



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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2 2022-23 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

3 MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2022, 9:30 AM

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6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** HAPPY MONDAY, AND GOOD MORNING,
7 EVERYONE. WELCOME TO THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
8 SPECIAL MEETING FOR FISCAL YEAR '22-'23 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS.
9 AND TODAY IS MONDAY JUNE 27TH. LET'S TAKE ROLL TO CONFIRM
10 ATTENDANCE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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12 **SUP. SOLIS:** PRESENT.

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14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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16 **SUP. KUEHL:** GOOD MORNING, 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:** DAWN HARRISON, ACTING COUNTY COUNSEL.

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8 **ATTORNEY:** PRESENT.

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

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

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15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, EVERYONE. TODAY, WE WILL
16 BEGIN WITH OPENING REMARKS FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
17 AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AND THEN WE WILL TAKE PUBLIC
18 COMMENT. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER WILL THEN PRESENT EACH OF
19 THE BUDGET ITEMS IN NUMERICAL ORDER. WE WILL NOW HEAR FROM MS.
20 DAVENPORT.

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22 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. AND GOOD
23 MORNING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY MARKS THE BUDGET
24 DELIBERATIONS PHASE OF THE COUNTY BUDGET PROCESS. THIS
25 REPRESENTS YOUR BOARD'S OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER WHAT ARE

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1 CALLED FINAL CHANGES TO THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET YOU APPROVED IN
2 APRIL. BEFORE I SHARE A BRIEF SLIDE PRESENTATION, I WOULD LIKE
3 TO START OFF BY SHOWING A SHORT ANIMATED VIDEO. THIS IS THE
4 LATEST IN OUR SERIES OF EXPLAINER VIDEOS THAT AIM TO MAKE OUR
5 BUDGET PROCESS MORE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC. THIS ONE IS
6 CALLED "L.A. COUNTY AT YOUR SERVICE." IT IS A NINETY-SECOND
7 OVERVIEW OF SOME OF THE MANY SERVICES L.A. COUNTY PROVIDES TO
8 OUR 10 MILLION RESIDENTS. BASED ON FEEDBACK SOME OF YOUR
9 OFFICES RECEIVED DURING COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSIONS REGARD
10 THE BUDGET, WE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO PROVIDE A BASIC
11 EXPLANATION OF WHAT THE COUNTY DOES AND WHAT THE COUNTY DOES
12 NOT DO. WE HAVE ALSO CREATED A LONGER VERSION OF THIS VIDEO
13 THAT GOES INTO MORE DETAIL ABOUT THE COUNTY'S ROLE RELATIVE TO
14 OUR 88 CITIES AND, SAY, SOME OF OUR LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS. WE
15 HOPE BOTH VERSIONS WILL BE USEFUL IN PROMOTING GREATER PUBLIC
16 UNDERSTANDING OF THE COUNTY'S BUDGET PROCESS AND THE SERVICES
17 WE PROVIDE. CAN WE PLEASE CUE THE VIDEO? [MUSIC] L.A. COUNTY
18 IS THE THE NATION'S LARGEST MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT. LED BY OUR
19 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE HAVE MORE THAN 100,000 EMPLOYEES AT
20 YOUR SERVICE. SOMETIMES, YOU SEE US IN ACTION, FIGHTING A
21 FIRE, PERFORMING AN OCEAN RESCUE, PROVIDING VACCINATIONS,
22 PICKING UP A STRAY DOG, OR HELPING TO CHECK OUT A LIBRARY
23 BOOK. AND SOMETIMES, OUR SERVICES ARE ONLY VISIBLE TO THOSE
24 WHO RECEIVE THEM, LIKE BENEFITS THAT KEEP FOOD ON THE TABLE,
25 OR MENTAL HEALTHCARE THAT CALMS CRISIS. WHETHER HIGH PROFILE

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1 OR LOW KEY, COUNTY SERVICES TOUCH THE LIVES OF MORE THAN 10
2 MILLION RESIDENTS. HERE IS HOW. AS THE PUBLIC SAFETY NET FOR
3 THE ENTIRE COUNTY, WE PROVIDE CERTAIN ESSENTIAL SERVICES FOR
4 EVERYONE, WHETHER THEY LIVE IN ONE OF THE COUNTY'S 88 CITIES
5 OR ONE OF OUR MANY UNINCORPORATED AREAS. THE COUNTY ALSO
6 PROVIDES A FULL RANGE MUNICIPAL OF SERVICES TO MORE THAN 1
7 MILLION PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF L.A.
8 COUNTY, AS WELL AS SERVICES TO RESIDENTS OF CITIES THAT
9 CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE SOME SERVICES FOR A FEE.
10 AND THAT'S A QUICK LOOK AT LA COUNTY AT YOUR SERVICE. YOU CAN
11 LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT THE COUNTY DOES FOR YOU, AT CEO.LA
12 COUNTY.GOV/BUDGET.

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14 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** OKAY. THANK YOU. AND SO, WE WILL NOW
15 MOVE INTO THE PRESENTATION. I JUST WANTED TO POINT OUT,
16 SUPERVISORS, THAT THAT VIDEO AS WELL AS A LONGER VERSION, IT
17 IS PROBABLY ABOUT THREE TO FOUR MINUTES LONG THAT GOES INTO A
18 LITTLE MORE DETAILS, FOR EXAMPLE, LIKE OUR INCORPORATED AREAS
19 VERSES OUR CITIES, THAT'S ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE AT
20 WWW.CEO.LACOUNTY.GOV/BUDGET. WE HAVE A SLIDE PRESENTATION, AND
21 SO I WILL GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO BUDGET BASICS, EACH
22 TIME I GIVE THIS PRESENTATION, I LIKE TO DO SOME LEVEL SETTING
23 ABOUT OUR BUDGET. THIS IS -- SOMEONE IS NOT MUTED, BUT I WILL
24 GO AHEAD AND CONTINUE. IN THIS BUDGET PHASE, THE COUNTY'S
25 BUDGET WILL GROW TO \$39.7 BILLION, WHICH IS AN INCREASE OF

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1 ABOUT \$1.2 BILLION FROM THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET IN APRIL. I
2 WILL DISCUSS THIS IN A LITTLE MORE DETAIL LATER, BUT THE
3 IMPORTANT POINT HERE IS THAT THE \$1.2 BILLION DOES NOT
4 REPRESENT UNALLOCATED REVENUE. THE COUNTY'S WORKFORCE, AS
5 DEMONSTRATED ON THIS SLIDE, WILL ALSO GROW TO 112,614 BUDGETED
6 POSITIONS, WHICH IS AN INCREASE OF 1,063 POSITIONS FROM THE
7 RECOMMENDED BUDGET IN APRIL. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO LET'S TALK
8 A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THAT NUMBER, THE \$1.2 BILLION GROWTH
9 BETWEEN RECOMMENDED BUDGET AND TODAY, THE FINAL CHANGES
10 BUDGET. YOU WILL SEE ON THE SCREEN SOME OF THE MULTIPLE
11 SOURCES OF THE GROWTH IN THE COUNTY'S BUDGET SINCE I FIRST
12 REPRESENTED -- PRESENTED THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET IN APRIL. MORE
13 THAN A THIRD OF THE INCREASE IS AN APPROXIMATELY \$448 MILLION
14 CHANGE RESULTING FROM RECLASSIFYING ONE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
15 ACT RESERVE ACCOUNT TO MULTIPLE RESERVE ACCOUNTS. THIS
16 ACCOUNTING CHANGE INCREASED THE BUDGET ON PAPER BUT PROVIDES
17 NO ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS. NEXT, THERE'S \$370
18 MILLION, WHICH REPRESENTING AN INCREASE IN STATE, FEDERAL, AND
19 OTHER OUTSIDE FUNDING SOURCES, WHICH AS YOU KNOW, ARE
20 TYPICALLY TIED TO PARTICULAR PROGRAMS OR SERVICES. ALSO,
21 THERE'S \$269 MILLION, WHICH REFLECTS ANTICIPATED YEAR-END
22 SAVINGS FROM THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR THAT CAN BE USED AS ONE
23 TIME FUNDING SOURCE AND CARRYOVER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR -- INTO
24 THE FISCAL YEAR '22-'23 BUDGET. THERE'S AN \$18 MILLION
25 INCREASE BASED ON A PROJECTED PROPERTY INCREASE IN TAX,

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1 PROPERTY TAX, REVENUES GENERATED SPECIFICALLY FOR THE FIRE
2 DEPARTMENT. THERE'S \$15 MILLION IS A PROJECTED INCREASES IN
3 LOCAL SALES TAX AND HIGHER THAN ANTICIPATED STATE SALES TAXES.
4 AND FINALLY, \$38 MILLION RELATES TO A VARIETY OF WHAT WE CALL
5 MINISTERIAL CHANGES. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO,
6 WHAT IS NEW IN THIS BUDGET PHASE? HERE IS HOW WE ARE PROPOSING
7 TO DEPLOY THAT ADDITIONAL FUNDING AND THE NEW POSITIONS. AS
8 YOU KNOW, WE WILL BE STANDING UP THREE NEW DEPARTMENTS BY JULY
9 1, WITH A FOURTH ON THE WAY THIS FALL. THE THREE DEPARTMENTS
10 ARE IDENTIFIED ON THE SCREEN. THIS IS A VERY COMPLICATED
11 UNDERTAKING, AND WE ARE RECOMMENDING FUNDING TO SET UP THE
12 ADMINISTRATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WILL BE NEEDED TO
13 SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCH THESE NEW DEPARTMENTS. TO SUPPORT OUR
14 ONGOING COMMITMENT TO ENDING HOMELESSNESS, THE HOMELESSNESS
15 CRISIS, WE ARE INCORPORATING \$489.3 MILLION IN MEASURE H
16 FUNDING, PLUS ANOTHER \$82.3 MILLION IN STATE HOMELESS HOUSING
17 ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION DOLLARS TO SUPPORT A NEW FRAMEWORK
18 AND STREAMLINE HOMELESS INITIATIVE STRATEGIES. WE ARE ALSO
19 INVESTING IN OUR V.S.A.P. ELECTION SYSTEM AS WE HEAD INTO THE
20 NOVEMBER ELECTION, SUPPORTING THE STATE OF THE ART TECHNOLOGY
21 TO ENSURE THAT WE OFFER THE GREATEST POSSIBLE LEVEL OF VOTER
22 ACCESS AND CONVENIENCE. AND WE ARE ADDING SOME NECESSARY
23 POSITIONS TO SUPPORT KEY FUNCTIONS ACROSS THE COUNTY. MORE
24 THAN HALF OF THE NEWLY BUDGETED POSITIONS ARE AIMED AT
25 INCREASING PUBLIC SERVICES, INCLUDING 491 NEW BUDGETED

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1 POSITIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES TO
2 IMPLEMENT REVISED ELIGIBILITY RULES AND TO RESUME PROCESSING
3 MEDI-CAL RENEWALS ONCE THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ENDS. THE
4 DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH, AND PUBLIC
5 HEALTH WILL ALSO BENEFIT FROM MORE POSITIONS AS WELL AS
6 INCREASED FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS RANGING FROM THE ACCESS CENTER
7 EMOTIONAL SUPPORT HOTLINE TO EXPANDED EYE CARE. AND ADDITIONAL
8 POSITIONS ARE ALLOCATED TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. MANY OF
9 THESE NEW POSITIONS WILL ENSURE PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY AND
10 TRANSPARENCY THROUGH COMPLIANCE WITH THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT.
11 OTHER POSITIONS WILL SUPPORT TWO TRAINING ACADEMIES TO HELP
12 OFFSET VACANCIES AND TRAIN A NEW GENERATION OF DEPUTIES TO
13 SERVE THE PUBLIC. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. OUR
14 ECONOMIC OUTLOOK, WE CONTINUE TO BE CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC. WE
15 BELIEVE THIS GROWTH IN OVERALL SPENDING IS WARRANTED BASED ON
16 PROJECTED INCREASES IN LOCAL SALES TAXES AS WELL AS HIGHER
17 THAN ANTICIPATED STATE SALES TAX, AND VEHICLE LICENSING FEES.
18 BASED ON A GENERALLY OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK, WE HAVE MAINTAINED
19 OUR EARLIER PROJECTION IN THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR 6% GROWTH
20 IN LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES. HOWEVER, AS YOU WILL SEE ON THE NEXT
21 SLIDE, WE ARE ALSO IN A PERIOD OF RISING UNCERTAINTY AND
22 INTENSIFYING PRESSURES ON THE BUDGET. I WILL TAKE THE NEXT
23 SLIDE, PLEASE. SO JUST A LITTLE BIT ABOUT PRESSURE POINTS,
24 WHILE OUR SHORT TERM OUTLOOK REMAINS GENERALLY POSITIVE, WE
25 KNOW THAT EVEN THE BEST FORECASTING CAN'T CONCLUSIVELY PREDICT

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1 THE FUTURE. HERE ARE SOME OF THE KNOWN PRESSURES WE ARE
2 FACING. FIRST, WE HAVE SOME ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY CAUSED BY THE
3 CURRENT ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT, WHICH POSES A NUMBER OF
4 SIGNIFICANT RISKS INCLUDING HIGHER INTEREST RATES, COMBINED
5 WITH INFLATIONARY PRICING, AND THEREFORE THE POTENTIAL FOR A
6 RECESSION. NEXT, THE CONTINUING PANDEMIC, THE COVID-19
7 PANDEMIC CONTINUES TO POSE A PUBLIC HEALTH AND ECONOMIC
8 THREAT, WITH HIGH CASE RATES DUE TO THE HIGHLY INFECTIOUS NEW
9 OMICRON VARIANT. MANDATES FROM OTHER LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT, WE
10 EXPECT INCREASED COSTS THIS YEAR DUE TO HIGHER RATES AND
11 PROJECTED ENROLLMENTS IN STATE AND FEDERAL ENTITLEMENT
12 PROGRAMS. TO NAME JUST A FEW EXAMPLES, WE WILL NEED TO ABSORB
13 HIGHER COSTS FOR FOSTER CARE, ADOPTIONS, THE GENERAL LEAVE
14 PROGRAM, IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, AND MORE. AS WE LOOK
15 FORWARD, NEW PROGRAMS LIKE THE CARE COURT PROGRAM MAY CREATE
16 SIMILAR PRESSURES FOR MORE SERVICES WITHOUT ADDITIONAL FUNDING
17 CREATING HARD CHOICES AND TRADE OFFS THAT COULD AFFECT OUR
18 EXISTING PROGRAMS. WE ALSO HAVE TO THINK ABOUT OUR LEGAL
19 OBLIGATIONS. THESE INCLUDE OUR CURRENT CONSENT DECREES AND
20 COMPLIANCE WITH THEM AS WELL AS OTHER POTENTIAL COSTLY
21 LITIGATION THAT WE KNOW IS ON THE HORIZON. LABOR, WE ARE VERY
22 PLEASED TO HAVE REACHED TENTATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH BARGAINING
23 UNITS REPRESENTING THE MAJORITY OF OUR REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES,
24 AND NEGOTIATIONS ARE CONTINUING WITH REMAINING UNITS.
25 INVESTING IN OUR VALUED WORKFORCE IS IMPORTANT, BUT IT ALSO

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1 ADDS SIGNIFICANTLY TO OUR BOTTOM LINE. WE EXPECT THESE
2 AGREEMENTS TO ADD A SIZABLE AMOUNT TO THE COUNTY'S OBLIGATION
3 OVER THE NEXT THREE YEAR TERM OF NEW CONTRACTS WHEN ALL
4 NEGOTIATIONS ARE COMPLETED. AND FINALLY STRUCTURAL DEFICITS,
5 AS YOU ARE AWARE, WE MUST ALSO CONTINUE OUR WORK TO ADDRESS
6 STRUCTURAL DEFICITS IN SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS, AND
7 THOSE INCLUDE THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY, THE OFFICE
8 OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION, THE PARKS AFTER DARK PROGRAM, AND THE
9 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. WE ALSO HAVE SOME
10 STRUCTURAL DEFICITS IN SOME OF OUR SPECIAL DISTRICT
11 DEPARTMENTS WITH THEIR OWN DEDICATED REVENUE, LIKE THE COUNTY
12 LIBRARY, WHERE THE SHORTFALL IS DUE IN SOME MEASURE TO CITIES
13 NOT PAYING THE ACTUAL COST OF OUR SERVICES, AND IN THE FIRE
14 DEPARTMENT, WHICH IS A NEED OF ADDITIONAL SPECIAL DISTRICT
15 REVENUE. TAKEN TOGETHER, THESE PRESSURES ARE A FLASHING YELLOW
16 LIGHT TELLING US THAT WE SHOULD PROCEED CAUTIOUSLY AND
17 INTENTIONALLY, SO WE CAN ACHIEVE YOUR BOARD'S AMBITIOUS POLICY
18 GOALS. LIKE ALL GOVERNMENTS, WE MUST BALANCE THESE VERY
19 IMPORTANT POLICY GOALS WITH OUR OBLIGATION TO REMAIN FISCALLY
20 RESPONSIBLE. I WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. JUST A FEW
21 POINTS OF PRIORITIES, OUR BUDGET IS LARGE BUT NOT UNLIMITED.
22 AS YOU KNOW, MOST OF OUR FUNDING IS DEDICATED TO FULFILLING
23 OUR LEGALLY MANDATED RESPONSIBILITIES AND CARRYING OUT THE
24 NINE BOARD DIRECTED PRIORITIES AND OTHER INITIATIVES. LED BY
25 YOUR BOARD, WE ARE CONTINUING OUR LONGSTANDING TRADITION OF

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1 FISCAL RESTRAINT AND WORKING HARD TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE
2 PLACING OUR LIMITED FUNDING WHERE THE PUBLIC NEED IS GREATEST.
3 WE ARE ALSO WORKING TO BRING IN EQUITY LENS TO OUR DECISION
4 MAKING. IT ALL ADDS UP TO A CONSTANT EFFORT TO PRIORITIZE THE
5 PRIORITIES AND INVEST WHEREVER WE CAN IN THE WORK THAT IS
6 ALREADY UNDERWAY, WORK THAT IS ON THE IMMEDIATE HORIZON, OR
7 WORK THAT HAS READILY AVAILABLE RESOURCES TO SUPPORT IT.
8 UNFORTUNATELY, THAT MEANS SAYING NO OR NOT YET, SOMETIMES, TO
9 SOME PROMISING PROGRAMS. WE HAVE HAD TO TURN DOWN ALL BUT THE
10 MOST PRESSING REQUESTS FOR NEW PROGRAMMING OR PROGRAM
11 EXPANSION, WITH A TOTAL OF \$242 MILLION IN FUNDING REQUESTS
12 BEING DEFERRED IN THIS BUDGET PHASE TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL
13 CHANGES BUDGET PHASE. THIS MEANS IF THERE WAS NOT AN
14 ADDITIONAL REQUEST BETWEEN NOW THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET IN
15 OCTOBER. MY OFFICE WILL MANAGE IN DISPOSITION \$242 MILLION IN
16 FUNDING REQUESTS OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. BUT THIS IS ALSO
17 WHERE OUR MULTIPHASE BUDGET PROCESS WORKS IN OUR FAVOR BECAUSE
18 WE HAVE MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO ADD, SUBTRACT, PIVOT,
19 ADJUST, AND OTHERWISE MAKE COURSE CORRECTIONS. THE COUNTY IS
20 ENGAGED IN TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE ON MANY FRONTS ALL AT ONCE,
21 ALL AIMING TO SOLVE, NOT JUST MANAGE, LONGSTANDING PROBLEMS.
22 WE WANT TO CREATE LASTING CHANGE IN UNDERINVESTED COMMUNITIES
23 AND IN THE LIVES OF UNDERSERVED RESIDENTS. MULTIPLE COMPETING
24 PRIORITIES ARE A REALITY FOR ALL OF OUR DEPARTMENTS ENGAGED IN
25 THIS WORK. SO WHEN WE SAY PRIORITIZE THE PRIORITIES, IT

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1 DESCRIBES A CONSTANT PROCESS OF ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION TO
2 DETERMINE WHETHER A NEW FUNDING SOURCE IS READILY AVAILABLE
3 AND ALSO THE LEVEL OF URGENCY AND FEASIBILITY RELATIVE TO
4 OTHER PRIORITIES. MORE SPECIFICALLY, WE MUST COLLECT DATA ON,
5 ANALYZE, AND CONSIDER MULTIPLE FACTORS. SOME I HAVE JUST
6 MENTIONED, BUT OTHERS ARE WE CONSIDER WHETHER REQUESTS ARE
7 MANDATED BY LAW OR A COURT ORDER. IN THESE LESS THAN IDEAL
8 SETTINGS, THE PRIORITY IS IMPOSED UPON US. OTHER FACTORS
9 INCLUDE WHETHER THERE'S A SENSE OF URGENCY, IS THERE AVAILABLE
10 FUNDING SOURCE, OR ARE MATCHING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE, IS
11 THE PROGRAM OR INITIATIVE AT AND DESIGN AND PLANNING PHASE OR
12 IS IT SHOVEL READY, ARE THERE OUTSTANDING ISSUES RELATED TO
13 LABOR OR PERSONNEL, CAN THE PROGRAM OR INITIATIVE STAFF UP IN
14 A TIMELY MANNER, DOES THE PROGRAM OR INITIATIVE HAVE A
15 STRUCTURE DEFICIT SUCH THAT THE PROGRAM EXPANSION DRAWS THE
16 FISCAL CLIFF NEARER AND INTO SHARPER FOCUS, DOES THE PROGRAM
17 OR INITIATIVE REPRESENT A LONGSTANDING REQUEST THAT IS NOW
18 RIPE AND CAN ONLY BE FUNDED WITH NET COUNTY COSTS. THESE
19 FACTOR PROVIDE JUST A GLIMPSE INTO THIS ANALYSIS, AN ANALYSIS
20 WHICH HAS BEEN FURTHER COMPLICATED BY THE VOLUME OF REQUESTS
21 THAT MUST BE CONSIDERED ALL IN A VERY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. WE
22 MUST ALSO THINK ABOUT WHETHER OUR STAFFING MEETS THE NEEDS OF
23 OUR RESIDENTS AS THOSE NEEDS CHANGE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE C.E.O.
24 CONTINUES TO MOVE FORWARD WITH AN ANALYSIS OF THE PROBATION
25 DEPARTMENT STAFFING RATIO. THE PURPOSE OF WHICH IS TO RIGHT-

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1 SIZE THE JUVENILE CAMPS, HALLS, AND FIELD OPERATIONS TO THE
2 APPROPRIATE STAFFING LEVEL, GIVEN THE REDUCTION IN THE
3 JUVENILE POPULATION. HOWEVER, WE ALSO WANT TO BE SURE TO
4 ACCOUNT FOR THE TRANSITION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURED YOUTH
5 TREATMENT FACILITIES FROM THE STATE TO COUNTIES, GIVEN THE
6 CLOSURE OF THE STATE'S DIVISION JUVENILE JUSTICE. THE C.E.O.
7 ANTICIPATES PROVIDING DETAILED FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND
8 RESULTS OF OUR ANALYSIS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY COST
9 SAVINGS TO THE BOARD THIS FALL. AT THIS POINT, THE BUDGET
10 ADJUSTMENTS BEFORE YOU TODAY REPRESENT THE RESULT OF OUR
11 COMPREHENSIVE AND ONGOING ANALYSIS OF THE BOARD'S PRIORITIES
12 AND FULLY ALLOCATES AVAILABLE RESOURCES UNDER OUR LATEST
13 PROJECTIONS. IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT THE \$1.2 BILLION GROWTH
14 IN THE BUDGET DOES NOT REPRESENT UNALLOCATED MONEY. IT COMES
15 ALMOST ENTIRELY FROM RESTRICTED OR ONE TIME FUNDING SOURCES,
16 WHICH ESSENTIALLY PRECLUDES US FROM EMBARKING ON NEW ONGOING
17 INITIATIVES OR PROGRAMS WITH THIS FUNDING.. I WILL TAKE THE
18 NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. JUST AS A REMINDER, EVEN THOUGH THE BOARD
19 WILL BE DELIBERATING AND CONSIDERING FINAL CHANGES TO THE
20 RECOMMENDED BUDGET TODAY, WE ARE A LONG WAY FROM THE END OF
21 OUR ANNUAL BUDGET JOURNEY. THE NEXT STEPS INCLUDE UPCOMING
22 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ALLOCATING \$975 MILLION IN PHASE TWO
23 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING, THE YEAR TWO SPENDING PLAN
24 FOR \$100 MILLION IN CARE-FIRST AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT
25 FUNDING, AND PRESENTATION OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, WHICH

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1 WILL WRAP UP OUR ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS. I WILL TAKE THE NEXT
2 SLIDE, PLEASE. THIS CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION, SUPERVISORS. AS
3 ALWAYS, I'D LIKE TO THANK YOUR BOARD AND YOUR VISION AND
4 LEADERSHIP AND TO SALUTE YOUR STAFFS, ESPECIALLY THE BUDGET
5 DEPUTIES, FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE AND PARTNERSHIP THROUGHOUT THE
6 BUDGET PROCESS.

