



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON

2 TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2022 ON PAGE 280]

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5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING AND HAPPY TUESDAY MORNING.
6 WELCOME TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE L.A. COUNTY
7 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND TODAY IS JUNE 28TH, 2022. WE'LL TAKE
8 ROLL TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE. WE'LL BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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10 **SUP. SOLIS:** GOOD MORNING.

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

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14 **SUP. KUEHL:** GOOD MORNING. I'M HERE.

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

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18 **SUP. HAHN:** HERE.

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

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22 **SUP. BARGER:** HERE.

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24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** FESIA DAVENPORT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE
25 OFFICER?

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

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** DAWN HARRISON, ACTING COUNTY COUNSEL?

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6 **ATTORNEY:** PRESENT

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8 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** CELIA ZAVALA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE
9 BOARD.

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

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13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. SUPERVISOR KUEHL
14 WOULD YOU DO US THE HONOR BY LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF
15 ALLEGIANCE? SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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17 **SUP. KUEHL:** I'D BE HONORED. STAND IF YOU'RE ABLE, AND PLACE
18 YOUR HAND OVER YOUR HEART, AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF
19 ALLEGIANCE. I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG TO THE UNITED
20 STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE
21 NATION UNDER GOD INDIVISIBLE WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.
22 DID YOU SAY SOME DAY, SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SHE DID.

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** ME TOO. SEEMS VERY SALIENT THESE DAYS, DOESN'T IT?

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3 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, WE'LL
4 TAKE TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENTS SEPARATELY FOR REGULAR AGENDA
5 ITEMS AND FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS DURING TODAY'S MEETING.
6 THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD RECEIVED OVER 150 WRITTEN
7 COMMENTS FOR TODAY'S MEETING, AND AS THOSE WRITTEN COMMENTS
8 WERE RECEIVED, ALL OF THEM WERE AVAILABLE TO THE SUPERVISORS
9 FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION CONSISTENT WITH BROWN ACT
10 REQUIREMENTS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE WRITTEN PUBLIC
11 COMMENTS THROUGHOUT THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BE PART OF THE
12 OFFICIAL RECORD. AGAIN, A REMINDER TO THE PUBLIC, WE WILL BE
13 TAKING COMMENTS SEPARATELY FOR REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS AND FOR
14 THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU PLEASE
15 CALL THE AGENDA.

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17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
18 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 2, SET MATTER.
19 SET MATTER 1 IS A REPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND
20 APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT HEADS AS NECESSARY ON THE STATUS OF THE
21 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING AND CONSIDERATIONS OF NECESSARY
22 ACTION. SET MATTER 2, A DISCUSSION IN CONSIDERATION OF
23 NECESSARY ACTION ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER RELATED TO COVID-
24 19 AND THE STATUS OF THE COVID-19 VACCINE. THESE ITEMS WILL BE
25 HELD FOR DISCUSSION. ON PAGE 3, PUBLIC HEARINGS ITEMS 3-9. ON

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1 ITEM 6, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE
2 CONTINUED TO JULY 12, 2022. ITEM 7 IS BEING CONTINUED TO JULY
3 26, 2022 TO MEET LEGAL REQUIREMENTS. ITEM 9 IS BEING TAKEN OFF
4 CALENDAR DUE TO THE THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE APPEAL. ITEMS 3, 4,
5 5, AND 8 WILL BE HELD FOR HEARINGS. ON PAGE 8, CONSENT
6 CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 10-24. ON ITEM 12, THIS
7 INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
8 ALSO SUPERVISOR HAHN WOULD LIKE TO REVISE DIRECTIVE NUMBER 2
9 TO REPLACE "EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 31ST, 2022 OR SOONER" WITH "ONCE
10 THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROCESS IS COMPLETED." ON ITEM 16,
11 SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 17,
12 SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD, ALSO THIS
13 INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
14 ON ITEM 18, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
15 HELD. ALSO THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE
16 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 19, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS
17 THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED TO BACK TO OUR OFFICE AS INDICATED
18 ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ALSO SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS
19 ITEM AMENDMENT TO ITEM 19 BE REFERRED TO BACK TO HER OFFICE.
20 ON ITEM 20, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.
21 THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 58 AND 59. ALSO THIS INCLUDES A
22 REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEMS 21
23 AND 22, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD.
24 ON PAGE 27, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 25-73. ON ITEM 25,
25 THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION. ON ITEM 40, THIS

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1 INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
2 ON ITEM 56, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
3 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JULY 12, 2022. ON ITEM 58, SUPERVISOR
4 BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM RELATES TO
5 ITEMS 20 AND 59. ON ITEM 59, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT
6 THIS BE HELD. THIS RELATES TO ITEM 20 AND 58. ON ITEM 66,
7 SUPERVISOR BARGER WOULD LIKE HER VOTE TO BE RECORDED AS NO. ON
8 PAGE 57, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA,
9 WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING
10 AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 71C,
11 SUPERVISOR HAHN WOULD LIKE TO REVISE DIRECTIVE 1 TO THANK THE
12 LEGISLATURE FOR A APPROVING SENATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 10
13 AND REMOVE DIRECTIVE NUMBER 2. ON ITEM 71D, SUPERVISOR BARGER
14 AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL WOULD LIKE TO AMEND SUPERVISOR BARGER'S
15 MOTION TO REVISE THE FIRST REPORT BACK TO STATE "A SURVEY OF
16 CURRENT EVICTION PROTECTION IMPLEMENTED NATIONWIDE, INCLUDING
17 COMPARING THE IMPACTS OF THOSE EVICTION PROTECTIONS TO THAT OF
18 OUR COUNTY" AND INCLUDE THE DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS
19 AFFAIRS AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE
20 TO THE SECOND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN 30 DAYS, ALSO REVISE
21 DIRECTIVE NUMBER 2 TO STATE RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHETHER THE
22 BOARD SHOULD CONSIDER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN EARLIER PHASE
23 OUT PLAN OF THE COUNTY'S TENANT PROTECTIONS. ON PAGE 58,
24 ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTIONS, ITEM 74-76. ON PAGE 60, SEPARATE
25 MATTERS, ITEMS 77-79. ITEM 77 IS A RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT

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1 LAURA TREJO TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE AGING AND DISABILITIES
2 DEPARTMENT AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$265,500 EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
3 2022. ITEM 78 IS A RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT KELLY LOBIANCO TO
4 THE POSITION OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC
5 OPPORTUNITY AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$234,000 EFFECTIVE JULY
6 1ST, 2022. ITEM 79 IS A RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT VINCENT
7 HOLMES TO THE POSITION OF INTERIM DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT
8 OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AT AN ANNUAL SALARY \$207,758.70 EFFECTIVE
9 JULY 1ST, 2022. ON PAGE 61, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA, THIS IS
10 AGENDA FOR THE SANITATION DISTRICT NUMBER 27 AND THE NEWHALL
11 RANCH SANITATION DISTRICT. ON PAGE, 62 THIS IS AGENDA FOR LOS
12 ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ON PAGE 63, THIS IS
13 AGENDA FOR THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. THE
14 REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES, REFERRED BACKS, AND ITEMS TAKEN OFF
15 CALENDAR THROUGH 1P ARE BEFORE YOU.

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17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
18 HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS.
19 AND SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

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21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** N PAGE 64, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION. THAT
22 COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA, MADAM CHAIR.

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24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL NOW TAKE PUBLIC
25 COMMENTS FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS EXCLUDING PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

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1 3-9. AGAIN, IN THIS IS THE TIME FOR THE PUBLIC TO MAKE COMMENT
2 ON ALL AGENDA ITEMS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS
3 3-9. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ IN THE CALL IN INFORMATION
4 THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING
5 RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE CALLING IN TODAY
6 TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

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8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE
9 PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT SHALL CALL 877-226-8163
10 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 1336503. TO REPEAT, PLEASE
11 CALL 877-226-8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 1336503. DO
12 NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO THE
13 MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY PLEASE CALL 877-873-8017 AND FOLLOW
14 THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING IN, WHEN
15 IT'S YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND WHICH
16 AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. WE'LL ALLOCATE 90 MINUTES
17 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL THE REGULAR ITEMS, EXCLUDING PUBLIC
18 HEARING ITEMS 3-9, WHICH WILL HAVE A SEPARATE CALL IN NUMBER
19 AND WILL BE HEARD AT APPROXIMATELY 11:15 A.M. FOR ALL REGULAR
20 ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, YOU'LL HAVE ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK ON ONE
21 AGENDA ITEM OR TWO MINUTES TO SPEAK ON TWO OR MORE AGENDA
22 ITEMS. IN ADDITION, THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
23 WITH GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED ONE ADDITIONAL
24 MINUTE FOR A MAXIMUM TOTAL OF UP TO 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER.
25 WE'LL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENT THAT COME IN

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1 DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PARTED OF THE RECORD.
2 WHEN SPEAKING ON THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS, YOU MUST BE ON
3 TOPIC. OUR GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE CAN.
4 IF YOU'RE NOT SPEAKING ON TOPIC, OR IF WE CANNOT TELL IF
5 YOU'RE SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM, YOU'LL GET ONE WARNING FROM
6 COUNTY COUNSEL OR THE CHAIR. IF YOU DO NOT IMMEDIATELY OR
7 CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC OR STRAY OFF TOPIC AGAIN, YOU'LL FORFEIT
8 THE REST OF YOUR TIME, AND THE CHAIR WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT
9 SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU'RE ALSO LISTENING TO THE
10 BOARD MEETING ON A COMPUTER ARE OR SPEAKERPHONE, YOU WILL NEED
11 TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON THOSE DEVICES AS SOON AS THE
12 MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU. IF YOU DO NOT TURN DOWN THE VOLUME,
13 THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST
14 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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16 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS CYNTHIA SAFFRON. PLEASE
17 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
18 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
19 BEGIN.

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21 **CYNTHIA SAFFRON:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS AS STATED IS CYNTHIA
22 SAFFRON. I'LL BE SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I THINK
23 THAT'S ITEM NUMBER 80. I'M A VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY ORGANIZER
24 COMMITTED TO HELPING THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES PREPARE FOR AND
25 SURVIVE A MAJOR DISASTER, WHICH IN LOS ANGELES COULD BE A

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1 WILDFIRE, A FLOOD, MUDSLIDE, EXTRAORDINARY HEAT WAVES AND
2 DROUGHTS, AND OF COURSE MAJOR EARTHQUAKES. I'M PART OF A TEAM
3 OF 5 VOLUNTEERS THAT IS ORGANIZING OUR 4TH SAFETY AND
4 PREPAREDNESS IS FAIR TOGETHER WITH PARTICIPATION OF KEY CITY
5 AND COUNTY AGENCIES AS WELL AS OTHER IMPORTANT ORGANIZATIONS.
6 AT THE URGING OF L.A. FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF, JOHN IGANTSIK, WE
7 ARE GROWING OUR 4TH SAFETY FAIR TO A CITYWIDE LEVEL. WHILE
8 PLANNING THIS EVENT, WE LEARNED THAT THE VALLEY PREPAREDNESS
9 FAIR, WHICH YOU MIGHT BE FAMILIAR WITH, WILL NOT --

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11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** EXCUSE ME, YOU'RE TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE
12 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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14 **CYNTHIA SAFFRON:** WAIT, I THOUGHT I HAD 2 MINUTES.

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

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21 **JOSE OSUNA:** HI. I'LL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM 22 AND GENERAL PUBLIC
22 COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JOSE
23 OSUNA. I SERVE AS HOUSING JUSTICE MANAGER FOR BRILLIANT
24 CORNERS. WE'RE A STATEWIDE HOUSING ORGANIZATION. I'M ALSO THE
25 CO-CHAIR FOR THE LONG BEACH REENTRY ADVISORY COUNCIL, MEMBER

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1 OF THE LOS ANGELES REENTRY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM, AND I'M THE
2 4TH DISTRICT APPOINTEE FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT TEAM
3 AS APPOINTED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR
4 MITCHELL FOR PRESENTING THIS MOTION THAT WOULD ACTUALLY WOULD
5 FORCE THE COUNTY INTO ACTION ON THE PROMISES IT'S BEEN MAKING
6 FOR YEARS. THESE 500 BEDS THAT WOULD BRING O.D.R.'S CAPACITY
7 TO 2700 BEDS ARE A GOOD START TO WHERE L.A. COUNTY ACTUALLY
8 NEEDS TO BE. THIS MOTION IS THE TYPE OF MOTION THAT IS IN LINE
9 WITH THE CARE FIRST/JAILS LAST NARRATIVE THAT THE BOARD OF
10 SUPERVISORS HAS BEEN PUSHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY FOR SEVERAL
11 YEARS NOW. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NEEDS TO CONTINUE
12 INVESTING IN O.D.R. O.D.R. HAS BEEN AND, IF ALLOWED TO, WILL
13 CONTINUE TO WORK WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE
14 THE CAPACITY TO BRING THESE ADDITIONAL BEDS ONLINE FOR L.A.
15 COUNTY. WE MUST NOT REGRESS AS A COUNTY IN HOW WE ADDRESS THE
16 INTERCONNECTED ISSUES OF REENTRY AND HOMELESSNESS. WE MUST
17 NOT DEVIATE FROM OUR FORWARD MOVEMENT, ESPECIALLY DURING THE
18 TIME WHERE SO MANY OF OUR VICTORIES FOR THE COMMUNITY ARE
19 UNDER ATTACK. AS A RESULT OF THIS, I RESPECTFULLY URGE THE
20 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO VOTE YES ON IN THIS MOTION PRESENTED
21 BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
24 PLEASE.

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DOUG FORBES. PLEASE STATE
2 THE REGULAR HE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
3 WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
4 BEGIN.

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6 **DOUG FORBES:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DOUG
7 FORBES, AND I'M SPEAKING ON ITEMS 48 AND 75 AND GENERAL PUBLIC
8 COMMENT. EXACTLY 3 YEARS AGO THIS MORNING MARKED THE END OF MY
9 LIFE AS I KNEW IT. MY LIFE WAS MY DAUGHTER ROXIE, WHO COULD
10 NOT HAVE BEEN A MORE PROFOUNDLY COMPASSIONATE SIX YEAR OLD.
11 I'M CONVINCED ROXIE AS A WOMAN WHO WOULD HAVE LEFT THE WORLD A
12 FAR, FAR BETTER PLACE THAN SHE FOUND IT, ESPECIALLY A WORLD
13 WHERE JUSTICE FOR WOMEN IS MORE THAN EVER A LINCHPIN OF OUR
14 VERY SURVIVAL. BUT ROXIE DID NOT SURVIVE. AN UNLICENSED,
15 UNREGULATED, AND REMORSELESS ALTADENA SUMMER CAMP CHOSE TO
16 SAVE A FEW THOUSAND DOLLARS ON LIFEGUARD TRAINING IN EXCHANGE
17 FOR ROXIE'S LIFE. THIS SUMMER CAMP HAS SINCE ADMITTED TO
18 BARBARIC ACTS KILLED HER. YET THIS SUMMER CAMP IS OPEN TODAY
19 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WITH CHILDREN IN ITS POOL. THREE MONTHS
20 AGO, MY BELOVED WIFE, ROXIE'S MOMMY, ELENA MATYAS, DIED.
21 ELENA'S DEPRESSION AFTER ROXIE'S KILLING WAS AGONIZING. HER
22 IMMUNE SYSTEM WAS BRUTALIZED, AND CANCER FOUND AN OPEN DOOR TO
23 END HER LIFE IN OUR BEDROOM AT 11:30 P.M. ON MARCH 4TH AS WE
24 HELD HANDS. TWO WEEKS AGO, MY BELOVED MOTHER, CAROL FORBES,
25 ROXIE'S GRANDMA WHOM ROXIE ADORED TO THE ENDS OF THIS EARTH,

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1 DIED. CAROL ALSO NEVER RECOVERED FROM ROXIE'S DROWNING DEATH,
2 AND CANCER ENDED HER LIFE IN HER LIVING ROOM AT 3:00 P.M ON
3 JUNE 15TH AS WE HELD HANDS. FOR 3 YEARS, I HAVE EXPLAINED TO
4 COUNTLESS STAKEHOLDERS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, IN SACRAMENTO,
5 IN FORUMS NATIONWIDE THAT CHILDREN ARE SUFFERING AT EPIDEMIC
6 LEVELS FROM PREVENTABLE DROWNING AND CAMP HARM. SUCH HARM HAS
7 COLOSSAL RIPPLE EFFECTS COURsing THROUGH COUNTLESS LIVING
8 ROOMS COAST TO COAST. FRANKLY, I TOO TEETER ON THE EDGE OF THE
9 PRECIPICE. TODAY IS THE DAY, HOWEVER, WHEN LOS ANGELES COUNTY
10 CAN BEGIN TO QUELL THOSE RIPPLES, TO END WHAT HAS BEEN
11 CONVENIENT IN EXCHANGE FOR WHAT IS RIGHT. ROXIE AND ELENA IN
12 ARE WHAT WAS RIGHT IN WORLD. HONORING THEM IS HONORING GIRLS
13 AND WOMEN, AND IN DOING SO, ALSO PROTECTING BOYS AND MEN,
14 SINCE MALES ACCOUNT FOR 80% OF DROWNING DEATHS. I THANK YOU,
15 AND MEOW MEOW FOUNDATION THANKS YOU FOR YOUR AYE VOTE ON AND
16 YOUR ENFORCEMENT OF ROXIE'S SWIM SAFE ORDINANCE AS IT PROTECTS
17 MILLIONS OF OUR PRECIOUS CITIZENS, ESPECIALLY THE MOST
18 VULNERABLE AMONG US. THANK YOU.

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20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
21 PLEASE.

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23 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ISAAC BRIAN. PLEASE STATE
24 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
25 YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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2 **ISAAC BRIAN:** THANK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IT'S
3 ASSEMBLYMEMBER ISAAC BRIAN SPEAKING ON ITEM 22. FOR THE BETTER
4 PART OF A DECADE, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY
5 TO BUILD UP AND IMPLEMENT A CARE FIRST VISION. L.A. COUNTY HAS
6 LED THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND I WOULD DARE TO SAY THE REST
7 OF THE COUNTRY. IN THIS MOMENT, THIS MOTION COULDN'T BE MORE
8 TIMELY. THERE ARE OVER 5,000 PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY JAIL RIGHT
9 NOW WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS. O.D.R. HAS SHOWN TO
10 BE EFFECTIVE AS A DIVERSION STRATEGY AND PATHWAY OF EXPANDING
11 COMMUNITY FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR COUNTY. I WANT TO
12 THANK THE BOARD FOR ITS LEADERSHIP AND ESPECIALLY CHAIR, AND I
13 HOPE THIS MOTION CONTINUES TO MOVE FORWARD TODAY.

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15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
16 PLEASE.

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18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BRETT NEAL. PLEASE STATE
19 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
20 YOU'RE ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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22 **BRETT NEAL:** YES, ITEM 20 AS IT RELATES TO ITEM 58 AND 59 AND
23 THEN GENERAL COMMENTS. MY NAME IS BRETT NEAL. I'M THE
24 ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY UNION HIGH
25 SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND I SPEAK IN FAVOR OF ALLOWING OUR

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1 DISTRICTS TO CONTINUE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LOS ANGELES
2 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE HAD A LONGSTANDING RELATIONSHIP
3 WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND WANT TO CONTINUE THAT TO
4 PROVIDE SECURITY AND SAFETY TO OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF ON OUR
5 CAMPUS. I APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AND
6 WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE THIS
7 RELATIONSHIP IN THE FUTURE AND LOOK FORWARD TO THAT
8 OPPORTUNITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
11 PLEASE.

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

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18 **GILBERT WRIGHT:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS GILBERT
19 WRIGHT. I'M A DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, HAVE BEEN SO FOR OVER
20 33 YEARS, AND I'M WITH THE L.A. D.A.'S OFFICE. AND I'M
21 CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO OUR MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION AS ITS HEAD
22 DEPUTY AND HAVE BEEN SO ASSIGNED SINCE 2019. I'M SPEAKING ON
23 ITEM 22 FOR GENERAL COMMENT. I APOLOGIZE. AS YOU MAY OR MAY
24 NOT KNOW, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY HAS SUBMITTED A LETTER URGING
25 SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION AND WANTED IT STRESSED THAT, SINCE

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1 2016, THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY HAS CONSISTENTLY
2 IDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM WHO ARE
3 LIVING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS AND THAT WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE
4 O.D.R. SERVICES. IN THE INTERIM, O.D.R. HAS CHANGED THE
5 PARADIGM ON HOW WE, IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, LOOK AT
6 AND ADDRESS THOSE LIVING WITH A MENTAL HEALTH NEED. O.D.R.
7 PROVIDES A MUCH NEEDED OPTION AND IS AN ALTERNATIVE TO
8 INCARCERATION THAT OUR JUSTICE PARTNERS DEFINITELY WILL USE
9 AND NEED. WHAT WE AND THE PROSECUTORS HAVE LIKED ABOUT O.D.R.
10 IS THAT IT UNDERSTANDS THAT PROVIDING SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS
11 FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIFE IS EXCEEDINGLY IMPORTANT. THAT IS A
12 GAME CHANGER. WE ALL KNOW THAT SIMPLY BECAUSE A PROBATION TERM
13 HAS ENDED, THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT ONE'S MENTAL HEALTH
14 CHALLENGES END. AND LASTLY, O.D.R.'S APPEARANCE ON THE SCENE
15 IN 2016 WAS MET WITH APPREHENSION BY MANY OF US IN THE
16 PROSECUTORIAL OFFICE, IN OUR PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE, BUT WE HAVE
17 COME TO RELY ON O.D.R.'S PRESENCE AS NEWS OF O.D.R.'S SUCCESS
18 IN TREATING THOSE LIVING WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS HAS SPREAD.
19 [INDISCERNIBLE] CURRENT CLOSER HAS MADE PROSECUTORS COMING UP
20 TO ME ASKING WHEN WILL IT OPEN. SO, I WOULD HUMBLY STATE THAT
21 INCREASING O.D.R.'S BED CAPACITY SHOULD BE AMONG THE HIGHEST
22 PRIORITY OF THE BOARD. TO SAY THAT WE SUPPORT THIS MOTION IS
23 AN UNDERSTATEMENT. WE THAT TOIL IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM
24 ON THE FRONTLINE, WE WANT THESE BEDS YESTERDAY. THANK YOU FOR
25 YOUR TIME.

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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
3 PLEASE.

4

5 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANTHONY ARAINAS. PLEASE
6 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
7 WHETHER YOU'RE ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

8

9 **ANTHONY ARAINAS:** HI. MY NAME IS ANTHONY ARAINAS. CAN YOU HEAR
10 ME?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** YES, WE CAN.

13

14 **ANTHONY ARAINAS:** HI, MY NAME IS ANTHONY ARAINAS. I'D LIKE TO
15 SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS 21, 22, AND GENERAL COMMENT. FOR 21, WE
16 KNOW THAT A LACK OF PAID FAMILY LEAVE DISPROPORTIONATELY HARMS
17 LOW INCOME FAMILIES FORCING THEM TO CHOOSE BETWEEN SURVIVAL
18 AND HAVING CHILDREN. UNPAID OR PARTIALLY FAMILY LEAVE FORCES
19 LOW WAGE WORKERS TO SURVIVE BELOW THE POVERTY LINE WHEN
20 CHILDCARE EXPENSES LEAVE THEM MORE FINANCIALLY BURDENED THAN
21 EVER. L.A. NEEDS TO IMPLEMENT 100% PAID FAMILY LEAVE FOR ALL
22 PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS WITH A PARTICULAR FOCUS ON EXPANDING
23 ACCESS ON LOW INCOME FAMILIES AND WORKERS OF COLOR, WHO FACE
24 UNEQUAL ACCESS TO FAMILY LEAVE PROTECTIONS. WITHOUT ACCESS TO
25 FULLY PAID FAMILY LEAVE, THE COUNTY MAKES IT NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE

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1 TO ADEQUATELY CARE FOR CHILDREN, RESERVING CHILDCARE AND
2 FAMILY LIFE FOR THE WEALTHY WHILE LOW INCOME FAMILIES SUFFER.
3 FOR AGENDA ITEM 22, WE KNOW THERE IS A CRISIS IN OUR JAILS.
4 THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY IS L.A. COUNTY'S MOST
5 SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM WHEN IT COMES TO DIVERTING PEOPLE OUT OF
6 JAIL AND PROVIDING SUPPORTIVE SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE
7 DIVERSION PROCESS AND BEYOND. IN THE LAST 6 YEARS, O.D.R.'S
8 HOUSING PROGRAM HAS SUCCESSFULLY DIVERTED MORE THAN 3700
9 PEOPLE. I WAS EXCITED TO LEARN ABOUT THE MOTION TO EXPAND
10 O.D.R. IT'S LONG OVERDUE. THERE IS A CRISIS IN OUR JAILS RIGHT
11 NOW, AND THE YEAR TIMELINE FOR 500 BEDS TIMELINE IS
12 CONCERNING. THIS MOTION IS NECESSARY AND IMPORTANT, AND ITS
13 PASSAGE WILL ENSURE THAT THE BOARD CONTINUES TO MOVE TOWARDS A
14 CARE FIRST STRUCTURE. AND FINALLY, FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT,
15 I JUST WANT TO REITERATE HOW INCARCERATION DESTROYS MENTAL
16 HEALTH. THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL CLOSURE REPORT CALLS FOR
17 ALLOCATING \$237 MILLION TO FUND 3600 MENTAL HEALTH BEDS
18 IMMEDIATELY SO SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS COULD SCALE UP AND SUPPORT
19 RELEASES FROM JAILS. THE BOARD HAS HEARD THIS CALL TO FIND NEW
20 TREATMENT BEDS REPEATEDLY. COUNTY WORKGROUP AFTER WORKGROUP
21 HAS MADE THIS NEED CLEAR AND PLAIN, YET THE BOARD HAS REFUSED
22 TO ALLOCATE THE MONEY. WHILE THE BOARD DRAGS ITS FEET,
23 VULNERABLE PEOPLE ARE DETERIORATING IN JAIL AND COMING HOME IN
24 WORSE CONDITION. EVEN THE DIRECTOR OF CORRECTIONAL HEALTH
25 SERVICES HAS SAID THAT THESE JAILS ARE NOT THE APPROPRIATE

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1 PLACE TO TREAT FOLKS STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL HEALTH. THIS IS
2 THE OPPOSITE OF CARE FIRST/JAIL LAST APPROACH. IF THE BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS WON'T LISTEN TO THE WORKGROUPS THEY'VE CONVENED,
4 THE RECOMMENDATIONS THEY ASKED FOR, OR THE OFFICIALS THEY'VE
5 HIRED, OUR COMMUNITIES ARE HERE TO MAKE THEM LISTEN. THANK
6 YOU.

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
9 PLEASE.

10

11 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LILIANNA CORONADO. PLEASE
12 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
13 WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
14 BEGIN.

15

16 **LILIANNA CORONADO:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LILIANNA CORONADO.
17 I'LL BE SPEAKING ON ITEMS 48 AND 75. FIRST, I JUST WANTED TO
18 THANK THE BOARD, AND ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR TAKING
19 UP THESE MOTIONS AND THIS ISSUE. I'M A MOTHER OF TWO YOUNG
20 CHILDREN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. MY CHILD WENT TO SCHOOL WITH
21 ROXIE FORBES, WHO IS THE INSPIRATION FOR THESE MOTIONS. THE
22 ISSUE OF CAMP SAFETY AND WATER SAFETY IS A VERY PERSONAL ISSUE
23 TO ME, BUT IT'S ALSO A COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUE. AND TODAY, AS
24 MR. FORBES SPOKE EARLIER, IS THE 3 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF ROXIE'S
25 PASSING, OF ROXIE'S DROWNING. SO IT'S SUCH AN IMPORTANT DAY

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1 FOR ALL OF US IN THE COMMUNITY WHO KNEW AND LOVED HER BUT ALSO
2 FOR PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN EVERYWHERE. WE URGE THE BOARD TO
3 TAKE UP THESE MOTIONS AND PASS THE MOTIONS SO THAT WE CAN DO
4 EVERYTHING TO ENSURE THAT ANOTHER CHILD AND ANOTHER FAMILY IS
5 NOT DEVASTATED BY CAMP NEGLIGENCE AND DROWNING ISSUES. THANK
6 YOU FOR ALL THE WORK, ESPECIALLY THE STAFF. I KNOW YOU WORKED
7 TIRELESSLY ON THESE, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE
8 COUNTY TO FAITHFULLY IMPLEMENT THEM AND KEEP ALL OF OUR
9 CHILDREN SAFE. ONE ISSUE THAT I THINK IS IMPORTANT TO JUST
10 TAKE UP AS I FINISH IS THAT CHILDREN OF COLOR DROWN AT HIGHER
11 RATES THAN WHITE CHILDREN, THAT THERE'S AN EQUITY ISSUE THERE,
12 AND ACCESS TO SWIM LESSON ISSUE, THAT I THINK L.A. COUNTY IS
13 LEADING THE WAY FOR CALIFORNIA IN THIS RESPECT IN TERMS OF
14 THESE MOTIONS. I THINK IT'S VERY FITTING THIS COUNTY WOULD DO
15 SO, AND I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK ON THIS AND
16 LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING IT IMPLEMENTED.

17
18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
19 PLEASE.

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

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1 **MICHELLE KING:** GOOD MORNING. I'M SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF ITEMS
2 21, 22, OPPOSING 64, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** PLEASE CONTINUE.

5

6 **MICHELLE KING:** THANK YOU. ON ITEM 22, I WAS INTRIGUED TO
7 MOTION NOT TO EXPAND O.D.R., BUT 500 BEDS OVER A YEAR ISN'T
8 NEARLY ENOUGH. THIS IS A GOOD FIRST STEP, BUT WHAT IS ACTUALLY
9 NEEDED IS A ROBUST EXPANSION OF O.D.R. AND COMMUNITY-BASED
10 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. M.C.J. CLOSURE REPORT OUTLINES 3600
11 BEDS AS THE NUMBER NEEDED FOR EFFECTIVE DECARCERATION AND
12 M.C.J. CLOSURE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S MOTION ALSO IDENTIFIED
13 THE NEED FOR OVER 3,000 BEDS. THE BOARD SHOULD PASS THE MOTION
14 AS IT WAS ORIGINALLY WRITTEN AND REJECT ANY AMENDMENTS THAT
15 SHORTCHANGE THIS CRITICAL COUNTY DEPARTMENT. DEATHS INSIDE OF
16 L.A. COUNTY JAILS ARE AT RECORD LEVELS. WE NEED A FUNDING
17 COMMITMENT TODAY FROM THE BOARD. I THINK THE BOARD SHOULD STOP
18 SAYING YOU'RE ABOUT CARE FIRST WHEN YOU CONTINUE TO FUND THE
19 BLOATED L.A.S.D. BUDGET DESPITE ALL OF THE MISCONDUCT AND LACK
20 OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND CONTINUE TO UNDERFUND A VOTER MANDATE TO
21 INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITIES THROUGH AFFORDABLE HOUSING, GOOD
22 PAYING JOBS, AND MENTAL HEALTH. SPEAKING OF L.A.S.D., I'D BE
23 HEAVILY OPPOSED TO ITEM 64. DIDN'T YOU FUND A MILLION DOLLARS
24 FOR SOMETHING SIMILAR ON THE FEBRUARY 8TH AGENDA THIS YEAR?
25 THIS IS EXCESSIVE AND WOULD BE A WASTE OF COUNTY RESOURCES.

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1 THE BOARD MUST NOT APPROVE THESE REQUESTS. LET ME REMIND YOU
2 THAT IN JULY OF 2020, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO INCREASE
3 THE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR L.A.S.D., INCLUDING
4 REMOVING L.A.S.D. PATROLS FROM COUNTY PARKS IN OCTOBER 2020.
5 THAT SAME MONTH, THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION VOTED
6 UNANIMOUSLY TO DEMAND SHERIFF VILLANUEVA'S RESIGNATION. AND IN
7 MAY OF 2021, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO PROTECT SURVIVING
8 FAMILIES FROM RETALIATION AND HARASSMENT FROM BY SHERIFF'S
9 DEPARTMENT. THE BOARD IS WELL AWARE THAT WE NEED TO DIVERT
10 FUNDING OUT OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, RATHER THAN
11 EMBOLDENING THIS TOXIC DEPARTMENT WITH MORE FUNDING TO HARM
12 OUR COMMUNITIES. AND FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, IT'S BEEN OVER A YEAR
13 SINCE THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL CLOSURE REPORT. IT'S TIME FOR YOU
14 TO MAKE GOOD ON YOUR PROMISES. I URGE YOU TO COMMIT TO CLOSING
15 M.C.J. WITHOUT A REPLACEMENT BY MARCH OF 2023. HAVE THE BOARD
16 SET BENCHMARKS FOR CLOSURE. I URGE YOU TO FUND BEDS AND TRACK
17 PROGRESS BY ALLOCATING \$237 MILLION TO CREATE 3600 MENTAL
18 HEALTH BEDS BY MARCH OF 2023. AND I URGE YOU TO ESTABLISH AND
19 FULLY FUND AND INDEPENDENT PRETRIAL SERVICES AGENCY IN 3-6
20 MONTHS. THAT IS CARE FIRST. THANK YOU.

21
22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
23 PLEASE.

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

4

5 **MARK GALE:** THANK YOU. I WILL ADDRESS ITEM 22 AND GENERAL
6 PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS MARK GALE. I'M A CRIMINAL JUSTICE
7 CHAIR FOR N.A.M.I. GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE'RE THE
8 LARGEST LOCAL AFFILIATE OF THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL
9 ILLNESS. I'M ALSO ON THE PERMANENT STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE
10 OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY. I'VE WATCHED IT GROW, AND
11 I'VE WATCHED IT CREATE A NATIONALLY RENOWNED MODEL. BUT
12 O.D.R., FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES, HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR NEW
13 CLIENTS FOR MANY MONTHS. IF YOUR FAMILY MEMBER IS CURRENTLY IN
14 JAIL AND MIGHT BE ELIGIBLE FOR AN O.D.R. DIVERSION PROGRAM
15 THEIR CHANCES OF BECOMING A NEW O.D.R. CLIENT AND BEING PLACED
16 IN THE COMMUNITY ARE ALMOST ZERO RIGHT NOW. THEY HAVE BEEN
17 WAITING FOR MONTHS AND MONTHS AND MONTHS AND MONTHS. I KNOW
18 BECAUSE I TALK TO THEIR FAMILIES ALL THE TIME. IN FURTHER
19 EXAMINATION OF THE TIMELINES BEING PRESENTED BY ALL THE
20 MOTIONS FROM TWO WEEKS AND TODAY, WE CANNOT ACCEPT WAITING
21 ANOTHER YEAR UNTIL JULY 2023 JUST TO GET A PLAN. WHAT WE WANT
22 IS THOSE BEDS TO BE DEVELOPED AND FULLY OCCUPIED BY JULY '23,
23 AND 500 PEOPLE NEED TO BE OUT OF JAIL. WE HAVE ARGUED, ALONG
24 WITH THE MITCHELL ORIGINAL MOTION, FOR A LONG TERM ROAD MAP.
25 WE HAVE PARTNERED WITH ALL OF OUR OFFICES AND TALKED WITH ALL

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1 OF YOUR OFFICES. YOU HAVE GIVEN YOUR EXPLANATIONS FOR YOUR
2 POINTS OF VIEW, BUT THE TIME TO WAIT -- WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL
3 PLANS FROM THE SUPERVISORS AND STILL NOTHING HAPPENS. WE HAVE
4 SUBMITTED IDEAS ABOUT CO-MINGLING HOUSING MONEY ALONG WITH
5 TREATMENT AND CARE MONEY. AND BY THE WAY, THE DATA POINTS IN
6 THE MOTION, INCLUDING THE NEW ONE THAT I UNDERSTAND WAS JUST
7 ANNOUNCED, ARE ALL NEGATIVE. IF YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE DATA
8 POINTS THAT HIGHLIGHT HOW PEOPLE CAN FAIL, WE MUST ALSO DETAIL
9 THE IN MANY WAYS PEOPLE CAN SUCCEED. HOW MANY CLIENTS ARE
10 STILL I THEIR HOUSING AFTER 6, 12, AND 24 MONTHS? HOW MANY
11 CLIENTS STAY IN THE PROGRAM? HOW MANY CLIENTS GRADUATE THE
12 DIVERSION PROGRAM? HOW MANY CLIENTS NEVER RE-OFFEND AND RETURN
13 TO JAIL?

14
15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16
17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GEORGE FATHERY. PLEASE
18 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
19 WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
20 BEGIN.

21
22 **GEORGE FATHERY:** GOOD MORNING, I'M SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM
23 NUMBER 18 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS GEORGE
24 FATHERY. I'M A PARTNER AT THE SIDNEY AUSTIN LAW FIRM, AND FOR
25 THE PAST ALMOST 1.5 YEARS, I HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF

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1 REPRESENTING THE DESCENDANTS OF WILLA AND CHARLES BRUCE, WHICH
2 MY LAW FIRM HAS DONE ON A PRO BONO BASIS. I ADDRESS THE BOARD
3 THIS MORNING ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND ON BEHALF OF MY CLIENTS
4 TO EXPRESS OUR SUPPORT FOR COMPLETING THE RETURN OF BRUCE'S
5 BEACH TO THE LEGAL HEIRS OF CHARLES AND WILLA BRUCE
6 RESOLUTION. RETURNING THE BRUCE'S BEACH PROPERTY TO THE
7 DESCENDANTS OF WILLA AND CHARLES BRUCE IS NOT ONLY THE RIGHT
8 THING TO DO FOR MY CLIENTS, IT WILL FINALLY ALLOW THEIR FAMILY
9 TO HAVE SOME SENSE OF CLOSURE ON WHAT WAS A TRAGIC AND
10 DEVASTATING EVENT FOR THEIR ANCESTORS, BUT IT IS ALSO THE
11 RIGHT THING TO DO FOR ALL OF US. BY ACKNOWLEDGING OUR
12 GOVERNMENT'S PAST FAILURES, AND LIVING UP TO THE RIGHTS HELD
13 SACRED TO OUR DEMOCRACY, AND BY TAKING STEPS IN THE SPIRIT OF
14 RESPONSIBILITY AND RECONCILIATION, WE ADVANCE OUR COLLECTIVE
15 FAITH IN DEMOCRACY AND IN OUR GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONS. WE
16 BOTH STRENGTHEN AND HEAL. I WANT TO THANK AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE
17 COUNTY LEADERSHIP AND STAFF WHO HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY TO GET
18 US TO THIS POINT TODAY. WE THANK SUPERVISORS HAHN AND
19 MITCHELL, ALL THE SUPERVISORS, AND, IN PARTICULAR, THOMAS
20 FAUGHNAN AND DR. D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA, AND THE RESPECTIVE TEAMS,
21 WHO APPROACHED THIS WORK WITH THOUGHTFULNESS, CARE, DILIGENCE,
22 CREATIVITY, AND ABOVE ALL, A COMMITMENT TO DOING THE RIGHT
23 THING. THE COUNTY AND ITS RESIDENTS ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE SUCH
24 CAPABLE AND COMMITTED PUBLIC SERVANTS DEDICATING THE TIME AND
25 TALENTS TO OUR MOST PRESSING ISSUES. I'M GRATEFUL FOR THEIR

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1 PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION IN HAVING NAVIGATED THIS
2 UNCHARTED PROCESS. AGAIN, I THANK THE BOARD FOR ITS LANDMARK
3 LEADERSHIP ON THIS MATTER AND ENCOURAGE THE SUPERVISORS TO
4 SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THIS IS THE FIRST
5 TIME A GOVERNMENT HAS RETURNED PROPERTY TO A BLACK FAMILY
6 AFTER ACKNOWLEDGING IT HAD BEEN IMPROPERLY TAKEN, AND WE'RE
7 HOPEFUL IT WILL NOT BE THE LAST. THANK YOU.

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
10 PLEASE.

11

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

15

16 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** OKAY, I'M ROY HUMPHREYS. I'M GOING TO SPEAKING
17 ON 22, 21, 17, GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, AND PLEASE TAKE THIS
18 TIMER CLOCK OFF THE SCREEN. THAT IS ESSENTIALLY AN
19 EMBARRASSMENT. OKAY, ON 22, YOU SAY DIVERSIONARY AND REENTRY,
20 SO WHAT I'VE HEARD THESE ESTEEMED INDIVIDUALS COMMENT ON, AND
21 IT'S CALLED SHOW ME THE MONEY, AND/OR WHICH PETER ARE YOU
22 GOING TO ROB TO PAY PAUL, THE PERENNIAL SITUATION. AND NUMBER
23 21, YOU SAY ESTABLISH A COUNTY FRAMEWORK, AND YOU SAY GENDER
24 EQUALITY. LIKE WE NEED TO BE WASTING OUR TIME ON THAT ISSUE.
25 THROWING THAT OUT THERE. HOW ABOUT THE OFFICE OF POMPOUS

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1 PONDERING ON THAT PARTICULAR ISSUE? AND POVERTY HAS BEEN AT
2 WAR SINCE 1965 DECLARED BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON. AND WHERE HAVE
3 WE GOTTEN ON THAT? AS YOU ALLOW POVERTY TO COME ACROSS OUR
4 SOUTHERN BORDER AND WITH YOUR SANCTUARY SITUATION, AND
5 ABSURDITY. AND THEN THE SKID ROW SITUATION, THERE FOR DECADES.
6 RACISM? NOW WE HAVE TO THROW IN THE RACE CARD. HOW ABOUT A
7 LITTLE MORE PONDERING ON THAT ONE? YOU'RE SO BEAUTIFUL ON THAT
8 SITUATION. AND TO THE TUNNEL DWELLERS OF ROWLAND HEIGHTS, I
9 WANT TO THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN. YOU'VE GOT A SHOUT OUT FOR RYAN
10 ROMO, WHO HAS BEEN DOING STELLAR WORK OVER THERE ON THE COUNTY
11 SIDE OF THE TUNNEL DWELLER SITUATION. AND YOU LADIES ARE THE
12 BEST. HOW ABOUT GETTING OUT THERE AND MODERNIZE OUR PORTS SO
13 THEY CAN BE THE BEST OF THE BEST? AND RYAN SERRANO, WHEN I
14 TALKED TO HIM OVER THE WEEKEND, TALKED ABOUT TRESPASS OVER
15 THERE ON THE TUNNEL DWELLERS. HOW ABOUT ENFORCING THE LAWS,
16 BOTH STATE, WHICH WOULD BE CAL-TRANS, AND THE COUNTY? HOW
17 ABOUT JUST DOING THE SIMPLE FUNDAMENTAL THINGS TO MAKE OUR
18 SOCIETY AS GOOD AS IT CAN POSSIBLY BE AND REALIZE LIMITS?
19 WHERE IS THE MONEY? THANK YOU.

20
21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
22 PLEASE.

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

4

5 **JET DOY:** MY NAME IS JET DOY, AND I'M CALLING IN SUPPORT OF
6 ITEM 17 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS.

7

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

9

10 **JET DOY:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR
11 SOLIS FOR INTRODUCING THIS IMPORTANT MOTION. HOMELESSNESS IS
12 THE CONFLUENCE OF MULTIPLE FAILED RACIST SYSTEMS. NOWHERE IS
13 THIS MORE APPARENT THAN IN SKID ROW. I SERVE AS CHIEF
14 ADVANCEMENT OFFICER FOR SKID ROW HOUSING TRUST, AND WE'RE
15 THRILLED TO SEE THE BOARD EXPLORING BOLD ACTION FOR OUR
16 COMMUNITY. THE TRUST WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1989 TO PRESERVE AND
17 REHABILITATE THE RAPIDLY DIMINISHING STOCK OF S.R.O. HOUSING
18 IN SKID ROW. AT THE TIME SKID ROW HOUSING TRUST WAS FOUNDED,
19 7500 UNITS OF SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY HOUSING HAD BEEN LOST IN
20 SKID ROW. IN 33 YEARS, WE REHABBED AND BUILT 2033 UNITS. THERE
21 IS SIMPLY NO WAY TO BUILD OUR WAY OUT OF THIS CRISIS. JUST AS
22 MANY PEOPLE HAVE RIGHTLY CHAMPIONED THE INVESTMENT IN NEW
23 HOMES AS ONE PART OF THE SOLUTION TO END HOMELESSNESS, WE MUST
24 ALSO INVEST IN PRESERVING OUR EXISTING STOCK OF AFFORDABLE
25 HOUSING. THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE LIVING IN SUBSTANDARD

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1 HOUSING IN SKID ROW. WITH OVER 4,000 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
2 HOMELESSNESS IN SKID ROW, THE BOARD NEEDS TO EXPLORE WAYS TO
3 BETTER ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS IN THE AREA. THE SHEER SIZE OF THE
4 UNHOUSED POPULATION IN SKID ROW PLACES EXTRAORDINARY PRESSURE
5 ON THE EXISTING HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE COMMUNITY.
6 TOGETHER WITH S.R.O. HOUSING CORPORATION, WE OPERATED OVER 80%
7 OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE COMMUNITY. OUR RESIDENTS AND
8 TEAM MEMBERS FACE CRITICAL VIOLENT INCIDENTS DAILY, AND DUE TO
9 DESPERATION AND LACK OF AVAILABLE SERVICES, WE REGULARLY HAVE
10 OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS BREAKING INTO BUILDINGS TO SEEK
11 SHELTER, USE BATHROOMS, OTHERWISE CONDUCT COMMERCE, MAKING OUR
12 COMMUNITIES, OUR RESIDENTS, AND OUR TEAM MEMBERS LESS SAFE
13 THAN THEY DESERVE TO BE. WE HOPE THE COUNTY WILL CONTINUE TO
14 WORK WITH PROVIDERS TO EXPLORE SOLUTIONS FOR THE 10-20% OF
15 RESIDENTS IN PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING WHO NEED A HIGHER
16 LEVEL OF CARE AND CONTINUE TO INVEST IN CAPABLE AND ASSISTED
17 LIVING SUPPORTS TO HELP MORE PEOPLE AGE IN PLACE.

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

21
22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVEN. PLEASE STATE
23 YOUR REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
24 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
25 BEGIN.

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1

2 **ERIC PREVEN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. I WILL ADDRESS SOME OF THE ITEMS
3 AS WELL AS A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. SO, THAT'S 3 MINUTES, AND
4 I'M GOING TO TRY TO PAY ATTENTION SO YOU DON'T SHORT CHANGE
5 ME. THANK YOU. SO, CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BOARD ON YET ANOTHER
6 JAM-PACKED AGENDA THAT MAKES A SMALL MOCKERY OF THE
7 PROCEEDINGS HERE, BUT I WANTED TO JUST ASK IF SOME OF THE
8 GREAT LEADERS COULD ARTICULATE WHY WE GO IN THE DIRECTION OF
9 SOLE-SOURCED CONTRACTS. ONE OF THE AMENDMENTS THAT THE
10 SUPERVISORS MADE TODAY WAS ABOUT MAKING SURE THAT THE R.F.P.,
11 THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL, WAS FAIR, AND WE WANT TO DO
12 SOMETHING ABOUT THAT. BUT FOR SO MANY CONTRACTS, MORE AND MORE
13 THAN I'VE EVER SEEN, AND I'M A LONG TIME BOARD WATCHER, I
14 WATCH THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS PART OF MY
15 FUNCTION, AND I NOTE THAT WE HAVE INCREASED THE NUMBER OF
16 SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACTS, AND WE HAVE TRIED TO MINIMIZE
17 COMPETITIVE BIDDING IN A WAY THAT I JUST THINK RESULTS IN BAD
18 STUFF. SO THAT'S ONE BIG, BIG CONCERN, AND MAYBE SOMEBODY
19 COULD ADDRESS WHY THEY FEEL IT'S OKAY TO USE LITTLE
20 EXEMPTIONS, WHICH ARE JUST NOT IN THE PUBLIC'S INTEREST.
21 THEREFORE, WHEN THERE IS A REAL -- LIKE ONE OF THEM TODAY DOES
22 SEEM LIKE AN APPROPRIATE SOLE-SOURCE KIND OF A DEAL. I JUST
23 THINK THAT CANCELING ALL YOUR MEETINGS HAS BEEN SO UPSETTING.
24 ON THE OTHER DAY, THERE WAS A METRO MEETING, AND SUPERVISOR
25 SOLIS WAS PRAISED WIDELY BY EVERYBODY FOR ALL THE WORK SHE'S

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1 DONE. AND IT'S BECAUSE SHE ALLOWS PEOPLE TO TALK AT THE
2 MEETING. I KNOW YOU'RE SAYING WELL, YOU'RE IN THE BIG SECTION
3 WHERE YOU'RE ALL TALKING. WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? THIS IS NOT
4 WELL ORGANIZED. THERE'S SO MANY ITEMS. EVERYBODY IS ALL OVER
5 THE MAP. I CARE ABOUT O.D.R., TRULY, OFFICE OF DIVERSION OF
6 REENTRY. I WAS A BIG ALLY OF EUNISSES HERNANDEZ, WHO BESTED
7 GIL CEDILLO. AND I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN, AS ARE YOU. BUT PEOPLE
8 WHO CONTRIBUTE CAN'T CONTRIBUTE MEANINGFULLY ON THAT POINT
9 WHEN THEY'RE FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY SOMETHING COMPLETELY
10 DIFFERENT. YOU KNOW, IT REMINDS ME OF BILL WHITAKER, THE GREAT
11 C.B.S. "60 MINUTES" GUY, WHO I MET THE OTHER NIGHT AT THE
12 SHERATON UNIVERSAL BECAUSE MY BROTHER AND I WON A L.A. PRESS
13 CLUB AWARD. WE WON FIRST PRIZE. THIS WAS A BIG DEAL FOR LITTLE
14 GUYS LIKE US IN THE POLITICAL COMMENTARY, AND IT WAS ABOUT AN
15 ARTICLE -- IT WAS FOR AN ARTICLE, RATHER, ABOUT HOW THE BOARD
16 HAS BEEN USING THE PANDEMIC AS A PRETEXT TO BLOCK OR MUFFLE
17 THE VOICES OF THE INCONVENIENT PUBLIC. THAT IS REALLY
18 SHAMEFUL, AND I KNOW THAT MOST OF YOU BELIEVE IN YOUR HEARTS
19 IT'S WRONG, BUT TOGETHER, YOU KIND OF AGREE TO BE IN A SCRUM
20 AND SAY LET'S JUST CUT THEM DOWN TO HALF. IT'S LIKE IT'S A BIG
21 JOKE. IT'S NOT A JOKE. IT'S NOT FUNNY. THIS IS A PART OF OUR
22 DEMOCRATIC PROCESS, AND AT A TIME WHEN SO MANY THINGS ARE
23 UNDER ATTACK IN OUR DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM, WHEN WITH OLIVIA
24 RODRIGO HAD IT RIGHT BY CALLING OUT AT HER CONCERT IN SCOTLAND

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1 THE FIVE SUPREME COURT JUSTICES BY NAME FOR THE HORRIBLE
2 ABDICATION --

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4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. MAY WE
5 HAVE THE NEXT 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'LL BE REMOVED FROM
10 THE QUEUE.

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WE'LL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH INTERPRETATION
13 OF THIS REMINDER. [INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN IN SPANISH]

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15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
16 PLEASE.

17

18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANNA ALICIA CARR. PLEASE
19 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
20 WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
21 BEGIN.

22

23 **ANNA ALICIA CARR:** GOOD MORNING, I'LL BE PROVIDING GENERAL
24 PUBLIC COMMENT.

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. PLEASE BEGIN.

2

3 **ANNA ALICIA CARR:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ANNA
4 ALICIA CARR, COMMUNITY ADVOCACY DIRECTOR WITH THE AMERICAN
5 HEART ASSOCIATION AND A MEMBER OF THE L.A. PRODUCERS
6 COALITION. BUILDING OFF THE COUNTY'S INITIAL INVESTMENT IN
7 MARKET MATCH, WE ARE ADVOCATING FOR A SECOND INVESTMENT IN
8 NUTRITION INCENTIVES. THIS ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT WILL INCREASE
9 THE ABILITY OF LOCAL CAL-FRESH PARTICIPANTS TO PURCHASE
10 HEALTHY FRUITS AND VEGETABLES AND ALLOW FOR THE EXPANSION OF
11 NUTRITION INCENTIVES, ENSURING INCREASED ACCESS TO FOOD FOR
12 RESIDENTS IN NEED. DEMAND FOR EXISTING NUTRITION INCENTIVE
13 PROGRAMS HAS RISEN SIGNIFICANTLY DUE TO INFLATION AND THE
14 ECONOMIC PRESSURES OF THE PANDEMIC. IN LIGHT OF INCREASING
15 DEMAND AND RISING PRICES, THE UPCOMING REDUCTIONS IN MONTHLY
16 CAL-FRESH BENEFITS AND OTHER PANDEMIC SAFETY NET PROGRAMS, A
17 SECOND \$6 MILLION INVESTMENT IN NUTRITION INCENTIVES USING
18 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN DOLLARS FUNDING IS NEEDED. THIS WILL
19 ENSURE THAT THOUSANDS OF --

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21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE
22 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23

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

4

5 **JESSIE RYANS:** GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM 25. THIS IS THE
6 SUBJECT OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY. I WOULD
7 LIKE TO ESTABLISH WITHIN LOS ANGELES A MUSEUM OF SALES AND
8 ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION AT THE CORNERS OF CRENSHAW AND
9 JEFFERSON BOULEVARDS IN LOS ANGELES CITY. THIS IS THE WEST
10 ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL AREA, AND I'VE BEEN TRYING TO
11 CONTACT THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL TO GET THEIR ENDORSEMENT OR
12 COMMENTS ON THE SUGGESTION, BUT I'VE NOT BEEN ABLE TO HAVE
13 THEM RESPOND TO MY INQUIRIES AS YET. I HAVE TALKED WITH MS.
14 KAREESHMA SHAMDASING AND SARAH TAYMAR FRANCS IN SUPERVISOR
15 MITCHELL'S OFFICE, AND THEY HAVE TRIED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH
16 THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL'S OFFICE, BUT APPARENTLY TO NO AVAIL
17 BECAUSE NO ONE HAS CONTACTED ME FROM THAT OFFICE. SO WHAT I'D
18 LIKE TO DO IS TO ESTABLISH A MUSEUM OF SALES AND
19 ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION WITH DISPLAYS AND EXHIBITS FROM
20 HOLLYWOOD AS WELL AS LOCAL SPORTS TEAMS AND AN EDUCATION
21 PACKAGE TO TEACH ENTREPRENEURSHIP, OR WHAT I CALL THE
22 ENTREPRENEURIAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, WITHIN THE MUSEUM. THANK
23 YOU VERY MUCH.

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
2 PLEASE.

3

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

8

9 **ALBERT AJERRET:** I'M IN SUPPORT OF THE ITEM 48 TO ESTABLISH
10 SAFETY STANDARDS FOR PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS, AN
11 ORDINANCE, AND ALSO ITEM 75. AS A MOTHER, AND I WAS ALSO ROXIE
12 FORBES' KINDERGARTEN TEACHER, I JUST FEEL SO STRONGLY ABOUT
13 THE IMPORTANCE OF SUPPORTING THESE MEASURES THAT WILL ENSURE
14 THE SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY -- FOR ALL OUR
15 COMMUNITY MEMBERS. I'M SAYING THIS WITH A VERY HEAVY HEART
16 CONSIDERING THAT TODAY IS THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF ROXIE'S
17 DROWNING, BUT IT IS SOMETHING THAT I'M JUST SHOCKED, AS A
18 MOTHER, AS A TEACHER OF SMALL CHILDREN, THAT TO LEARN THAT
19 THERE AREN'T MEASURES THAT HAVE BEEN PLACED ALREADY. IT'S JUST
20 INCREDIBLE THAT IT HAS TAKEN A TRAGEDY TO REALLY LEARN ALL THE
21 FACTS OF EVERYTHING THAT HAS BEEN GOING ON. AND SO, I STRONGLY
22 SUPPORT THIS, AND I APPRECIATE THE TIME, AND HAVE A GREAT DAY,
23 THANK YOU.

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
2 PLEASE.

3

4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS STEVEN ECHOR. PLEASE STATE
5 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
6 YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **STEVEN ECHOR:** STEVEN ECHOR, AND I'D LIKE TO COMMENT ON THE
9 MARKET MATCH FUNDING AND ALSO PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M 72 YEARS OF
10 AGE. I'M TOTALLY BLIND. I'M WITH AN ORGANIZATION CALLED HUNGER
11 ACTION L.A., AND I ALSO WORK WITH THE BRAILLE INSTITUTE IN THE
12 VISUAL DISABILITIES COMMUNITY HERE IN LOS ANGELES. I'M ALSO A
13 RECIPIENT OF MARKET MATCH FOR THE LAST SEVEN YEARS. THERE IS A
14 HIGH INCIDENCE OF DIABETES UNFORTUNATELY IN THE VISUAL
15 DISABILITIES COMMUNITY, AND SO HUNGER ACTION, WE HAVE A
16 PROGRAM CALLED BLIND AND LOW VISION HEALTHY EATING PROJECT UP
17 UNTIL THE PANDEMIC BEGAN, AND WE HOPE TO RESUME TAKING GROUPS
18 OF BLIND AND LOW VISION SHOPPERS TO DIFFERENT FARMER'S MARKETS
19 IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA. THIS IS ALSO A FIXED INCOME ISSUE
20 THAT MARKET MATCH HELPS US OFFER BETTER BUYING POWER FOR BLIND
21 AND LOW VISION SHOPPERS TO BE ABLE TO AFFORD HEALTHIER FOOD.
22 FARMERS MARKETS, AS YOU KNOW, CAN BE EXPENSIVE. AND SO, WE'RE
23 ASKING FOR THOSE FUNDS NOT ONLY TO BE CONTINUED BUT TO BE
24 INCREASED. AND THAT'S ALL THAT I HAVE TO SAY.

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
2 PLEASE.

3

4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JILL LUBIN. PLEASE STATE
5 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
6 YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **JILL LUBIN:** GOOD MORNING. I'M ADDRESSING AND IN SUPPORT OF
9 ITEM 17 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, NAME IS JILL
10 LUBIN, AND I'M A PROGRAM DIRECTOR AT J.W.C.H. WESLEY HEALTH
11 CENTERS. WE'RE AN F.Q.H.C., FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER,
12 HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WITH ROBUST PRIMARY CARE,
13 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES IN SKID ROW. THANK
14 YOU VERY MUCH TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BRINGING FORWARD THIS
15 VERY IMPORTANT MOTION, AND WE HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK
16 WITH THE SUPERVISOR CLOSELY OVER THE YEARS. I'M VERY PLEASED
17 THAT THE BOARD IS CONSIDERING A VALIANT ACTION FOR THE SKID
18 ROW COMMUNITY. WITH OVER 4,000 RESIDENTS IN SKID ROW, IT'S
19 IMPERATIVE THAT THE BOARD EXPLORE BETTER WAYS TO ADDRESS
20 HOMELESSNESS IN THE AREA. WE CLEARLY NEED MORE HOUSING,
21 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, AND GREATER ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE,
22 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR PEOPLE
23 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY
24 WITH THE COUNTY TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR TACKLING THE EPICENTER

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1 OF HOMELESSNESS IN L.A. COUNTY IN THE SKID ROW AREA OF LOS
2 ANGELES. THANK YOU.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
5 PLEASE.

6

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

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** PLEASE BEGIN. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT
12 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13

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

17

18 **TOYATA BUKES:** GOOD MORNING. I'M ADDRESSING ITEM 16 AND GENERAL
19 PUBLIC COMMENT. I, FIRST OF ALL, WOULD LIKE TO THANK
20 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND BARGER FOR PREPARING THIS MOTION. MY NAME
21 IS DR. DR. TOYATA BUKES. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF THE SEXUAL
22 ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM CENTER AT SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MEDICAL
23 CENTER. I'M REPRESENTING THE OTHER SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE
24 TEAM CENTERS IN L.A. COUNTY, AND I'M CALLING IN TODAY IN
25 SUPPORT OF MOTION 16. THESE SEXUAL ASSAULT EXAM EXAMS ARE

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1 ESSENTIAL FOR COLLECTING AND PRESERVING NECESSARY EVIDENCE
2 FOLLOWING A SEXUAL ASSAULT. WHEN ADMINISTERED BY A TRAINED
3 PROFESSIONAL IN A TIMELY MANNER, THEY PROVIDE SURVIVORS OF
4 SEXUAL ASSAULT WITH A FREE TOOLS THAT GIVES THEM TIME TO
5 DECIDE IF THEY WANT TO REPORT THE CRIME OR NOT. THESE EXAMS
6 ARE COMPLEX AND REQUIRE A LOT OF TRAINING, AND THEY ARE
7 REQUIRED BY PROFESSIONAL REGISTERED NURSES, NURSE
8 PRACTITIONERS, PHYSICIANS, AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS. THE
9 NURSES AND PHYSICIANS WHO ADMINISTER THESE EXAMS ARE NOT ONLY
10 ESSENTIAL FOR THE EXAMS THEMSELVES BUT ALSO PROVIDE CRITICAL
11 EVIDENCE AND TESTIMONY IN COURT. JUST YESTERDAY, I TESTIFIED
12 IN COURT AND WAS ASKED -- AND WAS TOLD I DID NOT HAVE TO
13 RETURN BECAUSE IT APPEARS THAT THE CASE SETTLED. BUT WITH THE
14 ONSET OF THE PANDEMIC AND RISING COSTS, IT HAS BEEN DIFFICULT
15 TO OFFER COMPETITIVE SALARIES TO RETAIN ESSENTIAL
16 PROFESSIONALS. SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND BARGER'S MOTION WILL HELP
17 ASSESS WHAT AN ADEQUATE FEE SHOULD BE ON THESE SEXUAL ASSAULT
18 EXAMS, AND I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE ABLE
19 TO SPEAK AND HEAR OUR WORDS, AND I WANT TO -- ON BEHALF OF ALL
20 THE S.A.R.T. CENTERS IN L.A. COUNTY, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU
21 FOR YOUR HELP BECAUSE WE NEED MORE MONEY TO PAY THESE
22 PROFESSIONALS FOR GETTING UP AT 2 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND
23 WORKING --

24

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

3

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

7

8 **ANTHONY BRUCE:** I'M GOING TO BE SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
9 18. MY NAME IS ANTHONY BRUCE, AND THIS IS GOING TO BE A PUBLIC
10 COMMENT. AND I JUST WANT TO VOTE IN FAVOR FOR THIS AGENDA ITEM
11 TO GIVE THE BRUCE'S THEIR LAND BACK, AND I DO WANT TO THANK
12 SUPERVISOR HAHN, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AND D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA AS
13 WELL. AND WE JUST WISH TO CONVEY -- I'M GOING TO CONVEY THE
14 THANKS AND GRATITUDE OF THE BRUCE FAMILY, AND I JUST WANT YOU
15 TO KNOW THAT WE ARE SO BLESSED TO HAVE YOU IN THE POSITION
16 THAT YOU ARE BOTH IN AND FOR ALSO MR. D'ARTAGNAN. WE THANK YOU
17 THANK YOU THANK YOU SO MUCH FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS. YOU
18 GUYS ARE JUST WOW. I MEAN AMAZING, AND WE LOVE YOU SO MUCH,
19 AND WE THANK YOU. GOD BLESS. BYE BYE.

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21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
22 PLEASE.

23

24 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PONFRILLOS. PLEASE
25 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND

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

3

4 **ERIC PONFRILLOS:** YES, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ERIC PONFRILLOS
5 CALLING ON BEHALF OF ASSEMBLYMEMBER AL MURATSUCHI FROM THE
6 66TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT ON AGENDA ITEM 18 AND GENERAL PUBLIC
7 COMMENT. ASSEMBLYMEMBER MURATSUCHI IS PROUD TO JOIN SUPERVISOR
8 MITCHELL AND SUPERVISOR HAHN, THE BRUCE FAMILY, AND THE
9 COMMUNITY IN SUPPORTING AGENDA ITEM 18, THE MOTION TO COMPLETE
10 THE RETURN OF BRUCE'S BEACH TO THE LEGAL HEIRS OF CHARLES AND
11 WILLA BRUCE. LAST YEAR, ASSEMBLYMEMBER MURATSUCHI AND THE
12 HONOR TO COAUTHOR SENATOR BRADFORD'S SENATE BILL 796 AND
13 SUPPORT SUPERVISOR HAHN'S SUBSEQUENT ACTION TO RETURN BRUCE'S
14 BEACH TO ITS RIGHTFUL OWNERS. IN SEPTEMBER OF 2021, THE
15 GOVERNOR SIGNED S.B.796 INTO LAW AT A HISTORIC BILL SIGNING
16 EVENT AT MANHATTAN BEACH THAT CORRECTED A GREAT INJUSTICE
17 COMMITTED TO THE BRUCE FAMILY ALMOST 100 YEARS AGO. THE LAWS,
18 MOTIONS, AND ACTIONS THAT POLICYMAKERS MAKE ARE MEASURES OF
19 JUSTICE TO THE DESCENDANTS OF THE BRUCE FAMILY, AND THEY
20 PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGE AND APOLOGIZE FOR THE ACTIONS TAKEN
21 AGAINST THEM IN 1924, WHICH WAS DRIVEN BY RACISM AND
22 INTIMIDATION. CHARLES AND WILLA BRUCE SHOULD NEVER HAVE LOST
23 THEIR PROPERTY, AND THE FAMILY DESERVES REPARATIONS. THIS LAND
24 THEY RIGHTFULLY OWNED BELONGS TO THEM AND OUR BLACK COMMUNITY
25 IN THE SOUTH BAY. THOUGH OUR CURRENT ACTIONS CANNOT FIX ALL

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1 THE HARM CAUSED TO THE BRUCE FAMILY AND OUR BLACK COMMUNITY IN
2 THE SOUTH BAY, LET IT BE A RECOGNITION AND SIMPLE FOR OUR
3 GREAT STATE THAT THE STRIVE AND FIGHT FOR RACIAL EQUALITY IN
4 OUR SOCIETY IS CONSTANT AND ONGOING. AGAIN, ON BEHALF OF THE
5 ASSEMBLYMEMBER AL MURATSUCHI, HE THANKS YOU, SUPERVISORS
6 MITCHELL AND HAHN, FOR FINALIZING THE STEPS FOR JUSTICE FOR
7 THE BRUCE FAMILY TODAY. THANK YOU.

