEAN, I
19 DON'T WANT TO SAY THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO. I MEAN, THEY DON'T
20 SEND YOU HOME. YOU HAVE A SCHEDULED PROCEDURE. I DON'T KNOW
21 WHAT THE RULES ARE FOR EVERY...

22

23 **SUP. BARGER:** I AM NOT GETTING A HIP REPLACEMENT. JANICE IS
24 ASKING WHEN I'M GETTING MY HIP REPLACED. NO, I AM NOT.

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1 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. I MEAN, SOME-- I MEAN, IT'S NOT AN
2 AUTOMATIC, "GO HOME." IT WOULD BE A CONSULT WITH THE PHYSICIAN
3 AND THE TEAM AT THE HOSPITAL ABOUT WHAT MAKES SENSE. I DO WANT
4 TO NOTE THAT PATIENTS MAY GO IN. THAT MAY BE THE FIRST TIME
5 THEY GET A TEST. IT SHOWS THAT THEY ARE POSITIVE AT THE
6 MOMENT. PERHAPS THEY DON'T FEEL ILL, BUT THE PROVIDER WHO'S
7 GOING TO PERFORM THE SURGERY WOULD WANT TO-- MAY WANT TO, IF
8 IT IS A SURGERY THAT CAN BE DELAYED, MAY WANT TO DELAY IT,
9 BECAUSE YOU DON'T REALLY WANT A SICK PATIENT HAVING A SURGERY.
10 BUT IT'S NOT LIKE IF YOU GO TO THE HOSPITAL FOR SOMETHING, AND
11 YOU TEST POSITIVE, YOU DON'T GET ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL. IT
12 REALLY WOULD BE AN INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION MADE BY YOUR
13 PROVIDER, IN CONSULT WITH YOU, PARTICULARLY SINCE YOU ARE
14 PROBABLY ASYMPTOMATIC.

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16 **SUP. BARGER:** RIGHT.

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18 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** BECAUSE IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY YOU ARE
19 WALKING IN THE DOOR REALLY SICK, AND THAT HASN'T BEEN NOTICED.
20 I MEAN, MOST PEOPLE ARE ACTUALLY GETTING TESTED BEFORE THEY GO
21 TO THE HOSPITAL, TO AVOID THAT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE PRACTICE
22 IS AT D.H.S. I WOULD LOVE US TO HEAR FROM DR. GHALY. BUT I DO
23 WANT TO REASSURE THE PUBLIC THAT JUST BECAUSE YOU TEST
24 POSITIVE DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN'T BE IN THE HOSPITAL. OUR
25 HOSPITALS ARE WELL EQUIPPED TO MANAGE PATIENTS WHO ARE

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1 POSITIVE WITH C.O.V.I.D. THEY HAVE BEEN DOING THAT SINCE THE
2 BEGINNING OF THIS PANDEMIC, AND THEY HAVE VERY SOPHISTICATED
3 SYSTEMS FOR PROTECTING THE WORKERS, THE OTHER PATIENTS, AND
4 THE PATIENT WHO HAS C.O.V.I.D. SO, I DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO
5 THINK THEY ARE GOING TO GET DENIED CARE.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER:** AND I GET THAT, AND I THINK YOU TOUCHED ON IT
8 WITH THE C.D.C. AND THEIR INTERPRETATION. BUT I STILL FIND IT
9 COUNTERINTUITIVE THAT IF PEOPLE ARE IN OUR HOSPITALS, THAT ARE
10 IN THERE NOT FOR C.O.V.I.D.-RELATED, WHY THEY ARE INCLUDED IN
11 THE LEVEL THAT'S GOING TO PUT US INTO THE HIGH. AND YOU SAID
12 THAT DR. WALENSKY KNOWS THAT THAT IS AN IMPERFECT SYSTEM. BUT
13 TO ME, IT IS JUST COUNTERINTUITIVE; THAT THAT'S NOT WHAT IS
14 DRIVING OUR HOSPITALIZATION. AND IN FACT, THOSE THAT ARE IN
15 THE HOSPITAL ARE EVEN SAYING IT IS MOVED FROM SEVEN TO EIGHT
16 DAYS, IN THE BEGINNING, TO NOW THREE TO FOUR DAYS THAT THEY
17 ARE STAYING, LENGTH OF STAY IN THE HOSPITALS. I MEAN, IT
18 DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE CAN'T LET OUR GUARD DOWN, BECAUSE I KNOW-
19 - AND I THINK SUPERVISOR SOLIS SAID IT-- I HAVE TALKED TO
20 PEOPLE THAT HAVE, UNFORTUNATELY, COME IN CONTACT, BOTH AT
21 KAISER, AS WELL AS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, OVER THE LAST WEEK,
22 THE EMERGENCY ROOMS, THAT SAY THEY ARE PACKED. AND IT'S NOT
23 NECESSARILY DRIVEN BY C.O.V.I.D. AND I JUST QUESTION THAT, AND
24 I HOPE THAT WE ARE DOING A ROBUST EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM ON
25 MASKING, BECAUSE I READ AN ARTICLE IN THE NEW YORK TIMES THAT

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1 TALKED ABOUT MANDATE VERSUS EDUCATION, IN TERMS OF THE WHOLE
2 MASKING, AND I JUST REALLY FEEL LIKE PEOPLE ARE-- DO HAVE
3 C.O.V.I.D. FATIGUE, WHICH IS NO EXCUSE TO LET YOUR GUARD DOWN,
4 FOR SURE, BUT I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE EXHAUSTING
5 INCENTIVE. AND I AM GLAD YOU PUT ON THAT ONE SLIDE-- AND THEN
6 I WILL LET SUPERVISOR KUEHL TALK-- THE ONE SLIDE ABOUT,
7 BUSINESSES CAN REQUIRE THAT, IN ORDER TO COME INTO MY
8 ESTABLISHMENT, WE WANT YOU TO WEAR A MASK, AND IT CAN BE
9 DRIVEN BY THAT.

10

11 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** AND I THINK THAT IS ALSO SOMETHING THAT WE NEED
14 TO REITERATE WITH BUSINESSES: THAT THEY DO HAVE THE ABILITY TO
15 REQUIRE MASKING, IF YOU WANT TO DO BUSINESS WITH THAT COMPANY.

16

17 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, AND SOME BUSINESSES ARE JUST GOING
18 THERE, BECAUSE THEY JUST HAVE TOO MANY PEOPLE INFECTED AT THIS
19 MOMENT. SO, WE SEE A LOT MORE OF THIS RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE,
20 FIRST OF ALL, IF YOU HAVE A REALLY BAD OUTBREAK, THEN EVERYONE
21 HAS TO MASK ANYWAY. I MEAN, WE ARE GOING TO BE IN THERE, AS
22 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND WE'RE GOING TO BE TELLING
23 EVERYONE THEY HAVE TO MASK WHILE WE TRY TO GET THINGS UNDER
24 CONTROL. BUT ALSO, I THINK IT IS SO DISRUPTIVE. I MEAN,
25 WHETHER PEOPLE ARE ACUTELY ILL ENOUGH TO REQUIRE THAT THEY

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1 NEED TO BE IN THE HOSPITAL, OR THEY ARE GOING TO SEEK CARE IN
2 AN EMERGENCY ROOM OR AT AN URGENT CARE, PEOPLE, "A," THEY ARE
3 GETTING SICK, AND "B," THEY CAN'T WORK. AND IT IS SUPER
4 DISRUPTIVE. AND THERE'S ALSO FEAR. I KNOW AT OUR OWN WORKSITE
5 HERE, FOR THE FIRST TIME, WE HAVE WAY MORE OUTBREAKS THAN WE
6 HAVE EVER HAD. MASKS ARE BACK ON EVERYBODY NOW. BUT PEOPLE GET
7 FEARFUL, ALSO. PEOPLE DON'T WANT-- THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE
8 WHO DON'T WANT TO GET C.O.V.I.D. A LOT OF PEOPLE HAD IT
9 ALREADY AND GOT PRETTY SICK. THEY DON'T WANT IT AGAIN. A LOT
10 OF PEOPLE HAVE PEOPLE AT HOME THAT THEY ARE WORRIED ABOUT. SO,
11 AGAIN, I TOTALLY APPRECIATE THAT EMPHASIS, SUPERVISOR, THAT WE
12 DON'T HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THINGS GET MUCH WORSE BEFORE PEOPLE
13 CAN START PUTTING THOSE MASKS BACK ON WHEN THEY ARE INDOORS.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER:** RIGHT. AND IN CLOSING, THANK YOU, DR. GHALY.
16 THANK YOU, DR. FERRER. I DIDN'T THANK YOU IN THE UP-FRONT. I
17 REALLY APPRECIATE THE WORK.

18

19 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** AND THANK YOU.

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

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23 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THANK YOU.

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

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2 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO PICK
3 UP ON WHAT KATHRYN SAID ABOUT THE RATE OF HOSPITALIZATION. ONE
4 OF THE SLIDES SHOWED, IF THE RATE OF HOSPITALIZATION CONTINUES
5 TO GO UP, AS IT HAS RECENTLY, WE WOULD REACH THE HIGHEST LEVEL
6 AT A PARTICULAR TIME. BUT THAT REALLY WAS "IF." WE DON'T HAVE
7 REAL PROJECTIONS, DO WE, ABOUT WHETHER THINGS GO UP AND DOWN?
8 I MEAN, I AM SORT OF AN O.C.D. KIND OF PERSON, AND SINCE, I
9 THINK, APRIL OF WHENEVER IT WAS WE SHUT DOWN HERE-- 2019, OR
10 WHATEVER-- I HAVE BEEN KEEPING TRACK OF THE RATE OF CASES
11 EVERY DAY. AND THERE WAS A BOOK CALLED "MEMOIRS OF A PROM
12 QUEEN," WHERE SHE KEPT TRACK OF HISTORIC EVENTS ON THE WALL OF
13 HER ROOM. AND I WISH I COULD DO THAT, BECAUSE, GOING UP TO
14 15,000 CASES A DAY AT ONE POINT, AND DOWN TO 600 CASES A DAY
15 AT ANOTHER POINT, I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY, YOU'RE NOT SAYING
16 THAT WE ARE PREDICTING THAT THE RATE OF INCREASE WILL BE THE
17 SAME. YOU'RE SIMPLY SAYING--

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19 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** NO.

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21 **SUP. KUEHL:** YOU ARE SIMPLY SAYING, IF IT IS THE SAME AS IT WAS
22 THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS, WE WILL GET THERE AT A CERTAIN DATE.

23

24 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES, EXACTLY. THAT'S BEST WE COULD DO. AND
25 I DO WANT TO NOTE: THE IMPORTANT CAVEAT, ALSO, IS, OUR CASE

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1 RATE IS REALLY HIGH. BUT IF, FOR EXAMPLE, WE START, AS I AM
2 PREDICTING, WE ARE GOING TO SEE LESS CASES, BECAUSE WE ARE
3 DOING LESS TESTING, AND OUR CASE RATE DROPS A LOT IN THE NEXT
4 TWO WEEKS, AND WE GET BELOW THAT 200 NEW CASES PER 100,000,
5 BELOW THAT WEEKLY RATE, OUR METRICS CHANGE. SO, RIGHT NOW, THE
6 THRESHOLD IS 10. IF WE WERE TO DROP THE CASE RATE, WHICH MEANS
7 WE'D HAVE LESS TRANSMISSION, THEN THAT THRESHOLD, THAT
8 HOSPITAL METRICS THRESHOLD, THEY'D BOTH MOVE TO 20; 20 NEW
9 ADMISSIONS PER 100,000, AND 20% OF THE BEDS. SO THAT'S THE
10 OTHER PATH THAT'S CERTAINLY POSSIBLE. I MEAN, IT IS SO HARD TO
11 PREDICT, WITH THE CHANGES IN TESTING, WITH THE DROP IN THE
12 VOLUME, BECAUSE WE ARE REALLY LOSING-- HALF OF OUR TESTING
13 VOLUME WAS COMING FROM ROUTINE TESTING THAT WAS HAPPENING AT
14 SCHOOLS, AND DRIVE UP OUR POSITIVITY RATE WILL PROBABLY GO
15 MUCH, MUCH HIGHER, BUT THAT CASE RATE MAY ALSO, OVER THE NEXT
16 TWO WEEKS, COME DOWN. NOW, THERE IS A LAG BETWEEN CASES AND
17 HOSPITALIZATIONS. SO I WILL SAY, BECAUSE CASES HAVE BEEN HIGH,
18 AND WE KNOW THEY HAVE BEEN HIGH, THAT WE ARE LIKELY TO
19 CONTINUE TO SEE CASES EITHER RISE A LITTLE BIT MORE OVER THE
20 NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS, BASED ON THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF OUR CASE
21 NUMBERS, OR START PLATEAUIING. AND THE HOPE IS THAT WE START
22 PLATEAUIING. THAT WOULD BE VERY GOOD NEWS FOR US, AND THAT
23 WOULD BE ONE REASON WHY WE WOULD NOT EVER GET TO "HIGH." I DO
24 WANT TO NOTE THE NORTHEAST, FINALLY, IS SEEING A DECLINE-- A
25 SIGNIFICANT DECLINE-- BOTH IN THEIR CASE RATES AND IN THEIR

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1 HOSPITALIZATION RATES. SO, YES, IT TOOK A LONG TIME-- WAY
2 LONGER THIS TIME THAN WE HAD THOUGHT, WHEN WE FIRST STARTED
3 SEEING THESE INCREASES-- BUT WE ARE SEEING, ON THE NORTHEAST,
4 SOME OF THAT DECLINE. AND THE REASON NOBODY WANTS TO STAND TOO
5 FIRMLY ON THE PROJECTIONS IS, WE'RE SEEING AN INCREASE IN BA.4
6 AND BA.5; MORE INFECTIOUS, COULD LEAD TO MORE SPREAD IF IT
7 STARTS TAKING OVER, BECOMES DOMINANT. AND THERE ARE A LOT OF
8 REINFECTIONS, SO PEOPLE WHO WERE ALREADY INFECTED WITH
9 OMICRON-- BA.1 OR BA.2, OR THOSE SUBLINEAGES-- CAN GET
10 REINFECTED PRETTY EASY WITH BA.4 OR BA.5. WE HAVE GOT A HIGHLY
11 INFECTIOUS VARIANT THAT COULD INFECT JUST ABOUT EVERYBODY, SO
12 THEN ALL BETS WOULD BE OFF. AND I THINK, AGAIN, THAT'S WHY WE
13 ASK THE PUBLIC. WE KNOW IT IS SUPER CONFUSING. WE KNOW
14 EVERYBODY WISHES IT WASN'T LIKE THIS, AND THAT WE COULD SAY
15 WITH CERTAINTY ONE THING OR ANOTHER. BUT I THINK THE ROAD
16 AHEAD IS JUST GOING TO DEMAND SOME FLEXIBILITY. AND THE GOOD
17 NEWS IS, WE HAVE A LOT OF REALLY GOOD TOOLS, AND THE
18 COMBINATION OF THOSE TOOLS STILL CONTINUE TO WORK TO PROTECT
19 THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE FROM THE WORST OUTCOMES. AND THE ONE
20 TOOL THAT WE ASK PEOPLE TO PLEASE TAKE MORE SERIOUSLY IS
21 PUTTING ON A MASK. THAT'S A FAR CRY FROM WHERE WE WERE TWO
22 YEARS AGO, WHERE HE HAD TO REDUCE CAPACITY, CLOSE PLACES. WE
23 JUST DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH PROTECTIONS ELSEWHERE. SO, I FEEL LIKE
24 WE ARE IN A DECENT PLACE; UNFORTUNATELY, WHERE WE'RE STILL

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1 GOING TO HAVE TO ASK PEOPLE TO LAYER IN SOME PROTECTIONS,
2 PARTICULARLY SO WE CAN PROTECT THE MOST VULNERABLE.

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4 **SUP. KUEHL:** YEAH. I WANT TO EMPHASIZE NOT JUST MASKS, BECAUSE
5 WHEN THIS IS MORE OF AN HISTORIC STUDY-- THE WAY WE LOOK AT
6 1918, FOR INSTANCE-- I THINK ONE OF THE INTERESTING THINGS TO
7 ME IS THAT ALMOST EVERY EPIDEMIC AND PANDEMIC HAVE BEEN DAMPED
8 DOWN BY VACCINATIONS, NO MATTER WHAT IT IS, AND TO THE POINT
9 THAT WE ALL TOOK THEM FOR GRANTED WHEN THEY WERE REQUIRED FOR
10 SCHOOLS; AND THAT NOW, BECAUSE OF VACCINE REFUSENIKS, EVEN
11 THOSE DISEASES ARE STARTING TO GO UP AGAIN: MEASLES,
12 CHICKENPOX; I MEAN, THINGS FROM THE DARK AGES, THAT WE HAVEN'T
13 EVEN HEARD ABOUT, THAT STEVEN COLBERT WAS MAKING FUN OF LAST
14 NIGHT, BUT WE ARE EVEN STARTING TO SEE THINGS THAT HAD WEIRD
15 TITLES IN THE 1300S POP UP AGAIN. SO, IT IS A DIFFERENT TIME.
16 AND I AM WORRIED-- IT'S INTERESTING. SPECULATIVE FICTION
17 HARDLY EVER MAKES IT INTO THE TOP 10 OF THE NEW YORK TIMES AND
18 OTHER LISTS, BUT OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, THEY HAVE DOMINATED;
19 THAT IS, GUESSES ABOUT THE FUTURE. MORE THAN HALF OF THEM
20 INCLUDE AN ONGOING PANDEMIC THAT GETS WORSE, AND CHANGES, AND
21 MODIFIES; AND FINALLY, IT BECOMES VERY DYSTOPIAN IN MANY OF
22 THE BOOKS. I THINK THAT IT MAY BE TO OUR BENEFIT, THOUGH
23 PEOPLE WON'T LIKE IT THAT MUCH, TO INDICATE THAT THIS MAY NOT
24 BE A PANDEMIC THAT ENDS. IT MAY SIMPLY CONTINUE TO SHIFT AND
25 CHANGE, AND WE WILL LIVE WITH IT, ONE WAY OR ANOTHER,

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1 PRIMARILY BY VACCINATION, AND PROBABLY MASKING. BUT I DON'T
2 THINK-- I THINK PEOPLE REALLY WANT TO THINK THE WHOLE THING IS
3 OVER, AND THAT IS NOT HELPFUL TO THE NUMBERS, BECAUSE IT IS
4 NOT. WE ARE NOT MASKING IN MOVIE THEATERS ANYMORE, ALTHOUGH
5 EVERYBODY IS SORT OF ASKING EVERYBODY TO DO IT. THE THEATERS--
6 THE LIVE THEATERS-- ARE REQUIRING PROOF OF VACCINATION AND
7 MASKING, AND SO IT IS KIND OF RANDOM, AND YOU PICK WHERE YOU
8 GO. MOVIE THEATERS HAVE SHUT DOWN ALL OVER THE CITY-- LARGE
9 ONES AND SMALL ONES-- BECAUSE PEOPLE WANTED TO BE PROTECTED
10 AND WEREN'T. SO, IF WE CAN SORT OF ADVERTISE, "THIS AIN'T
11 OVER, AND IT IS PROBABLY BETTER FOR YOUR BUSINESS IF YOU HELP
12 PEOPLE TO BE PROTECTED," THAT MAY BE THE MESSAGE THAT WE WANT
13 TO GIVE. I HAVE ONE MORE QUESTION. PEOPLE HAVE ASKED ME, WE
14 HAVE A MANDATE ABOUT MASKS IN TRANSIT AND OUR TRANSIT HUBS,
15 AND THEY ARE CONFUSED AT THE L.A.X., BECAUSE THEY GET OFF A
16 PLANE FROM PUERTO RICO, AND THERE WAS NO MASK REQUIREMENT, AND
17 NOW THEY ARE IN THE TERMINAL, AND IT SAYS, "WEAR YOUR MASK."
18 AND, OF COURSE, WE'RE NOT ENFORCING IN THE TERMINALS, SO
19 EVERYBODY CALLS ME UP AND GOES, "NOBODY IS WEARING A MASK
20 HERE. NOBODY'S WEARING A MASK." SO, I AM ASSUMING WE HAVE A
21 MASK REQUIREMENT IN THE TERMINALS, BUT WE ARE NOT ABLE TO
22 ENFORCE IT, AND THERE'S SUCH A MIX OF TRAVELERS THAT THEY MAY
23 OR MAY NOT KNOW. COULD YOU CLARIFY SOME OF THAT?

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1 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES. YEAH, THANK YOU SO MUCH, AND YES, YOU
2 ARE ACCURATE. I MEAN, I THINK WE HAVE ASKED AT THE AIRPORTS--
3 THIS INCLUDES BURBANK, AS WELL-- THAT THEY GO AHEAD AND PUT A
4 LOT OF SIGNAGE UP. AND, OBVIOUSLY, OUR INSPECTORS ARE OUT
5 REGULARLY. SO THERE'S A LOT OF SIGNAGE. I KNOW LOTS OF THE
6 AIRLINES HAVE BEEN REALLY GOOD ABOUT LETTING PEOPLE KNOW, AS
7 THEY'RE DISEMBARKING FROM THE PLANE, "YOU ARE NOW IN L.A. AS
8 SOON AS YOU GET ON THE JETWAY, YOU NEED TO PUT A MASK ON.
9 MASKS ARE REQUIRED INSIDE THIS TERMINAL." THE REAL EMPHASIS
10 FOR US-- BECAUSE SUPER HARD TO ENFORCE. I MEAN, THIS IS A VERY
11 TRANSIENT POPULATION, AS WELL, EXCEPT FOR THE EMPLOYEES. SO,
12 WE ARE MAKING A MUCH BIGGER EFFORT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE
13 EMPLOYEES ARE, IN FACT, FULLY MASKED. AS I NOTED, WE DO HAVE
14 ONE LARGE OUTBREAK AT ONE OF THE AIRLINES. THIS IS THE THIRD
15 LARGE OUTBREAK WE HAVE HAD AT L.A.X. PRETTY EASY TO HAVE A LOT
16 OF EXPOSURES. WE WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THE WORKFORCE AS SAFE AS
17 POSSIBLE. THEY ARE THE ONES WHO HAVE HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF
18 EXPOSURES, NOW WITH PEOPLE TRAVELING FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.
19 AND STARTING ON SUNDAY, OUR INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS NO LONGER
20 NEEDED TO TEST BEFORE COMING BACK. SO, AGAIN, GIVEN THAT
21 THERE'S STILL A LOT OF ASYMPTOMATIC FOLKS THAT ARE POSITIVE,
22 WE ARE REALLY EMPHASIZING TO WORK REALLY HARD WITH THE
23 EMPLOYEES, AND MAKE SURE THAT THERE'S GOOD SIGNAGE, AS WELL. I
24 WANT TO GIVE A HUGE SHOUT-OUT TO METRO AND THAT TEAM THERE,
25 BECAUSE THEY HAVE ACTUALLY DONE A REALLY GOOD JOB, AND THEY

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1 ACTUALLY HAVE A LOT OF MASK-WEARING. AND WE ARE VERY CONCERNED
2 ABOUT THE BUSES AND THE TRAINS HERE, BECAUSE THAT IS THE WAY
3 MANY PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO OWN CARS, THEY NEED
4 TO USE THOSE TRANSIT SYSTEMS TO GET TO AND FROM WORK, OR THE
5 DOCTOR'S, OR TO GET TO THE GROCERY STORE. AND I REALLY WANT TO
6 APPLAUD THE ENTIRE METRO TEAM FOR MAKING SUCH A GOOD EFFORT TO
7 GET BOTH THEIR EMPLOYEES, BUT ALSO THEIR RIDERS, TO GO AHEAD
8 AND PUT THOSE MASKS ON. SO, THEY'RE REPORTING TO US THAT,
9 AGAIN, NOTHING IS PERFECT, BUT DECENT COMPLIANCE. AND WE HEAR
10 FROM RIDERS, WHO TELL US THEY ARE VERY GRATEFUL, BECAUSE THEY
11 ARE IN VERY CLOSE CONTACT FOR AN HOUR, FOR SOME OF THEM-- SOME
12 OF THEM LONGER-- ON THEIR WAY TO AND FROM WORK. SO, I HAVE
13 APPRECIATED ALL OF THEIR COOPERATION.

14
15 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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19 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU TO BOTH DR.
20 FERRER AND DR. GHALY FOR ALWAYS AN INSIGHTFUL PRESENTATION.
21 DR. FERRER, I JUST CONTINUE TO BE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT OUR
22 YOUNG PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT ARE NO LONGER BEING TESTED
23 AT OUT SCHOOL SITES. AND I AM HEARING FROM SOME OF MY
24 COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT THEY BELIEVE THAT, WHILE OUR DEPARTMENT
25 IS DOING WHAT THEY CAN, YOURSELF AND OTHERS INCLUDED, THAT THE

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1 SCHOOLS ARE NOT COMPLIANT IN THE WAY THAT THEY SHOULD BE--
2 MORE ROBUST-- ESPECIALLY WITH YOUNGSTERS THAT MAY NOT HAVE
3 ACCESS TO TESTING, OR ARE SELF-REPORTING, BUT THEY ARE NOT
4 REPORTING TO ANYBODY OR ANY ENTITY. AND I AM WONDERING, WHAT
5 CAN WE DO? I KNOW, PRIOR TO THIS SURGE, PREVIOUS SURGES, I
6 THINK YOU HAD REGULAR DISCUSSIONS WITH SCHOOL DISTRICTS. AND I
7 AM WONDERING, SOME OF THEM WILL STILL HAVE SUMMER SCHOOL.

8

9 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** OH, YEAH.

