



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, JULY 12, 2022 ON PAGE 273]**

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5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, AND WELCOME TO THE

6 REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF

7 SUPERVISORS, WHICH IS BEING HELD REMOTELY, AND TODAY IS

8 TUESDAY, JULY 12TH, 2022. WE WILL TAKE ROLL CALL TO CONFIRM

9 ATTENDANCE, BEGINNING WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS. GOOD MORNING.

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11 **SUP. SOLIS:** GOOD MORNING. PRESENT.

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

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15 **SUP. KUEHL:** GOOD MORNING. PRESENT.

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

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19 **SUP. HAHN:** GOOD MORNING. PRESENT.

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

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23 **SUP. BARGER:** PRESENT.

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

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

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

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8 **DAWYN HARRISON:** PRESENT.

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10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** CELIA ZAVALA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

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

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14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU WILL DO US THE
15 HONOR OF LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE?

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17 **SUP. HAHN:** YES. I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED
18 STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS,
19 ONE NATION, UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE
20 FOR ALL... SOMEDAY. WE'RE GETTING CLOSE.

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22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AS INDICATED ON THE
23 POSTED AGENDA, WE WILL BE TAKING TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENT
24 DURING TODAY'S MEETING. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD
25 RECEIVED OVER 2,000 WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT FOR TODAY'S

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

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8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
9 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PATE TWO, SET MATTERS.
10 SET MATTER 1 IS A REPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND
11 APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT HEADS, AS NECESSARY, ON THE STATUS OF
12 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING AND CONSIDERATION OF NECESSARY
13 ACTION. SET MATTER TWO IS A DISCUSSION IN CONSIDERATION OF
14 NECESSARY ACTION ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER RELATED TO
15 C.O.V.I.D.-19, AND A STATUS ON THE C.O.V.I.D.-19 VACCINE.
16 THESE ITEMS WILL BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION. ON PAGE THREE,
17 CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 3 THROUGH 24. ON
18 ITEM 2-- EXCUSE ME, ON ITEM 6, THIS INCLUDES A CORRECTION, AS
19 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 11, SUPERVISOR
20 SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, THIS INCLUDES A
21 REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 12,
22 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM
23 13, SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND SOLIS WOULD LIKE TO REVISE
24 DIRECTIVE NUMBER ONE TO REMOVE, "THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE LOS
25 ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT," AND ADD, "IMPACTED SCHOOL

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1 DISTRICTS," AND REVISE DIRECTIVE 1-C TO REPLACE "L.A.U.S.D.
2 WELLNESS CENTERS" WITH "SCHOOL-BASED WELLNESS SERVICES." ON
3 ITEMS 14 AND 15, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS
4 BE HELD. ON ITEM 16, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON
5 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 20, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION,
6 AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 22,
7 SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 22,
8 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 25 THROUGH 92. ON ITEM 25, THE
9 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
10 TO JANUARY 24TH, 2023. ON ITEM 30, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
11 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS, TO JULY 26,
12 2022. ON ITEM 48, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON
13 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 58, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS
14 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO AUGUST 2ND, 2022. ON ITEM 80,
15 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE
16 66, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA, WHICH
17 WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS
18 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE 67, ORDINANCES
19 FOR INTRODUCTIONS, ITEMS 93 THROUGH 97. ON PAGE 70, PUBLIC
20 HEARING. ON ITEM 98, THIS ITEM IS RELATED TO ITEM 90-D. THE
21 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS THAT ONLY THE PUBLIC HEARING
22 BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS, TO JULY 26TH, 2022. ON PAGE 71,
23 SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDAS. THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS
24 ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ON PAGE 78, THIS IS THE
25 AGENDA FOR THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. ON PAGE

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1 79, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION. ITEMS CS-2, CS-3, AND CS-4 ARE
2 ADDITIONS, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM
3 CS-2, THE ACTING COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
4 CONTINUED ONE WEEK, TO JULY 19TH, 2022. THE REQUESTS FOR
5 CONTINUANCES, THROUGH CS-4, ARE BEFORE YOU.

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7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU VERY
8 MUCH. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL
9 TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

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11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 82, ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS
12 MEETINGS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY THE BOARD. ITEM
13 A-10 IS A DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF NECESSARY ACTIONS
14 RELATED TO DECLARE OUTBREAKS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE THREATENING
15 THE PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY. ITEM A-10,
16 SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THAT
17 COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA, MADAM CHAIR.

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19 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, EXECUTIVE OFFICER. WE WILL
20 NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS. EXECUTIVE
21 OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO
22 PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA, AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO
23 THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE
24 BOARD THIS MORNING.

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AS INDICATED ON
2 THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC
3 COMMENT SHOULD CALL 877-226-8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE
4 NUMBER 133-6503. TO REPEAT: PLEASE CALL 877-226-8163, AND USE
5 PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 133-6503. 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: WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE
9 STATE YOUR NAME AND WHICH AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON.
10 WE WILL ALLOCATE 90 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL ITEMS
11 POSTED ON TODAY'S AGENDA. YOU WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK ON
12 ONE AGENDA ITEM, OR TWO MINUTES TO SPEAK ON TWO OR MORE ITEMS.
13 IN ADDITION, THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD WITH
14 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED ONE ADDITIONAL MINUTE,
15 FOR A MAXIMUM TOTAL OF UP TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON. WE WILL
16 CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING
17 THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. WHEN
18 SPEAKING ON THE AGENDA ITEMS, YOU MUST BE ON TOPIC. OUR GOAL
19 IS TO GET THROUGH AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE CAN. IF YOU'RE NOT
20 SPEAKING ON TOPIC, OR IF WE CANNOT TELL IF YOU ARE SPEAKING ON
21 AN AGENDA ITEM, YOU WILL GET ONE WARNING FROM COUNTY COUNSEL
22 OR THE CHAIR. IF YOU DO NOT IMMEDIATELY OR CLEARLY GET ON
23 TOPIC, OR IF YOU STRAY OFF TOPIC AGAIN, YOU WILL FORFEIT THE
24 REST OF YOUR TIME, AND THE CHAIR WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT
25 SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU ARE ALSO LISTENING TO THE

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

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6 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS HELEN JONES. PLEASE STATE
7 THE AGENDA ITEM YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
8 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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10 **SPEAKER:** YES, THANK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I WILL BE
11 SPEAKING ON PUBLIC COMMENT, ITEM 12, ITEM 11, AND ITEM 28.

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13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YOU MAY BEGIN.

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15 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. FOR DECADES, ANGELENOS HAVE WITNESSED A
16 CULTURE OF CORRUPTION AND IMPUNITY IN THE SHERIFF'S
17 DEPARTMENT, LEAVING PEOPLE WHO ARE STOPPED OR INCARCERATED AT
18 RISK OF ABUSE OR DEATH OR WORSE. FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS,
19 DEPUTY GANGS AMONG THE RANKS AND MANAGEMENT OF THE SHERIFF
20 DEPARTMENTS HAVE TERRORIZED COMMUNITY MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY IN
21 BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES. MY NAME IS HELEN JONES. I AM THE
22 MOTHER OF JOHN HORTON. MY SON, JOHN, WAS BEAT TO DEATH MARCH
23 30TH BY THE 3,000 BOYS DEPUTY SHERIFF GANG, AND FOR OVER A
24 DECADE, I HAVE BEEN FIGHTING, AND MY FAMILY HAS BEEN FIGHTING,
25 TRYING TO GET JUSTICE FROM THIS SHERIFF DEPARTMENT. AND IT

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1 HASN'T GOT NOT ONE PIECE OF JUSTICE. AND NOT ONLY JOHN HAS
2 BEEN KILLED, AND ABUSED, AND BEAT TO DEATH, AND BEEN
3 SLAUGHTERED BY THIS SHERIFF DEPARTMENT. SO MANY COMMUNITY
4 MEMBERS HAS BEEN UNDER SIEGE BY THIS DEPARTMENT. I URGE THIS
5 BOARD TO PLEASE PASS THIS CHARTER AMENDMENT. PUT THIS ON THE
6 BALLOT. DON'T LET THE COMMUNITY SUFFER NO MORE. WE HAVE BEEN
7 SUFFERING FOR DECADES, FAMILY AFTER FAMILY. DO YOU KNOW WE
8 ASKED EACH OTHER OVER AT LEAST 35 TO 40 YEARS, WHO DO THE
9 SHERIFF DEPARTMENT ANSWER TO? WHO COULD WE TELL ON, WHEN THE
10 SHERIFF DEPARTMENT COME KICK IN OUR DOORS, PUT DRUGS ON FAMILY
11 MEMBERS THAT JUST TRYING TO WALK IN THE YARD, FROM COMING FROM
12 SOMEWHERE, WHEN THEY PULLING FAMILIES OVER, TRAILING THEM IN
13 THEIR CARS? AND WHO DO WE GO TO? WE SAID THIS FOR YEARS. AND
14 WE COULDN'T TELL NOBODY, BECAUSE THERE WAS NOBODY TO TELL.
15 THERE WAS NOBODY TO HOLD THIS SHERIFF DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTABLE.
16 THIS SHERIFF TODAY, ALEX VILLANUEVA, HE KNOW, JUST LIKE THE
17 REST OF THE SHERIFFS THAT RAN THIS DEPARTMENT, THAT THEY COULD
18 DO WHAT THEY WANT TO DO. AND THEY KNOW US AS PUBLIC AND
19 COMMUNITY MEMBERS, GRIEVING FAMILY MEMBERS, GRIEVING MOTHERS
20 AND FATHERS, AND THE CHILDREN THAT IS LEFT BEHIND BY ALL THE
21 LIVES THAT THEY TOOK AND THAT THEY HAVE STOLEN, BRUTALLY. I
22 MEAN, BRUTALLY STOLEN OUR CHILDREN'S LIVES. WHO DO WE TELL? WE
23 HAD NOBODY TO TELL. SO I URGE THIS BOARD, PLEASE HOLD THIS
24 SHERIFF DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTABLE. LET US SEE THAT-- LET THIS

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1 SHERIFF DEPARTMENT SEE THAT YOU CAN'T DO THE PUBLIC LIKE THIS.

2 YOU JUST CAN'T COME--

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

5 YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS VICKY BEZA. PLEASE STATE THE

8 AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU

9 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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11 **VICKY BEZA:** HI. MY NAME IS VICKY BEZA, AND I AM SPEAKING ON

12 ITEM 12. I AM A MEMBER OF U.N.I.T.E. H.E.R.E. LOCAL 11, AND I

13 LIVE IN DISTRICT TWO. I AM HAPPY TO SEE THAT THE BOARD IS

14 BRINGING THIS URGENTLY NEEDED CHARTER AMENDMENT TO A VOTE. OUR

15 UNION HAS STOOD WITH THE GUARDADO FAMILY FOR THE LAST TWO

16 YEARS, SINCE THEIR SON, ANDRES, WAS SHOT FIVE TIMES IN THE

17 BACK, AND KILLED BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES, AND WE HAVE NOT

18 SEEN THE SHERIFF TAKE ANY RESPONSIBILITY WHATSOEVER. THIS

19 MEASURE CREATES COMMONSENSE CHECKS AND BALANCES, AND I URGE

20 YOU TO APPROVE IT, SO I CAN VOTE ON IT IN NOVEMBER. THANK YOU.

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22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS FRANKIE CARILLO. PLEASE STATE
2 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
3 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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5 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS FRANKIE CARILLO. I AM A
6 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT ONE, AND I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA
7 ITEM NUMBER 12, ALONG WITH GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS. ONCE
8 AGAIN, GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ALONG WITH EVERYONE
9 IN ATTENDANCE. I RISE IN FULL SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 12, THE
10 CHARTER AMENDMENT THAT WOULD BRING ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE
11 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I WANT TO STAND SHOULDER TO SHOULDER
12 WITH THE COMMUNITY, AND LIFT MY VOICE IN SUCH AN IMPORTANT
13 DECISION THAT YOU WILL BE VOTING ON TODAY, SUPERVISORS. NOT
14 TOO LONG AGO, I WOULD NOT HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE
15 TODAY, BECAUSE I WAS IN PRISON, SERVING A LIFE SENTENCE FOR A
16 CRIME I DID NOT COMMIT. I HAVE BEEN FULLY EXONERATED, AND IN
17 THE PROCESS, IT WAS PROVEN THAT THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF
18 DEPUTIES ABUSED THEIR POWER AND FRAMED ME FOR A CRIME I DID
19 NOT COMMIT, WHEN I WAS MERELY 16 YEARS OLD. THE DEPUTIES I AM
20 REFERRING TO BELONG TO A DEPUTY GANG CALLED THE VIKINGS. THIS
21 TRAGIC L.A. STORY OCCURRED MANY YEARS AGO, BUT THE PROBLEM OF
22 CORRUPTION AND A LACK OF CHECKS AND OF BALANCES HAS NOT BEEN
23 ADDRESSED, AND THE PROBLEM, SADLY, FOR MANY ANGELENOS, HAS
24 ONLY GOTTEN WORSE. AS WE ALL KNOW, MANY HAVE COME FORWARD
25 PROMISING THAT THEY WILL FIX THE PROBLEM FROM WITHIN. BUT ONCE

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1 ELECTED, THEY NOT ONLY FORGET THE PROMISE THAT THEY MADE TO
2 US, BUT THEY BECOME THE PROBLEM THEMSELVES. FINALLY,
3 SUPERVISORS, FOR MANY VICTIMS OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,
4 THEY HAVE COURAGEOUSLY DENOUNCED THE CORRUPTION OF THE
5 DEPARTMENT WITH EVERY LEGAL AVENUE POSSIBLE. LITERALLY, EVERY
6 LEGAL AVENUE POSSIBLE THAT WE CAN, AS A COMMUNITY, WE HAVE
7 TRIED TO EXPOSE THEM. I HAVE PERSONALLY SUED THE DEPARTMENT
8 FOR MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, AND I HAVE EXPOSED THEIR TERRIBLE
9 PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES, BUT THE PROBLEM CONTINUES. I HAVE
10 SHARED WHAT THEY DID TO ME IN A SERIES ON NETFLIX, THAT THE
11 WORLD CAN SEE, AND THE PROBLEM CONTINUES. BUT ABOVE ALL,
12 SUPERVISORS, I SPENT 20 YEARS OF MY LIFE IN PRISON FOR A CRIME
13 I DID NOT COMMIT, AND THAT WAS AT THE CORE OF IT. IT WAS
14 BECAUSE IT WAS A LACK OF CHECKS AND BALANCES WITHIN THIS
15 DEPARTMENT. SO I PLEAD TO YOU TODAY, SUPERVISORS, TO ALLOW THE
16 TRAGIC STORY OF MY SUFFERING FOR ALL THOSE YEARS TO MOTIVATE
17 YOU TO SUPPORT ITEM NUMBER 12. THANK YOU.

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19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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

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1 **SPEAKER:** I HAVE BEEN FULLY EXONERATED, AND IN THE PROCESS, IT
2 WAS PROVEN THAT THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES ABUSED
3 THEIR POWER AND FRAMED ME FOR A CRIME I DID NOT COMMIT--

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5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** EXCUSE ME. MR. PREVEN?

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7 **SPEAKER:** THE DEPUTIES I AM REFERRING TO BELONG TO A DEPUTY
8 GANG CALLED THE VIKINGS. THIS TRAGIC L.A. STORY OCCURRED MANY
9 YEARS AGO.

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11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** MR. PREVEN, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

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13 **SPEAKER:** -- CHECKS AND BALANCES HAS NOT BEEN ADDRESSED, AND
14 THE PROBLEM, SADLY, FOR MANY ANGELENOS--

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

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19 **SPEAKER:** AS WE ALL KNOW, MANY HAVE COME FORWARD--

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21 **MODERATOR:** YES. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ALBERTO RETANA. PLEASE
22 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND
23 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
24 BEGIN.

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1 **ALBERTO RETANA:** HI. I AM PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. I AM SPEAKING ON
2 ITEM 12. PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF COMMUNITY COALITION. I AM A
3 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT TWO, AND I AM CALLING IN TO STRONGLY
4 SUPPORT ITEM 12. WE ARE COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT HAVE BEEN
5 RELEGATED TO AN OPPRESSIVE STATE OF AFFAIRS IN OUR COUNTY.
6 WHAT DO WE DO, AS A PUBLIC, WHEN AN ELECTED OFFICIAL REFUSES
7 TO ABIDE BY THE RULES, WHEN THEY ABUSE THEIR POWER, AND HAVE A
8 BODY OF ARMED PEOPLE TO PROTECT THEM? CERTAINLY, AS EVERYDAY
9 RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY, WE HAVE TWO OPTIONS, WHICH ARE
10 COSTLY AND INEFFECTIVE AND TAKE TIME. WE CAN'T AFFORD TO WAIT
11 TO RECALL, AND WE CAN'T AFFORD TO WAIT TILL THE NEXT ELECTION.
12 EVERYDAY PEOPLE DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO RUN A RECALL OR WAIT
13 FOUR YEARS, OR TWO YEARS, OR ONE YEAR. WE NEED TO TEND TO OUR
14 FAMILIES, GO TO WORK, CARE FOR OUR CHILDREN, CARE FOR OUR
15 COMMUNITIES. EVERYDAY PEOPLE SHOULD NOT HAVE TO FEAR DEPUTY
16 GANGS, COVER-UPS, AND WASTE HARD-EARNED, TAX-EARNED MONEY ON
17 SOMEONE WHO REFUSES TO BE ACCOUNTABLE TO THE VOTER. AS A
18 COUNTY, WE REJECTED TRUMP FROM THE WHITE HOUSE, BUT YET WE
19 ALLOW A TRUMP-LIKE LEADER IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

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

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

4

5 **LUCIANA SVIDLER:** I AM GOING TO BE ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEM
6 NUMBER 11. MY NAME IS LUCIANA SVIDLER, AND I AM A SENIOR
7 POLICY ATTORNEY AT CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER OF CALIFORNIA. C.L.C.
8 REPRESENTS APPROXIMATELY 30,000 CHILDREN UNDER THE
9 JURISDICTION OF THE DEPENDENCY COURT IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE
10 THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND MITCHELL FOR THIS IMPORTANT,
11 NECESSARY MOTION. THE LAW IS VERY CLEAR THAT, LIKE ALL YOUTH
12 IN CALIFORNIA, YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE, INCLUDING NON-MINOR
13 DEPENDENTS, HAVE A RIGHT TO ACCESS AND RECEIVE REPRODUCTIVE
14 AND SEXUAL HEALTHCARE. THIS INCLUDES THE RIGHT TO ACCESS AND
15 RECEIVE ABORTION CARE, SHOULD THAT BE THEIR DECISION. HOWEVER,
16 HISTORICALLY, YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE FACE DISPROPORTIONALLY POOR
17 REPRODUCTIVE AND SEXUAL HEALTH OUTCOMES AND EXPERIENCES, AS
18 COMPARED TO THEIR PEERS, WITH REPORTED CHALLENGES IN ACCESSING
19 SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION AND CARE. IN FACT, C.L.C. HAS BEEN
20 PART OF A MULTIYEAR EFFORT-- THE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH EQUITY
21 PROJECT-- WHICH SPECIFICALLY AIMS TO DISMANTLE SYSTEMIC
22 BARRIERS TO SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH EDUCATION AND
23 SERVICES.

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

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

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8 **KURT PETERSEN:** HELLO. 12, 52, AND PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD
9 MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KURT PETERSEN. I AM A CO-
10 PRESIDENT OF U.N.I.T.E. H.E.R.E. LOCAL 11. WE REPRESENT MORE
11 THAN 30,000 COOKS, SERVERS, DISHWASHERS, AND ROOM ATTENDANTS,
12 WHO ARE THE BACKBONE OF OUR TOURISM INDUSTRY. ON THE EVENING
13 OF JUNE 18TH, 2020, A LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPUTY TOOK THE
14 LIFE OF ANDRES GUARDADO. ANDRES' DAD, CRISTOBEL GUARDADO, IS A
15 LOCAL 11 MEMBER. HE WORKS AS A PROFESSIONAL COOK AT THE L.A.
16 DOWNTOWN HOTEL. ANDRES WAS WORKING AS A SECURITY GUARD WHEN
17 THIS DEPUTY KILLED HIM. THE IRONY IS INFURIATING. YOU SEE,
18 ANDRES WAS PROTECTING AND ENSURING THE SAFETY OF OTHERS WHEN A
19 DEPUTY, WHOSE JOB WAS TO KEEP THE PEACE, SHOT ANDRES FIVE
20 TIMES IN THE BACK. WE COMMEND THE BOARD FOR VOTING TWICE, IN
21 JUNE AND SEPTEMBER OF 2020, TO CALL FOR AN INDEPENDENT
22 INVESTIGATION OF ANDRES' KILLING. HOWEVER, IN THE TWO YEARS
23 SINCE THAT TRAGIC DAY, IT IS CLEAR TO US THAT THE EXISTING
24 MECHANISMS OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ARE HORRIBLY
25 DEFICIENT. THIS MEASURE CREATES A NECESSARY CHECK AND BALANCE.

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1 U.N.I.T.E. H.E.R.E. LOCAL 11 URGES THE SUPERVISORS TO REFER TO
2 THE VOTERS FOR THE NOVEMBER 8TH, 2022, ELECTION A CHARTER
3 AMENDMENT THAT WILL ALLOW THE BOARD TO REMOVE THE SHERIFF FOR
4 SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF PUBLIC TRUST. AND THEN, ON ITEM 52, WE
5 WOULD REQUEST THAT THE BOARD DEFER THE DECISION ON THE LEASE
6 EXTENSION FOR THE CALIFORNIA YACHT CLUB. THE CUBESMART, WHICH
7 IS REQUESTING THE LEASE, HAS NO EXPERIENCE MANAGING ANY
8 OPERATIONS THAT CURRENTLY EXIST AT THAT SITE. WE NEED STABLE,
9 QUALIFIED OPERATORS IN OUR MARINA. PLEASE DEFER THAT DECISION
10 TODAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

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15 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ADRIANA WONG. PLEASE
16 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND
17 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
18 BEGIN.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I AM CALLING IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEMS
21 12 AND 16, AND TO GIVE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YOU MAY BEGIN.

24

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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS STRONG SUPPORT FOR
2 ITEM NUMBER 12. L.A. COUNTY SHOULD NOT BE RUN AS A POLICE
3 STATE, BUT OUR GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES MAKE US VULNERABLE TO
4 BECOMING ONE, AS OUR CURRENT SHERIFF HAS MADE PAINFULLY CLEAR
5 THROUGH HIS REPEATED OVERREACHES OF POWER AND DEFIANCE OF THE
6 LAW. SO THE CHECKS THE BALANCES IN THE PROPOSED CHARTER
7 AMENDMENT ARE JUST COMMON SENSE. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT A
8 FUNCTIONING DEMOCRACY CANNOT ALLOW FOR ANY PUBLIC OFFICIAL,
9 LET ALONE AN OFFICIAL COMMANDING THE ARMED FORCES AND POWERS
10 THAT THE SHERIFF DOES, TO HAVE UNCHECKED POWER TO INFLICT HARM
11 ON THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXPRESS
12 SUPPORT FOR ITEM 16, THE POVERTY ALLEVIATION MOTION,
13 ESPECIALLY THE PART OF THE STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK THAT CALLS ON
14 THE COUNTY TO EVALUATE AND ELIMINATE SOURCES OF DEBT,
15 BURDENING LOW-INCOME FAMILIES, THAT ARE GENERATED BY THE
16 COUNTY'S OWN POLICIES, FINES, AND FEES, SUCH AS THE PHONE FEES
17 AND COMMISSARY PRICE-GOUGING BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THAT
18 IT USES TO EXPLOIT AND IMPOVERISH PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY JAILS,
19 AND THEIR ENTIRE FAMILIES. IT IS SENSELESS AND WRONG FOR THE
20 COUNTY TO GIVE WITH ONE HAND, WHILE AUTHORIZING THE SHERIFF TO
21 TAKE MORE WITH THE OTHER. AND AS THE MOTION SAYS, THE COST OF
22 INACTION AND MAINTAINING THE STATUS QUO ARE TOO SIGNIFICANT TO
23 THE HEALTH WELLBEING OF OUR RESIDENTS. SO I URGE THE COUNTY TO
24 PRIORITIZE THAT PART OF THE FRAMEWORK. THANK YOU.

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

2

3 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS SAM LEWIS. PLEASE STATE THE
4 AGENDA ITEM YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
5 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **SAM LEWIS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SAM LEWIS. I AM THE
8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF A.R.C., THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION. I
9 AM A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT NUMBER 5. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON
10 AGENDA ITEM 12 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT
11 ITEM 12, THE BOARD'S MOTION TO BRING ABOUT A CHARTER AMENDMENT
12 FOR COMMONSENSE CHECKS AND BALANCES AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF THIS
13 SHERIFF, AND ALL THE SHERIFFS TO FOLLOW. DEPUTY GANGS AND
14 OTHER FORMS OF DEPUTY VIOLENCE HAVE PERSISTED, BECAUSE ONE
15 SHERIFF'S ADMINISTRATOR AFTER THE NEXT HAS FAILED TO EXACT AND
16 ENFORCE POLICY THAT PROVIDE MEANINGFUL AND CONSISTENT
17 DISCIPLINE WHEN DEPUTIES HARASS, ABUSE, AND MURDER. THIS
18 CULTURE OF VIOLENCE COMES FROM THE VERY TOP, AND IS LEFT
19 UNCHECKED BY OUR DATED CHARTER, OUR COUNTY'S CONSTITUTION. AND
20 CONSTITUTIONS ARE MEANT TO BE LIVING DOCUMENTS. CHECKS AND
21 BALANCES ARE PILLARS OF A STRONG AND FUNCTIONING DEMOCRACY,
22 AND NOT ALLOWING ONE PERSON OR AGENCY TO BECOME TOO POWERFUL.
23 IN AN AMERICAN SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT, NO GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL
24 SHOULD HAVE THE UNCHECKED POWER THAT IS CLAIMED BY THIS
25 SHERIFF. ESTABLISHING CHECKS AND BALANCES ON THE SHERIFF IS

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1 LONG OVERDUE, AND CHANGES TO OUR COUNTY CHARTER CAN ENSURE
2 ESSENTIAL OVERSIGHT OF OUR SHERIFF. KEEP IN MIND THAT WE HAVE
3 A PREVIOUS SHERIFF INCARCERATED, AND BEHAVIOR WAS SIMILAR TO,
4 IF NOT JUST AS BAD. I DON'T KNOW IF THIS SHERIFF'S BEHAVIOR IS
5 EVEN WORSE. THIS CHARTER AMENDMENT FOR SHERIFF ACCOUNTABILITY
6 ALLOWS FOR THE BOARD TO REMOVE THE SHERIFF, WHO IS VIOLATING
7 THE LAW AND ENDANGERING OUR LIVES, WITHOUT THE TIME AND
8 EXPENSE OF A RECALL ELECTION, OR WAITING UNTIL THE NEXT
9 ELECTION. THE BOARD SHOULD HAVE THE POWER TO PROTECT ALL OF
10 US. WE URGE THE BOARD TO REFER THIS AMENDMENT TO VOTERS IN THE
11 NOVEMBER 2022 GENERAL ELECTION: AN AMENDMENT TO OUR COUNTY
12 CHARTER THAT WOULD CREATE COMMONSENSE CHECKS AND BALANCES, AND
13 ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE SHERIFF. LET THE PEOPLE SPEAK. PLEASE
14 PUT THIS ON THE BALLOT. LET US DETERMINE IF THIS IS WHAT WE
15 WANT. THANK YOU.

16
17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18
19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. PLEASE
20 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND
21 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
22 BEGIN.

23
24 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD MORNING. THIS IS DR.
25 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, AND I AM AFRAID THAT WE ARE STILL ON THE

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1 PHONE, INSTEAD OF IN PERSON. ANYWAY, I WILL BE SPEAKING TO 1,
2 2, 23, AND 12. ON ITEM 2, I AM VERY CONCERNED OF WHAT I SEE IN
3 OUR NEWSPAPER. I SEE DR. FERRER TRYING TO TELL US WE HAVE TO
4 GO BACK TO MASK. AND WHEN I CHECK WITH THE HOSPITALS, AND SO
5 ON, ACTUALLY, WE HAVE HAD VERY LITTLE ADMISSIONS. THE PATIENTS
6 HAVE NOT BEEN SEVERELY SICK. SO, PLEASE, STOP THE
7 FEARMONGERING. ALL IT IS GOING TO DO IS GOING TO MAKE PEOPLE
8 UPSET, AND NOT FOLLOWING THE RULES. AND I THINK, ALSO,
9 GENERALLY, IT IS KNOWN NOT TO PUT [INAUDIBLE]. AND THEN, IN
10 THE ARTICLE, IN SAYS [INAUDIBLE] MORE REALISTIC. ON ITEM 12, I
11 THINK IF YOU ARE GOING TO DO IT FOR THE SHERIFF, YOU COULD DO
12 IT FOR ALL THE OTHER PEOPLE WHO ARE ELECTED. YOU KNOW, ALL OF
13 THAT, JUST NOT FOR THE SHERIFF. AND ON ITEM 23, SAME, YOU
14 KNOW. YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO REOPEN SOMEDAY, AND MAKE SURE IT
15 COULD BE THE BEST TIME. PLEASE, REOPEN. STOP THE EXCUSES. MOST
16 OTHER GROUPS HAVE REOPENED. THE BOARD OF [INAUDIBLE] REOPENED,
17 THE MEDICAL BOARD, THE NURSING BOARD. MANY CITIES FROM THE
18 COUNTY ARE REOPENED. IT IS TIME TO DO IT, ALSO. AND ON THE
19 [INAUDIBLE], I THINK I AM GLAD TO SEE THAT MITCHELL HAS HAD
20 IT, BECAUSE IT SHOULD BE LOOKED AT, AND NOT RECEIVED AND
21 FILED, AS WE DO ALL THE TIME. ON ITEM 46, ON THE SEXUALLY
22 TRANSMITTED DISEASES, WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING. LOS ANGELES
23 HAVE HAD THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF--

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:** THE NEXT SPEAKER IS STEPHANIE LUNA. PLEASE STATE
5 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
6 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS STEPHANIE LUNA. I AM A
9 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT ONE. I WILL BE SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF
10 AGENDA ITEMS 11, 12, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I WOULD LIKE
11 TO THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND MITCHELL FOR RECOMMENDING THESE
12 ITEMS TO THE BOARD THIS MORNING. I AM HERE TODAY, SPEAKING ON
13 BEHALF OF MY NEPHEW, ANTHONY DANIEL VARGAS, WHOSE LIFE WAS
14 TAKEN BY TWO LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF DEPUTIES IN AUGUST OF
15 2018. THIS BOARD HAS HEARD FROM FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS
16 SPEAKING ON THE CONSTANT FAMILY HARASSMENT, THE IMPORTANCE OF
17 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF BODY CAMS, THE NEED FOR A FAMILY
18 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, AMONG SO MANY OTHER ISSUES INVOLVING THE
19 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THESE CONVERSATIONS HAVE ALL TAKEN PLACE
20 WITHIN A THREE-YEAR SPAN. WE ARE AT A CRUCIAL POINT ONCE
21 AGAIN, AND IT IS TIME TO TAKE ACTION. AS OF RIGHT NOW, THERE
22 ARE LIMITATIONS ON HOW TO HAVE THE SHERIFF REMOVED: WAITING
23 FOUR YEARS FOR THE NEXT ELECTION, WHICH I MIGHT ADD IS
24 EXTREMELY DANGEROUS, SEEING AS HOW MUCH DAMAGE THE CURRENT
25 SHERIFF HAS MANAGED TO DO WITHIN HIS TERM; AND A RECALL, WHICH

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1 IS A WASTE OF RESOURCES AND TIME, DOESN'T DEAL WITH THE
2 SYSTEMATIC NATURE OF THE PROBLEM. THAT JUST PUTS A BAND-AID ON
3 IT. THIS AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY CHARTER IS NOT A POLITICAL
4 ATTACK ON ANY ONE SHERIFF. IT IS A PUSH FOR THE BOARD TO HAVE
5 MORE POWER WHEN IT COMES TO THE DEPARTMENT AS A WHOLE. IT IS A
6 PUSH FOR THE BOARD TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO STEP IN WHEN ANY
7 SHERIFF IS PART OF [INAUDIBLE] AND ENABLES A CULTURE OF
8 VIOLENCE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT, THAT ULTIMATELY ENDANGERS OUR
9 COMMUNITIES. THIS IS A PUSH FOR THE BOARD, WHICH IS
10 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC, INCLUDING
11 THE SUPERVISION OF THE SHERIFF [INAUDIBLE] PROTECT THE PUBLIC.
12 SHERIFFS RELY ON THEIR UNCHECKED POWER, AND A SHERIFF THAT
13 CHOOSES TO ABUSE IT HAS GREAT POTENTIAL TO DO SIGNIFICANT
14 HARM. WE KNOW THERE ARE DEPUTY GANGS, MUCH LIKE THE ONE MY
15 NEPHEW'S LIFE WAS TAKEN FOR, AND WE HAVE SEEN THE INCREASE IN
16 DEPUTY STUDENTS, AS WELL AS RECORD-LEVEL DEATHS WITHIN THE
17 JAILS. HAVING POLICIES PUT INTO PLACE DOES NOTHING WHEN
18 THERE'S A SHERIFF [INAUDIBLE] WHO WILL NOT ABIDE BY THEM, AND
19 ENABLES EVERY DEPUTY UNDER HIS WATCH TO DO THE SAME. WE'RE NOT
20 ASKING FOR ANYTHING RADICAL. WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR ANYTHING
21 CRAZY. WE ARE ASKING THAT A SHERIFF-- ANY SHERIFF THAT COMMITS
22 ANY TYPE OF MISCONDUCT AND OBSTRUCTION-- BE HELD TO THE SAME
23 STANDARDS THAT WE WOULD. THIS CHARTER AMENDMENT IS ONE
24 IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD, AND HAS ULTIMATELY BEEN A FAMILY- AND
25 COMMUNITY-LED EFFORT. IT IS APPARENT THAT THE [INAUDIBLE] GO

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1 DEEPER THAN JUST ONE SHERIFF. IT IS TIME TO TAKE ACTION. THANK
2 YOU.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ROY HUMPHREYS. PLEASE STATE THE
7 AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
8 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** THIS IS ROY HUMPHREYS, ADDRESSING ITEM 5, 16, AND
11 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THE SUPERVISORS HAVE NOTHING BETTER TO
12 DO THAN HAVE BREASTFEEDING MONTH, WHILE THE BEACHES OF VENICE
13 ARE BEING INVADED BY TRANSIENTS, AND THOSE BEACHES BELONG TO
14 EVERYBODY. AND FROM LAST NIGHT'S NEWS-- AND I AM BEING SHOT BY
15 TRANSIENT SQUATTERS IN THE STORM DRAINS OF ROWLAND HEIGHTS.
16 YOU, SUPERVISORS, ARE THE BEST. ITEM 16, ALLEVIATING POVERTY
17 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, IS A PATHETIC JOKE, WHILE YOUR
18 SANCTUARY STATUS BRINGS HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS ACROSS OUR
19 SOUTHERN BORDER FOR A LIFE OF PROSTITUTION, OR DIE, AS THE 59
20 IN THE CONTAINER VESSEL, WHOSE BLOOD IS ON YOUR HANDS. GENERAL
21 COMMENT: AUTHOR LEGISLATION TO PROHIBIT THE PRODUCTION, SALE,
22 AND CONSUMPTION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS WITH FILTERS ON THEM, AS
23 THEY ARE A WORLDWIDE POLLUTION PROBLEM, AS NOTED IN MULTIPLE
24 COMMERCIALS ON OUR T.V. AND OTHER SOURCES. AND LAST, BUT NOT
25 LEAST, I IMPLORE YOU TO REMOVE THAT PATHETIC TIMING DEVICE YOU

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1 HAVE ON THE SCREEN, WHICH NEVER HAS BEEN OPERATED PROPERLY,
2 AND HAS NO RELEVANCE TO THESE MEETINGS. THANK YOU.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS DENISE KNITER. PLEASE STATE THE
7 AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
8 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **DENISE KNITER:** HI, GOOD MORNING. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON SET
11 MATTER TWO, THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE. GOOD MORNING,
12 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DENISE KNITER. I AM WITH THE LOS
13 ANGELES COUNTY BUSINESS FEDERATION, ALSO KNOWN AS BIZFED. WE
14 ARE AN ALLIANCE OF OVER 220 BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS, AND THEY
15 REPRESENT OVER 450,000 EMPLOYERS IN THE COUNTY. WE ARE HERE TO
16 COMMENT ON THE MASK MANDATE. WE ABSOLUTELY SHARE THE
17 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S CONCERN WITH THE RISING THREAT
18 IN C.O.V.I.D. CASES, AND WE SUPPORT INCREASED EDUCATION AND
19 VOLUNTARY MEASURES FOR THE REGION, BUT WE DO HAVE CONCERNS
20 WITH REINSTATING ANOTHER MANDATE THAT REQUIRES OUR BUSINESSES,
21 WITH LIMITED STAFF, TO PLACE EMPLOYEES IN RISKY SITUATIONS.
22 AND IT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO PUT CERTAIN BUSINESSES AT A
23 COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGE TO SURROUNDING COUNTIES. WE
24 UNDERSTAND PRECAUTIONS ARE NECESSARY, BUT WE BELIEVE IT IS
25 TIME FOR THE COUNTY TO REASSESS HOW IT HANDLES THESE SPIKES IN

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1 C.O.V.I.D. CASES, INSTEAD OF PLACING OUR BUSINESSES AT THE
2 CENTER OF ENFORCEMENT, WHICH THEY ARE NEITHER QUALIFIED TO DO,
3 AND IT CAN PUT THEM AND THEIR EMPLOYEES AT RISK. THANK YOU.

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

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

10

11 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS ERIC BLOOD. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON 12
12 AND GENERAL COMMENT. I AM A RESIDENT HERE, OF DISTRICT ONE,
13 AND A MEMBER OF U.N.I.T.E. H.E.R.E. LOCAL 11. I AM CALLING IN
14 TO SUPPORT AMENDMENT NUMBER 12. IT IS URGENTLY NEEDED, A
15 CHARTER AMENDMENT. OUR UNIT HAS STOOD WITH THE GUARDADO FAMILY
16 FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS, SINCE THEIR SON, ANDRES, WAS SHOT FIVE
17 TIMES IN THE BACK, AND KILLED BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES, AND
18 WE HAVE NOT SEEN THE SHERIFF TAKE ANY RESPONSIBILITY
19 WHATSOEVER. THIS MEASURE CREATES COMMONSENSE CHECKS AND
20 BALANCES, AND I URGE YOU TO APPROVE IT, SO WE CAN VOTE ON IT
21 THIS NOVEMBER. THANK YOU.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS RAMONA PARTITA. PLEASE STATE
2 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
3 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS RAMONA PARTITA. CAN I SPEAK IN
6 SPANISH, PLEASE? TRANSLATOR?

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YOU MAY BEGIN. WE WILL HAVE SOMEONE
9 TRANSLATE.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

12

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

14

15 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. MY NAME IS RAMONA PARTITA. [SPEAKS SPANISH]
16 HELLO? HELLO?

17

18 **INTERPRETER:** [SPEAKS SPANISH]

19

20 **SPEAKER:** OH, OKAY. [SPEAKS SPANISH]

21

22 **INTERPRETER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS RAMONA PARTITA, FROM U.N.I.T.E.
23 H.E.R.E. LOCAL 11. I AM VERY HAPPY THAT THIS MEASURE WILL TAKE
24 PLACE. WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT THE FAMILY FROM ANDRES, WHO WAS
25 SHOT FIVE TIMES. THIS MEASURE IS IMPORTANT, BECAUSE THIS WILL

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1 HOLD THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTABLE. THANK YOU VERY
2 MUCH.

3

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JOSE ROMERAS. PLEASE
8 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND
9 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
10 BEGIN.

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** HELLO, YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** YEAH, HI, EVERYBODY. I WILL BE ADDRESSING ITEM 46,
15 [INAUDIBLE], AND ALSO GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM IN FULL
16 SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 46. I ACTUALLY STARTED A
17 NONPROFIT 13 YEARS AGO. IT IS A GAY MEN'S NONPROFIT TO PREVENT
18 H.I.V. AND EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE DONE AMAZING WORK WITH H.I.V.,
19 WE ARE DOING REALLY AWFUL IN S.T.I.S AND THE EPIDEMIC. I MEAN,
20 I KEEP SEEING THAT SYPHILIS HAS INCREASED BY 50%, FROM 2016 TO
21 2020. GONORRHEA HAS 80,000 CASES IN CALIFORNIA. SO I REALLY,
22 REALLY RECOMMEND FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR OUR L.A. COUNTY
23 QUEER COMMUNITY. LASTLY, MONKEYPOX IN L.A. COUNTY, WITH 146
24 CASES, 60 IN L.A., IMPACTING MOSTLY THE M.S.M., MEN WHO HAVE
25 SEX WITH MEN. I REALLY ASK FOR MORE EDUCATION, MORE

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1 VACCINATIONS, AND REACT TO MONKEYPOX BEFORE IT BECOMES A HUGE
2 EPIDEMIC. THANK YOU.

3

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ADRIANA QUINONES. PLEASE STATE
8 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
9 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ADRIANA QUINONES. I AM A
12 RESIDENT OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS, REPRESENTED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
13 TODAY, I WILL BE SPEAKING ABOUT AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 12, AND
14 ALSO GENERAL COMMENT. I AM NOT SUPPORTING THIS AGENDA ITEM,
15 SIMPLY BECAUSE UNDER SUPERVISOR HAHN, WE WORKED VERY CLOSELY
16 WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT. WE HAVE MADE A LOT OF PROGRESS. WE
17 CONTINUE TO WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT. I LIVED IN
18 BOYLE HEIGHTS AND HIGHLAND PARK. THERE IS AN ISSUE. WE NEED
19 POLICE REFORM, BUT WE DO NOT NEED TO MAKE THIS POLITICAL,
20 WHICH HAS BECOME POLITICAL. I AM VERY, VERY UNHAPPY WITH THIS
21 PARTICULAR AGENDA ITEM, BECAUSE THERE IS [INAUDIBLE] WHEN YOU
22 CONSIDER INVOLVING OUR COMMUNITY, THE SUPERVISORS' OFFICE, AND
23 ALSO THE SHERIFF. THAT CAN BE DONE. IT HAS NOT BEEN TRIED, AND
24 SADLY, THERE IS NO CURRENT PLAN TO DO IT, BUT IT NEEDS TO BE
25 DONE. OUR COMMUNITIES ARE SUFFERING. LA PUENTE HAS A GANG

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1 PROBLEM. WE HAVE SHOOTINGS ALL THE TIME. THE SAME THING WITH
2 BOYLE HEIGHTS. SO IT IS NOT TOTALLY A SHERIFF'S ISSUE. IT IS
3 AN OVERALL ISSUE THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE DIFFERENT
4 ELECTED OFFICIALS, SO THEY NEED TO STEP UP. WE ARE TIRED OF
5 GANGS TERRORIZING OUR COMMUNITIES. SO I HOPE ALL THE OTHER
6 SPEAKERS HAVE THE SAME PASSION TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE ONCE AND
7 FOR ALL. WE ALSO NEED TO MAKE SURE THERE'S CHECKS AND
8 BALANCES, BUT NOT THIS WAY. WE DON'T WANT CORRUPTION WITH OUR
9 COUNTY SUPERVISORS. WE HAVE ALREADY SEEN THIS RECENTLY, WITH
10 ONE OF THE SUPERVISORS THAT IS NO LONGER ON THE BOARD, SO I AM
11 VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THAT. NOW TO THE GENERAL AGENDA ITEM.
12 NEXT TIME WE HAVE THE CENSUS, LET'S TAKE OUR TIME, AND NOT
13 JUST PUT THE NEXT SUPERVISOR IN PLACE.

14

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

17

18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ERIC PREVEN. PLEASE STATE THE
19 AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
20 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

21

22 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. YES, I WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC
23 COMMENT, AND I AM ALSO GOING TO ADDRESS A NUMBER OF ITEMS
24 TODAY. SO, BUT FIRST OF ALL, I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT THAT I
25 THINK IT WAS PETE BUTTIGIEG, WHO IS THE U.S. SECRETARY OF

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1 TRANSPORTATION, AND I REALLY-- I THINK HE KIND OF NAILED IT
2 THE OTHER DAY. HE SAID, PEOPLE SHOULD EXPECT TWO THINGS. ONE
3 IS, ANY PUBLIC FIGURE-- THAT INCLUDES ALL OF YOU-- SHOULD
4 ALWAYS BE FREE FROM VIOLENCE, INTIMIDATION, AND HARASSMENT.
5 BUT YOU SHOULD NEVER BE FREE FROM CRITICISM OR PEACEFUL
6 PROTEST, OR PEOPLE EXERCISING THEIR FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS.
7 NOW, HE WAS NOT SPEAKING TO YOU. HE WAS TALKING TO AMERICA. HE
8 WASN'T SPEAKING TO NURY MARTINEZ, WHO HAS ERECTED A 500-FOOT
9 WALL OF BAD IDEA AROUND HER HOME, BECAUSE SHE IS WORRIED, LIKE
10 THAT GUY BRETT KAVANAUGH, WHO IS WORRIED ABOUT PEOPLE COMING
11 NEARBY. BUT I AM REALLY DISAPPOINTED IN YOU, AND ESPECIALLY
12 JANICE HAHN, WHO I LIKE. I LIKE MANY OF YOU. BUT I WANT YOU TO
13 RECONSIDER THIS IDEA OF TAKING OUT ANOTHER ELECTED OFFICE.
14 WHETHER VILLANUEVA IS AN ANIMAL, OR AN IDIOT, OR A COP, OR
15 WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL HIM, IT IS NOT APPROPRIATE TO DEFANG
16 THE IDEA OF VOTER SUPPORT. IF THE VOTERS DON'T WANT HIM, THEY
17 WILL THROW HIM DIRECTLY OUT OF OFFICE IN NOVEMBER. AND IF THEY
18 THINK HE IS ON TO SOMETHING BY STANDING UP TO YOU, THEY WILL
19 REINSTATE HIM. THAT'S OUR PROCESS. THIS IS REALLY AN EROSION
20 OF WHAT WE EXPECT FROM YOU. I MEAN, THERE'S A RECALL, RIGHT?
21 RECALLS ARE A PROCESS, IF YOU WANT TO GO THROUGH IT. THERE'S A
22 TERRIBLY PRO-RECIDIVISTIC RECALL UNDERWAY NOW TO GET THE D.A.
23 OUT. BUT YOU ARE TESTING THE PUBLIC'S PATIENCE, OKAY? IT IS
24 NOT COOL. AND I AM REALLY HURT, BECAUSE HERE ARE THE FIVE
25 WOMEN, CLUTCHING ARMS, DRESSED IN RED. AND YET, YOU'VE CUT THE

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1 PUBLIC MEETINGS DOWN TO VIRTUALLY NOTHING. THE JOB ORDER FUND
2 DIRECTING, WHICH YOU GUYS HAVE BEEN-- YOU SAW WHAT HAPPENED IN
3 LONG BEACH, AND ALL THE FRAUD, AND THEN YOU QUICKLY CHOPPED IT
4 UP AND MADE A SALAD. AND YOU JUST KEEP MOVING FORWARD. THE
5 SAME STORY WITH THE ROSAS AGREEMENT AND MAX HUNTSMAN. MAX
6 HUNTSMAN WAS A GUY WHO COULD NOT FIND ANYTHING WRONG AT ALL,
7 UNTIL YOUR ENEMY SHOWED UP, AND THEN HE IS 24/7 GROVELING
8 AROUND, DEBASING THE ENTIRE COUNTY. WHY AREN'T ALL COUNTY
9 OFFICIALS SUBJECT TO WHATEVER YOU'D LIKE TO DO; HAVE A VOTER
10 INITIATIVE TO SEE WHETHER OR NOT WE CAN JUST REMOVE HIM, IF
11 THE OTHER GROUP DOESN'T LIKE HIM? IT IS ABSURD. IT IS ABSURD
12 ON ITS FACE. I AM NOT DECLARING WHO I SUPPORT IN THE SHERIFF
13 ELECTION, BECAUSE THE COUNTY WILL DECIDE AMONG ALL THE PEOPLE
14 WHO ARE IMPACTED AT DIFFERENT LEVELS, AND FACE DIFFERENT KINDS
15 OF SITUATIONS. I AM RELATIVELY LUCKY, IN TERMS OF TERRIBLE
16 CRIME AND COUNTY ENFORCEMENT, BUT THIS BODY NEEDS TO DO WHAT
17 IT SHOULD HAVE DONE A LONG TIME AGO, AND START MEETING
18 REGULARLY IN FRONT OF THE VOTERS AND THE PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

19

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

22

23 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS RICHARD DENNING. PLEASE STATE
24 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
25 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1

2 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

3

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

5

6 **SPEAKER:** GREAT. I'M GOING TO BE SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM 23,
7 12, AND PUBLIC COMMENT, SO FOR THREE MINUTES. I HAVE MY TIMER
8 UP, AS WELL, SO I CAN KEEP TRACK OF MY OWN TIME. I WANT TO
9 ADDRESS ITEM NUMBER 23. I AM SITTING HERE WATCHING THE SCREEN
10 RIGHT NOW, AND HALF OF YOU GUYS AREN'T EVEN ON THE SCREEN, OR
11 YOU'VE SILENCED THE SCREEN. HILDA SOLIS IS LOOKING AT PAPERS.
12 HOLLY MITCHELL IS LOOKING AT PAPERS. JANICE HAHN WAS LOOKING
13 AT NEWSPAPERS EARLIER. YOU GUYS DON'T CARE WHAT THE PUBLIC HAS
14 TO SAY. THAT IS WHY WE NEED TO OPEN BACK UP THE PUBLIC FORUM:
15 BECAUSE WHEN WE ARE STANDING IN FRONT OF YOU, AND WE'RE ASKING
16 YOU TO LOOK AT US AS WE ARE TALKING, IT COMMANDS RESPECT. IT
17 ACTUALLY DEMANDS RESPECT, AND IT WILL SHOW YOU GUYS ARE
18 INTERESTING IN WHAT WE ARE SAYING, INSTEAD OF LOOKING AT YOUR
19 OWN AGENDA AND WHAT YOU WANT TO DO WITH YOUR DAY, OR READ YOUR
20 NEWSPAPERS OR LOOK AT YOUR PHONES. THIS IS RIDICULOUS. THIS
21 NEEDS TO STOP. SO, HOLLY MITCHELL, YOU NEED TO OPEN BACK UP
22 THE PUBLIC FORUM, AND STOP WITH ALL THE CHARADE DEALING WITH
23 C.O.V.I.D. ITEM NUMBER 12: YOU GUYS ARE POSITIONING YOURSELVES
24 TO TRY AND HAVE AUTHORITY. YOU WANT SOMEBODY LIKE MCDONNELL
25 HAD, WHEN HE WAS IN OFFICE, WHERE HE IS A PUPPET TO THE BOARD

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1 OF SUPERVISORS, AND THEN DO WHATEVER THEY WANT TO DO.
2 VILLANUEVA IS STANDING UP AGAINST YOU GUYS. THAT'S WHAT YOU
3 DON'T LIKE. YOU SHOULD INCLUDE YOURSELVES IN THAT AGENDA ITEM,
4 AND SAY THAT, YEAH, YOU CAN BE REMOVED, AS WELL, BECAUSE THE
5 MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS. YOU GUYS CONTROL THE BUDGET. YOU
6 GUYS CONTROL WHERE ALL THE MONEY GOES. THERE NEEDS TO BE
7 MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS BROUGHT UP AGAINST ALL OF YOU GUYS,
8 AS WELL AS WHAT YOU GUYS HAVE DONE WITH THE COUNTY C.O.V.I.D.
9 POLICY, AND HOW YOU'VE LOCKED EVERYBODY DOWN, AND YOU'VE
10 THREATENED TO FIRE OVER 18,000 EMPLOYEES, DUE TO THEIR
11 UNWILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT AN EXPERIMENTAL MEDICAL TREATMENT. I
12 FIND IT INTERESTING NOW THAT THE CAMERAS ARE BACK ON. SHEILA
13 KUEHL, YOU ARE STILL AT HOME. IT IS INTERESTING THAT YOU HAVE
14 DECIDED NOT TO RUN THIS LAST ELECTION, AND YOU HAVE DECIDED TO
15 RETIRE, BECAUSE YOU ARE UNDER INVESTIGATION, JUST LIKE MARK
16 RIDLEY-THOMAS IS. SO YOU GUYS NEED TO BE PUT ON NOTICE. LET'S
17 PUT YOU GUYS ON THE AGENDA ITEM. LET'S GET YOU GUYS REMOVED
18 FROM OFFICE. THIS NEEDS TO STOP NOW, THIS CHARADE THAT YOU
19 GUYS HAVE DONE. THE "CHECKS AND BALANCES" TITLE IS MISLEADING
20 ON ITS FACE. IT'S NOT ABOUT CHECKS AND BALANCES. IT'S ABOUT,
21 "WE DON'T LIKE WHAT THIS MAN STANDS FOR, SO WE'RE GOING TO GO
22 AHEAD AND REMOVE HIM." THE FACT THAT ALL THESE OTHER CALLERS
23 ARE CALLING IN ABOUT THIS ONE INCIDENT THAT PROBABLY HAS A LOT
24 MORE GOING INTO THE STORY THAN JUST, "OH, HE WAS SHOT FIVE
25 TIMES IN THE BACK," THAT'S A STRIP THESE PEOPLE ARE READING

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1 FROM THEIR LOCAL UNION 11. SO, YES, I APPRECIATE YOU GUYS ALL
2 PAYING ATTENTION NOW, AS YOU ARE LOOKING AT THE CAMERA, AND
3 YOUR SCREENS ARE ON, BECAUSE THIS IS WHAT THIS IS ABOUT. WE
4 HAVE A RIGHT-- A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT-- TO ADDRESS OUR
5 GRIEVANCES TO OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND THAT'S WHAT WE ARE
6 DOING HERE, AND YOU GUYS NEED TO START PAYING ATTENTION.

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

9

10 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS MICHELLE KING. PLEASE STATE THE
11 AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
12 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I AM A DISTRICT-ONE RESIDENT, SPEAKING
15 ON ITEMS 11, 12, 28, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE. I
16 SUPPORT ITEM 11. I STRONGLY OPPOSE ITEM 28. STOP FUNDING A
17 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT RIFE WITH CORRUPTION AND MISCONDUCT. I
18 SUPPORT ITEM 12. ANGELENOS HAVE WITNESSED THIS CULTURE OF
19 CORRUPTION AND IMPUNITY IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR
20 DECADES. IN JULY OF 2020, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO
21 INCREASE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF L.A.S.D., REMOVED
22 L.A.S.D. PATROL FROM COUNTY PARKS IN OCTOBER OF 2020, AND
23 VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO PROTECT SURVIVING FAMILIES FROM
24 RETALIATION AND HARASSMENT BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN MAY
25 OF 2021. THIS BOARD IS WELL AWARE OF THE TOXICITY AND DANGER

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1 THAT L.A.S.D. POSES TO OUR COMMUNITIES. THIS DID NOT START
2 WITH SHERIFF VILLANUEVA, AND WE CANNOT EXPECT IT TO END WITH
3 VILLANUEVA WHEN WE VOTE HIM OUT OF OFFICE IN NOVEMBER, AS
4 EVIDENCED BY HIS CHALLENGER, WHO HAS HIS OWN HISTORY OF
5 SCANDAL, INCLUDING RACISM, MISCONDUCT, AND USING A SELF-
6 DELETING TEXTING APP TO AVOID CALIFORNIA LAWS. A CULTURE OF
7 CORRUPTION AND IMPUNITY IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. CHECKS
8 AND BALANCES ARE PILLARS OF A STRONG AND FUNCTIONING
9 DEMOCRACY. NO GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL SHOULD HAVE THE UNCHECKED
10 POWER THAT IS CLAIMED BY THE SHERIFF. RECALLS ARE A WASTE OF
11 TIME AND MONEY. WE NEED REAL ACCOUNTABILITY IN BETWEEN
12 ELECTIONS. WE NEED A CHARTER THAT WORKS FOR ANGELENOS TODAY
13 AND TOMORROW, THAT GIVES US THE TOOLS NECESSARY WHEN A SHERIFF
14 VIOLATES THE LAW AND PUBLIC TRUST. I URGE THE BOARD TO REFER
15 TO VOTERS, FOR THE NOVEMBER ELECTION, AN AMENDMENT TO OUR
16 COUNTY CHARTER THAT WILL CREATE COMMONSENSE CHECKS AND
17 BALANCES, AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE SHERIFF. THANKS FOR YOUR
18 TIME.

19
20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
21 PLEASE?

22
23 **MODERATOR:** AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, IF YOU HAVE
24 NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME. DO

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1 NOT PRESS 1 AND 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM
2 THE QUEUE. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS--

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH
5 INTERPRETATION OF THIS REMINDER.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** [INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN IN SPANISH]

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10

11 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ARISSA PALMER. PLEASE STATE THE
12 AGENDA ITEM YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
13 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

14

15 **ARISSA PALMER:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
16 ARISSA PALMER. I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR BREASTFEED
17 L.A., AND I WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM FIVE AND GENERAL PUBLIC
18 COMMENT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR PROCLAIMING THIS
19 AUGUST AS NATIONAL BREASTFEEDING MONTH, AND CREATING MORE
20 SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO CHOOSE TO BREASTFEED. THANK YOU FOR
21 RECOGNIZING THE BENEFITS AND REDUCTION OF RISK FOR BOTH
22 INFANTS AND PARENTS WHO CHOOSE TO BREAST OR CHESTFEED. WE
23 RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DESIGNATE A
24 COUNTYWIDE BREASTFEEDING COORDINATOR; INVEST EQUALLY IN
25 LACTATION SUPPORT AND RESOURCES, AS IT DOES FORMULA

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1 DISTRIBUTION; AND IMPROVE POLICIES AND INCREASE SERVICES THAT
2 SUPPORT LACTATION IN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, IN AN EFFORT TO
3 ADVANCE BREASTFEEDING AS PART OF GOOD NUTRITION, HEALTH
4 PROTECTION, FOOD SECURITY, AND POVERTY REDUCTION. IN RESPONSE
5 TO WRITTEN COMMENT, I WOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT WE USE THE TERM
6 BREASTFEEDING AND CHESTFEEDING INTERCHANGEABLY, TO DESCRIBE
7 THE ACTION OF FEEDING AN INFANT HUMAN MILK. THE TERM
8 "CHESTFEEDING" IS INTENTIONALLY OFFERED AS AN ALTERNATE TERM
9 FOR LACTATING PERSONS THAT PREFER NOT TO USE THE TERM "BREAST"
10 WHEN REFERRING TO THEIR OWN BODY. THIS LINGUISTIC SHIFT IS
11 PART OF OUR OVERT COMMITMENT TO OUR ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES OF
12 DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION. THANK YOU.

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS VICKI BRANNOCK. PLEASE STATE
17 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
18 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

19

20 **VICKI BRANNOCK:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
21 I AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF ITEM 15. MY NAME IS VICKI BRANNOCK,
22 AND I AM THE DIRECTOR OF WORKFORCE STRATEGY AND INNOVATION FOR
23 BIOCOM CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE. I AM ALSO PROUD TO SAY THAT I AM
24 A CALIFORNIA NATIVE WHO GREW UP IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. BIOCOM
25 CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE'S MISSION IS TO DEVELOP AND PROMOTE A

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1 SKILLED AND DIVERSE PIPELINE OF TALENT TO ACCELERATE THE
2 GROWTH OF CALIFORNIA'S LIFE-SCIENCE ECOSYSTEM. THIS MOTION
3 WILL FURTHER PROVIDE UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS WITH THE
4 OPPORTUNITY TO ACQUIRE THE SKILLS NECESSARY TO PURSUE A
5 MEANINGFUL, FULFILLING, AND FAMILY-SUSTAINING CAREER IN THE
6 RAPIDLY GROWING LIFE-SCIENCE INDUSTRY IN LOS ANGELES. THIS
7 MOTION'S CALL FOR A LIFE-SCIENCE CRADLE-TO-CAREER EMPLOYMENT
8 PIPELINE WILL OPEN DOORS TO S.T.E.M.-FOCUSED LEARNING,
9 TRAINING, AND PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES THAT TOO FEW HAVE
10 BEEN EXPOSED TO. THANK YOU TO BOARD CHAIR MITCHELL AND THE
11 ENTIRE BOARD FOR CONSIDERING THIS FORWARD-THINKING MOTION TO
12 ACCELERATE THE LIFE-SCIENCE SECTOR IN LOS ANGELES. BIOCOM
13 CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING WITH OTHER LOS
14 ANGELES STAKEHOLDERS TO INSPIRE, PREPARE, AND DIVERSIFY THE
15 REGION'S LIFE-SCIENCE WORKFORCE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

16
17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18
19 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS LAURENE WESTE. PLEASE STATE THE
20 AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
21 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

22
23 **LAURENE WESTE:** I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON ITEM SEVEN. GOOD
24 MORNING, CHAIR MITCHELL AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS LAURENE WESTE, AND I AM THE MAYOR OF

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1 THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA. ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, I WANT TO
2 EXPRESS OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR ITEM SEVEN, TO BEGIN
3 NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE CITY FOR THE PROPOSED
4 TRANSFER OF HART PARK. THE CITY IS PROUD OF THE WORK AND
5 RESOURCES WE HAVE INVESTED IN OUR OLD TOWN NEWHALL ARTS AND
6 ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT, WHICH IS WHERE HART PARK IS LOCATED.
7 CITY EVENTS HELD IN NEWHALL, LIKE OUR ANNUAL COWBOY FESTIVAL,
8 WHICH HAS BEEN HELD AT HART PARK IN THE PAST, HIGHLIGHTING
9 NATIVE AMERICAN, WESTERN, AND MEXICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE IN THE
10 AREA, WOULD BE ABLE TO GREATLY EXPAND WITH THE TRANSFER OF
11 HART PARK. THIS TRANSFER WOULD FURTHER THE CITY'S VISION IN
12 ENRICHING THE ARTS DISTRICT, AND PRESERVES THE HISTORY OF LOS
13 ANGELES COUNTY AND THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY FOR GENERATIONS TO
14 COME. THE CITY HAS PROUDLY SUPPORTED A NUMBER OF PROJECTS
15 DESIGNED TO MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF MULTIPLE HISTORICAL
16 STRUCTURES AT HERITAGE JUNCTION AT HART PARK. I WOULD LIKE TO
17 THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR THIS MOTION, AND URGE THIS BOARD
18 TO PASS THIS MOTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

19
20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21
22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ROSA PADILLA. PLEASE STATE THE
23 AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
24 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1 **ROSA PADILLA:** GOOD MORNING. I AM ROSA PADILLA, MOTHER OF
2 ISAIAS CERVANTES, AND I WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM 12 OF THE
3 AGENDA, PUBLIC COMMENTS. AND ON MARCH 31ST, 2021, L.A.P.D. WAS
4 CONTACTED TO HELP ISAIAS WITH MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS. WHEN
5 SHERIFF GOT HERE, THEY DID NOT TREAT HIM LIKE A PERSON WHO
6 SUFFERS FROM MENTAL HEALTH. INSTEAD, THEY SHOT HIM IN HIS
7 BACK, DAMAGING HIS LUNGS, LEAVING HIM PARALYZED AND HURT. THE
8 SHERIFF OF L.A.P.D. HAS SAID HE IS NOT AUTISTIC, NOR
9 PARALYZED. THESE ARE LIES. AND THE SHERIFF IS NOW IN
10 CONDITIONS TO LEAVE THE COUNTY. I SUPPORT TO PUT MY VOTE IN
11 NOVEMBER TO MAKE THE SHERIFF RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT THEY DID TO
12 ISAIAS AND OTHERS. THANK YOU. THAT'S IT.

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

16 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS CINDY YOUNG. PLEASE STATE THE
17 AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
18 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS CINDY YOUNG, AND I AM A RESIDENT OF
21 DISTRICT FOUR. I AM COMMENTING ON ITEM NUMBER 5 AND GENERAL
22 PUBLIC COMMENT. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR
23 PRIORITIZING BREASTFEEDING FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE
24 COMMUNITIES. LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAMILIES DESERVE EQUITABLE
25 EDUCATION ABOUT INFANT FEEDING AND CONTINUOUS QUALITY

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1 LACTATION SUPPORT. WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THE BOARD OF
2 SUPERVISORS DESIGNATE A COUNTYWIDE BREASTFEEDING COORDINATOR;
3 INVEST EQUALLY IN LACTATION SUPPORT AND RESOURCES, AS IT DOES
4 FORMULA DISTRIBUTION; AND IMPROVE POLICIES AND INCREASE
5 SERVICES THAT SUPPORT LACTATION IN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, IN AN
6 EFFORT TO ADVANCE BREAST/CHESTFEEDING AS PART OF GOOD
7 NUTRITION, HEALTH PROTECTION, FOOD SECURITY, AND POVERTY
8 REDUCTION. I AM ALSO IN SUPPORT OF USING THE TERM
9 "CHESTFEEDING" TO ENSURE INCLUSIVITY OF ALL FAMILIES HERE IN
10 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU.