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
10 PLEASE.

11

12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. PLEASE
13 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
14 WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT OF THE YOU
15 MAY BEGIN.

16

17 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS. THIS IS DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I GUESS WE'RE
19 STILL NOT REOPENING TO THE PUBLIC, SO IT MAKES IT MUCH MORE
20 EASY FOR YOU TO HAVE SOLE VENDOR CONTRACTS ONE AFTER ANOTHER.
21 IN FACT, THAT HAS NOT HAPPENED IN A LONG TIME. YOU KNOW,
22 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DUE TO A LOT OF MY COMPLAINTS, WOULD KILL
23 THOSE SOLE VENDOR CONTRACTS, BUT NOW ALMOST EVERY CONTRACT IS
24 SOLE VENDOR. ON ITEM 11, THANK YOU FOR SUPERVISOR BARGER TO
25 BRING THAT ISSUE OF LOOKING AT L.A.H.S.A. THINGS ARE NOT

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1 WORKING VERY WELL. LAST WEEK, WE HAD THREE DIFFERENT WOMEN
2 OUT, BUT REALLY WE ONLY HAD ONE. SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE
3 ABOUT THEM. AND 12 IS HAVING TO DO WITH THE PROTECTIVE
4 SERVICES FOR [INDISCERNIBLE] AND I JUST WANT TO ENSURE YOU
5 FOLLOW-UP AND REPORT WHAT'S HAPPENED. AND ON MY PUBLIC
6 COMMENT, REOPEN, REOPEN, REOPEN BECAUSE YOU CANNOT CONTINUE
7 THAT, AND I'M VERY CONCERNED THAT DR. FERRER BRINGS OPEN WHEN
8 YOU DON'T NEED TO BE BROUGHT UP. SO, ANYWAY, I WILL SEE YOU
9 NEXT WEEK. I HOPE TO SEE YOU VERY SOON. BYE.

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
12 PLEASE.

13

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

17

18 **ADAM RICE:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ADAM RICE. I
19 WILL BE ADDRESSING ITEM 17 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** PLEASE BEGIN.

22

23 **ADAM RICE:** THANK YOU. SO -- FOR THE LAST -- SINCE 2011, I HAVE
24 BEEN A HUMAN RIGHTS HOUSING ORGANIZER WITH THE LOS ANGELES
25 COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK IN SKID ROW. FOR THE LAST YEAR, I

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1 HAVE BEEN A COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER IN THE COVID RESPONSE TEAM
2 FOR HOUSING FOR HELP. OVER THE LAST YEAR, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO
3 MODEL THINGS THAT WE WERE TOLD WOULD NEVER WORK, HARM
4 REDUCTION SERVICES, LOW BARRIER ACCESS TO SUBOXONE TO HELP
5 PEOPLE GET OFF OPIOIDS, STREET MEDICINE TEAMS TO MAKE SURE
6 PEOPLE DON'T DIE BEFORE THEY GET INTO HOUSING. I AM FULLY IN
7 SUPPORT AND THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BRINGING FORTH THIS
8 MOTION. OUR MAIN CONCERN AT L.A. CAN IS THE TRUE COLLABORATIVE
9 NATURE OF IT. YOU KNOW, WE WE ARE IN THE CENTER OF SKID ROW,
10 WHICH, UNDER THE SAFER CITIES INITIATIVE, THE CITY OF LOS
11 ANGELES TURNED INTO AN APARTHEID STATE, WHICH IT REMAINS TO
12 THIS DAY. AND I AM GLAD THAT THIS IS COMING DOWN TO WORK ON
13 THE CENTER OF OUR CITY, THE LABORATORY FOR POLICING AND
14 HOMELESS POLICY ACROSS THE COUNTRY. WE ALSO, HOWEVER, NEED TO
15 ADDRESS THE 200,000, AND YES, 200,000 OTHER PEOPLE ON THE
16 STREETS OF THIS CITY. WE HAVE ENCAMPMENTS THAT STRETCH FOR
17 MILES IN THE VALLEY, IN LONG BEACH, ALL OVER THIS COUNTY. THIS
18 IS A GOOD FIRST STEP IN CREATING SOME SORT OF POLICY TO
19 ACTUALLY ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM BESIDES THE CARCERAL ONE, WHICH
20 HAS BEEN THE ANSWER IN THIS CITY FOR THE LAST 40 YEARS. THANK
21 YOU FOR BRIDGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO
22 WORKING WITH YOUR OFFICE, MA'AM. THAT'S IT.

23
24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
25 PLEASE.

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

6

7 **KATRINA THOMPSON:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I AM KATRINA
8 DELVIE THOMPSON, L.A. COUNTY REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR S.E.I.U.
9 LOCAL 721. WE ARE SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEMS 21 AND 26.
10 FIRST ITEM 26, WE URGE YOU TO APPROVE THE \$13,075 BONUS FOR
11 OUR EMPLOYEES WHO ARE REPRESENTED. WHILE IT WAS NEGOTIATED AS
12 A "SIGNING BONUS," IT HAS AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT PURPOSE. IT
13 WAS OFFERED AS A MECHANISM TO GET MUCH NEEDED FINANCIAL RELIEF
14 TO L.A. COUNTY EMPLOYEES, WHO HAVE BEEN SQUEEZED BY THE
15 EXTRAORDINARY AND HISTORIC INFLATION THAT CONTINUES TO PLAGUE
16 OUR ECONOMY AND PUT EXTRAORDINARY PRESSURE ON WORKING
17 FAMILIES. OUR MEMBERS TOLD YOUR NEGOTIATORS WE CAN'T MAKE IT
18 THROUGH THE SUMMER. WE NEED HELP NOW. AND YOU RESPONDED. WE
19 WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PUBLICLY THANK THE
20 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR PLACING THIS ITEM ON YOUR AGENDA
21 SO QUICKLY RATHER THAN WAITING FOR THE 24 SEPARATE AGREEMENTS
22 TO BE DRAFTED AND PROOFREAD, RATHER THAN WAITING FOR THE
23 ADOPTION OF A NEW SALARY ORDINANCE. YOU ARE BEING ASKED TODAY
24 TO APPROVE THE BONUS ALONE, THE ONLY ITEM THAT CAN PROVIDE
25 RELIEF TO YOUR STAFF NOW. THIS IS A SMART MOVE AND REFLECTS

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1 WELL ON THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE'S UNDERSTANDING AND
2 CONSIDERATION OF YOUR EMPLOYEES' NEEDS. VOTE AYE. ITEM 21, WE
3 ALSO STRONGLY SUPPORT ITEM 21, SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND MITCHELL'S
4 MOTION ON PAID FAMILY LEAVE. THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT HAS BEEN ON
5 LABOR'S AGENDA AND YOUR BOARD'S AGENDA FOR SEVERAL YEARS. IN
6 APRIL 2019, YOU APPROVED A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HAHN DIRECTING
7 YOUR STAFF TO REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF EXPANDING PAID
8 FAMILY LEAVE. THE REPORT RECOGNIZED THE ROLE THAT LABOR MUST
9 PLAY IN THE PROCESS. THIS YEAR, WE TRIED TO FOLLOW-UP ON YOUR
10 BOARD'S INITIATIVE.

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE
13 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

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

18

19 **BIJON GYAMI:** HI. MY NAME IS BIJON GYAMI. I AM MAKING A PUBLIC
20 COMMENT TO OPPOSE ITEM 71D AND ALSO MAKING GENERAL PUBLIC
21 COMMENT. I AM -- I WANT TO COMMENT TO OPPOSE 71D AND THE
22 MOTION TO START PHASING OUT COUNTY-WIDE PROTECTIONS. I AM A
23 TENANT ORGANIZER WITH COMMUNITY POWER ELECTIVE. I HAVE BEEN
24 ORGANIZING WITH VARIOUS TENANTS ACROSS L.A. COUNTY, ESPECIALLY
25 RESIDENTS OF HUNTINGTON PARK, DOWNEY, WHITTIER, UNINCORPORATED

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1 EAST L.A. MANY OF THESE TENANTS ARE FACING EVICTION ATTEMPTS
2 FROM THEIR LANDLORDS, EVICTIONS WITHOUT FAULT, EVICTIONS BASED
3 ON NONPAYMENT OF RENT. THEY HAVE LOST THEIR JOBS. THEY RELY ON
4 THESE COVID PROTECTIONS. WITHOUT THEM, THEY HAVE NOTHING TO
5 FALL BACK ON, ESPECIALLY TENANTS LIVING IN THESE SMALLER
6 CITIES. WE NEED TO MAKE THESE COVID PROTECTIONS PERMANENT.
7 INFLATION IS SKYROCKETING. HOUSING PRICES ARE SKYROCKETING.
8 AND THESE TENANTS WILL BECOME HOMELESS OR -- THEIR FAMILIES,
9 THEY ARE THE MOST WEAK -- THEY ARE THE MOST VULNERABLE AMONG
10 US. AND THESE ARE THE ONES BEING ATTACKED BY RICH LANDLORDS.
11 WE DO NOT NEED MORE RELIEF FOR THESE LANDLORDS. WE NEED RELIEF
12 FOR THESE VULNERABLE TENANTS WHO ARE ELDERLY, DISABLED, PEOPLE
13 WITH MINOR CHILDREN, THE SICK. AND WE NEED TO CODIFY THESE
14 COVID PROTECTIONS SO THAT THEY ARE SAFE AGAINST EVICTION.
15 THANK YOU.

16
17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
18 PLEASE.

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

23
24 **MATTHEW BUCK:** THANK YOU. 71D AND GENERAL PUBLIC. MY NAME IS
25 MATTHEW BUCK WITH THE CALIFORNIA APARTMENT ASSOCIATION. I WORK

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1 WITH HOUSING PROVIDERS THROUGHOUT EAST COUNTY AND THE SAN
2 GABRIEL VALLEY. I URGE THE BOARD TO SUPPORT ITEM 71D. THE
3 BOARD SHOULD ALSO GO FURTHER AND IMMEDIATELY LIFT THE
4 EMERGENCY HOUSING ORDERS. THERE IS NO LONGER JUSTIFICATION FOR
5 MAINTAINING POLICIES THAT ARE VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED SINCE 2020.
6 A UNIVERSAL RENT FREEZE IN UNINCORPORATED COUNTY WAS NEVER
7 APPROPRIATE. AND REINTRODUCING THE ABILITY TO FORGO RENT AS
8 THE REST OF THE UNITED STATES HAS NORMALIZED IS WRONG. ALLOW
9 NORMAL HOUSING RENTAL OPERATIONS TO RESUME. THANK YOU.

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
12 PLEASE.

13

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

17

18 **GREG LINAY:** HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS GREG LINAY. I AM A
19 STAFF ATTORNEY AT PUBLIC COUNSEL AND SPEAKING IN OPPOSITION TO
20 ITEM 71D. THIS ITEM WOULD HAVE COUNTY COUNSEL RECOMMEND AN
21 EARLY PHASE OUT OF THE COUNTY'S COVID-19 EMERGENCY EVICTION
22 PROTECTIONS, BUT THE COUNTY HAS ALREADY ADOPTED A DELIBERATE
23 AND CONSIDERED THREE PHASE PROCESS TO WIND THESE PROTECTIONS
24 DOWN. STATE LAW BLOCKED SOME OF THE FAILURE TO PAY PROTECTIONS
25 FOR MANY MONTHS, BUT THOSE WILL GO INTO EFFECT ON JULY 1ST.

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1 AND THAT'S THE SAME DAY THAT THE SECOND PHASE OF THE COUNTY'S
2 WIND DOWN IS SET TO BEGIN, LATER THIS WEEK. THIS PHASE WILL
3 ONLY LAST UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR, AND TO PREPARE FOR PHASE
4 TWO, COMMUNITY GROUPS AND COUNTY DEPARTMENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN
5 WORKING HARD TO INFORM TENANTS AND LANDLORDS ABOUT THE RULE
6 CHANGES, INCLUDING THE REQUIREMENTS ABOUT THE COVID-19 IMPACT,
7 THE INCOME ELIGIBILITY LIMITATIONS, AND THE REQUIREMENT THAT
8 TENANTS GIVE THEIR LANDLORDS NOTICE WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF RENT
9 BEING DUE. BUT THIS ITEM SUGGESTS THAT THOSE RULES MIGHT
10 CHANGE AGAIN WHILE CASE RATES ARE HIGH, WHILE EVERY DAY
11 THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARE CONTRACTING
12 COVID-19, GETTING SICK, NEEDING TO ISOLATE.

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE
15 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16

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

21

22 **WAUNETTE CULLORS:** CAN YOU HEAR ME?

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, WE CAN. PLEASE BEGIN.

25

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1 **WAUNETTE CULLORS:** HELLO? OH, OKAY. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS.
2 MY NAME IS WAUNETTE CULLORS. I AM SPEAKING ON AGENDA NUMBER 20
3 AND GENERAL COMMENT OF 58 AND 59. I AM A RESIDENT OF THE
4 UNINCORPORATED ANTELOPE VALLEY AND SERVE AS AN ELECTED BOARD
5 OF TRUSTEE FOR KEPPEL SCHOOL DISTRICT. I ALSO SERVE ON THE
6 LITTLE ROCK TOWN COUNCIL AND SIT AS A COMMUNITY ADVISER FOR
7 THE HIGH SCHOOL, ANTELOPE VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT.
8 AND I AM THE CO- CHAIR OF CANCEL THE CONTRACT ANTELOPE VALLEY
9 COALITION. TODAY, I AM CALLING FOR ALL SUPERVISORS TO VOTE YES
10 FOR IMPROVING SCHOOL CLIMATE AND SAFETY MOTION. SUPERVISOR
11 BARGER, YOU KNOW MY COMMITMENT TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND
12 DESIRE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY. OUR COALITION IS
13 CALLING FOR THE END OF VIOLENCE, HARASSMENT, AND RACISM AT THE
14 HANDS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE BEGINNING OF TRUE CARE FOR
15 OUR COMMUNITY. ULTIMATELY, WE THINK DEPUTIES NEED TO BE
16 REMOVED COMPLETELY FROM SCHOOLS. I BELIEF SUPERVISOR MITCHELL
17 AND SOLIS'S MOTION BRINGS US CLOSER TO PROVIDING EVIDENCE-
18 BASED SOLUTIONS TO BRING ABOUT TRUE SAFETY FOR OUR STUDENTS IN
19 SCHOOL COMMUNITIES. CURRENTLY, THERE'S NO OVERSIGHT FOR
20 SHERIFF IN YOUR SCHOOLS. THEY ARE UNTOUCHABLE. WHAT IS GOING
21 ON IN OUR SCHOOLS IS NO LONGER A SECRET IN OUR CORNER OF THE
22 COMMUNITY OR THE COUNTRY. THE STATS ARE OVERWHELMING. BLACK
23 STUDENTS MAKE UP 16.7% OF THE STUDENT POPULATION IN THE
24 ANTELOPE VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, YET THEY HAVE
25 RECEIVED OVER HALF OF ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTACTS. STUDENTS

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1 ARE HANDCUFFED AND PARADED AROUND SCHOOLS AS IF IT IS AN
2 INTIMIDATION AND TO CONTINUE THE PIPELINE FROM SCHOOLS TO
3 PRISON. BLACK AND LATINX STUDENTS HAVE BEEN SEARCHED BY LAW
4 ENFORCEMENT IN SCHOOLS MORE THAN STUDENTS OF OTHER RACIAL AND
5 ETHNIC GROUPS COMBINED. THE O.I.G.'S LATEST REPORT NOT ONLY
6 CONFIRMS THESE FINDINGS, IT PAINTS AN EVEN WORSE REALITY. FOR
7 INSTANCE, THE L. A. COUNTY SHERIFF HAS BEEN LYING ABOUT CALLS
8 FOR SERVICE COMING FROM TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS. THEY ARE
9 PRIMARILY DEPUTY- INITIATED. IF THESE STATS DON'T CONVINCE
10 YOU, CONSIDER WHAT HAPPENED TO ONE OF OUR LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL
11 STUDENTS IN THE LANCASTER HIGH SCHOOL THIS PAST SEPTEMBER. A
12 GROWN DEPUTY BODY SLAMMED HER, STRADDLED HER WITH HIS BARE
13 LEGS FROM BEHIND RESTRAINTS OVER A PHONE. SHE HAD NO WEAPON.
14 SHE MADE NO THREATS. BOTH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND SEPARATE
15 SHERIFF DEPUTIES REFUSED TO LET THIS MINOR CHILD CALL HER
16 PARENTS, WHO ALSO HAS AN I.E.P. SO THROUGHOUT THIS WHOLE
17 INCIDENT, THE 16-YEAR-OLD HAS TO ACTUALLY RETURN BACK TO
18 SCHOOL, HADN'T RECOVERED FROM BEING PHYSICALLY INJURED, BUT
19 SHE WAS TAUNTED BY THE SAME SHERIFF THAT BODY SLAMMED HER
20 EARLIER THAT WEEK. HE REMAINS ON CAMPUS TO THIS DAY. AND THAT
21 OFFICER EVEN HAS THE NERVE TO BE SUING THAT CHILD NOW SAYING
22 HE WAS INJURED DURING BODY SLAMMING HER.

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

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

5

6 **AMBER SAM:** YES. I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM 22 AND PUBLIC COMMENT,
7 PLEASE. MY NAME IS AMBER SAM, AND I AM AN L.A. COUNTY RESIDENT
8 OF DISTRICT 2. I AM URGING YOU TO VOTE YES ON EXPANDING O.D.R.
9 HOUSING AND KEEP YOUR PROMISE TO FUND THE 3600 MENTAL HEALTH
10 BEDS. I HAVE BEEN HOMELESS IN THE PANDEMIC AND AFTER THE
11 SHERIFF EVICTED ME AND MY BABY AND OTHER FAMILIES LIVING IN
12 OUR BUILDING IN WATTS. AND AFTER A YEAR AND A HALF TRYING TO
13 SURVIVE AND FIND A PLACE TO STAY BETWEEN MOTEL ROOMS AND
14 FRIEND'S TRAILER AND WHEREVER I FELT SAFE, I WAS ALSO ON
15 PROBATION FOR MY FIRST CRIMINAL CONVICTION EVER. BUT INSTEAD
16 OF BEING A SUPPORT FOR ME, PROBATION MADE THINGS HARDER AND
17 CREATING MORE BARRIERS INSTEAD OF ELIMINATING THEM. BUT THEIR
18 ONLY SOLUTION WAS TO LOCK ME UP ON A PROBATION VIOLATION. I
19 WAS HANDCUFFED IN FRONT OF MY THREE-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER AND
20 GIVEN \$50,000 BAIL. JUST TWO MONTHS AGO, I WAS SITTING IN
21 C.D.R.F., AND I'M HERE TODAY BECAUSE S.C. JUSTICE GROUP IS AN
22 ORGANIZATION THAT SUPPORTS WOMEN WITH INCARCERATED LOVED ONES
23 BAILED ME OUT AS ONE OF THEIR BLACK MAMA BAIL OUTS. IT BREAKS
24 MY HEART TO THINK OF MY SISTERS IN C.D.R.F. WHO COULDN'T GET
25 BAILED OUT, AND THE WOMEN I MET HAVE NEEDS THAT THE JAILS

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1 CAN'T PROVIDE. THE MAIN GOAL OF THAT JAIL IS SUBMISSION AND
2 CONTROL AND DEFINITELY NOT CARE. THE GUARDS CONSTANTLY MADE US
3 TURN AND FACE THE WALL, REFUSED US FOOD, EVEN WHEN THEY HAD
4 PLENTY TO SPARE, AND DEPRIVED US OF EVEN A SINGLE MOMENT OF
5 SUNSHINE. I DON'T GET HOW THEY CAN LET PEOPLE GO WITHOUT
6 SUNSHINE. O.D.R. WORK CAN RELEASE HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE SUFFERING
7 IN L.A. COUNTY JAILS THAT DON'T NEED TO BE THERE. AND I CAN'T
8 IMAGINE SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S AND HAHN'S REASONS FOR STRIKING
9 IMPORTANT PARTS OF THE MOTION. PLEASE KEEP YOUR PROMISES OF
10 CARE AND VOTE YES ON THE MOTION WITHOUT AMENDMENT. THANK YOU.

11
12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
13 PLEASE.

14
15 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS HAL STEINBERG. PLEASE STATE
16 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
17 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERA PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

18
19 **HAL STEINBERG:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON
20 AGENDA ITEM 20. SO MY NAME IS HAL STEINBERG. I AM A RESIDENT
21 OF LANCASTER, A STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBER OF CANCEL THE
22 CONTRACT, AND CURRENTLY IN A TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM. THE
23 LATEST REPORT BY THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL GLARINGLY
24 SHOWS STUDENTS OF COLOR, AND PARTICULARLY BLACK STUDENTS, ARE
25 NOT SAFE ON CAMPUS. WHEN BLACK STUDENTS MAKE UP 17% OF THE

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1 ANTELOPE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BUT HALF OF ALL LAW
2 ENFORCEMENT CONTACTS, SOMETHING IS VERY WRONG. L.A.S.D. HAS
3 TRIED TO SHIFT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR VIOLENCE AND ABUSE DONE
4 AGAINST STUDENTS TO TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS BY FALSELY
5 CLAIMING WE ARE AFRAID OF OUR STUDENTS. IT IS THE EXACT
6 OPPOSITE. THE CLIMATE OF FEAR CREATED BY UNACCOUNTABLE ARMED
7 DEPUTIES AND THEIR PUBLIC OFFICIAL BETTERS MUST END. I
8 STRONGLY SUPPORT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S MOTION. THANK YOU SO
9 MUCH.

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
12 PLEASE.

13

14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS A SABRINE ABDULWALKMAN.
15 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
16 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
17 BEGIN.

18

19 **SABRINE ABDULWALKMAN:** I AM ADDRESSING AGENDA 22. MY NAME IS
20 SABRINE ABDULWALKMAN, AND I'M A MEMBER OF S.C. JUSTICE GROUP,
21 A POWERFUL COMMUNITY OF WOMEN WITH AN INCARCERATED LOVED ONES
22 WHO ARE FIGHTING THE HARMS FROM MASS INCARCERATION. I AM
23 CALLING TO URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO VOTE ON SUPERVISOR
24 MITCHELL'S MOTION TO EXPAND O.D.R. COMMIT TO THE FUNDING FOR
25 THE 500 MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT BEDS. I CURRENTLY HAVE A SON

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1 WHO IS IN THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL FIGHTING FOR HIS LIFE, WHO
2 COULD BENEFIT FROM THE EXPANSION OF O.D.R. MY SON HAS BEEN IN
3 M.C.J. SINCE FEBRUARY BECAUSE OF AN INCIDENT DIRECTLY RELATED
4 TO HIS MENTAL HEALTH. AND HE IS NOT RECEIVING THE HEALTH AND
5 MENTAL CARE THAT HE NEEDS. THIS HAS LED HIM TO BEING EXTREMELY
6 ISOLATED WITH AN INHUMANE AND EXTREMELY HARMFUL FOR ANYONE,
7 BUT ESPECIALLY HIM AS HE SUFFERS FROM MENTAL HEALTH. MY SON
8 HAD A FAMILY, A GOOD JOB, BUT BECAUSE OF OUR CURRENT SYSTEM,
9 HIS ONLY INSURANCE AND IN PUNISHMENT AND ISOLATION AS
10 SOLUTIONS TO MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES --

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE
13 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

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

18

19 **PAMELA LOU:** YES, I WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM 22 AND GENERAL
20 PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS PAMELA LOU, SENIOR COUNSEL AT
21 DISABILITY RIGHTS CALIFORNIA, THE FEDERAL AND STATE DESIGNATED
22 PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY AGENCY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.
23 WE KNOW THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY WORKS. WE JUST
24 HEARD POWERFUL TESTIMONY FROM NUMEROUS INDIVIDUALS JUST THIS
25 MORNING ABOUT THEIR LIVES BEING TRANSFORMED AND THE SUFFERING

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1 WHEN THEY DON'T GET TO GET INTO THESE PROGRAMS. WE JUST HEARD
2 FROM THE INDIVIDUAL JUST BEFORE SPEAKING VERY MOVINGLY ABOUT
3 THE SITUATION FOR HER SON. I AM SORRY SHE HAD TO GET CUT OFF.
4 WE JUST HEARD FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE ABOUT HOW
5 O.D.R. HAS CREATED A PARADIGM SHIFT IN HOW THEY ADDRESS
6 DECRIMINALIZING MENTAL ILLNESS. SO I ASK VERY RESPECTFULLY,
7 SUPERVISORS, WHAT IS THE COUNTY WAITING FOR. WHY ARE WE
8 DRAGGING OUR FEET? THIS IS UNCONSCIONABLE. WE KNOW THAT
9 COUNTLESS INDIVIDUALS WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS ARE
10 NEEDLESSLY WAITING IN JAIL. THIS IS THE WORSE POSSIBLE SETTING
11 FOR THEM WHEN THERE IS A SOLUTION, A PROGRAM READY AND WILLING
12 TO SERVE THEM. I ASK YOU, I BESEECH YOU, THE COUNTY MUST
13 IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFY AND DESIGNATE FUNDING TO SCALE UP THIS
14 PROGRAM. AND PLEASE NO MORE AMENDMENTS. JUST LET'S GET THIS
15 DONE. THANK YOU.

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
18 PLEASE.

19

20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS THAT THAN NATHANIEL SAGMAN.
21 PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
22 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
23 BEGIN.

24

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1 **NATHANIAL SAGMAN:** HI. I AM SPEAKING TO URGE YOU TO VOTE NO ON
2 ITEM 71D. I AM AN ORGANIZER IN PASADENA, AND I HELP TENANTS IN
3 CRISES THAT ARE EXPERIENCING ISSUES WITH THEIR LANDLORD. IT IS
4 TOTALLY SHOCKING THAT YOU WOULD CONSIDER ENDING THE COUNTY
5 PROTECTIONS EARLY. THE ECONOMY HAS NOT RECOVERED FROM THE
6 PANDEMIC. OUR INFLATION IS HIGH, AND IF SOMEONE WHO IS REMOVED
7 FROM THEIR HOME NOW WITH RENT INCREASING SO FAST, THEY WOULD
8 INEVITABLY FALL INTO HOMELESSNESS. EVEN WITH THE CURRENT
9 PROTECTIONS, PEOPLE ARE FALLING THROUGH THE CRACKS, AND WE
10 CAN'T KEEP CHANGING THINGS WITH SUCH LITTLE WARNING. I CAN SAY
11 FIRSTHAND THAT I HAVE SEEN DISADVANTAGED TENANTS LOSE THEIR
12 HOMES EVEN WHEN THEY HAD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES IN COURT SIMPLY
13 BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THE LAWS. AND ALSO THE E.R.A.P.
14 PROGRAM LANDLORDS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THEIR PROFITS
15 FULLY RECOVERED UNTIL THE END OF MARCH. AT THE END OF THE DAY,
16 WE SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTING STRONGER AND PERMANENT PROTECTIONS
17 FOR TENANTS. IT'S EVEN MORE APPALLING THAT YOUR REPORT SEEMS
18 TO FOCUS ON SMALL LANDLORDS. IT JUST SHOWS EXACTLY WHERE THE
19 PRIORITIES LIE. THE CURRENT STATE OF THINGS IS UNACCEPTABLE.
20 AND IN CLOSING, I WANT TO DISCUSS THE TREATMENT OF PEOPLE THAT
21 DO END UP UNHOUSED. IN MARCH 2021, THE CITY OF L.A. FORCIBLY
22 REMOVED UNHOUSED PEOPLE FROM ENCAMPMENTS IN ECHO PARK LAKE
23 UNDER THE GUISE OF REPLACING --

24

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

3

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

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH
10 INTERPRETATION OF THIS REMINDER. [INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN IN
11 SPANISH]

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER
14 PLEASE.

15

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

20

21 **ANGELIQUE WILKS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ANGELIQUE WILKS, AND
22 I WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEMS 20, 58, AND 59. AND I WILL NOT BE
23 GIVING A PUBLIC COMMENT. WE TO NOT NEED COPS OR ANYTHING LIKE
24 THAT ON SCHOOL CAMPUSES. AND WHEN STUDENTS, CONCERNED PARENTS,
25 OR EVEN PEOPLE SAY THAT, THEY GET COMMENTS LIKE WELL, IT WOULD

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1 BE SAFER OR THAT KIDS WOULD BE PROTECTED, BUT WHEN IN REALITY,
2 A LOT OF THESE KIDS FEEL MORE AFRAID THAN THEY DO PROTECTED
3 WITH COPS ON CAMPUS, ESPECIALLY BLACK AND BROWN STUDENTS. NOT
4 ONLY DO THEY HAVE TO WORRY OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL ABOUT POLICE,
5 THEY ALSO HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT POLICE IN THE PLACE THEY GO TO
6 LUNCH. THEY REALLY AREN'T NECESSARY NOR ARE THEIR HELPFUL. IF
7 ANYTHING, A LOT OF THE TIME, POLICE ESCALATE SITUATIONS EVEN
8 IF THEY ARE CALLED TO DEFLATE CHANGE. BEFORE I MOVED HERE,
9 NONE OF THE SCHOOLS I WENT TO HAD POLICE ON CAMPUS OR CALLED
10 EVER TO DEAL WITH ANYTHING. SO I JUST THINK THAT WHENEVER
11 POLICE GET INVOLVED, THE ADMINISTRATORS WHO INVOLVE POLICE,
12 SIMPLY DON'T WANT TO DEAL WITH THAT STUDENT OR THEIR EMOTIONS.
13 THANK YOU.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
16 PLEASE.

17

18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANGELA MOONY D'ARCY. PLEASE
19 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
20 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
21 BEGIN.

22

23 **ANGELA MOONEY D'ARCY:** [SPEAKING NATIVE LANGUAGE] I'M ANGELA
24 MOONEY D'ARCY, AND I AM FROM THE ACJACHEMEN NATION. I LIVE AND
25 WORK IN UNCEDED ANCESTRAL TONGVA HOMELANDS. I WILL BE

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1 ADDRESSING ITEM 18 AND ALSO PUBLIC COMMENT. IN TERMS OF ITEM
2 18, I JUST WANT TO REALLY COMMEND THE BOARD FOR THE ACTION IT
3 IS TAKING AND REALLY TRULY THE HISTORIC PROBABLY FIRST OF ITS
4 KIND ACTION THAT IS TAKING TODAY. AND I WANT TO STRONGLY
5 ENCOURAGE YOU ALL, BECAUSE OF THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF
6 THE IMPORTANT WORK YOU ARE DOING TO RETURN BRUCE'S BEACH TO
7 ITS LEGAL HEIRS, THAT IT IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THAT, IN YOUR
8 ACT OF TAKING ON THIS MOMENTOUS ISSUE, YOU AREN'T
9 INADVERTENTLY PERPETUATING THE ERASURE OF ANOTHER COMMUNITY
10 THAT HAS ALSO SUFFERED GREAT INJUSTICES AT THE HANDS OF WHITE
11 SUPREMACIST INSTITUTIONALLY RACIST CULTURE. AND I JUST WANT TO
12 NAME HERE, TOO, CONGRATS TO ALL THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS FOR
13 UPLIFTING THE ISSUES STILL FACING BLACK AND INDIGENOUS
14 COMMUNITIES TODAY, ESPECIALLY YOUTH. I THINK THAT MAKES IT
15 CLEAR THAT THERE'S CERTAINLY A NEED FOR THIS KIND OF WORK
16 AROUND RACIAL JUSTICE AND HEALING. IN TERMS OF ITEM 18, AS THE
17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND FOUNDER OF SACRED PLACES INSTITUTE FOR
18 INDIGENOUS PEOPLE, WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION TO RETURN
19 BRUCE'S BEACH TO ITS RIGHTFUL HEIRS. HOWEVER, WE STRONGLY URGE
20 THE BOARD TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION AS IT STANDS TO ACKNOWLEDGE
21 THAT BRUCE'S BEACH, PRIOR TO BEING BRUCE'S BEACH, WAS AND
22 STILL IS THE ANCESTRAL HOMELANDS OF THE TONGVA GABRIELINO
23 PEOPLE. IN TERMS OF MY GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, WHICH I WILL
24 MOVE ON TO NOW, IT IS RELATED TO ITEM 18 BUT DIFFERENT FROM
25 THE RESOLUTION THAT'S BEFORE YOU, OR THE MOTION THAT'S BEFORE

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1 YOU TODAY, AND THAT'S IN THE SECOND AND THIRD ASK FROM SACRED
2 PLACES INSTITUTE'S PUBLIC COMMENTS THAT WE SUBMITTED
3 YESTERDAY. WE STRONGLY URGE YOU TO PLEASE DEVELOP A PROCESS TO
4 MEET WITH ELECTED TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVES, ELDERS, CULTURAL
5 PRACTITIONERS, YOUTH, AND ARTISTS, AND OTHERS FROM THE
6 GABRIELINO TONGVA COMMUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT THEIR PRIORITIES
7 FOR THEIR ANCESTRAL HOMELANDS IN THE CONTEXT OF CURRENT
8 GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO ADDRESS PAST AND ONGOING ACTS OF
9 INJUSTICE VIA LAND RETURN.

10

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

13

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

17

18 **DEVON MOCK:** GOOD MORNING. I WILL BE ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEMS
19 20, 58, AND 59. I WAS A STUDENT AT LANCASTER HIGH SCHOOL. I
20 GRADUATED FAIRLY RECENTLY, AND IN MY FOUR YEARS BEING A
21 STUDENT AT LANCASTER HIGH SCHOOL, I WITNESSED A LOT OF,
22 FRANKLY, POLICE BRUTALITY AGAINST SPECIFICALLY BLACK AND
23 P.O.C. STUDENTS. A LOT OF IT WAS FRANKLY TO FEAR MONGER
24 BECAUSE THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE -- AS AN EXAMPLE, WITH THE
25 STUDENT THAT GOT BODY SLAMMED OVER A PHONE, THAT WAS

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1 UNNECESSARY. THE OFFICER ESCALATED THAT SITUATION, WHICH THAT
2 BRINGS ME TO ANOTHER POINT. AN OFFICER ESCALATED A SITUATION
3 AT A STUDENT PROTEST, WHICH I ATTENDED, WHICH I GOT MY FOOT
4 RAN OVER, AND THEN WHILE MY FOOT WAS UNDER THE CAR AND THEY
5 WOULDN'T MOVE IT, SUNFLOWER SEEDS WERE SPAT AT -- THIS BRINGS
6 ME TO MY FINAL POINT. I WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO UNDERSTAND THE
7 FACT THAT POLICE DO ONLY ESCALATE SITUATIONS AND DO NOT BELONG
8 IN SCHOOLS. THANK YOU.

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
11 PLEASE.

12

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

17

18 **CHARLES ZOO:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I WILL BE SPEAKING IN
19 OPPOSITION TO ITEM 71D AND ALSO DOING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
20 IN RELATION TO ITEM 71D, I WANT TO SAY THAT, AS A RESIDENT OF
21 DISTRICT 5 AND AN ORGANIZER WITH PASADENA TENANTS' UNION, OUR
22 SUPERVISOR, KATHRYN BARGER, DOES NOT REPRESENT THE PEOPLE OF
23 OUR DISTRICT IN PUTTING THIS MOTION FORWARD BUT IS ONLY ON
24 BEHALF OF GABRIEL STATE CAPITOL AND THE SMALL CLASS OF
25 PARASITIC LANDLORDS. NOW IS VERY MUCH NOT THE TIME TO

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1 ACCELERATE THE PHASE OUT OF THESE EVICTION PROTECTIONS, RATHER
2 IT IS A TIME TO MAKE THEM STRONGER AND IN FACT PERMANENT,
3 GIVEN THAT WE ARE IN A STATE OF PERMANENT CRISIS. THE PANDEMIC
4 HAS NOT ENDED. INFLATION IS AT HISTORIC LEVELS, AND WE REALLY
5 DON'T NEED ANOTHER PENNY GOING TO PARASITIC LANDLORDS FROM
6 STATE COFFERS. AND MY GENERAL COMMENT CONCERNS MY OTHER
7 CAPACITY AS AN ORGANIZER FOR THE ALLIANCE OF CALIFORNIA FOR
8 COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT, WORKING WITH TENANTS AT CHESAPEAKE
9 APARTMENTS IN WEST ADAMS IN SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S DISTRICT.
10 THESE TENANTS HAVE, FOR YEARS, IF NOT DECADES, BEEN LIVING
11 UNDER CONDITIONS, ACTUALLY APPALLING AND UNINHABITABLE
12 CONDITIONS, WITH MOLD AND LEAD PAINT AND WITH NUMEROUS TENANTS
13 AND THEIR FAMILIES HOSPITALIZED, IN FACT, DUE TO COMPLICATIONS
14 FROM THESE. DURING THIS ENTIRE TIME, THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS
15 BEEN NEGLECTING ITS DUTY TO HOLD PAMA MANAGEMENT OWNED BY MIKE
16 NIJJAR TO ACCOUNT FOR CREATING THESE CONDITIONS. THEY HAVE
17 PASSED THE MANAGEMENT COMPANY ON NUMEROUS INSPECTIONS WITHOUT
18 EXAMINING ANY OF THESE ISSUES, AND THEY CONTINUE TO TREAT
19 TENANTS WITH UTTER CONTEMPT AND WITH LACK OF TRANSPARENCY. SO
20 AS THE BODY THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HOLDING THE HEALTH
21 DEPARTMENT TO ACCOUNT, WE STRONGLY URGE YOU TO USE ALL THE
22 POWERS AT YOUR DISPOSAL TO DEMAND FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT
23 THAT THEY SEND QUALIFIED MOLD AND LEAD PAINT INSPECTORS AND
24 THEY TREAT TENANTS WITH RESPECT AND PRODUCE A REPORT ON THE

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1 CONDITIONS THAT THEY HAVE FOUND IN THE MOST RECENT INSPECTION
2 IN A TIMELY FASHION.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE
5 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

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

11

12 **DOMINIC LUNEHART:** HELLO, MY NAME IS DOMINIC LUNEHART, AND I AM
13 A COUNCILMAN FOR RANCH HIGH SCHOOL. I RESIDE IN DISTRICT 4. I
14 AM JUST HERE FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. SHEILA KUEHL, I JUST
15 WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW WE ARE GOING TO MISS YOU A LOT. I KNOW
16 YOU WERE CURRENTLY CHAIR PRO TEM, AND I WANTED TO ASK THE
17 BOARD, WHOEVER REPLACES SHEILA KUEHL, WHICH I GUARANTEE WILL
18 MOST LIKELY BE LINDSEY HORVATH, WILL SHE TAKE THE CHAIRSHIP,
19 OR WILL IT BE SOMEONE ELSE, DISTRICT 4 OR DISTRICT 5, AND THEN
20 GO BACK TO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5? THANK YOU VERY MUCH?

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
23 PLEASE.

24

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CHIEF DUANE YELLOW FEATHER
2 SHEPARD. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE
3 ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL
4 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** YES. MY NAME IS CHIEF DUANE YELLOW FEATHER SHEPARD.
7 I'M THE HISTORIAN AND SPOKESMAN FOR THE CHARLES AND WILL BRUCE
8 FAMILY. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM 18, REGARDING THE
9 RETURN OF BRUCE'S BEACH. ON THIS DAY OF HISTORIC VOTE, FOR THE
10 CHARLES AND WILLA BRUCE FAMILY, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK
11 SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR BEING THE FIRST TO HAVE THE HUMANITY TO
12 STEP UP WITH GRACE AND COURAGE TO RECTIFY AN EGREGIOUS CRIME
13 PERPETRATED AGAINST MY FAMILY 98 YEARS AGO. WE ARE ETERNALLY
14 INDEBTED TO YOU AND YOUR STAFF FOR STARTING THE PROCESS TOWARD
15 ENDING THE SUFFERING OUR FAMILY HAS ENDURED. I WOULD ALSO LIKE
16 TO THANK HOLLY MITCHELL AND HER STAFF FOR USHERING THIS
17 COMPLICATED PROCESS THROUGH TO FRUITION AND THE ENTIRE BOARD
18 OF SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR UNWAIVERING SUPPORT. AND SPECIAL
19 THANKS TO BROTHER DR. D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA FOR HIS PATIENCE AND
20 LEADERSHIP. THIS WILL BE A HISTORIC DAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND OUR
21 PEOPLE AND OUR COUNTRY IF THE AGREEMENTS ARE APPROVED. MANY
22 WALKED AWAY FROM US IN OUR FIGHT, BUT YOU STOOD BY US IN OUR
23 LEAP OF FAITH AND STAYED PURE TO OUR CAUSE IN THE FACE OF
24 VIGOROUS OPPOSITION. THE COUNTY AND THE STATE AND THE PEOPLE
25 OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HAVE DONE THEIR PART BY RAISING

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1 THEIR VOICES AGAINST THE CRIME OF RACISM IN OUR STATE, AND IT
2 IS NOW TIME FOR MANHATTAN BEACH TO DO THEIR PART BY MAKING OUR
3 FAMILY WHOLE BY RETURNING THE GENERATIONAL WEALTH DENIED OUR
4 FAMILY BY THEIR CRIMINAL ACTS.

5

6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE
7 HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

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

13

14 **RON VALKAUFMAN:** YES. I AM PROVIDING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I
15 AM THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE LIGHT POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE OF
16 THE LOS ANGELES ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY. AND WE HAVE PARTNERED
17 WITH TWO MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS, THE CENTER OF BIOLOGICAL
18 DIVERSITY, AND THE L. A. AUDUBON SOCIETY, TO ADVANCE PETITIONS
19 THAT HAVE BEEN SIGNED BY THOUSANDS OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS ACROSS
20 L.A. COUNTY TO REQUEST THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SEE TO IT
21 THAT THE RURAL OUTDOOR LIGHTING DISTRICT ORDINANCE, KNOWN AS
22 R.O.L.D., IS BOTH UPDATED AND ENFORCED SINCE ITS PASSAGE BY
23 THE BOARD IN 2011. THE R.O.L.D. ORDINANCE, WHICH WAS
24 UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE BOARD AT THAT TIME, HAS NEITHER BEEN
25 ENFORCED OR UPDATED TO ACCOUNT FOR EXISTING LIGHTING

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1 TECHNOLOGIES AT THIS TIME. AS A RESULT, LIGHT POLLUTION WHICH
2 HAS DOCUMENTED ILL EFFECTS ON BOTH HUMANS AND WILDLIFE HAS
3 GOTTEN MUCH WORSE. TO MITIGATE IT, WE PROPOSE ANNUAL
4 NOTIFICATIONS WITH THE YEARLY PROPERTY TAX BILLS WHICH WOULD
5 INFORM THE RESIDENTS OF THE R.O.L.D. AREA OF ITS EXISTENCE.
6 ADDITIONALLY, WE HAVE PROPOSED TWO BUFFER ZONE AREAS, ONE IN
7 CASTAIC AND THE OTHER IN ALTADENA, BOTH UNINCORPORATED AREAS
8 WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF L.A. COUNTY.

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE HAVE THE
11 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

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

16

17 **SERGIO VARGAS:** YES, I WOULD LIKE TO DO A GENERAL PUBLIC
18 COMMENT. MY NAME IS SERGIO VARGAS, AND I'M WITH A.C.E. I'M
19 ALSO ORGANIZING WITH CHESAPEAKE TENANTS. SUPERVISORS, WE NEED
20 YOUR HELP, ESPECIALLY HOLLY MITCHELL. THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT
21 HAS PASSED IN THE PAST YEARS INSPECTIONS AT CHESAPEAKE ON
22 BEHALF OF BILLIONAIRE SLUMLORD MIKE NIJJAR. MOST OF THE 425
23 UNITS ARE FILLED WITH MOLD, AND, IN SOME CASES, LEAD PAINT. IN
24 THE FULL INSPECTION THAT THEY DID, THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT DID
25 NOT SEND MOLD EXPERTS, ALSO THEY DID NOT TAKE SAMPLES OF MOLD

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1 OR LEAD PAINT, AND, IN SOME CASES, THEY WERE TELLING TENANTS
2 THAT IT WAS THEIR FAULT BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT CLEAN, WHICH IS
3 COMPLETELY IRRESPONSIBLE FOR THEM TO BE SAYING THAT TO TENANTS
4 WHEN THEY SHOULD BE ACTUALLY HELPING THEM. WHAT IS THE HEALTH
5 DEPARTMENT DOING TO HELP KIDS FROM GOING INTO A COMA BECAUSE
6 OF LEAD PAINT, FROM PREVENTING DOGS FROM GETTING ASTHMA? AND
7 ALSO TENANTS HAVE BEEN DEMANDING FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO
8 MEET WITH THEM TO DO A ZOOM MEETING SO THEY CAN ANSWER A LOT
9 OF THESE CONCERNS THAT PEOPLE HAVE. SO PLEASE HELP US GET THAT
10 MEETING. WE WERE AT THEIR OFFICE LAST WEEK, AND WE HAVEN'T
11 GOTTEN A RESPONSE FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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

15
16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ALISON HAYLES. PLEASE STATE
17 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
18 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

19
20 **ALISON HAYLES:** HI, MY NAME IS ALISON HAYLES. AND I AM SPEAKING
21 ON AGENDA 18 AND A PUBLIC COMMENT. I REALLY JUST WANT TO
22 COMMEND SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR GOING THE
23 LENGTH AND KEEPING THE COMMITMENT TO RETURNING THE LAND BACK
24 TO THE WILLA AND CHARLES BRUCE'S DESCENDANTS. IT'S BEEN A LONG
25 TWO YEARS, AND I HAVE SEEN YOUR WORK, AND IT IS TRULY

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1 COMMENDABLE. AND I AM GRATEFUL TO BE A PART OF THIS HISTORIC
2 DAY AND MOMENT AND ACTION THAT YOU GUYS HAVE SPEARHEADED. SO
3 THANK YOU, THANK YOU, AND I HOPE TO CELEBRATE WITH YOU BOTH.
4 THANK YOU.

5

6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
7 PLEASE.

8

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

12

13 **WILLIAM KEITH:** HI, I AM ADDRESSING A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
14 MY NAME IS WILLIAM KEITH. THE GREATER LOS ANGELES SAFETY
15 PREPAREDNESS FAIR IS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 13TH AT EXPOSITION
16 PARK. EXPOSITION PARK WAS CHOSEN BECAUSE OF ITS ACCESS, PUBLIC
17 ACCESS, BOTH TRAIN AND BUS, AND ITS PROXIMITY TO VULNERABLE
18 COMMUNITIES, DOZENS OF UNHOUSED COMMUNITIES IN THAT AREA. WE
19 HAVE ENDORSEMENT LETTERS FROM BOTH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
20 MAYOR'S OFFICE AND CITY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT.
21 HOWEVER, THOSE ENDORSEMENTS DO NOT COME WITH FUNDING. WE
22 ENCOURAGE THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN EACH ONE OF THE
23 COUNTY DISTRICTS TO FUND OR HELP FUND THIS IMPORTANT RESOURCE
24 TO OUR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES. WITHOUT THIS RESOURCE, OUR
25 COMMUNITIES WOULD NOT HAVE ACCESS TO SOME THINGS THEY NEED

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1 DURING A DISASTER. WE WILL REACH OUT TO EACH ONE OF YOUR
2 COUNCIL DISTRICTS INDIVIDUALLY FOR CONTINUED CONVERSATION,
3 THANK YOU.

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
6 PLEASE.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DANIELLE LITERTERRETS. PLEASE
9 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND
10 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

11

12 **DANIELLE LITERTERRETS:** DANIELLE LITERTERRETS, REPRESENTING THE
13 GREATER [INAUDIBLE]. I WILL BE SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 71D
14 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. TWO YEARS AGO, THE COUNTY
15 RESPONDED TO AN UNPRECEDENTED PANDEMIC BY ISSUING AN EQUALLY
16 UNPRECEDENTED [AUDIO BREAK UP] MORATORIUM ON EVICTIONS AND
17 RENT INCREASES. OVER TWO YEARS LATER, [AUDIO BREAK UP] REMAIN
18 ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED EVEN AS THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF TODAY HAVE
19 DRAMATICALLY SHIFTED. EVEN MORE CONCERNING, AS OTHER
20 LOCALITIES ARE ENDING THEIR MORATORIUMS AND REINSTATING
21 PROHIBITIONS ON EVICTIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF RENT. YET, THE
22 STATE'S RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IS CLOSED THOUGH FUNDING IS
23 CURRENTLY AVAILABLE. AS HOUSING PROVIDERS CONTINUE
24 EXPERIENCING SEVERE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DUE TO THE LAST SEVERAL
25 YEARS OF GOVERNMENT MANDATES, ESCALATING INFLATION, AND

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1 OPERATIONAL COSTS, THE COUNTY'S ACTIONS WILL ONLY [INAUDIBLE]
2 EXACERBATE [AUDIO BREAK UP] AS THE COUNTY REINSTATES THE
3 NONPAYMENT OF RENT PROVISIONS, THEY MUST ALSO IDENTIFY AND
4 ALLOCATE RENTAL ASSISTANCE FUNDING. WE [AUDIO BREAK UP] AND
5 RECOGNITION OF THE FINANCIAL BURDENS THAT CONTINUE TO BE
6 IMPOSED ON HOUSING PROVIDERS. AND URGE THE -- TO TAKE VITAL
7 STEPS TODAY TO PROCEED [INAUDIBLE] MORATORIUM. THANK YOU FOR
8 YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
11 PLEASE.

12

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

16

17 **MATT HARPER:** THANKS. I AM GOING TO TALK ABOUT ITEMS 17 AND 22.
18 MY NAME IS MATT HARPER. I HELP RUN THE LOS ANGELES CATHOLIC
19 WORKER HIPPIE KITCHEN. WE HAVE SERVED FOOD ON SKID ROW FOR 52
20 YEARS. AND WE ARE PART OF THE REASON THAT SKID ROW STILL
21 EXISTS TODAY, MAKING SURE THE SERVICES AND HOUSING OF SKID ROW
22 WERE PROTECTED IN THE '70S. BUT SINCE THEN, A LOT OF THOSE
23 SERVICES, A LOT OF THAT HOUSING HAS BEEN EATEN AWAY BY
24 DEVELOPERS. AND OUR SUGGESTION IN THE '70S THAT WE NEEDED
25 SATELLITE COMMUNITIES TO MEET THE GROWING NEEDS FOR UNHOUSED

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1 COMMUNITIES WAS NEVER MET, AND SO WE HAVE THE CRISIS WE HAVE
2 TODAY. SO DEFINITELY VERY SUPPORTIVE OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S
3 MOTION AND WOULD LOVE TO SEE MORE HOUSING, MORE SERVICES, AND
4 GREATER ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE SUPPORTING PEOPLE IN HOMELESSNESS
5 ON SKID ROW. AS FOR ITEM 22, A COUPLE YEARS AGO, WHEN THE
6 OVERWHELMING 70+ PERCENT MAJORITY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY VOTERS
7 VOTED NOT TO EXPAND OUR JAIL SYSTEM BUT RATHER TO CONSIDER
8 ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM AND SERVICES, O.D.R. IS THE SORT OF THING
9 THEY HAD IN MIND AND THE HOPE THEY HAD IN A SYSTEM THAT SO
10 OFTEN LETS THEM DOWN WHEN IT COMES TO MEETING THE DIVERSE
11 NEEDS OF OUR RESIDENTS. SO I AM HERE IN SUPPORT OF EXPANDING
12 AND GIVING MORE RESOURCES TO THE O.D.R. OFFICE. I AM GRATEFUL
13 FOR TIN CREDIBLE WORK THAT THEY ARE DOING, AND KNOW THAT WHEN
14 85% OF PEOPLE WHO COME OUT DON'T GO BACK BECAUSE THEY HAVE
15 BEEN THROUGH THE BEST REHAB PROGRAMS, REENTRY AND DIVERSION
16 PROGRAMS, THAT'S WHAT WE ARE COMMITTED TO OUR CITIZENS AND TO
17 OUR RESIDENTS HERE IN LOS ANGELES. SO, GRATEFUL FOR THE
18 OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND THEIR SERVICES, GRATEFUL FOR THEIR WORK,
19 AND PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING, THANKS A LOT.

20
21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
22 PLEASE.

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

4

5 **FRED SUTTON:** FRED SUTTON WITH THE CALIFORNIA APARTMENT
6 ASSOCIATION IN SUPPORT OF 71D AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
7 HELLO, HONORABLE CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. IN TWO DAYS, L.A.
8 COUNTY IS POISED TO BE PERHAPS THE ONLY JURISDICTION IN THE
9 NATION TO REINTRODUCE THE ABILITY TO FORGO RENT DUE TO COVID
10 IMPACT. THE COUNTY HAS NOT HAD THIS POLICY FOR ALMOST A YEAR.
11 IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR, THE STATE CLOSED THE ABILITY TO APPLY
12 FOR EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE TO NEW APPLICANTS. THIS
13 ACKNOWLEDGES THE IMPROVED ENVIRONMENT FROM AN ECONOMIC HAND
14 HELD PERSPECTIVE. THE COUNTY SEEMS TO BE SINGLING OUT HOUSING
15 PROVIDERS BY MAINTAINING EMERGENCY MEASURES UNCHANGED FROM
16 2020 AND INCREASING REGULATION, RATHER THAN FULLY LIFTING THE
17 EMERGENCY ORDERS AS HAS BEEN DONE FOR ALL OTHER ASPECTS OF
18 SOCIETY. WITH STATE FUNDS CLOSED, THE COUNTY MUST EITHER MAKE
19 FUNDS IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO BACKFILL RENTAL DEBT OR REMOVE
20 THE PENDING ABILITY TO FORGO RENT. THE BOARD SHOULD
21 IMMEDIATELY LIFT THE EVICTION MORATORIUM AND RENT FREEZE. AS
22 OF NOW, THERE IS STILL NO DEFINITIVE ENDING DATE FOR THE
23 EXISTING EMERGENCY ORDERS. THERE ARE PERMANENT PROTECTIONS
24 THROUGH STATE LAW, AND THERE WAS AMPLE ASSISTANCE TO HELP
25 THOSE IN NEED. THE RHETORIC REGARDING WIDE-SCALE EVICTIONS IS

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1 JUST THAT. RHETORIC. LET ME REPEAT. THERE ARE PERMANENT
2 PROTECTIONS FOR RENTAL DEBT DURING CERTAIN PERIODS. THE REST
3 OF THE COUNTRY HAS NORMALIZED RENTAL OPERATIONS AND WE HAVE
4 SEEN NOTHING AS DESCRIBED BY THOSE ADVOCATING FOR A PERMANENT
5 STATE OF EMERGENCY. THE CURRENT ORDERS ARE BEING ABUSED. IT IS
6 LONG PAST TIME TO RESTORE NORMAL HOUSING OPERATIONS. IT IS THE
7 RIGHT THING TO DO. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
10 PLEASE.

11

12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MONIQUE CHOO. PLEASE STATE
13 THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER
14 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

15

16 **MONIQUE CHOO:** HI. I AM 75 YEARS OLD. I OWN A SINGLE HOUSE
17 RENTAL. AND THE TENANTS HAVE NOT BEEN PAYING RENT. THAT'S MY
18 ONLY INCOME BESIDES SOCIAL SECURITY. IF I DON'T TAKE CARE, I
19 HAVE A CHANCE TO LOSE EVERYTHING, FILE BANKRUPTCY. AND WHERE I
20 AM GOING TO DO, BECOME HOMELESS? AND MY HOUSE, I LIVE IN THE
21 LOS ANGELES HOLLOW HILL AREA. AND I OVERHEARD BEVERLY HILLS,
22 PASADENA IS BEING OPENED. SO HOW LONG I HAVE TO WAIT? AND I
23 DON'T HAVE OTHER INCOME. YOU KNOW, I AM WAITING TO DIE HERE OR
24 GET SOME HELP. AND THE TENANTS IS 50 YEARS OLD. I OVERHEARD A
25 NEIGHBOR SAY HE HAS A JOB IN DREAM WORLD. HE WORKS WITH DREAM

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1 WORLD. THAT'S A HIGH INCOME JOB. HE'S A VERY INTELLIGENT
2 EDUCATED MAN, 50 YEARS OLD, AND HE LIKES TO LIVE IN CALIFORNIA
3 BECAUSE --

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

6

7 **MONIQUE CHOO:** PLEASE HELP.

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO ALL THE MEMBERS
10 OF THE PUBLIC WHO TOOK YOUR TIME TO CALL IN AND PARTICIPATE
11 TODAY. OUR ALLOTTED TIME FORKING PUBLIC SPEAKERS HAS ENDED. SO
12 AGAIN, WE WANT TO THANK YOU ALL. IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE
13 YOUR COMMENTS, YOU MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS AS INDICATED ON
14 THE AGENDA, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN
15 COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME
16 PART OF THE RECORD. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU PLEASE
17 INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING
18 TODAY.

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THE FOLLOWING
21 ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU, 10 AND 11, 12 AS REVISED, 13-15, 23 AND
22 24, 26-55, 57, 60-65, 66 WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER VOTING NO, 67-
23 70, 71A AND 71B, 71C AS REVISED, 71D AS AMENDED, 71E, 74-79,
24 S.D.1, 1D, AND 1P.

25

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

5

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

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

9

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

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

13

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

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

21

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

24

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

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

4

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

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** FOR THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE
12 BOARD ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, PLEASE BE PREPARED TO BE
13 SWORN IN. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, YOU
14 SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING
15 BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD. ITEM 3 IS A HEARING ON THE
16 ANNUAL GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE FEE REPORT FOR
17 FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 FOR THE WALNUT PARK GARBAGE DISPOSAL
18 DISTRICT AND ON A PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION AMENDING
19 COUNTY CODE TITLE 20 UTILITIES TO AUTHORIZE THE SERIES OF
20 INCREASES IN THE ANNUAL GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL
21 SERVICE FEE FROM 215 TO AMOUNTS NOT TO EXCEED 269 IN FISCAL
22 YEAR 2022-2023, 315 IN FISCAL YEAR '23-'24, AND 402 IN FISCAL
23 YEAR '24-'25. A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED,
24 AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM 4 IS A HEARING ON AN
25 ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODES TITLE 8,

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1 CONSUMER PROTECTION BUSINESS AND WAGE REGULATIONS AND TITLE
2 11, HEALTH AND SAFETY TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY BY
3 ESTABLISHING COUNSELOR TO CAMPER RATIO, BACKGROUNDS AND
4 TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR CAMPER COUNSELOR AND DIRECTORS. NO
5 DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS
6 RECEIVED. ITEM 5 IS A HEARING ON THE LEVY OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENT
7 IN COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT 1
8 FOR STREET LIGHTING PURPOSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023. A
9 WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND NO
10 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM 8 IS A HEARING ON THE ANNUAL
11 GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE FEE REPORT FOR FISCAL
12 YEAR '22-'23, FOR THE ATHENS/WOODCREST/OLIVITA, BELVEDERE,
13 FIRESTONE, LENNOX, MALIBU, AND MESA HEIGHTS. A WRITTEN
14 DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS
15 RECEIVED.

16

17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AND SO, WE WILL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT
18 ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 3-9 ONLY. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
19 READ THE CALL IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE
20 AGENDA AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE
21 PUBLIC WHO ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. PLEASE NOTE THAT
24 THE TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FOR REGULAR ITEMS HAS ENDED. WE
25 WILL ONLY HEAR PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY FOR ITEMS 3-9 AT THIS

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1 TIME. AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
2 WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 3-9
3 SHALL CALL 877-692-8955 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER
4 4433663. TO REPEAT. PLEASE CALL 877-692-8955 AND USE
5 PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 4433663. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF
6 YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE
7 CALL 877-873-8017 AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF
8 THE PUBLIC CALLING IN FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 3-9, WHEN
9 IT IS YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME. WE WILL
10 ALLOCATE A TOTAL OF FIVE MINUTES FOR PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY.
11 EACH PERSON WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR ONE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM
12 AND TWO MINUTES FOR TWO OR MORE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. WE WILL
13 CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING
14 THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. WHEN
15 SPEAKING ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 3-9, YOU MUST BE ON
16 TOPIC. OUR GOAL IS GET THROUGH AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE CAN. IF
17 YOU ARE NOT SPEAKING ON A TOPIC, OR IF WE ARE NOT TELL IF YOU
18 ARE SPEAKING ON A PUBLIC HEARING ITEM, YOU WILL GET ONE
19 WARNING FROM COUNSEL OR THE CHAIR. IF YOU DO NOT CLEARLY GET
20 ON TOPIC OR IF YOU STRAY OFF TOPIC AGAIN, YOU WILL FORFEIT THE
21 REST OF YOUR TIME, AND THE CHAIR WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT
22 SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE, THAT IF YOU ARE LISTENING TO THE BOARD
23 MEETING ON A COMPUTER OR SPEAKERPHONE, YOU WILL NEED TO TURN
24 DOWN THE VOLUME ON THOSE DEVICES AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR
25 CALLS ON YOU. IF YOU DO NOT TURN DOWN THE VOLUME, THERE WILL

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1 BE AN ECHO. AGAIN, PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TIME FOR PUBLIC
2 COMMENT FOR REGULAR ITEMS HAS ENDED. WE WILL ONLY HEAR PUBLIC
3 HEARING TESTIMONY AT THIS TIME FOR ITEMS 3-9. MODERATOR, MAY
4 WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE?

5

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

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH
12 INTERPRETATION OF THIS REMINDER. [INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN IN
13 SPANISH]

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER,
16 PLEASE.

17

18 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT ELBA DEGARNET. PLEASE STATE
19 THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY
20 BEGIN.

21

22 **ELBA DEGARNET:** YES, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ELBA DEGARNET. I
23 AM ADDRESSING ITEM 4, THE HEALTH AND SAFETY AMENDMENT. I AM A
24 TEACHER IN PASADENA. AND MY STUDENT, ROXIE FORBES, DROWNED
25 THREE YEARS AGO TODAY AT A SUMMER CAMP. I THINK IT IS SO

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1 IMPORTANT TO ESTABLISH ALL THE REQUIRE -- REGULATIONS TO AVOID
2 SUCH TRAGEDY FROM HAPPENING AGAIN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME,
3 AND, AGAIN, THANK YOU.

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
6 PLEASE.

7

8 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DOUG FORBES. PLEASE STATE
9 THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY
10 BEGIN.

11

12 **DOUG FORBES:** GOOD MORNING, AGAIN, SUPERVISOR. MY NAME IS DOUG
13 FORBES SPEAKING TO ITEM 4. SPECIAL THANKS AGAIN TO SUPERVISORS
14 SOLIS AND BARGER AND THEIR TEAMS. THERE'S A FAMOUS POET WHO
15 SAID IN SKATING OVER THIN ICE, SAFETY IS IN OUR SPEED, BUT
16 NOTHING IS SPEEDY ABOUT PROGRESS. IT TOOK THREE YEARS FOR OUR
17 FOUNDATION TO ARRIVE AT THIS MOMENT, THIS MOMENT WHEN THIS
18 COUNTY CAN FINALLY PROTECT HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN
19 AND FAMILIES FROM THE SUFFERING THAT I ENDURED. WE MUST
20 REMEMBER, HOWEVER, THAT OTHERS HAVE INDEED SUFFERED DURING
21 THIS INTERIM PERIOD OF DELIBERATIONS. MY DAUGHTER ROXIE WAS
22 NEVER SAFE AT THE ALTADENA SUMMER CAMP THAT KILLED HER. SHE
23 FELL THROUGH THE PROVERBIAL CRACK IN THE ICE, NEVER TO RETURN
24 TO MY LOVING ARMS. FILL THESE CRACKS WITH MANDATES OR CAMP
25 PERMITTING, HEALTH SUPERVISORS, BACKGROUND CHECKS,

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1 CERTIFICATIONS FOR RISKY ACTIVITIES LIKE GUN RANGES AND ZIP
2 LINES, AND INSPECT THESE CAMPS TO ENSURE THOSE CRACKS DO
3 INDEED DISAPPEAR. THE ELENA MATYAS CHILDREN'S CAMP SAFETY
4 ORDINANCE IS A GOOD BEGINNING AS LONG AS WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE
5 MUCH GREATER SKATE TOWARDS THE LONG OVERDUE SAFETY THAT OUR
6 CHILDREN DESERVE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
9 PLEASE.

10

11 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LILIANNA CORONADO. PLEASE
12 STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU
13 MAY BEGIN.