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** AND WHAT ARE WE DOING TO GET A HOLD OF THEM? AND
12 HOW DO WE BRING IN, FOR EXAMPLE, IN SCHOOLS THAT WE HAVE HIGH
13 NUMBERS OF MONOLINGUAL PARENTS, THAT WE CAN USE PROMOTORAS--
14 NOT JUST FROM YOUR DEPARTMENT, BUT ALSO FROM D.H.S.-- TO GO
15 INTO THE SCHOOLS TO TALK TO THE PARENTS, OR AT ANY OF THE
16 GATHERINGS? SO, CAN YOU TALK ABOUT THAT?

17

18 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, AND THANK YOU SO MUCH. I MEAN, A
19 REALLY IMPORTANT ISSUE. SO, ONE IS, YES, I CONTINUE TO SPEAK
20 REGULARLY, THURSDAY MORNINGS, WITH THE SUPERINTENDENTS OF ALL
21 THE DISTRICTS. SO, THOSE CALLS, I THINK, ARE EVERY OTHER WEEK,
22 AND THEY ARE SCHEDULED THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER. TWO IS, WE HAVE
23 THREE VERY BIG EFFORTS GOING ON WITH THE SCHOOLS, THAT
24 CONTINUE OVER THE SUMMER. ONE IS THE DISTRIBUTION OF THESE AT-
25 HOME TEST KITS. SO, WE KNOW THAT MANY OF THE PARENTS OF

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1 CHILDREN IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL HAVE A HARD TIME ACCESSING
2 THOSE TEST KITS, AND SO WE DISTRIBUTE THEM TO THE SCHOOLS, TO
3 SEND HOME WITH THE FAMILIES. AND WE DID A HUGE PUSH BEFORE ALL
4 OF THE END-OF-THE-YEAR CELEBRATIONS, AND WE CONTINUE TO MAKE
5 OURSELVES AVAILABLE. WE ALSO DISTRIBUTE TO C.B.O.S IN THE
6 COMMUNITY, SO THAT THERE'S EASY WAYS FOR FOLKS, PARTICULARLY
7 THOSE NOT INSURED, WHO CAN'T GET IT THROUGH THEIR HEALTH PLAN,
8 TO GO GET THOSE TEST KITS. THE SECOND THING THAT WE ARE
9 WORKING ON THIS SUMMER IS, WE'RE CONTINUING OUR VACCINATION
10 CLINICS. EVEN THOUGH ALL OF THE SCHOOLS AREN'T OPEN, I THINK
11 THIS WEEK, EVEN THOUGH MOST SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED AND NOT EVEN
12 OPEN YET FOR SUMMER SCHOOL, WE STILL HAVE OVER 100 SCHOOL
13 SITES WHERE WE ARE VACCINATING. AND ONCE-- HOPEFULLY, NEXT
14 WEEK, WE CAN EXPAND VACCINATIONS TO THE YOUNGEST CHILDREN. WE
15 ARE GOING TO CONTINUE AT THOSE SITES, JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE
16 FAMILIAR SITES. THEY ARE TRUSTED SITES, AND OUR MOBILE TEAMS
17 CAN GET THERE PRETTY EASILY. SO, WHERE WE HAVE GOT GOOD
18 PARTNERSHIPS WITH SCHOOLS, WE ARE CONTINUING THAT. AND THE
19 THIRD IS, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A VERY BIG EMPHASIS ON
20 VENTILATION OVER THE SUMMER. WE'VE GOT SOME TOOLKITS THAT WE
21 ALREADY SENT OUT. THERE ARE SOME RELATIVELY-- AND IT'S
22 RELATIVELY-- INEXPENSIVE STRATEGIES THAT WE'D LIKE SCHOOLS TO
23 BE IMPLEMENTING BY NEXT FALL, TO IMPROVE VENTILATION IN THOSE
24 CLASSROOMS. THIS IS AN INTENSIVE EFFORT. IT DOES REQUIRE SOME
25 RESOURCES. MANY SCHOOL DISTRICTS GOT SOME ADDITIONAL FUNDING

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1 WITH THE C.O.V.I.D. RELIEF PACKAGES. AND WE REALLY-- WE KNOW
2 THAT KEY TO A SUCCESSFUL SORT OF SCHOOL YEAR NEXT YEAR IS
3 GOING TO BE BETTER VENTILATION INSIDE THE CLASSROOMS. I MEAN,
4 WE HEAR LOUD AND CLEAR HOW MANY PARENTS DO NOT WANT TO HAVE
5 THEIR CHILDREN MASKED ALL YEAR, AND ONE STRATEGY FOR SORT OF
6 REDUCING TRANSMISSION IN THE CLASSROOMS IS TO ACTUALLY HAVE
7 MUCH BETTER VENTILATION. I MEAN, THERE WILL BE TIMES WHERE WE
8 HAVE HIGH TRANSMISSION, WHERE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO NEED TO PUT
9 THEIR MASKS BACK ON, BUT WE CAN DO A BETTER JOB ON
10 VENTILATION. SO THOSE ARE THE THREE STRATEGIES FOR THE SUMMER,
11 AND WE OBVIOUSLY WORK WITH ALL THE SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMS. SO,
12 JUST TO NOTE THAT THEY HAVE THE SAME REPORTING OBLIGATIONS TO
13 US. IF THEY HAVE CLUSTERS OF CASES, WE HAVE TEAMS THAT GO OUT
14 AND WORK WITH ALL THE SCHOOLS, TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAVE GOT
15 SUPPORT TO MINIMIZE TRANSMISSION ON THE SITES. BUT, YES, I
16 THINK A LOT OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS REALLY DID A LOT THIS YEAR,
17 BUT IT WAS AN OVERWHELMING BURDEN. SO WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO
18 APPROACH NEXT YEAR WITH MORE ANTIGEN TESTS, INSTEAD OF P.C.R.
19 TESTS, WHICH REQUIRED A WHOLE INFRASTRUCTURE. AND, YOU KNOW,
20 WE'VE GOT TO GO TO SELF-ATTESTATION, SO WE CAN TAKE THOSE
21 RESULTS FROM THOSE TESTS. THEY'RE JUST EASIER TO ADMINISTER,
22 AS WELL. SO, I THINK THINGS-- WE'LL BE WORKING ALL SUMMER TO
23 GET THINGS BOTH SECURED FOR THOSE STUDENTS THAT ARE ON CAMPUS
24 IN THE SUMMER, BUT ALSO TO MAKE SURE WE START THE SCHOOL YEAR
25 WITH A REALLY SOLID FOOTING.

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2 **SUP. SOLIS:** AND WHAT ABOUT THE PROMOTORAS?

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4 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES. OH, YEAH. THANK YOU. SO, YES, AND WE
5 DO USE THE PROMOTORAS. SO, WE HAVE CONTRACTS WITH A LOT OF
6 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, FOR ABOUT 400 PROMOTORAS. AND
7 THE LAST TWO MONTHS, BECAUSE WE HAD A HUGE EFFORT ON
8 VACCINATING CHILDREN FIVE TO 11-- THAT WAS WHY YOU SAW THAT
9 BIG INCREASE IN MOBILE TEAMS GOING TO SCHOOL SITES-- WE TAGGED
10 THEM WITH OUR PROMOTORAS. AND WE ALSO HAVE A PARENT AMBASSADOR
11 PROGRAM, WHERE WE TRAINED ABOUT 2500 PARENTS, MOSTLY FROM
12 JANUARY ON, TO ALSO HAVE GOOD ACCESS TO INFORMATION FROM US.
13 WE DO A WEEKLY CHARLO WITH THEM, A WEEKLY SORT OF-- THEY CAN
14 COME AND JUST DROP IN TO GET UPDATES, BUT THEN THEY ARE ABLE
15 TO BE VOICES-- TRUSTED VOICES-- IN THEIR COMMUNITIES, WITH
16 GOOD INFORMATION. SO, WE WILL CONTINUE THAT PROGRAM. WE'RE
17 ACTUALLY EXPANDING IT. AND WE HAVE STUDENT AMBASSADORS.

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. JUST ONE LAST COMMENT. ARE WE ACTUALLY
20 GETTING THE SCHOOLS TO TAKE MORE RESPONSIBILITY BY PROMOTING
21 THIS? I GET IT THAT YOU ARE DOING YOUR PART, BUT WHAT CAN WE
22 DO? IS THERE A TOOLKIT? IS THERE SOMETHING THAT THEY CAN USE
23 FOR MONOLINGUAL COMMUNITIES THAT THEY ARE SERVING?

24

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1 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, I AM HAPPY TO TAKE THAT BACK. I
2 MEAN, OBVIOUSLY, ALL OUR MATERIALS THAT GO TO SCHOOLS ARE IN
3 EIGHT LANGUAGES. I WANT TO GIVE A HUGE SHOUT-OUT TO DR. DUARDO
4 AND THE L.A.C.O.E. TEAM, WHO ALSO TAKE A LOT OF RESPONSIBILITY
5 ON THE MATERIALS SIDE. BUT I AM HAPPY TO TALK TO DR. DUARDO,
6 BECAUSE I THINK THEY'VE DONE A BRILLIANT JOB ACTUALLY GETTING
7 A LOT OF MATERIALS TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS. I CAN'T SAY ENOUGH
8 ABOUT HOW MUCH L.A.C.O.E. HAS STEPPED UP ON THAT WORK, SO I AM
9 HAPPY TO TALK TO DR. DUARDO ABOUT OTHER IDEAS THEY MAY HAVE.

10

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

12

13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** JUST A QUICK FOLLOW-UP. BUT, DR. FERRER,
14 WHAT ABOUT THE NON-SCHOOL-DISTRICT-BASED SUMMER SPACES WHERE
15 KIDS ARE: ALL OF THE YS, THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS, PERHAPS
16 PARK AND REC, CITY AND COUNTY PROGRAMS? THAT'S WHERE I SPENT
17 MOST OF MY SUMMERS, QUITE FRANKLY, AND A VAST NUMBER OF THE
18 PEOPLE IN MY COMMUNITY. SO, WHAT ABOUT THOSE SITES? BECAUSE WE
19 HAVE ALSO HAD ISSUES OVER THE YEARS THAT THOSE PROGRAMS AREN'T
20 LICENSED IN ANY WAY, WHICH PEOPLE ASSUME, BUT THEY AREN'T. SO,
21 WHAT ABOUT THOSE SPACES?

22

23 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** SO, YEAH, IT IS SUCH A GREAT QUESTION. SO,
24 FORTUNATELY, I HAVE GOT A POSITIVE ANSWER, BECAUSE EARLY ON,
25 WE STARTED WORKING WITH ALL OF THE CAMPS, I MEAN, IN PART

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1 BECAUSE, BASED ON A MOTION FROM THE BOARD, WE'RE GOING TO BE
2 LOOKING AT BEING ABLE TO WORK MORE CLOSELY WITH CAMPS AROUND
3 SAFETY ISSUES. BUT WE ALSO DEVELOPED A VERY GOOD LIST OF ALL
4 OF THE CAMP AND SUMMER PROGRAMS, AND THE FIRST THING WE DID IS
5 STARTED DISTRIBUTING LOTS OF TEST KITS. BECAUSE I DO WANT TO
6 SAY, AT CAMPSITES, THIS ABILITY TO TEST KIDS FREQUENTLY, AS WE
7 ALL LEARNED, IT IS SUPER HELPFUL. AND TO GET THOSE TEST KITS
8 BACK INTO THE FAMILIES, BUT HAVE IT REALLY, REALLY EASY FOR
9 THE CAMPERS, OR THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE REC PROGRAMS, TO
10 ACTUALLY HAVE ACCESS TO TESTING IS REALLY IMPORTANT. I WANT TO
11 AGAIN GIVE A BIG SHOUT-OUT TO THE TEAM AT PARKS AND REC. SO,
12 WE HAVE A LOT OF VACCINATION CLINICS. WE HAVE A LOT OF TESTING
13 SITES. WE HAVE A LOT OF-- AT THREE OF OUR PARKS, WE HAVE FULL-
14 SERVICE INSTITUTIONS THERE NOW, WHERE WE ARE WORKING REALLY
15 CLOSELY TO JUST MAKE IT VERY EASY FOR FOLKS WHO ARE COMING
16 INTO THE PARKS TO HAVE THESE SERVICES. AND OBVIOUSLY, AS YOU
17 KNOW, WITH THE KICKOFF OF PARKS AFTER DARK, WE WILL HAVE OUR
18 MOBILE TEAMS AT ALL OF THE PARKS AFTER DARK SITES. SO, WE'VE
19 ALREADY SCHEDULED THAT, SO PEOPLE WHO DO WANT TO GET
20 VACCINATED WILL HAVE REALLY EASY ACCESS TO THAT. AND OUR
21 MOBILE TEAMS WILL BE ABLE TO DO-- FOR THE MOST PART, THEY'RE
22 ALMOST ALL GOING TO BE ABLE TO DO VACCINES FOR EVERYONE SIX
23 MONTHS AND OLDER. WE WILL CARRY ALL OF THE PEDIATRIC DOSES.
24 BECAUSE THERE'S DIFFERENT FORMULARIES FOR THE YOUNGEST KIDS,
25 AS WELL, BUT IF THOSE GET APPROVED, WE WILL HAVE EVERYTHING,

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1 SO THAT WHEN WE ARE AT THE PARK, IT IS PRETTY EASY FOR THE
2 ENTIRE FAMILY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AND SO I AM HOPING, IN ADDITION TO
5 TESTING AND VACCINATION, FOR THE INDOOR ELEMENT OF THEIR
6 PROGRAMMING, THAT THEY, TOO, WILL BE STRONGLY ENCOURAGING
7 MASKING.

8

9 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES, WE SENT OUT THE GUIDANCE. YES. WE
10 HAVE A CAMP GUIDANCE, AND I WILL TRY TO MAKE SURE WE SHARE IT
11 WITH ALL YOUR OFFICES.

12

13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** GREAT. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** THANKS, MADAM CHAIR. DR. FERRER, I WAS GOING TO ASK
16 ABOUT VACCINES, AND WHETHER OR NOT YOU THINK WE'RE GOING TO BE
17 ABLE TO PROVIDE BOOSTERS FOR PEOPLE UNDER 50, AND CAN WE
18 PROCEED WITH THAT AT THE LOCAL LEVEL, OR IS THAT SOMETHING WE
19 HAVE TO WAIT ON?

20

21 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, WE HAVE TO WAIT. I MEAN, YOU KNOW,
22 WHEN THE F.D.A. GIVES THAT EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION, THEY
23 TELL YOU VERY SPECIFICALLY, AND THEN C.D.C. SORT OF CODIFIES
24 IT: HOW YOU ARE ALLOWED TO USE THE MEDICATION. NOW, AN
25 INDIVIDUAL PROVIDER HAS A LITTLE BIT MORE LEEWAY, BUT IT'S NOT

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1 GREAT TO DO SOMETHING SLIGHTLY DIFFERENTLY. SO, IF THEY
2 THOUGHT THEY HAD A PATIENT THAT WAS AT PARTICULARLY HIGH RISK,
3 THAT DIDN'T MEET THE CRITERIA NOW, FOR EXAMPLE, FOR THAT
4 FOURTH BOOSTER, THEY MIGHT GO AHEAD AND JUST AUTHORIZE THAT.
5 THAT'S JUST FOR 18-PLUS. WE DO NEED-- I MEAN, THE F.D.A., I
6 THOUGHT THEY WERE GOING TO SCHEDULE A MEETING AT THE END OF
7 THIS MONTH, TO TALK ABOUT THE BOOSTERS FOR CHILDREN. NOW WE
8 ARE TALKING ABOUT A FOURTH BOOSTER, BECAUSE THE THIRD BOOSTER
9 HAS BEEN-- YOU KNOW, THE FIRST BOOSTER, THIRD DOSE, HAS BEEN
10 ALREADY AUTHORIZED FOR CHILDREN. BUT I KNOW WE ALREADY HAVE
11 SOME PARENTS THAT ARE SORT OF ANXIOUS ABOUT GETTING READY FOR
12 THE FALL.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH. AND I HAVE BEEN HEARING, "GETTING READY
15 FOR THE SUMMER." I THINK PEOPLE ARE KIND OF READY TO TRAVEL.

16

17 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** NOW, THEY CAN ALL GET THAT THIRD-- THEY
18 CAN ALL GET THEIR BOOSTER NOW, FIVE AND UP.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** BUT WHAT ABOUT-- I MEAN, NO, I WAS TALKING ABOUT
21 THE SECOND BOOSTER FOR UNDER 50.

22

23 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, NO. THE SECOND BOOSTER-- THERE'S NOT
24 EVEN AN AUTHORIZATION FOR A SECOND BOOSTER FOR PEOPLE 18 TO 50
25 WHO HAVE HIGH HEALTH RISKS; LIKE, THEY HAVE A LOT OF

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1 COMPROMISING CONDITIONS, BUT THEY ARE NOT IMMUNOCOMPROMISED.
2 THOSE ARE REALLY ONLY AUTHORIZED FOR IMMUNOCOMPROMISED PEOPLE.
3 AND WE HAVE ASKED THEM TO REVIEW THAT. WE ARE NOT THE ONLY
4 ONES. AND WE THOUGHT THEY WERE GOING TO MOVE, BECAUSE THERE'S
5 A LOT OF DEMAND. AND WE JUST ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO TALK TO THEIR
6 PROVIDER, BECAUSE THAT WOULD BE REALLY...

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH. AND WHAT'S YOUR INTEL ON-- I THINK THE C.D.C.
9 IS MEETING THIS WEEKEND, RIGHT, TO TALK ABOUT VACCINES UNDER
10 FIVE.

11

12 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES. SO, TODAY AND TOMORROW ARE THE
13 MEETINGS FOR THE VACCINES FOR BOTH PFIZER AND MODERNA.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** FOR UNDER FIVE.

16

17 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** FOR UNDER FIVE, FOR PFIZER; FOR SIX MONTHS
18 TO 17, FOR MODERNA. REMEMBER, WE ONLY HAVE A PFIZER VACCINE
19 FOR CHILDREN RIGHT NOW.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN:** AND WHAT'S YOUR INTEL? DO YOU THINK THEY'RE GOING
22 TO APPROVE IT?

23

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1 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, I THINK IT LOOKS GOOD. I MEAN, WE'VE
2 ALL SEEN THEIR DATA. IT WILL GO TO C.D.C., IF THEY RECOMMEND
3 THE EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION. C.D.C. IS--

4

5 **SUP. HAHN:** SO, IF THEY APPROVE IT FOR UNDER FIVE, DO YOU THINK
6 WE WILL BE ABLE TO ROLL IT OUT HERE?

7

8 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. THE ORDERS ARE IN. WE'VE ALREADY
9 ORDERED.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN:** AND WILL WE DO IT EXACTLY THE SAME WAY AT OUR
12 SITES, AND...

13

14 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** WE HAVE ABOUT 500 SITES SIGNED UP ALREADY.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** AND OUR MOBILE VACCINE VANS, WILL THEY BE READY,
17 TOO?

18

19 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** AND OUR MOBILE VANS WILL BE ABLE TO DO
20 THAT. ALL OF OUR COUNTY SITES WILL DO IT.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. WELL, GREAT.

23

24 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, WE'RE GOOD. I WILL PUT-- I MEAN, THE
25 ONE ISSUE I THINK WE ALL MIGHT WANT TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO

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1 IS, YOU KNOW, WE DO NEED THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO AUTHORIZE
2 MORE MONEY FOR VACCINES, BECAUSE WE ARE LIKELY TO NEED OR
3 BENEFIT FROM A BETTER BOOSTER THIS FALL, GIVEN OMICRON. SO, AN
4 OMICRON-SPECIFIC BOOSTER IS SOMETHING THAT I THINK WOULD BE
5 BENEFICIAL TO ALL OF US. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DOESN'T REALLY
6 HAVE THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY IT HAD LAST YEAR AND THE YEAR
7 BEFORE, TO DO VACCINE DEVELOPMENT. BUT I REALLY RESPECTED WHAT
8 SUPERVISOR KUEHL SAID ABOUT, "THE KEY IS GOING TO CONTINUE TO
9 BE EFFECTIVE VACCINES AND EFFECTIVE BOOSTERS."

10

11 **SUP. HAHN:** AND BASICALLY, WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS, ONCE IT GETS
12 AUTHORIZED, WE'RE READY TO ROLL OUT HERE.

13

14 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** WE'RE READY TO ROLL.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, THAT WAS MY QUESTION. YEAH. THAT'S GOOD TO
17 KNOW. YEAH. THANK YOU.

18

19 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THE PLAN IS DONE. WE'VE ALREADY DONE OUR
20 FIRST-WAVE AND SECOND-WAVE ORDERS.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** GOOD. WELL, THOSE ARE MOST OF THE QUESTIONS I AM
23 GETTING, ARE, "WHEN DO WE DO IT FOR UNDER 5?" AND THEN I HAVE
24 PEOPLE WANTING BOOSTERS, WHO ARE UNDER 50, SO...

25

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1 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. THE DOSES SHOULD GET HERE ON THE
2 20TH, WHICH MEANS WE COULD START VACCINATING ON THE 21ST.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY, GREAT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YES, SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** YEAH, JUST TO FOLLOW UP ON WHAT SUPERVISOR HAHN
11 JUST ASKED, I AM GETTING CONCERNS ABOUT THE DISABILITY
12 COMMUNITY THAT ARE UNDER 50, WONDERING WHEN THEY SHOULD GET
13 THEIR BOOSTER. THEY ARE NOT GETTING INFORMATION.

14

15 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** WELL, I MEAN, AGAIN, I THINK IT GOES BACK
16 TO THIS ISSUE, UNDER THE EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION, IT WAS
17 ONLY AUTHORIZED FOR A VERY NARROW GROUP OF FOLKS, BETWEEN THE
18 AGES OF 18 AND 50, WHO ARE MODERATELY OR SEVERELY
19 IMMUNOCOMPROMISED. SO WE'VE ENCOURAGED PEOPLE WHO ARE VERY
20 WORRIED, BECAUSE THEY HAVE SOME SERIOUS UNDERLYING HEALTH
21 CONDITIONS, BUT NOT SURE IF THEY WOULD MEET THAT DEFINITION,
22 TO TALK TO THEIR PROVIDER, AND THEN GET ADVICE FROM THEIR
23 PROVIDER ABOUT WHAT TO DO. IT IS A SELF-ATTESTATION AT THE
24 SITES. YOU DON'T NEED TO BRING A NOTE FROM YOUR DOCTOR THAT
25 SAYS YOU HAVE GOT THIS PARTICULAR CONDITION, IN ORDER TO GET

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1 THAT SECOND BOOSTER DOSE, BUT THE EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION
2 ONLY ALLOWS FOR A CERTAIN CATEGORY OF FOLKS TO GET THAT SECOND
3 BOOSTER DOSE. AND RIGHT NOW, 18-50 IS IF YOU ARE MODERATELY OR
4 SEVERELY IMMUNOCOMPROMISED. AND AGAIN, WE ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO
5 TALK TO THEIR CLINICIAN. WE DO HAVE OUR HELPLINE NUMBER.
6 THAT'S OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK. PEOPLE CAN CALL US, AS WELL. WE
7 ARE HAPPY TO TALK TO PEOPLE, BUT YOU DO HAVE TO ALIGN WITH
8 THAT AUTHORIZATION.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, DOCTOR; BOTH OF YOU.

11

12 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** WELL, THANK YOU.

13

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

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IMPORTANT, HEARTY
17 CONVERSATION. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR ASKING THAT
18 QUESTION ABOUT THE YOUNG PEOPLE. SO, IT IS GOOD TO KNOW THAT
19 THAT IS IMMINENT, AS PEOPLE PLAN FOR BOTH TRAVEL AND FOR THOSE
20 SUMMER CAMPS. THAT WOULD CONCERN ME. THIS IS A RECEIVED-AND-
21 FILED, AND HEARING NO OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.
22 COLLEAGUES, WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM 12: EXPANDING THE
23 PREPARING LOS ANGELES FOR COUNTY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM. THAT'S
24 RIGHT. THAT WAS A LITTLE ODD.

25

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** THAT'S EASY FOR YOU TO SAY.