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8 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** MS. DAVENPORT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
9 THE PRESENTATION AND FOR THE VIDEO. I HOPE THAT WE WILL HAVE
10 THE OPPORTUNITY TO LINK TO OUR OWN WEBSITES THE VIDEOS BECAUSE
11 I THINK, AS WE CONTINUE TO HELP YOU GET INFORMATION OUT TO THE
12 COUNTY AS A WHOLE AND ALL OF OUR CONSTITUENTS ABOUT THE
13 COMPLEXITIES OF THE BUDGET PROCESS, IT CERTAINLY HELPS US
14 THROUGH THE PROCESS. AND SO AGAIN LET ME THANK YOU FOR YOUR
15 PRESENTATION, AND REALLY THE HARD WORK YOUR BUDGET TEAM AS
16 WELL AS OUR DEPUTIES HAVE PUT INTO THIS PROCESS. AS YOU SAID,
17 THE PROCESS IS FAR FROM OVER, BUT I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING
18 THE CONVERSATION. MY TWO FAVORITE, IF YOU WILL, SLIDES TODAY
19 WERE YOUR PRESSURE POINTS AND YOUR PRIORITIZE THE PRIORITIES.
20 THOSE ARE THE TWO I AM GOING TO PULL OUT AND KEEP IN MY
21 MINDER. BECAUSE I THINK THEY REFLECT A COUPLE THINGS THAT ARE
22 IMPORTANT FOR US TO KEEP IN MIND, THE ROLE YOU PLAY IN
23 MONITORING AND YOUR ABILITY TO REPORT BACK TO US THE FACT THAT
24 WE DO HAVE A HEALTHY ECONOMIC OUTLOOK, BUT I APPRECIATE YOUR
25 ONGOING ANALYSIS, WHICH IS CRITICAL FOR A BUDGET AND A COUNTY

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1 THIS SIZE. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT, AS WE TALK ABOUT HOW WE
2 OPERATIONALIZE MAKING OUR BUDGET PROCESS MORE TRANSPARENT,
3 REALLY, LIKE MANY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, NOT ONLY ACROSS THIS
4 STATE, BUT THE COUNTRY, WHO ARE COMING UP WITH UNIQUE WAYS TO
5 ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY AND COMMUNITY-BASED BUDGET PROCESSES, I
6 THINK IF WE ARE MORE OVERT IN THAT WORK, WE ENGAGE THE
7 COMMUNITY, WE BRING THE COMMUNITY INTO THE PROCESS, WE CAN
8 AVOID WHAT I CALL BALLOT BOX BUDGETING, WHICH OFTEN TIES THE
9 HANDS OF POLICY MAKERS IN TERMS OF REALLY CREATING BUDGETS
10 THAT REFLECT THE NEW AND EMERGING NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY. SO
11 MAKING SURE WE CONTINUE TO REFINE OUR PROCESS, TO BETTER
12 UTILIZE DATA TO INFORM THE BUDGET PROCESS, I THINK IS
13 IMPORTANT, PARTICULARLY AS WE TALK ABOUT EQUITY-BASED
14 BUDGETING, AS YOU MENTIONED. AND I APPRECIATE THAT. I HOPE
15 THAT WE CONTINUE TO IDENTIFY EQUITABLE OUTCOMES MEASURES TO
16 ASSIST ON HOW WE MEET, HOW OUR BUDGET MEETS THE NEEDS OF OUR
17 COMMUNITIES. IT IS GOING TO BE IMPORTANT THAT WE ESTABLISH
18 STRATEGIES TO COMPREHENSIVELY ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY IN THIS
19 PROCESS. I AM CLEAR THAT WE FIVE ARE THE ELECTED, AND THE
20 BUDGET IS ULTIMATELY OUR RESPONSIBILITY, BUT I THINK IF WE
21 FIGURE OUT WAYS TO BETTER ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY, EDUCATE AND
22 INFORM THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THE BUDGET PROCESS, IT WILL LEAD TO
23 A BETTER OUTCOME AND OUR CONSTITUENTS FEELING THAT THEY HAVE
24 BEEN HEARD. A LOT OF GOOD THINGS FUNDED IN THIS BUDGET, MANY
25 OF WHICH YOU MENTIONED. I JUST WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THAT IT

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1 INCLUDES ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO EXPAND OUR HOMELESS
2 INITIATIVE AND THE SUMMER COMMUNITY PROGRAMS. I LOOK FORWARD
3 TO OUR ONGOING WORK TO STAND UP THESE NEW COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
4 WITH NEW AND REFRESHED VISIONS. I REALLY APPRECIATE THE
5 PARTNERSHIP, AND THANK YOU SUPERVISOR SOLIS WITH YOUR HELP, ON
6 THE DIGITAL DIVIDE ISSUE. AND I APPRECIATE AND WANT TO THANK
7 I.S.D. FOR THE WAY THAT THEY HAVE RELENTLESSLY CHAMPIONED THIS
8 ISSUE. AND I AM GLAD TO SEE AN ADDITIONAL \$2.5 MILLION TO
9 SUPPORT ACCELERATING DIGITAL EQUITY IN THIS BUDGET. I'D HOPED
10 TO SEE MORE FULL-TIME POSITIONS THERE, BUT I APPRECIATE THIS
11 IS ONGOING WORK. AND AGAIN OUR EFFORT TO RECOVER WITH EQUITY,
12 IS REALLY IMPORTANT. AGAIN, THE ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENTS WE ARE
13 STANDING UP, AGING AND DISABILITIES DEPARTMENT, DEPARTMENT OF
14 ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AGAIN, HOPING ADDITIONAL STAFF BECAUSE,
15 AS WE KNOW, AT THE LOCAL LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT, IT IS PEOPLE
16 THAT GET THE WORK DONE. SO WHILE WE ARE STANDING UP THE
17 INFRASTRUCTURE, MAKING SURE WE HAVE PEOPLE IN THOSE SEATS TO
18 MOVE THAT AGENDA FORWARD IS IMPORTANT. AND THAT CERTAINLY
19 INCLUDES THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. GLAD TO SEE ITS
20 CREATION IS INCLUDED IN THE FINAL CHANGES BUDGET, BUT THERE'S
21 SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH THAT WILL BE NEEDED BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT
22 IS READY TO THRIVE AND MAKE A LASTING IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF
23 OUR YOUTH, AND THAT WILL REQUIRE RESOURCES TO GET THAT DONE.
24 AS WE TALK ABOUT RESOURCES AND STAFFING AND PRIORITIZING THE
25 PRIORITIES, I AM HOPING WE CONTINUE, AS THIS BOARD HAS DONE

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1 COURAGEOUSLY, TO PRIORITIZE OUR CARE-FIRST. JAILS-LAST CULTURE
2 AND ORIENTATION. AND WHILE THERE ARE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
3 ALLOTTED TO THE SHERIFF, I CERTAINLY HOPE THAT THAT DEPARTMENT
4 STEPS UP AND DOES A BETTER JOB OF MANAGING THEIR BUDGET,
5 ALIGNING THEIR BUDGET PRIORITIES WITH THE CULTURE SET FORWARD
6 BY THE BOARD, AND THAT THOSE ADDITIONAL POSITIONS WILL INDEED
7 BE USED TO INCREASE TRANSPARENCY IN THAT DEPARTMENT. AS YOU
8 SAID, MADAM C.E.O., WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO THROUGH THIS
9 BUDGET PROCESS, AND I HOPE THAT OUR DEPARTMENTS ALSO
10 UNDERSTOOD THE PRIORITIZING THE PRIORITIES SLIDE AND FIGURE
11 OUT AND HELP WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH YOU ENOUGH TO MAKE SURE
12 THAT WE ARE DELIVERING SERVICES TO OUR RESIDENTS WHO MOST NEED
13 THEM, AGAIN OPERATIONALIZING EQUITY. THIS FRIDAY A WEEK AGO
14 WAS, OF COURSE, JUNETEENTH. AND WE HELD A CELEBRATION IN THE
15 SECOND DISTRICT, AND TO SEE 1200 COUNTY RESIDENTS COME FORWARD
16 TO ACCESS COUNTY SERVICES WAS VERY TELLING TO ME. I THINK
17 THAT, AS WE GO FORWARD, I HOPE THAT THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
18 UNDERSTAND THAT SOMETIMES WE HAVE TO STEP OUTSIDE OF THE BOX
19 OF PERHAPS OUR OWN OFFICES TO MEET PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE.
20 MENTAL HEALTH, PUBLIC HEALTH, PUBLIC DEFENDER, IT WAS SHOCKING
21 TO SEE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT REALLY CAME OUT BECAUSE THEY
22 NEEDED ACCESS AND SUPPORT FROM THEIR COUNTY GOVERNMENT. WE
23 HAVE THE INFRASTRUCTURE. AND HOPEFULLY, AGAIN, THROUGH THIS
24 BUDGET PROCESS AND OUR EFFORT TO PRIORITIZE EQUITY INVESTMENTS
25 WE WILL ULTIMATELY GET THERE. SO AGAIN, I THINK THE CURRENT

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1 BUDGET PROCESS AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES, AGAIN, REQUIRES AN
2 ONGOING DEEPER LOOK TO ENSURE THAT RESOURCES ARE INDEED BEING
3 ALLOCATED EQUITABLY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. I WILL CONTINUE TO
4 ADVOCATE FOR THAT. AND AS WE MOVE FORWARD IN THIS BUDGET
5 PROCESS, I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION,
6 CONTINUING TO MONITOR OUR OWN ECONOMIC HEALTH AS A COUNTY AND
7 MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE MEETING THE NEEDS, PRIORITIZING THE
8 PRIORITIES. I AM GOING TO USE THAT PHRASE A LOT, MS.

9 DAVENPORT, BECAUSE I UNDERSTAND ITS VALUE. AND I UNDERSTAND
10 THE ROLE THAT THIS FIVE MEMBER BOARD HAS IN MAKING SURE THAT
11 WE SET THE FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH -- HOW THE COUNTY BUDGET IS
12 FRAMED AND HOW WE PRIORITIZE THOSE ALLOCATIONS. SO THANK YOU,
13 AGAIN, FOR YOUR PRESENTATION AND THE VERY HELPFUL SLIDE SHOW.
14 I WILL BE LINKING IT TO MY WEBSITE, SO SECOND DISTRICT
15 RESIDENTS ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE PROCESS AND HOPEFULLY ENGAGE
16 IN A MEANINGFUL WAY. WITH THAT, THE ORDER OF REMARKS THAT WE
17 WILL HEAR FROM MEMBERS TODAY, WILL BE S.D.5, FOLLOWED BY
18 S.D.1, 3, AND 4. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, CHAIR MITCHELL. I WOULD LIKE TO FIRST
21 EXPRESS MY THANKS TO ALL WHO WORKED DILIGENTLY TO GET US TO
22 THIS IMPORTANT POINT IN THE BUDGET PROCESS, IN PARTICULAR,
23 FESIA YOU AND YOUR ENTIRE TEAM, I KNOW MY DEPUTY, MICHELLE
24 VEGA, AS WELL AS ALL OF THE BUDGET DEPUTIES THAT HAVE WORKED
25 ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR. YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT WHEN YOU LOOK AT

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1 THE LEADERSHIP OF THE C.E.O., AND FESIA YOU HAVE MATT MCGONE,
2 WHO IS DOING A FANTASTIC JOB, YOUR COLLECTIVE EFFORTS DRIVE
3 THE COUNTY'S BUDGETING PROCESS AND ENSURE THAT WE ARE
4 ALLOCATING OUR RESOURCES EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY, WHICH
5 THE SLIDE PRESENTATION REFLECTED. I WANT TO THANK OUR COUNTY
6 DEPARTMENTS AS WELL. YOU WORK HAND IN HAND WITH OUR BOARD AND
7 WITH OUR COUNTY C.E.O. TO DEVELOP AN IMPLEMENT BUDGETS THAT
8 MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR CONSTITUENTS AND SUPPORT OUR COUNTY
9 WORKFORCE, SOMETHING THAT HAS TO GO HAND IN HAND. THERE ARE A
10 FEW POINTS THAT I'D LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT REGARDING TODAY'S
11 DELIBERATIONS. I AM GLAD TO SEE THAT \$12 MILLION WILL BE
12 ALLOCATED TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR TWO ADDITIONAL
13 ACADEMY CLASSES TO HIRE AND TRAIN NEW SHERIFFS DEPUTIES. THIS
14 IS ESSENTIAL SO THAT WE CAN PREVENT OVERTIME COSTS, HELP STEM
15 ATTRITION, AND ULTIMATELY KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE. I BELIEVE
16 THAT WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO DO MORE AND CONSIDER ADDITIONAL
17 OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT LAW ENFORCEMENT, SUCH AS THE M.E.T.
18 TEAM. WE MUST DO ALL THAT WE CAN TO PROTECT RESIDENTS,
19 BUSINESS OWNERS, AND SUPPORT PUBLIC SAFETY. BUT AT THE SAME
20 TIME, I THINK WE ARE RIGHTFULLY -- I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT
21 THAT WE INCREASE OUR SUPPORT FOR DIVERSION AND OTHER
22 COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE SUCCESSFUL ALTERNATIVES TO
23 PREVENT INDIVIDUALS FROM GETTING INVOLVED IN THE JUSTICE
24 SYSTEM AND TO HELP THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IN OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM.
25 I STRONGLY SUPPORT FUNDING PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY

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1 DIVERSION STRATEGIES. WE SHOULD NOT TAKE AN EITHER/OR APPROACH
2 WHEN IT COMES TO FUNDING THESE PRIORITIES. AGAIN, THEY GO HAND
3 IN HAND. I ALSO SUPPORT CONTINUING TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE
4 RESOURCES TO THE TYPE OF PROGRAMS TO HELP OUR YOUTH SUCCEED. I
5 AM PLEASED TO SEE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE PARKS AFTER DARK
6 PROGRAM AND RECREATIONAL SWIMMING AT COUNTY PARKS. BOTH FOSTER
7 OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT, AND PHYSICAL HEALTH. WE
8 ALSO HAVE A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS OFFERED BY OUR LIBRARIES THAT
9 HELP YOUNG MINDS GROW AND THRIVE AND KEEP OUR TEENS AND YOUNG
10 ADULTS ENGAGED. I WOULD ARGUE WE HAVE ONE OF THE BEST LIBRARY
11 SYSTEMS IN THE STATE, PROBABLY IN THIS COUNTRY, BASED ON THE
12 FACT THAT WE HAVE ENGAGEMENT AND ARE REALLY FOCUSED ON ACCESS
13 FOR OUR YOUTH. WE ALSO HAVE A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS TO OFFER
14 THAT WILL PROVIDE SUPPORT, I KNOW IN MY LIBRARIES, I DON'T
15 THINK IT IS UNIQUE TO THE FIFTH DISTRICT, THAT PROVIDE FOOD
16 SERVICE DURING LUNCH FOR THOSE THAT MAY NEED A MEAL AT OUR
17 LIBRARIES. THESE TYPE OF PROGRAMS AT OUR PARKS, LIBRARIES, AND
18 COMMUNITY CENTERS ARE TYPICALLY TARGETED FOR VULNERABLE
19 NEIGHBORHOODS AND AT RISK POPULATIONS. I SUPPORT THE STRATEGIC
20 APPROACH. BOTH PARKS AND LIBRARIES COULD BENEFIT FROM AN
21 ASSESSMENT OF THEIR FUNDING. WE NEED TO HAVE A CLEARER PICTURE
22 OF WHAT RESOURCES ARE NEEDED, SO THAT THEY CAN STAFF AND
23 IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS THAT ENGAGE OUR CONSTITUENTS AND CONTRIBUTE
24 TO THEIR WELL BEING AND SUCCESS. AS WE DISCUSS AT RISK
25 POPULATIONS, WE MUST ACKNOWLEDGE A SIGNIFICANT DEFICIT FACING

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1 OUR DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. THESE ARE
2 CHILDREN AND YOUTH FOR WHOM THIS COUNTY IS RESPONSIBLE. WE
3 MUST ADDRESS THESE BUDGET SHORTFALLS THAT SHOULD NOT, IN ANY
4 WAY, IMPACT TO BEST SERVE THOSE, WHO BY NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN,
5 ARE IN OUR CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM. AND FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO
6 ADDRESS THE DIRE CRISIS WE ARE FACING WITH HOMELESSNESS. IN
7 THIS BUDGET, AS IN ALL OUR RECENT BUDGETS, WE ARE ALLOCATING
8 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TOWARD STRATEGIES THAT ARE INTENDED TO
9 CONNECT HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS TO HOUSING, MENTAL HEALTH
10 TREATMENT, SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, AND EMPLOYMENT
11 OPPORTUNITIES. CLEARLY, WHAT WE ARE DOING TO DATE HAS MADE
12 LITTLE MOVEMENT, BUT WE CAN DO MORE. WE HAVE SPENT BILLIONS OF
13 DOLLARS OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS JUST TO SEE THE NUMBERS OF
14 HOMELESS INCREASE AND MORE ENCAMPMENTS POP UP ACROSS THE
15 COUNTY. ALL THIS WITH THE REALIZATION THAT PEOPLE ARE DYING
16 ALONE WITHOUT DIGNITY AND IN PAIN ON OUR STREETS. THIS IS A
17 PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS. AND IT IS A LIFE OR DEATH SITUATION.
18 THAT IS WHY WE MUST ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS AS A CRISIS AND DO
19 MORE TO SAVE LIVES OF THOSE WHO ARE DYING ON OUR STREETS. I AM
20 HOPEFUL THAT AS THE COUNTY MOVES FORWARD WITH RECOMMENDATIONS
21 FROM THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS, WE WILL BE
22 ABLE TO INCREASINGLY FOCUS ON STRATEGIES AND SERVICES THAT
23 WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR HOMELESS -- AND HELP OUR
24 HOMELESS STAY OFF THE STREET. LASTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO NOTE
25 THAT WHILE THIS YEAR'S BUDGET CONTINUES TO INDICATE STRONG

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1 FINANCIAL GROWTH AND STABILITY, WE SHOULD PREPARE FOR
2 UNCERTAINTY AROUND THE ECONOMY. I APPRECIATE THE CONTINUED
3 INCREASE IN OUR RESERVES AND DEDICATION TO MAINTAINING THE
4 SOCIAL SAFETY NET. TODAY'S BUDGET IS A REMINDER OF THE BALANCE
5 WE MUST MAINTAIN SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUOUSLY PROVIDE NECESSARY
6 SERVICES FOR OUR RESIDENTS WHILE ENSURING KEEPING OUR
7 COMMUNITY SAFE AND SECURE. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY, FESIA, I AND
8 AGREE WITH CHAIR MITCHELL, I AM GOING TO PUT THAT ON OUR
9 WEBSITE, EXPLAINING HOW THE BUDGET WORKS. MANY PEOPLE DON'T
10 REALIZE THAT MUCH OF OUR BUDGET IS PASS-THROUGH DOLLARS FROM
11 THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. AND THE DISCRETIONARY
12 FUNDING THAT WE HAVE VERY LIMITED. AND THAT FUNDING DOES GO
13 TOWARD LIBRARIES, PARKS, THINGS THAT DON'T GET FEDERAL AND
14 STATE DOLLARS. SO I APPRECIATE THAT VIDEO BECAUSE I THINK IT
15 DOES HELP EXPLAIN WHAT, TO SOME, CAN BE CONFUSING. AND I THINK
16 IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO DO MORE OF THAT ON AN EDUCATIONAL
17 BASIS BECAUSE, WHILE WE DO HAVE DISCRETIONARY FUNDS, THOSE
18 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS ARE TOWARD PROGRAMS THAT TRULY ARE QUALITY
19 OF LIFE PROGRAMS, ESPECIALLY FOR AREAS THAT ARE UNDER THE --
20 HAVE LESS AFFLUENT POPULATIONS. SO IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO
21 MAINTAINS AND ENSURE THAT THINGS LIKE LIBRARIES, PARKS AFTER
22 DARK, ARE FUNDED TO PROVIDE ACCESS FOR THOSE THAT OTHERWISE,
23 MAY NOT HAVE IT. SO WITH THAT, I REALLY COMMEND YOU FOR THIS
24 BUDGET AND MY COLLEAGUES WORKING TOGETHER. THIS IS
25 COLLABORATIVE. AND I THINK THIS REFLECTS WHAT THIS BOARD IS

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1 GREAT AT, AND THAT IS PRIORITIZING, RECOGNIZING, AND PROVIDING
2 SERVICES ACROSS THE BOARD. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

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6 **SUP. SOLIS:** HAHN OR SOLIS?

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8 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, I THOUGHT I WAS LAST.

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10 **SUP. KUEHL:** WE ALL AGREE. WE THINK HILDA IS NEXT.

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YOU ARE RIGHT. I WAS GOING IN REVERSE
13 NUMERIC ORDER IN MY MIND AND FORGOT OUR UNIQUE ORDER.

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL:** KATHRYN SAID IT, WE ALL AGREE.

16

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

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND I ALSO WANT
20 TO THAN OUR C.E.O., FESIA DAVENPORT, AS WELL AS HER STAFF FOR
21 PUTTING TOGETHER THIS BUDGET. I WANT TO ALSO APPLAUD OUR
22 LEGISLATIVE TEAM, OUR EMPLOYEE RELATIONS TEAMS, AND OUR COUNTY
23 DEPARTMENT HEADS, AS WELL AS THEIR STAFF, AND AS WELL AS OUR
24 BUDGET DEPUTIES FROM ALL OF OUR OFFICES BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN
25 WORKING IN A COLLABORATIVE MANNER. SO I WANT TO THANK THEM

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1 PERSONALLY. I ALSO WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO THANK MY OWN TEAM,
2 #TEAM SOLIS [SPEAKING IN SPANISH] FOR THEIR CONTINUED HARD
3 WORK, INCLUDING MY BUDGET DEPUTY, TAMI OMOTO-FRIAS. I KNOW
4 IT'S BEEN ANOTHER CHALLENGING YEAR FOR US, AND I APPRECIATE
5 ALL OF US RISING TO THE OCCASION AGAIN. AS WE CLOSE OUT
6 FISCAL YEAR 2021 AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEW FISCAL YEAR, I
7 WOULD URGE ALL OF US TO BE REMINDED THAT, WHILE THE COUNTY'S
8 BUDGET HAS STABILIZED, FOR MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS, RECOVERY
9 REMAINS ELUSIVE. AND THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE IN THE FIRST
10 DISTRICT THAT I HAPPEN TO REPRESENT. AND FOR THOSE WHO LIVED
11 PAYCHECK TO PAYCHECK BEFORE COVID, THEIR RECOVERY WILL TAKE
12 EVEN LONGER STILL, ESPECIALLY GIVEN THE CURRENT RATE OF
13 INFLATION, THE LIKES OF WHICH WE HAVEN'T SEEN IN 40 YEARS. WE
14 ARE GETTING TO WORK BECAUSE OF -- JUST TRYING TO NAVIGATE TO
15 GET TO WORK, AND PAYING THOSE OUTRAGEOUS GAS PRICES, BUYING
16 DIAPERS AND BABY FORMULA, OR PUTTING FOOD ON THE TABLE HAS
17 ONLY BECOME MORE OF A CHALLENGE FOR THESE FAMILIES. JUST LAST
18 WEEK I ATTENDED ONE OF OUR FIRST FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS AT
19 BELVEDERE PARK IN EAST LOS ANGELES, WHERE WE PARTNERED WITH
20 THE REGIONAL FOOD BANK AND BABY TO BABY TO PROVIDE FOOD, BABY
21 FORMULA, AND DIAPERS TO WELL OVER 1200 HOUSEHOLDS. TO ME, THIS
22 IS INDICATIVE OF THE RELENTLESS NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITIES THAT
23 WE ALL REPRESENT ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. AND IT IS CLEAR, AT LEAST
24 TO ME, THAT OUR RESIDENTS CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE. IF THE
25 EXPERTS' FORECAST HOLDS TRUE, WE WILL ENTER INTO A RECESSION

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1 MAYBE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. AND I SAY MAYBE, BUT WE NEED TO BE
2 PREPARED, AND WE NEED TO HELP PREPARE OUR RESIDENTS TO ENDURE
3 ANY LEVEL OF A RECESSION BY PROVIDING MORE SERVICES AND
4 RELIEF, WHICH IS, IN MY OPINION, WHAT THIS BUDGET DOES. NOW IS
5 THE TIME TO STRENGTHEN THE SAFETY NET THAT WE'RE MANDATED BY
6 LAW TO PROVIDE. THE BUDGET TODAY IS \$39.7 BILLION WITH OVER
7 112,000 EMPLOYEES. AND THAT'S A LOT OF GOOD PAYING UNION JOBS,
8 AND IT IS MY HOPE THAT, WITH THE INCREASE NUMBER OF POSITIONS,
9 WE CAN AGAIN LOOK AT BRINGING THE JOBS WE CONTRACT OUT BACK IN
10 HOUSE AS WE HAD COMMITTED TO BEFORE THE PANDEMIC. AND AS THE
11 BUDGET CONTINUES TO BE REFINED DURING THE BUDGET PHASES, I AM
12 PLEASED THAT THE FOLLOWING ADJUSTMENTS ARE BEING MADE THAT
13 IMPORTANT TO MANY OF THE RESIDENTS THAT I REPRESENT IN THE
14 FIRST DISTRICT, THE TRANSFER OF STAFFING AND RESOURCES TO THE
15 NEWLY ESTABLISHED DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY SO THAT
16 THIS DEPARTMENT, WHICH I ALSO AUTHORED A MOTION TO CREATE, CAN
17 HELP BRING JOBS AND INDUSTRY TO L.A. REGIONS STARTING IN THE
18 NEW FISCAL YEAR, \$460,000 OF OUR INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT,
19 I.S.D., TO HELP THEM CONTINUE THE COUNTY-WIDE PROMOTIONAL
20 CAMPAIGN TO INFORM COUNTY RESIDENTS ABOUT THE AVAILABLE
21 SUBSIDY THAT WILL HELP THEM REDUCE THE COST FOR COMPUTERS AND
22 INTERNET SERVICE. NOTHING WAS MORE CLEAR TO ME DURING THIS
23 PANDEMIC THAN THAT DIGITAL DIVIDE. AND THIS IS UNDER A MOTION
24 FOR ACCELERATING THE DIGITAL EQUITY THAT I AUTHORED LAST YEAR.
25 \$103,000 WILL GO TO FUND ONE POSITION FOR CHAPTER EIGHT

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1 AGREEMENT SALE PROGRAM, WHICH I AUTHORED TO IDENTIFY TAX
2 DEFAULTED PROPERTIES. SO THEY CAN BE CONVERTED TO AFFORDABLE
3 HOUSING. SOMETHING THAT IS HIGH HIGH ON OUR LIST. \$12.7
4 MILLION FOR THE CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUNDS, OUR
5 C.F.C.I. FUNDS, DIRECTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH,
6 MENTAL HEALTH, AND HEALTH SERVICES FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND
7 SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AND HOUSING, AND ALSO INCREASED
8 STAFFING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, SPECIFICALLY
9 \$3.8 MILLION FOR 22 RADIOLOGY POSITIONS AT HIGH DESERT AND SIX
10 COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS, INCLUDING IN OUR DISTRICT, EL MONTE
11 AND THE ROYBAL CENTER IN EAST L.A. \$3.3 MILLION FOR 19 STAFF
12 FOR PATIENT CENTER MEDICAL HOMES AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. AND ALSO IN
13 OLIVE VIEW AND \$2.6 MILLION FOR 13 OPHTHALMOLOGY STAFF AT
14 L.A.C.+U.S.C. AND HIGH DESERT, SOMETHING THAT WAS MENTIONED BY
15 OUR C.E.O. AND AT L.A.C.+U.S.C., THE CONVERSION OF 12
16 CONTRACTED STAFF INTO PERMANENT COUNTY STAFF, SO THAT WE CAN
17 RETAIN OUR VALUABLE WORKFORCE AND CONTINUE TO PROVIDE
18 HEALTHCARE TO OUR MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS. FOR ME, THOSE ARE
19 COMMITMENTS WE MADE AND THAT WE ARE HONORING. FOR THE
20 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, THE BUDGET REFLECTS AN INCREASE
21 OF \$80.6 MILLION IN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES A.C.T. FUND, WHICH
22 INCLUDE \$51 MILLION FOR CRISIS RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAMS,
23 \$29 MILLION FOR COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR NETWORK PROVIDERS.
24 HOWEVER, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE STABILIZED FUNDING WITH
25 D.M.H.'S RESOURCES TO HELP EXPAND THE PROMOTORAS PROGRAM AND