11
12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13
14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS CHIQUITA TWYMAN. PLEASE STATE
15 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
16 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

17
18 **CHIQUITA TWYMAN:** HI. MY NAME IS CHIQUITA TWYMAN. I AM AN L.A.
19 COUNTY RESIDENT OF DISTRICT THREE, AND I AM ALSO A MEMBER OF
20 S.E.I.U. LOCAL 2015, THE LARGEST UNION IN THE COUNTRY, THE
21 SECOND LARGEST IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT
22 ITEM 12, THE BOARD MOTION TO BRING ABOUT A CHARTER AMENDMENT
23 FOR COMMONSENSE CHECKS AND BALANCES, AND ACCOUNTABILITY AND
24 TRANSPARENCY OF THE SHERIFF. FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS, DEPUTY
25 GANGS AMONG THE RANKS AND MANAGEMENT OF THE SHERIFF'S

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1 DEPARTMENT HAVE TERRORIZED COMMUNITY MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY BLACK
2 AND BROWN COMMUNITIES. DEPUTY GANGS AND OTHER FORMS OF DEPUTY
3 VIOLENCE HAVE PERSISTED BECAUSE OF ONE SHERIFF ADMINISTRATION
4 AFTER THE NEXT HAS FAILED TO ENACT AND ENFORCE POLICIES THAT
5 PROVIDE MEANINGFUL AND CONSISTENT DISCIPLINE WHEN DEPUTIES
6 HARASS, ABUSE, AND KILL. AGAIN, MY NAME IS CHIQUITA TWYMAN. I
7 AM THE SISTER OF RYAN TWYMAN, WHO WAS KILLED IN COMPTON,
8 CALIFORNIA, IN JUNE OF 2019, WHO WAS SHOT OVER 34 TIMES WHILE
9 SITTING IN HIS CAR; A YOUNG BLACK MAN--

10

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

13

14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ANTHONY EARNEST. PLEASE STATE
15 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
16 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS ANTHONY, AND I AM A RESIDENT OF
19 DISTRICT THREE, AND I WANTED TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS 11, 12,
20 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. FOR AGENDA ITEM 11, I AM IN FAVOR.
21 I URGE SUPPORT TO PASS THIS MOTION, AS PART OF THIS EFFORT TO
22 SAFEGUARD REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS, BODILY AUTONOMY, AND THE RIGHT
23 TO ABORTION. THE OVERTURN OF ROE V. WADE AND SUBSEQUENT SHIFT
24 IN THE LEGAL LANDSCAPE OF ABORTION HAVE CREATED MASS CONFUSION
25 ABOUT WHERE ABORTION IS LEGAL AND WHERE IT IS NOT. THIS

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1 CONFUSION IS EXACERBATED FOR UNDOCUMENTED PEOPLE, WHO FACE
2 EXTRA RISK IN SEEKING MEDICAL CARE, AND AN ADDED FEAR OF
3 RETRIBUTION AND DEPORTATION, AND FOR YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE, WHO
4 ARE ALREADY VULNERABLE AND LIKELY SOURCES. THIS MOTION WILL
5 WORK TO COUNTER MISINFORMATION AND CONFUSION BY ENSURING THAT
6 THE COUNTY HAS CLEAR AND ACCESSIBLE MESSAGING REGARDING THE
7 LEGALITY OF ABORTION, AND WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO
8 SOMEONE SEEKING AN ABORTION. AND FOR AGENDA ITEM 12, I AM IN
9 FAVOR. AND TO REITERATE WHAT OTHERS HAVE SAID, DEPUTY GANGS
10 AND OTHER FORMS OF DEPUTY VIOLENCE HAVE PERSISTED BECAUSE ONE
11 SHERIFF'S ADMINISTRATION AFTER THE NEXT HAS FAILED TO ENACT
12 AND ENFORCE POLICIES THAT PROVIDE MEANINGFUL AND CONSISTENT
13 DISCIPLINE WHEN DEPUTIES HARASS, ABUSE, AND KILL. THIS CULTURE
14 OF VIOLENCE HAS COME FROM THE VERY TOP, AND IS LEFT UNCHECKED
15 BY OUR DATED CHARTER. WE NEED A CHARTER THAT WORKS FOR THE
16 PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TODAY AND TOMORROW, AND THAT
17 GIVES US THE TOOLS NECESSARY FOR WHEN A SHERIFF VIOLATES THE
18 LAW AND THE PUBLIC TRUST. WE NEED CHECKS AND BALANCES, WHICH
19 ARE PILLARS OF A FUNCTIONING DEMOCRACY, AIMED AT NOT ALLOWING
20 ONE PERSON OR AGENCY TO BECOME TOO POWERFUL. CREATING CHECKS
21 AND BALANCES ON THE SHERIFF HAS BEEN LONG OVERDUE, AND CHANGES
22 TO OUR COUNTY CHARTER CAN ENSURE ESSENTIAL OVERSIGHT OF THE
23 SHERIFF. AND FOR GENERAL COMMENT, I JUST WANTED TO ADD
24 SOMETHING TO AGENDA ITEM 28. I WANTED TO URGE THE BOARD TO
25 REJECT ALL FUNDING TOWARDS THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING

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1 THE FEDERAL D.H.S. FUNDS IN THIS MOTION. THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT
2 RECEIVING THE LARGEST CHUNK OF MONEY FROM THIS GRANT IS THE
3 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WHO WILL BE RECEIVING \$1.7 MILLION TO
4 INCREASE THEIR ALREADY BLOATED \$4 BILLION BUDGET. THIS \$1.7
5 MILLION WILL BE USED TO FUND MASS SURVEILLANCE, BREACHES OF
6 PRIVACY, AND FURTHER VIOLENCE AGAINST L.A. COMMUNITIES, UNDER
7 A FALSE GUISE OF ANTI-TERRORISM. THANK YOU.

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10

11 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS LUCY IBARRA. PLEASE STATE THE
12 AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
13 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

14

15 **LUCY IBARRA:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR MITCHELL AND HONORABLE
16 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS LUCY IBARRA, VICE PRESIDENT OF
17 PLANNING, LAND USE, AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS FOR CARUSO. I WILL
18 BE SPEAKING SPECIFICALLY ON ITEM 14: ALIGNING MARINA DEL REY
19 WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY PRIORITIES FOR EQUITY AND INCLUSION.
20 WE ARE LONGTIME STAKEHOLDERS AND LEASEHOLDERS IN MARINA DEL
21 REY, INCLUDING PROPERTIES IN AND ADJACENT TO BASIN F. CARUSO
22 ALSO OPERATES WATERSIDE IN MARINA DEL REY, WHERE, BACK IN
23 2005, WE REIMAGINED, REDEVELOPED, AND TRANSFORMED WHAT HAD
24 BEEN A DETERIORATING, SHOCKING AREA ON COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY
25 INTO A THRIVING CENTER AND COMMUNITY ANCHOR. AS MARINA

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1 STAKEHOLDERS, WE AGREE THAT A STRATEGIC AND INCLUSIVE PROCESS
2 OVER THE UPCOMING MONTHS TO ENVISION THE FUTURE IS VITAL. THAT
3 INCLUDES MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENT WITH DIVERSE STAKEHOLDERS IN
4 MARINA DEL REY AND THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. WE ALSO AGREE THAT
5 THIS PROCESS SHOULD REFLECT THE COUNTY'S PRIORITIES OF
6 DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION. ANY COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING
7 PROCESS INVOLVING PUBLICLY OWNED LAND SHOULD BE CONDUCTED WITH
8 THE URGENCY THAT COMES WITH ELEVATING OPPORTUNITIES--

9

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** THE NEXT SPEAKER IS MARCELA ROSA. PLEASE STATE THE
14 AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
15 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS MARCELA ROSA, AND I AM A RESIDENT OF
18 DISTRICT 2, AND I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS 11, 12,
19 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YOU MAY BEGIN.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** SO, THE FIRST AGENDA ITEM I WANT TO TALK ABOUT IS 11.
24 I BELIEVE THE COUNTY NEEDS TO CREATE A COMMUNICATION STRATEGY
25 FOR OUT-OF-STATE PEOPLE SEEKING ABORTIONS IN LOS ANGELES. THE

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1 CURRENT LEGALITY OF ABORTIONS IS INTENTIONALLY DIFFICULT TO
2 NAVIGATE, PARTICULARLY WITH CERTAIN STATES SEEKING TO
3 CRIMINALIZE OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL FOR ABORTIONS, OR PUNISH THOSE
4 WHO ASSIST SOMEONE IN GETTING AN ABORTION. L.A. COUNTY, AS AN
5 ARDENT SUPPORTER OF REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS, HAS A RESPONSIBILITY
6 TO INFORM OUT-OF-STATE PATIENTS OF THE ACTUAL RISKS OF SEEKING
7 AN ABORTION IN L.A., AND WHAT THEY CAN OR CANNOT FACE LEGAL
8 CONSEQUENCES FOR. THIS COUNTY SHOULD CREATE AN ACCESSIBLE
9 COMMUNICATION STRATEGY THAT CLEARLY EXPLAINS OUT-OF-STATE
10 PEOPLE'S OPTIONS, RISKS, AND AVAILABLE COUNTY RESOURCES. I
11 ALSO WANT TO EXPRESS MY STRONG IN-FAVOR OF AGENDA ITEM 12.
12 THIS AGENDA ITEM IS SO IMPORTANT TO ME, AND, I BELIEVE, SO
13 IMPORTANT TO ALL OF LOS ANGELES. I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THE
14 BOARD TO PASS THIS MOTION AND PROPOSE TO THE VOTERS A COUNTY
15 CHARTER AMENDMENT THAT WILL CREATE COMMONSENSE CHECKS AND
16 BALANCES AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE SHERIFF. FOR FAR TOO LONG,
17 L.A.S.D. SHERIFFS, INCLUDING SHERIFF VILLANUEVA, HAVE GOTTEN
18 AWAY WITH RAMPANT ABUSES OF POWER AND TERRORIZING MARGINALIZED
19 COMMUNITIES WITH LITTLE MORE THAN A SLAP ON THE WRIST. ON THIS
20 CALL ALONE, WE HAVE HEARD ABOUT PEOPLE BEING KILLED, FRAMED,
21 AND HARASSED, WITH NO LEGAL PATH TO ACCOUNTABILITY. NO MATTER
22 WHAT OFFICE, FUNCTION, OR ROLE, OUR PUBLIC OFFICIALS TAKE AN
23 OATH TO SUPPORT AND RESPECT OUR RIGHTS, NOT INFLICT HARM, AND
24 REPRESENT THE PUBLIC AND COMMON GOOD. BUT IN LOS ANGELES
25 COUNTY, WHEN THE SHERIFF BREACHES THIS OATH AND ABUSES THEIR

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1 POWER, OUR TOOLS FOR REAL AND MEANINGFUL ACCOUNTABILITY ARE
2 NONEXISTENT. THE TIME IS NOW FOR THE BOARD TO TAKE DECISIVE
3 ACTION TO CURTAIL THE SHERIFF'S UNCHECKED POWER, BY ALLOWING
4 THE PEOPLE TO VOTE ON THIS AMENDMENT. AND FOR GENERAL COMMENT,
5 I JUST WANT TO ADD TO AGENDA ITEM 28, THE FUNDING INCREASED
6 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FUNDS. SO, I DON'T THINK I NEED TO
7 REMIND YOU, BUT ACROSS THE COUNTRY, THE POLICE HAVE FAILED TO
8 PREVENT PEOPLE FROM BEING KILLED. DESPITE THE U.S. POLICE
9 FORCES BEING THE MOST HEAVILY ARMED AND FUNDED IN THE WORLD,
10 DESPITE UNPRECEDENTED LEVELS OF POLICE FUNDING AND
11 MILITARIZATION IN THE U.S., THIS GRANT FUNDING WILL ONLY BE
12 USED TO STRENGTHEN L.A.S.D. REPRESSION AND VIOLENCE AGAINST
13 MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES. IT WILL ENHANCE L.A.S.D.'S CAPACITY
14 FOR SURVEILLANCE AGAINST INNOCENT PEOPLE THAT ARE ALREADY
15 BEING TARGETED: THE FAMILIES OF VICTIMS OF DEPUTY VIOLENCE AND
16 DEPUTY GANGS, PEOPLE WHO SPEAK OUT AGAINST L.A.S.D. ABUSES,
17 AND OVERPOLICED COMMUNITIES THAT LIVE UNDER THE REIGN OF
18 L.A.S.D. REPRESSION. I YIELD MY TIME, AND THANK YOU.

19
20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21
22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS HILLARY NORTON. PLEASE STATE
23 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
24 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1 **SPEAKER:** HI. THIS [AUDIO BREAKS UP] CAN YOU HEAR ME?

2

3 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES. YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE BEGIN.

4 PLEASE BEGIN.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, EXCELLENT. THIS IS MICHAEL WILCOX. I AM HILLARY
7 NORTON'S INTERN. GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE BOARD MEMBERS. MY
8 NAME IS MICHAEL WILCOX, AND I AM CALLING ON BEHALF OF BRIAN
9 VARNUM, C.E.O. AT ARMATA PHARMACEUTICALS, SPEAKING ON ITEM 15
10 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. HOW DO I STOP THE ECHO?

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IF YOU HAVE A SECOND DEVICE ON, YOU WILL
13 GET AN ECHO.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** I DO NOT HAVE ANY DEVICES.

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** PLEASE CONTINUE. YOUR TIME IS ON.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. ARMATA IS A CLINICAL-STAGE BIOTECHNOLOGY
20 COMPANY FOCUSING ON TREATING [INAUDIBLE] AND DIFFICULT-TO-
21 TREAT BACTERIAL INFECTIONS. ARMATA'S FACILITY IS IN MARINA DEL
22 REY, IN L.A.'S SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, AND [INAUDIBLE]
23 THE COST OF PUBLIC STANDING, THEIR FOOTPRINT AS THEIR COMPANY
24 GROWS. ONE OF THE BEST THINGS ABOUT THE [INAUDIBLE] OF THE
25 COMPANY, THAT WILL MAKE VARNUM MOST EXCITED ABOUT [INAUDIBLE]

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1 WITH MOTION 15, IS THE MAKEUP OF ARMATA'S WORKFORCE. 70% OF
2 THE MANUFACTURING STAFF COME FROM THE CAL STATE SYSTEM AND
3 L.A. TRADE-TECH, AND THEY ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS MOTION
4 ASSISTING ARMATA WITH OUTREACH IN OTHER COMMUNITIES FOR FUTURE
5 EMPLOYMENT AT ARMATA. IF ARMATA CAN GET ASSISTANCE [INAUDIBLE]
6 IMPROVEMENTS AT THEIR NEW SITE, ARMATA COULD HIRE UP TO 50 NEW
7 EMPLOYEES. ARMATA IS LIVING PROOF THAT THE LIFE-SCIENCE
8 INDUSTRY ISN'T JUST FOR [INAUDIBLE]. IT IS A GROWING, DIVERSE
9 SECTOR THAT CREATES CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL ANGELENOS.
10 BUT MORE IS NEEDED, AND ALL STAKEHOLDERS MUST COME TOGETHER TO
11 CREATE NEW PATHWAYS FOR UNDER-REPRESENTED COMMUNITIES. AND
12 THAT IS WHAT CHAIR MITCHELL'S MOTION SPEAKS TO: CREATING
13 OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL ANGELENOS, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN
14 [INAUDIBLE] COMMUNITIES, SO THAT LIFE-SCIENCE INDUSTRIES
15 CANNOT ONLY FORGE THE CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION OF YOUNG
16 MINDS, BUT SO THAT ARMATA'S WORKFORCE CAN MIRROR THE
17 DIVERSITY--

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 SPEAKER IS GABRIELA ROJAS. PLEASE STATE
23 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
24 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS GABRIELA ROJAS, AND I LIVE IN
2 SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S DISTRICT 1. I AM CALLING TO SUPPORT AGENDA
3 ITEM 12, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MOTION TO BRING ABOUT A
4 CHARTER AMENDMENT FOR COMMONSENSE CHECKS AND BALANCES, AND
5 ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE SHERIFF. OUR PUBLIC SERVANTS TAKE AN
6 OATH TO SUPPORT AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION, REPRESENT THE
7 COMMON GOOD, AND KEEP THE PUBLIC TRUST. BUT IN L.A. COUNTY,
8 THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS BROACHED THAT OATH AND ABUSED THIS
9 POWER FOR TOO LONG. UNTIL NOW, THERE HAS BEEN NO MEANINGFUL
10 WAY TO CREATE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THOSE ABUSES, AND WE HAVE A
11 PRICELESS OPPORTUNITY, AND FAR PAST TIME THAT WE CHANGE OUR
12 COUNTY CHARTER SO THAT WE HAVE THE TOOLS NECESSARY TO CREATE
13 MEANINGFUL OVERSIGHT OF THE SHERIFF, AND PROTECT OUR
14 COMMUNITIES. I STAND WITH THE COUNTLESS PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES
15 OF L.A. COUNTY WHO HAVE SUFFERED AT THE HANDS OF THE SHERIFF,
16 AND URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO REFER TO VOTERS, FOR THE
17 NOVEMBER '22 ELECTION, AN AMENDMENT TO OUR COUNTY CHARTER THAT
18 WILL CREATE COMMONSENSE CHECKS AND BALANCES, AND
19 ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE SHERIFF. THANK YOU.

20
21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22
23 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ANTIGONE ROBINSON. PLEASE STATE
24 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
25 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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2 **ANTIGONE ROBINSON:** HELLO. I AM SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC
3 COMMENT, AND ON ITEM NUMBERS 45 AND 46. I AM CALLING ON BEHALF
4 OF THE A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO
5 SAY THAT COMMUNITY PARTNERS LIKE A.H.S. ARE WELL PREPARED TO
6 REACH COMMUNITIES MOST IMPACTED BY MONKEYPOX. CURRENTLY, AS
7 M.S.M. ARE LARGELY AFFECTED BECAUSE OF EXISTING SEXUAL
8 NETWORKS, A.H.S. AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS DIRECTLY WORKING WITH
9 THIS COMMUNITY ARE WELL POSITIONED TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION
10 AND VACCINATIONS WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE. WE URGE L.A.
11 COUNTY TO COLLABORATE WITH THE ORGANIZATIONS CURRENTLY DEALING
12 WITH THIS EPIDEMIC ON THE FRONT LINES, IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR
13 MORE STREAMLINED COMMUNICATION WITH THE PROVIDERS AND
14 COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO NEED IT MOST. THANK YOU.

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

17

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

21

22 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, AND THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
23 ADDRESS THE BOARD. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEMS 11, 12, 28, AND
24 PUBLIC COMMENT. THE BULK OF MY ATTENTION WILL GO TO ITEM
25 NUMBER 12. I AM A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 5, AND FOR FAR TOO

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1 LONG, L.A. COUNTY HAS BEEN DEFINED BY CORRUPTION AT THE
2 HIGHEST LEVEL WITHIN THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I
3 WOULD LIKE TO STRESS THAT THIS IS NOT A POLITICAL ISSUE, AS
4 MOST OF THE VOTERS WHO COMMENT ON HERE VOTED, ACTUALLY, FOR
5 THE CURRENT SHERIFF. WE ARE IN A CRITICAL POINT WHERE WE ARE
6 WITNESSING A SHERIFF THAT IS UNSTABLE AND OUT OF CONTROL. WE
7 NEED CHECKS AND BALANCES FOR THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
8 I AM SUPPORTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MOTION, ITEM 12, IN
9 ORDER TO BRING ABOUT THIS CHARTER AMENDMENT FOR BASIC,
10 COMMONSENSE CHECKS AND BALANCES, AND BASIC ACCOUNTABILITY ON
11 THE SHERIFF. I WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT SOME ISSUES. A PREVIOUS
12 CALLER MENTIONED THAT THERE'S A GANG PROBLEM. THERE IS A
13 SERIOUS GANG PROBLEM WITHIN THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S
14 DEPUTIES; SO SERIOUS THAT IT HAS GARNISHED NATIONAL ATTENTION,
15 AND THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL INVESTIGATIONS OPENED UP BY A
16 CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE F.B.I. THE CIVILIAN
17 OVERSIGHT HAS RECENTLY HELD SEVERAL HEARINGS ON DEPUTY GANGS.
18 IT TURNS OUT SHERIFF VILLANUEVA HELD VERY PUBLIC CONFERENCES,
19 AND CLAIMED THAT HE HAD CLEANED UP THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S
20 DEPARTMENT GANG PROBLEM. HIS COMMAND STAFF REPORTED IN THE
21 C.O.C.'S RECENT HEARINGS AT LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL THAT, NO,
22 INDEED, HE HAD LIED, THAT HE HAD NOT FIRED OR REMOVED ANY OF
23 THE BANDITO GANG MEMBERS. SHERIFF VILLANUEVA HAS LIED. HIS
24 COMMAND STAFF REVEALED HIS LIES. THIS IS A VERY DANGEROUS
25 TREND. THERE ALSO IS JUST A VERY DANGEROUS TREND AT SHERIFF

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1 VILLANUEVA TOWN HALLS. WE HAVE NOTICED THAT HIS SUPPORTERS
2 HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY VIOLENT. THEY COME FROM THE ALT-RIGHT
3 AND WHITE SUPREMACIST GROUPS. MANY OF THEM HAVE PUBLICLY
4 SPOKEN ABOUT THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE JANUARY 6TH INSURRECTION.
5 IT IS A VERY DANGEROUS PRECEDENT. SHERIFF VILLANUEVA'S
6 SUPPORTERS ARE ADVOCATING FOR THE OVERTHROW OF THE L.A. COUNTY
7 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I COME FROM A VERY DIFFERENT BACKGROUND.
8 MY FAMILY IS IMPACTED BY SHERIFF VIOLENCE. MY GRANDSON WAS
9 MURDERED IN JUNE 27TH OF 2019, BY A PROSPECT OF THE BANDITOS
10 IN EAST L.A., AT A ROUTINE TRAFFIC STOP. WE, THE FAMILIES,
11 HAVE BEEN HARASSED WHEN WE HAVE SPOKEN UP. IT IS TIME NOW FOR
12 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ALLOW THE VOTERS TO VOTE ON A
13 CHARTER AMENDMENT, THIS NOVEMBER 8TH. IT IS EXTREMELY
14 IMPORTANT THAT WE REIN IN THE CRIMINAL ACTIVITY OF THE
15 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WHETHER IT IS THIS SHERIFF OR A SHERIFF
16 BEFORE, OR LET'S NOT FORGET THE PAST SHERIFF AND OTHER
17 SHERIFFS ARE SERVING TIME--

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

21
22 **MODERATOR:** THE NEXT SPEAKER IS LYDIA SCOTT. PLEASE STATE THE
23 AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
24 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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1 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS LYDIA SCOTT, AND I WILL BE MAKING GENERAL
2 COMMENT. IT IS REGARDING THE ONLINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM,
3 ACTIVENET, FOR D.P.R. PROGRAMS. IT CONTINUES TO BE A BARRIER
4 FOR A SPECIFIC GROUP OF PARTICIPANTS, CREATING AN INEQUITABLE
5 PROCEDURE. PERSONS WITH THE USE OF ONLY ONE ARM OR HAND CANNOT
6 COMPETE FOR THE LIMITED NUMBER OF SPACES, AS IT IS A FIRST
7 REGISTERED, FIRST ADMITTED SYSTEM. THE SYSTEM FAILS THE
8 VICTIMS OF STROKE, NOT BEING ABLE TO COMPETE WITH ABLE-BODIED
9 PERSONS. YOUR MOTION, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, OF JULY 27TH, '21,
10 SAID, "WE MUST CONTINUE TO ASSESS AND BUILD ON THIS WORK."
11 HERE IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD. ALLOW PERSONS WITH LIMITED
12 ABILITY OF BOTH HANDS-- CURRENTLY, TWO PEOPLE AT JESSE OWENS
13 SCHOOL FACILITY-- MONTHLY ACCESS TO BOTH CLASSES WITHOUT
14 REGISTERING. PROVIDE ON-SITE REGISTRATION FOR THOSE WITHOUT
15 INTERNET. PROVIDE VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST. I VOLUNTEER. INSTITUTE
16 A "PAY AS YOU GO" SYSTEM, SIMILAR TO THE ONE USED BY LOS
17 ANGELES CITY PARK POOLS.

18
19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

20
21 **SPEAKER:** MY TIME HAS EXPIRED?

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

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1 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JOANA REYES. PLEASE
2 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND
3 WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
4 BEGIN.

5

6 **JOANA REYES:** HI. MY NAME IS JOANA REYES. I AM GOING TO BE
7 SPEAKING ON ITEM 12 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

8

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

10

11 **JOANA REYES:** OKAY. HI. MY NAME'S JOANA REYES. I AM A RESIDENT
12 OF DISTRICT 3, AND I AM REPRESENTING THE CENTRAL AMERICAN
13 RESOURCE CENTER. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT ITEM 12, FOR THE BOARD TO
14 BRING ABOUT A CHARTER AMENDMENT FOR COMMONSENSE CHECKS AND
15 BALANCES, AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE SHERIFF. FOR DECADES,
16 ANGELENOS HAVE WITNESSED THE CULTURE OF CORRUPTION AND
17 IMPUNITY OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, LEAVING PEOPLE WHO ARE
18 STOPPED, INCARCERATED, AT RISK OF ABUSE, OR WORSE. FOR MORE
19 THAN 50 YEARS, DEPUTY GANGS AMONGST THE RANKS AND MANAGEMENT
20 OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAVE TERRORIZED COMMUNITY MEMBERS,
21 ESPECIALLY IN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. WE NEED A CHARTER THAT
22 WORKS FOR THE PEOPLE OF L.A., TODAY AND TOMORROW, AND GIVES US
23 THE NECESSARY TOOLS FOR WHEN A SHERIFF VIOLATES THE LAW AND
24 THE PUBLIC TRUST. BESIDES THE GOVERNANCE, THIS IS A MATTER OF
25 RACIAL JUSTICE, AND THE COUNTY CAN NO LONGER TINKER AROUND THE

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1 EDGES OF SIGNIFICANT STRUCTURAL REFORM OF THE SHERIFF'S
2 DEPARTMENT. WE DON'T NEED ANOTHER STUDY OR BLUE RIBBON
3 COMMISSION, NOR CAN THE BOARD WAIT FOR STATE LAW TO CHANGE. WE
4 DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. SO, NOW IS THE TIME TO
5 ACT AND ADVANCE CHARTER AMENDMENTS THAT CAN STRENGTHEN THE
6 COUNTY'S STRUCTURE OF CHECKS AND BALANCES. SO, ALONGSIDE
7 DIRECTLY IMPACTED FAMILIES, THE CHECK THE SHERIFF COALITION IS
8 A GROWING COALITION OF MORE THAN 100 COMMUNITY AND LABOR
9 ORGANIZATIONS, AND WE URGE THE BOARD TO REFER TO VOTERS FOR
10 THE 2022 GENERAL ELECTION, FOR THE NOVEMBER 2022 GENERAL
11 ELECTION, FOR US TO BE ABLE TO VOTE ON THIS AND MAKE OUR
12 VOICES HEARD. WE REALLY STAND IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THIS ITEM.
13 THANK YOU.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16

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

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH
23 INTERPRETATION OF THIS REMINDER.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** [INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN IN SPANISH]

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1

2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

3

4 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS DONALD HARLAND.

5 PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY,

6 AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU

7 MAY BEGIN.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME'S DONALD. I HAVE SIX AGENDA ITEMS TO

10 COMMENT ON, AND A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE. I KNOW I GET

11 TWO MINUTES, AND A MINUTE FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. PLEASE BEGIN.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7, THAT PROPOSED

16 TRANSFER OF WILLIAM S. HART PARK TO SANTA CLARITA, THAT'S NO.

17 THAT HAS TO BE STOPPED. THIS IS THE PEOPLE'S PROPERTY. THAT

18 PARK IS THE PEOPLE'S PROPERTY. IT DOESN'T BELONG TO L.A.

19 COUNTY. THAT PROPERTY IS NOT TO BE SOLD OR GIVEN AWAY. THEY

20 ARE TRYING TO USE THE TRANSFER TO SANTA CLARITA OF THAT

21 PROPERTY TO LEVERAGE MORE DEVELOPMENT. DEFINITELY, NO. THEY'RE

22 GOING TO TRY AND SELL IT, AND THEY NEED TO CHECK SOME OF THE

23 IDENTITIES OF SOME OF THE CITY COUNCILMEMBERS OVER THERE IN

24 SANTA CLARITA, TOO. OKAY, AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 1-P: RICE CANYON

25 ACQUISITION FUND. THIS IS A BIG PROBLEM. L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF,

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1 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, OAKTREE, WELLS FARGO-- THEY HAVE
2 SOME OFFICES OVER HERE ON BUNKER HILL, WHERE THEY ARE TRYING
3 TO BUY THOSE OVER THERE. THAT PROPERTY IS NOT FOR SALE. IT'S
4 ILLEGAL. SO, YOU KNOW THAT THEY HAVE-- BY THE END OF THIS
5 YEAR, IF THEY GET THE PARK IN NEWHALL, THEY WILL HAVE \$30
6 BILLION OF ILLEGAL PROPERTY THEY ARE CLAIMING THEY ARE TRYING
7 TO TRANSFER, THAT THEY SAY THE COUNTY OR THE CITY OWNS; NOT
8 THEIRS. THEY WILL HAVE \$30 BILLION OF FRAUD OVER THERE, JUST
9 IN THAT AREA, AND THEY NEED TO BE STOPPED. JUST AN ATTEMPT BY
10 THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SUBSTANTIATE AN ILLEGAL
11 REAL-ESTATE BID FOR THAT AREA, THEY ARE TRYING TO VERIFY IT,
12 THAT ILLEGAL DEAL, BY COLLECTING THE MONEY BACK. AND THAT'S
13 RICE CANYON, OVER IN NEWHALL. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 12: SHERIFF
14 OVERSIGHT, PROMOTING ACCOUNTABILITY. YOU KNOW, L.A. COUNTY
15 SHERIFF WORKS FOR THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. DON'T LET
16 ANYBODY TRY AND TELL YOU ANYTHING ELSE. L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF
17 AND L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THEY ARE THE SAME GUYS.
18 THEY SAY THERE'S A CONFLICT BETWEEN THEM? THERE'S NOT. BUT YOU
19 KNOW WHAT? THE SHERIFFS DO NEED POWERS TO WIPE OUT SOME OF THE
20 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT ARE REALLY BAD. THEY REALLY DO. BUT
21 THIS IS GOING THE OTHER WAY, IT LOOKS LIKE. PROBABLY, THEY
22 SHOULDN'T DO THAT. AND THEN, THE SALE OF SURPLUS-- AGENDA ITEM
23 NUMBER 77: SALE OF SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY IN WEST COVINA. THIS
24 IS L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CREATING THEIR OWN OIL
25 WELL, GIVING THE PROPERTY TO THEMSELVES, AND NOW SELLING THE

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1 GAS OR DOING JOBS, ALL KINDS OF STUFF. WE REALLY NEED TO LOOK
2 INTO THE OIL DEALS THAT ARE DONE BY L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS THROUGH L.A. COUNTY. THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO
4 SUPERVISE SOME OF THE CONTRACTS, BUT THEY'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO
5 BE MAKING THEM FOR THEMSELVES. YOU SEE, THERE'S DEFINITELY
6 SOMETHING WRONG GOING ON THERE.

7

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

10

11 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS CESAR DE LA CRUZ. PLEASE STATE
12 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
13 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. CAN YOU ALL HEAR ME?

16

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

18

19 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS CESAR DE LA CRUZ, AND I'M A MEMBER
20 OF U.N.I.T.E. H.E.R.E. LOCAL 11, AND I LIVE IN DISTRICT NUMBER
21 FOUR. I AM SO HAPPY TO SEE THE BOARD BRING THIS URGENTLY
22 NEEDED CHARTER AMENDMENT FORWARD. [INAUDIBLE] GUARDADO FAMILY.
23 HE WAS SHOT FIVE TIMES IN THE BACK. [INAUDIBLE] THEY DIDN'T
24 TAKE ANY RESPONSIBILITY. SO I HOPE THAT YOU APPROVE THIS, SO
25 WE CAN VOTE ON IT IN NOVEMBER. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

3

4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS TERRY WEAVER. PLEASE STATE THE
5 AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
6 WILL BE ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** HELLO? [INAUDIBLE] AND REGISTRATION FOR HANDICAPPED
9 INDIVIDUALS. THERE ARE TWO PEOPLE THERE WHO ARE REGISTERING.
10 IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO DO IT BY PHONE, USING ONE HAND. I HAVE
11 ONE ARM. [INAUDIBLE] I WOULD LIKE TO JUST BE ABLE TO COME AND
12 SIGN UP FOR [INAUDIBLE]. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO COME AND TAKE A
13 CLASS [INAUDIBLE]. I DON'T NECESSARILY [INAUDIBLE]. I JUST
14 WANT TO MAKE SURE, IF I [INAUDIBLE] A CLASS, I CAN GET IT.
15 I'LL PAY THE [INAUDIBLE]. IT'S JUST THAT IT'S FIRST COME,
16 FIRST SERVED, AND [INAUDIBLE]. OKAY?

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** OKAY. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS CARLIE KERCHAN. PLEASE STATE
21 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
22 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** HI, THERE. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON GENERAL PUBLIC
25 COMMENT, ITEM 12, AND ITEM 52. MY NAME IS CARLIE KERCHAN.

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1 REGARDING ITEM 52, GIVEN THE LACK OF CLARITY SURROUNDING THE
2 FUTURE OPERATOR OF THE YACHT CLUB, THE COUNTY SHOULD NOT BE
3 AWARDING ITS CURRENT LEASEHOLDER, CUBESMART, A THREE- TO FIVE-
4 YEAR EXTENSION. CUBESMART IS A PUBLIC STORAGE COMPANY WITH NO
5 EXPERIENCE MANAGING RESTAURANT OPERATIONS, MARINA ASSETS, OR
6 MEMBERSHIP CLUBS. WE NEED STABLE, QUALIFIED MODERATORS IN OUR
7 MARINA, SO PLEASE REJECT THIS LEASE TODAY, AND SEND IT BACK TO
8 BEACHES AND HARBORS. REGARDING ITEM NUMBER 12, I JUST WANT TO
9 INDICATE MY STRONG SUPPORT. THE CHARTER AMENDMENT WILL BRING
10 THE GUARDADO FAMILY AND OTHERS ONE STEP CLOSER TO JUSTICE.
11 THANK YOU.

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS CUE JN-MARIE. PLEASE STATE THE
16 AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
17 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

18

19 **PASTOR CUE JN-MARIE:** YES. YES, MY NAME IS PASTOR CUE, FROM THE
20 CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS, SKID ROW. I WILL BE ADDRESSING AGENDA
21 ITEM NUMBER 12, AS WELL AS PUBLIC COMMENT.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YOU MAY BEGIN.

24

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1 **PASTOR CUE JN-MARIE:** OKAY. AGAIN, I AM PASTOR CUE, FROM THE
2 CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS, SKID ROW, WITH CLERGY AND LAITY UNITED
3 FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE, AND CLERGY FOR BLACK LIVES. MY CHURCH IS
4 IN DISTRICT ONE, AND I LIVE IN DISTRICT FOUR. POWER WITHOUT
5 ACCOUNTABILITY IS BRUTALITY. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT ITEM 12 AND
6 THE BOARD MOTION TO BRING ABOUT A CHARTER AMENDMENT FOR
7 COMMONSENSE CHECKS AND BALANCES, AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE
8 SHERIFF. A LOT OF MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES AND FOLKS DON'T
9 HAVE MONEY TO DO RECALLS. WE'VE GOT EXPERIENCE WITH THAT.
10 WE'VE GOT A LONG HISTORY OF SHERIFFS' MISCONDUCT. THAT'S WHY
11 ON NOVEMBER 1ST, 2016, THIS BOARD, WITH COMMUNITY INPUT,
12 APPOINTED NINE COMMISSIONERS TO SERVE ON THE CIVILIAN
13 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION OF THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT. THAT IS WHY,
14 PRIOR TO ITS INCEPTION, WE WORKED TIRELESSLY AND ATTENDED
15 ALMOST EVERY MEETING TO MAKE SURE THIS COMMISSION, AS MUCH AS
16 POSSIBLE, WOULD REFLECT THE VOICE OF THE COMMUNITY. THE
17 SHERIFF RECENTLY SAID THAT THE INVESTIGATION INTO DEPUTY GANGS
18 PUTS HIS DEPUTIES AT RISK. MY QUESTION TO THE SHERIFF IS THIS:
19 WHEN YOU DEFY THE SUBPOENAS OF THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
20 COMMISSION AND THE INSPECTOR GENERAL TO ANSWER ALLEGATIONS
21 REGARDING DEPUTY GANGS IN THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT, WEREN'T YOU
22 PUTTING BOTH THE PUBLIC AND YOUR DEPUTIES AT RISK? WHEN YOU
23 THREATENED TO DO INVESTIGATIONS INTO EVERY PUBLIC OFFICIAL WHO
24 ATTEMPTED TO HOLD YOU ACCOUNTABLE, WEREN'T YOU PUTTING THEIR
25 LIVES AT RISK? SINCE THE SHERIFF HAS DEFIED EVERY SUBPOENA, WE

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1 URGE THE BOARD AGAIN TO REFER TO THE VOTERS ON NOVEMBER 22ND,
2 OR ON NOVEMBER 2022, THE GENERAL ELECTION, AN AMENDMENT TO OUR
3 COUNTY CHARTER THAT WILL CREATE COMMONSENSE CHECKS AND
4 BALANCES AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE SHERIFF. AGAIN, POWER
5 WITHOUT ACCOUNTABILITY IS BRUTALITY.

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS STEPHANIE HSIEH. PLEASE STATE
10 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
11 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

12

13 **STEPHANIE HSIEH:** THANK YOU. I AM ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 15.
14 MADAM CHAIR AND HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY NAME IS
15 STEPHANIE HSIEH, AND I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF BIOCOM
16 CALIFORNIA'S LOS ANGELES OFFICE, THE PREMIER ADVOCACY
17 ORGANIZATION ACCELERATING THE LIFE-SCIENCES INDUSTRY IN OUR
18 STATE. I AM HAPPY TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE THANKS TO BOARD CHAIR
19 MITCHELL AND HER TEAM FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP ON THIS VITAL
20 MOTION THAT SENDS A POWERFUL MESSAGE THAT L.A. COUNTY REMAINS
21 COMMITTED TO DEVELOPING THE MOST ROBUST LIFE-SCIENCE CLUSTER,
22 NOT ONLY IN CALIFORNIA, BUT IN THE COUNTRY. FROM THE LIFE-
23 SCIENCES CRADLE-TO-CAREER EMPLOYMENT PIPELINE, TO THE TENANT
24 IMPROVEMENT FUND AND THE LIFE-SCIENCES OMBUDSPERSON, THIS
25 MOTION WILL HELP THE INDUSTRY DEVELOP AND RETAIN TALENTED,

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1 DIVERSE ANGELENOS THAT WILL SERVE AS OUR FUTURE EMPLOYEES,
2 INVENTORS, INVESTORS, AND C.E.O.S. FOCUSING THE COUNTY
3 RESOURCES ON OUR INDUSTRY, AND ENSURING THAT ISSUES,
4 ESPECIALLY OF EQUITY IN OPPORTUNITY IN UNDERSERVED
5 COMMUNITIES, ARE TOP OF MIND, BOARD CHAIR MITCHELL IS
6 HIGHLIGHTING THE CRITICAL ROLE THAT OUR INDUSTRY PLAYS IN
7 BUILDING BACK OUR LOCAL ECONOMY WITH EQUITY, AND BIOCOM
8 CALIFORNIA STANDS READY TO ASSIST IN ANY WAY THAT WE CAN.
9 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

10

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

13

14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS SHIU-MING CHEER. PLEASE STATE
15 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
16 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

17

18 **SHIU-MING CHEER:** YES, HELLO. I WILL BE ADDRESSING ITEMS 12 AND
19 28. MY NAME IS SHIU-MING CHEER. I AM THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF
20 PROGRAMS AND CAMPAIGNS AT THE CALIFORNIA IMMIGRANT POLICY
21 CENTER, AND I LIVE IN DISTRICT ONE. I AM CALLING IN STRONG
22 SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 12, WHICH WOULD CREATE MUCH-NEEDED
23 SHERIFF'S ACCOUNTABILITY. IN ADDITION TO BEING AN ISSUE OF
24 GOOD GOVERNANCE, THIS IS ALSO A MATTER OF RACIAL JUSTICE AND
25 IMMIGRANT JUSTICE. FOR DECADES, THE UNCHECKED POWER OF THE

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1 SHERIFF HAS DISPROPORTIONATELY HARMED IMMIGRANTS AND
2 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. THIS INCLUDES THROUGH SHARING
3 INFORMATION WITH I.C.E., AND ASSAULTS AND ABUSES IN THE JAILS
4 AND IN THE STREETS. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS SIDESTEPED MOST
5 ATTEMPTS AT OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY. THE COMMUNITY HAS
6 BEEN STRONGLY ASKING FOR THESE CHECKS AND BALANCES, WHICH ARE
7 LONG OVERDUE, AND ALSO CONSTITUTIONAL. THE BOARD'S LEGAL
8 AUTHORITY TO REMOVE THE SHERIFF IS CLEAR, AND IN LINE WITH THE
9 CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION, STATE STATUTES, AND CASE LAW. THE
10 CALIFORNIA COURT OF APPEALS AFFIRMED THIS POWER IN THE PENROD
11 V. COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO CASE, WHERE IT RULED THAT A COUNTY
12 CHARTER COULD PERMIT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO REMOVE A
13 SHERIFF FOR CAUSE, BY A FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE. CHANGING OUR COUNTY
14 CHARTER CAN ENSURE ESSENTIAL OVERSIGHT OF THE SHERIFFS.
15 THEREFORE, I URGE YOU TO PASS ITEM NUMBER 12. ALSO, FOR ITEM
16 NUMBER 28, I URGE THE BOARD TO REJECT ALL FUNDING TOWARD THE
17 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF
18 HOMELAND SECURITY FUNDS, IN THIS MOTION. THE 1.7 MILLION WHICH
19 WOULD GO TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WILL ONLY BE USED TO
20 STRENGTHEN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S REPRESSION AND VIOLENCE
21 AGAINST MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES. IT WILL ENHANCE THE
22 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S CAPACITY FOR SURVEILLANCE AGAINST THE
23 PEOPLE THAT THEY ARE ALREADY TARGETING, SUCH AS THE FAMILIES
24 OF VICTIMS OF DEPUTY VIOLENCE AND DEPUTY GANGS, PEOPLE WHO

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1 SPEAK OUT AGAINST L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ABUSES, AND
2 OVERPOLICED COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JED CONSALA. PLEASE STATE THE
7 AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
8 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** YES. I WILL BE ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 46 AND GENERAL
11 PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS JED CONSALA. I AM A RESIDENT OF
12 NORTH HOLLYWOOD, DISTRICT THREE, AND I'M ALSO THE
13 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR AT A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. I
14 AM GOING TO SPEAK THIS MORNING ON MONKEYPOX. SUPERVISORS, I
15 ASK YOU TODAY TO COMPEL THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
16 TO DRASTICALLY STEP UP EFFORTS TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC, AND IN
17 PARTICULAR THE FIRST AFFECTED POPULATIONS-- GAY MEN AND
18 M.S.M.-- ABOUT BASIC PREVENTION AND AWARENESS ON THIS VIRUS.
19 MONKEYPOX VACCINES ARE AND WILL BE IN INCREDIBLY SHORT SUPPLY,
20 A FAILURE OF OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO MAINTAIN AN ADEQUATE
21 NATIONAL STOCKPILE, AN EMBARRASSMENT AFTER NEARLY THREE YEARS
22 OF C.O.V.I.D. HOWEVER, IT'S A REALITY WE MUST DEAL WITH IN THE
23 SHORT TERM. UNTIL VACCINE SUPPLY CHANGES, PUBLIC HEALTH SHOULD
24 BE DOING EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON
25 PREVENTION METHODS. TWITTER POSTS ARE NOT ENOUGH. L.A. COUNTY

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1 AND OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH MUST DO BETTER, GIVING
2 PEOPLE THE TOOLS THEY NEED TO AVOID INFECTIONS AND STOP THE
3 SPREAD OF MONKEYPOX: AVOIDING SKIN-TO-SKIN CONTACT WITH
4 INFECTED OR POTENTIALLY INFECTED INDIVIDUALS, REDUCING THE
5 NUMBER OF PARTNERS OR ANONYMOUS PARTNERS, AND CONDOM USE,
6 WHICH WE KNOW IS NOT COMPLETELY FOOLPROOF. BUT THE COUNTY MUST
7 REALLY STEP UP. I URGE YOU TO REALLY GET ON THE BACKS OF
8 COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH AND HAVE THEM STEP UP. THANK YOU.

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS VALERIE VARGAS. PLEASE STATE
13 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER
14 YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS VALERIE VARGAS. I'M A
17 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT ONE, AND I AM REPRESENTING ANTHONY
18 VARGAS, MURDERED BY EAST LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ON
19 AUGUST 12TH, 2018. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA NUMBER 12.
20 I STRONGLY SUPPORT ITEM 12, THE BOARD MOTION TO BRING THE
21 CHARTER AMENDMENT FOR COMMONSENSE CHECKS AND BALANCES, AND
22 ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE SHERIFF. DEPUTY GANGS AND OTHER FORMS OF
23 DEPUTY VIOLENCE HAVE PERSISTED BECAUSE ONE SHERIFF
24 ADMINISTRATION AFTER THE NEXT HAS FAILED TO ENACT AND ENFORCE
25 POLICIES THAT PROVIDE MEANINGFUL AND CONSISTENT DISCIPLINE

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1 WHEN DEPUTIES HARASS, ABUSE, AND MURDER. ANTHONY VARGAS WAS
2 MURDERED BECAUSE OF A DEPUTY GANG INITIATION, AND MY FAMILY IS
3 A LIVING EXAMPLE OF THE AFTERMATH OF THE HARASSMENT AND
4 BRUTALITY AT THEIR HANDS. WE ARE NOT THE ONLY FAMILY. HUNDREDS
5 OF FAMILIES HAVE BEEN AFFECTED, AND SOME DO NOT HAVE THE MEANS
6 TO COME FORWARD. PUTTING THIS CHARTER AMENDMENT ON THE BALLOT
7 WILL LESSEN THE TRAUMA WE ARE FORCED TO MANAGE ON A DAILY
8 BASIS, AND MINIMIZE THE P.T.S.D. WE HAVE TO LIVE WITH WITHIN
9 OUR LIFETIME. WE NEED TO PROTECT OUR REMAINING KIDS AND
10 OURSELVES FROM THE GANGS WITH BADGES, WHO CARRY IMPUNITY TO
11 SILENCE THEIR VICTIMS.

12

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

15

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

19

20 **SPEAKER:** YES, GOOD MORNING. CARLOS MONTEZ. PUBLIC COMMENT,
21 AGENDA ITEMS 12, 11, AND 16. I SUPPORT-- MY NAME IS CARLOS
22 MONTEZ. I'M A MEMBER OF [INAUDIBLE] COMMUNITY SERVICE
23 ORGANIZATION, AND ALSO PART OF CHECK THE SHERIFF. I'M HERE TO
24 SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 12. BUT ALSO, I WANT TO
25 ADD THAT... RECOMMEND THAT YOU ADD STRONGER OVERSIGHT LANGUAGE

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1 TO THE MOTION, SPECIFICALLY TO GIVE STRONGER OVERSIGHT POWERS
2 TO THE C.O.C. AND THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL. ALSO, TO
3 MAKE THE C.O.C. A PERMANENT DEPARTMENT OF THE COUNTY. I
4 SUPPORT THE MOTION AS IT READS, TO REMOVE THE SHERIFF FOR
5 VIOLATING THE LAW, BUT I THINK WE NEED STRONGER OVERSIGHT OVER
6 THE SHERIFF, AND I WANT TO THANK HILDA SOLIS AND HOLLY
7 MITCHELL FOR MAKING THE MOTION. BUT I ALSO WANT TO POINT OUT
8 THAT I SUPPORT AND LOOK FORWARD TO JANICE HAHN SUPPORTING THIS
9 MOTION. BECAUSE, AS YOU CAN SEE, SEVERAL YOUNG MEN HAVE BEEN
10 KILLED IN SUPERVISOR HAHN'S AREA. WE HAD THE MOM OF ISAIAS
11 CERVANTES SPEAK, BUT [INAUDIBLE] WAS KILLED IN MAYWOOD DURING
12 A MENTAL HEALTH BREAKDOWN, AND IT WAS RULED A HOMICIDE. WE
13 ALSO HAD EDGAR ORTIZ, WHO WAS KILLED MARCH 3RD OF THIS YEAR,
14 IN BELLFLOWER. AND WE WERE THE FIRST TO MARCH TO THE LAKEWOOD
15 SHERIFF'S STATION. SO, LAKEWOOD SHERIFF'S STATION HAS
16 PROBLEMS. IF YOU LOOK AT THE LAKEWOOD SHERIFF'S STATION, THERE
17 HAVE BEEN MANY KILLINGS, ESPECIALLY OSCAR RAMIREZ. A YOUNG,
18 UNARMED MAN IN PLAIN DAYLIGHT, NEAR PARAMOUNT HIGH SCHOOL, WAS
19 KILLED. THAT'S UNDER INVESTIGATION AS A MURDER. SO, PLEASE,
20 NOT ONLY VOTE FOR THIS MOTION, BUT TRY TO ADD LANGUAGE FOR
21 STRONGER CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT, SPECIFICALLY YOURSELF, AS THE
22 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND A OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. WE'VE BEEN
23 DEMANDING COMMUNITY CIVILIAN CONTROL FOR THE LAST 50 YEARS. I
24 GREW UP IN EAST L.A., BEING HARASSED BY THE SHERIFFS, BEING

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1 ARRESTED. I'VE BEEN IN THE COUNTY JAIL, BEATEN UP. I'VE BEEN
2 RAIDED BY THE SHERIFFS FOR MY POLITICAL ACTIVISM.

3

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS BRIDGET PRINCE. PLEASE STATE
8 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU
9 WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** HI. I'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, AND I'M
12 CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 12. MY NAME IS BRIDGET PRINCE. I
13 LIVE IN THE CITY OF SAN GABRIEL, WITHIN THE COUNTY OF LOS
14 ANGELES, AND WE'VE LIVED HERE FOR OVER 40 YEARS, AND I WOULD
15 LIKE TO STRONGLY SUPPORT ITEM 12, AND ALSO TO THANK
16 SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND MITCHELL FOR THEIR DECISION TO PUT THIS
17 ITEM IN FRONT OF THE VOTERS. THE NEED IS GREAT TO BE ABLE TO
18 HAVE THESE CHECKS AND BALANCES. THAT'S WHAT OUR SOCIETY IS
19 BUILT ON, AND WE NEED TO CONTINUE THIS. THERE HAS JUST BEEN
20 CURRENT AND PAST SHERIFFS THAT HAVE VIOLATED COMMUNITY TRUST
21 OVER AND OVER AGAIN, WITH LAWSUITS AND SHOOTINGS AND
22 MISCONDUCT. AND I THINK YOU HEAR THE PASSION FROM THE OTHER
23 SPEAKERS, AS WELL, THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT JUST NEEDS TO
24 BE HANDLED, AND IT'S A VERY GOOD THING TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF
25 TODAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

4

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

7

8 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WELL, OUR 90-MINUTE TIME
9 ALLOTTED FOR PUBLIC SPEAKERS HAS COME TO AN END, AND I'D LIKE
10 TO THANK ALL OF THOSE THAT CALLED IN TO SPEAK. IF YOU WERE
11 UNABLE TO PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS, YOU MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN
12 COMMENTS, AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO
13 ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING,
14 WHICH WILL BECOME A PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD FOR TODAY.
15 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON
16 WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING.

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU: 3
19 THROUGH 10, 13 AS REVISED, 16 THROUGH 21, 23 AND 24, 26
20 THROUGH 29, 31 THROUGH 57, 59 THROUGH 79, 81 THROUGH 89, 90-A
21 THROUGH 90-D, 93 THROUGH 97, 1-D THROUGH 7-D, AND 1-P.

22

23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SECONDED
24 BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS, WITH THE

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1 EXEMPTIONS NOTED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER. PLEASE CALL THE
2 ROLL.

3

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

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

7

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

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

11

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

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

15

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

17

18 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

19

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

22

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

24

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

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. COLLEAGUES, WE'LL BEGIN TODAY
5 WITH SET MATTER 1, FOLLOWED BY SET MATTER 2 AND A-10, WHICH
6 WILL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER, FOLLOWED BY ITEMS 11, 12, 14, 15,
7 AND 22, AND WE WILL CONCLUDE WITH ITEM 80. SET MATTER 1: THE
8 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING REPORT. WE'LL HEAR, AS WE DO
9 EVERY BOARD MEETING, FROM DR. D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA, DIRECTOR OF
10 OUR RACIAL EQUITY INITIATIVE, AND SKYE PATRICK, OUR COUNTY
11 LIBRARIAN. GOOD MORNING.

12

13 **DR. D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. IT'S AN
14 INCREDIBLE PLEASURE TO BE HERE WITH ALL OF YOU. GOOD MORNING,
15 MADAM CHAIR, AND TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. TODAY'S
16 PRESENTATION MARKS THE 13TH UPDATE IN OUR SERIES OF REGULAR
17 PRESENTATIONS ON THE COUNTY'S PROGRESS IMPLEMENTING YOUR
18 BOARD'S AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PHASE 1 SPENDING PLAN. NEXT
19 SLIDE. AS IS OUR REGULAR PRACTICE, THIS SLIDE PREVIEWS TOPICS
20 WE INTEND TO COVER TODAY. I'M HAPPY TO SHARE A SCORECARD
21 RATING FROM THE CALIFORNIA PAN-ETHNIC HEALTH NETWORK, WHO
22 RELEASED SCORECARDS FOR 11 CALIFORNIA COUNTIES THAT WERE
23 CONDUCTING RESEARCH ON PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INFORMATION TO
24 ASSESS HOW WE HAVE BEEN SPENDING OR ALLOCATED OUR FUNDING, AND
25 WE'LL SHARE MORE ABOUT THEIR FINDINGS LATER IN THE

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1 PRESENTATION. I WILL ALSO PROVIDE A GLOBAL PROGRAM OVERVIEW
2 DETAILING THE CURRENT STATUS OF PROJECTS IN THE DESIGN,
3 DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROVAL PROCESS. AND FOR TODAY'S DEPARTMENT
4 SPOTLIGHT, SKYE PATRICK, DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
5 LIBRARY, WILL PRESENT ON 3 OF THEIR A.R.P.-FUNDED PROJECTS,
6 INCLUDING A LAPTOP AND HOTSPOT LENDING AND WORK READY PROGRAM,
7 PARK CONNECT, AND EARLY LITERACY AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS. NEXT
8 SLIDE. SO, AS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED, THE CALIFORNIA PAN-ETHNIC
9 HEALTH NETWORK CONDUCTED RESEARCH ON 11 CALIFORNIA COUNTIES,
10 EACH RECEIVING MORE THAN \$100 MILLION THROUGH STATE AND LOCAL
11 FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS. THEY DID SO IN ORDER TO EVALUATE HOW
12 WE'VE BEEN SPENDING CRITICAL PUBLIC RELIEF DOLLARS UNDER
13 A.R.P. THE 11 COUNTIES, ASIDE FROM LOS ANGELES, INCLUDED
14 FRESNO, KERN, ORANGE, SACRAMENTO, SAN BERNARDINO, SAN DIEGO,
15 SAN FRANCISCO, BOTH THE CITY AND THE COUNTY, SAN JOAQUIN,
16 STANISLAUS, AND VENTURA. THEY DEVELOPED A 51-QUESTION EQUITY
17 METRIC TO EXAMINE IN-DEPTH COUNTY EFFORTS TO PROMOTE RACIAL
18 EQUITY, ENGAGE CONSTITUENTS, AND ENSURE TRANSPARENCY,
19 ACCESSIBILITY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDING DURING THE PERIOD
20 OF MARCH 2021 THROUGH FEBRUARY OF 2022. AREAS EVALUATED RANGED
21 FROM WHERE FUNDING WAS BEING SPENT, TO HOW THE COUNTY WAS
22 ADDRESSING INEQUITIES EXACERBATED BY THE PANDEMIC. FOR
23 EXAMPLE, DID THE COUNTY USE FUNDING TO INVEST IN C.O.V.I.D.-19
24 SERVICES-- MENTAL HEALTH, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, AND SUBSTANCE USE
25 SERVICES-- OR OTHER SERVICES, SUCH AS FOOD, HOUSING, AND

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1 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE, TO
2 NAME A FEW MORE? OR DID THE COUNTY EXPLICITLY ARTICULATE A
3 VISION OR MISSION TO REDUCE RACIAL DISPARITIES, AND WERE LOCAL
4 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN COMMUNITY-DEFINED PRACTICES
5 THAT SPECIFICALLY SERVE COMMUNITIES MOST IMPACTED BY THE
6 PANDEMIC, INCLUDING AFRICAN AMERICAN, LATINO, LATINA OR
7 LATINX, ASIAN AMERICAN, PACIFIC ISLANDER, AMERICAN INDIAN,
8 NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES, AND OTHER COMMUNITIES OF COLOR,
9 AS WELL? SO... NEXT SLIDE. SO, AS A RESULT OF THEIR ANALYSIS,
10 I'M PROUD TO REPORT THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY WAS THE ONLY
11 JURISDICTION OF THE 11 COUNTIES THAT RECEIVED AN "A" GRADE,
12 OVERALL. AND AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, WE WERE THE ONLY AGENCY
13 TO RECEIVE AN A+ IN THE CATEGORY "PROMOTING RACIAL EQUITY."
14 YOU CAN SEE THE RATING COMPARISONS BY THE COUNTY AND THE TABLE
15 HERE ON YOUR RIGHT. L.A. COUNTY WAS RATED HIGH, BASED UPON
16 HAVING ONE OF THE MOST ROBUST SPENDING PLANS IN THE STATE, AN
17 ARRAY OF EQUITY-DRIVEN INVESTMENTS RANGING FROM MEETING THE
18 IMMEDIATE HEALTH AND SOCIOECONOMIC NEEDS OF COMMUNITIES DURING
19 C.O.V.I.D.-19, TO SUPPORTING AND PILOTING FORWARD-LOOKING
20 PROGRAMS SUCH AS THOSE UNDER THE CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST
21 INITIATIVE. WE'RE ALSO RATED HIGH, BASED UPON WORKING WITH
22 COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS TO EMBED RACIAL AND SOCIAL EQUITY GOALS
23 AND PRINCIPLES INTO OUR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT SPENDING PLAN
24 AND PROJECTS, AS WELL AS HAVING A COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC WEBSITE
25 AND A.R.P.A. EQUITY DASHBOARD TO DEMONSTRATE THE DETAILED

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1 IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS WITH THE PUBLIC. NEXT SLIDE. SO, AT
2 THIS TIME, I'D LIKE TO SHARE OUR GLOBAL PROGRAM OVERVIEW. AS
3 OF JULY 11TH, 2022, 34 PROJECTS ARE IN THE DESIGN AND
4 DEVELOPMENT PHASE, WHICH ENTAILS A PROCESS TO CLARIFY THE
5 GOALS AND OUTCOMES OF THE PROJECT TO POTENTIAL IMPACT IN
6 REDUCING DISPARITIES CAUSED OR EXACERBATED BY THE PANDEMIC,
7 AND HOW TO MEASURE THAT IMPACT. OF THESE 34 PROJECTS, A.R.D.I.
8 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS ARE ACTIVELY PARTNERING AND
9 MEETING WITH DEPARTMENTS ON 26 PROJECTS TO SUPPORT THE DESIGN
10 AND DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR DESIGN AND EQUITABLE IMPLEMENTATION
11 OF THESE PROJECTS. 13 PROJECTS HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO THE
12 DEPARTMENT FOR FURTHER REVISIONS. A TOTAL OF 49 PROJECTS HAVE
13 BEEN APPROVED FOR LAUNCH AND IMPLEMENTATION, WHICH EQUALS
14 \$568,720,000. NEXT SLIDE. NEXT, SKYE PATRICK WILL HIGHLIGHT 3
15 OF THEIR A.R.P.-FUNDED PROJECTS, INCLUDING LAPTOP AND HOTSPOT
16 LENDING, AS WELL AS WORK READY PROGRAMS, PARK AND CONNECT, AND
17 THE EARLY LITERACY AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS, A TOTAL INVESTMENT
18 OF \$6,330,000. SKYE?