2

3 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** RIGHT, EXACTLY. OR MAYBE NOT. IT WAS
4 HELD BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND I KNOW THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS IS
5 THE CO-AUTHOR, AS WELL. SO, SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. BEFORE I BEGIN
8 MY COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM, I WANT TO READ IN ONE SMALL BUT VERY
9 IMPORTANT ADDITION TO THE MOTION, TO MAKE SURE THAT THE MOTION
10 INCLUDES THE ANTI-RACISM, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION INITIATIVE,
11 WHICH WE SHORTENED TO A.R.D.I. SO, DIRECTIVE 1 SHOULD NOW
12 READ, QUOTE, "INSTRUCT THE DIRECTOR OF THE ECONOMIC
13 OPPORTUNITY, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
14 RESOURCES, THE ANTI-RACISM, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION
15 INITIATIVE, AND THE WORKER, EDUCATION, AND RESOURCE CENTER, TO
16 REPORT BACK IN 90 DAYS WITH AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TO REACH
17 THE GOAL OF 100 PERMANENT COUNTY JOB PLACEMENTS UNDER THE
18 P.L.A.C.E. PROGRAM IN FISCAL YEAR '22/'23, AND EXPAND TO 150
19 OR MORE, ANNUALLY, IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS," CLOSED QUOTE. SO, WE
20 JUST ADDED A.R.D.I. TO THOSE WHO WOULD BE PART OF THE REPORT-
21 BACK. I AM VERY PROUD TO BRING THE MOTION FORWARD, BECAUSE A
22 LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD ON THIS FOR A WHILE. I
23 APPRECIATE THE PARTNERSHIP AND THE JOINT LEADERSHIP OF
24 SUPERVISOR SOLIS SINCE DAY ONE. WE TALKED ABOUT AND FINALLY
25 WORKED ON CREATING THIS PROGRAM. YOU KNOW, I ALWAYS IMAGINED--

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1 AND I THINK EVEN BEFORE I WAS ELECTED I WAS TRYING TO THINK
2 ABOUT HOW THIS MIGHT HAPPEN-- THAT OUR ROLE AS A COUNTY REALLY
3 NEEDED TO EXTEND BEYOND JUST PROVIDING SAFETY-NET SERVICES TO
4 OUR RESIDENTS, BECAUSE MANY OF THEM SAY, "THANK YOU VERY MUCH
5 FOR THAT. I APPRECIATE IT, BUT I REALLY WOULD LOVE TO BE ABLE
6 TO GET A JOB. AND I NEED SOME TRAINING. I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO
7 THAT." SO, WE STARTED OUT LOOKING TO PROVIDE THEM WITH
8 TRAINING AND SUPPORT THEY NEED TO SECURE THESE FAMILY-
9 SUSTAINING CAREERS, AND LOOKED AT OUR OWN DEPARTMENTS. I MEAN,
10 WE EMPLOY MORE THAN 110,000 PEOPLE. THAT'S ONE OUT OF EVERY
11 100 PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY WORKS FOR THE COUNTY. SO IT'S NOT
12 LIKE WE ALWAYS HAVE A MILLION JOBS AVAILABLE, BUT WE HAVE GOOD
13 ENTRY-LEVEL JOBS. SO, WITH THE P.L.A.C.E. PROGRAM, OVER 140
14 PARTICIPANTS HAVE GONE FROM BEING OUR COUNTY CLIENTS TO BEING
15 OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES. AND WE CAN'T UNDERESTIMATE THE LEVEL OF
16 COORDINATION AND COLLABORATION THAT IT TOOK, JUST TO BEGIN
17 THIS PROGRAM AT THAT LEVEL. SO, I WANT TO THANK THE C.E.O.'S
18 TEAM-- WHICH IS NOW, ACTUALLY, AT OUR NEW DEPARTMENT OF
19 ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY-- FOR WORKING SO DILIGENTLY WITH W.E.R.C.
20 AND COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, ACROSS A LOT OF DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER
21 PARTNERS, TO CREATE THE PROGRAM, TO LAUNCH THE PROGRAM, AND TO
22 MANAGE IT. SO, I THANK THE WORKER EDUCATION AND RESOURCE
23 CENTER FOR WORKING WITH OUR DEPARTMENTS TO DESIGN TRAINING AND
24 PROVIDE SUPPORTS THAT MET THE HIRING NEEDS OF OUR DEPARTMENTS,
25 BUT ALSO THE TRAINING NEEDS OF OUR CLIENTS. I MEAN, WE TAKE A

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1 LOT FOR GRANTED ABOUT WHAT PEOPLE KNOW, AND MANY TIMES, THERE
2 NEEDS TO BE SOMEWHAT SPECIALIZED TRAINING. THESE ARE PEOPLE
3 WHOM LIFE HAS REALLY BATTERED DOWN, AND THEY NEED REAL HELP
4 UNDERSTANDING HOW THEY LEARN. AND I THINK THIS PROGRAM HAS
5 REALLY PAID ATTENTION TO THAT. ALSO WANT TO APPLAUD THE
6 LEADERSHIP OF OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE
7 PROGRAM BY PLACING P.L.A.C.E. PARTICIPANTS, AND WHO HAVE ALSO
8 BENEFITED BY ONBOARDING THEM. WE ARE HEARING, "THANK YOU. THEY
9 ARE VERY EAGER. THEY REALLY ARE HAPPY TO BE WORKING, AND WELL
10 TRAINED." OUR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, OUR DEPARTMENT OF
11 PUBLIC WORKS, OUR DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS, PARKS AND
12 RECREATION, PUBLIC DEFENDER, AND CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES. SO,
13 AS WE LAUNCH OUR NEW DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND
14 LIFT UP OUR EFFORTS TO CREATE HIGH-ROAD TRAINING PARTNERSHIPS
15 WITH EMPLOYERS IN GROWTH SECTORS THAT PROVIDE WORKERS WITH
16 CAREER PATHWAYS AND GOOD WAGES, WE CAN POINT TO OURSELVES, AND
17 SAY, "YEAH, WE ARE DOING IT. IT IS REALLY SUCCESSFUL. YOU CAN
18 DO IT, TOO," AND TO SHOW THE P.L.A.C.E. PROGRAM AS A MODEL FOR
19 OTHER LARGE INSTITUTIONAL EMPLOYERS TO FOLLOW. SO, THANK YOU,
20 MADAM CHAIR, AND I ASK MY COLLEAGUES FOR AN AYE VOTE.

21
22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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24 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU,
25 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE A PART OF THIS

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1 IMPORTANT MOTION. IT'S CLEAR THAT OUR MISSION IS TO TRY TO
2 MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN ALLOW FOR OUR RESIDENTS TO EXPERIENCE A
3 FULL BOUNTY OF BENEFITS, AS YOU STATED; NOT JUST RECEIVING
4 SERVICES BECAUSE OF OUR SAFETY-NET PROTECTION THAT WE HAVE IN
5 PLACE, BUT GOING FURTHER AND PROVIDING JOBS AND GOOD WORK
6 EXPERIENCE, FOR PEOPLE TO MOVE UP AND REALLY ESTABLISH A
7 CAREER. AND I AM REALLY HAPPY THAT THIS MOTION IS GOING TO
8 HELP OPEN UP OPPORTUNITIES, NOT IN JUST THE DEPARTMENTS THAT
9 WE'VE TALKED ABOUT, THAT YOU MENTIONED ALREADY, BUT HOPEFULLY
10 ENGAGE MORE OF OUR OTHER DEPARTMENTS THAT MIGHT BE ABSENT, IN
11 TERMS OF THIS P.L.A.C.E. PROGRAM. I AM REALLY HAPPY TO SEE
12 THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE LOOKING AT CREATING JOBS OF THE FUTURE,
13 AND REALLY ENHANCING OPPORTUNITIES, SO THAT PEOPLE CAN START
14 TO LOOK AT HIGH-ROAD TRAINING JOBS THAT PAY LIVABLE WAGES. AND
15 I THINK THAT HAS TO BE UNDERSCORED, TIME AND TIME AGAIN, AND I
16 REALLY BELIEVE THAT WE ARE AT A GOOD PLACE RIGHT NOW. I WANT
17 TO THANK THE E.O., THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, THE W.D.A.C.S.
18 STAFF, EVERYBODY THAT HAS HAD A HAND-- OUR H.R. DEPARTMENT--
19 IN MAKING THIS A REALITY. SO OFTEN, I WILL GO AND TALK TO
20 STUDENTS, AND TELL THEM, "IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN AN
21 INTERNSHIP, START THERE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GETTING A
22 JOB, AND MAYBE GOING TO SCHOOL AT THE SAME TIME, START WITH
23 THE COUNTY." WE HAVE ALL THESE WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES, AND
24 ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE COMING OUT OF OUR
25 SERVICES, KNOWING THAT THEY CAN SOON BE INDEPENDENT. THIS IS

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1 ONE WAY OF UNLEASHING THAT POTENTIAL, AND VERY EXCITED TO BE A
2 PART OF THIS: SOMETHING THAT I STRONGLY BELIEVE IN. AND AS
3 SECRETARY OF LABOR, WAS VERY HAPPY TO PUSH THESE INITIATIVES
4 OUT WITH THEN-PRESIDENT PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA AND OUR CABINET
5 MEMBERS. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH, AND I, TOO, ENCOURAGE ALL OF US
6 TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PROGRAM, AND SUPPORT EVERY EFFORT
7 THAT YOU HAVE TAKEN FORWARD, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND THIS BOARD,
8 AND OUR C.E.O., AS WELL. THANK YOU FOR HELPING US ENVISION AND
9 REIMAGINING WHAT THE COUNTY CAN BE FOR SO MANY OF OUR
10 RESIDENTS. THANK YOU.

11
12 **SUP. KUEHL:** AND, MADAM CHAIR, LET ME CHALLENGE SOME OF OUR
13 DEPARTMENTS THAT HAVEN'T YET QUITE STEPPED UP. I WANT TO TALK
14 TO SELWYN AND BRANDON AND JACKIE AND SKYE, BECAUSE I SEE SOME
15 REAL OPPORTUNITIES, MAYBE, AT I.S.D. AND D.P.S.S., D.C.F.S.
16 AND THE LIBRARY. SOME REALLY GOOD ENTRY-LEVEL JOBS THERE, SO
17 MAYBE WE WILL GET A LITTLE COMPETITION GOING. WE LOVE
18 COMPETITION. BUT ALSO THE W.H.A.M. INITIATIVES; YOU KNOW, THE
19 FOUR INITIATIVES THAT WERE PASSED-- W, H, A, AND M. AND THEY
20 HAVE SOMEWHAT SIMILAR KIND OF JOBS; MAYBE SOME JOINT TRAINING.
21 I SEE A REAL FUTURE FOR THIS, AND REALLY FOR OUR
22 BENEFICIARIES. SO, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

23
24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.
25 AND AS YOU MENTIONED THOSE ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENTS, I OFTEN

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1 TELL THE STORY OF REMEMBERING THE FACT THAT MY MOTHER WAS A
2 YOUNG SOCIAL WORKER WORKING FOR L.A. COUNTY; HOW THERE WAS A
3 PILOT PROJECT THEN, PROBABLY 60 YEARS AGO, WHERE SHE HIRED
4 MANY WOMEN OFF OF HER OWN CASELOAD. SO, I AGREE WITH YOU. AND
5 CERTAINLY, WHEN I WAS RUNNING CRYSTAL STAIRS, DURING ONE OF
6 THE ITERATIONS OF FEDERAL WELFARE REFORM, THERE WAS YET
7 ANOTHER PROGRAM WHERE BEING A CHILDCARE PROVIDER WAS REALLY
8 PERCEIVED AS AN INDUSTRY WHERE PEOPLE COULD TRANSITION OFF OF
9 CASH AID AND START THEIR OWN SMALL BUSINESSES IN THEIR HOMES.
10 SO YOU'RE RIGHT: FOR THE COUNTY TO STEP UP, AS WELL AS THE
11 NONPROFIT SECTOR-- ALL EMPLOYERS-- THAT'S IMPORTANT. WORKFORCE
12 DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, HAS ALWAYS BEEN
13 A SAFETY-NET ISSUE, SO I THINK IT'S CRITICAL THAT WE CONTINUE
14 TO LINK THE TWO, AND WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE YOU TAKING THE
15 AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE A.R.D.I. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, MUTE YOURSELF.
16 APPRECIATE YOU INCLUDING A.R.D.I. IN THE LANGUAGE, AS WELL. I
17 THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT.

18
19 **SUP. KUEHL:** LET ME ADD, TOO, THE FIRST NAME OF DR. SCORZA IS
20 D'ARTAGNAN. AND, OF COURSE, IF YOU READ "THE THREE
21 MUSKETEERS," YOU KNOW THAT D'ARTAGNAN WAS AN INTERN,
22 ESSENTIALLY, TO THE THREE MUSKETEERS, LEARNING HOW TO DO IT,
23 SO IT IS TOTALLY APPROPRIATE. [LAUGHTER].

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THAT'S FUNNY. OKAY. AND WITH THAT,
2 SEEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 12, AS REVISED, IS BEFORE US.
3 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, TO
4 APPROVE THE ITEM AS AMENDED. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL
5 ROLL.

6

7 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** ITEM 12 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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11 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

14

15 **>JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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17 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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19 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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21 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

22

23 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR
24 MITCHELL?

25

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

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

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6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 16, REVISITING OPTIONS FOR GUN
7 CONTROL IN L.A. COUNTY. IT WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND
8 CO-AUTHORED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT WE
11 ARE FACING A GUN VIOLENCE EPIDEMIC IN OUR NATION. THERE'S
12 SIMPLY TOO MANY GUNS OUT IN OUR COMMUNITIES. I WAS REMINDED OF
13 THAT WHEN I DID A GUN BUY-BACK RECENTLY IN LYNWOOD, AND IN
14 JUST AN AFTERNOON, WE GOT 400 GUNS THAT WERE TURNED BACK IN.
15 AND THIS WEEKEND, WE SAW MARCHES ALL ACROSS OUR COUNTRY,
16 ORGANIZED BY STUDENTS THROUGH MARCH FOR OUR LIVES. YOUNG
17 PEOPLE ACROSS THE NATION ARE BEGGING THOSE OF US WHO CAN, TO
18 TAKE ACTION AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE. IT LOOKS LIKE CONGRESS MIGHT
19 ACT AT A FEDERAL LEVEL. THEY SEEM TO HAVE A FRAMEWORK, BUT IT
20 HASN'T BEEN VOTED ON YET. AND I WAS THERE FOR A LOT OF YEARS,
21 AND WE THOUGHT THINGS WERE GOING TO MOVE FORWARD, AND THEY
22 DIDN'T. SO, I WANTED TO TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT WE COULD DO, AS
23 COUNTY SUPERVISORS HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND I WANTED TO
24 LOOK AT COMMONSENSE GUN MEASURES THAT WE CAN ENACT HERE AT THE
25 LOCAL LEVEL, THAT WE KNOW WOULD SAVE LIVES. I KNOW THERE'S NO

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1 SINGLE SOLUTION, BUT I THINK MAKING IT HARDER FOR PEOPLE TO
2 BUY GUNS IS THE BARE MINIMUM THAT WE CAN AND SHOULD DO. AND I
3 WANT TO LOOK INTO COMMONSENSE REGULATIONS THAT WE CAN
4 IMPLEMENT IN L.A. COUNTY: THINGS LIKE RAISING THE POSSESSION
5 AGE FOR RIFLES TO 21; BANNING THOSE .50-CALIBER HANDGUNS.
6 THOSE ARE THE GUNS THAT CARRY THOSE HUGE BULLETS THAT ARE HALF
7 AN INCH IN DIAMETER. ENACTING A SAFE STORAGE ORDINANCE, LIKE
8 THE CITY OF L.A. HAS DONE; ADOPTING BUFFER ZONES BETWEEN GUN
9 VENDORS AND SCHOOLS; AND PROHIBITING PEOPLE WHO ARE ON THE NO-
10 FLY LIST FROM BUYING GUNS. IF YOU ARE TOO DANGEROUS TO FLY ON
11 A PLANE, I THINK YOU ARE TOO DANGEROUS TO BUY A GUN. THESE ARE
12 JUST SOME OF THE THINGS THAT I HAVE BEEN THINKING ABOUT. BACK
13 IN 2018, THIS BOARD ASKED OUR LAWYERS TO REPORT ON THESE TYPES
14 OF OPTIONS, ALONG WITH LOOKING INTO HOW TO SET UP A COUNTYWIDE
15 VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM. AND WHEN WE GOT THE REPORT BACK,
16 WE MOVED FORWARD WITH ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE
17 PREVENTION, WHICH DOES AMAZING WORK TO INTERCEPT CYCLES OF
18 VIOLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITIES, BUT WE DIDN'T MOVE FORWARD WITH
19 ANY OF THE GUN REGULATION OPTIONS THAT WERE PRESENTED TO US.
20 SO, NOW I THINK IT IS TIME AGAIN FOR US TO ASK COUNTY COUNSEL
21 TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THAT REPORT, UPDATE IT, SEE WHAT HAS
22 BEEN HAPPENING, AND SEE IF WE CAN ENACT COMMONSENSE GUN
23 REGULATIONS HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. AND I ALSO WANTED TO LOOK AT
24 STRENGTHENING THE ENFORCEMENT OF OUR EXISTING LAWS. I KNOW WE
25 HEAR A LOT FROM PEOPLE, LIKE, "WE JUST NEED TO ENFORCE THE

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1 LAWS ALREADY ON THE BOOKS," BUT, FOR EXAMPLE, IT HAS COME TO
2 MY ATTENTION THAT THERE ARE OFTEN GAPS IN COLLABORATION ACROSS
3 JURISDICTIONS, WHEN IT COMES TO THOSE RED FLAG LAWS AND PEOPLE
4 PROHIBITED FROM OWNING A FIREARM. AND WE NEED TO MAKE SURE
5 THAT WHEN SOMEONE THREATENS VIOLENCE OR COMMITS A SERIOUS
6 CRIME, THEIR GUNS CAN BE REMOVED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, WHICH
7 IS A TASK THAT FALLS TO OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. SO THAT'S
8 WHY THIS MOTION ASKS COUNTY COUNSEL TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS
9 ON WAYS TO IMPROVE THE ENFORCEMENT OF EXISTING REGULATIONS
10 HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. AND THEN, FINALLY, MADAM CHAIR, I WAS
11 GOING TO READ IN TWO NEW DIRECTIVES TO THIS MOTION. FIRST ONE
12 WILL ASK TO EXPLORE WHAT IT WOULD TAKE FOR OUR DEPARTMENT OF
13 PUBLIC HEALTH TO DECLARE GUN VIOLENCE A PUBLIC HEALTH
14 EMERGENCY, AND IF THAT TYPE OF DECLARATION COULD HELP US IN
15 OUR FIGHT AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE. AND THEN ANOTHER DIRECTIVE: I
16 THINK WE SHOULD SUPPORT THIS NEW BIPARTISAN DEAL. I DON'T KNOW
17 IF IT'S A DEAL, BUT IT DOES LOOK LIKE THEY ARE MOVING THE BALL
18 FORWARD, THAT OUR SENATORS REACHED OVER THE WEEKEND IN D.C.
19 SO, HERE IS THE THIRD AND FOURTH DIRECTIVES. THREE: "DIRECT
20 COUNTY COUNSEL, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
21 HEALTH, TO REPORT BACK TO THIS BOARD IN 60 DAYS ON THE
22 POSSIBILITY OF DECLARING GUN VIOLENCE A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS,
23 AND THE LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND BENEFITS OF DOING SO." AND THEN
24 NUMBER FOUR: "DIRECT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE'S LEGISLATIVE
25 AFFAIRS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATION'S BRANCH TO ADVOCATE

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1 AND SUPPORT THE FEDERAL BIPARTISAN FRAMEWORK FOR GUN VIOLENCE
2 PREVENTION MEASURES." I AM DOING THIS BECAUSE WE HAVE TO DO
3 SOMETHING, AND I THINK OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, OUR PARENTS OF THOSE
4 KIDS THAT WERE KILLED IN TEXAS, ARE BEGGING US LAWMAKERS TO
5 JUST DO SOMETHING. WE CAN'T DO EVERYTHING, BUT I BELIEVE WE
6 SHOULD DO SOMETHING. AND WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE
7 SAFETY OF OUR RESIDENTS IN L.A. COUNTY, AND, I THINK, FOR ME,
8 PARTICULARLY FOR THE KIDS IN OUR SCHOOLS, AND THE PARENTS WHO
9 NOW ARE ANXIOUS EVERY TIME THEY DROP THEIR KIDS OFF AT SCHOOL.
10 THEY WANT TO BE ABLE TO PICK THEM UP AT THE END OF THE DAY.
11 SO, I HOPE YOU WILL JOIN ME. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
12 FOR BEING MY CO-AUTHOR.

13

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

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16 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK
17 YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING MORE TIMELY
18 RIGHT NOW. AND THE DISCUSSION AND DEBATE IS GOING ON ACROSS
19 THE COUNTRY, AND EVERYONE IS LOOKING AT OUR COUNTRY TO SEE
20 WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO. BUT WE CAN DO THINGS HERE IN L.A.
21 COUNTY, I THINK, AT A REMARKABLE PACE. AND I DON'T THINK THAT
22 IT IS LOST ON ANYONE, REGARDING THE VERY SERIOUS LIVES THAT
23 HAVE BEEN LOST IN SCHOOL-RELATED SHOOTINGS: THE COLUMBINE
24 SCHOOL SHOOTING IN 1999, THE SANDY HOOK SCHOOL SHOOTING IN
25 2012, THE PULSE NIGHTCLUB SHOOTING IN 2016, AND THE MOST

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1 RECENT SCHOOL SHOOTING IN UVALDE, TEXAS. AND I ALSO WANT TO
2 MENTION THAT IT DOESN'T JUST HAPPEN AT SCHOOLS, BUT
3 EVERYWHERE. IN FACT, ALMOST TWO, THREE YEARS AGO, THERE WAS A
4 SHOOTING OF A HOMELESS WOMAN WHO WAS SLEEPING NEAR OUR OFFICE
5 IN EAST LOS ANGELES, AND HER NAME WAS AMANDA LOPEZ. IT IS
6 REALLY INCREDIBLE, WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND OUR COUNTRY AND IN
7 LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND WE KNOW THAT EACH SHOOTING TAKES
8 SOMEBODY'S LIFE AWAY. AND WE HAVE TO GO WAY BEYOND THIS NOW,
9 AND I DO BELIEVE THAT THIS MOTION WILL HELP US GET THERE. I
10 KNOW THAT, NOT IN L.A. COUNTY, HOWEVER, BUT JUST A COUPLE OF
11 MEETINGS AGO, THIS BOARD SUPPORTED MOTIONS TO ENFORCE THE
12 POSSESSION OF GHOST GUNS, POTENTIALLY BANNING THEIR SALE, AND
13 NOW LOOK WHAT WE SEE: THIS MOTION IS BEFORE US. BY DIRECTING
14 OUR COUNTY COUNSEL TO CONDUCT LEGAL ANALYSIS AND REVIEW THOSE
15 GUN REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTED AND PROPOSED BY DIFFERENT LEVELS
16 OF GOVERNANCE, WE CAN DETERMINE MORE CONCRETE ACTIONS THAT
17 THIS BOARD CAN TAKE ON TO HELP SAVE LIVES. IT IS NOT JUST
18 ABOUT THE MASS SHOOTINGS, BUT IT IS SHOOTINGS THAT HAPPEN EACH
19 AND EVERY DAY, AND THAT INCLUDES SHOOTINGS CAUSED BY DOMESTIC
20 VIOLENCE. JUST LAST WEEK, THERE WAS A TRAGIC DEATH OF A
21 GIRLFRIEND AND HER YOUNG SON. AND ALTHOUGH THE INVESTIGATION
22 IS ONGOING, DETECTIVES BELIEVE IT WAS A DOMESTIC-RELATED
23 INCIDENT, AS THE BOYFRIEND FLED THE SCENE. SADLY, THESE TYPES
24 OF VIOLENT INCIDENTS OCCUR REGULARLY IN THE FIRST DISTRICT
25 AND, I BELIEVE, COUNTYWIDE. THAT'S WHY I AM GLAD THAT THE

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1 MOTION WILL ALSO SUPPORT THE WORK THAT IS HAPPENING RIGHT NOW,
2 AS OUTLINED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND I DO
3 BELIEVE THEY ARE ON A CUSP OF COMING TO SOME COMPROMISE. COULD
4 IT BE STRONGER? YES, BUT WE CAN'T ALLOW FOR THE PERFECT TO
5 DEFEAT OUR EFFORTS IN TRYING TO REACH A BIPARTISAN AGREEMENT.
6 SO, AGAIN, I WANT TO APPLAUD SUPERVISOR HAHN AND ALL OF OUR
7 GUN FRIEND ADVOCATES FOR GUN CONTROL, AND ESPECIALLY THOSE
8 FAMILIES THAT ARE VICTIMIZED BY WHAT APPEARS TO BE, IN MANY
9 WAYS, AN OUT-OF-CONTROL PROBLEM WITH WHO HAS ACCESS TO THESE
10 GUNS, AND ALSO TRYING TO PROVIDE BETTER TOOLS, SO THAT WE CAN
11 TAKE CARE OF OUR RESIDENTS HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. I, TOO, ASK
12 FOR YOUR AYE VOTE. THANK YOU, AGAIN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR,
13 AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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

16
17 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT
18 THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL WEBSITES THAT KEEP TRACK OF MASS
19 SHOOTINGS, JUST IN THE UNITED STATES, WHICH THEY DEFINE AS A
20 SHOOTING WHERE FOUR OR MORE PEOPLE ARE KILLED; AND THERE HAVE
21 BEEN 250, UP UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF THIS MONTH, JUST IN THIS
22 YEAR. SO, IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 2022, 250 MASS
23 SHOOTINGS; AND INCLUDING ONE, JUNE 12TH, IN L.A., ACCORDING TO
24 THIS LIST. SO, IT'S NOT JUST A SCHOOL IN TEXAS, OR A COLLEGE
25 SOMEWHERE, OR A SYNAGOGUE SOMEWHERE. IT IS REALLY, EVERYWHERE

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1 YOU GO, YOU ARE IN DANGER. COULD BE A BIG-BOX STORE. IT COULD
2 BE YOUR MARKET, AS WE HAVE SEEN. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO
3 YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR THIS MOTION. I
4 STRONGLY SUPPORT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND I WOULD LIKE TO ADD MY
7 VOICE IN THANKING SUPERVISORS HAHN AND SOLIS. WHEN I SAW THE
8 MOTION, I WENT BACK AND READ THE 2018 REPORT, BECAUSE OF
9 COURSE I WASN'T HERE, AND IT WAS CLEAR TO ME THAT, WHILE WE
10 HAVE LIMITED OPTIONS AS LOCAL GOVERNMENT, THERE IS STILL LOTS
11 OF ROOM FOR US TO GO, BASED ON THE 2018 REPORT, AND ALSO BASED
12 ON THE REALITIES OF WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN THE GUN MANUFACTURING
13 INDUSTRY BETWEEN 2018 AND NOW. SUPERVISOR SOLIS MENTIONED THE
14 GHOST GUNS. I WENT TO A CONFERENCE THAT ASSEMBLYMAN MIKE
15 GIPSON CONVENED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, AT CAL STATE DOMINGUEZ
16 HILLS, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION,
17 AND SAW THIS DEMONSTRATION OF GHOST GUNS, AND HOW YOU CAN
18 ORDER INDIVIDUAL PARTS ONLINE, AND HOW QUICKLY THE OFFICER
19 ASSEMBLED THEM; HOW THEY DON'T HAVE SERIAL NUMBERS. IT WAS--
20 AND HOW YOU CAN THEN GO ON YOUTUBE TO FIND A VIDEO THAT'S IN
21 THE PUBLIC DOMAIN, TO SHOW YOU HOW TO ASSEMBLE ALL THESE PARTS
22 THAT COME FROM SEPARATE SOURCES IN OUR U.S. MAIL SYSTEM. SO, I
23 LOOK FORWARD TO THIS NEW REPORT-BACK THAT WILL HOPEFULLY
24 INCLUDE ADDITIONAL AREAS THAT WE DO HAVE THE POWER, AS LOCAL
25 GOVERNMENT, TO OPINE ON, AND COMPLETELY SUPPORT YOUR

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1 AMENDMENT, WHERE WE WILL ASK OUR ADVOCATES TO LEND OUR VOICE
2 IN SUPPORT TO WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE FEDERAL ACTION, AT THE
3 FEDERAL LEVEL; AND HOPE AGAIN, GIVEN THE SERIES OF PACKAGES
4 THAT ARE BEING INTRODUCED-- AGAIN, AROUND THE GHOST GUN ISSUE--
5 - AT OUR STATE LEGISLATURE, THAT WE WEIGH IN THERE, AS WELL.
6 SUPERVISOR BARGER?