14

15 **LILIANNA CORONADO:** GOOD MORNING ONCE AGAIN, SUPERVISORS. I AM
16 CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 4, THE ELENA MATYAS CHILDREN'S
17 CAMP SAFETY ORDINANCE. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON
18 THIS ORDINANCE. AS I MENTIONED EARLIER IN THE OTHER PUBLIC
19 COMMENTS, I AM A FRIEND OF THE FORBES FAMILY. ELENA MATYAS WAS
20 A DEAR FRIEND, WHO RECENTLY PASSED. SHE IS THE MOTHER OF ROXIE
21 FORBES. WHEN I LEARNED WHAT HAPPENED TO ROXIE, WHEN I LEARNED
22 THAT CALIFORNIA DOES NOT REGULATE DAY CAMPS, I WAS SHOCKED. I
23 CONSIDER MYSELF TO BE A WELL EDUCATED AND WELL INFORMED
24 PARENT, AND I WAS VERY SURPRISED TO HEAR THAT. SO I REALLY
25 COMMEND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR HAVING LOS ANGELES,

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1 AGAIN, TAKE THE LEAD ON THIS ISSUE AND INSTITUTE SOME VERY
2 COMMON SENSE MEASURES LIKE REASONABLE CAMP COUNSELOR RATIOS,
3 TRAINING REQUIREMENTS, EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS, THINGS THAT WE
4 AS PARENTS THINK, ASSUME WRONGLY, ARE THERE AT OUR CAMPS. AND
5 OF COURSE, WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF CAMP SEASON. ANYTHING THAT
6 THE BOARD CAN DO TO PREVENT ANOTHER TRAGEDY FROM HAPPENING
7 LIKE THAT THAT'S HAPPENED TO THE FORBES FAMILY BUT ALSO TO
8 MANY MANY FAMILIES IS SO IMPORTANT. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR
9 LEADERSHIP, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK THAT
10 THE BOARD AND THE STAFF HAS DONE TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. IT IS A
11 BEAUTIFUL WAY TO HONOR ELENA AND ROXIE. AND I THANK YOU FOR
12 THAT.

13
14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
15 PLEASE.

16
17 **MODERATOR:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER SPEAKERS IN THE
18 QUEUE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

19
20 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. TO ALLOW THE FULL
21 ALLOCATED TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, THE CALL IN LINE WILL
22 REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 11:29, AND WE WILL TAKE ANY ADDITIONAL
23 CALLERS THAT COME IN THE NEXT MINUTE OR TWO. THANK YOU FOR
24 YOUR PATIENCE. STAND BY.

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1 **MODERATOR:** WE DO HAVE ONE ADDITIONAL COMMENTER IN QUEUE.

2

3 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, PLEASE ALLOW THEM TO SPEAK.

4

5 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANU ANBENIGAR. PLEASE STATE
6 THE PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING. YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **ANU ANBENIGAR:** HI. I AM MAKING A PUBLIC COMMENT IN SUPPORT FOR
9 ITEM 4, RELATED TO CAMP SAFETY. I AM A PARENT OF TWO YOUNG
10 CHILDREN IN PASADENA. MY SON WAS IN KINDERGARTEN WITH ROXIE
11 FORBES WHEN SHE TRAGICALLY DROWNED AT SUMMER CAMP. HER DEATH
12 SHOOK OUR COMMUNITY. AND WE WERE SHOCKED TO FIND OUT THAT THIS
13 CAMP, LIKE SO MANY OTHERS, WERE NOT LEGALLY REQUIRED TO ADHERE
14 TO BASIC SAFETY STANDARDS THAT KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE. TODAY MARKS
15 THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF ROXIE'S DEATH. WE CAN NEVER GET HER
16 BACK. AND HER FAMILY IS LEFT LIVING WITH THIS DEVASTATING LOSS
17 OF THEIR GIRL, BUT WE HAVE TO PREVENT MORE CHILDREN FROM DYING
18 TRAGIC AND PREVENTABLE DEATHS LIKE THE ONE SHE AND HER FAMILY
19 AND HER COMMUNITY HAD TO SUFFER. OUR KIDS DESERVE THIS. PLEASE
20 PASS THESE BILLS. THANK YOU.

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU.

23

24 **MODERATOR:** AND ONCE AGAIN, MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO
25 ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS IN QUEUE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

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1

2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** APPRECIATE THAT VERY MUCH. WE WANT TO
3 THANK ALL OF OUR PUBLIC SPEAKERS WHO PARTICIPATED AND CALLED
4 IN. IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE COMMENTS, YOU MAY CONTINUE
5 TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, AND
6 WE'LL ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE
7 MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD. TODAY,
8 WE'LL BEGIN WITH THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. AGENDA ITEMS 3, 4,
9 5, AND 8, FOLLOWED BY SET MATTERS 1 AND 2, THEN AGENDA ITEMS
10 16, 17, 18, 20, WHICH IS RELATED TO ITEMS 58 AND 59 AND
11 THEY'LL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER, THEN ITEMS 21 AND 22, AND
12 FINISHING WITH ITEM 25. SO WE'LL BEGIN WITH THE PUBLIC
13 HEARING. WE'LL TAKE UP PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 3, THE HEARING ON
14 THE ANNUAL GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE FEE REPORT
15 FOR FISCAL YEAR '22-'23. MR. PESTRELLA, OUR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
16 WORKS, IS AVAILABLE IF ANYONE HAS ANY QUESTIONS. ANYONE WANT
17 TO MAKE A REMARK OR HAVE ANY COMMENTS? SEEING NONE, IT WOULD
18 BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS
19 ITEM. ITEM 3 IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE THE ITEM, SECONDED BY
20 SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
21 CALL THE ROLL.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 3 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

24

25 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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1

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

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

9

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

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

13

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

15 MITCHELL.

16

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

18

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

20 5-0.

21

22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** PUBLIC ITEM 4, HEARING ON COUNTY CODE

23 TITLE 8, CONSUMER PROTECTION BUSINESS AND WAGE REGULATIONS AND

24 TITLE 11, HEALTH AND SAFETY AMENDMENTS. MARGARET AMBROSE,

25 PRINCIPAL DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL, AND EDWARD MORISSEY, DIVISION

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1 CHIEF COUNTY COUNSEL, ARE AVAILABLE IF ANY BOARD MEMBERS HAVE
2 QUESTIONS. ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, I DON'T HAVE QUESTIONS FOR COUNSEL, BUT I DO
5 HAVE A STATEMENT I'D LIKE TO READ.

6

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

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I ALSO WANT TO TAKE THIS
10 OPPORTUNITY TO ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR ALSO
11 COAUTHORING THE MOTION THAT LED TO THIS ORDINANCE, AND I ALSO
12 WANT TO THANK THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE COUNTY
13 COUNSEL FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK FOR PUTTING THIS ORDINANCE
14 TOGETHER. BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, I ALSO WANT TO GIVE THANKS TO
15 DOUG FORBES, WHO WE HEARD FROM TODAY. DOUG AND HIS WIFE,
16 ELENA, FOUNDED THE MEOW MEOW FOUNDATION AFTER THEIR DAUGHTER,
17 AS YOU KNOW, TRAGICALLY DROWNED AT A SUMMER CAMP. I KNOW TODAY
18 IS ESPECIALLY HARD ON YOU, DOUG, GIVEN THAT TODAY IS THE THREE
19 YEAR ANNIVERSARY SINCE ROXIE WAS TRAGICALLY TAKEN FROM YOU AND
20 THAT THIS ANNIVERSARY COMES ONLY A SHORT COME AFTER YOU LOST
21 YOUR BEAUTIFUL WIFE, ELENA, AND YOUR MOTHER, CAROL, TO CANCER.
22 SO I WANT TO EXTEND MY SINCERE GRATITUDE TO YOU FOR STILL
23 WORKING TO SEE THIS ORDINANCE THROUGH, YOUR TENACITY AND
24 STRENGTH AND COURAGE, ALONG WITH THIS ORDINANCE THAT IS NOW
25 BEFORE US TODAY TO HELP PREVENT DROWNING. YOU ARE IN OUR

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1 THOUGHTS, DOUG, AND WE HOPE AND YOU KNOW THAT ELENA MATYAS
2 CHILDREN'S CAMP SAFETY ORDINANCE, COUPLED WITH THE ROXIE SWIM
3 SAFE ORDINANCE, NAMED AFTER YOUR WIFE AND DAUGHTER, ARE GOING
4 TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN WHILE THEY ARE AT CAMPS.
5 OFTENTIMES, SUMMER CAMP IS A CENTRAL PART OF A CHILD'S
6 UPBRINGING, AND ALTHOUGH CAMP IS SOMETIMES OUT OF REACH FOR
7 SOME COMMUNITIES, WE'RE STILL WORKING TO ADDRESS THAT THROUGH
8 PARK EQUITY AND OPEN SPACE INITIATIVES. WE HAVE A
9 RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THAT CAMP IS SAFE FOR ALL OUR
10 CHILDREN, AND I BELIEVE THAT THIS ORDINANCE IS GOING IN THE
11 RIGHT DIRECTION AND WILL HELP US ACHIEVE THAT. L.A. COUNTY
12 WILL BE ONE OF THE FIRST JURISDICTIONS TO PASS SUCH AN
13 ORDINANCE ENSURING THAT STAFFING RATIOS, TRAINING, AND VETTING
14 TO MAKE SURE CHILDREN ARE PROTECTED. I KNOW THAT THESE
15 ORDINANCES ALONG WITH THE CONTINUED ADVOCACY OF YOU, DOUG
16 FORBES, AND OTHERS WILL INSPIRE OTHER LOCALITIES TO MOVE IN
17 THE SAME DIRECTION. WE THANK YOU AND APPLAUD YOU FOR YOUR
18 COURAGE, AND AGAIN WE ALSO SEND OUR RESPECT AND CONDOLENCES ON
19 YOUR LOSS. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

20
21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BARGER.

22
23 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THANK YOU.
24 THOSE REMARKS ACTUALLY REALLY SUM THE WHOLE THING UP. I WANT
25 TO THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO WORK WITH YOU ON THIS VERY

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1 IMPORTANT EFFORT. THIS BOARD IS FINALLY MAKING A CRITICAL STEP
2 IN PROVIDING ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS OF
3 CHILDREN'S CAMPS AND DAY CAMPS. THE COUNTY PREVIOUSLY
4 ESTABLISHED REQUIREMENTS FOR OVERNIGHT CAMPS, BUT WE NEEDED
5 CLARITY AND SEPARATE GUIDELINES FOR CHILDREN'S DAY CAMPS THAT
6 WERE NOT CLASSIFIED AS CHILDCARE CENTERS FOR THE STATE. I TOO
7 WANT TO THANK DOUG FORBES FOR HIS FOCUS, HIS TENACITY, HIS
8 BEING COLLABORATIVE BUT VERY DELIBERATE IN TERMS OF WHAT
9 NEEDED TO BE DONE, USING HIS VOICE AND CREATING THE MEOW MEOW
10 FOUNDATION TO REALLY ACCELERATE THIS SO THAT WE MAKE THE
11 CHANGES SO THAT NO ONE ELSE HAS TO EXPERIENCE WHAT HE AND HIS
12 WIFE EXPERIENCED IN ROXIE'S DROWNING. AND SO. I JUST WANT TO
13 THANK YOU, DOUG, AND ON THIS DAY, WE DO REMEMBER ROXIE AND
14 ALSO ELENA, AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE RECOGNIZE THE
15 FACT THAT THIS IS NAMED IN THEIR MEMORY BECAUSE THIS IS GOING
16 TO HAVE A LASTING EFFECT AND REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN MANY
17 FAMILIES' LIVES. SO THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH.

18

19 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR COMMENTS.
20 IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE
21 ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 4 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER,
22 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE
23 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLE.

24

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

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1

2 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

3

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

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

7

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

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

11

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

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

15

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

17 MITCHELL.

18

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

20

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

22 5-0.

23

24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 5,

25 HEARING ON THE ANNUAL LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS FOR COUNTY

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1 LIGHTING DISTRICTS FOR FISCAL YEAR '22-'23. AGAIN, MR.
2 PESTRELLA IS AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS. ANY BOARD MEMBER HAVE
3 QUESTION OR COMMENT? ALL RIGHT. SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE
4 APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM.
5 ITEM 5 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY
6 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
7 CALL THE ROLL.

8

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

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

12

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

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

16

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

18

19 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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:** PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 8, HEARING ON THE
10 ANNUAL GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE FEE REPORT FOR
11 FISCAL YEAR '22-'23. MR. PESTRELLA IS AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS
12 OR COMMENTS. ANY REMARKS OR QUESTIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS?
13 SEEING ONE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC
14 HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 8. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
15 SOLIS, SECONDED BY MITCHELL APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE
16 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

21

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

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

25

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

2

3 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

4

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

6

7 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

8

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

10 MITCHELL.

11

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

13

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

15 MAY-00

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17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MOVING TO SET

18 MATTER 1, OUR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING REPORT, ALWAYS VERY

19 HELPFUL PART OF OUR AGENDA TO HEAR AGAIN FROM DR. SCORZA,

20 DIRECTOR OF OUR RACIAL EQUITY, AND ROBIN TOMA, EXECUTIVE

21 DIRECTOR OF OUR COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS. DR. SCORZA, MS.

22 TOMA, WELCOME.

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24 **DR. SCORZA:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. IT'S AN

25 INCREDIBLE PLEASURE TO BE HERE WITH ALL OF YOU AGAIN TODAY.

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1 TODAY'S PRESENTATION MARKS OUR 12TH UPDATE IN OUR SERIES OF
2 REGULAR PRESENTATIONS ON THE COUNTY'S PROGRESS IMPLEMENTING
3 YOUR BOARD'S AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PHASE ONE SPENDING PLAN.
4 NEXT SLIDE. AS IS OUR REGULAR PRACTICE, TODAY THIS SLIDE
5 PREVIEWS THE TOPICS WE INTEND TO COVER. I WILL PROVIDE A
6 GLOBAL PROGRAM OVERVIEW DETAILING THE CURRENT STATUS OF
7 PROJECTS IN THE DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT ,AND APPROVAL PROCESS, AS
8 WELL AS A STATUS SUMMARY OF WHEN PROJECTS ARE EXPECTED TO
9 LAUNCH. ROBIN TOMA, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES
10 COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, WILL PRESENT ON THEIR
11 A.R.P. PROJECTS TO INCREASE CAPACITY TO ADDRESS PANDEMIC-
12 RELATED HATE. NEXT SLIDE. SO HERE'S A HIGH LEVEL SUMMARY OF
13 THE CURRENT STATUS OF PROJECT DESIGNS. AS OF JUNE 27TH, 29
14 PROJECTS ARE IN THE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT PHASE, WHICH
15 ENTAILS A PROCESS TO CLARIFY THE GOALS AND OUTCOMES OF THE
16 PROJECT WITH THE CENTRAL IMPACT OF REDUCING DISPARITIES
17 CAUSED BY OR EXACERBATED BY THE PANDEMIC AS WELL AS STRATEGIES
18 TO MEASURE THAT IMPACT. OF THE OF THOSE 29 PROJECTS, R.D. IS
19 CURRENTLY PARTNERING WITH AND MEETING WITH DEPARTMENTS ON 15
20 OF THOSE PROJECTS TO SUPPORT THE DESIGN AND EQUITABLE
21 EXAMINATION OF THOSE PROJECTS. SEVEN PROJECTS ARE UNDER R.D.
22 AND THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S REVIEW, AND A TOTAL OF 47 PROJECTS
23 HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR LAUNCH AND IMPLEMENTATION, WHICH TOTALS
24 AN ALLOCATION OF \$543,720,000. NEXT SLIDE. AT THIS TIME, ROBIN

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1 TOMA WILL HIGHLIGHT THEIR WORK TO INCREASE CAPACITY TO ADDRESS
2 PANDEMIC RELATED HATE PROGRAMS. ROBIN?

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4 **ROBIN TOMA:** THANK YOU, DR. SCORZA. CAN YOU HEAR ME OKAY?

5 GREAT. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, PARTICULARLY MADAM CHAIR
6 MITCHELL, AS WELL AS SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND BARGER AND SOLIS.

7 IT'S GOOD TO BE WITH YOU TODAY. I WANTED TO TELL YOU ABOUT OUR
8 PROGRAMS THAT ARE FUNDED BY THE A.R.P. FUNDS. SO LET'S JUST GO
9 TO THE NEXT SLIDE. I KNOW OUR TIME IS LIMITED. SO, OF COURSE,
10 WE HAVE SEEN, AS YOU ALL KNOW, A SPIKE IN HATE CRIMES, HATE
11 INCIDENTS, SINCE THE PANDEMIC. AND SO THIS PROGRAM, WHICH IS
12 REALLY BUILT UPON THE CORE PROGRAM OF L.A. VERSUS HATE, IS SET
13 UP TO ADDRESS A NUMBER OF NEEDS THAT WE THINK ARE CRITICAL FOR
14 REALLY ENDING THE -- AND REVERSING THE RISING HATE THAT WE'RE
15 SEEING. SO THE FIRST THING THAT YOU SEE THERE IS THAT WE HAVE
16 DREAM RESOURCE CENTERS IN EIGHT SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AND THAT IS
17 BECAUSE WE HAVE ALREADY SEEN THROUGH OUR REPORTS TO 211 A
18 CHUNK OF THEM, SIGNIFICANT CHUNK, ARE BULLYING REPORTS AND
19 BIAS-RELATED HARASSMENT THAT'S HAPPENING IN SCHOOLS. SECOND
20 POINT, WE REALIZE THAT ONE OF THE KEY WAYS IN WHICH WE ARE
21 DOING THINGS DIFFERENTLY AND MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE IN THE
22 LIVES OF PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HATE IS THAT WE'RE
23 PROVIDING NOT JUST A REFERRAL BUT WE'RE ACTUALLY MAKING SURE
24 THAT THEY HAVE ALL OF THEIR NEEDS MET, WHETHER IT'S
25 COUNSELING, LEGAL SERVICES, WHETHER THEY NEED HOUSING.

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1 WHATEVER IT IS, WE PROVIDE THAT ASSISTANCE FOR THEM THROUGH
2 THE EXPANDED CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES. OF COURSE, BECAUSE MANY
3 OF THE TARGETS OF PANDEMIC RELATED HATE ARE ASIAN-AMERICAN AND
4 PACIFIC ISLANDER, WE HAVE EXPANDED OUR CASE MANAGEMENT
5 SERVICES FOR THOSE VICTIMS WHO SPEAK ASIAN AND PACIFIC
6 ISLANDER LANGUAGES. AND FOURTH BULLET POINT IS ABOUT FIRST
7 RESPONDER TRAINING BECAUSE WE ARE GETTING REPORTS THAT VICTIMS
8 OF HATE, WHEN THEY GET TO LAW ENFORCEMENT, ARE ACTUALLY
9 FINDING THAT THEY'RE NOT GETTING A VERY SYMPATHETIC EAR, AND,
10 OF COURSE, THIS IS COUNTER TO WHAT WE WANT. WE WANT PEOPLE TO
11 REPORT IT, NOT ACCEPT IT, NOT NORMALIZE IT. AND SO, THIS IS
12 CRITICAL TO ADDRESS THAT ISSUE BY PROVIDING TRAINING TO LAW
13 ENFORCEMENT. AND LAST IS, OF COURSE, THE DESIRE TO CONTINUALLY
14 IMPROVE OUR PROGRAMS. WE WANTED TO DO EVALUATION FROM THE
15 OUTSIDE OF ALL OF OUR FUNDED A.R.P. PROGRAMS. NEXT SLIDE. SO,
16 CLEARLY, THESE INTERVENTIONS THAT WE DEVELOP ARE NECESSARY
17 BECAUSE WE'RE SEEING A HISTORIC RISE IN ACTS OF HATE. IT'S THE
18 HIGHEST LEVEL SINCE 2008. AND WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED THROUGH OUR
19 211 DATA IS THAT, IF WE CAN PROVIDE SOME RESPONSE AND SUPPORT
20 TO PEOPLE WITH WHAT THEY NEED, AND IT OF COURSE IT RANGES
21 QUITE A BIT IN WHAT THEY NEED, BUT WE KNOW THAT, THROUGH THAT,
22 WE CAN REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN HELPING THEM HEAL AND
23 HELPING COMMUNITIES HEAL FROM HATE. WE ALSO KNOW THAT, THROUGH
24 THIS WORK, WE CAN TARGET KEY COMMUNITIES THAT WE MAY NOT BE
25 AWARE OF. FOR EXAMPLE, WE ARE MUCH MORE AWARE THROUGH OUR DATA

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1 THAT A LOT OF THE REPORTS OF HATE ARE HAPPENING IN HOMES. AND
2 SO, YOU'LL HEAR LATER ABOUT WORK WE'RE DOING WITH THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING ABOUT HOW WE CAN
4 ADDRESS THAT SYSTEMICALLY. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO A LITTLE
5 BIT ABOUT OUR DREAM RESOURCE CENTERS, WHICH IS ONE OF THE
6 MAJOR PARTS OF OUR A.R.P. FUNDED PROGRAMS. WE BUILT UPON A
7 PROGRAM THAT WE SAW WORKING IN A NUMBER OF SCHOOLS WHERE THERE
8 HAD REALLY BEEN A POSITIVE IMPACT ON STUDENTS WHO TYPICALLY
9 WERE EXCLUDED AND MARGINALIZED IN SCHOOL COMMUNITIES AND OFTEN
10 THE TARGETS OF BULLYING AND OTHER BIAS-RELATED HARASSMENT. SO
11 THESE SAFE SPACES THAT WE CREATED ARE REALLY FOR ALL TARGETED
12 GROUPS, WHETHER ONE IS AN IMMIGRANT, L.B.G.T.Q., BLACK,
13 INDIGENOUS, AND OTHER PEOPLE OF COLOR. AND SO, THIS DREAM
14 RESOURCE CENTER IS REALLY KEY IN PROVIDING A WHOLE RANG OF
15 SUPPORTS ARE THAT ARE NOT ONLY ACADEMIC BUT SOCIAL AND
16 EMOTIONAL WELL BEING STRATEGIES. WE PROVIDE PEER COUNSELING,
17 PEER MEDIATION, AND JUST A WHOLE RANG OF THINGS THAT REALLY
18 MAKE IT A SAFE PLACE FOR PEOPLE TO COME AND SHARE WHAT THEY'RE
19 EXPERIENCING, AND THAT DATA FROM THEIR VISITS WE KNOW WILL
20 HELP US IDENTIFY THOSE STUDENTS WHO ARE AT RISK OF SELF-HARM
21 AND HARM FROM OTHERS AS WELL AND HELP US TO BE ABLE TO PREVENT
22 VIOLENCE FROM HAPPENING. WE THEN WE HAVE TEACHER ALLIES THERE
23 THAT REALLY HELP US DEVELOP YOUNG PEOPLE AS NOT JUST BEING
24 AWARE ABOUT THE KIND OF HELP THEY CAN RECEIVE AND WHAT THEY
25 CAN DO FOR OTHERS, BUT TO BE LEADERS IN SOCIAL JUSTICE AND

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1 ANTI-HATE WORK AT THEIR SCHOOLS. SO THESE DREAM RESOURCE
2 CENTERS WILL BE LAUNCHED AT THE FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOLS:
3 ANTELOPE, INGLEWOOD, MORNING SIDE, ARTESIA, LA PUENTE, J.F.K.,
4 AND NORWALK, AND FINNEY MIDDLE SCHOOL, AS WELL. AND ALL OF
5 THEM ARE IN THE HIGHEST HIGH COVID NEEDS TIER INDEX. WE ARE
6 TARGETING FOR A MINIMUM OF 350 UNDUPLICATED STUDENTS AND
7 FAMILIES TO BE SERVED AT EACH CENTER EACH YEAR WITH A MINIMUM
8 OF 3,000 ANNUAL STUDENT VISITS THAT WE'LL CAPTURE ON A STUDENT
9 SIGN-IN SYSTEM. WE BELIEVE THAT THE DATA THAT WE'LL BE
10 PRODUCING THROUGH THIS DOCUMENTATION AND TRACKING WILL SHOW AN
11 IMPROVEMENT IN NOT JUST THE SCHOOL CLIMATE BUT ALSO STUDENT
12 ENGAGEMENT. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, ONE OF THE OTHER ASPECTS
13 OF THE A.R.P. FUNDED PROJECTS IS THE EXPANSION OF CASE
14 MANAGEMENT SERVICES THAT WE'VE BEEN PROVIDING. WE WANTED TO
15 EXPAND THEM, AND PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF ASIAN
16 TARGETS OF HATE AND THAT A NUMBER OF THEM ARE ELDERLY AND MANY
17 ARE LIMITED IN THEIR ENGLISH SPEAKING CAPACITY, AND WE WANTED
18 TO REALLY ENSURE THAT WE HAD AMPLE SUPPORT FOR THAT. WE ALSO
19 ARE ENSURING THAT THEIR CASE MANAGEMENT INCLUDES THE WHOLE
20 RANGE OF SERVICES. AS I SAID, THERE ARE CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS IN
21 CALIFORNIA WHICH ARE REALLY UNDER UTILIZED, AND IN MANY CASES
22 THOSE ARE NOW BEING TAPPED TO REALLY HELP VICTIMS GET JUSTICE
23 IN MANY CASES. WE HELP THEM CONNECT THEM WITH MENTAL HEALTH,
24 WITH SCHOOL ADVOCACY SERVICES, AND WHOLE RANGE OF OTHER NEEDS
25 THAT REALLY ARE COMING UP IN A MORE COMPREHENSIVE WAY THAN WE

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1 GET AT THROUGH 211. SO ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE ARE SEEING IS
2 THAT WE CAN REALLY STRENGTHEN LONG TERM RESILIENCY WHEN WE
3 PROVIDE A CARE COORDINATOR, AND THEN THROUGH THAT INFORMATION,
4 WE'RE REALLY ABLE TO GAIN INDICATORS OF HOW THEY'RE HEALING
5 FROM TRAUMA, AND WE CAN TRACK THOSE IMPROVEMENTS IN THEIR
6 OVERALL HEALTH INDICATORS, MENTAL HEALTH INDICATORS, HOW
7 THEY'RE ABLE TO ADVOCATE FOR THEMSELVES, WHICH IS A BEAUTIFUL
8 THING TO SEE, AND WE'VE SEEN IT MANY TIMES, AND REALLY RETURN
9 TO DAILY ENGAGEMENT IN THEIR SOCIAL LIFE. AND FINALLY, WE ARE
10 CAPTURING ALL OF THAT IN A DATABASE IN A MONTHLY REPORTING
11 PROGRAM AS WELL AS DEVELOPING NEW POLICIES TO ADDRESS THOSE
12 DIFFERENT ISSUES THAT ARE COMING UP. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO,
13 SINCE THE WAY THIS IS GOING TO WORK FOR US IS REALLY BUILDING
14 UPON, AS I MENTIONED, THE L.A. VERSUS HATE SYSTEM AND PROGRAM
15 THAT WE'VE BEEN BUILDING, SO THE FIRST THING TO SHOW YOU IS
16 THAT, SINCE SEPTEMBER, 2019, WHICH IS WHEN WE FIRST
17 ESTABLISHED THE CALL CENTER, EVEN THOUGH WE HADN'T REALLY
18 PUBLICIZED THE HATE REPORTING LINE UNTIL JUNE OF 2020, WE
19 ALREADY HAVE RECEIVED 1,860 VICTIMS REPORTING HATE ACTS DURING
20 THAT TIME. AND WHAT IT'S TELLING US IS REALLY INTERESTING
21 BECAUSE RACE, ETHNICITY, AND NATIONAL ORIGIN CONTINUE TO BE
22 THE BULK, WHICH IS TRUE WITH HATE CRIMES, AS WELL, BUT WHAT'S
23 DIFFERENT IS THAT THROUGH THIS DATA, THROUGH THIS ALTERNATIVE
24 REPORTING DIRECTLY FROM VICTIMS TO US THROUGH 211, WE ARE ABLE
25 TO SEE DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION IS A HUGE PERCENT, 15%, AND

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1 THAT'S SOMETHING THAT RARELY GETS REPORTED THROUGH LAW
2 ENFORCEMENT IN OUR REPORTS OF HATE CRIMES. GENDER AS WELL,
3 11%, THAT'S MUCH GREATER THAN WE ARE SEEING TYPICALLY THROUGH
4 REPORTS OF HATE CRIMES FROM OUR MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS
5 AND SHERIFF DEPARTMENTS EACH YEAR. AND OF COURSE SEXUAL
6 ORIENTATION CONTINUES TO BE PART OF WHAT IS REPORTED AS
7 BIASED-MOTIVATED HARASSMENT AND BULLYING. WHAT'S GREAT IS THAT
8 FOLKS ARE NOT JUST REPORTING IT, BUT THEY ARE REQUESTING HELP.
9 AND WE'RE PROVIDING THAT HELP. AND SO, 1,596 VICTIMS ARE
10 ASKING FOR HELP, AND THEY'RE SATISFIED WITH WHAT WE ARE
11 PROVIDING. AND IN MANY CASES WE'RE GIVING THEM CONNECTIONS TO
12 MULTIPLE TYPES OF ASSISTANCE, NOT JUST ONE SINGLE TYPE. AND IF
13 THEY WANT TO REPORT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT, THEY CAN DO SO WHILE
14 REMAINING ANONYMOUS. SO IT'S REALLY A WONDERFUL ALTERNATIVE
15 THAT HAS UNEARTHED AND REVEALED SO MANY MORE ACTS OF HATE THAN
16 WE PREVIOUSLY KNEW ABOUT. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO ANOTHER AREA
17 THAT WE'RE DEDICATING A.R.P. FUNDS TO IS TRAINING FIRST
18 RESPONDERS. WE KNOW THAT THE F.B.I. AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
19 HAVE LONG REPORTED HOW UNDERREPORTED HATE CRIMES AND HATE ACTS
20 ARE. AND SO, WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO IS CHANGE THAT. WE WANT
21 PEOPLE TO REPORT WHEN THEY ARE EXPERIENCING AN ACT OF HATE AND
22 HOSTILITY, BUT IT'S HUGE WHEN THEY DO REPORT IT AND THEY FEEL
23 LIKE THEY ARE BEING TREATED WITH LITTLE COMPASSION OR EMPATHY
24 BY THE FIRST RESPONDER. AND SO, WE HAVE -- WE ARE BEGINNING
25 THE TRAININGS THAT ARE GOING TO REALLY TRY TO REACH ALL OF OUR

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1 MANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, NOT JUST
2 THE 46 THAT ARE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE MUNICIPAL
3 POLICE DEPARTMENTS, BUT THERE ARE MANY POLICE DEPARTMENTS
4 BASED IN UNIVERSITIES AND IN K-12 SCHOOLS. AND SO, WE WANT TO
5 MAKE SURE WE'RE REACHING THEY WILL AS WELL. WE'RE PARTNERING
6 WITH THE C.C.J.C.C. TO MAKE SURE WE ARE GOING TO BE EFFECTIVE
7 TO REACHING THOSE OFFICERS AND OTHER FIRST RESPONDERS. ONE OF
8 THE WAYS WE ARE THINKING IS KEY IS TO ENGAGE CELEBRITIES
9 BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT HEARING FROM US, THE HUMAN RELATIONS
10 COMMISSION, IS NOT GOING HAVE TO THE SAME KIND OF CACHE WITH
11 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AS CELEBRITIES THAT THEY CONNECT TO,
12 BUT WE ARE ALSO GOING TO BE SURE THAT WE'RE CAPTURING THOSE
13 OUTCOMES THROUGH THE MONTHLY REPORTS, AND WE BELIEVE THAT WE
14 HAVE A LOT TO OFFER THEM THAT'S GOING TO BE OF VALUE TO THEM
15 AS WELL AS TO US. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO SOMETHING TO LOOK
16 FORWARD TO, AS I MENTIONED, THROUGH OUR DATA, WE'VE BEEN
17 CONNECTING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING,
18 AND THEY ACTUALLY WANT TO REPLICATE THE SYSTEM THAT WE
19 DEVELOPED HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, IN PARTICULAR THE FACT THAT,
20 WHEN THEY'RE ASKING PEOPLE TO REPORT, THEY WANT TO RESPOND AND
21 PROVIDE ASSISTANCE. SO THAT'S SOMETHING THAT THEY ARE
22 INCORPORATING INTO THEIR STATE WIDE INITIATIVE AND PARTNERING
23 WITH US AND ACTUALLY OFFERING US FUNDING IN ASSIST THEM IN
24 MAKING THAT HAPPEN. WE ALSO HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH CHAMBERS OF
25 COMMERCE AND BOARD DEPUTIES TO MAKE SURE THAT BUSINESSES,

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1 SMALL MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES, THAT ARE IMPACTED BY PANDEMIC
2 RELATED HATE KNOW ABOUT THE DIFFERENT BENEFITS THAT ARE
3 AVAILABLE TO THEM AND ASSISTANCE THAT CAN HELP THEM DEAL WITH
4 THE DROP IN INCOME THAT THEY'RE EXPERIENCING. THE THIRD BULLET
5 REFERS TO A PARTICULAR INITIATIVE THAT I MENTIONED EARLIER.
6 ABOUT HALF OF OUR REPORTS OF HATE TO 211 ARE REPORTING HATE IN
7 THEIR HOMES, WHETHER IT'S THEIR APARTMENT BUILDINGS, THEIR
8 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTS, HOME OWNER ASSOCIATIONS. AND SO,
9 WE'RE WORKING WITH D.F.E.H. TO MAKE SURE THAT HOUSING
10 PROVIDERS KNOW THEIR LEGAL OBLIGATIONS AND FULFILL THEM WHEN
11 RESPONDING TO REPORTS OF HATE THAT WE'RE PROVIDING THEM. AND
12 THEN THE LAST IS THAT WE'RE PARTNERING WITH A WHOLE ARRAY OF
13 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, PUBLIC HEALTH'S OF OFFICE OF VIOLENCE
14 PREVENTION, THE L.A. COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION, PARKS AND
15 REC, THE LIBRARIES, ARTS AND CULTURE, AND OF COURSE R.D. TO
16 MAKE SURE WE'RE LEVERAGING EXISTING PROGRAMS AND EXPANDING OUR
17 REACH AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. I THINK I'M GOING TO PAUSE THERE. I
18 THINK I'M STILL WITHIN MY TIME, AND ALLOW YOU TO ASK ANY
19 QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE.

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21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** MR. TOMA, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. FIRST,
22 WE'LL HEAR FROM SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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24 **SUP. SOLIS:** GREAT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR FOR RECOGNIZING ME.
25 I ALSO WANT TO THANK AGAIN DR. SCORZA FOR BRINGING US THIS

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1 MATERIAL, BUT ALSO ROBIN TOMA, WHO HAS BEEN SO RELENTLESS
2 HELPING US PUSH OUT THIS WHOLE INITIATIVE, REALLY HELPING TO
3 ASSIST OUR A.A.P.I. COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY DURING THIS MOMENT
4 IN TIME WHEN WE'RE SEEING SO MANY DISCRIMINATION AND TRAUMA
5 BEING FACED BY THE A.A.P.I. COMMUNITY. REALLY WANT TO THANK
6 YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE WITH THE MILLION DOLLARS THAT WAS
7 PROVIDED TO YOU TO INCREASE THE DREAM RESOURCE CENTERS. I'M
8 HAPPY YOU'RE IN OUR DISTRICT. CERTAINLY, I KNOW IT'S GOING TO
9 BE SUCCESSFUL AND WE'RE PROBABLY GOING TO WANT TO GO BACK TO
10 YOU AND EXPAND IT. I'M EXCITED ABOUT THE CASE MANAGEMENT
11 SERVICES THAT YOU'RE PROVIDING AND ALSO WANT TO HEAR MORE
12 ABOUT THE DATA COLLECTION THAT YOU'RE RECEIVING. I THINK IT'S
13 REALLY GOING TO BE POWERFUL BECAUSE I'M WONDERING IF WE CAN
14 COLLECT DATA ON THOSE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THAT HAVE NOT
15 BEEN SUPPORTIVE OF THESE REPORTS BEING MADE BY THE COMMUNITY,
16 SO WE CAN BETTER INFORM FUNDERS, OUR FUNDERS, IN TERMS WHERE
17 WE NEED TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS, AND ALSO NOTICE THAT WE DO HAVE
18 A LOT OF ELDERLY. AND I DON'T KNOW IF THE ELDER ABUSE COMES TO
19 YOU, OR IF WE'RE EVEN ABLE TO PICK THAT UP. BECAUSE WE DO FIND
20 THAT, EVEN IN THE A.A.P.I. COMMUNITY AND OTHER RELATED CRIMES
21 THAT ARE SIMILAR IN TERMS OF DISCRIMINATION, THAT ELDER ABUSE
22 SOMETIMES CAN BE HIDDEN HERE. AND I'M JUST WONDERING IF MAYBE
23 THAT'S SOMETHING WE CAN DIVE DOWN INTO LATER AS WELL. AND
24 I'VE SEEN -- WE'VE SEEN SO MANY THINGS WITH HATE CRIME. I'M
25 JUST THINKING OUT LOUD ABOUT WHAT I HAVE SEEN REPORTED IN THE

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1 MEDIA REGARDING VENDORS, STREET VENDORS, LATINO STREET
2 VENDORS. AND MOST OF THEM ARE OVER THE AGE OF 50 OR 60, AND I
3 DON'T KNOW THAT WE'RE COLLECTING ANY OF THAT DATA IN TERMS OF
4 JUST HATE CRIMES AS WELL OR IF THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE COULD
5 EVEN CONSIDER HERE. I WOULD REALLY BE INTERESTED IN HEARING
6 MORE ABOUT THAT FROM YOU, ROBIN. THOSE ARE SOME QUESTIONS I
7 HAVE, BUT I DO WANT TO SAY THAT YOU'RE DOING A LOT WITH SOME
8 OF THE VERY CREDIBLE GROUPS THAT WE KNOW OUT THERE IN THE
9 COMMUNITY, CAUSE AND OTHER GROUPS, JUSTICE, A.A.P.I. JUSTICE
10 GROUPS THAT ARE PROVIDING LEGAL ASSISTANCE. I'VE SEEN THE
11 TRAINING THAT HAS BEEN PROVIDED TOO TO OUR ELDERS AND OUR
12 COMMUNITIES SO THAT THEY KNOW HOW TO PROTECT THEMSELVES. I
13 ALSO WANT TO ASK IF METRO, I BELIEVE YOU ARE WORKING PERHAPS
14 WITH METRO, METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, BECAUSE WE
15 HAD SEVERAL ATTACKS OF A.A.P.I. INDIVIDUALS ON OUR SYSTEM, ON
16 OUR RAIL AND BUSES AND WANT TO KNOW WHAT WE CAN DO TO IMPROVE
17 THAT AND THEN JUST, GIVEN THAT I NOW REPRESENT THE LARGEST
18 A.A.P.I. COMMUNITY IN THE COUNTY, WHAT KINDS OF DIFFERENT
19 LANGUAGES YOU'RE PROVIDING TO THE A.A.P.I. COMMUNITY BECAUSE
20 THERE ARE SO MANY. THAT WOULD BE SOMETHING THAT I WOULD ASK
21 YOU FOR. AND THEN JUST LASTLY, WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO TO HELP
22 YOU? I KNOW THAT YOU'RE GOING THROUGH SOME TRANSITION THERE,
23 AND I DO KNOW THAT IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO ALSO HAVE THE
24 BOARD THINK ABOUT HOW WE CAN MORE PROVIDE STABILITY AND KIND

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1 OF ANCHORING THE ROLE THAT YOU HAVE. SO THOSE ARE QUESTIONS
2 THAT I WOULD HAVE FOR YOU.

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4 **ROBIN TOMA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND OF COURSE JUST
5 GRATEFUL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND REALLY BEING A LEADER IN YOUR
6 WORK HERE AND REALLY HELPING US CONNECT WITH SO MANY OF THE
7 COMMUNITIES IN NEED. TO YOUR QUESTION ABOUT THE DATA ON LAW
8 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE HOPE TO GLEAN
9 MORE OF. RIGHT NOW, IT'S COMING FROM, SOMETIMES BOARD OFFICES
10 SHARE IT WITH US, SOMETIMES VICTIMS THEMSELVES, SOMETIMES
11 CITIES WILL TELL US ABOUT IT. BUT WE KNOW THAT THAT'S
12 SOMETHING THAT IS REALLY HAS A LOT OF POTENTIAL TO MOVE IN A
13 POSITIVE WAY BECAUSE WE ACTUALLY HAVE THESE GREAT INFORMATION
14 CARDS, WHICH YOU KNOW, MANY TIMES LAW ENFORCEMENT SAYS WHEN
15 PEOPLE REPORT AN ACT OF HATE BUT IT'S NOT A HATE CRIME, WHAT
16 CAN WE DO FOR THEM BECAUSE WE CAN'T PROSECUTE. AND OUR ANSWER
17 IS THERE ACTUALLY IS A LOT YOU CAN DO, AND THAT'S WHAT WE CAN
18 HELP YOU WITH. YOU JUST NEED TO LET THEM KNOW ABOUT US, HAND
19 THEM THE CARD AND WE CAN FOLLOW-UP WITH THEM AND PROVIDE THEM
20 ALL SORTS OF HELP AROUND CIVIL RIGHTS REMEDIES, MENTAL HEALTH
21 ASSISTANCE, ANY KIND OF SUPPORT THAT THEY NEED IN TERMS OF
22 ADVOCACY FOR THEIR SITUATION. SO I THINK THAT'S GOING TO
23 PRODUCE SOME REALLY GREAT INFORMATION. THE OTHER PART, THE
24 ELDERLY, THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE KNOW IS A HUGE PART OF THE
25 TARGETING THAT HAPPENS AGAINST THE A.A.P.I. COMMUNITY AND

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1 OTHERS. AND SO, SENIORS FIGHT BACK IS A GREAT PROGRAM, AND WE
2 ARE DEFINITELY RECOGNIZING THAT A LOT OF FOLKS THAT ARE ALSO
3 ELDERLY ARE LIMITED ENGLISH SPEAKING. SO THAT'S WHY WE WANTED
4 TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER
5 LANGUAGES, WHICH I WILL TELL YOU INCLUDE MANDARIN, CANTONESE,
6 KOREAN, THAI, AND VIETNAMESE, AND I'M MISSING ONE, TAGALOG.
7 ALL OF THOSE ARE THE LANGUAGES THAT WE HAVE AT THIS MOMENT.
8 AND OF COURSE, AS TIME GOES ON, IF WE CAN EXPAND THAT, WE'LL
9 WANT TO DO THAT. STREET VENDORS, WE KNOW ABOUT THE FACT THAT
10 THEY HAVE BEEN TARGETING AND CASES WITH STREET VENDORS
11 EXPERIENCING VIOLENCE, AND WE HAVE REACHED OUT TO THEM. WE ARE
12 DEFINITELY LOOKING TO SUPPORT THE WORK SO WE CAN HELP TO MAKE
13 SURE THEY'RE PROTECTED. SO THAT IS SOMETHING THAT I HOPE IS
14 STOPPING, BUT TO THE EXTENT THAT CONTINUES, WE ARE CONTINUING
15 TO BE AVAILABLE TO THEM AND ASSIST THEM IN ANY WAY BECAUSE
16 THEY'RE VERY VULNERABLE BEING OUT IN THE STREETS, TARGETS FOR
17 THIS KIND OF RANDOM ANTI-IMMIGRANT HATE THAT, OF COURSE, WE'RE
18 SEEING IN OUR HATE CRIME REPORT. METRO, YES. THE METRO IS AN
19 AREA WHERE WE HAVE CONNECTED WITH THEM. WE HAVE HELPED THEM TO
20 THINK ABOUT A CAMPAIGN ON THEIR TRAINS, BUT WE'D LOVE TO DO
21 MORE BECAUSE WE THINK THERE IS A LOT MORE THAT CAN BE DONE ON
22 THE METRO TO ADDRESS WHAT WE HAVE SEEN, ACTUAL VIDEO FOOTAGE,
23 OF SOME REALLY UGLY ACTS OF HATE ON THE METRO.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** STABILITY, MOVING FORWARD FOR YOUR COMMISSION.
2 WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THAT?

3

4 **ROBIN TOMA.** YES, THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ASKING. SO,
5 AS I MENTIONED, ALL OF THESE PROGRAMS REALLY DEPEND ON THE
6 CORE L.A. VERSUS HATE SYSTEM BEING SUPPORTED AND WORKING. SO,
7 FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN STUDENTS AT A SCHOOL, AT THE DREAM RESOURCES
8 CENTERS, EXPERIENCE HATE, THEY CAN REPORT IT DIRECTLY TO OUR
9 L.A. VERSUS HATE PROGRAM, 211, THROUGH THE WEBSITE, AND
10 THROUGH THAT [INDISCERNIBLE] SYSTEM CAN AUTOMATICALLY SUPPORT
11 THEM WITH THE CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, OUR RAPID RESPONSE
12 NETWORK OF PARTNERS, BUT IF THOSE THINGS AREN'T THERE, THEN
13 THAT REPORT IS NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO BE SUPPORTED, AND THOSE
14 ARE THE CORE SUPPORTS THAT WE NEED FOR OUR SYSTEM, OUR CORE
15 COMPONENTS OF OUR SYSTEM, AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT I KNOW
16 THAT WE HAVE ASKED IT TO BE PART OF OUR ONGOING BUDGET, AND I
17 THINK IT'S GOING TO BE CONSIDERED FOR SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. BUT
18 IT REALLY IS SO CRITICAL. AND OF COURSE, DESPITE ALL THE WORK
19 WE'VE DONE THROUGH OUR SOCIAL MEDIA, WHICH HAS GOTTEN
20 LITERALLY OVER 800 MILLION VIEWS AND LOTS OF INTERACTION AND
21 DOWNLOADS, WE STILL KNOW THAT WHEN WE ASK PEOPLE RANDOMLY DO
22 YOU KNOW WHAT YOU DO WHEN YOU EXPERIENCE HATE, DO YOU KNOW HOW
23 TO REPORT IT, MOST PEOPLE SAY NO. AND SO, REALLY CONTINUING
24 THE WORK OF DOING THE OUTREACH AND MARKETING AND MAKING SURE
25 EVERYONE KNOWS WHAT IT DO, THAT REQUIRES FUNDING AS WELL, AND

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1 **THAT'S AN ONGOING COST THAT WE STILL DON'T HAVE ON A YEAR TO**
2 **YEAR BASIS. WE'RE STRUGGLING TO GET THAT EACH YEAR. SO I WOULD**
3 **SAY THOSE ARE THE THINGS THAT ARE -- MAKE SURE OUR CORE**
4 **PROGRAM IS SUPPORTED SO THAT THESE ENHANCEMENTS WILL BE ABLE**
5 **TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THOSE PROGRAMS AND BUILD OFF THEM.**

6

7 **>>SUP. SOLIS:** RIGHT, AND OBVIOUSLY YOU'RE BEING ASKED TO DO SO
8 MANY THINGS. I WORRY ABOUT YOUR, YOU'RE RIGHT, YOUR STAFFING
9 AS WELL AS AN ANCHOR SO YOU HAVE THOSE SUPPORTS NOT JUST OF
10 THE E.O. BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, IF THERE'S MAYBE IN THE FUTURE
11 A LOOK AT AN AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT THAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE NOW
12 THAT MIGHT BE A BETTER PLACE THAT WOULD SUIT STABILITY MOVING
13 FORWARD BECAUSE THIS ISN'T SOMETHING THAT IS JUST A ONE OFF.
14 IT WILL BE GOING ON FOR MANY DECADES, IN MY OPINION.

15

16 **ROBIN TOMA:** YES, UNFORTUNATELY. I THINK WE BUILT A FOUNDATION
17 FOR A SYSTEM THAN CAN ACTUALLY HELP US TO REVERSE AND PREVENT
18 THE RISE IN HATE IN THE FUTURE. BUT IF WE DON'T KEEP IT
19 BUILDING AND STRENGTHENING AND ADDRESSING THE WEAKNESSES THAT
20 IT HAS, THEN IT WON'T BE THERE FOR US. AND WE'LL BE BACK WHERE
21 WE WERE AT THE BEGINNING. AND THANK YOU MENTIONING THE STAFF
22 BECAUSE WE DO NEED -- WE HAD TWO STAFF POSITIONS ASSIGNED TO
23 THIS, AND WE'RE STILL SEEKING TO GET ONGOING -- TO GET THOSE
24 AS PART OF THE ONGOING BUDGET.

25

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. THANKS SO MUCH, ROBIN, AND TO YOUR
2 STAFF. AND THANK YOU, DR. SCORZA. THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM
3 CHAIR.

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OF COURSE. SUPERVISOR HAHN FOLLOWED BY
6 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, DR. SCORZA,
9 AGAIN, FOR THIS REGULAR PRESENTATION ON HOW WE'RE USING OUR
10 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN DOLLARS AND GETTING IT OUT TO THOSE IN
11 THE COUNTY THAT NEED RESCUING. AND THIS IS A GREAT
12 PRESENTATION TODAY, AND THANKS, ROBIN, FOR YOUR PRESENTATION
13 AND YOUR WORK. IT'S -- THERE ARE SO MANY WHO HAVE BEEN VICTIMS
14 OF HATE THAT NEED RESCUING FROM THEIR FEELINGS OF GUILT AND
15 SOMETIMES SHAME AND SOMETIMES THE FEELING THAT NO ONE'S
16 LISTENING TO THEM, AND YOU'RE DEFINITELY TRYING TO CHANGE
17 THAT, AND THESE DREAM RESOURCE CENTERS ARE JUST A REALLY
18 WELCOME ADDITION TO WHAT WE ARE DOING HERE IN THE COUNTY. IT'S
19 A GREAT TO HEAR THAT SOME OF OUR COUNTY'S HIGHEST NEED
20 SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL BE RECEIVING THESE ESSENTIAL RESOURCES,
21 AND I'M PRETTY SURE THAT THESE WILL HAVE AN POSITIVE IMPACT
22 IMPROVING THEIR ACADEMIC SUPPORT AS THEY ARE IN SCHOOL. IT
23 WILL IMPACT THEIR EMOTIONAL WELL BEING, AND WE'RE GOING TO
24 REALLY BE EMPOWERING OUR YOUTH, WHICH SEEMS TO BE ONE OF THE
25 PRIMARY FOCUSES OF OUR DREAM RESOURCE CENTERS, AND I THINK

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1 THIS IS IMPORTANT AS WE CONSIDER HOW WE'RE PROVIDING LINKS
2 FROM THESE RESOURCE CENTERS TO OUR OTHER COUNTY RESOURCES,
3 SERVICES FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION, STUDENTS AT RISK OF SELF-
4 HARM, OR THE NEED TO ADDRESS FOOD INSECURITY AT SOME OF THESE
5 LOCATIONS. AND AS WE EXPAND OUR CASE MANAGEMENT, THERE ARE SO
6 MANY WAYS WE CAN IMPROVE THE HATE CRIME REPORTING. AND THE
7 L.A. VERSES HATE CAMPAIGN IS LOOKED TO AS A MODEL FOR
8 ADDRESSING HATE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. SO THANK YOU FOR THE WORK
9 THAT YOU DO. I THINK THESE KINDS OF PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN OUR
10 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND OUR SCHOOLS DIRECTLY IS A GREAT WAY TO
11 LEVERAGE ALL THESE PROGRAMS AND RAISE AWARENESS OF WHAT THE
12 COUNTY DOES IN OTHER AREAS TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THOSE WHO
13 MOST NEED IT FROM US. I WAS JUST GOING TO ASK A COUPLE OF
14 THINGS, ROBIN. NUMBER ONE, WHAT CRITERIA WAS USED TO DETERMINE
15 SCHOOL SELECTION FOR THESE DREAM RESOURCE CENTERS AND HOW --
16 AND I FEEL LIKE SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I'M PRETTY SURE ONCE WE SEE
17 HOW GREAT THEY ARE, WE'LL WANT TO SEE HOW WE CAN EXPAND THEM
18 TO ALL OUR SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY. SO WHAT KIND OF CRITERIA DID
19 YOU USE TO DETERMINE WHERE THESE WERE INITIALLY LOCATED?

20
21 **ROBIN TOMA:** PART OF THE CRITERIA WAS TO RESPOND TO PLACES
22 WHERE WE KNEW THAT THERE WAS ACTS OF HATE HAPPENING, THAT
23 THERE WAS A PARTICULAR REQUEST FROM THE PRINCIPAL IN SOME
24 CASES FOR US TO COME TO THEIR SCHOOL AND HELP ADDRESS WHAT
25 THEY WERE SEEING. SOMETIMES, WE GOT IT FROM BOARD OFFICES WHO

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1 ALERTED US TO ISSUES THAT WERE HAPPENING IN CERTAIN HIGH
2 SCHOOLS. IN OTHER ONES, WE ALSO BUILT ON RELATIONSHIPS THAT
3 OUR PARTNERS HAD BECAUSE, AS YOU KNOW, IT CAN BE VERY
4 DIFFICULT TO GET INSIDE A SCHOOL CAMPUS AND GET ESTABLISHED
5 THERE WITHOUT HAVING SOME PREEXISTING RELATIONSHIP OF TRUST.
6 AND SO, IN SOME CASES, OUR PARTNERS WERE THE ONES THAT
7 ESTABLISHED TRUST WITH THE GIVEN SCHOOL OR A GIVEN SCHOOL
8 DISTRICT, AND THAT ENABLED US TO BE ABLE TO GET INTO THOSE
9 SCHOOLS. WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE WERE ADDRESSING A
10 DIVERSITY OF AREAS THAT WERE EXPERIENCING HATE. THE PANDEMIC
11 HAS ACTUALLY NOT ONLY SPIKED ANTI-ASIAN HATE, BUT RACIAL
12 HATRED IN GENERAL HAS ALL GONE UP. ANTI-BLACK, ANTI-LATINO OR
13 LATINA, AND ANTI-WHITE EVEN HAVE ALL EXPERIENCED INCREASES IN
14 HATE CRIMES IN THE REPORTS THAT WE'RE SEEING. SO, WE WANTED TO
15 MAKE SURE THAT WE WERE TARGETING THE PLACES THAT HAD
16 EXPERIENCED ISSUES, THAT WANTED US TO BE THERE, AND THAT WE
17 HAD SUPPORT IN SOME CASES L.A.C.O. AS WELL, WHO INDICATED
18 WHICH ARE SCHOOL IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE AND THAT WANTED
19 ASSISTANCE AND WERE WILLING TO OPEN UP TO US TO BE ABLE TO DO
20 THAT. SO, GOOD QUESTION, AND I HOPE THAT ANSWERS YOUR
21 QUESTION.

22
23 **SUP. HAHN:** I KNOW YOU MENTIONED L.A.C.O. I WAS WONDERING HOW
24 ELSE THE DREAM CENTERS WERE CONNECTED WITH L.A.C.O. AND

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1 D.M.H.'S COMMUNITY SCHOOLS INITIATIVE, AND, IF SO, HOW ELSE
2 ARE THEY COMMUNICATING FOR WORKING WITH EACH OTHER.

3

4 **ROBIN TOMA:** RIGHT. SO WE'RE PART OF THE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
5 INITIATIVE. SO WE HAVE BEEN -- WITH THOSE SCHOOLS, WE
6 CERTAINLY DID REACH OUT TO THEM AND SEE IF THEY WERE
7 INTERESTED IN HAVING A DREAM RESOURCE CENTER, BUT WE ALSO
8 WORKED WITH THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION WHICH IDENTIFIED
9 SOME OF THE SCHOOLS AS WELL. L.A.C.O. I THINK WAS VERY HELPFUL
10 IN HELPING US UNDERSTAND THE LAY OF THE LAND AND WHICH SCHOOLS
11 MIGHT BE REALLY IN NEED OF IT RIGHT NOW. BUT I WOULD SAY THAT
12 THERE WILL BE -- THERE ARE MORE SCHOOLS IN NEED FOR THIS FOR
13 SURE THAN WE HAVE THE CAPACITY TO DO AT THIS POINT. SO, WE DO
14 HAVE A WAITING LIST DEVELOPING, AND WE HOPE TO --

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** THAT'S INTERESTING, YEAH. AND THEN I WAS INTERESTED
17 IN THESE CARE COORDINATORS BECAUSE I DO THINK THAT THAT IS
18 ALSO -- IS PART OF THE SUCCESS, I THINK, THAT WE'LL BE HAVING
19 IS THESE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ACTUALLY ASSIGNED TO THESE CASES
20 AND WOULD BE SORT OF, I WOULD ASSUME, SHEPHERDING THE VICTIM
21 THROUGH THE PROCESS OF REPORTING AND THEN AGAIN GETTING THE
22 SUPPORT THEY NEED. HOW WERE THESE CASE COORDINATORS SELECTED?
23 IS IT BASED ON BACKGROUND ETHNICITY OR JUST SIMPLY WHERE
24 THEY'RE LOCATED, LOCATION?

25

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1 **ROBIN TOMA:** WELL, THE CARE COORDINATORS ARE WORKING FOR OUR
2 PARTNERS. AND SO, THEY ARE HIRED AND TRAINED BY OUR PARTNERS.
3 THEY ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SOCIAL WORK BACKGROUND. THEY HAVE
4 LANGUAGE SKILLS IN MANY CASES TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK IN MORE
5 LANGUAGES THAN JUST ENGLISH, AND THEY'RE IN A SITUATION WHERE
6 THEY'RE CONSTANTLY BEING MONITORED AND MEETING REGULARLY WITH
7 OTHER STAFF, WITH US, TO BE ABLE TO WORK THROUGH AND EXPAND
8 THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR DIFFERENT
9 VICTIMS OF HATE. SO, IT'S BEEN -- WE HAVE REALLY APPRECIATED
10 AND VALUED THEM BECAUSE, AS YOU'RE POINTING OUT, THEY ARE KEY
11 TO THE EXPERIENCE OF A VICTIM OF HATE. IF THEY DO THEIR JOB
12 WELL, THEN WE KNOW THAT THE PERSON WHO WAS AFFECTED IS GOING
13 TO GET HELP THEY NEED, AND THEY'RE GOING HAVE TO A POSITIVE
14 EXPERIENCE THAT THEY'LL TELL OTHERS SO, WHEN OTHERS EXPERIENCE
15 HATE, THEY'LL KNOW IT'S WORTHWHILE FOR THEM TO REPORT IT,
16 SOMETHING THEY NEVER REALLY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF DOING
17 BEFORE.

18
19 **SUP. HAHN:** THAT'S GREAT. AND AGAIN, I JUST THANK YOU SO MUCH
20 FOR THIS WORK. I THINK IT IS KEY, BUT I THINK SUPERVISOR SOLIS
21 EVEN ALLUDED TO IT THAT IT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE GETTING BETTER,
22 AND I'M PRETTY SURE IT WASN'T JUST PANDEMIC RELATED, THAT THE
23 ISSUES OF HATE ARE CONTINUING TO COME UP, PARTICULARLY AGAINST
24 -- I MEAN, THE ELDERLY IS CERTAINLY A PROBLEM TOO, BUT REALLY
25 OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE EXPERIENCING IT. ANYTIME WE HAVE THINGS

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1 THAT ARE FUNDED BY THESE ONE TIME FUNDS THAT WE'RE GETTING, I
2 DO KNOW THAT PERSONALLY, I CAN'T SPEAK FOR MY COLLEAGUES, BUT
3 I WOULD BE COMMITTED TO TRYING TO FIND A DEDICATED SOURCE OF
4 FUNDING BEYOND THIS THAT WOULD CONTINUE WORK AND, DARE I SAY,
5 EXPAND IT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

6

7 **ROBIN TOMA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

8

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

10

11 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. DR. SCORZA, THANK YOU, AS
12 MY COLLEAGUES HAD MENTIONED, FOR THESE PRESENTATIONS AS WE GO
13 ALONG AND ESPECIALLY FOR LIFTING UP THE HUMAN RELATIONS
14 COMMISSION TODAY BECAUSE I THINK IT'S -- THE WORK THAT
15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TOMA HAS REPORTED IS SO IMPORTANT TO THE
16 COUNT. I HAD A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS, MR. TOMA, FOR YOU. I'LL
17 CALL YOU ROBIN USUALLY, BUT IF WE USE LAST NAMES IN ONE PLACE,
18 WE HAVE TO USE LAST NAMES IN THE OTHER PLACE, DON'T WE? FIRST
19 OF ALL, ABOUT THE SCHOOLS, IN 1984 WHEN VIRGINIA URIBE STARTED
20 PROJECT 10 AT FAIRFAX HIGH, IT WAS ABOUT A SAFE ROOM FOR
21 L.B.G.T.Q. KIDS. WE DIDN'T HAVE QUITE AS MANY LETTERS IN THE
22 TITLE, BUT IT'S EVERMORE INCLUSIVE, BUT THERE WAS NOWHERE TO
23 FEEL SAFE. AND I NOTICE THAT YOU IDENTIFIED SEVERAL DIFFERENT
24 VULNERABLE POPULATIONS THAT COULD EXIST IN A SCHOOL, SOME OF
25 WHOM DO NOT NECESSARILY MAKE EACH OTHER FEEL SAFE. SO, I GUESS

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1 I'M THINKING AS WE MOVE ALONG IN THE SCHOOLS TO MAKE SURE THAT
2 UNFORTUNATELY IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO HAVE SOME SAFE SPACE THAT
3 IS REALLY DIFFERENT FOR DIFFERENT POPULATIONS. WHERE OUR QUEER
4 KIDS HAD A CHANCE TO GET TOGETHER AT FAIRFAX, AND PROJECT 10
5 SPREAD TO HUNDREDS OF SCHOOLS, IT MADE ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN
6 THEIR LIVES BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT COMING TO SCHOOL. THEIR
7 CHOICE WAS JUST NOT TO GO AND GET HARASSED OR OFTEN HURT,
8 PHYSICALLY HURT. SO JUST TO CALL TO YOUR ATTENTION, AND I'M
9 CERTAIN YOU KNOW THIS ALREADY IN THE PLANNING FOR THE DREAM
10 RESOURCE CENTERS THAT IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO HAVE MORE THAN
11 ONE SAFE ROOM. HAVE YOU FOUND THAT IN YOUR EXPERIENCE OR
12 THOUGHT ABOUT IT?

13

14 **ROBIN TOMA:** WELL, CERTAINLY WE KNOW THAT THE DREAM RESOURCE
15 CENTERS ARE PLACES THAT BRING TOGETHER A WIDE VARIETY, A
16 DIVERSE GROUP OF STUDENTS AND THAT, AMIDST THEM, THERE OF
17 COURSE ARE PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT IDENTITIES, AND THAT'S
18 SOMETIMES THERE IS A LOT OF LEARNING THAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN
19 AMONG THEM. SO I THINK THE BEAUTY OF THE DREAM RESOURCE
20 CENTERS IS THAT THEY DO CREATE THAT SAFE SPACE. THEY DO HAVE
21 ALWAYS A FACULTY MEMBER THERE OR A STAFFER, ADULT STAFFER, WHO
22 IS MAKING SURE THAT THERE IS FACILITATION OF RELATIONSHIPS,
23 THAT THEY ADDRESS ANY CONFLICTS THAT COME UP, AND I, OF
24 COURSE, THINK THE NEWER GENERATIONS OF YOUNG PEOPLE ARE MUCH
25 MORE ENLIGHTENED, I WILL SAY, ABOUT HOW THEY TREAT PEOPLE OF

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1 OTHER IDENTITIES. AND SO, WE RECOGNIZE PROJECT 10'S
2 GROUNDBREAKING WORK WITH AWARDS FROM OUR HUMAN RELATIONS
3 COMMISSION, AND WE KNOW IT'S BEEN SO CRITICAL TO DO THAT FOR
4 SO MANY STUDENTS. I THINK THAT IF THE NEED ARISES, WE WOULD
5 CERTAINLY WANT TO CREATE THOSE SPACES, IF WE FELT LIKE QUEER
6 STUDENTS DIDN'T FEEL SAFE IN THESE DREAM RESOURCE CENTERS, WE
7 WOULD FIGURE OUT A WAY TO CREATE THOSE SAFE SPACES FOR THEM.
8 AND SOMETIMES, IT'S NOT JUST ONE SINGLE ROOM. IT COULD BE
9 MULTIPLE ROOMS, SO -- AND I THINK EVERY SCHOOL IS DIFFERENT,
10 BUT ABSOLUTELY. I THINK WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS SO TRUE, THAT IT
11 ISN'T ONE SIZE FITS ALL, THAT THERE ARE DIFFERENT ISSUES THAT
12 COME UP. AND THAT'S WHY PART OF THIS IS REALLY TRAINING THE
13 STAFF TO BE ADEPT AT HANDLING A DIVERSITY OF ISSUES THAT COULD
14 COME UP WHEN STUDENTS ARE REPORTING IF THEY HAVE BEEN HARASSED
15 OR BULLIED IN ANY WAY FOR THEIR IDENTITY. SO, YES, THIS IS
16 SOMETHING THAT WE WILL BE PAYING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO. THAT'S
17 WHY WE HAVE AN EVALUATOR. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE ARE
18 TRACKING THAT, AND I THINK THERE IS A LOT TO BE LEARNED
19 THROUGH THIS PROCESS, BUT I'M ABSOLUTELY SURE THAT WE WILL BE
20 VERY PROTECTIVE OF ALL OF OUR STUDENTS, IN PARTICULAR THOSE
21 WHO HAVE BEEN HISTORICALLY HARASSED LIKE L.G.B.T.Q. STUDENTS.