19
20 **SKYE PATRICK:** THANK YOU, DR. SCORZA. CAN YOU HEAR ME OKAY?
21 EXCELLENT. THANK YOU, DR. SCORZA AND MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS
22 OF THE BOARD. TODAY I'LL BE HIGHLIGHTING THREE LIBRARY
23 PROJECTS RECENTLY APPROVED BY THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN
24 FUNDING. THE FIRST TWO PROJECTS DIRECTLY ALIGN WITH YOUR
25 BOARD'S DIGITAL DIVIDE INITIATIVE, LED BY I.S.D., FOR WHICH WE

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1 ARE A COLLABORATING AGENCY. NEXT SLIDE. THE NEXT SLIDE. THANK
2 YOU. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, YOU'RE ACUTELY AWARE OF HOW
3 C.O.V.I.D.-19 PANDEMIC DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED AND
4 IMPACTED THE HEALTH AND JOBS OF MINORITIZED COMMUNITIES IN
5 L.A. COUNTY, AND FURTHER AMPLIFIED THE NEED TO ADDRESS
6 INEQUITIES OF THESE COMMUNITIES AND POPULATIONS. THE LIBRARY
7 HAS HISTORICALLY PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN BRIDGING THE DIGITAL
8 DIVIDE FOR OUR COUNTY'S COMMUNITIES, AND WE ARE THRILLED TO BE
9 ABLE TO ADVANCE THIS WORK, ALONG WITH THE BOARD AND OTHER
10 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, BY UTILIZING FUNDS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES TO
11 OBTAIN CHROMEBOOKS AND HOTSPOT DEVICES. CUSTOMERS CAN CHECK
12 OUT LAPTOPS AND HOTSPOTS. THESE DEVICE KITS ARE MADE AVAILABLE
13 TO CHECK OUT AS PART OF THE LIBRARY'S WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
14 PROGRAM, WORK READY. THE KITS ENABLE COUNTY CUSTOMERS TO APPLY
15 FOR BENEFITS, SEEK AND APPLY FOR EMPLOYMENT, LEARN NEW SKILLS,
16 AND AT ONE POINT IN TIME, ASSIST CHILDREN IN DISTANCE
17 LEARNING, AND OF COURSE ALLOW FAMILIES TO SEEK CARE THROUGH
18 TELEMEDICINE. SO FAR, WE'VE HAD 900 KITS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE
19 THROUGH THIS PROJECT AT OUR 85 LOCATIONS. NEXT SLIDE. THANKS
20 TO THE BOARD AND THE C.E.O.'S RECENT APPROVAL AND ALLOCATION
21 OF \$3.4 MILLION IN A.R.P. FUNDING, WE'LL BE ABLE TO EXPAND
22 THIS LAPTOP AND HOTSPOT LENDING EFFORT. THIS INCLUDES
23 OBTAINING 1400 MORE DEVICES TO CHECK OUT AS WE LENGTHEN, AND
24 ALLOW US TO LENGTHEN THE INTERNET SUBSCRIPTION PERIOD. IN
25 TURN, THIS PROGRAM WILL ALLOW US TO EXPAND DIGITAL LITERACY

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1 SKILLS TO MORE LOCATIONS AND MORE POPULATIONS. THIS SERVICE
2 EXPANSION WILL CONTINUE TO PRIORITIZE C.O.V.I.D.-19-AFFECTED
3 COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED BY C.E.O.'S A.R.D.I.
4 EQUITY EXPLORER TOOL. EFFORTS AND ACTIVITIES TO REACH THIS
5 POPULATION WILL INCLUDE ASSIGNING RESOURCES BASED ON NEED,
6 UTILIZING THE EQUITY TOOL; TARGETED MARKETING AND OUTREACH TO
7 INFORM UNDERSERVED AND UNFINISHED COMMUNITIES OF THE
8 AVAILABILITY OF THESE RESOURCES; AND THE INCLUSION OF MATERIAL
9 IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES, TO AID LEARNERS IN THE USER'S PRIMARY
10 LANGUAGE. THE PROJECT GOAL INCLUDES INCREASING ACCESS TO
11 TECHNOLOGICAL RESOURCES IN COMMUNITIES MOST IMPACTED BY THE
12 PANDEMIC, AND HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED, MARGINALIZED, AND/OR
13 ADVERSELY AFFECTED GROUPS; AND ALSO, IT ENSURES THAT THE
14 COUNTY RESIDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO L.A. COUNTY LIBRARY'S VIRTUAL
15 PROGRAMMING, DIGITAL LIBRARY, EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES THAT
16 SUPPORT CRITICAL JOB READINESS, IMPROVE LITERACY AND
17 ATTAINMENT OF EDUCATIONAL GOALS. THIS PROJECT WILL BE LAUNCHED
18 BY THE END OF THIS MONTH, AFTER C.E.O. APPROVAL IN JUNE. WE
19 ARE STARTING THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS NOW. NEXT SLIDE. WITH THE
20 SAME PURPOSE OF BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE AND SUPPORTING
21 ECONOMIC RECOVERY, THE LIBRARY LAUNCHED ITS PARK AND CONNECT
22 PROGRAM IN SEPTEMBER 2020. WITH THE C.A.R.E.S. FUNDS AND THE
23 PARTNERSHIP WITH I.S.D., THE LIBRARY WAS ABLE TO IMPLEMENT
24 PARK AND CONNECT WI-FI ACCESS POINTS THROUGHOUT 34 OF OUR L.A.
25 COUNTY LIBRARY LOCATIONS, LEVERAGING OUR CURRENT GIGABYTE

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1 INFRASTRUCTURE TO EXTEND INTERNET CONNECTIVITY TO OUR
 2 LIBRARIES' PARKING LOTS. SINCE THIS PROJECT HAS LAUNCHED,
 3 WE'VE HAD MORE THAN 419,000 INTERNET SESSIONS LOGGED THROUGH
 4 THIS PROGRAM. AS ALL OF YOU ARE AWARE, THE INTERNET IS A VITAL
 5 UTILITY, AS DIGITAL SPACES HAVE BECOME THE UBIQUITOUS WAY TO
 6 ACCESS INFORMATION AND A VARIETY OF OTHER SERVICES. THE
 7 LIBRARY IS RECEIVING \$1.5 MILLION IN A.R.P. FUNDING TO EXPAND
 8 PROGRAMS, ENABLING US TO SCALE THIS SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE
 9 REMAINING 49 LIBRARY LOCATIONS. THIS WILL HELP ADDRESS DIGITAL
 10 INEQUITY BY INCREASING ACCESS TO THE INTERNET. RESIDENTS WILL
 11 BE ABLE TO UTILIZE FREE WI-FI, 24/7, AT ANY OF OUR COUNTY
 12 LIBRARY LOCATIONS, IN ADDITION TO A SIMILAR PROJECT GOAL
 13 DESCRIBED EARLIER IN THE LAPTOP LENDING PROGRAM. THIS PROJECT
 14 SEEKS TO BOOST USAGE OF THE PROGRAM, INCREASE AWARENESS OF THE
 15 PARK AND CONNECT IN THE HIGH-PRIORITY COMMUNITIES SURROUNDING
 16 PARTICIPATING LIBRARIES, THROUGH MARKETING AND OUTREACH. THIS
 17 PROJECT'S PROCUREMENT PROCESS BEGAN THIS PAST MONTH, AND THE
 18 PROJECT EXPANSION ANTICIPATES TO TAKE PLACE SEPTEMBER 2022
 19 THROUGHOUT DECEMBER 2023. NEXT SLIDE. OUR FINAL PROJECT IS
 20 CENTERED AROUND EARLY LITERACY AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS AIMED AT
 21 MITIGATING THE PANDEMIC'S NEGATIVE IMPACT ON LEARNING AND
 22 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT. \$1.43 MILLION IN A.R.P. FUNDING WILL
 23 ALLOW L.A. COUNTY LIBRARY TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES TO
 24 SPECIFIC AREAS WITH LOWER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATES, TO
 25 HELP INCREASE THE NUMBER OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES, AND

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1 INCREASE STUDENTS' INTEREST IN CONTINUED EDUCATION AFTER HIGH
 2 SCHOOL. THESE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AND RESOURCES WILL SUPPORT
 3 EARLY LITERACY AND EDUCATION OF YOUTH, CHILDREN, FAMILIES, IN
 4 THE HIGHEST AND/OR HIGH-NEED AREAS OF THE COUNTY, AS THROUGH
 5 THE EQUITY EXPLORER TOOL. THIS PROJECT AIMS TO ADDRESS
 6 INEQUITIES, GAPS IN EDUCATION BY A PANDEMIC-INDUCED LEARNING
 7 LOSS, BARRIERS TO ACCESS, AND IMPROVEMENT OF LONG-TERM
 8 INTERGENERATIONAL AND MULTIGENERATIONAL OUTCOMES. NEXT SLIDE.
 9 A.R.P. FUNDING WILL ASSIST IN IMPLEMENTING OUR 4 MISSION-
 10 CRITICAL LIBRARY PROGRAMS AT 12 LOCATIONS IN OUR HIGHEST OR
 11 HIGH-NEED COMMUNITIES, AS IDENTIFIED BY THE EQUITY EXPLORER
 12 TOOL. THERE WILL BE READING STARS, WHICH IS AN
 13 INTERGENERATIONAL TUTORING PROGRAM; THE READING MACHINE, WHICH
 14 IS AN EARLY LITERACY MOBILE SERVICE; MAKER MOBILE, OR MAKMO,
 15 WHICH IS OUR S.T.E.M. AND S.T.E.A.M. EDUCATIONAL MOBILE
 16 SERVICES; AND, OF COURSE, OUR SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAM. AND
 17 THE KEY PROGRAM GOALS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: BUILDING AND
 18 IMPROVING READING PROFICIENCY IN YOUTH, CHILDREN, AND
 19 CAREGIVERS; INCREASING ACCESS TO S.T.E.M. EDUCATIONAL
 20 PROGRAMMING; AND INCREASING SCHOOL READINESS AND ACADEMIC
 21 PREPAREDNESS. THIS PROJECT INCLUDES SEVERAL TARGET
 22 COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING SCHOOL-AGED YOUTH IN NEIGHBORHOODS THAT
 23 HAVE BEEN HISTORICALLY DIVESTED OR UNDER-RESOURCED, MINORITY
 24 AND/OR LIMITED SPEAKING ENGLISH-SPEAKING RESIDENTS AND THEIR
 25 FAMILIES, SINGLE-PARENT HOUSEHOLDS, AND SYSTEM-IMPACTED OR

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1 SYSTEM-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS. FINALLY, THE LIBRARY IS ALSO
2 WORKING WITH AN E.D.I.-FOCUSED EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION TO
3 UPDATE OUR SCHOOL READINESS STORYTIME CONTENT, TO INCORPORATE
4 E.D.I. ELEMENTS MORE BROADLY THROUGHOUT THE PROGRAM. THIS IS
5 TARGETED TO START ITS LAUNCH SEPTEMBER-- THIS FALL, THIS
6 SEPTEMBER-- AND WILL RUN THROUGH THE END OF 2023. I WANT TO
7 THANK THE BOARD FOR ALLOWING ME TO SHARE SOME OF THE WORK THAT
8 THE COUNTY LIBRARY HAS DONE IN ITS GOALS TO BUILD BACK BETTER
9 AND MORE EQUITABLY. THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WHAT AMAZING NEWS. I DON'T
12 KNOW ABOUT THE REST OF YOU, BUT I GET REALLY EXCITED WHEN I
13 SEE LETTER GRADES A'S AND A+'S. SO, THANKS TO C.P.E.H.N. FOR
14 INCLUDING US IN THE STUDY, AND REALLY THRILLED TO KNOW WHERE
15 WE STAND AS A COUNTY, BASED ON OUR FOCUSED EFFORT,
16 PARTICULARLY IN THE PROMOTING RACIAL EQUITY INVESTMENT, SO
17 THANK YOU. THRILLED TO HEAR ABOUT THE LIBRARY'S WORK ONCE
18 AGAIN, THAT THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL 1400 DEVICE KITS TO BE
19 LOANED TO LIBRARY CUSTOMERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. SO I'M
20 LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING ABOUT THAT, AND WILL, MS. PATRICK,
21 HAVE STAFF CONNECT WITH YOU, BECAUSE I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT
22 YOUR PLAN IS FOR MAKING SURE THAT THE KIDS ARE TRULY EQUITABLY
23 ALLOCATED AMONG THE LOCAL BRANCHES, SO WE'LL CIRCLE BACK WITH
24 YOU ON THAT. BUT CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU BOTH. APPRECIATE

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1 HEARING IT. FIRST, WE'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
2 FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISORS HAHN AND SOLIS. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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4 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. FIRST, LET ME
5 THANK YOU, DR. SCORZA, NOT ONLY FOR YOUR PRESENTATION AND
6 REPORT, BUT FOR YOUR WORK. AS THE CHAIR INDICATED, THIS IS NOT
7 AN EASY EVALUATION TO GO THROUGH, IN TERMS OF WHAT CONSTITUTES
8 MOVEMENT TOWARD EQUITY, ESPECIALLY IN A COUNTY OF 10 MILLION
9 PEOPLE. SO, I WAS VERY, VERY HAPPY TO SEE THAT WE RECEIVED
10 SUCH A HIGH MARK. I MEAN, WE ALL-- AS HOLLY SAID, WE ALL LIKE
11 GETTING A'S, BUT AN A+. AND I HAVE TO SAY, IT'S AT LEAST A
12 COUPLE OF THINGS THAT GO INTO THIS. FIRST OF ALL, GREAT CREDIT
13 TO YOU FOR PICKING UP, REALLY, WHAT IS A BRAND-NEW KIND OF
14 ASPIRATIONAL OFFICE, AND MAKING IT REAL, WITH GREAT THANKS TO
15 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR HELPING WITH THE RESOURCES. AND
16 SECONDLY, JUST GREAT PRIDE IN THE INTENTIONALITY SHOWN IN THE
17 COUNTY; NOT JUST THE 5 OF US, BUT EVERYONE WHO WORKS WITH US--
18 OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS, OUR STAFF. IT TAKES EFFORT TO RECOGNIZE
19 RACISM, TO NAME IT, TO WORK AGAINST IT. AND WE'RE FAR FROM
20 GETTING THERE, BUT I REALLY BELIEVE THAT YOUR WORK HAS BEEN
21 CENTRAL, AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR IT. TO DIRECTOR PATRICK,
22 I WANT TO SAY, FROM THE FIRST MINUTE THAT WE INTERVIEWED YOU
23 FOR THIS JOB, I THOUGHT, "OH, WILL SHE LEAVE FLORIDA AND COME
24 HERE? BECAUSE SHE'S GOING TO MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE HERE." AND
25 I REALIZE, NONE OF US DOES IT ALONE. I KNOW THAT'S THE FIRST

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1 THING YOU'RE GOING TO SAY, WITH CREDIT TO YOUR STAFF, WHO HAVE
2 REALLY, REALLY BEEN ASKED TO STEP UP EVEN MORE, OVER THE PAST
3 THREE YEARS. BUT YOUR INVENTION, AND AGAIN, SPEAKING OF
4 INTENTIONALITY, THINKING ABOUT WAYS TO REALLY, REALLY WORK
5 WITH AND BE THERE FOR OUR COMMUNITIES IN WAYS THAT THEY NEED,
6 AND WAYS THAT OTHERS HADN'T EVEN THOUGHT OF. YES, WE KNEW
7 ELECTRONIC ACCESS IS IMPORTANT, AND BECAME EVEN MORE IMPORTANT
8 DURING THE PANDEMIC, BUT YOU RECOGNIZED THAT WE COULD AND
9 SHOULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. AND WE AGREED, AND IT'S MADE AN
10 ENORMOUS DIFFERENCE, ESPECIALLY IN COMMUNITIES THAT DID NOT
11 HAVE ACCESS, DO NOT HAVE ACCESS. I MEAN, THE PICTURE OF THE
12 WOMAN WORKING IN HER CAR. THIS IS NOT JUST, "OH, WE'RE GOING
13 ONLINE AND READING A BOOK," WHICH WOULD BE GREAT. I'D LIKE TO
14 RECOMMEND "HORSE," WHICH I'M READING AT THE MOMENT. A
15 FANTASTIC NOVEL. BUT ALSO, TO DO OUR WORK. I MEAN, SO MANY
16 PEOPLE DIDN'T EVEN HAVE ACCESS TO THEIR WORK FROM HOME, AND
17 WERE FORCED TO GO IN AT TIMES WHEN IT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN SAFE.
18 SO, THANK YOU FOR THAT WORK. ALSO WANT TO BRING TO YOUR
19 ATTENTION OUR LIBRARY IN THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, WHICH IS
20 IN AN AREA THAT HAS ALWAYS BEEN UNDER-RESOURCED AND IN NEED.
21 IT SERVICES THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES OF PACOIMA AND SYLMAR
22 AND OTHERS. SO, HOPEFULLY, THEY CAN BE INCLUDED AS ONE OF OUR
23 LIBRARIES OF NEED, BECAUSE THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE OUT THERE
24 THAT DON'T HAVE ACCESS. AND AGAIN, THANK YOU BOTH VERY MUCH,
25 AND THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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4 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND LET ME ALSO ADD MY
5 VOICE TO THE CONGRATULATIONS FOR GETTING THE "A," BUT ALSO THE
6 A+ IN EQUITY. THAT'S A REAL AFFIRMATION AND A VERIFICATION OF
7 WHAT WE HAVE BEEN STRIVING TO DO. AND THIS SET MATTER 1, MADAM
8 CHAIR, I KNOW YOU WERE THE IMPETUS BEHIND THIS, TO ENSURE AND
9 TO KEEP TRACK OF HOW WE'RE SPENDING THESE RESCUE FUNDS FOR THE
10 RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY IN AN EQUITABLE MANNER, SO THAT'S A
11 GREAT AFFIRMATION. GOOD WORK, EVERYBODY. AND THANK YOU TO SKYE
12 PATRICK FOR THAT GREAT PRESENTATION. IT'S JUST SO GREAT TO
13 SEE OUR LIBRARY OFFERING SO MANY INNOVATIVE, CREATIVE, AND
14 ACCESSIBLE PROGRAMS TO REALLY TRY TO MITIGATE THIS LEARNING
15 LOSS THAT'S HAPPENED, PARTICULARLY WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, IN
16 LIGHT OF THIS PANDEMIC. YOU WERE THE DEPARTMENT THAT REALLY
17 WAS A LIFELINE TO SO MANY DURING THE PANDEMIC, TO MANY
18 STUDENTS WHO WERE HAVING DIFFICULTY WITH VIRTUAL LEARNING, SO
19 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT. I'M HAPPY TO SEE THAT OUR A.R.P.
20 DOLLARS ARE GOING FOR THE FUNDING OF THESE KINDS OF PROGRAMS
21 IN YOUR DEPARTMENT, SKYE. ONE OF THE THINGS EACH OF OUR
22 OFFICES DOES IS, WE RECOMMEND TO OUR C.E.O. WAYS TO SPEND
23 THESE A.R.P. FUNDS, AND WE EACH PUT IN A LETTER OF REQUEST. I
24 ALWAYS INCLUDED THE LIBRARY IN MINE, BUT I WAS LOOKING TOWARDS
25 FUNDING SOME CAPITAL PROJECTS TO UPGRADE THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF

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1 OUR LIBRARIES, AND HAVE BEEN TURNED DOWN REGULARLY, BECAUSE IT
2 WAS NOT DEEMED C.O.V.I.D.-RELATED. SO IT WAS INTERESTING TO
3 SEE THIS PRESENTATION, TO SAY, WELL, THE LIBRARY IS CERTAINLY-
4 - IT'S APPROPRIATE TO FUND THE LIBRARY BASED ON MITIGATING
5 C.O.V.I.D., BUT I STILL THINK I WOULD LIKE THE C.E.O. TO TAKE
6 ANOTHER LOOK AT WHETHER OR NOT WE CAN FUND SOME INFRASTRUCTURE
7 PROGRAMS, BECAUSE WHILE ALL YOUR PROGRAMS ARE SO IMPORTANT,
8 AND VIRTUAL IS PROBABLY GOING TO BE THE FUTURE FOREVER,
9 BECAUSE I THINK WE'RE ALWAYS GOING TO HAVE SOME SORT OF VIRUS
10 AMONGST US, BUT I THINK YOU AND YOUR PROGRAMS, SKYE, WOULD
11 BENEFIT FROM AN EXPANDED FOOTPRINT. BECAUSE VIRTUAL IS GOOD,
12 BUT THE PHYSICAL SPACE, I THINK, PROVIDES EVEN MORE
13 OPPORTUNITIES. AND THERE ARE A LOT OF OUR COMMUNITIES,
14 PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT, THAT HAVE BEEN
15 UNDER-RESOURCED, COULD USE SOME INFRASTRUCTURE MODERNIZATION
16 AND EXPANSION THROUGH THESE DOLLARS, BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S
17 ALSO PART OF THE RESCUE. SO, GOOD JOB, SKYE, BUT I'M JUST
18 THROWING A "CHECK IT OUT AGAIN, FESIA" MESSAGE. THANK YOU.

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

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22 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU. A LOT HAS ALREADY BEEN SAID. AND,
23 DR. SCORZA, CONGRATULATIONS ON RECEIVING, ON BEHALF OF THE
24 COUNTY, SUCH A HIGH RATING FOR EQUITY AND INCLUSION. THAT'S
25 GREAT. HOPE TO SEE MORE OF THAT, AND REALLY HOW WE CAN

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1 ACTUALIZE IT WITH OUR DEPARTMENTS, AND ALL THE DEPARTMENTS
2 THAT, REALLY, WE ARE STRUGGLING WITH, SOME OF WHICH WE ARE
3 TALKING ABOUT TODAY ON OUR BOARD'S AGENDA, WITH RESPECT TO
4 SERVICES, WHETHER IT'S MENTAL HEALTH, OR WHETHER IT'S
5 INCARCERATION, PROBATION, ALL THOSE THINGS THAT I REALLY DO
6 BELIEVE, IF WE CAN LIFT UP IN SOME WAY, THOSE WOULD BE
7 MONUMENTAL, I THINK, FOR US, FOR SOME OF US THAT HAVE WORKED
8 SO HARD TO SEE THE CHANGE. BUT THANK YOU. CONGRATULATIONS ON
9 THAT VERY WELL-NOTED ACCOMPLISHMENT. AND I WANTED TO JUST SAY
10 THANK YOU TO SKYE PATRICK. SKYE, WE WERE HERE AT THE VERY
11 BEGINNING, WHEN YOU STARTED. WE HAD A LOT OF HOPES AND DREAMS,
12 AND YOU FULFILLED MANY OF THEM, WITH A LIMITED BUDGET, I MIGHT
13 SAY, AND A STRUCTURAL DEFICIT THAT WE STILL CONTINUE TO FACE.
14 AND THE REALITY FOR ME IS, I REALLY WANT TO GIVE THANKS TO THE
15 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE GOVERNMENT, BUT MORE
16 IMPORTANTLY, THE A.R.P. FUNDING, THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN
17 FUNDING, THAT COMES THROUGH THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION. THIS HAS
18 REALLY GIVEN US THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE CREATIVE HERE IN L.A.
19 COUNTY, AND I THINK THAT I WOULD BE REMISS IF WE DON'T REMIND
20 PEOPLE WHERE THIS FUNDING COMES FROM, BECAUSE IT'S ONLY HERE
21 FOR A LIMITED TIME, AND THEN WE MUST THINK ABOUT WHAT
22 TRAJECTORY WE TAKE ON, AND WHERE WE'RE GOING TO GO. AND SO I
23 HOPE THAT, SKYE, IF THERE'S WAYS THAT WE CAN HELP YOU TO
24 ESTABLISH MORE FORTIFIED FUNDING AS WE MOVE FORWARD, PLEASE
25 LET US KNOW, SO WE PUT THOSE OUT ON THE TABLE AND WORK WITH

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1 OUR C.E.O. AND OUR COMMUNITIES, BECAUSE I THINK OUR
2 COMMUNITIES, LIKE EVERYONE ELSE, BELIEVES THAT YOUR PROGRAMS
3 ARE CURBSIDE. THEY'RE A STAPLE OF OUR COMMUNITIES. THAT'S A
4 PLACE WHERE PEOPLE GO BECAUSE THEY TRUST THE LIBRARIES. AND
5 I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT MANY OF THEM IN MY DISTRICT,
6 AND CAN SEE THAT THE TABLETS, THE INTERNET ACCESS, AND JUST
7 THE FACT THAT PEOPLE CAN GO IN TO LOOK FOR A JOB, OR GET ON AN
8 E.S.L. PROGRAM, OR A G.E.D. PROGRAM, OR CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM
9 ARE FULLY, FULLY IMPORTANT, AND VERY IMPACTFUL FOR COMMUNITIES
10 THAT ARE GOING THROUGH SO MUCH STRESS. AND WE WANT TO HELP-- I
11 WANT TO HELP IN ANY WAY I CAN. I THINK I HAVE-- I THINK I
12 BELIEVE I HAVE MAYBE THE SECOND OR THE FIRST MOST LIBRARIES
13 NOW OF ALL THE DISTRICTS NOW, BECAUSE OF THE REDISTRICTING
14 THAT OCCURRED. SO, NOW MORE THAN EVER, IT'S FRONT AND CENTER
15 FOR ME AND MY STAFF, AND FOR THE MANY CONSTITUENTS THAT WE
16 REPRESENT, BECAUSE THEY CALL ALL THE TIME, AND THEY'RE VERY
17 PLEASED WITH WHAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO. BUT AGAIN, I WANT TO
18 REMIND ALL OF US THAT THIS MONEY CAME THROUGH THE FEDERAL
19 GOVERNMENT, AND THANKS TO OUR STAFF AND YOUR INNOVATION. AND I
20 DO WANT TO THANK YOUR LIBRARY STAFF, BECAUSE NOT ONLY WERE
21 THEY HELPING US DURING THIS TIME, HELPING OUR STUDENTS, BUT
22 YOUR FOLKS WERE OUT THERE AS DISASTER WORKERS, HELPING TO FEED
23 PEOPLE, HELPING TO ADMINISTER OUR C.O.V.I.D. TESTING EXAMS AND
24 VACCINATIONS, AND I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT. AND I WANT THEM TO
25 UNDERSTAND THAT THEY ARE TRULY OUR HEROES, AS WELL, AND WE

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1 SHOULD ALWAYS HONOR THEM. SO, I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH
2 YOU, AND WOULD LOVE TO HEAR ANY IDEAS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE OFF
3 THE TOP OF YOUR HEAD ABOUT HOW WE DEAL WITH THE STRUCTURAL
4 DEFICIT THAT WE KNOW WE'RE FACING. AND IT'S NOT TO POOH-POOH
5 ANYTHING. IT'S MORE LIKE, "I GET IT, AND I WANT TO BE HELPFUL
6 TO YOU AND TO THE REST OF THE STAFF THAT WORK FOR US THERE IN
7 THE COUNTY." THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I DON'T KNOW, SKYE, IF
8 YOU WANT TO JUST SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THAT-- THE STRUCTURAL
9 DEFICIT AND SOME OF YOUR PLANS.

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11 **SKYE PATRICK:** SURE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS AND SUPERVISOR
12 SOLIS, FOR JUST UPLIFTING THE WORK THAT'S HAPPENED WITHIN THE
13 DEPARTMENT DURING THE PANDEMIC, BEFORE THE PANDEMIC, AND
14 THEN... I WAS GOING TO SAY, "POST-PANDEMIC," BUT I DON'T THINK
15 THAT'S A REAL THING. THIS STAFF WORKS VERY HARD, AS ALL STAFFS
16 DO HERE IN THE COUNTY, IN ALL OF THE DEPARTMENTS, AND SO I
17 DEFINITELY APPRECIATE YOU SHINING A LIGHT ON THE VERY
18 HARDWORKING STAFF OF L.A. COUNTY. ONE THING I WILL SAY: WE
19 HAVE A STRUCTURAL DEFICIT. WE'VE HAD A PENDING STRUCTURAL
20 DEFICIT FOR SEVERAL YEARS, AND I WILL SAY THANK YOU TO THE
21 BOARD FOR ALWAYS ATTEMPTING TO BACKFILL THAT DEFICIT. YOU ALL
22 HAVE SHOWN A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF FAITH IN US, IN THE WORK
23 THAT WE DO, BY CONTINUING TO MOVE US FORWARD. I KNOW THAT WE
24 HAVEN'T SOLVED THE DEFICIT, BUT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MITIGATE
25 SOME OF THE ISSUES. ALL OF YOU ARE AWARE THAT WE'VE HAD TO

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1 REDUCE SERVICES IN OUR CITY LIBRARIES, AND I WOULD ONLY SAY
2 THAT MY TASK NOW IS TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO SUPPLEMENT THOSE
3 HOURS AND GET THEM BACK TO THE PRE-PANDEMIC HOURS THAT THEY
4 ALL HAD, BECAUSE OUR LIBRARY AND OUR SERVICES ARE CRITICAL.
5 PEOPLE USE US IN A VARIETY OF WAYS, INCLUDING ALL THE WAYS
6 THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS JUST MENTIONED, THE WAYS THAT SUPERVISOR
7 HAHN MENTIONED. WE ARE THE CENTER OF EACH COMMUNITY, AND
8 ANYTHING THAT I CAN DO TO TRY AND UPLIFT THE WORK THAT WE DO
9 DAILY, OF COURSE, I'M GOING TO TAKE THAT CHARGE. AND I DO
10 APPRECIATE EACH OF YOU JUST REALLY UNDERSTANDING THE
11 IMPORTANCE OF THE WORK. AT THIS POINT IN TIME, I DON'T HAVE A
12 BETTER PLAN THAN WE HAVE HAD. WE'VE DONE EVERY KIND OF
13 EFFICIENCY STUDY THAT WE CAN IN THE PUBLIC LIBRARY. WE'VE
14 RETOOLED OUR STAFF. WE'VE RECOMMITTED TO A NEW SERVICE MODEL.
15 I MEAN, WE'VE BEEN VERY, VERY EFFICIENT IN OUR EXECUTION OF
16 OUR BUDGET, AND FRANKLY, I DON'T KNOW THAT THERE'S ANYTHING
17 ELSE I CAN DO AT THIS TIME FOR THE BUDGET. SO, I THINK WE HAVE
18 ONGOING CONVERSATIONS WITH C.E.O., OUR NEW C.E.O.-- THANK YOU
19 SO MUCH, FESIA-- AND SHE IS ALSO VERY AWARE OF THE WORK THAT
20 WE DO, AND VERY AWARE OF THE STRUCTURAL DEFICIT, SO WE'LL
21 CONTINUE TO WORK WITH C.E.O. TO TRY AND MITIGATE THIS ISSUE.

22
23 **SUP. SOLIS:** SURE. PERHAPS WORKING WITH, ALSO, OUR LEGISLATIVE
24 TEAM, IN THE NEXT SESSION IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE. AND I
25 THINK THERE'S GOING TO BE AN INITIATIVE ON THE BALLOT THAT'S

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1 GOING TO ALLOW US, IF THERE IS SUPPORT FOR IT, TO HAVE MORE
2 FUNDING TO ARTS PROGRAMS IN SCHOOLS, AND I WOULD THINK THAT
3 PERHAPS THERE'S A WAY TO WORK THAT IN, SO THAT WE CAN ALSO
4 PROVIDE SERVICES THERE, BECAUSE YOU DO THAT NOW. REMEMBER, WE
5 FUNDED SOME OF THOSE PROJECTS THROUGH OUR DISCRETIONARY
6 FUNDING. BUT I THINK THERE COULD BE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO
7 LOOK AT, AS WELL, AT HOW WE CAN INTERACT AND WEAVE THAT
8 FORWARD, SO I'LL BE HAPPY TO WORK WITH YOU ON THAT. THANK YOU
9 VERY MUCH FOR THE PRESENTATION, BOTH OF YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM
10 CHAIR.

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12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ARE THERE ANY
13 ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS? ALL RIGHT. SEEING NONE, THIS REPORT IS
14 RECEIVED AND FILED, AND SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. AGAIN, THANK
15 YOU BOTH. GOOD NEWS IN THE PRESENTATIONS. MOVING ON TO SET
16 MATTER 2. WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO SET MATTER 2, PUBLIC HEALTH
17 ORDER, AND HEAR A PRESENTATION FROM DR. FERRER, DIRECTOR OF
18 PUBLIC HEALTH, AND DR. GHALY, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES,
19 WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP WITH THEM, WHICH WE WILL TAKE UP ALONG
20 WITH A-10, DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF NECESSARY ACTIONS
21 RELATED TO DECLARED OUTBREAKS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE; IN THIS
22 CASE, MONKEYPOX. AND THIS ITEM WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN.
23 SUPERVISOR HAHN, LET'S BEGIN WITH THE PRESENTATION FROM BOTH
24 DOCTORS FERRER AND GHALY. SO, GOOD MORNING TO YOU BOTH.

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1 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** HI, GOOD MORNING, AND THANK YOU SO MUCH,
2 CHAIR MITCHELL AND THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR YOUR
3 CONTINUED LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT THROUGHOUT OUR ONGOING
4 RESPONSE EFFORTS. I'M PLEASED TO SHARE THE LATEST-- CAN YOU
5 HEAR ME?

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

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9 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** OH, OKAY. GREAT. I'M PLEASED TO SHARE THE
10 LATEST ON THE C.O.V.I.D. RESPONSE WITH YOU TODAY, FOLLOWED BY
11 AN UPDATE FROM DR. SINGHAL ON MONKEYPOX. DR. SINGHAL IS OUR
12 CHIEF MEDICAL DIRECTOR HERE, AND SHE'LL BE HELPING WITH THAT
13 UPDATE ON MONKEYPOX. IN TODAY'S C.O.V.I.D. UPDATE, I'LL SHARE
14 OUR CURRENT C.O.V.I.D. METRICS, INCLUDING OUR DESIGNATION IN
15 THE C.D.C.'S COMMUNITY LEVELS FRAMEWORK, AND A PROJECTION WHEN
16 WE MIGHT MOVE INTO HIGH COMMUNITY LEVEL. I'LL ALSO SHARE AN
17 OVERVIEW OF OUR EARLY ALERT SIGNALS, INCLUDING AN UPDATE ON
18 THE CIRCULATING VARIANTS AND SUBVARIANTS IN L.A. COUNTY, AND A
19 REVIEW OF THE CONSIDERATIONS GUIDING THE DECISION TO RETURN TO
20 UNIVERSAL MASKING, SHOULD L.A. COUNTY REMAIN IN THE HIGH
21 COMMUNITY LEVEL DESIGNATION FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS. I'LL
22 TAKE THE FIRST SLIDE. CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND TEST
23 POSITIVITY, AS YOU CAN SEE, REMAIN ELEVATED. TODAY, WE'RE
24 REPORTING 5,170 NEW CASES. THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF CASES
25 REPORTED OVER THIS PAST WEEK WAS 5300 NEW CASES A DAY. AND AS

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1 A REMINDER, OUR CASE NUMBERS ARE OBVIOUSLY AN UNDERCOUNT,
2 SINCE THEY DON'T INCLUDE POSITIVE RESULTS FROM THE OVER-THE-
3 COUNTER TESTS. THE DAILY TEST POSITIVITY RATE IS HOVERING AT
4 ABOUT 15%. THAT PRIMARILY REFLECTS THE INCREASING RATE OF
5 TRANSMISSION ASSOCIATED WITH NEW, HIGHLY INFECTIOUS C.O.V.I.D.
6 SUBVARIANTS AND SUBLINEAGES. WE'RE ALSO EXPERIENCING CONTINUED
7 INCREASES IN THE NUMBER OF C.O.V.I.D.-POSITIVE HOSPITALIZED
8 PATIENTS OVER THE PAST WEEK, FROM 886 LAST TUESDAY, TO 1,079
9 YESTERDAY. AMONG THOSE HOSPITALIZED WHO ARE INFECTED WITH
10 C.O.V.I.D., ABOUT 42% ARE HOSPITALIZED WITH C.O.V.I.D.-RELATED
11 ILLNESS. THIS RATE HAS REMAINED RELATIVELY STABLE THIS PAST
12 MONTH. SADLY, WE ARE STARTING TO SEE INCREASES IN DEATHS FOR
13 THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE WINTER SURGE, WITH DAILY DEATHS AT 10
14 OR MORE DEATHS FOR 6 OUT OF THE LAST 7 DAYS. LATER IN THIS
15 PRESENTATION, I'LL SHARE SOME DATA SHOWING HOW THE DEATH RATE
16 FROM C.O.V.I.D. SURPASSES THAT FOR MANY OTHER HEALTH THREATS
17 IN THE COUNTY. FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE DURING THIS
18 PANDEMIC, OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS REMAIN WITH YOU DURING
19 THESE VERY DIFFICULT TIMES. NEXT SLIDE. THIS SLIDE IS ACTUALLY
20 NOW LOOKING AT TREND LINES FOR THE 7-DAY AVERAGE DAILY CASES,
21 IN THE GREEN LINE; HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS, THE ORANGE LINE; AND
22 DEATHS, IN THE BLUE LINE. AND WE'RE LOOKING AT IT FOR THE PAST
23 YEAR, SINCE LAST JUNE. AS YOU CAN SEE ON THIS SLIDE, AT THE
24 BEGINNING OF JUNE 2021, WE WERE SEEING VERY LOW NUMBERS OF
25 CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND DEATHS; ACTUALLY, THE LOWEST

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1 NUMBERS THAT WE HAVE SEEN FOR A WHILE. MANY HAD BEEN
2 VACCINATED, AND THE VACCINES WERE VERY EFFECTIVE AT REDUCING
3 THE RISK OF INFECTION, IN ADDITION TO REDUCING THE RISK OF
4 SEVERE DISEASE AND DEATH. HOWEVER, AS YOU CAN SEE, BY THE
5 SECOND WEEK IN JULY, CASES AND HOSPITALIZATIONS WERE AGAIN
6 INCREASING IN L.A. COUNTY. THIS IS 2021. INCREASES IN DEATHS
7 WOULD FOLLOW LATER IN THE MONTH. THE DELTA VARIANT HAD ARRIVED
8 IN L.A. COUNTY, AND IT WAS FUELING THIS INCREASE. THE DELTA
9 SURGE PEAKED AT ABOUT 3500 NEW CASES AND 215 NEW HOSPITAL
10 ADMISSIONS PER DAY. AND AS YOU MAY REMEMBER, WITH THE SURGE IN
11 CASES LAST SUMMER, ON JULY 17TH, 2021, A UNIVERSAL INDOOR MASK
12 MANDATE WENT INTO EFFECT FOR EVERYONE AGES 2 AND OLDER IN L.A.
13 COUNTY, AS A PROTECTIVE MEASURE. WHILE WE'RE NOT SEEING
14 ANYWHERE NEAR THE DEVASTATION THIS SUMMER THAT WE SAW DURING
15 LAST WINTER'S OMICRON SURGE, WE ARE SEEING MUCH HIGHER CASE
16 NUMBERS THAN WE SAW DURING THE PEAK OF THE DELTA SURGE. IT'S
17 UNLIKELY THAT WE ARE AT THE PEAK OF OUR RECENT SURGE, GIVEN
18 THE INCREASED CIRCULATION OF NEW SUBVARIANTS OF CONCERN, AND
19 WE'VE ALREADY HAD AN AVERAGE OF OVER 5300 CASES BEING REPORTED
20 PER DAY. WHILE, THANKFULLY, OUR AVERAGE NUMBER OF HOSPITAL
21 ADMISSIONS PER DAY, WHICH I BELIEVE IS AT 146 NEW ADMISSIONS
22 TODAY, HAS NOT YET RISEN TO THE PEAK LEVEL THAT WE SAW LAST
23 SUMMER, AT 250 PER DAY, WITH INCREASING HOSPITALIZATIONS, IT
24 IS POSSIBLE THAT WE WILL SEE NUMBERS THAT ARE VERY SIMILAR IN
25 THE WEEKS TO COME. AS I NOTED EARLIER, ALTHOUGH MANY OF THOSE

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1 HOSPITALIZED ARE NOT THERE BECAUSE OF C.O.V.I.D. ILLNESS, THE
2 RISING NUMBERS INDICATE THAT, FOR SOME INDIVIDUALS, C.O.V.I.D.
3 REMAINS A VERY DANGEROUS VIRUS. NEXT SLIDE. WE CONTINUE TO
4 TRACK THE IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC ON L.A. COUNTY, USING THE
5 C.D.C.'S C.O.V.I.D.-19 COMMUNITY LEVELS FRAMEWORK, WHICH IS A
6 MEASURE OF THE STRAIN ON OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM CAUSED BY
7 C.O.V.I.D.-19, AND IT UTILIZES ONE CASE-RATE METRIC AND TWO
8 HOSPITALIZATION METRICS. CURRENTLY, FOR HOSPITALIZATION
9 METRICS, WE'RE USING L.A. COUNTY DATA. WE DO REMAIN AT THE
10 C.O.V.I.D.-19 COMMUNITY LEVEL OF MEDIUM-- THIS IS BASED ON
11 YESTERDAY'S NUMBERS-- BUT WE'RE VERY LIKELY TO MOVE INTO HIGH,
12 LATER THIS WEEK. OUR 7-DAY CASE RATE IS CURRENTLY AT 387 CASES
13 PER WEEK PER 100,000 PEOPLE. THIS IS AN INCREASE FROM A WEEK
14 AGO, WHEN THE CASE RATE WAS 356. THE FIRST OF OUR TWO HOSPITAL
15 METRICS IN THE C.D.C. COMMUNITY LEVELS FRAMEWORK IS THE 7-DAY
16 TOTAL OF NEW HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS PER 100,000. USING THE L.A.
17 COUNTY-SPECIFIC DATA, YOU COULD SEE YESTERDAY WE WERE AT 8.8
18 ADMISSIONS PER 100,000 PEOPLE. THIS IS A 70% INCREASE FROM ONE
19 MONTH AGO. AND AS I'VE NOTED EARLIER, ONCE L.A. COUNTY REACHES
20 10 NEW ADMISSIONS PER 100,000 RESIDENTS, THE COUNTY WILL ENTER
21 THE HIGH COMMUNITY LEVEL DESIGNATION BY C.D.C. THE SECOND
22 HOSPITAL METRIC IN THE C.D.C. COMMUNITY LEVELS FRAMEWORK IS
23 THE 7-DAY AVERAGE FOR THE PROPORTION OF STAFFED INPATIENT BEDS
24 OCCUPIED BY C.O.V.I.D.-19 PATIENTS. AS OF YESTERDAY, 4.6% OF
25 BEDS WERE OCCUPIED BY C.O.V.I.D. PATIENTS IN L.A. COUNTY, AND

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1 AS YOU CAN SEE, THE THRESHOLD FOR MOVING INTO HIGH, IF THIS
 2 METRIC WERE TO BE ELEVATED, IS AGAIN AT 10% OF BEDS OR
 3 GREATER. AND WE'RE NOT ANYWHERE CLOSE TO THAT NOW. WE WILL
 4 UPDATE THE COMMUNITY LEVEL METRICS ON THURSDAY. NEXT SLIDE.
 5 FOR THE PAST FEW WEEKS, WE'VE BEEN REPEATEDLY ASSESSING WHEN
 6 OUR HOSPITAL ADMISSION RATE IS LIKELY TO REACH OR SURPASS 10
 7 ADMISSIONS PER 100,000 PEOPLE PER WEEK, WHICH WOULD, AS I
 8 NOTED, MOVE US INTO THAT HIGH-LEVEL DESIGNATION. BASED ON THE
 9 LAST TIME WE RAN THIS ANALYSIS, LATE LAST WEEK, THE PROJECTED
 10 DATE OF CROSSING INTO THAT THRESHOLD IS THIS THURSDAY, JULY
 11 14TH. THIS PROJECTION WAS BASED ON A RATE OF INCREASE IN
 12 HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS OVER THE PRIOR TWO WEEKS, AND GIVEN THE
 13 CONTINUED INCREASE IN HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS THAT I NOTED ON THE
 14 EARLIER SLIDE, WE DO ANTICIPATE THAT BY THIS THURSDAY, THE
 15 COUNTY WILL MOVE INTO THAT HIGH LEVEL. SHOULD WE REMAIN IN
 16 HIGH COMMUNITY LEVEL DESIGNATION FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS,
 17 THE UNIVERSAL INDOOR MASKING, IN ALIGNMENT WITH C.D.C., WOULD
 18 BE IMPLEMENTED ACROSS THE COUNTY. NEXT SLIDE. WE DO ALSO
 19 MONITOR THE EARLY ALERT SIGNALS, AND TODAY WE'RE SHARING DATA
 20 ON 6 SIGNALS. WE'RE NOT INCLUDING SCHOOL OUTBREAKS IN OUR
 21 EARLY ALERT SIGNALS DURING THE SUMMER, AND AT THE MOMENT,
 22 THERE'S A PROBLEM AT THE STATE, SO OUR WASTEWATER DATA UPDATE
 23 IS NOT AVAILABLE TODAY. AS YOU CAN SEE ON THIS TABLE, 4 OF THE
 24 6 EARLY ALERT METRICS WE'RE TRACKING CONTINUE TO CONVEY CAUSE
 25 FOR HIGH CONCERN, AND THE OTHER TWO ARE IN MEDIUM CONCERN. I'M

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1 JUST GOING TO FOCUS ON A COUPLE OF THESE METRICS IN THE NEXT
2 SLIDE, BECAUSE THERE HASN'T BEEN MUCH CHANGE SINCE I REPORTED
3 OUT AT THE LAST BOARD MEETING. BUT IF WE CAN GO TO THE NEXT
4 SLIDE. THE OMICRON VARIANT, AS YOU COULD SEE, ACCOUNTS FOR
5 100% OF OUR SEQUENCED SPECIMENS, BUT THE PROPORTIONS OF
6 SUBVARIANTS OF OMICRON DOES CONTINUE TO SHIFT. THE GREATEST
7 CONCERN REMAINS THE STEADY INCREASE IN THE PROPORTIONS OF THE
8 BA.4 AND BA.5 SUBVARIANTS. THESE ARE SHOWN BY THE RED SECTIONS
9 AT THE TOP OF EACH BAR ON THE RIGHT. TO DATE, WE HAVE HAD A
10 TOTAL OF ALMOST 700 POSITIVE SEQUENCED SPECIMENS OF THESE TWO
11 VARIANTS. MORE OF THEM-- 392 OF THEM-- WERE BA.5. IN THE WEEK
12 THAT ENDED JUNE 18TH-- I WANT TO NOTE, THIS IS A TWO-WEEK LAG--
13 - BA.4 AND BA.5 ACCOUNTED FOR 40% OF ALL SPECIMENS THAT WERE
14 SEQUENCED. THAT'S 2.5 TIMES HIGHER THAN IT WAS JUST 2 WEEKS
15 EARLIER. THE C.D.C. IS ESTIMATING THAT, ACROSS THE COUNTRY, AS
16 OF THE WEEK THAT ENDED JULY 2ND, THE BA.4 AND BA.5 SUBVARIANTS
17 OF OMICRON, COMBINED, ACCOUNTED FOR JUST OVER 70% OF THE
18 SPECIMENS. THAT'S A PRETTY BIG INCREASE FROM JUST UNDER 40%
19 TWO WEEKS AGO. IN BOTH THE NATIONAL DATA AND THE L.A. COUNTY
20 DATA, BA.4 AND BA.5 BOTH CONTINUE TO OUTCOMPETE THE BA.2
21 SUBVARIANT AND ALL OF ITS SUBLINEAGES. BA.5 SUBVARIANT IS
22 INCREASING HERE IN L.A. COUNTY AT A FASTER RATE, AS YOU COULD
23 SEE HERE, THAN BA.4. BOTH BA.4 AND BA.5 ARE OF SPECIAL CONCERN
24 BECAUSE OF THEIR ABILITY TO EVADE PRIOR IMMUNITY AND REINFECTION
25 PEOPLE WHO WERE ALREADY INFECTED WITH OTHER OMICRON

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1 SUBVARIANTS. IT'S HIGHLY LIKELY THAT THE INCREASED
2 CIRCULATION, PARTICULARLY OF BA.5, WILL CONTRIBUTE TO
3 INCREASED RISK FOR INFECTION AMONG MANY IN OUR COMMUNITY.
4 MOREOVER, A FEW DAYS AGO, THE W.H.O. HIGHLIGHTED WITH CONCERN
5 THE SPREAD OF A NEW SUBLINEAGE OF THE BA.2 OMICRON SUBVARIANT-
6 - RIGHT NOW, IT'S BEING NUMBERED BA.2.75-- AND IT'S CONSIDERED
7 A LINEAGE UNDER MONITORING BY THE W.H.O. IT APPEARS TO HAVE
8 ADDITIONAL MUTATIONS THAT FACILITATE SPREAD AND EVADE
9 IMMUNITY, AND IT HAS BEEN SPREADING IN INDIA. THERE ARE 6
10 CASES SO FAR THAT WERE IDENTIFIED IN THE UNITED STATES, AND
11 TWO WERE IN CALIFORNIA; NONE IN L.A. COUNTY. IN LIGHT OF NEW
12 EMERGING SUBVARIANTS OF THIS VIRUS, THOUGH, WE ECHO THE
13 STATEMENT OF DR. TEDROS, WHO'S THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE
14 W.H.O., WHO NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF USING TRIED-AND-TESTED
15 PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES TO MITIGATE RISK, SUCH AS GOOD
16 VENTILATION, MASKS, PHYSICAL DISTANCING, AND STAYING HOME IF
17 SICK. NEXT SLIDE. WITH MORE CASES, WE'RE ALSO SEEING MORE
18 PEOPLE THAT NEED MEDICAL ATTENTION, AND WE SHOWED YOU THE DATA
19 ON THE HOSPITALS, BUT THIS IS DATA ON THE EMERGENCY
20 DEPARTMENTS, AND THERE IS A SIMILAR PICTURE AT OUR URGENT CARE
21 CENTERS. BOTH ARE FILLED WITH MANY FOLKS THAT ARE LOOKING FOR
22 CARE FOR THEIR C.O.V.I.D.-RELATED ILLNESS. AS YOU CAN SEE ON
23 THIS SLIDE, THE BLUE LINE SHOWS THE 7-DAY ROLLING AVERAGE
24 PERCENTAGE OF EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT ENCOUNTERS WHICH WERE
25 C.O.V.I.D.-RELATED, BETWEEN MARCH 1ST AND JULY 3RD OF THIS

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1 YEAR. AND AS YOU CAN SEE, THE PROPORTION OF EMERGENCY
2 DEPARTMENT CASES THAT HAVE INVOLVED PEOPLE SEEKING CARE FOR
3 C.O.V.I.D. HAS BEEN STEADILY INCREASING, AND IT DOES REMAIN AT
4 ELEVATED CONCERN. FOR THE 7-DAY PERIOD THAT ENDED JULY 8TH,
5 OVER 9% OF E.D. ENCOUNTERS ACROSS THE COUNTY WERE CLASSIFIED
6 AS C.O.V.I.D.-RELATED. THIS IS DIFFERENT FROM HOSPITALS. THIS
7 IS NOT INCIDENTAL C.O.V.I.D. THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE COMING
8 IN WITH C.O.V.I.D.-RELATED ILLNESS. THIS IS A LOT HIGHER THAN
9 THE 6% THAT WE SAW JUST A MONTH AGO. SO WE'LL CONTINUE, OF
10 COURSE, TO MONITOR THIS CLOSELY. NEXT SLIDE. WITH INCREASE IN
11 CASES, WE ALSO HAVE TROUBLING INCREASES IN OUTBREAKS ACROSS
12 MOST OF OUR SECTORS. THIS LEADS TO BOTH DISRUPTIONS ACROSS
13 WORKSITES, AND INCREASED SPREAD OF THE VIRUS. THE SLIDE SHOWS
14 THE TREND LINES FOR THE 7-DAY ROLLING AVERAGE NUMBER OF ACTIVE
15 OUTBREAKS IN 3 DIFFERENT SECTORS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF APRIL
16 OF THIS YEAR. OUTBREAKS ARE CONSIDERED ACTIVE UNTIL 2 WEEKS
17 HAVE PASSED SINCE THE LAST CASE IN THE FACILITY. THE BLUE LINE
18 SHOWS-- AND OUTBREAKS, AS A REMINDER, ARE WHERE WE HAVE
19 TRANSMISSION AT A WORKSITE. THE BLUE LINE SHOWS THE OUTBREAK
20 TREND IN SETTINGS SERVING PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS,
21 THE ORANGE LINE SHOWS THE OUTBREAK TREND IN SKILLED NURSING
22 FACILITIES, AND THE PURPLE LINE SHOWS THE TREND FOR OUTBREAKS
23 IN WORKPLACES AND PLACES OF WORSHIP. AND OBVIOUSLY, THEY'RE
24 ALL INCREASING, ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN SOME FLUCTUATION OVER
25 THIS TIME PERIOD. THERE'S BEEN AN ESPECIALLY CONCERNING

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1 INCREASE, AS YOU COULD SEE, IN OUTBREAKS AT SKILLED NURSING
2 FACILITIES, AND AT WORKSITES AND PLACES OF WORSHIP. THIS IS
3 LIKELY FUELED BY THESE MORE INFECTIOUS VARIANTS, AND THE FACT
4 THAT WE HAD A LOT OF TRAVEL AND GATHERING OVER THE SUMMER
5 HOLIDAYS. WE DO HAVE MULTIPLE PUBLIC HEALTH TEAMS THAT WORK
6 WITH OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND OUR BUSINESSES AND OUR
7 FACILITIES TO INVESTIGATE AND CONTROL ALL OF THESE OUTBREAKS.
8 NEXT SLIDE. AS WE MONITOR THE TRENDS AND THE EARLY ALERT
9 SIGNALS, WE DO CONTINUE TO NOTE THE DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT OF
10 C.O.V.I.D. AMONG SOME COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING IN COMMUNITIES
11 WITH HIGHER RATES OF POVERTY. THESE TABLES SHOW
12 HOSPITALIZATION AND DEATH RATES FROM C.O.V.I.D., BY
13 VACCINATION STATUS, FOR 4 DIFFERENT COMMUNITY INCOME LEVELS.
14 THE RATES COVER A 90-DAY PERIOD THAT ENDED IN LATE JUNE. AS
15 YOU CAN SEE, VACCINES CONTINUE TO OFFER POWERFUL PROTECTION
16 AGAINST SERIOUS ILLNESS AND DISEASE, AND FULLY VACCINATED
17 PEOPLE WERE HOSPITALIZED AND DIED AT A MUCH LOWER RATE ACROSS
18 THE BOARD THAN UNVACCINATED PEOPLE. HOWEVER, VACCINES, AS I'VE
19 NOTED BEFORE, ARE NOT AN EQUALIZER, AND DISPARITIES PERSIST
20 AMONG VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS. VACCINATED PEOPLE LIVING IN
21 COMMUNITIES WHERE 30% TO 100% OF THE HOUSEHOLDS LIVE IN
22 POVERTY ARE NEARLY 1.5 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE HOSPITALIZED,
23 AND ALMOST 2 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO DIE THAN VACCINATED
24 INDIVIDUALS THAT LIVE IN AREAS WITH LESS THAN 10% OF
25 HOUSEHOLDS IN POVERTY. VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN OUR

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1 POOREST COMMUNITIES ACTUALLY HAVE HIGHER RATES OF
2 HOSPITALIZATION THAN UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN THE
3 WEALTHIEST COMMUNITIES. AND UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS IN
4 COMMUNITIES WITH HIGH POVERTY WERE ABOUT 10 TIMES MORE LIKELY
5 TO BE HOSPITALIZED OR DIE THAN THOSE WHO WERE UNVACCINATED
6 AND LIVED IN THE WEALTHIEST COMMUNITIES. FAMILIES WITH FEWER
7 RESOURCES ARE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE MORE EXPOSURES AT WORK, LIVE
8 IN CROWDED CONDITIONS, AND HAVE ONE OR MORE CHRONIC HEALTH
9 CONDITIONS THAN THOSE WITH MORE RESOURCES. THIS PLACES THOSE
10 INDIVIDUALS AT HIGHER RISK OF SUFFERING THE SEVERE EFFECTS
11 FROM C.O.V.I.D. SINCE VACCINATION ALONE IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO
12 ERASE THE TROUBLING INEQUITIES WE SEE, AND CONTINUE TO SEE,
13 EFFORTS ARE NEEDED. WE NEED TO CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO PROTECT
14 THOSE WHO ARE AT GREATER RISK. NEXT SLIDE. THERE IS A LOT OF
15 MISINFORMATION CIRCULATING ABOUT C.O.V.I.D. RIGHT NOW,
16 INCLUDING THAT, AT THIS POINT, IT ONLY CAUSES MILD ILLNESS.
17 UNFORTUNATELY, THIS ISN'T TRUE, AND C.O.V.I.D. IS STILL ONE OF
18 THE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH IN L.A. COUNTY. AS WE ALL KNOW,
19 AND YOU CAN SEE ON THIS SLIDE, C.O.V.I.D. HAS CAUSED THOUSANDS
20 OF DEATHS EVERY YEAR SINCE THE PANDEMIC BEGAN IN L.A. COUNTY,
21 AND THE NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM C.O.V.I.D. THIS YEAR, FROM THE
22 OMICRON VARIANT AND ITS SUBVARIANTS, IS STILL HIGH. IT'S
23 ALREADY OVER 4300 DEATHS, AND IT WILL CLEARLY INCREASE BEFORE
24 THE END OF THIS YEAR. EVEN DURING ONLY THE FIRST HALF OF THIS
25 YEAR, WITH C.O.V.I.D. VACCINES AND THERAPEUTICS WIDELY

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1 AVAILABLE, WE HAVE ALREADY SEEN MORE DEATHS FROM C.O.V.I.D.
2 THAN WE HAVE SEEN ANNUALLY FROM ANY OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES,
3 AND 3 TIMES AS MANY DEATHS FROM C.O.V.I.D. AS WE SAW ON
4 AVERAGE DURING A PRE-PANDEMIC FLU SEASON. SO, THIS IS BEFORE
5 C.O.V.I.D., BECAUSE WE HAD VERY LITTLE FLU DURING C.O.V.I.D.
6 C.O.V.I.D. CONTINUES TO BE MUCH MORE SEVERE THAN THE COMMON
7 COLD, WHICH IN L.A. COUNTY IS ASSOCIATED WITH ONLY ABOUT ONE
8 DEATH PER YEAR; AND AS I NOTED, MORE SEVERE THAN INFLUENZA,
9 WHICH AVERAGES ABOUT 1400 DEATHS PER YEAR. ANNUAL C.O.V.I.D.
10 DEATHS ARE ALSO SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN ANNUAL DEATHS FROM
11 DRUG OVERDOSES AND MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS. AS A COMMUNITY, WE
12 IMPLEMENT MANY PROTECTIVE MEASURES TO REDUCE MOTOR VEHICLE
13 FATALITIES AND INJURIES, AND EVERYONE NEEDS TO FOLLOW THESE,
14 INCLUDING TRAFFIC RULES, CAR SAFETY REQUIREMENTS, AND
15 MANDATORY USE OF SEAT BELTS. GIVEN THE DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT
16 OF C.O.V.I.D. ON PEOPLE OF COLOR, AND THOSE WITH LESS
17 RESOURCES, AND GIVEN THE REALITY, AS WE CAN SEE ON THIS TABLE,
18 THAT C.O.V.I.D. STILL PRESENTS DANGEROUS RISKS, I DO THINK
19 IT'S APPROPRIATE TO USE A SIMILAR STRATEGY AS WHAT WE USE TO
20 PREVENT MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES AND FATALITIES, AND THAT IS TO
21 TAKE SENSIBLE ACTIONS, IN THE CASE OF C.O.V.I.D., THAT REDUCE
22 VIRAL TRANSMISSION. NEXT SLIDE. EFFECTIVE MITIGATION OF
23 C.O.V.I.D. CONTINUES TO REQUIRE STRATEGIES FOR REDUCING
24 ILLNESS SEVERITY AND DEATH, AND STRATEGIES FOR REDUCING
25 SPREAD. THE TWO APPROACHES ARE INHERENTLY INTERCONNECTED, AND

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1 BOTH ARE ESSENTIAL FOR REDUCING DISPROPORTIONALITY, AND
2 PROTECTING THOSE MOST VULNERABLE. VACCINATIONS, BOOSTERS, AND
3 THERAPEUTICS PROVIDE POWERFUL PROTECTION AGAINST SEVERE
4 ILLNESS, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND DEATH, AND THAT IS STILL VERY
5 MUCH THE CASE, AS WE JUST SAW. THESE MEASURES NOT ONLY OFFER
6 PROTECTION FOR THE INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING THE VACCINE OR THE
7 TREATMENT, BUT THEY ALSO PROTECT OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY, AND
8 REDUCE STRESS ON THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. HOWEVER, MITIGATION
9 MEASURES THAT REDUCE SEVERE ILLNESS ARE MOST EFFECTIVE IF THEY
10 ARE ACCOMPANIED BY ADDITIONAL STRATEGIES THAT REDUCE
11 TRANSMISSION. YOU DON'T GET SICK IF YOU DON'T GET INFECTED.
12 AND WHEN TRANSMISSION IS HIGH, MANY MORE PEOPLE ARE EXPOSED
13 AND GET INFECTED, CREATING MORE RISK FOR EVERYONE, BUT
14 PARTICULARLY FOR THOSE MOST VULNERABLE. UNIVERSAL MASKING AND
15 WIDESPREAD USE OF TESTING ARE EFFECTIVE TOOLS FOR REDUCING
16 VIRAL TRANSMISSION. MASKS PROVIDE A PHYSICAL BARRIER, AND
17 TESTING LETS A PERSON KNOW THEIR STATUS, SO THEY CAN AVOID
18 INFECTING OTHERS. WHEN FACED WITH RISING CASES,
19 HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND DEATHS, WE ARE ADVANTAGED IF WE USE ALL
20 AVAILABLE MITIGATION MEASURES AT OUR DISPOSAL TO BEST PROTECT
21 OURSELVES AND THOSE MOST VULNERABLE. NEXT SLIDE. STUDIES DO
22 CONTINUE TO SHOW THAT WIDESPREAD UNIVERSAL MASKING, WITH WELL-
23 FITTING, HIGH-QUALITY MASKS, REMAINS ONE OF THE SIMPLEST, MOST
24 EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO REDUCE TRANSMISSION OF C.O.V.I.D. I'M
25 JUST GOING TO CITE A COUPLE OF STUDIES. ONE STUDY THAT REALLY

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1 LOOKED BACK AT 2020 SHOWED THAT COUNTIES THAT HAD MASK
2 MANDATES HAD CASE RATES THAT WERE 35% LOWER THAN COUNTIES THAT
3 DIDN'T HAVE THOSE MANDATES. THERE WAS AN ELEGANT STUDY DONE IN
4 THE FALL OF 2021 ON SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN ARKANSAS. IT LOOKED AT
5 THOSE THAT HAD A MASK REQUIREMENT AND THOSE THAT DIDN'T HAVE
6 SUCH A REQUIREMENT, AND THE CASE RATES IN THOSE DISTRICTS WITH
7 THE MASK REQUIREMENTS WERE 23% LOWER. STUDIES ALSO SHOW THAT
8 RESPIRATORS CONTINUE TO PROVIDE PARTICULARLY GOOD PROTECTION.
9 THE 2021 STUDY IN CALIFORNIA FOUND THAT PEOPLE WHO REGULARLY
10 USED RESPIRATORS, LIKE N95S OR KN95S, HAD 83% LOWER ODDS OF
11 TESTING POSITIVE THAN PEOPLE WHO NEVER WORE MASKS. UNIVERSAL
12 MASKING IS AN ACCEPTED PRACTICE IN MANY OTHER PARTS OF THE
13 WORLD, AS WELL, AND NEEDS TO REMAIN A KEY TOOL WHEN
14 TRANSMISSION IS VERY HIGH. NEXT SLIDE. AS IT IS LIKELY THAT
15 WE'LL NEED TO RETURN TO UNIVERSAL INDOOR MASKING, I WANT TO
16 CLOSE BY NOTING THAT INDOOR MASKING CONTINUES TO BE A REQUIRED
17 SAFETY MEASURE IN MANY SECTORS OF OUR COUNTY. SPECIFICALLY,
18 INDOOR MASKING IS REQUIRED IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS, PUBLIC
19 TRANSIT AND TRANSIT HUBS, LONG-TERM CARE SETTINGS, SHELTERS
20 AND COOLING CENTERS, AND CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES. BUSINESSES
21 AND EMPLOYERS ARE ALLOWED TO REQUIRE MASKS AT WORK, AND MANY
22 HAVE DONE JUST THAT, EITHER BY MAINTAINING THEIR INDOOR
23 MASKING REQUIREMENT THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC, OR REINSTATING
24 ONE AS CASES BEGAN INCREASING. AND INDOOR MASKING CONTINUES TO
25 BE REQUIRED AT WORKSITES WHERE THERE ARE OUTBREAKS, AND IT'S

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1 ALSO REQUIRED FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS DURING THE 10 DAYS AFTER A
2 C.O.V.I.D. DIAGNOSIS OR AN EXPOSURE. IF L.A. COUNTY MOVES INTO
3 THE HIGH COMMUNITY LEVEL AND STAYS THERE FOR TWO WEEKS, INDOOR
4 MASKING WOULD EXPAND TO INCLUDE ALL INDOOR PUBLIC SPACES,
5 INCLUDING SHARED OFFICE SPACES, MANUFACTURING FACILITIES,
6 RETAIL STORES, AND INDOOR EVENTS. IT WOULD APPLY TO THE INDOOR
7 AREAS OF RESTAURANTS AND BARS, THE INDOOR AREAS OF CHILDREN'S
8 PROGRAMMING, AND ALL EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS. AS A REMINDER, WITH
9 UNIVERSAL INDOOR MASKING, MASKS ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR THOSE
10 USING OUTDOOR SPACES, BECAUSE THE RISK OF TRANSMISSION IN AN
11 OUTDOOR SPACE IS SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER THAN IT IS INDOORS. MASKS
12 ARE ALSO NOT REQUIRED INDOORS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ACTIVELY
13 EATING OR DRINKING, OR THOSE WHO ARE YOUNGER THAN 2. I DO
14 RECOGNIZE THAT WHEN WE RETURN TO UNIVERSAL INDOOR MASKING TO
15 HELP REDUCE HIGH SPREAD, FOR MANY, THIS WILL FEEL LIKE A STEP
16 BACKWARDS. IT MAY BE MORE USEFUL TO RECOGNIZE THAT WE HAVE A
17 VERY RICH TOOLKIT THAT WE CAN USE TO COPE WITH THE UNCERTAINTY
18 OF THE TRAJECTORY OF THIS PANDEMIC. ALL OF THE TOOLS WE HAVE
19 CAN HELP US GET THROUGH THE DIFFERENT CHALLENGES. WHEN
20 TRANSMISSION IS VERY HIGH, UNIVERSAL INDOOR MASKING MAKES A
21 LOT OF SENSE, BECAUSE IT HELPS US REDUCE RISK. WHEN
22 TRANSMISSION IS LOWER, IT'S APPROPRIATE TO RETURN TO
23 RECOMMENDATIONS. I WANT TO THANK THE MILLIONS OF L.A. COUNTY
24 RESIDENTS WHO CONTINUE TO TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER. YOUR
25 ACTIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE, AND THEY HELP PROTECT OUR ENTIRE

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1 COMMUNITY FROM THE WORST IMPACTS OF THE PANDEMIC. WITH THAT,
2 I'M GOING TO CONCLUDE THE PRESENTATION ON C.O.V.I.D.-19. WE'LL
3 START AN UPDATE ON MONKEYPOX. DR. SINGHAL? HOPEFULLY, SHE'S
4 ON, AND SHE CAN RUN THROUGH THESE SLIDES. I WANT TO JUST
5 DOUBLE-CHECK ON THAT.

6

7 **DR. RITA SINGHAL:** YES, I'M HERE. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

8

9 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** SO, DR. SINGHAL, IT'S ALL YOURS.