7

8 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, AND I WAS HAPPY TO SEE THE AMENDMENT,
9 WHERE WE ARE SUPPORTING THE LEGISLATION-- THE BIPARTISAN
10 LEGISLATION-- IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THERE'S NO QUESTION, THE
11 TIME HAS COME. I ACTUALLY DIDN'T REALIZE THAT YOU COULD BE 18
12 YEARS OLD AND GO OUT AND BUY A WEAPON; AND YET, YOU CAN'T GO
13 OUT AND BUY ALCOHOL UNTIL YOU ARE 21. AND SO I THINK THAT
14 THERE IS A LOT OF WORK TO DO IN D.C., AS IT RELATES TO
15 LEVELING THE PLAYING FIELD. AND YOU BROUGHT IT UP, SUPERVISOR
16 HAHN, AS IT RELATES TO DIFFERENT JURISDICTIONS, AND HOW THEY
17 INTERPRET, AND HOW THEY APPLY. AND I THINK THAT THAT'S
18 SOMETHING THAT I THINK NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT. THE ONE THING I
19 ALSO WOULD LIKE TO FIND OUT, AND I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF YOU KNOW
20 IT: WHEN YOU HAD THE GUNS TURNED IN, HOW MANY OF THOSE WERE
21 GUNS THAT WERE ILLEGALLY PURCHASED? AND I GUESS WHAT I WOULD
22 SAY IS, WHILE WE ARE TALKING ABOUT, IN THE CASE OF SOME OF
23 THESE MASS SHOOTINGS, THESE GUNS WERE LEGALLY PURCHASED. WHAT
24 ABOUT THOSE THAT ARE CURRENTLY OUT PURCHASING ILLEGAL GUNS?
25 AND WHEN SUPERVISOR KUEHL WAS TALKING ABOUT IN THE MARKET, YOU

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1 COULD BE IN YOUR FRONT LAWN AND HAVE A DRIVE-BY. I THINK THAT
2 WE NEED TO ALSO LOOK AT CRACKING DOWN ON THAT MARKET, BECAUSE
3 THAT IS A VERY REAL AND THRIVING MARKET; NOT JUST IN L.A.
4 COUNTY, BUT ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SO, YOU SHUT DOWN THE LEGAL
5 PURCHASE, YOU ARE STILL GOING TO HAVE THOSE THAT ARE GOING TO
6 BE SELLING ON THE BLACK MARKET, SO I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING
7 THAT WE SHOULD BE LOOKING AT, AS WELL, WORKING WITH LAW
8 ENFORCEMENT, WHO OBVIOUSLY HAS THE ABILITY TO ENFORCE THAT.
9 BUT I SUPPORT THIS MOTION. I APPRECIATE IT, AND I AM REALLY
10 HAPPY THAT YOU BROUGHT IN THE AMENDMENT, TO HAVE US LEND OUR
11 VOICE, AS IT RELATES TO WHAT IS MOVING THROUGH WASHINGTON,
12 D.C. SO, THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH. CAN I JUST ADD, YEAH, I REALLY DO THINK WE
15 NEED TO GIVE THEM ENCOURAGEMENT AS A BIPARTISAN FRAMEWORK,
16 FINALLY. I REMEMBER, WHEN I WAS IN CONGRESS, THAT WAS THE
17 GREAT 24-HOUR SIT-IN ON THE HOUSE FLOOR; THAT I SAT ON THE
18 HOUSE FLOOR WITH THEN-CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS, AND ALL WE WERE
19 DOING WAS ASKING FOR IT TO BE BROUGHT TO A VOTE. THERE WAS
20 LEGISLATION, BUT IT WAS NEVER BROUGHT TO A VOTE. SO, HAVING
21 THIS GET THIS FAR, AND BROUGHT TO A VOTE, I THINK NEEDS ALL
22 THE ENCOURAGEMENT IT CAN GET FROM ALL OF US. SO, YEAH, THANK
23 YOU.

24

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I COULDN'T AGREE WITH YOU MORE. THANK
2 YOU. ITEM 16, AS REVISED, IS BEFORE US; MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
3 HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
4 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

5

6 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** ITEM 16, AS REVISED TO INCLUDE DIRECTIVES
7 3 AND 4, AS READ IN BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, IS BEFORE YOU.
8 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

11

12 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

15

16 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

19

20 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

21

22 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

23

24 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR
25 MITCHELL?

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1

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

3

4 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES,
5 5-0.

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7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ITEM 20, AWARD EXCLUSIVE
8 NEGOTIATION AGREEMENT FOR HONOR RANCH DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. IT
9 WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. SUPERVISOR?

10

11 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WILL MAKE THIS BRIEF.
12 THIS IS MORE JUST TO HIGHLIGHT THE FACT THAT THIS MOTION THAT
13 I AM BRINGING IN TODAY IS REALLY SOMETHING I AM EXCITED ABOUT.
14 I HAVE BEEN WORKING ON IT A LONG TIME IN MY DISTRICT, AND IT
15 IS GOING TO BE, REALLY, A START OF A PARTNERSHIP FOR
16 [INAUDIBLE] DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY IN THE SANTA CLARITA
17 VALLEY. I AM SITTING AT MORE THAN 200 ACRES. THE HONOR RANCH
18 PROPERTY IS ONE OF THE LARGEST COUNTY-OWNED PARCELS OF
19 UNDEVELOPED LAND IN THE CASTAIC COMMUNITY. IT IS RIGHT OFF THE
20 5 FREEWAY. YOU HAVE PROBABLY DRIVEN BY IT 100 TIMES. THE SANTA
21 CLARITA VALLEY IS ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING AREAS OF LOS
22 ANGELES COUNTY, IN TERMS OF POPULATION AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITY;
23 HOWEVER, AS A REGION, PROJECTS TO INCREASE ITS POPULATION BY
24 30% BY 2040, NEARLY TWICE THE RATE OF THE REST OF THE COUNTY.
25 THERE IS SIGNIFICANT NEED FOR GREATER INVESTMENT IN ECONOMIC

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1 AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES UP IN THAT AREA. AS
2 THE REGION BUILDS OUT, THERE IS SIGNIFICANT EFFORT TO PLAN FOR
3 CRITICALLY NEEDED HOUSING, INCLUDING THE FIVEPOINT VALENCIA
4 DEVELOPMENT, A NET-ZERO PROJECT. APPROXIMATELY 32,000 NEW
5 HOUSING UNITS, ALONG WITH 5 MILLION SQUARE FEET OF COMMERCIAL
6 AND RETAIL, AND 3 MILLION SQUARE FEET OF INDUSTRIAL
7 DEVELOPMENT, ARE PLANNED FOR THAT REGION. LAST WEEK, I HAD THE
8 CHANCE TO TOUR THE MISSION VILLAGE, AND THIS IS THE FIRST OF
9 MANY PLANNED VILLAGES WITHIN THE FIVEPOINT VALENCIA PROJECT.
10 AND I CAN TELL YOU THAT THE FUTURE IN THE REGION LOOKS BRIGHT,
11 ESPECIALLY SINCE THEY ARE TRYING TO CREATE JOBS UP IN THAT
12 REGION, SO PEOPLE DON'T HAVE TO TRAVEL ON THE 5 FREEWAY TO
13 COME DOWN BELOW. IT IS A WELL-PLANNED AND SUSTAINABLE NEW
14 DEVELOPMENT, AND IT'S BRINGING MUCH-NEEDED AND ATTAINABLE
15 HOUSING FOR THE COUNTY'S WORKFORCE. AS THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
16 HAS CONTINUED TO ENCOURAGE THE COLLOCATION OF HOUSING AND JOB
17 CENTERS, BRINGING ADDITIONAL INDUSTRY TO THE REGION WILL
18 SUPPORT THE LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY OF THAT AREA. ECONOMIC
19 FORECASTING INDICATES THERE IS SIGNIFICANT DEMAND FOR NEW
20 INDUSTRY AND HIGH-WAGE JOBS. TRIMELCO COMPANY, WHICH SUBMITTED
21 THE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS PROPOSAL TO THE COUNTY'S REQUEST FOR
22 PROPOSALS, HAS A LONG AND SUSTAINED TRACK RECORD OF SUCCESSFUL
23 COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT. THEIR PROPOSAL FOR OUR NEARLY 2-
24 MILLION-SQUARE-FOOT MIXED-USE PROJECT INCLUDES AN INDUSTRIAL
25 PARK, LIFE-SCIENCE OFFICES AND RETAIL, IN ADDITION TO PARKING

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1 AND TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE. THE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY
2 HAS A CHANCE TO SUPPORT THE CONTINUED GROWTH OF THE REGION BY
3 INVESTING IN A RANGE OF INDUSTRIES AND SECTORS, INCLUDING
4 BIOSCIENCE, LIFE SCIENCES, MANUFACTURING, AND DISTRIBUTION AND
5 COMMERCIAL RETAIL. IN ADDITION TO SUPPORTING THE REGION'S
6 GROWTH, THIS DEVELOPMENT HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BRING MUCH-
7 NEEDED COMMERCIAL AND RETAIL DEVELOPMENT TO SUPPORT THE
8 CASTAIC COMMUNITY. THE CURRENT VACANCY RATE IS LESS THAN--
9 IT'S ABOUT 1%, SO THERE'S A HIGH NEED UP THERE. AND AGAIN, IT
10 CREATES JOBS, AND IT ALLOWS PEOPLE TO LIVE AND WORK IN THEIR
11 COMMUNITY. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK BOTH THE C.E.O. AND THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO HELP BRING
13 THIS AGREEMENT FORWARD, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO COLLABORATION
14 BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND TRIMELCO, AS THE FUTURE OF THIS
15 DEVELOPMENT CONTINUES. SO, I WOULD ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.
16 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

17
18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY FURTHER COMMENTS? SEEING
19 NONE, ITEM 20 IS BEFORE US; MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER,
20 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE
21 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

22
23 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** ITEM 20 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

24
25 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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1

2 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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4 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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6 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

9

10 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

13

14 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR

15 MITCHELL?

16

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

18

19 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES,

20 5-0.

21

22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 23-- CARE WITH PRIDE: ESTABLISHING

23 A GENDER HEALTH PROGRAM IN L.A. COUNTY-- WAS HELD BY

24 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR, AND THE CO-AUTHOR, SUPERVISOR

25 KUEHL.

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1

2 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND I ALSO
3 WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR JOINING ME ON THIS VERY
4 IMPORTANT MOTION, AND FOR BEING A DECADES-LONG CHAMPION ON
5 L.G.B.T.Q.+ RIGHTS. COLLEAGUES, AS WE ALL KNOW, JUNE IS PRIDE
6 MONTH, A MONTH OF CELEBRATION FOR ONE OF OUR MOST JOYFUL AND
7 RESILIENT COMMUNITIES: OUR L.G.B.T.Q.+ RESIDENTS. LAST YEAR,
8 AS YOU KNOW, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED SUPERVISOR KUEHL
9 AND MY MOTION, CARE WITH PRIDE, WHICH STARTED A PROCESS TO
10 MAKE SURE THAT WHEN L.G.B.T.Q.+ RESIDENTS VISIT OUR HEALTH
11 CLINICS, THEY WOULD COME WITH THE PEACE OF MIND, KNOWING THAT
12 THEY HAD ACCESS TO CARE THAT THEY NEEDED. THIS KICKED OFF A
13 YEAR OF INTERNAL ANALYSIS, AS WELL AS ROBUST COMMUNITY
14 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT. D.H.S. IDENTIFIED, HOWEVER, GAPS WHICH
15 EXIST FOR THE L.G.B.T.Q. RESIDENTS, AND WHERE WE COULD MAKE
16 IMPROVEMENTS. THEY ENGAGED WITH COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS AND
17 EXPERTS TO HEAR DIRECTLY HOW WE COULD BETTER MEET THE NEEDS OF
18 OUR RESIDENTS, AND MODEL BEST PRACTICES. THROUGH THAT
19 ENGAGEMENT, WE IDENTIFIED OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE OUR COUNTY
20 CLINICS MORE WELCOMING TO L.G.B.T.Q.+ PATIENTS, CREATED
21 PATIENT PROCEDURES, FOUND PARTNERS TO MAKE NECESSARY REFERRALS
22 TO, AND IDENTIFIED NEW MEDICINES TO PROVIDE THE BEST CARE. AND
23 I WANT TO SPECIFICALLY RECOGNIZE DR. KATHERINE GARDNER, WHO
24 HAS LED THESE EFFORTS WITH PASSION AND ENTHUSIASM. THANKS TO
25 HER WORK AND THE WORK OF SO MANY IN D.H.S. AND THE COMMUNITY,

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1 LIKE THAT OF DR. ASTRID HEGER OF THE ALEXIS PROJECT, AND JIM
2 MANGIA OF ST. JOHN'S WELLNESS, WE ARE NOW READY TO TAKE THE
3 NEXT STEP AND CREATE A GENDER HEALTH PROGRAM AT D.H.S. IN
4 PARTNERSHIP WITH D.C.F.S. AND D.M.H., THE PROGRAM WILL
5 STANDARDIZE AND STRENGTHEN L.G.B.T.Q.+ SERVICES FOR DEPARTMENT
6 OF HEALTH SERVICES PATIENTS, AND ENSURE THAT D.H.S. IMPLEMENTS
7 PRACTICES THAT OUR L.G.B.T.Q.+ COMMUNITY DESERVES. THIS
8 INCLUDES ACCESS TO MEDICAL HORMONAL MANAGEMENT, MENTAL HEALTH
9 COORDINATION, NECESSARY SURGICAL INTERVENTIONS FOR TRANSGENDER
10 AND GENDER-NONBINARY RESIDENTS. THE PROGRAM WILL ALSO
11 ESTABLISH A REFERRAL PROCESS THAT CAN BE EASILY ACCESSED BY
12 OUR RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, AND OUR OWN
13 DEPARTMENTS. IT WILL ALSO CREATE A PATIENT ADVISORY BOARD TO
14 INCLUDE BOTH D.H.S. PATIENTS AND L.G.B.T.Q.+ ORGANIZATIONS, SO
15 THE DELIVERY OF THAT CARE IS CONSTANTLY IMPROVING. AND I WOULD
16 BE REMISS IF I DID NOT RECOGNIZE THE NATIONAL BACKDROP AROUND
17 L.G.B.T.Q. CARE. AT A TIME WHEN SO MANY LOCALITIES ACROSS THE
18 COUNTRY ARE MOVING TO IMPLEMENT DISCRIMINATORY POLICIES THAT
19 RESTRICT ACCESS TO NECESSARY GENDER-AFFIRMING CARE AND
20 RESOURCES, L.A. COUNTY MUST BE THE MODEL OF WHAT IS RIGHT. IT
21 IS NOT ENOUGH THAT WE PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF OUR L.G.B.T.Q.+
22 RESIDENTS, BUT WE MUST ALSO CONTINUE TO DRIVE FORWARD AND
23 EXPAND UPON THE NEEDS OF THIS VULNERABLE COMMUNITY AT A TIME
24 WHEN THEY ARE UNDER ATTACK. THIS PRIDE MONTH, I WANT TO MAKE
25 IT CLEAR TO ALL OUR L.G.B.T.Q.+ RESIDENTS, WE WILL HAVE YOUR

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1 BACK-- NOT JUST THIS MONTH, BUT ALWAYS-- AND WE WILL BE RIGHT
2 BY YOUR SIDE. FROM PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO MARRY WHO YOU LOVE,
3 TO EXPANDING ACCESS TO CARE, WE ARE WITH YOU. AND I ASK MY
4 COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR AYE VOTE, SO WE CAN SEND AN UNEQUIVOCAL
5 MESSAGE TO OUR L.G.B.T.Q.+ RESIDENTS THAT WE ARE HERE FOR
6 THEM. THANK YOU SO MUCH, AND AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK MY CO-
7 AUTHOR, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE OVER THE
8 PAST DECADES. THANK YOU AGAIN, AND I ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE,
9 MEMBERS.

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

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE TO SAY, I FEEL,
14 REALLY, VERY FORTUNATE IN MY LIFE TO BE IN VARIOUS WORKPLACES
15 WHERE MY COLLEAGUES HAVE BEEN SUCH STRONG ALLIES, AND THIS
16 WARD IS A VERY, VERY GOOD EXAMPLE. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
17 SOLIS, FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION. YOU HAVE STRESSED THE
18 IMPORTANCE OF THE TIMING OF THIS MOTION, BECAUSE IT'S NOT JUST
19 PRIDE MONTH, BUT AS YOU INDICATED, IN SO MANY WAYS, WE ARE ONE
20 OF THE TARGETS OF CHOICE, THOUGH NOT THE ONLY ONES, IN MANY
21 STATES IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. AND IT IS REALLY
22 SERIOUS; I MEAN, IF A NEW LAW IN A STATE SAYS, IF YOU ARE A
23 PARENT TRYING TO HELP YOUR CHILD MAKE THEIR WAY THROUGH THIS,
24 YOU CAN BE ARRESTED FOR DOING THAT, AND SO CAN YOUR DOCTOR FOR
25 HELPING; TO MAKE IT A CRIME. SO EVERYTHING THAT WE CAN DO

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1 HERE, AND EVERY STEP THAT WE TAKE, IS REALLY IMPORTANT. WE
2 HAVE LONG BEEN A LEADER, ACTUALLY, IN THIS COUNTY, WITH THE
3 L.G.B.T.Q.+ COMMUNITY, AND OUR DEPARTMENTS HAVE TAKEN SOME
4 PRETTY ADVANCED STEPS TO SUPPORT THESE POPULATIONS,
5 SPECIFICALLY OUR YOUTH, OUR INDIVIDUALS WHO IDENTIFY AS
6 TRANSGENDER OR NONBINARY. YOU KNOW, THERE WAS A SURVEY OF
7 TRANSGENDER PEOPLE, NOW SEVEN OR EIGHT YEARS AGO, THAT FOUND
8 THAT 23% OF THOSE ASKED SHARED THAT THEY WOULD NOT SEEK
9 HEALTHCARE SERVICES, EVEN WHEN THEY NEEDED IT, BECAUSE THEY
10 WERE AFRAID OR HAD EXPERIENCED MISTREATMENT BECAUSE OF THEIR
11 GENDER IDENTITY. AND OF THOSE WHO DID SEEK HEALTHCARE
12 SERVICES, A THIRD OF THEM REPORTED AT LEAST ONE NEGATIVE
13 EXPERIENCE IN A MEDICAL SETTING, THAT THEY ATTRIBUTED TO THEIR
14 GENDER IDENTITY. SO THIS MOTION WILL HELP TO ENSURE THAT OUR
15 HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IS SET UP IN THE RIGHT WAY TO SERVE THESE
16 COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN A WAY THAT'S MOST EFFECTIVE, MOST
17 INCLUSIVE, SO WE DON'T HAVE NEGATIVE OUTCOMES IN THE
18 HEALTHCARE SETTING, TO ENSURE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
19 SERVICES IMPLEMENTS PRACTICES WHICH THEY HAVE BEGUN, THAT ARE
20 CONSISTENT WITH NATIONAL STANDARDS OF CARE AROUND MEDICAL
21 HORMONAL MANAGEMENT, PHARMACEUTICAL FORMULARY, MENTAL HEALTH
22 COORDINATION, AND ACCESS TO NECESSARY SURGICAL INTERVENTIONS
23 FOR TRANSGENDER AND GENDER-NONBINARY PEOPLE. APPROPRIATE
24 STAFFING IS KEY, AS WE KNOW, AND I WANT TO APPLAUD, IN
25 ADDITION TO THOSE MENTIONED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, DOCTORS

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1 SHANNON THYNE AND CLINT COYLE, IN ADDITION TO KATHERINE
2 GARDNER, FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO EXPLORE THE CURRENT GENDER-
3 AFFIRMING SERVICES THAT D.H.S. PROVIDES, AND FOR THEIR
4 ADVOCACY IN EXPANDING THE SCOPE TO INCLUDE PATIENT SPECIALISTS
5 THAT ARE WELL TRAINED IN L.G.B.T.Q.+ SERVICES, LANGUAGE, AND
6 CULTURAL COMPETENCY. WE HAVE TO BUILD A PROGRAM THAT STARTS AT
7 FIRST CONTACT, INREACH OR OUTREACH, AND ENSURE THAT THE
8 PATIENT HAS STAFF AROUND THEM WHO REALLY UNDERSTAND WHO THEY
9 ARE AND WHAT THEY NEED. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THE REPORT-BACK,
10 WHERE WE CAN EXAMINE THOSE STAFFING REQUESTS, AND TRUST THAT
11 D.H.S. WILL CONTINUE TO CONSULT-- AND I AM CERTAIN THEY WILL--
12 WITH OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN THIS WORK. THANK YOU, MADAM
13 CHAIR.

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

16
17 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
18 SOLIS, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. AND
19 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR YOUR LIFETIME ADVOCACY FOR SO
20 MANY OF THOSE WHO WOULD OTHERWISE REALLY BE MARGINALIZED AND
21 OPPRESSED, AND THANK YOU FOR RECOGNIZING YOUR ALLIES, BECAUSE
22 I THINK THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT, AS WELL. AND THIS MOTION
23 COMES AT SUCH AN IMPORTANT TIME. ACROSS THE COUNTRY, WE ARE
24 SEEING CONSERVATIVE STATES ENACT CRUEL POLICIES THAT DENY
25 TRANS, GENDER-NONCONFORMING, NONBINARY YOUTH ACCESS TO THE

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1 GENDER-AFFIRMING CARE THAT THEY NEED. DOCTORS ARE BEING FORCED
2 TO CLOSE THEIR CLINICS. PARENTS, WHO ARE JUST TRYING TO DO
3 RIGHT BY THEIR CHILDREN, ARE BEING THREATENED WITH CHILD ABUSE
4 CHARGES. BUT HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, ONCE AGAIN, WE KNOW THAT WE
5 CAN AND MUST DO BETTER. AND BY ESTABLISHING THIS GENDER HEALTH
6 PROGRAM, WE'RE NOT ONLY JUST TALKING THE TALK THIS PRIDE
7 MONTH; WE ARE WALKING THE WALK. AND MANY OF THE PATIENTS THAT
8 D.H.S. CARES FOR HAVE COME TO US BECAUSE THEY HAVE FACED
9 MARGINALIZATION ELSEWHERE. AND PEOPLE WHO IDENTIFY AS
10 L.G.B.T.Q.+, ESPECIALLY TRANSWOMEN OF COLOR, ARE MORE LIKELY
11 TO EXPERIENCE EXCLUSION, HARASSMENT, AND VIOLENCE. THEY ARE
12 MORE LIKELY TO BE UNHOUSED, UNEMPLOYED, AND UNINSURED. SO,
13 WHEN THEY REACH OUR DOOR, AT A COUNTY HOSPITAL OR CLINIC, OR
14 THEY ARE IN OUR FOSTER CARE SYSTEM, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE
15 NOT ONLY GET THEM THE GENDER-AFFIRMING CARE THEY NEED, BUT
16 THAT IT IS PROVIDED IN AN ACCEPTING AND SUPPORTIVE WAY, SO
17 THAT THEY CAN FEEL SAFE. L.A. COUNTY IS AND WILL CONTINUE TO
18 BE A BEACON FOR THE L.G.B.T.Q.+ COMMUNITY. I AM PROUD TO
19 SUPPORT THIS MOTION TO MAKE SURE THAT WE REMAIN LEADERS IN
20 GENDER-AFFIRMING HEALTHCARE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. THANK
21 YOU.