22
23 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT. WE HAVE A DREAM OF
24 A MORE PERFECT WORLD WHERE PEOPLE ARE TOGETHER IN ONE ROOM,
25 AND THEY ARE HELPED TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER, AND THEY SEE

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1 EACH OTHER AS HUMAN BEINGS, AND SOMETIMES IT'S JUST MAJOR B.S.
2 IT DOESN'T FEEL SAFE, AND IT DOESN'T FEEL GOOD. AND OFTEN
3 YOU'RE EXPLAINING YOU ARE MINORITY TO SOMEBODY ELSE, AND
4 THAT'S NOT SAFE EITHER. LIKE BACK IN THE OLD DAYS WHEN THEY
5 WOULD SAY WELL WHAT IS IT THAT YOU GIRLS WANT. THAT WAS THE
6 BEGINNING OF THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT, AND IT WAS LIKE WE WERE
7 CONSTANTLY TALKING ABOUT WHAT THE PROBLEMS WERE OR WHAT WAS
8 NEEDED. THAT WAS NOT SAFE, AND IT WAS NOT COMFORTABLE. AND IT
9 WAS ONLY IN SORT OF THE SESSIONS THAT WE PUT TOGETHER
10 OURSELVES IN OUR LIVING ROOMS IN THE LATE '60S AND EARLY '70S
11 THAT WE BEGAN TO REALLY DEVELOP THE KIND OF SENSE WE NEEDED IN
12 TERMS OF HOW TO BUILD, FRANKLY, THE MOVEMENT BUT ALSO WE HAD
13 TO GO TO SCHOOL, AND WE DIDN'T FEEL SAFE. SO I'M JUST SAYING.
14 I DON'T THINK -- I THINK IT'S GREAT TO HAVE A DREAM THAT WE'RE
15 ALL GOING TO GET ALONG AND SOMEBODY IS GOING TO FACILITATE
16 DISCUSSIONS, BUT THERE HAS ALSO BEEN SOME LEARNING THAT THAT
17 IS ENTIRELY DIFFERENT FROM JUST HAVING A PLACE TO EAT YOUR
18 LUNCH WHERE YOU CAN ACTUALLY SWALLOW. AND THE OTHER THING
19 ABOUT FIRST RESPONDERS, I NOTICED THAT THINKING ABOUT THE USE
20 OF CELEBRITIES, AND I HAVE KNOWN QUITE A FEW IN MY LIFE, AND
21 THEY ARE INFLUENCERS, THERE'S NO QUESTION, BUT THE MAIN THING
22 WE FOUND IN THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MOVEMENT WHEN WE WERE TRYING
23 TO WORK WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT. MANY OF WHOM THEMSELVES WERE
24 BATTERERS, WAS THE PEOPLE THAT THEY LISTENED TO WERE THEIR
25 COMMANDING OFFICERS BECAUSE THERE WAS SOMETHING AT RISK THERE,

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1 YOUR PROMOTION, YOUR EVALUATION, YOUR ABILITY TO GET GOOD
2 GRADES AS IT WERE. AND SO, I THINK THAT, IN LOOKING AT FIRST
3 RESPONDERS, THE OTHER THING WAS, TRAINING. I MEAN WE TALK A
4 LOT ABOUT TRAINING. LIKE IT'S REALLY -- YOU'RE GOING TO GO TO
5 A CLASS, YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE AN ONLINE THING, AND YOU'RE
6 GOING TO BE CHANGED. AND I DON'T THINK THAT OUR CONFIDENCE IN
7 THAT KIND OF TRAINING IS REALLY -- HAS REALLY BEEN BORNE OUT
8 BECAUSE IF YOU ASK PEOPLE HONESTLY TO RESPOND WHAT DID YOU GET
9 OUT OF THE TRAINING, SOMETIMES IT CAN BE VERY GOOD. BUT I
10 THINK MORE THAN THAT, THERE NEEDS TO BE SOMETHING ON THE LINE
11 FOR FIRST RESPONDERS WHO DO NOT TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY. AND THAT
12 WOULD BE THE COMMAND STRUCTURE. SO IF WE COULD GET IT ALL THE
13 WAY FROM THE TOP DOWN THAT THIS IS -- WE REALLY MEAN IT AND
14 THIS IS IMPORTANT. I THINK WE FOUND IT IN OUR OFFICES HERE ARE
15 HIERARCHIES. AND WE SAY NO I REALLY MEAN IT, AND THAT BECOMES
16 VERY IMPORTANT FOR THE PEOPLE WHO WORK FOR US. THE THIRD THING
17 REALLY GOES TO ESSENTIALLY REALLY TO FESIA. AND THAT RELATES
18 TO THE CONVERSATION THAT WE HAD YESTERDAY DURING THE BUDGET
19 HEARING ABOUT SUPPORT FOR OUR COMMISSIONS, AND ESPECIALLY
20 SINCE THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED
21 OVER. AND SONYA WILL, I KNOW, BE A GREAT PROTECTRESS, BUT WE
22 WANT ALSO HELP AND SAY AGAIN IT'S SO IMPORTANT TO BE
23 ADEQUATELY STAFFED AND ADEQUATELY SUPPORTED IN THE BUDGET
24 PROCESS AND THROUGH ALL THE WAYS THAT WE CAN. SO, I'M SIMPLY
25 CALLING OUR ATTENTION TO IT AGAIN, SECOND DAY IN A ROW. I

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1 THINK THERE'S A LOT OF AGREEMENT ON THE DAIS, AND WE'LL KEEP
2 PUSHING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR WORK. THANK YOU BOTH FOR
3 THE PRESENTATION, AND THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I JUST -- BEFORE SUPERVISOR
6 BARGER, IF I MAY, JUST ON YOUR LAST POINT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I
7 THINK THE CHALLENGE THAT WE ALL EXPERIENCE -- I WAS THINKING
8 ABOUT YOU TALKING ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE OF PROJECT 10, BUT I
9 ALSO WAS COMPELLED TO THINK ABOUT THE WORK AND WHAT WE HAVE
10 LEARNED FROM KIMBERLE CRENSHAW'S WORK AROUND INTERSECTIONALITY
11 AND THAT WHAT HAPPENS TO THE LATINX QUEER GIRL, THAT SHE'S
12 THEN FORCED TO MAKE A DECISION ABOUT WHICH SPACE TO BE, OR THE
13 BLACK NON-GENDER CONFORMING MALE. I HOPE AT THE SCHOOLS THAT
14 THE DECISION ABOUT KIND OF THE DESIGN OF THE DREAM CENTERS
15 WILL REALLY BE DRIVEN FROM THE YOUNG PEOPLE THEMSELVES WHO ARE
16 SELF-IDENTIFIED FROM A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES AND
17 NOT WANTING THEM TO HAVE THE EXPECTATION THAT THEY HAVE TO
18 PICK ONE OVER THE OTHER. IT'S -- INTERSECTIONALITY IS A REAL
19 THING.

20

21 **SUP. KUEHL:** KIM, I'VE KNOWN FOR A LONG TIME, AND WE'VE TALKED
22 TOGETHER AT AN A LOT AT A COUPLE OF CONFERENCES. YOU'RE
23 ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, BUT BOTH HAVE TO BE WELCOMING IN A WAY. I
24 REMEMBER IN THE EARLY DAYS OF TALKING ABOUT INTERSECTIONALITY
25 THAT MANY PEOPLE OF COLOR IN THE GAY MOVEMENT, LIKE PHIL

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1 WILSON, WHO MADE HIS WHOLE CAREER ABOUT THAT, REALLY TALKED
2 ABOUT PEOPLE SAYING WELL, ARE YOU HERE, OR ARE YOU HERE. ARE
3 YOU WORKING ON THIS, OR ARE YOU WORKING ON THIS? EVEN IN THE
4 EARLY WOMEN'S MOVEMENT, WHEN ALL THE LESBIANS WERE PURGED
5 BECAUSE WE WERE AFRAID IT WAS GOING TO MAKE N.O.W. LOOK TOO
6 BAD, MAKING THOSE CHOICES IS NOT GOOD. I'M TOTALLY WITH IT,
7 BUT I JUST THINK THE SCHOOL NEEDS TO BE SENSITIVE ABOUT WHAT
8 IT MEANS TO BE SAFE, JUST FOR YOUR LUNCHTIME BECAUSE YOU AIN'T
9 SAFE IN CLASS. THANK YOU.

10

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

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** I'LL MAKE THIS SHORT. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO
14 ECHO MY COLLEAGUES COMMENTS, DR. SCORZA, DOING A PHENOMENAL
15 JOB BRINGING ALL THIS TOGETHER. AND TODAY IS NO DIFFERENT THAN
16 EACH ONE THAT YOU BROUGHT FORWARD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
17 YOUR LEADERSHIP, AND ROBIN. OR MR. TOMA, WHICHEVER, THANK YOU
18 AS WELL FOR THE JOB THAT YOU DO. AND SUPERVISOR HAHN TOUCHED
19 ON IT, BUT I JUST WANT TO BETTER UNDERSTAND BECAUSE I REALLY
20 APPRECIATE SEEING THE ANTELOPE VALLEY INCLUDED. AND I
21 OFTENTIMES FEEL LIKE PEOPLE OVERLOOK THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND
22 JUST ASSUME IT'S A CERTAIN WAY WHEN, IN FACT, I THINK I WOULD
23 ARGUE THE NEEDS UP THERE ARE GREATER AS IT RELATES TO WHERE
24 IT'S LOCATED GEOGRAPHICALLY AND ACCESS TO SERVICES. AND SO, I
25 APPRECIATE THE DREAM RESOURCE CENTERS BEING INCLUDED UP IN THE

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1 ANTELOPE VALLEY. WHEN SUPERVISOR HAHN WAS ASKING YOU ABOUT HOW
2 THAT WAS DETERMINED, IT'S -- IN THE POWER POINT IT SAYS
3 HIGHEST TO HIGH COVID NEEDS TIER INDEX. WHEN I LOOK AT THE
4 NUMBER OF SCHOOLS INCLUDED, BASED ON WHAT LITTLE I REMEMBER --
5 AND I FEEL LIKE WE HAVE ALL LIVED THROUGH THE COVID -- YOU
6 KNOW, THE NUMBERS ASK ALL -- I WOULD THINK THERE WOULD BE A
7 LOT MORE SCHOOLS INCLUDED AS A RESULT OF THAT. SO, WHEN WE
8 TALK ABOUT ROLLING THIS OUT BEYOND JUST WHAT IS HERE, WHAT DO
9 YOU SEE AS A TIMELINE BECAUSE I GUARANTEE THERE ARE PROBABLY
10 SOME SCHOOLS THAT ARE NOT INCLUDED THAT PROBABLY HAVE EQUAL
11 NEED TO WHAT'S LISTED HERE TODAY.

12
13 **ROBIN TOMA:** YES, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR THAT POINT.
14 TO CLARIFY, THE SCHOOLS THAT WE IDENTIFIED FALL WITHIN THE
15 HIGH TO HIGHEST NEEDS COVID INDEX, BUT IT IS DEFINITELY NOT,
16 AS YOU POINTED OUT, ALL THE SCHOOLS. THERE ARE JUST TOO MANY
17 THAT ARE OUT THERE. AND SO, WE HAD TO BEGIN WITH THOSE THAT WE
18 HAD, AS I SAID, WE HAD -- WE'RE AWARE OF, WE HAD ACCESS TO. WE
19 HAD SCHOOLS THAT WANTED US TO BE THERE BECAUSE THERE ARE A LOT
20 OF SCHOOLS IF THEY'RE -- IF THEY DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, THEN
21 IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO PENETRATE, BUT I WOULD HOPE THAT WITH
22 THE SUCCESS OF THIS, THAT WE CAN EXPAND THAT LIST OF BECAUSE
23 WE ACTUALLY TRIED TO GET TWO HIGH SCHOOLS IN ANTELOPE VALLEY,
24 BUT THEIR RESPONSE WAS THEY JUST WANTED IT AT ONE. THAT'S PART
25 OF THEIR WANTING TO SEE HOW IT GOES. BUT THAT'S THE KIND OF

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1 EXPERIENCE WE HAVE WITH A LOT OF SCHOOLS WHERE WE HAVE TO
2 REALLY WORK HARD TO JUST GET OUR FOOT IN THE DOOR AND TO BUILD
3 THE RELATIONSHIPS AND TO THEN SEE HOW WE CAN MAKE IT LAST. AND
4 I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE'LL BE DOING IS TO REALLY DEMONSTRATE
5 AND LEARN FROM THIS EXPERIENCE AND THEN TO -- AND THEN LOVE TO
6 SEE HOW WE CAN EXPAND IT. BUT YES, WE ARE DEFINITELY MAKING A
7 POINT TO BE THERE BECAUSE WE DO AGREE WITH YOU THAT IT'S AN
8 AREA THAT OFTEN GETS NEGLECTED, AND WE MADE A POINT OF
9 INCLUDING OUR RAPID RESPONSE NETWORK PARTNERS TO INCLUDE ONES
10 THAT ARE IN ANTELOPE VALLEY, AS WELL.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** FANTASTIC. SO, THAT REALLY WAS MY QUESTION. AND
13 THEN YOU, AS USUAL, JANICE TOOK THEM ALL AND ASKED EVERYTHING
14 AND MADE ALL THE COMMENTS, BUT I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
15 EVERYTHING YOU DO. THERE'S NO QUESTION, I MEAN, WE SAY COVID -
16 - SOME PEOPLE BLAME COVID FOR THE SPIKE. I WOULD ARGUE THAT
17 IT'S ALWAYS BEEN THERE. BUT WE ARE NOW TRULY SHINING A
18 SPOTLIGHT ON IT, AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US
19 COLLECTIVELY AS A BOARD TO PROVIDE THE RESOURCES TO EDUCATE
20 BUT ALSO TO HOLD ACCOUNTABLE THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE HATE
21 CRIMES. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GO AHEAD, WHAT WERE YOU GONNA
22 SAY, ROBIN?

23

24 **ROBIN TOMA:** I WAS JUST GOING TO SAY TO THANK REALLY ALL OF YOU
25 BECAUSE I FEEL LIKE IT'S SUCH A GREAT PRIVILEGE FOR MY MANY

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1 YEARS OF BEING HERE AT THE COUNTY TO BE WORKING FOR A BOARD AS
2 THIS, THE FIRST ALL WOMEN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OR GOVERNING
3 BODY OF THIS SIZE ANYWHERE, AND IT'S A POINT OF PRIDE I SHARE
4 WITH MY MANY COLLEAGUES ACROSS THE COUNTRY, WHO ARE PART OF
5 DIFFERENT GOVERNMENTS, AND SOMETIMES STRUGGLING, AND
6 SOMETIMES, THEY GET SOME SUPPORT. BUT I REALLY DO FEEL LIKE
7 I'M PRIVILEGED AND HONORED TO BE SERVING ALL OF YOU. SO,
8 THANK YOU FOR THE LEADERSHIP YOU ALL PROVIDE AND THE SUPPORT
9 YOU PROVIDE.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, ROBIN AND THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR

12

13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OF COURSE. I WANT TO AGREE WITH YOU, MR.
14 TOMA. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD THAT PREDATED ME FOR HAVING
15 THE VISION AND COURAGE OF NAMING AN INITIATIVE ANTI-RACIST.
16 THAT IN ITSELF TOOK COURAGE. AND I WANT TO THANK THE FEDERAL
17 ADMINISTRATION FOR REALLY HOLDING ALL OF US ACCOUNTABLE TO THE
18 USE OF THE R.D. FUNDS TO USE THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMBAT
19 THESE SYSTEMIC ISSUES THAT WERE EXACERBATED BY COVID BUT WERE
20 CERTAINLY NOT CREATED BY COVID. SO I COMPLETELY AGREE. ONE
21 QUICK QUESTION, AND I'M SO GLAD TO HEAR ABOUT THE SCHOOL BASED
22 PROGRAMS BECAUSE WE ALL KNOW THAT HATE ACTS AND RACISM ARE
23 LEARNED BEHAVIORS. CHILDREN AREN'T BORN THAT WAY. SO
24 ACKNOWLEDGING THAT AND TAKING THESE CONVERSATIONS INTO SCHOOL
25 BASED SETTINGS IS VERY IMPORTANT. AND I WANT TO -- MY QUESTION

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1 IS, DO WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO KIND OF GET INTO THE GRAY
2 AREA? I THINK HATE ACTS, HATE CRIMES, AND EXPLICIT BIAS IS
3 EVIDENT AND CLEAR. SO MY QUESTION IS AS YOU DO THE TRAINING IN
4 THE DREAM CENTERS AND FIRST RESPONDER TRAININGS, IS ANY TIME
5 SPENT ON ISSUES HAVE IMPLICIT BIAS AND MICROAGGRESSIONS THAT
6 PERMEATE SOCIETY AS WELL? SOME COULD ARGUE THEY COULD LEAD TO
7 HATE ACTS AND VIOLENCE, BUT IF WE'RE GOING TO WRAP OUR ARMS
8 AROUND THIS HISTORIC ELEPHANT, IF YOU WILL, I WANT TO MAKE
9 SURE WE'RE TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE OF DIGGING DEEPER WHERE THE
10 MICROAGGRESSIONS AND THE IMPLICIT BIAS MIGHT NOT BE AS OBVIOUS
11 TO ALL, BUT EQUALLY AS SYSTEMIC AND DAMAGING.

12
13 **ROBIN TOMA:** YES. AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, THANK YOU FOR THAT
14 QUESTION. ABSOLUTELY. THOSE ARE AREAS WHICH I DON'T CONSIDER
15 GRAY AREAS. I CONSIDER THEM TO BE FOUNDATIONAL TO
16 UNDERSTANDING WHERE HATE AND DISCRIMINATION AND INEQUITY COMES
17 FROM BECAUSE PEOPLE AREN'T EVEN AWARE OF THOSE BIASES, RIGHT.
18 THAT'S THE WHOLE POINT OF THE IMPLICIT BIAS IS THEY ARE
19 UNCONSCIOUS OF THEM. AND THE MICROAGGRESSIONS ARE WAYS THAT
20 PEOPLE ACT OUT AND END UP REALLY CAUSING HARM IN WAYS THAT
21 MANY TIMES AREN'T REALLY PERCEIVED OR GIVEN THE KIND OF
22 SIGNIFICANT THEY OUGHT TO HAVE. SO YES, THE IMPLICIT BIAS
23 COMPONENT OF THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN A HUGE PART OF OUR STRATEGY
24 TO MAKE SURE THAT WE AREN'T JUST ADDRESSING PEOPLE THAT ARE
25 CONSCIOUS BECAUSE VERY FEW PEOPLE SAY HEY, I KNOW I AM RACIST.

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1 MOST PEOPLE SAY I AM NOT RACIST, AND IT IS ONLY THROUGH THE
2 UNDERSTANDING OF IMPLICIT BIAS THAT THEY UNDERSTAND THAT THEY
3 ARE, THAT WE ALL ARE BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN SHAPED BY THE
4 SOCIETY WE LIVE IN. SO THAT IS SOMETHING THAT I AM VERY KEEN
5 TO MAKE SURE WE NOT ONLY ADDRESS AND IDENTIFY, IDENTIFY, BUT
6 GIVE PEOPLE THE TOOLS TO CHANGE IT AND TO COUNTER IT AND TO
7 MANAGE IT TO PREVENT IT FROM AFFECTING THEIR DECISIONS. SO
8 YES, THAT'S ALWAYS A PART OF OUR CURRICULUM, AND IT'S
9 SOMETHING THAT WE WANT TO MAKE SURE IS TAUGHT TO ALL FOLKS,
10 PARTICULARLY LAW ENFORCEMENT, WHO REALLY ARE IN SITUATIONS
11 WHERE THAT IMPLICIT BIAS CAN HAVE EXTRAORDINARILY FATAL
12 CONSEQUENCES. SO WE NEED TO REALLY MAKE SURE THAT'S PART OF
13 THE EDUCATION THERE. SO YES, THAT'S IS SOMETHING THAT I THANK
14 YOU FOR RAISING IT. IT'S DEFINITELY AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR
15 WORK AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE. AND I HOPE THAT WE CAN BUILD IT
16 TO REALLY, AS I SAID, EXPAND THE WAYS IN WHICH PEOPLE CAN
17 EFFECTIVELY MANAGED IT AND END IT AND REDUCE THEIR IMPLICIT
18 BIAS. AND THOSE ARE AREAS WHICH ARE STILL DEVELOPING IN OUR
19 SOCIETY, BUT I HOPE WE CAN CONTINUE TO LEAD ON THAT.

20
21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I APPRECIATE THAT. I APPRECIATE YOUR
22 THOUGHTFUL ANSWER, AND LET ME CLARIFY. WHEN I SAID GRAY AREA,
23 IT'S NOT THAT WE DISAGREE IN TERMS OF ITS FOUNDATIONAL. IT IS.
24 MY REFERENCE TO GRAY AREA WAS WHAT YOU ACKNOWLEDGED WAS THAT
25 SOMETIMES PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT THOSE ARE THE ACTIONS

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1 THAT THEY ARE TAKING. AND SO, THAT'S WHAT I MEANT BY GRAY
2 AREA. SOMETIMES, THEY ARE NOT AS BLATANT AND AS OBVIOUS AS A
3 HATE CRIME OR A HATE ACT, BUT INSIDIOUS NONETHELESS. SO THANK
4 YOU SO MUCH. I APPRECIATE IT. SEEING NO FURTHER QUESTIONS, DR.
5 SCORZA, ANY WRAP UP FROM YOU? I KNOW THIS IS A RECEIVE AND
6 FILE, BUT WANT TO GIVE YOU A LAST OPPORTUNITY?

7

8 **DR. SCORZA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR. AND THANK ALL OF
9 YOU AGAIN, AS ROBIN POINTED OUT, FOR YOUR INCREDIBLE
10 LEADERSHIP. I THINK THIS IS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF HOW THE A.R.P.
11 FUNDS CONTINUE TO BE USED TO HELP ADVANCE YOUR BOARD'S AGENDA.
12 AND WE ARE INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL TO BE A PART OF THIS WORK. SO
13 THANK YOU AGAIN. THAT'S ALL WE HAVE FOR THIS PRESENTATION
14 TODAY.

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND THE REPORT, OF
17 COURSE, IS RECEIVED AND FILED. AND HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, SUCH
18 WILL BE THE ORDER. THANK YOU BOTH FOR YOUR TIME TODAY.

19

20 **ROBIN TOMA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS.

21

22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** READY NOW FOR SET MATTER NUMBER 2, OUR
23 PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER. DR. FERRER, OUR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
24 HEALTH, AND DR. CHRISTINA GHALLY, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES,
25 WE WILL HEAR FROM YOU BOTH.

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2 **DR. FERRER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM HOPING YOU CAN HEAR ME.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I CAN. THANK YOU, DR. FERRER.

5

6 **DR. FERRER:** OKAY, GREAT JOB, EVERYONE WHO WORKED ON THAT. GOOD
7 AFTERNOON. AND THANK YOU, CHAIR MITCHELL AND THE ENTIRE BOARD
8 OF SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR CONTINUED LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT
9 THROUGHOUT OUR ONGOING EFFORTS. I AM PLEASED TO HAVE AN
10 OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THE LATEST ON THE COVID RESPONSE WITH YOU
11 TODAY. IN TODAY'S PRESENTATION, I WILL SHARE OUR CURRENT COVID
12 METRICS, INCLUDING OUR DESIGNATE IN THE C.D.C.'S COMMUNITY
13 LEVELS FRAMEWORK. I'LL PROVIDE A OVERVIEW OF CIRCULATING
14 VARIANTS AND SUB- VARIANTS IN L.A. COUNTY AND A UPDATE ON
15 VACCINE AVAILABILITY AND THE LEVEL OF PROTECTION THAT THEY ARE
16 PROVIDING AGAINST SERIOUS ILLNESS AND DEATH. I WILL TAKE THE
17 FIRST SLIDE. A REVIEW OF THE PAST WEEK ILLUSTRATES THAT, WHILE
18 WE ARE EXPERIENCING DAY-TO-DAY VARIABILITY AND FLUCTUATIONS IN
19 REPORTED CASES, THIS REFLECTS THE VARIATION IN PROCESSING
20 TIMES BEFORE CASES ARE REPORTED TO US AND IN THE TESTING
21 CADENCE. OUR CASES DO REMAIN HIGH. OVER THE PAST SEVEN DAYS,
22 WE HAVE REPORTED AN AVERAGE OF SLIGHTLY OVER 4700 CASES A DAY.
23 THAT'S ABOUT AN 8% INCREASE COMPARED TO LAST WEEK. COVID-
24 RELATED HOSPITALIZATIONS AVERAGED ABOUT 720 DAILY
25 HOSPITALIZATIONS. WE WERE AT ABOUT 623 A WEEK AGO. SO THAT'S A

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1 MORE SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OF 16%. FORTUNATELY, DEATHS REMAIN
2 LOW WITH AN AVERAGE OF SEVEN TO EIGHT DEATHS A DAY OVER THE
3 PAST WEEK. AND WHILE THIS NUMBER REMAINS STABLE, I WANT TO
4 NOTE THERE'S NO OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASE WHERE WE REPORT SEVEN
5 TO EIGHT DEATHS A DAY. SO WE ALSO SEND OUR WISHES FOR PEACE
6 AND HEALING TO ALL THOSE MOURNING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE,
7 COLLEAGUE, OR FRIEND. THE DAILY POSITIVITY RATE, AS YOU CAN
8 SEE, AVERAGED NOW ABOUT 11%. THIS IS A BIG INCREASE OVER THE
9 LAST MONTH, BUT IT DOES REFLECT THE SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN
10 ROUTINE TESTING AT SCHOOLS, WHICH MEANS THAT THE VAST MAJORITY
11 OF PEOPLE WHO ARE HAVING THEIR TEST RESULTS REPORTED TO US ARE
12 TESTING BECAUSE THEY ARE EITHER SYMPTOMATIC OR THEY HAVE HAD
13 AN AN EXPOSURE. THE BOTTOM ROW SHOWS THAT SEVEN DAY AVERAGE
14 CASE RATE PER 100,000 PEOPLE OVER THE PAST WEEK. YOU CAN SEE
15 THAT THE CASE RATE, SIMILAR TO THE CASE NUMBERS, ALSO
16 INCREASED SLIGHTLY THE LATTER PART OF THE WEEK. NEXT SLIDE.
17 THIS SLIDE SHOWS OUR TREND LINES FOR THE SEVEN DAY AVERAGE
18 DAILY CASES, THAT'S THE GREEN LINE, HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS,
19 THAT'S THE ORANGE LINE, AND DEATHS ARE THE BLUE LINE. THE
20 AVERAGE NUMBER OF REPORTED CASES PER DAY, AS YOU CAN SEE,
21 INCREASED OVER THE PAST MONTH. IT REMAINS HIGH WITH WHAT WE
22 THINK IS, AND WE ARE HOPEFUL ABOUT A FLATTENING THE PAST THREE
23 DAYS. THE NUMBER OF NEW HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS PER DAY, AS I JUST
24 NOTED, YOU CAN SEE WITH THE ORANGE LINE, IT CONTINUES TO
25 INCREASE. IT IS ABOUT 97 NEW ADMISSIONS A DAY. THAT'S 73%

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1 HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE DAILY ADMISSIONS NUMBER RATE JUST A
2 MONTH AGO. AND AS WE NOTED EARLIER, REPORTED DEATHS, THAT'S
3 THAT BLUE LINE. THAT HAS STAYED RELATIVELY STABLE THE ENTIRE
4 PAST MONTH. NEXT SLIDE. WE DO CONTINUE TO TRACK THE IMPACT OF
5 THE PANDEMIC USING THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL'S COVID-19
6 COMMUNITY LEVELS FRAMEWORK, AS YOU CAN SEE HERE. AS A
7 REMINDER, THIS FRAMEWORK HAS THREE ELEMENTS, THE WEEKLY
8 CUMULATIVE CASE RATE PER 100,000 PEOPLE AND TWO HOSPITAL
9 METRICS, THE SEVEN DAY CUMULATIVE RATE OF COVID-19 HOSPITAL
10 ADMISSIONS AND THE PERCENTAGE OF HOSPITAL BEDS OCCUPIED BY
11 COVID-19 PATIENTS. DEPENDING ON YOUR CASE RATE, DEPENDS ON
12 WHETHER YOU USE THE BOTTOM PART OF THIS FRAMEWORK TO ESTABLISH
13 YOUR HOSPITAL METRIC THRESHOLDS OR YOU USE THE TOP PART.
14 BECAUSE WE, AS YOU CAN SEE ON THE SLIDE, WE ARE IN THE MEDIUM
15 COMMUNITY LEVEL, BUT WE HAVE THIS HIGH CASE RATE OF 304 NEW
16 CASES PER 100,000 PEOPLE, SO THAT PLACES US IN THAT BOTTOM
17 QUADRANT OF THAT FRAMEWORK. AND IT DOES ALIGN THEN WITH THESE
18 LOWER HOSPITAL THRESHOLDS. THE HOSPITAL ADMISSION RATE IS AT
19 NOW 6.6 NEW ADMISSIONS PER 100,000 PEOPLE. SLIGHTLY DOWN FROM
20 LAST WEEK. AND THE PERCENTAGE OF HOSPITAL BEDS OCCUPIED BY
21 COVID PATIENTS IS NOW AT 3.9%, SLIGHTLY UP FROM LAST WEEK. AS
22 A REMINDER, IF WE REACH EITHER 10 NEW ADMISSIONS PER 100,000
23 PEOPLE, OR 10% OF STAFFED BEDS ARE OCCUPIED BY COVID PATIENTS
24 THAT L.A. COUNTY WOULD MOVE INTO THE HIGH COMMUNITY LEVEL,
25 ASSUMING WE STILL HAVE A CASE RATE OF MORE THAN -- OF 200 OR

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1 MORE NEW CASES PER 100,000 PEOPLE. IF L.A. COUNTY DOES MOVE
2 INTO THAT HIGH LEVEL AND REMAINS THERE FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE
3 WEEKS, A UNIVERSAL INDOOR MASKING REQUIREMENT WOULD BE
4 REQUIRED FOR EVERYONE TWO AND OLDER IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE
5 C.D.C. FRAMEWORK. THIS SAFETY MEASURE WOULD REMAIN IN EFFECT
6 UNTIL WE RETURN TO THE MEDIUM COMMUNITY LEVEL FOR TWO
7 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS. NEXT SLIDE. THIS FIGURE IS WHAT WE LOOK AT
8 EVERY WEEK TO PROVIDE SOME KIND OF AN APPROXIMATION OF WHEN WE
9 COULD HIT THAT 10 HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS PER 100,000 PEOPLE
10 THRESHOLD THAT WOULD MOVE US FROM MEDIUM TO HIGH, HIGH
11 COMMUNITY LEVEL. AS YOU CAN SEE HERE, THAT NEWEST PROJECTED
12 DATE OF CROSSING THE THRESHOLD OF 10 ADMISSIONS PER 100,000,
13 THAT'S THAT GREEN DASHED LINE, IS NOW JULY 30TH. THIS
14 PROJECTION IS BASED ON THE CURRENT RATE OF INCREASE OF
15 HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS, WHICH HAS SOMEWHAT SLOWED. IT IS
16 IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT WE CANNOT PREDICT WITH CERTAINTY WHAT
17 THE FUTURE HOSPITALIZATION TREND WILL LOOK LIKE.
18 HOSPITALIZATIONS CAN LEVEL OFF. THEY CAN EVEN BEGIN TO
19 DECLINE, AND THAT WOULD BE A GREAT RELIEF. OR THEY CAN BEGIN
20 TO INCREASE MORE RAPIDLY. WITH THE CONTINUED PROLIFERATION OF
21 NEW OMICRON SUB-VARIANTS AND SUB-LINEAGES, IT IS VERY
22 DIFFICULT FOR US TO ACCURATELY PREDICT THE RATE OF FUTURE
23 HOSPITALIZATIONS. SO WE WILL NEED TO CONTINUE TO CLOSELY
24 MONITOR THIS METRIC. NEXT SLIDE. WE ARE ALSO MONITORING, AS WE
25 DO EVERY WEEK, THE EARLY ALERT SIGNALS. WITH SCHOOLS CLOSED

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1 FOR THE SUMMER, WE ARE JUST MONITORING SEVEN OF OUR EIGHT
2 SIGNALS. WE WILL RESUME TRACKING OUTBREAKS IN SCHOOLS ONCE
3 SCHOOLS REOPEN IN THE FALL. FIVE OF OUR SEVEN EARLY ALERT
4 METRICS THAT WE ARE TRACKING RIGHT NOW CONVEY CAUSE FOR MEDIUM
5 OR HIGH CONCERN. CURRENTLY, THE CASE RATE IN LOW INCOME
6 COMMUNITIES AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS ARE OF MEDIUM
7 CONCERN. THE PERCENT OF SPECIMEN SEQUENCED THAT ARE IDENTIFIED
8 AS A NEW VARIANT OF CONCERN, INCLUDING THE SUB-VARIANTS,
9 REMAINS OF HIGH CONCERN, AS WELL AS THE GROWING NUMBER OF
10 OUTBREAKS IN OUR SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES AND AT OUR WORK
11 SITES. AND WHILE THE CONCENTRATION OF S.A.R.S.-CO.V.-2 REMAINS
12 HIGH IN WASTEWATER, THERE ARE NO SEWER SYSTEMS WITH A TWOFOLD
13 INCREASE IN A VIRAL LOAD THIS WEEK. WE WILL TAKE A CLOSER LOOK
14 AT A COUPLE OF THESE EARLY ALERT SIGNALS IN THE NEXT COUPLE
15 OF SLIDES. WE CAN GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE. THIS SLIDE IS SHOWING
16 US THE RECENT TRENDS IN THE TYPES OF VARIANTS WE ARE SEEING IN
17 THE COUNTY.OMICRON CONTINUES TO BOTH BE THE DOMINANT VARIANT
18 AND ALSO ACCOUNTS FOR 100% OF THE SEQUENCED SPECIMENS THIS
19 WEEK, AS WELL AS IN OUR PAST WEEKS. HOWEVER, THE VARIOUS SUB-
20 VARIANTS OF OMICRON CONTINUE TO EVOLVE. I WILL NOTE THAT FOR
21 THE WEEKS THAT ENDED MAY 28TH AND JUNE 4TH, REMEMBER WE DO
22 HAVE A TWO WEEK REPORTED DELAY HERE, 23% AND 43% OF SPECIMENS,
23 RESPECTIVELY, IDENTIFIED AS OMICRON, BUT THEY ARE EXCLUDED
24 FROM THE TABLE BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T YET RECEIVED CONFIRMATION
25 FROM THE LABS ON WHICH SUB-VARIANTS OR SUB-LINEAGES OF OMICRON

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1 THEY REPRESENT. WE WILL HAVE THIS DATA COMPLETED SHORTLY.
2 THE RED SECTION -- BUT WE DON'T THINK IT CHANGE THE
3 PROPORTIONALITY HERE. THE RED SECTION AT THE TOP OF EACH BAR
4 ON THE RIGHT INDICATES THE PERCENT OF SPECIMENS THAT TESTED
5 POSITIVE FOR B.A.4 AND B.A.5, THE SUB-VARIANTS OF OMICRON. TO
6 DATE, WE HAVE RECEIVED -- WE HAVE DETECTED NOW A TOTAL OF 167
7 POSITIVE SEQUENCED SPECIMENS OF THESE TWO SUB-VARIANTS, 86 OR
8 B.A.4, 81 OF B.A.5. IN THE WEEK THAT ENDED JUNE 4TH, B.A.4 AND
9 B.A.5 ACCOUNTED FOR ABOUT 16% OF ALL OF OUR SEQUENCED
10 SPECIMENS. THAT'S ABOUT 3.5 TIMES HIGHER THAN TWO WEEKS AGO.
11 SO, AGAIN, SIMILAR C.D.C. CONFIRMING ACROSS THE COUNTRY. AS OF
12 THE WEEK OF JUNE 18TH, THEY ARE PREDICTING THAT B.A.4 AND
13 B.A.5 SUB- VARIANTS COMBINED ACCOUNTED FOR ABOUT 35% OF THE
14 SPECIMENS. THIS IS A PRETTY LARGE INCREASE FROM 5% A MONTH
15 AGO. B.A.4 AND B.A.5 CONTINUE TO APPEAR TO BE ABLE TO OUT-
16 COMPETE THE B.A.2 SUB-VARIANT AND ITS SUB-LINEAGES, B.A.2,
17 .12, .1, AND ARE OF SPECIAL CONCERN BECAUSE OF THEIR APPARENT
18 ABILITY TO CAUSE REINFECTIONS IN PEOPLE WHO WERE INFECTED WITH
19 OTHER OMICRON SUB- VARIANTS. BECAUSE THERE IS THIS CONSTANTLY
20 CHANGING VARIANT LANDSCAPE, IT DOES REMAIN IMPORTANT FOR ALL
21 OF US TO USE THE MEASURES THAT WORK TO REDUCE OUR COVID-19
22 RISK. THAT INCLUDES, OF COURSE, VACCINATIONS, BOOSTERS,
23 MASKING, MOVING ACTIVITIES OUTDOORS, MAXIMIZING VENTILATION IF
24 YOU ARE INDOORS, AND TESTING AND STAYING HOME IF YOU ARE SICK.
25 NEXT SLIDE. WITH THE DECLINE IN THE REPORTED TEST RESULTS

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1 JUST BECAUSE A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE USING THOSE OVER-THE-COUNTER
2 TESTS, AND WE'RE GLAD ABOUT THAT, WE ARE TRIANGULATING DATA
3 FROM OTHER SOURCES TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE LEVEL OF SPREAD OF
4 COVID ACROSS THE COUNTY. ONE IMPORTANT SOURCE OF INFORMATION
5 FOR US IS TRACKING WHAT WE ARE SEEING IN WASTEWATER
6 CONCENTRATIONS OF S.A.R.S.-CO.V.-2. THIS IS THE VIRUS THAT IS
7 RESPONSIBLE FOR COVID INFECTIONS. A QUICK LOOK AT THIS SLIDE
8 AND THE NEXT SLIDE SHOW THE LATEST S.A.R.S.-CO.V.-2 WASTEWATER
9 CONCENTRATION DATA FROM THE TWO LARGEST SEWER SYSTEMS THAT ARE
10 CURRENTLY REPORTING DATA, AND THEY DO COVER MUCH OF THE
11 COUNTY. TWO OTHER SMALLER WASTEWATER SYSTEMS IN THE NORTH AND
12 ONE IN THE NORTHWEST OF THE COUNTY ARE COMPLETING THEIR
13 BASELINE MEASUREMENTS AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO REPORT THEIR DATA
14 SHORTLY. FOR THE L.A. COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT, THIS IS WHAT
15 YOU ARE SEEING HERE, WHICH SERVES THE SOUTHERN AND EASTERN
16 PARTS OF THE COUNTY, YOU CAN SEE A STEADY INCREASE IN
17 WASTEWATER VIRAL CONCENTRATIONS, ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT YET
18 HITTING THE HIGH LEVEL OF CONCERN. NEXT SLIDE. THIS GRAPH
19 SHOWS THE WASTEWATER VIRAL CONCENTRATION RESULTS FOR THE L.A.
20 CITY SANITATION AND ENVIRONMENT AGENCIES HYPERION PLANT. THAT
21 COVERS MOST OF THE CITY OF L.A. AND WHILE WE HAVE SEEN A
22 POSSIBLE PLATEAUING, THE CONCENTRATIONS HERE AGAIN REMAIN
23 RELATIVELY HIGH. NEXT SLIDE. BECAUSE WE HAVE HEARD FROM SO
24 MANY FOLKS ABOUT THEIR CONCERNS THAT THE VACCINES ARE NOT
25 WORKING AGAINST OMICRON, WE DID WANT TO SHARE THE MOST RECENT

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1 DATA ON VACCINE EFFECTIVENESS, NOTING THAT THERE HAVE BEEN
2 CHANGES IN EFFECTIVENESS OVER TIME AS NEW VARIANTS HAVE EVADED
3 SOME OF THE VACCINE PROTECTIONS. ONE WAY TO UNDERSTAND THE
4 EFFECTIVENESS OFFERED BY VACCINES IS TO COMPARE THE RATES OF
5 CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND DEATHS IN UNVACCINATED VERSUS
6 VACCINATED RESIDENTS. NONE OF THIS IS PERFECT BECAUSE IT
7 DOESN'T CONTROL FOR THE TIME ELEMENT THAT WE WILL SEE WITH
8 VACCINATED PEOPLE. WE KNOW THAT THE VACCINE'S EFFECTIVENESS IS
9 WANING OVER TIME. WE AREN'T GOING TO CAPTURE THAT HERE, BUT
10 EVEN WITHOUT CAPTURING THAT, ON THIS SLIDE, YOU CAN SEE THAT
11 WE ARE COMPARING CASES, HOSPITALIZATION, AND DEATH RATES, AND
12 WE ARE USE ALSO RECENT 14-DAY PERIOD, MAY 27 TO JUNE 5TH. YOU
13 CAN SEE THAT UNVACCINATED PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY WERE OVER 1.5
14 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 THAN THOSE
15 THAT ARE FULLY VACCINATED. THIS SUGGESTS THAT, EVEN WITH THE
16 DOMINANCE OF THE MORE TRANSMISSIBLE B.A.2 SUB-VARIANT AND ITS
17 SUB-LINEAGES, VACCINES ARE STILL PROVIDING SOME PROTECTION
18 AGAINST INFECTION. MORE IMPORTANTLY, OVER THE SAME TIME
19 PERIOD, L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO ARE UNVACCINATED WERE ALMOST
20 FOUR TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE HOSPITALIZED THAN FULLY
21 VACCINATED RESIDENTS. AND BETWEEN MAY 20TH TO JUNE 2ND,
22 UNVACCINATED RESIDENTS IN L.A. COUNTY WERE ABOUT EIGHT TIMES
23 MORE LIKELY TO DIE FROM COVID-19 THAN FULLY VACCINATED
24 RESIDENTS. THE APPROVED F.D.A. VACCINES ARE, IN FACT, DOING
25 EXACTLY WHAT WE NEED THEM TO DO. THEY ARE PREVENTING SEVERE

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1 ILLNESS AND DEATH. NEXT SLIDE. ANOTHER WAY TO CONSIDER THE
2 EFFECTIVENESS OF VACCINATIONS IS TO LOOK AT CASES,
3 HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND DEATHS AMONG VACCINATED L.A. COUNTY
4 RESIDENTS. AND WE SHOWED THIS SLIDE A LOT AT THE BEGINNING.
5 OBVIOUSLY, IT LOOKS DIFFERENT NOW. IN THIS SLIDE, THE NUMBER
6 OF CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND DEATHS AMONG FULLY VACCINATED
7 PEOPLE ARE VISUALIZED TO SCALE. THE LARGE GREEN BOX REPRESENTS
8 THE NEARLY 7 MILLION FULLY VACCINATED RESIDENTS, AND IT
9 INCLUDES ALL FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE STARTING FROM THE TIME
10 COVID-19 VACCINES BECAME AVAILABLE IN L.A. COUNTY THROUGH JUNE
11 20TH OF 2022. THE SMALL PURPLE BOX IN THAT LEFT LOWER CORNER
12 OF THE SCREEN BOX REPRESENTS THE 920,000 FULLY VACCINATED
13 RESIDENTS WHO TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 AS OF JUNE 20TH
14 WITH A TEST RESULT THAT WAS REPORTED TO PUBLIC HEALTH. THIS
15 REPRESENTS ABOUT 13% OF RESIDENTS WHO WERE FULLY VACCINATED.
16 AND WHILE IT IS AN INCREASE FROM THE 9% RATE REPORTED FIVE
17 MONTHS AGO, IT IS STILL A RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER. EVEN IF WE
18 ARE DOUBLING THIS NUMBER, SO THAT WE CAN ACCOUNT FOR THOSE WHO
19 TESTED USING OVER-THE-COUNTER TEST KITS, MANY FULLY VACCINATED
20 PEOPLE HAVE NOT YET BEEN INFECTED. THE INCREASE IN POSITIVE
21 CASES AMONG FULLY VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS DOES LIKELY REFLECT
22 THE DOMINANCE OF NEWER OMICRON SUB-VARIANTS THAT BOTH SPREAD
23 MORE EASILY AND ARE ABLE TO EVADE SOME OF THE VACCINE
24 PROTECTION AGAINST INFECTIONS. IMPRESSIVELY, WHERE IT REALLY
25 MATTERS, AND WHERE THE DATA IS MORE ACCURATE, WE HAVE

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1 CONTINUED EVIDENCE ON THE PROTECTIVE NATURE OF THE VACCINE. TO
 2 DATE, ONLY ABOUT 14,000 OR 0.2% OF THE ALMOST 7 MILLION FULLY
 3 VACCINATED AND/ OR BOOSTED RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN HOSPITALIZED.
 4 AND DEATHS, WHICH IS THAT TINY LITTLE BLUE BOX, AMONG THOSE
 5 FULLY VACCINATED, THANKFULLY, CONTINUES TO BE RELATIVELY RARE.
 6 WITH 0.03% OF FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE PASSING AWAY. MOST OF
 7 THOSE THAT ARE FULLY VACCINATED WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY HAD
 8 SEVERE COMORBIDITIES, INCLUDING BEING IMMUNOCOMPROMISED, AND
 9 MANY HAD NOT RECEIVED THEIR BOOSTER DOSE. NEXT SLIDE. AND AS
 10 YOU KNOW, COVID-19 VACCINES ARE AVAILABLE IN L.A. COUNTY NOW
 11 FOR CHILDREN AGES 6 MONTHS TO 5 YEARS. EMERGENCY USE
 12 AUTHORIZATION WAS GRANTED TO BOTH PFIZER AND MODERNA
 13 VACCINATIONS THAT CAN BE USED FOR YOUNG CHILDREN LAST WEEK.
 14 THESE VACCINES OFFER PARENTS A CRITICAL TOOL FOR PROTECTING
 15 THEIR CHILDREN. THERE HAS BEEN A MISCONCEPTION, OR A
 16 MISPERCEPTION, THAT VERY YOUNG CHILDREN DO NOT EXPERIENCE
 17 SEVERE DISEASE. SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE PANDEMIC, JUST HERE
 18 IN L.A. COUNTY, 90,000 CHILDREN AGES 0 TO 4 IN L.A. COUNTY
 19 TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID. WE HAVE ABOUT 450,000 CHILDREN IN
 20 THAT AGE GROUP. AND OVER 1300 VERY YOUNG CHILDREN WERE
 21 HOSPITALIZED. MOREOVER, 103 CHILDREN AGES 0 TO 4 HAVE BEEN
 22 DIAGNOSED WITH MULTI-SYSTEM INFLAMMATORY SYNDROME IN CHILDREN,
 23 ALSO KNOWN AS M.I.S.C, AND ALL OF THOSE CHILDREN HAVE NEEDED
 24 TO BE HOSPITALIZED. TRAGICALLY, WHILE ONLY A SMALL NUMBER OF
 25 CHILDREN IN L.A. COUNTY HAVE DIED FROM COVID, 2 OF THE 11

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1 CHILDREN WHO PASSED AWAY WERE UNDER FIVE YEARS OLD. WE ASK
2 PARENTS TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE DATA, TALK TO THEIR PEDIATRICIAN
3 OR PROVIDER, GET THEIR QUESTIONS ANSWERED BECAUSE, TRAGICALLY,
4 AS YOU CAN SEE, YOUNG CHILDREN CAN IN FACT GET INFECTED AND
5 END UP HOSPITALIZED AND, UNFORTUNATELY, EVEN PASS AWAY. AND
6 THIS IS NOW A VACCINE PREVENTABLE DISEASE. THE PFIZER VACCINE
7 IS APPROVED FOR ADMINISTRATION TO CHILDREN AGE 6 MONTHS TO 4
8 YEARS AND REQUIRES THREE DOSES, AS YOU CAN SEE HERE, EACH A
9 FEW WEEKS APART. THE MODERNA VACCINE IS APPROVED FOR CHILDREN
10 AGES 6 MONTHS THROUGH 6 YEARS, UP UNTIL 6 YEARS AND REQUIRES
11 TWO DOSES GIVEN FOUR TO EIGHT WEEKS APART. AS I'LL SHOW
12 SHORTLY, WE HAVE HUNDREDS OF SITES ACROSS THE COUNTY
13 ADMINISTERING VACCINES TO OUR YOUNGEST CHILDREN AND TO ALL
14 RESIDENTS NOW WHO ARE ELIGIBLE, 6 MONTHS AND OLDER, ACROSS THE
15 COUNTY. AND WE THANK THE PROVIDER WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO OFFER
16 THESE LIFESAVING VACCINES. NEXT SLIDE. GIVEN THE EXCITEMENT OF
17 FINALLY HAVING EFFECTIVE AND SAFE VACCINES FOR JUST ABOUT
18 EVERYONE IN L.A. COUNTY, 6 MONTHS AND OLDER, I WANT TO TAKE A
19 MOMENT TO TALK ABOUT CHILDREN AGES FIVE TO 11, AND 12 TO 17
20 THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR BOOSTERS. UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE SEEN
21 VERY LOW UPTAKE IN BOOSTERS AMONG THESE AGE GROUPS. IN
22 PARTICULAR, AS OF JUNE 19TH, ONLY 1% OF ELIGIBLE 5 TO 11-YEAR-
23 OLDS HAVE RECEIVED THEIR BOOSTERS. WHILE APPROVAL OF THIS
24 BOOSTER DOSE ONLY HAPPENED RECENTLY AT THE END OF MAY, I DO
25 WANT TO ENCOURAGE PARENTS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY

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1 TO MAXIMIZE PROTECTION FOR THEIR CHILDREN BY GETTING THEM
2 BOOSTED THIS SUMMER, PARTICULARLY IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE
3 TRAVELING, ATTENDING CAMPS OR RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS, OR
4 GATHERING WITH A LOT OF FRIENDS AND FAMILY. WE ALSO URGE THOSE
5 12 TO 17 TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE ALSO GETTING BOOSTED ONCE
6 ELIGIBLE SINCE BOOSTER DOSES FOR TEENS WERE AUTHORIZED ABOUT
7 SINCE MONTHS AGO. AND AT THIS POINT, WE HAVE ONLY ABOUT 37% OF
8 ELIGIBLE 12 TO 17-YEAR-OLDS BOOSTED. WHILE REGULAR SCHOOL IS
9 OUT FOR THE SUMMER, WE DO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE SUMMER
10 SCHOOL PROGRAMS, THE CAMPS, DAYCARES, PARKS AFTER DARK, AND
11 OTHER SUMMER RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND
12 RESOURCES TO PARENTS AND CHILDREN ABOUT THE VACCINE AND
13 BOOSTERS. AND TO OFFER EASY ACCESS TO VACCINES FOR THE ENTIRE
14 FAMILY. NEXT SLIDE. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE PRIORITIZED MAKING
15 THE VACCINE AS ACCESSIBILITY AS POSSIBLE TO EVERYONE IN L.A.
16 COUNTY. IN FACT, THIS WEEK, WE HAVE A TOTAL OF OVER 2100
17 COMMUNITY VACCINATION SITES ACROSS THE COUNTY, INCLUDING 800
18 MOBILE VACCINATION TEAMS. THE MAP ON THIS SLIDE SHOWS THE MORE
19 THAN 900 VACCINATION -- LOCATIONS THAT HAVE ORDERED AND ARE
20 OFFERING VACCINATIONS FOR CHILDREN UNDER 5 THIS MONTH. AS YOU
21 CAN SEE, THERE ARE SITES ACROSS THE ENTIRE COUNTY.
22 VACCINATIONS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN ARE BEING OFFERED BY ALMOST
23 180 HEALTHCARE PROVIDER PRACTICES, ABOUT 230 PHARMACIES, AND
24 WE HAVE OVER 500 MOBILE VACCINATION CLINIC SITES. ALSO I WANT
25 TO NOTE, OUR SEVEN PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNITY SITES AND THREE OF

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1 OUR PUBLIC HEALTH CLINICS IN ANTELOPE VALLEY, NORTH HOLLYWOOD
2 HEALTH CENTER, WHITTIER HEALTH CENTER ARE OFFERING VACCINES
3 FOR YOUNG CHILDREN RIGHT NOW. BOTH CENTRAL AND M.L.K. WILL BE
4 OFFERING VACCINATIONS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN NEXT WEEK. YOU CAN
5 FIND ONE OF THE MANY PLACES THAT ARE ACCEPTING APPOINTMENTS OR
6 WALK INS FOR VACCINATING CHILDREN UNDER 5 IF YOU VISIT
7 VACCINATELACOUNTY.COM. YOU CAN CLICK ON FIND A LOCATION AND
8 YOU SEARCH UNDER VACCINE TYPE FOR PFIZER UNDER 5 OR MODERNA
9 UNDER 6. NEXT SLIDE. GIVEN THE CONTINUED IMPORTANCE OF
10 VACCINATIONS IN REDUCING THE DEVASTATING IMPACT OF COVID, I DO
11 WANT TO PROVIDE A LOOK AT VACCINATION COVERAGE BY RACE AND
12 ETHNICITY AND AGE GROUP. THIS INFORMATION IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON
13 OUR WEBSITE. WHEN WE LOOK AT THE AGE SUBGROUPS BY RACE AND
14 ETHNICITY, WE SEE FAMILIAR TRENDS AND TROUBLING GAPS IN
15 VACCINATION COVERAGE AMONG YOUNGER AGE GROUPS AND AMONG BLACK
16 AND LATINX RESIDENT. ON AVERAGE, LESS THAN 50% OF CHILDREN
17 AGES 5 TO 11 ARE FULLY VACCINATED WITH GLARING GAPS BY RACE
18 AND ETHNICITY. ABOUT 20% OF LATINX AND BLACK CHILDREN ARE
19 FULLY VACCINATED, 40% OF WHITE CHILDREN, AND 58% OF ASIAN
20 CHILDREN 15 TO 11. THE DATA ALSO SHOWS THAT LOWER VACCINATION
21 RATES AMONG YOUNGER RESIDENTS WITH PERSISTENT GAPS AMONG YOUNG
22 ADULTS 18 TO 29, 47% OF BLACK ADULTS IN THIS CATEGORY, 58% OF
23 LATINX ADULTS HAVE BEEN VACCINATED, 90% OF ASIAN YOUNG ADULTS
24 IN THIS CATEGORY, AND 75% OF WHITE RESIDENTS IN THIS AGE
25 GROUP. THE DISPROPORTIONALITY, AS YOU CAN, SEE PERSISTS AMONG

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1 30 TO 49-YEAR-OLDS, ALTHOUGH WE DO MUCH BETTER, 60% OF LATINX
2 ADULTS HAVE BEEN VACCINATED IN THIS AGE GROUP, BUT AGAIN
3 THAT'S COMPARED TO 82% AND 76% OF ASIAN AND WHITE RESIDENTS.
4 WHILE MOST FOLKS ARE READY TO MOVE ON FROM WORRYING ABOUT THE
5 PANDEMIC, THE VIRUS IS STILL CIRCULATING. AND IT IS CAUSING
6 DISRUPTIONS AND SEVERE ILLNESS. SINCE VACCINATIONS REMAIN THE
7 MOST EFFECTIVE STRATEGY, FOR PREVENTING THE WORST OUTCOMES, WE
8 DO NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB OF CLOSING THESE GAPS BY CONTINUING
9 TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE'S EASY ACCESS TO FREE VACCINES AND
10 ACCURATE INFORMATION ABOUT VACCINE EFFECTIVENESS AND SAFETY.
11 THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO REALLY CUT BACK ON ANY OF THESE
12 EFFORTS. WE CONTINUE TO PARTNER WITH HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS,
13 COMMUNITY AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, AND COMMUNITY HEALTH
14 WORKERS AND PROMOTORAS TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND BUILD VACCINE
15 CONFIDENCE. THE WORK MAY TAKE A LOT OF TIME, AND PROGRESS MAY
16 BE SLOW, BUT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE REMAIN FOCUSED ON CLOSING
17 THESE GAPS. NEXT SLIDE. IN CONCLUDING, I JUST WANTED TO BE
18 SURE EVERYONE IS AWARE OF THE RESOURCES THAT CAN HELP
19 RESIDENTS GET ANSWERS TO THEIR QUESTIONS AND TO FIND A
20 LOCATION WHERE THEIR ENTIRE FAMILY CAN GET VACCINATED. IF YOU
21 HAVE ACCESS TO THE WEB, YOU CAN VISIT VACCINATELACOUNTY.COM.
22 AS I NOTED, YOU CAN SEARCH BY ZIP CODE, FIND CLINICS THAT ARE
23 NEAR YOU. AND YOU CAN ALSO FIND THE CLINICS THAT ARE OPERATED
24 BY THE L.A. COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND BY L.A. COUNTY HEALTH
25 SERVICES. YOU CAN ALSO SEARCH FOR A SPECIFIC TYPE OF VACCINE

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1 IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHETHER OR NOT YOU CAN GET A
2 MODERNA VACCINE OR A PFIZER VACCINE. FOR THOSE WITHOUT ACCESS
3 TO THE INTERNET OR WHO JUST PREFER TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE, YOU
4 CAN LEARN ABOUT THESE SERVICES. YOU CAN GET ANSWERS TO YOUR
5 QUESTIONS BY CALLING THE L.A. COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
6 AT 833-540-0473. 8:00 A.M. TO 8:30 P.M. SEVEN DAYS A WEEK. I
7 ALSO WANT TO NOTE THAT THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
8 HEALTH OFFERS SOME ADDITIONAL FREE SERVICES AT THE SEVEN
9 COMMUNITY VACCINATION CENTERS. WE ARE DISTRIBUTING FREE TEST
10 KITS AT ALL OF OUR SITES. YOU DON'T NEED TO GET VACCINATED.
11 YOU CAN COME IN FOR ANY ONE OF THESE OTHER SERVICES. THREE OF
12 OUR CENTERS, TED WATKINS PARK, OBREGON PARK, AND MARKET STREET
13 CENTER IN SANTA CLARITA ARE OFFERING OTHER FREE SERVICES AS
14 WELL, INCLUDING TESTING, FOLLOWED BY A MEDICAL ASSESSMENT AND
15 A PRECIPITATION FOR FREE ORAL MEDICATION TO TREAT COVID-19 FOR
16 THOSE THAT QUALIFY. THERE ARE MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES. THEIR
17 ARE HOME VISITATION SERVICES FOR PREGNANT AND PARENTING
18 INDIVIDUALS, AND ALL OF THOSE THREE SITES ALSO HAVE A FREE
19 FOOD PICK UP ON PARTICULAR DAYS OF THE MONTH FOR FOLKS TO COME
20 IN IF THEY NEED HELP ADDRESSING ISSUES RELATED TO FOOD
21 INSECURITY. I DO WANT TO THANK THE MILLIONS THAT HAVE GOTTEN
22 VACCINATED AND ARE GETTING BOOSTED. I WANT FOLKS TO FEEL
23 CONFIDENT THAT THEIR ACTIONS ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE. THEY
24 PROTECT OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY FROM THE WORST IMPACTS OF THE

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1 PANDEMIC. WITH THAT, I WILL CONCLUDE MY PRESENTATION AND I
2 WILL GLADLY TAKE QUESTIONS AFTER DR. GHALY'S PRESENTATION.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GOOD AFTERNOON, DR.
5 GHALY.

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7 **DR. GHALY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYBODY. I WILL KEEP MY COMMENTS
8 BRIEF TODAY, BUT LET ME KNOW WHAT QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE. IF
9 YOU COULD GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, THIS SHOWS A TREND IN OUR IN-
10 PATIENT COVID HOSPITALIZATIONS AT THE FOUR D.H.S. HOSPITALS
11 OVER THE PANDEMIC. MOST RECENTLY, WE PEAKED IN THE HIGH 70S
12 AND TRENDED DOWN, AND THE NUMBERS ACROSS THE FOUR HOSPITALS
13 HAVE BEEN IN THE HIGH 60S FOR THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS. WE HAVE
14 68 PATIENTS THIS MORNING HOSPITALIZED WITH A POSITIVE COVID
15 TEST AT OUR FOUR HOSPITALS. SLIDE THREE, NEXT SLIDE, SHOWS THE
16 PERCENTAGE OF PATIENTS THAT ARE THERE FOR THEIR COVID ILLNESS
17 BASED ON A MANUAL CHART REVIEW VERSUS THERE FOR OTHER REASONS.
18 THE LEVEL HAS REMAINED STEADY AT ABOUT 20%, WHICH WE
19 UNDERSTAND IS LOWER THAN THE DATA THAT D.P.H. TRACKS FOR
20 HOSPITALS IN THE COUNTY OVERALL. TAKEN TOGETHER, THIS DATA
21 VERSUS THE DATA ON THE PREVIOUS SLIDE, AND THAT MEANS THAT, ON
22 ANY GIVEN DAY, D.H.S. HOSPITALS IN TOTAL HAVE ROUGHLY RECENTLY
23 15 OR SO PATIENTS ADMITTED FOR THEIR COVID ILLNESS. SLIDE FOUR
24 SHOWS THE USAGE OF OUR QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION SITES FOR
25 THOSE THAT ARE MEDICALLY FRAGILE. THERE IS AVAILABLE CAPACITY

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1 AT THE SITE FOR THOSE THAT NEED THAT HIGHER LEVEL OF CARE.
2 NEXT SLIDE. I WILL SHIFT OVER TO COMMUNITY TESTING, AND AS A
3 REMINDER, THE DATA AND THE INFORMATION HERE IS RELATED TO THE
4 DATA THAT WE ARE ABLE TO RECEIVE FROM THE D.H.S. MANAGED
5 FULGENT OPERATING TESTING SITES AS WELL AS FOR SOME SLIDES THE
6 STATE MANAGED TESTING SITES. OUR USAGE AT THOSE SITES HAS BEEN
7 STABLE FOR SEVERAL WEEKS, AND THERE'S AVAILABLE CAPACITY NOW
8 AT ALL SITES. THE NEXT SLIDE, SLIDE SIX, SHOWS THE USAGE AT
9 THE PICK UP AND DROP OFF LOCATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTY. AND AS
10 YOU CAN SEE, THE USAGE IS VERY LOW. BOTH THE BLUE BARS AND THE
11 YELLOW BARS REPRESENT UNORDERED OR UNDISTRIBUTED TEST KITS. WE
12 HAVE A LOT OF TEST KITS THAT ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO MIGHT
13 NEED THEM, THE WE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE CAPACITY AVAILABLE IN
14 CASE OF A FUTURE SURGE. JUST A QUICK REMINDER TO THE PUBLIC
15 THAT THOSE KITS ARE INTENDED FOR IMMEDIATE USAGE AND TO PLEASE
16 PROMPTLY RETURN THE TEST IF THEY ARE PICKING ONE UP SO THAT
17 THE SPECIMEN CAN BE PROMPTLY PROCESSED. THEY ARE NOT INTENDED
18 TO BE PICKED UP AND THEN KEPT FOR FUTURE USAGE. SLIDE SEVEN
19 JUST PROVIDE AS QUICK SUMMARY OF THE DATA, SO WE HAVE THE
20 VOLUME AT THE TESTING SITES ACROSS THE COUNTY FOR THE
21 COMMUNITY TESTING SITES HAS BEEN UP ABOUT 20% SINCE MID MAY,
22 BUT IT IS NOW STABLE. OUR TEST POSITIVITY RATE AT THE
23 COMMUNITY TESTING SITES FOR WHICH WE RECEIVE DATA, WHICH IS
24 JUST THE D.H.S. MANAGED FULGENT OPERATED ONES IS ABOUT 21%.
25 THIS IS ROUGHLY DOUBLE THAT -- THE NUMBER THAT D.P.H. REPORTS

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1 FOR TESTING OVERALL ACROSS THE COUNTY. THIS IS AN EXPECTED
2 TREND GIVEN THAT THE D.P.H. DATA TRACKS ALL COVID TESTING IN
3 THE COUNTY AND ALL RESULTS THAT ARE REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED TO
4 THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAB, EVEN TESTING THAT'S DONE BY INDIVIDUALS
5 FOR REASONS SUCH AS PERIODIC SURVEILLANCE AS REQUIRED BY AN
6 EMPLOYER, OR BY A SCHOOL, OR FOR INDIVIDUALS THAT JUST WANT TO
7 DO SURVEILLANCE TESTING. THAT'S VERY DIFFERENT THAN THE
8 POPULATION THAT TYPICALLY USES THE COMMUNITY TESTING SITES
9 THAT ARE RUN BY FULGENT. THOSE TESTING SITES, THE RATE OF
10 USAGE IS MUCH MUCH HIGHER AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE SYMPTOMS OF
11 COVID OR HAD A RECENT EXPOSURE TO SOMEONE WITH COVID. AND AS A
12 RESULT, WE WOULD EXPECT THEIR TEST POSITIVITY RATE TO BE MUCH
13 HIGHER. FINALLY, NEXT SLIDE, A NUMBER OF SITES WILL BE CLOSED
14 FOR THE UPCOMING JULY 4TH HOLIDAY. THOSE DETAILS ARE LISTED ON
15 THE SLIDE AND ALSO ON THE COUNTY'S COVID TESTING WEBSITE. WE
16 ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO ENJOY THEIR 4TH OF JULY FESTIVITIES BUT
17 ALSO TO CONTINUE JUST BEING CAREFUL, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY ARE
18 AROUND LARGE GROUPS, ESPECIALLY IF INDOORS TO CONSIDER
19 MASKING. I WILL CLOSE THERE, BUT PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU
20 HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

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22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE WILL START WITH
23 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WHO WILL BE FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
24 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU,
2 DRS. FERRER AND GHALY, AS ALWAYS, AND NOT JUST FOR THE REPORT
3 BUT FOR THE WORK. IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, IT SEEMS LIKE, DOING
4 THIS. AND I AM REALLY GRATEFUL TO BOTH OF YOU BECAUSE I KNOW
5 IT HASN'T BEEN EASY, AND YET I THINK IT'S BEEN EXEMPLARY. I
6 HEAR FROM PEOPLE IN OTHER PARTS OF THE STATE. I HEAR FROM
7 FRIENDS ACROSS THE COUNTRY, AND THEY HEAR THAT THE COUNTY HAS
8 REALLY STEPPED UP DURING THESE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS. MY
9 QUESTIONS ARE TO YOU, DR. FERRER, PRIMARILY, JUST TO
10 UNDERSTAND BETTER A LITTLE BIT OF WHAT YOU PRESENTED TO US.
11 FIRST OF ALL, WHEN YOU USE THE TERM FULLY VAXXED, WHAT DO YOU
12 MEAN?