10

11 **DR. RITA SINGHAL:** WONDERFUL. GOOD AFTERNOON, AND THANK YOU,
12 DR. FERRER, MADAM CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY, I
13 WILL BE PROVIDING A SITUATIONAL UPDATE ON MONKEYPOX IN L.A.
14 COUNTY, SOME BACKGROUND ON THE VIRUS, OUR TESTING AND
15 VACCINATION EFFORTS, AND OUR COMMUNICATION PLANS WITH THE
16 PUBLIC AND PROVIDERS. [INAUDIBLE] OKAY, NEXT SLIDE. SO, AS OF
17 JULY 11TH, THERE ARE OVER 9,400 WORLDWIDE CONFIRMED CASES OF
18 MONKEYPOX ACROSS MORE THAN 57 COUNTRIES. THIS INCLUDES 866
19 CONFIRMED CASES IN THE UNITED STATES, FROM 36 STATES, AND ALSO
20 INCLUDES 148 CASES IN CALIFORNIA. THERE HAVE BEEN 3 DEATHS
21 REPORTED, INTERNATIONALLY, BUT NO DEATHS HAVE OCCURRED IN THE
22 UNITED STATES. TO DATE, THERE HAVE BEEN 66 CASES OF MONKEYPOX
23 IDENTIFIED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. ALL CASES HAVE BEEN AMONG
24 ADULTS, AND THERE'S BEEN AN OVERALL MEDIAN AGE OF 35 YEARS.
25 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HAS

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1 CONFIRMED LOCAL TRANSMISSION OF MONKEYPOX, BUT JUST OVER 50%
2 OF CASES IDENTIFIED TO DATE IN THE COUNTY ARE ASSOCIATED WITH
3 DOMESTIC OR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL. THE IDENTIFIED CASES HAVE
4 BEEN FOUND ACROSS THE COUNTY. I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT THERE
5 HAVE BEEN NO HOSPITALIZATIONS OR DEATHS LOCALLY, AND THE RISK
6 OF MONKEYPOX IN THE GENERAL POPULATION REMAINS VERY LOW. NEXT
7 SLIDE. A LITTLE BACKGROUND ON MONKEYPOX, AND SIGNS AND
8 SYMPTOMS. SO, MONKEYPOX IS A DISEASE THAT'S CAUSED BY AN
9 INFECTION WITH THE MONKEYPOX VIRUS. IT'S TYPICALLY FOUND IN
10 CENTRAL AND WEST AFRICA, AND DOES NOT OCCUR NATURALLY IN THE
11 UNITED STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE CURRENT CASES ARE
12 BEING REPORTED. MONKEYPOX IS A VIRAL INFECTION THAT CAN SPREAD
13 THROUGH CONTACT WITH BODY FLUIDS, MONKEYPOX SORES, OR SHARED
14 ITEMS, SUCH AS CLOTHING AND BEDDING, THAT HAVE BEEN
15 CONTAMINATED WITH FLUIDS OR SORES OF A PERSON WITH MONKEYPOX.
16 MONKEYPOX VIRUS CAN ALSO SPREAD BETWEEN PEOPLE THROUGH SALIVA
17 OR RESPIRATORY DROPLETS, TYPICALLY BETWEEN PEOPLE IN A CLOSE
18 SETTING. ALTHOUGH MONKEYPOX IS NOT GENERALLY CONSIDERED A
19 SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION, IT CAN BE TRANSMITTED DURING
20 SEX, THROUGH SKIN-TO-SKIN AND OTHER INTIMATE CONTACT,
21 REGARDLESS OF GENDER OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION. PEOPLE WITH
22 MONKEYPOX SOMETIMES DEVELOP A FLU-LIKE ILLNESS, WITH FEVER,
23 FATIGUE, MUSCLE ACHES, AND ENLARGED LYMPH NODES, FOLLOWED BY A
24 RASH. THE SYMPTOMS USUALLY DEVELOP 7 TO 14 DAYS, BUT CAN BE UP
25 TO 21 DAYS, AFTER BEING EXPOSED. MOST PEOPLE WITH MONKEYPOX

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1 HAVE MILD ILLNESS THAT IMPROVES WITHOUT TREATMENT OVER 2 TO 4
2 WEEKS. TREATMENT IS SUPPORTIVE, AND FOCUSED ON EASING THE
3 SYMPTOMS OF THE ILLNESS. MONKEYPOX IS CONTAGIOUS AND CAN
4 SPREAD TO OTHERS, UNTIL SCABS HAVE FALLEN OFF AND A NEW LAYER
5 OF SKIN HAS FORMED. AS A REMINDER, THERE ARE NO SPECIFIC
6 APPROVED TREATMENTS FOR MONKEYPOX INFECTIONS; HOWEVER,
7 MEDICATIONS, SUCH AS ANTIVIRALS, MAY BE USED TO EASE THE
8 SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS. IN SOME CASES, VACCINE CAN BE GIVEN TO
9 PREVENT THE DISEASE AFTER EXPOSURE TO THE MONKEYPOX VIRUS.
10 NEXT SLIDE. WE ENCOURAGE ANYONE WHO THINKS THAT THEY MAY HAVE
11 MONKEYPOX TO CONTACT THEIR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER FOR EVALUATION.
12 ALL HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS IN LOS ANGELES CAN TEST FOR MONKEYPOX
13 BY COLLECTING SAMPLES AND SENDING THEM TO EITHER ONE OF TWO
14 COMMERCIAL LABS THAT ARE NOW ACCEPTING SAMPLES FOR MONKEYPOX
15 TESTING-- LABCORP AND THE MAYO CLINIC-- OR TO THE DEPARTMENT
16 OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY. TO DATE, PUBLIC
17 HEALTH'S LABORATORY HAS CONDUCTED TESTING FOR OVER 150 SUSPECT
18 CASES, AND WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TESTING AS ADDITIONAL
19 COMMERCIAL LABS ARE ONBOARDED, AND TESTING CAPACITY IN THE
20 COUNTY INCREASES. PATIENTS WITHOUT A HEALTHCARE PROVIDER OR
21 HEALTH INSURANCE CAN CALL 2-1-1 FOR A REFERRAL, OR THEY CAN
22 VISIT A PUBLIC HEALTH SEXUAL HEALTH CLINIC FOR EVALUATION AND
23 TESTING. NEXT SLIDE. NEXT, I WANT TO BRIEFLY COVER WHAT PUBLIC
24 HEALTH HAS DONE, TO DATE, ON THE VACCINATION FRONT. THE SUPPLY
25 OF THE JYNNEOS VACCINE, FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, HAS BEEN

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1 AND CONTINUES TO BE EXTREMELY LIMITED. OUR INITIAL ALLOCATION
2 WAS ONLY A THOUSAND DOSES, WHICH WE QUICKLY ADMINISTERED OVER
3 THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS TO THOSE WHO HAD HIGH-RISK EXPOSURES TO
4 MONKEYPOX CASES. LAST WEEK, WE RECEIVED AN ADDITIONAL 6,000
5 DOSES THAT ARE BEING ALLOTTED TO THOSE AT HIGHEST RISK OF
6 EXPOSURE, AND WE HAVE MADE TWO ADDITIONAL GROUPS ELIGIBLE FOR
7 VACCINATION, WHICH I WILL DISCUSS SHORTLY. OF NOTE, FROM THIS
8 ALLOCATION, WE HAVE ALREADY DISTRIBUTED MORE THAN 1,500 DOSES
9 TO OUR COMMUNITY PROVIDERS, AND WE'LL DISTRIBUTE THE REST IN
10 THE COMING DAYS. ADDITIONALLY, WE HAVE REQUESTED OUR NEXT
11 ALLOCATION OF 9,000 DOSES FROM C.D.C., AND THAT SHOULD ARRIVE
12 LATER THIS WEEK. AS A REMINDER, JYNNEOS VACCINE IS A TWO-DOSE
13 SERIES, WITH A SECOND DOSE DUE 4 WEEKS AFTER THE FIRST DOSE.
14 NEXT SLIDE. TO REVIEW VACCINE ELIGIBILITY, PUBLIC HEALTH
15 INITIALLY FOCUSED VACCINATION EFFORTS ON SELECT GROUPS OF
16 PERSONS IDENTIFIED THROUGH PUBLIC HEALTH INVESTIGATION. THIS
17 INCLUDED PERSONS CONFIRMED BY PUBLIC HEALTH TO HAVE A HIGH- OR
18 IMMEDIATE-RISK EXPOSURE WITH SOMEONE WITH MONKEYPOX, AS
19 DEFINED BY THE C.D.C. IT ALSO INCLUDED PERSONS WHO ATTENDED AN
20 EVENT OR VENUE WHERE THERE WAS A HIGH RISK OF EXPOSURE TO AN
21 INDIVIDUAL OR INDIVIDUALS WITH CONFIRMED MONKEYPOX, THROUGH
22 SKIN-TO-SKIN OR SEXUAL CONTACT. PUBLIC HEALTH WORKS WITH EVENT
23 AND VENUE ORGANIZERS TO IDENTIFY PERSONS WHO MAY HAVE BEEN
24 PRESENT AND AT RISK OF EXPOSURE, AND EXTENDS THE INVITATION
25 FOR VACCINATION. WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE 6,000 JYNNEOS DOSES

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1 LAST WEEK, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
2 HAS EXPANDED THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR RESIDENTS TO RECEIVE
3 THE MONKEYPOX VACCINE. SO, IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE NATIONAL
4 MONKEYPOX VACCINE STRATEGY, VACCINE IS BEING ALLOTTED TO
5 RESIDENTS AT HIGHEST RISK OF EXPOSURE. SO, BEGINNING
6 YESTERDAY, MONKEYPOX VACCINE IS NOW AVAILABLE, BY INVITATION
7 ONLY, TO TWO ADDITIONAL GROUPS. THE FIRST ARE PATIENTS OF
8 COMMUNITY S.T.D. AND H.I.V. CLINICS, PUBLIC HEALTH CENTERS,
9 AND OTHER COMMUNITY CLINICS LOCATED ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY,
10 WHO MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: THEY ARE GAY AND BISEXUAL MEN
11 AND TRANSGENDER WOMEN WHO ARE PATIENTS OF AN S.T.D. CLINIC,
12 WITH A DIAGNOSIS OF RECTAL GONORRHEA OR EARLY SYPHILIS WITHIN
13 THE PAST 3 MONTHS; AND SECOND, WE ARE OFFERING VACCINE TO
14 HIGH-RISK COHORTS IN THE COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM, IN COLLABORATION
15 WITH OUR L.A. COUNTY CORRECTIONS HEALTH SERVICES. IT IS
16 IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT PUBLIC HEALTH OR CLINIC PARTNERS WILL
17 BE DIRECTLY COMMUNICATING TO ELIGIBLE PATIENTS, TO PROVIDE
18 DETAILS ON HOW AND WHERE TO ACCESS THE JYNNEOS VACCINE.
19 VACCINE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT 25 SITES ACROSS LOS ANGELES
20 COUNTY, WITH 14 DIFFERENT PROVIDER AGENCIES, AS WELL AS 8
21 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNITY S.T.D. CLINICS.
22 RESIDENTS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN CONTACTED BY PUBLIC HEALTH OR
23 CLINIC PARTNERS ARE NOT ABLE TO BE VACCINATED AT THIS TIME.
24 NEXT SLIDE. IN ADDITION TO THE CURRENT EXPANSION, WE ARE
25 ALREADY STARTING TO MAP OUT THE STRATEGY FOR EXPANDING VACCINE

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1 ELIGIBILITY TO ADDITIONAL GROUPS OF INDIVIDUALS AT HIGH RISK
2 OF GETTING INFECTED, THAT WE WILL IMPLEMENT AS SOON AS WE
3 RECEIVE ADDITIONAL DOSES. ALTHOUGH OUR PLANS ARE NOT
4 FINALIZED, WE HOPE TO OFFER VACCINE TO THE FOLLOWING GROUPS IN
5 THE UPCOMING WEEKS: PATRONS OF COMMERCIAL SEX VENUES OR BATH
6 HOUSES; GAY/BISEXUAL MEN AND TRANSGENDER WOMEN ELIGIBLE FOR
7 H.I.V. PREP, OR PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS; GAY/BISEXUAL MEN AND
8 TRANSGENDER WOMEN LIVING WITH H.I.V., WITH HIGH-RISK
9 BEHAVIORS; AND OTHER VULNERABLE POPULATIONS, AS INFORMED BY
10 THE EPIDEMIOLOGY OF OUR OUTBREAK. OVERALL, THE VACCINE PLAN IS
11 STRIVING FOR A THOUGHTFUL AND EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION AMONG
12 THOSE AT HIGHEST RISK FOR MONKEYPOX. NEXT SLIDE. A LITTLE BIT
13 ON OUR COMMUNICATION TO THE PUBLIC AND PROVIDERS. SO, PUBLIC
14 HEALTH HAS DONE A LOT OF WORK TO SHARE INFORMATION ON
15 MONKEYPOX WITH COMMUNITY AND HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS AND THE
16 GENERAL PUBLIC. TO DATE, WE'VE HELD NEARLY 10 TELEBRIEFING OR
17 COORDINATION CALLS WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS, INCLUDING THE
18 H.I.V. COMMUNITY, L.G.B.T.Q.+ COMMUNITY, PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
19 HOMELESSNESS, SEX WORKERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND SERVICE
20 PROVIDERS, AND ARE DISSEMINATING A VARIETY OF ASSETS AND
21 MATERIALS FOR THESE PARTNERS TO SHARE WITH THEIR CLIENTS OR
22 THE PUBLIC, INCLUDING PRINTED POSTCARDS AND PAMPHLETS.
23 ADDITIONALLY, WE'RE PLANNING ON USING SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS
24 LIKE INSTAGRAM AND TIKTOK FOR OUTREACH, BY WORKING WITH LOCAL
25 L.G.B.T.Q.+ SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCERS, TO SERVE AS TRUSTED

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1 MESSENGERS WHO CAN SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT MONKEYPOX WITH
2 THEIR FOLLOWERS. I ALSO WANT TO PROMOTE THAT PUBLIC HEALTH
3 WILL BE PARTICIPATING WITH A NUMBER OF COMMUNITY PARTNERS,
4 INCLUDING THE LOS ANGELES BLADE AND L.G.B.T. CENTER, FOR A
5 VIRTUAL TOWN HALL EVENT TODAY AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE EVENT, WE
6 WILL BE PRESENTING INFORMATION ABOUT MONKEYPOX, AND DIRECTLY
7 ANSWERING RESIDENT QUESTIONS. AND I WANT TO ENCOURAGE
8 RESIDENTS TO SIGN UP FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH MONKEYPOX E-MAIL
9 NEWSLETTER, WHICH WILL BE DELIVERED WEEKLY TO THEIR INBOX.
10 NEXT SLIDE. FINALLY, D.P.H. IS MAINTAINING CLOSE COMMUNICATION
11 WITH HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO ENSURE THEY
12 HAVE ACCESS TO THE LATEST CLINICAL INFORMATION ON MONKEYPOX.
13 THE D.P.H. PROVIDER WEB PAGE PROVIDES A HOST OF INFORMATION
14 AND RESOURCES ON HOW TO CONTACT AND RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM THE
15 PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT. PUBLIC HEALTH HAS ALSO SENT SEVERAL
16 ALERTS WITH THE MONKEYPOX SITUATIONAL UPDATE, INFORMATION ON
17 HOW TO TEST, REPORT RESULTS, AND OBTAIN OR ADMINISTER THE
18 VACCINE THROUGH OUR L.A.H.A.N. SYSTEM, WHICH REACHES 23,000
19 HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS. TO IMPROVE THE EXPANDED VACCINATION
20 EFFORT, OFFICE HOURS FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS ARE STARTING
21 THAT WILL PROVIDE TRAINING, SUPPORT, AND RECEIVE THEIR IDEAS
22 AND FEEDBACK. SO, THAT CONCLUDES OUR PRESENTATION ON
23 MONKEYPOX. I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** LET'S GO AHEAD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO
2 BOTH OF YOU. LET'S GO AHEAD AND HEAR FROM DR. GHALY, AND THEN
3 WE'LL HEAR FROM SUPERVISOR HAHN, WHO HELD A-10. SO, DR. GHALY?

4

5 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** YES, THANK YOU. I'LL KEEP MY COMMENTS
6 VERY BRIEF TODAY, BECAUSE I KNOW THERE IS A LOT TO COVER,
7 PARTLY WITH MONKEYPOX, AND ALSO BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T HAD VERY
8 MANY SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES SINCE THE TIME OF THE LAST REPORT.
9 SO, IF YOU LOOK AT THE INITIAL SLIDE-- NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE--
10 LOOKS AT THE HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND AS YOU CAN SEE, THEY'VE
11 BEEN RELATIVELY STABLE OVER THE LAST WEEK OR SO. WE DID HAVE
12 AN INITIAL INCREASE IN THE HOSPITALIZATIONS, BUT THAT HAS THEN
13 LEVELED OUT IN THE MID-80S OVER THE PAST WEEK, AND THAT'S
14 STILL WHERE THEY ARE TODAY, AS OF THIS MORNING. IN OUR 4
15 D.H.S. HOSPITALS, WE HAD 81 PATIENTS WITH C.O.V.I.D., WHO WERE
16 ADMITTED TO OUR 4 HOSPITALS. THAT IS THE PATIENTS WITH A
17 POSITIVE C.O.V.I.D. TEST. STILL, THE NUMBER WHO ARE ACTUALLY
18 THERE FOR C.O.V.I.D. IS STILL JUST A FRACTION OF THAT, AND
19 MUCH LOWER. ON THE NEXT SLIDE, SLIDE 3 LOOKS AT THE
20 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE BEING CARED FOR WITHIN OUR QUARANTINE AND
21 ISOLATION SITES. THIS IS SPECIFIC FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE
22 MEDICALLY FRAGILE, AND THAT RESOURCE REMAINS AVAILABLE TO THE
23 PUBLIC, FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO REQUIRE THAT LEVEL. THE INTAKE
24 PROCESS IS MANAGED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
25 PUBLIC HEALTH. THE NEXT SLIDE, SLIDE 4, LOOKS AT COMMUNITY

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1 TESTING. JUST AS A REMINDER, THE DATA THAT'S HERE REFLECTS
2 JUST THE TESTING THAT'S PERFORMED BY THE D.H.S.-MANAGED,
3 FULGENT-OPERATED TESTING SITES, AND ALSO BY THE STATE TESTING
4 SITES. IT DOESN'T TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ANY OF THE P.C.R. TESTS
5 THAT WERE PERFORMED AT ANY OF A NUMBER OF OTHER SITES, WHETHER
6 IT'S OTHER PRIVATELY OPERATED SITES, RETAIL PHARMACIES,
7 HOSPITALS, CLINICS, OTHER TESTING SITES. IT ALSO DOESN'T TAKE
8 INTO ACCOUNT THE LARGE NUMBER OF HOME TESTS THAT ARE CURRENTLY
9 BEING PERFORMED WITH ANTIGEN TESTING. BUT WITHIN THIS SPECIFIC
10 SUBSET, WE DID SEE AN INCREASE IN VOLUME OF TESTING AT THESE
11 COMMUNITY TESTING SITES, WHERE IT INCREASED BY ABOUT 6% OVER
12 THE LAST WEEK. THE TEST POSITIVITY RATE HAS ALSO CLIMBED. THE
13 LAST TIME I REPORTED TO YOU, I BELIEVE IT WAS AT 20% OR 21%,
14 AND THIS PAST PERIOD, IT'S BEEN UP TO 25%. AGAIN, AS I HAVE
15 EXPLAINED BEFORE, WE DO EXPECT THAT THE TEST POSITIVITY RATE
16 AMONG THESE COMMUNITY TESTING SITES IS HIGHER-- WILL BE
17 HIGHER, UNDERSTANDABLY-- THAN IT IS FOR THE COUNTY OVERALL, IN
18 THE NUMBERS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS,
19 BECAUSE OF THE DIFFERENT POPULATIONS THAT USE THESE SITES. WE
20 LOCATE OUR COMMUNITY TESTING SITES IN AT-RISK COMMUNITIES, AND
21 ALSO, PREFERENTIALLY, ARE REALLY WORKING TO GET PEOPLE IN FOR
22 TESTING IF THEY'VE HAD EXPOSURE TO C.O.V.I.D., OR THEY HAVE
23 SYMPTOMS OF C.O.V.I.D., RATHER THAN JUST ROUTINE SCREENING. WE
24 DO STILL HAVE TESTING THAT'S AVAILABLE AT ALL SITES. NEXT
25 SLIDE. THE NEXT TWO SLIDES JUST SHOW AN OVERVIEW OF THE DATA,

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1 SO YOU CAN SEE A SNAPSHOT OF WHERE WE'VE BEEN AND WHERE WE'RE
2 AT NOW. SO, IF YOU LOOK AT THE FAR RIGHT OF THIS SLIDE, FOR
3 THE END OF JUNE AND THE BEGINNING OF JULY, YOU'LL SEE WHAT IS
4 A SLIGHT INCREASE IN THE TESTING COMPLETED, WHICH IS THOSE
5 BLUE BARS, BUT STILL MUCH LOWER THAN IT WAS EARLIER IN THE
6 PANDEMIC. AND THE NEXT SLIDE SHOWS THE AT-HOME TEST COLLECTION
7 PROGRAM AND THE TEST PICK-UP DISTRIBUTION SITES, AND THERE'S A
8 LOT OF TESTS THAT ARE NOT BEING UTILIZED RIGHT NOW THROUGH
9 THOSE SITES, NOT BEING EITHER SENT HOME OR DISTRIBUTED. THOSE
10 TESTS ARE REUSED. THEY DON'T EXPIRE, SO IT'S NOT A CONCERN OF
11 WASTED TESTS, BUT RIGHT NOW, THE UTILIZATION AT THOSE SITES IS
12 VERY LOW, STILL. WE DO BELIEVE THAT IT REPRESENTS A REALLY
13 IMPORTANT ACCESS POINT FOR THE COMMUNITY, AND WE DON'T HAVE
14 ANY INTENTION TO CHANGE THE DISTRIBUTION OF THOSE SITES AT
15 PRESENT. I WILL CLOSE THERE. I DO JUST WANT TO ECHO, REALLY,
16 DR. FERRER'S COMMENTS ABOUT MASK-WEARING. IT STILL IS THE MOST
17 IMPORTANT WAY, REALLY, ALONG WITH VACCINATION, THAT PEOPLE CAN
18 HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF C.O.V.I.D., ESPECIALLY WHEN WE HAVE
19 HIGH COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION, SUCH AS WE DO. SO, IF PEOPLE ARE
20 OUT AND ABOUT, IN LARGE GROUPS OR IN AN INDOOR SETTING, I
21 WOULD STRONGLY ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO WEAR A MASK, TO HELP REDUCE
22 THE RATE OF TRANSMISSION THAT IS CIRCLING IN LOS ANGELES
23 COUNTY. BE HAPPY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, IF THERE ARE ANY, BUT
24 THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANKS TO THE 3 OF YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN
2 ASKED THAT WE HOLD ITEM A-10, SO WE'RE GOING TO GO TO
3 SUPERVISOR HAHN FIRST, FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, DR.
6 SINGHAL, FOR THE PRESENTATION ON MONKEYPOX. AND I KNOW, DR.
7 FERRER, YOU'RE STILL ON. I'M NOT REALLY SURE WHO I'M ASKING MY
8 QUESTIONS TO, BUT BETWEEN THE TWO OF YOU, MAYBE YOU CAN
9 ANSWER. AND I APPRECIATE THIS UPDATE, BECAUSE JUST THIS
10 PRESENTATION, IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE DOING ALMOST EVERYTHING
11 POSSIBLE TO COMBAT MONKEYPOX, BUT THAT WAS NOT THE SENSE I WAS
12 GETTING FROM THE NUMBER OF CALLS I WAS GETTING IN MY OFFICE. I
13 CAN'T SPEAK FOR MY COLLEAGUES, BUT I GOT A LOT OF CALLS
14 THINKING THAT WE WERE A LITTLE SLOW ON THE UPTAKE, WE WEREN'T
15 DOING EVERYTHING WE COULD. I KNOW THE L.G.B.T.Q. COMMUNITY WAS
16 REALLY ANXIOUS, AND WAS WANTING MORE URGENT ACTION. BUT, I
17 MEAN, LOOKING AT THE PRESENTATION, IT DOES LOOK LIKE WE'RE
18 DOING A LOT. I THINK ONE OF THE INTERESTING THINGS IS THE
19 VACCINES,, RIGHT? SO, IT DOES LOOK LIKE WE DON'T HAVE AN
20 ENORMOUS SUPPLY OF VACCINES, AND IT SEEMS LIKE THAT'S WHAT WE
21 REALLY SHOULD BE WORKING ON. AND I'M CURIOUS ABOUT THIS
22 "INVITATION ONLY" MODEL THAT WE'RE DOING FOR THIS VACCINE, AND
23 HOW DO YOU THINK THAT'S WORKING? IS THERE ANOTHER WAY WE COULD
24 DO IT? DO YOU THINK THAT-- BECAUSE, I MEAN, I'D OBVIOUSLY LIKE
25 TO SEE, EACH TIME WE GET AN ALLOTMENT, THAT WE EXHAUST IT

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1 BEFORE THE NEXT ALLOTMENT COMES, AND DO YOU THINK THIS
2 "INVITATION ONLY" WILL ACHIEVE THAT GOAL?

3

4 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, THANK YOU SO MUCH. I'LL START, AND
5 THEN, BY ALL MEANS, DR. SINGHAL CAN DEFINITELY PROVIDE
6 ADDITIONAL SORT OF DETAILS, BECAUSE SHE'S COORDINATING THE
7 WORK ON THE GROUND. BUT YOU RAISE SOME VERY GOOD POINTS, SO
8 THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN. AND I KNOW IT WAS
9 DISTRESSING, EVEN FOR US, AT THE BEGINNING. WE RECEIVED A
10 THOUSAND DOSES. JUST TO BE COMPLETELY HONEST, WE RECEIVED A
11 THOUSAND DOSES, AND WE ALREADY HAD CASES THAT HAD BEEN
12 IDENTIFIED, THAT WERE ASSOCIATED WITH TWO VERY LARGE EVENTS.
13 SO, WE KNEW THAT WHAT WE HAD TO DO WAS A TWOFOLD TASK. FIRST,
14 WE HAVE TO GET INFORMATION OUT, BOTH TO PROVIDERS AND TO
15 RESIDENTS, ABOUT MONKEYPOX, BECAUSE THIS IS NEW FOR ALL OF US
16 IN THIS COUNTRY. I MEAN, THE LAST TIME WE HAD MONKEYPOX WAS A
17 FEW YEARS AGO, AND IT WAS ASSOCIATED WITH PRAIRIE DOGS. SO,
18 NOTHING LIKE WHAT WE ARE DEALING WITH NOW, AND THAT REQUIRED
19 JUST COMMUNICATIONS ABOUT BASIC INFORMATION. SUPER IMPORTANT
20 WITH PROVIDERS, BECAUSE WE NEEDED THEM TO DIAGNOSE SOMETHING
21 THAT MOST OF THEM HAD LIKELY NEVER, EVER SEEN. SO I WANT TO
22 JUST SAY, THERE WAS A HUGE EMPHASIS UP FRONT, WORKING WITH A
23 VERY LARGE PROVIDER COMMUNITY AND GETTING GENERAL INFORMATION
24 OUT. AND THEN, BECAUSE WE HAD SUCH LIMITED DOSES, WE WERE JUST
25 DOING CASE IDENTIFICATION AND CONTACT TRACING. I THINK DR.

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1 SINGHAL HAS WORKED NOT JUST WITH OUR TEAM, BUT WITH THE LARGER
2 COMMUNITY, TO ADDRESS THAT ISSUE ABOUT, HOW DO WE DEAL WITH
3 THE FACT THAT WE DO HAVE, STILL, VERY LIMITED DOSES,
4 PARTICULARLY FOR THE DEMAND FROM PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE NOW TO
5 GET VACCINATED? MANY PEOPLE NOW HAVE NEVER BEEN VACCINATED
6 AGAINST SMALLPOX, SO, RIGHTFULLY, PEOPLE ARE NOTING THAT THIS
7 MIGHT BE AN APPROPRIATE TIME FOR SOME GROUPS OF PEOPLE TO WANT
8 TO GET VACCINATED, BUT WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH VACCINE TO OPEN IT
9 YET. I DO THINK YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT THAT EVERY TIME WE GET
10 MORE DOSES, WE NEED TO QUICKLY-- WE HAVE A STRATEGY THAT
11 QUICKLY GETS THEM OUT, SO THAT WE CAN GO AHEAD AND
12 CONTINUALLY, LIKE WE DID INITIALLY WITH C.O.V.I.D., EXPAND THE
13 GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE. AND YOU SEE THIS NEXT PHASE.
14 WE'RE ANTICIPATING ANOTHER 9,000 DOSES. THIS NEXT PHASE WILL
15 BE A MUCH BROADER GROUP OF FOLKS THAT WOULD BE ELIGIBLE TO
16 SORT OF SELF-IDENTIFY, LIKE YOU SAID; NOT WAIT FOR THE
17 INVITATION, BUT SELF-IDENTIFY AT BEING AT HIGHER RISK, AND BE
18 ABLE TO COME IN AND GET THOSE VACCINES. BUT I DO WANT TO NOTE,
19 EVEN 9,000 DOSES, YOU CAN IMAGINE, THAT'S NOT GOING TO GO VERY
20 FAR. AND WE DO WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE AVOID ONE OF THE
21 MISTAKES WE MADE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE C.O.V.I.D. PANDEMIC,
22 WHICH WAS THAT WE THINK LONG AND HARD ABOUT A DISTRIBUTION
23 STRATEGY THAT DOESN'T ALLOW SOME PEOPLE MORE ADVANTAGES THAN
24 OTHERS, BECAUSE THEY HAVE TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES OR WEBSITE
25 RESOURCES. SO, WE'VE GOT TO ADDRESS THE EQUITY ISSUES FRONT

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1 AND CENTER IN THE DISTRIBUTION PLAN, AND WORKING HARD ON THAT.
2 BUT I APPRECIATE AND AGREE WITH YOU THAT IT'S BEEN ROUGH,
3 BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T HAD ENOUGH VACCINE, AND PEOPLE RIGHTFULLY
4 ARE UNDERSTANDING THEY MAY BE AT GREATER RISK. BUT I WANT TO
5 ALSO POINT OUT, WHEN PEOPLE ARE AT GREATER RISKS, THAT'S WHEN
6 YOU HAVE TO MAYBE CHANGE SOME OF THE BEHAVIORS. AND HERE AT
7 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, WE ALSO NEED TO HELP WITH
8 THAT MESSAGING; THAT SINCE EVERYONE ISN'T GOING TO GET
9 VACCINATED, HOW DO YOU PROTECT YOURSELF FROM GETTING
10 MONKEYPOX OR INFECTING OTHERS? AND AGAIN, ENCOURAGING PEOPLE
11 TO COME IN AND GET TESTED, IF THEY HAVE ANY LESIONS OR ANY
12 SIGNS OR SYMPTOMS, OR HAVE HAD ANY EXPOSURE.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** SO, SPEAKING OF THE TESTING, IT SEEMED LIKE THAT
15 WAS ONE OF THE OTHER CONCERNS, WAS THE TURNAROUND FOR TEST
16 RESULTS. I THINK THERE WAS ONE SLIDE THAT WE HAD-- I'M NOT
17 REALLY SURE. WAS IT 150 TESTS THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO
18 CONDUCT? WAS THAT THE 150 SLIDE NUMBER?

19

20 **DR. RITA SINGHAL:** YES. SO, JUST TO CLARIFY, SO WE HAVE TESTED
21 150 SUSPECT CASES FOR MONKEYPOX THROUGH OUR PUBLIC HEALTH LAB.
22 WE DO NOW HAVE SPECIMENS THAT MAY BE GOING TO THE COMMERCIAL
23 LABS, SO THOSE POSITIVE RESULTS WILL BE REPORTED TO US.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN:** SO, OF OUR 150, WHAT WAS THE TURNAROUND TIME?

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1

2 **DR. RITA SINGHAL:** SO, OUR TURNAROUND TIME HAS STAYED
3 RELATIVELY EVEN, CONSISTENT WITH WHAT THE OTHER LABS AT THE
4 STATE LEVEL, AS WELL AS AROUND THE COUNTRY ARE DOING, WHICH IS
5 ABOUT A TWO-DAY TURNAROUND. SO, IF WE GET SPECIMENS ON A
6 CERTAIN DATE, IT USUALLY GETS ONTO THE MACHINE THE FOLLOWING
7 DAY. IT JUST DEPENDS ON WHEN THEY ARRIVE AT THE LAB. AND WE
8 HAVE BEEN ABLE TO KEEP UP. IT MAY BE THAT THAT WILL EXTEND TO
9 THREE DAYS, JUST GIVEN THAT THE DEMAND FOR TESTING IS GOING
10 UP. WE ARE HOPING THAT PROVIDERS WILL KEEP IN MIND THAT IF
11 THEY'RE ABLE TO SEND SPECIMENS TO COMMERCIAL LABS, THEY DO
12 HAVE A LOT OF CAPACITY RIGHT NOW, SINCE THEY'RE JUST STARTING
13 OFF, AND THAT MAY BE A WAY TO HELP ALLEVIATE SOME OF THE
14 DEMAND THAT THERE WILL BE ON OUR PUBLIC HEALTH LINE.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH. I FEEL LIKE THE MORE WE'RE GETTING INTO THIS,
17 THE MORE-- FOR INSTANCE, WE'RE HAVING THIS ITEM TODAY ON THE
18 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE DOING A VERY
19 AGGRESSIVE SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN, SO TO SPEAK, SO IT DOES FEEL
20 LIKE WE'RE GOING TO GET, HOPEFULLY, MORE PEOPLE WHO WILL WANT
21 TO ACCESS OUR TESTING. ARE YOU PREPARED TO HAVE-- WHAT'S OUR
22 CAPACITY FOR TESTING, IF THIS REALLY DOES BEGIN TO INCREASE
23 AND CAUSE MORE PEOPLE TO WANT TO GET TESTED?

24

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1 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, I MEAN, I THINK WE START BY JUST
2 SAYING, TESTING FOR TESTING'S SAKE IS NEVER A GREAT IDEA. SO,
3 YOU TEST BECAUSE YOU'VE HAD AN EXPOSURE, OR YOU THINK YOU'VE
4 HAD AN EXPOSURE, OR YOU HAVE SOME SYMPTOMS. THAT'S WHY WE HAVE
5 TO DO A REALLY GOOD JOB, SO PEOPLE KNOW WHAT THE SYMPTOMS ARE.
6 AND I THINK, FOR PEOPLE-- MANY PEOPLE, THEY THINK OF MONKEYPOX
7 AS BEING, YOU KNOW, YOU'RE COVERED WITH POXES, ALMOST SIMILAR
8 TO CHICKENPOX. BUT THAT'S NOT ACTUALLY THE CASE WITH HOW
9 MONKEYPOX IS PRESENTING NOW, SO WE NEED TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE
10 ARE CLEAR THAT EVEN IF YOU JUST HAVE ONE OR TWO LESIONS, YOU
11 NEED TO GO IN AND GET EXAMINED, SO THAT THOSE ARE THE PEOPLE
12 THAT ARE GETTING TESTED. THE COMMERCIAL LABS-- I FORGET, DR.
13 SINGHAL, BUT REMIND ME. I THINK THEY HAVE CAPACITY TO RUN
14 50,000 TESTS A DAY AT LABCORP, AND A SIMILAR AMOUNT, I THINK,
15 FOR MAYO CLINIC. SO THERE'S CAPACITY THERE, AS LONG AS WE CAN
16 HELP PROVIDERS UNDERSTAND THAT THAT IS A LEGITIMATE PLACE TO
17 GO AHEAD AND SEND THEIR LAB SPECIMENS TO. IF WE HAD A LOT MORE
18 DEMAND, AND EVERYBODY JUST CONTINUED TO SEND IT TO US, YOU'RE
19 RIGHT, SUPERVISOR, WE WOULD BE OVERWHELMED.

20
21 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, OKAY. AND THEN, ONE LAST THING. SEEMS LIKE,
22 AGAIN, WITH THE "INVITATION ONLY" MODEL, AND REALLY RELYING ON
23 FOLKS HAVING A RELATIONSHIP WITH A CLINIC-- A SEXUAL HEALTH
24 CLINIC-- THERE'S GOT TO BE A POPULATION OUT THERE THAT-- VERY
25 MUCH LIKE WE FOUND IN C.O.V.I.D., RIGHT? NOT EVERYBODY HAS A

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1 DOCTOR, NOT EVERYBODY HAS A PEDIATRICIAN. WHAT'S YOUR PLAN TO
2 REACH THOSE WHO AREN'T CONNECTED RIGHT NOW TO A PROVIDER?

3

4 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** DR. SINGHAL, DO YOU WANT TO-- I MEAN,
5 WE'RE OBVIOUSLY TRYING TO ADDRESS THAT WITH THE PUBLIC HEALTH
6 CLINICS, AS WELL, BECAUSE YOU KNOW WE ARE FOR EVERYONE, BUT...
7 DR. SINGHAL AND THE TEAM HAVE THOUGHT A LOT ABOUT THIS.

8

9 **DR. RITA SINGHAL:** YEAH, NO. WE ARE DEFINITELY THINKING ABOUT
10 THIS RIGHT NOW, AND WE HOPE TO HAVE, JUST IN THE NEXT FEW
11 DAYS, A REFERRAL SYSTEM TO ALLOW THOSE THAT MAY NOT BE
12 ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROVIDERS THAT WE'RE WORKING WITH AND
13 GIVING VACCINE SUPPLY TO. IT MAY BE PROVIDERS THAT WE'RE STILL
14 ONBOARDING, AND WE DON'T WANT TO BE-- WE DON'T WANT THERE TO
15 BE ANY DELAY FOR THOSE THAT ARE ELIGIBLE RIGHT NOW TO GET THE
16 VACCINE, TO BE ABLE TO COME IN, AND SO WE ARE IN THE PROCESS
17 OF SETTING UP A REFERRAL SYSTEM, AND WE'LL TAKE AS MANY AS WE
18 CAN INTO OUR PUBLIC HEALTH CLINICS, AS WELL. SO THAT IS-- AT
19 THE SAME TIME, IT'S A BALANCE OF GETTING OTHER PROVIDERS ON,
20 AS WELL AS MAKING SURE THAT WE KEEP OUR DOORS OPEN FOR
21 REFERRALS FOR ANYONE WHO DOES NOT HAVE ACCESS.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY. WELL, THANK YOU, AND IF THERE'S A ROLE THAT
24 WE CAN PLAY, ADVOCATING FOR MORE VACCINES TO COME OUR WAY,
25 WE'RE HAPPY TO DO THAT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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1

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

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I ACTUALLY ECHO WHAT SUPERVISOR
5 HAHN HIGHLIGHTED, IN TERMS OF THE PERCEPTION, BECAUSE I THINK
6 THE COMMENT THAT WAS MADE WAS THAT WE'RE HEARING A LOT ABOUT
7 C.O.V.I.D., BUT MONKEYPOX, THE COUNTY IS NOT BEING PROACTIVE.
8 BUT I'M HEARING FROM DR. SINGHAL THAT, IN FACT, WE HAVE BEEN
9 PROACTIVE. IS THAT A FAIR ASSESSMENT?

10

11 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** I THINK SO. I MEAN, I THINK WE'RE DOING
12 THE BEST, AGAIN. THE ISSUE REALLY IS THE LIMITED SUPPLY OF
13 VACCINE, SO I THINK THAT'S WHERE WE'RE CONSTRAINED. I ALWAYS
14 WELCOME THE IDEAS FROM THE COMMUNITY ABOUT HOW TO DO A BETTER
15 JOB MAKING SURE PEOPLE HAVE GOOD INFORMATION. I WANT TO
16 APPRECIATE WE HAVE A LOT OF PARTNERS WORKING WITH US ON THIS
17 ALREADY, AND APPRECIATE THEIR SHARING WITH US OF STRATEGIES
18 THAT THEY THINK WILL WORK FOR SPECIFIC POPULATIONS OF CONCERN.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, BECAUSE I WAS LISTENING TO THE COMMENT
21 ABOUT NOT HAVING ENOUGH VACCINE, AND THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE
22 TO EDUCATE AND LET PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT THEIR BEHAVIOR, AND
23 EVERYONE IS NOT GOING TO GET VACCINATED; THEREFORE, WE HAVE TO
24 REALLY GET OUT THERE AND LET THE PUBLIC KNOW WHAT THEY CAN DO
25 TO AVOID BEING EXPOSED TO MONKEYPOX. I WOULD ARGUE THE SAME

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1 THING APPLIES TO C.O.V.I.D., AS WELL, IN TERMS OF WHAT WE HAVE
2 DONE WITH OUR EDUCATION, GETTING PEOPLE OUT THERE WITH THE
3 TOOLS NECESSARY TO AVOID COMING IN CONTACT OR CONTRACTING THE
4 VIRUS. SO I THINK THAT WE HAVE A TEMPLATE IN PLACE, AND WE CAN
5 ROLL THAT OUT, FROM A PUBLIC HEALTH STANDPOINT. SO, I MEAN, I
6 APPRECIATE WHAT WE'RE DOING ON THE MONKEYPOX, BUT MY QUESTION
7 CENTERS-- I'M A LITTLE CONFUSED, BASED ON SOMETHING THE STAFF
8 SAID, SWITCHING FROM MONKEYPOX TO THE C.O.V.I.D., IF I MAY.
9 ARE WE DOING THEM BOTH AT THE SAME TIME, MADAM CHAIR? OKAY.
10 DR. FERRER AND DR. GHALY, DURING THE PREVIOUS UPDATES, YOU
11 SHARED THAT ABOUT 60% OF C.O.V.I.D. HOSPITALIZATIONS ARE
12 INCIDENTAL C.O.V.I.D. HOSPITALIZATION NUMBERS, AND CAN YOU
13 CLARIFY IF THAT IS ONLY FOR COUNTY HOSPITALS? BECAUSE I'M
14 HEARING, DR. FERRER, YOU SAY THAT IT'S ONLY FOR COUNTY
15 HOSPITALS, BUT I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION IT WAS COUNTYWIDE;
16 AND IF SO, WHAT IS THE CURRENT RATE OF INCIDENTAL C.O.V.I.D.
17 HOSPITALIZATIONS TODAY?

18

19 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION, AND I
20 APOLOGIZE IF IT WAS CONFUSING. I REPORT ON COUNTYWIDE; DR.
21 GHALY REPORTS ON THE D.H.S. HOSPITAL CARE SYSTEM. COUNTYWIDE
22 INCIDENTAL-- AND THIS IS-- AGAIN, WE HAVE A ONE-WEEK LAG ON
23 THIS, JUST BECAUSE OF HOW THE DATA GETS COLLECTED. YOU HAVE TO
24 WAIT TILL PEOPLE GET DISCHARGED, SO I WANT TO EXPLAIN THAT
25 LAG, BUT WHAT WE HAVE RIGHT NOW IS 58% OF HOSPITALIZATIONS FOR

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1 C.O.V.I.D. ARE INCIDENTAL, AND THE REMAINDER, 42%, ARE FOR
2 PEOPLE WHO HAVE A POSITIVE C.O.V.I.D. TEST, BUT ALSO ARE THERE
3 TO GET CARE FOR THEIR C.O.V.I.D. ILLNESS. SO IT'S A LITTLE BIT
4 UP, BUT I WOULD SAY, NOT MUCH. IT'S REALLY STAYED PRETTY
5 STEADY, AT A 60-40 SPLIT, FOR ABOUT THE LAST TWO MONTHS ACROSS
6 THE COUNTY.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY. THANKS FOR THAT CLARIFICATION, BECAUSE
9 THERE WAS A LITTLE BIT OF A DISCONNECT, SO I APPRECIATE THAT
10 CLARIFICATION. AND THEN, DR. FERRER, I KNOW THAT WE'RE TALKING
11 ABOUT COUNTYWIDE MASKING, AND YOU SHOWED A STUDY THAT TALKED
12 ABOUT THE PERCENTAGES, BASED ON WHERE MASK MANDATES ARE IN
13 PLACE VERSUS NOT. AND I KNOW THAT UP NORTH, ALAMEDA COUNTY
14 IMPLEMENTED A MASK MANDATE, WHILE THE SURROUNDING COUNTIES DID
15 NOT. HAVE WE LOOKED AT THE STATS, AS IS RELATES TO THE IMPACT
16 IT HAD?

17

18 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** WE HAVEN'T. I MEAN, THE STUDIES THAT GOT
19 DONE WERE KIND OF ELEGANT STUDIES TRYING TO DEAL WITH ISSUES
20 OF CONFOUNDING, BUT WE COULD GO AHEAD AND DEFINITELY TALK TO
21 ALAMEDA COUNTY. I THINK THEY HAD THEIR MASKING MANDATE IN
22 PLACE FOR 4 WEEKS. THEY TOOK IT AWAY WHEN THEIR RATES STARTED
23 GOING DOWN. BUT I WANT TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT WHAT'S AN
24 ASSOCIATION. SO, THEY HAD A MASKING MANDATE, THEN THEIR RATES
25 WENT DOWN. YOU COULD SAY, "THAT'S GREAT. THEY HAD A MASKING

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1 MANDATE. EVERYBODY WORE THEIR MASKS, AND THEN, A FEW WEEKS
2 LATER, THEIR RATES STARTED GOING DOWN." I THINK THAT'S VERY
3 SIMPLISTIC, AND WHAT IT WILL SHOW IS AN ASSOCIATION, BUT
4 THERE'S NO CAUSALITY THERE. IT DOESN'T-- WE'D HAVE TO
5 DETERMINE THAT IT WAS REALLY THE MASK-WEARING THAT LED TO
6 THOSE NUMBERS GOING DOWN, AND NOT SOMETHING ELSE, LIKE THE
7 NUMBERS WERE JUST GOING DOWN EVERYWHERE. THAT'S WHY I'M
8 SAYING, THESE STUDIES ARE QUITE ELEGANT. THEY TAKE A LOT OF
9 TIME. PEOPLE INVEST A FAIR AMOUNT OF MONEY IN THEM. BUT I'M
10 HAPPY TO TALK TO ALAMEDA COUNTY AND JUST GET BACK TO YOU ON
11 THEIR NUMBERS.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT MY STAFF PULLED THE
14 STATS FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ON
15 ALAMEDA COUNTY'S 7-DAY AVERAGE, THE CASE RATE FOR THE PAST TWO
16 MONTHS, TO RATES IN NEIGHBORING CONTRA COSTA, SANTA CLARA, AND
17 SAN FRANCISCO COUNTIES, AND THE CASE RATE TRENDS WERE NEARLY
18 IDENTICAL. I JUST WANT US TO LOOK AT IT, BECAUSE MY CONCERN
19 IS-- I'VE BEEN CONSISTENT IN TERMS OF CLARITY AND CONSISTENCY,
20 AND THE ISSUE IS, NO OTHER COUNTY IS GOING TO IMPOSE THAT. AND
21 WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT MONKEYPOX, AND YOU TALK ABOUT HOW WE HAVE
22 TO EDUCATE ABOUT BEHAVIOR, AND EVERYONE IS NOT GOING TO GET
23 VACCINATED, WHICH WE'RE FINDING CONTRARY TO WHAT I WISH PEOPLE
24 WOULD GET VACCINATED; THEY'RE NOT. AND I THINK THAT EDUCATION
25 IS IMPORTANT, AND THEN I'LL JUST LEAVE IT WITH THIS. I MEAN, I

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1 WOULD ASK THAT IF THE RECOMMENDATION IS TO MANDATE MASKING,
2 THAT WE WOULD REACH OUT TO SMALL BUSINESS, OUR SMALL BUSINESS
3 COMMISSION, E.D.C., TO GET FEEDBACK FROM THEM, BECAUSE WHAT
4 I'M HEARING IS-- AND BY THE WAY, I APPRECIATE YOU INCLUDING IN
5 ONE OF OUR SLIDES THAT BUSINESSES CAN MANDATE PEOPLE TO WEAR
6 MASKS IF THEY COME IN. I THINK THAT IS IMPORTANT, AND I THINK
7 IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO REITERATE THAT TO BUSINESSES, THAT
8 THEY DON'T NEED OUR PERMISSION TO MANDATE MASKS; THAT THEY
9 CAN, IN FACT-- YOU KNOW, THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO REFUSE SERVICE
10 TO ANYONE IF THEY DON'T WANT TO WEAR A MASK. AND I THINK IT'S
11 IMPORTANT FOR US TO EMPOWER OUR SMALL BUSINESSES, BUT I THINK
12 IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT FOR US TO LISTEN TO OUR SMALL BUSINESSES,
13 IN TERMS OF THE IMPACT OR CONCERNS THAT THEY MAY HAVE AS IT
14 RELATES TO THIS, ESPECIALLY WHEN SURROUNDING COUNTIES ARE NOT
15 GOING TO BE IMPLEMENTING IT. AND THEN, MY LAST QUESTION IS, DO
16 WE KNOW IF THE STATE'S CONSIDERING DOING ANYTHING LIKE THAT,
17 AS IT BASED ON THE NUMBERS?

18
19 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** SO, LET ME-- I'LL JUST GO TO SMALL
20 BUSINESSES. THANKS SO MUCH FOR THAT SUGGESTION. I'M HAPPY TO
21 REACH OUT TO THE SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION AND E.D.C. WE DO
22 CONTINUE-- AND I KNOW YOUR STAFF ATTEND MANY OF THESE-- HAVE
23 OUR TELEBRIEFINGS WITH THE SPECIFIC SECTORS, BUT I LOVE THESE
24 RECOMMENDATIONS, AND I KNOW WE ALSO GOT A RECOMMENDATION TO
25 REACH OUT TO SOME OTHER GROUPS YESTERDAY, FROM THE CHIEFS THAT

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1 WE'RE FOLLOWING UP ON, AS WELL, BECAUSE WE APPRECIATE THAT
2 ADVICE, AND AGAIN, HAVE ALWAYS BENEFITED FROM REACHING OUT,
3 LISTENING TO PEOPLE, BEFORE THINGS GO IN EFFECT, SO WE CAN
4 UNDERSTAND WHAT THE CONCERNS ARE GOING TO BE. WE HAVE ALSO
5 HEARD, AS YOU KNOW, AS WELL, FROM SOME OF OUR UNION PARTNERS
6 AND SOME OF OUR WORKER COUNCILS THAT ARE URGING US TO MOVE
7 MUCH MORE QUICKLY. I MEAN, THEY ALSO HAVE CONCERNS, BECAUSE I
8 THINK, LIKE WE ALL HAVE JUST RECENTLY EXPERIENCED, AS THE
9 COUNTY IS AN EMPLOYER, AS WELL, THERE ARE TONS AND TONS OF
10 PEOPLE INFECTED RIGHT NOW, AND IT DISRUPTS OUR WORK, AS WELL,
11 AND IT CREATES A FAIR AMOUNT OF FEAR. I MEAN, I CAN JUST TALK
12 TO WHAT HAPPENS AT THIS DEPARTMENT. WITH THIS MANY CASES,
13 THERE'S MORE FEAR. I MEAN, PEOPLE ARE SCARED OF GETTING
14 INFECTED. SO WE'LL GO AHEAD, AND I'LL SEND YOU THAT LIST OF
15 WHEN THOSE MEETINGS ARE, SUPERVISOR, AND WOULD WELCOME YOUR
16 STAFF JOINING US FOR THAT, AS WELL. AND IN TERMS OF WHAT THE
17 STATE IS DOING, WE HAVEN'T HEARD THAT THE STATE IS GOING TO
18 MOVE AS A STATE ON THIS. OBVIOUSLY, DIFFERENT COUNTIES HAVE
19 ASKED FOR DIFFERENT THINGS. MANY COUNTIES, PARTICULARLY THE
20 NORTHERN COUNTIES, WOULD LIKE THE STATE NOT TO MOVE AT ALL, AT
21 THIS POINT, AND JUST LET THIS BE A COUNTY-BY-COUNTY DECISION.
22 I HAVE A FEELING THAT THAT'S WHERE IT MAY STAY, BUT WE DO
23 REGULARLY CHECK IN ON WEDNESDAYS, WITH THE STATE, TO FIND OUT
24 WHETHER OR NOT THEY'RE ANTICIPATING TAKING ANY ACTIONS, AND AS
25 SOON AS I HEAR OTHERWISE, I'LL LET ALL OF YOU KNOW.

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. OKAY. AND IN CLOSING, THANK YOU, DR.
3 FERRER; THANK YOU, DR. GHALY; AND THANK YOU, DR. SINGHAL, FOR
4 YOUR WORK. WE APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

5

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

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, ALL
9 THREE OF YOU, FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. VERY INFORMATIVE. AND I
10 DON'T HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS. I THINK THE QUESTION AROUND
11 MONKEYPOX, I'LL ASK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THAT, BUT I WANTED TO
12 START WITH YOU, DR. FERRER, ON ONE OF YOUR CHARTS THAT YOU
13 HAD: C.O.V.I.D.-ASSOCIATED DEATHS COMPARED TO DEATHS FROM
14 SELECT OTHER CAUSES. I REALLY BELIEVE IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US
15 RIGHT NOW TO CAPITALIZE ON THIS INFORMATION, AND TO REALLY PUT
16 IT OUT THERE IN ALL LANGUAGES, PARTICULARLY SPANISH AND THE
17 OTHER IMMIGRANT LANGUAGES THAT ARE PERVASIVE, BECAUSE I THINK
18 THAT IS GOING TO GET THE PARENTS, RESPONSIBLE PEOPLE, TO GO
19 OUT AND GET TESTED, OR TO GET THEIR BOOSTERS. AND IF WE CAN
20 ALIGN THAT IN SOME MANNER, I THINK THAT WOULD BE GREAT, BUT I
21 REALLY LIKE THE FACT THAT DATA DOESN'T LIE, AS WE ARE TOLD IN
22 SCHOOL. DATA DOESN'T LIE, AND JUST TO SEE THE ENORMOUS NUMBERS
23 OF PEOPLE THAT HAVE ALREADY CONTRACTED OR HAVE DIED, PASSED
24 ON. OVER 4,390 PEOPLE JUST THIS YEAR ALONE, THROUGH JULY 11TH,

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1 IS ALARMING, AND SHOULD BE ALARMING. SO, I JUST WANT TO ASK
2 YOU IF YOU COULD PLEASE DO THAT AND MAKE THAT AVAILABLE.

3

4 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, I'D BE HAPPY TO. THANKS SO MUCH FOR
5 THAT SUGGESTION, AND WE'LL ALSO WORK WITH YOUR TEAM ON
6 FIGURING OUT THE BEST WAY TO MESSAGE WITH THAT INFORMATION.

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS:** RIGHT. AND THEN, ON THE INDOOR MASKING SAFETY
9 MEASURES, WE'VE BEEN GETTING INUNDATED BY A LOT OF BUSINESSES,
10 AS WELL, THAT ARE CONCERNED. SOME ARE THEME PARKS. SOME ARE
11 PLANNING THEIR OUTDOOR EVENTS. WE HAVE A BIG MAJOR-LEAGUE
12 BASEBALL GAME COMING UP, THE NATIONALS AND THE DODGERS. SO,
13 WHAT ARE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS THERE, FOR PEOPLE OUTDOORS?
14 BECAUSE THAT, AGAIN, IS IN-- PEOPLE ARE SITTING IN CLOSE
15 PROXIMITY. CAN YOU JUST GO OVER THAT, PLEASE?

16

17 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** SURE. THANK YOU. SO, THE UNIVERSAL MASKING
18 SAFETY MEASURE WOULD ONLY APPLY INDOORS. IT WOULD APPLY AT
19 THOSE LARGE OUTDOOR EVENTS IF, FOR EXAMPLE, THEY HAD AN INDOOR
20 RETAIL SHOP, BUT IT WOULDN'T APPLY IN OTHER AREAS. AGAIN, OUR
21 RECOMMENDATION IS PARTICULARLY FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE MORE
22 VULNERABLE: OLDER PEOPLE, THEY HAVE UNDERLYING HEALTH
23 CONDITIONS. EVEN IF THEY'RE IN OUTDOOR SPACES WHERE THEY'RE
24 VERY CROWDED, SITTING NEXT TO PEOPLE THEY DON'T KNOW, IT'S
25 ALWAYS A GOOD IDEA TO GO AHEAD AND PUT THAT MASK ON, AND MAKE

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1 SURE IT'S A WELL-FITTING, HIGH-FILTRATION MASK. BUT IN TERMS
2 OF THE VENUES-- SO, FOR THAT ALL-STAR GAME, NO, THERE'S NO
3 REQUIREMENT AT ALL FOR MASKING FOR THE ALL-STAR GAME. WE
4 HAVEN'T ENTERED INTO HIGH YET, AND WE HAVE TO STAY IN HIGH FOR
5 TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS. THE EARLIEST WOULD BE THE END-- LET'S
6 SAY WE ENTER IN ON THURSDAY. THE EARLIEST WE'RE LOOKING AT
7 HAVING A UNIVERSAL INDOOR MASKING REQUIREMENT WOULD BE AT THE
8 END OF THIS MONTH. BUT WE ARE WORKING-- I JUST HELD A MEETING--
9 - I DON'T KNOW; WHAT'S TODAY?-- YESTERDAY, WITH LARGE EVENT
10 VENUES. SO, WE DO CONSTANTLY TALK, GET FEEDBACK, SO THEY
11 UNDERSTAND WHAT THE IMPLICATIONS ARE, AND WHERE THIS MATTERS.
12 I MEAN, WE ARE ENCOURAGING THEM, AS ALWAYS, TO MAKE SURE THAT
13 THEIR EMPLOYEES-- ALL OF THEIR EMPLOYEES-- ARE PROVIDED WITH
14 RESPIRATOR MASKS, BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE THE RISK IS THE
15 GREATEST. THE PERSON WHO'S WORKING THE CONCESSIONS STAND, THE
16 PERSON WHO'S CLEANING, I MEAN, THOSE ARE THE FOLKS WHO HAVE
17 MANY, MANY-- DOZENS AND DOZENS OF EXPOSURES EVERY SINGLE DAY
18 THAT THEY WORK WITH THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT'S NOT WEARING A
19 MASK. SO, TRYING AGAIN TO DO SOME REAL PROTECTION FOR WORKERS
20 IS ONE OF OUR PRIMARY GOALS AT THIS POINT, GIVEN WHAT WE ALL
21 HAVE SEEN WITH OUTBREAKS IN WORKPLACES. BUT THERE ARE NO
22 REQUIREMENTS FOR THOSE OUTDOOR VENUES OR THOSE LARGE OUTDOOR
23 EVENTS. WE JUST URGE THAT PEOPLE WITH UNDERLYING HEALTH
24 CONDITIONS, PEOPLE WHO ARE OLDER, THEY APPRECIATE THE FACT
25 THAT THEY'RE AT HIGHER RISK IN THOSE VERY CLOSE QUARTERS.

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1 WHETHER YOU'RE INSIDE OR OUTSIDE, IF SOMEONE COUGHS IN YOUR
2 FACE, YOU WOULD HAVE AN EXPOSURE IF THAT PERSON IS INFECTED.
3 SO, PEOPLE SHOULD JUST BE CAREFUL. BUT THERE'S NO REQUIREMENT,
4 AND OUTDOORS IS WAY SAFER THAN INDOORS.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO, JUST ONE RELATED QUESTION TO THAT. I KNOW LAST
7 YEAR, LAST TWO YEARS, WE TALKED A LOT ABOUT THE CARD ROOMS,
8 AND ALL THAT, AND MANY OF THEM HAD THEIR FACILITIES PLACED
9 OUTSIDE. I DON'T KNOW THAT THAT IS THE SAME NOW, SINCE WE'VE
10 KIND OF RELAXED THINGS, SO WHAT IS YOUR MESSAGE TO THOSE
11 INDIVIDUALS?

12

13 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, AND THANKS SO MUCH FOR ASKING,
14 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WE'LL BE MEETING WITH THE CARD ROOMS. I
15 MEAN, AGAIN, WHATEVER OPERATIONS THEY HAVE THAT ARE INDOORS,
16 PEOPLE WILL NEED TO WEAR THEIR FACE COVERINGS, UNLESS THEY'RE
17 ACTIVELY EATING OR DRINKING. I MEAN, THAT'S THE RULE
18 EVERYWHERE INDOORS, SO IT WILL BE THE RULE INDOORS AT THE CARD
19 ROOMS, AS WELL.

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS:** ALL RIGHT, GREAT. THANK YOU. I WANTED TO ASK DR.
22 SINGHAL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR PRESENTATION, AND I
23 THINK THIS IS VERY TIMELY. I THINK THE LAST TIME WE HAD A
24 BOARD MEETING, I RAISED THE ISSUE ABOUT MONKEYPOX, BECAUSE I
25 WAS PRETTY ALARMED TO SEE WHAT WAS HAPPENING AND HOW QUICKLY

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1 THIS COULD SPREAD. AND WHILE IT ISN'T AS BAD AS WE THINK,
2 PERHAPS MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PREVENTION IS THE WAY TO GO, AS
3 MY COLLEAGUES ARE SAYING; THAT IT'S REALLY ABOUT GETTING
4 PEOPLE INFORMED ABOUT WHAT BEHAVIORS OR WHAT TYPES OF THINGS
5 THEY SHOULD BE LOOKING FOR. AND I'M PARTICULARLY CONCERNED
6 ABOUT OUR YOUTH, ESPECIALLY WITH L.G.B.T.Q.+ FOSTER YOUTH AND
7 OUR INDIVIDUAL YOUNG PEOPLE THAT MAY HAVE BEEN IN CONGREGATE
8 SETTINGS, AND WHAT HAVE YOU. HOW ARE WE GOING TO BE MESSAGING
9 OUT TO THOSE YOUNGER POPULATIONS, AS WELL, IN TERMS OF RISKY
10 BEHAVIOR, BUT ALSO PREVENTION AND KNOWING WHAT TO LOOK FOR,
11 AND HOW TO GET INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE? DR. SINGHAL?

12
13 **DR. RITA SINGHAL:** SURE. SO, AS YOU NOTED, ALL OF OUR CASES
14 CURRENTLY ARE IN ADULTS, BUT WE DO WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
15 WE'RE BEING PROACTIVE AND MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE REACHING ALL
16 POPULATIONS, AND SO WE CAN DEFINITELY REACH OUT TO
17 ORGANIZATIONS THAT WORK WITH THE YOUTH, AND SPECIFICALLY WORK
18 WITH OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND OUR D.C.F.S. DEPARTMENT, AS
19 WELL, TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE GETTING THAT MESSAGING OUT TO
20 THOSE THAT ARE AT RISK. THE MESSAGING IS GOING TO BE VERY
21 SIMILAR TO WHAT WE ARE SAYING TO ADULTS, BUT I THINK IN THE
22 CONGREGATE SETTING, IT'S A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT. AND SO, SO
23 FAR, WE DON'T HAVE ANY CASES THAT HAVE SHOWN UP IN CONGREGATE
24 SETTINGS, AND SO WE DO WANT TO BE PROACTIVE AND MAKE SURE THAT

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1 WE'RE GETTING OUT AND WORKING WITH THOSE FOLKS NOW, AND SO WE
2 WILL REACH OUT.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** RIGHT. AND HAVE WE HAD ANY INSTANCES IN OUR JAILS?
5 I UNDERSTAND THAT THAT'S A HIGH POPULATION THAT COULD BE HIGH
6 RISK.

7

8 **DR. RITA SINGHAL:** I CAN CONFIRM THAT WE DON'T HAVE ANY CASES
9 IN JAILS, P.E.H., OR OTHER CONGREGATE SETTINGS AT THIS TIME.

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** AND SO WE ARE DOING SOME EDUCATION THERE IN
12 DIFFERENT LANGUAGES, AS WELL?

13

14 **DR. RITA SINGHAL:** ABSOLUTELY. SO, ALL OF OUR MATERIALS ARE
15 BEING TRANSLATED INTO ALL THE THRESHOLD LANGUAGES, AND WE ARE
16 WORKING ACTIVELY WITH OUR P.E.H. PROVIDERS AND STAKEHOLDERS,
17 AS WELL AS WITH THE CORRECTIONS SYSTEM AND A VARIETY OF OTHER
18 STAKEHOLDERS, AND WE'RE MAKING SURE THAT ALL THOSE ASSETS GET
19 OUT TO THEM, SO THAT THEY CAN THEN USE THAT TO PROVIDE
20 EDUCATION TO THEIR GROUPS.

21

22 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** AND, SUPERVISOR, ON THAT QUESTION WITH
23 THE JAIL, JUST SO YOU'RE AWARE, WE STARTED TODAY DOING
24 VACCINATIONS IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, AND WE'LL PLAN TO CONTINUE

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1 THOSE, AND ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH DR. SINGHAL AND HER TEAM
2 ON THAT.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** GREAT. GOOD. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING HOW THAT
5 GOES AND WHAT THE NUMBERS ARE. THE OTHER QUESTION I HAD FOR
6 YOU, DR. SINGHAL, IS, THERE'S ONE OF THE SLIDES THAT YOU
7 PRESENTED THAT SAID, "THE NEXT GROUP'S PLAN FOR VACCINATION,"
8 AND IT HAS A VARIETY. IT HAS AT LEAST 4 BULLETS THERE, AND YOU
9 TALK ABOUT, ALSO, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER WOMEN
10 ELIGIBLE FOR H.I.V. PREP. SO, OBVIOUSLY, THESE ARE ALL UNIQUE
11 POPULATIONS, BUT THEY'RE VERY LARGE IN NUMBER, AS WELL AS
12 WOMEN LIVING WITH H.I.V., HIGH-RISK BEHAVIORS, AS WELL AS
13 VULNERABLE POPULATIONS INFORMED BY LOCAL EPIDEMIOLOGY OF
14 CASES. SO, THAT ONE SOUNDS A LITTLE VAGUE TO ME. CAN YOU JUST
15 GO INTO MORE DETAIL ABOUT THE LAST BULLET?

16

17 **DR. RITA SINGHAL:** SURE, ABSOLUTELY. I THINK THAT'S WHERE WE'RE
18 LOOKING AT, IF WE WERE TO START SEEING CASES IN CERTAIN
19 SETTINGS, THEN THAT IS A POPULATION THAT WE WANT TO PURSUE.
20 SO, FOR EXAMPLE, OUR CORRECTIONS SYSTEM IS DEFINITELY ONE OF
21 THEM WE ARE STARTING PROACTIVELY THERE, BUT THERE MAY BE
22 ADDITIONAL-- IF WE HAVE ANY CASES THERE, WE MAY WANT TO BE
23 MORE TARGETED AND PROVIDE MORE VACCINE THERE, AND MAYBE IN OUR
24 P.E.H. SETTINGS, WITH SPECIFIC SHELTERS OR SPECIFIC LOCATIONS
25 THERE, AS WELL. SO, I THINK WE'RE JUST FOLLOWING THE-- TRYING

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1 TO SEE WHAT WE CAN IDENTIFY FROM THE CASES THAT WE CURRENTLY
2 HAVE, TO SEE WHICH COMMUNITIES ARE BEING AFFECTED, AND THEN WE
3 CAN TARGET VACCINE TO THOSE COMMUNITIES.

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS:** RIGHT. AND THEN, JUST WANT TO RAISE THIS, BECAUSE
6 NOW I REPRESENT THE ENTIRE SKID ROW AREA, AND AM REALLY
7 INTERESTED IN SEEING WHAT WE CAN DO THERE TO REACH OUT, IN
8 TERMS OF PREVENTION AND INFORMATION, AS WE HAVE TEAMS THAT GO
9 OUT THERE REGULARLY ON DIFFERENT OCCASIONS FOR DIFFERENT
10 THINGS; THAT THAT SOMEHOW BE COORDINATED WITH OUR OTHER FOLKS
11 THAT ARE HELPING US ON THE GROUND: L.A.H.S.A., MENTAL HEALTH,
12 ALL THE OTHER TEAMS; THAT WE'RE ABLE TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION
13 WITH INDIVIDUALS THAT WE COME ACROSS, BECAUSE THEY'RE HIGHLY--
14 MANY ARE UNPROTECTED AND NOT AWARE, PERHAPS, EVEN, OF WHAT IS
15 AVAILABLE TO THEM, OR WHAT THEY NEED TO BE AWARE OF.

16

17 **DR. RITA SINGHAL:** WE'RE ACTIVELY WORKING WITH THOSE GROUPS
18 RIGHT NOW, AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE GETTING
19 ANY FEEDBACK FROM THEM, AS TO HOW BEST TO REACH OUT. BUT WE
20 ARE ACTUALLY ENGAGED WITH THE P.E.H. STAKEHOLDERS RIGHT NOW.