22
23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I JUST WANT TO LEND MY
24 VOICE, TOO, AND THANK THE AUTHORS OF THIS MOTION, AND JUST
25 LIFT UP THE FACT THAT BLACK TRANSWOMEN HAVE BEEN SCREAMING FOR

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1 YEARS TO BE RECOGNIZED, TO BE SEEN BY POLICYMAKERS AT EVERY
2 LEVEL, GIVEN THEIR DISPROPORTIONATE EXPERIENCE WITH VIOLENCE
3 IN OUR COMMUNITIES, WITH UNEMPLOYMENT, AND, NEEDLESS TO SAY,
4 FEELING UNSEEN, DISRESPECTED, AND ABUSED BY THEIR HEALTHCARE
5 PROVIDER COMMUNITY. SO, THANK YOU BOTH FOR BRINGING THIS
6 FORWARD. L.A. COUNTY WILL ONCE AGAIN BE A LEADER IN ALL THINGS
7 PROGRESSIVE AND APPROPRIATE, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, AND I
8 APPRECIATE YOU BRINGING THE MOTION FORWARD. SEEING NO OTHER
9 COMMENTS FROM SUPERVISORS, ITEM 23 IS BEFORE US; MOVED BY
10 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THE
11 ITEM. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

12

13 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** ITEM 23 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

16

17 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

20

21 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

24

25 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

3

4 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR
5 MITCHELL?

6

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

8

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

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE ARE GOING TO NOW HEAR
13 ITEMS 24, 107, AND 137-A TOGETHER. THAT'S ESTABLISHING THE
14 LAND BANK PILOT, THE L.A. RIVER MASTER PLAN, AND IMPLEMENTING
15 THE LOS ANGELES RIVER MASTER PLAN. WE ARE GOING TO START WITH
16 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND THEN WE WILL HEAR FROM THE CO-AUTHOR IN
17 ITEM 24, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND TO MY
20 COLLEAGUES. TODAY MARKS A MOMENTOUS OCCASION FOR ALL
21 ANGELENOS, AS WE ARE SET TO ADOPT THE LOS ANGELES RIVER MASTER
22 PLAN. THIS EFFORT, AS SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW, WAS FIRST KICKED
23 OFF BACK IN 2016, WHEN SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND I INTRODUCED A
24 MOTION TO UPDATE THE L.A. RIVER MASTER PLAN. THE MASTER PLAN
25 LAYS OUT THE VISION OF WHAT THE L.A. RIVER CAN AND SHOULD

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1 OFFER TO OUR COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE REPRESENTING LOW
2 INCOME AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. AS OUR POPULATION HAS GROWN
3 OVER THE LAST CENTURY, OUR COMMUNITIES HAVE LOST OPPORTUNITIES
4 FOR OPEN SPACE. THAT'S NO SECRET. THEY ARE RENT-BURDENED,
5 POLLUTION-BURDENED, AND THEY ARE BURDENED BY A LACK OF PARK
6 SPACE. AT THE SAME TIME, WE ALSO FACE A CRISIS IN THE NUMBER
7 OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES,
8 AND IN NEED TO PROTECT WATER RESOURCES. THE LOS ANGELES RIVER
9 MASTER PLAN PROVIDES A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO HELP US ADDRESS
10 ALL OF THESE ISSUES. THE PLAN WAS DEVELOPED IN PARTNERSHIP,
11 AND I NOTE, WITH A 41-MEMBER STEERING COMMITTEE MADE UP OF
12 COMMUNITY FOLKS INVOLVED IN PUBLIC HEALTH, THE ENVIRONMENT,
13 FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE. EACH STEERING
14 COMMITTEE MEMBER WAS SELECTED FOR THEIR EXPERTISE AND ABILITY
15 TO OPTIMIZE THIS PLAN IN A WAY THAT PUTS THE NEEDS OF OUR
16 COMMUNITY FIRST. THE PLAN IS A RESULT OF A MULTIYEAR EFFORT TO
17 ENGAGE OUR UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES, BUT ESPECIALLY PRONOUNCING
18 YOUTH. THE MASTER PLAN INCLUDES 56 LARGE PLANNED PROJECTS, AND
19 22 NEW PROPOSED PROJECTS, ALONG THE 51 MILES OF THE RIVER. WE
20 KNOW THAT THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITIES IS DIRECTLY LINKED TO
21 THE AVAILABILITY OF OPEN SPACE, ESPECIALLY IN OUR PARK-POOR,
22 LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. THE PLAN NOT ONLY PROPOSES
23 INCREASING OPEN SPACE AND IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT, BUT IT
24 ALSO PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTIVITY, FOR ARTS, AND
25 FOR CULTURE. THE RIVER MUST BE SHARED EQUITABLY. IT MUST BUILD

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1 BRIDGES, BOTH LITERAL AND FIGURATIVELY, TO BRING COMMUNITIES
2 TOGETHER. UNFORTUNATELY, WE ALSO KNOW THAT INFRASTRUCTURE
3 INVESTMENTS CAN SOMETIMES HAVE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES. THE LOS
4 ANGELES COUNTY, AS YOU KNOW, FACES UNPRECEDENTED HOUSING
5 PRESSURES, AND THOSE HOUSING PRESSURES ARE GREATEST IN THE
6 LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. MANY OF OUR RIVER-ADJACENT
7 COMMUNITIES ARE BURDENED WITH SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES,
8 ESPECIALLY THOSE IN MY DISTRICT-- IN THE UPPER L.A. RIVER, AND
9 IN THE LOWER L.A. RIVER-- WHICH I REPRESENTED FOR OVER THE
10 PAST SEVEN YEARS. AND C.O.V.I.D.-19 HAS ONLY WORSENER THESE
11 ISSUES. NEARLY HALF OF ALL RENTERS IN OUR COUNTY ARE BEHIND ON
12 RENT, MANY OWING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS THAT THEY DON'T HAVE, TO
13 KEEP A ROOF OVER THEIR HEAD. MOST ARE RENT-BURDENED
14 HOUSEHOLDS, AND HAVE CUT BACK ON NECESSITIES LIKE FOOD,
15 CLOTHING, AND MEDICINE. WITHOUT INTERVENTION, THE BUILDOUT OF
16 THE MASTER PLAN MAY RAISE RENTS AND DISPLACE MANY OF THE
17 INDIVIDUALS THAT THE PLAN INTENDS TO HELP. WE MUST USE EVERY
18 TOOL AVAILABLE TO ADDRESS THE CRISIS, AND THAT INCLUDES
19 ESTABLISHING LAND BANKS. THAT'S WHY I INTRODUCED ITEM 24, WITH
20 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, ESTABLISHING THE LAND BANK PILOT. BY USING
21 THE LAND BANK TO ACQUIRE PROPERTIES NEAR THOSE LOCATIONS, WE
22 CAN PRESERVE THE POTENTIAL FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEAR THE
23 RIVER, AND FIGHT GENTRIFICATION AND DISPLACEMENT. THERE ARE
24 LOTS OF PRECEDENTS FOR THIS. HUNDREDS OF LAND BANKS ARE
25 OPERATING AROUND THE COUNTRY. FIVE OTHER LAND BANKS HAVE

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1 RECEIVED FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT, IN
2 BINGHAMTON, BUFFALO, ROCHESTER, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK,
3 PITTSBURGH, AND PENNSYLVANIA. AND IN MARCH, THE BOARD-- THIS
4 BOARD-- ADOPTED A MOTION TO PROVIDE A REPORT ON THE VIABLE
5 LAND-BANKING MODEL THAT WOULD OPERATE AT A REGIONAL SCALE TO
6 SUPPORT AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRESERVATION AND PRODUCTION WITH A
7 DEDICATED AND ONGOING SOURCE OF FUNDING. THIS MOTION TODAY
8 WILL BUILD ON THAT REPORT TO PILOT A LAND-BANKING MODEL THAT
9 WILL CARRY OUT THE GOAL LISTED IN THE L.A. RIVER MASTER PLAN.
10 I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY CO-AUTHOR, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR
11 JOINING ME ON THE MOTION, AND FOR ALL OF HER SUPPORT RELATED
12 TO ANTI-DISPLACEMENT INITIATIVES. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK
13 PUBLIC WORKS AND OUR CONSULTANT TEAM FOR ALL OF YOUR WORK
14 TOWARDS THE MASTER PLAN. BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, THANK YOU TO
15 THE RESIDENTS FOR ENGAGING WITH US. WITH THAT, I ALSO SEEK
16 YOUR SUPPORT IN PASSING THE MOTION, AND WOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT
17 CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE FOLLOWING THE RELEASE OF THE AGENDA,
18 AND I AM AMENDING THE MOTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "IN NUMBER
19 ONE DIRECTIVE, DIRECT THE C.E.O. AND OTHER KEY DEPARTMENTS TO
20 REPORT TO THE BOARD IN WRITING WITHIN 60 DAYS ON THE STEPS
21 NECESSARY TO CREATE THE LAND BANK PILOT WITHIN THE COUNTY TO
22 ADDRESS AFFORDABLE HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE, WITH A PARTICULAR
23 FOCUS ON AREAS ALONG THE LOS ANGELES RIVER, AND GREENING AND
24 INFRASTRUCTURE INITIATIVES CONNECTED TO THAT RIVER. ITEM 2:
25 DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO DEVELOP A PLAN AND REPORT BACK TO THE

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1 BOARD IN WRITING IN 90 DAYS, WITH OPTIONS FOR SECURING AT
2 LEAST \$50 MILLION IN SEED FUNDING, INCLUSIVE OF L.A. COUNTY
3 DEPARTMENTS' ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, STAFFING, AND NECESSARY
4 INFRASTRUCTURE FOR SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM,
5 AND FURTHER SECURING ONGOING FUNDING FROM STATE AND FEDERAL
6 SOURCES FOR THE CREATION OF THE LAND BANK PILOT." MADAM CHAIR,
7 I KNOW MY CO-AUTHOR WANTS TO SPEAK ON THIS, AND I ALSO WANT TO
8 INVITE OUR DIRECTOR, MARK PESTRELLA, TO ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO
9 MAKE A PRESENTATION, AND TO ALSO ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS. SO,
10 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, IF YOU WANT TO SPEAK NOW OR AFTER, I DEFER
11 TO YOU.

12

13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YEAH, WHY DON'T WE HAVE SUPERVISOR KUEHL
14 SPEAK, AND THEN WE'LL HAVE DIRECTOR PESTRELLA FOLLOW HER.

15

16 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES. I THINK, FOLLOWING YOUR LEAD, SUPERVISOR
17 SOLIS, AND WITH YOUR PERMISSION, MADAM CHAIR, I'LL SPEAK, JUST
18 TO BE MORE EFFICIENT, TO THIS MOTION, AS WELL AS TO THE MASTER
19 PLAN AND THE IMPLEMENTATION MOTION FOR THE MASTER PLAN, AND
20 THEN IT WILL ALL KIND OF COME TOGETHER, AND THEN MAYBE MARK
21 COULD MAKE HIS PRESENTATION, OR WHATEVER YOU'D LIKE.

22

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

24

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** FIRST OF ALL... WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEPARATE THEM
2 OUT? I'M JUST GOING TO GIVE YOU MY REMARKS.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** NO, BUT HER QUESTION WAS WHAT DIRECTOR
5 PESTRELLA-- HE'S GOING TO MAKE A PRESENTATION, AS I UNDERSTAND
6 IT, ON THE MASTER PLAN.

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES, ON THE MASTER PLAN. THERE IS, ON THE GREEN
9 SHEET, AN IMPLEMENTATION MOTION THAT WE BROUGHT FOR THE RIVER,
10 SO THIS IS REALLY KIND OF 3 THINGS, AND LET ME TALK ABOUT THE
11 LAND BANK FIRST. EVEN PRIOR TO THE PANDEMIC, THE COUNTY
12 IDENTIFIED THAT IT NEEDED OVER 500,000 UNITS OF AFFORDABLE
13 HOUSING, AND THE LAST TWO YEARS HAVE ONLY REALLY EXACERBATED
14 THAT NEED. AND, YOU KNOW, THEY SAY THE BEST TIME TO PLANT A
15 TREE IS 20 YEARS AGO, AND THE SECOND BEST TIME IS RIGHT NOW.
16 AND THE SAME GOES FOR REALLY CREATING AFFORDABLE HOUSING.
17 LAND-BANKING IS ANOTHER CREATIVE, FORWARD-THINKING TOOL FOR
18 THE COUNTY TO PRODUCE AND PRESERVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. SO THE
19 TIMING OF THIS MOTION TODAY FEELS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT,
20 BECAUSE THE BOARD IS ALSO CONSIDERING A MOTION TO IMPLEMENT
21 THE UPDATED LOS ANGELES RIVER MASTER PLAN. SO I'M CONFIDENT
22 THAT, AS WE ARE THOUGHTFUL ABOUT MAXIMIZING THE COUNTY'S
23 AFFORDABLE HOUSING STOCK, WE WILL ALSO REDUCE THE INFLOW OF
24 LOW-INCOME FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS INTO OUR HOMELESSNESS
25 SYSTEM, WHICH IS PART OF TRYING TO MAKE ALL OF THESE THINGS

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1 WORK TOGETHER. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR ALLOWING ME TO
2 CO-AUTHOR THIS MOTION, AND THANKS TO CHERI AND ALL THE
3 DEPARTMENTS FOR TAKING ON THIS IMPORTANT WORK. ON THE RIVER
4 MASTER PLAN, WHEN THE POSSIBILITY OF AN UPDATED PLAN WAS FIRST
5 BEING CONSIDERED, I EXPRESSED HOPE ON THIS BOARD THAT OUR
6 COUNTY COMMUNITIES COULD COME TOGETHER TO REIMAGINE THIS
7 RIVER. I MEAN, IT'S KIND OF AN INTERESTING THING. HERE'S A
8 CITY THAT EVERYBODY THINKS IS ALL KIND OF FLAT AND URBAN, AND
9 THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT NOT ONLY ARE WE ONE OF-- PROBABLY
10 ONE OF THE- MAYBE THE ONLY LARGE CITY IN THE UNITED STATES
11 THAT ACTUALLY HAS A MOUNTAIN RANGE RUNNING RIGHT DOWN THE
12 MIDDLE OF IT: THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. BUT ALSO, A RIVER
13 RUNS THROUGH IT, AND IT'S GOING TO RUN EVEN BETTER THROUGH IT
14 AFTER WE IMPLEMENT A MASTER PLAN. SO THIS PLAN LAYS OUT A
15 BLUEPRINT FOR THE FUTURE OF THAT RIVER, AND IT'S BEEN
16 DEVELOPED WITH A LOT, A LOT, A LOT OF INVOLVEMENT OF LOCAL
17 COMMUNITIES, AND, LIKE ALL INCLUSIVE PROCESSES, NOBODY GOT
18 EVERYTHING THEY WANTED. BUT I THINK THIS REPRESENTS THE KIND
19 OF EXPANSIVE RETHINKING THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND I HAD IN
20 MIND WHEN WE FIRST ASKED FOR IT. NOW, TO JUMPSTART
21 IMPLEMENTATION, I ALSO INTRODUCED A COMPANION MOTION ON THE
22 GREEN SHEET, TO ESTABLISH AN IMPLEMENTATION TEAM, SOME
23 GUIDANCE TO PRIORITIZE PROJECTS IN CONSULTATION WITH COMMUNITY
24 STAKEHOLDERS, AND IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE CRITERIA AND THE GOALS
25 BEING DEVELOPED AS PART OF OUR COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE

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1 INITIATIVE, BUT ALSO OUR CLIMATE RESILIENCE INITIATIVE. SO IT
2 PAYS ATTENTION TO THE ECOLOGICAL ASPECTS, AS WELL. IT ASKS
3 PUBLIC WORKS TO LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO ADVANCE MAJOR
4 PROJECTS IN OUR HIGH-NEED AREAS, AND TO IDENTIFY WHERE WE
5 MIGHT BE ABLE TO CLOSE SOME GAPS AND CREATE A REGULAR CADENCE
6 OF PUBLIC AMENITIES ALONG THE LENGTH OF THE RIVERWAY; ASKS FOR
7 AN ANNUAL REPORT-BACK, SO WE CAN TRACK OUR PROGRESS. SO, I'D
8 LIKE TO THANK PUBLIC WORKS STAFF IN ADVANCE OF THEIR
9 PRESENTATION, OUR CONSULTANT TEAM, BUT MOST OF ALL, THE
10 HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO HAVE SHARED
11 THEIR IDEAS, THEIR CONCERNS, THEIR HOPES, AND REALLY THEIR
12 VISION FOR A REVITALIZED LOS ANGELES RIVER. THANK YOU, MADAM
13 CHAIR.

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND WITH THAT, DIRECTOR
16 PESTRELLA, WE'RE READY FOR YOUR PRESENTATION.

17

18 **MARK PESTRELLA:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU
19 FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TODAY TO GIVE BRIEF REMARKS AND ANSWER ANY
20 QUESTIONS ON THE LOS ANGELES RIVER MASTER PLAN UPDATE. IT'S AN
21 EXCITING DAY FOR ALL OF US, AND FOR MY STAFF, ESPECIALLY. MY
22 NAME IS MARK PESTRELLA, AND I'M THE DIRECTOR OF LOS ANGELES
23 COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS, AND I SERVE AS YOUR CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE
24 LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, IN WHICH WE OWN AND
25 OPERATE A HUGE PORTION OF THE RIVER. SUPERVISORS, BEFORE I

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1 GIVE MY FURTHER REMARKS, I'D LIKE TO SHOW YOU A BRIEF, TWO-
2 MINUTE VIDEO THAT ENCAPSULATES OR GIVES YOU A SNAPSHOT OF OUR
3 EFFORTS, AND THE HIGHLIGHTS OF SOME OF THE COMMUNITY VOICES
4 THAT HELPED SHAPE THE PLAN. PLEASE SHOW THE VIDEO.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** THE LOS ANGELES RIVER IS A CENTERPIECE OF LOS ANGELES
7 COUNTY, CONNECTING DIVERSE COMMUNITIES ALONG ITS 51-MILE
8 COURSE, FROM THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY TO LONG BEACH. THE RIVER
9 IS THE BACKBONE OF THE REGION'S FLOOD MANAGEMENT
10 INFRASTRUCTURE. FOR GENERATIONS, L.A. COUNTY COMMUNITIES HAVE
11 RECOGNIZED THE RIVER AS A PLACE TO COME TOGETHER. IT IS A
12 COMMON GROUND, WHERE CONTINUED TRANSFORMATION CAN HELP TO
13 REACH IN CITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS, AND OVERCOME SOME OF THE
14 MOST PRESSING SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES OF OUR TIME.
15 IN 2016, THE COUNTY SET OUT TO UPDATE THE 1996 L.A. RIVER
16 MASTER PLAN, BY REACHING OUT TO RESIDENTS AND STAKEHOLDERS TO
17 LEARN HOW THE RIVER IMPACTS YOU AND THE ROLE YOU WANT IT TO
18 PLAY IN YOUR FUTURE. FORMED BY COMMUNITY VOICES, THE UPDATED
19 MASTER PLAN IS DESIGNED AROUND DEEP RESEARCH OF THE WATERSHED
20 AND RIVER-ADJACENT COMMUNITY NEEDS, BASED ON 3 THINGS: WATER,
21 PEOPLE, AND ENVIRONMENT. THE PLAN IS SUPPORTED BY DESIGN
22 GUIDELINES AND TECHNICAL OPINIONS, AND PROVIDES SPECIFIC TOOLS
23 AND GUIDANCE FOR THE REIMAGINED RIVER. GUIDED BY YOUR VOICES,
24 THE L.A. RIVER MASTER PLAN PUTS THE NEEDS OF COMMUNITIES
25 FIRST. IT IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR YOUR USE AT

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1 WWW.LARIVERMASTERPLAN.ORG. OUR L.A. RIVER STORY DEPENDS ON
2 YOUR STORY. TOGETHER, LET'S TURN OUR REIMAGINED RIVER INTO
3 REALITY.

4

5 **MARK PESTRELLA:** WELL, THANK YOU. I'M SO VERY PROUD TO PRESENT
6 TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND COMMUNITIES OF LOS ANGELES
7 COUNTY THIS VISIONARY AND HOLISTIC PLANNING DOCUMENT FOR
8 REIMAGINING THE ICONIC LOS ANGELES RIVER. THE INHABITANTS OF
9 OUR GREAT REGION HAVE ALWAYS GRAVITATED TOWARDS ITS RIVERS,
10 LAKES, AND OCEAN, AS SOURCES OF NOURISHMENT, COMMERCE, AND
11 COMMUNITY LIFE. OF COURSE, WE ARE TEMPORARY STEWARDS OF OUR
12 NATURAL AND BUILT ENVIRONMENTS, AND IT'S WITH THIS IN MIND
13 THAT WE PLAN FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS, THAT WE SEEK
14 TO REIMAGINE THE LOS ANGELES RIVER TO FOSTER A MORE POSITIVE
15 AND EQUITABLE FUTURE FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS. THE LOS
16 ANGELES RIVER WAS CHANNELIZED, AS YOU KNOW, DURING THE MID-
17 20TH CENTURY, TO PROTECT LIVES AND PROPERTY, AND TO SUPPORT
18 THE DEVELOPMENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. NOW THERE ARE MORE THAN
19 A MILLION PEOPLE WHO LIVE WITHIN A MILE OF THIS CULTURAL
20 LANDMARK, SO IT'S ESSENTIAL THAT THIS PLAN ELEVATE THOSE
21 COMMUNITY VOICES. IN FACT, AT EVERY STEP OF THE WAY THROUGH
22 THIS 3-YEAR PLANNING PROCESS, WE PURSUED OPPORTUNITIES TO
23 INFORM AND ENGAGE COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN TWO-WAY CONVERSATIONS
24 THAT WERE BOTH TRANSPARENT AND CULTURALLY COMPETENT. WE ALSO
25 EXPLORED AREAS OF SOCIAL, CULTURAL, ECOLOGICAL DISPARITY,

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1 INCLUDING HOMELESSNESS, GENTRIFICATION, PUBLIC AND OPEN SPACE,
2 PUBLIC HEALTH, HOUSING, AND COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL
3 INEQUITIES, AND INFRASTRUCTURE. NOW, THE RESULT IS A PLAN THAT
4 RECOGNIZES THE RIVER AS A COMPLEX SYSTEM OF SYSTEMS, IN WHICH
5 PEOPLE, PLACES, AND THE ENVIRONMENT ARE ENCOURAGED TO COEXIST,
6 INTERMINGLE, AND THRIVE. IN CONCLUSION, SUPERVISORS, I
7 RECOMMEND THAT YOU APPROVE THE MASTER PLAN, AS IT SUPPORTS THE
8 FUNDING AND DEVELOPMENT OF EQUITABLE, COMMUNITY-DRIVEN
9 PROJECTS ALONG THE RIVER, WHILE MEETING THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF
10 RIVER-ADJACENT COMMUNITIES. I'M AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS IF YOU
11 HAVE THEM.

12
13 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR? MADAM CHAIR?

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

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17 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, I HAD A FEW QUESTIONS FOR MARK PESTRELLA, IF
18 I MIGHT.

19
20 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SURE, AND YOU'LL BE FOLLOWED BY
21 SUPERVISOR HAHN.

22
23 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH, AND THANK YOU, MARK
24 PESTRELLA, FOR YOU AND YOUR DEPARTMENT. I KNOW THAT THIS HAS
25 BEEN A LIFELONG DREAM, A PERSONAL DREAM OF YOURS, AND I

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1 BELIEVE YOU SHARED THIS STORY WITH ME: THAT OVER 20 YEARS AGO,
2 YOU ACTUALLY HELPED TO WRITE AND PREPARE A DRAFT OF THIS
3 MASTER PLAN. YOU TOOK IT OFF THE SHELF. WE DUSTED AWAY ALL THE
4 OLD COBWEBS AND THINGS, AND ACTUALLY REVITALIZED IT, AND
5 REIMAGINED WHAT OUR COMMUNITY AND WHAT THEIR VOICES COULD SAY
6 TO US. AND YOU WHOLEHEARTEDLY ACCEPTED ALL OF THAT, ALONG WITH
7 OUR COMMUNITY AND WITH OUR STAFF, SO I WANT TO FIRST
8 COMPLIMENT YOU ON THAT. I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT I KNOW THAT
9 THERE ARE MANY ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS OUT THERE THAT WANT TO
10 REIMAGINE A DIFFERENT TYPE OF SETTING; AND THAT IS, THEY WANT
11 TO GO BACK TO SOLUTIONS THAT WOULD NATURALIZE THE RIVER. I,
12 TOO, HAD THAT DREAM TO BEGIN WITH, BUT I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE
13 ARE SOME BARRIERS TO THAT, AND I WAS HOPING, MARK, THAT YOU
14 COULD OUTLINE WHAT SOME OF THOSE BARRIERS ARE, IN TERMS OF
15 WHERE THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS STAND ON THAT, TAKING US
16 BACK, IF WE WERE TO NATURALIZE THE RIVER, WHICH I DON'T
17 BELIEVE WE COULD, BECAUSE OF DIFFERENT LAWS THAT ARE IN PLACE.
18 AND THEN, SECONDLY, WANTED YOU TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT
19 MEASURE W, AND WHAT THE POSSIBILITY FOR THOSE 51 MILES OF
20 RIVER COULD BENEFIT FROM, IN TERMS OF INVESTMENTS,
21 CONSERVATION, AND ALSO DISPLACEMENT. SO, I ASK YOU THOSE
22 QUESTIONS, MARK.