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14 **DR. FERRER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR. AND YOU KNOW I JUST
15 WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL THE SUPPORT WE GET FROM ALL OF YOU. IT
16 MAKES IT POSSIBLE TO DO THIS WORK. IT'S BEEN TWO AND A HALF
17 YEARS. THAT'S A LONG TIME FOR ALL OF US, INCLUDING ALL OF YOU.
18 FULLY VAXXED MEANS THAT PEOPLE HAVE HAD THE FULL INITIAL
19 SERIES. SO FOR A MODERNA AND PFIZER, THAT'S THOSE INITIAL TWO
20 DOSES. FOR JOHNSON & JOHNSON, THAT'S THAT INITIAL ONE DOSE. IT
21 DOES NOT INCLUDE BEING BOOED. WHEN WE TALK ABOUT PEOPLE WHO
22 HAVE BEEN BOOSTED, WE GENERALLY TALK ABOUT BEING UP TO DATE ON
23 YOUR VACCINATIONS. SO PEOPLE WHO ARE UP TO DATE ARE PEOPLE WHO
24 ARE FULLY VAXXED WITH THEIR INITIAL SERIES AND THEN HAVE, AS
25 THEY HAVE BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR THE BOOSTER DOSES, ALSO GOTTEN

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1 THOSE BOOSTER DOSES. AND SO, WE DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE TWO.
2 ONE IS FULLY VACCINATED, AND THE OTHER IS UP TO DATE ON THEIR
3 VACCINATIONS.

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5 **SUP. KUEHL:** YEAH, I THINK SOMETIMES IT IS A QUESTION THAT
6 PEOPLE ASK ME BECAUSE IF WE ARE GOING INTO THE MUSIC CENTER
7 THEATER, WE ONLY HAVE -- WE DON'T HAVE TO SHOW PROOF OF ANY
8 BOOSTERS, BUT PEOPLE ARE NOT SURE. THEY HAD THEIR FIRST COUPLE
9 OF SHOTS LIKE A YEAR OR SO AGO. SO WE ARE ALL THINKING LIKE,
10 OKAY, SO DID IT WEAR OFF, YOU KNOW, WHATEVER. MY NEXT QUESTION
11 --

12

13 **DR. FERRER:** I THINK THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT THE VACCINATIONS IS
14 SOME OF THE PROTECTION WEARS OFF, PARTICULARLY THE PROTECTIONS
15 THAT SHOW UP IN OUR ANTIBODY RESPONSE, BUT EVEN PEOPLE THAT
16 HAVE WERE FULLY VAXXED AND HAVE RECEIVED NO BOOSTER DOSES
17 STILL MAINTAIN A LEVEL OF PROTECTION THAT'S PRETTY DECENT
18 AGAINST SEVERE ILLNESS AND DEATH. OBVIOUSLY, MUCH BETTER TO
19 GET BOOSTED BECAUSE YOU WILL HAVE A HIGHER LEVEL OF
20 PROTECTION, BUT IT IS NOT LIKE ALL OF YOUR PROTECTION HAS
21 WANED IF YOU DIDN'T COME IN FOR THOSE BOOSTER DOSES. THAT'S
22 WHY THE DATA I SHOWED REALLY JUST CONSIDERS THOSE THAT ARE
23 FULLY VAXXED.

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** GOT IT. SO THE NEXT QUESTION REALLY IS AROUND
2 BOOSTERS AND KIND OF DIFFERENT ARENAS. WE SEEM TO HAVE FIRST
3 HEARD THAT THE UPTAKE ON SHOTS FOR CHILDREN 5 TO 11 WAS PRETTY
4 LOW, BUT THEN IT SEEMS TO GROW FOR THE FIRST SHOT. AND I THINK
5 THE DATA THAT YOU SHOWED US WHERE YOU HAD THE RACIAL BREAKDOWN
6 SHOWED US KIND OF WHAT -- WHAT KIDS HAVE GOTTEN THEIR FIRST
7 SHOT. I HAD ALSO HEARD THAT THE UPTAKE, THOUGH IT IS BRAND
8 NEW, IS A LITTLE SLOW ON THE 6 MONTH TO 5 YEARS, THOUGH I
9 THINK MOST PEOPLE GOT INFORMATION THAT IT IS AVAILABLE. IS
10 THAT YOUR FINDING AS WELL, THAT IT'S JUST BEEN A FEW? I
11 REALIZE, AGAIN, IT IS KIND OF NEW.

12
13 **DR. FERRER:** YES. BOTH ARE GOOD QUESTIONS. THANKS. YES, THE 5
14 TO 11-YEAR-OLDS, I THINK WE ARE AT LIKE 45% OR 46% OVERALL
15 FULLY VAXXED. THAT'S BOTH DOSED OF THE INITIAL SERIES. FOR THE
16 YOUNGEST CHILDREN, WE JUST HAVE PRELIMINARY DATA THAT WE GOT
17 JUST REALLY FOR THE FIRST THREE DAYS LAST WEEK. AND WE WERE AT
18 ABOUT 1200 DOSES ACROSS THE COUNTY. SO THAT'S PRETTY LOW. WE
19 WOULD HAVE ANTICIPATED THAT PARENTS -- THOSE PARENTS WHO
20 REALLY HAVE BEEN ANXIOUS TO GET THEIR CHILDREN VACCINATED
21 WOULD HAVE COME IN IN SOMEWHAT LARGER NUMBERS. BUT AGAIN, I
22 WANT TO NOTE THAT DIDN'T INCLUDE THE WEEKEND. SO I THINK FOR
23 MANY PARENTS HARD TO BRING YOUR CHILD IN DURING THE WEEK. SO I
24 THINK WE WILL DEFINITELY HAVE SEEN MORE PEOPLE COME IN ON THE
25 WEEKEND. AND I ALSO THINK THAT, BECAUSE WE HAVE HUNDREDS OF

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1 PEDIATRICIANS THAT ARE, IN FACT, NOW ABLE TO VACCINATE
2 CHILDREN IN THEIR PRACTICE, BECAUSE THEY HAVE SIGNED UP AND
3 BEEN APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO BE VACCINATORS, I
4 THINK SOME ARE JUST WANTING TO TAKE THEIR CHILDREN INTO THEIR
5 PEDIATRIC PROVIDER, A PLACE WHERE THEY ARE FAMILIAR, TO GO
6 AHEAD AND GET THOSE DOSES.

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8 **SUP. KUEHL:** AND MAY NOT HAVE GOTTEN THEIR APPOINTMENT YET KIND
9 OF THING?

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11 **DR. FERRER:** EXACTLY.

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13 **SUP. KUEHL:** I'M SORRY.

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15 **DR. FERRER:** OH, NO. GO AHEAD, SUPERVISOR.

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL:** THE KIDS 5 TO 11, THERE SEEMED TO BE A LOW UPTAKE
18 ON THE BOOSTERS I THINK YOU SAID. AND I DON'T KNOW THAT A LOT
19 OF PARENTS ARE AWARE THAT THERE ARE BOOSTERS AVAILABLE. MAYBE
20 THEY ARE. I DON'T KNOW. BUT I HAVE MY RELATIVES, MY FRIENDS
21 AND FAMILY, PEOPLE ON MY STAFF, WE ARE -- WE TRY TO GET THE
22 WORD OUT TO EVERYBODY, BUT THIS DIDN'T SEEM TO ME TO BE ONE OF
23 THOSE THINGS THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE KNEW. SO MAYBE WE WANT TO
24 ALL THE WORK TOGETHER -- I AM NOT SAYING THAT PUBLIC HEALTH
25 HASN'T DONE IT. I AM JUST SAYING THAT BEYOND THAT, I PROBABLY

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1 WANT TO BLAST IT OUT TOO. SO HOW LONG DID A CHILD BETWEEN THE
2 AGES OF 5 AND 11 HAVE TO WAIT BEFORE THEY GET THEIR BOOSTER?

3

4 **DR. FERRER:** THEY NEED TO WAIT FIVE MONTHS FROM THE END OF THAT
5 INITIAL SERIES.

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** YEAH.

8

9 **DR. FERRER:** AND YES, WE AGREE WITH YOU. WE THINK, AGAIN, THAT
10 SOME PEOPLE AREN'T REALLY AWARE. I TALKED TO SOME PARENTS, AND
11 THEY ARE LIKE OH, WE CAN NOW GET BOOSTERS BECAUSE FOR SO LONG
12 THEY WERE ASKING WHEN CAN MY CHILD GET A BOOSTER, WHEN CAN MY
13 CHILD GET A BOOSTER, AND THE ANSWER WAS IT HASN'T BEEN
14 APPROVED YET. SO I THINK WE CAN DO A BETTER JOB. I WOULD
15 APPRECIATE ANY HELP YOUR OFFICES CAN GIVE US OBVIOUSLY ON
16 GETTING THE WORD OUT. THERE ARE A LOT OF SITES ALL OVER THE
17 COUNTY. IT IS VERY EASY. MOST OF THE SITES YOU CAN JUST WALK
18 IN. PARENTS DO NEED TO ACCOMPANY THEIR CHILDREN OR HAVE A
19 CAREGIVER THAT HAS PERMISSION TO OBTAIN THOSE -- YOU KNOW THAT
20 HAS SIGNED A FORM GIVING CONSENT FROM THE PARENT FOR THE CHILD
21 TO GET THAT DOSE, BUT, AGAIN, I AGREE WITH YOU. IT HAS REALLY
22 NOT EVEN BEEN A MONTH THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO VACCINATE
23 CHILDREN 5 TO 11 WITH THEIR BOOSTER.

24

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** I HAVE THREE MORE QUESTIONS. I DON'T WANT TO
2 INTERRUPT ALL THE TIME, BUT MY COLLEAGUES ALSO WANT TO ASK. SO
3 I AM TAKING UP LOT OF TIME, BUT I HAVE THREE MORE QUESTIONS.

4

5 **DR. FERRER:** OKAY.

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** WHAT ABOUT -- I THINK WE TALKED ABOUT THIS ON THE
8 PHONE, BUT I WANTED TO KIND OF GET IT OUT IN PUBLIC. PEOPLE
9 WERE SURPRISED THEY COULDN'T GET THE SECOND BOOSTER BECAUSE
10 THEY WEREN'T 50 YEARS OLD. AND I -- IS THE REASON FOR THAT
11 THAT IT HASN'T BEEN APPROVED FOR PEOPLE UNDER 50? AND THAT'S
12 WHY? BECAUSE PEOPLE THINK OH, I AM GOING INTO MY SECOND
13 BOOSTER, AND THEY ARE TURNED DOWN BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT 50 OR
14 OF FRAGILE HEALTH. I MEAN I UNDERSTAND THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS,
15 BUT GENERALLY. SO, WAS THAT SOMETHING LIKE A FEDERAL RULE OR
16 NOT APPROVED OR WHATEVER?

17

18 **DR. FERRER:** YES. THESE VACCINES GET APPROVED BY THE F.D.A.,
19 AND THEN YOU HAVE TO FOLLOW WHATEVER THE APPROVALS ARE OR ELSE
20 IT IS AN OFF LABEL USE, AND NOBODY AT A PHARMACY OR AT A
21 COMMUNITY CLINIC IS GOING TO DO ANY KIND OF OFF LABEL USE OF
22 THE VACCINES. SO THE F.D.A. APPROVED THAT SECOND BOOSTER DOSE
23 FOR EVERYBODY WHO IS OVER 50 AND FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE UNDER 50
24 WHO HAVE -- WHO ARE EITHER MODERATELY OR SEVERELY
25 IMMUNOCOMPROMISED. THEY DIDN'T EVEN DO MEDICALLY FRAGILE. IT

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1 IS A VERY NARROW DEFINITION. WE URGE PEOPLE WHO FEEL LIKE THEY
2 ARE MEDICALLY FRAGILE TO PLEASE TALK WITH THEIR HEALTHCARE
3 PROVIDER AND GET ADVICE FROM THEIR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER ON
4 WHAT THEY SHOULD DO ABOUT GETTING THAT SECOND BOOSTER DOSE.
5 AND I WANT TO NOTE WE HAVE GONE ON RECORD, AS HAVE OTHER
6 PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, FOR REQUESTING THAT THE F.D.A.
7 REVIEW THAT DECISION AND EXPAND THAT ELIGIBILITY FOR PEOPLE
8 WHO HAVE UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS AT LEAST WHO ARE UNDER
9 THE AGE OF 50 BECAUSE WE JUST GET A LOT OF PEOPLE COMING IN,
10 AND THEY ARE REALLY NERVOUS, AND THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO BE
11 NERVOUS BECAUSE THEY HAVE THE KINDS OF HEALTH CONDITIONS THAT,
12 SHOULD THEY GET INFECTED, COULD RESULT IN MORE ZERO US
13 ILLNESS. SO WE UNDERSTAND THE CAUTION THAT THE F.D.A. AND THE
14 C.D.C. DID ON STUDYING THOSE REQUIREMENTS AROUND THE VACCINE.
15 IT IS ALL BASED ON THE DATA THEY STUDIED, BUT WE HAVE ASKED
16 FOR THEM TO DO ANOTHER REVIEW AND TO LOOK AT SOME NEWER DATA
17 TO SEE WHETHER OR NOT WE CAN GO AHEAD AND EXPAND THAT
18 ELIGIBILITY.

19
20 **SUP. KUEHL:** GREAT. I WILL SKIP TO THE LAST QUESTION BECAUSE IN
21 THE CHART THAT YOU BREAKDOWN BY RACE AND ETHNICITY, IS THERE A
22 CHART ANYWHERE THAT BREAKS DOWN THE VACCINATION RATE BY GENDER
23 BECAUSE ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE FIND, AND I KNOW YOU HAVE
24 SEEN IT IN PUBLIC HEALTH THROUGH YOUR WHOLE CAREER, IS THAT IF
25 YOU CAN IDENTIFY WHO IS RESISTANT, OR WHO IS NOT GETTING

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1 SOMETHING, OR WHATEVER, YOU CAN TARGET THAT POPULATION. I MEAN
2 WE CERTAINLY DID IT IN THE L.G.B.T.Q. COMMUNITY. AND THEY ARE
3 ALSO PRETTY GRATEFUL TO BE TARGETED TODAY TO GET INFORMATION
4 ABOUT ANY NEW OUTBREAKS, BUT I WONDER IF THERE'S ANY
5 POSSIBILITY TO BEGIN COLLECTING AND REPORTING, OR IF IT IS
6 COLLECTED AND COULD BE REPORTED, BY GENDER BECAUSE MY SOMEWHAT
7 PREJUDICED VIEW JUST FROM TALKING TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS IS
8 THERE ARE FAR MANY GUYS THAT ARE RESISTANT TO THE VACCINE THAN
9 WOMEN. AND I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S ACTUALLY THE CASE, BUT IF IT
10 IS, AGAIN, THERE'S A WAY TO TARGET THE POPULATION. WE WERE
11 TALKING ABOUT USING CELEBRITIES TO CONVINCE LAW ENFORCEMENT.
12 WE COULD CERTAINLY USE CELEBRITIES TO CONVINCE GUYS TO GET
13 VACCINATED IF THAT'S THE CASE. BUT I THINK IT WOULD BE
14 INTERESTING TO SEE THE DATA.

15

16 **DR. FERRER:** YEAH, WE CAN GO AHEAD AND SEND ALL OF YOUR GOOD
17 OFFICES THAT DATA. WE DO RUN THAT DATA. THERE ARE,
18 PARTICULARLY IN DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS, THERE ARE DIFFERENCES BY
19 SEX, AND WE DO TRY TO USE THAT. WE RUN IT FAIRLY FREQUENTLY
20 HERE BECAUSE, JUST LIKE YOU NOTED SUPERVISOR, WE DO TRY TO USE
21 THAT DATA FOR TARGETED MEDIA AND TARGETED COMMUNICATIONS. BUT
22 WE WILL BE HAPPY TO GO AHEAD. IT IS HARD TO PUT IT ALL ON ONE
23 TABLE, BUT WE CAN DEFINITELY SHOW YOU BY SEX WHAT THE
24 DISTRIBUTION LOOKS LIKE FOR EACH AGE GROUP. AND AGAIN, IT GETS
25 VERY BUSY IF WE DO BY SEX, BY AGE GROUP, AND BY RACE AND

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1 ETHNICITY, BUT IF YOU DON'T MIND BUSY TABLES, WE CAN GIVE YOU
2 THAT AS WELL.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** I DON'T MIND BUSY ANYTHING. AND I DO UNDERSTAND.
5 AND I THANK YOU VERY MUCH, BOTH OF YOU, AGAIN, FOR THE WORK.
6 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

7

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

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU TO DR. FERRER AND DR. GHALY. I
11 THINK SUPERVISOR KUEHL ASKED A LOT OF QUESTIONS I WAS GOING TO
12 ASK IN TERMS OF DEFINING WHAT VACCINATION REALLY MEANS BECAUSE
13 I DO THINK IT IS CONFUSING FOR PEOPLE THAT SPEAK OTHER
14 LANGUAGES, AND THEY MAY ASSUME THAT THEY ARE CLEAR. AND WHAT I
15 WORRY MORE ABOUT IS PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN VACCINATED AND
16 BOOSTED ALSO NOW CONTRACTING COVID AGAIN, HOWEVER, BE IT A
17 SLIGHT OR WHATEVER. IT IS STILL HAPPENING, AND I REALLY WORRY
18 ABOUT THE LOW PARTICIPATION RATES WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE
19 LATINO AND AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITIES AND HOW WE ARE GOING
20 TO GET TO THOSE PARENTS THAT HAVE THESE LITTLE INFANTS THAT
21 ARE ELIGIBLE. WHAT PLAN DO WE HAVE TO REACH OUT TO THEM
22 BECAUSE I THINK THAT FOR MANY OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS,
23 ESPECIALLY IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES, THEY DON'T HAVE A PRIMARY
24 PROVIDER? AND I THINK THOSE ARE SOME BARRIERS THAT EXIST, SO
25 WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO TO GET AROUND THAT?

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2 **DR. FERRER:** YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, ALSO FOR
3 ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT. AND THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION. OF COURSE,
4 WE HAVE EXTENSIVE PLANS AROUND EDUCATING AND COMMUNICATING. WE
5 DO HAVE AND CONTINUE TO HAVE A HOST OF COMMUNITY PARTNERS, AND
6 I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEY HAVE BEEN WITH US FOR OVER A YEAR
7 NOW, AND THEY ARE REALLY THE BACKBONE OF A LOT OF THE EFFORTS
8 THAT WE HAVE IN THE COMMUNITIES TO REACH PEOPLE WHO HAVE
9 QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS. SO WE HAVE HUNDREDS OF FAITH- BASED
10 ORGANIZATIONS, COMMUNITY- BASED ORGANIZATIONS. WE'VE
11 DISTRIBUTED MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO HELP SUPPORT
12 THEIR EFFORTS AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. WE ALSO HAVE STILL
13 400 TO 500 PROMOTORAS AND COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS IN THE
14 FIELD. PEOPLE ARE -- OUR STAFF REALLY GO DOOR TO DOOR TO TRY
15 TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. WE GO DOOR TO DOOR AND THEN, IF PEOPLE
16 ARE INTERESTED IN GETTING VACCINATED, WE BRING A VACCINE TO
17 THEIR HOUSES AT THIS POINT. BUT MOSTLY WE GO DOOR TO DOOR TO
18 ANSWER QUESTIONS. WE GO TO COMMUNITY EVENTS, AND WE ALSO WORK
19 WITH FOLKS THAT ARE ORGANIZING COMMUNITY EVENTS TO USE THOSE
20 AS OPPORTUNITIES TO BE THERE NOT ALWAYS TO CONVINCE PEOPLE
21 THEY HAVE TO GET VACCINATED. I THINK A LOT OF THE WORK RIGHT
22 NOW IS SHARING INFORMATION AND ANSWERING QUESTIONS. IT TAKES
23 TIME. THESE ARE NEW VACCINES. OUR CHILDREN ARE PRECIOUS.
24 PARENTS HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS. THOSE QUESTIONS NEED TO GET
25 ANSWERED. WE DID DO ONE TOWN HALL, AND REMEMBER OUR TOWN HALLS

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1 ARE SIMULTANEOUSLY TRANSLATED. WE DID ONE TOWN HALL. I THINK
2 WE HAD OVER 15,000. IT WAS JUST FOR PARENTS OR PARENTS AND
3 CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN AROUND PEDIATRIC VACCINATIONS AND COVID
4 IN PEDIATRIC POPULATIONS. WE HAD OVER 15,000 FOLKS ATTEND
5 THAT. WE HAVE ANOTHER ONE THIS WEDNESDAY. WE SPEND MOST OF OUR
6 TIME, WE HAVE A PANEL OF PHYSICIANS THAT SPENT MOST OF THEIR
7 TIME JUST ANSWERING QUESTIONS AS THEY COME IN, AGAIN, TRYING
8 TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE HAVE GOOD INFORMATION, THAT PEOPLE FEEL
9 LIKE THEY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS THAT ARE
10 TOP OF MIND. BUT AGAIN OF THE EFFORT THE BACKBONE REMAINS
11 THOSE HUNDREDS OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT WE PARTNER WITH THAT ARE
12 TRUSTED IN THEIR COMMUNITIES TO PROVIDE ACCURATE INFORMATION.
13 YOU KNOW WE ALSO RUN PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY
14 AMBASSADOR PROGRAMS. THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HAVE SIGNED UP. THEY
15 ARE TRAINED. THEY HAVE OPPORTUNITIES EVERY WEEK TO ATTEND
16 SESSIONS WITH US AND WITH OUR PHYSICIANS AND OUR CLINICIANS TO
17 ANSWER THEIR QUESTIONS. SO THAT, AGAIN, WE ARE TRYING TO MAKE
18 SURE THAT THE EXPERTISE AROUND COVID AND VACCINES IS NOT HERE
19 AT THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT, BUT ITS IN OUR COMMUNITIES
20 AND THAT WE HAVE LOTS AND LOTS OF PEOPLE THAT FEEL LIKE THEY
21 HAVE REALLY GOOD INFORMATION, AND THEY CAN SHARE THAT
22 INFORMATION WITH OTHERS.

23
24 **SUP. SOLIS:** GOOD. I AM GLAD YOU ARE UTILIZING THE PROMOTORAS
25 AND GLAD TO HEAR THAT YOU ARE OUT ABOUT THE PARKS AFTER DARK.

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2 **DR. FERRER:** YES. WE'RE AT ALL THE PARKS AFTER DARK.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** EVEN A JUNETEENTH ORGANIZATION WE HAD AT AZUSA AT
5 DALTON PARK, YOU HAD YOUR BOOTH THERE. WE TOOK PICTURES. BUT I
6 DO DETECT THAT IT IS HARD FOR PARENTS WITH INFANTS TO REALLY
7 FULLY GRAPPLE WITH THIS. SO I THINK THAT IS A WORK IN
8 PROGRESS, BUT ANYHOW, I KNOW YOU ARE WORKING REALLY HARD. I
9 WANT TO THANK BOTH OF YOU. JUST ONE QUESTION I KNOW THAT
10 WASN'T REALLY COVERED UNDER THIS PRESENTATION, BUT I DO HAVE
11 QUESTIONS REGARDING THE MONKEY POX AND WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE
12 AT LEAST FOR PREVENTION AND AWARENESS. I REALIZE WE MAY NOT
13 HAVE ENOUGH VACCINATION, BUT WHAT CAN WE DO PROACTIVELY TO LET
14 OUR COMMUNITY AND THE LATINX, AFRICAN AMERICAN, BISEXUAL, ALL
15 OF THAT, L.G.B.T., ALL THOSE FOLKS BEING IMPACTED, KNOW THAT
16 IF THERE'S SOMETHING GOING ON WHO TO CALL AND ALL OF THAT.

17

18 **DR. FERRER:** YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I WILL
19 JUST BE VERY BRIEF ON THIS. WE HAVE 27 CONFIRMED CASES IN L.A.
20 COUNTY. THERE'S BEEN SOME WHAT WE CALL COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION.
21 THAT IS IT IS NOT FROM TRAVELERS OR PEOPLE THAT WENT ELSEWHERE
22 AND CONTRACTED MONKEY POX SOMEWHERE ELSE. IT'S THEY ACTUALLY
23 GOT MONKEY POX HERE IN L.A. COUNTY BECAUSE IT WAS TRANSMITTED
24 FROM SOMEONE ELSE HERE IN L.A. COUNTY WHO HAD MONKEY POX. WE
25 HAVE A LOT OF COMMUNICATION TOOLS, MEDIA TOOLS, THAT ARE OUT.

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1 THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED HERE IN L.A.
2 COUNTY WITH MONKEY POX HAVE BEEN FOLK WHOSE ATTENDED TWO VERY
3 BIG PARTIES. SO WE HAVE DONE A LOT OF SPECIFIC OUTREACH TO THE
4 ATTENDEES AT THESE EVENTS. AND WE HAVE OFFERED THEM
5 OPPORTUNITIES TO BOTH TALK TO US AND COME IN AND SEE US ABOUT
6 GETTING PROPHYLACTICLY TREATED AFTER AN EXPOSURE WITH THE
7 VACCINATION. WE ARE ALSO, JUST LIKE YOU NOTED, WE POSTED A LOT
8 OF INFORMATION. WE HAVE A LOT OF SOCIAL MEDIA OUT THERE, SO
9 PEOPLE UNDERSTAND WHAT MONKEY POX LOOKS LIKE AND WHAT
10 ACTIVITIES CREATE HIGHER RISK FOR TRANSMISSION. A LOT OF OUR
11 EFFORT IS WITH PROVIDERS BECAUSE THEY NEED TO BE ABLE TO
12 DIAGNOSE IT. AND IT DOESN'T NECESSARILY AS TYPICAL WAS SHOWING
13 UP AS MONKEY POX WAS SHOWING UP IN COUNTRIES LIKE AFRICA, FOR
14 EXAMPLE. SO IT HAS A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT PRESENTATION HERE.
15 SO WE'VE SPENT A LOT OF TIME WITH OUR PROVIDERS, AS WELL. I
16 WANT TO THANK MANY OF OUR PROVIDERS THE COMMUNITY WHO, AGAIN,
17 SPEAK REGULARLY WITH FOLKS THAT MAY BE ENGAGING AT HIGHER RISK
18 ACTIVITIES THAT MAY PUT THEM AT RISK OF GETTING EXPOSED TO
19 MONKEY POX. RIGHT NOW, VERY LIMITED HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. BUT
20 IT IS TRUE. YOU ARE RIGHT. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE CONTINUE TO
21 GET THE WORD OUT, SO PEOPLE UNDERSTAND WHAT THOSE HIGH RISK
22 ACTIVITIES ARE.

23
24 **SUP. SOLIS:** ALRIGHT. THANK YOU BOTH. HAVE A GOOD 4TH.

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1 **DR. FERRER:** THANK YOU.

2

3 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YES, A SAFE ONE. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR
4 HAHN.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, DR. FERRER AND DR. GHALY. AND THANK YOU,
7 DR. FERRER. I KNOW I HAD ASKED ABOUT IT IN OUR LAST MEETING
8 WERE WE READY TO ROLL OUT VACCINES FOR OUR YOUNGEST RESIDENTS
9 AS SOON AS THEY WERE AVAILABLE. SO THANK YOU FOR ROLLING THEM
10 OUT AS SOON AS THEY WERE AVAILABLE TO US. WE HAD A GREAT
11 TURNOUT THIS SATURDAY AT OUR MOBILE VACCINE VAN IN LOMITA. 100
12 PEOPLE WERE VACCINATED. AND I KNOW MANY OF THEM WERE KIDS, SO
13 I THINK THAT'S THE MOST I HAVE EVER HAVE HAD AT ONE OF MY
14 MOBILE VACCINE VANS. AND JUST WHEN I THINK NOBODY IS GETTING
15 VACCINATED OR IT HAS SORT OF PLATEAUED, THAT WAS A GREAT
16 TURNOUT. AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT IS SO GREAT ABOUT YOUR
17 EFFORTS IS BECAUSE WE TAKE IT WHERE THE PEOPLE ARE. NO
18 APPOINTMENTS NECESSARY, JUST STEP UP AND GET VACCINATED. AND I
19 THINK THOSE HAVE BEEN REALLY SUCCESSFUL. I KNOW A LOT OF
20 PARENTS HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR THESE VACCINES FOR THE YOUNGEST,
21 BUT SOME PARENTS STILL I THINK HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS. YOU
22 DID TALK ABOUT A LITTLE BIT IN YOUR PRESENTATION ABOUT WHERE
23 PARENTS CAN GET THEIR QUESTIONS ANSWERED, AND YOU ARE RIGHT, I
24 THINK PARENTS WHO HAVE PEDIATRICIANS, THAT'S PROBABLY WHERE
25 THEY WILL GO BECAUSE THAT'S OUR NORMAL ROUTINE GETTING OUR

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1 KIDS VACCINATED IS THROUGH OUR PEDIATRICIANS, BUT THERE ARE A
2 NUMBER OF OUR RESIDENTS WHO DON'T HAVE REGULAR DOCTORS AND
3 PEDIATRICIANS AND HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS ABOUT THESE VACCINES
4 FOR THE 5 AND UNDER. WHAT'S THE BEST WAY FOR THEM TO GET THEIR
5 QUESTIONS ANSWERED IF THEY DON'T HAVE A DOCTOR TO TALK TO? AND
6 DO WE HAVE -- DOES YOUR DEPARTMENT HAVE -- HAVE YOU GOT
7 EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS KIND OF PRINTED UP THAT EVEN WE COULD BE
8 PASSING OUT AT OUR MOBILE VACCINE VANS?

9

10 **DR. FERRER:** OH YES. AND WE WILL MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE LINK TO
11 ALL OF THE MATERIALS NOW FOR THE YOUNGEST CHILDREN. BUT I DO
12 WANT TO SAY I THINK THE BEST PLACE FOR FOLKS TO GO, WHO EITHER
13 DON'T HAVE A PEDIATRICIAN OR DON'T HAVE AN ACCESSIBLE
14 CLINICIAN TO TALK TO, IS WE DO HAVE A LINE. IT IS ANSWERED
15 BETWEEN 8:00 IN THE MORNING AND 8:30 AT NIGHT. WE HAVE TRAINED
16 PEOPLE INCLUDING CLINICIANS.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** ASK DR. FERRER.

19

20 **DR. FERRER:** SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, 833-540-0473. WE SET UP THAT
21 LINE ON PURPOSE SO THAT NOBODY SHOULD FEEL LIKE THEY CAN'T GET
22 THEIR QUESTIONS ANSWERED. THIS IS THE SAME LINE WHERE WE CAN
23 HELP YOU IF YOU ARE INFECTED, YOU HAVE TESTED POSITIVE, AND
24 YOU NEED HELP GETTING ACCESS TO ONE OF THE ORAL MEDICATIONS.
25 THIS IS THE SAME LINE YOU CAN CALL IF YOU NEED A RIDE TO A

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1 VACCINATION SITE, IF YOU WANT US TO COME TO YOUR HOUSE AND GET
2 VACCINATED. SO IT IS STAFFED WITH WONDERFUL AND WELL TRAINED
3 D.P.H. PRACTITIONERS HERE. AND I THINK MOST PEOPLE HAVE A VERY
4 GOOD EXPERIENCE. WE HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE. THERE'S NOT LONG WAITS
5 TO GET QUESTIONS ANSWERED. I JUST ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO USE IT.
6 THERE'S NO JUDGMENT HERE. WE ARE NOT PROSELYTIZING. WE WANT
7 PEOPLE TO FEEL VERY COMFORTABLE MAKING THE DECISIONS THAT ARE
8 BEST FOR THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** BECAUSE IT IS TRUE. SOME PARENTS REALLY DO HAVE
11 QUESTIONS, PROBABLY MORE ABOUT 5 AND UNDER. AND SO, THAT'S
12 REALLY GOOD TO KNOW THAT WE'RE ACCESSIBLE THAT MANY HOURS ON A
13 PHONE LINE. AND WE WILL MAKE SURE TO GET THAT OUT. ONE OF THE
14 THINGS I HEARD THIS LAST WEEK FROM ONE OF MY FIELD DEPUTIES
15 THAT SOME OF OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES ARE SAYING THEY HAVE
16 HAD EXPERIENCES WHERE PROVIDERS OUT THERE HAVE BEEN CHARGING
17 FOR COVID VACCINES. CAN WHICH YOU ADDRESS THAT?

18

19 **DR. FERRER:** I AM HAVING A HARD TIME UNDERSTANDING WHY ANY
20 PROVIDER IS CHARGING FOR A COVID VACCINE. WE'VE TOLD FOLKS THE
21 VACCINES AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE VACCINES SHOULD BE
22 FREE. PEOPLE SHOULD REALLY AVOID GOING PLACES WHERE THEY ARE
23 GETTING CHARGED. THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT YOUR INSURANCE MIGHT
24 NOT GET CHARGED, BUT I AM HEARING THE SAME STORIES FROM PEOPLE
25 SAYING THEY HAD TO PAY UPFRONT TO GET A VACCINE. AND I WOULD

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1 URGE PEOPLE, IF YOU FIND YOURSELF IN THAT SITUATION, TO NOT
2 GET VACCINATED AT THAT SITE. CALL US ON OUR PHONE NUMBER,
3 REPORT THAT SITE, SO WE CAN FIGURE OUT --

4

5 **SUP. HAHN:** AND THEN WHAT ARE WE DOING TO COMBAT THIS? I MEAN -
6 - ARE WE CALLING IT VACCINE FRAUD? IF WE DO GET REPORTS, ARE
7 WE GOING AFTER THESE PROVIDERS? WHAT ARE WE DOING?

8

9 **DR. FERRER:** I WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT WITH COUNTY COUNSEL AND
10 D.C.B.A. ON WHAT CONSTITUTES MEDICAL FRAUD IN THIS CASE. I
11 JUST KNOW THAT THERE'S NO REASON FOR PEOPLE TO GET CHARGED,
12 BUT THERE IS A REASON FOR PEOPLE TO GIVE FOLKS THEIR INSURANCE
13 INFORMATION IF THEY HAVE INSURANCE. SO I WANT TO NOTE THAT IT
14 IS PERFECTLY APPROPRIATE, IF YOU HAVE INSURANCE, FOR YOUR
15 INSURANCE COMPANY TO ACTUALLY PAY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, BUT
16 THE VACCINES ARE IN FACT FREE. I WANT TO NOTE THE SAME THING
17 ON TEST TO TREAT. THE MEDICATIONS ARE FREE, BUT A LOT OF
18 PEOPLE ARE GETTING CHARGED FOR THE MEDICAL ASSESSMENT. IF YOU
19 CAN'T -- THAT'S NOT FRAUD, BUT IF YOU CAN'T AFFORD THAT,
20 PLEASE CALL US. WE DO IT 100% FOR FREE. EVERY PART OF IT IS
21 FREE WITH US. AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO LEAVE YOUR HOUSE. YOU JUST
22 HAVE TO CALL US. SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO ANYWHERE. SO AGAIN,
23 SOME OF IT IS -- FRAUD MIGHT BE SORT OF THE WRONG TERMINOLOGY
24 HERE, SUPERVISOR, BUT I TRY TO EMPHASIZE THERE IS NO NEED TO
25 PAY FOR ANY OF THIS, NOT FOR TESTING --

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2 **SUP. HAHN:** I AM JUST CONCERNED BECAUSE IT SEEMS LIKE IT IS IN
3 OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY. SO IT SEEMS LIKE IT IS A VULNERABLE
4 POPULATION THAT SEEMS TO BE BEING TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF.

5

6 **DR. FERRER:** WE CAN CHECK WITH D.C.B.A. ABOUT THE LEGAL ACTIONS
7 AND GET BACK TO YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
12 HAHN, FOR THE QUESTIONS. TO GIVE DR. FERRER THE OPPORTUNITY TO
13 ONCE AGAIN PROMOTE THE PHONE NUMBER. I HAVE TO SAY THAT I WAS
14 LITERALLY STOPPED BY A NEIGHBOR THIS WEEKEND, WHO HAS PRIVATE
15 INSURANCE, WHO WAS AT A FAMILY GATHERING WITH HER ELDERLY
16 FATHER, TESTED POSITIVE AND WAS DISSATISFIED WITH THE CASUAL
17 NATURE WITH WHICH THE ADVICE NURSE WITH HER OWN HEALTH
18 COVERAGE PROVIDED TO HER WHEN SHE WAS ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT
19 SYMPTOMS, SHOULD MY ELDERLY FATHER TEST, JUST BASIC QUESTIONS.
20 CALLED YOUR ADVICE LINE, I BELIEVE IT WAS ON A SUNDAY, AND
21 COULD NOT STOP ACKNOWLEDGING THE VALIDITY OF THE INFORMATION,
22 THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH HER CONCERNS WERE TAKEN. SO
23 WHATEVER I THINK ALL OF US CAN DO TO CONTINUE TO PROMOTE THAT
24 CALL IN NUMBER FOR PARENTS OF SMALL CHILDREN, PEOPLE WHO NEED
25 ON A SUNDAY EVENING, WHATEVER, ADVICE THEY FEEL A HIGH LEVEL

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1 OF CONFIDENCE IN. I THINK THAT'S THE CRITICAL ISSUE. AND
2 PEOPLE NOW UNDERSTAND THE ROLE OUR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
3 AND OUR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES PLAY IN THEIR EVERY
4 DAY LIVES. SO PLEASE, LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN HELP PROMOTE THAT
5 CALL IN NUMBER.

6

7 **DR. FERRER:** THANK YOU. THANKS FOR THAT KINDNESS, AND I WILL
8 PASS IT ON TO THE TEAM BECAUSE THEY WORK SUPER HARD. I KNOW
9 THEY WILL BE VERY GLAD TO HEAR THAT.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND SEEING NO OTHER
12 QUESTIONS OR REMARKS FROM SUPERVISORS, THIS REPORT, IF THERE'S
13 NO OBJECTION, WILL BE RECEIVED. AND SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.
14 THANK YOU TO BOTH DRS. FERRER AND GHALY FOR YOUR TIME. WE WILL
15 NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 16, ASSESSING SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC
16 EXAMINATION REIMBURSEMENT, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
17 SUPERVISOR?

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND I ALSO
20 WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR JOINING ME, BUT I
21 ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK MY STAFF, ESTHER LIN AND ANTHONY
22 SEPETAS, FOR WORKING ON THIS VERY DILIGENTLY. I JUST WANT TO
23 SHARE BRIEFLY THAT ACCORDING TO NATIONAL DATA, EVERY 68
24 SECONDS SOMEONE IN THE UNITED STATES IS SEXUALLY ASSAULTED.
25 ONE OUT OF EVERY SIX AMERICAN WOMEN HAS BEEN THE VICTIM OF AN

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1 ATTEMPTED SEXUAL ASSAULT IN HER LIFETIME. SEXUAL ASSAULT
2 FORENSIC EXAMS, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS RAPE KITS, ARE
3 ESSENTIAL, AS YOU KNOW, TO COLLECT AND PRESERVE NECESSARY
4 EVIDENCE FOLLOWING AN ASSAULT. THESE EXAMS, AS YOU KNOW, ARE
5 VERY CRITICAL. WHEN ADMINISTERED CORRECTLY AND IN A TIMELY
6 MANNER, THEY PROVIDE SURVIVORS OF ASSAULT WITH A FREE TOOL
7 THAT PROVIDES THEM WITH TIME TO DECIDE IF THEY WANT TO REPORT
8 A CRIME AND INCREASES THE LIKELIHOOD OF PROSECUTION. HOWEVER,
9 WE KNOW THESE EXAMS ARE COMPLEX AND REQUIRE SPECIALLY TRAINED
10 PROFESSIONALS SUCH AS A SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINERS OR
11 SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMINERS, WHO HAVE RECEIVED, AS YOU
12 KNOW, SPECIALIZED EDUCATION, AND FULFILL CLINICAL REQUIREMENTS
13 TO ADMINISTER THEM. THE NURSES AND PHYSICIANS WHO ARE
14 SPECIALLY TRAINED IN THESE EXAMINATIONS CAN PROVIDE CRITICAL
15 EVIDENCE AND TESTIMONY IN COURT, AND OFTEN THEIR ACCOUNTS CAN
16 HELP PREVENT OR REDUCE TRAUMA FOR SURVIVORS THAT STEMS FROM A
17 PUBLIC TRIAL. OFTEN THEIR TESTIMONY IS STRONG ENOUGH TO
18 PRODUCE A GUILTY PLEA. HAVING QUALITY NURSES AND PHYSICIANS IN
19 CENTERS TO ADMINISTER THESE SERVICES, AS YOU KNOW, IS KEY TO
20 GETTING JUSTICE FOR THESE SURVIVORS. HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, WE
21 ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE A SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM, KNOWN AS
22 S.A.R.T. CENTER DESIGNATION PROCESS ADMINISTERED THROUGH
23 D.H.S. THESE CENTERS MANDATE THAT OUR 15 S.A.R.T. CENTERS
24 RECEIVE SPECIALIZED TRAINING IN ORDER TO MEET SAFE AND
25 NATIONAL STANDARDS OF CARE. IN FACT, WE ARE THE ONLY

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1 JURISDICTION TO HOLD S.A.R.T. PROVIDERS TO SUCH A HIGH
2 PROFESSIONAL STANDARD. HOWEVER, I MUST SAY, THE COST FOR
3 ADMINISTERING THESE COMPLEX BUT NECESSARY TESTS GROWS EACH AND
4 EVERY YEAR. PREVIOUSLY, OUR BOARD HAS RECOGNIZED AND ADJUSTED
5 THE REIMBURSEMENT RATE BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS BE THE C.E.O.
6 AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WITHIN D.H.S. THESE RATES
7 FACTOR IN COSTS SUCH AS NURSE'S WAGES, ON CALL COMPENSATION,
8 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, COURT TIME, EXAMINATION SUPPLIES,
9 MEDICATIONS, CONSULTATIONS, TRAINING, AND MUCH, MUCH MORE. THE
10 CURRENT REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR A COMPLETE EXAM IS \$1,080. AND
11 AN INCOMPLETE EXAM IS \$318. HOWEVER, WE ALL KNOW, OVER THE
12 PAST FEW YEARS, THERE HAVE BEEN A SIGNIFICANT WORKFORCE
13 SHORTAGE, ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO NURSES AND PROVIDERS, WHO
14 MUST OFFER COMPETITIVE RATES IN ORDER TO RETAIN PROFESSIONALS
15 IN THIS FIELD. I HAVE HEARD AND PERHAPS YOU HAVE OF MULTIPLE
16 PROVIDERS IN THE COUNTY THAT SIMPLY CAN'T KEEP ONE THE CURRENT
17 RATES AND ARE LOSING NURSES. WE SHOULD NOT ALLOW THIS TO
18 HAPPEN. THESE PROFESSIONALS AND SERVICES ARE CRITICAL TO
19 SURVIVORS IN L.A. COUNTY. AND THAT'S WHY I HAVE INTRODUCED
20 THIS MOTION TODAY. AS WE HAVE DONE PREVIOUSLY, I AM
21 INSTRUCTING THE C.E.O. AND E.M.S. TO WORK WITH COMMUNITY
22 PARTNERS TO ANALYZE WHETHER THE CURRENT RATES ARE SUFFICIENT
23 OR NEED TO BE ADJUSTED. AND WE NEED TO ACCESS WHETHER THERE
24 ARE NEW AUTOMATIC TRIGGERS FOR ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS TO THIS RATE
25 WE CAN UTILIZE SO WE DON'T HAVE TO CONTINUALLY REVISIT THIS

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1 RATE EVERY FEW YEARS. WE SHOULD WORK TO FIND SUSTAINABLE
2 FUNDING STREAMS TO SUPPORT THESE NECESSARY SERVICES. WITH THIS
3 ACTION, WE CAN HEAR DIRECTLY FROM OUR PROVIDERS WHO ARE MOST
4 IMPACTED THE WORK WITH THEM ON RATES THAT ALLOW THEM TO RETAIN
5 THEIR STAFF. MEMBERS, I RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE,
6 AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER AND HER TEAM FOR WORKING
7 WITH MY TEAM ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT MOTION. AND I UNDERSTAND
8 ALSO THAT OUR CHAIR HAS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO THIS THAT I
9 KNOW SHE'LL READ IN LATER WITH THAT, I WOULD TURN IT OVER TO
10 MY COAUTHOR, SUPERVISOR BARGER, IF SHE WANTS TO SPEAK ON THE
11 ITEM. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND
14 THANK YOUR STAFF AS WELL AS MY STAFF. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT
15 THIS BOARD HAS BEEN CONSISTENT ON. WHEN WE ACTUALLY DID PUT
16 TOGETHER THE SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM, OR BETTER KNOWN AS
17 S.A.R.T., CENTER DESIGNATION PROCESS, WE HELD OUR PROVIDERS TO
18 A HIGH STANDARD TO PROVIDE THE BEST CARE TO VICTIMS WHEN THEY
19 NEED IT THE MOST. WE MUST CONTINUE TO UPHOLD THOSE HIGH
20 STANDARDS BY PROVIDING COMPETITIVE RATES TO OUR PROVIDERS. YOU
21 OUTLINED IT VERY WELL, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, IN TERMS OF COST AND
22 HOW MUCH IT HAS GONE UP. OUR NURSES AND PHYSICIANS WHO ARE
23 HIGHLY TRAINED IN FORENSICS AND SEXUAL ASSAULT EXAMINATIONS
24 PROVIDE CRITICAL CARE TO VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS AS WELL AS
25 PROVIDE THEIR EXPERT TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE IN COURT. WITH

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1 RISING COST IN ALL SECTORS, IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THIS BOARD TO
2 ONCE AGAIN REVISIT THE REIMBURSEMENT RATES PAID TO OUR
3 S.A.R.T. PROVIDERS. AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE PROVIDERS IN
4 MY DISTRICT, ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL IN MY OWN, THE SAN
5 GABRIEL VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER, SUPERVISOR SOLIS IN YOUR
6 DISTRICT, BROUGHT THIS TO OUR ATTENTION. AND I WANT TO THANK
7 THEM FOR STEPPING FORWARD BECAUSE THEY DO THIS BECAUSE THEY
8 RECOGNIZE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS WHEN SOMEONE COMES INTO THE
9 FACILITY, INTO THEIR FACILITY, TO MAKE SURE THEY GET THE BEST
10 CARE AND ARE TREATED WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT. SO I LOOK
11 FORWARD TO GETTING THIS REPORT BACK. I KNOW, CHAIR MITCHELL,
12 YOU HAVE AN AMENDMENT. I THINK THAT THE AMENDMENT YOU ARE
13 GOING TO BRING IN SPEAKS VOLUMES TO WHAT WE MAYBE NEED TO LOOK
14 AT BEYOND WHERE IT IS RIGHT NOW IN TERMS OF EXPANDING BECAUSE
15 I KNOW ANOTHER ISSUE THAT'S BEEN OF CONCERN, NOT JUST IN L.A.
16 COUNTY OR IN CALIFORNIA, BUT THROUGHOUT THE NATION, IS A
17 BACKLOG ON SEXUAL -- KITS. AND SO, I THINK WE AS A BOARD HAVE
18 AN OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY SET THE GOLD STANDARD ACROSS THE
19 BOARD. SO AGAIN THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR ALLOWING ME
20 TO BE A COAUTHOR ON THIS. AND I WILL HAND IT OVER TO YOU,
21 MADAM CHAIR.

22
23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. FIRST, WE WILL HEAR FROM
24 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND I DO SUPPORT
2 THE AMENDMENT AND OF COURSE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE MOTION AND
3 THANK THE AUTHOR AND COAUTHOR FOR BRINGING IT. SUPERVISOR
4 SOLIS, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU REMEMBER, BUT I THINK IT MIGHT HAVE
5 BEEN MAYBE THREE YEARS AGO THAT WE HAD A SIMILAR MOTION
6 RELATED TO COLLECTING EVIDENCE ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
7 BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, SOMEBODY WOULD COME IN AND SAY I FELL DOWN
8 THE STAIRS OR I BUMPED MY FACE ON THE DOOR OR WHATEVER, AND
9 THE HOSPITALS WERE NOT COLLECTING PHOTOGRAPHS. THEY WERE NOT
10 MAKING COMPLETE REPORTS. AND PART OF IT HAD TO DO WITH THE
11 LACK OF FUNDING FOR THAT OR A LACK OF REIMBURSEMENT. SO THIS
12 IS SO IMPORTANT, ALWAYS VERY IMPORTANT IN THE AREAS OF SEXUAL
13 ASSAULT. SO IWE THANK YOU FOR DOING THIS, STRONGLY SUPPORT,
14 AND WILL MAKE SURE THAT IT IS CARRIED OUT, TOO, I BET YOU.
15 THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND AGAIN,
18 ABSOLUTELY THANKS TO THE TWO AUTHORS OF THIS REALLY IMPORTANT
19 MOTION. AS I LISTEN TO YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND YOU,
20 SUPERVISOR BARGER, I WAS REMINDED OF A COUPLE THINGS, FIRST OF
21 ALL, MY OWN SUMMER OF COLLEGE INTERNSHIP WORKING IN THE
22 RIVERSIDE CRIME LAB DOING THE DATA ENTRY FOR THE RAPE KITS,
23 AND WALKING IN AND BEING STRUCK BY THIS ROOM FILLED WITH KITS.
24 FAST FORWARD, I AM A MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE, AND
25 SENATOR CONNIE LEYVA AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE WOMEN'S

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1 CAUCUS FOUGHT FOR YEARS TO BRING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FORWARD
2 WHEN WE REALIZED THE NUMBER OF RAPE KITS THAT HAVE GONE
3 UNPROCESSED ACROSS THE STATE BECAUSE OF A LACK OF FUNDING. SO
4 I APPRECIATE THIS MOTION. AND I ALSO APPRECIATE KIND OF THE
5 FUNDING AND DELICATE NATURE OF THE S.A.R.T. TEAMS. IT IS
6 IMPORTANT WORK, BUT I WAS REALLY STRUCK WHEN WE LOOKED AT THE
7 HEAT MAPS, IF YOU WILL, AND WE LOOKED AT SOUTH L.A., CARSON,
8 COMPTON, AND THE HORRIFICALLY HIGH NUMBERS OF SEXUAL ASSAULTS
9 THAT TAKE PLACE AND JUST RECOGNIZE HOW IMPORTANT BOTH
10 GEOGRAPHIC PROXIMITY IN ADDITION TO CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC
11 COMPETENCY IS SO IMPORTANT DURING THOSE VERY EARLY MOMENTS
12 AFTER AN ASSAULT IN SUPPORTING A VICTIM. AND SO, I APPRECIATE
13 YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR BEING OPEN TO ADDING
14 AMENDMENT LANGUAGE THAT I WILL READ IN THAT WILL READ AS
15 FOLLOWS: OPTIONS TO CREATE A SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM
16 CERTIFIED SITE IN CLOSER PROXIMITY TO ADULT VICTIMS LIVING IN
17 THE SOUTH LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY, AND -- AND IT CARRIES ON WITH
18 YOUR ITEM 6. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT. I APPRECIATE
19 YOUR WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT THE AMENDMENT. ARE THERE ANY OTHER
20 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON ITEM 16? HEARING NONE OTHER, ITEM 16
21 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY
22 SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THE ITEM AS AMENDED. EXECUTIVE
23 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

24

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 16 AS AMENDED IS BEFORE YOU.

2 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

13

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

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

21

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

23 MITCHELL.

24

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

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

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5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WE WILL NOW MOVE TO ITEM 17, THE SKID
6 ROW ACTION PLAN IMPROVING SERVICES TO SKID ROW RESIDENTS BY
7 ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS STEMMING FROM DECADES OF INSTITUTIONAL
8 RACISM. IT WAS HELD BY ITS AUTHOR, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
9 SUPERVISOR?

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, FOR
12 RECOGNIZING ME. SKID ROW, WHICH IS IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES,
13 IS THE EPICENTER OF LOS ANGELES'S HOMELESSNESS CRISIS. I NOW
14 HAPPEN TO REPRESENT THE ENTIRE AREA. BEFORE, I PREVIOUSLY
15 SHARED HALF OF IT WITH SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. ACCORDING TO
16 THE 2020 GREATER LOS ANGELES HOMELESS COUNT, THERE ARE
17 APPROXIMATELY 4,662 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN SKID
18 ROW. AND OVER 2,000 OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS, AS YOU KNOW, ARE
19 UNSHELTERED. AND THE MAJORITY OF SKID ROW'S P.E.H. POPULATION
20 IS MALE, 72%, WITH ANOTHER 28% IDENTIFYING AS FEMALE. A TOTAL
21 OF 59% OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ON SKID ROW
22 IDENTIFY AS BLACK/ AFRICAN AMERICAN, AND 23% IDENTIFY AS
23 HISPANIC/LATINX. AROUND 35% OF SKID ROW RESIDENTS SUFFER FROM
24 SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER, 38% FROM SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS, AND
25 26% FROM A PHYSICAL DISABILITY. SKID ROW, AS YOU ROW, HAS THE

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1 HIGHEST RATE AND NUMBER OF OVERDOSE MORTALITIES IN LOS
2 ANGELES. THESE RATES ARE HIGHER IN SKID ROW AS COMPARED TO THE
3 ENTIRE UNHOUSED POPULATION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. NOWHERE IN
4 LOS ANGELES ARE THE CONSEQUENCES OF STRUCTURAL AND SYSTEMIC
5 INEQUITIES CLEARER. MANY FACTORS CONTRIBUTED TO THE
6 DISPROPORTIONAL RATES OF BLACK PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
7 HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES AND REMAIN A STAIN ON OUR HISTORY.
8 UNDOING DECADES OF HARM AND REBUILDING THE TRUST NEEDED TO
9 EFFECTIVELY SERVE THE RESIDENTS OF SKID ROW WILL UNDOUBTEDLY
10 TAKE MUCH TIME, AND EFFORT. THIS IS WHY THE BOARD OF
11 SUPERVISORS MUST ACT TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF THE SKID ROW
12 COMMUNITY. WITH THIS MOTION, THE BOARD IS ACKNOWLEDGING THAT
13 WE NEED TO DO HINT DIFFERENT TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS ON SKID
14 ROW. THE TIME IS NOW TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE ACTION PLAN BY
15 COLLABORATING THE SKID ROW RESIDENTS, SERVICE PROVIDERS, AND
16 OTHER COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS, COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, AND THE CITY
17 OF LOS ANGELES TO PARTNER TO REVIEW AND ADD NEW RESOURCES TO
18 IMPROVE HEALTH AND WELL BEING OF THE RESIDENTS WITHIN THE SKID
19 ROW COMMUNITY. THESE SERVICES SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:
20 INCREASED PERMANENT HOUSING, A SAFE SERVICES SPACE FOR
21 INDIVIDUALS TO ACCESS HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, INCREASED
22 INTERIM HOUSING, A SUBSTANCE USE HEALTH HUB, A 24/7 LOW
23 BARRIER HEALTH SERVICES INCLUDING PHYSICAL, AND BEHAVIORAL
24 HEALTH URGENT CARE SERVICES, INCREASED SANITATION SERVICES,
25 AND INCREASED SOURCES OF INCOME. THE MOTION DIRECTS HOUSING

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1 FOR HEALTH, UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, TO LEAD
2 THIS VERY IMPORTANT WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF LOS
3 ANGELES AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS. SINCE 2012, HOUSING FOR HEALTH
4 HAS PROVIDED A CONTINUUM OF HOUSING SERVICES FOR PEOPLE
5 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS WHO HAVE COMPLEX AND BEHAVIORAL
6 HEALTH ISSUES. I AM CONFIDENT IN THEIR ABILITY TO BRING
7 TOGETHER THE SKID ROW COMMUNITY IN COMBINATION WITH THE
8 EXPERTISE OF COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO DEVELOP, I BELIEVE, A
9 BETTER STRATEGY FOR ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS ON SKID ROW. I
10 WANT TO THANK ALL OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT CALLED IN TODAY TO
11 TESTIFY AND GIVE US SOME OF THEIR EXPERIENCES AND KNOW-HOW ON
12 HOW WE CAN BETTER TAKE CHARGE OF THIS PANDEMIC THAT CONTINUES
13 TO HAVE SO MUCH PERVASIVE IMPACT ON SO MANY LIVES ON SKID ROW.
14 I KINDLY ASK IF YOUR AYE VOTE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

15
16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OF COURSE. THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY
17 OTHER SUPERVISORS THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM?
18 HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 17 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
19 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE
20 THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

21
22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 17 IS BEFORE YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

23
24 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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3 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

6

7 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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11 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

12

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

14 MITCHELL.

15

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

17

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

19 5-0.

20

21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE WILL MOVE ON TO

22 ITEM 18, COMPLETING THE RETURN OF BRUCE'S BEACH TO THE LEGAL

23 HEIRS OF CHARLES AND WILLA BRUCE, WHICH I HELD. WE ARE GOING

24 TO DEVIATE A LITTLE FROM OUR TYPICAL PROCESS, EVERYONE. AFTER

25 THE DISCUSSION AND THE ACTUAL VOTE, WE WILL BE TAKING A BRIEF

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1 RECESS. WE WILL PLAY A SHORT VIDEO AND OFFICIALLY SIGN THE
2 DOCUMENTS TRANSFERRING THE PROPERTY HERE TODAY IN REAL-TIME TO
3 NOT TAKE ANY FURTHER TIME. SUPERVISOR HAHN, I AM GOING TO
4 BREAK FROM I THINK OUR COUNTY PROTOCOL, GIVEN THE ROLE YOU
5 PLAYED IN THIS, AND YOU CARRIED THE MOTION FIRST, AND ASK YOU
6 TO SPEAK FIRST.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, I WASN'T EXPECTING THAT. THANK YOU,
9 MADAM CHAIR. IT WAS TWO YEARS AGO JUST AFTER A RALLY WAS HELD
10 ON JUNETEENTH 2020, THAT I LEARNED OF THE STORY OF WILLA AND
11 CHARLES BRUCE, THE BLACK COUPLE WHO OWNED A THRIVING BEACH
12 FRONT RESORT IN MANHATTAN BEACH THAT WAS ENJOYED BY AFRICAN
13 AMERICANS FROM ACROSS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, WHO WERE BARRED
14 FROM MOST OTHER BEACHES HERE, INCLUDING OUR OWN FIRE CHIEF,
15 DARYL OSBY'S, GRANDMOTHER WHO TOLD STORIES OF COMING TO
16 BRUCE'S BEACH. AND IT WAS BECAUSE THEY WERE A SUCCESSFUL BLACK
17 BUSINESS THAT THE THEN WHITE MANHATTAN BEACH CITY COUNCIL
18 CHOSE TO USE EMINENT DOMAIN TO SEIZE THEIR LAND UNDER THE
19 GUISE OF BUILDING A PARK. IT IS WELL-DOCUMENTED THAT THEY WERE
20 DRIVEN BY RACISM. AND AFTER THEY TOOK THE PROPERTY, THE LAND
21 SAT VACANT FOR DECADES. IT WAS A FEW MONTHS LATER, IN THE FALL
22 OF 2020, THAT I REALIZED THAT THE TWO PARCELS OF LAND THAT THE
23 BRUCE'S HAD OWNED WERE NOW THE PROPERTY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
24 DUE TO A SERIES OF LAND TRANSFERS. AND I DECIDED IN THAT
25 MOMENT THAT I WANTED TO GIVE THIS PROPERTY BACK TO THE

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1 DESCENDANTS OF WILLA AND CHARLES BRUCE, IF THERE WERE ANY
2 STILL WITH US. AND SHORTLY AFTER THAT, DUANE SHEPARD, WHO IS
3 ALSO KNOWN AS CHIEF YELLOW FEATHER, INTRODUCED ME TO ANTHONY
4 BRUCE, THE GREAT GREAT GRANDSON OF WILLA AND CHARLES, WHO TOLD
5 ME ABOUT THE PAIN THAT THIS INJUSTICE CAUSED HIS FAMILY, EVEN
6 DECADES LATER, AND TOLD ME THAT WILLA BRUCE HAD NEVER GIVEN UP
7 ON GETTING THEIR LAND BACK AS LONG AS SHE LIVED. SADLY, SHE
8 DIED BEFORE THAT HAPPENED. IT WAS IN EARLY 2021 THAT I MET
9 WITH OUR COUNTY LAWYERS AND TOLD THEM I WANT TO GIVE THIS
10 PROPERTY BACK TO THE BRUCE FAMILY. THEY SAID IT HAD NEVER BEEN
11 DONE BEFORE, BUT THEY WOULD FIND A WAY. THEY TOLD ME I WOULD
12 NEED A STATE LAW PASSED, AND I ASKED OUR FRIEND SENATOR STEVE
13 BRADFORD IF HE WOULD INTRODUCE A BILL TO REMOVE THE STATE'S
14 RESTRICTIONS ON OUR PROPERTY THAT PREVENTED THE COUNTY OF LOS
15 ANGELES FROM TRANSFERRING THE LAND. HE ENTHUSIASTICALLY
16 AGREED. AND IT WAS ON APRIL 9TH, 2021 THAT I ANNOUNCED,
17 ALONGSIDE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SENATOR STEVE BRADFORD, AT
18 BRUCE'S BEACH OUR INTENTION TO RETURN THE PROPERTY AT LONG
19 LAST TO THE LEGAL HEIRS OF WILLA AND CHARLES BRUCE. WELL, WE
20 ARE FINALLY HERE TODAY. AND THE PROCESS ITSELF HAS BEEN QUITE
21 A JOURNEY FOR ALL OF US. I REMEMBER THE RELIEF MY TEAM AND I
22 FELT WHEN S.B.796, THE LEGISLATION THAT SENATOR BRADFORD
23 AUTHORED FOR US, NOT ONLY PASSED, BUT GOT UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF
24 EVERY MEMBER OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE. AND I REMEMBER THE PIT
25 IN MY STOMACH WHEN A LAWSUIT WAS FILED BY A PALOS VERDES

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1 ESTATE RESIDENT WHO TRIED TO STOP OUR EFFORT BY CLAIMING HE
2 WOULD BE PERSONALLY HARMED BY OUR EFFORT TO RIGHT THIS WRONG,
3 BUT I REMEMBER THE PRIDE WE FELT WHEN WE READ JUDGE MITCHELL
4 BECKLOFF'S FORCEFUL RULING, WHICH SAID RETURNING BRUCE'S BEACH
5 NOT ONLY SERVED A PUBLIC PURPOSE BUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S ACT
6 OF RECTIFYING A PRIOR EGREGIOUS WRONG BASED ON RACISM FOSTERS
7 TRUST AND RESPECT IN GOVERNMENT, AND THAT REDRESSING PAST ACTS
8 OF DISCRIMINATION BENEFITS THE WHOLE OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE
9 GENERAL WELFARE. IN DECEMBER, THE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
10 SHUFFLED THE LINES AND DREW MANHATTAN BEACH OUT OF MY
11 DISTRICT, BUT I AM SO GRATEFUL THAT MANHATTAN BEACH WENT TO
12 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, WHO HAS BEEN MY PARTNER IN THIS EFFORT
13 SINCE SINCE THE VERY FIRST MOTION. AND WHEN THIS IS DONE,
14 RETURNING BRUCE'S BEACH WILL BE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT
15 THINGS THAT I KNOW I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN. AND I JUST WANT TO
16 TAKE A MOMENT TO THANK SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO WERE ESSENTIAL
17 TO GETTING THIS DONE. THANK YOU TO KAVON WARD AND JUSTICE FOR
18 BRUCE'S BEACH AND CHIEF DUANE SHEPARD FOR YOUR RELENTLESS
19 ADVOCACY AND FOR BRINGING THIS INJUSTICE TO MY ATTENTION IN
20 THE FIRST PLACE. AND THANK YOU TO OUR COUNTY TEAM,
21 PARTICULARLY TOM FAUGHNAN AND DR. D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA FOR
22 CHARTING OUT WHAT WAS UNCHARTED TERRITORY AND MAKING SURE THAT
23 ALL THE IS WERE DOTTED AND THE TS WERE CROSSED. THANK YOU TO
24 MY DEPUTY, KYLA COTES, WHO WAS THE LEAD ON THIS EFFORT IN MY
25 OFFICE AND DEVOTED HERSELF SO FULLY TO GETTING THIS DONE.