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1 DEVELOP A SUSTAINABLE CAREER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM THERE. THIS IS
2 A PROGRAM THAT I SUPPORTED, ALONG WITH MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES
3 HERE, FOR MANY YEARS. AND I STARTED ON THAT TRAJECTORY BACK IN
4 THE 1990S IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE. THIS PROGRAM HAS GROWN. IT
5 IS HUGE SUCCESSFUL. WE SAW IT WORKING VERY WELL DURING THE
6 PANDEMIC TO CONNECT OUR HARD TO REACH COMMUNITIES TO INFORM
7 RESIDENTS, IN THEIR LANGUAGES, AND AT THEIR LEVEL. AND I AM
8 JUST SO PROUD OF THAT PROGRAM. \$909,000 IN ONE TIME FUNDING
9 FOR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE PARKS AFTER DARK PROGRAM,
10 WHICH IS A KEY YOUTH ENGAGEMENT, PREVENTION, AND INTERVENTION
11 TOOL. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN ONGOING INVESTMENT IN THIS
12 PROGRAM AS WELL AS IMPROVED PROGRAMMING THAT BETTER ENGAGES
13 OUR RESIDENTS A AT THE LOCAL LEVEL. THAT INCLUDES ALSO WORKING
14 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S OFFICE OF VIOLENCE AND
15 PREVENTION, WHICH IS RECEIVING \$25 MILLION THIS YEAR, THROUGH
16 EFFORTS THAT WE WORKED ON TO PREVENT GANG, GANG INVOLVEMENT,
17 AND PROVIDE INTERVENTION TOOLS AND, HOPEFULLY, A WAY TO
18 NAVIGATE THROUGH PROGRAMS TO GET BETTER EDUCATION AND JOB
19 TRAINING. I AM ALSO PLEASED TO SEE FUNDING IN THE BUDGET FOR A
20 NEW PARK FACILITIES INCLUDING \$984,000 FOR THE RIVER PARK,
21 WHICH HAS NEWLY BEEN NAMED, IT WAS PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS A DUCK
22 FARM, IN UNINCORPORATED LA PUENTE, BUT I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO
23 SEE THE PROJECT FULLY FUNDED AND ALSO SEE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE
24 REGIONAL PARK IN UNINCORPORATED ROWLAND HEIGHTS, WHICH WAS
25 REDISTRICTED TO MY DISTRICT THIS PAST DECEMBER. IT WILL BE

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1 CRITICAL THAT FUNDING IS PROVIDED FOR PROJECTS IN THE
2 UNINCORPORATED AREAS SO THAT WE CONTINUE PROVIDE PROGRAMMING
3 AND MAINTAIN OPERATIONS THAT IS EXPECTED BY OUR COMMUNITY. THE
4 BUDGET ALSO INCLUDES \$250,000 OF ONE TIME N.C.C. FUNDS FOR A
5 NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR THE COUNTY-WIDE CULTURAL POLICY ADOPTED
6 IN 2020 THAT, AS WE KNOW, STEMS FROM THE CULTURAL EQUITY AND
7 INCLUSION INITIATIVE THAT I AUTHORED BACK IN 2015. I AM VERY,
8 VERY HAPPY TO SEE THIS IS MOVING FORWARD TO ENSURE EQUITABLE
9 ACCESS TO THE ARTS AND CULTURE IN EVERY PART OF L.A. COUNTY.
10 \$1.3 MILLIONS IN STATE REVENUE FOR 14 POSITIONS IN THE OFFICE
11 OF THE ASSESSOR, THREE OF WHICH WILL BE TRAINERS FOR A
12 PIPELINE PROGRAM THAT I AUTHORED TO RECRUIT AND TRAIN ELIGIBLE
13 STUDENTS OF RIO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE, WHICH CREATES JOB
14 OPPORTUNITIES FOR COUNTY ENTRY LEVEL APPRAISERS, SOMETHING
15 THAT WE DRAMATICALLY NEED. \$205,000 TO HAVE ONE POSITION FOR
16 THE C.E.O.'S COUNTY-WIDE COMMUNICATION UNIT, WHICH WILL FOCUS
17 ON ETHNIC AND HYPERLOCAL MEDIA, SOMETHING I HAVE BEEN
18 ADVOCATING NOW FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. COUNTY DEPARTMENTS HAVE
19 BEEN DOING A GREAT JOB OF POSTING INFORMATION ON THEIR
20 WEBSITES AND SOCIAL MEDIA IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES, BUT THE
21 REALITY IS THAT PEOPLE DON'T ALWAYS COME TO US FOR
22 INFORMATION. SO WE NEED TO GO TO THEM, WHERE THOSE NEWS
23 OUTLETS HAVE A BETTER FORM OF ACCESS AS WELL AS THE TYPES OF
24 PROGRAMMING THAT SOME OF OUR RESIDENTS LISTEN TO, AS WELL AS
25 MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE PROVIDING JUST THE WHOLE MULTIPLICITY

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1 OF LANGUAGES THAT MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS REQUIRE. \$712,000 TO
2 THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND \$6.5 MILLION TO THE SHERIFF'S
3 DEPARTMENT TO ADDRESS S.B.1421, THE PUBLIC REQUEST ACT FOR A
4 MOTION PRESENTED. AND FINALLY, \$1.2 MILLION FOR THE FIRST
5 DISTRICT'S DISCRETIONARY FUNDING TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
6 TO FORM A CRIME ENFORCEMENT TEAM AT THE WALNUT AND INDUSTRY
7 STATIONS AS WELL AS TRAIL ENFORCEMENT IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS AND
8 ROWLAND HEIGHTS. THIS WILL ENSURE THERE'S NO LAPSE IN SERVICES
9 IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN REDISTRICTED
10 TO THE FIRST. THE CHALLENGES AHEAD OF US ARE RELENTLESS, BUT I
11 KNOW THAT TOGETHER WE CAN OVERCOME THEM. AND I ALSO WANT TO
12 THANK OUR C.E.O. FOR POSTING HER NEW VIDEO THAT HELPS TO
13 OUTLINE SOME OF THOSE PRIORITIES IN TERMS OF WHERE FUNDING
14 GOES TO THE APPROPRIATE BUDGET ITEMS THAT WE PRIORITIZE IN AND
15 THE COMMUNITY PRIORITIZES, BUT ALSO HOPEFULLY GAINING A BETTER
16 UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IT MEANS TO BE RESPONSIBLE AS A COUNTY
17 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN TERMS OF THE SERVICES THAT WE ARE
18 REQUIRED TO PROVIDE, ESPECIALLY IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS WHERE
19 WE, IN FACT, ARE THE MAYORS OF THOSE LOCAL AREAS. MANY PEOPLE
20 DON'T QUITE UNDERSTAND THAT, AND I HOPE THAT THROUGH THIS
21 EDUCATIONAL PROCESS, WE CAN ACHIEVE THAT. THANK YOU SO MUCH,
22 MADAM CHAIR AND TO MY COLLEAGUES FOR ALL THE GREAT WORK YOU
23 HAVE DONE. THIS IS A REFLECTION OF OUR VALUES, OUR HOPES, OUR
24 DREAMS, AND OUR ASPIRATIONS. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, MADAM
25 CHAIR.

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

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4 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. YOU KNOW, I AM -
5 - I AM FEELING A LOT OF GRATITUDE THIS MORNING, EVEN THOUGH WE
6 HAVE BEEN THROUGH SOME REALLY HARD I'LL JUST SAY SUPREME COURT
7 DECISIONS IN THE PAST WEEK. PEOPLE REALLY EXPERIENCED SORT OF
8 A DOWNTURN IN OUR RIGHTS. AND I LOOK AT THIS BUDGET, WHICH IS
9 AN EXPRESSION OF THE MORAL VALUES OF THIS COUNTY MORE THAN
10 ANYTHING, AND I AM PROUD OF US. THIS IS MY EIGHTH YEAR HERE.
11 AND WHEN I CAME TO THE BOARD, THE VISION WAS QUITE DIFFERENT.
12 THE FESIA HAS DONE A WONDERFUL JOB OF PRESENTING HOW WE GET TO
13 WHERE WE ARE GOING, WHAT THE PRESSURES ARE, ETC. SHE REFERRED
14 TO OUR VISION AT ONE POINT AS AMBITIOUS POLICY GOALS. AND I
15 THINK THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT IS NEEDED. I WANT TO EMBRACE THE
16 STATEMENTS OF MY COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE PRECEDED ME IN TALKING
17 ABOUT THIS BUDGET AND LOOKING FORWARD TO JANICE'S STATEMENTS
18 AS WELL BECAUSE I BELIEVE IN ALL OF THESE ASPECTS THAT WE HAVE
19 DEVELOPED AND PUT INTO THE BUDGET AND THANK FESIA FOR WORKING
20 SO HARD WITH HER STAFF TO MAKE THAT COME TO REALITY BECAUSE
21 THE COUNTY EXISTS, COUNTIES IN CALIFORNIA, THE 58 OF US,
22 EXIST, AND WE ARE 25% OF THE WHOLE STATE, REALLY TO EXTEND A
23 HELPING HAND TO THOSE WHO JUST CAN'T MAKE IT WITHOUT US. AND I
24 THINK WE ARE DOING A VERY, VERY GOOD JOB OF IT WITH WHAT WE
25 HAVE. OUR PRIORITIES HAVE SHIFTED. I WOULD SAY WE ARE MUCH

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1 MORE CLIENT ORIENTED, MUCH MORE ORIENTED TO SECOND CHANCES.
2 AND I AM PROUD OF THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE, FESIA, WITH
3 YOUR STAFF. I AM PROUD OF MY COLLEAGUES. I'M VERY PROUD OF
4 TEAM KUEHL AND ESPECIALLY MY BUDGET DEPUTY, ANGELICA AYALA,
5 WHO EXPLAINS EVERY ASPECT OF THIS BUDGET TO ME IN WAYS THAT I
6 CAN UNDERSTAND, WHICH IS IMPORTANT. SO I WANT TO TALK FOR A
7 MOMENT TO SOME OF MY KEY PRIORITIES THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THIS
8 BUDGET AND ALSO A FEW THAT MAY BE MISSING AND NEED TO BE
9 CONSIDERED IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET IN OCTOBER, . SO MADAM
10 CHAIR, AT THE END OF MY COMMENTS, I HAVE TWO QUESTIONS TO OUR
11 C.E.O. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO LIFT UP THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING
12 AND DISABILITIES AND THANK JANICE SO MUCH FOR PUSHING AND
13 PUSHING FOR THIS AS WE TALKED ABOUT WHAT WE WOULD DO TO
14 SEPARATE OUT SOME OF THE DEPARTMENTS THAT WERE JAMMED TOGETHER
15 IN W.D.A.C.S. AND SEE IF WE COULDN'T MAKE THEM -- LIFT THEM UP
16 MORE, MAKE THEM SPECIAL. THIS BUDGET ESTABLISHES THE
17 DEPARTMENT WITH A TOTAL BUDGET OF OVER \$150 MILLION, ALMOST
18 500 POSITIONS. AND WITH THE CREATION OF THIS STANDALONE
19 DEPARTMENT, THE COUNTY, THE NEW DIRECTOR, LAURA TREJO, WILL BE
20 ABLE TO GROW THE WAY WE NETWORK TO HELP THOSE SENIORS IN OUR
21 COUNTY AND IN OUR REGION BUILD STRONG PARTNERSHIPS TO ENSURE
22 THAT SERVICES TO THIS POPULATION IN L.A. FLOURISH AND ADAPT
23 BECAUSE WE KNOW THIS POPULATION IS GROWING. I MAY BE OVERLY
24 INTERESTED IN IT AT THE MOMENT, BEING SUCH A MEMBER OF IT, BUT
25 I WANT TO SAY THAT I AM ALSO HAPPY TO SEE THAT L.A. COUNTY AND

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1 L.A. CITY WILL BETTER COORDINATE OUR AGE-FRIENDLY INITIATIVES
2 FOR THIS RAPIDLY GROWING POPULATION TO UNITE PUBLIC AND
3 PRIVATE LEADERSHIP, RESOURCES, IDEAS, AND STRATEGIES, TO
4 IMPROVE THE LIVES OF OLDER ANGELENOS. SECOND, I WANT TO LIFT
5 UP THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, OFFICIALLY
6 ESTABLISHED WITH A TOTAL BUDGET OF \$161.9 MILLION, 178
7 POSITIONS. THESE POSITIONS HAVE GENERALLY BEEN TRANSFERRED, AS
8 THE SAME AS TRUE WITH AGING AND DISABILITIES, FROM OUR
9 W.D.A.C.S. DEPARTMENT, BUT I THINK IN A MORE STRATEGIC WAY. I
10 WANT TO RECOGNIZE KELLY LOBIANCO, OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY. SHE ABSOLUTELY HIT THE
12 GROUND RUNNING TAKING THIS IDEA THAT WE HAD, AS A BOARD, TO
13 CONSOLIDATE AND STRENGTHEN OUR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS,
14 OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, AND TAKING THAT VISION AND
15 MAKING IT A REALITY. KELLY AND HER TEAM HAVE ALREADY BEGUN TO
16 ADVANCE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES ALIGNED WITH OUR
17 VISION OF CREATING PATHWAYS INTO SUSTAINED, PERMANENT JOBS IN
18 HIGH GROWTH SECTORS FOR OUR L.A. RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE
19 WHO HAVE BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT. AND THIS DOES RELATE TO
20 CUTTING DOWN ON THE JAIL POPULATION BECAUSE, AS YOU KNOW, IF
21 YOU HAVE A RECORD, IT IS A LOT HARD TO GET A JOB. AND WE
22 HAVE DONE EVERYTHING WE CAN TO TRY TO HELP WITH THAT. SO YOU
23 CAN ALREADY SEE PROGRESS IN SOME OF THE KEY PROGRAMS THAT WERE
24 LAUNCHED. I LOVE OUR PROGRAM, OUR PLACE PROGRAM, THAT WE
25 TALKED ABOUT LAST TUESDAY, I GUESS TWO WEEKS AGO NOW, WHERE WE

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1 ARE LOOKING AT OUR OWN BENEFICIARIES IN D.P.S.S., PEOPLE
2 COMING OUT OF JAIL, FOSTER KID WHOSE ARE AGING OUT, AND SAYING
3 HOW CAN WE HELP THEM, TRAIN THEM, AND PLACE THEM. AND WE ARE
4 DOING IT FOR HUNDREDS AT A TIME. AND I AM REALLY, REALLY PROUD
5 OF THAT PROGRAM. IT'S ALSO GREAT TO SEE ONGOING SUPPORT
6 FINANCIALLY, AND THROUGH TECHNICAL AND LEGAL ASSISTANCE, IN
7 THIS NEW DEPARTMENT TO OUR SMALL BUSINESSES. THEY ARE KEY TO
8 OUR LOCAL ECONOMY AND, OF COURSE, AS WE KNOW, WERE DEVASTATED
9 BY THE PANDEMIC, AND, AGAIN, LOOK TO THE COUNTY TO HELP. I
10 MEAN WE ARE KIND OF IT. I HAVE COMPARED US TO THE PEOPLE WHO
11 WALK BEHIND THE HORSES AT PARADES BECAUSE WE DON'T MAKE THE
12 MESSES, BUT EVERYBODY SAYS WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO CLEAN UP THE
13 MESS I MADE. AND I THINK, ACTUALLY, THIS BUDGET DOES REFLECT
14 OUR COMMITMENT TO BEING THERE FOR PEOPLE WHO NEED US. THIRDLY,
15 I WANT TO LIFT UP THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, A
16 DREAM OF MINE, OF MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S, WHEN HE WAS HERE, AND
17 THE FIVE OF US HAVE AGREED HOW IMPORTANT THAT IS TO TRANSITION
18 TO A CARE-FIRST MODEL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY. I AM
19 REALLY PLEASED TO SEE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS DEPARTMENT
20 WITH AN INITIAL BUDGET OF \$25 MILLION, 22 POSITIONS, INCLUDING
21 THE DEPARTMENT HEAD POSITION. IT IS NOT AS MUCH. AND THE SCOPE
22 WILL BE A LITTLE LEAN AT FIRST, BUT IT IS SO IMPORTANT TO
23 ESTABLISH THAT DEPARTMENT, THAT VISION, AND LOOK TO THE GROWTH
24 OF THAT DEPARTMENT, SO THAT ALL OF OUR YOUTH SERVICES THAT ARE
25 NOT REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE DONE THROUGH PROBATION, WHICH IS

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1 ESSENTIALLY ONLY LOCKING UP KIDS, IS GOING TO BE TRANSFERRED
2 HOPEFULLY TO THIS DEPARTMENT. ONE OBJECTIVE IS TO IMPLEMENT
3 OUR CARE-FIRST APPROACH TO DUTIES THAT HAVE HISTORICALLY
4 RESTED, BUT I THINK INAPPROPRIATELY, WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT. THE
5 CONCEPT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IS SO MUCH BROADER THAN SIMPLY
6 DIVERSION FROM THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. THERE'S SO MUCH ROOM TO
7 REIMAGINE UPSTREAM PREVENTION EFFORTS, REALLY, REALLY
8 IMPORTANT. LET'S KEEP PEOPLE FROM GETTING INVOLVED IN THE
9 JUSTICE SYSTEM, ESPECIALLY OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. COMMUNITY-BASED
10 SUPPORTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ACTUAL
11 PHYSICAL LOCATIONS, WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE CAN GATHER AND ACCESS
12 FRIENDSHIPS, MENTORS, PROGRAMS, WHAT THEY NEED. SO I LOOK
13 FORWARD TO SEEING THIS DEPARTMENT GROW AND FEELING ITS IMPACT
14 ON ALL THE PLACES THAT YOUNG PEOPLE GATHER, LIVE, AND NEED
15 SOME HELP. FOURTH, I AM PLEASED TO SEE THE SECOND YEAR OF
16 COMMITMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL \$100 MILLION, JUST AS WE SAID WE
17 WOULD, EVEN THOUGH MEASURE J WAS THROWN OUT BY THE COURTS,
18 \$100 MILLION TOWARDS CARE-FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS,
19 FORMERLY KNOWN AS MEASURE J. THIS BRINGS THE ONGOING
20 ALLOCATION TO \$200 MILLION SO FAR WITH THE GOAL TO GROW TO
21 \$300 MILLION, NEXT FISCAL YEAR. WE HAVE MADE A COMMITMENT TO
22 BUILDING A CARE-FIRST/JAIL-LAST SYSTEM. MEASURE J WAS ANOTHER
23 MECHANISM TO ACCOMPLISH THIS GOAL. TALK ABOUT VISION. WHEN I
24 FIRST CAME ON THIS BOARD, WE WERE STILL BUILDING JAILS. WE
25 WERE BUILDING OUT JAILS. WE WERE VOTING TO BUILD JAILS, AND

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1 THEN WE SAID NO, LET'S DO A GIANT MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY THAT
2 IS A JAIL. SO, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY, AND THIS IS
3 ONE OF OUR COMMITMENTS. WE DID NOT EVEN ALLOW THE PRELIMINARY
4 RULING ABOUT MEASURE J FROM STOPPING THIS WORK BECAUSE WE
5 COMMITTED TO DOING IT ANYWAY. AND SINCE THE PASSAGE OF MEASURE
6 J, THERE'S BEEN TREMENDOUS ENGAGEMENT FROM DIVERSE COMMUNITY
7 MEMBERS FROM ALL OVER L.A. COUNTY WHO PUT IN A LOT OF HOURS,
8 TREMENDOUS PASSION, TOWARDS DEVELOPING RECOMMENDATIONS. SO
9 THIS SECOND YEAR OF COMMITMENT WILL MATERIALIZE AS DEEPER
10 INVESTMENTS FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES. FIFTH,
11 AFFORDABLE HOUSING, IT CONTINUES TO BE A TOP PRIORITY IN OUR
12 EFFORTS TO STOP THE FLOW INTO HOMELESSNESS. I MEAN OUR HOUSING
13 MARKET IS -- LET'S FACE IT, IT IS SIMPLY UNAFFORDABLE. I
14 WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO RENT AN APARTMENT NOW. I'M JUST TELLING
15 YOU. WHEN I WAS JUST OUT OF COLLEGE AND WORKING AT U.C.L.A., I
16 COULD AFFORD AN APARTMENT IN WESTWOOD FOR WHAT I WAS BEING
17 PAID. IT IS JUST UNTHINKABLE NOW FOR OUR KIDS AND GRANDKIDS.
18 AND WE NEED THESE AFFORDABLE HOMES, A HALF A MILLION OF THEM
19 THAT DON'T EXIST YET, AND IT DEMANDS A STEADFAST COMMITMENT TO
20 FUNDING HOUSING AND SERVICES. I AM PROUD TO SAY I INTRODUCED
21 THE MOTION OVER SIX YEARS AGO TO ESTABLISH AND GROW THE
22 AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND TO \$100 MILLION IN ONGOING
23 FUNDING EVERY YEAR. AND I AM REALLY GRATEFUL, FESIA, I AM
24 REALLY GRATEFUL THAT YOU HAVE STUCK WITH THIS COMMITMENT,
25 FOUND A WAY TO HONOR IT, AND WE HAVE IT IN FISCAL YEAR '22-

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1 '23, ON TRACK TO MAKE IT PERMANENT ONGOING, SO WE CAN DO
2 AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. I ALSO WANT TO
3 HIGHLIGHT AND SORT OF FINALLY A FEW PRIORITIES I HOPE WILL
4 RECEIVE A LITTLE MORE ATTENTION AND FUNDING, I HAVE TO SAY.
5 FIRST OF ALL, THE NEW JUSTICE, CARE, AND OPPORTUNITIES
6 DEPARTMENT, J.C.O.D.. I AM REALLY EXCITED THAT WE ARE STANDING
7 THIS UP. IT IS SO IMPORTANT TO A CARE-FIRST/ JAILS-LAST
8 VISION. IT IS LIKE A NEW DEPARTMENT THAT REALLY TALKS ABOUT
9 CARE-FIRST. BUT TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THIS TRANSFORMATIVE
10 DEPARTMENT, WE'VE GOT TO FUND ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEADERSHIP
11 ITEMS. WE'VE GOT TO FUND OFFICE SPACE, SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT,
12 TO SUPPORT THE TRANSITION OF OUR EXISTING INITIATIVES INTO
13 THIS DEPARTMENT. FUNDING IS ALSO NEEDED TO EXPAND THE EXISTING
14 INITIATIVES THAT ARE THE FOUNDATION OF J.C.O.D., RAPID
15 DIVERSION, PRETRIAL SERVICES, SO IMPORTANT TO KEEPING PEOPLE
16 OUT OF JAIL, REENTRY SERVICES. SO IMPORTANT TO HELPING THEM
17 WHEN THEY COME OUT OF JAIL, CURRENTLY UNDER-RESOURCED. SCALING
18 UP RESOURCES FOR THOSE INITIATIVES THAT ARE GOING INTO
19 J.C.O.D. WILL REALLY HELP ENSURE SUCCESS AND NOT SET OURSELVES
20 UP FOR FAILURE SO PEOPLE CAN GO "SEE, I TOLD YOU. IT DIDN'T
21 WORK." NO. PUT THE MONEY IN, AND IT WORKS. SECONDLY IN THINGS
22 THAT I THINK NEED MORE HELP, ACCOUNTABILITY AND OVERSIGHT
23 ENTITIES, EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO THIS BOARD. OVER THE LAST FEW
24 YEARS, WE HAVE ESTABLISHED THREE OVERSIGHT ENTITIES. THE
25 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL CAME FIRST. THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT

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1 COMMISSION, TO -- JUST TELL US WHAT THE SHERIFF HAS DONE AND
2 WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. AND THE NEWEST, OUR PROBATION OVERSIGHT
3 COMMISSION, VERY HEALTHY, VERY ROBUST, AND VERY VOCAL. AND SO,
4 I AM PLEASED TO SEE AN INITIAL INVESTMENT OF THREE POSITIONS
5 FOR OUR OVERSIGHT BODIES, BUT GIVEN HOW MUCH WE ASK THEM TO
6 DO, I HOPE WE WILL CONTINUE TO DEMONSTRATE SUPPORT FOR THEIR
7 WORK BY FULLY FUNDING NECESSARY STAFF POSITIONS. THEY NEED IT.
8 AND THEY NEED IT TO MEET THEIR INVESTIGATORY, OVERSIGHT, AND
9 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DUTIES. THIRD, ARTS AND CULTURE, YEAH,
10 YEAH, YEAH, YEAH, I'VE BEEN TALKING ARTS AND CULTURE EVER
11 SINCE I GOT HERE. FORTUNATELY, EVERYBODY IS ON BOARD FOR THIS,
12 BUT WE STILL NEED MORE SUPPORT. WITH THE TRANSITION OF THIS
13 NEW DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE, THE GROWTH OF CIVIC ARTS
14 PROJECTS, THE ADOPTION OF A COUNTY-WIDE CULTURAL POLICY, WHICH
15 IS GREAT, WE HAVE ASKED A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT FROM THE
16 DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE, BUT THE INCREASED WORKLOAD HAS
17 NOT COME WITH THE STAFF POSITIONS REALLY NEEDED TO DO IT. I'M
18 VERY PLEASED TO SEE TWO CIVIC ART POSITION IN THE BUDGET, AND
19 I HOPE THE REMAINING THREE POSITIONS THAT THE DEPARTMENT
20 IDENTIFIED IN THEIR REQUEST ARE PRIORITIZED FOR FUNDING
21 A.S.A.P. FINALLY, I WANT TO TALK ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. WE
22 TOOK A STAND IN THE LAST MEETING ABOUT NEEDING AND WANTING TO
23 FUND SHELTERS. THEY ARE ON THE FRONTLINE FOR OUR RESPONSE TO
24 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND WE HAVE NOT REALLY ADEQUATELY SET ASIDE
25 ONGOING FUNDING TO STABILIZE THE SHELTER-BASED CARE AGENCIES.