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** AND THEN JUST LASTLY, JUST KIND OF A QUESTION,
23 REALLY, MORE FOR THOUGHT. WHILE WE ARE GOING TO BE GETTING
24 9,000 VACCINATIONS, WHAT IS A REALISTIC NUMBER FOR L.A. COUNTY
25 TO RECEIVE, GOING FORWARD, GIVEN THESE POPULATIONS THAT WE'RE

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1 TRYING TO TARGET, THAT YOU OUTLINE IN YOUR CHART HERE? WHAT
2 NUMBERS ARE WE REALLY-- THAT WE REALLY NEED TO BE FOCUSED ON,
3 TO MOVE TOWARDS?

4

5 **DR. RITA SINGHAL:** SO, YES. SO, THAT'S DEFINITELY A DIFFICULT
6 QUESTION RIGHT NOW. I MEAN, THE AMOUNT OF VACCINE THAT WE'RE
7 GETTING RIGHT NOW, THE PERCENTAGE THAT WE'RE GETTING OF THE
8 TOTAL ALLOCATION THAT C.D.C. HAS, THAT NUMBER IS ACTUALLY
9 SMALLER THAN WHAT WE HAVE EXPECTED. SO, INITIALLY, THEY HAD
10 56,000 DOSES. WE GOT ABOUT 6,000 OF THEM. WITH THIS LATEST
11 ALLOCATION, IT WAS CLOSER TO ABOUT 140,000 DOSES, TOTAL, AND
12 WE GOT 9,000. AND SO IT WAS A MUCH SMALLER NUMBER THAN WHAT WE
13 HAD EXPECTED, AND THE WAY THAT C.D.C. IS DISTRIBUTING THE
14 DOSES IS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF MONKEYPOX CASES IN DIFFERENT
15 JURISDICTIONS, AS WELL AS THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT ARE AT
16 RISK FOR MONKEYPOX. AND SO, FOR US, AS MONKEYPOX SPREADS
17 ACROSS THE COUNTRY, WITH MORE STATES NOW HAVING CASES, THE
18 AMOUNT OF VACCINE THAT C.D.C.'S GOING TO HAVE WILL HAVE TO BE
19 SPREAD ACROSS MORE JURISDICTIONS. AND SO THE AMOUNT OF VACCINE
20 THAT WE'RE EXPECTING TO GET IS NOT GOING TO BE MORE MUCH THAN
21 WHAT WE ARE GETTING RIGHT NOW, IN THAT THERE IS ANOTHER
22 ALLOCATION POSSIBLY COMING AT THE END OF THE MONTH. WE HAVE
23 NOT RECEIVED CONFIRMATION, SO THIS IS NOT-- WE HAVE NOT BEEN
24 NOTIFIED THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE GETTING A WEEKLY ALLOCATION.
25 SO, RIGHT NOW, IT'S JUST A MATTER OF WHEN THEY GET ENOUGH

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1 VACCINE FROM THE MANUFACTURER, IT GETS DELIVERED. THEY WILL
2 THEN ALLOCATE THAT OUT. AND SO THERE MAY BE ANOTHER ALLOCATION
3 THAT'S GOING TO COME AT THE END OF THE MONTH, AND THEN MAYBE
4 ANOTHER ONE IN LATE SUMMER. AND SO, WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY
5 DETAILS ABOUT WHAT THOSE ALLOCATIONS ARE GOING TO LOOK LIKE.
6 WE DO NOT EXPECT THEM TO BE MUCH MORE THAN WHAT WE HAVE GOTTEN
7 NOW. AND SO, YES, IT'S GOING TO-- THE MESSAGE CONTINUES THAT
8 WE HAVE VERY LIMITED SUPPLIES. WE ARE GOING TO BE DOING A VERY
9 TARGETED VACCINATION APPROACH, MAKE SURE THAT THIS IS AN
10 EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION. AND SO, WITH THE GROUPS THAT WE HAVE
11 SAID THAT WE'RE PLANNING AROUND, OBVIOUSLY, WE'RE NOT GOING TO
12 BE ABLE TO PROVIDE VACCINE TO ALL OF THOSE GROUPS, BECAUSE
13 YOU'RE RIGHT: THE POPULATION THERE IS HIGH, AND WE'RE NOT
14 GOING TO MEET IT WITH JUST 9,000 DOSES, OR EVEN IF WE GET
15 ANOTHER 10,000 OR 12,000 DOSES. AND SO WE ARE GOING TO BE
16 THINKING THROUGH HOW BEST THAT WE CAN GET IT AT THOSE THAT ARE
17 AT HIGHEST RISK, EVEN WITHIN THOSE COMMUNITIES. I MEAN, PART
18 OF THIS IS ALSO ASSESSING DEMAND, AND SO ONCE WE MAKE THE
19 VACCINE AVAILABLE, WE'LL KNOW MORE JUST THIS WEEK. ONCE WE GO
20 OUT WITH OUR CURRENT PHASE TO SEE HOW MANY FOLKS ARE-- WHO ARE
21 ELIGIBLE, ARE COMING IN TO GET VACCINATED, AND THEN WE'LL
22 APPLY THAT TO WHAT OUR PLAN WILL BE FOR THE NEXT ALLOCATION.

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** WELL, I AM CERTAIN THAT WE WILL BE READY TO SEND
25 FORWARD A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER, IF POSSIBLE, TO THE

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1 ADMINISTRATION OR C.D.C., TO TRY TO MEET THIS BEFORE WE HIT A
2 CRISIS LEVEL, BECAUSE IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE ARE GOING UNDER
3 SOMEWHAT THE SAME RUBRIC THAT WE WENT THROUGH WITH C.O.V.I.D.
4 AND IT IS UNFORTUNATE, BECAUSE WE KNOW WHAT WE ARE FACING. WE
5 HAVE ONE OF THE HIGHEST AT-RISK POPULATIONS, PROBABLY, IN THE
6 COUNTRY. WE HAVE ONE OF THE LARGEST SECTORS HERE, ON THE WEST
7 COAST, SO I WOULD THINK THAT WE COULD LEVERAGE THAT. SO, LOOK
8 FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU, AND PERHAPS THAT WILL BE ONE
9 MOTION THAT WE'LL BRING FORWARD NEXT TIME: A FIVE-SIGNATURE
10 LETTER. THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR PRESENTATION.
11 AND THANK YOU, DR. GHALY, YESTERDAY, FOR HELPING US OUT IN
12 HONORING THOSE WOMEN THAT WERE ENDURING FORCED STERILIZATION
13 AT L.A.C.+U.S.C., AND HELPING TO COMMEMORATE THAT AWFUL, EPIC
14 MOMENT IN OUR HISTORY AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. THANK YOU AND THE STAFF
15 FOR THAT.

16

17 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** THANK YOU. IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL EVENT, AND
18 THE ARTWORK WAS TREMENDOUS.

19

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

21

22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR.** THANK YOU. QUICK FOLLOW-UP QUESTION, DR.

23 **SINGHAL:** WHO MANUFACTURES THE MONKEYPOX VACCINE?

24

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1 **DR. RITA SINGHAL:** THAT IS A GOOD QUESTION. IT IS A EUROPEAN
2 COUNTRY, IS MY UNDERSTANDING RIGHT NOW, THAT IS GIVING US THE
3 VACCINE, BUT WE CAN GET MORE INFORMATION ON THAT.

4

5 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** IT IS A DANISH COMPANY.

6

7 **DR. RITA SINGHAL:** DANISH.

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN INQUIRED.

10

11 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** A DANISH COMPANY THAT IS HAVING SOME
12 ISSUES, SO JUST...

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OH, OKAY. ALL RIGHT.

15

16 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** AND IT IS ONE COMPANY RIGHT NOW. I MEAN,
17 IT IS A VERY SIMILAR ISSUE AS WHAT WE HAVE BEEN FACING BEFORE,
18 WHICH IS, AGAIN, I MEAN, PEOPLE ARE GOING TO SCRAMBLE TO GET
19 MORE VACCINE PRODUCED, BUT IT IS A LIMITED SUPPLY, BECAUSE IT
20 IS ONE COMPANY, AND IT IS A DANISH COMPANY.

21

22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** BUT THAT IS CURIOUS, AS MONKEYPOX IS NOT
23 NEW. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

24

25 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES.

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1

2 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO GO
3 BACK TO DR. FERRER'S ORIGINAL PRESENTATION, AND THEN COME BACK
4 AGAIN, IF I MAY, TO MONKEYPOX. THERE'S A LOT OF ANECDOTAL
5 EVIDENCE THAT I OFTEN RELY ON, AND IN THE PAST COUPLE OF
6 WEEKS, IT HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY EVERYONE I KNOW-- FRIENDS AND
7 FAMILY, MANY OF THEM WITH QUITE YOUNG CHILDREN-- CHILDREN WENT
8 TO DAY CAMP OR SLEEP-AWAY CAMP, CAME HOME AND INFECTED THE
9 WHOLE FAMILY, AND NOW THEY HAVE ALL GOT C.O.V.I.D. THEY
10 GENERALLY ALL ENGAGED IN AT-HOME TESTS, AND DISCOVERED THAT
11 THEY WERE POSITIVE, AND THEN DID THE RIGHT THING. EVERYBODY
12 SEQUESTERED TILL THEY TESTED NEGATIVE AND BEYOND. BUT THAT
13 JUST MEANS THAT NONE OF THOSE TESTS WERE REPORTED TO THE
14 COUNTY, SO IT IS VERY LIKELY THAT THE NUMBER OF POSITIVE TESTS
15 IN L.A. COUNTY IS WAY HIGHER THAN THE NUMBERS THAT WE SHOW, AS
16 YOU HAVE SAID EVERY OTHER WEEK TO US, BUT JUST TO EMPHASIZE
17 THAT. BUT ALSO, I WAS STRUCK BY HOW MANY MORE REPORTS THERE
18 WERE OF YOUNG CHILDREN TESTING POSITIVE. AND I DON'T KNOW IF
19 THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS OR ANY PEDIATRICIANS HAVE REPORTED
20 ANY ELEVATED CASES IN YOUNGER KIDS OVER THE PAST THREE OR FOUR
21 WEEKS.

22

23 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. THANKS SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR, AND IT
24 IS A REALLY IMPORTANT POINT. AND I WILL START WITH JUST,
25 PLEASE, VACCINATE THE YOUNGER CHILDREN, BECAUSE THAT WILL HELP

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1 PREVENT THEM FROM SHOWING UP AT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. AND
2 ALMOST EVERYBODY WHO HAS BEEN INFECTED WITH C.O.V.I.D., AND
3 THEN GONE ON AS A CHILD TO DEVELOP M.I.S.-C, HAS BEEN
4 UNVACCINATED. I THINK 70% OF THOSE CASES ARE AMONG PEOPLE WHO
5 ARE UNVACCINATED. SO, I'D START WITH, WE NEED TO DO A REALLY
6 GOOD JOB MAKING SURE PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THAT VACCINES PROTECT
7 CHILDREN, AND THAT CHILDREN, IN FACT, BOTH GET INFECTED AND
8 GET SICK. WE ARE TRACKING CLOSELY, SUPERVISOR, SORT OF WHAT IS
9 GOING ON WITH HOSPITALIZATIONS BY AGE GROUP, AND RIGHT NOW,
10 DON'T SEE AN INCREASE. BUT, OBVIOUSLY, IT IS RELATIVELY EARLY
11 IN WHAT I CALL THE SUMMER SEASON FOR CAMP. I DO 100% AGREE
12 WITH YOU: THERE'S LOTS AND LOTS OF PEOPLE INFECTED; LOTS OF
13 CHILDREN, INCLUDING MY OWN GRANDCHILDREN, WHO INFECTED
14 EVERYONE, CAME HOME FROM CAMP AND WERE POSITIVE. SO, I AM VERY
15 SYMPATHETIC TO THE AMOUNT OF TRANSMISSION THAT IS HAPPENING,
16 AND HOW EASY IT IS, AT THIS POINT, FOR PEOPLE-- EVEN PEOPLE
17 WHO ARE FULLY VAXXED AND BOOSTED-- TO GET INFECTED WITH THE
18 VARIANTS THAT ARE CURRENTLY CIRCULATING. I DO THINK IT IS
19 IMPORTANT TO NOTE, WE DO SAY ALL THE TIME THAT OUR DAILY
20 COUNTS ARE NOW VERY MUCH UNDERESTIMATING THE BURDEN OF CASES,
21 WHICH IS WHY WE TRIANGULATE THE DATA WITH THE SEWER, WITH THE
22 WASTEWATER SHEDS AND THE CONCENTRATION IN WASTEWATER, AND WITH
23 WHAT IS GOING ON IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS, WHICH HAPPENS
24 QUICKER THAN WHAT WE SEE IN HOSPITALS, SO WE CAN GET A GOOD
25 UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPACT. I HEARD THIS MORNING THAT-- I

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1 THINK IT'S C.D.C. WAS ESTIMATING THAT THE NUMBERS MAY
2 UNDERREPRESENT BY SEVENFOLD THE REAL COUNT OF PEOPLE WHO ARE
3 INFECTED, AT THIS POINT, BECAUSE THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE ARE,
4 IN FACT, USING OVER-THE-COUNTER TESTS THAT AREN'T BEING
5 REPORTED. AND AGAIN, I THINK YOUR POINT IS WELL TAKEN. THERE
6 IS LOTS AND LOTS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE GETTING INFECTED, AND THERE
7 ARE LOTS AND LOTS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE CAPABLE OF INFECTING
8 OTHERS. THE NUMBERS ARE MUCH HIGHER THAN WHAT WE ARE SHOWING.
9 WE'VE ALWAYS SAID IT IS AT LEAST A THREEFOLD DIFFERENCE, BUT
10 IT IS A TIME FOR PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS A LOT OF
11 TRANSMISSION.

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** WELL, I THINK IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT BECAUSE OF THE
14 INCREASING REPORTAGE OF LONG C.O.V.I.D. SAW AN INTERESTING
15 REPORT ON A STUDY ON THE SORT OF THE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE THAT
16 APPEARS THAT IS DIFFERENT, THAT'S ATYPICAL IN PEOPLE WITH LONG
17 C.O.V.I.D., ABOUT SOME UNUSUAL MOLECULES, OR PART OF THE LUNG
18 THAT KEEPS THE AIR FROM TRANSFERRING INTO THE BLOODSTREAM. BUT
19 I THINK IT IS SORT OF EARLY RESEARCH, JUST ABOUT, "YOU'VE GOT
20 IT, WHAT CAUSES IT, AND THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE CAN DO ANYTHING
21 ABOUT IT." DO YOU KNOW-- I THOUGHT YOU SAID WE DIDN'T GET A
22 REPORT ABOUT THE SEWERS. MAYBE JUST THIS WEEK?

23

24 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THIS WEEK. BUT MY HOPE IS, BY THE END OF
25 THIS WEEK, THE STATE IS BACK ONLINE, AND WE'LL GET ANOTHER

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1 REPORT. SO WE'RE HOPING, BY NEXT WEEK, WE HAVE THAT. THAT
2 NUMBER HASN'T REALLY CHANGED DRAMATICALLY, ONE WEEK TO
3 ANOTHER, SO I THINK MISSING A WEEK IS NOT GOING TO BE A
4 DISASTER FOR US.

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** SECONDLY, I AGREE WITH MY COLLEAGUES THAT, IN
7 TERMS OF REPORTING THE CAUSES OF DEATH AND COMPARING IT TO
8 OTHER CAUSES, LOOKING AT THE CHART THAT YOU PRESENTED, I WOULD
9 HAVE SAID THAT THE NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM C.O.V.I.D. IN THIS
10 COUNTY, IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR ALONE, EXCEEDED
11 THE TOTAL DEATHS, ON AVERAGE, OVER AN ENTIRE YEAR FROM A
12 COMBINATION OF DEATHS FROM OVERDOSE, AUTO ACCIDENTS,
13 INFLUENZA, ALL THE THINGS YOU LISTED. BECAUSE WHEN YOU ADDED
14 ALL THOSE NUMBERS UP FOR THE WHOLE YEAR, ON AVERAGE, IT WAS
15 LESS THAN THE TOTAL IN OUR FIRST SIX MONTHS. SO, SIMPLY IN
16 PRESENTING IT, I THINK I WOULD SAY THAT IT HAS OUTSTRIPPED THE
17 COMBINED NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM THESE MAJOR SOURCES. THE THIRD
18 THING IS ABOUT MASKING. MY COLLEAGUES KNOW, AND CERTAINLY ALL
19 MY FRIENDS: I HAVE NO PATIENCE FOR PEOPLE THAT DON'T WEAR
20 MASKS. I MEAN, I HAVE REPRESENTED THE BEACH COMMUNITIES FOR 30
21 YEARS. THERE ARE SIGNS OUT THERE THAT SAY, "NO SHOES, NO
22 SHIRT, NO SERVICE." AND IT'S KIND OF LIKE, "I AM PROTESTING!
23 YOU ARE MAKING ME WEAR A SHIRT!" NO. AND YOU KNOW, I MEAN, TO
24 WEAR A MASK-- AND FRANKLY, THE ISSUE-- THE HARD THING IS, I
25 THINK, THAT PART OF WEARING A MASK IS TO PROTECT OTHER PEOPLE.

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2 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YES.

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4 **SUP. KUEHL:** AND I ALWAYS HAVE WORRIED ABOUT SERVERS, FOR
5 INSTANCE, IN RESTAURANTS. BECAUSE WHEN WE MADE IT A STRONG
6 RECOMMENDATION, VIRTUALLY NOBODY DID IT. I HAVEN'T SEEN MASKS
7 ANYWHERE. I DON'T SEE THEM IN THE GROCERY STORES. I DON'T SEE
8 THEM AT THE DRUGSTORES. PEOPLE ARE JUST NOT WEARING THEM WHEN
9 THEY ARE NOT MANDATED. SO I, FOR ONE, HOPE THAT WE WILL MAKE A
10 VERY STRONG EFFORT TO HAVE A MASK MANDATE IF WE CROSS OVER
11 INTO THE HIGH TRANSMISSION AREAS, BECAUSE OTHERWISE, PEOPLE
12 AREN'T GOING TO DO IT. AND FRANKLY, I THINK THAT'S THE SAME
13 WITH MONKEYPOX, WHERE PEOPLE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THEY HAVE A
14 RESPONSIBILITY FOR KEEPING THIS FROM SPREADING. THEY ARE NOT
15 THE ONLY ONES. AND THAT'S WHY WE ARE SAYING, WE ARE TARGETING,
16 WITH THE FEW VACCINE DOSES WE HAVE, SPECIFIC PEOPLE WHO ARE
17 HIGHEST AT RISK, BUT WE ARE HOPING THE REST OF YOU WON'T GET
18 IT. AND, YOU KNOW, PEOPLE ARE-- TO SWITCH OVER INTO THE
19 MONKEYPOX PRESENTATION-- SORT OF UNAWARE ABOUT THE REASONS FOR
20 THE LACK OF VACCINE. BECAUSE THERE ARE STOCKPILES OF VARIOUS
21 KINDS OF VACCINES, IF I AM NOT MISTAKEN, IN THE U.S. NATIONAL
22 STRATEGIC STOCKPILE, AND MONKEYPOX IS NOT LETHAL. IT WASN'T
23 SEEN HERE. SO, APPARENTLY, ALL THE VACCINES WERE ALLOWED TO
24 EXPIRE WITHOUT BEING REPLACED. PRETTY MUCH LIKE WE SAW WITH
25 VENTILATORS IN THE SPRING OF 2020, WHERE PEOPLE DIDN'T KNOW WE

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1 WERE GOING TO NEED THEM, SO THEY WERE ALL GONE. SO, THAT'S WHY
2 I THINK WE HAVE SUCH A LIMITED SUPPLY, IN ADDITION TO THE FACT
3 THAT THERE'S ONE MANUFACTURER, AND WE'RE NOT CERTAIN WHAT IS
4 WRONG, GOING ON THERE. MAYBE IT IS ON A BOAT SOMEWHERE, OFF OF
5 LONG BEACH, WAITING TO GET IN. THE OTHER THING IS, IN MY
6 COMMUNITY, THERE WERE LARGE PRIDE EVENTS, AND SOME OF THE
7 SPREAD OF MONKEYPOX HAS BEEN TRACED TO THOSE LARGE EVENTS.
8 THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME WE HAVE BEEN THROUGH THIS. AND I
9 WOULD SAY TO MY COMMUNITY, "OKAY, YOU CAN CALL FOR
10 VACCINATION, BUT TAKE SOME RESPONSIBILITY. WE ARE USED TO
11 DOING THIS." AND I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE MESSAGES THAT HAVE BEEN
12 GETTING OUT, FOR THE TOWN HALL WITH THE L.G.B.T.Q. CENTER, AND
13 THE WORK YOU ARE DOING TO EDUCATE MEDICAL PROVIDERS OF
14 DIFFERENT KINDS. BUT I GUESS I WANT TO ASK WHAT YOU THINK, DR.
15 SINGHAL AND DR. FERRER, THAT WE MIGHT DO IN ADDITION, THROUGH
16 OUR OFFICES. BECAUSE, LIKE EVERYBODY, I AM GETTING LOTS OF
17 CALLS SAYING, "WHERE'S THE VACCINE? WHERE'S THE VACCINE?" SO,
18 WHAT CAN WE TELL PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE VACCINE,
19 BUT THINK THEY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED? AS I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU
20 SAID, IF THEY THINK THEY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED, THEY ARE ELIGIBLE
21 FOR THE VACCINE. OR DO THEY HAVE TO SHOW THAT THEY WERE AT
22 SOME PLACE WHERE THEY WERE LIKELY EXPOSED?

23
24 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, IT IS A GREAT QUESTION. I THINK WE
25 ARE CERTAINLY VERY WILLING FOR ALL THE OFFICES TO GIVE YOU

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1 BOTH TALKING POINTS SPECIFIC TO ANSWERING THE MOST COMMON
2 QUESTIONS, AND THEN ALSO GIVE YOU SOME OF THE MATERIALS WE ARE
3 USING. AND I THINK YOU ARE RIGHT. I MEAN, WE FACED THIS DURING
4 C.O.V.I.D., AS WELL, WHEN VACCINE WAS IN SCARCE SUPPLY. THEN
5 PEOPLE HAD TO DO SOMETHING ELSE. NOBODY WAS HOPELESS OR
6 HELPLESS, AND THERE WERE ALWAYS SOME STRATEGIES THAT PEOPLE
7 COULD USE IN THE ABSENCE OF VACCINES. AND I THINK WE PROBABLY,
8 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB ON THAT MESSAGING,
9 SO THAT PEOPLE ARE CLEAR: "WE ARE NOT GOING TO HAVE, AT LEAST
10 FOR THE SUMMER, ENOUGH VACCINE FOR EVERYBODY WHO WANTS IT. AND
11 HERE ARE STRATEGIES FOR STAYING SAFE UNTIL THERE'S MORE
12 VACCINE."

13
14 **SUP. KUEHL:** YEAH, I THINK THAT IT WOULD BE GOOD FOR US TO HAVE
15 TALKING POINTS FOR OUR STAFF ABOUT HOW ONE CAN ATTEMPT TO
16 PROTECT ONESELF. IS THERE A HOTLINE IN PUBLIC HEALTH ABOUT IT?
17 BECAUSE, I MEAN, IT IS ALWAYS DIFFICULT TO GET A NUMBER OUT,
18 BUT WE COULD SAY, WHEN WE GET CALLS, "IF YOU WANT A FULL
19 EXPLANATION, HERE IS THE HOTLINE, IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE BEEN
20 EXPOSED, ET CETERA." AND ALSO, HOW PEOPLE CAN SET UP THEIR
21 CONTACT INFORMATION, SO THEY CAN BE INFORMED IF THE VACCINE
22 ELIGIBILITY IS EXPANDED. JUST TRYING TO-- THAT WE ALL HAVE
23 SORT OF THE SAME INFORMATION TO GIVE OUT.

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1 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. SO, JUST A COUPLE OF THINGS, SORT OF
2 ON HOW PEOPLE CAN STAY INFORMED. WE DO HAVE THIS WEEKLY
3 NEWSLETTER. WE ASK PEOPLE TO SIGN UP FOR THE WEEKLY
4 NEWSLETTER, SO THAT WE, IN FACT, CAN GIVE THEM TIMELY
5 INFORMATION AS WE EXPAND ELIGIBILITY, AND WE WOULD LOVE FOR
6 YOU TO HELP US PROMOTE THAT. I MEAN, THAT'S ONE OF THE MOST
7 DIRECT WAYS WE HAVE OF REACHING PEOPLE WHO COULD BE REACHED
8 THAT WAY. SO I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE, NOT EVERYBODY CAN BE
9 REACHED THAT WAY. IT'S NOT GOING TO WORK FOR EVERYBODY, BUT
10 FOR SOME PEOPLE, THAT'S A GOOD STRATEGY. WE HAVE A CONTRACT
11 WITH 2-1-1, FOR THEM TO ANSWER THE BASIC QUESTIONS AROUND
12 MONKEYPOX, AND THEN DO REFERRALS INTO US, FOR THOSE PEOPLE
13 WHO, JUST LIKE YOU, NOTED, SUPERVISOR, MAYBE ARE REALLY A
14 CLOSE CONTACT OR A POTENTIAL CASE THAT NEEDS SOME FOLLOW-UP.
15 BUT WE HAVE USED OUR CONTRACT WITH 2-1-1 FOR THE BASIC CALLS,
16 AND TO GET BASIC INFORMATION OF MONKEYPOX. WE WOULD BE ANXIOUS
17 TO HEAR BACK FROM YOU, IF YOU ARE HEARING FROM CONSTITUENTS
18 THAT THAT'S NOT WORKING. I MEAN, WE OBVIOUSLY HAVE HAD
19 EXPERIENCES IN THE PAST WHERE THAT DOESN'T WORK, AND HAVE HAD
20 TO SET UP A COMPLETELY SEPARATE WAY FOR PEOPLE TO GET
21 INFORMATION. BUT RIGHT NOW, WE ARE USING 2-1-1, AND THEY HAVE
22 SCRIPTS THAT WE CONSTANTLY MODIFY ON HOW TO ANSWER CALLS AND
23 APPROPRIATELY REFER TO US THOSE FOLKS WHO NEED THAT KIND OF
24 FOLLOW-UP. DR. SINGHAL, I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S OTHER

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1 INFORMATION THAT YOU WANT TO SHARE ON SORT OF THE CLOSE
2 CONTACTS.

3

4 **DR. RITA SINGHAL:** SURE. THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT. I WANTED TO JUST
5 CLARIFY, REGARDING THOSE THAT MAY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED. SO, RIGHT
6 NOW, ONE OF THE MAIN TASKS THAT THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
7 HAS IS THAT WE ARE DOING VERY CAREFUL INTERVIEWING OF CASES,
8 AND WE FOLLOW EACH CASE CLOSELY THROUGHOUT, UNTIL THEY ARE
9 COMPLETED WITH THEIR ISOLATION PERIOD. DURING THAT CASE
10 INTERVIEW, WE ARE IDENTIFYING WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN, WHERE
11 THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN CONTACT WITH OTHERS, AND THEN SPECIFIC
12 FOLKS THAT THEY MAY HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH. WE UNDERSTAND
13 THAT THEY MAY HAVE BEEN AT EVENTS WHERE THEY WON'T KNOW THE
14 NAMES OF EVERYONE THAT THEY WERE IN CONTACT WITH, AND SO THAT
15 IS WHEN WE ARE THEN WORKING ACTIVELY WITH THOSE EVENT OR VENUE
16 ORGANIZERS, TO SEE IF WE CAN SEND OUT MESSAGING AND INVITE
17 PEOPLE WHO MAY HAVE BEEN AT THAT VENUE, AT THAT TIME, TO COME
18 IN FOR A VACCINE. SO, THERE HAS BEEN-- WE HAVE HEARD THAT
19 THERE'S SOME FOLKS THAT ARE SAYING THAT THEY HAVE BEEN
20 EXPOSED, AND WHERE CAN THEY COME IN AND GET VACCINE. SO,
21 REALLY, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS BEING GENERATED FROM THE
22 PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND WE ARE REACHING OUT WHEN WE HAVE
23 EVIDENCE THAT THERE'S BEEN EXPOSURE OR RISK AT ANY SORT OF
24 SETTING, OR FOR INDIVIDUALS THAT CASES CAN SPECIFICALLY NAME
25 AS CLOSE CONTACTS. FOR A FEW OF THE FOLKS THAT HAVE KIND OF

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1 COME INTO US, AND HAVE SAID THAT THEY HAVE EXPOSED, IT IS VERY
2 HARD TO VERIFY THE INFORMATION-- YOU KNOW, IF THEY HAVE HAD A
3 TRUE EXPOSURE OR NOT-- SO THAT HAS BEEN MORE DIFFICULT FOR US
4 TO ACTUALLY OFFER THE VACCINE IN THAT WAY. SO, WHAT I WOULD
5 JUST SAY, THE MESSAGING RIGHT NOW IS THAT WE, THE PUBLIC
6 HEALTH DEPARTMENT, WILL BE REACHING OUT IF THERE HAS BEEN ANY
7 EXPOSURE, IF THERE HAS BEEN ANY CLOSE CONTACT, AND WE WILL LET
8 THEM KNOW WHERE THEY CAN COME IN TO GET THE VACCINE.

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THINK IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL, JUST IN CLOSING,
11 IF YOU MIGHT GIVE US, DR. FERRER, SOMETHING TO PUT IN OUR
12 NEWSLETTERS. BECAUSE I THINK ALL OF US DO THAT EVERY WEEK. WE
13 HAVE LITTLE BLOGS. AND MAYBE YOU HAVE ALREADY DONE IT. I AM
14 THE LAST ONE TO KNOW, UNTIL I SAY, "OKAY, SEND THIS OUT." BUT
15 IT WOULD BE HELPFUL, AND THE MOST UP TO DATE. I MEAN, MINE IS
16 ALWAYS FINISHED OFF ON FRIDAY, GOES OUT ON SATURDAY, BUT
17 PEOPLE MAY HAVE DIFFERENT TIMING. SO, ANYTHING THAT WILL HELP
18 US JUST GET IT OUT TO OUR CONSTITUENTS, WHERE THEY ARE NOT ON
19 YOUR LIST, I THINK, WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL. AND, DR. GHALY, I
20 DO WANT TO THANK YOU ALWAYS, EVEN WHEN I DON'T HAVE A QUESTION
21 TO YOU, FOR YOUR WORK, AS WELL. AND, DR. SINGHAL, VERY NICE TO
22 SEE YOU, AND THANK YOU FOR STEPPING UP INTO THIS PARTICULAR
23 MAELSTROM. AND, DR. FERRER, THANK YOU, AS ALWAYS. THANKS,
24 MADAM CHAIR.

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1 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THANK YOU FOR ALL THE SUPPORT.

2

3 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, ALL. JUST A QUICK QUESTION.
4 YOU MENTIONED, DR. GHALY, ABOUT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND OTHER
5 GROUP LIVING FACILITIES. I AM BLANKING ON THE WORD RIGHT NOW,
6 BUT GROUP LIVING FACILITIES.

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8 **SUP. SOLIS:** CONGREGATE.

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10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** CONGREGATE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
11 CONGREGATE. HOW WILL YOU PRIORITIZE WHO GETS THE VACCINE IN
12 THOSE SETTINGS? WILL THEY SELF-IDENTIFY, OR WILL THERE BE A
13 PROCESS BY WHICH YOU PRIORITIZE, WITHIN CONGREGATE SETTINGS,
14 WHO GETS THE VACCINE?

15

16 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** SUPERVISOR, IS THAT QUESTION SPECIFIC TO
17 CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES OR CONGREGATE FACILITIES?

18

19 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WELL, YOU MENTIONED-- I THINK SUPERVISOR
20 SOLIS MENTIONED AND YOU MENTIONED MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, THAT THE
21 VACCINE WOULD ROLL OUT. SO, SPECIFICALLY MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL.

22

23 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALY:** SURE, AND THANK YOU. IT IS A GOOD
24 QUESTION. WE HAVE AN-- WE ARE WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
25 PUBLIC HEALTH TO IDENTIFY THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE AT HIGHEST

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1 RISK. THAT INCLUDES CONSIDERATION OF D.P.H.'S CRITERIA, WHICH
2 DR. SINGHAL WENT THROUGH, WHICH INCLUDES MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH
3 MEN, INDIVIDUALS WHO IDENTIFY AS GAY, PARTICULARLY IF THEY
4 HAVE A RECENT SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION, ESPECIALLY
5 GONORRHEA OR SOME OTHERS, WITHIN THE RECENT PAST. THERE'S
6 SEVERAL CRITERIA THAT WOULD IDENTIFY AN INDIVIDUAL AS HIGH
7 RISK. AND RIGHT NOW, WITHIN THE JAILS, WE HAVE IDENTIFIED
8 APPROXIMATELY 250 INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD BE THE FIRST SET OF
9 INDIVIDUALS THAT WE ARE SEEKING TO OFFER THE VACCINE TO.
10 OBVIOUSLY, THE VACCINE IS STILL A MATTER OF INDIVIDUAL CHOICE
11 FOR THE PATIENT, AND WE HAVE STARTED THOSE CONVERSATIONS AND
12 THE EFFORTS AT VACCINATION TODAY. AND THEN, ONCE ADDITIONAL
13 VACCINE IS MADE AVAILABLE, WE WILL CONTINUE TO IDENTIFY
14 POPULATIONS THAT ARE AT RISK-- AND THE RISKS ARE ALWAYS
15 GRADATIONS OF RISK-- TO BE ABLE TO FURTHER ROLL OUT THE
16 VACCINE OVER TIME.

17
18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** EXCELLENT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
19 APPRECIATE THAT. HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS ON THE REPORT ON
20 SET MATTER 2, SET MATTER 2 IS RECEIVED AND FILED. AND HEARING
21 NO OBJECTIONS, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. ITEM A-10 IS ALSO
22 RECEIVED AND FILED. HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, SUCH WILL BE THE
23 ORDER. THANKS TO THE THREE OF YOU, ALWAYS, FOR THE COMMITMENT
24 OF YOUR TEAMS, AND FOR ANSWERING ALL OF OUR QUESTIONS TODAY.
25 WE APPRECIATE YOU. WE WILL SEE YOU AGAIN. COLLEAGUES, WE WILL

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1 NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 11, ABORTION IS LEGAL: COUNTYWIDE
2 COMMUNICATION STRATEGY, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
3 SUPERVISOR?

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU FOR
6 ALSO JOINING ME AS MY CO-AUTHOR ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT AND
7 TIMELY MOTION. AS YOU KNOW, THIS BOARD HAS BEEN STRONG IN
8 STANDING UP FOR OUR RESIDENTS' RIGHT TO AN ABORTION. AND WE
9 HAVE, IN MY OPINION, THE RESPONSIBILITY TO GUARD THIS RIGHT TO
10 THE GREATEST EXTENT. AND ALTHOUGH ABORTION IS NOT ON THE
11 CHOPPING BLOCK HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, THE SUPREME COURT'S
12 DECISION IN DOBBS PUTS OUR RESIDENTS IN A DANGEROUS PLACE. THE
13 DECISION EMBOLDENS, IN MY OPINION, CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS TO
14 SET UP SHOP. AND WHAT THAT MEANS IS, IN FACT, IN THE SAN
15 FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, WHICH RAN A STORY RECENTLY, SHOWING THAT
16 CALIFORNIA HAS A QUARTER OF THE UNITED STATES ABORTION
17 CLINICS, BUT THEY ARE ALSO STILL OUTNUMBERED BY CRISIS
18 PREGNANCY CENTERS IN CALIFORNIA. AND THE REALITY IS THAT THERE
19 ARE MANY OF THESE RIGHT HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, AND MORE WILL
20 LIKELY BE STOOD UP AS A RESULT OF THIS DECISION. THESE
21 CENTERS, AS YOU KNOW, SOMETIMES OPERATING UNDER THE GUISE OF
22 OFFERING COMPREHENSIVE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES, IN MANY
23 CASES FALL SHORT. MANY PATIENTS WHO SHOW UP THINKING THEY ARE
24 GETTING ABORTION SERVICES INSTEAD ARE FACED WITH EFFORTS TO
25 PERSUADE THEM AGAINST HAVING AN ABORTION OR PURSUING OTHER

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1 OPTIONS. AND ON TOP OF THAT, THE DOBBS DECISION CREATES
2 SIGNIFICANT CONFUSION AMONG OUR RESIDENTS ABOUT WHAT RIGHTS,
3 INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO AN ABORTION, REMAIN FOR THEM. THIS IS
4 ESPECIALLY TRUE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, FOSTER YOUTH, UNDOCUMENTED
5 RESIDENTS, AND THOSE ENROLLED IN MY HEALTH L.A., AND OTHER
6 VULNERABLE POPULATIONS, PARTICULARLY FROM COMMUNITIES OF
7 COLOR. AND THAT'S WHY WE ARE BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD
8 TODAY FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR
9 RESIDENTS KNOW THE FOLLOWING: ABORTION REMAINS LEGAL, ABORTION
10 REMAINS SAFE, AND ABORTION REMAINS CONFIDENTIAL. AND TO THAT
11 END, WE NEED TO IMPLEMENT AN IMMEDIATE COMMUNICATION STRATEGY,
12 ACTIVATING OUR ETHNIC AND HYPERLOCAL MEDIA, TO ENSURE THAT OUR
13 RESIDENTS KNOW IMMEDIATELY WHERE THEY CAN CONTINUE RECEIVING
14 ABORTION AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE. THIS MUST BE DONE, IN MY
15 OPINION, IN COORDINATION WITH THE OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS,
16 OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS, AND
17 IMPORTANTLY, OUR COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS. BUT I WANT TO GO A
18 STEP FURTHER AND UNDERLINE THAT IT ISN'T JUST TO PROVIDE
19 TRANSLATION SERVICES; THAT THIS REALLY MEANS TO PUT THIS IN
20 THE BUDGETS OF THESE DEPARTMENTS, SO THEY CAN ACTIVELY WORK
21 WITH THESE HYPERLOCAL MEDIA, WHO WILL HAVE MORE ACCESS AND ARE
22 MORE EFFECTIVE IN REACHING THE LATINX, AS WELL AS THE AFRICAN-
23 AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND A.A.P.I. COMMUNITY. SO, WITH THAT,
24 MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU FOR CO-AUTHORING, AND I ASK MY

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1 COLLEAGUES TO PLEASE JOIN ME IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. THANK
2 YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
5 AND I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO CO-SPONSOR THIS
6 MOTION WITH YOU. I AM REALLY STRUCK EVERY DAY BY HOW MUCH
7 CONFUSION THE COURT ACTION HAS CAUSED; THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE
8 WHO ASSUMED THAT THEIR RIGHT TO ACCESS ENDED IMMEDIATELY,
9 REGARDLESS OF WHAT STATE THEY ARE IN. SO I COMPLETELY AGREE
10 WITH YOU THAT WE HAVE TO BE CLEAR, CONSISTENTLY, AND TO ALL
11 COMMUNITIES, WHAT REMAINS AVAILABLE HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. I
12 HEARD YOU, LOUD AND CLEAR, TALK ABOUT THE NEED FOR RESOURCES,
13 SO I AM JUST GOING TO TAKE A QUICK SECOND TO REALLY TALK ABOUT
14 WHAT HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE. I AM REALLY PLEASED THAT, BASED
15 ON A MOTION WE CARRIED HERE AT THE COUNTY LEVEL, TO MAKE SURE
16 THAT WE CREATE A PILOT TO HELP OUT-OF-STATE WOMEN WHO ARE
17 GOING TO COME HERE BECAUSE OF BANS IN THEIR HOME STATES, THAT
18 THE GOVERNING LEGISLATURE FUNDED L.A. COUNTY'S PILOT TO THE
19 TUNE OF \$20 MILLION. THAT WAS IMPORTANT, AS WE MADE THAT
20 MOTION TO MAKE SURE THAT RESOURCES WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO HELP
21 US MAKE THAT A REALITY. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: \$20 MILLION, ONE
22 TIME OVER SIX YEARS, FOR GRANTS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE
23 FACILITIES, FOR SECURING PHYSICAL AND DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE;
24 \$40 MILLION FOR GRANTS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS,
25 TO OFFSET THE COST OF PROVIDING CARE TO LOW- AND MODERATE-

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1 INCOME INDIVIDUALS; A \$13 MILLION CALIFORNIA REPRODUCTIVE
2 JUSTICE AND FREEDOM FUND FOR GRANTS TO COMMUNITY-BASED
3 REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHTS AND JUSTICE ORGANIZATIONS; UP TO
4 \$15 MILLION ANNUALLY FOR NON-FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH
5 CENTERS TO ASSIST WITH ABORTION SERVICES PROVIDED TO MEDI-CAL
6 BENEFICIARIES; AN ADDITIONAL FUND, TO THE TUNE OF \$20 MILLION,
7 WHICH WILL PROVIDE GRANTS FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND
8 HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS TO ASSIST PATIENTS. SO, AN ADDITIONAL
9 REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES CORE GRANT TO RECRUIT, RETAIN,
10 AND TRAIN CLINICIANS. SO, I THINK ALL OF THOSE RESOURCES ARE
11 CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO TRULY
12 OPERATIONALIZE OUR VISION TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE KNOWS
13 THAT L.A. COUNTY IS A SANCTUARY COUNTY, AS IS OUR STATE.
14 AGAIN, IT IS IMPORTANT, AS YOU SAID, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, TO MAKE
15 SURE THAT THERE IS A MEDIA CAMPAIGN IN THE LANGUAGES NEEDED,
16 THE THRESHOLD LANGUAGES NEEDED HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, TARGETING
17 THOSE COMMUNITIES WHO ARE OFTEN AT THE BACK OF THE LINE, IN
18 TERMS OF UNDERSTANDING WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO THEM.
19 SO, I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR MOTION, AND WILL
20 WHOLEHEARTEDLY BE SUPPORTING IT. LET'S GO AHEAD AND HEAR FROM
21 SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

22
23 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. YOU KNOW, SINCE WE GOT WIND
24 OF THE LEAKED DRAFT SUPREME COURT RULING, THIS BOARD HAS BEEN
25 DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO SUPPORT ACCESS TO ABORTION AND

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1 REPRODUCTIVE CARE. MAKING SURE THAT OUR COUNTY RESIDENTS KNOW
2 THEIR RIGHTS IS IMPERATIVE, BECAUSE, AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS SAID,
3 THERE WILL BE A LOT OF SCARE TACTICS AND FALSE INFORMATION PUT
4 OUT THERE. IT IS GOOD THAT THIS MOTION ADDRESSES THE
5 IMPORTANCE OF COORDINATED COUNTYWIDE COMMUNICATION STRATEGY.
6 THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MITCHELL FOR BRINGING THIS
7 FORWARD. I WANTED TO DO AN AMENDMENT ON OUR COMMUNICATIONS
8 STRATEGY TO INCLUDE OUT-OF-STATE PATIENTS, BUT I UNDERSTAND
9 THAT, BECAUSE OF THE MOTION THAT I BELIEVE SUPERVISORS
10 MITCHELL AND KUEHL BROUGHT FORTH IN JANUARY, IT ALREADY
11 ADDRESS THE NEED TO HAVE A STRATEGY FOR THE OUT-OF-STATERS.
12 OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ARE ALREADY ACTIVELY WORKING ON
13 OPPORTUNITIES TO SCALE UP AND MEET THE DEMAND FOR INDIVIDUALS
14 WHO WILL BE TRAVELING FROM THEIR STATES WHICH HAVE NOW MADE
15 ABORTION ILLEGAL. SO, THE EXISTING EFFORT INCLUDES IDENTIFYING
16 COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES FOR OUT-OF-STATE PATIENTS, SO I
17 DIDN'T REALIZE THAT, AND I AM-- I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT,
18 BECAUSE I DO THINK OUR COMMUNICATION STRATEGY NEEDS TO INCLUDE
19 OUR OUT-OF-STATE WOMEN, AS WELL. IT WILL BE IMPORTANT THAT
20 THEY KNOW THAT THEY ARE WELCOME HERE, AND WHETHER OR NOT WE
21 HAVE THE CAPACITY TO MEET THAT DEMAND. SO, THANK YOU FOR THIS
22 MOTION. IT HAS MY FULL SUPPORT.

23
24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. IT HAS MY FULL SUPPORT, AS
2 WELL. AND I LIKE THAT THE MOTION TARGETS SPECIFIC POPULATIONS
3 THAT WOULD BE LEAST LIKELY TO HAVE ACCESS TO OUR GENERAL
4 COMMUNICATION, BUT I DO HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THAT GENERAL
5 COMMUNICATION, BECAUSE I THINK IT IS A MESSAGE THAT NEEDS TO
6 BE SORT OF GREATLY, WIDELY KNOWN, THAT ABORTION IS NOT ILLEGAL
7 IN ANY WAY IN THIS STATE, AND IN THIS COUNTY. SO, I WANTED TO
8 ASK OUR C.E.O., IN TERMS OF OUR OWN COMMUNICATIONS AREA,
9 WHETHER WE HAVE INCLUDED THIS MORE GENERAL MESSAGE. THIS
10 MOTION IS NECESSARY, BECAUSE WE RARELY TARGET THESE
11 POPULATIONS, THOUGH WE HAVE, I THINK, BEEN DOING BETTER WITH
12 THE ETHNIC PRESS IN HAVING BRIEFINGS. BUT DO WE HAVE A GENERAL
13 MESSAGE THAT WE HAVE SENT OUT, DO SEND OUT, TEND TO REPEAT ON
14 THIS MATTER? MADAM C.E.O.?

15

16 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** YES. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. WE
17 HAVE SENT OUT SOME MESSAGING RELATED TO THE DOBBS DECISION,
18 AND I WILL HAVE TO CHECK WITH OUR COUNTYWIDE COMMUNICATION
19 FOLKS. I DO NOT BELIEVE, AT THIS TIME, WE HAVE SOMETHING
20 THAT'S GOING OUT ON A CONSISTENT BASIS, ABOUT SERVICES BEING
21 AVAILABLE, WHETHER IT IS FOR LOCALLY OR FOR FOLKS WHO ARE
22 OUTSIDE THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL:** WELL, I THINK IT MAY BE IMPORTANT, JUST-- I AM NOT
25 SAYING HOW TO DO IT, BUT THAT WE REPEAT THE GENERAL MESSAGE IN

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1 MESSAGING THROUGH THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, AND THAT WE CONTINUE TO
2 REPEAT IT, SO THAT EVERYBODY EVERYWHERE KNOWS THAT WE ARE NOT
3 A STATE THAT HAS BANNED THESE PROCEDURES, PERIOD. IT IS NOT
4 SAYING, "HERE IS WHERE YOU GO," OR, "HERE IS A CLINIC," EVEN
5 THAT KIND OF THING, THOUGH THERE MAY BE SOMETHING ELSE THAT WE
6 COULD SAY. AND IN ADDITION, THIS MOTION IS VERY MUCH NEEDED, I
7 THINK, TO TARGET THE POPULATIONS, THE ETHNIC PRESS, SO THAT WE
8 MAKE CERTAIN THAT PEOPLE WHO GENERALLY DON'T GET THE GENERAL
9 MESSAGES KNOW THIS, AS WELL. SO, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
12 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. AS I LISTEN TO YOU, I THINK BAD NEWS IS
13 DOMINATING OUR MEDIA, AND WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO COMPETE
14 WITH THAT RESOUNDING MESSAGE FROM THE COURT RULING, SO I
15 COULDN'T AGREE WITH YOU MORE. ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS
16 ON THE MOTION? SEEING NONE, ITEM 11 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY
17 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I WILL PROUDLY SECOND TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.
18 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

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22 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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5 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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9 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

12 MITCHELL?

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

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

17 5-0.

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

20 12, PROMOTING ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMMUNITY SAFETY THROUGH

21 CHECKS AND BALANCES OF THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF. I HELD THE

22 ITEM, AND WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A FEW REMARKS AND SOME CLARIFYING

23 STATEMENTS, AND THEN WE WILL MOVE ON TO MY CO-AUTHOR,

24 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, TO WEIGH IN, AS WELL. LET ME START,

25 COLLEAGUES, BY PROVIDING A CLARIFICATION. THANK YOU TO

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1 SUPERVISOR BARGER TO BRING IT TO OUR ATTENTION. ROMAN NUMERALS
2 WERE TRANSPOSED, SO LET ME JUST CLARIFY THAT ON PAGE THREE,
3 THE LAST PARAGRAPH CURRENTLY READS, OF THE MOTION, "PURSUANT
4 TO CALIFORNIA STATE CONSTITUTION ARTICLE 9, SECTION 4, SUBS B
5 AND C." IT SHOULD READ, "PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA STATE
6 CONSTITUTION ARTICLE 11, SECTION 4, SUB B AND C, THE BOARD MAY
7 PROVIDE FOR THE TERMS OF REMOVAL, DOT DOT DOT." SO, I WANTED
8 TO PROVIDE THAT CLARIFICATION BEFORE WE GET STARTED. I WOULD
9 ALSO LIKE TO ADDRESS SOME THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN SAID ABOUT
10 THIS MOTION OVER THE LAST SEVERAL DAYS AND WEEKS. SO, LET'S BE
11 CLEAR ABOUT THE ACTUAL ITEM BEFORE US TODAY. IF APPROVED, THIS
12 MOTION BEGINS A PROCESS THAT WOULD EMPOWER THE VOTERS TO
13 DECIDE WHETHER THE BOARD SHOULD BE ABLE TO REMOVE A SHERIFF,
14 ONLY FOR CAUSE. AS A CHARTER COUNTY, THE CALIFORNIA
15 CONSTITUTION AUTHORIZES COUNTY CHARTERS TO PROVIDE FOR, QUOTE,
16 "THE REMOVAL OF COUNTY OFFICERS, INCLUDING AN ELECTED
17 SHERIFF." A PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT WOULD THEREFORE BE
18 NEEDED. A CALIFORNIA APPEALS COURT HAS CONFIRMED THAT THIS
19 REMOVAL POWER IS CONSISTENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION.
20 AFTER SAN BERNARDINO'S SHERIFF PENROD CHALLENGED AN ORDINANCE
21 PROVIDING FOR THE REMOVAL OF ELECTED OFFICERS, INCLUDING THE
22 SHERIFF, THE COURT UPHELD THE ORDINANCE AND FOUND THAT IT WAS
23 AUTHORIZED BY THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION. WITH VOTER
24 APPROVAL, WE WOULD CREATE A PROCESS BY WHICH A SHERIFF COULD
25 BE REMOVED FOR, ONE, VIOLATION OF ANY LAW RELATED TO THE

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1 PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES; TWO, FLAGRANT NEGLECT OF
2 DUTIES; THREE, A MISAPPROPRIATION OF PUBLIC RESOURCES; FOUR,
3 WILLFUL FALSIFICATION OF AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT; OR 5,
4 OBSTRUCTION OF ANY INVESTIGATION INTO THE SHERIFF'S CONDUCT.
5 THE JUSTIFICATION FOR REMOVAL COULD NOT LEGALLY AFFECT THE
6 INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIVE AND PROSECUTORIAL FUNCTIONS OF THE
7 SHERIFF. THE ISSUE OF SHERIFF ACCOUNTABILITY BEFORE US IS BOTH
8 URGENT AND SYSTEMIC, HAVING IMPACTED PAST GENERATIONS OF
9 ANGELENOS, BUT ALSO WITH IMPORTANT CONSEQUENCES FOR THE
10 FUTURE. UNFORTUNATELY, THE COUNTY HAS HAD LONG AND TROUBLING
11 HISTORY WITH SHERIFF OVERSIGHT AND TRANSPARENCY. FORMER
12 SHERIFF LEE BACA, WHO WENT TO PRISON FOR OBSTRUCTION OF
13 JUSTICE AND LYING TO FEDERAL INVESTIGATORS, MAY HAVE BEST
14 DEMONSTRATED THE INADEQUACY OF EXISTING CHECKS ON SHERIFF
15 POWER, BY FAMOUSLY REMINDING ALL OF US THAT NOT ELECTING HIM
16 WAS THE ONLY WAY TO HOLD HIM ACCOUNTABLE. THE BOARD TAKES ITS
17 LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPERVISING THE CONDUCT OF COUNTY
18 OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES VERY SERIOUSLY. FOR THE SHERIFF'S
19 DEPARTMENT, THIS DUTY TAKES ON SOBERING IMPORTANCE, GIVEN THE
20 DEPARTMENT'S TREMENDOUS REACH AND POWER, AND THE FACT THAT THE
21 SHERIFF COMMANDS AND CONTROLS A PARAMILITARY ORGANIZATION,
22 WHERE THERE IS A STRICT ADHERENCE TO THE CHAIN OF COMMAND. THE
23 BOARD HAS BEEN LIMITED IN ITS ABILITY TO CHECK THIS SHERIFF'S
24 FLAGRANT DISREGARD OF LAWFUL OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY. A
25 FEW EXAMPLES: THE SHERIFF HAS DENIED MULTIPLE SUBPOENAS, AND

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1 HAS REFUSED TO APPEAR AT SHERIFF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
2 MEETINGS. HE HAS INTIMIDATED AND HARASSED INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE
3 TASKED WITH OVERSIGHT. HE HAS REFUSED TO COOPERATE WITH THE
4 OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL'S ATTEMPTS AT INDEPENDENT
5 INVESTIGATIONS AND MONITORING. JUST LAST WEEK, COUNTY LAWYERS
6 WERE FORCED TO BRING LEGAL ACTION AGAINST THE SHERIFF, TO ASK
7 THE COURT TO REQUIRE HIM TO COOPERATE WITH THE O.I.G., AS
8 REQUIRED BY BOTH THE COUNTY ORDINANCE THAT CREATED THE OFFICE
9 OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, AND PENAL CODE SECTION 13670: A STATE
10 LAW THAT REQUIRES THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, QUOTE, "SHALL
11 COOPERATE," END QUOTE, IN ANY INVESTIGATION INTO LAW
12 ENFORCEMENT GANGS BY AN INSPECTOR GENERAL. THE VOTERS, THE
13 STATE LEGISLATURE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, HAVE GONE TO
14 GREAT LENGTH TO CREATE A SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND
15 TRANSPARENCY. HOWEVER, THE CURRENT SYSTEM HAS ALLOWED ABUSES
16 OF POWER TO THRIVE LARGELY UNCHECKED, WITH SERIOUS
17 CONSEQUENCES FOR PUBLIC SAFETY. SADLY, IT HAS BECOME PAINFULLY
18 CLEAR THAT THE BOARD MUST PUT THIS QUESTION TO THE VOTERS.
19 THIS PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT WOULD ALLOW THE BOARD TO ACT
20 EXPEDITIOUSLY TO REMOVE A SHERIFF WHO VIOLATES THE LAW.
21 RETIRED SHERIFF CHIEF MATTHEW BURSON'S TESTIMONY DURING THE
22 JULY 1, 2022, SPECIAL HEARING ON DEPUTY GANGS IN THE SHERIFF'S
23 DEPARTMENT, AFTER REFLECTING ON HIS 35-YEAR CAREER, I FOUND
24 QUITE PROFOUND. HE STATED, AND I QUOTE: "I FEEL WE HAVE LOST
25 THE COMMUNITY, THE PEOPLE WE ARE SUPPOSED TO SERVE AND

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1 PROTECT. IT IS GOING TO TAKE A LOT OF LEADERSHIP AND A LOT OF
2 GROWING TO REGAIN THAT TRUST," END QUOTE. EVERY DAY, FROM THE
3 MOMENT I WAS ELECTED TO THIS BOARD, I HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE
4 COMMUNITY WHO HAVE LOST THAT TRUST, AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND I
5 INTRODUCED THIS MOTION AS A STEP TO HELP REGAIN THAT TRUST,
6 WITHOUT, IN MY HUMBLE OPINION, TRUE PUBLIC SAFETY IS NOT
7 POSSIBLE. THE VOTERS DESERVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DECIDE WHETHER
8 THIS IS THE RIGHT WAY TO ENHANCE ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE
9 SHERIFF, OF THE ELECTED SHERIFF, AND PROTECT THE LIVES AND
10 LIBERTIES OF COUNTY RESIDENTS. WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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12 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU
13 FOR INVITING ME TO JOIN YOU AS CO-AUTHOR ON THE MOTION. AND I
14 COULDN'T AGREE WITH YOU MORE ABOUT YOUR REFERENCE REGARDING
15 THAT THIS IS REALLY THE ABILITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO HAVE A VOICE
16 AND TO MAKE A DECISION. WE ARE SIMPLY FACILITATING AN ACT THAT
17 WE APPROPRIATELY HAVE JUSTIFICATION AND AUTHORITY TO CARRY
18 THROUGH. AND I, OF ALL PEOPLE, UNDERSTAND THIS HAS BEEN
19 AGONIZING AND SOMETIMES TERRIBLE MOMENT FOR US TO BE IN. BUT I
20 THINK TODAY WAS VERY CLEAR, WHEN WE HEARD FROM OUR RESIDENTS
21 WHO CALLED IN TODAY AND GAVE PUBLIC COMMENT, ESPECIALLY FROM
22 SURVIVING FAMILIES. IT WAS VERY COMPELLING TO HEAR FROM JUST
23 ABOUT EVERY DISTRICT WHERE THERE HAS BEEN AN INCIDENT, WHERE
24 THERE HAS BEEN AN UNRULY ACT OF VIOLENCE AGAINST OUR
25 COMMUNITY, AND DISREGARD FOR GETTING BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY

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1 ABOUT EVIDENCE AND INFORMATION, FACTUAL INFORMATION THAT WE
2 KNOW WE PROVIDED TOOLS FOR OUR SHERIFFS TO BE ABLE TO USE.
3 NUMBER ONE WAS THE USE OF BODY CAMERAS. THAT WAS AN ITEM THAT
4 I KNOW I BROUGHT UP SEVERAL YEARS AGO, ALONG WITH MARK RIDLEY-
5 THOMAS, WHEN HE SERVED AS SUPERVISOR. WE WERE VERY ADAMANT
6 ABOUT TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE WAS TRANSPARENCY THEN.
7 BUT THAT WAS ALSO SOMEHOW CIRCUMVENTED, BECAUSE THERE WAS A
8 NOTION THAT THERE WEREN'T ENOUGH STAFF THAT COULD REVIEW ALL
9 THE VIDEOS, AND THAT THERE HAD TO BE SO MUCH BUREAUCRATIC MESS
10 THAT WOULD CHALLENGE THIS EFFORT FROM GOING FORWARD. AND IT
11 TOOK YEARS. AND NOW WE THINK-- OR THE SHERIFF THINKS THAT
12 SOMEHOW HE HAS PROVIDED A RELIEF IN THAT AREA, AND HE HASN'T.
13 SO, TIME AND TIME AGAIN, WE CONTINUE TO HEAR ABOUT TRAUMA AND
14 THE EXPERIENCE, AND THE INTIMIDATION THAT CONTINUES, THAT IS
15 ENDURED BY SO MANY PEOPLE-- BY YOUNG AND OLD, BY FAMILIES AND
16 BY OTHERS. AND WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. WHEN I THINK
17 ABOUT THIS MOTION, I KNOW THAT IT IS REALLY ABOUT PROVIDING
18 ACCOUNTABILITY. AND THIS ISN'T SOMEHOW, IN MY OPINION, VIEWED
19 AS ANTI-LAW ENFORCEMENT. IN FACT, IT IS ABOUT ACCOUNTABILITY.
20 AND THAT GOES HAND IN HAND WITH PUBLIC SAFETY, BECAUSE IF
21 PEOPLE ARE NOT FEELING THAT THEY CAN TRUST OUR PUBLIC SAFETY
22 SYSTEM, THEN THERE IS NO ACCOUNTABILITY. AND WHO ARE WE, THEN,
23 AS A BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WHO ARE GIVEN AND TAKE THE OATH OF
24 OFFICE TO PROVIDE THAT? TO MAKE SURE, WE DON'T CONTROL
25 EVERYTHING THAT THE SHERIFF CAN DO, BUT I WILL TELL YOU THIS:

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1 WE DO HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY. WE DO HAVE JURISDICTION OVER HIS
2 BUDGETS, AND WE CAN SAY THAT THERE ARE INITIATIVES THAT WE
3 WANT HIM TO FOLLOW. IN FACT, YOU CITED MANY OF THOSE
4 INITIATIVES THAT HAVE COME FORWARD, CHAIRWOMAN MITCHELL,
5 REGARDING THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, AS WELL AS OTHER
6 ENTITIES THAT WE HAVE CREATED-- THE O.I.G.-- TO HELP PROVIDE
7 ASSISTANCE. BUT WE'VE FOUND THOSE IN LACKING; AND YET, WE
8 CONTINUE TO SEE INTIMIDATION AND HARASSMENT FROM THIS
9 DEPARTMENT. AND WHEN THERE IS MISCONDUCT, THE EXPECTATION IS
10 THAT THERE WILL BE CONSEQUENCES. WE ALSO EXPECT THAT THE
11 LEADER OF THE LARGEST SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN THE COUNTRY WILL
12 ABIDE HIMSELF BY THE LAW, AND RESPECT STRUCTURES AND SYSTEMS
13 OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY. RATHER, AS FAR BACK AS A
14 DECADE, AS YOU HAVE SAID, AS WELL, FORMER SHERIFF LEE BACA,
15 AND SADLY, WITH THIS CURRENT SHERIFF'S LACK OF RESPECT FOR
16 OVERSIGHT, WE HAVE SEEN LEADERSHIP ACT WITH IMPUNITY THAT HAS
17 COST THE COUNTY MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, AND HAS
18 CONTRIBUTED TO GENERATIONAL AND COMMUNITY TRAUMA AND HARM. THE
19 BOARD, AS YOU KNOW, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR GUIDING AND SETTING
20 POLICIES AND THE BUDGET FOR ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING
21 THE SHERIFF'S; BUT WITH THE LATTER, IT COMES WITH LIMITATIONS.
22 WHAT IS IN FRONT OF US IS AN OPPORTUNITY TODAY THAT WE CAN PUT
23 BEFORE THE VOTERS TO AMEND THE COUNTY CHARTER TO GIVE THE
24 BOARD THE AUTHORITY TO REMOVE A SHERIFF UNDER CERTAIN FOR-
25 CAUSE CRITERIA. THIS ISN'T ABOUT A BLANKET REMOVAL OF A

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1 SHERIFF'S CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY; RATHER, WHEN THERE IS
2 CAUSE, WHEN THE INDIVIDUAL IN THE POSITION OF SHERIFF ENGAGES
3 IN: A VIOLATION OF LAW RELATED TO THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR
4 DUTIES AS SHERIFF; FLAGRANT OR REPEATED NEGLECT OF DUTIES; A
5 MISAPPROPRIATION OF PUBLIC FUNDS OR PROPERTY; OR WILLFUL
6 FALSIFICATION OF A RELEVANT OFFICIAL STATEMENT OR DOCUMENT; OR
7 OBSTRUCTION OF ANY INVESTIGATION INTO THE CONDUCT OF THIS
8 SHERIFF BY THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
9 COMMISSION, OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY WITH JURISDICTION
10 TO CONDUCT SUCH AN INVESTIGATION. INDEED, WE NEED BETTER
11 CHECKS AND BALANCES OVER THE SHERIFF IN INSTANCES IN WHICH
12 IMMEDIATE INTERVENTION BY COUNTY GOVERNANCE IS NEEDED. WE
13 CAN'T JUST SIT BACK AND WATCH THE DESTRUCTION OF A WAYWARD
14 SHERIFF. THE IMPACT HAS A DEVASTATING RIPPLE EFFECT WITHIN THE
15 DEPARTMENT, AND ON THE REPUTATION AND RELATIONSHIP THE SHERIFF
16 DEPARTMENT HAS WITH OVER 10 MILLION PEOPLE WHO CALL L.A. HOME.
17 WE HAVE SEEN WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THIS DOESN'T EXIST. THE
18 RESOLUTIONS ARE DELAYED, THE PROBLEMS AND THE DAMAGE BECOME
19 LARGER, AND TRUST CONTINUES TO ERODE. THE DEPARTMENT IS
20 INUNDATED WITH LAWSUITS, CONSENT DECREES, INVESTIGATIONS BY
21 STATE AND FEDERAL INVESTIGATIONS, CALLS FOR INVESTIGATIONS
22 FROM THE STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATORS ABOUT DEPUTY GANGS. IT
23 IS NOT ONLY SHAMEFUL, BUT IT PRESENTS A HARMFUL FACADE THAT
24 THE SHERIFF CAN DO ANYTHING IN L.A. COUNTY, UNCHECKED. IN
25 FISCAL YEAR 2019 THROUGH 2020, THE COUNTY SETTLED \$60 MILLION

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1 WORTH OF LAWSUITS RESULTING FROM THE SHERIFF. I JUST THINK OF
2 THE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAT HAVE GONE TO SETTLE L.A.S.D.
3 LAWSUITS THAT COULD HAVE GONE TO THE COUNTY'S CARE-FIRST
4 INITIATIVES, LIKE YOUTH PROGRAMMING, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN
5 THE JAILS, JOB TRAINING, AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS. THIS
6 SHOULD BE A CLEAR SIGNAL TO THE CURRENT AND FUTURE SHERIFFS,
7 AND THEIR ADMINISTRATION, THAT OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY IS
8 THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SAME COIN FOR PUBLIC SAFETY. THE
9 AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER COULD CREATE, IN MY OPINION, A ROBUST
10 ACCOUNTABILITY INFRASTRUCTURE TO ENSURE THERE IS RESPONSIVE
11 MECHANISMS IN PLACE TO SHUT DOWN CORRUPTION, MISCONDUCT, AND
12 ERRANT BEHAVIOR AND CULTURE FROM WITHIN AND FROM THE TOP. IF A
13 SHERIFF IS NOT ABLE TO FOLLOW THE LAW, OBSTRUCTS
14 INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED BY OUR OVERSIGHT ENTITIES, LIKE THE
15 O.I.G. AND SHERIFF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, AND ENGAGES
16 IN MISCONDUCT, THE BOARD NEEDS STRONGER MECHANISMS TO CHECK
17 THESE TYPES OF HARMFUL BEHAVIOR. AND I BELIEVE THAT, SHOULD
18 THE VOTERS APPROVE THIS AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER, THIS CAN
19 HELP US FULFILL OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THEIR PEACE AND
20 SAFETY. WITH THAT, MADAM CHAIR, I THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO
21 BE YOUR CO-AUTHOR, AND I THANK THE MANY, MANY RESIDENTS THAT
22 CALLED IN TODAY, SHARING THEIR VERY PERSONAL STORIES, THEIR
23 GRIEF, THEIR HARDSHIP, AND THEIR PATIENCE FOR US TO DO
24 SOMETHING TO HELP THEM. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I

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1 ENCOURAGE MY BOARD COLLEAGUES TO VOTE AYE ON THE MEASURE.