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1 THANK YOU TO STEVE BRADFORD FOR TAKING THE LEAD ON THE STATE
2 SIDE, AND TO ALL OF OUR STATE LEGISLATORS. THANK YOU TO AL
3 MURATSUCHI WHO IS THE ASSEMBLYMEMBER WHO REPRESENTS THE BEACH
4 FOR UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTING THE BILL, AND THANK YOU GOVERNOR
5 NEWSOM FOR SIGNING INTO LAW AT MANHATTAN BEACH RIGHT ON THE
6 LAND THAT WAS BRUCE'S BEACH. THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES HERE
7 FOR GETTING BEHIND THIS MOMENTOUS US TO EFFORT, AND, OF
8 COURSE, TO MY PARTNER ON THIS MOTION WHO IS NOW TAKING US
9 ACROSS THE FINISH LINE, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. WE CAN'T CHANGE
10 THE PAST. AND WE WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO MAKE UP FOR THE
11 INJUSTICE THAT WAS DONE TO WILLA AND CHARLES BRUCE A CENTURY
12 AGO, BUT THIS IS A START. AND BY RETURNING THE PROPERTY TO
13 THEIR GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, WE ARE ALLOWING THEM THE
14 OPPORTUNITY TO START REBUILDING THE GENERATIONAL WEALTH THAT
15 WAS DENIED THEM FOR DECADES. WE HAVE ALSO HEARD THE CONCERNS
16 OF THE NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY, WHO CALLED IN TODAY. AND I
17 TAKE THEIR CONCERNS AND CRITICISM TO HEART. THE LETTER WE
18 RECEIVED FROM THE SACRED PLACES INSTITUTE FOR INDIGENOUS
19 PEOPLE WAS THOUGHTFUL AND HAS PROPOSALS FOR NEXT STEPS FOR OUR
20 COUNTY, AND I THINK WE CAN AND SHOULD DO MOVING FORWARD. THERE
21 WERE MANY TIMES DURING THE PROCESS WHEN SOMEONE WOULD ASK ME
22 IF YOU START TRYING TO MAKE UP FOR EVERY INJUSTICE OF THE
23 PAST, WHERE DOES IT STOP. AND MY RESPONSE WAS ALWAYS, LET'S AT
24 LEAST START BEFORE WE WORRY ABOUT WHERE IT STOPS. THIS
25 NATION'S HISTORY IS FULL OF INJUSTICES WITH THE FIRST BEING

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1 THOSE COMMITTED AGAINST INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, WHO WERE
2 SLAUGHTERED AND WHOSE LAND WAS TAKEN. AND WE HAVE A LONG WAY
3 TO GO TO BEGIN TO RIGHT THE WRONGS OF THE PAST, BUT I THINK
4 THIS IS AT LEAST A START. THIS MAY BE THE FIRST LAND RETURN OF
5 ITS KIND, BUT IT CANNOT BE THE LAST. AND I HOPE THIS IS JUST
6 THE START OF WHAT WILL BE A LONG, IMPORTANT EFFORT TO RIGHT
7 THE WRONGS PERPETUATED AGAINST NOT JUST BLACK PEOPLE IN THIS
8 COUNTRY, BUT INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AS WELL, AND OTHERS WHO HAVE
9 FELT MISTREATED OR DISCRIMINATED AGAINST. THANK YOU TO
10 EVERYONE THAT MADE THIS HISTORIC MOMENT POSSIBLE. I AM HOPEFUL
11 WE WILL BE HEARING SOON ABOUT GOVERNMENTS ACROSS OUR COUNTRY
12 FOLLOWING IN OUR FOOTSTEPS.

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN. I
15 THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT THAT WE SPEAK IN ORDER OF HOW THIS
16 HAPPENED, THAT YOU COULD GIVE THE HISTORY AND WERE THE FIRST
17 AND HANDED THE BATON OVER TO THE NEW SUPERVISOR WHO REPRESENTS
18 THE DISTRICT. SO I AM SORRY IF I THREW YOU FOR A LOOP, BUT I
19 THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO ASK YOU TO SPEAK FIRST. IT GIVES
20 ME GREAT PRIDE TO BRING FORTH THE MOTION TODAY FINALIZING THE
21 RETURN OF BRUCE'S BEACH TO THE LEGAL HEIRS OF WILLA AND
22 CHARLES BRUCE. AND I INTENTIONALLY EMPHASIZE THE WORD RETURN
23 BECAUSE WE AREN'T GIVING PROPERTY TO ANYONE TODAY. WE ARE
24 RETURNING PROPERTY THAT WAS ERRONEOUSLY AND BASED ON FEAR AND
25 HATE WAS TAKEN FROM THEM. WE HAVE SPENT QUITE A BIT OF TIME IN

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1 THESE CHAMBERS, INCLUDING TODAY, TALKING ABOUT THE
2 CONSEQUENCES OF HATE. WE HAVE AN ANTIRACISM INITIATIVE TO TRY
3 TO DO BETTER AS A BODY OF GOVERNMENT TO DISMANTLE SYSTEMIC
4 RACISM ACROSS THE COUNTY THAT IS APPLAUDED AND RECOGNIZED FOR
5 BEING ONE OF THE MOST DIVERSE COUNTIES IN THIS COUNTRY. FOR
6 THIS ACTION TO TAKE PLACE IN THIS COUNTY IS VERY APPROPRIATE.
7 AND I AM HONORED TO BE A MEMBER OF THIS BODY AT THIS MOMENT IN
8 TIME TO BE ABLE TO LEAD AND CO-LEAD IN THIS EFFORT. THE MOTION
9 THAT'S BEFORE US TODAY INCLUDES SEVEN DIRECTIVES, WHICH
10 AUTHORIZES THE TRANSFER, LEASING BACK, AND REPURCHASING OF TWO
11 COUNTY-OWNED LOTS, WHICH WERE OWNED BY AN AFRICAN AMERICAN MAN
12 AND WOMAN, WHO HAD THE COURAGE, THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT AND
13 VISION TO PURCHASE BEACH FRONT PROPERTY NEARLY 100 YEARS AGO.
14 THESE LOTS ARE CURRENTLY BEING USED BY THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE
15 DEPARTMENT AS A LIFEGUARD TRAINING FACILITY. THE BRUCE'S
16 FAMILY OPERATED A THRIVING BUSINESS THAT WELCOMED BLACK
17 PATRONS DURING A TIME WHEN LEGAL SEGREGATION IN THE GREAT
18 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES KEPT BLACK FAMILIES FROM ACCESSING WHAT
19 CALIFORNIA IS KNOWN FOR, OUR PUBLIC BEACHES. IN 1929, THE CITY
20 OF MANHATTAN BEACH CONDEMNED THE PROPERTY. THROUGH GOVERNMENT
21 ACTIONS, THE BRUCE'S FAMILY LOST THEIR LAND, THEIR BUSINESS,
22 THEIR HOME, AND GENERATIONAL WEALTH. AND TODAY, THROUGH
23 GOVERNMENT ACTION, ONCE AGAIN, THE LEGAL BRUCE FAMILY HEIRS
24 WILL HAVE THEIR PROPERTY RETURNED. THE COUNTY HAS DONE ITS DUE
25 DILIGENCE TO CONFIRM THE LEGAL HEIRS AND ENGAGE THEM IN

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1 REACHING AN AGREEMENT FOR RETURNING THE LAND, LEASING IT BACK
2 TO THE COUNTY, AND PROVIDING AN OPTION FOR THE COUNTY TO
3 REPURCHASE THE LAND. THE TRANSFER AGREEMENT WILL ACCOMPLISH
4 THE OBJECTIVE OF THIS BOARD AND SENATE BILL 796 TO RECTIFY THE
5 HISTORIC INJUSTICE THAT WAS DONE TO THE BRUCE FAMILY. THE
6 LEASE AGREEMENT WILL ALLOW THE BRUCE FAMILY, WILL EMPOWER THE
7 BRUCE FAMILY, TO REALIZE THE GENERATIONAL WEALTH PREVIOUSLY
8 DENIED THEM WHILE ALLOWING THE COUNTY'S LIFEGUARD OPERATIONS
9 TO CONTINUE FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. THIS IS A HISTORIC
10 MOMENT FOR THE COUNTY IN ITS PROCESS FOR TAKING ACTIONS UNDER
11 ITS ANTIRACISM, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION, AND ANTI-BLACKNESS
12 INITIATIVE. I, TOO, WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT AND
13 ACKNOWLEDGE WITHIN THIS HISTORIC MOMENT OF RETURNING LAND TO
14 LEGAL HEIRS, THE COUNTY IS IN PROCESS OF LEARNING AND DOING
15 BETTER FOR OUR NATIVE AMERICAN PEOPLE OF THIS LAND. WE ARE NOT
16 CLAIMING THAT THIS LAND, -- THAT THIS WAS AND IS A PERFECT
17 PROCESS. THIS IS ONE ACTION TO UNDO THE HARM FOR A SPECIFIC
18 FAMILY. THIS ACTION DOES NOT UNDO THE HARM FOR ALL PEOPLES OF
19 THIS LAND OR, FRANKLY, THE NUMEROUS OTHER BLACK FAMILIES, WHO
20 OWNED ADJACENT PARCELS. THE HISTORY AND STORIES OF BLACK AND
21 INDIGENOUS PEOPLE ARE INTERCONNECTED. THE COUNTY ACKNOWLEDGES
22 THAT WE ARE ALL ON HOMELANDS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE. AND I AM
23 PROUD THAT OUR NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION, OUR ARTS AND
24 CULTURE DEPARTMENT ARE WORKING COLLABORATIVELY WITH A GROUP OF
25 TRIBAL LEADERS AND MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKAN

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1 NATIVE COMMUNITY ON DEVELOPING A PROCESS AND A PLAN TO
2 CONTINUE ENGAGEMENT AND DEVELOP AN INTENTIONAL AND TRANSPARENT
3 PROCESS FOR A COMMUNITY THAT HAS BEEN HARMED BY GOVERNMENT
4 ACTIONS. FOR BRUCE BEACH, I AM COMMITTED TO BUILDING ON THE
5 WORK ALREADY UNDERWAY BY THE NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION
6 AND ARTS AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT ON LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND TO
7 HAVE A SPECIFIC ONE FOR BRUCE BEACH ON THE COUNTY'S LAND. AND
8 I AM COMMITTED TO, AS CHAIR OF THE BOARD, TO CONTINUING TO
9 MEET WITH LOCAL TRIBAL LEADERS ACKNOWLEDGING THEIR SOVEREIGNTY
10 AND TO CONTINUE MOVING FORWARD THE COUNTY'S WORK TO DEVELOP A
11 CONSENT AND CONSULTATION POLICY THAT ENSURES CONSISTENT,
12 RESPECTFUL, AND MEANINGFUL GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT
13 INTERACTIONS. SO WE ARE HERE AT A VERY PIVOTAL MOMENT FOR ALL
14 OF US. AND MYSELF AND SUPERVISOR HAHN ASK FOR THE SUPPORT OF
15 OUR COLLEAGUES HERE ON THE BOARD. WITH THAT, WE WILL HEAR FROM
16 SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. SUPERVISOR
17 KUEHL.

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19 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I -- I CAN SEE WHY JANICE
20 CHOKED UP. I THINK IT IS KIND OF DIFFICULT SOMETIMES. PEOPLE
21 WATCH THESE PROCEEDINGS, OR THEY SEE US AT MEETINGS, AND THEY
22 THINK WE KNOW WE DO. AND WE TRY TO HELP EVERYBODY UNDERSTAND,
23 BUT IT HAS BROUGHT BACK TO ME TODAY PARTICULARLY A COUPLE OF
24 THINGS THAT WE DON'T THINK ABOUT A LOT. ONE IS TO UNDO RACISM,
25 TO BE ANTIRACIST IS NOT A SIMPLE THING. IT COULD BE A SIMPLE

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1 DECISION, LIKE I AM THERE. BUT JUST TO UNDO THIS ONE THING,
2 YOU THINK ABOUT IT, IT TOOK A STATE LAW. IT TOOK SO MANY
3 PEOPLE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT -- I MEAN IT TOOK SO MANY LAWYERS
4 TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW CAN WE DO THIS WITHOUT BEING SUED BY
5 ANYBODY BUT THIS ONE IDIOT WHO THOUGHT IT WAS GOING TO HARM
6 HIM BECAUSE SOME WRONG WAS RIGHTED. BUT IT IS A DIFFICULT,
7 TORTURED PROCEDURE TO UNDO A WRONG. AND FRANKLY, I THINK
8 THAT'S PURPOSEFUL. THAT IS A PART OF RACISM. WHAT WE DO, WE
9 WANT IT TO STICK. AND IF IT DOESN'T STICK, WE WILL WORK 50
10 YEARS TO UNDO WHATEVER THE COURT DID AND MAKE IT STICK AGAIN.
11 SO, CONGRATULATIONS REALLY ON YOUR TENACITY. JANICE, I CAN'T
12 HELP BUT THINK YOUR DAD WOULD BE REALLY, REALLY PROUD AND
13 HAPPY. AND HOLLY, I KNOW YOUR MOM IS. [LAUGHTER] AND GOOD FOR
14 YOU! I MEAN THIS IS A PART OF REPRESENTATION. I THINK THE
15 SECOND THING PEOPLE DON'T KNOW IS THAT WE CARE ABOUT OUR
16 DISTRICTS. WE CARE ABOUT THE PEOPLE IN OUR DISTRICTS, AND WE
17 WORK FOR THEM, BUT WE ALSO WORK TOGETHER ABOUT EACH OTHER'S
18 DISTRICTS AND WHAT WENT ON. AND THERE ARE SO MANY OF THESE
19 STORIES, AND I THINK THAT WE WILL -- YOU KNOW, YOU TAKE ONE
20 STEP AT A TIME. AND I THINK PEOPLE WILL SAY WELL, DON'T PAT
21 YOURSELVES ON THE BACK. IT IS JUST THIS ONE THING. NO, EACH
22 ONE THING IS LIKE ANOTHER STICK ON THE PILE. AND IT KEEPS
23 GOING, AND IT KEEPS GETTING STRONGER, AND IT KEEPS CHANGING.
24 AND EVERY STEP WE TAKE IS IMPORTANT. I REMEMBER NAO TAKASUGI,
25 WHO WAS AN ASSEMBLYMEMBER WHEN I WAS -- HE WAS IN MY SAME

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1 YEAR. HE HAD BEEN THE MAYOR OF OXNARD, BUT BEFORE THAT, AS A
2 LITTLE BOY, HE WAS PUT INTO A TRUCK WITH HIS FAMILY AND CARTED
3 OFF FROM OXNARD TO A CAMP. THEY WERE FORTUNATE BECAUSE A
4 LITHUANIAN MAN WHO WORKED FOR THEM AT THE GROCERY STORE TOOK
5 CARE OF IT AND GAVE THE KEYS BACK WHEN TAKASUGI'S DAD CAME
6 BACK. MANY WERE NOT SO LUCKY, AND THEIR PROPERTY WAS GONE. THE
7 HISTORY OF THIS COUNTRY, IN MANY WAYS, IS HEROIC AND
8 BEAUTIFUL, AND, MANY WAYS, IT'S JUST UGLY. AND I THINK EVERY
9 STEP YOU TAKE TO SAY NO, WE HAVE TO CHANGE THIS OR NO, WE HAVE
10 TO DO THIS IS IMPORTANT. SO I WANT TO THANK BOTH OF YOU FOR
11 DOING THIS. I'M REALLY HAPPY TO BE HERE FOR THIS. AND I'LL
12 STAND IN THE BACK IN THE PICTURE JUST SO EVERYBODY KNOWS I WAS
13 THERE. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I JUST HAVE TO, FOR THE RECORD,
18 LAWYERS ARE PEOPLE TOO. IS THAT RIGHT? BUT ALL KIDDING ASIDE,
19 I WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND CHAIR MITCHELL, FOR
20 MOVING THIS FORWARD. I ECHO WHAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL SAID. YOUR
21 DAD WOULD BE SO PROUD OF YOU. THIS IS RIGHT DOWN HAHN'S ALLEY.
22 WITH THIS MOTION, THE COUNTY WILL RIGHT HISTORIC WRONGS TO
23 WHICH WILL AND CHARLES BRUCE WERE SUBJECTED TO. I'M GLAD THAT
24 THIS IMPORTANT AND HISTORIC ACTION, SUPPORTED UNANIMOUSLY BY
25 THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE, WILL PROVIDE THE HEIRS THE

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1 GENERATIONAL WEALTH, WHICH THEIR ANCESTORS WERE DEPRIVED. AND
2 I LOVE WHEN YOU SAY WE'RE RETURNING IT. WE'RE NOT GIVING IT.
3 WE ARE RETURNING IT. I THINK THAT'S AN IMPORTANT DISTINCTION
4 BECAUSE THERE ARE THOSE OUT THERE THAT QUESTION GIVING THIS,
5 AND BY NO MEANS, IT'S RETURNING. IT IS RETURNING. AND IS
6 REALLY DO -- I THINK WE NEED TO HIGHLIGHT THAT. I AM HONORED
7 TO BE ON A BOARD WITH TRULY PUBLIC SERVANTS WHO RECOGNIZE THE
8 IMPORTANCE OF TAKING THAT FIRST BOLD STEP, AND I KNOW,
9 SUPERVISOR HAHN, WHEN YOU BROUGHT THIS FORWARD ORIGINALLY,
10 THERE WERE PEOPLE WHO WERE CRITICAL. AND TENACITY IS ALIVE AND
11 WELL IN YOU BECAUSE YOU WERE NOT GOING TO GIVE UP, AND THEN
12 SUPERVISOR OR CHAIR MITCHELL, WHEN YOU INHERITED THIS PART OF
13 THE DISTRICT, ACTUALLY EVEN BEFORE YOU HAD THE DISTRICT, YOU
14 WERE VERY MUCH ENGAGED IN THIS. SO I THINK THAT THE TWO OF YOU
15 TRULY, WHEN IT COMES TO THIS, ARE NATURAL PARTNERS IN MAKING
16 THIS HAPPEN. AND IS I AM VERY, VERY PROUD OF WHAT YOU HAVE
17 ACCOMPLISHED, AND I THINK THAT THIS IS A FIRST STEP. AND TO
18 YOUR POINT, SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU'VE GOT TO START, AND IS THIS
19 IS DEFINITELY A START THAT I THINK IS BEING LOOKED AT NOT ONLY
20 IN THE STATE BUT NATIONWIDE. I KNOW IT'S BEEN ON NATIONAL NEWS
21 BECAUSE I THINK IT IS THE FIRST, AND I THINK THAT'S AN
22 IMPORTANT DISTINCTION AS WELL BECAUSE IT TAKES ONE TO BEGIN,
23 AND THEN OTHERS WILL FOLLOW. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, SO MUCH HAS ALREADY BEEN SAID, AND
5 IS I WANT TO COMPLIMENT YOU BOTH AND SUPERVISOR HAHN AS WELL
6 AS YOU, CHAIRWOMAN MITCHELL, FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND TENACITY
7 AND THE COMMUNITY AND THE FAMILY THAT OBVIOUSLY -- THE BRUCE
8 FAMILY THAT REALLY KEPT WITH THIS AND CONTINUED TO FIGHT THE
9 GOOD FIGHT, AND I'M VERY, VERY APPRECIATIVE THAT WE'RE ALSO
10 GOING TO BE LOOKING AT OUR NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY AND HOW
11 MUCH WE VALUE ALL COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE UNDERGONE SUFFERING. I
12 DO WANT TO POINT OUT THAT I KNOW THAT THE TONGVA SAN GABRIEL
13 GABRIELINO INDIANS HAVE MADE A MARK ON THE COUNTY AND THIS
14 COUNTRY FOR MANY YEARS, AND WE HAVE CONSTANTLY FOUGHT FOR
15 THEIR RIGHT PLACE AND PRESENCE IN OUR HISTORY. WE NEED TO DO
16 MORE. SO, I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT. I LED A FIGHT WHEN I
17 WAS IN SACRAMENTO IN THE STATE SENATE TO RECOGNIZE THE TRIBE.
18 UNFORTUNATELY, SOME OTHER MEMBERS WANTED TO TAKE IT TO ANOTHER
19 LEVEL IN TERMS OF THE GAMING INDUSTRY, AND THAT'S NOT WHERE WE
20 WANTED TO GO AT THE TIME. IT WAS MORE ABOUT THE HISTORICAL
21 PRECEDENT, BUT TODAY IS A DAY OF CELEBRATION FOR THE BRUCE
22 FAMILY AND TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR DOING THIS. SO,
23 MAKING THE IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE. SO, CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH
24 SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. IT CERTAINLY SETS A
25 PRECEDENT FOR US TO MOVE FORWARD AND RECOGNIZE OTHER

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1 INJUSTICES. THANK YOU SO MUCH TO BOTH OF YOU AND TO THE BRUCE
2 FAMILY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. BEFORE WE TAKE THE
5 NEXT STEP AND CAST OUR VOTE, I JUST THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO
6 SAY TODAY TAKING ACTION ON THIS MOTION IS INDEED CAUSE FOR
7 CELEBRATION. THE WORK THAT IT TOOK EVERYONE, STAFF,
8 DEPARTMENTS, ATTORNEYS, THE BRUCE FAMILY TO GET US TO THE
9 POINT WHERE THE BRUCE FAMILY COULD BE MADE A WHOLE IN THIS
10 PROCESS IS VERY IMPORTANT, BUT AS HARD AS THAT WORK WAS, IT
11 PALES IN COMPARISON TO THE ONGOING WORK THAT ALL OF US
12 INDIVIDUALLY, AND AS AN ELECTED BODY, AND BODY OF GOVERNMENT,
13 MUST DO EVERY DAY TO CALL OUT AND ACKNOWLEDGE SYSTEMIC RACISM.
14 WE ARE HERE TODAY. THE BRUCE FAMILY LOST THEIR PROPERTY AS A
15 RESULT OF HUNDREDS OF YEARS OF FREE LABOR ON THE BACK OF
16 ENSLAVED BLACK PEOPLE, AS A RESULT OF TENS OF YEARS OF JIM
17 CROW AND POST- RECONSTRUCTION POLICIES THAT GOVERNMENT STEPPED
18 UP AND LEVIED ON THE BACKS OF BLACK PEOPLE THAT HAVE DIRECTLY
19 IMPACTED OUR ABILITY TO BUILD MULTI-GENERATIONAL WEALTH ON THE
20 VERY LAND THAT WE HELPED BUILD ON THE FERTILE LAND THAT WE
21 HELPED GROOM THAT FED, EDUCATED, EVEN HOUSED THE PRESIDENTS OF
22 THIS COUNTRY. ENSLAVED PEOPLE BUILT THE WHITE HOUSE, FORMERLY
23 ENSLAVED. SO TODAY WE'LL CELEBRATE, BUT BY NO MEANS SHOULD
24 ANYONE THINK THAT THIS ONE ACTION, WITHOUT OUR FOLLOW-UP
25 COMMITMENT ACKNOWLEDGING WHAT NOT ONLY THE BRUCE DESCENDANTS,

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1 BUT DESCENDANTS OF ALL FORMERLY ENSLAVED PEOPLE HAVE ENDURED
2 AND CONTINUE TO ENDURE IN THIS COUNTRY IN TERMS OF MASS
3 INCARCERATION RATES, HEALTH OUTCOMES, THE RATE OF
4 HOMELESSNESS. TODAY IS AN ABSOLUTE DAY WORTHY OF CELEBRATION,
5 AND I INTEND TO LOCK ARMS WITH MY ELECTED COLLEAGUES TO
6 CONTINUE TO PUT FORWARD ISSUES TO ADDRESS EXPLICIT AND
7 IMPLICIT BIAS AND ALL FORMS OF SYSTEMIC RACISM THAT CONTINUE
8 TO PLAGUE AMERICAN SOCIETY. WITH THAT, AND HEARING NO FURTHER
9 COMMENTS FROM ANY OF US, I WILL MOVE THE MOTION AND ASK THAT
10 SUPERVISOR HAHN SECOND IT TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE
11 OFFICER, WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 18 BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES.

16

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

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

20

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

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** YES.

24

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

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2 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

3

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

6

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

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

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, WE ARE
13 GOING TO SHOW A COUPLE OF VIDEOS ABOUT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF
14 THIS ACTION AND THE PROPERTY BRUCE'S BEACH WHILE WE BEGIN THE
15 PROCESS OF OFFICIALLY SIGNING THE TRANSFER DOCUMENTS. GO AHEAD
16 AND PLAY THE VIDEO.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** MOVEMENTS ARE LIKE WAVES, LIKE THE WAVES CRASHING
19 AGAINST THE SHORE HERE ON MANHATTAN BEACH. TODAY WE SET FORTH
20 A PLAN TO RETURN THE PROPERTY THAT WILLA AND CHARLES BRUCE
21 OWNED 100 YEARS AGO AND THEN LOST WHEN THE CITY OF MANHATTAN
22 BEACH LITERALLY STOLE THE PROPERTY FROM THEM IN 1924. THE
23 PEOPLE IN THE SURROUNDING AREA HERE I GUESS WERE VERY ANGRY
24 THAT EX-SLAVES TO PULL THEMSELVES UP AND BECOME THIS THRIVING
25 ENTERPRISE THAT THEY HAD. THEY LEFT HERE IN FEAR. THE WERE

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1 RAILROADED OUT OF THEIR LAND AND LEFT DESTITUTE FOR THE REST
2 OF THEIR LIVES. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THIS AMAZING GIFT FROM GOD,
3 THE PACIFIC OCEAN, AND ALL OF MOTHER NATURE'S MAJESTY, IT'S
4 HARD TO FATHOM THAT ONE GROUP OF PEOPLE, BASED ON FEAR AND
5 HATE, WOULD BLOCK ANOTHER GROUP OF PEOPLE FROM ENJOYING THIS.
6 THIS IS THE TRAINING FACILITY FOR LIFEGUARDS AND NOW OUR
7 HEADQUARTERS, TOO, SO. AND WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN AWARE OF THE
8 HISTORY IN THIS BEACH. FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE LOS ANGELES
9 COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE LIFEGUARDS, WE'RE HAPPY THIS IS
10 HAPPENING. WE ARE TAKING A SMALL STEP IN RIGHTING A WRONG AND
11 BRINGING JUSTICE 100 YEARS LATER TO THE BRUCE FAMILY.
12 JUSTICE FOR BRUCE'S BEACH! 100 YEARS AGO, WILLA AND CHARLES
13 BRUCE OWNED A LITTLE PIECE OF THE AMERICAN DREAM. THEY
14 OPERATED A RESORT WHERE AFRICAN AMERICANS FROM ALL OVER CAME
15 TO EXPERIENCE WHAT SO MANY OF US TAKE FOR GRANTED, A DAY AT
16 THE BEACH. LAW WAS USED TO STEAL THIS PROPERTY 100 YEARS AGO,
17 AND THE LAW TODAY WILL GIVE IT BACK. [APPLAUSE] S.B.796, UNDER
18 THE LEADERSHIP OF SENATOR BRADFORD, WILL GIVE L.A. COUNTY THE
19 LEGAL AUTHORITY TO RETURN THIS PROPERTY TO THE REMAINING
20 DESCENDANTS OF WILLA AND CHARLES BRUCE. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
21 CLOSING A WEALTH GAP THAT, BECAUSE OF RACE- BASED POLICIES,
22 GOVERNMENT STEPPED IN AND ACTED IN A RACIST MANNER. THAT'S WHY
23 IT'S RELEVANT TODAY. WE'RE TRYING TO CLOSE THE WEALTH GAP FOR
24 PEOPLE, WHO HAVE BEEN SYSTEMICALLY LEFT BEHIND. WELL, AS
25 GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA, LET ME DO WHAT APPARENTLY MANHATTAN

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1 BEACH IS UNWILLING TO DO, AND I WANT TO APOLOGIZE TO THE BRUCE
2 FAMILY. LET'S SIGN THIS BILL AND TURN THIS PROPERTY OVER.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE ARE NOW RETURNING FROM
5 THAT BRIEF RECESS. WE ARE NOW MOVING TO ITEM 20, IMPROVING
6 SCHOOL CLIMATE AND SAFETY, ITEM 58, SCHOOL RESOURCE DEPUTY
7 PROGRAM LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENTS, AND ITEM 59,
8 SCHOOL SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT, WHICH
9 WERE HAILED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

10

11 **SUP. BARGER:** YOU'RE TOO FAST FOR ME.

12

13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER:** NO, THAT'S OKAY. THAT'S OKAY. COMING ON THE HEELS
16 OF WHAT WE JUST APPROVED, I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I THINK THAT
17 WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO ACROSS THE BOARD, AND I DO TAKE
18 CLAIMS OF RACIAL DISPARITY IN MY DISTRICT VERY SERIOUSLY. THE
19 ANTELOPE VALLEY HAS BEEN UNDER A CONSENT DEGREE AND HAS BEEN
20 MONITORING ALL INCIDENTS OF RACIAL DISPARITY, INCLUDING
21 ANTELOPE VALLEY SCHOOLS FOR SEVERAL YEARS. AS THE SHERIFF'S
22 DEPARTMENT WORKS TOWARD ACHIEVING FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE
23 D.O.J., IT IS IMPORTANT ALL PARTIES IN THE COUNTY ARE
24 COMMUNICATING WITH ONE ANOTHER TO A ENSURE FULL AND ACCURATE
25 REPRESENTATION OF THE HAPPENINGS IN THE NORTH COUNTY. I HAVE

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1 ASKED COUNTY COUNSEL TO SHED LIGHT ON A FULL PICTURE OF THE
2 EFFORTS BEING MADE IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY TO ENSURE THAT
3 COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONSENT DECREE AS IT RELATES TO RACIAL
4 DISPARITY, AND WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH COUNTY COUNSEL
5 CONSTANTLY ON THIS BECAUSE WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE ON TOP
6 OF IT. SO I JUST WANT TO ASK A COUPLE OF QUICK QUESTIONS TO
7 COUNTY COUNSEL, AND FIRST ONE IS IS THERE ANYTHING IN THE
8 MOTION BEFORE US THAT WE SHOULD BE CONCERNED WITH IN TERMS OF
9 OUR ABILITY TO MEET THE PROVISIONS OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
10 AS IT RELATES TO THE SCHOOL RESOURCE DEPUTIES IN THE ANTELOPE
11 VALLEY. THIS IS DIRECTED TO COUNTY COUNSEL.

12

13 **ATTORNEY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

14

15 **SUP. BARGER:** YES.

16

17 **ATTORNEY:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION. NO, THERE IS
18 NOTHING IN THE MOTION THAT SHOULD GIVE US CONCERN. IN FACT,
19 THE MOTION ACTUALLY COMPLEMENTS THE ANTELOPE VALLEY SETTLEMENT
20 AGREEMENT. THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FOCUSES ON EIGHT AREAS OF
21 REFORM, INCLUDING BIAS FREE POLICING, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT,
22 USE OF FORCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY.

23

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. DOES THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT CALL FOR
2 ANY TRAINING BY ALL DEPUTIES WHICH INCLUDES THE SCHOOL
3 RESOURCE DEPUTIES?

4

5 **ATTORNEY:** YES. THERE ARE PROVISIONS IN THE SETTLEMENT
6 AGREEMENT THAT REQUIRE CERTAIN TRAINING FOR ALL ANTELOPE
7 VALLEY DEPUTIES. USE OF FORCE TRAINING IS REQUIRED IN THE
8 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT. THE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS ALSO APPLY TO
9 SCHOOL RESOURCE DEPUTIES, AND SO SCHOOL RESOURCE DEPUTIES
10 SHOULD RECEIVE ALL THE SAME TRAINING THAT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY
11 -- EXCUSE ME, THE ANTELOPE VALLEY/LANCASTER DEPUTIES RECEIVE.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, AND THEN CAN YOU PLEASE DISCUSS HOW
14 INCIDENTS OF USE OF FORCE AND CALLS FOR SERVICE ARE EVALUATED
15 AND WHETHER YOU HAVE IDENTIFIED ANY DISPARITIES?

16

17 **ATTORNEY:** SO, SUPERVISOR, THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT REQUIRES
18 THE MONITOR TO CONDUCT ONGOING REVIEWS AND REPORTS ON USES OF
19 FORCE AND ASSESSMENTS OF PATTERNS AND PRACTICES OF
20 CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING BY THE ANTELOPE VALLEY SHERIFF
21 STATIONS FOR OVERALL COMPLIANCE. THE MONITOR'S REVIEWS AND
22 EVALUATIONS ON ALL USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS THAT OCCUR WITHIN
23 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WOULD INCLUDE THE SCHOOL RESOURCE
24 DEPUTIES. THE MONITOR DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY REVIEW CALLS FOR
25 SERVICE IN SCHOOL SETTINGS, SINCE THAT'S NOT REQUIRED UNDER

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1 THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, BUT, AGAIN, A CALL FOR SERVICE THAT
2 INVOLVES A USE OF FORCE WOULD FALL UNDER THE MONITOR'S PURVIEW
3 AND WOULD BE EVALUATED BY THE MONITOR WHO WOULD EVALUATE THE
4 USE OF FORCE BASED ON THE LEVEL OF FORCE UTILIZED AND WHETHER
5 IT'S IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE POLICY.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY. THANK YOU. AND THEN LAST QUESTION FOR YOU
8 IS, CONCERNING THE SCHOOL RESOURCE DEPUTIES SUPPORTING
9 ANTELOPE VALLEY SCHOOLS, CAN YOU PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION AS TO
10 ANY INCIDENTS AND TRAINING CONCERNS THE S.R.D. THAT WOULD
11 REQUIRE ATTENTION OR VIOLATE THE PARAMETERS OF THE SETTLEMENT
12 AGREEMENT.

13

14 **ATTORNEY:** SUPERVISOR, NO, NOT REALLY BECAUSE THE SETTLEMENT
15 AGREEMENT DOESN'T CONTAIN TERMS THAT SPECIFICALLY COVER THE
16 SCHOOL RESOURCE DEPUTIES SUPPORTING THE ANTELOPE VALLEY
17 SCHOOLS, SO THE MONITORS HAVE NOT REVIEWED THAT ISSUE
18 SPECIFICALLY.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** AND I GUESS, COMING FULL CIRCLE THEN, THE FIRST
21 QUESTION I ASKED ABOUT THE MOTION BEFORE US IN TERMS OF THE
22 ABILITY TO MEET THE PROVISIONS OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT,
23 YOU ACTUALLY SAID THAT IT WILL COMPLEMENT THE SETTLEMENT
24 AGREEMENT. SO, I JUST WANTED TO KIND OF PULL FULL CIRCLE ON
25 THAT. AND THEN MY LAST QUESTION IS FOR THE SHERIFF'S

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1 DEPARTMENT. I THINK JOHANN THRALL IS ON I THINK. CELIA? HOW DO
2 I -- OR THERE, RIGHT HERE. CAN YOU JUST -- I'D LIKE TO
3 UNDERSTAND -- FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU FOR BEING ON. I'D LIKE
4 TO UNDERSTAND, CAPTAIN, THE KIND OF TRAINING, BOTH COMPLETED
5 AND ONGOING, THE SCHOOL RESOURCE DEPUTIES ARE UNDERGOING UP IN
6 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, AND ACTUALLY NOT JUST IN THE ANTELOPE
7 VALLEY, I THINK ANYWHERE THAT WE HAVE SCHOOL RESOURCE
8 DEPUTIES?

9

10 **CAPT. THRALL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, AND I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF
11 SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR SUPPORT TO THE MANY UNITS COMMUNITY
12 PARTNERSHIP BUREAU OVERSEES, INCLUDING THE SCHOOL RESOURCE
13 DEPUTY PROGRAM. I'LL HAVE SERGEANT CHARLES DUNCAN COME ON
14 SCREEN, WHO OVERSEES AND COORDINATES THE SCHOOL RESOURCE
15 DEPUTY PROGRAM TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION FOR YOU.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I GUESS, IN THE INTEREST OF TIME, I
18 JUST WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE -- WHAT KIND OF TRAINING, IF
19 YOU COULD BE REALLY SUCCINCT, IN TERMS OF WHAT KIND OF
20 TRAINING BOTH COMPLETED AND ONGOING DO SCHOOL RESOURCE
21 DEPUTIES UNDERGO.

22

23 **CHARLES DUNCAN:** OKAY, MA'AM. IN A 40 HOUR COURSE, THEY ARE
24 PROVIDED THE SCHOOL RESOURCE DEPUTIES STANDARDIZED COURSE.
25 WITHIN THAT COURSE, THERE ARE ROUGHLY 60 MODULES, AND THOSE 60

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1 MODULES ARE AN OVERVIEW OF THE FOUNDATIONS OF SCHOOL-BASED LAW
2 ENFORCEMENT, UNDERSTANDING SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS, SCHOOL LAW,
3 AND THEN IT TRANSITIONS TO MENTAL HEALTH, UNDERSTANDING THE
4 ADOLESCENT BRAIN, DEESCALATION, CONFLICT RESOLUTION, CRISIS
5 RESOURCES, SURVIVING AN ACTIVE SHOOTER INCIDENT, TRAFFICKING
6 OF YOUTH AS FAR AS IT RELATES TO SEX AND THINGS OF THAT
7 NATURE, THAT'S DISCUSSED, THE S.R.O., OR SCHOOL RESOURCE
8 OFFICER, AS A GUEST SPEAKER, THREAT RESPONSE AND ASSESSMENTS,
9 JUVENILE DIVERSION AND THE S.R.O., THE S.R.O. AS INFORMAL
10 COUNSELOR/MENTOR, YOUTH DRUG TRENDS, SOCIAL MEDIA, SCHOOL
11 SAFETY AND EMERGENCY OPERATION PLANS, AND THEN ETHICS AND THE
12 S.R.O.

13
14 **SUP. BARGER:** AND THEY'RE ONGOING AS WELL. IT'S JUST A COURSE.
15 IT'S AN ONGOING MONITORING AND TRAINING, CORRECT?

16
17 **CHARLES DUNCAN:** THE ONGOING MONITORING IS ACCURATE, HOWEVER,
18 WITH RESPECT TO THE ONGOING TRAINING, WHATEVER THE ONGOING
19 TRAINING IS THAT ALL DEPUTIES RECEIVE IS WHAT THEY RECEIVE.

20
21 **SUP. BARGER:** GREAT. WELL, I APPRECIATE THAT. I'M PREPARED TO
22 SUPPORT MOVING FORWARD TODAY WITH THE MOTIONS, BUT I JUST
23 WANTED TO GET AN UNDERSTANDING FROM COUNTY COUNSEL BECAUSE,
24 AGAIN, WE DO HAVE -- WE ARE UNDER A D.O.J. UP IN THE NORTH
25 COUNTY, AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT ACCOUNTABILITY ACROSS THE

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1 BOARD AND WORKING WITH OUR MONITOR, WHO IS DOING A TREMENDOUS
2 JOB, AND TO DATE, HAS NOT HIGHLIGHTED ANY CONCERNS. AND I
3 THINK THAT WE NEED TO CONTINUE DOWN THE ROAD OF ADDRESSING
4 WHAT GOT US INTO THE MESS. AND I APPRECIATE YOU ALL COMING
5 TODAY. SO, THANK YOU.

6

7 **CHARLES DUNCAN:** YES, MA'AM.

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WOULD YOU
10 LIKE TO MAKE REMARKS?

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS:** SURE, MADAM CHAIR. I WAS GOING TO WAIT FOR YOU.

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OKAY, IF THAT'S YOUR PREFERENCE. OKAY,
15 THAT'S FINE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I SEE YOUR HAND IS UP.

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL:** WELL, I THINK YOU WANTED TO PRESENT THE MOTION
18 FIRST.

19

20 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I'LL DO THAT.

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL:** AND THEN I WILL COMMENT ON IT AND ALSO ON WHAT
23 KATHRYN WAS TALKING ABOUT, BUT I HOPE THE GENTLEMEN WILL STAY
24 FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BECAUSE I DO HAVE A QUESTION
25 ABOUT TRAINING AS WELL.

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1

2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WE'LL ASK THAT YOU ALL STAY AS WE
3 CONTINUE TO PRESENT. AGAIN, WE'RE HEARING THREE ITEMS
4 SIMULTANEOUSLY, ALTHOUGH WE'LL TAKE SEPARATE VOTES, ITEM 20,
5 ITEM 58, AND 59. THANK YOU. I JUST WANTED TO TAKE SOME TIME TO
6 ADDRESS SOME OF THE STATEMENTS THAT WE HAVE HEARD FOR SEVERAL
7 BOARD MEETINGS NOW LEADING UP TO THESE ITEMS BEING ON THE
8 AGENDA AND READY FOR A VOTE TODAY. AND I REALLY WANT TO TALK
9 ABOUT THE TRUE PURPOSE OF THE MOTION I BROUGHT FORWARD. THIS
10 MOTION ADVANCES THE CONTRACT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES, BUT
11 IT LIMITS THE SHERIFF'S DELEGATED AUTHORITY. SO APPROVAL OF
12 THE MOTION STILL ALLOWS SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO DECIDE FOR
13 THEMSELVES WHETHER TO CONTRACT FOR THESE SERVICES OR NOT. I
14 WANT TO BE VERY CLEAR ABOUT THAT. WE HAVE ALSO HEARD CONCERNS
15 ABOUT THE RISKS OF SHOOTINGS ON SCHOOL CAMPUSES, WHICH ALL OF
16 US CLEARLY TAKE VERY SERIOUSLY. ALL STUDENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO
17 LEARN AND BE IN A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT. THAT
18 GOES WITHOUT SAYING. AND I BELIEVE WE HAVE RESPONSIBILITY TO
19 DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO PROTECT ALL OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE FROM
20 HARM. WHAT'S IMPORTANT FOR ME TO ACKNOWLEDGE, I THINK I
21 MENTIONED IT BEFORE, IS I WAS INVITED BY OUR SUPERINTENDENT
22 OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, TONY THURMAN, IN LATE 2020 TO
23 PARTICIPATE IN A CONFERENCE ON THIS ISSUE, SCHOOL RESOURCE
24 OFFICERS, AND I WAS INVITED, ALTHOUGH I WAS IN THE STATE
25 SENATE AT THE TIME REPRESENTING LA U.S.D., WHERE THERE HAD

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1 BEEN A VERY PAINFUL TO ME SURVEY OF STUDENTS IN THE DISTRICT,
2 WHO TOLD PAINFUL STORIES ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE WITH SCHOOL
3 RESOURCE OFFICERS. WE HEARD SIMILAR STORY TODAY IN PUBLIC
4 COMMENT. AND SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS FROM ACROSS THE STATE
5 PARTICIPATED IN THIS CONVENING. IT WAS AN IMPORTANT
6 CONVERSATION. AND WHAT I TOOK AWAY FROM THAT EXPERIENCE, WHAT
7 A VARIETY OF SURVEYS AND DATA HAS SHOWN TO ME AND OTHERS WHO
8 SUPPORT THE MOTION IS THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT ON ITS OWN IS NOT
9 ENOUGH TO ENSURE STUDENT SAFETY AND IS AN INAPPROPRIATE
10 SOLUTION IN MANY INSTANCES. AND WE HAVE SEEN TOO MANY TRAGIC
11 EXAMPLES OF THIS IN THE NEWS, PARTICULARLY RECENTLY. SO THERE
12 IS A NEED TO COMPREHENSIVELY IMPROVE SCHOOL CLIMATE AND SAFETY
13 IN MANY COMMUNITIES, AND THAT REQUIRES PROVIDING ADDITIONAL
14 SUPPORTS, SUCH AS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. SO TO THAT END, THIS
15 MOTION TAKES STEPS TOWARD PROVIDING SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH
16 MORE OPTIONS AND NOT LESS. SCHOOLS WILL GET SUPPORT FROM MY
17 OFFICE AND DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT TO PROVIDE SCHOOL
18 STAFF WITH TRAINING IN HARM PREVENTION AND RESTORATIVE
19 PRACTICES. THEY'LL ALSO BE ABLE TO REFER STUDENTS TO DIVERSION
20 AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SERVICES SO STUDENTS CAN HAVE THE
21 COMPLEXITY OF THEIR NEEDS APPROPRIATELY ADDRESSED. SO AGAIN,
22 THE GOAL IS TO EMPOWER ALL SCHOOL STAFF, NEIGHBORS, PARENTS,
23 AND OTHERS WHO HAVE A ROLE IN ENSURING STUDENTS' SAFETY. THE
24 SERVICES IN THIS MOTION WILL BEGIN TO HELP SCHOOLS ADDRESS
25 ROOT CAUSES, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THIS WORK IN

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1 PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SCHOOLS IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. IN
2 ADDITION, PROTECTIONS ARE NEEDED TO ENSURE THAT SCHOOL
3 RESOURCE DEPUTIES APPROPRIATELY SERVE ALL OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE,
4 ALL OF THEM. A RECENT REPORT BY THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR
5 GENERAL FOUND, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT STUDENTS OF COLOR WERE
6 MUCH MORE LIKELY TO COME INTO CONTACT WITH SCHOOL RESOURCE
7 DEPUTIES THAN THEIR PEERS, AND THAT THAT CONTACT TENDED TO
8 HAVE A NEGATIVE OUTCOME. THIS IS PARTLY THE RESULT OF THE LACK
9 OF GUIDANCE GIVEN TO DEPUTIES IN THE TYPES OF REQUESTS FOR
10 SERVICE THAT ARE APPROPRIATE TO RESPOND TO. IN ADDITION, THE
11 TRAINING THAT IS PROVIDED TO DEPUTIES SHOULD BETTER REFLECT
12 THE DEVELOPMENTAL NEEDS OF THE STUDENTS THEY WORK WITH. THIS
13 MOTION BEGINS TO PROVIDE NECESSARY SUPPORT TO OUR SCHOOL
14 DISTRICTS AND ENSURE THAT CRITICAL ISSUES INVOLVING SCHOOL
15 CONTACTS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT ARE MORE APPROPRIATELY
16 ADDRESSED. WITH THAT, WE'LL NOW PIVOT TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS
17 FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

18
19 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK THIS
20 IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT ITEM, AND I'M VERY HAPPY TO COAUTHOR WITH
21 YOU. AND I'M REALLY APPRECIATIVE TO YOU AND YOUR STAFF FOR
22 YOUR FLEXIBILITY IN ACCEPTING REPLACEMENT LANGUAGE THAT I
23 BELIEVE ENHANCES THE INTENT OF YOUR MOTION AS YOU OUTLINED,
24 BUT I ESPECIALLY ALSO WANT TO THANK MY SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR
25 THEIR FEEDBACK AND THEIR PARTNERSHIP, PARTICULARLY HEARING

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1 FROM ROWLAND UNIFIED, EL MONTE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT,
2 WHITTIER UNION, AND ALL OF THOSE THAT CONTRACT WITH L.A.
3 SHERIFFS. I WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO HEAR FROM
4 SUPERINTENDENTS AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES FROM THESE REPRESENTED
5 AREAS THAT THEY WANTED TO FOLLOW ALONG WITH OUR LEAD TO SEE
6 THAT THERE WAS MORE ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY IN THIS
7 WHOLE LAW ENFORCEMENT PLAN AND PROCESS. AND WHILE THE MOTION
8 IS ABOUT BETTER UNDERSTANDING THE DEPUTIES RESPONSIBILITIES IN
9 THE SCHOOL, I THINK IT'S REALLY MORE IMPORTANT ABOUT HOW THEY
10 ENGAGE WITH OUR STUDENTS AND ADMINISTRATORS. AND WE DID HEAR
11 EARLIER FROM SOME OF THOSE SCHOOLS THAT HAVE BEEN IMPACTED.
12 IT'S NOT ABOUT TAKING POWER AWAY FROM OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS BUT
13 INSTEAD ENSURING WE HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION TO MAKE THOSE
14 INFORMED DECISIONS. AND JUST LAST WEEK, AS YOU STATED, THE
15 O.I.G. ISSUED A REPORT WITH THE VERY TROUBLING FINDING THAT
16 CONFIRMED WHAT THE MEDIA HAVE ALSO FOUND ABOUT L.A.S.D.
17 LANCASTER STATION SHERIFF DEPUTIES' INTERACTIONS WITH HIGH
18 SCHOOL STUDENTS. SADLY, THAT REPORT AND ARTICLES FOUND THAT
19 MORE THAN 60% OF THE SHERIFF CONTACTS HAVE BEEN WITH BLACK
20 STUDENTS DESPITE ONLY REPRESENTING 20% OF THE TOTAL STUDENT
21 POPULATION, AND LATINO STUDENTS REPRESENTED A HIGH 60TH
22 PERCENTILE DESPITE MAKING UP 25% OF THE STUDENT POPULATION.
23 THESE FINDINGS WERE RATHER PROBLEMATIC, GIVEN THAT IN 2013,
24 THE U.S. D.O.J. FOUND THAT L.A.S.D.'S LANCASTER AND PALMDALE
25 STATIONS ENGAGED IN A PATTERN AND PRACTICE THAT SHOWED BLACK

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1 PEOPLE WERE DISPROPORTIONATELY CONTACTED, STOPPED, AND
2 SEARCHED BY DEPUTIES COMPARED TO DO OTHER ETHNICITIES. IT IS
3 IMPORTANT THAT WE CONSIDER THE BEST VEHICLE FOR ACCOUNTABILITY
4 OF SHERIFF DEPUTIES, WHO ARE WORKING WITH OUR STUDENTS, AND
5 SOME OF THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH DATA COLLECTION AND
6 ANALYSIS. A COMPREHENSIVE UNDERSTANDING OF ENGAGEMENTS BY
7 THOSE DEPUTIES WILL BE BENEFICIAL TO THE BOARD, BUT MOST
8 IMPORTANTLY FOR OUR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, STUDENTS, AND THEIR
9 FAMILIES, AND PARENTS. THIS IS SO IMPORTANT FOR US TO HAVE
10 ACCESS TO THE DATA, THE FINDINGS, THE ASSESSMENTS AND
11 EVALUATIONS THAT WILL HELP US MAKE BETTER INFORMED DECISIONS
12 ON HOW WE WANT TO IMPROVE SCHOOL SAFETY AND THAT CLIMATE, AND
13 IT DOES NOT ESCAPE ME FOR ONE MOMENT WE'RE HAVING THIS
14 CONVERSATION A MONTH AFTER A DEADLY SCHOOL SHOOTING IN UVALDE.
15 LAST SATURDAY, UZIYAH GARCIA, 10-YEARS-OLD, WAS THE LAST OF
16 THE VICTIMS TO BE BURIED. SCHOOL SAFETY WE KNOW IS IMPORTANT,
17 AND IT IS A PRIORITY, BUT ALSO WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS THAT WE DO
18 WHAT WE CAN TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT THAT IS WHOLESOME AT OUR
19 SCHOOLS, THAT IS NURTURING, THAT IS GROWING, THAT IS LEARNING,
20 AND THAT ACCEPTS ALL FORMS OF DIVERSITY. WHAT WE SHOULD DO IS
21 ENCOURAGE AND ENABLE TRAUMA-INDUCING ENVIRONMENTS. SO I FULLY
22 RECOGNIZE THAT THAT'S WHERE DATA, RESEARCH, AND ANTIDOTES THAT
23 SHOW A LAW ENFORCEMENT ONLY ENVIRONMENT HAS ITS FLAWS. THIS IS
24 A MOMENT FOR US TO EVALUATE OUR CURRENT PROCESSES TO SEE WHAT
25 WORKS AND DOESN'T WORK. WITH THIS INFORMATION, I'M SURE WE CAN

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1 DO THE VERY BEST WE CAN FOR OUR STUDENTS PRESENT AND FUTURE.
2 SO I COMMEND YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR WORKING WITH US AND
3 LOOK FORWARD TO THIS AS MY SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE ALSO LOOKING
4 FORWARD TO THE LEADERSHIP ON THIS BOARD. THANK YOU, MADAM
5 CHAIR.

6

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

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. THE MOTION, IN
10 MY OPINION, STRIKES A GOOD BALANCE. IT RECOGNIZES THAT SOME OF
11 OUR COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS WANT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH SCHOOL
12 RESOURCE DEPUTY PROGRAMS BUT LIMITS THE CONTRACT PERIOD TO TWO
13 YEARS. AND THAT GIVES US TIME TO ACTUALLY GATHER DATA ON THE
14 EFFICACY OF THE PROGRAM, TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE OTHER
15 INTERVENTIONS THROUGH THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT,
16 WHICH WILL HAVE TIME TO BUILD UP THEIR PROGRAMS AS WELL AND
17 MAYBE OF SOME SERVICE. IT ALSO GIVES THE O.I.G. A GOOD WINDOW
18 TO CONDUCT MORE INVESTIGATIONS SIMILAR TO THE ONES CONDUCTED
19 IN LANCASTER. AND WE HAVE HEARD SOME OF THE RESULTS OF THAT
20 INVESTIGATION, WHICH WERE VERY TROUBLING, AND I DOUBT VERY
21 MUCH THAT THEY'RE LIMITED TO LANCASTER. THE O.I.G. ALSO NOTED
22 THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S INCONSISTENT DATA COLLECTION
23 MADE IT DIFFICULT TO ANALYZE THE DATA. BUT FROM THE ANALYSIS,
24 IT WAS PRETTY CLEAR WE HAVE TO DO MORE. AND THE INTRODUCTION
25 OF THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INTO THE DISCUSSION

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1 IS VERY PROMISING. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THE REPORT BACK, BUT I
2 WANTED TO ASK THE GENTLEMAN FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
3 TALKING ABOUT TRAINING. IN THIS INSTANCE, AND PROBABLY MORE
4 GENERALLY, I'LL JUST SORT OF GUESS, WHAT IN THE TRAINING HELPS
5 OUR DEPUTIES RECOGNIZE THEIR OWN LEANINGS, PERHAPS, TOWARDS
6 RACISM OR INADVERTENT OR UNKNOWN TO THEM. IT'S NOT AN UNUSUAL
7 THING FOR PEOPLE NOT TO RECOGNIZE THIS IMPLICIT BIAS THAT THEY
8 HAVE. AND A LOT OF PEOPLE GO THROUGH TRAINING ABOUT IT, JUDGES
9 AND ETC. SO, I WONDER IF, IN THE TRAINING FOR DEPUTIES, WHAT
10 KIND OF APPROACH IS TAKEN ABOUT DEALING WITH A DIVERSE
11 POPULATION AND MAKING SURE YOU'RE NOT LEANING MORE HEAVILY
12 BECAUSE OF YOUR OWN BIASES.

13

14 **CHARLES DUNCAN:** RIGHT, WELL, THAT'S NOT SPECIFICALLY COVERED
15 IN THE S.R.O. SPECIFIC TRAINING PROGRAM, BUT IT IS COVERED
16 THROUGHOUT THE TRAINING THAT WE'RE PROVIDED THROUGH POST.

17

18 **SUP. KUEHL:** SO, ALL OFFICERS RECEIVE THIS TRAINING THROUGH
19 POST, AND THEN THERE'S ADDITIONAL TRAINING FOR THE RESOURCE
20 OFFICERS. IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?

21

22 **CHARLES DUNCAN:** YES MA'AM.

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL:** ADDITIONAL TRAINING ON WORKING IN SCHOOLS.

25

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1 **CHARLES DUNCAN:** YES, MA'AM.

2

3 **SUP. KUEHL:** AND IN THE POST TRAINING, IS IT KIND OF A ONE OFF,
4 OR DO PEOPLE EVER REPEAT THAT? I'M JUST WONDERING.

5

6 **CHARLES DUNCAN:** I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION TO PROVIDE AN
7 ANSWER THAT, BUT, IF YOU'D LIKE, WE COULD GET BACK TO YOU ON
8 THAT.

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** IT WOULD BE INTERESTING BECAUSE POST IS ALSO UNDER
11 THE LEGISLATURE, AT LEAST TO TELL THEM A FEW THINGS. SO I
12 THINK IT WOULD BE A VERY IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION IN LOOKING
13 ESPECIALLY AT OUR -- THE TRAINING FOR OUR SCHOOL RESOURCE
14 OFFICERS TO POSSIBLY FIND A WAY TO EMPHASIZE THAT POST
15 TRAINING FOR THEM BECAUSE THEY ARE GOING TO BE UP CLOSE AND
16 PERSONAL DEALING WITH GROUPS OF PEOPLE QUITE DIVERSE. AND I
17 THINK SOMEHOW EXPLORING THEIR OWN, I'M JUST GOING TO SAY
18 BIASES, NOBODY LIKES TO SAY THEIR BIASED, BUT, YOU KNOW THAT'S
19 WHAT IMPLICIT BIAS IS IS ONE I SAY I DON'T REALLY HAVE, BUT I
20 ACTUALLY HAVE IT. I THINK IT MIGHT BE WORTH CONSIDERING FOR
21 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE THEY'RE SO, AS
22 I SAID, UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL IN THESE GROUP SITUATIONS, TO
23 MAYBE EMPHASIZE OVER THE COMING YEARS MORE OF THIS FOR THEM.
24 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

25

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS
2 OR COMMENTS BECAUSE WE'LL TAKE A VOTE ON ALL THREE OF THESE
3 ITEMS SEPARATELY. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

4

5 **SUP. BARGER:** I WANTED TO THANK THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE
6 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BECAUSE WE KIND OF DID THIS LAST MINUTE.
7 SO THANK YOU BOTH FOR SHOWING UP.

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AGREED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. APPRECIATE
10 THAT. SEEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS, WE'LL TAKE THEM
11 UP IN NUMERIC ORDER. ITEM 20 IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE,
12 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE
13 OFFICER, CALL THE THE ROLL.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

18

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

20

21 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

22

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

24

25 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

5

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

8

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

10

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

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** MOVING ON TO ITEM 58. MOVED BY
15 SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THIS
16 ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 58 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
19 %-P

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

22

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

24

25 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

9

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

11 MITCHELL.

12

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

14

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

16 5-0.

17

18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 59, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER,

19 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE

20 OFFICER, CALL THE ROLL, PLEASE.

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 59 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

25

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

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3 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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7 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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11 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

14 MITCHELL.

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

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

19 5-0.

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21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BEFORE WE MOVE ON TO ITEM 21,

22 I'M A VICTIM OF TOO MUCH GOING ON ON MY DESK TODAY. SO LET ME

23 CORRECT MY OWN ERROR ON ITEM 16, ON MY OWN AMENDMENT THAT I

24 READ IN, AND I DIDN'T READ IN THE ACTUAL FINAL VERSION THAT WE

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1 ALL AGREED TO. SO LET ME APOLOGIZE. SO MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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

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6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YES, THERE'S A LOT OF PAPER GOING DOWN
7 HERE, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I APOLOGIZE. SO, TO CLARIFY, I'M GOING
8 TO READ IN THE FULL DIRECTIVE FOR THE RECORD, AND IT WAS THE
9 LANGUAGE THAT WAS POSTED ONLINE AND THE ACTUAL LANGUAGE THAT
10 WAS DISTRIBUTED TO ALL OF THE OFFICES THAT YOU ALL AGREED TO.
11 AND IT'S THE OPTIONS TO CREATE SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM
12 CERTIFIED SITES IN CLOSER PROXIMITY TO HIGH DEMAND COMMUNITIES
13 CURRENTLY LACKING S.A.R.T. SERVICES, INCLUDING THE SOUTH LOS
14 ANGELES COMMUNITY AND. OKAY? AND SO, THAT'S ENOUGH, EXECUTIVE
15 OFFICER?

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17 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES.

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19 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** BEAUTIFUL. I ABSOLUTELY SIGNED THE RIGHT
20 TRANSFER DEED. I DID BECAUSE I HAD, TWO, FOUR, SIX, EIGHT
21 ADDITIONAL EYES WATCHING ME. SO SUPERVISOR HAHN, THAT PART I
22 GOT RIGHT. I JUST LEFT FOUR WORDS OUT OF THAT LAST AMENDMENT,
23 BUT WE GOT IT STRAIGHT NOW. ALL RIGHT. YOU READY TO MOVE ON?
24 ALL RIGHT. ITEM 21, ESTABLISHING A COUNTY-WIDE FRAMEWORK FOR
25 PAID FAMILY LEAVE AS A GENDER EQUITY AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION

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1 STRATEGY, WHICH I HELD. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO
2 FIRST?

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4 **SUP. KUEHL:** I DON'T EVER TO WANT TO GO BEFORE THE AUTHOR. I'M
5 JUST LIKE FOLLOWING ALONG BEHIND YOU.

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I AM ACKNOWLEDGING THE ROLE YOU PLAYED
8 IN PAID FAMILY LEAVE AT THE STATE LEGISLATURE. SO, I'M GOING
9 TO ASK YOU TO GO FIRST.

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11 **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY, WELL I NEVER TURN DOWN A COURTESY BECAUSE
12 THAT IS JUST THE NICEST THING EVER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM
13 CHAIR. I ACTUALLY DIDN'T PREPARE REMARKS FOR THIS BECAUSE I
14 THOUGHT YOU WOULD LAY IT OUT ALL AND WHY IT IS NECESSARY AND
15 ALL OF THAT, BUT IT WAS INTERESTING, YEARS AGO, NOT TOO MANY
16 YEARS AGO, IN THE LEGISLATURE, WE WERE JUST AGONIZING ABOUT
17 HOW CAN WE ESTABLISH A STATE PROGRAM, THERE WAS NOT ONE IN ANY
18 STATE IN THE UNITED STATES, THAT WOULD PROVIDE FOR PAID FAMILY
19 LEAVE FOR EVERYBODY WORKING IN THE STATE. IT WASN'T JUST THE
20 EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE. IT WAS FOR AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE
21 WORKING IN THE STATE. AND ONE OF MY BRILLIANT STAFFERS,
22 JENNIFER RICHARD, WHO IS NOW CHIEF OF STAFF TO MARIA ELENA
23 DURAZO, SAID I HAVE AN IDEA. WE GOT THIS STATE DISABILITY
24 INSURANCE. IT'S ALL SET UP. EVERYBODY PAYS INTO IT, EXCEPT
25 FOR, OF COURSE, OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES, AND OTHER LOCAL

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1 GOVERNMENTS, BUT MOST PEOPLE IN CALIFORNIA ALREADY PAID INTO
2 IT. WHAT IF WE JUST EXPANDED THAT A LITTLE BIT, SO PEOPLE
3 WOULD PAY ANOTHER \$0.16, OR WHATEVER, ON \$10, AND THEN WE
4 WOULD ESTABLISH A PROGRAM SO THAT PEOPLE COULD ACTUALLY BE
5 PAID WHILE THEY TOOK LEAVE TO CARE FOR CHILDREN, FOR NEWLY
6 ADOPTED CHILDREN, NEWLY BORN CHILDREN, SICK PARENTS. WE JUST
7 STARTED ESSENTIALLY WITH PARENTS AND CHILDREN, BUT IT INCLUDED
8 ADOPTED CHILDREN. IT INCLUDED AS MANY THINGS AS WE COULD GET
9 IN BECAUSE GOING THROUGH -- GOT THROUGH THE SENATE PRETTY
10 WELL, BUT GOING TO THE ASSEMBLY, THEY ALWAYS WANT A LITTLE
11 POUND OF FLESH, AS I'M SURE YOU REMEMBER, HOLLY AND HILDA. SO,
12 IT WAS EVENTUALLY ENACTED AND GOT SOME GOOD PRESS NATIONALLY
13 AS BEING THE FIRST IN THE COUNTRY TO HAVE A -- FIRST STATE IN
14 THE COUNTRY FOR PAID FAMILY LEAVE. BUT I HAVE BEEN REALLY
15 AGONIZING ABOUT HOW WE DO IT FOR OUR EMPLOYEES HERE BECAUSE
16 THEY'RE NOT INCLUDED IN STATE DISABILITY INSURANCE, SO THEY
17 DON'T PAY INTO IT. AND YET, THEY HAVE EXACTLY THE SAME NEEDS.
18 AND YOU KNOW WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT IT FOR QUITE A WHILE,
19 AND I WAS SO GLAD THAT YOU DECIDED TO BRING THIS EXPLORATION
20 AND ASK ME TO COAUTHOR. I'M VERY, VERY PLEASED TO TO EXPLORE
21 HOW WE CAN DO THIS FOR OUR EMPLOYEES. AND I'LL TELL YOU A LOT
22 OF PEOPLE SAID OH, WELL, YOU KNOW THE WOMEN REALLY NEED THIS
23 BECAUSE THEY'RE TAKING CARE OF EVERYBODY, BUT THE INTERESTING
24 THING WAS TWO OF OUR WITNESSES FOR THE STATE BILL WERE
25 FIREFIGHTERS, BOTH MEN, WHO WERE THE ONLY CHILDREN IN THEIR

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1 FAMILIES, AND THEY HAD THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR AGING
2 PARENTS. AND I'M CERTAIN THAT EVERYONE ON THIS BOARD AND
3 PROBABLY IN THIS ROOM KNOWS WHAT A RESPONSIBILITY THAT IS. AND
4 IF YOU HAVE TO TAKE TIME OFF AND THEY SAY NO, THAT'S ONE
5 THING, OR IF THEY SAY YES BUT YOU'LL NOT GET PAID, THAT'S JUST
6 NOT POSSIBLE FOR SO MANY PEOPLE. AND SO, MILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN
7 THE STATE HAVE USED THIS PROGRAM SINCE WE STARTED IT. AND I'M
8 HAPPY TO SEE SEE BEING EXPLORED FOR THE COUNTY AND THINK IT
9 WILL BE VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE, AS YOU KNOW, COLLEAGUES, ONE
10 OUT OF EVERYONE HUNDRED PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY WORKS FOR THE
11 COUNTY. AND THAT'S A LOT OF PEOPLE. SO THEY NEED IT TOO. THIS
12 WOULD BE GREAT FOR THEM, AND I WOULD HOPE THAT WOULD YOU ALL
13 VOTE AN ENTHUSIASTIC AYE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

14
15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I APPRECIATE YOU
16 ACKNOWLEDGING THE IMPORTANT ROLE YOU PLAYED IN THE HISTORY OF
17 THIS ISSUE. WE'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE BACK IN 2019. SO THANK YOU
18 TO SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR INITIATING THIS REALLY IMPORTANT
19 CONVERSATION, AND IT'S TIME, I BELIEVE, FOR US TO GET THIS
20 DONE. A LITTLE MORE ACTION, A LITTLE LESS TALK I THINK AS
21 ELVIS ONCE SANG. ALSO, OUR EMPLOYMENT CLIMATE SURVEY TELLS US
22 THAT LEAVE UTILIZATION HAS INCREASED. SO I THINK IT'S
23 IMPORTANT FOR US TO BE RESPONSIVE. IT'S INTERESTING, AS WE
24 TALK ABOUT BUILDING BACK WITH EQUITY, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE,
25 THIS IS QUINTESSENTIAL PRO-LIFE POLICY. THE MOTION OUTLINES

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1 THE POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND GENDER AND RACIAL EQUITY
2 IMPLICATIONS. FROM THE MOTION, IMPLEMENTATION OF PAID FAMILY
3 MEANS A REDUCTION IN FEMALE EMPLOYEES LEAVING THEIR JOBS.
4 WOMEN, AND MORE OFTEN WOMEN OF COLOR, ARE NOT SUBJECTED TO
5 WAGE LOSS BECAUSE THEY'RE MORE LIKELY THAN MEN TO TAKE TIME
6 OFF FOR A NEWBORN CHILD OR TO CARE FOR A FAMILY MEMBER. AND
7 SO, WHAT THIS MEANS IS THIS IS HOW WE ARE EXEMPLIFYING BEING
8 AN ANTI-RACIST COUNTY WHEN WOMEN AND FAMILIES OF COLOR ARE
9 MOST DISADVANTAGED BY THE LACK OF A P.F.L. PROGRAM. I'M VERY
10 EXCITED ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY. I BELIEVE MOTION THIS PUTS US
11 ON THE PATH TO CONTINUING TO PRACTICE WHAT WE, INDEED, PREACH,
12 PRACTICE MOTIONS BROUGHT FORWARD PREVIOUSLY AND POLICY ISSUES
13 BROUGHT FORWARD PREVIOUSLY AT THE STATE LEVEL. SO I'M ASKING
14 FOR EVERYONE'S SUPPORT FOR TODAY'S MOTION. FROM THAT, WE WILL
15 HEAR NEXT FROM SUPERVISOR BARGER, WHO WILL BE FOLLOWED BY
16 SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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18 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I SEE YOU SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I'LL HAVE
21 YOU COME AFTER HAHN.