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1 THAT'S WHAT WE VOTED ON A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO. THIS IS 24 HOUR
2 SHELTER, FOOD, CLOTHING, AND BASIC NEEDS, ALSO TAKING CARE OF
3 THEIR CHILDREN, CASE MANAGEMENT FOR OUR SURVIVORS EVEN AFTER
4 THEY LEAVE THE SHELTER. THEY'RE DOING VIRTUALLY ALL THE WORK.
5 SO AS I SAID, WE RECENTLY APPROVED A MOTION THAT JANICE AND I
6 BROUGHT ALLOCATES \$3.1 MILLION IN FUNDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
7 PUBLIC HEALTH IN ORDER TO STABILIZE, SUSTAIN, AND EXPAND THAT
8 SHELTER SYSTEM, AND IT IS CRITICAL. SO IT'S MY HOPE THAT THESE
9 FUNDS WILL BE IDENTIFIED IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, FESIA IS
10 TIRED OF HEARING ME TALK ABOUT IT, BUT I AM TALKING ABOUT IT
11 ANYWAY, AND THESE SERVICES CAN BE CONSISTENTLY MAINTAINED, NOT
12 JUST LIKE HERE IS A LITTLE BIT, AND NOW WE'RE WALKING AWAY. WE
13 ALSO HAVE TO INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY OF PROGRAM AND SUPPORT
14 SERVICES THAT SERVE SURVIVORS. IN ADDITION TO LOOKING TO
15 A.R.P. AND STATE LEGISLATION, WE HAVE TO CONSIDER ALL OTHER
16 POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES. I THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND NOW I
17 HAVE TWO QUESTIONS FOR THE C.E.O. FIRST OF ALL, FESIA, I KNOW
18 THAT PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM YOUR OFFICE TO THE
19 EXECUTIVE OFFICE IN THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET, AND THEY'RE NOT
20 REALLY ADEQUATELY RESOURCED YET. I REALLY APPRECIATE THE
21 C.E.O. SAYING I NEED TO BE KIND OF, YOU KNOW, NURTURING AND
22 GROWTH FACTORY FOR NEW PROGRAMS, AND THEN THEY NEED TO GO
23 SOMEWHERE SO I CAN DO WHATEVER YOU'RE GOING TO INVENT IN THE
24 NEXT YEAR. AND I REALLY UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT THE TRANSFER OF
25 SEVERAL COMMISSIONS INTO THE E.O.'S OFFICE, LET US SAY, FOR

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1 INSTANCE, THE LOS ANGELES NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSION, THE
2 HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, BOTH CAME OVER FROM W.D.A.C.S., AS
3 WELL AS THE TRANSFER OF THE ENTIRE CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE
4 AND THE OFFICE OF PROTOCOL FROM YOUR OFFICE. THEY ARE NOT
5 REALLY RESOURCED, AND I KNOW YOU KNOW, BUT THE NATIVE AMERICAN
6 COMMISSION BENEFITED IN W.D.A.C.S. FROM HELP WITH THEIR
7 CONTRACTING, WHICH IS NOT TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT YET IN THE E.O.'S
8 OFFICE, AND THEY HAVE FEDERAL CONTRACTS, AS YOU KNOW, THAT
9 THEY MUST MAINTAIN. SO I WANT TO LIFT UP THE COMMISSIONS THAT
10 WERE TRANSFERRED IN. AND NO CRITICISM TO CELIA, BUT, HONESTLY,
11 IN THE FINAL, FINAL-FINAL, LOOK AT THE BUDGET IN SEPTEMBER, IN
12 SUPPLEMENTAL, WE HAVE TO REALLY LOOK AT THIS. SECONDLY, THE
13 YOUTH COMMISSION. YOUTH COMMISSION IS LACKING IN RESOURCES.
14 AND IT'S UNIQUE BECAUSE WE HAVE STAFFED AND PEOPLED THE YOUTH
15 COMMISSION WITH YOUNG MEMBERS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE. THEY'RE
16 OFTEN IN NEED THEMSELVES OF ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AND SERVICES TO
17 MAKE IT WORK, TO KNOW HOW TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AND STILL
18 SURVIVE. SO POSITIONS ARE REALLY NEEDED TO ASSIST WITH
19 TRIAGING, WITH PROBLEM SOLVING, WITH HELPING WITH DEVELOPMENT
20 OF LIFE AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS, SUPPORT FOR THE MEETING,
21 SUPPORT FOR THE DAY TO DAY WORK OF THE COMMISSION. THIS IS
22 REALLY IMPORTANT, AND I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MUCH I WILL
23 CONTINUE TO PUSH AND BE OBNOXIOUS ABOUT MAKING CERTAIN THAT
24 THESE COMMISSIONS GET FUNDED, ESPECIALLY THE YOUTH COMMISSION.

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1 SO MY QUESTION TO YOU IS IS THERE A PLAN TO ENSURE THESE
2 COMMISSIONS AND PROGRAMS ARE RIGHT SIZED?

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4 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND
5 THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION. I'VE
6 BEEN IN DISCUSSION -- MY OFFICE HAS BEEN IN DISCUSSION WITH
7 THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE ABOUT THE TRANSFER OF THE COMMISSIONS AS
8 WELL AS THE SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE, AND I'D LIKE TO JUST TAKE A
9 MINUTE TO CALIBRATE THE PREMISE HERE. WHEN WE WORKED TO
10 TRANSFER, FOR EXAMPLE, THE SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE, WE
11 TRANSFERRED THE ENTIRE BUDGET, SALARY AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS,
12 AND SERVICE AND SUPPLIES. THE SAME IS TRUE FOR LANAIC, AS WELL
13 AS THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. BUT YOU MAKE A VERY GOOD
14 POINT, WHICH IS THE SUPPORT THAT THOSE ORGANIZATIONAL UNITS
15 HAD IN THEIR PRIOR OFFICES. SO FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN THE
16 SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE WAS ESTABLISHED IN THE C.E.O., WE
17 IMAGINED THERE MIGHT BE SOME NEEDS TO DO CONTRACTING, AND WE
18 ESSENTIALLY ABSORBED THAT WORKLOAD. SO WHEN WE ESTABLISHED THE
19 OFFICE, WE DIDN'T ALSO ADD POSITIONS, OR NEW POSITIONS, IN
20 C.E.O. TO DO THE CONTRACTING, AND I THINK THE GLITCH IN THE
21 OINTMENT HERE IS, AS WE WORK WITH THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE, WE
22 ASSUMED THAT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE WOULD BE ABLE TO ASSUME THE
23 WORKLOAD. AND I THINK THERE ARE TWO THINGS HERE. ONE IS
24 WORKLOAD, AND THEN ONE IS THE KNOWLEDGE, SKILL, AND ABILITY OF
25 THE STAFF TO GET THE WORK DONE. SO I'VE HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH

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1 THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER ABOUT LOOKING TOWARDS SUPPLEMENTAL
2 BUDGET. IT'S NOT JUST A QUESTION OF ADDITIONAL STAFF. IT'S A
3 QUESTION OF STAFF WITH A HIGHER SKILL SET THAT'S ABLE TO
4 HANDLE THE CONTRACTING PART OF THE WORK. SO WITH THAT SAID,
5 WE'RE IN CONVERSATION WITH THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE. WE ARE
6 LOOKING TO SUPPLEMENTAL TO NOT JUST ADD STAFF BUT FIGURE OUT
7 THE RIGHT LEVEL, SO THAT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE CAN PROVIDE THE
8 SUPPORT FOR THESE ORGANIZATIONAL UNITS THAT THEY HAD WHEN THEY
9 WERE -- BEFORE THEIR TRANSFER.

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11 **SUP. KUEHL:** GO HEAD, PLEASE.

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13 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** AND THEN ON THE SECOND PIECE, ON THE
14 YOUTH COMMISSION, WE DO HAVE A REPORT BACK IN SUPPLEMENTAL.
15 WE'LL ALSO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO
16 IDENTIFY A BUDGET RECOMMENDATION TO TRY, AS MUCH AS WE
17 POSSIBLY CAN, TO MAKE SURE THIS NEED IS MET.

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I KNOW YOU KNOW THERE IS A
20 LOT OF MUSCLE IN THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, PROBABLY MORE MUSCLE
21 THAN IN ANY ONE OF OUR INDIVIDUAL OFFICES AND A LOT OF ACCESS
22 TO WELL, YOU CAN BORROW THIS GUY, AND YOU CAN BORROW THIS
23 WOMAN, AND THEY'LL HELP. AND THAT'S WHAT WORRIES ME BECAUSE WE
24 PUT A LOT OF FAITH IN THESE COMMISSIONS, ESPECIALLY THE NEW
25 YOUTH COMMISSION. AND WE JUST LOST THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF

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1 THAT COMMISSION, AND PART OF IT WAS JUST OVERWHELMING, NOT
2 ANY FAULT TO HIM, JUST YOU CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT MORE HELP. SO I
3 THANK YOU FOR THAT. MY LAST QUESTION IS -- IT MAY NOT BE
4 TERRIBLY RESPONSIBLE, BUT I THINK I MADE IT CLEAR IN THE PAST,
5 I'M NOT A BIG FAN OF SOCKING MONEY AWAY AND LETTING IT SIT
6 THERE IS WHEN WE LOOK AT OUR UNMET NEEDS AND WE LOOK AT OUR
7 POPULATIONS. I'M NOT PROFLIGATE, BUT I'M NOT A BIG SAVOR. SO I
8 WAS JUST INTERESTED BECAUSE IN EACH ONE OF OUR BUDGETS, WE
9 PUT ASIDE MONEY FOR APPROPRIATION FOR CONTINGENCIES. THAT IS
10 MEANT TO BE SOMETHING WE USE INSTANTLY WHEN WE HAVE
11 CONTINGENCIES THAT NEED TO BE MET. HOWEVER, VIRTUALLY EVERY
12 YEAR, THAT FUND IS UNTOUCHED AND IS TRANSFERRED AUTOMATICALLY
13 INTO THE RAINY DAY FUND, WHICH I DO UNDERSTAND PEOPLE WANT TO
14 GROW MORE THAN I DO. BUT OKAY, I ACCEPT THAT. SO, IN THE
15 FISCAL YEAR '22-'23 RECOMMENDED BUDGET, WE APPROVED THE
16 ALLOCATION OF \$20 MILLION OF ONGOING N.C.C. TO THE
17 APPROPRIATION FOR CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT. IN THIS FINAL CHANGES
18 BUDGET, THERE IS A PROPOSAL TO ALLOCATE, IN ADDITION, ALMOST 5
19 MILLION OF N.C.C. SO LET'S SAY THAT'S ABOUT 50 MILLION IN
20 APPROPRIATION FOR CONTINGENCIES, WHICH LOOK LIKE IT'S GOING TO
21 SIT THIS AND THEN BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE RAINY DAY FUND. NOW,
22 IF THIS IS JUST A DEVICE TO HELP THE RAINY DAY FUND TO GROW, I
23 KIND OF WANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT SEEMS LIKE WE'RE
24 ESSENTIALLY BUILDING UP THE RAINY DAY FUND WITH THIS IN EACH
25 BUDGET BUT CALLING IT SOMETHING ELSE. SO THE QUESTION IS WHAT

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1 ARE THE USES OF THE APPROPRIATION FOR CONTINGENCY FUNDS? HAVE
2 THEY EVER BEEN USED IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS, AND IS THIS JUST A
3 WAY TO SAY, WE'RE PUTTING THIS ASIDE EARLY, AND IT WILL
4 AUTOMATICALLY GO INTO THE RAINY DAY FUND BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, IF
5 IT'S SET ASIDE FOR EMERGENT NEED, AND WE HAVE A LIST OF
6 BILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF UNMET NEEDS, I KNOW IT'S A SMALL
7 AMOUNT, BUT I STILL WANT TO UNDERSTAND? SO WHAT DO WE USE THE
8 APPROPRIATION FOR CONTINGENCY FUNDS FOR AND HAVE THEY BEEN
9 USED IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS?

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11 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THE
12 APPROPRIATION FOR CONTINGENCIES WE ACTUALLY DESCRIBE AS OUR
13 BABY RAINY DAY FUND. SO I LOOK AT THEM AS AN A AND B. IN OUR
14 RAINY DAY FUND, WE SET A PERCENTAGE, AND THEN WE SET A TARGET
15 WE WANT TO REACH, AND THEN WE GIVE OURSELVES A NUMBER OF YEARS
16 TO REACH THAT TARGET. HOWEVER, WE KNOW THAT OUR LOCALLY-
17 GENERATED REVENUES, OUR ONGOING REVENUES, THEY GROW OVER TIME.
18 SO, IF WE JUST SET ASIDE A FIXED AMOUNT OF FUNDING EACH YEAR
19 INTO OUR RAINY DAY FUND, WE ARE NOT ACTUALLY KEEPING UP WITH
20 THE GROWTH IN OUR REVENUES, AND THAT'S WHERE THE APPROPRIATION
21 FOR CONTINGENCIES COME IN. THE APPROPRIATION FOR CONTINGENCIES
22 BASICALLY ALLOWS US TO KEEP UP WITH THE GROWTH IN OUR LOCALLY-
23 GENERATED REVENUES -- I'M SORRY. IT ALLOWS US TO KEEP UP WITH
24 SETTING ASIDE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF OUR LOCALLY-GENERATED
25 REVENUES. WE HAVE TWO PARTS. THE RAINY FUND, WE TYPICALLY SET

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1 ASIDE AN AMOUNT EVERY YEAR, AND WE HOPE TO REACH A TARGET OVER
2 A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME, BUT WE KNOW OUR REVENUES AREN'T
3 FIXED, THAT THEY TEND TO GROW, WE HOPE, OVER TIME. SO WHAT WE
4 DO IS WE USE OUR APPROPRIATION FOR CONTINGENCIES TO SUPPLEMENT
5 THE AMOUNT THAT WE'RE ALREADY SETTING ASIDE IN THE RAINY DAY
6 FUND. WITH THAT SAID, I THINK YOU ASKED IF WE HAVE -- WHAT ARE
7 ITS USES. BASICALLY, WE USE IT AS A HEDGE AGAINST ANY
8 UNFORESEEN FINANCIAL ISSUES DURING A GIVEN FISCAL YEAR. FOR
9 EXAMPLE, IF THE COUNTY'S LOCALLY-GENERATED REVENUE RECEIPTS
10 WERE SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER THAN ANTICIPATED, THEN WE WOULD TAP
11 INTO THESE FUNDS TO SUPPORT COUNTY OPERATIONS AND AVOID MAKING
12 CUTS TO THE BUDGET IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FISCAL YEAR. AS YOU
13 CORRECTLY POINT OUT, WHILE THESE FUNDS HAVE NOT USED IN THE
14 LAST FIVE YEARS FOR SUCH AN EMERGENCY, WE WERE PRE PREPARED TO
15 TAP INTO IT IN FISCAL YEAR '19-'20, I KNOW THAT SEEMS A VERY
16 LONG TIME AGO, AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PANDEMIC AS ECONOMIC
17 UNCERTAINTY GREW DURING THE ONSET OF THE PANDEMIC.
18 FORTUNATELY, THE PROPERTY AND SALES TAXES REVENUES DID NOT
19 TIP AS LOW AS PROJECTED, AND STATE GENERAL FUNDS WERE PROVIDED
20 TO COVER SOME OF THE SHORTFALLS AND 1991 REALIGNMENT REVENUE
21 AND OUR VEHICLE LICENSE FEE REALIGNMENT REVENUES, SO WE DIDN'T
22 NEED TO USE THE FUNDS. SECONDLY, I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO
23 NOTE THIS IS NOT A SORT OF A RANDOM BUDGETARY EXERCISE OF THE
24 C.E.O.'S OFFICE, WE ARE ESTABLISHING AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS TO
25 OUR APPROPRIATION FOR CONTINGENCIES PURSUANT TO BOARD POLICY.

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1 THE POLICY RECENTLY WAS CHANGED, AND WE SET ASIDE MANY YEARS
2 AGO THE TARGET WAS 10% OF OUR ONGOING LOCALLY-GENERATED
3 REVENUES. WE MET THAT AMOUNT. WE KNOW THAT BEST PRACTICE IS
4 17%. WE HAD A LOT OF DISCUSSION ABOUT THAT ON OUR RECENT TAX
5 REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES MEETING WHEN WE WENT TO NEW YORK
6 WITH THE RATING AGENCIES. AND SO, WE HAVE NOT USED IT. IT IS
7 THERE FOR CONTINGENCIES, AND WE NEED IT TO BE AVAILABLE IN THE
8 EVENT THAT THE NEED ARISES. IF WE DON'T USE IT, YOU ARE
9 CORRECT, IT DOES TRANSFER TO THE LARGER RAINY DAY FUND.

10

11 **SUP. KUEHL:** WELL, AS I SAID, I COULD BE A PERSON -- MY MOTHER
12 WOULD NOT BE PROUD OF ME BECAUSE SHE WAS A GREAT SAVER, BUT IF
13 THIS ISN'T A RAINY DAY, I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS. YES, OUR REVENUE
14 IS UP, AND YES, IN ORDER TO KEEP OUR BOND RATING UP WE NEED TO
15 DO THIS, AND MY COLLEAGUES VOTED, THOUGH I WAS NOT IN FAVOR,
16 TO INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF THE RAINY DAY FUND. AND OF
17 COURSE, THE CONTINGENCY I GUESS IS HOW WE GET THERE IN THE
18 CURRENT BUDGET, BUT WE'VE BEEN ADDING TO IT AS WELL. I WILL
19 CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE TO USE THE MONEY TO HELP SAVE AND IMPROVE
20 PEOPLE'S LIVES. AND UNAPOLOGETICALLY. AND, FESIA, WE ARE YOUR
21 WORST NIGHTMARE IN THAT SENSE BECAUSE WE'RE SAYING DO THE
22 RIGHT THING BUT SPEND THIS MONEY, SPEND MORE MONEY, AND WE'VE
23 GOT ANOTHER IDEA FOR YOU TO SPEND MONEY. BUT I THINK SPENDING
24 MONEY IS WHAT WE DO IN THE COUNTY BECAUSE THAT'S HOW WE HELP
25 PEOPLE. IT'S ALL HUMAN CAPITAL, SERVICES. WE'RE SAVING LIVES.

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1 SO I'LL CONTINUE TO PUSH FOR SPENDING MORE, UNAPOLOGETICALLY,
2 BUT THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE WORK YOU'VE DONE AND THANKS TO
3 MY COLLEAGUES FOR ALL, YOU KNOW, THE VISION THAT WE'VE PUT
4 TOGETHER TOGETHER. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. MS. DAVENPORT, I
7 KNOW YOU WANTED TO MAKE A CORRECTION TO YOUR EARLIER
8 PRESENTATION BEFORE WE HEAR FROM SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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10 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. PREVIOUSLY,
11 ON SLIDE THREE OF MY PRESENTATION, I TALKED ABOUT THE \$1.2
12 BILLION GROWTH IN FUNDING BETWEEN THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET AND
13 THE FINANCIAL CHANGES BUDGET. AND I INDICATED THAT THE \$447.8
14 MILLION FOR D.M.H. WAS PRIMARILY MINISTERIAL, THAT IT WAS A
15 CHANGE FROM ONE RESERVE ACCOUNT TO ANOTHER. THAT ACTUALLY IS
16 NOT CORRECT. THE \$447.8 MILLION REPRESENTS AN INCREASE IN THE
17 M.H.S.A. BUDGET. THAT IS THE INFORMATION THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED
18 FROM THE STATE. AND PRIMARILY RESULTS FROM IMPROVED
19 REVENUE ESTIMATES TO FUND A RANGE OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
20 NOW AND IN THE FUTURE. I KNOW THAT D.M.H. HAS A MENTAL HEALTH
21 SERVICES COMMISSION PROCESS THAT THEY USE TO ALLOCATE THE
22 FUNDS, BUT I DID WANT TO GO ON RECORD CORRECTING THAT, THAT IT
23 IS ADDITIONAL REVENUE.

24

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

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2 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, FESIA, FOR
3 YOUR PRESENTATION. I TOO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE HOW MUCH TIME AND
4 EFFORT AND DEDICATION YOUR TEAM AND ALL OF OUR BUDGET DEPUTIES
5 HAVE SPENT TO GET US THIS FAR. A BIG SHOUT OUT TO MINE, MARK,
6 AND ALSO WITH THE HELP OF CARLOS, WHO CAME IN AT THE END TO
7 WORK ON WHAT WE ARE DOING TODAY. MAY I SAY EACH ONE OF MY
8 COLLEAGUES, YOU HAVE BEEN SO ARTICULATE AND REALLY GOOD AT
9 GIVING YOUR PERSPECTIVE ON THINGS THAT WERE IMPORTANT TO YOU
10 BUT ALSO REMINDING EVERYBODY WHY THIS BUDGET IS A MORAL
11 DOCUMENT. AND IT DOES SPEAK TO THE 10 MILLION RESIDENTS WHICH
12 WE ALL WORK EVERY DAY TO REPRESENT AND TO GOVERN IN WAYS --
13 WITH INTEGRITY AND PASSION. SO, I THINK EACH ONE OF YOU HAS
14 REALLY SPOKEN SO WELL BEFORE I GOT HERE. FESIA, I THINK YOU
15 SHOULD TAKE A CLIP FROM EACH OF THEIR REMARKS AND INTERSPERSE
16 IT WITH THAT VIDEO. IT REALLY BRINGS THE HUMAN ELEMENT AND THE
17 SUPERVISORS' PERSPECTIVE ON WHAT WE ARE DOING IN THIS BUDGET.
18 I REALLY ALSO WANT TO THANK ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO
19 RAISED THEIR VOICES THROUGH COMMENTS THAT WE HEARD ON MAY
20 11TH, AND THE HUNDREDS THAT WROTE IN WITH SPECIFIC REQUESTS
21 ABOUT OUR BUDGET DOCUMENT. I REALLY WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR
22 BARGER. I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR REMARKS AS IT RELATED TO OUR
23 HOMELESS INITIATIVE AND HOW THAT CONTINUES TO BE A PRIORITY
24 FOR EACH OF US AND HEARING YOU DESCRIBE IT IN SORT OF LIFE AND
25 DEATH CONSEQUENCES AND MEASURE REALLY DOES REMIND US THAT THAT

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1 IS SO IMPORTANT THAT WE CONTINUE TO MAKE THAT A PRIORITY, WE
2 CONTINUE TO FUND THOSE DIFFERENT INITIATIVES THAT WILL MAKE A
3 DIFFERENCE, WILL LIFT LIVES OFF OF OUR STREETS AND INTO EITHER
4 SHELTERS OR INTERIM HOUSING, AS I THINK SHEILA TALKED ABOUT,
5 AFFORDABLE HOUSING EVENTUALLY. WE'VE GOT TO KEEP MARCHING
6 TOWARD THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY THAT I THINK WE ALL BELIEVE IN.
7 SO, I WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT A COUPLE OF THINGS IN THIS BUDGET
8 THAT I ALSO NOTICED AND APPRECIATE. THE BUDGET CONTINUES
9 FUNDING FOR L.A. FOUND, WHICH IS OUR INNOVATIVE PROGRAM THAT
10 HELPS OUR FAMILIES DEAL WITH THE CONSTANT WORRY OF THEIR LOVED
11 ONES GOING MISSING EITHER BECAUSE THEY HAVE DEMENTIA OR
12 ALZHEIMER'S, ALSO WE KNOW THAT 50% OF ALL YOUNG PEOPLE WHO
13 HAVE AUTISM WILL WANDER AT SOME POINT. AND JUST TO REMIND
14 EVERYBODY, IT WAS LAUNCHED AFTER THE DISAPPEARANCE AND
15 UNFORTUNATE DEATH OF A WOMAN, HER NAME WAS NANCY PAULIKAS, AND
16 SHE WAS A MANHATTAN BEACH RESIDENT, WHO WENT MISSING AFTER AND
17 HER FAMILY WERE VISITING L.A.C.M.A. THAT'S THE LAST TIME THEY
18 SAW HER. SHE SAME CAME TO AN UNTIMELY END, BUT HER HUSBAND,
19 KIRK, WORKED WITH US TO SAY, YOU KNOW WHAT, FAMILIES THAT GO
20 THROUGH THIS SHOULD HAVE THE COUNTY SAFETY NET BEING THERE AT
21 ALL TIMES TO HELP THEM FIND THEIR MISSING LOVED ONES. AND I'M
22 HAPPY TO SAY THIS WAS A PILOT PROGRAM THAT WE ALL LAUNCHED NOT
23 REALLY UNDERSTANDING HOW IT WOULD WORK, BUT IT'S BEEN SO
24 SUCCESSFUL. WE HAVE ALREADY REUNITED AROUND 30 PEOPLE WHO
25 LEFT, WANDERED, WENT MISSING, AND WE RETURNED THEM TO THEIR

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1 FAMILIES, SOMETIMES IN MINUTES, SOMETIMES IN A COUPLE HOURS,
2 BUT SO DIFFERENT THAN THE WAY IT USED TO BE WITH MAYBE MONTHS
3 OR EVEN YEARS BEFORE PEOPLE COULD FIND THEIR LOVED ONES. WE
4 HAVE DISTRIBUTED OVER A THOUSAND OF THOSE BRACELETS THAT ARE
5 CONNECTED TO THE 911 SYSTEM AND CONNECTED TO THE SHERIFF'S
6 DEPARTMENT, WHO THEN REALLY ARE CALLED INTO ACTION WHEN ONE OF
7 THEM IS ACTIVATED. THANK YOU, SHEILA, YOU GAVE A GREAT
8 OVERVIEW OF OUR AGING AND DISABILITIES DEPARTMENT, AND THANK
9 YOU FOR THAT. I THINK I AGREE WITH YOU. IT'S THE RIGHT TIME
10 FOR US TO CREATE A DEPARTMENT THAT IS SOLELY FOCUSED ON OUR
11 AGING RESIDENTS, AND PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO HAVE DISABILITIES
12 IN THE L.A. COUNTY, AND THEY HAVE MADE STAFFING REQUESTS,
13 WHICH WILL BE IMPORTANT TO GET THIS DEPARTMENT UP AND RUNNING
14 SUCCESSFULLY. WE'VE SPENT THREE YEARS EXPLORING AND PLANNING
15 HOW TO GET TO THIS POINT, AND IT MAKES ME SO HAPPY THAT JULY
16 1ST, THIS DEPARTMENT WILL BE REALIZED UNDER THE VISION OF DR.
17 TREJO. I CONGRATULATE MY COLLEAGUES ON THAT GREAT HIRE, WHICH
18 I THINK WILL BE KEY TO THAT DEPARTMENT BEING A SUCCESS. THANKS
19 ALSO, SHEILA, FOR YOUR TALKING ABOUT THE YOUTH COMMISSION.
20 THAT'S SO IMPORTANT TO ME, AND YOU SAID THAT THE LEADERSHIP
21 HAS TRANSITIONED, BUT I THINK IT'S SO IMPORTANT THAT YOUNG
22 PEOPLE WHO HAVE LIVED EXPERTISE ARE THE ONES THAT WE APPOINT
23 TO THIS COMMISSION AND THAT WE DO HEAR THEM, AND I'M GLAD TO
24 HEAR, FESIA, THAT YOU HAVE REITERATED THE FACT THAT YOU'LL BE
25 WORKING WITH THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE SO THAT WE CAN MAKE SURE