2 THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. FIRST, WE WILL HEAR FROM
5 SUPERVISOR BARGER, WHO WILL BE FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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7 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU BOTH FOR YOUR COMMENTS.
8 AND I APPRECIATE THE INTENT OF THE MOTION, ALTHOUGH I HAVE
9 SIGNIFICANT CONCERNS ABOUT THE PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT. I
10 REALLY DO BELIEVE THAT IT SETS A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT, AND
11 QUITE FRANKLY CREATES A SLIPPERY SLOPE. WHILE I DO NOT
12 CONDONE-- AND I REPEAT, I DO NOT CONDONE-- THE ACTIONS OF THE
13 CURRENT SHERIFF, AND I HAVE SPOKEN OUT WHEN NECESSARY. I KNOW
14 THAT MY COMMISSIONER HAS BEEN A VERY VOCAL COMMISSIONER, AS IT
15 RELATES TO HIS BLATANT DISREGARD FOR SUBPOENAS, FOR
16 TRANSPARENCY, AND THE OVERALL FRUSTRATION THAT HE FEELS THAT
17 HE IS ABOVE THE LAW. SO, THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THE ACTIONS
18 TAKEN BY THIS SHERIFF HAVE ACTUALLY PROVIDED YOU ALL WITH
19 SOMETHING: A VEHICLE TO INTRODUCE A MOTION LIKE THIS. BUT I
20 JUST WANT TO REMIND YOU-- AND THE COUNTY COUNSEL PUT TOGETHER
21 A REPORT THAT GAVE THE FOUR WAYS TO REMOVE AN ELECTED OFFICIAL
22 FROM OFFICE. IT CAN BE, ONE, INITIATED BY THE CIVIL GRAND
23 JURY, BY PRESENTING A WRITTEN ACCUSATION TO THE DISTRICT
24 ATTORNEY AGAINST ANY COUNTY OFFICER FOR WILLFUL OR CORRUPT
25 MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE. NUMBER TWO, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY

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1 FILE A QUO WARRANTO ACTION SEEKING REMOVAL BASED ON CONVICTION
2 OF A FELONY, MALFEASANCE IN OFFICE INVOLVING MORAL CORRUPTION
3 AND DISHONESTY; OR THREE, A RECALL BY A NUMBER OF SIGNATURES
4 REPRESENTING AT LEAST 10% OF REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE COUNTY.
5 AND LASTLY, WHAT IS BEFORE US TODAY: A CHARTER AMENDMENT THAT
6 PROVIDES THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITH THE AUTHORITY TO REMOVE
7 A COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIAL. AND I WANT TO NOTE THAT WHILE THE
8 BOARD IS CHOOSING TO PLACE THIS ON THE BALLOT, THE VOTERS ALSO
9 HAVE THE OPTION TO PLACE THIS ON THE BALLOT ON THEIR OWN
10 INITIATIVE. BUT I AM ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE TIMING OF THIS
11 ACTION, GIVEN THE SHERIFF'S ELECTION IS LESS THAN FOUR MONTHS
12 AWAY, AND THE VOTERS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CAST THEIR
13 VOTE. THE MOTION APPEARS TO BE MORE ABOUT AN INDIVIDUAL THAN
14 THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF, OR PROMOTING ACCOUNTABILITY AND
15 COMMUNITY SAFETY THROUGH CHECKS AND BALANCES. I BELIEVE IF THE
16 GOAL OF THIS BOARD IS AS THE TITLE IN THE MEASURE STATES, THEN
17 IT SHOULD NOT APPLY JUST TO THE SHERIFF, BUT TO ALL ELECTED
18 OFFICIALS. ALL OF US ARE NOT ABOVE THE LAW, AND WE CERTAINLY
19 HAVE SEEN OTHER COUNTY OFFICIALS, IN ALL THREE COUNTYWIDE
20 ELECTIONS, FACING ISSUES AS IT RELATES TO QUESTIONABLE ACTIONS
21 WHILE IN OFFICE. SAN BERNARDINO, WHICH ACTUALLY DID DO
22 SOMETHING IN 2002, MOVED FORWARD WITH A CHARTER AMENDMENT
23 WHICH INCLUDED ALL COUNTYWIDE ELECTED OFFICIALS. SO THE
24 ASSESSOR, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AND THE SHERIFF WERE INCLUDED
25 WHEN THEY DID THIS IN 2002. WHAT'S MORE, WE HAVE OVER 700,000

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1 SIGNATURES BEING REVIEWED BY THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER AS WE
2 SPEAK, AS PART OF A RECALL ACTION OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY.
3 SURELY, THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN LOUD AND CLEAR ON THE EFFORT,
4 YET TODAY'S ACTION IS NOT LISTENING TO THEIR VOICES BY
5 INCLUDING THE D.A. AS PART OF THIS CHARTER. MOVING FORWARD
6 WITH THIS AMENDMENT, BY LIMITING IT TO THE SHERIFF, WITH LESS
7 THAN FOUR MONTHS AWAY FROM ELECTIONS, IS RIFE FOR SPECULATION,
8 AND I TRULY DO BELIEVE IT IS HIGHLY POLITICAL. AND PERHAPS
9 MOST TROUBLING, I THINK IT DILUTES THE VOICE OF THE LOS
10 ANGELES COUNTY VOTERS, AND IS GOING TO DEEPEN VOTER APATHY.
11 ANOTHER VERY TROUBLING ASPECT OF THIS ACTION IS ONE THAT CAN
12 BE, REALLY, WHAT I DESCRIBE AS A SLIPPERY SLOPE, ARE THE
13 DETAILS AND DEFINITION OF "CAUSE FOR REMOVAL." I UNDERSTAND
14 THAT COUNTY COUNSEL HAS NOT YET FULLY DRAFTED THOSE DETAILS,
15 AND I UNDERSTAND THAT SUCH DETAILS IN THE ORDINANCE MAY BE
16 REVISED IN THE FUTURE, LONG AFTER THE CHARTER AMENDMENT HAS
17 BEEN APPROVED BY THE VOTERS. ONE OF THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED--
18 AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS BROUGHT IT UP TODAY-- IS THE HIGH COST OF
19 LITIGATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES. HOWEVER, THIS DOES
20 NOT CONSTITUTE GROUNDS FOR REMOVAL OF THE SHERIFF. I ASKED THE
21 COUNTY COUNSEL ABOUT THIS YESTERDAY. AND I WOULD POINT OUT
22 THAT D.C.F.S., D.H.S., THE CORONER, HAVE HAD HIGH LITIGATION
23 COSTS THAT ARE OUT OF THEIR CONTROL. IT IS THE NATURE OF THE
24 JOB THAT THEY DO, AND THAT IS THE REALITY. SO, WHEN I LOOK AT
25 D.C.F.S., WE HAVE PAID A LOT OF MONEY OUT, BUT WE'RE NOT

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1 HOLDING THE D.C.F.S. DIRECTOR ACCOUNTABLE FOR THAT LITIGATION
2 COST. SO I THINK THAT IS AN UNFAIR JUSTIFICATION TO MOVE
3 FORWARD WITH THE REMOVAL OF A SHERIFF, FOR WHAT IS CALLED
4 "JUST CAUSE." AGAIN, I JUST WANT TO CAUTION US ALL THAT THIS
5 ACTION HAS BROADER IMPLICATIONS THAN ONE INDIVIDUAL, AND I
6 STRONGLY DISAGREE WITH THE ACTION. I THINK IT OUGHT TO APPLY
7 NOT ONLY TO ONE ELECTED, BUT TO ALL. AND IF WE ARE GOING TO DO
8 IT FOR THE SHERIFF, WE SHOULD DO IT FOR THE ASSESSOR, WE
9 SHOULD DO IT FOR THE D.A., AND QUITE FRANKLY, MAYBE FOR THIS
10 BOARD, AS WELL. I THINK ACCOUNTABILITY ACROSS THE BOARD SHOULD
11 BE IN PLAY. AND SO WITH THAT, I WILL BE CASTING A NO VOTE, BUT
12 IT'S NOT IN SUPPORT OF WHAT THIS SHERIFF'S ACTIONS ARE DOING.
13 AND IF ANYTHING, I LISTEN TO THE C.O.C., AND I LISTEN TO MY
14 APPOINTEE, COMMISSIONER BONNER, WHO IS INCREDIBLY FRUSTRATED;
15 AND, BY THE WAY, FRUSTRATED WITH COUNTY COUNSEL, AS WELL,
16 BECAUSE COUNTY COUNSEL WANTED TO REISSUE A SUBPOENA, AND HE
17 WAS SAYING, "ENOUGH. GO INTO COURT, AND BASICALLY DO YOUR JOB.
18 WE WANT ENFORCEMENT DONE, WITHOUT DELAY. BECAUSE THIS SHERIFF
19 IS BEING DEFIANT." ALTHOUGH IT WAS FOR SOMEONE ELSE WHO WAS
20 SUBPOENAED, BUT THE POINT BEING, WE NEED TO BE AS AGGRESSIVE
21 AS IT RELATES TO ENFORCEMENT, WITH WHAT IS GOING ON RIGHT NOW,
22 AND I BELIEVE THAT DOING THIS CHARTER AMENDMENT FOR ONE OFFICE
23 UNDERMINES, REALLY, THE CREDIBILITY OF THIS BOARD, AS WELL. SO
24 I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THIS. SOMEONE ASKED ME, IF IT
25 HAD THE ADDITIONAL 3 OFFICES, WOULD I? AND I'LL BE HONEST WITH

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1 YOU: I PROBABLY WOULD SUPPORT IT, BECAUSE I THINK THAT THEN IT
2 LOOKS LIKE IT'S BEING APPLIED ACROSS THE BOARD. BUT BASED ON
3 THE REASONS GIVEN, I THINK THIS IS MORE PERSONAL THAN IT IS
4 ABOUT THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR
7 HAHN.

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE SUCH
10 RESPECT FOR MY COLLEAGUE AND MY SEATMATE, SUPERVISOR BARGER,
11 EVEN MORE WHEN I DISAGREE WITH HER ON ALMOST EVERYTHING SHE
12 SAYS. I AM DOING MY JOB IF I DO THIS. YOU SAY TO ME, "LET'S DO
13 OUR JOBS"? I AM DOING MY JOB IF I VOTE FOR THIS. IF I WERE ON
14 THE CITY COUNCIL-- THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES OR VIRTUALLY ANY
15 CITY WITH A POLICE CHIEF-- I WOULD BE ABLE TO VOTE TO REMOVE
16 HIM. I WOULD BE ABLE TO ASK THE MAYOR TO REMOVE HIM, DEPENDING
17 ON WHAT THE CITY CHARTER SAYS. AND IT IS AN IMPORTANT THING,
18 BECAUSE THIS PARTICULAR ELECTED OFFICE IS MORE POWERFUL-- I
19 DON'T SEE THE ASSESSOR GETTING PEOPLE KILLED. I MEAN, THIS
20 THING ABOUT THE D.A., I'LL TELL YOU-- WELL, WE'LL TALK ABOUT
21 THAT LATER. IT IS NOT, FOR ME, JUST ABOUT THIS SHERIFF. IT'S
22 REALLY ABOUT THE ABILITY TO HOLD SOMEONE ACCOUNTABLE WHEN THEY
23 HAVE A VERY POWERFUL POSITION. YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE FIVE
24 OF US, WHO PEOPLE HAVE-- I GUESS THEY DON'T MEAN IT AS A
25 COMPLIMENT, BUT I ALWAYS TOOK IT AS ONE-- THE 5 LITTLE QUEENS?

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1 I HAVE BEEN TOLD THIS IS A POWERFUL POSITION, BUT I HAVE NOT
2 BEEN ABLE TO GET ANYTHING THROUGH JUST WITH MY OWN VOTE. QUITE
3 AMAZING. THIS IS A DEMOCRATIC-- AND I MEAN WITH A SMALL "D"--
4 BODY. I NEED 2 OF MY COLLEAGUES TO AGREE THAT WHAT I WANT TO
5 DO MAKES SENSE. IF THERE WERE 5 SHERIFFS, AND 3 OF THEM HAD TO
6 AGREE ON WHETHER PEOPLE COULD BE IN GANGS OR NOT, I'D FEEL A
7 LOT BETTER ABOUT IT, BECAUSE WE ARE A NATURAL-- WHAT SHALL I
8 SAY?-- LIMIT ON EACH OTHER. AND FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OUT THERE
9 THAT THINK, OH, WE JUST ALL THINK ALIKE, OR WE ALL AGREE, OR
10 WE'RE ALL VERY CRONY, WE ARE FRIENDS, AND WE DO RESPECT EACH
11 OTHER, BUT BY GOD, WE DON'T AGREE ON HALF OF EVERYTHING. AND
12 I'M GIVEN THE POSSIBILITY AND THE RESPONSIBILITY TO EXPRESS
13 WHAT I THINK IS RIGHT FOR THIS COUNTY AND FOR MY CONSTITUENTS,
14 AND IF I DON'T GET AGREEMENT, IT DOESN'T GET ENACTED. THAT IS
15 THE CHECK. WHERE'S THE CHECK ON THE SHERIFF? I BELIEVE THIS IS
16 THE APPROPRIATE THING TO DO. NOW, WE PROBABLY WOULD NOT HAVE
17 THOUGHT OF IT IF THIS SHERIFF HAD NOT BEEN SO EGREGIOUS IN HIS
18 BEHAVIOR. AND NOW THAT WE LOOK BACK, AND WE SEE THAT SHERIFF
19 BACA WAS NOT IN CONTROL OF HIS DEPARTMENT FOR A COUPLE OF THE
20 LAST YEARS, AND THAT IT WAS SORT OF RUNNING ROGUE, BASED ON
21 THE PEOPLE WHO WERE WORKING WITH HIM, IT GIVES US PAUSE, TOO,
22 AS TO WHY THE BOARD BEFORE US MIGHT NOT HAVE TAKEN THE SAME
23 ACTION. SO I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS, AND TO ME, IT'S NOT
24 POLITICAL. TO ME, IT'S ABOUT POWER. AS I LOOK AROUND THIS
25 COUNTRY, AND I SEE THE DIFFERENT WAYS IN WHICH PEOPLE ARE

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1 TAKING POWER, THEY TAKE IT BY LYING. THEY TAKE IT BY ROILING
2 UP SOME KIND OF PHONY OPPOSITION. I MEAN, JUST READ THE PAPER
3 EVERY DAY. I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU. AND I THINK THE SHERIFF
4 IS TRYING TO CONSOLIDATE HIS POWER IN THE SAME WAY. HE TOOK
5 CREDIT FOR HOUSING PEOPLE WHO WERE UNHOUSED ALONG THE VENICE
6 BOARDWALK. HE WAS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ONE PERSON GETTING
7 HOUSING. IT WAS ALL ST. JOSEPH'S AND MIKE BONIN. ALL OF IT.
8 AND WE KNOW IT, BECAUSE SOME OF US WERE ACTUALLY THERE. BUT
9 THE SHERIFF WEARS HIS HAT, HE TAKES CREDIT, AND EVERYONE GOES,
10 "OH. WELL, HE'S JUST DONE THESE GOOD THINGS." WALK THROUGH THE
11 LOCKER ROOM OF DEPUTIES, AND SEE HOW MANY SORT OF INSIGNIA YOU
12 SEE FOR THE PROUD BOYS, FOR THE 3%, FOR ALL THE PEOPLE WE'RE
13 HEARING ABOUT IN THE JANUARY 6TH HEARINGS. AS A MATTER OF
14 FACT, SOME OF OUR OWN DEPUTIES ARE UNDER INVESTIGATION ABOUT
15 WHETHER THEY WERE THERE, AND WHAT THEIR ACTIONS WERE. DO YOU
16 HEAR FROM THE SHERIFF ABOUT THAT? YOU DO NOT. SO, SOMEBODY HAS
17 TO CHECK THAT POWER, ESPECIALLY THE POWER THAT HE HAS OVER
18 THOSE WHO ARE INCARCERATED, WHO ARE THE LEAST ABLE TO PROTECT
19 THEMSELVES AND HAVE ANY KIND OF HUMANE TREATMENT. I GIVE HIM
20 CREDIT FOR WHAT HE DID DURING THE PANDEMIC, IN TERMS OF TAKING
21 RESPONSIBILITY TO LESSEN THE POPULATION. I THINK THAT WAS
22 GOOD. IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT ALEX. BUT HE CERTAINLY DID GIVE US
23 REASON AND GIVE US PAUSE ABOUT ALL OF THE POWER. THIS IS THE
24 APPROPRIATE WAY TO GO. WE'VE RECEIVED A LOT OF SUPPORT FROM
25 OUR CONSTITUENTS ABOUT THIS, AND IT'S NOT JUST PEOPLE WHO HAVE

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1 LOST THEIR KIDS, THOUGH THERE ARE MANY OF THEM. THERE ARE MANY
2 PEOPLE WHO ARE UPSET ABOUT BICYCLISTS BEING STOPPED, BUT THEY
3 ALL HAPPEN TO BE LATINO. BY ACCIDENT? NO. SOMEBODY HAS TO BE A
4 LEADER; A RESPONSIBLE LEADER. THE 5 OF US, IN MY OPINION,
5 REALLY TRY TO DO THAT, AND WHEN WE DON'T, THE OTHER 4 REALLY
6 CHECK THEM. THAT IS CHECKS AND BALANCES IN OUR GOVERNMENT.
7 THERE IS NONE ON THE SHERIFF. I'M GOING TO VOTE AYE. THANK
8 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

9

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

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12 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU TO YOU AND
13 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD TO US TODAY. I
14 BELIEVE ONE OF THE FIRST ORGANIZATIONS THAT BROUGHT IT TO OUR
15 ATTENTION WAS OUR OWN CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. I THINK
16 THEY BROUGHT THIS IN MAY, ASKING US IF WE WOULD CONSIDER
17 PUTTING A CHARTER AMENDMENT ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT, AND I
18 THINK THAT SPEAKS VOLUMES. THEY ARE THE CITIZENS' GROUP THAT
19 IS CHARGED WITH OVERSEEING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND THEY
20 HAVE BEEN FRUSTRATED. I KNOW MY OWN COMMISSIONER, J.P. HARRIS,
21 HAS EXPRESSED FRUSTRATION. HE WAS HOPING MAYBE WE WOULD
22 CONSIDER NOT DOING IT FOR NOVEMBER, AND WAITING TILL AFTER THE
23 ELECTION, SO AS NOT TO SORT OF MUDDY THE WATERS, BUT I DON'T
24 THINK THERE IS APPETITE HERE ON THE BOARD TO DO THAT. I
25 BELIEVE THE VOTERS HAVE A RIGHT TO DECIDE HOW THEIR COUNTY

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1 GOVERNMENT WORKS, AND THE CHARTER FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS
2 ANGELES TELLS US HOW TO OPERATE, AND IT SPEAKS VERY CLEARLY
3 ABOUT THE DIFFERENT POWERS AND OPERATIONS OF COUNTY
4 GOVERNMENT. SO I'M GOING TO SUPPORT PUTTING THIS ISSUE BEFORE
5 THE VOTERS, AND ALLOWING THEM TO DECIDE IF THERE NEEDS TO BE
6 AN ADDITIONAL CHECK ON THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF. I'M CURIOUS
7 TO SEE THE OUTCOME OF THIS, AND WHETHER OR NOT THE VOTERS IN
8 L.A. COUNTY DO WANT TO GIVE THE 5 SUPERVISORS THIS EXTRA
9 POWER, SO IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE THE OUTCOME. I HAVE
10 RECEIVED OVER A THOUSAND E-MAILS, MANY CALLS FROM PEOPLE FROM
11 ALL OVER, THAT HAVE URGED US TO DO THIS. I THINK THE LAST
12 THING I WOULD WANT TO SAY TO OUR LAWYERS AS THEY DRAFT THIS,
13 BASED ON IF WE PASS THIS OR NOT, THAT THEY REALLY MAKE SURE
14 THAT THEY'RE SPECIFIC IN IDENTIFYING WHAT TYPE OF BEHAVIOR
15 WOULD QUALIFY FOR REMOVAL. I AM WARY OF ANY VAGUE LANGUAGE
16 THAT WOULD IN ANY WAY LEAVE IT UP TO MATTERS THAT AREN'T
17 EXACTLY SPELLED OUT, AND THAT RISE TO THE LEVEL OF THIS BODY--
18 THE FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE-- REMOVING ANOTHER ELECTED OFFICIAL IN
19 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY
22 THAT, AT NO POINT SINCE BEING ELECTED TO THIS POSITION, HAVE I
23 EVER SPECULATED ABOUT WHAT MOTIVATES A MEMBER TO BRING A
24 MATTER BEFORE US. FOR ME, AS THE AUTHOR OF THE MOTION, IT IS
25 NOT POLITICAL IN THE LEAST. IT IS A REFLECTION-- TO THE

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1 QUESTION OF TIMING, IT IS A REFLECTION OF MONTHS-- MONTHS-- OF
2 COLLABORATIVE WORK, WORKING WITH MY CO-AUTHOR, HER STAFF, KEY
3 STAKEHOLDERS, ALL OF THE OVERSIGHT GROUPS, NOT ONLY HERE IN
4 L.A. COUNTY, BUT ACROSS THE STATE. AS YOU SAID, THE OVERSIGHT
5 COMMISSION BROUGHT IT BEFORE US IN MAY, BUT IT WAS ALSO AN
6 OPTION LISTED BEFORE US WHEN WE GOT THE REPORT BACK FROM
7 COUNTY COUNSEL, MY FIRST COUPLE OF MONTHS HERE ON THE BOARD,
8 ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF AGO. AND SO THE TIMING IS A REFLECTION
9 OF BUILDING THE BEST, MOST APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE, IN A
10 COLLABORATIVE FASHION POSSIBLE; AND AS THE AUTHOR OF THE
11 AMENDMENT, I WOULD SAY, NOT POLITICAL. I'D ALSO OFFER THAT I
12 HAVE A VOTING RECORD OF HAVING CO-AUTHORED AND SUPPORTED AND
13 TAKEN ACTION ON LEGISLATION, WHEN I WAS A MEMBER OF THE STATE
14 LEGISLATURE, THAT DID HOLD THE BODY THAT I WAS SITTING ON
15 ACCOUNTABLE FOR ACTIONS, AND SO I HAVE NO ISSUE WITH THAT. IF
16 A MEMBER OF THIS BOARD WERE TO PUT FORTH SIMILAR WORK, AND
17 BRING FORWARD A MOTION THAT WOULD EXPAND THIS CONCEPT, I KNOW
18 BROWN AMENDMENT DOESN'T ALLOW US TO SAY WHAT WE WOULD VOTE ON
19 BEFORE IT'S BEFORE US, BUT I WOULD CERTAINLY BE OPEN TO REVIEW
20 IF A MEMBER OF THIS BODY WERE TO BRING SUCH A MOTION FORWARD.
21 IN THE MEANTIME, THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL
22 DELIBERATION OF THE ITEM THAT'S BEFORE US TODAY, NUMBER 12. I
23 WILL BE HAPPY TO MOVE IT. I WILL ASK SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO
24 SECOND IT, TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL
25 THE ROLL.

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

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4 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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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:** AYE.

13

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

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** NO.

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, NO. SUPERVISOR

19 MITCHELL?

20

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

22

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

24 4-1.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 14,
2 ALIGNING THE MARINA DEL REY WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY PRIORITIES
3 FOR EQUITY AND INCLUSION, ANOTHER ITEM THAT I HELD. AS OF
4 DECEMBER OF 2021, THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT CHANGED
5 SIGNIFICANTLY. IT NOW INCLUDES MULTIPLE BEACH COMMUNITIES THAT
6 HAVE NEVER BEEN PART OF THE DISTRICT BEFORE, WHICH INCLUDES
7 MARINA DEL REY. THE MARINA IS SUCH A UNIQUE PART OF THE
8 COUNTY. BUILT IN THE 60S, IT'S THE SECOND LARGEST BUILT HARBOR
9 IN THE WORLD, AND IT'S ENTIRELY OWNED BY THE COUNTY. I HAVE TO
10 SAY, AS A NATIVE ANGELENO, THAT WAS NEW INFORMATION TO ME,
11 SUPERVISOR HAHN. IT'S ENTIRELY OWNED BY THE COUNTY. SINCE ITS
12 CREATION, THE MARINA HAS BEEN LEASED TO DIFFERENT DEVELOPERS,
13 WITH EXTENSIONS AND NEW LEASES DETERMINED ON A PARCEL-BY-
14 PARCEL BASIS. AS A RESULT, THE MARINA IS CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY
15 MANY BUILDINGS AND USES, ENVISIONED DECADES AGO, BEFORE THE
16 COUNTY HAD ESTABLISHED THE PRIORITIES THAT GUIDE OUR POLICY
17 DECISIONS TODAY. WITH MANY OF THESE LEASES NOW NEARING
18 EXPIRATION, AND WITH CLEAR GUIDANCE FROM THIS BOARD ON OUR
19 COLLECTIVE PRIORITIES, IT'S TIME THAT WE THINK ABOUT THE
20 MARINA IN A MORE STRATEGIC AND COMPREHENSIVE WAY. WE HAVE A
21 CLEAR OPPORTUNITY TO ALIGN OUR DECISIONS AS TO THIS REGIONAL
22 ASSET, WITH OUR PRIORITIES OF ANTI-RACISM, DIVERSITY,
23 INCLUSION, POVERTY ALLEVIATION, AND MORE. THE MARINA'S
24 WATERFRONT PARKS, WILDLIFE HABITATS, AND HOSPITALITY SHOULD BE
25 ACCESSIBLE AND ENJOYED BY ALL. SO TODAY, I'M ASKING THAT THE

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1 DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS TAKE ON AN UNPRECEDENTED
2 EFFORT TO BRING COUNTY LEADERS, AS WELL AS COMMUNITY MEMBERS
3 AND OTHER IMPORTANT STAKEHOLDERS, TOGETHER TO CREATE A ROADMAP
4 ON WHERE WE GO FROM HERE, STARTING WITH AN ASSESSMENT OF OUR
5 MOST URGENT NEEDS. I'M ASKING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT
6 OF BEACHES AND HARBORS TO REPORT BACK TO THIS BOARD ON HOW WE
7 CAN COMPLETE APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENTS, IDENTIFY SOLUTIONS, AND
8 MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEXT STEPS. I ALSO WANT TO MAKE IT
9 CLEAR THAT I'VE ASKED LABOR TO BE A VOICE AT THE TABLE AS WE
10 REIMAGINE THE MARINA INTO A THRIVING COMMUNITY THAT CAN BE
11 MODELED AS A BEST PRACTICE FOR INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY
12 DEVELOPMENT. WHILE WE EXPLORE HOW WE CAN TAKE A HOLISTIC
13 APPROACH TO CREATING AN ANTI-RACIST, WELCOMING, WORLD-CLASS
14 MARINA, WE EXPECT ROBUST COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. CREATING A PLAN
15 FOR THE HIGHEST AND BEST USE OF THE MARINA WILL REQUIRE
16 PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PUBLIC AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR, LABOR AND
17 COMMUNITY, WHILE WE PRIORITIZE WORKER VOICE AND QUALITY JOBS.
18 AT THE SAME TIME, OUR SMALL BUSINESSES ARE THE BACKBONE OF OUR
19 REGIONAL ECONOMY, AND HAVE BEEN HARDEST HIT BY THE PANDEMIC.
20 WE MUST ENSURE THAT WE SUPPORT THEIR EQUITABLE ECONOMIC
21 RECOVERY THROUGH THIS PROCESS, AS WELL. AND WHILE THIS IS ONLY
22 THE BEGINNING, THE GOAL IS THE CREATION OF A STRATEGIC PLAN
23 FOR THE LONG-TERM USE OF THIS CRITICAL COUNTY ASSET THAT
24 ENSURES THE MARINA-- MARINA DEL REY-- WILL CONTINUE TO THRIVE

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1 WHILE BECOMING MORE ACCESSIBLE THAN EVER. ARE THERE ANY
2 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS? SUPERVISOR HAHN.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. I REPRESENTED
5 MARINA DEL REY FOR THE FIRST FEW YEARS. I APPLAUD YOU IN THIS
6 EFFORT, AND YOU'RE RIGHT. IT REALLY IS COUNTY-OWNED. I MEAN,
7 IT WAS A MANMADE MARINA, BUT NOW IT'S WOMAN-PROPELLED. AND IT
8 IS A-- IT'S KIND OF LIKE A GOLDEN EGG, A GOLDEN GOOSE, FOR THE
9 COUNTY, AND WE DO CONTROL IT. ONE OF THE PROPOSALS THAT WE
10 WERE ABLE TO DO FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY WAS TO
11 REQUIRE 20% AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE NEW HOUSING
12 DEVELOPMENTS, AND WE WORKED ON LABOR PIECE AT THE HOTELS. SO,
13 I 100% APPLAUD YOU FOR TAKING THIS EVEN FURTHER, AND RIGHTLY
14 SO. IT IS OWNED BY ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS
15 ANGELES, AND IT HAS SEEMED IN THE PAST TO LIMIT THE WELCOMING
16 ACCESSIBILITY TO EVERYONE IN THE COUNTY. SO I APPLAUD YOU FOR
17 DOING THIS, AND I SUPPORT YOU 100%.

18

19 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? SEEING NO
20 FURTHER MICS RAISED-- SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I DIDN'T MISS YOU, DID
21 I? NO. OKAY, THANK YOU. HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 14 IS
22 BEFORE US. I'LL MOVE AND ASK THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN SECOND IT TO
23 APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

24

25 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 14 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. ITEM 15, EXPANDING THE LIFE-

25 SCIENCES INDUSTRY WHILE CREATING EQUITABLE, HIGH-ROAD CAREER

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1 OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES. AGAIN, COLLEAGUES, I
2 HELD THIS ITEM. FROM MY TIME SERVING IN THE CALIFORNIA
3 LEGISLATURE TO NOW, AND AS CHAIR OF THE BOARD, IT'S BEEN
4 AMAZING TO SEE THE RAPID GROWTH OF L.A.'S LIFE-SCIENCE SECTOR.
5 CALIFORNIA'S HOME TO SOME OF THE MOST INCREDIBLE BREAKTHROUGHS
6 HUMANKIND HAS EVER SEEN, INCLUDING THOSE LAUNCHED RIGHT HERE
7 IN L.A. COUNTY. IF THE COUNTY IS TO FULFILL ITS PROMISE TO
8 BUILD BACK EQUITABLY, WE REALLY MUST CREATE QUALITY, FAMILY-
9 SUSTAINING-WAGE JOBS FOR OUR HISTORICALLY MARGINALIZED. THIS
10 INCLUDES A LIFE-SCIENCES CRADLE-TO-CAREER EMPLOYMENT PIPELINE.
11 WITH THIS MOTION, WE WILL INVEST IN BOTH PLACE AND PEOPLE BY,
12 ONE, IMPROVING S.T.E.A.M. EDUCATION AND CAREER EXPLORATION IN
13 ELEMENTARY THROUGH HIGH SCHOOLS IN OUR HARDLY REACHED
14 COMMUNITIES; INCREASING THE AVAILABILITY OF ROBUST, PAID
15 TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH WITH AN INTEREST IN THE
16 INDUSTRY; IMPROVING AND PROMOTING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND
17 INCLUSION IN EMPLOYER HIRING AND RECRUITMENT PRACTICES; AND
18 CREATING ANTI-DISPLACEMENT POLICIES AND ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS
19 THAT HELP PREVENT GENTRIFICATION. IT'S ESSENTIAL THAT OUR
20 COUNTY'S BRAND-NEW DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY WORK
21 CLOSELY WITH THIS SECTOR AND EMPLOYER PARTNERS TO STRENGTHEN
22 AND STREAMLINE CAREER PATHWAYS WITH HOMEGROWN TALENT, FOCUSED
23 ON OUR YOUTH WHO ARE UNDER-REPRESENTED IN THE LIFE-SCIENCES
24 SECTOR. OUR LIFE-SCIENCES CRADLE-TO-CAREER EMPLOYMENT PIPELINE
25 WILL CREATE A ROBUST LIFE-SCIENCE SECTOR THAT OFFERS

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1 OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL ANGELENOS, AND CREATES THE INNOVATIVE
2 TREATMENTS AND CURES OF TOMORROW. I ASK THAT YOU SUPPORT ME IN
3 THIS MOTION. ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS?
4 SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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6 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WHOLEHEARTEDLY
7 SUPPORT THIS MOTION. I THINK IT'S HIGH TIME THAT WE DO MORE,
8 IN EVERY WAY WE CAN, TO HELP INCREASE THE REPRESENTATION OF
9 PEOPLE OF COLOR, WOMEN, AND OTHERS IN THESE PARTICULAR AREAS.
10 AND THIS HAS BEEN SOMETHING THAT THIS BOARD HAS TAKEN A
11 POSITION ON, AS LONG AS I KNOW I'VE BEEN ON THE BOARD. I KNOW
12 THAT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WE HAVE
13 ALWAYS FOUGHT VERY HARD FOR THIS REPRESENTATION. AND I CAN
14 TELL YOU, AS ONE OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAS TWO YOUNGER
15 SIBLINGS WHO, AT AN EARLY AGE, DECIDED THEY WANTED TO GO INTO
16 SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING; TWO YOUNG LATINA TWINS, THAT THEY
17 WERE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST IN HIGH SCHOOL, AND EVEN IN
18 COLLEGE. AND IT WAS SO HARD FOR THEM TO BE INCLUDED, AND TO
19 HAVE THE ABILITY TO BE SUCCESSFUL ATTENDING EVEN U.C.L.A. IN
20 THE ENGINEERING PROGRAM. I KNOW WHAT IT IS THAT THEY FACED SO
21 MUCH HARDSHIP AND DISCRIMINATION, AND SO MANY OF OUR YOUNG
22 PEOPLE HAVE SO MANY TALENTS AND SKILLS, IF THEY'RE ONLY GIVEN
23 A CHOICE AND OPPORTUNITY, AND WE GIVE THEM NOT A HANDOUT, BUT
24 A HAND UP, AND MOTIVATION. AND THAT'S WHAT THIS PROGRAM WILL
25 DO, AND ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF WHAT WE HAVE JUST GONE THROUGH

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1 IN THE PANDEMIC, WITH THE RECESSION AND INFLATION. AND WE NEED
2 THESE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR PEOPLE OF COLOR TO HAVE A PLACE IN
3 POSITION, IN SOCIETY, TO HELP LIFT UP OUR ECONOMY. SO I AM
4 FULLY SUPPORTIVE OF THIS, AND THANK YOU FOR INTRODUCING THE
5 MOTION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

6

7 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS OR
8 COMMENTS? SEEING NONE, ITEM 15 IS BEFORE US. I'LL MOVE, ASK
9 THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS SECOND IT, TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
10 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

11

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

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

15

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

17

18 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

19

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

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

23

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

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

2

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

5

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

7

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

10

11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 22, INVESTED IN GUN VIOLENCE
12 PREVENTION, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR?

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO THANK
15 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR CO-AUTHORING THIS MOTION WITH ME. MOST OF
16 WHAT I'M GOING TO SAY WILL NOT BE VERY UNFAMILIAR AT THIS
17 MOMENT, BUT I'M GOING TO SAY IT ANYWAY. GUN VIOLENCE IN
18 AMERICA IS NOT A NEW PROBLEM. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THERE WAS A
19 MEME GOING AROUND NOT LONG AGO THAT WENT SOMETHING LIKE,
20 "AMERICA IS A GUN. GREAT BRITAIN IS A CUP OF TEA. FRANCE IS A
21 WHEEL OF BRIE." IT WAS A POEM LIKE THAT, BUT EVERY 5 STANZAS,
22 IT WAS LIKE, "AMERICA IS A GUN." BUT IT IS A PROBLEM THAT'S
23 BECOMING MORE AND MORE PERVASIVE. I THINK PEOPLE HAVE IT MORE
24 AND MORE ON THEIR MINDS. THE MASS SHOOTINGS THAT WE SEE AND
25 HEAR ABOUT, THE ONES WE DON'T SEE AND HEAR ABOUT, WHERE YOU

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1 READ AT THE END OF A WEEK, "THERE WERE 24 MORE MASS SHOOTINGS
2 THIS PAST WEEK." ACCESSIBILITY TO GUNS IS OBVIOUSLY A BIG
3 FACTOR, ALONG WITH PERMISSIVE LAWS ABOUT WHO CAN LEGALLY
4 OBTAIN A GUN, AND WHERE THEY'RE ALLOWED TO BE PRESENT. IT
5 SEEMS LIKE NOW THEY'RE EVERYWHERE. THE RECENT SUPREME COURT
6 RULING IN THE BRUEN CASE, WHICH OVERTURNED NEW YORK'S PRACTICE
7 OF ISSUING CONCEALED CARRY LICENSES ON THE BASIS THAT A PERSON
8 MUST PROVE THEY HAD A UNIQUE SELF-PROTECTION NEED, THAT WAS
9 OVERTURNED. IT'S DEEPLY CONCERNING, AS IT EXPANDS GUN RIGHTS
10 AT A TIME WHEN WE SO OBVIOUSLY NEED STRICTER REGULATIONS.
11 EVERYONE WOULD AGREE, I THINK, WE DON'T NEED LOOSER ONES; A
12 TIME WHEN PEOPLE ARE NEEDING AND WANTING A GREATER SENSE OF
13 SAFETY, AND THEN ARE NOW FACED WITH THE DECISION AND THE
14 REALITY THAT THIS PARTICULAR SUPREME COURT DECISION WILL LEAD
15 TO MORE GUNS IN PUBLIC SPACES, AND PRESUMABLY MORE SENSELESS
16 AND POTENTIALLY DEADLY ACTS OF VIOLENCE. SIMULTANEOUSLY,
17 SPEAKING OF THE SHERIFF, WE HAVE A SHERIFF WHO HAS INDICATED
18 HE WANTS TO REDUCE C.C.W. RESTRICTIONS. C.C.W. IS THE PERMIT
19 TO CARRY A CONCEALED WEAPON. HE WANTS TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR
20 PEOPLE TO OBTAIN A C.C.W. PERMIT, MEANING THEY WILL BE ABLE TO
21 LEGALLY HAVE ON THEIR PERSON A CONCEALED GUN OUTSIDE THEIR
22 HOME. THIS DOESN'T INSPIRE CONFIDENCE THAT PUBLIC SAFETY WILL
23 BE IMPROVED. IN FACT, IT DOES QUITE THE OPPOSITE, BECAUSE
24 EVERY INDICATOR SHOWS THAT MORE GUNS HAVE NOT LED TO SAFER
25 COMMUNITIES. SO, WHAT CAN WE DO? WELL, ONE OF THE THINGS WE'RE

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1 LOOKING AT IS HOW TO MOVE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES INTO GUN
2 VIOLENCE PREVENTION. FOR INSTANCE, WE KNOW THE COST ASSOCIATED
3 WITH PROCESSING THESE C.C.W. APPLICATIONS, AND ISSUING PERMITS
4 IS SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN WHAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS
5 CURRENTLY CHARGING. SO, ALL THIS MOTION IS ABOUT IS DOING A
6 DEEP DIVE INTO THE L.A. SHERIFF DEPARTMENT'S C.C.W. PROCESS,
7 ASCERTAINING WHAT ARE THE ACTUAL COSTS RELATED TO ISSUING SUCH
8 A PERMIT, AND DETERMINING IF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE
9 CURRENT FEES AND THE ACTUAL COSTS COULD BE NOT ONLY COLLECTED,
10 BUT THEN UTILIZED FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION INITIATIVES IN OUR
11 COUNTY. IN THE MEANTIME, THIS MOTION ALSO DIRECTS THE
12 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO IMMEDIATELY STOP ANY CHANGES TO ITS
13 C.C.W. POLICY, UNTIL WE GET GUIDANCE FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
14 AND THE COUNTY COUNSEL ON THIS MATTER. WE NEED TO BE CREATIVE
15 ABOUT HOW TO ADDRESS THE VERY REAL AND ESCALATING PUBLIC
16 HEALTH EMERGENCY THAT IS GUN VIOLENCE, AND THIS MOTION IS A
17 STEP IN THAT DIRECTION. I ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE. THANK YOU,
18 MADAM CHAIR.

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

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22 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
23 KUEHL, FOR INVITING ME TO CO-AUTHOR THE MOTION. AND I, TOO,
24 AGREE THAT I DON'T THINK IT SHOULD COME AS A SURPRISE THAT
25 THIS BOARD STANDS FIRMLY AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE, AND WILL

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1 CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE STRONGLY FOR GUN SAFETY AND GUN VIOLENCE
2 PREVENTION. YOU KNOW, IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS, MANY MOTIONS
3 HAVE BEEN PUT FORWARD BY THIS BOARD, AND SUPPORTED BY THE
4 BOARD. THIS IS YET ANOTHER MOTION THAT WILL ENSURE THAT L.A.
5 COUNTY CONTINUES TO BE A BEACON OF HOPE DURING A TIME IN WHICH
6 MASS SHOOTINGS HAVE SOMEHOW, TRAGICALLY, BECOME A PART OF SO
7 MANY AMERICANS' DAILY LIVES. AND I'M SURE, LIKE OTHERS, IT WAS
8 UPSETTING TO LEARN THE SUPREME COURT'S RULING TO OVERTURN NEW
9 YORK'S CONCEALED CARRY GUN LAW: A MOST INSENSITIVE RULING THAT
10 CAME AT THE HEELS OF SOME OF THE DEADLIEST WEEKS IN AMERICA'S
11 HISTORY, WITH DOZENS OF PEOPLE WHO WERE MURDERED AS A RESULT
12 OF GUN VIOLENCE. PRIOR TO THE RULING, THE NUMBER OF C.C.W.
13 LICENSES ISSUED IN L.A. COUNTY BY THE SHERIFF CONTINUED TO
14 RISE AND INCREASE. SINCE HE'S TAKEN OFFICE, THE NUMBER OF
15 C.C.W. LICENSE ISSUANCES HAVE INCREASED BY FIVEFOLD. WHAT HAS
16 NOT INCREASED, HOWEVER, IS THE COST, AS YOU POINTED OUT,
17 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND I BELIEVE WE ARE UNDERCHARGING THOSE WHO
18 ARE APPLYING FOR C.C.W.S, RESULTING IN THE COUNTY HAVING TO
19 PAY THAT BALANCE. IN THE NAME OF PUBLIC SAFETY, WE NEED TO
20 ENSURE WE ARE ABIDING BY LAW, AND ANY ADVISEMENT BY OUR
21 STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND OUR COUNTY COUNSEL ON THE COUNTY
22 C.C.W. POLICY IS NEEDED. WE ALSO NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE
23 RE-EXAMINING THE COST, AND ENSURE THAT THOSE WHO WANT TO GET
24 C.C.W.S ARE PAYING FOR THE FULL COST OF THAT EXPENDITURE. AND
25 I'M ALSO CONCERNED BY THE SHARP INCREASE IN THE C.C.W.

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1 ISSUANCE, AND I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT THIS MOTION DIRECTS THE
2 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF THIS PROCESS. THERE
3 SHOULD BE NO CORNERS CUT, A DECREASE IN VIGILANCE OF ANY SORT,
4 TO MAKE SURE GUNS AND C.C.W. LICENSES ARE NOT FALLING INTO THE
5 WRONG HANDS. AGAIN, I REITERATE THAT I WILL DO ALL I CAN TO
6 ENSURE THAT OUR RESIDENTS ARE SAFE FROM GUN VIOLENCE AT A TIME
7 IN WHICH ACCESS TO GUNS SEEMS TO BECOME EASIER AND EASIER. I,
8 TOO, SUPPORT THE MOTION WHOLEHEARTEDLY. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
9 KUEHL, FOR BRINGING IT FORWARD. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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13 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
14 KUEHL, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR BRINGING FORWARD THIS MOTION. I,
15 TOO, WAS DEVASTATED WHEN THE SUPREME COURT OVERTURNED NEW
16 YORK'S CONCEALED CARRY GUN LAW. IT'S DEVASTATING. IT'S MADE A
17 LOT OF US REALLY ANGRY WITH THAT, AND MANY OTHER DECISIONS
18 THAT ARE COMING OUT OF THIS COURT. AND WE'RE ANGRY THAT SO-
19 CALLED GUN RIGHTS ARE BEING VALUED MORE THAN HUMAN LIVES. WE
20 DON'T KNOW EXACTLY YET HOW THE SUPREME COURT RULING WILL PLAY
21 OUT HERE IN CALIFORNIA, AND WHAT IT WILL MEAN FOR OUR
22 CONCEALED CARRY SYSTEM, SO THAT'S WHY THIS MOTION IS
23 IMPORTANT. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE SHERIFF'S
24 DEPARTMENT NOT MAKE ANY CHANGES BEFORE WE'VE HEARD BACK FROM
25 OUR LAWYERS AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ON HOW WE CAN AND SHOULD

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1 PROCEED. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE'RE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO
2 PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES FROM GUN VIOLENCE. ALMOST EXACTLY A
3 MONTH AGO, THIS BOARD APPROVED A MOTION THAT I INTRODUCED WITH
4 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, TO ASK OUR COUNTY COUNSEL FOR OPTIONS FOR
5 COMMONSENSE GUN REGULATIONS THAT WE CAN ENACT HERE AT THE
6 LOCAL LEVEL, AND I THINK GETTING THOSE OPTIONS ARE MORE
7 IMPORTANT NOW THAN EVER. AND I'VE ASKED OUR LAWYERS TO MAKE
8 SURE THAT THEY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THIS NEW SUPREME COURT RULING
9 WHEN THEY GIVE US THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS. I THINK WE SHOULD BE
10 GETTING THAT BACK NEXT MONTH. THIS BOARD CARES DEEPLY ABOUT
11 PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITIES FROM GUN VIOLENCE. I WISH OUR
12 SUPREME COURT FELT THE SAME WAY. BUT IN THE MEANTIME, I THINK
13 WE DO HAVE TO DO WHATEVER WE CAN TO PROTECT OUR CONSTITUENTS.
14 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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18 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. YOU KNOW, I SUPPORT THIS MOTION, BUT I
19 HAVE ONE QUESTION AND THAT IS, SO, IN NOVEMBER OF 2020, THE
20 BOARD APPROVED THE SHERIFF'S REQUEST TO INCREASE THE
21 APPLICATION FROM \$66 TO \$150. BUT THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER HAD
22 REVIEWED THE ACTUAL COST OF PROCESSING THE C.C.W.
23 APPLICATIONS, AND DETERMINED IT TO BE \$340.56. SO THE AUDITOR-
24 CONTROLLER CALCULATED WHAT THE ACTUAL COST IS TO ISSUE A
25 C.C.W. THE PROPOSED INCREASE, THOUGH, REMAINED AT \$150, AND IT

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1 WAS BASED ON WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ALIGNING WITH NEIGHBORING
2 COUNTIES, WHICH I REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND, BECAUSE I THOUGHT
3 THAT THE C.C.W. HAD TO BE TIED TO THE INDIVIDUAL AND WHERE
4 THAT INDIVIDUAL LIVES. SO, TO ME, I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE
5 DIDN'T INCREASE IT TO THE \$340 TO GET THE ACTUAL COST, BECAUSE
6 THE SHERIFF ALWAYS COMPLAINS ABOUT HOW HIS BUDGET-- YOU KNOW,
7 HE'S IN A DEFICIT. WELL, THIS CREATES A GREATER DEFICIT. AND
8 SO I GUESS WE SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
9 AND VERIFIED THAT. HAVING SAID THAT, NOW WE'RE GOING TO SAY
10 IT, AND I AGREE WITH THE PART OF YOUR MOTION THAT TALKS ABOUT-
11 - NUMBER 4-- ABOUT A REPORT-BACK WITH ANALYSIS OF WHETHER ANY
12 REVENUE FROM THE C.C.W. FEES CAN BE USED FOR THE COUNTY'S
13 VIOLENCE PREVENTION INITIATIVES. MY QUESTION TO YOU IS, CAN
14 YOU ADD LANGUAGE THAT WOULD SAY, "OR IMPOSE A FEE AS PART OF
15 THE C.C.W., IN ADDITION TO THE ACTUAL COST TO COVER THE
16 PERSONNEL TIME TO ISSUE THE C.C.W."? SO, IF IT'S \$340, ADD \$50
17 ONTO A CONCEALED WEAPON PERMIT, SO IT WOULD BE \$400. AND OF
18 THAT \$450 WOULD GO AUTOMATICALLY INTO THIS, SO THAT WE CAN
19 RECOVER THE ACTUAL COST TO DO A C.C.W. BECAUSE MY CONCERN IS,
20 IS THAT WE ARE NOW DOING AN UNFUNDED MANDATE. WE'RE SAYING,
21 "WE ALREADY KNOW THAT IT COSTS \$340, BUT WE'RE GOING TO
22 ACTUALLY TAKE THE \$160 AND A PORTION OF THAT, AND POSSIBLY
23 MOVE THAT OVER TO THE DEPARTMENT, WHICH CREATES A GREATER
24 DEFICIT." I'M JUST TRYING TO BE OBJECTIVE, AS IT RELATES TO
25 THE ACTUAL COST OF PROCESSING A C.C.W. BECAUSE I AGREE THAT WE

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1 NEED TO PUT A HOLD ON REDEFINING WHAT QUALIFIES OR WHO CAN GET
2 A C.C.W. I DON'T THINK NOW IS A TIME TO BROADEN THAT. BUT I
3 ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT IF THE ACTUAL COST TO DO A LEGITIMATE
4 C.C.W. IS \$340.56, WE SHOULD BE RECOVERING THAT COST.
5 TAXPAYERS SHOULD NOT BE SUBSIDIZING THE COST FOR SOMEONE TO
6 GET A C.C.W. THE COST SHOULD BE PAID AND BEARED BY THAT
7 INDIVIDUAL. AND I WOULD ASK THAT IF WE DO WANT TO INVEST IN
8 THE VIOLENCE PREVENTION INITIATIVES, THAT WE HAVE THE ABILITY
9 TO IMPOSE A SURTAX, IF YOU WILL, ONTO A C.C.W., THAT WILL BE
10 DEDICATED TOWARD THAT. AND SO I WOULD JUST ASK THAT MAYBE THAT
11 BE CONSIDERED, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, ONLY BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO
12 FURTHER TAKE AWAY RESOURCES WHERE WE ALREADY KNOW THERE'S A
13 DEFICIT, AND I JUST FIND IT IRONIC THE SHERIFF NEVER BROUGHT
14 THAT UP AS AN ISSUE WHEN HE COMPLAINS ABOUT HOW HIS BUDGET IS
15 UPSIDE DOWN. SO I WOULD JUST ASK FOR CONSIDERATION ON THAT,
16 AND OTHER THAN THAT, I SUPPORT IT. I'M GOING TO SUPPORT IT
17 EVEN IF YOU DON'T ACCEPT THAT, BUT I THINK THAT IT'S
18 PROBLEMATIC AS IT RELATES TO TAKING MONEY THAT IS GOING TO
19 ACTUALLY COVER PERSONNEL COSTS. AND THOSE ARE PROBABLY NOT
20 EVEN SWORN, THAT ARE DOING THAT PERSONNEL COST. THANK YOU,
21 MADAM CHAIR.

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23 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR, IF I MAY ANSWER?

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

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2 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THINK THAT IT WASN'T ENTIRELY CLEAR WHETHER
3 ADDING MONEY THAT WAS NOT PART OF THE COST WOULD BE
4 SUPPORTABLE, IN TERMS OF CHARGING A FEE FOR SOMETHING.
5 BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, YOU HAVE TO HAVE A BASIS UPON WHICH YOU
6 HAVE A REASONABLE FEE. SO, WHAT WE THOUGHT MIGHT BE THE BETTER
7 ANSWER FOR THIS MOTION, AT LEAST, WAS TO ASK FOR THE ACTUAL
8 COST, BUT IT'S ESTIMATED, BECAUSE IT WOULD BE THE HOURS THAT
9 ARE NEEDED BY THE CLERK, YOU KNOW, TO MANAGE IT, THE COST OF
10 THE APPLICATION, ET CETERA. AND THEN I THINK THE ACTUAL
11 EXPENDITURE WOULD BE A LOOK-BACK, AND THEN THE LOOK-BACK WOULD
12 BE, "HERE'S WHAT IT ACTUALLY COST IN ALL THOSE HOURS FOR THOSE
13 PERMITS." AND IF THERE'S MONEY LEFT OVER, WE WANTED AN OPINION
14 FROM COUNSEL IF IT COULD THEN BE USED FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION.
15 BECAUSE THAT'S NOT TOTALLY CLEAR. BUT I THINK, IF YOU ADD ON
16 AHEAD OF TIME, IT WOULD BE MORE CHALLENGEABLE AS PART OF THE
17 FEE.

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19 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, YOU DON'T KNOW THAT IT CAN BE DONE, LEGALLY,
20 IS WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?

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22 **SUP. KUEHL:** YEAH. THAT'S WHY WE ASKED FOR AN OPINION ON THAT.
23 CAN WE EVEN USE ANY OF THE MONEY, EVEN IF THERE IS SOME LEFT
24 OVER FOR THESE OTHER THINGS?

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** GOT IT. AND THEN, I'M SORRY. I HAVE ONE QUESTION,
2 BECAUSE I KNOW SUPERVISOR SOLIS SAID THAT THE INCREASE IN
3 C.C.W.S HAS GONE UP 5 TIMES, I THINK, IS WHAT SHE SAID. WE'VE
4 BEEN TRYING TO GET THE NUMBER OF C.C.W.S THAT THE SHERIFF IS
5 ISSUING, AND I CAN'T SEEM TO GET THAT NUMBER. BECAUSE I'VE
6 HEARD THAT, AND I'VE ALSO HEARD THAT, IN FACT, THEY'RE NOT
7 BEING ISSUED. AND I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR US TO KNOW
8 THE NUMBER OF C.C.W.S THAT ARE BEING ISSUED. WE DON'T HAVE TO
9 KNOW THE NAMES, BUT I THINK TO QUANTIFY IT WOULD BE HELPFUL.
10 BECAUSE WHEN YOU HEAR THAT NUMBER, THAT IS QUITE A BIT,
11 ESPECIALLY GIVEN THAT PRIOR ADMINISTRATIONS WERE NOT HANDING
12 OUT C.C.W.S LIKE CANDY. AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO
13 UNDERSTAND WHAT THE NUMBERS ARE. YEAH. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR
16 COMMENTS ON THE MOTION? SEEING NONE, ITEM 22 IS BEFORE US.
17 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO
18 APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

19

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

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22 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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5 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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

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9 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

12 MITCHELL?

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

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

17 5-0.

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19 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 80, WHICH IS A

20 REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE ROSAS AGREEMENT, WHICH I THOUGHT

21 IT WAS IMPORTANT TO HOLD FOR US TO HEAR PRESENTATIONS. AND SO,

22 COLLEAGUES, WE'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT

23 GROUPS OF PEOPLE FIRST. WE'RE GOING TO HEAR DIRECTLY FROM THE

24 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THROUGH ASSISTANT SHERIFF BRENDAN

25 CORBETT. HE'LL PRESENT THE REPORT ON COMPLIANCE. WE'LL THEN

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1 ALSO HEAR OPENING REMARKS FROM MAX HUNTSMAN, THE INSPECTOR
2 GENERAL, AND KATHY KINNEY, THE COUNTY MONITOR, WHO WILL ALSO
3 BE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS, IF YOU HAVE ANY. WE'LL GET STARTED
4 WITH YOU, ASSISTANT SHERIFF CORBETT. THANK YOU FOR BEING WITH
5 US.

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7 **BRENDAN CORBETT:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND GOOD AFTERNOON,
8 SUPERVISORS. AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE IN THE ROSAS SETTLEMENT
9 AGREEMENT, AND PART OF THAT IS, PROVISION 1.4 REQUIRES A
10 DEPARTMENT TO PUBLICLY REPORT TO THE BOARD AND THE PUBLIC,
11 BIANNUALLY, OUR UPDATES AND OUR COMPLIANCE. NEXT SLIDE,
12 PLEASE. AGAIN, AS I MENTIONED, 1.4 REQUIRES WE PUBLICLY REPORT
13 THIS, SO WE WILL BE REPORTING ON OUR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, THE
14 STATUS OF OUR COMPLIANCE, TRAINING ON THE USE-OF-FORCE POLICY,
15 USE-OF-FORCE STATISTICS AND TRENDS, AND DEPARTMENT USE-OF-
16 FORCE POLICY VIOLATIONS, AND ANY GRIEVANCES. NEXT. AND LET ME
17 PUT THE CAVEAT IN. WE ARE PROVIDING THE INFORMATION FROM THE
18 YEAR 2020 AND 2021. WE ALWAYS REPORT ON THE YEAR PRIOR. NEXT
19 SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, JUST A LITTLE BACKSTORY. THE ROSAS IS A
20 FEDERAL CLASS-ACTION LAWSUIT THAT WAS ALLEGING A PATTERN OF
21 EXCESSIVE FORCE IN A DOWNTOWN JAIL FACILITIES, WHICH INCLUDED
22 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, TWIN TOWERS, AND THE IMMIGRANT RECEPTION
23 CENTER. THE SETTLEMENT WAS INITIALLY APPROVED BY COURT ON
24 2015, AND WAS AFTER SEVERAL YEARS, WITH C.C.J.V. AND OTHER
25 ENTITIES, COMING TOGETHER TO PUT THE PROVISIONS IN PLACE. AND

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1 WE BEGAN ASSESSING COMPLIANCE WITH THE SETTLEMENT, EFFECTIVE
2 JULY 2018, AFTER ESTABLISHING THE REVISED COMPLIANCE MEASURES.
3 AND THEN, WE ARE GROUPING THIS INTO SEVEN CATEGORIES, WHICH IS
4 ADMINISTRATIVE, USE OF FORCE, TRAINING, FORCE REPORTING, FORCE
5 INVESTIGATIONS, GRIEVANCES, RESTRAINT, AND EARLY WARNING
6 SYSTEM. THERE IS A TOTAL OF 104 PROVISIONS, WITH A TOTAL OF
7 402 COMPLIANCE MEASURES. I WANT TO TAKE A MINUTE HERE,
8 SUPERVISORS, AND ACTUALLY GO OFF SCRIPT A LITTLE. YOU WILL SEE
9 AT THE BOTTOM, IT SAYS, "MR. MARK TERRACE RESIGNED, AS OF
10 SEPTEMBER 21, AND HAS BEEN REPLACED BY KATHY KINNEY." AND SHE
11 IS HOPEFULLY AVAILABLE TODAY, BUT I ALSO WANT TO MAKE A
12 COMMENT TO MR. JEFF SCHWARTZ. JEFF WAS ONE OF OUR MONITORS
13 SINCE THE ONSET OF 2015. HE WAS A GREAT PARTNER, A GOOD
14 COLLABORATOR. HE MADE A DIFFERENCE IN THE CULTURE AND IN THE
15 JAILS, AND HE WAS FORCED TO RESIGN HIS POSITION A FEW WEEKS
16 AGO FOR HEALTH REASONS. AND I JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIS
17 EFFORTS AND EVERYTHING HE HAS DONE IN THIS MATTER SINCE THAT
18 TIME, AND OUR BEST WISHES ARE WITH HIM. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.
19 SO, WHAT WE HAVE DONE IN FORCE MITIGATION AND QUALITY
20 IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS THAT ARE ONGOING IS, WE HAVE CONTINUED
21 WEEKLY MEETINGS WITH THE DIVISION CHIEFS ON A COMPREHENSIVE
22 REVIEW OF FORCE INCIDENTS. THE CHIEFS MEET WITH ALL THE UNITS.
23 THEY PRESENT THE VIDEOS, THEY PRESENT THE FORCE, AND THEY
24 DISCUSS PATTERNS OR IMPROVEMENTS WE CAN DO IN ANY OF THESE
25 FIELDS. WE HAVE, LAST YEAR, IMPLEMENTED A, LACK OF A BETTER

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1 TERM, A HEAD-STRIKE TRACKER. SO, ANY INCIDENTS THAT INVOLVE
2 THE USE OF HEAD STRIKES IN USE OF FORCE ARE TRACKED. WE PUSH
3 THAT OUT TO THE UNIT COMMANDERS ON A MONTHLY BASIS, AND IT IS
4 A MECHANISM AND A TOOL THAT THEY CAN LOOK, AND TO SEE IF
5 INDIVIDUALS, OR THERE'S PATTERNS OF ANYTHING WE COULD ADDRESS
6 TO TRY TO IDENTIFY PROBLEMS OR TRENDS THAT WE CAN MITIGATE. AS
7 WE DID LAST YEAR, THE SHERIFF APPROVED BODY-WORN CAMERAS AND A
8 PILOT PROGRAM IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. I'LL DISCUSS THAT A
9 LITTLE BIT MORE IN DETAIL, BUT VERY, VERY PRODUCTIVE. WE ARE
10 REAL HAPPY WITH IT. OBVIOUSLY, THERE'S GOING TO BE SOME COSTS
11 INCURRED, BUT WE THINK IT IS WORTH IT. AND HONESTLY, THE BODY-
12 WORN CAMERA WAS NOT A NEW CONCEPT. C.C.J.V. ACTUALLY DISCUSSED
13 IT WITH THE D.V. TEL BACK IN 2010, 2012. THEY WENT WITH THE
14 D.V. TEL FOR MORE EXPOSURE, MORE CAMERAS, BUT THE BODY-WORN
15 HAS PROVEN EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE, ESPECIALLY WITH THE AUDIO
16 CAPABILITY. SO WE'RE ENCOURAGED THAT WE WANT TO MOVE FORWARD
17 WITH THAT. THE WRAP DIRECTIVE WAS UNDER REVISION, AND SO
18 YOU'RE GOING TO SEE TWO TERMS HERE: THE WRAP DIRECTIVE AND THE
19 PROHIBITIVE USE-OF-FORCE DIRECTIVE. A DIRECTIVE IS A POLICY IN
20 PLACE UNTIL A FORMAL POLICY IS ACCEPTED AND GONE THROUGH THE
21 VETTING AND SIGNATURE PROCESS WITH ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS. SO,
22 WE HAVE IMPLEMENTED A WRAP DIRECTIVE, AND WE ARE STILL WORKING
23 WITH THE STAKEHOLDERS AND THE MONITORS BEFORE WE DO A FORMAL
24 WRAP POLICY ON THAT. AND IF YOU'RE NOT AWARE, THE WRAP IS A
25 RESTRAINT DEVICE THAT IS BASICALLY-- IT RESTRAINS AND HOLDS

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1 THE INDIVIDUAL'S LOWER BODY, AND THEIR HANDS ARE BEHIND THEIR
2 BACK, AND THEIR MOVEMENT IS RESTRICTED. AND WE PUT IN MANY
3 PROHIBITIVE FACTORS ON THAT, THAT IT IS HEAVY IN SUPERVISION,
4 AND MONITORED, AND KEEP AN EYE ON THE INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING
5 MEDICAL ASSESSMENTS IMMEDIATELY. AND THEN, FINALLY, WE'VE
6 PUSHED OUT A PROHIBITED USE-OF-FORCE DIRECTIVE, LIMITING THE
7 USE OF PERSONAL WEAPONS TO THE HEAD, AND THE STAKEHOLDERS ARE
8 WORKING WITH US TO DO THE FINAL CHANGES TO THAT. AGAIN, THESE
9 ARE IN PROCESS AND EXPANDING. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO,
10 REPORTING ON THE TRAINING STATISTICS AND WHERE WE ARE WITH
11 THAT. AND YOU COULD SEE, IN THEIR COMPLIANCE FACILITIES IN
12 2021, FORCE POLICY, THE INITIAL TRAINING'S COMPLETED. THE
13 FORCE REFRESHER, WE ARE AT 91%. ETHICS TRAINING, WE ARE
14 COMPLETED. THE ETHICS TRAINING IS 92%. DEVERT TRAINING, THE
15 INITIAL TRAINING IS COMPLETED, AND THEN THE TRAINING REFRESHER
16 IS AT 98%, AND THEN USE-OF-FORCE WRITING AND DOCUMENTATION IS
17 AT 99%. ONE THING I WANT TO POINT OUT A LITTLE IS, YOU SEE THE
18 NUMBERS FROM 2020 TO 2021. YOU WILL SEE THE NUMBERS FOR DEVERT
19 TRAINING WENT FROM 883 TO 230, AND THAT WAS THE RESULT OF LESS
20 ACADEMY CLASSES. THE DEVERT FOLLOWS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE
21 ACADEMY FOR JAIL OPERATIONS, WHEN THEY'RE PRESENTED THAT, SO
22 THE LACK OF CLASSES, AND THE LACK OF ACADEMY CLASSES GOING
23 THROUGH, WAS LESS STUDENTS BEING TRAINED IN DEVERT. AND THAT'S
24 ALSO YOU WILL SEE THE TRAINING REFRESHER WAS LESS IN 2020,
25 BECAUSE WE HAD TO SCALE BACK ON SOME CLASSES FOR C.O.V.I.D.,

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1 AND THEN YOU WILL SEE IT'S INCREASED BACK UP IN 2021. SOME OF
2 OUR CLASSES WERE IMPACTED BY C.O.V.I.D., AND WE HAD TO STOP
3 THE TRAINING FOR OBVIOUS REASONS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. I KNOW
4 THERE'S BEEN QUESTIONS ON ACCOUNTABILITY AND OUR OPENING
5 ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS, SO AS YOU'LL SEE, FROM 2019,
6 '20, AND '21, IT'S CONSISTENTLY GONE UP. THESE, THOUGH, ARE
7 ALL INVESTIGATIONS. THIS COULD BE ANYTHING FROM A POLICY
8 VIOLATION TO ADMINISTRATIVE, FOR PERSONS ARRESTED FOR DRUNK
9 DRIVING OR ANYTHING, NOT JUST SPECIFICALLY FORCE. THIS IS ALL
10 ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS HAVE INCREASED. NEXT SLIDE,
11 PLEASE. THIS IS SPECIFICALLY ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS FOR
12 FORCE-RELATED INCIDENTS. SO, YOU WILL SEE, FROM JANUARY 2020
13 TO DECEMBER 30, 2020, WE INITIATED TEN CASES, NINE FOUND TO BE
14 IN VIOLATION OF USE-OF-FORCE POLICY. ONE WAS UNFOUNDED. AND IN
15 THE FOLLOWING YEAR, IN 2021, 14 CASES WERE INITIATED. 11 WERE
16 FOUND TO BE IN VIOLATION. ONE WAS UNFOUNDED, TWO ARE PENDING.
17 NORMALLY, WHAT "PENDING" MEANS IS, IT MAY HAVE A CRIMINAL
18 COMPONENT OF IT, WHICH ADMINISTRATIVE [INAUDIBLE] UNTIL THE
19 CRIMINAL END OF IT IS COMPLETED. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, GOING
20 INTO THE DOWNTOWN USE OF FORCE, WE'RE A LITTLE ENCOURAGED BY
21 THIS, I'LL BE HONEST WITH YOU. AS YOU COULD SEE, FORCE HAS
22 CONSISTENTLY GONE DOWN EVERY YEAR SINCE 2018. WE WENT FROM A
23 TOTAL OF 847 CATEGORY ONES TO 819. YOU WILL SEE A SIGNIFICANT
24 DROP IN 2020, AND THAT WAS, WE THINK, A COMBINATION OF A FEW
25 FACTORS: C.O.V.I.D. IMPACT, LESS MOVEMENT WITHIN THE

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1 FACILITIES. WE DIDN'T CLOSE ANY HOUSING AREAS, TO MITIGATE THE
2 EFFECT OF C.O.V.I.D., SO ALL THE HOUSING LEFT OPEN. THERE WAS
3 JUST FEWER INMATES IN THERE, AND FEWER-- LESS MOVEMENT. THEY
4 WEREN'T GOING TO COURT, THEY WEREN'T GOING TO PROGRAM, THEY
5 WEREN'T GOING TO THAT, WHICH YOU WOULD THINK THAT WOULD BE
6 RAISING THE LEVEL OF ANXIETY AND CAUSING MORE FORCE, BUT OUR
7 PERSONNEL-- AND I ALSO WANT TO GIVE CREDIT TO HEALTH SERVICES
8 IN THIS. THEY WERE DOING A LOT OF TOWN HALLS WITH US. THEY
9 WERE INFORMING THE PERSONS IN OUR CARE ABOUT WHAT WAS GOING
10 ON, AND I THINK THAT TOOK SOME OF THE ANXIETY AWAY. AND THEN
11 YOU'LL SEE, AS WE STARTED COMING OUT OF THE C.O.V.I.D.
12 RESTRICTIONS IN 2021, IT IS STILL LESS FORCE THAN IN 2019. SO,
13 WE ARE GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO,
14 THIS IS SPECIFICALLY THE CATEGORY-ONE USE OF FORCE, WHICH
15 IS... LET ME READ THIS, SO I GET THE DEFINITION ACTUALLY
16 CORRECT. IT INVOLVES ANY OF THE FOLLOWING, WHEN THERE IS NO
17 INJURY, BUT THERE WAS A TAKEDOWN OR A USE OF O.C. SPRAY, OR
18 SOMETHING LIKE THAT, WHICH INVOLVED DISCOMFORT, BUT NO PAIN OR
19 INJURY. AND YOU'LL SEE, AGAIN, IT HAS BEEN TRACKING DOWN
20 CONSISTENTLY FROM 2018. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, CATEGORY TWO
21 IS THE NEXT LEVEL UP FROM CATEGORY ONE. THERE IS AN
22 IDENTIFIABLE INJURY OR A COMPLAINT OF PAIN FROM THE USE OF
23 FORCE. AND YOU'LL SEE, FROM 2018 TO 2019, IT DID INCREASE. BUT
24 THEN, WE HAVE BEEN GOING DOWN AGAIN FROM 2019 TO 2021, TAKING
25 2020 OUT. IT IS A BIT OF AN ANOMALY. AND NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.