23
24 **MARK PESTRELLA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THANK YOU FOR THE
25 OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS. THIS IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST STRUGGLES,

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1 AS YOU KNOW, FOR OUR RESIDENTS AND FOR US, AS WE VISION, "WHAT
2 IS THE RIVER GOING TO LOOK LIKE?" AND AS I MENTIONED, WE WENT
3 OUT AND HEARD SO MANY MORE VOICES THIS TIME AROUND IN THE
4 UPDATE, AND REALLY GOT A SENSE OF WHAT PEOPLE WERE DESIRING,
5 HONORING THE 51 MILES, AND, BY THE WAY, THE 51 MILES OF
6 CULTURE-- DIVERSE CULTURES-- ALONG THE RIVER. ONE OF OUR MOST
7 IMPORTANT STAKEHOLDERS ARE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS THAT YOU
8 HEARD FROM THIS WEEK, AND THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT NOT ENCOURAGING
9 THE NATURALIZATION OF THE RIVER: SOMETHING WE'VE THOUGHT LONG
10 AND LONG ABOUT AS WE'VE MOVED TO A WATERSHED-BASED APPROACH IN
11 OUR PLANNING OF OUR RIVER SYSTEMS. IN FACT, L.A. COUNTY IS NOT
12 PROPOSING THE CHANNELIZATION OF ANY FUTURE RIVERS IN L.A.
13 COUNTY, BUT IN FACT LOOKING TO MOVE TOWARDS, AGAIN, WATERSHED-
14 BASED AND NATURAL SOLUTIONS AS A PRIORITY FIRST, AND OUR PLAN
15 DOES REFLECT THAT PRIORITY. IT'S ONE OF THE GOALS, SUPERVISOR.
16 IT'S INTERESTING WITH THE L.A. RIVER. IT IS A BIG, LARGE,
17 BACKBONE SYSTEM-- PART OF A SYSTEM OF SYSTEMS, IF YOU WILL--
18 THAT ALSO INCLUDES THE RESERVOIRS ABOVE THE RIVER, UPSTREAM OF
19 THE CHANNEL. IT INCLUDES 14 MAJOR DAMS, AND ALSO SPREADING
20 GROUNDS, THAT SLOW THE WATER DOWN BEFORE IT REACHES THE RIVER
21 SYSTEM. IT WAS DESIGNED THIS WAY SO THAT WE COULD REGULATE THE
22 FLOWS THROUGH THE L.A. RIVER AS IT PASSED THROUGH THE 17
23 CITIES THAT IT SERVES, AND SO THAT WE WOULD CONTROL THE
24 HAZARDS AND THE POTENTIAL DISASTERS TO PEOPLE WHO LIVE ALONG
25 THE RIVER. REMEMBER, I MENTIONED THAT SO MANY PEOPLE MOVED IN

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1 NEXT TO THE RIVER, ONCE THE RIVER WAS BUILT. IT ALLOWED THE
2 LAND TO BE BUILT OUT, AND FOR COMMERCE TO THRIVE, AND FOR
3 GOODS-MOVING TO HAPPEN SAFELY, AND FOR L.A. TO ACTUALLY GROW
4 TO BECOME THIS MEGALOPOLIS. IT ALLOWED FOR THAT, BUT IT ALSO
5 CREATED A FIXED RIVER SYSTEM: A CHANNEL THAT IS PROVIDING THAT
6 FLOOD PROTECTION FOR EVERYONE, EVERY YEAR. IT'S INTERESTING
7 BECAUSE PEOPLE DON'T THINK ABOUT FLOODING IN L.A., BUT IN
8 FACT, EVERY YEAR, MOST OF EVERY YEAR, WE EXPERIENCE TREMENDOUS
9 FLOWS IN THE L.A. RIVER: THE EQUIVALENT OF ALMOST THE FLOW OUT
10 OF THE NIAGARA FALLS, UP NEAR DODGER STADIUM, AND FLOW RATES
11 THAT ARE EQUIVALENT TO 44 FEET PER SECOND, WHICH WOULD
12 ELIMINATE ANYTHING IN ITS WAY. SO, THIS IS THE REASON FOR THE
13 DESIGN OF THE RIVER, AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE BEEN
14 LOOKING AT FOR A LONG TIME. CAN WE CHANGE THAT DESIGN, GIVEN
15 THOSE PERIMETERS: THE CLIMATE, THE WAY IT RAINS, AND THE
16 EXISTING SYSTEM? IN FACT, AS WE'VE STUDIED THAT AND LOOKED AT
17 THE HYDROLOGY, WE KNOW THAT, THROUGH SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING,
18 THAT TO ACTUALLY CHANGE THE RIVER SHAPE AND OPEN IT UP, WE
19 WOULD HAVE TO CAPTURE MORE WATER IN THE UPPER WATERSHED, AND
20 CREATE MORE DAMS, REDUCING HABITAT, TAKING ON THE
21 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES RELATED TO DAM-BUILDING, SO THAT WE COULD
22 THEN REGULATE THE FLOWS AT A HIGHER RATE, AND THEN MAKE A
23 SLOWER FLOW THROUGH THE RIVER, IF YOU WILL. AND AT THE SAME
24 TIME, WE WOULD HAVE TO GO AND LOOK AT THE LOWER RIVER, AND AS
25 WE TOOK THAT CONCRETE OUT, WE WOULD HAVE TO DISPLACE PEOPLE.

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1 IN FACT, SUPERVISOR, IN SOME OF THE SUGGESTED REMODELINGS OF
2 THE RIVER BY OUR ENVIRONMENTAL FRIENDS, YOU'RE LOOKING AT
3 DISPLACING OVER 100,000 PEOPLE TO ACHIEVE THAT GOAL. THESE ARE
4 PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN LIVING ALONG THE RIVER, SOME OF THEM, FOR
5 OVER 50 YEARS, EVEN 60 YEARS, MAYBE EVEN 100 YEARS, ALONG THE
6 RIVERBANKS. SO, GIVEN THAT CHOICE AND GIVEN THAT PERSPECTIVE,
7 AND ETHICALLY, AS AN ENGINEER, KNOWING ABOUT THAT
8 DISPLACEMENT, AND GIVEN THE 9 GOALS OF THE RIVER, WE HAVE
9 PROPOSED SOMETHING DIFFERENT, IN TERMS OF THAT APPROACH, AND
10 THAT IS TO TAKE IT MORE AT A MICROSCALE, AND LOOK FOR
11 OPPORTUNITIES THAT CONNECT ECOSYSTEMS ALONG THE RIVER AS WE
12 BUILD IT OUT. SO, THIS IS THE REASON THAT THE PLAN DOES NOT
13 SUGGEST, AND ALMOST, LIKE I SAID, ETHICALLY, IT WOULD BE
14 INAPPROPRIATE FOR ME TO CREATE AN EXPECTATION FOR THE
15 COMMUNITY THAT SOMEHOW WE WERE GOING TO INVEST IN
16 GENTRIFICATION AND DISPLACEMENT TO ACHIEVE THAT GOAL OF A
17 NATURALIZED RIVER SYSTEM.

18
19 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MARK. APPRECIATE YOUR
20 PRESENTATION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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24 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, DIRECTOR
25 PESTRELLA, FOR THAT PRESENTATION. I REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU

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1 AND YOUR STAFF FOR ALL THE TIME, THE DEDICATION, INTO BRINGING
2 THIS PLAN FORWARD. AFTER 4 YEARS OF WORK, COMMUNITY INPUT, IT
3 LOOKS LIKE WE MIGHT BE READY TO APPROVE THIS MASTER PLAN. 18
4 MILES OF THIS RIVER RUN THROUGH MY 4TH DISTRICT, SO I'M REALLY
5 INTERESTED IN HOW THIS PLAN CAN HELP GUIDE US AND BRING ADDED
6 BENEFITS TO OUR HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES. AND AS
7 YOU KNOW, THE COUNTY'S ROLE IN THIS RIVER HAS BEEN FOR FLOOD
8 PROTECTION FOR COMMUNITIES ALONG THE RIVER, BUT NOW WE KNOW
9 THAT THERE'S SO MUCH MORE WE COULD DO-- WE DON'T HAVE TO DO
10 IT, BUT WE COULD DO-- WITH THIS INFRASTRUCTURE. THE MASTER
11 PLAN NOT ONLY LOOKS AT WATER QUALITY AND PROTECTION; IT LOOKS
12 AT HOW PEOPLE AND ENVIRONMENT CAN BENEFIT FROM THE RIVER. IT
13 INCLUDES IDEAS FOR NEW PARKS AND PAVILIONS, PUBLIC SPACES,
14 LIKE COFFEE SHOPS OR CONCESSIONS STANDS, BIKES AND WALKING
15 PATHS, HABITAT IMPROVEMENTS, AND MORE. I KNOW MY APPOINTEE ON
16 THIS PLAN, HERLINDA CHICO, FROM LONG BEACH, SPENT MANY, MANY
17 HOURS IN SOME OF THESE COMMUNITY MEETINGS, AND ONE OF THE
18 PROJECTS THAT EMERGED, WHICH SHE FELT HAD A LOT OF SUPPORT,
19 WAS THE SOUTHEAST L.A.-- S.E.L.A.-- CULTURAL CENTER ALONG THE
20 RIVER, AND ON COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY IN SOUTH GATE. NOW, I JUST
21 INHERITED THESE WONDERFUL CITIES IN DECEMBER, SO BEGINNING TO
22 UNDERSTAND SOME OF THEIR NEEDS, AND I KNOW THEY'RE VERY
23 EXCITED ABOUT SOMETHING LIKE THIS. SO I WAS SURPRISED WHEN I
24 PICKED UP THE L.A. TIMES THIS MORNING AND READ THE STORY BY
25 LOUIS SAHAGUN, THAT SAID OUR ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS HAVE BEGUN

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1 TO PULL THEIR SUPPORT FROM THE L.A. RIVER MASTER PLAN, AND
2 THEY CITED THIS S.E.L.A. CULTURAL CENTER AS ONE OF THE REASONS
3 THAT THEY WERE DOING THAT. SO, WITHOUT NECESSARILY DISPARAGING
4 ANYBODY, WHICH WE NEVER DO, CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT YOU
5 UNDERSTAND ABOUT THEIR OPPOSITION TO THESE PROJECTS AND THE
6 OVERALL MASTER PLAN? ARE THERE OTHER ISSUES THAT THEY HAD
7 CONCERNS ABOUT, BESIDES JUST THIS SOUTHEAST L.A. CULTURAL
8 CENTER?

9

10 **MARK PESTRELLA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. YES. IN FACT, THE
11 GROUPS THAT WE'RE SPEAKING OF ARE PART OF OUR 41-MEMBER
12 STEERING COMMITTEE, AND ALSO WORK WITH US TO REACH OUT TO
13 COMMUNITIES, SO I, TOO, AM DISCOURAGED BY THE FACT THAT WE'VE
14 GOTTEN SOME NEGATIVE RESPONSE TO THE PLAN. BUT I ALSO RESPECT
15 THEM, BECAUSE THEY'RE COMING VERY STRONGLY ON WITH THE POINT
16 THEY WANTED TO MAKE, WITH RESPECT TO THE RIVER. AND SO, THE
17 S.E.L.A. CULTURAL CENTER AND THE PROPOSAL TO EXPAND THE RIVER
18 IN THE LOWER L.A. RIVER, FOR THEM, IS EMBLEMATIC OF MORE
19 CONCRETE, IF YOU WILL, AND LESS NATURAL SOLUTIONS TO THE
20 SYSTEM. BUT I DO WANT TO MENTION SOMETHING ABOUT THAT PROJECT
21 AND HOW ITS CONCEPT, AT LEAST, CAME TO MIND, AND IT MIGHT HELP
22 YOU SORT OF UNDERSTAND THAT. THE PLAN HAS 5 MAJOR OPPORTUNITY
23 ZONES. THESE ZONES ARE PLACES THAT WE IDENTIFIED TO BE LOW-
24 HANGING FRUIT, IN THAT THE RESOURCES ARE THERE, AND IT'S
25 FEASIBLE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE, THAT ALSO ARE LOCATED

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1 WITHIN AREAS OF HIGHEST NEED. SO WE'RE PROUD ABOUT THE
2 OPPORTUNITY ZONES' IDENTIFICATION, BECAUSE WE PRELIMINARILY
3 APPROVED THEM AS PLACES THAT MEET THE 9 GOALS OF THE PLAN, IF
4 YOU WILL, AND IN TURN, AS WELL, ARE AT THE HIGHEST-NEED AREAS
5 ALONG THE RIVER. THE CULTURAL CENTER ITSELF IS PROPOSED IN ONE
6 OF THESE OPPORTUNITY ZONES. AND THAT PROJECT EMERGED, THROUGH
7 WORK WITH THE SOUTHEAST COMMUNITIES-- THE ONES YOU JUST
8 REFERENCED, SUPERVISOR-- AND THE STATE, AS A PRIORITY-- THE
9 STATE OF CALIFORNIA-- AS A PRIORITY FOR THE LOWER LOS ANGELES
10 RIVER. SIMILAR TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES' TAYLOR YARD PROJECT
11 IN THE UPPER RIVER, THIS IS ALSO LOCATED IN AN OPPORTUNITY
12 ZONE, AND IT IS STRAIGHT OUT OF THE CITY'S REVITALIZATION
13 PLAN, WHICH OUR PLAN ADOPTS BY REFERENCE, AND COMPLETELY
14 SUPPORTS, AS A PLAN THAT COMPLIES WITH OUR 9 GOALS. THE
15 VARIOUS PLANNING EFFORTS ALONG THE RIVER, AGAIN, ARE ALL
16 CONSISTENT WITH THE MASTER PLAN UPDATE. SO, A NICE THING YOU
17 KNOW IS YOU'RE BEING INFORMED BY PLANS ALL ALONG THE WAY. NOW,
18 THE PLAN ALSO REFERENCES THE WORK AT S.E.L.A. AND THE CITY OF
19 LOS ANGELES, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE DONE THROUGH
20 THE YEARS. SO, I SEE THE S.E.L.A. PROJECT, SUPERVISOR, AS
21 QUITE AN ORGANIC PROJECT. IT WAS DERIVED FROM AN EARLIER
22 EFFORT, FUNDED BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTED, AS YOU
23 KNOW, BY SPEAKER RENDON, AND ALSO SUPPORTED, MORE IMPORTANTLY,
24 AS YOU ALL HAVE BEEN SAYING, BY THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY IN
25 THIS AREA. THEY'RE EXCITED ABOUT IT. WE'VE ALREADY DONE A

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1 NUMBER OF DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS IN THAT AREA THAT SHOW
2 VIABILITY OF WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED. SO, I WILL JUST-- SINCE
3 YOU REFERENCED THE L.A. TIMES ARTICLE, I FOUND IT VERY
4 INTERESTING, AND SOME FACTS THAT I REALLY DO AGREE WITH. WE
5 TOOK ON THE AUDACIOUS TASK OF RECONCILING ALL OF THE VISIONS
6 OF THE L.A. RIVER, AND WHAT I'M PROUD TO TELL YOU IS, I THINK
7 WE DID A PRETTY GOOD JOB OF RECONCILING THAT. AM I CONCERNED
8 ABOUT OUR PARTNERS AND OUR STAKEHOLDERS REPRESENTING
9 THEMSELVES AS THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS? ABSOLUTELY, AND YOU
10 HAVE MY WORD THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THEM TO TRY TO
11 MEET THEIR GOALS, AND ALWAYS HEAR THEIR VOICES BEFORE WE
12 APPROVE ANY PROJECT THAT WE MOVE ALONG. SO I WANT THEM TO HEAR
13 THAT, TOO. THIS IS NOT A ONE-OFF. THIS IS AN ITERATIVE
14 APPROACH, IN WHICH THERE IS A SET OF GOALS AND A KIT THAT WE
15 CAN ALL USE BY, BUT THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE AS
16 SEPARATE INTERESTS IN OUR VOICES, AND IN OUR VISIONS FOR THE
17 L.A. RIVER.

18
19 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH. I MEAN, REALLY, THE TASK WAS MONUMENTAL, WHEN
20 YOU THINK ABOUT IT: ALL THE COMPETING VOICES. I MEAN,
21 EVERYBODY IS EXCITED ABOUT THE L.A. RIVER, AND EVERYBODY HAS
22 SOME IDEAS ABOUT IT AND WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE, AND
23 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THIS FOR A LONG TIME. PEOPLE
24 HAVE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THIS FOR DECADES, SO EVERYBODY HAD A
25 STRONG OPINION. SO, BASICALLY, WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS THE

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1 S.E.L.A. CULTURAL CENTER IS ORGANIC, AND YOU SEE THE MASTER
2 PLAN AS CONTINUING TO SORT OF... ALLOWING IT TO MOVE FORWARD
3 IN AN ORGANIC WAY. BECAUSE, AGAIN, I WOULD SAY-- AND,
4 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU KNOW THOSE COMMUNITIES, TOO-- THEY ARE
5 VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS AND, AGAIN, FELT LIKE THAT WAS
6 SOMETHING THAT THEY HAVE SEEN IN OTHER COMMUNITIES, BUT NEVER
7 SAW IT IN THEIR OWN. I KNOW WE DO HAVE A LITTLE PROBLEM OF A
8 MAINTENANCE YARD, BUT I JUST FEEL LIKE, SINCE I'VE INHERITED
9 THOSE WONDERFUL CITIES, I'VE HEARD THEM BE EXCITED ABOUT THIS.
10 AND YOU'RE RIGHT: SPEAKER RENDON REALLY IS MAKING THIS ONE OF
11 HIS KEY PROJECTS. THE STATE HAS ALLOTTED US SOME DOLLARS--
12 SOME SERIOUS DOLLARS-- FOR THIS PROJECT. SO, I JUST WANTED TO
13 UNDERSTAND HOW YOU SAW WHAT WE HEARD TODAY FROM OUR
14 ENVIRONMENTAL FRIENDS, AND HOW IT IMPACTED THIS PROJECT. SO--
15 AND AGAIN, I APPLAUD YOU. I'M GLAD WE COUPLED THIS MASTER PLAN
16 WITH THE LAND-BANKING MOTION, BECAUSE I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT
17 THAT COMMUNITIES ALONG THIS RIVER HEAR US LOUD AND CLEAR,
18 SAYING THAT REVITALIZATION OF THE L.A. RIVER DOES NOT HAVE TO
19 MEAN DISPLACEMENT OF COMMUNITIES. AND I KNOW GENTRIFICATION
20 AND DISPLACEMENT WERE SOME OF THE BIG ISSUES THAT WERE BROUGHT
21 UP IN THESE COMMUNITY MEETINGS. SO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
22 SOLIS. I SUPPORT YOUR MOTION ON THE LAND BANK PILOT PROGRAM.
23 AND THANKS AGAIN TO OUR PUBLIC WORKS TEAM AND ALL THE
24 STAKEHOLDERS THAT HAVE INVESTED IN CREATING THIS PLAN. I'M
25 GLAD WE'RE AT THIS POINT TODAY.

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1

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

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND,
5 SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU ACTUALLY TOUCHED ON WHAT I WAS GOING TO
6 ASK FOR A CLARIFICATION ON, BECAUSE I WAS A LITTLE TAKEN ABACK
7 WHEN I SAW THAT THERE WERE 8 ORGANIZATIONS THAT REQUESTED THAT
8 THEIR NAME AND LOGOS BE REMOVED, ESPECIALLY SINCE SOME OF
9 THOSE ARE PEOPLE, OR ORGANIZATIONS, THAT THIS COUNTY HAS HAD
10 STRONG PARTNERSHIPS WITH. AND SO I'M HOPING THAT WE CAN,
11 MOVING FORWARD, ADDRESS MAYBE SOME OF THEIR CONCERNS. YOU
12 CAN'T PLEASE EVERYBODY. AND THIS HAS BEEN A PROJECT, TO YOUR
13 POINT, MARK, SOMETHING THAT YOU HAVE SEEN AND WANTED TO WORK
14 ON FOR A LONG TIME. AND TO GET TO WHERE WE ARE TODAY DIDN'T
15 HAPPEN OVERNIGHT. AND EVERYONE HAS HAD A SEAT AT THE TABLE. I
16 APPRECIATED YOUR VIDEO, MARK, THAT YOU PUT TOGETHER, OR THAT
17 THE DEPARTMENT PUT TOGETHER, THAT REALLY DID HIGHLIGHT THAT
18 THE STAKEHOLDERS HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE.
19 "PARTICIPATE" DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN YOU'RE GOING TO GET
20 EVERYTHING YOU WANT, BUT IT DOES ALLOW YOU TO HAVE A VOICE AS
21 YOU WORK TOWARD THAT. AND SO I THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
22 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR BRINGING THESE MOTIONS
23 FORWARD. I THINK THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO REALLY
24 CHANGE HOW WE, IN L.A. COUNTY, LOOK AT A RIVER. WHEN YOU GO TO
25 DIFFERENT CITIES, AND YOU HEAR ABOUT THE RIVER GOING THROUGH

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1 THE COMMUNITY, WE HAVE A RIVER. AND WHEN I SHOW PEOPLE THE
2 RIVER, THEY SAY, "THAT'S A RIVER?" AND IT IS. AND SO I THINK
3 THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO INVEST IN THAT. AND I AM
4 EXCITED MOVING FORWARD, AND I HOPE THAT WE CAN BUILD BACK THE
5 BRIDGE TOWARD THOSE ORGANIZATIONS THAT, RIGHT NOW, ARE FEELING
6 THAT THEY ARE NOT A PART OF IT. SO, THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I THINK THIS IS A PERFECT
9 EXAMPLE OF HOW INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS CAN SOMETIMES TAKE A
10 GENERATION. WHEW! BUT THIS ONE WILL NOT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
11 DON'T WORRY. THIS ONE WILL NOT. AND I'VE CLEARLY BEEN IN
12 COMMUNICATION WITH YOU AND THE SPEAKER. I HAVE HEARD FROM MANY
13 OF MY FORMER COLLEAGUES IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE ABOUT THEIR
14 PERSPECTIVE, AND REALLY WANT TO TIP MY HAT TO THE MASTER PLAN
15 STEERING COMMITTEE. IT'S ONE THING FOR ELECTEDS TO LEAN IN,
16 BUT FOR COMMUNITY RESIDENTS TO GIVE OF THEIR TIME AND THEIR
17 HEART AND THEIR PASSION, TO BE ENGAGED IN PROCESSES LIKE THIS,
18 WE REALLY WANT TO COMMEND THEM, AND ASK AGAIN THAT THEY
19 CONTINUE TO JOIN WITH US IN THIS MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT.
20 SPECIFIC TO ITEM 24, I'M FULLY SUPPORTIVE OF THE LAND BANK
21 STRATEGY, AND WANT TO ENSURE THAT OUR DEPARTMENTS AND THE
22 ORGANIZATIONS AND ADVOCATES SUPPORTING THIS MOTION ARE
23 INTENTIONAL, QUITE FRANKLY, ABOUT MAKING SURE THAT BLACK AND
24 INDIGENOUS VOICES ARE INCLUDED IN THE PROCESS. THAT'S GOING TO
25 BE IMPORTANT. THE L.A. RIVER MASTER PLAN REALLY HAS

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1 SIGNIFICANT, CATALYTIC POTENTIAL FOR NEIGHBORHOODS IT RUNS
2 THROUGH, AND FOR THE REGION OVERALL, AND SO WE AT THE COUNTY
3 REALLY HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL OF THOSE POTENTIAL NEEDS CAN
4 BE HARNESSSED IN A WAY THAT DOES NOT PERPETUATE HISTORIC LAND
5 EXCLUSION, AND THAT WE MAKE SURE THAT ALL COMMUNITIES' VOICES
6 AND NEEDS ARE AT THE TABLE. WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO OUR
7 RESIDENTS WHO LIVE IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS, BECAUSE, AS WE
8 KNOW, WE ARE THEIR LOCAL REPRESENTATION, AND PROVIDE FUNDING
9 FOR LOCAL PROJECTS. AND SO I JUST THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE
10 BE MINDFUL OF THOSE ADDITIONAL POPULATIONS AS WE CONTINUE TO
11 NAVIGATE THIS. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE ONGOING CONVERSATION.
12 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I KNOW SPEAKER RENDON PLANNED TO CALL IN
13 THIS MORNING TO LEND HIS VOICE ONCE AGAIN, BUT HE HAD A LAST-
14 MINUTE SCHEDULE CHANGE, BUT I KNOW THAT IF HE COULD HAVE, HE
15 WOULD HAVE BEEN HERE TO ONCE AGAIN SAY HE STANDS WITH YOU IN
16 THE COMPLETION OF THESE PROJECTS. ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS OR
17 COMMENTS BEFORE WE GO TO A VOTE? SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND TO THE
20 BOARD MEMBERS THAT CHIMED IN, AS WELL AS OUR DIRECTOR, MARK
21 PESTRELLA. I REALLY WANT TO HELP UNDERSCORE THAT IT ISN'T
22 ABOUT ONE PARTICULAR PROJECT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, BECAUSE 51
23 MILES REALLY EXPRESSES THE DEMOGRAPHIC, COULD I SAY, VARIATION
24 THAT EXISTS, BECAUSE THE NORTHERN PART OF THE L.A. RIVER IS
25 MUCH DIFFERENT FROM THE MIDSECTION, AND EVEN THE LOWER

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1 SOUTHEAST L.A. SECTION. I HAPPEN TO REPRESENT A GOOD PORTION
2 OF THE POPULATION THAT IS AROUND THE NORTHEAST AREA, ALL THE
3 WAY TO THE TIP, NOW, OF SOUTHEAST L.A., AND I'M HAPPY AND
4 PROUD TO HAVE REPRESENTED THE S.E.L.A. CITIES, AND I FEEL THAT
5 PRIDE, AND I KNOW THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN FEELS IT, AS WELL. AND
6 WE'RE GOING TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF OUR RESIDENTS AND THE
7 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITIES. I, TOO, WAS TAKEN ABACK A BIT TO
8 HEAR SOME OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS STRIKING OUT A DIFFERENT NOTE,
9 BUT THAT'S WHY WE HAVE THE LAND BANK PILOT JOINING WITH THIS
10 MOTION: BECAUSE WE KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS. WE HAVE SEEN
11 GENTRIFICATION HAPPEN IN OTHER PARTS OF THE RIVER. WE CAN'T
12 HAVE THAT GOING ON. AND WE KNOW THAT THAT WAS ONE OF OUR
13 PRIMARY PREMISES, AT LEAST IN MY MIND, WHEN I WAS A SUPERVISOR
14 REPRESENTING THE S.E.L.A. AREA, BECAUSE TOO MANY TIMES, OUR
15 PEOPLE OF COLOR ARE DISPLACED AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHER, OUTSIDE
16 INTERESTS THAT REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND THE IMPACTS THAT THEY
17 CAN HAVE. SO, AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE. I WANT TO THANK
18 MARK. MARK, THIS IS YOUR DREAM THAT YOU'VE HAD FOR SOME 20, 30
19 YEARS, AND IT'S ONE THAT I EMBRACE, AND WILL WORK WITH
20 EVERYONE, AND JUST WANT TO THANK ALL THE COMMUNITY RESIDENTS
21 THAT CAME OUT OVER TIME AND TIME AGAIN, TO HELP TESTIFY AND
22 WITNESS AND BE A PART OF THESE COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS.
23 SO, THANK YOU, AND ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE, RESPECTFULLY. THANK
24 YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. COLLEAGUES, WHILE
2 WE HEARD ALL THREE AGENDA ITEMS PRESENTED-- SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** I JUST WANTED TO ADD THAT WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT THE
5 LENGTH OF THE RIVER, AND, JUST TO FILL IT IN, THE HEADWATERS
6 IS IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, KIND OF OVER TOWARD THE WEST
7 END, AND ALMOST HALF THE RIVER RUNS THROUGH THE SAN FERNANDO
8 VALLEY IN MY DISTRICT, AND THEN KIND OF HANGS A RIGHT TURN,
9 RUNNING AROUND DOWNTOWN. IT ENCOMPASSES SO MANY DIFFERENT
10 COMMUNITIES IN OUR COUNTY. AND WE WILL DO SOMETHING TO
11 COMMEMORATE THE HEADWATERS AREA, AND IT'S GOING TO BE, I
12 THINK, MAGNIFICENT. BUT I DO UNDERSTAND PEOPLE WANT TO MAKE
13 CERTAIN THAT THEY'RE HEARD, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO THAT
14 ALL ALONG THE PROCESS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AGAIN, THANK YOU. WHILE WE HEARD ALL 3
17 ITEMS TOGETHER, WE WILL BE TAKING INDIVIDUAL VOTES PER ITEM,
18 OKAY? SO, HEARING NO OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, WE'LL BEGIN
19 WITH ITEM 24, AS REVISED. IT'S BEFORE US; MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
20 SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
21 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL ROLL.