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1 THAT WE SUPPORT THIS MISSION-DRIVEN CRITICAL WORK OF THAT
2 COMMISSION. I'M REALLY HAPPY THAT WE'RE 14 ALTERNATE PUBLIC
3 DEFENDER POSITIONS THAT WERE CURTAILED DURING THE PANDEMIC
4 HAVE BEEN RESTORED ALONG WITH ADDING 17 DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER
5 POSITIONS TO HELP. THEY NOT ONLY HAVE A BACKLOG THAT THEY'RE
6 TRYING TO GET A HANDLE ONE, BUT I LOOK AT THEIR WORK AS IT
7 RELATES TO OUR HOMELESS INITIATIVE. OUR HOMELESS COURTS THAT
8 SOME OF OUR CITIES ARE BEGINNING TO SET UP REALLY DEPEND ON
9 OUR PUBLIC DEFENDERS FOR HELPING WITH ALL SORTS OF ISSUES THAT
10 OUR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS ARE EXPERIENCING, AGAIN, TO GET THEM
11 BACK ON TRACK AND GIVING THEM A PATHWAY TO A BETTER LIFE. I'M
12 ALSO PLEASED TO SEE THAT THERE IS FUNDING FOR TWO ADDITIONAL
13 ACADEMY CLASSES TO RECRUIT NEW DEPUTIES TO FILL SOME OF THE
14 VACANCIES THAT WE HAD IN OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I THINK
15 THAT'S IMPORTANT. I KNOW IT IS TO RESIDENTS IN MY DISTRICT.
16 THEY'RE KEEN ON SEEING MORE OF THEIR DEPUTIES OUT AND ABOUT.
17 THEY HAVE GOOD RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEIR RANK AND FILE
18 DEPUTIES, AND I KNOW THEY WILL SUPPORT THIS. DURING THE
19 RECOMMENDED BUDGET, I ASKED YOU, FESIA, TO FIND MORE FUNDING
20 TO KEEP OUR PUBLIC POOLS OPEN THROUGH SEPTEMBER. AND I KNOW
21 THAT PARKS ORIGINALLY REQUESTED \$10 MILLION, AND THEY ONLY GOT
22 \$5 MILLION IN ONE TIME FUNDING. BUT, YOU KNOW, I THINK KATHRYN
23 ALSO TALKED ABOUT HOW IMPORTANT PARKS ARE AND HOW IMPORTANT
24 RECREATION IS, AND IT MEANS A LOT TO OUR RESIDENTS, AND IT
25 JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE THAT WHEN THESE HEAT WAVES WITH

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1 CLIMATE CHANGE ARE GRIPPING US WELL THROUGH SEPTEMBER AND
2 OCTOBER, SOMETIMES EVEN NOVEMBER, THAT WE DON'T FIGURE OUT HOW
3 TO KEEP OUR COUNTY POOLS OPEN FOR SWIMMING IN THOSE MONTHS.
4 SO, I'M LOOKING TO SEE IF YOU CAN FIND ONGOING FUNDING FOR
5 THAT. I JUST THINK IT'S CRITICAL FOR OUR RESIDENTS. THEY ALSO
6 -- I DID LIKE THE SLIDE ABOUT PRIORITIZING PRIORITIES. AND I
7 THINK THAT REALLY IS THE PATH THAT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO
8 WALK GOING FORWARD, AND I THINK IT'S CRITICAL THAT THE PUBLIC
9 UNDERSTANDS THAT THERE ARE DIFFERENT PRIORITIES. SOME ARE
10 MANDATED THROUGH THE COURTS THAT WE SPEND MONIES IN CERTAIN
11 WAYS, AND OTHERS ARE PRIORITIES THAT WE ON THE BOARD OF
12 SUPERVISORS HAVE ARTICULATED THAT ARE IMPORTANT. I THINK,
13 AGAIN, ABOUT POOLS. I THINK THE PARKS HAS REQUESTED \$10
14 MILLION FOR POOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, AND THIS IS IMPORTANT,
15 AGAIN, THAT THEY UPGRADE OUR POOLS, THEY MAKE THEM SAFE, THEY
16 ADDED LIGHTS FOR EVENINGS AS PEOPLE CONTINUE TO SWIM, AND ONE
17 OF THE PROJECTS IN MY DISTRICT THAT IS IMPORTANT TO ME IS THE
18 GREATER WHITTIER COMMUNITY AQUATIC CENTER, AND, AS
19 SUPERVISORS, I PUT IN ABOUT \$20 MILLION TO FUND THIS PROJECT.
20 AND THIS COMMUNITY DOES NOT HAVE ACCESS TO ONE OF OUR POOLS.
21 THE RESIDENTS IN THIS AREA ARE WAITING FOR A LONG TIME FOR
22 THIS FACILITY TO OPEN. AND I ALLOCATED SOME MONEY TO GET THIS
23 PROJECT UP AND RUNNING. IT IS EXPECTED TO OPEN IN OCTOBER, BUT
24 IT'S FRUSTRATING FOR ME TO SEE THAT IT IS NOT IN THIS BUDGET
25 THAT PARKS REQUESTED FOR STAFFING AND TO MAKE SURE WE GET THAT

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1 UP AND RUNNING. IN YOUR PRIORITIZING PRIORITIES, THIS IS A
2 PRIORITY FOR ME, AND I HOPE WE CAN FIGURE THIS OUT. IT IS
3 SHOVEL READY. IT IS WATER READY. IT IS EVERYTHING READY TO
4 OPEN IN OCTOBER, AND IT WILL BE SUCH A SHAME IF WE COULDN'T
5 FIGURE OUT HOW TO FUND THE LIFEGUARDS AND STAFFING TO MAKE
6 THAT A REALITY. AND AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR FINDING \$6 MILLION
7 FOR OUR PARKS AFTER DARK, WHICH, AGAIN, I THINK IS A PROVEN
8 PROGRAM FOR OUR RESIDENTS, PARTICULARLY OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO
9 KEEP THEM FROM DOING SOMETHING ELSE AFTER DARK. WE KNOW THESE
10 PROGRAMS ARE VALUABLE. THERE IS A LOT MORE TO BE DONE. HILDA,
11 YOU MENTIONED SOME OF THE REDISTRICTING THAT WAS GOING ON FOR
12 THE SHIMARUM PARK IS NOW IN YOUR DISTRICT, AND HACIENDA
13 HEIGHTS AND ROWLAND HEIGHTS HAVE NEEDS, AND YOU MENTIONED
14 THAT. AND IN REDISTRICTING, I GOT THE 10 CITIES IN ENSELA, AND
15 I'M GOING TO CONTINUE TO LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SPARK
16 COLLABORATION IN THAT REGION. AND I HAVE MET MANY TIMES WITH
17 THE LEADERS IN THOSE CITIES, AND EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE 10
18 CITIES IN A CONCENTRATED AREA, THEY REALLY WANT TO UNITE
19 AROUND COMMON INTERESTS LIKE SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION, AND,
20 SHEILA, I THINK YOU TALKED ABOUT ARTS AND CULTURE, RIGHT? YAY,
21 ARTS AND CULTURE. THESE COMMUNITIES HAVE A VISION ALONG, WITH
22 FRANK GARY, TO BUILD A SOUTHEAST L.A. CULTURAL CENTER. SO WHEN
23 WE TALK ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENTS, AND WE TALK ABOUT MONEY AND
24 STAFFING, WE'VE GOT TO MAKE SURE THAT GETS OUT TO OUR
25 COMMUNITIES. CULTURE AND ARTS HAS TO LEAVE DOWNTOWN AND GET

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1 OUT TO OUR CITIES, AND THIS CULTURAL CENTER COULD BE THAT
2 INCREDIBLE VISION FOR UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES THAT WOULD LIKE
3 TO SEE THAT. IT NEEDS LOTS OF FUNDING, SO JUST WANTED TO PUT
4 THAT ON YOUR RADAR, FESIA, AS SOMETHING THAT WOULD MEAN A LOT
5 TO THAT REGION OF OUR COUNTY. THANKS AGAIN TO EVERYONE FOR
6 WORKING ON THIS. I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THIS
7 INCREDIBLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SHEILA, IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE
8 THIS IS GOING TO BE YOUR LAST BUDGET, BECAUSE I THINK THE FIVE
9 OF US AND OUR PERSPECTIVES AND OUR LIFE EXPERIENCES TO THIS
10 POINT HAVE CREATED THIS INCREDIBLE VISION, AS YOU SAID,
11 SHEILA, VERY DIFFERENT FROM WHEN YOU AND HILDA FIRST GOT ON
12 THIS BOARD. SO, WE'RE GOING TO MISS YOU, BUT THANKS FOR THE
13 GROUNDWORK THAT YOU'VE DONE OF LAUNCHING DEPARTMENTS AND
14 LAUNCHING A VISION THAT WILL NOT BE TURNED AROUND ANY TIME
15 SOON BY ANY DIFFERENT MAKEUP OF THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SO
16 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, EVERYONE, POWERFUL
19 REMARKS, CRITICAL AND REFLECTIVE OF THE MAGNITUDE OF THE
20 DECISION THAT WE ARE -- HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF MAKING ON BEHALF
21 OF THE ENTIRE COUNTY. SO WE WILL NOW TRANSITION TO TAKE PUBLIC
22 COMMENTS FOR ALL BUDGET ITEMS, EXECUTIVE OFFICER PLEASE READ
23 THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA
24 AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING HE RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE
25 PUBLIC WHO ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AS INDICATED ON
3 THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC
4 COMMENT SHOULD CALL (877)-336-4437 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE
5 NUMBER 1366786. TO REPEAT, PLEASE CALL (877)-336-4437 AND USE
6 PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 1366786. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF
7 YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE
8 CALL (877) 873-8017 AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF
9 THE PUBLIC CALLING IN, WHEN IT'S YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE
10 STATE YOUR NAME AND BEGIN SPEAKING. WE WILL ALLOCATED AT LEAST
11 40 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL ITEMS POSTED ON TODAY'S
12 AGENDA. YOU WILL HAVE TWO MINUTES TO SPEAK ON ALL AGENDA
13 ITEMS. IF ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS ARE IN THE QUEUE AT THE END OF
14 THE 40 MINUTES, THEN THE CHAIR MAY EXTEND THE PUBLIC COMMENT
15 PERIOD TO PROVIDE THEM WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THEIR
16 PUBLIC COMMENT. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN
17 COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME
18 PART OF THE RECORD. WHEN WITH SPEAKING ON AN AGENDA ITEM, YOU
19 MUST BE ON TOPIC. OUR GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH AS MANY SPEAKERS
20 AS WE CAN. IF YOU'RE NOT SPEAKING ON TOPIC, OR IF WE CANNOT
21 TELL IF YOU'RE SPEAKING ON AN AGENDA ITEM, YOU WILL GET ONE
22 WARNING FROM COUNTY COUNSEL OR THE CHAIR. IF YOU DO NOT
23 IMMEDIATELY OR CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC OR IF YOU STRAY OFF TOPIC
24 AGAIN, YOU WILL FORFEIT THE REST OF YOUR TIME, AND THE CHAIR
25 WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU'RE ALSO

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1 LISTENING TO THE BOARD MEETING ON ON A COMPUTER OR SPEAKER
2 PHONE, YOU'LL NEED TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON THOSE DEVICES AS
3 SOON AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU. IF YOU DO NOT TURN DOWN
4 THE VOLUME, THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE
5 FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE?

6

7 **MODERATOR:** AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE
8 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND THEN 0 AT THIS TIME.
9 DO NOT PRESS 1 AND 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED
10 FROM THE QUEUE. WE'LL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH INTERPRETATION OF
11 THE REMINDER. [IN SPANISH]

12

13 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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15 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS PHAL SOK. YOU MAY BEGIN.

16

17 **PHAL SOK:** THANK FOR CALLING ME UP FIRST. I'M ACTUALLY STUCK BY
18 SIMPLE REALITY, THAT FOLKS FROM THE COMMUNITY HAVE BEEN ON
19 THIS CALL SINCE LIKE 8:30 WAITING TO SPEAK, AND IT'S BEEN 2.5
20 HOURS. SO, I DON'T KNOW HOW 40 MINUTES CAPTURES EVERYBODY'S
21 VALUABLE COMMENTS [INDISCERNIBLE] SO I'M REALLY FRUSTRATED AT
22 THAT. BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, LOOKING BACK AT YOUNG PEOPLE,
23 AND I THINK BACK TO MY OWN REALITY OF BEING CAUGHT UP IN THE
24 SAME SITUATION THAT MANY YOUNG FOLKS ARE BEING CAUGHT UP IN
25 TODAY, THAT IF I WAS IN THE SAME POSITION I WAS IN AS 19 OR 17

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1 YEAR OLD, I WOULD STILL HAVE STILL BEEN ON MY WAY TO PRISON,
2 WOULD HAVE STILL WENT TO THE HALLS, WOULD STILL END UP IN
3 COUNTY JAIL, WOULD HAVE STILL ENDED UP IN PRISON AND THEN
4 DEPORTATION ISSUE AT THE END OF THE DAY. I WOULD HAVE STILL
5 HAVE TO DEAL WITH ALL THAT. AFTER ALL THIS TALK ABOUT RIGHT-
6 SIZING, WHEN WE ARE GOING TO TALK ABOUT RIGHT SITUATIONS? WHEN
7 ARE WE GOING TO HIRE PEOPLE THAT DON'T HAVE DEGREES THAT DON'T
8 HAVE [INDISCERNIBLE] THAT COME FROM THE GROUND, PEOPLE THAT
9 ARE ABOUT THE BUSINESS, PEOPLE THAT KNOW THE STRUGGLES, THAT
10 KNOW THE HURTS AND PAIN, PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN SHOT, PEOPLE
11 THAT ARE STUCK LIVING IN THE COMMUNITIES WHERE THERE ARE NO
12 RESOURCES BUT HANDCUFFS LURKING AROUND THE CORNER, THE SAME
13 SITUATION THAT I ENCOUNTERED BACK IN THE '90S. I WANTED TO
14 SPEAK ABOUT THAT. YOU ALL GOT TO STOP IGNORING THE REAL
15 SOLUTIONS THAT THE COMMUNITY HAS BEEN GIVING YOU TO PRESENT
16 OVER AND OVER AND OVER AND OVER AND CONTINUE TO GET
17 GASLIGHTED. THESE ARE REAL THINGS AND REAL STRUGGLES THAT WE
18 FACE AS A COMMUNITY, AND JUST REALLY DISAPPOINTED IN ALL
19 Y'ALL. REALLY DISAPPOINTED IN THE BOARD. AS SOMEBODY THAT
20 REALLY LOVED L.A. COUNTY, I CAN'T SAY I LOVE L.A. COUNTY
21 ANYMORE. I WANT TO ASK THIS BOARD WHEN WILL THEY STOP BLOATED
22 POLICING CARCERAL BUDGETS, WHEN WILL THEY REALLY LISTEN TO
23 PEOPLE, WHEN WILL THEY GIVE US MORE THAN 40 MINUTES TO SPEAK,
24 WHEN WILL THEY GIVE US ALL THIS TIME. BUT I'LL WRAP UP SO
25 OTHERS CAN SPEAK. I'M CURIOUS WHEN THE PHONE CALLS FROM THE

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1 COUNTY JAIL WILL BE FREE SO PEOPLE THAT ARE LOCKED UP CAN TALK
2 TO THEIR CHILDREN, TO THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS. WHEN ARE FOLKS
3 GOING TO STOP PAYING A DOLLAR IN THE COUNTY JAIL FOR A 10
4 CENT PACK OF RAMEN? WHEN ARE WE GOING TO START PUTTING PROFITS
5 BEHIND AND STARTING THINKING ABOUT PEOPLE?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. CAN WE HAVE THE
8 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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10 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MATTHEW MILLER. YOU MAY
11 BEGIN.

12

13 **MATTHEW MILLER:** HI, MY NAME IS MATT MILLER, I'M ONE OF THE
14 DOCTORS THAT WORKS FOR THE CORONER'S OFFICE. THIS IS A GENERAL
15 BUDGET ITEM. IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, OUR CASELOAD HAS GONE UP
16 FROM ABOUT 9500 CASES TO ABOUT 14,500 CASES, AND WITH THIS
17 INCREASE, WE HAVE OBVIOUSLY HAD A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN OUR
18 PAPERWORK AND OTHER WORK ASSOCIATED WITH THE CASES. AND OUR
19 REQUEST IS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF OVERTIME MONEY BUDGETED
20 FOR OUR DEPARTMENT. I THINK WE HAVE -- WE HAD LESS THAN \$4,000
21 FOR OVERTIME FOR US TO COMPLETE CASES AND OTHER CASE WORK, AND
22 OUR REQUEST IS A CONSIDERATION OF SOMETHING IN THE RANGE OF
23 ABOUT \$40,000 OF EXTRA OVERTIME BUDGET. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. CAN WE HAVE OUR NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1

2 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS EZEKIEL MISHIAMA. YOU MAY
3 BEGIN.

4

5 **EZEKIEL NISHIAMA:** HELLO. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** YES, PLEASE BEGIN.

8

9 **EZEKIEL NISHIAMA:** HELLO, MY NAME IS EZEKIEL NISHIAMA. I LIVE
10 IN DISTRICT FOUR. I'M CALLING TO URGE SUPERVISORS TO FULLY
11 FUND THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT WITH \$150 MILLION IN
12 THE CARE FIRST BUDGET. TO DO THIS, WE NEED TO REDUCE THE \$4.5
13 BILLION GOING TO THE SHERIFF AND PROBATION DEPARTMENTS. THIS
14 INCLUDES CUTTING ALL 400 VACANT POSITIONS IN JUVENILE
15 PROBATION AND REDIRECTING THAT MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
16 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. THOSE POSITIONS HAVE SAT VACANT FOR YEARS,
17 AND YOU ARE JUST WASTING MONEY. AS THE COUNTY IS WORKING
18 TOWARD YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE UPLIFT
19 THAT DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND ENSURE THAT THE
20 DEPARTMENT HAS ALL OF ITS RESOURCES BEHIND IT. AS WE WORK
21 TOWARDS A CARE-FIRST/ JAILS-LAST VALUE COUNTY, WE HAVE TO
22 START BY SHIFTING OUR DEPARTMENT STRUCTURES. THIS MEANS
23 FILLING IN THE NEEDS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE UNFORTUNATELY
24 STUCK IN THESE SYSTEMS. THROUGH THE PANDEMIC, MANY YOUNG
25 PEOPLE HAVE BROUGHT UP THEIR NEEDS AS FOR MENTAL HEALTH

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1 SUPPORTS, EDUCATION, CREDIBLE MESSENGERS, THE NEED FOR MENTORS
2 TO PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN A YOUNG PERSON'S LIFE AND
3 DEVELOPMENT. THESE ARE THE AREAS THAT THE COUNTY SHOULD BE
4 FULLY INVESTED IN AND NOT THE PROBATION SYSTEM, AND NOT THE
5 SHERIFF'S BUDGET. AS OUR YOUNG PEOPLE CONTINUE TO GROW IN LOS
6 ANGELES, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE AS A COUNTY PUT THEM FIRST
7 AND FULLY FUND THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. INVEST IN
8 OUR YOUNG PEOPLE THAT WILL GROW UP TO TO BE THE LEADERS WE
9 NEED IN THE WORLD TODAY AND HELP LEAD OUR COUNTY INTO A BETTER
10 FUTURE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME TODAY.

11

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

13

14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ZOE ROSIN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

15

16 **ZOE ROSIN:** GOOD MORNING, ZOE ROSIN WITH ARTS FOR HEALING AND
17 JUSTICE NETWORK AND L.A. YOUTH UPRISING. I RESPECTFULLY
18 DISAGREE WITH BOARD MEMBERS. THIS IS A BUDGET THAT CONTINUES
19 TO PRIORITIZE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CONTINUES TO INVEST IN A
20 LONG ARC OF HARM TO BLACK AND BROWN YOUTH, THEIR FAMILIES, AND
21 THEIR COMMUNITIES THROUGH OUR PROBATION SYSTEM AND OTHER
22 SYSTEMS, WHOSE PRIMARY ROLE, WHOSE FUNCTION IN SOCIETY, IS TO
23 ISOLATE PEOPLE, TO PUNISH PEOPLE, TO INCARCERATE PEOPLE, TO
24 ISOLATE THEM FROM THE ONES THAT THEY LOVE. WE CANNOT REPAIR
25 THESE HARMS WITHOUT ADDRESSING THE BLOATED BUDGET OF PROBATION

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1 AND THE SHERIFF AND FULLY FUNDING THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH
2 DEVELOPMENT. THE LIVES OF LIVING, BREATHING, FULLY HUMAN
3 CHILDREN ARE AT STAKE. CHILDREN HAVE BEEN PHYSICALLY,
4 EMOTIONALLY, MENTALLY, AND IS SPIRITUALLY HARMED BY A COUNTY
5 THAT OVERWHELMING FUNDS POLICE OPPRESSION AND PROBATION. THIS
6 IS A LONG ARC OF REPAIR THAT WE'RE IN, AND WE'RE NOT NEARLY
7 CLOSE ENOUGH. CHILDREN HAVE BEEN BEATEN IN THESE INSTITUTIONS.
8 THERE HAVE BEEN WORMS IN THEIR FOOD. WE HAVE INCARCERATED 10
9 YEAR OLDS. WE HAVE ISOLATED CHILDREN IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT
10 FOR PERIODS LEGALLY DEFINED AS ABUSE. WE ARE STILL IN THE
11 PROCESS OF REPAIRING THIS, BUT WE ARE NOT GOING FAR ENOUGH.
12 THESE LIVES ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN POLITICS. THEY ARE MORE
13 IMPORTANT THAN PROPERTY VALUES, AND THE ONLY WAY TO PROTECT
14 THEM IS TO FULLY FUND THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND
15 TO REDUCE THE BUDGET AND THE REACH OF PROBATION AND POLICE.

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

18
19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ULIDA LADESMA. YOU MAY
20 BEGIN.

21
22 **ULIDA LADESMA:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS ULIDA LADESMA, AND I'M
23 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ARTS FOR HEALING AND JUSTICE
24 NETWORK. I WANT TO ECHO MY COLLEAGUE, ZOE'S WORDS. I'M CALLING
25 IN OPPOSITION OF BUDGET ITEM NUMBER 2 AND GENERAL PUBLIC

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1 COMMENT. THE A NEW DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IS
2 SCHEDULED TO LAUNCH ON JULY 1ST, AND IN ORDER TO ENSURE ITS
3 SUCCESS, WE NEED TO FULLY FUND D.Y.D. WITH AT LEAST \$150
4 MILLION. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROMISED \$75 MILLION FOR
5 YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED OF WHICH \$55 MILLION WAS SUPPOSED TO
6 GO COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS. DISAPPOINTINGLY, PROBATION'S
7 BUDGET HAS NOT CHANGED, DESPITE THEM HAVING HUNDREDS OF
8 VACANT POSITIONS FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS AND THEIR HALLS
9 BEING BEING DEEMED UNSUITABLE FOR USE. WE KNOW THAT NUMBER OF
10 YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING INCARCERATION AND ON
11 SUPERVISION HAS DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY. WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO
12 SPEND OVER 1 MILLION TO INCARCERATE ONE YOUNG PERSON. INSTEAD,
13 WE NEED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INVEST IN YOUTH
14 DEVELOPMENT AND IN COMMUNITY, DEMONSTRATING THAT OUR YOUTH
15 DESERVE BETTER AND THAT WE BELIEVE IN THEIR POTENTIAL. I URGE
16 THE BOARD TO PLEASE RECONSIDER THE BUDGET AND ALLOCATE FUNDING
17 FOR THE FUTURE VISION THAT WE WANT FOR THIS COUNTY INSTEAD OF
18 CONTINUING TO FUND SYSTEMS THAT DON'T WORK. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
19 TIME.

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

22
23 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BERNADETTE GOLAMI. YOU MAY
24 BEGIN. BERNADETTE GOLAMI, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. WE'RE UNABLE TO
25 HEAR YOU.