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1 SO, CATEGORY THREES ARE THE MOST SEVERE. THAT'S A SKELETAL
2 FRACTURE, A HOSPITALIZATION, OR THE USE OF AN IMPROVISED
3 WEAPON OR A SPECIALIZED WEAPON. AND YOU WILL SEE WE WENT FROM
4 FOUR IN 2020, TO FIVE IN 2021, BUT THEY DID NOT CONSIST OF ANY
5 HEAD STRIKES. THIS WAS MAINLY THE USE OF SPECIAL WEAPONS-- A
6 PEPPER-BALL GUN OR SOMETHING OF THAT NATURE. AND MAYBE, I
7 BELIEVE, ONE WAS A BROKEN WRIST THAT WE WEREN'T SURE IF THE
8 INDIVIDUAL HAD A PRIOR CONTACT. AGAIN, WE ARE ENCOURAGED THAT
9 THE CATEGORY THREES ARE LOW, AND THAT'S OUR MOST SEVERE USE OF
10 FORCE, SO, AGAIN, WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY THAT. NEXT SLIDE,
11 PLEASE. SO, COMPARING THE PANELS, THE MONITORS' REPORT FROM
12 THE NINTH REPORT AND THE TENTH, THEY ASSESSED THE SAME TOTAL
13 NUMBER OF CASES: 104. YOU'LL NOTICE WE'RE NONCOMPLIANT. OUR
14 COMPLIANCE IN 2019-- I'M SORRY. IN THE NINTH REPORT, IT WAS
15 19, AND IT WENT UP TO 24. AND THE MAIN INCREASE WAS IN THE
16 FORCE REPORTING. THEY DIDN'T LIKE THE COMPLIANCE. WE WORKED ON
17 THAT. THE GRIEVANCES HAVE GONE UP A LITTLE, AND WE ARE WORKING
18 WITH THE MONITORS TO ENSURE THE ACCURATE REFLECTION OF THE
19 NUMBERS ON THIS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. AND EVEN GRIEVANCES ARE
20 ALSO TRACKED. FAIRLY CONSISTENT. GENERAL GRIEVANCES-- 2020,
21 2021-- ARE CONSISTENT. THEY ACTUALLY DROPPED IN 2021.
22 COMPLAINTS AGAINST STAFF INCREASED IN 2021, AND YOU WILL SEE
23 THE IPAD REQUESTS SIGNIFICANTLY DROPPED. THAT IS A RESULT OF
24 THE IPADS WE HAVE, HAVE BASICALLY LIVED THEIR LIFE. WE'VE HAD
25 THEM FOR MANY YEARS NOW, AND THEY ARE STARTING TO FAIL, AND

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1 THEY'RE JUST NOT AVAILABLE, AND WE'RE WORKING WITH THE
2 C.E.O.'S OFFICE TO TRY TO REPLACE THOSE. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.
3 THESE ARE THE TOP FIVE GRIEVANCES WE'VE HAD IN EACH ONE. IN
4 2020, LIVING CONDITIONS WAS THE NUMBER ONE ON [INAUDIBLE].
5 THAT COULD BE ANYTHING FROM THEIR HOUSING, THE CONDITIONS IN
6 THEIR HOUSE, IN THEIR DORMITORIES OR CELLS, TO ANY TYPE OF
7 FOOD, OR ANYTHING THAT THEY HAVE GRIEVANCES FOR. "OTHER" IS A
8 LITTLE MORE OPEN. IT IS BASICALLY ANYTHING FROM THEIR
9 VISITING, TO TELEVISION, TO WORK ASSIGNMENTS, MONEY ACCOUNTS.
10 AND WE ARE TRYING TO DO BETTER AT CATEGORIZING EACH OF THOSE
11 INDIVIDUALLY, SO WE GET A BETTER REFLECTION OF WHAT EXACTLY
12 THEIR REQUESTS ARE. MAIL IS ALWAYS A CONCERN. IN 2020, MAIL
13 WAS A CONCERN, BECAUSE SOME OF THE C.O.V.I.D. AFFECTED THE
14 MAIL WE HAD COMING IN. AND AGAIN, MAIL IS ALSO A METHOD OF
15 BRINGING IN CONTRABAND INTO THE FACILITY, SO WE HAVE TO DO A
16 GOOD JOB OF TRYING TO SCREEN THAT. "SERVICE-
17 RELATED/PROCEDURAL," THAT COULD BE ANYTHING ELSE, OTHER THAN
18 LIVING CONDITIONS. STAFF COMPLAINTS WENT UP A LITTLE, AND THEN
19 THE CLASSIFICATION-- I BELIEVE A LOT OF THAT IN 2020 WAS BASED
20 ON C.O.V.I.D., AND PEOPLE WERE TRYING TO SEE IF THEY WERE
21 ELIGIBLE FOR EARLY RELEASE, AND THAT TYPE OF THING, SO THEY
22 CONTINUED TO ASK FOR THEIR CLASSIFICATION UPDATES. NEXT SLIDE,
23 PLEASE. AND I BELIEVE THAT MIGHT BE ALL OF THEM. OKAY.
24

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, ASSISTANT
2 SHERIFF CORBETT. WE'LL ASK YOU TO STAND BY. WE'RE GOING TO
3 HEAR THE PRESENTATIONS, THE OPENING REMARKS FROM THE INSPECTOR
4 GENERAL, MAX HUNTSMAN, AND KATHY KINNEY, AND WE WILL ASK YOU
5 TO STAND BY. I AM SURE WE HAVE-- I HAVE QUESTIONS, AND OTHER
6 SUPERVISORS WILL HAVE QUESTIONS, AS WELL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
7 MR. HUNTSMAN?

8

9 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** THERE WE GO. I WAS MUTED. I APOLOGIZE. THANK YOU
10 FOR LETTING ME ADDRESS YOU THIS AFTERNOON. I WANT TO THANK THE
11 MONITORS FOR THIS REPORT, WHICH IS, I THINK, UNIQUE;
12 CERTAINLY, INCREDIBLY UNUSUAL, IN THAT THIS REPORT ACTUALLY
13 CALLS OUT SERIOUS PROBLEMS THAT DO NOT SEEM TO BE IN THE
14 PROCESS OF BEING RESOLVED. AND THERE'S A QUOTE FROM THE SECOND
15 PARAGRAPH. IT SAYS, "IT IS TIME FOR THE JAIL CULTURE TO STOP
16 SUPPORTING BEHAVIORS THAT ARE FORBIDDEN BY POLICY." AND THE
17 MONITORS TALK QUITE A BIT ABOUT A VARIETY OF SPECIFIC
18 PROBLEMS, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY ABOUT WHAT THEY SEE AS A LACK
19 OF CONTINUING EFFORT ON THE PART OF THE DEPARTMENT TO FIX THE
20 PROBLEMS THAT ARE IN FRONT OF THEM. AND I WANT TO SAY THAT I
21 GREATLY APPRECIATE THE MONITORS MAKING THESE OBSERVATIONS, AND
22 THEY ARE COMPLETELY CONSISTENT WITH WHAT MY OFFICE HAS
23 OBSERVED. AS YOU KNOW, A YEAR AND A HALF AGO, WE REPORTED ON
24 THE DISMANTLING OF THE INTERNAL DISCIPLINE SYSTEM, WHICH WE--
25 SINCE THEN, WE HAVE NOT BEEN PERMITTED TO EXAMINE IT CLOSELY,

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1 SO I CAN'T COMMENT ON WHERE IT'S AT NOW, EXCEPT TO SAY THAT
2 THE STATS THAT YOU'VE GOT FROM THE ASSISTANT SHERIFF THERE
3 ARE, AS YOU SAID, THE OVERALL STATS. SO, WHILE THEY SHOW A LOT
4 OF ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS, THEY ARE NOT REFLECTING WHAT
5 INTERNAL AFFAIRS IS DOING, OR WHAT INTERNAL CRIMINAL
6 INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU IS DOING, AND THAT'S THE SUBJECT OF OUR
7 REPORT THAT YOU CAN FIND ONLINE, AND WHICH WE HAVE CERTAINLY
8 PUBLICIZED QUITE A BIT. THE NUMBER OF INVESTIGATIONS, AS
9 DESCRIBED, WERE ACTUAL USES OF FORCE-- ABOUT TEN PER YEAR--
10 WHEN WE ARE SEEING NOW A THOUSAND USES OF FORCE IN A YEAR, SO
11 IT IS A TINY DROP IN THE BUCKET OF THE CASES. MOST TROUBLING
12 TO ME IS THE INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF CATEGORY-THREE
13 VIOLENCE. AND PRIOR TO THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION, BROKEN
14 BONES HAD ALMOST ALL BEEN ELIMINATED, AND THE SERIOUS USES OF
15 FORCE WERE DOWN TO ONE, IN 2018. BUT IN THE PAST THREE YEARS,
16 THERE HAVE BEEN FOUR TO FIVE EVERY SINGLE YEAR. JUST RECENTLY,
17 IN JUNE, WE HAD AN INCIDENT IN THE INMATE RECEPTION CENTER,
18 WHICH APPEARS TO HAVE INVOLVED BROKEN BONES AND USE OF
19 PERSONAL WEAPONS AGAINST THE HEAD, WHICH IS CALLED OUT IN THE
20 MONITORS' REPORT. AND THEN JUST RIGHT NOW, THERE'S A STORY
21 DROPPING ON THE TIMES ABOUT ANOTHER INCIDENT, AND MY OFFICE
22 HAS SUPPOSEDLY RECEIVED A PRESENTATION ON IT. I JUST WANT TO
23 BE CLEAR, THAT PRESENTATION WAS-- WE WERE TOLD ABOUT IT, AND
24 ALLOWED TO LOOK AT VIDEO; NOT ALLOWED TO KEEP IT, NOT ALLOWED
25 TO EXAMINE, NOT ALLOWED TO MONITOR THE INVESTIGATION OR

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1 CONDUCT OUR OWN INVESTIGATION, WHICH I WILL ADDRESS AT THE END
2 OF MY REMARKS. THE PRIMARY PROBLEM IN THE JAILS ISN'T LACK OF
3 DESIRE ON THE PART OF SHERIFF'S PERSONNEL; IT IS OVERCROWDING.
4 THE JAILS ARE GROSSLY OVERCROWDED. THE DIP YOU SAW IN 2020 WAS
5 BECAUSE THE POPULATION AMOUNT DIPPED. AND AS A RESULT OF THAT
6 OVERCROWDING, WE ARE SEEING INAPPROPRIATE MEDICAL CARE BEING
7 RECEIVED. WE ARE SEEING BOTTLENECKS FORMING IN THE INMATE
8 RECEPTION CENTER, WHERE THE VIOLENCE HAS BECOME MOST SEVERE,
9 AND WE ARE SEEING OTHER PROBLEMS WITHIN THE JAILS. SO THAT'S
10 THE PRIMARY FORCE. THE PRESENCE OF VIOLENCE IS, OF COURSE, OF
11 GREAT CONCERN TO US, AND TO THE MONITORS. BUT WE ALSO SHARE
12 THE MONITORS' CONCERN ABOUT THE LACK OF COOPERATION FROM THE
13 DEPARTMENT. AS THEY SAID ON PAGE FOUR OF THEIR REPORT, THE
14 NORM NOW IS TO GET A QUICK RESPONSE OF SAYING, "OH, WELL, WE
15 WILL GET BACK TO YOU," AND FOLLOWED BY NOTHING. AND THAT'S
16 BEEN OUR EXPERIENCE. AS YOU KNOW, THIS BOARD HAS HAD TO ASK
17 COUNTY COUNSEL TO BRING A LAWSUIT TO TRY TO GET COMPLIANCE
18 WITH OVERSIGHT LAWS, AND I THINK THAT LAWSUIT IS THE ONLY
19 THING THAT CAUSED US TO MOVE FORWARD, AND TO ELIMINATE THE
20 OBSTRUCTION OF OUR INVESTIGATIONS, MOST NOTABLY-- I THINK
21 YOU'VE TALKED ABOUT IT A LITTLE BIT TODAY-- THE LAW
22 ENFORCEMENT GANG PROBLEM UNDER PENAL CODE 13670. I HAD BROUGHT
23 TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, RECENTLY, CONCERNS ABOUT SOME
24 DECORATIONS IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THAT HAVE NAMES ON
25 THEM, AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT COULDN'T IDENTIFY HOW THE

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1 NAMES GOT THERE, AND WE ARE WORKING WITH THEM ON TRYING TO GET
2 A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION. BUT WE ARE NOT ABLE TO INVESTIGATE,
3 DESPITE OUR LEGAL AUTHORITY TO DO SO. LIKEWISE, THERE WAS AN
4 ALLEGATION OF THE K.K.K. INFILTRATING THE JAILS, AND
5 INITIALLY, THE INVESTIGATION SEEMED TO BE ALMOST NO
6 INVESTIGATION AT ALL. I WENT OUT PERSONALLY TO THE LOCATION TO
7 VIEW THE SCENE, AND THAT AFTERNOON, ONE OF THE INFORMANTS TO
8 THE PRESS RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM A SERGEANT IN THE CHAIN
9 OF COMMAND, NOT FROM INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND THAT WAS DEEPLY
10 DISTURBING TO ME. I HAVE DISCUSSED THAT WITH THE DEPARTMENT,
11 AND I BELIEVE THEY ARE GOING TO CONDUCT A REAL INVESTIGATION.
12 WE'LL SEE. BUT THESE AREN'T ISOLATED INCIDENTS. AS I THINK YOU
13 KNOW, YESTERDAY, I WENT WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO THE EAST
14 LOS ANGELES STATION, THE HOME OF THE BANDITOS, AND IN THE
15 LOCKER ROOM SAW A SYMBOL OF THE 3-PERCENTERS, THAT SUPERVISOR
16 KUEHL MENTIONED, A GROUP WHOSE MEMBERS, SOME OF THEM HAVE BEEN
17 CONVICTED IN THE VIOLENCE ON JANUARY 6TH, AND THAT'S BEEN A
18 SUBJECT OF OUR INVESTIGATION. AND LIKE THE MONITORS, WE
19 HAVEN'T RECEIVED THE DOCUMENTATION AND COMPLIANCE FROM THE
20 DEPARTMENT THAT WE ARE LEGALLY ENTITLED TO. SO, AS A RESULT,
21 THOSE MATTERS ARE NOT GETTING INVESTIGATED. SO, I SHARE THE
22 CONCERNS OF THE MONITORS. I AM HAPPY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT
23 SPECIFIC ISSUES WITHIN THE JAILS, BUT UNFORTUNATELY,
24 ULTIMATELY, I THINK IT IS ONLY THE LEGAL ACTIONS THAT THIS

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1 BOARD HAS ASKED COUNTY COUNSEL TO UNDERTAKE, AND THAT COUNTY
2 COUNSEL IS UNDERTAKING, THAT WILL RESULT IN IMPROVEMENT.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. HUNTSMAN. IS
5 MS. KINNEY GOING TO GIVE AN OPENING STATEMENT, OR IS SHE JUST
6 AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS?

7

8 **SPEAKER:** I WILL JUST DO A BRIEF INTRODUCTION.

9

10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WELCOME.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO
13 PARTICIPATE. I JUST WANTED TO INTRODUCE MYSELF. I AM KATHY
14 KINNEY. I AM ONE OF THE NEW MONITORS ON THE ROSAS CASE. I COME
15 TO THIS POSITION HAVING SERVED 25 YEARS WITH THE FEDERAL
16 BUREAU OF PRISONS, AND I RETIRED AS THE AGENCY'S GENERAL
17 COUNSEL. I THEN HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE OF WORKING AS A
18 CONSULTANT FOR THE MOSS GROUP, WHO HAS THE ABILITY IN A NUMBER
19 OF CONTRACTS AROUND THE COUNTRY TO GO IN AND HELP SYSTEMS
20 ACHIEVE OPERATIONAL COMPLIANCE ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES. SO, I
21 THINK MY BACKGROUND WILL HELP IN THIS NEW POSITION. I AM VERY
22 EXCITED ABOUT IT. I CAME ON BOARD AT THE VERY END OF APRIL, SO
23 I WAS NOT INVOLVED IN WRITING OR REVIEWING THE TENTH REPORT,
24 THE LAST REPORT THAT WAS SUBMITTED IN THIS MATTER. I HAVE HAD
25 A CHANCE TO DO MY FIRST ON-SITE VISIT. I VISITED ALL THREE

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1 JAILS IN JUNE, AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED SERVICE IN THIS
2 AREA, AND I AM HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. MS. KINNEY,
3 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR JOINING US, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO
4 FUTURE DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU. LET ME TURN IT OVER TO SUPERVISOR
5 BARGER, FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU, ASSISTANT SHERIFF
8 CORBETT. AND THANK YOU, MAX, FOR GIVING US AN OVERVIEW. MY
9 QUESTION IS FOR ASSISTANT SHERIFF CORBETT. AS I UNDERSTAND IT,
10 THIS AGREEMENT STIPULATES A MINIMUM STAFFING LEVEL. WHERE IS
11 THE DEPARTMENT IN MEETING THE STAFFING REQUIREMENT? AND I KNOW
12 THAT MAX HAD MENTIONED THE OVERCROWDING ISSUE. IN ADDITION TO
13 THE STAFFING, WHAT ARE WE DOING TO ADDRESS THAT, ESPECIALLY IN
14 THE I.R.C.?

15

16 **BRENDAN CORBETT:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR THAT QUESTION.
17 STAFFING WAS INITIALLY IDENTIFIED THROUGH THE C.C.J.V.,
18 CIVILIAN COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE, AND THEY IDENTIFIED
19 SPECIFIC STAFFING LEVELS FOR SPECIFIC LOCATIONS, WITH A HEAVY
20 EMPHASIS ON SUPERVISION. THEY WANTED SERGEANTS, LIEUTENANTS,
21 CAPTAINS. THAT'S WHEN THEY ACTUALLY IDENTIFIED TWO CAPTAINS
22 FOR THE BIGGER FACILITIES, AND WE HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING WITH
23 THAT SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE LAST TWO YEARS. AS THE BOARD KNOWS,
24 WE HAD 1,024 ITEMS STRIPPED AWAY FROM US IN 2020 WITH THE
25 CURTAILMENTS, 69 OF THOSE, WHICH IS A NOW A TOTAL OF 90.

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1 THAT'S HOW MANY SERGEANT VACANCIES AND HOW MANY SERGEANTS I AM
2 SHORT, IN CUSTODY DIVISION ALONE. 580 OF THOSE WERE DEPUTIES,
3 56 BONUSES, AND 246 CUSTODY ASSISTANTS. IN ORDER TO EVEN GET
4 TO MINIMUM STAFFING LEVEL, SUPERVISOR, AS OF TODAY, I HAVE 343
5 ITEMS FROM OTHER AREAS OF THE DEPARTMENT-- PATROL AND
6 DETECTIVE DIVISION-- THAT WE HAD TO TAKE THOSE ITEMS, JUST TO
7 PUT MY PERSONNEL ON TO DO MINIMUM STAFFING. SO, WE ARE
8 WOEFULLY UNDERSTAFFED. AND I ACTUALLY HAD THIS CONVERSATION
9 WITH MS. KINNEY. SHE IS REVIEWING FORCE REPORTS FROM OVER A
10 YEAR AGO, WHICH IS NOT WITHIN THE COMPLIANCE, BECAUSE I JUST
11 DO NOT HAVE THE SUPERVISORS TO COMPLETE THE REPORTS TIMELY
12 ENOUGH. WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN, BUT WITH THAT AMOUNT
13 OF CUTTING, WE ARE UNABLE TO MEET THE COMPLIANCE TIME FRAMES
14 TO GET THINGS IMPLEMENTED. AND, FOR EXAMPLE, MR. HUNTSMAN
15 ALLUDED TO THE I.P.A. K.K.K. INCIDENT AT N.C.C.F. THAT CAME ON
16 OUR ATTENTION ABOUT THE SAME TIME AS HIS, THROUGH THE BLOG,
17 AND WE TAKE IT VERY SERIOUSLY. IN ORDER TO INITIATE AN
18 INTERNAL INVESTIGATION, WE HAVE TO DO A SUPERVISOR INQUIRY.
19 AND I BELIEVE THAT'S WHAT MR. HUNTSMAN WAS INDICATING WAS
20 OCCURRING. AND WE HAVE DONE THAT, AND IT IS 20 PAGES. THE
21 CHIEF IS REVIEWING IT. HE HAS SOME ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, AND
22 ONCE THAT GOES, IT WILL GO TO THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU FOR
23 A FULL INVESTIGATION. BUT MY CONFIDENCE ON THAT IS, THIS WAS
24 THE FIRST WE HAD EVER HEARD OF IT. MR. HUNTSMAN AND HIS STAFF,
25 THE A.C.L.U., SYBIL BRAND COMMISSIONERS-- AS OF RECENTLY, THE

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1 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INSPECTORS-- HAVE ALL BEEN IN
2 THERE. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE HAVE EVER HEARD OF ANYTHING
3 LIKE THAT. SO, WE WILL TAKE IT VERY SERIOUSLY, BUT I DO
4 BELIEVE THE LEVEL OF OVERSIGHT WE HAVE IN THE JAILS WOULD HAVE
5 RANG THAT BELL PREVIOUSLY IF THERE WAS A PROBLEM OR A SYSTEMIC
6 ISSUE. BUT AGAIN, TO HAVE ENOUGH SUPERVISORS AND THAT TO DO
7 THESE INQUIRIES TIMELY, AND GET THEM FORWARD, AND DO A FULL
8 INVESTIGATION, WE ARE VERY MUCH HAMPERED. SO, WE ARE BUDGETED
9 FOR 374 SERGEANTS. WE'VE FILLED 300, AND WE ARE VACANT 90. AND
10 AS YOU KNOW, THE SERGEANTS ARE THE FIRST LINE OF SUPERVISION
11 THAT SHOULD BE OUT WITH THE DEPUTIES, TRAINING THEM,
12 MONITORING THE WORKPLACE, DOING ALL THAT, BUT THEY ARE
13 BASICALLY BURIED WITH ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES AND FORCE REPORTS
14 AND GRIEVANCES. I HOPE THAT ANSWERS YOUR QUESTION, SUPERVISOR.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** WHAT ABOUT THE OVERCROWDING THAT MR. HUNTSMAN
17 MENTIONED AS BEING PART OF WHAT MAY BE CAUSING THIS, AND HOW
18 WE ARE TRYING TO ADDRESS THAT, ESPECIALLY IN THE INMATE
19 RECEPTION?

20

21 **BRENDAN CORBETT:** SO, I KNOW THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS DID A MOTION
22 LAST WEEK TO SUPPORT US IN THE EFFORTS IN THE I.R.C., FOR
23 CORRECTIONS AND HEALTH SERVICES AND DR. BELAVICH TO GET SOME
24 MORE STAFFING, AND THE BACKLOG OF ANY OF THOSE WAITING FOR
25 MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS IN MEDICAL, AND

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1 THAT'S VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. I NEED TO POINT OUT THE
2 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT DR. BELAVICH AND DR. GHALY CAN DO IS
3 GO ON A REGISTRY AND GET MORE NURSES AND DOCTORS. IT TAKES 10
4 MONTHS TO A YEAR FOR ME TO GET MORE DEPUTIES OR ANYBODY
5 TRAINED AND HIRED AND IN PLACE TO SUPPORT THAT. CURRENTLY, AT
6 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, I HAVE 100 UNFUNDED POSITIONS TO SUPPORT
7 THE CLINIC EXPANSION WE HAVE DONE FOR C.H.S. IN THE PAST YEAR
8 OR TWO. SO, AGAIN, WE ARE DOING THAT OUT OF [INAUDIBLE]
9 WITHOUT THE ADDITIONAL FUNDING. THE INMATE RECEPTION CENTER IS
10 LIKE MR. HUNTSMAN SAYS, IS WHERE IT BOTTLENECKS COMING IN. AND
11 THERE'S TWO COMPONENTS TO THAT. THEY HAVE A MEDICAL ASSESSMENT
12 AND A MENTAL ASSESSMENT. AND THEN, AS YOU GO INTO THE
13 FACILITIES AND UPSTREAM, FOR LACK OF A BETTER TERM, IF WE ALSO
14 HAVE LESS CLINICIANS UP THERE TO EVALUATE, DECLASS, OR RECLASS
15 INDIVIDUALS, THEN THE BACKUP STARTS, AND THAT'S WHAT WE SEEM
16 TO BE EXPERIENCING. AND AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR
17 SOLIS FOR THE SUPPORT FOR [INAUDIBLE], TO GIVE US SOME FUNDING
18 FOR THAT, TO HOPEFULLY GET AROUND SOME OF THAT BACKLOG. MY
19 STAFFING IS BASICALLY, MA'AM, I AM MANDATING MY SERGEANTS AND
20 MY DEPUTIES ANYWHERE FROM 4 TO 8 OVERTIME SHIFTS A MONTH, ON
21 TOP OF THEIR 40 HOURS, JUST TO PROVIDE BASIC STAFFING LEVELS.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER:** SO, YOU'D MENTIONED SOMETHING. AND DR. BELAVICH,
24 WHEN WE TALKED TO HIM, HE SAID THAT EVEN IF HE HAD ADDITIONAL
25 STAFF, HE DOES NOT HAVE THE SPACE TO PLACE THEM. IS THAT

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1 ACCURATE, OR DID I MISUNDERSTAND HIM? BECAUSE I THINK THAT WAS
2 ONE OF HIS FRUSTRATIONS, AS WELL, IS THE SPACE AVAILABLE TO
3 EVEN PUT ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL, WHICH IS NEEDED, BECAUSE A
4 NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS COMING IN WITH GREATER NEEDS IS THERE.

5

6 **BRENDAN CORBETT:** THAT'S CORRECT. AND OBVIOUSLY, THE MENTAL
7 HEALTH POPULATION HAS INCREASED IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, SO THE
8 AVAILABLE MENTAL HEALTH SPACE-- AND WE HAVE DONE EVERYTHING WE
9 CAN, BUT AT SOME POINT, YOU HAVE THE SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
10 COUPLED WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL. IT TAKES A VERY
11 UNIQUE SET FOR FINDING APPROPRIATE HOUSING, AND THAT'S WHAT IS
12 BECOMING SHORT. AND WE HAVE SEVERAL PLANS GOING FORWARD TO
13 RELIEVE SOME OF THAT, AND I KNOW THAT THE SUPERVISORS HAVE
14 MENTIONED THE DEPOPULATION EFFORTS. AND HONESTLY, THE JAILS
15 WERE NOT DEPOPULATED BY OUR FOCUS AND OUR ACTIONS. IT WAS A
16 COMBINATION OF, RELEASES WERE HAPPENING NORMALLY; THE COURTS
17 WERE RELEASING, THAT KIND OF THING. BUT WITH THE
18 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COURT'S ORDERS AND THE EMERGENCY BAIL
19 SCHEDULE, IT JUST WASN'T FILLING BACK UP AT THE SAME PACE. SO,
20 WE DID A FEW THINGS TO RELIEVE THE PRESSURE, IT WASN'T FILLING
21 BACK UP, BUT NOW I THINK WE'RE GOING TO SEE THAT REVERSING.
22 TODAY, I AM AT 13,479, WHICH IS UP 200 OR 300 JUST IN A FEW
23 WEEKS. SO, WE ARE MAKING CONTINGENCY PLANS TO OPEN UP
24 ADDITIONAL HOUSING WHERE WE CAN, DOUBLING UP EVERYBODY, AND

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1 TRYING TO SUPPORT DR. BELAVICH IN EVERYTHING WE CAN, TO MAKE
2 AVAILABLE SPACE FOR THAT.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** EXCELLENT. AND JUST FOR THE RECORD, I HAVE A LOT
5 OF ADMIRATION FOR DR. BELAVICH. I THINK HE IS DOING A
6 TREMENDOUS JOB UNDER DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES. I AM GOING TO
7 ASK YOU MY NEXT QUESTION. I'M GOING TO DO IT IN TWOFOLD. I
8 KNOW WE'VE GOT THE BODY-WORN PILOT PROGRAM, AND I WANT TO FIND
9 OUT HOW THAT'S GOING, AND ALSO IF THERE ARE PLANS TO EXPAND
10 THAT PAST A PILOT.

11

12 **BRENDAN CORBETT:** WELL, THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION,
13 SUPERVISOR. YEAH. WE DID THE PILOT AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL ON
14 THE 3,000 FLOOR, AND PARTICULARLY WITH THE K-10S, AND IT WAS
15 VERY ENCOURAGING. AND I THINK IT WILL GO FAR, ALSO, INTO
16 HELPING US COME INTO COMPLIANCE WITH MANY OF THESE MEASURES;
17 THE AUDIO ALONE. IN CONCERT WITH THE D.V. TEL, A LOT OF TIMES
18 ON A BODY-WORN, ALL YOU'RE GOING TO SEE IS THE BACK OF ANOTHER
19 DEPUTY OR A PILE, FOR LACK OF A BETTER TERM. BUT YOU GET THE
20 AUDIO. AND THE AUDIO ALONE WILL GIVE US WHETHER THE DE-
21 ESCALATION EFFORTS WERE HAPPENING, OR THEY WEREN'T. AND THAT'S
22 A BIG PART OF WHAT THE MONITORS' CONCERN ARE: WAS THERE ACTIVE
23 DE-ESCALATION ATTEMPTS TO MITIGATE THE FORCE BEFORE IT
24 OCCURRED? AND WE ARE FINDING THE BODY-WORN CAMERA PROVIDES US
25 WITH THAT AUDIO ALONE, ON TOP OF THE GOOD CAMERA FOOTAGE. AND

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1 THEN, COMBINED WITH THE D.V. TEL, WE CAN SEE THE ENTIRE
2 INCIDENT. VERY ENCOURAGING. AND THEN, THERE'S OFTEN
3 GRIEVANCES. LIKE I ALLUDED TO, MY STAFF IS SHORT FOR
4 SERGEANTS. GRIEVANCES COULD TAKE HOURS AND HOURS OF SERGEANTS
5 TO REVIEW, TO SEE IF AN INCIDENT OR A CONTACT OCCURRED BETWEEN
6 A DEPUTY AND A PERSON IN OUR CARE. THE BODY-WORN CAMERA WOULD
7 BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THAT ALMOST INSTANTANEOUS, AND IT CUTS DOWN
8 A LOT ON THE TIME AND EFFORT INTO THE GRIEVANCE. AS A MATTER
9 OF FACT, JUDGE PREGERSON, THE FEDERAL JUDGE IN OUR LAST STATUS
10 CONFERENCE, WAS VERY ENCOURAGED BY IT, AND HE WANTED AN UPDATE
11 ON OUR PLAN TO ROLL IT OUT. WE ARE WORKING WITH THE C.E.O. ON
12 THE COST OUT. AND COMBINED WITH THAT, WE NEED SOME UPGRADES TO
13 OUR D.V. TEL SYSTEM. THAT'S FROM 2012, AS WELL. I DON'T HAVE A
14 T.V. IN MY HOUSE FROM 2012, SO THESE THINGS ARE STARTING TO
15 GET-- THEIR USEFUL LIFE IS OVER, AND WE NEED NEW SERVERS. AND
16 HOPEFULLY, WE CAN GET ONTO A CLOUD-BASED, WHICH WILL HELP
17 ACCOMMODATE THAT. BECAUSE IF YOU THINK, SUPERVISOR, ON THE
18 BODY-WORN, THE COST, ON A PATROL, BASICALLY, IT'S CITIZEN
19 CONTACT OR STEERING WHEEL TO STEERING WHEEL. I WILL HAVE AS
20 MANY IF NOT MORE CAMERAS IN THE JAILS, AND WHEN DO I TURN THEM
21 ON, AND WHEN DO I TURN THEM OFF? BECAUSE IF I LET THEM RUN
22 CONSTANTLY, THAT'S A LEVEL OF SERVERS THAT WE DON'T HAVE. WE
23 JUST CAN'T STORE THAT MUCH VIDEO. SO WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO
24 WORK WITH THE POLICY, AND WE'LL WORK WITH THE STAKEHOLDERS TO
25 IDENTIFY WHEN TO TURN IT ON AND WHEN NOT, WHICH ALSO GIVES THE

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1 ACCOUNTABILITY. IF THEY DON'T TURN IT ON WHEN THEY ARE
2 SUPPOSED TO, THEN WE CAN HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE. SO IT IS A
3 LITTLE COMPLEX. WE ARE WORKING THROUGH IT. BUT WE ARE VERY
4 ENCOURAGED BY IT, AND WE'RE WORKING WITH THE C.E.O. TO ROLL IT
5 OUT. IT WILL PROBABLY BE IN PHASES, AND THEN, HOPEFULLY, THE
6 WHOLE DIVISION WILL HAVE IT, EVENTUALLY.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, THANK YOU. AND THEN, IN CLOSING, I JUST
9 WANT TO WELCOME YOU, KATHY KINNEY. I KNOW THAT WE DID
10 APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT MR. HARRIS DID. AND ACTUALLY, JUDGE
11 PREGERSON HAS BEEN ALSO TREMENDOUS, AS IT RELATES TO HOLDING
12 US ALL ACCOUNTABLE. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO HAVE
13 REPORTS THAT REFLECT THE FACT THAT WE NEED TO DO BETTER. I
14 KNOW, ASSISTANT SHERIFF CORBETT, YOU HAVE HELD YOURSELF
15 PERSONALLY ACCOUNTABLE WHEN YOU COME TO THIS BOARD. AND, MAX,
16 I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU TWO WORK TOGETHER. BUT I THINK
17 THAT WE, AS A BOARD, WANT TO WORK WITH YOU, AND WITH THE
18 MONITOR, TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE MOVING IN THE RIGHT
19 DIRECTION. AND IF STAFFING IS AN ISSUE, IT NEEDS TO BE
20 ADDRESSED ACROSS THE BOARD. IF THE FACT THAT OVERCROWDING
21 EXISTS, I KNOW THAT WE LOOKED AT THAT, AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL
22 HAD MENTIONED DURING C.O.V.I.D., WHEN WE WERE RELEASING
23 CERTAIN INMATES. I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S STILL TAKING PLACE,
24 BUT MY CONCERN IS THAT WE ARE PUTTING THE SAFETY OF NOT ONLY
25 THE INDIVIDUALS THAT WE ARE HOUSING AT OUR JAILS, BUT ALSO THE

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1 SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES AT RISK, BY NOT ADDRESSING THAT IN A TIMELY
2 FASHION. SO, BETWEEN THE MOTION THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS DID TWO
3 WEEKS AGO, AND SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS HERE, I AM HOPING
4 THAT WE CAN ADDRESS THAT ISSUE, AS WELL. BUT I THANK YOU BOTH,
5 AND WELCOME YOU AS OUR NEW MONITOR, KATHY KINNEY. SO, THANK
6 YOU.

7

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

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU,
11 ASSISTANT SHERIFF CORBETT. GOOD TO SEE YOU, SIR. I DO HAVE A
12 QUESTION, THOUGH. YOU SHOWED US THE NUMBERS FOR THE CATEGORY-
13 ONE AND CATEGORY-TWO ACTIONS, AND THEN IT LOOKED LIKE THERE
14 WERE BETWEEN 10 AND 14 INVESTIGATIONS, WHICH SEEMED A LOT
15 LOWER THAN THE TOTAL NUMBER OF THESE INCIDENTS. YOU KNOW, JUST
16 LOOKING AT IT, ONE WOULD WONDER, WHY ARE THERE NOT MORE
17 INVESTIGATIONS OF THESE INCIDENTS?

18

19 **BRENDAN CORBETT:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, I THINK IF YOU LOOK AT IT
20 QUANTITATIVELY LIKE THAT, IT LOOKS LIKE THAT, BUT EVERY USE OF
21 FORCE IS INVESTIGATED, AND SOME OF THE MINOR POLICY VIOLATIONS
22 ARE DEALT WITH AT A LOWER LEVEL OF INQUIRY: A PERFORMANCE LOG
23 ENTRY, ADDITIONAL TRAINING. IT WOULDN'T BECOME A FORMAL
24 ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION LIKE THIS. BUT I'D ALSO LIKE TO
25 POINT OUT THAT-- AND WE DON'T-- AND I TALKED TO, ACTUALLY, MS.

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1 KINNEY ABOUT THAT-- WE DON'T DO A GOOD JOB OF IDENTIFYING
2 PREVENTED USE OF FORCE. AND I THINK IF YOU SAY WE HAVE 1,000
3 USES OF FORCE, WE PROBABLY HAVE FIVE OR TEN TIMES THAT OF
4 FORCE THAT WAS PREVENTED BY DE-ESCALATION AND DEPUTIES'
5 INTERVENTION, AND WE DON'T DO A GOOD JOB OF TRACKING THAT. I
6 THINK WE IDENTIFIED ABOUT 3,000 OR 4,000, THAT IT TAKES A
7 SUPERVISOR TO GO IN AND ACTUALLY MAKE AN ENTRY TO IDENTIFY
8 THAT. AND WE ARE LOOKING AT A BETTER PROCEDURE TO DO THAT, AND
9 THEN HOPEFULLY THAT WILL GIVE YOU A BETTER IDEA OF THE
10 PREVENTED USES OF FORCE, AS OPPOSED TO THE USES OF FORCE, AS
11 OPPOSED TO THE ACTIVE INVESTIGATIONS.

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** IN TERMS OF THE FINDINGS OF THE MONITORS, YOU GAVE
14 US NUMBERS ABOUT ALL THE PEOPLE THAT WENT THROUGH DE-
15 ESCALATION TRAINING, BUT THE MONITORS OPINED IT WAS
16 INEFFECTIVE. SO, I DON'T CARE IF YOU HAD 15,000 PEOPLE GO
17 THROUGH INEFFECTIVE TRAINING. IT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE THAT WAS A
18 GREAT IDEA OR A GREAT USE OF RESOURCES. SO, THE QUESTION I
19 HAVE IS, HOW SHALL WE GET AT THE NUB OF WHAT IS INTENDED,
20 WHICH IS THAT DE-ESCALATION TACTICS ARE USED MORE OFTEN, AND
21 ACTUALLY EFFECTIVELY? IF THE TRAINING IS NO GOOD, OR NOT
22 EFFECTIVE-- AND I WANT TO ASK OUR MONITOR, KATHY KINNEY, AFTER
23 YOU ANSWER, THEIR OPINION OF IF THERE'S A WAY OF IDENTIFYING
24 WHAT SORT OF MADE IT INEFFECTIVE, EXCEPT TO SHOW THAT PEOPLE

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1 DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO DE-ESCALATE. BUT HOW WOULD YOU IMPROVE THE
2 USE OF DE-ESCALATION AND IMPROVE THE TRAINING?

3

4 **BRENDAN CORBETT:** YOU KNOW, I WILL BE HONEST WITH YOU,
5 SUPERVISOR: THAT REPORT, THAT KIND OF TOOK US OFF GUARD,
6 BECAUSE THE MONITORS WERE INVOLVED IN CREATING THE ITINERARY
7 FOR OUR DEVERT TRAINING. THEY WERE VERY SUPPORTIVE OF IT, AND
8 THEY REPORTED TO THE BOARD, I BELIEVE, JUST IN THE PREVIOUS,
9 HOW EFFECTIVE IT WAS, AND HOW GOOD WE ARE DOING WITH OUR
10 COMPLIANCE ON THAT. SO THAT KIND OF BLINDSIDED US ON THAT. AND
11 I GUESS MY ANSWER TO THAT WILL BE, WE ARE ABSOLUTELY OPEN TO
12 IMPROVING THE ITINERARY, TO IMPROVING THE CLASSES, TO BRINGING
13 IN ANY OTHER EXPERT WE CAN FROM MENTAL HEALTH, ANYBODY THAT
14 CAN IMPROVE OUR ITINERARY IN THAT, AND WE'RE A LITTLE
15 DISAPPOINTED TO HEAR THAT. WE THOUGHT WE WERE DOING WELL. WE
16 THOUGHT IT WAS EFFECTIVE. I THINK OUR PREVENTABLE USE OF FORCE
17 SPEAKS TO THAT. BUT IF WE CAN IMPROVE IT, BY ALL MEANS, WE ARE
18 WILLING TO LISTEN AND COLLABORATE WITH ANYBODY THAT CAN
19 IMPROVE OUR MATERIAL. AND I THINK THE BODY-WORN WILL HELP
20 THAT, SUPERVISOR. I THINK THAT HEARING THE AUDIO WILL VALIDATE
21 THAT THESE EFFORTS ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED, AND THEY ARE
22 ACTUALLY BEING EFFECTIVE.

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL:** MS. KINNEY, DO YOU HAVE A COMMENT ABOUT THE
25 CRITIQUE OF THE TRAINING?

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1

2 **SPEAKER:** I DON'T HAVE SPECIFICS REGARDING THE CRITIQUE. WHAT
3 WE PLAN TO DO GOING FORWARD, HOWEVER, THOUGH, IS I AM GOING TO
4 HAVE A CHANCE TO ACTUALLY REVIEW THE TRAINING, AND SIT DOWN
5 WITH THE DEPARTMENT, AND SEE IF THERE'S ANY RECOMMENDATIONS OR
6 ANY TWEAKS, AS ASSISTANT SHERIFF HAS NOTED. AND THERE SHOULD
7 BE A THIRD MONITOR THAT IS GOING TO BE APPOINTED BY THE
8 A.C.L.U. SOON; SO, SORT OF A NEW MONITORING TEAM IN PLACE. OUR
9 PLAN IS TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THE TRAINING AND SEE IF
10 THERE'S RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE CAN MAKE BACK TO THE
11 DEPARTMENT ON IMPROVEMENT.

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THINK I HAVE THE SAME QUESTION ABOUT THE WRAP
14 POLICIES. I MEAN, IT IS A LITTLE BIT OF A NIGHTMARE. IT KIND
15 OF REMINDS YOU OF THE OLD-FASHIONED KINDS OF STRAITJACKETS
16 THAT PEOPLE USED TO HAVE, WHICH ALSO WERE THOUGHT TO BE QUITE
17 EFFECTIVE. BUT THE MONITORS INDICATED THAT THE WRAP POLICIES
18 WERE NOT GENERALLY FOLLOWED. BUT IN YOUR REPORT, ASSISTANT
19 SHERIFF, YOU INDICATED THAT THEY WERE. SO I WONDER-- I AM SURE
20 YOU BOTH BELIEVE THAT WHAT YOU HAVE SAID IS CORRECT, BUT I
21 CAN'T RECONCILE THEM. SO, PERHAPS-- I DON'T KNOW WHO TO ASK
22 FIRST, BUT OUR MONITOR, MS. KINNEY, THE FINDINGS, IF I AM NOT
23 MISTAKEN, WERE THAT WHERE THE WRAP WAS USED, THE FOLLOW-UP
24 POLICIES WERE NOT CONSISTENTLY FOLLOWED. AND MAX MAY HAVE

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1 FOUND THE SAME THING, OR KNOW THE SAME ISSUES. IS THAT
2 CORRECT?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** YEAH, MY UNDERSTANDING WITH THE WRAP POLICY-- AND
5 THERE HAS SINCE-- SINCE THAT TENTH REPORT, THERE HAS BEEN A
6 NEW WRAP DIRECTIVE THAT HAS BEEN ISSUED, AS WELL, AND WE WILL
7 BE HAVING FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AND COMMENTS BACK TO THE
8 DEPARTMENT ON THE NEW DIRECTIVE. BUT THE DIRECTIVE THAT WAS IN
9 PLACE AT THE TIME OF THAT REPORT, I THINK ONE OF THE BIGGEST
10 FAILURES THAT THE MONITORS NOTED WAS THE FACT THAT SUPERVISORS
11 WERE NOT ALWAYS AUTHORIZING IT, OR BEING PRESENT WHEN IT WAS
12 BEING USED. AND SO THE NEW POLICY DOES EMPHASIZE THAT, AND THE
13 TRAINING DOES EMPHASIZE THAT, AS WELL.

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL:** YEAH, WE ARE VERY-- I'M SORRY, GO AHEAD.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** I'M SORRY. I WOULD ALSO NOTE, OF THE CASES THAT WE
18 HAVE PULLED TO REVIEW FOR THE NEXT REPORT, WE DID SPECIFICALLY
19 PULL A NUMBER, OR REQUEST A NUMBER OF CASES, WHERE THE USE OF
20 THE WRAP WAS BEING USED TO MEASURE IT AGAINST THE POLICY, TO
21 SEE IF THERE'S BEEN ANY IMPROVEMENT IN THAT AREA.

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL:** GOOD, BECAUSE WE KNOW VERY WELL THE ISSUANCE OF
24 POLICY IS NOT THE SAME AS A POLICY BEING FOLLOWED.

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** EXACTLY.

2

3 **SUP. KUEHL:** I MEAN, WE'VE SEEN THAT'S NOT THE ONLY DEPARTMENT.

4 I MEAN, WE KNOW THAT. THE LAST THING I WANT TO ASK IS ABOUT

5 HEAD STRIKES. I MAY BE A LITTLE BIT OF A NAIF ON THIS, BUT IT

6 SOUNDS LIKE THEY ARE REPORTED AS GENERALLY BEING QUITE

7 DANGEROUS; "CONSISTENTLY MISUSED," AS WE READ THE REPORT. I

8 DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT-- WHY IS IT FELT, ASSISTANT SHERIFF,

9 THAT THESE ARE STILL NECESSARY, GIVEN THE REPORTS ON SORT OF

10 THE NEGATIVE USE OF THEM?

11

12 **BRENDAN CORBETT:** LET ME GO BACK REAL QUICK, SUPERVISOR, IF YOU

13 DON'T MIND, TO THE WRAP. AND I AGREE WITH WHAT MS. KINNEY

14 SAID. WHAT WE HAVE DONE NOW IS, WE HAVE A LOG-- AN ELECTRONIC

15 VERSION OF THE LOG-- WHICH WE ARE ABLE TO NOW TAKE DATA FROM,

16 TO SEE HOW LONG AN INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN IN THERE, AND THAT TYPE

17 OF THING. SO WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE DATA-DRIVEN

18 SPECIFICS FOR THE WRAP, AND MAKE SURE IT IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH

19 THE DIRECTIVES AND THE EVENTUAL POLICY THAT IS WRITTEN WITH

20 THE STAKEHOLDERS. AND AS FAR AS THE HEAD STRIKES, AGREED, AND

21 IT'S TROUBLING TO EVEN SEE THAT THEY ARE CONTINUING. WE HAVE

22 COME OUT WITH A VERY MORE SPECIFIC POLICY. WE ARE TRYING NOT

23 TO PROHIBIT THEM, BUT LIMIT THEM. THERE ARE OCCASIONS WHERE IT

24 IS JUST THE ONLY RESORT AN INDIVIDUAL HAS. BUT YOU ARE RIGHT.

25 IT IS PROBLEMATIC, AND IT IS DANGEROUS, NOT ONLY TO THE PERSON

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1 INVOLVED, BUT THE DEPUTIES. THEY END UP HURTING THEMSELVES.
2 AND WE ARE TRYING EVERYTHING. THAT'S THE LAST RESORT, FOR LACK
3 OF A BETTER TERM. AND WE ARE TRYING TO EMPHASIZE THAT WITH
4 TRAINING, AND THIS POLICY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY, AND WE'RE
5 HOPING WE GET TO THE FINAL VERSION OF OUR HARD POLICY. IT WILL
6 REFLECT ALL THAT. AND LIKE MR. HUNTSMAN MENTIONED YESTERDAY,
7 THAT THERE WAS A NEWS RELEASE OF AN INDIVIDUAL IN THE I.R.C.,
8 IT IS A LITTLE DISHEARTENING TO SEE SOMETHING LIKE THAT, BUT
9 WE TOOK ALL THE APPROPRIATE ACTION. ALL THE NOTIFICATIONS WERE
10 MADE. ALL THE PROPER INVESTIGATION PROTOCOLS WERE IN PLACE. IT
11 IS JUST, WITH ALL THE HARD WORK THAT THE MEN AND WOMEN EVERY
12 DAY IN HERE, TO SEE SOMETHING LIKE THAT, IT IS DISHEARTENING.
13 BUT I AM GLAD IT IS BECOMING A ONE-OFF AND A RARITY, AS
14 OPPOSED TO A DECADE AGO, WHERE IT WAS THE USUAL. SO I THINK WE
15 HAVE MADE GREAT STRIDES, AND I THINK WE WILL CONTINUE TO,
16 SUPERVISOR, AND THE HEAD FORCE TRACKER AND THE POLICIES ARE
17 GOING IN THAT DIRECTION.

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** MS. KINNEY, DO YOU AGREE THAT THERE IS A MOVE
20 TOWARD, OR ISSUANCE, OF A NEW POLICY ABOUT THIS, THAT YOU'VE
21 SEEN?

22

23 **SPEAKER:** YES. I HAVE SEEN THE NEW POLICY AND HAD A CHANCE TO
24 COMMENT, AND I WILL BE TALKING TO THE DEPARTMENT SOON ABOUT
25 IT, AS WELL. THE ONE THING I WOULD MENTION, DURING MY INITIAL

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1 VISIT, I DID SPECIFICALLY ASK A NUMBER OF LINE STAFF IF THEY
2 WERE-- THE DEPUTIES-- IF THEY WERE AWARE OF THE NEW POLICY.
3 AND TO A PERSON, THEY ALL SAID THEY WERE, WHICH I WAS
4 IMPRESSED BY, BECAUSE IT HADN'T BEEN OUT ALL THAT LONG. AND
5 SOMETIMES, THAT MESSAGE DOESN'T ALWAYS TRICKLE DOWN. BUT I
6 THINK MANAGEMENT HAS PUT A HUGE EMPHASIS ON THIS, AND THEY ALL
7 COULD ARTICULATE IN THEIR OWN WORDS WHAT IT MEANT, WHAT THE
8 POLICY WAS. THEY UNDERSTOOD THEY ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE USING
9 THEM, AND THAT IT SHOULD ONLY BE BASICALLY IN LIFE-AND-DEATH
10 SITUATIONS. SO, I WAS IMPRESSED THAT THEY SHOWED THAT
11 KNOWLEDGE. AS YOU MENTIONED, YOU CAN HAVE GOOD POLICY, YOU CAN
12 HAVE GOOD TRAINING, SO LET'S HOPE WHEN THE IMPLEMENTATION
13 KICKS IN, THAT THEY DON'T RESORT TO USING IT, EITHER, BUT I
14 WAS IMPRESSED WITH THAT.

15

16 **SUP. KUEHL:** WELL, I THINK IT IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT, IF PEOPLE
17 ARE AWARE OF A POLICY, THAT THEY BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE IF THEY
18 DON'T FOLLOW IT.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** THAT'S RIGHT.

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL:** AND THAT'S REALLY THE ONLY THING. WE ARE ALWAYS
23 GIVEN LOTS OF NUMBERS IN ALL OF THESE THINGS. "HERE IS HOW
24 MANY PEOPLE TOOK A CLASS." BUT IT REMINDS ME OF WHEN JON
25 SHERIN USED TO SAY, THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YOU COUNTED HOW

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1 MANY TIMES PEOPLE WENT TO A THERAPY SESSION, AND JUST SAID,
2 "HE HAD 20 APPOINTMENTS," AND THEN THE QUESTION IS, "YEAH, BUT
3 IS HE STILL CRAZY?" I MEAN, WAS IT EFFECTIVE?

4

5 **SPEAKER:** RIGHT, RIGHT.

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** DID ANYTHING HAPPEN? SO THAT'S WHAT I AM
8 INTERESTED IN, IN THE NUMBERS, IS, I LIKE WHEN THEY GO DOWN,
9 IF THEY ARE BAD THINGS, BUT I ALSO WANT TO KNOW ABOUT
10 EFFECTIVENESS. SO, I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING REPORTS. THANK
11 YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, ALL.

12

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

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I WANT TO ADD MY
16 WELCOME TO KATHY KINNEY, AS OUR MONITOR, AND LOOK FORWARD TO
17 WORKING WITH YOU. SO, THIS REPORT DIDN'T HAVE A COUNTY
18 MONITOR, THAT'S CORRECT, BECAUSE...

19

20 **SPEAKER:** CORRECT.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, MARK HAD RESIGNED, AND YOUR AGREEMENT HADN'T
23 BEEN FINALIZED YET.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** RIGHT.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN:** BUT YOU WILL BE RIGHT IN THERE ON ALL THE ONES
3 COMING UP. YOU KNOW, TO ME, THIS REPORT WAS DIFFERENT FROM
4 PREVIOUS REPORTS, BECAUSE THE MONITORS WHO WERE IN THE REPORT
5 BASICALLY SAID THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS STOPPED
6 MAKING PROGRESS TOWARDS COMPLIANCE, ESPECIALLY IN THE AREAS OF
7 FORCE AND FORCE REPORTING. AND THEY REQUESTED A STATUS
8 CONFERENCE WITH THE COURT, WHICH I AM NOT SURE HAS BEEN DONE
9 BEFORE. SO, FIRST OFF, I WAS GOING TO ASK EITHER ASSISTANT
10 SHERIFF CORBETT OR MAX, WHAT'S THE STATUS OF THAT CONFERENCE,
11 THAT REQUEST OF A STATUS CONFERENCE, WITH THE COURT?

12

13 **BRENDAN CORBETT:** I CAN ADDRESS THAT, SUPERVISOR. WE DID HAVE
14 THE APPEARANCE BEFORE JUDGE PREGERSON A FEW WEEKS AGO.
15 UNFORTUNATELY, BASED ON SOME OF THE REPORTING IN THAT
16 MONITORS' REPORT, WE HAD TO WRITE A REBUTTAL, WHICH WE
17 PRESENTED TO THE JUDGE. AND MR. ELIASBERG PRESENTED HIS SIDE;
18 WE PRESENTED OURS. I THINK THE JUDGE WAS SATISFIED THAT WE
19 AGREED THAT WE WILL MOVE COLLABORATIVELY FORWARD TO ADDRESS
20 THESE CONCERNS OF THE MONITORS, AND THAT WE ARE FULLY
21 COMMITTED TO GET INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THIS. I THINK HE
22 UNDERSTOOD SOME OF OUR CHALLENGES WITH OUR STAFFING AND
23 BUDGET. AND HE WAS VERY ENCOURAGED BY THE BODY-WORN CAMERA. HE
24 ASKED FOR AN UPDATE ON THAT. HE BASICALLY ASKED FOR THE
25 PARTIES TO COME BACK, AND DISCUSS THESE THINGS, AND HOW WE CAN

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1 GET PAST IT, AND HE DIDN'T IMPLEMENT ANY DIRECTION OR ANYTHING
2 OF THAT MANNER. IT WAS JUST BASICALLY, "SIT DOWN AND WORK THIS
3 OUT, AND GET BACK TO ME," AND THAT'S WHAT WE ARE DOING, I
4 BELIEVE, IN A FEW WEEKS.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN:** MAYBE, MAX, YOU COULD ANSWER: WHY DO YOU THINK THIS
7 WAS ONE OF THE FIRST TIMES THAT THE MONITORS HAVE ASKED FOR A
8 STATUS CONFERENCE WITH THE COURT?

9

10 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** I HOPE YOU WILL FORGIVE ME. I'M AN OLD
11 CORRUPTION PROSECUTOR. FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, THE PROCESS OF
12 CONSENT DECREES AND MONITORING IS NOT A POWERFUL FORCE FOR
13 REFORM. AND USUALLY, IT BECOMES SOMEWHAT CALCIFIED. AND SO, AS
14 A RESULT, MONITOR REPORTS TEND TO BE SORT OF-- AS SUPERVISOR
15 KUEHL WAS SAYING, THEY TELL YOU THE NUMBER OF THERAPY SESSIONS
16 SOMEBODY HAS HAD, NOT THAT THEY'RE CURED. NO OFFENSE TO THE
17 MONITORS. IT IS A PROCESS THAT WE CREATE IN OUR LEGAL SYSTEM,
18 AND IT IS NOT INCREDIBLY EFFECTIVE MOST DAYS. AND THAT'S WHY I
19 BELIEVE THAT YOU JUST SAW AN AMAZING EVENT THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN
20 OFTEN, IN WHICH THE MONITORS GET SO FRUSTRATED THAT THEY SPEAK
21 OUT OF TURN, IN A MANNER THAT YOU HAVE BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO
22 WITH ME, BECAUSE THAT'S WHO I AM, BUT NOT THE WAY THEY USUALLY
23 WORK.

24

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, THANK YOU. I MEAN, IT IS UPSETTING, BECAUSE I
2 REMEMBER, AT THE LAST ROSAS PRESENTATION, I HAD MENTIONED IT.
3 IT SEEMED LIKE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAD REACHED A PLATEAU
4 IN THEIR PROGRESS, AND I WAS ASKING ABOUT A PLAN TO GET PAST
5 THAT PLATEAU, BUT NOW IT LOOKS LIKE WE MAY BE BACKSLIDING. SO,
6 THIS WAS NOT A GREAT REPORT TO READ FOR ME. I THINK SOME OF
7 THE NOTEWORTHY FINDINGS WERE PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATED TO THE
8 HEAD STRIKES. I KNOW WE HAVE HAD A COUPLE OF CONVERSATIONS
9 HERE ABOUT THAT. AND I AM A LITTLE CONFUSED ON... ASSISTANT
10 SHERIFF CORBETT, YOU KIND OF ALLUDED TO THE FACT THAT THE
11 POLICY MIGHT BE A LITTLE... I WOULDN'T SAY "VAGUE," BUT IT
12 SEEMS LIKE IT IS OKAY IN SOME SITUATIONS, BUT NOT OKAY IN
13 OTHER SITUATIONS. SO, I AM CONCERNED, BECAUSE ONE OF THE OTHER
14 FINDINGS WAS THAT THERE WERE NO REPERCUSSIONS FOR USES OF
15 FORCE THAT WERE OUT OF POLICY. SO, IS WHAT YOU ARE MAYBE
16 TELLING ME IS THAT THERE ARE NO REPERCUSSIONS FOR SOME OF THE
17 HEAD STRIKES, BECAUSE THEY WERE WITHIN POLICY?

18

19 **BRENDAN CORBETT:** THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR. BUT THE
20 OVERWHELMING OPINION OF EVERYBODY-- AND WE AGREE WITH THE
21 MONITORS, WE AGREE WITH THE STAKEHOLDERS. THE ANALOGY I USE TO
22 MY DEPUTIES AND MY PERSONNEL IS-- I'M A FOOTBALL FAN-- IS TOM
23 BRADY. YOU JUST DON'T HIT A QUARTERBACK IN THE HEAD ANYMORE.
24 IT IS AGAINST THE RULES, AND IT'S NOT GOOD. SO, THEY GET IT,
25 AND THAT'S--

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2 **SUP. HAHN:** SO, SHOULD THAT BE THE POLICY?

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4 **BRENDAN CORBETT:** AND WE HAVE WRITTEN THAT INTO THE POLICY,
5 SUPERVISOR. THE ONLY CONFUSION IS, WE TITLED IT "THE
6 PROHIBITED USE OF FORCE." "PROHIBITED" INDICATES IT IS NEVER
7 ALLOWED. SO. WE'RE TRYING TO WORK ON--

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** SO, WHEN THE REPORT SAYS, "IMPROPER HEAD STRIKES,"
10 WHAT ARE THEY REFERRING TO?

11

12 **BRENDAN CORBETT:** THEY ARE LOOKING AT FORCE FROM A YEAR OR TWO
13 AGO, WHICH THEY, IN THEIR EVALUATIONS, DID NOT THINK THAT THE
14 USE OF A HEAD STRIKE WAS A PROPER USE OF FORCE WITHIN OUR
15 POLICY IN THAT INCIDENT.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** SO, AT THIS POINT, HAS THERE HAS BEEN ANY
18 CONSEQUENCES OR REPERCUSSIONS FOR--

19

20 **BRENDAN CORBETT:** WELL, YES, MA'AM. WE HAVE OPENED SOME
21 INVESTIGATIONS ON THAT. THERE'S BEEN DISCIPLINE IMPOSED ON
22 THAT. YES.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN:** BECAUSE THERE ALSO SEEMED TO BE A SENSE THAT IF
25 THERE ARE NO REPERCUSSIONS FOR THIS AND OTHER USES OF FORCE

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1 THAT ARE OUT OF POLICY, THERE'S NO INCENTIVE TO MAKE BETTER
2 STRIDES TOWARDS COMPLIANCE.