22

23 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** ITEM 24, AS REVISED, IS BEFORE YOU.
24 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

25

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

2

3 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

6

7 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

10

11 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

14

15 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR

16 MITCHELL?

17

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

19

20 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES,

21 5-0.

22

23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 107, THE LOS ANGELES RIVER MASTER

24 PLAN; MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN

25 TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CALL THE ROLL.

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1

2 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** ITEM 107 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

5

6 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

9

10 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

11

12 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

13

14 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

17

18 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR

19 MITCHELL?

20

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

22

23 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES,

24 5-0.

25

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 137-A, IMPLEMENTING THE LOS ANGELES
2 RIVER MASTER PLAN; MOVED BY KUEHL, SECONDED BY BARGER TO
3 APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CALL THE ROLL.

4

5 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** ITEM 137-A IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR
6 SOLIS?

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

9

10 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

13

14 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

17

18 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

21

22 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR
23 MITCHELL?

24

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

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1

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

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. CONGRATULATIONS.
6 ITEM 25, SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION. SUPERVISOR HAHN HELD IT.
7 SUPERVISOR HAHN? I'M SORRY, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AND THEN,
8 SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU'RE CO-AUTHOR, IF YOU CHOOSE TO SPEAK. I'M
9 SORRY.

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SORRY, MADAM CHAIR. YES,
12 THANK YOU SO MUCH. I'M GLAD TO BE INTRODUCING THE MOTION,
13 HOWEVER, WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN. AS YOU KNOW, WE AS A BOARD ARE
14 COMMITTED TO ENDING TRAFFIC-RELATED FATALITIES BY 2035. WE
15 HAVE ALL LOST A LOVED ONE TO TRAFFIC FATALITIES, OR KNOW
16 SOMEONE WHO HAS. EVERY 5 DAYS, A TRAFFIC COLLISION TAKES
17 ANOTHER ANGELENO, AND THAT IS ONLY ON UNINCORPORATED STREETS.
18 AND THESE TRAGEDIES ARE ALL TOO COMMON IN MY DISTRICT, THE
19 FIRST DISTRICT. IN APRIL, A HIGH-SPEED CRASH ON AN
20 UNINCORPORATED STRETCH OF OLYMPIC BOULEVARD TOOK THE LIVES OF
21 3 YOUNG EAST L.A. RESIDENTS, AGE 21, 19, AND 18. AND JUST LAST
22 WEEK, A TRUCK IN WESTLAKE LOST CONTROL AND STRUCK 9
23 PEDESTRIANS, INCLUDING TWO 8-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN. AND THESE ARE
24 JUST A COUPLE OF EXAMPLES OF A STORY OF AN ALL-TOO-COMMON
25 OCCURRENCE THAT HAPPENS IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. WE KNOW THOSE

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1 THAT LOSE THE MOST WHEN TRAFFIC LIMITS ARE TOO HIGH OR ARE NOT
2 FOLLOWED, AND THOSE PEOPLE ARE OUR CHILDREN AND OUR YOUNG
3 PEOPLE. MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS ARE THE LEADING CAUSE OF
4 DEATH FOR CHILDREN AGES 5 THROUGH 14 IN L.A. COUNTY. AND I
5 WANT TO SAY THAT ONE MORE TIME: MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS ARE
6 THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH FOR CHILDREN AGE 5 TO 14 IN L.A.
7 COUNTY. NOT SOMETHING THAT I'M PROUD OF. WE HAVE TO DO BETTER.
8 THESE DEATHS ARE AVOIDABLE. ALL THE WORK WE DO HERE AS
9 SUPERVISORS IS NOT FOR US. IT'S FOR THEM. IT'S ABOUT THE
10 YOUTH. THIS MOTION IS ABOUT TAKING BACK LOCAL CONTROL OF OUR
11 STREETS, AND MAKING THEM SAFER FOR THE NEXT GENERATION. THE
12 STATE REQUIRES SPEED LIMITS TO ALIGN WITH THE 85TH PERCENTILE
13 OF SPEEDING DURING ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC SURVEYS, IN ORDER
14 TO ENFORCE LIMITS. THIS OFTEN LEAVES THE COUNTY EITHER RAISING
15 THE SPEED LIMIT, OR UNABLE TO ENFORCE LOWER SPEED LIMITS. WITH
16 THIS MOTION, THE COUNTY CAN SET AND ENFORCE LOWER SPEED
17 LIMITS. AND HERE WE ARE DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
18 WORKS TO RETURN TO THE BOARD IN 90 DAYS WITH TWO REPORTS. THE
19 FIRST REPORT WILL PROVIDE US WITH THE ORDINANCES NEEDED TO
20 TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ASSEMBLY BILL 43, THE NEW STATE LAW THAT
21 GIVES THE COUNTY MORE CONTROL OVER SPEED LIMITS. AND THE
22 SECOND PART OF THE REPORT, DRAFTED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
23 PUBLIC HEALTH, WILL RECOMMEND STREETS IN THE CURRENT SURVEY
24 CYCLE THAT SHOULD HAVE THEIR SPEED REDUCED, BASED ON COUNTY'S
25 VISION ZERO PLAN. THERE IS NO MAGIC SOLUTION THAT WILL END

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1 TRAFFIC FATALITIES OVERNIGHT, AS WE ALL KNOW. IT WILL TAKE A
2 LOT OF WORK, AND REQUIRE MANY DIFFERENT TOOLS FOR US TO PULL
3 ON. REDUCING SPEED LIMITS IS ONLY ONE TOOL, BUT IT IS AN
4 IMPORTANT ONE FOR US TO BEGIN. AND AFTER BEING STRUCK AT 30
5 MILES PER HOUR, INSTEAD OF 40, PEDESTRIANS ARE 40% MORE LIKELY
6 TO SURVIVE AND AVOID SEVERE INJURY. THAT SMALL CHANGE-- JUST
7 10 MILES PER HOUR-- CAN HAVE REAL IMPACTS AND SAVE LIVES. SO I
8 ASK ALL OF YOU TODAY TO SUPPORT THE MOTION TO TASK THE
9 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WITH CRAFTING A PLAN TO REDUCE
10 SPEED LIMITS IN THE UNINCORPORATED PARTS OF LOS ANGELES
11 COUNTY. LET'S TAKE ANOTHER STEP TOWARDS MEETING OUR VISION
12 ZERO COMMITMENT, AND I RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.
13 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

14
15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND APOLOGIES, SUPERVISOR
16 SOLIS. I MISSPOKE, AND THERE WAS COLLECTIVE CORRECTION HERE IN
17 THE HEARING ROOM, SO I GOT IT RIGHT. IT'S YOUR MOTION. WE'LL
18 GO NOW TO SUPERVISOR HAHN, AS CO-AUTHOR. YOU WANT TO SPEAK?

19
20 **SUP. HAHN:** WELL, THANK YOU, BUT YOU KNOW WHAT? SUPERVISOR
21 SOLIS, YOU REALLY JUST SAID IT EXACTLY RIGHT. I THINK MY STAFF
22 SAW YOUR REMARKS BEFOREHAND, AND COPIED THEM, AND PUT THEM
23 BEFORE ME. SO, I WILL NOT ADD ONE THING TO WHAT YOU JUST SAID.
24 YOU GUYS ARE NEVER GOING TO HEAR ME SAY THAT AGAIN. SO, THANK
25 YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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1

2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER COMMENTS ON THE
3 MOTION? SEEING NONE, ITEM 25 IS BEFORE US; MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
4 SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.
5 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

6

7 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** ITEM 25 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

10

11 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

14

15 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

18

19 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

20

21 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

22

23 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR
24 MITCHELL?

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

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

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6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ITEM 112, THE JACKIE ROBINSON
7 PARK LANDMARK DESIGNATION PROJECT, HELD BY SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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9 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I TRULY AM HUMBLLED BY THE
10 OPPORTUNITY TO BRING THIS MOTION FORWARD TODAY, TO DESIGNATE
11 JACKIE ROBINSON PARK, IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF SUN
12 VILLAGE, AS A LOS ANGELES COUNTY LANDMARK. THE COMMUNITY OF
13 SUN VILLAGE WAS ESTABLISHED BY ATTORNEY MELVIN RAY GRUBBS, A
14 BLACK MAN, WHO PARTNERED WITH THE MARBLE FAMILY, A WHITE
15 FAMILY WHO OWNED THE SUN VILLAGE LAND CORPORATION. THE SUN
16 VILLAGE LAND CORPORATION OWNED APPROXIMATELY 1,000 ACRES OF
17 LAND IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, THEY WERE
18 WILLING TO SELL TO BLACK INDIVIDUALS. AT THE TIME, NEIGHBORING
19 COMMUNITIES WERE RIPE WITH RACIAL PREJUDICE. DESPITE THE
20 CHALLENGE CREATED BY REDLINING AND RACIAL PREJUDICE, BLACK
21 FAMILIES AND BLACK INDIVIDUALS CAME FROM SOUTH LOS ANGELES AND
22 OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY TO ESTABLISH SUN VILLAGE, WHICH WAS
23 A HAVEN THAT PROVIDED SOME REPRIEVE. GIVEN THE DISCRIMINATION
24 THAT THEY WERE SUBJECTED TO IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY, THE
25 RESIDENTS OF SUN VILLAGE BECAME SELF-SUFFICIENT AND

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1 INDEPENDENT. FURTHERMORE, THE SUN VILLAGE WOMEN'S CLUB'S
2 DESIRE TO ADVOCATE FOR SOCIAL CAUSES, AND TO GENERATE INTEREST
3 IN SOCIOECONOMIC ISSUES IN THE COMMUNITY, HELPED DRIVE THE
4 EFFORTS WHICH ULTIMATELY DONATED THE LAND FOR THE
5 ESTABLISHMENT OF JACKIE ROBINSON PARK. THE PARK WAS DEDICATED
6 IN 1965. THEN-SUPERVISOR WARREN DORNE AND JACKIE ROBINSON WERE
7 IN ATTENDANCE TO HELP DEDICATE THIS PARK. IN THE FIFTH
8 DISTRICT, JACKIE ROBINSON'S IMPORTANCE AND SIGNIFICANCE IS NOT
9 ONLY SYMBOLIC; HE IS ONE OF OUR HOMETOWN HEROES. JACKIE
10 ROBINSON GREW UP IN THE FIFTH-DISTRICT CITY OF PASADENA, AND
11 IT'S WHERE HE LEARNED THE GAME OF BASEBALL. SIMILAR TO HOW HE
12 WENT ON TO OVERCOME RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND BROKE THE COLOR
13 BARRIER, THE FOUNDERS OF SUN VILLAGE ESTABLISHED A THRIVING
14 COMMUNITY, IN SPITE OF THE NUMEROUS OBSTACLES. WHILE THIS
15 COMMUNITY WAS ABLE TO SUCCEED DESPITE THE ADVERSITY, IT IS
16 IMPORTANT THAT WE LEARN FROM THE PAST TO ENSURE THAT WE
17 PROVIDE SUPPORT, AND EQUITABLY INVEST IN ALL OF OUR
18 COMMUNITIES. EVERY ONE OF OUR COMMUNITIES IS WORTHY OF OUR
19 SUPPORT, AND MUST BE EMPOWERED TO THRIVE, REGARDLESS OF RACIAL
20 COMPOSITION, GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION, OR RESIDENTIAL DENSITY. IN
21 THE CASE OF JACKIE ROBINSON PARK, I BELIEVE IT IS CRITICAL
22 THAT WE PRESERVE THE SITE AS A COUNTY LANDMARK. THIS
23 DESIGNATION OF A SITE AS A LANDMARK BESTOWS AN IMPORTANT
24 TITLE, ILLUSTRATING THE CULTURAL AND HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE OF
25 JACKIE ROBINSON PARK. IT SERVES AS AN IMPORTANT SYMBOL TO THE

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1 TENACITY AND PERSEVERANCE OF THE BLACK VISIONARIES AND LEADERS
2 THAT CREATED THE SUN VILLAGE COMMUNITY AND ESTABLISHED THIS
3 PARK. SO I WOULD ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE. I THINK THIS IS
4 EXCITING. THE HISTORY, ESPECIALLY UP IN THE NORTH COUNTY, IS
5 FASCINATING. YOU KNOW, I TAKE SO MUCH PRIDE IN THAT COMMUNITY,
6 BECAUSE THEY CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR EQUITY, AS IT RELATES TO
7 SERVICES FOR THEIR COMMUNITY, AND THIS DESIGNATION IS VERY
8 SIGNIFICANT FOR THEM. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU FOR THE SUN
11 VILLAGE HISTORY LESSON. I LEARNED SOMETHING TODAY. THANK YOU
12 VERY MUCH. ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON THE ITEM? SEEING
13 NONE, ITEM 112 IS BEFORE US; MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER,
14 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THE ITEM. PLEASE
15 CALL THE ROLL.

16

17 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** ITEM 112 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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21 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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23 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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25 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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4 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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6 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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8 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR

9 MITCHELL?

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

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13 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES,

14 5-0.

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL MOVE ON TO

17 SPECIALS. I KNOW SUPERVISOR HAHN HAS ONE TO PRESENT, WITH

18 REGARD TO FARMER JOHN'S CLOSURE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WE'VE ALL HEARD ABOUT THE

21 CLOSING OF THE FARMER JOHN FACILITY IN THE CITY OF VERNON,

22 WHICH WILL RELATE TO 2,000 JOBS THAT WOULD BE LOST. AND THESE

23 INDIVIDUALS LIVE AND RAISE FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITIES, AND

24 THE COUNTY, I BELIEVE, NEEDS TO MARSHAL ITS RESOURCES TO HELP

25 PROVIDE JOB TRAINING, TO ENHANCE SKILLS, AND ASSIST IN THE

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1 PLACEMENT OF ALL THESE SOON-TO-BE-FORMER EMPLOYEES. I
2 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE CHIEF
3 EXECUTIVE OFFICE, WORKING WITH OUR DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC
4 OPPORTUNITY, THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS,
5 AND THE LOS ANGELES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, TO
6 REPORT BACK IN 60 DAYS, IN WRITING, WITH AN ACTION PLAN TO
7 ASSIST THE EMPLOYEES FROM FARMER JOHN ON ENHANCED JOB TRAINING
8 AND JOB PLACEMENT. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GREAT, AND SO WE'RE ACTUALLY
11 GOING TO VOTE ON THIS TODAY. I HAVE ONE QUICK QUESTION. FULLY
12 SUPPORT IT, SUPERVISOR HAHN. I'M CURIOUS. DO YOU KNOW IF THE
13 CITY OF VERNON INTENDS TO DO ANYTHING TO HELP THESE DISPLACED
14 WORKERS?

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16 **SUP. HAHN:** I THINK EVERYBODY IS LOOKING TO HELP THESE
17 DISPLACED WORKERS, BUT I FEEL LIKE MANY OF THE EMPLOYEES DON'T
18 ALL LIVE IN THE CITY OF VERNON. YEAH, THEY LIVE IN SOME OF OUR
19 SURROUNDING CITIES. SO, I THINK EVERYBODY REALLY WANTS TO
20 HELP, BUT I FELT LIKE WE, IN THE COUNTY, HAVE INCREDIBLE
21 RESOURCES THAT WE COULD MARSHAL AT THIS TIME.

22

23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I COMPLETELY SUPPORT THAT AND AGREE. IT
24 JUST HIT ME AS I READ IT, THAT I REALIZE THAT IT WAS A MAJOR

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1 EMPLOYER IN THE CITY OF VERNON. I JUST WONDERED WHETHER THE
2 CITY PLANNED ON WEIGHING IN AT ALL. THAT'S ALL.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** ACTUALLY, THEY EVEN HAVE BEEN TALKING TO THE
5 GOVERNOR, I THINK, TO SEE WAS THERE ANY INCENTIVES THAT WE
6 COULD PROVIDE THAT COULD KEEP THE PLANT THERE. BUT SO FAR, I
7 HAVE NOT HEARD ANYTHING DECISIVE. I THINK THEY WANT TO LEAVE
8 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** GOTCHA. OKAY, THANK YOU FOR THE
11 CLARIFICATION. AND JUST TO CLARIFY FOR EVERYONE, WE WILL BE
12 VOTING ON THIS TODAY.

13

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

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16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YES. I'M SORRY. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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18 **SUP. SOLIS:** I JUST WANTED TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR
19 BRINGING THIS FORWARD, BECAUSE IT IS A BIG ISSUE, AND SHE'S
20 CORRECT WHEN SHE SAYS THAT MOST OF THE IMPACTED EMPLOYEES COME
21 FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY, AS FAR AS EVEN ORANGE COUNTY.
22 HAVING REPRESENTED THAT, THAT FACILITY, I KNOW WHAT IT MEANS.
23 WE HELPED THEM OUT EARLY ON, DURING THE C.O.V.I.D. OVER 2000
24 EMPLOYEES WORK THERE, AND MANY THAT I MET WERE FROM OTHER
25 PARTS OF THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING NORTHEAST L.A., WEST L.A.,

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1 INGLEWOOD, SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. AND I HOPE THAT E.D.D., THAT
2 THEY COME FORWARD, THE STATE COMPLIES TO HELP US, BECAUSE
3 PEOPLE NEED ASSISTANCE. AND IF THEY CAN APPLY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT
4 INSURANCE AND DISLOCATION ASSISTANCE, THAT SHOULD BE MADE
5 AVAILABLE THROUGH THE STATE, THROUGH FEDERAL DOLLARS THAT COME
6 TO US. SO, HOPEFULLY, WE'LL BE ABLE TO BE ALL ON CUE ON THAT
7 ONE. SO, STAND WITH YOU ON THAT ONE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
8 HAHN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND VERY GOOD POINT. SO, WITH
11 THAT, IT'S BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY
12 SUPERVISOR SOLIS ON THE SPECIAL, AS READ INTO THE RECORD BY
13 SUPERVISOR HAHN. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

14

15 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** THE SPECIAL MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HAHN IS
16 BEFORE YOU, AS READ IN. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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18 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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20 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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22 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

23

24 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

2

3 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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5 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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7 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR

8 MITCHELL?

9

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

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12 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES,

13 5-0.

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE WILL NOW

16 TRANSITION INTO "ADJOURN IN MEMORY," AND THE ORDER TODAY WILL

17 BE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 2, 3, 4, 5, AND 1. WHEN WE ADJOURN

18 TODAY, COLLEAGUES, I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF REYNALDO

19 JOAQUIN REASER, SR. MR. REASER WAS BORN ON JANUARY 8, 1968, IN

20 L.A., AND PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 22ND, AT THE VERY YOUNG AGE OF

21 54. HE'LL BE REMEMBERED AND HONORED AS A FEARLESS COMMUNITY

22 LEADER AND ACTIVIST, WHO WAS COMMITTED TO ENDING GANG

23 VIOLENCE, NOT ONLY IN HIS OWN COMMUNITY OF WEST ATHENS AND

24 WESTMONT, BUT THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY. HE IMPLEMENTED SAFE

25 PASSAGES AT HELEN KELLER PARK, AND CREATED AN INNOVATIVE

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1 SOFTBALL LEAGUE THAT BROUGHT RIVAL GANGS TOGETHER, TO PUT
2 ASIDE THEIR DIFFERENCES AND PROMOTE PEACE IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES
3 IMPACTED BY GANG VIOLENCE. IN 2010, HE FOUNDED THE NONPROFIT
4 R.A.C.E.: RECLAIMING AMERICA'S COMMUNITIES THROUGH
5 EMPOWERMENT. THROUGH HIS ORGANIZATION, HE OFFERED SPORTS
6 PROGRAMMING, YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, AND PEACE AND MEDIATION
7 ROUNDTABLES LED BY CERTIFIED GANG INTERVENTIONISTS AND
8 COMMUNITY MEMBERS. HIS ORGANIZATION WAS AWARDED THE L.A.
9 GREATER PEACE AWARD, BY ROTARY CLUB DISTRICT 5280, FOR ITS
10 ROLE IN REDUCING THE HOMICIDE RATE IN THE WEST ATHENS
11 COMMUNITY. HE WAS A MAN OF FAITH, WHO HAD A TREMENDOUS HEART.
12 HE WOULD REGULARLY OPEN HIS HOME TO YOUTH IN THE COMMUNITY,
13 WHO NEEDED A SAFE SPACE AND WISE COUNSEL. HE WAS INCREDIBLY
14 SMART AND KIND, ALWAYS HELPING OTHERS AND EXPLORING WAYS TO
15 UPLIFT HIS OWN COMMUNITY. HIS LEGACY, TEACHINGS, AND IMPACT
16 WILL LAST FOR MANY GENERATIONS TO COME. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
17 WIFE RENEE, 4 CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, AS WELL AS A HOST OF
18 EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS, WHO WILL ALL MISS HIM, HIS
19 PASSION, AND COMMITMENT DEARLY. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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21 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I ASK THAT WHEN
22 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF TANYA ABRAMS, WHO
23 DIED IN MAY. AN EARLY LEADER, IN COLLEGE SHE SERVED AS AN
24 ASSOCIATED WOMEN'S STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ON U.C.L.A.'S
25 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT COUNSEL. AS A CAREER WOMAN, HER FIRST

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1 CHAPTER WAS IN THE FASHION INDUSTRY, WHERE SHE TRAVELED THE
2 GLOBE AS AN INTERNATIONAL BUYER FOR MAJOR RETAILERS, AND LATER
3 WAS AN EXECUTIVE AT A LEADING WOMEN'S WEAR COMPANY, TEDDI OF
4 CALIFORNIA. IN HER SECOND CHAPTER, SHE WORKED IN INTERIOR
5 DESIGN, INCLUDING SIDE BY SIDE WITH HER HUSBAND AS CO-OWNERS
6 OF JEFFREY STEVENS DESIGN, A WEST HOLLYWOOD-BASED WALL
7 COVERING AND FABRIC SHOWROOM AND DISTRIBUTOR. AN ACTIVE
8 COMMUNITY LEADER, SHE LED ORGANIZATIONS RANGING FROM THE LOCAL
9 P.T.A. TO THE AMIE KAREN CANCER FUND AT CEDARS-SINAI. SHE'S
10 SURVIVED BY HER SONS, STEVEN AND JEFFREY. AND I ASK THAT WHEN
11 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DR. JAY GOLDBERG,
12 WHO DIED ON MAY 29TH. AFTER GRADUATING FROM THE MEDICAL
13 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN 1996, DR. GOLDBERG COMPLETED
14 HIS INTERNSHIP AND RESIDENCY AT THE KAISER PERMANENTE
15 HOSPITAL, BEFORE OFFICIALLY BEGINNING HIS MEDICAL CAREER ON
16 THE WEST COAST. DR. GOLDBERG WAS AT THE CEDARS-SINAI'S WOMEN'S
17 CARE OF BEVERLY HILLS, WHERE HE WORKED TO ENSURE THE SAFETY
18 AND WELFARE OF WOMEN IN LABOR, AND WAS AN EXPERT IN DELIVERING
19 NEWBORNS. HE WAS ALSO AN ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATOR AT THE DAVID
20 GEFFEN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT U.C.L.A. DR. GOLDBERG WAS HONORED
21 FOR HIS WORK, RECEIVING THE OBSTETRICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD
22 FROM 2004 TO 2006. HE ALSO WON THE GOLDEN APPLE TEACHING AWARD
23 IN 2003, FOR HIS WORK IN EDUCATING OCCUPANTS AND CLINICAL
24 UNDERSTUDIES. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, AND HIS TWO CHILDREN,
25 JESSE AND OLIVER. AND FINALLY, I ASK WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE

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1 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ANDREW RALAUN WRIGHT, WHO DIED ON JANUARY
2 15TH. AFTER GRADUATING FROM PIERCE COLLEGE, HE WORKED AS A
3 LIFEGUARD FOR THE CITY OF L.A. VALLEY REGION AQUATICS, FOR THE
4 CITY OF L.A. BUREAU OF STREET SERVICES, AND AS AN EMERGENCY
5 MEDICAL TECHNICIAN. HE SHARED A SPECIAL BOND WITH HIS SISTER,
6 ANDRINA. HE WAS HER CHAMPION, AND HIS LOVE FOR HER WAS EVIDENT
7 IN HIS SUPPORT OF HER ENDEAVORS. HE VOLUNTEERED AT ABILITY
8 FIRST, THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS, AND THE ROYALS CHALLENGER
9 BASEBALL LEAGUE FOR YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES, WHERE HE WAS
10 AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS "THE TEAM BROTHER." HE'S SURVIVED BY
11 HIS MOTHER SHEILA, AND SONS ANDREW AND DENZEL. THANK YOU,
12 MADAM CHAIR.