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1

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

3

4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LONI GORDON. YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **LONI GORDON:** SURPRISE. HOLD ON A SECOND HERE. I'M SPEAKING ON
7 4C, 2, AND NUMBER 4. AND I'M CONCERNED. MY NAME IS LONI
8 GORDON, AND I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MALIBU
9 FORSAFETECH.ORG AND I'D LIKE YOU TO KNOW THAT I'M ABSOLUTELY
10 SURE THAT YOUR PLANNING DEPARTMENT, ON WHOM YOU RELY, JUST AS
11 WE DO IN MALIBU, DOES NOT HAVE THE COMPLETE STORY TO GIVE YOU
12 CREDIBLE INFORMATION REGARDING TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN THE
13 BUDGET THAT YOUR ABOUT TO DECIDE UPON. OURS DIDN'T EITHER.
14 THIS IS A VERY COMPLICATED ISSUE, AND IT'S HEAVILY INFLUENCED
15 BY TELECOM AND TELECOM SUPPORTED CONSULTANTS AND ATTORNEYS.
16 TELECOM DOESN'T CARE ABOUT THE HARM THESE INSTALLATIONS AND
17 EMISSIONS MAY CAUSE. MONEY IS THE BOTTOM LINE, BUT THE HEALTH
18 AND SAFETY OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS IS IN YOUR HANDS, AND YOU HAVE
19 THE POWER TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISIONS BASED ON SCIENTIFIC
20 FACTS. THE BOTTOM LINE IS, I'M ASKING YOU TO HOLD OR PAUSE
21 MAKING A DECISION ON THE TELECOM BUDGET UNTIL YOU HAVE MORE
22 FACTS. I HAVE READ ALL YOUR STATEMENTS ABOUT THE BUDGET
23 ISSUES, AND PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU WANT MORE INFORMATION ON
24 THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE. WE HAVE MULTIPLE EXPERTS, WHO WILL BE
25 HAPPY TO SPEAK WITH YOU PRIVATELY IF YOU PREFER. RESIDENTS

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1 ARE CONCERNED ABOUT TITLE 16 AND 22 AND THE SIGNIFICANT
2 EMPHASIS THAT'S BEING PUT ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS. PERHAPS
3 PEOPLE IN GENERAL DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT B.E.A.D. MONEY, WHICH
4 IS BROADBAND EQUITY ACCESS AND DEPLOYMENT MONEY, IS AVAILABLE
5 FOR UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES. FIBER CAN NOW BE STRUNG ALONG
6 UTILITY POLES AS OPPOSED TO BURIED. ALSO MICROTRENCHING CAN BE
7 USED. IT'S SOMETIMES A FASTER PROCESS THAN PUTTING UP CELL
8 TOWERS, AND CERTAINLY MORE AESTHETICALLY PLEASING. FIBER IS
9 THE FUTURE, AND IS IT'S SAFER AND NOT A FIRE RISK. FIBER IS
10 WHAT WE SEE CITIES AND COUNTIES GOING TO. THE BIDEN
11 ADMINISTRATION HAS SHOWN A PREFERENCE FOR FIBER TO THE
12 PREMISES. THIS IS NOT TO THE EXCLUSION OF WIRELESS, BUT THERE
13 ARE MULTIPLE REASONS FOR THIS DECISION.

14

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

17

18 **LONI GORDON:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE IT.

19

20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CATH ROGERS. YOU MAY
21 BEGIN.

22

23 **CATH ROGERS:** HI THERE. MY NAME IS CATH ROGERS. I'M WITH THE
24 A.C.L.U. OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, AND I LIVE IN SOUTH L.A.

25 FIRST, WE WANT TO ECHO OUR PARTNER'S REQUEST FOR THE BOARD TO

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1 FULLY FUND MEASURE J, THE FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS,
2 C.S.C.I., COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND THE
3 CARE FIRST BUDGET. SECOND, AND WE ASK THE BOARD TO ELIMINATE
4 PHONE FEES AND COMMISSARY MARKUPS IN COUNTY JAILS. THIS WAS
5 ALREADY RECOMMENDED BY THE C.E.O. AND WILL HELP STOP
6 EXPLOITATION OF VULNERABLE AND SYSTEM- IMPACTED FAMILIES.
7 THIRD, WE URGE THE BOARD TO REALLOCATE A.B.1869 FUNDS AND
8 DEDICATE THOSE FUNDS TO ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, NOT
9 PROBATION, COURTS, OR LAW ENFORCEMENT. FOURTH, WE URGE THE
10 BOARD TO ALLOCATE FUNDING TO UNHOUSED COMMUNITY MEMBERS LIVING
11 IN DESERT ENCAMPMENTS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. FOLKS IN THESE
12 ENCAMPMENTS LACK ACCESS TO BASIC SURVIVAL SUPPLIES, INCLUDING
13 DRINKING WATER IN THE HOT DESERT HEAT. SO THIS FUNDING
14 ALLOCATION COULD LITERALLY SAVE LIVES, ESPECIALLY IN AND
15 AROUND LANCASTER. FINALLY, WE ASK THE BOARD TO ELIMINATE ALL
16 L.A.S.D. H.O.S.T. FUNDING. LAW ENFORCEMENT IS DANGEROUS WITH
17 HOUSELESS ENCAMPMENTS AND INCONSISTENT WITH BASIC OUTREACH
18 PRINCIPLES. AND POLICE SHOULD NEVER BE FIRST RESPONDERS TO
19 HOUSELESSNESS. THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THE WORK THAT'S GONE INTO
20 THE BUDGET AND FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THESE IMPORTANT
21 REQUESTS. THANK YOU.

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

24
25 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KIM YARGAN. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1

2 **KIM YARGAN:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU. MY NAME IS KIM YARGAN,
3 AND I'M A RESIDENT OF SUPERVISORIAL, IT'S HARD TO SAY THAT
4 WORD, DISTRICT TWO. I'M SPEAKING ON GENERAL COMMENTS AND ON
5 ITEM NUMBER 3B. I SUPPORT THE HEALTHY L.A. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
6 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY 2022/'23 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET. REGARDING
7 ITEM 3B, I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE LACK OF INVESTMENT IN
8 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST IN THIS YEAR'S PROPOSED BUDGET. THE
9 COMMUNITY MUST EXPAND LAST YEAR'S SUCCESSFUL, GREATLY
10 SUCCESSFUL, COMMUNITY LAND TRUST ACQUISITION AND REHAB PILOT
11 PROGRAM TO BE FUNDED AT \$30 MILLION TO REMOVE THE ADDITIONAL -
12 - TO REMOVE AN ADDITIONAL NUMBER OF PROPERTIES FROM THE
13 SPECULATIVE MARKET AND THEN INTO TENANT OWNERSHIP. WE
14 APPRECIATE THE DEDICATION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE
15 CHAPTER 8 PROGRAM AND THE RECOGNITION OF THE VALUE OF ENSURING
16 THAT TAX DEFAULTED PROPERTIES ARE PRIORITIZED FOR AFFORDABLE
17 HOUSING. WE RECOMMEND THAT THIS PROGRAM BE NAMED AS A
18 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM, AS WAS DONE LAST
19 YEAR, IN ORDER TO ENSURE THESE PROPERTIES WILL SERVE THE
20 COMMUNITY IN PERPETUITY AND THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESIDENT
21 OWNERSHIP CAN BE ADVANCED. I URGE YOU TO ADOPT THESE
22 RECOMMENDATIONS. THANK YOU.

23

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

25

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GLORIA GONZALES. YOU MAY
2 BEGIN. GLORIA GONZALES, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. WE ARE UNABLE TO
3 HEAR YOU.

4

5 **GLORIA GONZALES:** HI. GOOD MORNING. CAN YOU ALL HEAR ME?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** YES, PLEASE BEGIN.

8

9 **GLORIA GONZALES:** CAN YOU HEAR ME?

10

11 **SPEAKER:** YES WE CAN. PLEASE BEGIN.

12

13 **GLORIA GONZALES:** OH, THANK YOU. GLORIA GONZALES WITH THE YOUTH
14 JUSTICE COALITION AND THE LOS ANGELES YOUTH UPRISING
15 COALITION. I'M HERE TO DEMAND THAT YOU, THE BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS, KEEP YOUR PROMISES AND COMMITMENTS THAT YOU HAVE
17 MADE TO THE PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY AND THE YOUNG PEOPLE. IN
18 AUGUST OF 2019, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UNANIMOUSLY PASSED
19 THE MOTION TO ESTABLISH THE YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED WORK
20 GROUP. YOU ALL, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, VOTED, MADE A
21 COMMITMENT, TO, AGAIN, ALL OF THE YOUTH IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY
22 AND THEIR FAMILIES TO EMBARK IN A TANGIBLE JOURNEY THAT WOULD
23 REIMAGINE THE YOUTH JUSTICE SYSTEM THAT FOR DECADES HAS FAILED
24 YOUTH AND FAMILIES IN L.A. COUNTY. LAST YEAR, YOU ALL, THE
25 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, SPENT OVER \$1 MILLION PER YOUTH TO --

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1 YOU ALL SPENT \$1 MILLION PER YEAR PER YOUTH TO KEEP THEM
2 INCARCERATED, AND WE ARE SET -- YOU ALL ARE SET TO DO IT
3 AGAIN. IN ORDER TO NOT REPLICATE SPENDING FUNDING TO KEEP A
4 YOUNG PERSON IN LOCK-UP, ONE WAY TO START IS BY CUTTING ALL
5 400 VACANT POSITIONS FROM JUVENILE PROBATION AND REDIRECT THAT
6 MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. \$150 MILLION
7 NEEDS TO BE REINVESTED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.
8 THE BOARD PROMISED \$75 MILLION FOR YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED TO
9 LAUNCH, AND YOU ARE STILL GIVING US Y.D.D.'S BUDGET. KEEP YOUR
10 PROMISE AND COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES
11 IN L.A. \$25 MILLION IS NOT ENOUGH TO BUILD A STRONG D.Y.D.
12 INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROVIDE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS WITH
13 FUNDING TO ESTABLISH RESOURCES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK
14 YOU.

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

17
18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANTHONY ROBLES. YOU MAY
19 BEGIN.

20
21 **ANTHONY ROBLES:** [INDISCERNIBLE] TODAY. I'M COMMENTING ON ITEM
22 2 AND GENERAL COMMENTS. I'M AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE LAYUP
23 COALITION AND A VERY ACTIVE PARTICIPANT AND FACILITATOR OF THE
24 YOUTH JUSTICE ADVISORY WORKGROUP. AND IS I FEEL LIKE THIS
25 PUBLIC COMMENT IS BASICALLY A WASTE OF TIME AND THE FACT THAT

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1 WE HAVE TO KEEP SAYING THE SAME TALKING POINTS AND OVER AND
2 OVER AND OVER, YOU ALL ALREADY UNDERSTAND THIS. AND WE ALL
3 KNOW WHAT THE ISSUES THAT ARE GOING ON WITHIN JUVENILE
4 PROBATION AND JUST WITHIN THE COUNTY, AS A WHOLE, FOR YOUNG
5 PEOPLE. IT'S SAD THIS COUNTY, THIS CITY, THIS COUNTY, WE ARE
6 ESTABLISHED IN THE 1850S IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE U.S. ANNEXATION
7 OF THE SOUTHWEST THAT USED TO BE PART OF NEW MEXICO. AND SINCE
8 1850, THERE HAS BEEN NO CONCERTED EFFORT OR FUNDING OR
9 INVESTMENT IN YOUNG PEOPLE, AND THIS YEAR IS THE FIRST TIME
10 WE'RE GETTING A DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. THE ONLY
11 CURRENT INVESTMENT WE GET IN YOUNG PEOPLE THAT IS AS
12 SIGNIFICANT AS IN JUVENILE PROBATION AND D.C.F.S. ANYTHING
13 ELSE, I EITHER CAN'T THINK OF IT, OR I HAVE NEVER HEARD OF IT,
14 OR IT DOESN'T EXIST. THOSE ARE THE ONLY INVESTMENTS L.A.
15 COUNTY HAS MADE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE SINCE I'VE BEEN ALIVE, AND
16 IT'S A WASTE OF TIME TO EVEN BE HERE SAYING WE NEED TO INVEST.
17 WE NEED AT LEAST \$150 MILLION TO FUND THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH
18 DEVELOPMENT THIS FISCAL YEAR TO GET IT STARTED ON THE RIGHT
19 FOOT SO WE CAN ACTUALLY DEVELOP A COUNTY WITH SUCCESSFUL YOUNG
20 PEOPLE THAT AREN'T TRAPPED IN POVERTY OR BEING CRIMINALIZED
21 AND THINGS LIKE THAT. IT'S SAID. WE'RE ON STOLEN LAND. THIS
22 COUNTRY WAS DEVELOPED ON STOLEN LAND, STOLE EVERYTHING, AND
23 HAS MAINTAINED ITS POWER THROUGH FORCE. WE HAVE AN
24 ILLEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT, FROM THE FEDS ON DOWN. WE HAVE SEEN
25 WHAT THE SUPREME COURT JUST TOOK A BUNCH OF RIGHTS --

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1

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

4

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

6

7 **JOSE OSUNA:** CAN YOU HEAR ME?

8

9 **SPEAKER:** YES, PLEASE BEGIN.

10

11 **JOSE OSUNA:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS JOSE OSUNA. I SERVE AS
12 HOUSING JUSTICE MANAGER FOR BRILLIANT CORNERS. I'M ALSO A
13 MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL REENTRY
14 PARTNERSHIP, AND I'M CO-CHAIR FOR THE LONG BEACH REENTRY
15 ADVISORY COUNCIL. I'M A RESIDENT OF THE 4TH DISTRICT. JUST A
16 COUPLE OF COMMENTS, I COMMEND THE BOARD FOR THE \$1 MILLION
17 THAT ARE BEING ALLOCATED TO THE C.S.C.I. PIECE, BUT I WOULD
18 LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THAT'S JUST THE DROP IN THE BUCKET AS
19 FAR AS WHAT THE COMMUNITY NEEDS IF WE ARE TRULY TO BECOME A
20 CARE FIRST COUNTY AS WE HAVE BEEN SAYING FOR SEVERAL YEARS
21 NOW. I'D ALSO LIKE TO SAY THAT IN ORDER TO STOP THE CYCLE OF
22 INCARCERATION, MANY PEOPLE NEED HOUSING IN ORDER TO STABILIZE
23 AFTER THE RELEASE AND FOR THE LONG TERM. HOUSING IS PUBLIC
24 SAFETY. THE COUNTY KEEPS LOOKING FOR SHORT CUTS AND IMAGINARY
25 QUICK FIXES TO THE HOUSING CRISIS, BUT WE NEED BROADER HOUSING

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1 ACCESS, INCLUDING THE SUCCESSFUL PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
2 MODEL FOR DIVERSION THAT IS PUSHED BY THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION
3 AND REENTRY. AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE HOUSING HAS TO BE
4 DEVELOPED BY THE DEVELOPERS THAT THE COUNTY IS WORKING WITH,
5 AND AFFORDABLE MEANS AFFORDABLE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE LIVING IN
6 THOSE COMMUNITIES AT THAT TIME, AS OPPOSED TO PUSHING PEOPLE
7 OUT OF THEIR COMMUNITIES SO THAT OTHER FOLKS CAN MOVE IN. ONCE
8 AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR THE TIME.

9

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS OLIVIA SHIELDS. YOU MAY
13 BEGIN.

14

15 **OLIVIA SHIELDS:** HELLO. MY NAME IS OLIVIA SHIELDS WITH URBAN
16 PEACE INSTITUTE AND L.A. YOUTH UPRISING COMMENTING ON ITEM
17 BUDGET 2 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I WANT TO EXPRESS MY
18 EXCITEMENT AND EXTEND MY GRATITUDE TO SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND
19 MITCHELL FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, WHICH WILL
20 BE LAUNCHED ON JULY 1ST. D.Y.D. HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BE
21 ABSOLUTELY REVOLUTIONARY FOR THE YOUTH OF L.A. COUNTY ONLY IF
22 D.Y.D. AND YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED ARE FULLY AND ROBUSTLY
23 FUNDED. SO FAR, THE C.E.O. HAS ONLY GIVEN US Y.D.D.'S EXISTING
24 BUDGET, WHICH IS NOT ENOUGH TO CREATE A STRONG D.Y.D.
25 [INDISCERNIBLE] AND PROVIDE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS WITH

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1 RESOURCES. WE NEED D.Y.D. AND Y.J.R. TO BE FUNDED WITH AT
2 LEAST \$150 MILLION THIS YEAR, WHICH INCLUDES 28.5 MILLION TO
3 LAUNCH AND STAFF D.Y.D. WITH STRONG ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT
4 AND A DIRECTOR HIRED THROUGH A COMMUNITY-CENTERED HIRING
5 PROCESS TO ELEVATE THE VOICES OF SYSTEM-IMPACTED YOUTH, \$55
6 MILLION FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT NETWORKS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY
7 WITH AN EMPHASIS OF FUNDING EXISTING C.B.O.S FOCUSED ON YOUTH
8 SERVICES, \$16 MILLION FOR YOUTH TEAM CREDIBLE MESSENGERS AND
9 FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY-BASED REENTRY SERVICES, AND \$50
10 MILLION A.R.P. DOLLARS FOR YOUTH CENTERS AND YOUTH HOUSING
11 UTILIZING, PARTICULARLY UTILIZING EXISTING SPACES TO MAXIMIZE
12 RESOURCES FOR YOUTH WHO HAVE SUFFERED GREATLY THROUGHOUT THE
13 PANDEMIC THIS ASK OF \$150 MILLION IS CAREFULLY THOUGHT THROUGH
14 AND NOT AT ALL OUTRAGEOUS. JUVENILE PROBATION'S BUDGET IS \$570
15 MILLION WITH \$410 MILLION RECOMMENDED BY THE C.E.O., AGAIN, TO
16 INCARCERATE ABOUT 400 YOUNG PEOPLE. THE NOTION OF SPENDING
17 OVER \$1 MILLION PER YEAR TO INCARCERATE ONE YOUNG PERSON, THAT
18 IS OUTRAGEOUS. FUNDING A PROBATION DEPARTMENT THAT HAS
19 MISERABLY FAILED OUR YOUTH TIME AND TIME AGAIN IS OUTRAGEOUS.
20 CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL BEING FOUND UNSUITABLE FOR THE
21 CONFINEMENT OF YOUTH FOR THE SECOND TIME IN LESS THAN A YEAR
22 IS OUTRAGEOUS. CUT ALL 400 VACANT POSITIONS THAT HAVE BEEN
23 OPEN FOR LAST THREE YEARS IN PROBATION'S BUDGET AND REALLOCATE
24 THE \$60 MILLION TO D.Y.D. FUND THE CARE FIRST BUDGET,
25 INCLUDING A \$150 MILLION OF D.Y.D. AND Y.J.R. THIS YEAR AND

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1 \$100 MILLION ANNUALLY TO TO FULLY FUND CARE FIRST COMMUNITY
2 INVESTMENT, \$237 MILLION FOR NEW MENTAL HEALTH BEDS TO CLOSE
3 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, AND \$110 MILLION PER YEAR FOR INDEPENDENT
4 FOR PRETRIAL SERVICES. THIS FUNDING IS LONG OVERDUE, AND THE
5 TIME TO ACT IS NOW. THANK YOU.

6

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

8

9 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC HENDERSON. YOU MAY
10 BEGIN.

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12 **ERIC HENDERSON:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ERIC HENDERSON, AND
13 I'M WITH THE A.C.L.U. OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. FIRST, I WANT TO
14 ECHO AND UPLIFT OUR PARTNER'S REQUEST FOR THE BOARD TO FULLY
15 FUND THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, FAMILY ASSISTANCE
16 PROGRAMS, C.S.C.I., COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
17 AND THE CARE FIRST BUDGET. SECOND, I ASK THAT THE BOARD
18 ELIMINATE THE PHONE FEES AND COMMISSARY MARKUPS IN COUNT
19 JAILS. THIS WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE C.E.O., AND IT WILL HELP
20 END THE EXPLOITATION OF VULNERABLE SYSTEM-IMPACTED FAMILIES.
21 THIRD, WE URGE THE BOARD TO REALLOCATE A.B.1869 FUNDS AND
22 DEDICATE THOSE FUNDS TO MEANINGFUL ALTERNATIVES TO
23 INCARCERATION NOT PROBATION, NOT THE COURTS, OR MORE LAW
24 ENFORCEMENT. FOURTH, WE URGE THE BOARD TO ALLOCATE FUNDING TO
25 UNHOUSED COMMUNITY MEMBERS LIVING IN DESERT ENCAMPMENTS IN THE

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1 ANTELOPE VALLEY. PEOPLE IN THESE ENCAMPMENTS LACK ACCESS TO
2 BASIC SURVIVAL SUPPLIES, INCLUDING DRINKING WATER IN THE HOT
3 DESERT. THIS FUNDING ALLOCATION COULD LITERALLY SAVE LIVES.
4 FINALLY, WE ASK THE BOARD ELIMINATE ALL L.A.S.D. H.O.S.T.
5 FUNDING. DEPLOYING LAW ENFORCEMENT IS DANGEROUS AND
6 INCONSISTENT WITH THESE BASIC OUTREACH PRINCIPLES. POLICE
7 SHOULD NEVER BE FIRST RESPONDERS TO HOUSELESSNESS. THANK YOU
8 FOR YOUR TIME.

9

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS YUSHRA HUSSEIN. YOU MAY
13 BEGIN.

14

15 **YUSHRA HUSSEIN:** HI. MY NAME IS YUSHRA HUSSEIN, AND I AM A
16 LEGAL INTERN AT THE COLLECTIVE FOR [INDISCERNIBLE] LAWYERING
17 WORKING WITH THE L.A. YOUTH UPRISING COALITION TO EMPOWER
18 YOUTH AND DISMANTLE THE SCHOOL TO PRISON PIPELINE. I URGE YOU
19 TODAY TO RESPOND TO YOUTH NEEDS BY FULLY FUNDING THE
20 DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AT \$150 MILLION AND FULLY
21 FUNDING THE CARE-FIRST BUDGET. FOR YEARS, THE COUNTY HAS
22 CHOSEN TO INVEST IN YOUTH INCARCERATION, WHILE LEAVING A HUGE
23 GAP IN CARE AND RESOURCES FOR LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES OF COLOR
24 MAKING YOUNG PEOPLE VULNERABLE TO VIOLENCE AND PERPETUATING A
25 CYCLE OF INCARCERATION. FULLY FUNDING D.Y.D. AND CARE FIRST IS

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1 A VITAL STEP TO INVEST IN YOUTH POTENTIAL, AS IT WILL ALLOW
2 FOR THE SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A RESTORATIVE
3 MODEL, WHICH HAS PROVEN TO HELP CREATION TRANSFORMATION,
4 ENHANCE THE ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND PEERS, MANAGE EMOTIONS,
5 CREATE GREATER EMPATHY SKILLS, RESOLVE CONFLICT, IMPROVE HOME
6 ENVIRONMENTS, MAINTAIN POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, AS WELL AS
7 REDUCE DETENTION RATES AND IMPROVE ACADEMIC OUTCOMES. FULLY
8 FUNDING D.Y.D. AND CARE FIRST WILL ENSURE THE SUCCESSFUL
9 IMPLEMENTATION OF A RESTORATIVE MODEL AND WILL REFLECT THE
10 COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO MOVE AWAY FROM HARMFUL PUNITIVE
11 SYSTEMS. RATHER THAN FUNDING PROBATION, A DEPARTMENT THAT
12 CONTINUES TO CREATE HARM AND PROVES TIME AND TIME AGAIN
13 INCAPABLE OF PROVIDING YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THE BASIC SAFETY AND
14 SERVICES, FULLY FUND D.Y.D. SO IT CAN SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCH THIS
15 JULY AND MEET ITS GOALS OF TRANSFORMATION AND HEALING.

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

18
19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS AISHA ABDALA. YOU MAY
20 BEGIN.

21
22 **AISHA ABDALA:** HI, MY NAME IS AISHA. I AM WITH -- I AM CALL FOR
23 FOR ITEM , AND I AM COMING FROM SUPERVISORY DISTRICT 2 WITH
24 HOLLY MITCHELL. AND FIRSTLY, I DEFINITELY SUPPORT HEALTHY L.A.
25 RECOMMENDATIONS, BUT FOR -- THIS IS JUST FOR 3B, I AM

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1 DEFINITELY WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT THE CONCERNS THAT AND MANY
2 COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE ABOUT THE LACK OF INVESTMENT FOR THE
3 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST AND THE YEAR'S PROPOSED BUDGET. AND
4 REALLY WE ARE ASKING FOR THE COUNTY TO EXPAND LAST YEAR'S
5 ACQUISITION AND REHAB PILOT PROGRAM WITH COMMUNITY LAND TRUST.
6 RIGHT NOW, IT IS AT \$49.15 MILLION DIVIDED BY ABOUT A HALF A
7 DOZEN AFFORDABLE HOUSING ORGANIZATIONS. AND THAT'S JUST NOT
8 ENOUGH, AND WE ARE ASKING IF IT COULD BE UPPED TO \$30 MILLION.
9 TO REALLY COVER AN ADDITIONAL 80 HOMES FROM -- SAVING THEM
10 FROM THE SPECULATIVE MARKET. AND YOU KNOW TALK ABOUT
11 PREVENTIVE MEASURES FOR HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION OF KEEPING
12 FOLKS IN THEIR HOMES AND HOUSED WOULD, OF COURSE -- WE ARE
13 ASKING FOR THE EXPANSION OF THIS EXISTING PROGRAM, AND WE
14 CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THE DEDICATION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR
15 THE CHAPTER 8 PROGRAM. AND WITH THAT ENSURING THAT TAX
16 DEFAULTED PROPERTIES ARE THE ONES THAT ARE PRIORITIZED FOR
17 AFFORDABLE HOUSING. BUT OF COURSE, WE WANT THIS PILOT PROGRAM
18 TO CONTINUE AND FOR IT TO BE NAMED THE C.L.T., COMMUNITY LAND
19 TRUST PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM, AS IT WAS DONE LAST YEAR REALLY TO
20 ENSURE THAT THESE PROPERTIES WILL SERVE THE COMMUNITY IN
21 PERPETUITY AND THAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESIDENT OWNERSHIP CAN
22 OF COURSE ALSO BE EXPANDED. AND THEN FINALLY, WE ARE ASKING
23 FOR THE FINAL BUDGET TO ALSO ALLOCATE \$10 MILLION TO RESOURCE
24 A CODIFIED RIGHT TO COUNSEL FOR LOW INCOME TENANTS IN
25 PARTICULARLY UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY, WHO MAY FACE

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1 EVICTION. AND THIS CODIFIED RIGHT WOULD COVER THE COST FOR
2 EVICTION DEFENSE AND EVICTION PREVENTION SERVICES, INCLUDING
3 TENANT OUTREACH EDUCATION. WE REALLY BELIEVE THESE FUNDS
4 SHOULD BE IN ADDITION TO RESOURCES BUDGETED FOR COUNTY- WIDE
5 SERVICES REACHING A LIMITED NUMBER OF RENTERS FOR --

6

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

9

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

14

15 **MODERATOR:** WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH INTERPRETATION OF THE
16 REMINDER. [INSTRUCTION GIVEN IN SPANISH]

17

18 **SPEAKER:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MALINDA KAKANI. YOU MAY
21 BEGIN.

22

23 **MALINDA KAKANI:** HI, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

24

25 **SPEAKER:** YES, PLEASE BEGIN.