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23 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE
24 AUTHORS FOR BRINGING THIS ISSUE FORWARD. YOU KNOW, I WOULD ASK
25 -- I'M GOING TO SUPPORT THIS ENTHUSIASTICALLY, BUT I WOULD ASK

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1 THAT WHEN WE ARE LOOKING AT THIS, WE HAVE A CAFETERIA PLAN
2 WHERE THE COUNTY DOESN'T CHARGE FOR SHORT TERM/LONG TERM
3 DISABILITY. I THINK THERE MAY BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO LOOK
4 WITHIN WHAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE IN PLAY AND EXPAND IT, BECAUSE
5 TO YOUR POINT, IT'S -- THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES THAT THE COUNTY
6 HAS THAT ARE GOING TO BE IMPACTED. I WANT TO MAKE SURE IT'S
7 SUSTAINABLE, BUT I ALSO THINK THERE MAY BE A MISSED
8 OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE WE EACH HAVE THAT COVERAGE, AND I DON'T
9 SEE ANY REASON WHY, AND I'VE SAID THIS BEFORE, EVEN BEFORE I
10 WAS ELECTED, WITH THE PRIOR BOARDS, WE SHOULD LOOK AT
11 EXPANDING BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, AS SOMEONE WHOSE PARENTS ARE NOW
12 GONE, BUT, TO YOUR POINT SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AS ESPECIALLY MY
13 MOM GOT OLDER, I REMEMBER DRIVING IN. I WAS SUPPOSED TO GO TO
14 JURY DUTY, AND I GOT A CALL THAT SHE WAS IN THE HOSPITAL. AND
15 THIS TIME THEY DIDN'T THINK SHE WAS GOING TO MAKE IT. AND I
16 FELT SO GUILTY BECAUSE THE JUDGE THE DAY BEFORE THREATENED US
17 ALL IF YOU DON'T SHOW UP, YOU'RE -- AND I REMEMBER CALLING THE
18 COURTROOM CRYING BECAUSE I WAS IN FEAR THAT I WAS GOING TO GET
19 PUT IN JAIL, BUT I HAD TO BE WITH MY MOTHER. AND I WAS DRIVING
20 DOWN TO THE COURT, BUT I HAD THE FLEXIBILITY AND THE ABILITY
21 TO LEAVE MY WORK AND GO BE WITH MY MOM. NOT EVERYONE IS
22 AFFORDED THAT SAME LUXURY. AND IN MY OFFICE, I TELL MY STAFF
23 FAMILY FIRST, PERIOD, PARAGRAPH, NEW SENTENCE. AND I BELIEVE
24 IT. AND I THINK THAT WE, AS A COUNTY, NEED TO RECOGNIZE THAT
25 THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR US TO DO THAT, BUT WE MAY EVEN

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1 HAVE WITHIN OUR EXISTING CAFETERIA PLAN, AND IT MAY BE AS
2 SIMPLE AS RENEGOTIATING WITH THE COVERAGE TO ALLOW FOR THAT.
3 SO I WOULD JUST ASK THAT THAT BE LOOKED AT WHEN WE ARE MOVING
4 FORWARD. THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN FOLLOWED BY
7 SOLIS.

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9 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AND YEAH THANKS FOR
10 REFERRING TO SOMETHING THAT I TRIED TO BRING FORTH IN 2019. SO
11 IT'S GREAT THAT WE'RE REVISITING THIS CONVERSATION AGAIN. AND
12 I LIKE THAT THIS MOTION WILL BE ASKING THE C.E.O., THE
13 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
14 WOMEN AND GIRLS INITIATIVE TO GIVE US RECOMMENDATIONS AND
15 IMPLEMENTATION COULD LOOK LIKE FOR PARENTAL FAMILY LEAVE.
16 RIGHT NOW ,COUNTY WORKERS ARE ALLOWED TO TAKE UP TO FOUR
17 MONTHS OFF AFTER A BIRTH OF A CHILD, BUT WHETHER THE TIME IS
18 PAID OR NOT DEPENDS ON HOW MUCH VACATION AND SICK TIME THE
19 EMPLOYEE HAS ACCRUED. SO IF YOU DON'T HAVE THAT ACCRUED TIME,
20 YOU WON'T GET PAID. AND IT'S BEEN ESTABLISHED THAT L.A. COUNTY
21 FOLLOWS ALL THE FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS, BUT WE NEED TO DO
22 BETTER FOR OUR WORKFORCE WHEN IT COMES TO PARENTAL FAMILY
23 LEAVE. I THINK PRIORITIZING THIS WILL ALSO HELP US IN THE
24 FUTURE WITH RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, PERFORMANCE, AND IT WILL
25 MAKE SURE THAT OUR COUNTY WORKFORCE FEELS SUPPORTED AT ALL

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1 LEVELS IN THEIR JOURNEY WITH US. I ALSO THINK BESIDES JUST
2 PAID PARENTAL FAMILY LEAVE, I WANT TO KEEP LOOKING AT
3 PRIORITIZING ALTERNATIVE WORK SITES AND TELEWORKING BECAUSE I
4 THINK THAT REALLY HELPS PARENTS. IT IS SOMETHING THAT I WORKED
5 TO INITIATE WHEN I WAS BOARD CHAIR. THE PANDEMIC SORT OF GAVE
6 IT A SUPER BOOST ON FIGURING OUT THE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT OUR
7 COUNTY WORKFORCE NEEDS TO EITHER WORK FROM HOME OR WORK CLOSE
8 TO HOME, AND I WOULD LIKE TO KEEP PRIORITIZING THAT AS PART OF
9 LOOKING AT HOW WE SUPPORT PARENTS. AND I THINK IT'S THE RIGHT
10 THING FOR US TO DO AS AN EMPLOYER. WE CAN AND WE SHOULD DO
11 BETTER. AND I SUPPORT THIS MOTION TODAY AND HOPE IT REALLY GET
12 US TO, LOOKING AT WHAT SUPERVISOR BARGER SUGGESTED, I HOPE IT
13 GETS US TO A PLACE WHERE THIS IS SOMETHING WE CAN DEFINITELY
14 OFFER. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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18 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND SUPERVISOR
19 KUEHL FOR BRINGING THE MOTION FORWARD. AS FORMER SECRETARY OF
20 LABOR TO PRESIDENT OBAMA, I KNOW THE IMPLICATIONS OF NOT
21 OFFERING PAID FAMILY LEAVE, AND THOSE IMPLICATIONS CAN BE
22 DESTRUCTIVE NOT JUST FOR FAMILIES BUT THE ECONOMY AT LARGE,
23 AND THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HAS ONLY ILLUMINATED THAT REALITY.
24 BACK IN THE 1990S, WHEN I WAS A STATE SENATOR, I LED AN EFFORT
25 TO INCREASE STATE DISABILITY INSURANCE BENEFIT LEVELS

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1 PARTNERING WITH WHAT WAS THEN KNOWN AS THE LABOR PROJECT FOR
2 WORKING FAMILIES. AND I DIRECTED STATE AGENCIES TO CONDUCT A
3 STUDY ON THE COST OF EXPANDING STATE DISABILITY INSURANCE
4 BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS ON FAMILY LEAVE. IT WAS THEN IN 2000
5 THAT THE STUDY WAS RELEASED SHOWING THAT FAMILIES COULD BE
6 COVERED UNDER STATE DISABILITY FOR AN INCREASE FOR AS LITTLE
7 AS 0.1% OF THE STATED PAYROLL TAX. THAT REPORT LAID THE
8 FOUNDATION TO THEN SENATOR SHEILA KUEHL AUTHORIZING SENATE BILL
9 1661, PAID FAMILY LEAVE LEGISLATION, WHICH WAS SIGNED INTO LAW
10 BY GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS. I'M PROUD OF THOSE EFFORTS, AND WE
11 HAVE COME FULL CIRCLE, HAVEN'T WE, TO GET PAID FAMILY PAID
12 LEAVE DONE LOCALLY FOR OUR WORKFORCE. AS THE MOTION STATES,
13 THIS IS ABOUT GENDER EQUITY AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION, BUT IT'S
14 ALSO ABOUT CREATING A WORKPLACE WHERE EMPLOYEES WANT TO STAY
15 LONG TERM ENSURING THE BEST ENVIRONMENT POSSIBLE SO THAT WE
16 CAN SERVE OUR 10 MILLION RESIDENTS TO THE BEST OF OUR
17 ABILITIES. THIS IS A HARD THING TO DO WHEN YOU HAVE JUST HAD A
18 BABY OR HAVE JUST BEGUN FOSTERING CHILDREN OR FINALIZING AN
19 ADOPTION PROCESS. THESE ARE LIFE CHANGING, MONUMENTAL EVENTS,
20 AND WE NEED TO TAKE A HARD LOOK AT WHY THE COUNTY DOES NOT
21 OFFER SUCH A POLICY THAT SUPPORTS OUR PARENTING EMPLOYEES.
22 PAID FAMILY LEAVE HELPS WORKERS OF COLOR AND ENHANCES
23 FAMILIES' WELL BEING. IN FACT, WE KNOW THAT STUDIES SHOW THAT
24 PROVIDING 12 WEEKS OF PAID PARENTAL LEAVE ON A NATIONAL SCALE
25 WILL LEAD TO 600 FEWER INFANT DEATHS PER YEAR. WELL, AS THEY

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1 SAY, AS CALIFORNIA GOES, SO GOES THE NATION, AND I BELIEVE WE
2 CAN SAY AS LOS ANGELES COUNTY GOES, SO DOES THE NATION. IN
3 CLOSING, I AGAIN WANT TO THANK THE AUTHORS OF THE MOTION AND
4 ALSO WANT TO EXTEND MY THANKS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
5 RESOURCES AND THE WOMEN AND GIRLS INITIATIVE FOR ITS 2018
6 REPORT UNDERSCORING THAT THE COUNTY WOULD BENEFIT BY EXPLORING
7 P.L.F. OPPORTUNITIES. I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THE MOTION.
8 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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12 **SUP. KUEHL:** YEAH, I JUST WANTED TO ADD THAT WE CALL IT
13 PARENTAL LEAVE, BUT WHAT WE HAVE DONE IN THE STATE -- WE
14 STARTED OUT SO THAT YOUR PARTNER OR SPOUSE WAS INCLUDED, YOUR
15 PARENTS, EVEN IF YOU WERE ADOPTED OR WHATEVER, PARENTS IN FACT
16 WERE INCLUDED, AND YOUR CHILDREN, EVEN IF YOU WERE JUST TAKING
17 CARE OF THEM, BUT WE EXPANDED IT, THANKS TO HANNAH-BETH
18 JACKSON AND A COUPLE OF OTHER LEGISLATORS, SO THAT IT INCLUDED
19 GRANDPARENTS, AND THAT WAS VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE THERE WERE
20 MANY INSTANCES WHERE PEOPLE HAD TO TAKE CARE -- THEY'D BEEN
21 RAISED BY THEIR GRANDPARENTS, ETC., AND NEEDED TIME. SO WE
22 EXPANDED IT A LITTLE BIT. THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE TO ME WAS
23 SIBLINGS. SIBLINGS HAD NOT BEEN INCLUDED.

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25 **SUP. HAHN:** SO, IS THERE A BETTER WAY TO PHRASE IT?

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2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I THINK IT'S PAID FAMILY LEAVE.

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4 **SUP. KUEHL:** YEAH, PAID FAMILY LEAVE. I THINK THAT'S WHY WE
5 CALLED IT THAT, ALTHOUGH I COULDN'T GET IT THROUGH FOR ALL
6 THOSE PEOPLE. YOU KNOW HOW IT IS. YOU START WITH THIS, AND
7 THEN IT'S KIND OF LIKE YOU GET YOUR FOOT IN THE DOOR. AND
8 THANKS TO HANNAH-BETH, IT WAS EXPANDED. SO I THINK PAID FAMILY
9 LEAVE IS THE WAY WE SHOULD THINK OF IT SO THAT PEOPLE
10 DEVELOPING THE REPORT WILL GIVE US MODELS OF ALL THOSE THINGS.
11 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

12

13 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AND THAT IS THE INTENTION OF THE MOTION,
14 AND THAT IS TERMINOLOGY USED IN THE MOTION, PAID FAMILY LEAVE
15 BECAUSE AS A GERIATRIC MOTHER, I WAS A CLASSIC SANDWICH
16 GENERATION WITH A YOUNG SCHOOL AGED CHILD AND AGING PARENTS.
17 SO, YES. SO, IT'S PAID FAMILY LEAVE IS OUR INTENT WITH THE
18 MOTION.

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** YEAH, IT WAS REALLY IMPORTANT FOR SIBLINGS BECAUSE
21 THAT WAS LIKE OH MY GOD. SO MANY OF US ARE DOING THAT. ANYWAY,
22 NO CRITIQUE FOR WHAT ANYBODY SAID. I ALWAYS LIKE TO CLARIFY ON
23 THE RECORD.

24

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AND I'M GLAD YOU DID SO WE COULD CLARIFY
2 WHAT THIS MOTION WILL DO. IT'S PAID FAMILY BASED ON THE
3 CURRENT DEFINITION AS EXPANDED AND CLARIFIED BY THE STATE. ANY
4 OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? OKAY, HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS,
5 ITEM 21 IS BEFORE US. I'M PROUD TO MOVE IT, SECONDED BY
6 SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
7 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 21 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

12

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

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15 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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19 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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23 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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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. ITEM 22, EXPANDING
10 OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY HOUSING, WHICH I HELD. THE
11 PURPOSE OF THIS MOTION -- I KNOW WE'VE GOT A SPECIAL MOTION
12 THAT CAME IN THAT TALKS ABOUT OUR CHALLENGE WITH TOO MANY
13 PEOPLE AND PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS IN OUR
14 RECEIVING FACILITY FOR COUNTY JAILS. SO AGAIN, THE PURPOSE OF
15 THIS MOTION IS TO ADDRESS ANOTHER, AN ONGOING URGENT CRISIS IN
16 OUR JAILS. THIS ENSURE AIMS TO ENSURE THAT WE EXPAND THE
17 OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY, ALSO KNOWN AS O.D.R., HOUSING
18 BY 500 BEDS. THAT WILL GET US TO A TOTAL OF 2700 BEDS THAT
19 WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INDIVIDUALS IN OUR JAILS WHO DESPERATELY
20 NEED TREATMENT FOR SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS AS OPPOSED TO BEING
21 WAREHOUSED IN OUR COUNTY JAIL. THIS EXPANSION SUPPLEMENTS AND
22 IS IN ADDITION TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT ADMINISTRATION
23 FUNDING THAT HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED BY OUR ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY
24 ALLOCATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR O.D.R., AND
25 IT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF PEOPLE WHOM SYSTEM

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1 AFTER SYSTEM HAVE FAILED. WE ARE, AS WE ALL KNOW, EXPERIENCING
2 A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. WE ARE EXPERIENCING A CRISIS IN OUR
3 JAILS. AND I DON'T BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE THE LUXURY OF
4 CONTINUING TO WAIT TO EXPAND ACCESS TO A PROGRAM THAT HAS
5 POSITIVE OUTCOMES THUS FAR. WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO ACCEPT
6 NEW O.D.R. PATIENTS FOR A YEAR, SINCE APRIL 2, 2021. AND THE
7 C.E.O. HAS IDENTIFIED \$30 MILLION TO ADDRESS THE STRUCTURAL
8 DEFICIT, AND I APPRECIATE THAT, BUT THAT DOESN'T GET US TO A
9 POINT WHERE WE CAN EXPAND ACCESS TO ADDITIONAL BEDS. I BELIEVE
10 WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO DO MORE, PARTICULARLY GIVEN THE
11 INTENTIONAL, WILLFUL ACT THIS BOARD IN PREVIOUS YEARS TOOK IN
12 MAKING A DECLARATIVE STATEMENT THAT WE WERE GOING TO CLOSE
13 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. WE HAVE THEN REALLY MAKE GOOD ON MAKING
14 SURE THAT WE HAVE SPACES AND PLACES FOR THE PEOPLE WHO ARE
15 THERE WHO SUFFER FROM MENTAL ILLNESS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO.
16 O.D.R. HOUSING ADDRESSES MANY CRITICAL CHALLENGES AND HAS
17 BROAD SUPPORT FROM NOT ONLY THOSE WHO ARE DIRECTLY IMPACTED
18 BUT ALSO FROM HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, JUDGES, DEFENSE ATTORNEYS,
19 AND PROSECUTORS. THIS PROGRAM PROVIDES SUPPORTIVE SERVICES,
20 INCLUDING HOUSING, WRAP AROUND SERVICES, AND MENTAL HEALTH
21 TREATMENT TO INDIVIDUALS WITH SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS. SINCE ITS
22 CREATION, O.D.R. HAS REMOVED MORE THAN 7400 INDIVIDUALS FROM
23 COUNTY JAILS AND CONNECTED THEM TO COMMUNITY BASED TREATMENT
24 AND VARIOUS TYPES OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. 90% OF INCARCERATED
25 INDIVIDUALS SERVED BY O.D.R. SUCCESSFULLY REMAIN HOUSED AFTER

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1 SIX MONTHS WITH ONLY 15% HAVING A FELONY CONVICTION WITHIN
2 THAT FIRST YEAR. THOSE ARE IMPORTANT STATS FOR US TO BE
3 MINDFUL OF. IN OUR JUSTICE TRANSFORMATION EFFORTS, I THINK
4 IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE ARE MINDFUL TO SUPPORT ALL OF OUR
5 EFFORTS IN THAT AREA. I'M COMMITTED TO O.D.R. AS I'M COMMITTED
6 TO THE BROADER ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION VISION THAT HAVE
7 ALSO DEMONSTRATED SIGNIFICANT RESULTS. ONE IS AGAIN
8 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, AND THE OTHER IS OUR EFFORT TO
9 ADDRESS THOSE WHO ARE INCARCERATED WHO WE KNOW DON'T BELONG IN
10 A GIANT COUNTY JAIL FACILITY. I'M COMMITTED TO PROGRAMS THAT
11 DEMONSTRATE SUCCESS, AND THIS BOARD, AGAIN MAKING THEIR
12 DECISION TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, REALLY MUST CONTINUE TO
13 FIGURE OUT WAYS IN WHICH WE MAKE GOOD ON THAT PROMISE AS
14 QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. I BELIEVE IT'S A MORAL IMPERATIVE THAT WE
15 NOT LET THIS CRISIS CONTINUE AND THAT WE MOVE FORWARD WITH
16 UTILIZING, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE, MODELS THAT WE HAVE
17 THAT WE KNOW WORK. I WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR
18 YOUR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS THAT WE'VE INCLUDED IN THE CURRENT
19 VERSION OF THIS MOTION AND FOR WORKING WITH ME TO REACH A
20 COMPROMISE TO ENSURE THAT PEOPLE GET THE CARE THEY NEED. AND I
21 LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH EVERYONE TO CONTINUE TO INVEST IN
22 COUNTY SYSTEMS OF CARE. WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR HAHN, WOULD YOU
23 LIKE TO MAKE IN REMARKS?

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR THIS MOTION AND
2 THANKS FOR WORKING WITH MY OFFICE TO INCORPORATE MOST OF THE
3 ADDITIONS THAT I SUBMITTED WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL AS AN
4 AMENDMENT ON THE LAST AGENDA. AND YOU HAVE SAID IT SO WELL.
5 THERE IS JUST TOO MANY PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS IN OUR JAILS
6 WHO ARE NOT GETTING THE CARE THEY NEED. AND THE OFFICE OF
7 DIVERSION AND REENTRY RUNS HOUSING PROGRAMS THAT DIVERT SOME
8 OF THOSE PEOPLE TO RECEIVE CARE IN THE COMMUNITY. IT'S AN
9 IMPORTANT PROGRAM THAT, UNFORTUNATELY, HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO
10 GROW OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS BECAUSE IT RELIES TOO MUCH ON
11 ONE-TIME FUNDING. SO WE NEED TO FIND SUSTAINABLE FUNDING
12 OPTIONS BOTH TO FILL THE CURRENT DEFICIT AND THEN TRY TO
13 EXPAND IT. I THINK OUR BEST OPTION IS TO DRAW DOWN STATE FUNDS
14 THROUGH MEDI-CAL, WHICH IS WHY I AUTHORED A MOTION BACK IN
15 DECEMBER WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
16 HEALTH SERVICES TO ENTER INTO AN M.O.A. WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
17 MENTAL HEALTH. THIS AGREEMENT WOULD ALLOW O.D.R. TO DRAWN DOWN
18 STATE FUNDS, BUT, ALTHOUGH THE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED, THE
19 TERMS HAVEN'T YET BEEN FINALIZED, AND WE'RE CONTINUING TO
20 LEAVE STATE MONEY ON THE TABLE. SO I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT
21 THIS MOTION WILL NOW DIRECT OUR C.E.O. TO FILL US IN ON THE
22 STATUS OF THIS AGREEMENT AND DEVELOP A SPECIFIC PLAN TO DRAW
23 DOWN STATE FUNDS. I KNOW THAT WE'LL PROBABLY HAVE TO LOOK AT
24 MULTIPLE SOURCES OF FUNDING TO MEET THE NEED ON TOP OF STATE
25 FUNDS. DO I HOPE THE C.E.O. ALSO LOOKS AT THE C.F.C.I. AS AN

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1 OPTION, AND I THINK THAT WOULD BE A GREAT USE OF THOSE FUNDS.
2 IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE LOOK AT OUR FUNDING OPTIONS AND GET
3 DATA FROM O.D.R. TO ADDRESS O.D.R.'S STRUCTURAL DEFICIT AND
4 UNDERSTAND HOW THEIR PROGRAMS FIT INTO OUR OVERALL CONTINUUM
5 OF CARE, AND I BELIEVE, SUPERVISOR, THIS MOTION WILL DO THAT.
6 SO THANK YOU.

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

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10 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK WE DISTRIBUTED A
11 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ALL OF THE MEMBERS AND EVERYBODY, BUT I
12 WANT TO TALK ABOUT O.D.R. FIRST BECAUSE I WANT TO THANK YOU
13 FOR BRINGING THE MOTION. I'M REALLY PROUD. I WAS ONE OF THE
14 AUTHORS OF THE MOTION IN 2015 THAT CREATED O.D.R. AND SINCE
15 THEN, I'VE AUTHORED OR COAUTHORED A NUMBER OF MOTIONS ASKING
16 THEM DO MORE, ASKING THE C.E.O. TO IDENTIFY MORE FUNDING OVER
17 THESE YEARS. AND O.D.R. HAS ALWAYS BEEN WILLING AND CAPABLE OF
18 DOING MORE WHENEVER THE BOARD ASKS. THEY TOOK ON THE MATERNAL
19 HEALTH PROGRAM TO GET PREGNANT WOMEN OUT OF CUSTODY. THEY LED
20 EFFORTS TO GET THE M.I.S.T. POPULATION OUT OF THE JAILS EVEN
21 BEFORE STATE LAW MANDATED US TO DO SO. THERE ARE A MODEL
22 PROGRAM FOR WORKING WITH THE F.I.S.T. POPULATION, WHICH IS
23 FELONY INCAPABLE OF STANDING TRIAL IS WHAT THOSE LETTERS STAND
24 FOR. THEY TOOK ON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT UNTIL WE LAUNCHED THE
25 DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. AND WHILE I APPRECIATE

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1 O.D.R.'S WILLINGNESS TO TAKE ON TOUGH WORK, THE BOARD AND THE
2 C.E.O. HAVE NOT YET PROVIDED THEM WITH THE ONGOING FUNDING
3 THEY NEED TO ACTUALLY COMPLETE ALL THE TASKS WE'VE GIVEN THEM.
4 SO IT IS IMPORTANT TO CLOSE THAT STRUCTURAL DEFICIT, BUT I
5 THINK WE NEED TO GO FURTHER. THEY'VE DEVELOPED A TREMENDOUS
6 EXPERTISE IN JAIL-BASED CLINICAL DIVERSION FOR INDIVIDUALS
7 WITH SERIOUS CLINICAL NEEDS. THEIR WORK IS A CRITICAL
8 COMPONENT BUT ONLY, IN MY OPINION, A COMPONENT OF THIS BOARD'S
9 CARE FIRST/JAILS LAST VISION. I DO SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF
10 THE HOUSING PROGRAM AS YOU'VE SAID IT OUT WITH ONE SMALL
11 TWEAK, WHICH I'M GOING TO SUGGEST, BUT I CAN'T SUPPORT
12 SPECIFICALLY SCALING THEM UP TO AN EXTENT AND AT A PACE THAT
13 COULD JEOPARDIZE A MUCH BROADER SYSTEM THAT WE PUT TOGETHER OF
14 CARE EXPANSION. WE HAVE HAD COUPLE OF GOOD CONVERSATIONS ABOUT
15 THAT. I HOPE YOU THINK THEY WERE GOOD, TOO. PROVIDING
16 MEANINGFUL ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION MEANS THAT WE HAVE TO
17 FOCUS ON PREVENTING INCARCERATION IN THE FIRST PLACE OR
18 DIVERSION AT AN EARLIER MOMENT, YOU KNOW, ON ARREST, BEFORE
19 TRIAL, BEFORE JAIL. AND WHEN INCARCERATION CANNOT BE AVOIDED,
20 WE NEED TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS TO GET PEOPLE OUT OF CUSTODY. AND
21 WE HAVE ALL TALKED ABOUT OUR BAIL REFORM STUFF THAT'S GOING TO
22 COME BACK TO US THIS YEAR. THIS MEANS SUPPORTING PROGRAMS THAT
23 REACH PEOPLE UPSTREAM AND WITH ACUITY LEVELS THAT MAY NOT MEET
24 THE LEVEL OF THE O.D.R. HOUSING PROGRAM. IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE
25 TO EMPTY JAIL BEDS OVER AND OVER AND OVER IF WE'RE NOT IN A

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1 POSITION TO PREVENT THAT SAME BED FROM BEING IMMEDIATELY
2 FILLED WITH A NEW PERSON. THE RAPID DIVERSION PROGRAM, WHICH
3 IS A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, MENTAL HEALTH,
4 AND A.T.I., EXPANDING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH LINKAGES
5 PROVIDER. I HAD A CONVERSATION WITH JUDGE TERRY SMERLING, WHO
6 IS A FAN OF O.D.R., ABOUT WHAT HE LIKED ABOUT IT, AND HE SPENT
7 ACTUALLY EVEN A LITTLE MORE TIME PRAISING HIS PERSON IN THE
8 COURT THAT DID THE MENTAL HEALTH LINKAGES PROGRAM. SO I WOULD
9 HAVE LOVE TO SEE THEM CONSIDERED AS WELL, THE NEW PRETRIAL
10 SERVICES AGENCY THAT'LL BE HOUSED IN THE JUSTICE CARE
11 OPPORTUNITIES DEPARTMENT, ROBUST REENTRY SERVICES THAT
12 TRANSITION PEOPLE BACK INTO COMMUNITY AND KEEP THEM FROM GOING
13 BACK TO JAIL, THE ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM, A NEW
14 PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN D.M.H. AND A.T.I. THAT REACHES PEOPLE IN
15 CRISIS INSTEAD OF REQUIRING THAT THEY ONLY DEAL WITH LAW
16 ENFORCEMENT. SO, I FEEL WE HAVE TO ALSO CREATE AND SUPPORT
17 EXISTING PROGRAMS OUTSIDE OF O.D.R.'S HOUSING PROGRAM THAT ARE
18 NECESSARY FOR PEOPLE WHOSE ACUITY LEVEL MIGHT EXCEED O.D.R.'S
19 OR NOT MEET O.D.R.'S THRESHOLD. SO WE'RE ALL EAGER TO SEE THE
20 SYSTEM OF CARE EXPANSION, BUT I THINK OUR APPROACH HAS TO BE
21 ONE THAT CONTEMPORANEOUSLY BUILDS UP ALL THE CRITICAL
22 COMPONENTS. AS YOU SAID, WE INVESTED 30 MILLION TO ADDRESS THE
23 STRUCTURAL DEFICIT AT O.D.R. WE HAVE TO EXPLORE AND SEIZE
24 EVERY OPPORTUNITY, INCLUDING MEDI-CAL, AS YOU INDICATED, WE
25 HAVE TO INSIST ON INTERDEPARTMENTAL COLLABORATIONS LIKE THE

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1 PROPOSED HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH
2 DEPARTMENT M.O.A. THAT STILL HASN'T BEEN FINALIZED AND ENSURE
3 THAT OUR CLIENTS GET THE ONGOING SUPPORTIVE SERVICE THEY NEED.
4 SO I THINK WE'RE VERY LUCKY. WE GENERALLY AGREE ON THE
5 ULTIMATE OBJECTIVES TO EXPAND THE SYSTEM OF CARE, TO REDUCE
6 RELIANCE ON INCARCERATION, TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND TREATMENTS
7 TO THE MOST VULNERABLE. WE JUST DON'T TOTALLY AGREE ON HOW TO
8 GET THERE IN THERE EVERY DETAIL. SO I'M INTRODUCING AN
9 AMENDMENT, WHICH I KNOW IS NOT ACCEPTED AS A FRIENDLY
10 AMENDMENT, BUT I HOPE THE OPPOSITE ISN'T UNFRIENDLY, IF YOU
11 KNOW WHAT I MEAN. IT'S JUST AN AMENDMENT. SOMETIMES, AN
12 AMENDMENT IS JUST AN AMENDMENT. OKAY. SO, THE AMENDMENT THAT
13 I'M INTRODUCING TODAY TAKES ALL OF THIS INTO ACCOUNT. IT
14 SPEAKS CLEARLY TO THIS BOARD'S SUPPORT OF O.D.R. AND OUR
15 COMMITMENT TO EXPAND THE HOUSING PROGRAM, BUT I'M ALSO ASKING
16 THIS BOARD BE ALLOWED TO RECEIVE DETAILS ON THE EXPANSION PLAN
17 AND AN ANALYSIS OF HOW THE EXPANSION PLAN WILL ACTUALLY IMPACT
18 OUR CARE FIRST/ JAIL LAST INITIATIVES. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT
19 TO HAVE THIS INFORMATION IN HAND SO THE BOARD CAN MAKE AN
20 INFORMED DECISION. SO IF I MAY, SHALL I READ AMENDMENT IN. AS
21 I SAID, PEOPLE HAVE IT, BUT -- LET ME -- WE CHANGED THE FIRST
22 DIRECTIVE SO THAT IT READS: INSTRUCT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
23 OFFICER TO REPORT BACK IN WRITING DURING THE SUPPLEMENTAL
24 BUDGET WITH AN UPDATE ON THE STRUCTURAL DEFICIT OF THE OFFICE
25 OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY. SO FAR, THAT'S AS IT STANDS. THEN WE

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1 GO, AN ANALYSIS OF THE COST AND TIMELINE, I'M ADDING AND
2 TIMELINE, REQUIRED FOR EXPANSION, AND THEN I'M ADDING WITH
3 CONSIDERATION OF OTHER CARE FIRST/JAILS LAST BOARD PRIORITIES,
4 AND GOING ON WITH THE CURRENT LANGUAGE, AND A PLAN TO IDENTIFY
5 ONGOING FUNDING TO EXPAND THE O.D.R. HOUSING PROGRAM BY 500
6 ADDITIONAL -- I WANT TO CHANGE THE WORD BEDS TO SLOTS BECAUSE
7 THEY'RE NOT REALLY ALL BEDS OR NOT NECESSARILY ALL
8 RESIDENTIAL, WHICH IS WHAT BEDS MEANS, INCREASING THE NUMBER
9 OF O.D.R. HOUSING PROGRAM SLOTS INSTEAD OF BEDS TO 2700, WHICH
10 IS WHAT IS IN YOUR MOTION, AND THEN YOU WANTED THAT DONE BY
11 JULY 1, 2023, AND I ASKED TO STRIKE THAT BECAUSE I THINK IT
12 MAY BE DIFFICULT IF YOU WANT TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE PANOPLY
13 OF PROGRAMS THAT MIGHT BE NEEDED. THOSE ARE ALL THE CHANGES
14 PROPOSED BY THE AMENDMENT. SO I GUESS SHALL I MOVE THE
15 AMENDMENT AND ASK FOR A SECOND OR SHALL WE -- AND THEN DECIDE
16 WHAT WITH WE ARE VOTING ON?

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18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** BEFORE YOU DO THAT, MAY I RESPOND?

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20 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THINK THE CHAIR CAN ALWAYS DO WHATEVER, BUT YES.

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22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OKAY. LET THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
23 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. AND LET ME RESPOND FROM A COUPLE OF
24 PERSPECTIVES. LET ME START WITH THE REMOVAL OF THE DATE, AND I
25 THINK THAT I HAVE TO SAY I'M A HARD NO TO BECAUSE WE ARE

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1 SITTING HERE, YOU ALL CAN TELL ME BETTER BECAUSE I WASN'T
2 HERE, X NUMBERS OF YEARS BEYOND THE MOTION TO CLOSE MEN'S
3 CENTRAL JAIL WHERE THERE WAS NO DATE. AND I APPRECIATE WHY
4 THERE WAS NO DATE, BUT THAT ALSO CREATES NO CONCRETE GOAL
5 LINE TO HELP US GET THERE INTERNALLY AND EXTERNALLY. AND SO,
6 I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE IDENTIFY DATES IN A VARIETY OF
7 OUR MOTIONS TO REALLY SEND A STRONG SIGNAL TO THE C.E.O. AND
8 TO HOLD OURSELVES ACCOUNTABLE ABOUT A DATE BY WHICH WE EXPECT
9 TO REACH THIS PARTICULAR GOAL. WITH REGARD TO SLOTS VERSUS
10 BEDS, I UNDERSTAND THE DISTINCTION, AND WE INTENTIONALLY USED
11 THE TERM BEDS BECAUSE IT IS THE ABSENCE OF BEDS THAT LEAVES
12 PEOPLE IN COUNTY JAIL. IT IS THE ABSENCE FOR THEM TO
13 PHYSICALLY BE TRANSITIONED TO. I AGREE WITH YOU IN TERMS OF
14 THE LAUNDRY LIST OF OTHER AMAZING INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES AND
15 PROGRAMS. THE CHALLENGE WITH THAT LAUNDRY LIST IS HOW WE TRULY
16 BEGIN TO MEASURE AND MAKE FORWARD MOVEMENT IN GETTING THEM
17 FUNDED AND TO FRUITION. THAT'S WHY, QUITE FRANKLY, THIS MOTION
18 WAS FOCUSED ON OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY THAT HASN'T
19 BEEN ABLE TO ADMIT ANYONE INTO A BED FOR OVER A YEAR. AND I
20 WOULD JUST SAY, AS YOU SAY, THE COMMENT YOU MADE THAT IT
21 DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO EMPTY A JAIL BED BECAUSE IT WILL SIMPLY
22 BE REFILLED. I WOULD OFFER, SUPERVISOR, IT MAKES A HUGE
23 DIFFERENCE TO THE PERSON WHO IS IN THAT JAIL BED NOW THAT
24 DOESN'T BELONG. AND THE POINT OF THIS O.D.R. MOTION IS TO
25 PROVIDE IMMEDIATE RELIEF TO THOSE WHO ARE INCARCERATED TODAY

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1 TO TRANSITION THEM INTO A PROGRAM THAT WE KNOW THAT WORKS THAT
2 MEETS THEIR NEEDS. YOU KNOW MY HISTORY AND MY WORK AROUND
3 PREVENTION AND ALTERNATIVES. AND AS I SAID TO YOU IN OUR
4 CONVERSATION, THIS IS A SCENARIO WHERE WE CAN'T PICK OUR
5 FAVORITE CHILD. WE LOVE THEM BOTH. HAVE TO BE COMMITTED TO
6 THEM BOTH. AND SO, I WOULDN'T TAKE ISSUE WITH YOUR EARLIER
7 LANGUAGE THAT SAYS CONSIDERATION OF OTHER CARE FIRST/JAILS
8 LAST BOARD PRIORITIES. WE HEARD YESTERDAY IN THE BUDGET
9 PRESENTATION WE HAVE TO PRIORITIZE THE PRIORITIES, BUT I DO
10 STRONGLY OPPOSE THE REMOVAL OF THE DATE FOR THE REASON I
11 IDENTIFIED, AND I'M CLEAR, IN THIS INSTANCE, THE INTENTION WAS
12 BEDS VERSUS SLOTS THAT DO OFFER OTHER SERVICES, BUT IN THIS
13 CASE WE HAVEN'T HAD AN OPEN BED IN A YEAR, AND WE NEED BEDS.

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15 **SUP. KUEHL:** IF I MAY RESPOND.

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17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OF COURSE.

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19 **SUP. KUEHL:** THAT'S WHY WE PUT IN THAT THE C.E.O. MUST BRING IN
20 AN ANALYSIS OF THE COST AND A TIMELINE BECAUSE THE TIMELINE IS
21 DATES, AND THIS HAS PART OF THE MOTIONS IN THE PAST. I
22 UNDERSTAND. LOOK, THE COUNTY IS LIKE MOLASSES, AND IT HAS NOT
23 BEEN EASY FOR ANY OF US, BUT THE THING IS WE'VE GOT ABOUT 12
24 OR 13,000 PEOPLE OUT OF 10 MILLION IN THE JAIL, BUT THERE ARE
25 MORE PEOPLE THAN THERE ARE IN JAIL WHO WE'RE KEEPING OUT OF

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1 JAIL AND DIVERTING AND PREVENTING, AND I DON'T WANT THERE TO
2 BE SUCH A CONCENTRATION JUST ON YOU HAVE TO GET CONVICTED AND
3 THEN YOU GET A BED. I KNOW THAT'S NOT YOUR INTENTION. IT
4 WASN'T THE INTENTION -- O.D.R. IS DOING THEIR JOB, BUT IT IS
5 THE CASE. AND THAT MAKES IT HARDER FOR YOU GET -- WE'RE GOING
6 TO LET YOU GO ALL THE WAY THROUGH, AND THEN WHEN YOU'RE IN
7 JAIL, WE'RE GOING TO GET YOU SOME MENTAL HEALTH. IT MAKES IT
8 HARDER FOR YOU TO GET A JOB. IT MAKES IT HARDER FOR YOU TO GET
9 AN APARTMENT. YOU KNOW THAT. THE OTHER THING IS, JUST BECAUSE
10 WE IMAGINE THERE SHOULD BE 500 MORE BEDS DOESN'T MEAN THERE
11 ARE. THIS IS SOMETHING -- IT'S NOT LIKE THEY'RE ALL FLOATING
12 OUT THERE WITH A BUNCH OF EMPTY BEDS JUST WAITING FOR US TO
13 SAY OKAY, WE'RE GOING TO BUY 500 MORE FOR O.D.R.. SO, WE NEED
14 TO DO OUR JOB, TOO, TO WHAT WE CAN DO TO EXPAND THAT, BUT I
15 JUST DON'T WANT TO CONCENTRATE ONLY ON THIS 13,000 POPULATION
16 AND, OF COURSE, ABOUT 5,000 AS YOUR ORIGINAL MOTION. THEY NEED
17 IT. BUT THERE'S ANOTHER 35,000 THAT NEED IT THAT WE'RE KEEPING
18 OUT OF JAIL. I JUST WANT THE PANOPLY TO GET MORE
19 CONSIDERATION. SO, I WOULD PROPOSE THIS AMENDMENT. I HOPE THE
20 WORD "AND TIMELINE," AND I'M GOING TO PUSH FOR A REAL
21 TIMELINE, WILL HELP, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO STAY WITH THE
22 LANGUAGE OF THE AMENDMENT. WE HAVEN'T EVEN HAD A DISCUSSION
23 LIKE THIS FOR SUCH A LONG TIME WHERE WE GO BACK AND FORTH. BUT
24 ANYWAY, I DON'T WANT -- YOU KNOW. I'M GOING TO STICK WITH THE
25 AMENDMENT, BUT I APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERNS.

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2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** APPRECIATE YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER WOULD
3 LIKE TO SPEAK AS WOULD SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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5 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND JUST FOR THE RECORD, I WANT TO
6 START OFF BY SAYING THE FACT THAT TWO OF OUR COUNTY
7 DEPARTMENTS CAN'T AGREE ON AN M.O.U. MAKES MY BLOOD BOIL. I
8 MEAN, SHAME. AND THIS HAS BEEN ONGOING, AND WHEN WE TALKED
9 ABOUT AGENCIES, D.H.S., D.P.H., AND D.M.H., THE GOAL WAS TO
10 BREAKDOWN THE BARRIERS. AND OBVIOUSLY, WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK
11 TO DO. AND I WOULD SAY THAT FOR ME IT'S ALMOST IRONIC BECAUSE
12 THE VERY BEDS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ABOUT DIVERSION, WE'RE
13 COMPETING WITH OURSELVES. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO START FROM
14 THE GROUND UP BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT D.M.H., WHO PROMISE TO BRING
15 ONLINE A LOT OF MENTAL HEALTH BEDS, AND THIS IS A POPULATION
16 THAT IS EITHER GOING TO BE SERVED AS A RESULT OF DIVERSION OR
17 REALLY OUR GOAL IS TO GET EARLY CARE AND TREATMENT SO THEY
18 DON'T END UP BEING PART OF DIVERSION. BUT WE'RE COMPETING
19 AGAINST EACH OTHER FOR THE VERY SAME BEDS. AND THAT'S WHY, AND
20 I KNOW, CHAIR MITCHELL, YOU ARE AWARE OF THE I.M.D. WAIVER
21 THAT THE STATE IS LOOKING AT TO INCORPORATE SO THAT WE CAN BE
22 SUSTAINABLE BEYOND WHERE WE ARE NOW AND ACTUALLY HAVE AN
23 INCENTIVE BECAUSE FINANCIALLY FOR A LOT OF THESE HOSPITALS
24 THERE IS NOT AN INCENTIVE TO INCREASE CAPACITY ON THE BED SIDE
25 FOR MENTAL HEALTH. BUT TAKING IT BEYOND MENTAL HEALTH, LET'S

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1 TALK ABOUT DRUG TREATMENT AS WELL. IF I WERE TO CALL TODAY
2 LOOKING FOR A BED, AND I HAVE NO MONEY, IT WOULD BE A
3 CHALLENGE. STEVE LOPEZ DID AN ARTICLE ABOUT AN INDIVIDUAL WHO
4 WAS TRYING TO GET A BED AND COULDN'T GET A BED, AND THEN WHEN
5 A CLASSMATE STEPPED IN AND SAID I'LL PAY FOR IT, ALL OF A
6 SUDDEN THERE WAS A BED AVAILABLE. AND THAT IS NOT THE WAY IT
7 SHOULD BE. AND QUITE FRANKLY, I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE CANNOT
8 IN REAL-TIME -- AND WE'VE GOT UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WHEN
9 WE HAD ALL THOSE HORRIFIC TRAGEDIES TAKING PLACE WITHIN
10 D.C.F.S., THEY BUILT A REAL-TIME ON YOUR IPHONE FOR THE SOCIAL
11 WORKERS UP THERE TO KNOW ALL ABOUT THE FAMILY, ALL ABOUT THE
12 CHILD WHEN THEY WERE GOING TO DO A VISITATION IN CASE THEY
13 NEEDED TO DO IN-PLACEMENT WITH A FAMILY MEMBER. FOR THE LIFE
14 OF ME, I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE DON'T HAVE A DASHBOARD IN
15 REAL-TIME THAT ALLOWS PEOPLE TO FIND OUT WHERE THERE ARE BEDS
16 AVAILABLE BECAUSE WE ARE HAVING A MISSED OPPORTUNITY BEYOND
17 DIVERSION TO GET PEOPLE TREATMENT BECAUSE I KNOW BECAUSE I
18 KNOW PEOPLE THAT HAVE PERSONALLY STRUGGLED WITH THIS, WHEN YOU
19 HAVE THAT WINDOW OR THAT MOMENT OF CLARITY THAT YOU WANT HELP,
20 YOU HAVE TO HIT WHILE THE IRON IS HOT. AND UNFORTUNATELY, IT'S
21 JUST NOT THAT EASY. I THINK THAT -- I HEAR WHAT WE ARE ALL
22 SAYING, AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT O.D.R.'S
23 PURPOSE IS VITAL, BUT WE -- IT GOES SO MUCH BEYOND O.D.R. IN
24 TERMS OF HOW THIS COUNTY IS LOOKING AT BUILDING CAPACITY. AND
25 WE FOCUS ON O.D.R, BUT I WOULD ARGUE WE SHOULD BE FOCUSING

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1 HOLISTICALLY ACROSS THE BOARD BECAUSE THERE IS MISSED
2 OPPORTUNITIES. I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU. YOU'D BE SURPRISED HOW
3 MANY PEOPLE YOU PROBABLY KNOW WHOSE FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE LOOKED
4 FOR BEDS FOR THEIR LOVED ONE AND HAVE HAD A VERY DIFFICULT
5 TIME. AND THEN I'LL ALSO SAY WE TALK ABOUT PARITY IN
6 HEALTHCARE. WE SHOULD TALK ABOUT IT WHEN IT COMES TO MENTAL
7 HEALTH BECAUSE, WHEN YOU LOOK AT GETTING ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE,
8 AND YOU LOOK AT GETTING ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTHCARE, THERE IS
9 AN ENTIRE LIKE DIFFERENCE IN TERMS OF HOW YOU GO ABOUT GETTING
10 IT AND WHAT YOU GET, WHAT YOU GET WITH YOUR INSURANCE. AND
11 THAT'S SOMETHING I'M PUSHING, AND THAT'S ON A FEDERAL LEVEL.
12 WHEN THEY TALK ABOUT HEALTHCARE REFORM, TO ME, PARITY WITHIN
13 MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE DISCUSSION BECAUSE
14 WE -- AGAIN, MISSED OPPORTUNITY, MISSED OPPORTUNITY. AND WE
15 END UP INHERITING THE BY-PRODUCT OF NOT HAVING THAT ACCESS,
16 AND THEY END UP IN OUR JAILS. AND THAT IS NO PLACE FOR SOMEONE
17 WHO NEEDS CARE. THE ONE THING I WILL ASK, AND I THINK THAT
18 THIS IS IMPORTANT WHEN IT COMES TO TALKING ABOUT O.D.R., IS
19 THE DATA. I THINK THAT'S GOING TO BE A CRITICAL PART OF
20 SECURING STATE AND FEDERAL DOLLARS IN THE FUTURE. SO I REALLY
21 AM GLAD THAT WE ARE GOING TO PUT TOGETHER A ROBUST SET OF
22 METRICS IN THE REPORT BACK BECAUSE I THINK THAT IS ALSO AN
23 OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO LOOK AT WHERE WE CAN DO BETTER AND WHERE
24 WE MAYBE NEED TO LOOK AT THINGS WE DIDN'T KNOW AND EMPHASIZE
25 WHERE WE MAY NEED TO DO ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT. I'M ALL FOR

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1 THAT, BUT I JUST THINK THAT, FESIA, YOU NEED HAVE A LITTLE
2 COME TO JESUS TALK ABOUT YOUR TWO DEPARTMENTS ABOUT NOT
3 SIGNING AN M.O.U. BECAUSE I THOUGHT THAT WAS RESOLVED, AND
4 OBVIOUSLY, IT WASN'T. AND MEANWHILE THE CLOCK IS TICKING. AND
5 WE, AS A BOARD -- I MEAN, I DON'T THINK WE WANT TO BRING IN A
6 MOTION SAYING JUST DO IT. WELL --

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8 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I THINK WE DID, BUT I THINK WE ALSO NEED
9 TO BE CLEAR THAT I DON'T THINK THAT IS THE SOLE ANSWER BECAUSE
10 MEDI-CAL, THE CHALLENGE WITH MEDI-CAL PAYING FOR HOUSING IS
11 BEYOND THE M.O.U., BUT I THINK WE DID HAVE A MOTION TO DIRECT
12 THEM.

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14 **SUP. BARGER:** I HEAR YOU, BUT I MEAN, TO ME, IT'S JUST
15 UNFORTUNATE. BELIEVE ME, I COME FROM A FAMILY OF FOUR, AND
16 SUNDAY DINNERS WERE OFTEN ENTERTAINING BECAUSE WE WOULD OFTEN
17 ARGUE. SO I GET AMONGST THE FAMILY HAVING DISAGREEMENTS, BUT
18 IT'S TIME TO MOVE ON. AND I THINK THAT FOR THE BETTER GOOD --
19 FOR THE GREATER GOOD OF WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT, WE HAVE TO.
20 I DON'T KNOW WHERE I FALL ON ALL THESE AMENDMENTS. I'M TRYING
21 TO AVOID THAT. I'M TRYING TO FILIBUSTER, SO THAT I -- BUT,
22 YEAH.

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL:** IT DOES WHAT YOU SAID.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** BUT YOU KNOW, I HEAR WHAT YOU'RE SAYING ABOUT
2 HOLDING DOWN A DATE, BUT I THINK WHAT FRUSTRATES ME IS, YOU
3 KNOW, YOU TALK ABOUT THE JAIL. I THINK ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT
4 I HAVE HAD IS I BELIEVE THAT DIVERSION IS IMPORTANT, BUT WE
5 ARE STARTING FROM SCRATCH TO REALLY BUILD REALLY A DIVERSION
6 PROGRAM THAT WILL ADDRESS THE COMPLEXITY OF THE INDIVIDUALS
7 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT DIVERTING OUT OF OUR JAILS, AND I DON'T
8 THINK ANY OF US WANT TO SET THIS UP FOR FAILURE. AND AGAIN,
9 WE'RE COMPETING WITHIN OUR OWN COUNTY FOR BEDS OR SLOTS, AND I
10 REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A BED AND A
11 SLOT, BUT I DON'T WANT TO -- I THINK THAT WE NEED TO HOLD A
12 DATE IN LINE, BUT IT'S GOT TO BE REALISTIC. AND I THINK THAT'S
13 WHAT I'M HEARING YOU SAY, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, IS THAT ASK FOR A
14 TIMELINE BASED ON THE PARAMETERS OF WHAT WE ARE ASKING FOR
15 THAT TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION ALL THE THINGS THAT -- INVENTORY
16 OF WHAT'S OUT THERE AND WHAT IT WILL TAKE TO CONTRACT AND ALL
17 THAT, AND THEN BUILD IN THE TIMELINE. AND THAT'S WHAT YOU ARE
18 SAYING IS THE WAY I'M INTERPRETING IT.

19
20 **SUP. KUEHL:** YEAH, AND NOT JUST LIMITED TO O.D.R. BECAUSE WE
21 LIKE TO KEEP PEOPLE OUT OF JAIL.

22
23 **SUP. BARGER:** NO, ACROSS THE BOARD. AND YOU'RE SAYING THIS IS A
24 DATE. IT'S BEEN LONG OVERDUE. AND NOW, WE'VE GOT TO DO IT. BUT
25 I GUESS THE LAST THING I WANT IS TO GET AN EMAIL ON MAY 30TH

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1 SAYING THE DEADLINE OF JULY WHATEVER IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN.
2 THEREFORE, WE'RE ASKING FOR AN EXTENSION. I THINK THAT'S
3 PROBABLY MORE FRUSTRATING TO ME, BUT IF, IN BAKING THE BREAD,
4 THE PEOPLE THAT ARE PUTTING THE RECIPE TOGETHER ARE GOING TO
5 KNOW HOW LONG IT'S GOING TO BAKE, THAT SEEMS A LITTLE MORE
6 REALISTIC IN TERMS OF GETTING AN OUTCOME.

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL:** BUT IT DID LEAVE THE 500 BEDS IN.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER:** NO, I KNOW. I KNOW. NO, I'M HEARING WHAT YOU'RE
11 SAYING. YOU'RE SAYING GIVE US THE REALISTIC DATE AS TO HOW
12 LONG IT'LL TAKE. YOU'RE SAYING GET IT DONE BY JULY --

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I'M SAYING LET'S SET A DATE SO THE
15 C.E.O. IS CLEAR ABOUT OUR INTENTION, SO WE ARE NOT HAVING A
16 CONVERSATION IN A YEAR OR TWO YEARS FROM NOW LIKE WE ARE, I
17 THOUGHT WE DID A MOTION SAYING THAT THEY'VE GOT TO WORK
18 TOGETHER, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH. I APPRECIATE YOUR PERSPECTIVE. I'M
19 LESS ANXIOUS ABOUT HEARING FROM THE C.E.O. MAY 30TH, TO USE
20 YOUR EXAMPLE, THAT WE CAN'T MEET THIS DATE FOR A, B, AND C
21 REASON. I'M OKAY WITH THAT AS OPPOSED TO NO DATE WHERE WE HAVE
22 NO IDEA WHEN THE REPORT BACK COULD COME THROUGH.

23

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** MADAM CHAIR, CAN YOU CLARIFY DO YOU WANT THE PLAN
2 FOR FUNDING BY JULY 1ST, 2023, OR DO YOU WANT THE ADDITIONAL
3 SLOTS/BEDS BY JULY 1ST?

4

5 **SUP. BARGER:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL IS SAYING A DATE, BUT SHE IS
6 SAYING LET THEM TELL US --

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** WHAT I'M ASKING -- I'M ASKING CHAIR MITCHELL WHAT'S
9 THE JULY 1ST -- IS THAT JUST TO GET THE FUNDING PLAN, OR IS IT
10 TO ACTUALLY HAVE GOTTEN THE SLOTS, THE BEDS, BY JULY 1ST?

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** LET ME READ DIRECTLY FROM THE MOTION
13 LANGUAGE. LET ME GET TO IT. WE'RE INSTRUCTING THE C.E.O. TO
14 REPORT BACK IN WRITING DURING THE FISCAL YEAR '22-'23
15 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET WITH AN UPDATE ON THE STRUCTURAL DEFICIT
16 OF O.D.R., AN ANALYSIS OF THE COSTS REQUIRED FOR EXPANSION,
17 AND A PLAN TO IDENTIFY ONGOING FUNDING TO EXPAND O.D.R.
18 HOUSING PROGRAM BY 500 ADDITIONAL BEDS, INCREASING THE NUMBER,
19 DA, DA, DA, DA, DA, DA, DA BY JULY 1, 2023. SO THE PLAN TO
20 EXPAND THEM BY JULY 1, 2023, AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF POTENTIAL
21 FUNDING SOURCES, INCLUDING A.B. 109. SO WE'RE ASKING FOR A
22 PLAN TO EXPAND THEM BY JULY 1, 2023, TO EXPAND THE BEDS BY
23 2023.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN:** TO HAVE THE BED BY THEN.

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1

2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** TO EXPAND THEM. AND SO, THAT'S WHY WE
3 NEED A DATE TO GET US THERE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I'M SORRY.
4 SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAD A QUESTION. I'LL COME BACK TO YOU,
5 SUPERVISOR BARGER. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** YOU KNOW WHAT? I'M NOT CONFUSED, AND I APPRECIATE
8 YOU BRINGING THE DISCUSSION FORWARD, MADAM CHAIR, BECAUSE WE
9 HAVEN'T HAD THIS KIND OF DISCUSSION IN A LONG TIME. AND IT IS
10 NECESSARY TO HEAR DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW JUST AS WE HEAR
11 CALLERS COMING IN AND EXPRESSING THEIR POINT OF VIEW, BUT
12 THERE'S ALSO INFORMATION I THINK THAT WE, AS BOARD MEMBERS,
13 HAVE THAT MAY NOT ALWAYS BE SO EXPLICIT TO THE PUBLIC. AND ONE
14 OF THE THINGS I WANT TO DO IMMEDIATELY THOUGH IS I SUPPORT THE
15 AMENDMENT THAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL IS PUTTING FORWARD BECAUSE I,
16 TOO, HAVE BEEN GOING BACK AND FORTH WITH THIS NOTION THAT HOW
17 COME OUR TWO AGENCIES CAN'T GET TOGETHER. WE'VE KNOWN THIS FOR
18 FOUR OR FIVE YEARS NOW, AND IT DRIVES US CRAZY. AND IT ISN'T
19 THAT WE DON'T WANT TO SUPPORT O.D.R. I SUPPORT WHAT THEIR
20 MISSION IS. WE WERE VERY, VERY PLEASED WITH THEIR OUTCOME
21 NUMBERS, BUT I KNOW THAT THERE ARE MANY OTHER THINGS THAT WE
22 ALSO HAVE IN THE PROCESS. AND PART OF IT IS DEALING WITH
23 PEOPLE THAT ARE OUTSIDE OF THE CARCERAL SYSTEM AND MAKING SURE
24 THAT WE CAN BUILD UP AS MUCH CAPACITY FOR SHELTERS OR SERVICES
25 THAT THEY NEED, AND WE JUST HAD A DISCUSSION EARLIER ABOUT

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1 SKID ROW. MY GOD, THEY'VE GOT OVER 4,000 PEOPLE THERE, MANY OF
2 WHOM ARE PROBABLY JUST MINUTES OR AN HOUR AWAY FROM BEING
3 TAKEN TO JAIL FOR WHATEVER REASON. AND WE DON'T NEED TO
4 NECESSARILY PUT EVERYBODY THERE. WE CAN TRY TO GET THEM HELP
5 OUTSIDE OF THAT. I TOTALLY AGREE WITH COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES
6 BEING PROVIDED, AND I WANT TO SEE THAT HAPPENING. BUT IT IS
7 SOMEWHAT ARTIFICIAL TO SAY THAT, IN MY OPINION AT LEAST, THAT
8 BY A CERTAIN DATE IN JULY, THAT'S WHEN WE NEED TO HAVE ALL
9 THESE BEDS UP AND GOING. IT DOESN'T WORK NECESSARILY THAT
10 SMOOTH, AND PART OF IT, AS SOMEONE WHO REPRESENTS THE MEN'S
11 CENTRAL JAIL, I'M THE FIRST ONE THAT SAID WE NEED TO SHUT THE
12 DAMN THING DOWN. I GET IT. BUT I ALSO KNOW THAT WE ALSO HAVE
13 TO HAVE OTHER SYSTEMS IN PLACE, INFRASTRUCTURE BOTH INTERNALLY
14 AS WELL AS OUTSIDE, AND THAT TAKES TIME BECAUSE WE HAVE ALL
15 THESE OTHER AGENCIES THAT WE HAVE TO CHECK OFF, INCLUDING THE
16 STATE, INCLUDING OTHER AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE
17 OUTSIDE OF OUR OWN COUNTY FAMILY. AND IT TAKES TIME. I AM VERY
18 MUCH WITH YOU ON FIGHTING FOR CARE FIRST/ JAIL LAST AND WILL
19 CONTINUE TO DO THAT, BUT I THINK THAT ALL WE'RE ASKING FOR OUR
20 C.E.O. TO DO IS GIVE US THE RIGHT DATA, THE RIGHT INFORMATION
21 AND TO APPLAUD THE GOOD WORK THAT'S ALREADY GOING ON THAT
22 O.D.R. HAS DONE AS WELL AS A.T.I. AND OTHER OF OUR FELLOWS AND
23 COLLEAGUES THAT ARE HELPING US MOVE THIS ENTIRE AGENDA
24 FORWARD. THE LAST THING I WANT IS FOR US TO KEEP MEN'S CENTRAL
25 JAIL OPEN WHEN WE DON'T NEED TO HAVE IT OPEN. WE'VE SEEN

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1 CHANGES. WE HAVE ALREADY SEEN DURING THE PANDEMIC WE WERE ABLE
2 TO RELEASE OVER 4,000 INMATES. THEY'RE OUT. THEY'RE GETTING
3 HELP, I'M HOPING, AND THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO DO THAT, BUT
4 THERE IS SO MUCH MORE WE CAN DO. I, FOR ONE, WANT TO SECOND
5 THE AMENDMENT THAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL PUT FORWARD AND HOPE THAT
6 WE CAN CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER. IT'S NOT ABOUT US OR THEM,
7 AND IT ISN'T, IN MY OPINION, ONE SIZE FITS ALL. I GET THAT
8 ISN'T JUST A BED. I GET THAT IT HAS TO BE A SLOT WITH
9 SERVICES, WITH PERSONNEL THAT GO BEHIND IT AND ALSO
10 APPROPRIATE PLACES WHERE PEOPLE CAN LAND. RIGHT NOW, WE CAN'T
11 EVEN FIND ENOUGH SHELTER FOR PEOPLE IN THE STREETS THAT ARE,
12 LIKE I SAY, A DAY, AN HOUR AWAY FROM ENDING UP IN JAIL, NOT
13 JUST MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, BUT JAILS THROUGHOUT CITIES, WHO THEN
14 END UP COMING TO US. I THINK WE HAVE A LOT WORK TO DO, BUT I
15 THINK ALL OF US WANT TO ROLL UP OUR SLEEVES AND DO IT. I THINK
16 THERE IS A REAL STRONG COMMITMENT FOR US TO DO THAT. SO, MADAM
17 CHAIR, I'M NOT TRYING TO GET IN THE WAY OF PROGRESS. I WANT TO
18 SEE THIS HAPPEN, AND I DO SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT. SO I'LL
19 SECOND THAT AMENDMENT THAT SHEILA PUT FORWARD, AND LET'S WORK
20 TOGETHER. THANK YOU.

21
22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND I APPRECIATE
23 THE ROBUST CONVERSATION WE HAD. I'LL JUST RESPOND TO YOU,
24 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND THEN WE'LL TAKE A VOTE ON THE MOTION
25 THAT I THINK THE POINT OF THE MOTION IS TO DO WHAT YOU JUST

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1 SAID WE NEED TO DO, TO BUILD THE INFRASTRUCTURE. THAT'S THE
2 POINT BECAUSE I KNOW I CERTAINLY DON'T WANT TO BE HERE AT THE
3 END OF MY TERM WITH MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL STILL OPEN, HAVING
4 RELEASED 4,000 BECAUSE OF COVID AND HAVING THOSE -- THOSE BEDS
5 AND THAT FACILITY FILLED AGAIN. I WORRY DEEPLY ABOUT NOT
6 HAVING A DATE WHETHER WE HEAR FROM THE C.E.O. THAT THEY CAN'T
7 MAKE IT LATER BECAUSE I THINK WE GET CAUGHT IN THE CHURN THAT
8 WE JUST TALKED ABOUT WHERE WE WERE OPERATING OFF THE
9 ASSUMPTION THAT TWO DEPARTMENTS HAVE COME TOGETHER AND HAD
10 SIGNED AN M.O.U. THAT WOULD ALLOW US TO MOVE FORWARD. THE DATE
11 AGAIN IS TO ALLOW US TO REMAIN IN CONTROL TO THE DEGREE THAT
12 WE SHOULD AND CAN OF MAKING SURE THIS CONTINUES TO BE HIGH ON
13 THE PRIORITIES LIST IN TERMS OF MOVING FORWARD TO BUILD THE
14 INFRASTRUCTURE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU TALKED ABOUT WE NEED, I
15 COULDN'T AGREE WITH YOU MORE, WE CANNOT CLOSE A FACILITY
16 WITHOUT MAKING SURE THAT THE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE IS
17 THERE. I THINK WE TALKED ABOUT THE BEDS JUST AREN'T KIND OF
18 OUT THERE IN THE UNIVERSE. THAT'S TRUE, BUT IDENTIFYING A
19 FUNDING SOURCE WILL CERTAINLY HELP THE COMMUNITY-BASED
20 ORGANIZATIONS GET READY, PREPARE TO MAKE THOSE BEDS AVAILABLE.
21 WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND FROM SUPERVISOR SOLIS ON THE
22 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. LET'S TAKE THE VOTE
23 ON THE AMENDMENTS. AFTER THAT, AND WE'LL THEN TAKE THE VOTE ON
24 THE MOTION IN CHIEF.