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

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16 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
17 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF CORDELIA JANE BURKE, WHO
18 JUST PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. CORDELIA AND HER TWIN SISTER,
19 KATHLEEN, WERE BORN IN FRESNO, IN 1945, AND LIVED THERE FOR A
20 WHILE. AND AGAIN, CORDELIA JUST PASSED AWAY AT LONG BEACH
21 MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ON MAY 28TH. CORDELIA CAME DOWN TO LOS
22 ANGELES AND WENT TO PEPPERDINE COLLEGE-- IT WAS CALLED
23 PEPPERDINE COLLEGE THEN, WHEN IT WAS AT 79TH AND VERMONT--
24 WHERE SHE MET HER LIFELONG FRIENDS, MET HER HUSBAND. AND AFTER
25 SHE GRADUATED FROM PEPPERDINE, THEY WENT TO CHURCH AT THE

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1 INGLEWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST, WHICH IS WHERE I MET THEM. I WAS
2 JUST A YOUNG TEENAGER WHEN I WAS GOING TO THE INGLEWOOD CHURCH
3 OF CHRIST, AND I GOT TO BE VERY GOOD FRIENDS WITH CORDELIA
4 AND, AGAIN, HER TWIN SISTER, KATHLEEN. THEY WOULD DO AN ANNUAL
5 TRIP TO YOSEMITE, WHERE WE WOULD ALL GATHER TOGETHER. AND IN
6 THOSE DAYS, WE WERE ALLOWED TO SORT OF HAVE CHURCH SERVICES IN
7 SOME OF THE MEADOWS IN YOSEMITE. I DON'T THINK THAT'S ALLOWED
8 ANYMORE. AND THEN, LATER, CORDELIA MOVED TO LONG BEACH AND
9 WENT TO WORK AT LONG BEACH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. SHE WAS A
10 SKILLED MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTIONIST, AND SHE RETIRED AS A
11 SUPERVISOR, I BELIEVE, SO SHE HAD A REALLY GREAT CAREER THERE.
12 SHE HAD 3 WONDERFUL KIDS-- SARAH, SUSIE, AND CHUCK-- WHO,
13 AGAIN, WENT TO CHURCH AND WERE IN YOUTH GROUPS WITH MY KIDS.
14 SO, THIS LAST SATURDAY, CORDELIA WAS LAID TO REST AND HAD HER
15 SERVICE AT THE LONG BEACH CHURCH OF CHRIST, AND IT WAS A GREAT
16 GATHERING OF PEOPLE, WHO HAD TREMENDOUS MEMORIES OF CORDELIA.
17 THEY REMEMBERED HER WONDERFUL SINGING VOICE, HER GREAT HUGS,
18 AND JUST HER ABILITY TO BE SUCH A POSITIVE, CHEERFUL PERSON
19 WITH ALL THAT SHE CAME IN CONTACT WITH. I KNOW THIS IS
20 PARTICULARLY HARD FOR HER TWIN SISTER, WHO SPOKE AT THE
21 SERVICE AND SAID, "I'VE GOT TO LEARN NOW HOW TO NOT BE A
22 TWIN." SO, MAY SHE REST IN PEACE.

23
24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
2 DO SO IN MEMORY OF FAYE ABNEY, A LONGTIME ANTELOPE VALLEY
3 BUSINESS OWNER, WHO PASSED AWAY MAY 10TH, AT THE AGE OF 92.
4 BOTH JULY 11TH, 1929, IN CARNEGIE, OKLAHOMA, SHE MOVED TO
5 LANCASTER IN 1947 AFTER MARRYING JACK ABNEY. FAYE AND JACK
6 OWNED A SMALL GROCERY MARKET IN EAST LANCASTER, THEN OPENED
7 "THE SMART SHOPPE," A WOMEN'S CLOTHING STORE ON LANCASTER
8 BOULEVARD. THEIR SON JACK WAS BORN IN 1948. FAYE AND JACK
9 STAYED IN BUSINESS IN DOWNTOWN LANCASTER FOR MANY YEARS. FAYE
10 WAS ALSO VERY INVOLVED IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY COMMUNITY. ONE
11 OF FAYE'S FAVORITE ENDEAVORS WAS PARTNERING WITH THE
12 ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND ITS MODELS
13 AUXILIARY TO PRESENT THE ANNUAL DESIGNER SHOWCASE FASHION
14 SHOW. FAYE IS SURVIVED BY ONE GRANDDAUGHTER, 3 GREAT-
15 GRANDDAUGHTERS, AND ONE GREAT-GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER. ALSO, THAT
16 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BARBARA YVONNE BIGBY, A LONGTIME
17 RESIDENT OF ALTADENA, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MAY 15TH. BARBARA
18 ATTENDED LINCOLN ELEMENTARY, WASHINGTON JUNIOR HIGH, AND SHE
19 GRADUATED FROM JOHN MUIR HIGH SCHOOL IN PASADENA. BARBARA
20 ATTENDED PASADENA CITY COLLEGE, WHERE SHE MAJORED IN FASHION.
21 IN 1964, SHE BECAME A SONG GIRL AT PASADENA CITY COLLEGE, AND
22 SHE MARCHED IN THE 1964 ROSE PARADE. WHILE ATTENDING P.C.C.,
23 SHE MET THE LOVE OF HER LIFE, HER HUSBAND, RICHARD BIGBY, JR.
24 THEY WERE MARRIED FOR 57 YEARS, AND HAD 3 CHILDREN TOGETHER.
25 WITH AN ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT AND A GENUINE LOVE FOR

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1 CHILDREN, BARBARA OPENED HER OWN BUSINESS, THE "BRIGHT-EYED
2 DAYCARE." SHE WAS ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY, AND A MEMBER OF
3 LINCOLN AVENUE BAPTIST COMMUNITY CHURCH. IN 2007, BARBARA
4 BECAME THE PRESIDENT OF THE N.A.A.C.P. ALTADENA BRANCH, WHERE
5 SHE SERVED FOR 3 YEARS. IN 2008, SHE WAS APPOINTED AND SERVED
6 ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION, BECOMING THE
7 FIRST BLACK CHAIRWOMAN OF THIS COMMISSION. SHE STAYED ON THE
8 SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS, SERVING AS MY
9 APPOINTEE, AS WELL. BARBARA WAS ALSO ACTIVE IN HER COMMUNITY
10 WITH THE PASADENA ALTADENA Y.M.C.A., THE DEVAL FAMILY SERVICES
11 FOUNDATION IN PASADENA, PASADENA CITY COLLEGE, THE AFRO-
12 AMERICAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND THE ALTADENA COMMUNITY CENTER
13 ADVISORY BOARD. IN 2012, SHE WAS NAMED BY ASSEMBLYMEMBER
14 ANTHONY PORTANTINO AS THE 2012 WOMAN OF THE YEAR, FOR HER
15 LEADERSHIP COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION, AND DEDICATION TO
16 IMPROVING THE LIVES OF YOUTH. BARBARA'S SURVIVED BY HER LOVING
17 HUSBAND, HER 3 CHILDREN, 4 SIBLINGS, AND A HOST OF
18 GRANDCHILDREN, NIECES, AND NEPHEWS. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN
19 MEMORY OF JOHN HALL BIGGAR III, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF
20 PASADENA, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MAY 16TH. JOHN WAS BORN IN
21 PASADENA, AND ATTENDED LOCAL SCHOOLS. HE BECAME A STANDOUT
22 FOOTBALL STAR WHILE A STUDENT AT BLAIR HIGH SCHOOL. IN 1954,
23 HE GRADUATED FROM STANFORD UNIVERSITY WITH A DEGREE IN
24 ECONOMICS. THE FOLLOWING YEAR, HE MARRIED HIS COLLEGE
25 SWEETHEART, CAROL ANN ROMER. HE CONTINUED AT STANFORD TO EARN

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1 A MASTER'S DEGREE, BUT HIS EDUCATION WAS INTERRUPTED BY A 16-
2 MONTH TOUR IN KOREA, WHILE HE SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE U.S.
3 ARMY. SHORTLY AFTER COMPLETING HIS MILITARY SERVICE, JOHN
4 FINISHED UP HIS EDUCATION AND BECAME THE THIRD GENERATION OF
5 LEADERSHIP AT J.H. BIGGAR FURNITURE COMPANY, A HIGHLY REGARDED
6 FAMILY-OWNED FURNITURE COMPANY FORMALLY LOCATED ON THE CORNER
7 OF COLORADO BOULEVARD AND EL MOLINO, IN PASADENA. AFTER THE
8 DEATH OF HIS WIFE CAROL IN 1985, BIGGAR MARRIED KAROL LEE
9 HEZLEP IN 1986, AND UPON RETIREMENT, THEY RELOCATED TO ORANGE
10 COUNTY. JOHN SERVED ON THE BOARDS OF THE PASADENA BOYS CLUB
11 AND THE PASADENA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, AND WAS AN
12 ACTIVE MEMBER IN THE UNIVERSITY CLUB OF PASADENA, THE ROTARY
13 CLUB OF PASADENA, AND OF LAGUNA NIGUEL. JOHN VOLUNTEERED FOR
14 MORE THAN 50 YEARS WITH THE PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES. HE
15 BECAME PRESIDENT OF THE TOURNAMENT, WHERE HE PRESIDED OVER THE
16 100TH ROSE PARADE AND THE 75TH ROSE BOWL GAME IN 1989. JOHN IS
17 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, HIS TWO CHILDREN, TWO STEPCHILDREN, AND
18 HIS BROTHER. AND THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF OLIVE "OLLIE"
19 BLANNING. OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "OLLIE," SHE WAS MY FIRST BOSS IN
20 THE COUNTY, WHEN I STARTED AS AN INTERN. SHE PASSED AWAY ON
21 MAY 22ND. SHE WAS BORN IN GREENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, ON JANUARY
22 18TH, 1938, AND GREW UP IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AFTER GRADUATING
23 FROM PENN STATE UNIVERSITY WITH A DEGREE IN JOURNALISM, SHE
24 WORKED AS A RESEARCHER AT THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS. IN THE
25 1960S, OLLIE MOVED TO CALIFORNIA AND BEGAN VOLUNTEERING FOR

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1 L.A. COUNTY SUPERVISOR MIKE ANTONOVICH'S ELECTION CAMPAIGNS.
2 SHE WAS LATER HIRED ON AS STAFF, AND SERVED AS HIS ARTS DEPUTY
3 AND SENIOR FIELD DEPUTY IN PASADENA FOR 20 YEARS. UPON
4 RETIREMENT, OLLIE SERVED AS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S ARTS
5 COMMISSIONER, EVENTUALLY BECOMING PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSION.
6 OLLIE WAS ESPECIALLY PROUD OF THE KEY ROLE SHE PLAYED IN
7 HELPING TO ESTABLISH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOR
8 THE ARTS. THROUGHOUT HER LIFE, OLLIE DEDICATED TIME AND ENERGY
9 TO MANY ORGANIZATIONS CLOSE TO HER HEART. SHE WAS A BOARD
10 MEMBER OF THE A NOISE WITHIN THEATRE, THE WILDLIFE WAYSTATION,
11 FOOTHILL FAMILY SERVICES, AND THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
12 PRESBYTERIAN HOMES. SHE WAS ACTIVE IN HER CHURCH AS A DEACON
13 AND A STEPHEN MINISTER AT LA CRESCENTA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
14 OLLIE ALSO LOVED TO TRAVEL ACROSS THE U.S. AND AROUND THE
15 WORLD. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER TWO CHILDREN, NATALIE AND BRIAN,
16 HER GRANDSON DANNY, AND HER BROTHER. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN
17 MEMORY OF DOUG BOYD, A RESIDENT OF GLENDORA, WHO PASSED AWAY
18 ON JUNE 5TH. HE SERVED FOR 3 YEARS OVERSEAS DURING THE VIETNAM
19 WAR, AND IN THE EARLY 70S, AS A SERGEANT IN THE U.S. AIR
20 FORCE. HE WAS HIGHLY DECORATED, AND AWARDED THE AIR FORCE
21 COMMENDATION MEDAL, VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL, AND VIETNAM
22 CAMPAIGN MEDAL, AMONG OTHER COMMENDATIONS. DURING HIS CAREER
23 IN PUBLIC SERVICE, HE SERVED AS A SENIOR STAFF MEMBER TO TWO
24 STATE LEGISLATORS, A CONGRESSMAN AND HIS CHIEF OF STAFF, TO A
25 MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, AND AS CHIEF DEPUTY

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1 ASSESSOR OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. DOUG ALSO SERVED ON SEVERAL
2 NONPROFIT BOARDS, AND IS KNOWN AS AN ADVOCATE FOR CHILDREN
3 WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. DOUG SERVED AS BOTH MY, AS WELL AS
4 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S, APPOINTEE WITH THE L.A. COUNTY OFFICE
5 OF EDUCATION. AT THE TIME OF HIS PASSING, HE WAS AN ASSISTANT
6 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER/TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR FOR SAN BERNARDINO
7 COUNTY. DOUG IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, LINDA, AND THEIR 11
8 CHILDREN. ALSO, THAT WE'RE GOING TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DAWN
9 CRIST, A LONGTIME ANTELOPE VALLEY RESIDENT, AND MOTHER OF
10 LANCASTER VICE MAYOR MARVIN CRIST, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MAY
11 28TH. BORN IN BURY ST. EDMOND, ENGLAND, SHE LED A FULL AND
12 LOVING LIFE. DAWN'S EARLY CHILDHOOD WAS FILLED WITH MEMORIES
13 OF BIKE-RIDING, BLACKBERRY-PICKING, AND ENJOYING THE ENGLISH
14 COUNTRYSIDE. THEN WORLD WAR II BROUGHT GAS MASKS AND HIDING IN
15 BOMB SHELTERS. AS FATE WOULD HAVE IT, AN ARMY BASE WAS LOCATED
16 NEAR HER HOMETOWN. THERE SHE MET MARVIN CRIST, SR., TO WHOM
17 SHE WAS MARRIED FOR 54 YEARS. TOGETHER, IN 1952, THEY TRAVELED
18 TO THE MOJAVE DESERT TO SETTLE. IT TOOK AN ADJUSTMENT AFTER
19 GROWING UP IN THE LUSH GREEN OF ENGLAND. SHE WAS WELL KNOWN
20 FOR HER LOVING HOSPITALITY AND MAKING EVERYONE SHE MET FEEL AT
21 EASE. NEVER NEEDING TO DRIVE TO ENGLAND, SHE DID NOT GET HER
22 FIRST-- NEVER NEEDING TO DRIVE IN ENGLAND, SHE NEVER GOT HER
23 FIRST DRIVER'S LICENSE UNTIL SHE WAS IN HER 50S. SHE IS
24 SURVIVED BY HER SONS, MARVIN JR. AND MITCHELL CRIST, DAUGHTER
25 SHERI AVERY, 6 GRANDCHILDREN, AND TWO GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.

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1 ALSO, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FRANK HATHAWAY, A LONGTIME
2 RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 93.
3 FRANK SPENT HIS CHILDHOOD ATTENDING SCHOOL NEAR ECHO PARK AND
4 SILVER LAKE. HE STUDIED ENGINEERING BRIEFLY AT U.S.C., THEN,
5 AT 18, VOLUNTARILY ENLISTED IN THE SERVICE DURING WORLD WAR
6 II. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE ARMY AIR FORCE FOR THREE YEARS. HE
7 CHRONICLED HIS EXPERIENCE IN A BOOK, "LETTERS HOME," PUBLISHED
8 IN 2006. AT 25, HE TOOK THE HELM OF HIS FAMILY BUSINESS, THE
9 LOS ANGELES ATHLETIC CLUB. IN 1992, FRANK RETIRED FROM ACTIVE
10 BUSINESS AFTER 46 YEARS AS C.E.O. OF THE SOLIDLY SUCCESSFUL
11 L.A. ATHLETIC CLUB, L.T.D. FRANK WAS PASSIONATE ABOUT CIVIC
12 ENGAGEMENT. HE WAS APPOINTED AS A GRAND JUROR FOR L.A. COUNTY,
13 AND HE SERVED 9 YEARS ON THE LOS ANGELES POLICE BOARD OF
14 COMMISSIONERS. HE WAS AN EARLY CHAMPION FOR THE DOWNTOWN
15 WOMEN'S CENTER, A TRUSTEE OF THE SOUTHWEST MUSEUM, THE AUTRY
16 MUSEUM OF WESTERN HERITAGE, AND FOUNDING MEMBER OF
17 L.A.C.M.A.'S AMERICAN ART COUNCIL. HE WAS A DECADES-LONG
18 MEMBER OF ROTARY LA5, DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL CITY
19 ASSOCIATION, AND, EARLY ON, AN OFFICER OF THE THEN-THRIVING
20 L.A. JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. FRANK IS SURVIVED BY HIS 6
21 CHILDREN: KAREN, DEBORAH, JOHN, MARY ANN, SUSANNA, AND PAMELA.
22 ABSOLUTELY.

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24 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THINK WE SHOULD, BECAUSE WE ALL KNEW HIM.

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH, ABSOLUTELY. ALSO-- A LOT OF PEOPLE PASSED
2 AWAY. THIS IS MAKING ME SAD. I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
3 OF CHARLOTTE KAUP KLEEMAN, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF NEWHALL.
4 CHARLOTTE WAS BORN OUTSIDE OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AND MOVED
5 WITH HER FAMILY TO NORTH HOLLYWOOD. SHE ATTENDED SCHOOL THERE,
6 AND LATER GRADUATED FROM OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE IN LOS ANGELES.
7 SHE WAS EMPLOYED AS A SOCIAL WORKER BEFORE SHE RECEIVED TWO
8 TEACHING CREDENTIALS. SHE MARRIED HER HUSBAND, FRANK, IN 1961,
9 AND THEY RELOCATED AND MADE THEIR HOME IN NEWHALL. HER
10 VOLUNTEERISM IN HER COMMUNITY WAS EXTENSIVE AND SELFLESS. SHE
11 SERVED ON A NUMBER OF BOARDS, MANY OF WHICH SHE WAS EITHER THE
12 PRESIDENT OR THE DIRECTOR. THIS INCLUDES THE BOYS AND GIRLS
13 CLUB OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY CHILD
14 AND FAMILY CENTER, SANTA CLARITA ARTS COUNCIL, SAMUEL DIXON
15 FAMILY HEALTH CENTER, AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY
16 WOMEN, COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS FOUNDATION, CHILDREN'S
17 FOUNDATION FOR DENTAL HEALTH, AND THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY
18 REPERTORY THEATRE. SHE ALSO CHAIRED THE AMBASSADORS PROGRAM
19 FOR THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. IN 1996, SHE
20 WAS NAMED SANTA CLARITA WOMAN OF THE YEAR; AND IN 2002,
21 CHARLOTTE AND HER HUSBAND, FRANK, WERE VOTED "PHILANTHROPISTS
22 OF THE YEAR" BY THE NETWORK OF CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES.
23 IN 2005, THEY WERE HONORED AS RECIPIENTS OF COLLEGE OF THE
24 CANYONS SILVER SPUR COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD. CHARLOTTE IS
25 SURVIVED BY HER SON JEFF, AND HER DAUGHTERS SHARI, ROBIN, AND

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1 SUZETTE. ALSO, LILLIAN MAREK, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA
2 CLARITA. SHE WAS BORN IN MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN. SHE GRADUATED
3 FROM PIUS XI HIGH SCHOOL, AFTER WHICH SHE SPENT SOME TIME
4 TRAVELING, BEFORE SETTLING IN CALIFORNIA. SHE WORKED FOR
5 WILLIAM S. HART HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR 18 YEARS. SHE WAS
6 ALSO A DEDICATED AND DEVOTED VOLUNTEER OF HER CHILDREN'S
7 SCHOOLS AND SPORTS TEAMS. SHE ENJOYED MANY YEARS AS A
8 VOLUNTEER AT THE RESALE SHOP FOR THE ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF
9 SANTA CLARITA. EARNING HER ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE FROM COLLEGE OF
10 THE CANYONS IN 1993 WAS A VERY PROUD MOMENT. LILLIAN'S
11 SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER MINDY, HER SONS JEFFREY AND PATRICK,
12 AND HER SISTER EILEEN, AND HER BROTHERS DALE, TIM, AND TOM.
13 ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF KRISTIN LEIGH MCDONALD,
14 FORMER ROSE PARADE QUEEN, WHO PASSED AWAY UNEXPECTEDLY ON MAY
15 21ST, AT THE AGE OF 53. KRISTIN WAS BORN IN SAN GABRIEL, AND
16 ATTENDED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN ARCADIA. IN 1987, SHE WAS
17 HONORED TO BE NAMED THE QUEEN AT THE PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF
18 ROSES, REPRESENTING THE CITY AT THE ROSE PARADE AND AT THE
19 ROSE BOWL GAME. KRISTIN GRADUATED WITH HONORS FROM SAN DIEGO
20 STATE COLLEGE. SHE WORKED FOR CANNON COMMUNICATIONS AND
21 P.T.C., COORDINATING TRADE SHOW EXHIBIT BOOTHS. SHE WAS
22 MARRIED TO HER HUSBAND AND LOVE OF HER LIFE, CHRIS, FOR 22
23 YEARS. THEY MOVED TO LAKE FOREST IN 2004, AND ATTENDED
24 SADDLEBACK CHURCH IN THAT CITY. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED FONDLY
25 FOR HER BIG, INFECTIOUS SMILE, AND HER LOVE OF HER CHRISTIAN

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1 FAITH. KRISTIN IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, 3 CHILDREN, AND HER
2 BROTHERS. AND LAST, BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST, I MOVE THAT WE
3 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JAMES LEE SMITH, 67-YEAR RESIDENT OF
4 SANTA CLARITA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 73. HE WAS BORN
5 IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA. AS A YOUNG CHILD, HE MOVED WITH HIS
6 FAMILY TO NEWHALL. THERE HE ATTENDED NEWHALL ELEMENTARY
7 SCHOOL, PLACERITA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, AND GRADUATED FROM
8 WILLIAM S. HART. AFTER GRADUATION, HE WAS EMPLOYED AT PACBELL
9 AS AN INSTALLER AND REPAIRMAN. HIS CAREER WITH PACBELL SPANNED
10 32 YEARS, UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 1999. SHORTLY AFTER
11 RETIRING, HIS LOVE FOR BASEBALL LED HIM TO WORK AS AN
12 ASSISTANT COACH, SPECIALIZING IN PITCHING FOR COLLEGE OF THE
13 CANYONS. HE COACHED MANY PROMISING COUGARS FOR 17 YEARS. JIM
14 IS SURVIVED BY HIS BELOVED COMPANION MICHELE, HIS SONS BRENDON
15 AND BRETT, AND HIS SISTER COLLEEN, AND HIS BROTHER PATRICK.
16 THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, MADAM CHAIR.

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18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE WILL TAKE ALL
19 THE MOTIONS AS SECONDED. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, TO A
20 UNANIMOUS VOTE, SUCH WILL BE THE ACTION. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
21 PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED SECTION.

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23 **JEFF LEVINSON, E.O.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT
24 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSE SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM

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1 NUMBERS CS-1 AND CS-2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
2 EXISTING LITIGATION; ITEM NUMBER CS-3, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR
3 NEGOTIATORS FESIA DAVENPORT AND DESIGNATED STAFF; AND ITEM
4 NUMBER CS-4, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS, AS
5 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDAS.

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CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR JUNE 14, 2022

CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

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

Vanessa Bryant v. County of Los Angeles, et al., U.S. District Court, Central District of California, Case No. 20-9582. (22-2308)

No reportable action was taken.

CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

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

Christopher L. Chester, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., U.S. District Court, Central District of California, Case No. 20-10844. (22-2309)

No reportable action was taken.

CS-3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54957.6)

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

Employee Organization(s) for represented employees: All individual member unions of the Coalition of County Unions,

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1 AFL-CIO; Local 721, SEIU; All affiliated member unions of
2 AFSCME Council 36; Association of Deputy District Attorneys;
3 Los Angeles County Association of Environmental Health
4 Specialists; Los Angeles County Public Defenders; and

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

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8 **No reportable action was taken.**

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12 CS-4. DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS
13 (Government Code Section 54957)

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15 Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

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17 **No reportable action was taken.**