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1

2 **MALINDA KAKANI:** GREAT, THANK YOU. THIS IS MALINDA KAKANI WITH
3 CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND CALIFORNIA. I THINK ONE OF THE
4 SUPERVISORS SAID SOMETHING ALONG THE LINES OF PEOPLE WHO GET
5 THE WORK DONE. AND I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO ADD AN ASTERISK
6 TO THAT BECAUSE IT IS UNCLEAR WHAT THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT IS
7 GETTING DONE, OUTSIDE OF WHOLLY CONSUMING OUR N.C.C. DOLLARS
8 ONLY TO BE DEEMED UNSUITABLE FOR CONFINEMENT OF YOUTH TWICE,
9 ONLY TO BE SUED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, ONLY TO ALLOW FOR
10 FOOD WITH MAGGOTS TO BE SERVE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. WE CAN KEEP
11 POINTING TO STATE MANDATED REQUIREMENTS THAT SOMEHOW REQUIRE
12 US TO SPEND \$409 MILLION TO INCARCERATE SOMETHING LIKE 400
13 YOUNG PEOPLE, OR WE CAN BE CREATIVE. WE CAN STOP PATTING
14 OURSELVES ON THE BACK, AND WE CAN TAKE CONTRACTING AWAY FROM
15 PROBATION. WE CAN TAKE REENTRY AWAY FROM PROBATION, NOT THAT
16 THEY DO IT ANYWAY BECAUSE THEY'RE MORE FOCUSED ON SURVEILLANCE
17 AND VIOLATIONS. WE CAN TAKE PRE PLEA REPORTS OUT OF PROBATION.
18 WE CAN TAKE THE FUNDING ASSOCIATED WITH 400 VACANT POSITIONS
19 FROM WITHIN PROBATION. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, YOU SAID SOMETHING
20 ABOUT GETTING RESOURCES TO OUR RESIDENTS WHO NEED THEM THE
21 MOST. THAT DOESN'T MEAN THE SHERIFF AND PROBATION GETTING \$4.5
22 BILLION. DID ANY ONE OF YOU LISTEN TO WHAT THE C.O.C. REPORTED
23 ABOUT THE SHERIFF IN SCHOOLS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY IN
24 PARTICULAR. THAT'S NOTHING SHORT OF HORRIFIC. THAT'S NOTHING
25 SHORT OF VIOLENCE. SO ACCOUNTABILITY MEANS YOU ALL STAY

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1 ACCOUNTABLE TO THE INTENT BEHIND MEASURE J AND WHAT THE PEOPLE
2 THAT PUT YOU ALL IN OFFICE VOTED FOR. THAT MEANS FUNDING THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT BEYOND JUST TRANSFERRING
4 Y.D.D.'S BUDGET OVER. THAT MEANS MORE MENTAL HEALTH BEDS. THAT
5 MEANS YOUTH CENTERS. THAT MEANS A COUNTY-WIDE INFRASTRUCTURE
6 FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SO THAT KIDS DON'T GET PUT IN CAGES.
7 THAT MEANS FOLKS TRAPPED IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL CAN SPEAK TO
8 THEIR LOVED ONES FOR FREE. THAT MEANS WE FUND FAMILIES AND NOT
9 FOSTER CARE. THAT MEANS PRIORITIZING PEOPLE AND NOT
10 INSTITUTIONS. AT THE BUDGET HEARING FOR THE RECOMMENDED
11 BUDGET, NEARLY EVERY CALLER CALLED FOR FUNDING OF THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. YOU ARE HEARING THE SAME
13 TODAY, SO WHAT IS THAT YOU ALL NEED TO DO THE RIGHT THING, TO
14 ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS, TO PUSH THE C.E.O.? TO ANTHONY'S
15 POINT, WHAT'S THE POINT OF US SHOWING UP HERE. IT ALL FEELS SO
16 PERFORMATIVE. IT IS REALLY EASY TO SAY THE RIGHT THING. MANY
17 OF YOUR ARE EXPERTS AT THAT, SO STEP UP AND DO THE RIGHT
18 THING.

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

22
23 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS NICOLE BROWN. YOU MAY
24 BEGIN.

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1 **NICOLE BROWN:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
2 NICOLE BROWN AT THE URBAN PEACE INSTITUTE AND L.A. YOUTH
3 UPRISING COALITION. I AM A RESIDENT OF LA HABRA HEIGHTS IN
4 DISTRICT 4, AND I AM CALLING TO URGE YOU TO REALLY PRIORITIZE
5 YOUR STATED PRIORITIES AND MAKE A GREATER INVESTMENT IN OUR
6 COMMUNITIES. THIS INCLUDES \$150 MILLION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
7 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, \$900 MILLION TO FULLY FUND THE CARE FIRST
8 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT, \$237 MILLION FOR NEW MENTAL HEALTH BEDS
9 SO WE CAN CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, AND \$110 MILLION PER YEAR
10 FOR INDEPENDENT PRETRIAL SERVICES. WE ARE EXCITED THAT THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT WILL LAUNCH ON JULY 1ST. THIS
12 IS AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE AFTER YEARS OF PLANNING, HOWEVER,
13 THIS DEPARTMENT WILL NOT BE SUCCESSFUL UNLESS WE CAN IDENTIFY
14 ROBUST AND ONGOING FUNDING. D.Y.D. NEEDS AT LEAST \$150
15 MILLION, AND WE ARE BASICALLY GETTING Y.D.D.'S CURRENT BUDGET
16 OF \$25 MILLION. I APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S RECOGNITION
17 THAT YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IS MORE THAN JUST DIVERSION, BUT WE
18 NEED TO GET MONEY TO THE GROUND TO START SUPPORTING THAT
19 IMMEDIATELY. THE DEVELOPMENT FUND THAT WE HAVE IS NOT ONGOING
20 FUNDING AND, AS A C.E.O. STATED, MANY OF THE THINGS THAT WE
21 VALUE MOST ARE IN A STRUCTURAL DEFICIT. ONE IMPORTANT AND EASY
22 WAY TO ALLOCATE ONGOING FUNDING TO D.Y.D. IS BY CUTTING ALL
23 412 VACANT POSITIONS THAT HAVE SAT VACANT FOR YEARS IN
24 JUVENILE PROBATION AND REPRESENT SOMETHING LIKE \$60 MILLION.
25 WE NEED TO GET THAT MONEY TO D.Y.D. IMMEDIATELY, AND MAKE SURE

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1 THAT IT GETS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ON THE GROUND. DESPITE
2 AN 86% DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF INCARCERATED YOUTH IN THE
3 LAST 12 YEARS, PROBATION STAFFING HAS ONLY GROWN. IN THIS
4 BUDGET, YOU WILL SPEND OVER \$400 MILLION TO INCARCERATE ABOUT
5 400 YOUNG PEOPLE. THAT IS \$1 MILLION PER YEAR PER YOUTH THAT
6 COULD BE SPENT ON THEIR POTENTIAL AND THEIR DEVELOPMENT,
7 INSTEAD OF THEIR TRAUMA. AS MY COLLEAGUE THE SAID, FOR TWO
8 TIMES IN LESS THAN A YEAR, OUR HALLS HAVE BEEN FOUND
9 UNSUITABLE FOR THE CONFINEMENT OF YOUTH BY A STATE BOARD THAT
10 HAS NEVER COME TO THAT RULING. AND FOR THE BUDGET THAT IS
11 ALLOCATED TO THEM --

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

15
16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YOU MAY
17 BEGIN.

18
19 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF
20 SUPERVISORS, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. IT IS KIND OF IRONIC THAT
21 YOU HAVE A BUDGET, AND THE PEOPLE HAVE ONLY TWO MINUTES
22 RECEIVED EVEN WITH A PUBLIC COMMENT. [INDISCERNIBLE] BILLION,
23 THAT'S KIND OF FUNNY. AND IT WILL OPEN 538 POSITIONS. AND MORE
24 IMPORTANT THAN OPENING THE POSITION, IS TO REOPEN THE BOARD SO
25 WE CAN REALLY COME UP AND SEE WHAT IS GOING ON. I MEAN I STILL

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1 ASK THE QUESTION HOW COME WE HAVE ALMOST \$1 BILLION THAT ARE
2 NOT BEING UTILIZED, ESPECIALLY ON MENTAL HEALTH. AND I HAVE
3 CALLED THE C.E.O. OFFICE, AND I'VE CALLED EVERYBODY I NOW, AND
4 NOBODY HAVE GIVEN ME AN ANSWER. SO I KNOW FOR YOU A BILLION IS
5 NOT SO MUCH WHEN YOU'RE DOING [INDISCERNIBLE] FOR 5 BILLION,
6 BUT [INDISCERNIBLE], AND I THINK IT IS TIME TO REOPEN, AND I
7 WISH THAT THE BUDGET WOULD NOT CLOSE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
8 SO PLEASE MAKE IT HAPPEN. HAVE A NICE WEEK. TALK TO YOU LATER.

9

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CHERYL MANUEL. YOU MAY
13 BEGIN.

14

15 **CHERYL MANUEL:** I AM HERE. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. AS I SAY,
16 MOSTLY I AM NOT GOING TO BELABOR THE POINT. I WANT TO START BY
17 GIVING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS A FEATHER THERE THEIR CAP.
18 THEY HAVE TO CAST A VERY, VERY WIDE NET AND DO A LOT WITH A
19 LITTLE. THERE'S ONLY 24 HOURS IN ONE DAY, BUT I AM HERE ON
20 BEHALF OF S.A.G.E., STRATEGIC ACTION FOR A JUST ECONOMY. AND I
21 KIND OF ECHO THE SENTIMENTS OF OTHERS IN KEEPING THE HAMSTER
22 ON THE WHEEL ABOUT THE SAME SUBJECT. AND IT IS JUST DAUNTING
23 THAT BIDEN CAN INSTANTLY SEND BILLIONS TO UKRAINE, AND WE
24 CAN'T TAKE CARE OF OUR OWN BACKYARD. SO MAYBE WE CAN GET SOME
25 SWIFT ACTIONS ON OUR SIDE LIKE OTHER PROGRAMS. THAT'S IT.

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1 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I KNOW YOU ARE WORKING HARD. SO I DON'T
2 WANT TO, YOU KNOW, KIND OF GIVE YOU A HARD TIME, BUT THESE ARE
3 HARD TIMES. GOD BLESS. SEE YOU NEXT MEETING.

4

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROBERTO GARCIA. YOU MAY
8 BEGIN.

9

10 **ROBERTO GARCIA:** HELLO? HELLO?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** YES, YOU MAY BEGIN.

13

14 **ROBERT GARCIA:** OKAY. HI. MY NAME IS ROBERTO GARCIA SAVALLIOS.
15 I AM PART OF SUPERVISOR DISTRICT HILDA SOLIS'S DISTRICT,
16 DISTRICT 1. AND I AM HERE WITH [SPEAKING SPANISH], THE FIRST
17 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST IN BOYLE HEIGHTS AND EAST L.A. AND I AM
18 CALLING TO COMMENT ON ITEM 3, IN SUPPORT OF THE
19 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE L.A. COUNTY 2022-'23 FISCAL YEAR
20 BUDGET. I AM JUST -- I THINK WHAT THE BOARD HAS BEEN ABLE TO
21 DO WITH THE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST HAS BEEN REALLY IMPORTANT
22 THIS YEAR. WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PRESERVE 43 HOUSEHOLDS, EIGHT
23 BUILDINGS, AND WE REALLY WANT TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE THIS WORK
24 THIS YEAR. AND THAT'S WHY WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU FUND \$30
25 MILLION FOR US TO REMOVE AN ADDITIONAL 80 HOMES FROM THE

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1 SPECULATIVE MARKET, AND CONTINUE TO FUND THE CHAPTER 8 PROGRAM
2 THAT IS REALLY IMPORTANT NOW THAT WE ARE SEEING THE FINANCIAL
3 CRISIS IMPACT, INFLATION IMPACT HOMES. WE FEEL THAT TAX
4 FORECLOSE SLUR IS REALLY GOING TO IMPACT OUR NEIGHBORHOODS.
5 AND WE REALLY NEED TO PRESERVE THESE HOMES. AND THEN FINALLY,
6 WE WOULD REALLY LOVE -- I WOULD REALLY LOVE TO SEE, AND OUR
7 ORGANIZATION AND OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT \$10
8 MILLION BE RESOURCED FOR A CODIFIED RIGHT TO COUNSEL FOR LOW
9 INCOME TENANTS IN THE UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY REGIONS. YOU
10 KNOW, WE DON'T ONLY STABILIZE AND PRESERVE BUILDINGS, BUT WE
11 WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN WORK WITH TENANTS AND THAT THEY
12 HAVE THE RIGHT PROTECTIONS TO NOT BEING EVICTED DURING THIS
13 TIME. WE ARE STILL LIVING IN COVID. PEOPLE ARE STILL GETTING
14 SICK. AND FOLKS NEED THE RESOURCES, SPECIFICALLY RIGHT TO
15 COUNSEL. THANK YOU.

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

18
19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SYLVIA MARAQUIN. YOU MAY
20 BEGIN.

21
22 **SYLVIA MARAQUIN:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS SYLVIA MARAQUIN. WITH
23 STRATEGIC ACTION FOR A JUST ECONOMY. I SEE A HUGE OPPORTUNITY
24 TO MAKE HISTORY HERE. I KNOW THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE BEING
25 SAVED RIGHT NOW BECAUSE WE HAVE SOMETHING THAT IS SIMILAR TO

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1 THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL, ONLY IT IS NOT. THIS IS ONLY A PROGRAM
2 THE STATE HAS L.A. SO GIVING \$2 MILLION IS VERY LITTLE, BUT
3 HERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERYONE IN THE SUPERVISOR'S SEAT
4 TO MAKE HISTORY AND START TALKING ABOUT THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL.
5 WE KNOW THIS IS SAVING LIVES IN OTHER STATES, IN OTHER CITIES.
6 THIS IS L.A. L.A. IS USUALLY THE VANGUARD OF GOOD CHANGES. SO,
7 PLEASE, LISTEN TO THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY THAT YOU HAVE UPON
8 YOU AND BEFORE YOU. AND MAKE IT RIGHT. GIVE THE \$8 MILLION,
9 WHICH IS NOTHING TO -- [AUDIO BREAK UP] SAVING LIVES. AND I
10 LIKE THE -- WHAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL SAID. IT IS RAINING, ONLY IT
11 IS NOT. PEOPLE ARE ALSO DYING FROM THIS HEAT EXHAUSTION. SO WE
12 DON'T WANT ANY MORE HOMELESS PEOPLE DYING ON THE STREETS. AND
13 THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO STOP THE EVICTIONS. SO THAT'S
14 ALL I HAVE TO SAY. THANK YOU.

15

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

17

18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BENNY BENITES. YOU MAY
19 BEGIN.

20

21 **BENNY BENITES:** HELLO. MY NAME IS BENNY BENITES WITH THE YOUTH
22 JUSTICE COALITION. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM 2 AND GENERAL
23 PUBLIC COMMENT. WE URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO FULLY FUND
24 THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT WITH \$150 MILLION AND TO
25 FULLY FUND THE CARE-FIRST BUDGET. THE BOARD PROMISED \$75

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1 MILLION FOR THE YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, AND YOU ARE STILL
2 GIVING US ONLY YOUTH DIVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT'S BUDGET. DON'T
3 MAKE PROMISES YOU CANNOT KEEP BECAUSE WE WILL CONTINUE TO HOLD
4 YOU ACCOUNTABLE FOR THAT. \$25 MILLION IS NOT ENOUGH TO BUILD A
5 STRONG DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY-
6 BASED YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND COMMUNITY-BASED
7 ORGANIZATIONS WITH RESOURCES. A STARTING POINT CAN BE TO
8 REDUCE THE \$4.5 BILLION BUDGET GOING TO THE SHERIFF AND
9 PROBATION DEPARTMENT, WHICH HAVE DONE NOTHING BUT PHYSICALLY,
10 MENTALLY, AND EMOTIONALLY HARM OUR YOUTH, FAMILIES, AND
11 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. WE NEED TO REDUCE JUVENILE PROBATION'S
12 \$570 MILLION. THIS INCLUDES CUTTING ALL 40 VACANT POSITIONS IN
13 JUVENILE PROBATION AND REDIRECTING THAT MONEY TO THE
14 DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. THOSE POSITIONS HAVE SAT
15 VACANT FOR YEARS. WE DON'T NEED THEM. AND YOU ARE JUST WASTING
16 MONEY. WHAT YOU NEED TO DO IS INVEST IN OUR YOUTH AND DOWN-
17 SIZE PROBATION NOW. THANK YOU.

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

20
21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS FRANCISCO ROMERO. YOU MAY
22 BEGIN.

23
24 **FRANCISCO ROMERO:** YES. GOOD MORNING. AND THANK YOU. MY NAME IS
25 FRANCISCO ROMERO. I AM CALLING ON BEHALF OF THE PARK EQUITY

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1 ALLIANCE [INDISCERNIBLE] BOYLE HEIGHTS. WE WANTED TO UPLIFT
2 THAT TODAY WE UPLOADED OUR COMMENT LETTER THAT DETAILS OUR
3 COMMENTS FOR TODAY. WE ALSO SENT THIS LETTER OVER TO MANY OF
4 THE BOARD SUPERVISOR'S OFFICES ON FRIDAY. I WANTED TO MAKE
5 SURE THAT WAS INCORPORATED INTO THE DISCUSSION TODAY. BUT
6 REALLY, THE FOUR KEY POINTS WE WANTED TO BRING UP WERE THE
7 INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF PARKS AFTER DARK VS. YEAR TO YEAR KIND
8 OF FUNDING, INSTITUTIONALIZING IT FROM HERE ON OUT, RESTORING
9 THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION STAFFING LEVELS TO THE
10 RECOMMENDED LEVELS, WHICH WAS 1,702 POSITIONS. THIRDLY, WE
11 WANTED TO UPLIFT THE INVESTMENT INTO CULTURALLY RELEVANT
12 PROGRAMMING AND CLIMATE RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE HIGHEST
13 NEEDS COMMUNITIES. AND FINALLY, WE ARE HERE IN SOLIDARITY AND
14 IN ALLIANCE WITH FULLY FUNDING THE CARE-FIRST COMMUNITY
15 INVESTMENTS AT \$900 MILLION ANNUALLY TO INVEST IN THE C.S.C.I.
16 COMMUNITY CENTER RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMIT TO A TRANSPARENT
17 AND EQUITABLE PROCESS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO
18 WORKING TOWARD ALL THESE EQUITY GOALS AND ALTERNATIVES TO
19 INCARCERATION AS WELL. AND THANK YOU SO MUCH TO THE BOARD OF
20 SUPERVISORS, PARTICULARLY SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER CONTINUED
21 LEADERSHIP IN THE PARK EQUITY INITIATIVES THAT WE, AS THE PARK
22 EQUITY ALLIANCE, HAVE BEEN FORWARDING, AS WELL AS THE OTHER
23 OFFICES AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR
24 CONTINUED LEADERSHIP ON THIS.

25

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

2

3 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CHRISTOPHER IG. PLEASE GO
4 AHEAD.

5

6 **CHRISTOPHER IG:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
7 CHRISTOPHER IG FROM THE UNION OF AMERICAN PHYSICIANS AND
8 DENTISTS. WE ARE HERE TODAY TO ASK FOR MORE FUNDING FOR
9 OVERTIME SO OUR DOCTORS AT CORONER'S OFFICE CAN DO THEIR JOBS
10 IN A TIMELY MANNER. WE WILL BE REACHING OUT TO YOUR OFFICES TO
11 ADDRESS THESE ISSUES. AND THERE WILL -- WE HOPE THERE WILL BE
12 FUNDING IN THE BUDGET TO ADDRESS OVERTIME ISSUES, HIRING OF
13 CORONERS, AND RETAINING THEM. THANK YOU.

14

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

16

17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BERNADETTE GOLAMI. YOU MAY
18 BEGIN.

19

20 **BERNADETTE GOLAMI:** HI, GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS AND
21 COMMUNITY. I AM HERE TO SPEAK ON MY OPPOSITION ON ITEM NUMBER
22 2, THE FISCAL BUDGET FOR 2022-2023 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
23 MY NAME IS BERNEDETTE MEDINA GOLAMI, AND I AM WITH PUBLIC
24 COUNSEL CHILDREN'S RIGHTS PROJECT AND THE LOS ANGELES YOUTH
25 UPRISING. I WANT TO URGE THE BOARD TO FULLY FUND THE CARE-

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1 FIRST BUDGET, AND THIS SHOULD INCLUDE \$150 MILLION FOR THE
2 DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT THIS YEAR, \$900 MILLION
3 ANNUALLY TO FULLY FUND THE CARE-FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT,
4 \$237 MILLION FOR NEW MENTAL HEALTH BEDS TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL
5 JAIL, AND \$110 MILLION PER YEAR FOR INDEPENDENT PRETRIAL
6 SERVICES. WHILE WE ARE VERY EXCITED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF
7 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT WILL LAUNCH ON JULY 1ST, IT IS VITAL THAT WE
8 GET THE FULL FUNDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT, WHICH IS AT LEAST
9 \$150 MILLION TO REALIZE YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, INCLUDING
10 FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY-BASED YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SERVICES. THE
11 BOARD PROMISED \$175 MILLION FOR YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, AND
12 UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE ONLY BEEN GIVEN THE \$25 MILLION FROM
13 Y.D.D.'S, AND THAT IS NOT ENOUGH. IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO BUILD A
14 STRONG D.Y.D. OR PROVIDE THE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS
15 WITH RESOURCES. ONE WAY THAT MAY BE ABLE TO HELP IS REDUCING
16 PROBATION'S BUDGET, PARTICULARLY JUVENILE PROBATION'S \$570
17 MILLION BUDGET. THERE ARE 350 TO 450 VACANT POSITIONS FOR THE
18 LAST THREE YEARS IN PROBATION. THEY SHOULD BE CUT IMMEDIATELY
19 AND THE ASSOCIATED FUNDING, WHICH IS ABOUT \$60 MILLION, SHOULD
20 GO TO D.Y.D. SIMILARLY, WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT PRIORITIES, AND
21 AS WE THINK ABOUT PRIORITIES, WE NEED TO -- IT IS HARD TO
22 UNDERSTAND HOW THE C.E.O. RECOMMENDED \$410 MILLION TO
23 INCARCERATE 400 YOUNG PEOPLE. THIS IS NOT INVESTING IN OUR
24 YOUNG PEOPLE. AS SOMEONE MENTIONED EARLIER, THIS IS INVESTING
25 IN THE TRAUMA AND THE PAIN AND THE HURT OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

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1 MONEY SHOULD BE REALLOCATED AND NOT GOING TO A FLAWED SYSTEM,
2 BUT INSTEAD BEING INVESTED IN YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, BEING
3 INVESTED IN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, BEING INVESTED IN THE
4 COMMUNITY. AND MANY OF THESE COMMUNITIES DON'T WANT POLICE OR
5 PROBATION OR THE SHERIFFS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.

6

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

9

10 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CHRISTIAN FLAG. YOU MAY
11 BEGIN.

12

13 **CHRISTIAN FLAG:** HELLO, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

14

15 **SPEAKER:** YES, PLEASE BEGIN.

16

17 **CHRISTIAN FLAG:** GREETINGS. MY NAME IS CHRISTIAN FLAG, DIRECTOR
18 OF TRAINING AT COMMUNITY COALITION, AND ALSO LEAD SUPPORT AS A
19 PARTNER ORGANIZATION IN THE BROTHER SEAN FIELDS COALITION. AND
20 I AM CALLING IN TODAY TO SPEAK ON ITEM 2 TO SAY THAT THE BOARD
21 NEEDS TO FULLY FUND THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT WITH
22 AT LEAST \$150 MILLION. I WANT TO SAY THAT WHEN YOU ARE WORKING
23 TO TRANSFORM AN INSTITUTION THAT HAS INCARCERATED YOUNG PEOPLE
24 FOR TOO LONG, IT IS IMPORTANT TO AGGRESSIVELY ALLOCATE THE
25 NECESSARY RESOURCES AND DOLLARS TO ACTUALLY OPERATIONALIZE

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1 WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN. YOU HAVE HAD SOME AMAZING WORK BEING
2 DONE IN THE YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED WORKGROUP AND A LOT OF
3 COMMUNITY MEMBERS, YOUNG PEOPLE COMING OUT AND TELLING YOU
4 EXACTLY WHAT THE COMMUNITY HAS ALREADY BEEN DOING TO ADDRESS
5 THE ISSUES IN SUPPORTING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. BUT THE DOLLARS
6 HAVE TO GO THERE. SO WE ARE CALLING FOR MONEY TO DEVELOP AND
7 BUILD OUT THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT NETWORKS, REALLY GIVING THE
8 MONEY TO FORTIFY COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, WHO ARE
9 ALREADY DOING THE WORK. TO LAUNCH AND STAFF THE ACTUAL
10 DEPARTMENT, AND THEN LASTLY, FUNDING THE YES TEAMS, THE
11 CREDIBLE MESSENGERS, AND THE SERVICES TO SUPPORT WITH REENTRY.
12 AGAIN, I JUST WANT TO REITERATE YOU CANNOT TRANSFORM AND
13 CREATE THE NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE WITHOUT PUTTING THE
14 DOLLARS THERE. SO FULLY FUND THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH
15 DEVELOPMENT WITH \$150 MILLION AND CONTINUE THE TO GROW THAT
16 INVESTMENT AND ALLOCATION IF YOU ARE GOING TO TRULY ADDRESS
17 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ACROSS L. A. COUNTY, THANK YOU.

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

20
21 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LUPE VELLAS. YOU MAY BEGIN.