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THAT'S RIGHT, SUPERVISOR. WE'LL VOTE TO
2 CONSIDER THE AMENDMENT IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

9

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

11

12 **SUP. HAHN:** I THINK I'M GOING TO VOTE NO.

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, NO. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

17

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

19 MITCHELL.

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21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** NO.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, NO. 3-2, MOTION

24 CARRIES.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. LET'S GO AHEAD NOW AND TAKE A
2 VOTE ON THE MOTION AS IT WILL NOW BE AMENDED BASED ON THE
3 AMENDMENTS PROPOSED. I WILL MOVE ITEM 22 AS AMENDED. WE'LL
4 HAVE THAT SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THE AMENDED
5 ITEM. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 22 AS AMENDED IS BEFORE YOU.
8 SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

11

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

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

15

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

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

19

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

21

22 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

23

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

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1

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

3

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

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 25, REPORT ON THE STATE OF BLACK
8 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. INTERESTING AFTER THE LAST CONVERSATION WE
9 JUST HAD SINCE ALL THE BLACK PEOPLE ARE JAIL. [OVERLAPPING
10 CONVERSATION] FAR TOO MANY, DISPROPORTIONATE TO OUR POPULATION
11 IN THE COUNTY. TRUST AND BELIEVE. DR. SCORZA, WE LOOK FORWARD
12 TO HEARING YOUR REPORT ON THE STATE OF BLACK LOS ANGELES
13 COUNTY. DR. SCORZA.

14

15 **DR. SCORZA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR
16 THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE BEFORE YOU TODAY. TODAY, I'M HERE TO
17 PROVIDE A REPORT AND OVER ON THE PROGRESS AND DATA ON THE
18 STATE BLACK LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THIS WILL INCLUDE A REVIEW OF
19 THE NEED FOR THE SEMINAL REPORT, THE PROPOSED REPORT FRAMEWORK
20 AND CONTENT AREAS, AND ADDITIONAL FEEDBACK FROM COMMUNITY
21 STAKEHOLDERS. NEXT SLIDE. SO WE'LL COVER THE STATE OF BLACK
22 L.A. REPORT OVERVIEW AS WELL AS OUR PROGRESS TO DATE AND ALL
23 PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR QUESTIONS AT THE END. NEXT SLIDE.

24

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** DART, WE'RE HAVING TROUBLE UNDERSTANDING YOU. KIND
2 OF AN ECHOEY KIND OF THING.

3

4 **DR. SCORZA:** GIVE ME JUST A MOMENT.

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THEN WE LOST YOU COMPLETELY.

7

8 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** ONE SECOND. WE'RE HAVING SOME
9 TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY. WE'RE GOING TO SWITCH OUT THE SPEAKERS.
10 DR. SCORZA, WHY DON'T YOU COME DOWN TO THE BOARD ROOM?

11

12 **DR. SCORZA:** WILL DO.

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WHILE HE DOES THAT, CAN I
15 MOVE ON TO THE SPECIALS, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER? GREAT. WE DO
16 HAVE A SPECIAL BEFORE US, COLLEAGUES. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, MADAM CHAIR.

19

20 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** YES, WOULD YOU MIND PRESENTING? YES.

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** HOPEFULLY, WE CAN TAKE ACTION ON IT. BEFORE I
23 START, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL AGREEING TO COAUTHOR
24 THE MOTION WITH ME CALLING THE OVERCROWDING ISSUE IN THE
25 INMATE RECEPTION CENTER CONTINUES TO BE AN ISSUE OF CONCERN.

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1 CARE FIRST/ JAILS LAST IS MORE THAN JUST A THROW AROUND SLOGAN
2 OR MOTTO FOR ME AND, I BELIEVE, THE BOARD. IT WAS INCREDIBLY
3 IMPORTANT THAT IT BE WEAVED INTO MY CRIMINAL JUSTICE
4 PRIORITIES AND THAT WORK AROUND REFORM BE CENTERED ON REDUCING
5 HARM AND PRIORITIZING CARE FIRST. THE PREAMBLE IN THE READ IN
6 IS AS FOLLOWS: THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE BEING PROCESSED IN L.A.
7 COUNTY'S INMATE RECEPTION CENTER, I.R.C., IS INCREASING TO
8 CONCERNING LEVELS THAT ARE RESULTING IN PEOPLE BEING HELD AT
9 I.R.C., A TEMPORARY HOLDING AREA, WELL OVER THE MANDATED 20
10 HOURS. THIS IS PARTICULARLY AFFECTING PEOPLE WITH MENTAL
11 HEALTH NEEDS, WHO ARE, DEPENDING ON SEVERITY, WAIST-CHAINED TO
12 A BENCH WEARING NOTHING BUT A SUICIDE VEST. SOME OF THE DELAYS
13 CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE SHORTAGE OF CORRECTIONAL HEALTH STAFF
14 WHO PERFORM MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS AND
15 EVALUATIONS OF THE INDIVIDUALS BEING PROCESSED. EVERY
16 INDIVIDUAL UNDERGOES THIS ASSESSMENT PRIOR TO BEING
17 INCARCERATED IN A MORE PERMANENT HOUSING AREA. ADDITIONALLY,
18 AT THE END OF THE MONTH, THE EMERGENCY BAIL SCHEDULE WILL NO
19 LONGER BE IN EFFECT, WHICH RISKS THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ENTERING
20 THE COUNTY JAILS INCREASING TO PRE-PANDEMIC LEVELS. THE
21 COUNTY'S JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM, KNOWN AS J.C.I.T.,
22 WAS PROVIDED A.B.109 FUNDING FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
23 ADDRESS THE ISSUES OF OVERCROWDING AT I.R.C. AND THE
24 ASSOCIATED SANITARY ISSUES DUE TO COVID-19. ADDITIONALLY, THE
25 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION INITIATIVE, A.T.I., HAS CREATED

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1 STRATEGIC INITIATIVES TO LOWER THE PRETRIAL POPULATION AND HAS
2 IMPLEMENTED TRUE DIVERSION PROGRAMS LIKE RAPID DIVERSION AND
3 PRE-PLEA DIVERSION TO ACHIEVE JAIL CLOSURE. REDUCING, STEMMING
4 THE INFLOWS, AS YOU KNOW, IS VITAL. A.T.I. IS ALSO LEADING THE
5 COUNTY'S PRETRIAL EFFORTS AS IT IS EVIDENT THAT HOLDING PEOPLE
6 WHO ARE UNABLE TO PAY BAIL IS NOT ONLY UNFAIR, BUT IT'S
7 IRRESPONSIBLE. I.R.C. IS THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG TO THE LARGER
8 COMPLEXITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CRIMINALIZATION OF POVERTY,
9 MENTAL ILLNESS, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE. A PLAN TO ADDRESS I.R.C.
10 NEEDS TO BE INCLUSIVE OF CARE FIRST PRIORITIES AND THE
11 COMPREHENSIVE TRANSFORMATION OF THE SYSTEMS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO
12 MASS INCARCERATION AND HOMELESSNESS. THE DIRECTIVE IS AS
13 FOLLOWS: DIRECT THE JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM AND THE
14 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION IN COLLABORATION WITH THE L.A.
15 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES, DEPARTMENT
16 OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND OTHER RELEVANT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO
17 REPORT BACK IN WRITING IN 21 DAYS ON A PLAN WITH A FUNDING
18 PROPOSAL LEVERAGING J.C.I.T.'S ALLOCATED A.B.109 MONIES TO
19 ADDRESS THE OVERCROWDING IN THE INMATE RECEPTION CENTER.
20 COLLEAGUES, I RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE, AND PERHAPS
21 MY COAUTHOR MAY WANT TO SPEAK ON THIS.

22
23 **SUP. KUEHL:** YOUR COAUTHOR ALSO RESPECTFULLY ASKS FOR AN AYE
24 VOTE. YOU ARTICULATEDLY PRESENTED THE WHOLE THING. I CAN'T EVEN
25 THINK OF ANYTHING TO ADD. SO, PLEASE VOTE YES.

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1

2 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** IT'S MOVED BY SOLIS, SECONDED BY KUEHL.
3 WILL YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL OF THE SPECIAL ITEM.

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 72A, JAILS LAST, ADDRESSING THE
6 OVERCROWDING CONCERNS IN THE INMATE RECEPTION CENTER IS BEFORE
7 YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

10

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

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

14

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

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

18

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

20

21 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

22

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

25

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

2

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

5

6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ALRIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT.
7 WE'RE GOING TO NOW BACKTRACK TO ITEM 25 ON THE STATE OF BLACK
8 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU, DR. SCORZA, FOR COMING TO THE
9 HEARING ROOM WHERE WE CAN ALL HEAR YOU VERY CLEARLY. THIS IS
10 AN IMPORTANT REPORT THAT WE DIDN'T WANT TO HAVE LOST DUE TO
11 TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGES. DR. SCORZA.

12

13 **DR. SCORZA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU,
14 SUPERVISORS, FOR THE OPPORTUNITY AGAIN TO BE BEFORE YOU TODAY
15 AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESTART THIS PRESENTATION. APOLOGIES FOR
16 THE TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES, BUT HAPPY TO BE BEFORE YOU. NEXT
17 SLIDE, PLEASE. AS I MENTIONED, WE'LL GO THROUGH AND OVERVIEW
18 OF THE REPORT AND OUR PROGRESS TO DATE. AS WELL AS THE
19 FRAMEWORK THAT WE HAVE ADOPTED, AND WE'LL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY
20 FOR Q&A IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. NEXT SLIDE. SO AS YOU'RE
21 AWARE, YOUR BOARD PASSED A MOTION IN JULY OF 2020 THAT CREATED
22 THE BOARD'S 8TH BOARD DIRECTED PRIORITY, KNOWN AS ANTI-RACISM,
23 DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION INITIATIVE. THIS MOTION BOLDLY
24 ARTICULATED THE NEED FOR AN ANTI-RACIST POLICY AGENDA THAT
25 WILL GUIDE, GOVERN, AND INCREASE THE COUNTY'S ONGOING

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1 COMMITMENT TO FIGHTING STRUCTURAL RACISM AND BIAS IN ALL ITS
2 DIMENSIONS. THE MOTION FORMALIZED A MORE EXPANSIVE RESPONSE TO
3 DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN ANTI-RACIST POLICY AGENDA IN ORDER TO
4 SUPPORT ONGOING EFFORTS AND COORDINATE NEWLY LAUNCHED
5 INITIATIVES THAT WILL ADVANCE RACIAL EQUITY THROUGHOUT THE
6 COUNTY. IN ESTABLISHING AN ANTI-RACIST LOS ANGELES COUNTY
7 POLICY AGENDA, YOUR BOARD DIRECTED THE COMMISSIONING OF AN
8 ANNUAL REPORT BY AN ACADEMIC INSTITUTION AND/OR RESEARCH
9 INSTITUTE THAT OUTLINES AND PROVIDES A REGULAR UPDATE ON THE
10 STATE OF BLACK LOS ANGELES COUNTY WITH A FOCUS ON OUTCOMES FOR
11 AFRICAN AMERICANS. THIS DIRECTIVE CAME WITH THE RECOGNITION OF
12 THE UNDENIABLE DISPROPORTIONALITY IN THE HEALTH, FINANCIAL,
13 AND SOCIAL OUTCOMES FACED BY AFRICAN AMERICANS IN THE COUNTY
14 WHEN COMPARED TO OTHER COMMUNITIES. IT ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED THE
15 CONTEXT IN WHICH THE MOTION WAS PASSED WHICH FOLLOWED THE
16 DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD, THE SUBSEQUENT UPRISING AND RESPONSE TO
17 HIS DEATH, AND THE CALL FOR MORE ACTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND
18 ELIMINATE STRUCTURAL RACISM AS A DRIVING FACTOR IN PAST AND
19 CURRENT POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND PRACTICES THAT DISADVANTAGE
20 AND HARM AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITIES AS WELL AS OTHERS OF
21 COLOR. PER THE BOARD MOTION, THE REPORT WILL ADDRESS THESE
22 DOMAINS: PHYSICAL AND AND MENTAL HEALTH, EDUCATION,
23 EMPLOYMENT. LAW ENFORCEMENT, INJUSTICE, HOUSING, AND
24 HOMELESSNESS, AS WELL AS INCLUDE UPDATES FROM THE
25 IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE

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1 ON BLACK PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. DEVELOPING A REPORT
2 FOCUSED ON AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITIES WILL BENEFIT EVERYONE
3 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WHILE THE REPORT'S RECOMMENDATIONS WILL
4 PURSUE TARGETED PROCESSES TO ADDRESS THE DISPARITIES AFFECTING
5 AFRICAN AMERICAN POPULATIONS, RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES WILL HAVE
6 A UNIVERSALLY POSITIVE IMPACT IN ACHIEVING THE COUNTY'S GOALS
7 OF PROMOTING HEALTH AND WELL BEING FOR ALL ANGELENOS BY
8 ELEVATING COMMUNITIES MOST ADVERSELY IMPACTED, EXAMINING
9 POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND PRACTICES THAT DISADVANTAGE MANY
10 POPULATIONS, NOT JUST AFRICAN AMERICANS, AND SOLVING FOR
11 DISPARATE OUTCOMES ROOTED IN UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES THAT LED
12 TO AND/OR UNDERMINE THE INTENT OF OUR POLICIES. FURTHERMORE,
13 THIS REPORT TAKES A TARGETED UNIVERSALIST APPROACH. IT ALLOWS
14 US TO DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT POLICIES THAT CAN CRITICALLY --
15 THAT CAN HELP US ACHIEVE OUR CRITICAL POLICY GOALS AND BRING
16 US CLOSER TO OUR COLLECTIVE ASPIRATIONS AS WELL AS ENABLE
17 EVERYONE TO ENJOY THE REALIZATION OF SPECIFIC POLICY GOALS
18 THAT ADDRESS STRATEGIES NEEDED TO SUPPORT DIFFERENT
19 COMMUNITIES AND POPULATIONS THAT HAVE FACED SPECIFIC
20 CHALLENGES. FINALLY, THE COMMISSION OF A STATE OF BLACK LOS
21 ANGELES COUNTY REPORT ALIGNS WITH THE PRINCIPLES THAT WERE
22 ADOPTED BY YOUR BOARD AND ALLOWS US TO USE DATA TO EFFECTIVELY
23 ASSESS AND COMMUNICATE EQUITY NEEDS AS WELL AS SUPPORT TIMELY
24 ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS AND FURTHER DISAGGREGATE AND ANALYSIS
25 WITHIN RACIAL AND/OR ETHNIC DEMOGRAPHIC SUBGROUP CATEGORIES.

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1 NEXT SLIDE. NOW, THE COMMISSIONING OF A STATE OF BLACK L.A.
2 COUNTY REPORT AND THE CONVENING OF THE ACADEMIC RESEARCH
3 CONSORTIUM, WHICH IS AN ACADEMIC RESEARCH BODY THAT HELPS TO
4 GUIDE THE REPORT'S DEVELOPMENT, HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED. I
5 SHOULD NOTE THAT IT TOOK US A WHILE DUE TO UNIVERSITY
6 CONTRACTING GUIDELINES TO GET THE CONSORTIUM ESTABLISHED. BUT
7 TO DATE, WE PARTNERED WITH THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY,
8 DOMINGUEZ HILLS, WITH THEIR MERVYN DYMALLY INSTITUTE, TO
9 DEVELOP AND PRODUCE A STATE OF BLACK L.A. COUNTY REPORT, AS
10 WELL AS CREATE, RECRUIT, AND MANAGE THE ACADEMIC RESEARCH
11 INSTITUTE CONSORTIUM. AND WE'VE SUBSEQUENTLY PARTNERED WITH
12 CAPACITY IMPACT, WHO WAS ALSO ENGAGED TO SUPPORT THE
13 IDENTIFICATION, REVIEW, AND SELECTION OF RECOMMENDED
14 INDICATORS DEEMED IMPORTANT FOR MEASURING THE WELL BEING
15 OUTCOMES OF AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITIES IN L.A. COUNTY.
16 SINCE THE EXECUTION OF BOTH AGREEMENTS OUR RESEARCH TEAMS HAVE
17 WORKED DILIGENTLY TO DEVELOP A LIST OF PROPOSED WELL BEING
18 INDICATORS, ALONG WITH THE RATIONAL, SOURCES PER DOMAIN, AND
19 RECENTLY COMPLETED INTERVIEWS WITH EXPERTS IN EACH DOMAIN
20 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. WE ALSO PRODUCED A CROSSWALK OF
21 MULTIPLE "STATE OF" REPORTS TO DEVELOP THE PROPOSED REPORT
22 FRAMEWORK AND ELICIT FEEDBACK FROM OUR COMMUNITY INPUT
23 ADVISORY BOARD ON THE FRAMING, FEATURED INDICATORS, AND
24 ELEMENTS. NEXT SLIDE. NOW, BASED ONGOING THAT CROSSWALK OF
25 SIMILAR REPORTS, WE'VE DECIDED TO FOCUS ON THESE FOLLOWING

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1 SECTIONS, BUT I JUST WANT TO POINT YOUR ATTENTION TOWARDS THE
2 GAP ANALYSIS AND ALIGNMENT SECTION. OUR INTENTION HERE IS TO
3 BUILD UPON MUCH OF THE WORK THAT'S BEEN DONE THROUGHOUT THE
4 COUNTY WITH REGARDS TO THE COUNTY-WIDE RACIAL EQUITY STRATEGIC
5 PLAN AND ENSURE THAT WE HAVE NOT ONLY THE HISTORICAL AND
6 SOCIAL CONTEXT TO DETAIL THE EXPERIENCES OF AFRICAN AMERICAN
7 RESIDENTS IN L.A. COUNTY BUT TO ALSO IDENTIFY THE UPSTREAM
8 FACTORS THAT SHAPE DISPARATE OUTCOMES AND THEN SITUATE THE
9 REPORT IN AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORK THE COUNTY IS ALREADY
10 DONG. SO WHILE WE'RE NOT PRESENTING THE WRITTEN REPORT TODAY,
11 AND INSTEAD WE'RE PROVIDING AN UPDATE, IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE
12 THAT MUCH OF WHAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO WITH THE STATE OF
13 BLACK L.A. COUNTY REPORT IS ALIGNED WITH OUR ONGOING EFFORTS
14 AS WELL AS WITH OUR UPCOMING EFFORTS TO ADVANCE RACIAL EQUITY.
15 OUR CONSORTIUM HAS CONDUCTED A REVIEW OF INDICATORS ON RACIAL
16 EQUITY FRAMEWORKS AS WELL AS RESEARCH TO PRODUCE A SET OF KEY
17 WELL BEING PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR THE REPORT IN THE NAMED
18 DOMAIN. BASED ON THESE KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS, WE HAVE
19 IDENTIFIED THE INDICATORS THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO MEASURE, OR WE
20 INTEND TO MEASURE, TO DEMONSTRATE OUTCOMES THAT AFRICAN
21 AMERICAN COMMUNITIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARE FACING IN ORDER
22 TO ASCERTAIN BOTH THE VALIDITY AND RELIABILITY OF THOSE DATA
23 SOURCES BUT TO FURTHER ENSURE THAT WE HAVE A BASELINE THAT
24 ALLOWS US TO DEMONSTRATE HISTORICAL TRENDS AND ANALYSIS AND
25 TRACK AND EVALUATE PROGRESS. NEXT SLIDE. WHILE WELL

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1 INTENTIONED, MANY STATE OF THE COUNTY, STATE OF THE CITY,
2 STATE OF COMMUNITY REPORTS, STATE OF AMERICA REPORTS ARE
3 DEVELOPED WITH COMPELLING RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE NEVER
4 IMPLEMENTED. OUR APPROACH IS TO ENSURE THAT WE ALIGN WITH
5 EXISTING EFFORTS THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY IN ORDER TO MOVE MORE
6 FULLY, SO THAT WE CAN INTEGRATE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS THAT MAY
7 EMERGE. I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT IN OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH
8 COMMUNITY LEADERS -- AND WE TOOK A LONG TIME. WE TOOK A LOT OF
9 TIME TO MEET WITH MANY COMMUNITY LEADERS. WE HAD OVER 51
10 COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSIONS IN DEVELOPMENT OF OUR COUNTY-WIDE
11 RACIAL EQUITY STRATEGIC PLAN. WE SPOKE WITH MORE THAN 1300
12 RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS. AND THROUGHOUT THAT PROCESS,
13 WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE WAS NOT ONLY A ROBUST AND
14 ENGAGED STRATEGY TO BRING THEIR VOICE INTO THE CONVERSATION
15 BUT TO HELP ALSO GUIDE WHAT WE INTENDED TO REPORT ON. AND WHAT
16 MANY OF THOSE COMMUNITY LEADERS SAID IS THAT WHENEVER THESE
17 REPORTS ARE DONE, THEY DON'T TYPICALLY LEAD TO A COORDINATED
18 EFFORT OR ONGOING COMMITMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDED
19 ACTIONS. AND SO, AS A RESULT, WE FOCUSED SPECIFICALLY ON
20 INTEGRATION. AND WHAT YOU SEE HERE BEFORE YOU IS A DESIRE TO
21 ALIGN THIS REPORT WITH EXISTING COUNTY EFFORTS, AGAIN BUILD UP
22 ON OUR STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS, IDENTIFY AND UTILIZE A
23 STRATEGY FOR IMPLEMENTING BEST PRACTICES THAT WILL ELIMINATE
24 IMPLICIT AND STRUCTURAL BIAS, ALIGN WITH THE COUNTY'S
25 INTERVENTION STRATEGIES ACROSS MULTIPLE DOMAINS, INCLUDING

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1 HEALTH AND SOME THAT YOU SAW HERE BEFORE AS WELL SUCH AS
2 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, BUT TO ALSO PLAN FOR
3 MONITORING, MEASURING, AND SUSTAINING REPORT-RELATED EFFORTS.
4 NEXT SLIDE. SO WITH THAT BEING SAID, SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU SO
5 MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT FOR YOU TODAY, AND I AM
6 HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

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8 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** I APPRECIATE YOU VERY MUCH, DR. SCORZA.
9 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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11 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR, I DIDN'T MEAN TO JUMP IN IF ANYBODY -
12 -

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14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** NO, YOU ARE FIRST.

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16 **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY GOOD. THANK YOU SO MUCH, DR. SCORZA. I AM
17 REALLY -- I AM REALLY EXCITED AND HOPEFUL ABOUT THIS. I WANTED
18 TO ASK IN THE PRESENTATION WHERE YOU TALK ABOUT BEST PRACTICES
19 FOR ELIMINATING STRUCTURAL BIAS AND RACISM, I HONESTLY THINK
20 THAT, IN THIS REPORT, WE NEED TO SOMEHOW IDENTIFY NOT JUST THE
21 QUANTITY OF DATA ABOUT 82% OF ALL THE PEOPLE IN JAIL ARE
22 BLACK, 67% OF ALL THE PEOPLE ON THE STREET ARE BLACK -- I AM
23 MAKING THE NUMBERS UP, BUT YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN. HORRIBLE AND
24 TRUE. I WONDER IF THERE'S A WAY ALSO TO GET AT QUALITY OF LIFE
25 FOR THE BLACK COMMUNITY, THE FEAR OF WHAT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU

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1 EVERY DAY, EXPERIENCE OF BLACK WOMEN. IT WAS VERY ARTICULATE
2 OP-ED IN THE NEW YORK TIMES THE OTHER DAY ABOUT WHAT
3 OVERTURNING ROE WOULD MEAN SPECIFICALLY TO THE COMMUNITY OF
4 BLACK WOMEN FROM THEIR OWN EXPERIENCE. QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES.
5 FEAR OF THE LAW. FEAR OF JUST BEING SHOT BY SOME LAW
6 ENFORCEMENT PERSON. TO NAME SOMEHOW FEARLESSLY IN THIS REPORT
7 THAT THERE IS STRUCTURAL BIAS AND RACISM IN THE COUNTY. IT IS
8 LIKE POGO SAID, "WE HAVE MET THE ENEMY, AND HE IS US." AND I
9 THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT FOR THIS REPORT. OFTEN WE HAVE MUCH
10 MORE NEUTRAL APPROACHES, AND I THINK, FOR ME, I WILL JUST
11 SPEAK FOR MYSELF, IT WOULD BE VERY IMPORTANT TO NAME IT, SAY
12 IT'S HERE, SAY WHAT IT IS, AND THEN TALK ABOUT. NOW, THAT MAY
13 BE THE INTENTION OF THE REPORT ANYWAY BUT, JUST AS ONE OF
14 FIVE, I WANT TO SAY, I HOPE THERE WON'T BE ANY RELUCTANCE TO
15 DO THAT.

16

17 **DR. SCORZA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR.

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, DR.
24 SCORZA, FOR THE PRESENTATION. I THINK IT IS VERY TIMELY. WE
25 HAVE BEEN TALKING MOST OF TODAY ABOUT DISCRIMINATION AND

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1 RACISM. AND OBVIOUSLY, I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT HOW WE MOVE
2 FORWARD ON THIS. AND I JUST WANTED TO ASK A QUESTION WITH
3 RESPECT TO THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS THAT YOU ARE LOOKING AT. I
4 NOTICED THAT THE REPORT SAID THAT YOU IDENTIFIED AREAS IN
5 SOUTH L.A., AND ANTELOPE VALLEY, BUT I HAPPEN TO ALSO
6 REPRESENT POMONA, THE CITY OF POMONA, WHICH HAS I THINK ABOUT
7 6% AFRICAN AMERICAN POPULATION. HOWEVER, THERE ARE FOLKS THAT
8 HAVE LIVED THERE FOR GENERATIONS. AND I REALLY THINK IT IS
9 WORTHWHILE TO LOOK AT AND HEAR THOSE VOICES, AS WELL AS I
10 UNDERSTAND IT IN OTHER PARTS OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. AND I
11 DON'T REPRESENT ALTADENA, BUT ALTADENA HAS A REPRESENTATION
12 OF 22% AFRICAN AMERICAN. AND THE CITY OF PASADENA HAS 8%,
13 WHICH IS A LITTLE BIT LARGER THAN POMONA, BUT NONETHELESS, I
14 REALLY WOULD WANT US TO DRAW OUR STRENGTHS AROUND ALL OF L.A.
15 COUNTY WHERE WE KNOW HISTORICALLY BLACK COMMUNITIES HAVE
16 EXISTED FOR MANY GENERATIONS. SO JUST WANTED TO BRING THAT UP.

17

18 **DR. SCORZA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. ALSO, I AGREE, SUPERVISOR
21 SOLIS, ALTADENA AND PASADENA. YEAH, THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, DR.
24 SCORZA, FOR THIS REPORT. IT IS -- AGAIN, IT'S AND NOW WHAT.

25 WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? BUT I ALSO THINK GREAT STUDY JUST IN

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1 MANHATTAN BEACH THAT SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REPRESENTS NOW. AND
2 SOMETIMES, WE DON'T THINK OF CERTAIN COMMUNITIES AS BEING
3 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE OF BLACK LOS ANGELES. AND YET, I
4 THINK SOME OF THE STORIES TO THIS DAY FROM AFRICAN AMERICANS
5 WHO HAVE COURAGEOUSLY REMAINED IN MANHATTAN BEACH HAVE A STORY
6 TO TELL. AND YOU KNOW THERE IS STILL HOSTILITY COMING FROM
7 DIFFERENT PLACES THERE THAT I THINK IT IS CRITICAL THAT WE
8 LOOK AT AND UNDERSTAND. AND, YOU KNOW, AGAIN, GOING FORWARD
9 HOPE TO SUPPORT THAT POPULATION IN MAYBE THOSE CITIES WHERE,
10 AGAIN, IT DOESN'T -- WE HAVEN'T HISTORICALLY SAID THAT'S THE
11 STATE OF BLACK LOS ANGELES. AND YET, THERE'S A LOT WE CAN
12 LEARN, AS WE TALKED ABOUT TODAY, AS IT RELATED TO BRUCE'S
13 BEACH, AND I THINK THOSE STORIES ARE GOING TO BE WORTH
14 EXPLORING AND UNDERSTANDING, AND THEN, AGAIN, IT IS GOING TO
15 BE UP TO US TO SEE, MOVING FORWARD, HOW DO WE COME ALONGSIDE
16 THOSE BLACK L. A. COUNTY RESIDENTS.

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18 **DR. SCORZA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR.

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20 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU ALL. AND I COULDN'T AGREE MORE
21 IN TERMS OF -- THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND ALL OF YOU
22 THAT ECHOED REALLY MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT
23 COMMUNITIES THAT SOME MAY NOT KNOW HAVE LONGSTANDING AFRICAN
24 AMERICAN PRESENCE. THERE WAS A PIECE OF SPECTRUM NEWS RECENTLY
25 ABOUT A GROUP IN EAST L.A. THAT TALKED ABOUT THEIR LONG

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1 HISTORY AND WANTING TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT HISTORY WAS NOT
2 LOST. SO, I WANT TO MAKE SURE, DR. SCORZA, YOU FIGURE OUT A
3 WAY TO EXPAND INTO THOSE OTHER POCKETS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
4 KUEHL, FOR REALLY CHALLENGING DR. SCORZA TO ANSWER THOSE VERY,
5 VERY TOUGH QUESTIONS. WE SPENT SOME TIME EARLIER TODAY TALKING
6 ABOUT MICROAGGRESSIONS AND IMPLICIT AND EXPLICIT BIAS AND HOW
7 DO WE IDENTIFY, AND DEFINE, AND MEASURE ALL OF THE ISSUES THAT
8 PREVENT A GROUP OF PEOPLE FROM BEING WELL. YOU KNOW, CASE IN
9 POINT, OUR VERY OWN BLUE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, PROGRESSIVE
10 STATE LEGISLATURE, RECENTLY HAD A BILL BROUGHT BEFORE THEM
11 THAT TALKED ABOUT INDENTURED SERVITUDE AND THE RATE OF PAY FOR
12 THOSE INCARCERATED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS IN
13 TERMS OF WHAT THEY CAN EARN. WE SPENT TODAY TALKING ABOUT LOST
14 GENERATIONAL WEALTH. AND THE FLOOR STATEMENTS ABOUT WHY THOSE
15 PEOPLE SHOULDN'T BE PAID A CERTAIN RATE OF PAY, WHEN WE KNOW
16 THE INCIDENTS OF INJURY FOR OUR C.D.C. RESIDENTS, IF YOU WILL,
17 WHO FIGHT FIRES TO PROTECT US EVERY DAY, AND BECAUSE THEY ARE
18 NOT EMPLOYEES AND DON'T HAVE A DECENT RATE OF PAY, THEY ALSO
19 DON'T HAVE ANY WORKPLACE PROTECTIONS, AND THAT IT WAS OKAY FOR
20 OUR CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE NOT TO PASS THAT MEASURE AND TO
21 QUESTION IF IT WAS REALLY CONSIDERED INDENTURED SERVITUDE,
22 WHICH IS A POLITE WAY OF SAYING SLAVERY, QUITE FRANKLY. SO I
23 JUST THINK, TO MS. KUEHL'S POINT, THAT WE HAVE WORK TO DO TO
24 REALLY PULL BACK THE ONION LAYERS TO DEFINE WHAT IS HAPPENING
25 IN BLACK L.A. COUNTY AND WHAT ROLE CAN AND MUST GOVERNMENT

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1 PLAY TO IDENTIFY THOSE ISSUES, THOSE CHALLENGES THAT PREVENT
2 EVERY SEGMENT OF L.A. COUNTY FROM GROWING OLD WITH DIGNITY AND
3 THEIR CHILDREN THRIVING. AND, YOU KNOW, WE KNOW, WHEN WE LOOK
4 AT THE BLACK INFANT MORTALITY RATE, THE BLACK MATERNAL
5 MORBIDITY RATE, ACROSS CLASS, THAT BLACK WOMEN HAVE A
6 DIFFICULT -- MORE DIFFICULT TIME CARRYING BABIES TO TERM
7 BECAUSE OF RACISM. SO THOSE KINDS OF ELEMENTS, AND FOLLOWING
8 SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S DESIRE, I THINK WE WILL BE AN IMPORTANT
9 ELEMENT TO THIS INNOVATIVE WORK TO MAKE IT RELEVANT AND TIMELY
10 AND TO MAKE IT OPERATIONAL FOR US, I THINK, AS A BOARD, TO
11 IDENTIFY AREAS THAT WE REALLY CAN DRAW A LINE IN THE SAND AND
12 AFFECT SOME TRUE SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE. ANYTHING YOU WOULD WANT
13 TO OFFER IN CLOSING, SIR?

14

15 **DR. SCORZA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISORS, FOR YOUR FEEDBACK.
16 WE WILL CERTAINLY TAKE IT, NOT ONLY INTO CONSIDERATION, BUT
17 EXCITED THAT, IN MANY WAYS, MUCH OF WHAT YOU HAVE ASKED FOR
18 ARE THINGS THAT WE ARE FACTORING IN AND CONSIDERING IN THE
19 REPORT. WE WILL LOOK FORWARD TO BRINGING TO YOU A MORE ROBUST
20 REPORT HERE IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND APPRECIATE YOUR DIRECTION.

21

22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. APPRECIATE THAT.
23 THAT WAS A REPORT AND FILE, AND HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, SUCH
24 WILL BE THE ORDER. APPRECIATE YOU. WE ADDRESSED THE SPECIALS
25 ALREADY. AND SO, IT IS NOW TIME THAT WE MOVE TO HEAR OUR

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1 ADJOURNMENTS. TODAY, WE ARE GOING TO BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR
2 KUEHL AND FOLLOW IN NUMERIC ORDER. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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4 **SUP. KUEHL:** I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT I THOUGHT THERE WERE SOME
5 MORE THINGS WE WERE TAKING UP. OKAY. I TRUST YOU, AND I AM NOT
6 SORRY IT IS ONLY MIDNIGHT. OKAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM
7 CHAIR. I'D ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
8 MEMORY OF SCIENTIST AND PHILANTHROPIST ROY EDDLEMAN, WHO DIED
9 ON JUNE 11TH. ROY LEVERAGED HIS CURIOSITY AND ENTHUSIASM TO
10 REINVENT BIOCHEMICAL PROCESSING AND PHARMACEUTICALS PRODUCTION
11 BY FOUNDING OR LEADING NINE COMPANIES AND HOLDING MULTIPLE
12 PATENTS ON PRODUCTS AND PROCESSES. THE DIRECT RESULT: REDUCED
13 COST FOR DRUG DEVELOPMENT, GETTING MEDICINES TO MARKET FASTER,
14 AND A DRAMATIC INCREASE IN VELOCITY TO CURE FOR THOUSANDS OF
15 DISEASES. ROY'S PROFESSIONAL PATH WAS PARALLELED BY A LIFETIME
16 OF PHILANTHROPY. HE PARTICIPATED IN AND/OR FOUNDED THE ROY
17 EDDLEMAN INSTITUTE AT THE CHEMICAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION, THE
18 ROY EDDLEMAN RESEARCH MUSEUM AT THE SCIENCE HISTORY INSTITUTE,
19 EPIC PERMANENT CHARITIES, FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH,
20 AND THE LIFE SCIENCES FOUNDATION. HE WAS ALSO A FELLOW OF THE
21 ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE. A GAY MAN DURING THE EARLY YEARS OF
22 THE A.I.D.S. CRISIS, ROY WAS THERE WITH AN OPEN HEART AND AN
23 OPEN CHECKBOOK. AND HE, ALONG WITH OTHERS, ORGANIZED AN ANNUAL
24 EVENT CALLED LABOR DAY L.A., WHICH OVER THE YEARS, RAISED IN
25 EXCESS OF \$2 MILLION TO HELP ALLEVIATE THE SUFFERING

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1 ASSOCIATED WITH, THEN, AN ALMOST CERTAIN DEATH SENTENCE FROM
2 THAT HORRIBLE EPIDEMIC. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SISTER, ANNE.
3 AND I ASK WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HARRY
4 GESNER, AN ARCHITECT, WHO DIED ON JUNE 10TH. HE WAS AN
5 ARCHITECT WHO DIDN'T HAVE A FANCY DEGREE OR, FOR MANY YEARS,
6 EVEN AN ARCHITECTURAL LICENSE. IN FACT, THE SUM TOTAL OF HIS
7 TRAINING CONSISTED OF ATTENDING LECTURES BY FRANK LLOYD
8 WRIGHT, THEN WORKING AS A CARPENTER. THE LACK OF CREDENTIAL
9 WAS LITTLE DETERRENT TO GESNER, WHO, OVER THE COURSE OF HIS
10 LIFE, DESIGNED AND CRAFTED DOZENS OF PRIZED HOMES AROUND LOS
11 ANGELES. HE IS PROBABLY BEST KNOWN FOR THE WAVE HOUSE IN
12 MALIBU, WHICH WAS BUILT IN 1957, WHICH JUTS OUT OVER THE SAND
13 WITH A SERIES OF CRESTED ROOFS THAT EVOKE THE FORM OF THE
14 WAVES BELOW. HIS RUGGED AND NATURAL STYLE WAS DOCUMENTED IN A
15 2012 MONOGRAPH OF HIS WORK CALLED "HOUSES OF THE SUNDOWN SEA:
16 THE ARCHITECTURAL VISION OF HARRY GESNER." HE IS SURVIVED BY
17 HIS DAUGHTER, TARA, HIS SONS, JASON AND ZEN, AND HIS STEPSON,
18 CASEY. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
19 MEMORY OF MARK HATHERILL, WHO STARTED HIS CAREER MODELING AS
20 KEN, BARBIE'S BOYFRIEND. IT SPARKED A CAREER THAT LASTED MORE
21 THAN 35 YEARS IN THE TOY AND INFANT PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES. AFTER
22 MATEL, HE ENJOYED A LONG CAREER AT PLAYMATES TOYS, MUTANT
23 NINJA TURTLES, STAR TREK, AND MUNCHKIN, INC. HE WAS HIGHLY
24 REGARDED BY HIS COLLEAGUES IN BOTH THE U.S AND ASIA, AND HIS
25 ADVICE WAS SOUGHT BY MANY STARTUP FIRMS, CONSULTING

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1 CONTINUOUSLY UNTIL THE END OF HIS LIFE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
2 WIFE, YVONNE, HIS CHILDREN, MIKAYLA AND MORGAN, HIS FATHER,
3 DONALD, AND HIS SIBLINGS, MICHELE AND MICHAEL. AND I ASK THAT
4 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DR. DAVID
5 HINTON, WHOSE DEATH INTERRUPTED A REMARKABLY PROLIFIC CAREER.
6 HE WAS A PIONEERING SCIENTIST, WHOSE FOCUS WAS ON
7 UNDERSTANDING THE PATHOLOGY OF EYE DISEASE. HIS RESEARCH WAS
8 GROUNDBREAKING AND HELPED INCREASE OUR UNDERSTANDING OF AGE-
9 RELATED MACULAR DEGENERATION. HE CO-FOUNDED A STARTUP COMPANY
10 CALLED REGENERATIVE PATCH TECHNOLOGIES IN ORDER TO START AN
11 INVESTIGATIONAL CLINICAL TRIAL, THE EARLY RESULTS OF WHICH
12 HAVE BEEN REMARKABLE, RESTORING SIGHT TO SOME PATIENTS FOR
13 WHOM THERE HAD BEEN NO FORESEEABLE CURE. HE AUTHORED NEARLY
14 400 PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS AND ARTICLES IN HIGH IMPACT
15 JOURNALS AND WAS ALSO COAUTHOR OF THE AWARD-WINNING "RYAN'S
16 RETINA" TEXTBOOK. DAVID'S WORK WAS CITED NEARLY 10,000 TIMES
17 BY OTHER RESEARCHERS. IN 2017, HE WAS INDUCTED INTO THE U.S.C.
18 CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF INVENTORS, AND THE SAME
19 YEAR, HE RECEIVED A TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION AWARD. HE WAS A
20 FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE BECKMAN MACULAR RESEARCH CENTER, AND,
21 AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH, SERVED AS VICE CHAIR OF PATHOLOGY AT
22 U.S.C.'S KECK SCHOOL OF MEDICINE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
23 HUSBAND, RAMON, AND HIS BROTHERS, MICHAEL, STEPHEN, AND PETER.
24 AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
25 JIM LONG, WHOSE BRILLIANT CAREER SPANNED MORE THAN FIVE

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1 DECADES, DURING WHICH HE CREATED AWARD WINNING BROADCAST AND
2 ENTERTAINMENT COMPANIES IN DALLAS, IN NASHVILLE, AND IN LOS
3 ANGELES. PRIOR TO DEVELOPING INTERNET MUSIC LICENSING SERVICE,
4 CRUCIALMUSIC, WITH HIS PARTNER, TANVI PATEL, LONG FOUNDED AND
5 OPERATED AWARD- WINNING INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED MUSIC
6 PUBLISHERS, PRODUCTION LIBRARIES, RECORD LABELS, AND BROADCAST
7 ENTITIES: THE JIM LONG COMPANIES, T.M. COMPANIES, HONEST
8 ENTERTAINMENT GROUP, ONEMUSIC, AND LONG-PRIDE BROADCASTING.
9 HIS MUSIC PLACEMENTS ARE TOO NUMEROUS TO NAME BUT INCLUDE
10 ACADEMY AWARD AND GOLDEN GLOBE WINNING MOTION PICTURES, AS
11 WELL AS CLIOS FOR BROADCAST LICENSING AND SYNDICATION FOR
12 RADIO, T.V., AND FILM. HIS GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT WILL CONTINUE
13 FOR MANY YEARS THROUGH THE LONG FAMILY TRUST'S SUPPORT OF THE
14 MICHAEL J. FOX FOUNDATION FOR PARKINSON'S RESEARCH AND MUSIC
15 CARES, THE NON-PROFIT FOUNDATION OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF
16 RECORDING ARTS AND SCIENTISTS, WHICH PROVIDES SERVICES AND
17 ASSISTANCE IN TIMES OF NEED TO MUSICIANS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF
18 THE MUSIC COMMUNITY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, DEBORAH, AND
19 HIS SON, JAMES. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
20 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL LUROS, THE HONORARY JUDGE,
21 MICHAEL LUROS. AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF PRIVATE PRACTICE AND
22 WORK WITH THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER,
23 IN 1981, MICHAEL WAS APPOINTED TO THE L.A. MUNICIPAL COURT BY
24 GOVERNOR EDMUND BROWN, JR., SAT ON THE MUNICIPAL AND THEN
25 SUPERIOR COURT BENCH UNTIL 2008, LEADING A DISTINGUISHED

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1 CAREER AS A RESPECTED JURIST. IN 1989, HE WAS NAMED THE SAN
2 FERNANDO VALLEY CRIMINAL BAR ASSOCIATION'S MUNICIPAL COURT
3 JUDGE OF THE YEAR. AND IN 1992, THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY BAR
4 ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZED HIM WITH THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD. AND
5 FINALLY, I ASK THAT WHEN -- YOU WANT TO JOIN? OKAY. THAT WOULD
6 BE THE FOURTH AND THE FIFTH. AND FINALLY, I ASK WHEN WE
7 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL
8 WOMAN, RUTH WILLIAMS. SHE WAS A POWERFUL INFLUENCE ON THE
9 ESTABLISHMENT AND INCORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD.
10 AND THAT WAS NO EASY FEAT. SHE ALSO HELPED ESTABLISH AND
11 BECAME PRESIDENT OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD/BEVERLY HILLS
12 DEMOCRATIC CLUB. I THINK THE WORDS MOVER AND SHAKER WERE
13 REALLY INVENTED FOR RUTH WILLIAMS. SHE WAS A TIRELESS
14 ADVOCATE, TIRELESS WORKER, BIGGEST HEART IN THE WORLD FOR THE
15 MANY, MANY CAUSES IN WHICH SHE BELIEVED. SHE IS SURVIVED BY
16 HER SONS, STEVEN, RICHARD, AND MICHAEL. THANK YOU, MADAM
17 CHAIR.

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

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21 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
22 TODAY WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DR. SALAH RUBAYI, WHO WAS
23 CHIEF PHYSICIAN OF PLASTIC AND RECOVERY SURGERY AT RANCHO LOS
24 AMIGOS NATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE
25 AGE OF THE 79. A RENOWNED PLASTIC SURGEON SPECIALIZING IN

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1 PRESSURE WOUNDS, HE SERVED LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR OVER 35
2 YEARS PROVIDING CARE TO SOME OF THE MOST VULNERABLE AND
3 UNDERSERVED IN OUR POPULATION. ADDITIONALLY, HE TAUGHT AT
4 U.S.C. FOR 40 YEARS. DR. RUBAYI WAS AN EDUCATOR, A RESEARCHER,
5 AN AUTHOR, AND A STEWARD OF THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY. HE WILL BE
6 GREATLY MISSED BY HIS RANCHO FAMILY AND PATIENTS. HE IS
7 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, CECILE, AND HIS CHILDREN, OMAR AND
8 LAYLA. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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12 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
13 DO SO IN MEMORY OF CALVIN CHARLES ERICKSON, A LONGTIME
14 RESIDENT OF SAUGUS AND A HEROIC WORLD WAR II PILOT, WHO PASSED
15 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 98. CAL WAS THE YOUNGEST OF 11 CHILDREN
16 WHEN HE WAS BORN IN SELMA, CALIFORNIA. AS A YOUTH, HE PLAYED
17 BASEBALL AND THEN SEMIPROFESSIONAL BASEBALL BEFORE JOINING THE
18 ARMY AIR CORPS. DURING WORLD WAR II, HE WAS STATIONED IN
19 FRANCE, AND HE FLEW 12 BOMBING RAIDS OVER GERMANY WITH HIS
20 CREW OF SIX IN THEIR TWIN ENGINE B26 MARAUDER. HE MARRIED IN
21 1948, AND WITH THE HELP OF THE G.I. BILL, HE WAS ABLE TO
22 PURCHASE A HOME IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY FOR HIS YOUNG AND
23 GROWING FAMILY. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER IN REAL ESTATE IN THE MID
24 '70S. WHEN HE AND HIS FAMILY MOVED TO SAUGUS, HE WENT TO WORK
25 AT VALENCIA REALITY, FROM WHICH HE RETIRED IN THE LATE 1990S.

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1 HE WAS AN AVID GOLFER, AND AT THE AGE OF 80, HE FINALLY GOT
2 HIS FIRST AND ONLY HOLE IN ONE. HE ALSO ENJOYED A LIFELONG
3 LOVE OF SINGING. HE WAS A PROUD MEMBER OF THE HARMONY HILLS
4 CHORUS AND THE SANTA CLARITA BARBERSHOP CHORUS. IN 2016, HE
5 WAS INTERVIEWED BY THE SIGNAL NEWSPAPER AND WAS FEATURED IN AN
6 ARTICLE AS ONE OF THE MANY HEROES OF THE GREATEST GENERATION.
7 HE SUPPORTED THE AMERICAN LEGION, THE VETERAN'S
8 ADMINISTRATION, ST. JUDE'S, AND THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY.
9 CAL IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, JEAN, HIS SONS, MICHAEL, JOHN,
10 AND DAVID, HIS DAUGHTER, CALEEN, AND HIS BROTHER, GRANT. AND
11 THIS ONE REALLY IS SO SAD. I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO
12 SO IN MEMORY OF SOMEONE WHO TRULY I HAD SO MUCH ADMIRATION
13 FOR, TZEITEL PARAS-CARACCI, CITY OF DUARTE MAYOR PRO TEM, WHO
14 PASSED AWAY SATURDAY JUNE 25TH AFTER A NEARLY THREE YEAR
15 BATTLE AGAINST STAGE FOUR LUNG CANCER. SHE WAS SURROUNDED BY
16 HER FAMILY AT THE TIME OF HER PASSING. SHE OFTEN CREDITED HER
17 LONG SUCCESS IN BATTLING ADVANCED STATE CANCER TO THE DOCTORS
18 AT THE CITY OF HOPE NATIONAL MEDICAL CENTER IN DUARTE, WHERE
19 SHE HAD BEEN RECEIVING TREATMENT. SHE WAS BORN IN THE
20 PHILIPPINES ON AUGUST 8, 1972. SHE WAS NAMED AFTER THE ELDEST
21 DAUGHTER FROM THE BROADWAY MUSICAL "FIDDLER ON THE ROOF." HER
22 FAMILY MOVED TO LOS ANGELES IN 1975 AND THEN DECIDED TO SETTLE
23 IN DUARTE IN 1985. SHE GRADUATED FROM DUARTE HIGH SCHOOL IN
24 1989 AND WENT ON TO GRADUATE FROM WOODBURY UNIVERSITY IN
25 BURBANK BEFORE RETURNING HOME TO THE CITY THAT SHE LOVED. IN

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1 2003, SHE AND HER HUSBAND, K.C., AN AMAZING, AMAZING HUSBAND,
2 FATHER, THROUGHOUT ALL THIS, HE HAS BEEN INCREDIBLE, THEY
3 PURCHASED A HOME IN DUARTE SHORTLY AFTER BEING MARRIED IN
4 DUARTE'S ROYAL OAKS PARK. SHE WAS ELECTED TO THE DUARTE CITY
5 COUNCIL IN 2001 AND SERVED AS MAYOR FOUR TIMES, IN 2006, 2011,
6 2015, AND 2019. SHE WAS THE FIRST DUARTE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE
7 AND FILIPINO AMERICAN ELECTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL. AS A PUBLIC
8 SERVANT, SHE PARTICIPATED IN MANY FACETS OF GOVERNMENT AND
9 CIVICS IN DUARTE AND BEYOND. TO NAME A FEW, SHE WAS ELECTED BY
10 HER COLLEAGUES TO THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES BOARD OF
11 DIRECTORS AS WELL AS THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES BOARD,
12 AND MORE RECENTLY, AS PRESIDENT OF THE ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN
13 MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS. SHE WAS ALSO A DIRECTOR FOR THE LOS
14 ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT, A GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER
15 OF FOOTHILL TRANSIT, AND A BOARD MEMBER OF THE DUARTE
16 COMMUNITY COORDINATING COUNCIL. SHE WAS ALSO A LONGTIME MEMBER
17 OF THE DUARTE WOMAN'S CLUB. ONE OF HER PROUDEST
18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS WAS INITIATING THE MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL TO
19 HELP STUDENTS BECOME FAMILIAR AND ACTIVE WITH GOVERNMENT.
20 TZEITEL WAS THANKFUL EVERY DAY TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE
21 A DIFFERENCE AND SERVE THE PUBLIC FOR OVER 21 YEARS ON THE
22 CITY COUNCIL. SHE LEAVES BEHIND A LEGACY OF PASSION AND
23 COMMITMENT FOR THE CITY THAT SHE LOVED. AND I HAVE TO SAY,
24 AND, SUPERVISOR HAHN, I THINK YOU SAW HER RECENTLY AT CONTRACT
25 CITIES, EVEN IN THE DARKEST HOUR, HER GLASS WAS ALWAYS HALF

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1 FULL FOR HER CHILD, FOR HER HUSBAND, FOR HER COMMUNITY. SHE IS
2 SURVIVED BY HER PARENTS, LINO AND RUSSEL PARAS, HER HUSBAND,
3 K.C. CARACCI, STEPDAUGHTER, DR. BLAKE CARACCI, AND THEIR SON,
4 JACK RUSSELL, HER BROTHERS, BERTRAND AND JOHN PAUL GEORGE, AND
5 THEIR WIVES. YEAH, ABSOLUTELY, SUPERVISOR, HAHN, YOU'LL JOIN
6 ME ON THAT.

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8 **SUP. SOLIS:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, I WANTED TO JOIN YOU IN THAT,
9 BUT ALSO IF I COULD HAVE A MOMENT TO SAY SOMETHING.

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11 **SUP. BARGER:** SURE.

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13 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. I JUST
14 WANTED TO MENTION TOO, IT IS A TREMENDOUS LOSS FOR US TO HAVE
15 SEEN TZEITEL PARAS-CARACCI PASS AWAY. SHE IS SOMEBODY THAT I
16 MET VERY EARLY ON WHEN SHE WAS JUST STARTING IN HER CAREER AS
17 A COUNCIL MEMBER IN DUARTE. AT THE TIME, I WAS CONGRESSWOMAN,
18 AND I REPRESENTED THE AREA AND GOT TO KNOW HER VERY WELL. SHE
19 ATTENDED MANY CEREMONIES WE DID JOINTLY, ESPECIALLY
20 RECOGNIZING MANY OF THE YOUNG SOLDIERS THAT WERE TAKEN BY THE
21 IRAQ WAR AND WAS VERY MUCH A PART OF MANY THINGS WE DID THERE
22 IN THE COMMUNITY, PARTICIPATED IN MANY OF OUR CONGRESSIONAL
23 EVENTS. WANTED TO ALSO JUST SAY THAT IT WAS A PRIVILEGE TO
24 KNOW HER. ALWAYS A SMILING INDIVIDUAL, AND ALWAYS PUTTING
25 FAMILY FIRST, AND SO PROUD OF HER CULTURE HERITAGE BEING ONE

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1 OF THE FEW FILIPINO WOMEN IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY TO HAVE
2 ACHIEVED THE STATUS AS MAYOR THERE. SHE SERVED WITH DIGNITY
3 FOR 21 YEARS ON THE COUNCIL, AND SHE HELD HER HEAD UP VERY
4 HIGH. SO I, TOO, SEND MY CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND ALSO
5 THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK ON ON THE ITEM.

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7 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, YES. TZEITEL WAS AMAZING. AND I WILL
8 JUST LEAVE YOU WITH THIS STORY. I WENT TO A CITY COUNCIL
9 MEETING, AND THIS MAN GETS UP TO SPEAK, AND HE IS CHASTISING
10 US ALL ABOUT THE HOMELESS SITUATION AND VERY, VERY ANIMATED,
11 VERY ANGRY, CHALLENGING US ALL. LATER, I FIND OUT THAT IT WAS
12 HER FATHER. [LAUGHTER] AND HE CAME TO EVERY CITY COUNCIL
13 MEETING, AND HOMELESSNESS WAS A VERY NEAR AND DEAR ISSUE TO
14 HIM. AND I THOUGHT SHE WAS KIDDING. SHE SAID, "NO. THAT WAS MY
15 DAD." AND HER SENSE OF HUMOR -- YEAH, I AM HEARTBROKEN, BUT I
16 AM SO GRATEFUL THAT I WAS ABLE TO MEET SOMEONE AS INCREDIBLE
17 AS HER. SO, TZEITEL, REST IN PEACE. AND THAT WE ADJOURN IN
18 MEMORY OF JOHN CURTIS IRWIN ROCKE, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF
19 SANTA CLARITA WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 72. HE WAS BORN
20 IN HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA. HE GRADUATED FROM BURBANK HIGH
21 SCHOOL AND ATTENDED U.C.L.A. FOR HIS UNDERGRADUATE AND
22 GRADUATE DEGREES IN POLITICAL SCIENCE. HE THEN ATTENDED U.C.
23 DAVIS SCHOOL OF LAW AND TRANSFERRED TO U.C.L.A. SCHOOL OF LAW,
24 WHERE HE EARNED HIS J.D. HE ATTENDED OFFICER TRAINING SCHOOL
25 WHILE IN THE AIR FORCE NATIONAL GUARD, WHERE HE WAS A MEMBER

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1 OF THE 146 AIR WING IN VAN NUYS FOR MORE THAN 13 YEARS. DURING
2 HIS LEGAL CAREER, HE WORKED WITH THE LOS ANGELES CITY
3 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AS A PROSECUTOR, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
4 OFFICE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE,
5 AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITY OF BURBANK'S
6 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. HE ALSO TAUGHT ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE
7 CLASSES AT MISSION COLLEGE IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY FOR MANY
8 YEARS AND UP UNTIL HIS PASSING. JOHN IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,
9 KATHLEEN, HIS SON, PATRICK, AND HIS BROTHER, ADAM. AND LAST, I
10 MOVE THAT WE -- THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
11 THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS, WHO WERE IDENTIFIED AS IN INDIGENT
12 VETERANS BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER AND WERE
13 SUBSEQUENTLY BURIED WITH DIGNITY AND HONOR AT RIVERSIDE
14 NATIONAL CEMETERY IN THE LAST MONTH: RAY ARANT-LIVINGSTON,
15 MARINE CORPS, MARVIN JOE BOLTON, NAVY, JAMES ROBERT CONNES,
16 AIR FORCE, PATRIK THOMAS COOKSON, ARMY, THOMAS GENE DONALDSON,
17 ARMY, RODNEY LAMONT DOWD, ARMY, THOMAS JOHN EASTMAN, NAVY,
18 KENNETH DARRELL ELLIS, MARINE CORPS, ALLAN RODNEY GALE, MARINE
19 CORPS, STEVEN ANTHONY GANETOS, AIR FORCE, CHRISTOPHER FREDRICK
20 GILL, NAVY, DAVID FRANCIS GRIFFIN, MARINE CORPS, MICHAEL
21 JENNINGS, AIR FORCE, STEVEN MICHAEL KALIST, ARMY, DANIEL LEWIS
22 LANCASTER, ARMY, JOE SUN LEE, MARINE CORPS, RONALD RUBEN
23 LOPEZ, NAVY, WILLIAM HERBERT MILLER, ARMY, DOUGLAS RALPH
24 OEFFINGER, ARMY, DANIEL MARK SAAVEDRA, ARMY, GENE LEROY
25 SNYDER, ARMY, ELBERT LEE TARKENTON, AIR FORCE, THOMAS HENRY

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1 WILCOX, ARMY, HENRY DELSON WOODARD, ARMY. MAY THEIR
2 CONTRIBUTIONS AND SACRIFICES IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY NEVER
3 BE FORGOTTEN. THANK YOU.

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5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR.
6 SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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8 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
9 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SERGEANT MICHAEL
10 PAREDES AND OFFICER JOSEPH SANTANA. SERGEANT MICHAEL PAREDES
11 AND OFFICER JOSEPH SANTANA WERE KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY ON
12 TUESDAY JUNE 14TH WHILE FAITHFULLY CARRYING OUT THEIR SWORN
13 DUTIES. BOTH OFFICERS RESPONDED TO A POSSIBLE STABBING AT THE
14 SIESTA INN, WHERE THEY WERE TAKEN UNDER GUNFIRE. THE TWO
15 OFFICERS WERE TRANSPORTED TO L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER,
16 WHERE THEY SUCCUMBED TO THEIR INJURIES. SERGEANT PAREDES AND
17 OFFICER SANTANA WERE BOTH RAISED IN THE CITY OF EL MONTE AND
18 HAD A STRONG CONNECTION TO THE COMMUNITY THEY SERVED. SERGEANT
19 PAREDES STARTED HIS LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREER AS A CADET WITH THE
20 EL MONTE POLICE DEPARTMENT BEFORE BEING SWORN IN AS A FULL-
21 TIME POLICE OFFICER IN JULY OF 2000. DURING HIS TIME AT THE EL
22 MONTE POLICE DEPARTMENT, CORPORAL PAREDES WORKED ON SEVERAL
23 SPECIALIZED ASSIGNMENTS BEFORE BEING APPOINTED TO THE
24 ASSIGNMENT OF CORPORAL. SERGEANT PAREDES IS SURVIVED BY HIS
25 WIFE, DAUGHTER, AND SON. OFFICER SANTANA STARTED HIS SERVICE

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1 WITH THE CITY OF EL MONTE AS A PART-TIME PUBLIC WORKS
2 EMPLOYEE. AFTER SIX YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS
3 DEPARTMENT, HE TRANSITIONED TO A CAREER IN LAW ENFORCEMENT.
4 OFFICER SANTANA WORKED AS DEPUTY SHERIFF WITH THE SAN
5 BERNARDINO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WHERE HE SERVED THERE
6 FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE YEARS. IN 2021, HE MADE THE SHIFT FROM
7 THE SAN BERNARDINO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AS HE ACCEPTED A
8 POSITION AS POLICE OFFICER WITH THE CITY OF EL MONTE,
9 RETURNING TO HIS HOMETOWN TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY WHERE HE GREW
10 UP IN. OFFICER SANTANA IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, DAUGHTER, AND
11 TWIN BOYS. SERGEANT PAREDES AND OFFICER SANTANA PAID THE
12 ULTIMATE SACRIFICE WHILE IN PERFORMANCE OF A NOBLE PROFESSION,
13 SERVING THE COMMUNITY THAT THEY LOVE. WE ARE NOW LEFT WITH
14 THIS PAIN AND THE DIFFICULT AND ARDUOUS PATH TO HEAL. I AGAIN
15 OFFER MY CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS TO THE FAMILY OF SERGEANT
16 PAREDES AND OFFICER SANTANA AND THE UTMOST RESPECT TO MEMBERS
17 OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT FAMILY IN THE CITY OF EL MONTE FOR
18 DOING ALL THEY COULD TO COMFORT THE FAMILIES AND THE ENTIRE EL
19 MONTE COMMUNITY AS WE MOURN THE LOSS OF OUR BELOVED EL MONTE
20 FALLEN HEROES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THANK YOU VERY
23 MUCH FOR THAT --

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** MADAM CHAIR, CAN WE DO ALL MEMBERS ON THAT? WOULD
2 THAT BE OKAY, SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, ARE YOU OKAY IF WE ALL
5 JOIN YOU IN THAT ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY?

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7 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES.

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9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. EVERYONE WILL BE
10 ADDED. I APPRECIATE THAT. AND COLLEAGUES, WHEN WE ADJOURN
11 TODAY, I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MS. RUBY BELMON
12 MAILLIAN. MS. MAILLIAN WAS BORN FEBRUARY 20TH, 1930 IN
13 ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA AND PASSED AWAY JUNE 13TH AT HER -- AT
14 THE TENDER AGE OF 92, WHERE SHE HAD BEEN A LONGTIME SOUTH LOS
15 ANGELES RESIDENT. SHE IS WELL KNOWN AND RESPECTED WITHIN HER
16 COMMUNITY. MS. MAILLIAN SERVED AS AN ORIGINAL MEMBER OF THE
17 LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT 77TH DIVISION'S COMMUNITY POLICE
18 ADVISORY BOARD. HER DEDICATED SERVICE WAS RECOGNIZED WHEN SHE
19 BECAME THE FIRST INDUCTEE INTO THE 77TH DIVISION'S A HERO
20 AMONG US, WHICH INCLUDED HAVING HER NAME AND LIKENESS
21 PERMANENTLY PLACED IN THE 77TH DIVISION. MS. MAILLIAN WAS VERY
22 ACTIVE AND ADMIRER IN THE POLITICAL COMMUNITY AS WELL. SHE
23 ASSISTED WITH ELECTION CAMPAIGNS, WORKED CLOSELY WITH
24 CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS, AND WAS A PROUD MEMBER OF NEW
25 FRONTIER DEMOCRATIC CLUB. IN ADDITION, SHE WAS INVOLVED IN THE

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1 P.T.A. AT RAYMOND AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND FOUNDED A BOOK
2 CLUB IN HER HALLDALE COMMUNITY TO UNITE FELLOW NEIGHBORS. SHE
3 WAS NOBLY APPOINTED AS WOMAN OF THE YEAR BY HER GODSON AND
4 FORMER ASSEMBLYMAN AND STATE SENATOR, ROD WRIGHT. SHE WAS A
5 TRUE WOMAN OF GOD AND REGULARLY ATTENDED MT. TABOR MISSIONARY
6 BAPTIST CHURCH. SHE HAD AMAZING CULINARY SKILLS. THAT WAS THE
7 REPUTATION I KNEW OF HER, AND EVERYONE LOVED HER FAMOUS
8 LOUISIANA GUMBO, BANANA PUDDING, AND HER HOLIDAY SPREADS. SHE
9 WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A LOVING MOTHER, SISTER, WIFE, AND
10 FRIEND. SHE IS SURVIVED BY FOUR CHILDREN, BRIAN, FELICIA, LEAH
11 AND SUSAN, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN, TWO GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, AND A
12 HOST OF FAMILY, FRIENDS, LONG TERM NEIGHBORS, WHO WILL ALL
13 MISS HER DEARLY. ABSOLUTELY. I WILL BE PROUD TO HAVE
14 SUPERVISOR HAHN JOIN US IN THAT MEMORY -- IN THAT ADJOURN IN
15 MEMORY. SO THANK YOU, AND WE WILL TAKE ALL MOTIONS AS
16 SECONDED. IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. IT
17 WILL BE A UNANIMOUS VOTE. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU PLEASE
18 READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION.

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20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
21 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
22 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSSION ITEM C.S.1, CONFERENCE
23 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, ITEM
24 C.S.2, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, AND C.S.3,
25 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, FESIA DAVENPORT, AND

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1 DESIGNATED STAFF, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK

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CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR JUNE 28, 2022

CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

(Paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

Initiation of litigation (one case). (22-2452)

No reportable action was taken.

CS-2. DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS (Government Code Section 54957)

Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

No reportable action was taken.

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

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

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

Unrepresented employees (all). (17-0363)

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No reportable action was taken.

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

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors June 28, 2022, were
6 thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my direction and
7 supervision;

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

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

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 1st
16 day of July 2022, for the County records to be used only for
17 authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts as on
18 file of the office of the reporter.

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