22
23 **LUPE VELLAS:** HELLO. YES. HI. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LUPE
24 VELLAS. I AM A MEMBER OF S.A.G.E., A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION,
25 AN ORGANIZATION THAT HELPS OUT TENANTS WHEN THEY ARE BEING

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1 EVICTED AND TENANTS KNOWING THEIR RIGHTS. I AM HERE TALKING
2 ABOUT MATTER 3B. WE ARE ASKING FOR \$10 MILLION OF PERMANENT
3 SUPPORT. I AM A SINGLE MOM, 29 YEARS OLD. I HAVE BEEN HOMELESS
4 FOR THREE YEARS OLD. MY KIDS HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM ME FOR THE
5 DEPARTMENT. NOW, I AM BEING HARASSED, DISCRIMINATED, NEGLECTED
6 FROM MY LANDLORD NOT TRYING TO DO THE REPAIRS. I HAVE TWO
7 KIDS. THE SINK STINKS. AND IT IS REALLY BAD FOR THEIR HEALTH.
8 HE DOESN'T COME AS AN URGENT. HE COMES WHENEVER HE WANTS TO.
9 MY KIDS ARE SICK WITH ASTHMA. I HAVE BEEN SICK WITH ASTHMA.
10 RIGHT NOW WITH THE COVID, THOSE ARE REALLY BAD SYMPTOMS TO
11 HAVE. YOU COULD GET COVID RIGHT AWAY. I AM ASKING FOR SUPPORT
12 AND THE TENANT'S RIGHTS TO COUNSEL. HE IS RIGHT NOW TRYING TO
13 EVICT ME, AND I CAN BARELY AFFORD MY RENT IN A LOW BUDGET. I
14 DON'T HAVE A FULL TIME JOB THAT CAN REPLACEMENT OR THAT I
15 COULD HAVE ANY SAVINGS. I HAVE JUST BEEN REALLY WITH COVID. SO
16 I DON'T HAVE A LOT OF SAVINGS, AND I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO
17 SUPPORT MYSELF IF I WERE TO BE IN COURT AND GET A LAWYER. I
18 DON'T HAVE MONEY TO PUT OUT OF MY POCKET IN ORDER TO GET SOME
19 HELP IF I WERE TO GET A COURT, SO I AM ASKING FOR SOME HELP. I
20 DO NOT WANT TO LOSE MY HOME. I WANT A HOME FOR MY KIDS, AND I
21 AM TRYING MY BEST. I AM ASKING PLEASE TO GET SOME HELP FOR
22 RIGHT TO COUNSEL. I WOULD LOVE TO GET SOMEBODY TO REPRESENT ME
23 THAT I DON'T HAVE TO BUDGE OUT OF MY POCKET TOO MUCH TO PAY
24 FOR A RIGHT COUNSEL. I FEEL THAT THIS IS INJUSTICE. IT IS AN
25 EVICTION THAT IS NOT VALID. I AM WORKING, PAYING MY RENT ON

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1 TIME, AND THIS IS JUST BECAUSE OF THE CONSTANT SO MANY ISSUES
2 THAT I AM CALLING HIM ABOUT. THE LANDLORD DOESN'T WANT TO TAKE
3 ATTENTION. I DON'T FEEL IT IS MY ISSUE THAT --

4

5 **MODERATOR:** EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** COULD WE REFER HER TO OUR CONSUMER AND BUSINESS
8 AFFAIRS?

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, THAT'S WHAT I WAS GOING TO SAY.

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO, IF WE COULD DO THAT, THANK YOU.

13

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

15

16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ALEXIA CENA. YOU MAY BEGIN.

17

18 **ALEXIA CENA:** HELLO, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** YES, PLEASE BEGIN.

21

22 **ALEXIA CENA:** OKAY, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ALEXIA CENA. AND
23 I A WITH THE ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION. I WANT TO SPEAK ON
24 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 2 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I WANT TO
25 URGE THE BOARD TO FULLY FUND THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH

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1 DEVELOPMENT WITH \$150 MILLION AND TO FULLY FUND THE CARE-FIRST
2 BUDGET. \$25 MILLION IS NOT ENOUGH TO BUILD A STRONG DEPARTMENT
3 AND PROVIDE IT WITH RESOURCES COMPARED TO PROBATION'S \$570
4 MILLION BUDGET. LAST YEAR, WE SPENT OVER \$1 MILLION PER YOUTH.
5 INSTEAD OF INVESTING INTO YOUTH INCARCERATION, I URGE THE
6 BOARD TO INVEST IN OUR YOUTH'S FUTURE. THESE YOUTH DESERVE TO
7 BE CARED FOR AND GIVEN THE RESOURCES AND TOOLS THEY NEED FOR
8 REENTRY INSIDE AND OUT, CREDIBLE MESSENGERS INSIDE TO MENTOR
9 THEM AND TO SHOW THEM EXAMPLES OF CHANGE, HOPE, AND
10 REDEMPTION, AND RESOURCES LIKE YOUTH CENTERS, HOUSING, AND
11 C.B.O.S WHEN THEY REENTER SOCIETY. THANK YOU.

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

14
15 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT LEAH ZIDLER ORDANIS. YOU MAY
16 BEGIN.

17
18 **LEAH ZIDLER ORDANIS:** GOOD MORNING. THIS IS LEAH ZIDLER ORDANIS
19 WITH U.C.L.A. LAW'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM. I AM CALLING ON
20 THE BOARD TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON ITS CARE FIRST PROMISE AND
21 FULLY FUND THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. WE ARE
22 STANDING UP D.Y.D AT THE END OF THIS WEEK, AND SUBSUMING
23 Y.D.D.'S \$25 MILLION BUDGET INTO THE NEW DEPARTMENT IS NOT
24 ENOUGH TO FULLY REALIZE THE VISION OF YOUTH JUSTICE
25 REIMAGINED. D.Y.D. NEEDS AT LEAST \$150 MILLION THIS YEAR TO

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1 BEGIN THE PROCESS OF BUILDING YOUTH DEVELOPMENT NETWORKS IN
2 FOUR S.P.A.S, TO LAUNCH AND STAFF D.Y.D., TO PAY FOR THE YES
3 TEAM PILOT, PLACE CREDIBLE MESSENGERS IN FACILITIES, AND FUND
4 COMMUNITY BASED REENTRY SERVICES, AND FUND NEW YOUTH CENTERS
5 AND HOUSING. COMPARE THAT TO SPENDING OVER \$1 MILLION TO
6 INCARCERATE ONE YOUTH IN CAMPS AND HALLS THAT HAS BEEN
7 DECLARED UNSUITABLE BY THE B.S.C.C. THE COMMUNITY IS TIRED OF
8 HEARING SORRY, WE CAN'T FUND ALL THESE AMAZING PROGRAMS
9 BECAUSE WE ARE OVERFUNDING THE FAILING CRUMBLING MESS THAT IS
10 THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. IT IS ALL ABOUT WHAT THE BOARD IS
11 CHOOSING TO PRIORITIZE. AS SUPERVISOR MITCHELL SAID,
12 PRIORITIZE THE PRIORITIES. D.Y.D. IS THE PRIORITY. OUR YOUTH
13 ARE THE FUTURE, AND WE NEED TO ENSURE THEIR HEALTH, SAFETY,
14 AND WELL BEING. FUND THE NEW D.Y.D. THANK YOU.

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

17
18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MIGUEL CASAR. YOU MAY
19 BEGIN.

20
21 **MIGUEL CASAR:** HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MIGUEL CASAR. I AM
22 CALLING IN AS SOMEBODY WHO IS VERY CONCERNED BY THE VALUES
23 THAT THIS BUDGET ESPOUSES. I THINK THAT'S FROM A MORAL
24 PERSPECTIVE. THIS COUNTY'S BUDGET IS AN ETHICAL DISASTER. IT
25 CONTINUES TO UPHOLD INSTITUTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN SHOWN TO

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1 TRAMPLE UPON THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE AND THOSE MOST MARGINALIZED.
2 THEY FAIL COMPLETELY TO ADDRESS ANY OF THE VIOLATIONS THAT
3 HAVE BEEN FOUND BY THEIR OWN EVALUATIONS, LET ALONE THE
4 DECADES OF TESTIMONY THAT WE HAVE FROM THOSE MOST IMPACTED.
5 AND IT ALSO REFLECTS A VERY TWISTED SET OF PUNITIVE LOGICS
6 THAT CONTRADICT WHAT ALL OF YOU HAVE PROMISED PUBLICLY TO
7 SUPPORT. AS A RESEARCHER, AND FROM A LOGICAL PERSPECTIVE, THIS
8 BUDGET IS ONLY DESTINED TO WORSEN LIFE, AND SAFETY, AND
9 JUSTICE FOR PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO THINK
10 THAT WE CONTINUE TO MAKE DECISIONS BASED ON FLAWED LOGICS AND
11 ONLY PANDERING TO POLITICAL INTERESTS AND THE DISREGARD THE
12 EFFORT, THE MOVEMENT, THE TESTIMONY, THE RESEARCH, AND
13 EVERYTHING THAT MAKES SENSE. I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE
14 CONTINUE TO FIND OURSELVES IN THIS SITUATION, AND I REALLY
15 URGE THIS BOARD TO HAVE SOME COURAGE, TO TAKE LEADERSHIP, TO
16 FUND THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, TO CONFRONT THESE
17 POLITICAL ORGANIZATION THAT ARE WREAKING HAVOC AND ARE
18 ORGANIZING PEOPLE TO UPHOLD THEIR OWN LEGITIMACY AS THEY
19 CONTINUE TO REENACT VIOLENCE AND PERPETUATE HARM AND TO WORSEN
20 THE INJUSTICES THAT THOSE MOST IMPACTED CONTINUE TO FACE IN
21 OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

22
23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE EXCEEDED
24 ACTUALLY OUR 40 MINUTES THAT WAS ALLOCATED FOR PUBLIC SPEAKERS
25 AND SO WOULD LIKE TO THANK THOSE WHO CALLED IN TO SPEAK. IF

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1 YOU WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS, YOU MAY SUBMIT
2 WRITTEN COMMENTS AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, AND WE WILL
3 CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING
4 THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME A PART OF THE RECORD. AGAIN,
5 THANKS TO ALL OF THE CALLERS THAT TOOK A TIME TO READ AND
6 UNDERSTAND THE BUDGET AND CALLED IN TO SHARE THEIR
7 PERSPECTIVE. WE ARE GOING TO BEGIN NOW, COLLEAGUES, WITH OUR
8 DELIBERATIONS. WE WILL HEAR FROM OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
9 FESIA DAVENPORT, ON ITEM 1.

10

11 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.
12 AS YOU MENTIONED, STARTING WITH AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 1, FISCAL
13 YEAR '21-'22 BUDGET ISSUES, THIS LETTER REFLECTS OUR SECOND
14 MIDYEAR APPROPRIATION AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT BOARD LETTER,
15 COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE SECOND MIDYEAR B.A. THIS LETTER
16 RECOMMENDS A VARIETY OF CHANGES, WHICH WE ALSO CALL
17 ADJUSTMENTS, TO THE OPERATING AND/OR CAPITAL BUDGETS
18 REFERENCED IN THE LETTER. THESE BUDGETS WERE APPROVED BY YOUR
19 BOARD ON OCTOBER 4TH, 2021 WHEN THE BOARD ADOPTED THE FISCAL
20 YEAR '21-'22 FINAL ADOPTED BUDGET. BY ADOPTING THE
21 RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS BOARD LETTER, THE BOARD WILL AUTHORIZE
22 CHANGES TO THE OPERATING AND CAPITOL BUDGETS REFERENCED IN THE
23 LETTER, SO THAT THE BUDGETS ALIGN WITH TRANSACTIONS THAT HAVE
24 OCCURRED SINCE THE TIME OF THEIR -- SINCE THE TIME OF THEIR
25 ADOPTION ON OCTOBER 4TH. IN ADOPTING THE BUDGET LETTER, THE

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1 BOARD WOULD ALSO MAKE NECESSARY FINDINGS RELATED TO THE
2 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT. SO ITEM NUMBER 1, THE
3 FISCAL YEAR '21-'22 SECOND MIDYEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENT
4 RECOMMENDATIONS ARE BEFORE YOU.

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, ANY QUESTIONS FROM
7 SUPERVISORS? OKAY. SEEING NONE, ITEM 1 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
8 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. EXECUTIVE
9 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLE.

10

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

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

18

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

20

21 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

22

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

24

25 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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1

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

4

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

6

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

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WE WILL NOW HEAR FROM THE CHIEF
11 EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON ITEM NUMBER 2.

12

13 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AGENDA ITEM
14 NUMBER 2, FISCAL YEAR '22-'23 BUDGET ITEMS. THIS ITEM
15 COMPRISED OF TWO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, 2A AND 2B. ITEM 2A IS A
16 REPORT OF ISSUES RAISED AS THE PUBLIC BUDGET HEARINGS, WHICH
17 WERE HELD ON MAY 11, 2022. THE REPORT SUMMARIZING ISSUES
18 RAISED AT THE HEARINGS BY BOTH ORAL AND WRITTEN TESTIMONY,
19 INCLUDING THE INDIVIDUAL SUPERVISORS AND DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS
20 FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR VARIOUS PROGRAMS. THIS REPORT IS A
21 RECEIVE AND FILE. ITEM 2B IS A BOARD LETTER REPRESENTING MY
22 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR '22-'23
23 RECOMMENDED BUDGET, WHICH YOUR BOARD ADOPTED ON APRIL 19,
24 2022. THIS AGENDA ITEM IS COMPRISED OF SIX RECOMMENDATIONS
25 THAT I WILL SUMMARIZE BRIEFLY. THE FIRST RECOMMENDATION SEEKS

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1 A FINDING THAT THE PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT ACTIONS REFERENCED
2 IN THE LETTER ARE NOT PROJECTS WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE
3 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT BASED ON THE RECORD OF
4 PROPOSED ACTIVITIES. THE SECOND RECOMMENDATION REQUESTS THAT
5 THE BOARD ADOPT THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE FISCAL YEAR '22-
6 '23 RECOMMENDED COUNTY BUDGET AS SET FORTH IN THE BOARD LETTER
7 AND IN THE ATTACHMENTS TO THE LETTER. THE THIRD RECOMMENDATION
8 REQUESTS THAT THE BOARD REALLOCATE \$1.5 MILLION IN FUNDING
9 FROM ONE CARE FIRST AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM TO
10 ANOTHER. SPECIFICALLY, THE LETTER SEEKS TO REPURPOSE THE USE
11 OF THIS FUNDING, WHICH WAS APPROVED BY YOUR BOARD ON AUGUST
12 22ND, 2022, FROM THE FISCAL AND ONLINE RESOURCE HUBS FOR
13 YOUTH, TO PROGRAMMING AT EXISTING YOUTH CENTERS AS MORE
14 SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED IN THE LETTER. THE FOURTH, FIFTH, AND
15 SIXTH RECOMMENDATIONS ARE SIMILAR IN THAT THEY SEEK DELEGATED
16 AUTHORITY RELATED TO FUNDING AGREEMENTS. SPECIFICALLY, THE
17 LETTER SEEKS AUTHORIZATION FOR ME OR MY DESIGNEE, OR THE
18 DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OR HER DESIGNEE, AND/OR THE
19 DIRECTOR OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE,
20 AMEND, IF NECESSARY, OR TERMINATE FUNDING AGREEMENTS IN THE
21 AMOUNTS STATED AND FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED FOR A VARIETY OF
22 PROGRAMS INCLUDED IN THIS BUDGET LETTER. SO ITEM 2A,
23 CONSISTING OF THE RECEIVE AND FILE, AND ITEM 2B, CONSISTING OF
24 SIX RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO THE FISCAL YEAR '22-'23 BUDGET
25 THAT I JUST SUMMARIZED ARE BEFORE YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. QUESTIONS OR REMARKS FROM MY
3 COLLEAGUES? SEEING NONE. WE WILL TAKE ONE VOTE ON ITEMS 2A AND
4 2B TOGETHER. SO 2A AND 2B ARE BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
5 MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL
6 YOU CALL THE ROLL PLEASE.

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 2A AND 2B ARE BEFORE YOU, SUPERVISOR
9 SOLIS.

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

12

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

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

16

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

18

19 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

20

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

22

23 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

24

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

3

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

5

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

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVING ON TO ITEM 3, WHICH
10 WERE ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING WHICH WERE DEFERRED TO THE
11 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS. MS. DAVENPORT?

12

13 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AGENDA ITEM
14 NUMBER 3 IS COMPRISED OF THREE REPORTS BACK DEFERRED TO BUDGET
15 DELIBERATIONS. THE THREE REPORT TOPICS ARE AS FOLLOWS. ITEM 3A
16 IS A REPORT FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF BEACHES AND HARBORS, MR. GARY
17 JONES, AND PROVIDES INFORMATION REGARDING ADDITIONAL REVENUE
18 FROM MARINA LEASEHOLD EXTENSIONS. THIS IS AN ANNUAL REPORT,
19 AND THE ADDITIONAL REVENUE THIS YEAR IS \$394,225. ITEM 3B IS A
20 REPORT FROM MY OFFICE REGARDING THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BUDGET
21 UNIT FOR FISCAL YEAR '22-'23. THE REPORT CONFIRMS THAT MY
22 OFFICE HAS IDENTIFIED \$100 MILLION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING
23 PROGRAMMING AND PROVIDES THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE
24 ALLOCATION OF THAT FUNDING AS DEVELOPED BY THE AFFORDABLE
25 HOUSING COORDINATING COMMITTEE. AND ITEM NUMBER 3C IS A REPORT

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1 BACK BY MEETING THE SHERIFF'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER SENATE BILL
2 1421. SENATE BILL 1421 BECAME EFFECTIVE ON JANUARY 19TH, 2019
3 AND MADE CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF PEACE OFFICER PERSONNEL RECORDS
4 AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UNDER THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS
5 ACT. ON MARCH 15TH, 2022, YOUR BOARD ADOPTED AN ORDINANCE
6 REQUIRING BOTH THE SHERIFF AND PROBATION DEPARTMENTS TO
7 PROACTIVELY POST THOSE RECORDS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE UNDER
8 S.B.1421. THE ORDINANCE ALSO REQUIRES THE DEPARTMENT TO POST
9 WITHIN 30 DAYS OF A RECORD'S CREATION, RECORDS SUBJECT TO
10 ANOTHER LAW, ASSEMBLY BILL 748, WHICH IS A LAW GOVERNING AUDIO
11 AND VIDEO RECORDINGS OF A USE OF FORCE RESULTING IN DEATH OR
12 GREAT BODILY INJURY, TO POST THOSE RECORDS WITHIN 30 DAYS OF
13 THE RECORD'S CREATION. THE REPORT BACK RECOMMENDS A MULTI-
14 DEPARTMENTAL STAFFING PLAN FOR COUNTY COUNSEL, THE SHERIFF,
15 AND PROBATION TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THESE NEW LAWS AND
16 OBLIGATIONS WITH COUNTY COUNSEL PLAYING A KEY ROLE IN MOVING
17 THIS WORK FORWARD. THIS CONCLUDES ALL THE ITEMS FOR AGENDA
18 ITEM 3. ALL REPORTS ARE RECEIVE AND FILE AND ARE NOW BEFORE
19 YOU.

20
21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MS. DAVENPORT, I DO HAVE ONE
22 CONCERN WITH REGARD TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BUDGET REPORT.
23 WHILE I ABSOLUTELY SUPPORT THE FUNDING ALLOCATION TO
24 PRESERVATION STRATEGIES, I KNOW ALL OF US HAVE N.O.F.A.
25 DEVELOPMENTS IN PROCESS, IN CONSTRUCTION ABOUT TO BEGIN

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1 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY IN ALL OF OUR DISTRICTS. AND I KNOW A
2 NUMBER OF THEM ARE EXPERIENCING CHALLENGES AS A RESULT OF
3 INCREASED COSTS IN FINANCING, PARTICULARLY WITH THE NEW
4 INCREASE IN INTEREST RATES. SO I THINK IT WOULD BE REALLY
5 HELPFUL IF YOU COULD PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH RECOMMENDATIONS ON
6 A FUNDING GAP FUND FOR N.O.F.A. PROJECTS TO REALLY MAKE SURE
7 THAT THESE DEVELOPMENTS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN APPROVED THAT
8 ARE IN PROGRESS ACTUALLY GET COMPLETED WITH THESE NEW
9 DEVELOPMENTS WITH REGARD TO RISING INTEREST RATES.

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11 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. WE WILL TAKE
12 THAT UNDER CONSIDERATION. THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING -- THE
13 COMMITTEE IS MADE UP OF SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING
14 L.A.C.D.A., FOLKS FROM MY OFFICE, THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE, SO
15 WE WILL PUT OUR HEADS TOGETHER AND COME BACK TO THE BOARD AND
16 TO YOUR OFFICE WITH A RECOMMENDATION.

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18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WE APPRECIATE THAT. I AM SURE MY
19 COLLEAGUES MAY BE GETTING THE SAME PANICKED CALLS THAT WE ARE
20 GETTING FROM PROJECTS THAT ARE IN PROCESS THAT ARE LOOKING AT
21 THIS INCREASE IN INTEREST RATE, AND THEY ARE PANICKED THAT
22 THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO BRING THEM TO FRUITION. SO
23 THANK YOU. ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR REMARKS FROM BOARD MEMBERS?
24 SEEING NONE. ITEMS 3A-3C ARE BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR

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

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4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 3A, 3B, AND 3C ARE BEFORE YOU.
5 SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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7 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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11 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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15 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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19 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

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

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 4, BUDGET ITEMS, MS. DAVENPORT.

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6 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AGENDA ITEM
7 NUMBER 4 IS COMPRISED OF THREE RECOMMENDATIONS IN ITEMS 4A,
8 4B, AND 4C. ITEM 4A IS A RECOMMENDATION, IT IS A TWOFOLD
9 RECOMMENDATION, ACTUALLY. THE FIRST IS TO MODIFY THE
10 APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR '21-'22, AND
11 THEN THE SECOND IS TO APPROVE THE APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT AND THE
12 APPROPRIATIONS SUBJECT TO LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR '22-'23. EACH
13 YEAR, MY OFFICE CALCULATES THE COUNTY'S APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT,
14 AND THE BOARD ADOPTS A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THAT LIMIT. THAT
15 LIMIT MUST BE REVIEWED AS PART OF AN ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT.
16 IN PREPARATION FOR OUR ANNUAL REVIEW WITH OUR EXTERNAL
17 AUDITORS, MY OFFICE FOUND AN EXCEPTION IN WHICH THE ADOPTED
18 FISCAL YEAR '21-'22 APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT RESOLUTION INCLUDED
19 AN ERROR. SO MY OFFICE HAS RECALCULATED THE LIMIT FOR FISCAL
20 YEAR '21-'22 AND NOW ASK THE BOARD TO ADOPT THE CORRECTED AND
21 MODIFIED LIMIT AS SPECIFIED IN THE LETTER. WE ALSO SEEK
22 APPROVAL OF THE APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR '22-'23
23 AS SET FORTH IN THE BOARD LETTER. ITEM 4B IS A RECOMMENDATION
24 THAT YOUR BOARD WOULD APPROVE IF THERE WERE REVISED FIGURES
25 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR '22-'23 FINAL CHANGES BUDGET. TO THE

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1 EXTENT THAT YOUR BOARD HAS ADOPTED THE FINAL CHANGES BUDGET
2 RECOMMENDATIONS UNDER ITEM 2B OF TODAY'S AGENDA, THERE IS NO
3 NEED TO TAKE ACTION ON ITEM 4B TODAY. LASTLY, ITEM 4C IS A
4 RECOMMENDATION THAT YOUR BOARD APPROVE NINE MISCELLANEOUS
5 ITEMS CONSISTING OF A SERIES OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY REQUESTS
6 PER FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO DEPARTMENTS THAT WE SEEN EACH YEAR TO
7 OPERATIONALIZE THE BUDGET. MORE SPECIFICALLY, ITEMS 1-4 AND 9
8 SEEK AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AND/OR APPROVE AGREEMENTS ON THE
9 TERMS SET FORTH IN THE BOARD LETTER. ITEM NUMBER 5 SEEKS
10 APPROVE OF BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING POLICIES. ITEM 6 AND 7 SEEK TO
11 DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO MY OFFICE TO APPROVE THE TRANSFERS OF
12 APPROPRIATION AS SET FORTH IN STATE BUDGET LAW. AND FINALLY,
13 ITEM NUMBER 8 SEEKS APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY TRANSFERS OF
14 POSITIONS AMONG DEPARTMENTS BASED ON THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH
15 IN THIS LETTER. THIS CONCLUDES THE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ITEM
16 NUMBER 4, AND SO ITEM 4A AND ITEM 4C ARE BEFORE YOU.

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18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT
19 CLARIFICATION. ANY QUESTIONS OR REMARKS ON ITEMS 4A AND 4C
20 FROM MY COLLEAGUES?

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22 **SUP. HAHN:** MADAM CHAIR, SO WE AREN'T VOTING ON 4B.

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

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY.

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3 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** CORRECT, THAT WAS THE CLARIFICATION MADE
4 BY THE C.E.O. WE ARE ONLY TAKING UP ITEMS 4A AND 4C. SEEING NO
5 FURTHER QUESTIONS, ITEMS 4A AND 4C ARE BEFORE US. MOVED BY
6 SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. EXECUTIVE
7 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** 4A AND 4C ARE BEFORE YOU, SUPERVISOR
10 SOLIS.

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12 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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16 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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20 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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24 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

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

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9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IT IS MY
10 UNDERSTANDING THAT ITEM 5 WILL BE PRESENTED BY OUR AUDITOR
11 CONTROLLER. ARLENE BARRERA, ARE YOU WITH US?

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13 **ARLENE BARRERA:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS, ARLENE
14 BARRERA, AUDITOR CONTROLLER. ON APRIL 19TH, YOUR BOARD
15 APPROVED THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-'23 RECOMMENDED BUDGET. WE HAVE
16 UPDATED ALL THE ADJUSTMENTS YOUR BOARD APPROVED IN YOUR
17 DISCUSSION EARLIER TODAY, AND THE FISCAL YEAR '22-'23 FINAL
18 BUDGET IS BALANCED AND IS NOW READY FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

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20 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** MS. BARRERA, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ARE
21 THERE QUESTIONS MEMBERS HAVE OF ITEM 5? SEEING NONE, ITEM 5 IS
22 BEFORE US. MOVED BY MITCHELL, SECONDED BY KUEHL. EXECUTIVE
23 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

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2 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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6 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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10 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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14 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

17 MITCHELL.

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

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

22 5-0.

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24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU ALL. HAPPY MONDAY. THIS

25 CONCLUDES TODAY'S MEETING. OUR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULE MEETING

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1 OF THE BOARD WILL BE HELD TOMORROW, TUESDAY JUNE 28TH, 2022 AT
2 9:30 A.M. THE SPECIAL MEETING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR '22-'23
3 BUDGET DELIBERATION IS ADJOURNED. THANKS. THANK YOU ALL.

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5 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E..O.:** THANK YOU.

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13 related to any party to the said action; nor
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

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