3

4 **BRENDAN CORBETT:** AGREED. AND DISCIPLINE IS MET AND CREATED TO
5 IMPROVE BEHAVIOR AND CHANGE BEHAVIOR. AND THE USE OF
6 DISCIPLINE AND ACCOUNTABILITY IS IMPORTANT. AND AS YOU CAN
7 SEE, WE HAVE OPENED UP A LOT OF ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS.
8 WE ARE CONTINUING TO DO THAT. AND ACTUALLY, WITH THE HELP OF
9 THE MONITORS, THEY PROVIDE A BASIC CHECKLIST FOR OUR
10 SUPERVISORS AS THEY WRITE IN THEIR FORCE REPORTS, TO KNOW WHAT
11 THE MONITORS ARE LOOKING FOR, TO BE IN COMPLIANCE AND TO BE
12 DOING THAT, AND WE WILL REFERENCE THAT FOR THE SERGEANTS TO
13 LOOK AT, TO ADDRESS EVERY USE OF FORCE.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** AND AGAIN-- AND I KNOW THAT OUR LAWYERS, AS WELL AS
16 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, SORT OF DISAGREED WITH SOME OF THESE
17 FINDINGS, AND FELT LIKE WE ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH 75% OF THE
18 PROVISIONS, AND THAT SHOULD ACTUALLY BE CELEBRATED. I MEAN, I
19 GET THAT, BUT I JUST DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S ANYONE HERE WHO
20 WOULD SORT OF USE THE WORD THAT WE WERE CELEBRATING THAT WE
21 ARE ONLY 75% IN COMPLIANCE. I THINK THIS BOARD HAS BEEN PRETTY
22 CLEAR ON TRYING TO GET TO THE 100% COMPLIANCE. SO JUST KNOW,
23 FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, WE REALLY WANT THE NEXT REPORT TO REFLECT
24 A LOT MORE, IN TERMS OF GETTING TOWARDS OUR GOAL. AND I WILL
25 SAY TWO THINGS; AND, MAX, YOU ALLUDED TO THEM. IT'S NOT REALLY

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1 PART OF THIS REPORT, BUT I WAS PRETTY DISGUSTED WHEN YOU
2 FORWARDED US THE PHOTOS OF SORT OF QUIETLY STEPPING ASIDE
3 THROUGH THE LOCKER ROOM, WHEN YOU WERE ON THE TOUR, AND SEEING
4 THOSE INSIGNIAS THAT REPRESENTED THE PROUD BOYS AND 3-
5 PERCENTERS. I MEAN, IT IS JUST UNFATHOMABLE TO ME THAT ANY OF
6 OUR L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES WOULD HAVE HAD ANYTHING TO
7 DO WITH THE JANUARY 6TH INSURRECTION AND THE VIOLENT, ARMED
8 MOB THAT WAS ATTEMPTING TO OVERTHROW OUR GOVERNMENT. SO,
9 HOPEFULLY, YOU'VE GOT MY FULL SUPPORT TO CONTINUE TO WORK IN
10 COOPERATING AND INVESTIGATING THAT, IN MY OPINION, THEY HAVE
11 NO PLACE HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. I ALSO HEARD THIS MORNING,
12 DRIVING IN, ON K.N.X.-- AND I GUESS NOW A.B.C. CHANNEL 7 HAS
13 BROKEN THE STORY-- ABOUT THE INMATE THAT WAS ALLEGEDLY BEATEN
14 BY NOT ONE, BUT SEVERAL DEPUTIES, IN THE INMATE RECEPTION
15 CENTER. THAT'S VERY DISTURBING. ASSISTANT SHERIFF CORBETT
16 SEEMED TO THINK IT WAS A ONE-OFF. I LOOKED AT YOUR FACE WHEN
17 HE SAID THAT, AND YOU DIDN'T NECESSARILY AGREE THAT THAT WAS A
18 ONE-OFF. THAT'S VERY TROUBLING, AND I ALWAYS GO BACK TO
19 WONDERING, IF THERE WERE NO CAMERAS, WOULD ANY OF THESE
20 INCIDENTS BE BROUGHT TO ANYBODY'S ATTENTION? SO, DID YOU WANT
21 TO SPEAK TO THAT, MAX?

22
23 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** YEAH. NO, IT WASN'T A ONE-OFF, BECAUSE IN THE
24 END OF JUNE, A GENTLEMAN COLD-COCKED A DEPUTY, AND HE ENDED UP
25 WITH A BROKEN BONE AND HEAD STRIKES, FEET OR ELBOWS-- I FORGET

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1 WHAT IT WAS-- TO THE BACK OF HIS HEAD. SO, IT HAPPENED TWO
2 WEEKS EARLIER, IN THE EXACT SAME PLACE, AND SO IT WAS NOT A
3 ONE-OFF OR A SURPRISE. IT IS THE CULMINATION OF OVERCROWDING.
4 AND, YES, WE SHOULD VASTLY OVERSTAFF OUR JAILS, IN ORDER TO
5 NOT HAVE OVERCROWDING, BUT AS DR. BELAVICH TELLS YOU, THERE'S
6 A LIMIT TO THE PHYSICAL SPACE AVAILABLE. WELL, THE
7 CONSTITUTION HAS A REMEDY FOR THAT, WHICH IS, WE ARE NOT
8 ALLOWED TO STUFF MORE PEOPLE INTO A JAIL THAN WE CAN TAKE CARE
9 OF IN A WAY THAT IS SAFE FOR THE DEPUTIES, AND SAFE FOR THE
10 PRISONERS. AND SO THE CONSTITUTION HAS A VERY CLEAR REMEDY,
11 WHICH HAS NOT BEEN IMPLEMENTED, AND AS A RESULT, THE ATTORNEY
12 GENERAL IS IN TOWN, LOOKING AROUND, AND IT IS NOT A ONE-OFF.
13 IT IS NOT UNIQUE. THERE'S NOTHING THAT HASN'T BEEN HAPPENING
14 FOR A LONG TIME HERE, AND ISN'T GETTING WORSE NOW, TO BACK IN
15 THE WAYS IT WAS UNDER BACA. SO IT'S NOT NEW.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH. I APPRECIATE IT. WELL, IT IS VERY DISTURBING.
18 AND, I MEAN, I AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER THAT WE ARE
19 SUPPORTIVE OF MORE STAFFING AND REDUCING THE POPULATION. WE
20 ARE REALLY PROUD OF HOW THAT WENT DURING THE PANDEMIC, AND WE
21 THANK THE SHERIFF FOR HIS WORK ON REDUCING THE POPULATION
22 DURING THE PANDEMIC, WHICH MEANT THAT IT CAN BE DONE, AND IT
23 WAS DONE WITHOUT ANY RISK TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY. SO, WE GOT TO
24 FIGURE OUT HOW TO KEEP MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION TO REDUCE THE
25 POPULATION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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4 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I WANT TO THANK
5 EVERYONE FOR THEIR PRESENTATION. I BELIEVE THIS IS NOW OUR
6 TENTH REPORT TO THE BOARD, REGARDING THE ROSAS SETTLEMENT, AND
7 OF COURSE WE KNOW THAT THIS REPORT IS SUPPOSED TO HELP INFORM
8 US, TO SHOW HOW THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS IN COMPLIANCE, AND
9 HOW THE SYSTEMS AND PLAYERS ARE HANDLING THE CHALLENGES THAT
10 WE ARE FACED WITH RIGHT NOW. AND IT SEEMS TO ME A LOT OF GOOD
11 QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ASKED BY MY COLLEAGUES, SO I DON'T WANT TO
12 REPEAT THEM, BUT I DO WANT TO SAY THAT I AM VERY CONCERNED
13 ABOUT THE REPORT, AS IT READS: THE AREAS USING THE HEAD
14 STRIKES, WHICH HAS BEEN BROUGHT UP BY SEVERAL OF MY
15 COLLEAGUES, AS WELL AS THE WRAP RESTRAINT SYSTEM. I KNOW THAT
16 THOSE CONTINUE TO BE OF CONCERN TO THE MONITORS, AND SO I
17 THINK WE NEED TO REALLY LOOK CLOSELY AT THAT, AND UNDERSTAND
18 WHAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS GOING TO BE DOING TO RECTIFY
19 THAT. I HAVE A PICTURE HERE IN FRONT OF ME THAT DEPICTS WHAT
20 THE WRAP RESTRAINT SYSTEM, WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE, AND I DON'T
21 KNOW HOW THAT REALLY FUNCTIONS. IT LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE IS
22 WRAPPED UP LIKE A MUMMY. AND I DON'T KNOW IF THAT PROVIDES THE
23 NECESSARY PROTECTION, OR IF IT IS TOO MUCH. AND I UNDERSTAND
24 THEY ALSO PLACE KIND OF WHAT THEY CALL A SPIT HOOD OVER THE
25 SUBJECT'S HEAD, AS WELL, AND THEY HAVE THEIR BACK AND THE

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1 CUFFS AND ANKLE HOBBLE ARE TETHERED TO A METAL CHAIR. SO, I
2 DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT CONSTITUTES, BUT IT DOESN'T SOUND VERY
3 HUMANE TO ME, BUT I THINK I'D HAVE TO SEE MORE HOW THAT IS
4 DISPLAYED AND HOW IT REALLY WORKS, BECAUSE JUST BY LOOKING AT
5 THAT, IT GIVES ME SOME PAUSE. AND I KNOW THAT THE INSPECTOR
6 GENERAL, SINCE LAST SEVERAL YEARS-- 2018, TO BE SURE-- HAS
7 BROUGHT MANY OF THESE ISSUES BEFORE US, AND I AM CONTINUALLY
8 CONCERNED ABOUT SOME OF THE AREAS THAT I THINK STILL NEED TO
9 HAVE RESOLUTION, AND STILL NEED TO BE FIXED, AND WE CAN'T JUST
10 KEEP PASSING THE BUCK. AND ONE OF THE THINGS I THINK IS VERY
11 DISTURBING TO ME-- AND THE ROSAS MONITORS POINT THIS OUT-- IS,
12 AGAIN, DEPUTIES ARE FALSIFYING THE USE-OF-FORCE REPORTS. AND
13 IT IS DISTURBING TO ME, BECAUSE IT SEEMS THAT THE REPORTS ARE
14 BASED ON WHETHER THE INCARCERATED PERSON IS DISCIPLINED OR
15 NOT, OR CHARGED WITH ANOTHER OFFENSE. BUT IF THESE THINS ARE
16 INDEED HAPPENING, AND WE ARE NOT GETTING THE RIGHT
17 INFORMATION, THOSE CAN END UP BEING LIFE-CHANGING RULINGS. IT
18 CAN HARM INDIVIDUALS AND HAVE AN IMPACT ON SOMEONE'S LIFE,
19 BECAUSE OF THE WAY THOSE REPORTS ARE WRITTEN UP. AND FOR ME,
20 PERSONALLY SPEAKING, FOR SOMEONE WHO HAS A BADGE AND ARE
21 SUPPOSED TO BE HELD TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS, AND DELIBERATELY
22 LIES ON A REPORT, THAT TAINTS THE ENTIRE SYSTEM AND PROCESS.
23 AND I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW-- AND THIS IS DIRECTED TO THE
24 SHERIFF-- WHAT HAPPENS, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE
25 DEPUTIES OR OTHERS THAT ARE FALSIFYING REPORTS? AND WHAT

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1 DISCIPLINE HAS TAKEN PLACE, AND WHAT MEASURES ARE IN PLACE TO
2 DISCIPLINE THESE OFFICERS? I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS MAY NOT HAVE
3 BEEN USED AGAINST THE EXECUTIVE-LEVEL STAFF, WHICH I THINK IS
4 VERY IMPORTANT, AS WELL, BECAUSE IT ISN'T JUST THE LINE STAFF
5 THAT ARE THE PROBLEM, BUT IT IS ALSO THE LEADERSHIP, AND WE
6 HAVE TO HOLD PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE. AND IF THERE'S NO CHANGE, IN
7 TERMS OF POLICY INTERPRETATION, THEN WE DO HAVE A PROBLEM WITH
8 OUR CULTURE THERE. AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE SHERIFF IF YOU
9 COULD PLEASE RESPOND TO THAT.

10

11 **BRENDAN CORBETT:** WELL, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, AND I ACTUALLY
12 HAVE HAD THIS EXACT CONVERSATION WITH MS. KINNEY. I THINK SOME
13 OF THE MONITORS' REFLECTION OF FALSE REPORTS IS CONFUSING A
14 CUT-AND-PASTING TYPE OF MENTALITY, AS OPPOSED TO AS
15 ARTICULATING WHAT THE EVENTS OCCURRED. AND THEN WE GO BACK TO
16 REVIEWING THE VIDEO, AND THEY HAVE A VIDEO ADMONISHMENT, THEY
17 HAVE TO VIEW THE VIDEO, AND THEN CLEAN UP THE REPORT. AND I
18 THINK WHAT WE HAVE DONE IS KIND OF SET UP OUR PERSONNEL FOR A
19 BIT OF A FAILURE, WITH JUST GIVING THEM A BLANK PIECE OF
20 PAPER, AND SAYING, "WRITE WHAT HAPPENED," AS OPPOSED TO GIVING
21 THEM A TEMPLATE TO FOLLOW, AND IDENTIFY AND CLEARLY ARTICULATE
22 WHAT THEY SAW, WHAT THEY PERCEIVED, AND WHAT THEIR ACTIONS
23 WERE. THESE ARE FIRST-LINE LEVEL ENTRY YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN
24 FROM THE ACADEMY THAT DON'T HAVE A LOT OF EXPERIENCE IN
25 WRITING. AND AGAIN, MY SUPERVISORS AND MY SERGEANTS ARE-- THEY

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1 DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO WORK WITH THEM, TO TEACH THEM AND
2 MENTOR AS THEY SHOULD. SO, OUR EMPHASIS IS GOING TO BE ON
3 REPORT-WRITING, AND TRY TO GET AWAY FROM THE JARGON, CLEARLY
4 IDENTIFY WHAT YOU SAW, WHAT THE THREAT YOU SAW, AND WHAT YOU
5 DID. AND WE THINK IF WE WORK WITH THE MONITORS AND THE
6 STAKEHOLDERS TO GIVE A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT FORM, TO FILL OUT
7 IN A DIFFERENT WAY, IT WILL PUSH THEM TOWARDS A MORE CLEAR AND
8 CONCISE MANNER OF WRITING, AS OPPOSED TO JUST-- THEY'RE
9 STRUGGLING AND TRYING TO ARTICULATE WHAT THEY'RE TRYING TO
10 SAY, BUT THEY HAVE TROUBLE FINDING THE WORDS, SOMETIMES. I
11 DON'T THINK IT IS-- AND AGAIN, IF WE FIND THAT WE WATCH A
12 VIDEO, AND WHAT THEY WRITE IS TOTALLY OPPOSITE, NO, THAT'S
13 DISHONESTY, AND WE ADDRESS THAT APPROPRIATELY.

14
15 **SUP. SOLIS:** BUT WHAT ABOUT THE ISSUE REGARDING THE EXECUTIVE
16 MANAGEMENT STAFF, AND WHAT ARE THEY DOING TO HELP INSTILL THIS
17 PHILOSOPHY, THIS CHANGE, THAT SHOULD BE OCCURRING? I DON'T SEE
18 THAT AS PART OF THE RESPONSE HERE.

19
20 **BRENDAN CORBETT:** I BELIEVE WHAT YOU ARE MENTIONING,
21 SUPERVISOR, IS HOW THE MONITORS MENTIONED, AS THE USE OF FORCE
22 REVIEW GOES THROUGH THE DIFFERENT PROCESSES, AND THE UNIT
23 COMMANDER, AND THE COMMANDER. AND IF WE'RE NOT IDENTIFYING
24 CORRECTLY WHAT THEY ARE INDICATING AS A POLICY VIOLATION, THEY
25 WANT THEM ACCOUNTABLE. WE ARE REVISITING THAT, AND WE WILL

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1 WORK WITH THE MONITORS ON THAT KIND OF ACCOUNTABILITY. AGAIN,
2 THE MONITORS PROVIDED US WITH A SPREADSHEET OF WHAT THEY ARE
3 LOOKING FOR, FOR OUR EXECUTIVES NOW TO LOOK AND TRY TO
4 IDENTIFY, MORE CLEARLY, PROBLEMS THAT THE MONITORS ARE
5 BRINGING TO OUR ATTENTION.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** IT SEEMS TO ME THAT-- I THINK, IN ONE OF YOUR
8 DOCUMENTS, YOU SHOW THAT THERE'S A REFRESHER COURSE, SO TO
9 SPEAK, THAT MANAGEMENT GOES THROUGH. I THINK THAT, IN
10 PARTICULAR, PROBABLY HAS TO BE RETHOUGHT OF AND LOOKED AT, AND
11 THESE ITEMS HAVE TO BE BROUGHT UP. BECAUSE IF WE DON'T GET TO
12 THE CULTURE AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL, IT'S NEVER GOING TO CHANGE.
13 YOU CANNOT BLAME THE LINE STAFF FOR NOT WRITING APPROPRIATE
14 REPORTS. I THINK IT IS ABOUT A POLICY THAT IS VALUED, AND HOW
15 PEOPLE SHARE THOSE VALUES IN TERMS OF TEAM LEADERSHIP. AND I
16 WOULD THINK THAT THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE OF HIGH
17 PRIORITY FOR US. SO, I WOULD HOPE THAT THAT GETS BACK AND THAT
18 IT REALLY DOES FOSTER SOME CHANGE THERE, BECAUSE IT IS NOT
19 ADEQUATE, THE RESPONSE THAT YOU ARE PRESENTING AT THIS POINT.
20 I AM SORRY.

21

22 **BRENDAN CORBETT:** SUPERVISOR, AS SOON AS THIS REPORT WAS
23 RECEIVED, I MET WITH MY COMMANDERS AND MY TRAINING, AND JUST
24 TO THAT POINT, I WANT TO REVISIT THE TRAINING FOR OUR
25 SERGEANTS AND OUR LIEUTENANTS, AND TO LOOK AT THAT WITH A

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1 DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE AND A DIFFERENCE LENS, A LOT OF IT TO
2 MIRROR WHAT THE MONITORS ARE BRINGING TO OUR ATTENTION. WE
3 HAVE ALREADY ADDRESSED THAT, AND WE'RE LOOKING AT CHANGING
4 THAT, SPECIFICALLY.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** RIGHT. I ALSO WANTED TO ASK-- IT'S BEEN BROUGHT TO
7 MY ATTENTION THAT THE SYBIL BRAND COMMISSIONERS WHO GO INTO
8 THE JAILS AND CONDUCT INSPECTIONS, THAT PAST PRACTICE FOR A
9 LONG TIME, THEY COULD GO IN UNESCORTED, AND NOW I UNDERSTAND
10 THAT THAT HAS CHANGED. WHY HAS THAT CHANGED? WHY IS IT THAT
11 THEY HAVE TO HAVE AN ESCORT NOW, THAT GOES IN WITH THEM TO
12 INSPECT THE JAILS?

13

14 **BRENDAN CORBETT:** SO, WHAT WE WERE FINDING, SUPERVISOR, WAS
15 THEY WOULD GO IN, AND THEY WOULD DO THEIR INTERVIEWS, AND THEN
16 THEY WOULD PUBLISH THEIR REPORT. AND WE WOULDN'T, FOR A MONTH
17 OR TWO LATER, GET THE RESULTS OF THAT REPORT, AND THEN HAVE TO
18 BACKTRACK TO FIND THE INMATE OR THE AREA THAT THEY HAD
19 CONCERNS ABOUT. AND I DON'T LIKE TO USE THE TERM "ESCORT," SO
20 WHAT WE WANTED TO DO IS HAVE SOMEBODY ACCOMPANY THEM LOOSELY,
21 AND NOT BE INVOLVED WITH THE INTERVIEW, AND THEN, IF THERE WAS
22 CONCERNS OR ISSUES, WE COULD IMMEDIATELY ADDRESS IT, RIGHT
23 THEN AND THERE. AND I ACTUALLY HAD A CONVERSATION WITH MARK
24 ANTHONY LAST WEEKEND ABOUT THIS, AND I THINK WE'RE GOING TO
25 FIND SOME SORT OF RESOLVE WHERE THEY WON'T NEED THAT

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1 ACCOMPANIMENT, BUT WHAT THEY HAVE AGREED TO IS THAT, AT THE
2 CONCLUSION OF THEIR VISIT, THEY WILL IMMEDIATELY GO TO THE
3 WATCH COMMANDER AND BRING UP ANY CONCERNS THAT NEED TO BE
4 ADDRESSED IMMEDIATELY, AND I THINK THAT WILL BE A WORKABLE
5 OPTION THAT WE COULD ALL WORK WITH.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** I THINK, JUST ONE OF MY OWN OBSERVATIONS: WHEN I
8 PREVIOUSLY VISITED THE WOMEN'S JAIL, I SAW A LOT OF THINGS
9 THAT WERE PRETTY DISTURBING TO ME, AND I WENT ALONG WITH SOME
10 OF THE COMMISSIONERS. THIS WAS ALMOST TWO YEARS AGO, I THINK,
11 MAYBE LONGER THAN THAT; BEFORE C.O.V.I.D., OBVIOUSLY. BUT I
12 THINK YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE HAS TO BE ANONYMITY,
13 BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT TO ALSO THEN HAVE DEPUTIES RETALIATING
14 AGAINST SOMEONE WHO IS GOING TO SAY, "HEY, I WASN'T SEEN BY A
15 MEDICAL DOCTOR. IT TOOK SIX WEEKS TO HAVE SOMEONE VIEW AN
16 ABSCESS THAT I HAD IN MY MOUTH, OR THAT I WASN'T GIVEN
17 APPROPRIATE MEDICATION BECAUSE I AM HAVING SEVERE MENSTRUAL
18 CRAMPS"; THINGS OF THIS NATURE THAT ARE VERY BASIC. AND I
19 REMEMBER BRINGING THIS UP, AND I HAVE YET TO SEE HOW WE CAN
20 RESOLVE THAT. AND THAT, TO ME, AGAIN, IS SOMETHING THAT I
21 WOULD HOPE OUR MONITORS AND THAT YOU ALL, WORKING TOGETHER,
22 CAN HELP ADDRESS. SO, I DON'T THINK YOU GO BACK AND TALK TO
23 THE INMATE OR THE PERSON THAT'S DETAINED AND GET INFORMATION
24 THAT WAY, NECESSARILY, BECAUSE I DO BELIEVE THAT THESE STORIES
25 ARE NOT BEING FABRICATED, WHEN I, IN FACT, IN ONE VISIT THAT I

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1 HAD, SAW THAT. SO, I MEAN, I WOULD JUST REALLY WANT TO IMPRESS
2 THAT UPON YOU AND THE STAFF. I RESPECT EVERYONE THAT HAS THEIR
3 JOB AND THEIR DUTY, BUT WE ALSO EXPECT PEOPLE TO BE DOING
4 THEIR JOB IN THE BEST MANNER, AND EQUITABLE AND FAIR MANNER,
5 THAT IS ACCOUNTABLE TO EVERYONE, TO OUR PUBLIC. AND THAT'S
6 WHAT I THINK WE WANT TO STRESS HERE. SO, IF I COULD JUST
7 REALLY EMPHASIZE HOW IMPORTANT THAT IS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
8 SHERIFF. I DO WANT TO ASK A QUESTION OF OUR INSPECTOR GENERAL.
9 AND I WANTED TO ASK YOU, MAX, AS YOU KNOW, THERE IS A FORCE
10 REVIEW PANEL THAT HAS SEVERAL HIGH-RANKING SHERIFF STAFF,
11 O.I.G., COUNTY COUNSEL, AND OTHERS, TO REVIEW USE OF FORCE.
12 HOWEVER, I'D LIKE TO GET YOUR OPINION ON HOW EFFECTIVE THAT
13 PANEL REALLY IS, BECAUSE WHILE IT MAY LOOK GOOD ON PAPER, BUT
14 PERHAPS YOU CAN SHARE THE PURPOSE OF THE PANEL, AND WHETHER
15 YOU THINK IT HAS MADE ANY IMPACT ON, ONE, LIMITING HEAD
16 STRIKES; TWO, USE OF THE WRAP RESTRAINT SYSTEM; THREE,
17 REDUCING USE OF FORCE; FOUR, INCREASED DISCIPLINE AT ALL
18 LEVELS, WHEN IT COMES TO MISUSE OF FORCE; AND FIVE,
19 FALSIFICATION OF REPORTS; AND SIX, LONG-STANDING CULTURAL
20 SHIFTS ON THE USE OF FORCE.

21
22 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** MY STAFF HAS MONITORED IT CLOSELY, AND IT IS
23 THEIR OPINION THAT IT IS TOTALLY INEFFECTIVE IN ALL THOSE
24 THINGS YOU JUST LISTED. THE CUSTODY FORCE REVIEW TEAM IS AN
25 EXCELLENT, HIGHLY SKILLED GROUP OF INVESTIGATORS, AND THEY

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1 HAVE ALWAYS BEEN USED FOR SERIOUS FORCE INCIDENTS. UNDER THE
2 ROSAS AGREEMENT, THEY WERE EXPANDED OUT TO ALLEGATIONS OF
3 RETALIATION OF THE KINDS OF FORCE, BUT IT'S BEEN MY STAFF'S
4 OPINION, BASED ON OBSERVING, THAT THEY ARE NOT USED PROPERLY,
5 AND THEY ARE NOT EFFECTIVE. THE PANEL THAT IT GOES THROUGH IS
6 RUN BY COMMANDERS, AND WE HAVE ALWAYS SEEN IN THE SHERIFF'S
7 DEPARTMENT A REAL PROBLEM IN FORCE EVALUATION, IN WHICH THE
8 TRAINING BUREAU-- THAT SORT OF EQUIVALENT THEREOF FOR THE
9 DEPARTMENT, IN GENERAL-- WILL BE BROUGHT INTO A TEAM THAT WILL
10 BE VERY RELUCTANT TO GIVE THEIR OPINION UNTIL THEY GET SORT OF
11 A WINK AND A NOD FROM THEIR COMMANDERS ABOUT WHAT THEY OUGHT
12 TO HAVE AS THEIR OPINION. AND THEN, WHEN THEY DO GIVE IT, THEY
13 TEND TO BE VERY PROTECTIVE OF DEPUTIES, AND VERY SORT OF
14 ALWAYS SAYING, "WELL, IF THERE'S A HEAD STRIKE, THERE WAS A
15 REASON, AND IT'S OKAY." I AM NOT SAYING CUSTODY FORCE REVIEW
16 IS LIKE THAT, BUT WE HAVE SEEN A DISTURBING TREND IN THAT
17 DIRECTION; THEY SEEM TO BE NOT BE ASKED FOR THEIR OPINION, NOT
18 BE INCORPORATED IN, AND IT IS MY STAFF'S OPINION THAT THEY
19 SHOULD BE MUCH MORE ALWAYS INCLUDED, ALWAYS THEIR OPINION
20 GIVEN, AND IT SHOULD ALWAYS BE ACTED ON, UNLESS THERE'S A DARN
21 GOOD REASON NOT TO, AND THEN WE WOULD BE HOPEFUL THAT THAT
22 PROCESS WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE. CURRENTLY, DOES NOT APPEAR TO
23 BE, ALTHOUGH I AM NOT SURE THAT IF WE DID WHAT I JUST SAID IT
24 WOULD ALL WORK OUT, BECAUSE AS LONG AS THERE'S A COMMANDER
25 THERE, LEANING ON THEM, THEN THEY MIGHT LEARN THAT THEIR

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1 OPINION IS DIFFERENT THAN THEY THOUGHT IT WAS. BUT FOR THE
2 MOMENT, IT IS NOT FUNCTIONING WELL, IN OUR OPINION.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO, IT KIND OF GOES BACK TO MY EARLIER QUESTION TO
5 THE SHERIFF ABOUT CULTURE, AND MAKING SURE THAT OUR TOP-LEVEL
6 MANAGEMENT AND EXECUTIVE FOLKS REALLY UNDERSTAND THAT CULTURE
7 HAS TO CHANGE, AND THAT WE ARE BEING ALSO REVIEWED AND
8 EVALUATED, AND CAN BE FINED HEAVILY BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
9 UNDER THIS COURT DECREE IF WE DON'T MAKE THOSE CHANGES. AND I
10 THINK THIS IS VERY SERIOUS. AND SO I HOPE THAT, AGAIN,
11 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WILL WORK COOPERATIVELY WITH EVERYONE
12 HERE. WE WANT TO SEE THIS CHANGE. WE ARE NOW IN THE YEAR 2022.
13 WE ARE GOING TO QUICKLY BE INTO 2023. A LOT CAN CHANGE, AND I
14 HOPE THAT IT DOES FOR THE BETTER-- FOR OUR SAKE, AND FOR OUR
15 RESIDENTS. AND I HOPE THAT YOU WILL HELP PROVIDE THAT
16 LEADERSHIP. AND THIS IS TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, BECAUSE I
17 KNOW THERE ARE MANY YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ARE NOW YOUR RECRUITS,
18 THAT ARE COMING IN, THAT WANT TO STEP UP AND HELP PROVIDE
19 PROTECTION TO OUR RESIDENTS, WHETHER IT IS IN CUSTODY OR OUT
20 ON THE STREET. AND I WOULD HOPE THAT THE TRAINING WOULD BE
21 REFLECTIVE OF THE VALUES THAT WE HAVE SET FORWARD, THAT EVEN
22 THE POLICIES THAT YOU ARE NOW ESPOUSING SHOULD BE MIRRORED.
23 AND SO IT CAN ONLY HAPPEN BY EXAMPLE. SO, TALK IS TALK, BUT
24 WALKING THE WALK IS DIFFERENT. SO, I WILL JUST LEAVE IT WITH

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1 THAT. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, FOR GIVING US THE
2 OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR THIS REPORT. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
5 AND I WANT TO THANK ALL MY COLLEAGUES FOR THIS VERY ROBUST,
6 THOUGHTFUL CONVERSATION. IF I COULD JUST PIGGYBACK ON A
7 COMMENT MADE BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS: IT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING FROM
8 MY CURRENT AND PREVIOUS SYBIL BRAND COMMISSIONER, IT WASN'T A
9 MATTER OF JUST BEING ESCORTED THROUGH THE FACILITY, BUT IT WAS
10 ALSO IN TERMS OF, THEIR ABILITY TO WALK FREELY TO IDENTIFY
11 AREAS THAT THEY WANTED TO SEE IN THE FACILITY HAD BEEN
12 SEVERELY LIMITED. HEARD SIMILAR REPORTS FROM OTHER OVERSIGHT
13 ENTITIES, SO THAT'S THE ISSUE I WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO YOUR
14 ATTENTION, ASSISTANT SHERIFF CORBETT. IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT
15 BEING ESCORTED, BUT ALSO SEVERELY LIMITING WHAT THEY HAD
16 ACCESS TO. AND I THINK THAT'S CRITICAL, BECAUSE YOU RAISED THE
17 POINT THAT THESE ENTITIES HAD BEEN WALKING THROUGH THE
18 FACILITY, SO YOU DIDN'T THINK SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT HAVE
19 COME OUT, IN TERMS OF THE INAPPROPRIATE MATERIAL THAT'S BEEN
20 FOUND IN THE JAILS, AND THE K.K.K. INSIGNIAS, AND YOUR
21 ASSUMPTION THAT THEY ARE NEW, BECAUSE PEOPLE HADN'T SEEN THEM
22 BEFORE. WELL, THE REALITY IS, PEOPLE HAVE BEEN VERY LIMITED IN
23 TERMS OF AREAS THAT THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO WALK THROUGH THE
24 JAIL, SO I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU KNOW THAT, AND WE
25 FIGURE OUT HOW WE CAN GO BACK TO THE WAY IT WAS BEFORE. LAST

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1 QUICK COMMENT FOR ME HAS TO DO WITH RETALIATION, ANOTHER ISSUE
2 THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS RAISED. THE ROSAS AGREEMENT REQUIRES
3 THAT THE CUSTODY FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE ANALYZE INVESTIGATIONS
4 RELATED TO GRIEVANCES THAT ALLEGED FORCE, BASED ON RETALIATION
5 IN THE LAST YEAR. HOW MANY ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS HAS
6 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OPENED AS A RESULT OF THIS ANALYSIS
7 ON GRIEVANCES THAT ALLEGED FORCE, BASED ON RETALIATION? THAT'S
8 MY QUESTION. AND IF ANY OF THEM... IF THE DEPARTMENT HAD EVER
9 FOUND IT OR TAKEN ACTION IN THOSE INVESTIGATIONS.

10

11 **BRENDAN CORBETT:** I DON'T HAVE THAT NUMBER HANDY, SUPERVISOR. I
12 WILL HAVE TO GET THAT FOR YOU. ABSOLUTELY, I WILL BE HAPPY TO
13 PROVIDE THAT. AND TO YOUR FIRST COMMENT, ABOUT NOT HAVING
14 ACCESS TO SOME PLACES, ONE OF THE CONVERSATIONS I HAD WITH MR.
15 ANTHONY LAST WEEK WAS, IF THERE'S AN AREA WE'RE SAYING WAS
16 RESTRICTED FROM, POSSIBLY, A CRIME INVESTIGATION OR SOMETHING,
17 I AGREE TO GIVE HIM DOCUMENTATION AS TO WHY THAT WAS NOT
18 AVAILABLE TO HIM. AND WE THINK THAT WILL HELP, THEN, IDENTIFY
19 WHY THEY WEREN'T ALLOWED INTO AN AREA, AND THEN IT MAKES MY
20 PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE WHY THEY DIDN'T LET THEM IN. SO, WE ARE
21 WORKING ON THAT, AS WELL. BUT I WILL GET THE RETALIATION
22 GRIEVANCES AND THE NUMBERS FOR YOU, AND THEN PRESENT IT TO
23 YOU.

24

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AGAIN, THANKS TO
2 ASSISTANT SHERIFF CORBETT; MR. HUNTSMAN, OUR O.I.G.; AND
3 AGAIN, TO OUR NEW COUNTY MONITOR, KATHY KINNEY. WE APPRECIATE
4 ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR TIME, AND ANSWERING OUR QUESTIONS TODAY.
5 THANK YOU, ALL. COLLEAGUES, THIS REPORT IS RECEIVED AND FILED,
6 AND HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. WE ARE
7 MOVING INTO SPECIALS, AND WE HAVE TWO BEFORE US TODAY.
8 SUPERVISOR BARGER, WOULD YOU LIKE TO PRESENT YOURS, FOLLOWED
9 BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

10

11 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WAS SADDENED TO READ A
12 HEARTBREAKING STORY IN THE NEWS THIS MORNING, ON THE FRONT
13 PAGE OF THE L.A. TIMES, REGARDING A YOUNG MAN, DOMINIC GREEN,
14 WHO WAS A CONTRACTED WORKER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
15 HEALTH, AND PASSED AWAY. TRAGICALLY, HE WAS FULLY REMOTE, AND
16 NEITHER HIS COLLEAGUES NOR SUPERVISORS WERE AWARE THAT HE HAD
17 DIED AT HOME, WHERE HE WAS LEFT UNATTENDED FOR DAYS. THIS
18 RAISES RENEWED CONCERNS FOR THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF OUR
19 WORKFORCE WHO WORK FROM HOME FULL TIME, AND MIGHT BE SUFFERING
20 FROM ISOLATION AND DISCONNECTION. I WOULD LIKE TO READ IN A
21 MOTION, WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN AS A CO-AUTHOR, FOR A VOTE NEXT
22 WEEK, SO THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES CAN REPORT
23 BACK ON THE ISSUE AND RECOMMEND WAYS THE COUNTY CAN IMPROVE
24 THE WAY WE STAY CONNECTED WITH OUR WORKFORCE. THE C.O.V.I.D.-
25 19 PANDEMIC RESULTING PUBLIC HEALTH OLDER SENT SCORES OF

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1 EMPLOYEES TO WORK FROM HOME. THIS WAS ESPECIALLY TRUE FOR A
2 LARGE PORTION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WORKFORCE AND
3 THOUSANDS OF CONTRACTED STAFF, WHO HELP MAINTAIN ESSENTIAL
4 COUNTY SERVICES. THE COUNTY HAS CONTINUED TO GREATLY EXPAND
5 FLEXIBLE WORKING OPTIONS, WITH 35% OF THE COUNTY WORKFORCE
6 TELEWORKING IN SOME CAPACITY, INCLUDING 15% WHO TELEWORK FULL
7 TIME. IN ADDITION, COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OFTEN HAVE DISTRIBUTED
8 TEAMS IN VARIOUS COUNTY LOCATIONS TO MEET OPERATIONAL NEEDS.
9 TELEWORK COMPRESSED WORKWEEKS-- FOR EXAMPLE, 9/80 AND 4/40--
10 ARE OTHER FLEXIBLE WORKING ARRANGEMENTS THAT CAN SERVE AS A
11 VALUABLE TOOL TO REDUCE OVERHEAD COST, IMPROVE WORK-LIFE
12 BALANCE, REDUCE CARBON FOOTPRINT, AND ADVANCE DIGITAL
13 GOVERNMENT. AT THE SAME TIME, ALLOWING EMPLOYEES TO WORK
14 OUTSIDE THE TRADITIONAL WORKPLACE BRINGS ABOUT NEW CHALLENGES
15 IN MAINTAINING REGULAR COMMUNICATION AND STRONG PROFESSIONAL
16 RELATIONSHIPS. FOR MANY REMOTE WORKERS, IT HAS CREATED
17 PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES. A 2021 SURVEY BY THE
18 AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION FOUND THAT A MAJORITY OF
19 EMPLOYEES WORKING FROM HOME EXPERIENCED NEGATIVE MENTAL HEALTH
20 IMPACTS, INCLUDING ISOLATION AND LONELINESS. FURTHERMORE, A
21 LACK OF PHYSICAL PRESENCE IN THE WORKSPACE LIMITS
22 OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERACTION AND CHECKING IN ON WORKERS WHO
23 MIGHT FALL ILL OR SUFFER FROM AN AILMENT, LEADING TO EVEN MORE
24 DRAMATIC HEALTH OR WELLBEING ISSUES. SO, WE THEREFORE MOVE
25 THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE DIRECTOR OF

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1 PERSONNEL, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
2 COUNTY COUNSEL, AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER, TO REVIEW TELEWORK
3 PRACTICES, TO ENSURE REGULAR COMMUNICATION ENGAGEMENT
4 PROTOCOLS BETWEEN MANAGERS, SUPERVISORS, AND STAFF IN ALL
5 SETTINGS, INCLUDING TELEWORK, HOTELING, REMOTE WORK,
6 DISTRIBUTED TEAMS, AND FIELD WORK; TWO, DIRECT THE DIRECTOR OF
7 PERSONNEL TO REVIEW CURRENT SUPERVISION TRAINING COURSES AND
8 OUR PROGRAMS TO ENSURE CONTENT ON INSTRUCTION AND
9 COMMUNICATION IN ALL WORK SETTINGS, INCLUDING REMOTE WORK,
10 TELEWORK, HOTELING, DISTRIBUTIVE TEAMS AND FIELD WORK, AND
11 CONFIRM THAT THE TRAINING DISCUSSES COMMUNICATIONS, BEST
12 PRACTICES, BY MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS, ABOUT CONDUCTING
13 WELLNESS CHECKS OF THEIR STAFF WHO HAVE BEEN ABSENT FROM THE
14 WORK WITHOUT NOTICE; AND THREE, REPORT BACK TO THIS BOARD IN
15 WRITING, WITHIN 75 DAYS, WITH AN ASSESSMENT OF THE
16 AFOREMENTIONED, AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENHANCE AND IMPROVE
17 EXISTING POLICIES, AS NEEDED. THAT WOULD BE OUR MOTION FOR
18 NEXT WEEK. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

19
20 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND, MADAM
21 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WE'RE NOT VOTING ON THIS ONE TODAY.

22
23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WE ARE VOTING ON THIS ONE TODAY.

24
25 **SUP. BARGER:** I DIDN'T THINK WE COULD VOTE ON IT.

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1

2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IT IS A REPORT BACK.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** IT'S A REPORT BACK.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY. WELL, OKAY. I WOULD LOVE TO VOTE ON IT
7 TODAY.

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OKAY. EXCELLENT.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER:** DOMINIC GREEN'S FAMILY WOULD LOVE FOR US TO VOTE
12 ON IT TODAY.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, AND I WOULD LIKE TO SECOND IT.

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO, MOTION BY... SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
17 DID YOU WANT TO SPEAK ON IT? SUPERVISOR KUEHL, DID YOU WANT TO
18 SPEAK ON IT?

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** NO, I WAS OFFERING TO SECOND, BUT I DEFER TO MY
21 COLLEAGUE FROM THE FOURTH.

22

23 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IT'S BEEN MOVED BY
24 SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. PLEASE CALL
25 THE ROLL.

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1

2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE MOTION FROM SUPERVISOR BARGER AND
3 SUPERVISOR HAHN, SUPPORTING LOS ANGELES COUNTY TELEWORKERS, IS
4 BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

7

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

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

11

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

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

15

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

17

18 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

19

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

22

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

24

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

3

4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL HEAR AN ADDITIONAL
5 SET OF SPECIALS FROM SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THAT WE WILL ALSO BE
6 VOTING ON AFTER HER PRESENTATION. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THIS IS WITH RESPECT
9 TO A REWARD OFFER IN THE ROBBERY AT THE 99 RANCH MARKET IN
10 ROWLAND HEIGHTS, WHICH TOOK PLACE ON SATURDAY, JULY 9TH, 2022,
11 AT THE 99 RANCH MARKET ON NOGALES AVENUE. JUST AFTER NOON, AN
12 ASIAN-AMERICAN COUPLE WAS VIOLENTLY ATTACKED BY TWO SUSPECTS
13 WHILE UNLOADING GROCERIES IN THEIR VEHICLE. ONE OF THE
14 SUSPECTS PISTOL-WHIPPED THE MALE VICTIM TO STEAL HIS ROLEX
15 WATCH. THE TWO SUSPECTS THEN LEFT THE SCENE IN A WHITE DODGE
16 CHALLENGER WITH PAPER LICENSE PLATES. THE TWO SUSPECTS ARE
17 DESCRIBED AS TWO MEN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 25 TO 30 YEARS OLD,
18 WEARING BLACK HOODIES AND GRAY SWEATPANTS. THE SUSPECTS WERE
19 ALSO CARRYING SEMIAUTOMATIC HANDGUNS. TO ASSIST IN THE
20 INVESTIGATION OF VIOLENT ROBBERY OF THESE TWO VICTIMS, WE ARE
21 SEEKING THE PUBLIC'S ASSISTANCE IN BRINGING THE INDIVIDUALS
22 WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE CRIMES TO JUSTICE. IF THE PUBLIC
23 HAS ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THIS CASE OR THOSE RESPONSIBLE, WE
24 URGE THEM TO CONTACT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
25 DEPARTMENT WALNUT STATION AT 909-595-2264. THOSE WHO WISH TO

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1 REMAIN ANONYMOUS CAN CALL CRIME STOPPERS AT 800-222-8477. I
2 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ESTABLISH A
3 \$15,000 REWARD IN EXCHANGE FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE
4 APPREHENSION AND CONVICTION OF THE PERSON OR PERSONS
5 RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS HEINOUS ROBBERY THAT OCCURRED OUTSIDE THE
6 99 RANCH MARKET IN ROWLAND HEIGHTS. I ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.

7

8 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** SECOND.

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SEEING NO FURTHER
13 COMMENTS, THE SPECIAL MOTION HAS BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
14 SOLIS, AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS ON THE REWARD
17 OFFER. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

20

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

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

24

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

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

3

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

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

7

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

9 MITCHELL?

10

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

12

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

14 5-0.

15

16 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. COLLEAGUES, AT THIS TIME, IT

17 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR ADJOURNMENTS. WE WILL BEGIN WITH

18 SUPERVISOR HAHN.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THE FIRST ONE IS, I

21 KNOW, ONE OF THE REASONS THAT SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU

22 INTRODUCED THE MOTION THAT WE JUST VOTED ON, AND I REALLY

23 APPRECIATE THAT. I THOUGHT IT WAS APPROPRIATE THAT WE ADJOURN

24 IN THE MEMORY OF DOMINIC GREEN TODAY. THE L.A. TIMES' KIRA

25 FELDMAN, IN COLUMN ONE TODAY, WROTE THE MOST HEARTBREAKING

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1 STORY ABOUT DOMINIC GREEN. HE WAS ONLY 28 YEARS OLD. AND I
2 KNOW, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, I THINK I REACHED OUT TO YOU. HIS
3 APARTMENT WAS IN KOREATOWN, BUT HIS FAMILY WAS FROM MICHIGAN,
4 I THINK. HE CAME HERE FOLLOWING HIS DREAM, AND HE BECAME A
5 CONTRACT WORKER FOR OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND
6 TRACKING C.O.V.I.D. CASES. SO, HE WAS DOING CONTACT TRACING.
7 AND THIS WAS HIS FIRST JOB OUT OF GRAD SCHOOL, WHERE HE
8 RECEIVED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN PUBLIC HEALTH. AND AGAIN, HE
9 MOVED TO L.A. LATE LAST SUMMER. HE EVEN TOOK HIS COLLEGE
10 COURSES FROM INSIDE HIS BEDROOM, DUE TO THE C.O.V.I.D.
11 SHUTDOWN IN 2020. HE SAW THIS JOB AS A FIRST STEP TOWARDS HIS
12 PROFESSIONAL GOAL, A DOCTORATE IN EPIDEMIOLOGY, WHICH HE
13 PLANNED TO USE TO SERVE UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES. AND ALTHOUGH
14 HE NEVER MET HIS COLLEAGUES IN PERSON, BECAUSE HE WAS
15 TELEWORKING, SOME OF THEIR COMMENTS AT HIS SERVICE REALLY
16 SPOKE TO HIS CHARACTER. HE WOULD EVERY DAY, I THINK AT 4:30,
17 LOG OUT AND SEND A MESSAGE TO HIS SUPERVISORS THAT HIS DAY'S
18 WORK WAS DONE, WISHED EVERYBODY WELL, AND THEN HE WOULD LOG
19 BACK ON THE NEXT MORNING. WELL, ONE THURSDAY-- I THINK, RIGHT
20 BEFORE M.L.K. DAY, SO ONE THURSDAY-- HE DIDN'T DO HIS REGULAR
21 4:30 SIGN-OFF. AND THEN THE FRIDAY, HE DIDN'T DO HIS 8:30
22 SIGN-ON, OR THE 4:30 SIGN-OFF. HIS PARENTS DIDN'T HEAR FROM
23 HIM THAT WHOLE WEEKEND. BUT IN THIS ARTICLE, THEY SAID THAT
24 WASN'T UNUSUAL, BECAUSE SOMETIMES-- I KNOW I HAVE SOME KIDS
25 THAT I DON'T HEAR FROM FOR A WEEKEND, AND YOU DON'T SUSPECT

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1 ANYTHING. BUT WHEN THEY COULDN'T GET AHOLD OF HIM-- I THINK
2 MONDAY WAS THE HOLIDAY, AND THEN TUESDAY WAS A WORKDAY, AND
3 NOBODY HAD HEARD FROM HIM-- THEY FINALLY TOOK MEASURES TO GET
4 TO HIS APARTMENT. BY THEN, HE HAD PASSED AWAY. AND APPARENTLY,
5 HE HAD BEEN DEAD FOR A FEW DAYS, BASED ON THE CORONER'S
6 REPORT. OF COURSE, HIS PARENTS WERE DEVASTATED, AND REALLY
7 WONDERED, WHICH IS WHY, KATHRYN, I THINK YOUR MOTION WAS SO
8 APPROPRIATE TODAY, BECAUSE I THINK HIS PARENTS WONDERED WHY,
9 WHEN WE DIDN'T HEAR THE FIRST SIGN-OFF, AND THEN THE SECOND
10 ONE, WHY DIDN'T SOMEONE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH,
11 ONE OF HIS SUPERVISORS, ACTUALLY TAKE A LITTLE MORE AGGRESSIVE
12 ACTION? SO, HOPEFULLY, WHAT YOU JUST DID, KATHRYN, WILL LOOK
13 AT OUR POLICY, WHICH IS SO APPROPRIATE, BECAUSE TELEWORKING IS
14 NOW SOMETHING, I THINK, IS NOT JUST PANDEMIC-RELATED. I THINK
15 MORE AND MORE WORKERS WILL BE WORKING FROM HOME, AND THIS JUST
16 HIGHLIGHTS BEING ALONE, WORKING FROM HOME, AND HAVING NO REAL
17 SUPPORT SYSTEM COULD END UP LIKE THIS. I THOUGHT WHAT HIS
18 COWORKERS FROM PUBLIC HEALTH SENT TO HIS PARENTS, TO BE READ
19 AT HIS SERVICE WAS, "DOMINIC WAS KNOWN BY HIS STRONG WORK
20 ETHIC AND CHARACTER," WROTE ONE OF HIS SUPERVISORS. "CHARACTER
21 IS WHAT A PERSON DOES WHEN NO ONE IS LOOKING." ANOTHER SAID,
22 "DOMINIC WAS A FABULOUS EPIDEMIOLOGIST, A GREAT PERSON TO WORK
23 WITH, A VALUED MEMBER OF THE TEAM." AND SOMEONE ELSE SAID,
24 "DOMINIC AND I WERE IN THE SAME COHORT, AND WE ONBOARDED
25 TOGETHER," ONE WOMAN WROTE. "THOUGH WE ONLY SHARED A FEW E-

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1 MAILS HERE AND THERE, HE WAS VERY KIND AND WILL BE STRONGLY
2 MISSED." HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, JOSEPH AND JEANNINE
3 GREEN. AND I THINK THEY WILL APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT WE
4 REMEMBERED HIM, AND WE'RE LOOKING AT COUNTY POLICY TO CHANGE,
5 SO THIS NEVER HAPPENS AGAIN. YES. THAT WOULD BE GREAT. I ALSO
6 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
7 ANTONIA BUONO, WHO WAS A RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO. SHE WAS BORN
8 IN ISCHIA, ITALY, AND SHE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER
9 HUSBAND. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN GEORGE, TERESA,
10 ORESTE, AND FRANK, WHO'S THE VERY SUCCESSFUL OWNER OF BUONO'S
11 PIZZERIA, THAT HAVE SEVERAL LOCATIONS, BOTH IN LONG BEACH AND
12 SAN PEDRO. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE
13 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DEBI ROMAN, WHO WAS
14 ONLY 49 WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY, ALSO A LONGTIME SAN PEDRO
15 RESIDENT. DEBI GRADUATED FROM U.S.C. WITH HER MASTER'S IN
16 EDUCATION. SHE WAS A BELOVED KINDERGARTEN TEACHER AT SEVENTH
17 STREET ELEMENTARY FOR OVER 20 YEARS, AND SHE ALWAYS ENCOURAGED
18 HER STUDENTS TO WORK HARD, AIM HIGH, AND BELIEVE IN
19 THEMSELVES. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, EDDIE, AND DEEPLY
20 MISSED BY HER FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND FORMER COLLEAGUES. I ALSO
21 THOUGHT IT WAS APPROPRIATE IF THIS BOARD ADJOURNED IN THE
22 MEMORY OF SHINZO ABE, THE FORMER JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER, WHO
23 WAS ASSASSINATED LAST WEEK WHILE DELIVERING A CAMPAIGN SPEECH
24 OUTSIDE OF A TRAIN STATION IN NARA, JUST DAYS BEFORE HIS
25 COUNTRY'S NATIONWIDE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS. SHINZO ABE

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1 BECAME JAPAN'S YOUNGEST POSTWAR PRIME MINISTER DURING HIS
2 FIRST STINT IN THE NATION'S HIGHEST OFFICE, FROM 2006-2007. HE
3 RETURNED AS PRIME MINISTER IN 2012, AND SERVED UNTIL 2020,
4 LEAVING OFFICE AS JAPAN'S LONGEST SERVING PRIME MINISTER. I
5 WAS LUCKY TO BE A MEMBER OF CONGRESS WHEN HE CAME AND
6 ADDRESSED A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS IN 2015, AND HOW FONDLY
7 HE SPOKE ABOUT THE UNITED STATES AND HIS TIME IN LOS ANGELES
8 IN THE LATE '70S, WHEN HE WAS A STUDENT AT U.S.C. IN THAT
9 ADDRESS TO CONGRESS, HE CHARACTERIZED THE ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE
10 UNITED STATES AND JAPAN AS AN ALLIANCE OF HOPE. I CAN'T HELP
11 BUT THINK THAT PERCEPTION WAS SHAPED BY HIS EXPERIENCE HERE IN
12 L.A. COUNTY. THIS TRAGEDY HAS ROCKED THE NATION OF JAPAN, AND
13 THE ATTACK IS ALL THE MORE SHOCKING TO THE JAPANESE PEOPLE,
14 BECAUSE THEIR COUNTRY HAS NOT EXPERIENCED THE LEVEL OF GUN
15 VIOLENCE THAT WE HAVE SADLY BECOME SO ACCUSTOMED TO HERE. OUR
16 THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE PEOPLE OF JAPAN. SHINZO ABE
17 LEAVES HIS WIFE OF 35 YEARS, AKIE MATSUZAKI. AND I WOULD HOPE
18 THAT WE, AS A COUNTY, WOULD EXPRESS IN A FORMAL WAY TO THE
19 JAPANESE CONSUL GENERAL HERE OF OUR SINCEREST SYMPATHIES.
20 THANK YOU, MADAM.

21
22 **SUP. SOLIS:** ALL MEMBERS? ALL MEMBERS?

23
24 **SUP. HAHN:** YES. YES. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THAT WOULD BE WONDERFUL. THANK YOU. AS A
2 MEMBER OF A STATE SENATE DELEGATION IN 2017, WE HAD THE
3 OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE AUDIENCE WITH HIM IN TOKYO, SO I WOULD
4 DEFINITELY LOVE TO SIGN IN, AS WELL. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
5 BRINGING THAT FORTH, TO ALLOW ALL OF US TO SIGN ON. THANK YOU.
6 SUPERVISOR BARGER?

7

8 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE DO SO
9 IN MEMORY OF MADALYN JONES BARBER, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF
10 ALTADENA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 55. MADALYN ATTENDED
11 PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND GRADUATED
12 FROM BLAIRE HIGH SCHOOL IN 1984. SHE PURSUED HIGHER EDUCATION
13 AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LA VERNE, WHERE SHE EARNED A BACHELOR'S
14 DEGREE IN BUSINESS. FOR 17 YEARS, MADALYN WORKED WITH THE
15 NESTLE CORPORATION AS A BUDGET ANALYST, AND FINISHED HER
16 CAREER WITH THE A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION, AS AN ADVANCED
17 OPERATIONS SPECIALIST. IN APRIL OF 2021, MADALYN BECAME A
18 MEMBER OF THE ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL. SHE WORKED CLOSELY WITH
19 TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS ON VARIOUS PROJECTS, SUCH AS CROSSWALK
20 INSTALLATION AND CROSSING GUARD REASSIGNMENT PROJECTS AT
21 ALTADENA ARTS MAGNET. MADALYN IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND AND
22 SON, AND HER TWO SIBLINGS. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
23 JAMI DENISE KENNEDY, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA, AND
24 1989 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WOMAN OF THE YEAR, WHO PASSED AWAY
25 AT THE AGE OF 74. JAMI GREW UP IN SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, AND

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1 SPENT DECADES VOLUNTEERING FOR SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS,
2 INCLUDING THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, THE
3 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY CRISIS HOTLINE, AND THE AMERICAN RED
4 CROSS. SHE WORKED AT THE UNITED WAY OF GREATER LOS ANGELES FOR
5 MANY YEARS, WHICH WAS THE START OF A LONG CAREER IN COMMUNITY
6 SERVICE. NOT ONLY WAS SHE A TALENTED FUNDRAISER, SHE WAS ALSO
7 AN EXEMPLARY LEADER. IN 2005, SHE LED THE EFFORT WITH PROJECT
8 TOWN ANGELS TO BRING A FAMILY AFFECTED BY HURRICANE RITA TO
9 SANTA CLARITA, AND PROVIDE FOR ALL THEIR NEEDS. THE FAMILY WAS
10 GIVEN AN APARTMENT, RENT-FREE, FOR A YEAR. THEY RECEIVED
11 DONATIONS OF FOOD, CLOTHES, AND FURNITURE. A JOB WAS SECURED
12 FOR THE HUSBAND, AND THE MOTHER WAS ABLE TO GET HER HIGH
13 SCHOOL DIPLOMA, AND THEN ENTERED NURSING SCHOOL. HER LOVE FOR
14 ANIMALS LED HER TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF THE CAROUSEL RANCH
15 THERAPY ON HORSEBACK, AND SHE WAS A MEMBER OF AN ORGANIZATION
16 DEDICATED TO THE PRESERVATION OF GIBBON APES. SHE ALSO SPENT
17 TIME RAISING EXOTIC BIRDS. JAMI IS REMEMBERED AS SOMEONE WHO
18 RADIATED POSITIVITY AND LOVE. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
19 OF CAROLYN MELICK, A THIRD-GRADE TEACHER FOR 34 YEARS AT
20 SUNNYDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN LANCASTER. SHE DIED AT THE AGE
21 OF 80, AFTER A 13-YEAR BATTLE WITH LUNG CANCER. BORN OCTOBER
22 7TH, 1941, IN LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, SHE PASSED AWAY JUNE 26TH
23 AT HOME IN LANCASTER, SURROUNDED BY HER FAMILY. CAROLYN WAS
24 EDUCATED AT HENDRIX COLLEGE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS,
25 WHERE SHE EARNED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN EDUCATION. ON AUGUST

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1 6TH, 1966, SHE MARRIED KENNETH MELICK, AND THEY HAD TWO
2 DAUGHTERS. CAROLYN WAS A PASSIONATE TEACHER, WHO ALWAYS PUT
3 HER STUDENTS FIRST. SHE BELIEVED IN INSTILLING A LIFELONG
4 PASSION FOR LEARNING AND LITERACY TO ALL THE STUDENTS AT
5 SUNNYDALE SCHOOL. CAROLYN IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, TWO
6 DAUGHTERS, AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN
7 MEMORY OF BEULAH MYERS, WHO PASSED AWAY JUNE 29TH, AT THE AGE
8 OF 105. SHE WAS BORN FEBRUARY 16TH, 1917, IN TABLE ROCK,
9 NEBRASKA. SHE WAS MARRIED FOR 65 YEARS TO DAVID MYERS. SHE IS
10 SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER, KATHRYN FREEMAN; GRANDDAUGHTERS
11 REBECCA JONES, JENNIFER KRONNICK, AND DEBORAH EMERSON; EIGHT
12 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN; AND 12 GREAT-GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. AND
13 LAST, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JIM NICKEL, A LANCASTER
14 RESIDENT, AND A A TEACHER FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS IN BOTH
15 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. BORN APRIL
16 10TH, 1942, JIM SPENT A LIFE OF LEARNING AND TEACHING OF BOTH
17 THE BIBLE AND SCIENCE. JIM TAUGHT SCIENCE CLASSES IN MIDDLE
18 SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS. HE ATTENDED
19 GRACE CHAPEL IN LANCASTER FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS, AND TAUGHT
20 BIBLE STUDY CLASSES THERE, AS WELL. JIM IS SURVIVED BY HIS
21 WIFE LORETTA, SON LOREN, DAUGHTER LARISSA, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN,
22 AND FOUR SIBLINGS. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
2 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FAZEELAT DHALA, WHO
3 PASSED AWAY ON MONDAY, JULY 4TH, 2022, AFTER A COURAGEOUS
4 BATTLE WITH CANCER. A NATIVE OF TORONTO, CANADA, FAZEELAT
5 TRAINED AND WORKED AS A PHARMACIST IN HER HOMETOWN BEFORE
6 MOVING TO ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA. IN ALHAMBRA, SHE SERVED AS A
7 SCIENCE TEACHER AT MARK KEPPEL HIGH SCHOOL FOR NEARLY 20
8 YEARS. DURING HER TENURE AT MARK KEPPEL, SHE DEVELOPED A
9 REPUTATION AS A STERN, YET KIND, SPIRITED TEACHER, WHO WAS
10 PASSIONATE ABOUT THE YOUTH THAT SHE SERVED. ON CAMPUS, MS.
11 DHALA WAS INVOLVED IN THE CALIFORNIA SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION,
12 AND WORKED TO PROMOTE ANIMAL RIGHTS THROUGH STUDENT GROUPS AND
13 CLUBS. HER COLLEAGUES FONDLY RECALL HER EAGERNESS TO
14 PARTICIPATE IN THE "GOOFY THINGS," HELPING TO ORGANIZE VARIOUS
15 STUDENT ASSEMBLIES AND MARK KEPPEL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD. IN HER
16 PERSONAL TIME, MS. DHALA TRAVELED, PAINTED, DID YOGA, AND
17 PILATES. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND ROBERT DHALA, SISTER
18 FATEMA JAFFER, AS WELL AS MANY MEMBERS OF HER EXTENDED FAMILY
19 IN CANADA. FAZEELAT DHALA WAS LOVED BY EVERYONE WHO HAD THE
20 PLEASURE OF KNOWING HER, AND SHE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED. I MOVE
21 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF KEN
22 LUND. KEN LUND WAS BORN ON FEBRUARY 11TH, 1933, IN BROOKLYN,
23 NEW YORK, AND PASSED AWAY ON FRIDAY, JUNE 10TH, 2022, AT THE
24 AGE OF 89. KEN WAS A VETERAN OF THE U.S. ARMY. AFTER THE
25 SERVICE, KEN AND HIS FAMILY SETTLED IN WEST COVINA, WHERE HE

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1 WAS A HIGHLY ACTIVE VOLUNTEER IN THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST
2 COVINA, THE WEST COVINA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, AND THE EMANATE
3 HEALTH FOUNDATION, AND SERVED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ALL
4 THREE. FOR DECADES, LUND PERSONALLY LED AND HANDS-ON
5 VOLUNTEERED AT COUNTLESS PROGRAMS AND EVENTS ADVANCING YOUTH
6 LEADERSHIP, PROMOTING HEALTH AND WELLBEING, PREVENTING
7 DOMESTIC ABUSE, ADDRESSING LOCAL HUNGER, AND ADVANCING LOCAL
8 CIVIC INVOLVEMENT. HE WAS A PILLAR IN THE COMMUNITY, AND HIS
9 VOLUNTEERISM, KEEN INSIGHT, AND KIND SPIRIT, BOUNDLESS
10 CURIOSITY, AND DEVOTION TO FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND HIS CITY,
11 EXEMPLIFIED SERVICE ABOVE SELF. KEN LUND IS SURVIVED BY HIS
12 WIFE RUTH LUND, SON PETER LUND, AND DAUGHTER VICTORIA DOWNEY,
13 AND A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO WILL
14 MISS KEN DEARLY. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN
15 IN MEMORY OF FRED SORNOSO. FORMER MONTEREY PARK MAYOR PRO-TEM
16 FRED SORNOSO PASSED AWAY ON JULY 8TH AFTER A PROLONGED
17 ILLNESS. FIRST ELECTED TO THE MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL IN
18 MARCH OF 2020, FRED WAS KNOWN FOR HIS FRIENDLINESS AND
19 ACCESSIBILITY, WITH COLLEAGUES REMEMBERING THAT EVEN WHEN THEY
20 DISAGREED, MAYOR PRO-TEM SORNOSO TREATED EVERYONE WITH
21 KINDNESS AND WARMTH. ON CITY COUNCIL, HE ESTABLISHED COMMUNITY
22 CLEANUPS, ENCOURAGED RESIDENTS TO REPORT GRAFFITI, TO KEEP
23 MONTEREY PARKS SAFE, AND A CLEAN COMMUNITY FOR ALL RESIDENTS.
24 AND ABOVE ALL, FRED EMBODIED WHAT IT MEANT TO BE A GOOD
25 NEIGHBOR. HE LOVED TO TAKE WALKS AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD, AND

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1 OFTEN INVITED MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO COLLECT FRUIT FROM
2 HIS HOME. HE WAS KNOWN ESPECIALLY FOR HIS DELICIOUS PERSIMMONS
3 AND APPLES. FRED WAS ALSO A LIFELONG FAN OF THE LOS ANGELES
4 DODGERS. WHEN HE MADE THE DECISION TO RESIGN FROM THE CITY
5 COUNCIL, HE SPECIFICALLY CHOSE APRIL 14TH, AS IT WAS OPENING
6 DAY FOR THE DODGERS SEASON. AND IN RECENT WEEKS, MR. SORNOSO
7 WAS ABLE TO ROOT FOR THE DODGERS IN THEIR SERIES AGAINST THE
8 CHICAGO CUBS. FRED SORNOSO WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY FRIENDS,
9 FAMILY, COLLEAGUES, AND MONTEREY PARK, THE NEIGHBORHOOD THAT
10 HE LOVED SO DEARLY. MAY HIS LOVE FOR HIS COMMUNITY BE AN
11 EXAMPLE FOR ALL OF US WHO WORK IN PUBLIC SERVICE. I MOVE THAT
12 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JESSE BARELA.
13 JESSE BARELA WAS BORN ON NOVEMBER 12TH, 1956, TO JOSE ARRIAGA
14 BARELA AND LIBRADA CHAIDEZ RODRIGUEZ OF MEXICO. HE WAS THE
15 SECOND OF FIVE CHILDREN, BROTHERS JOSE AND ROBERT, AND SISTERS
16 ALMA AND MARY LOU. HE GREW UP IN EAST LOS ANGELES, ATTENDING
17 HAMMEL STREET SCHOOL, FOLLOWED BY GUADALUPE ELEMENTARY, AND
18 GRADUATED FROM SALESIAN HIGH SCHOOL IN 1975. THIS YEAR, 1975,
19 WAS A HUGE TURNING POINT IN HIS LIFE. HE BECAME BORN AGAIN,
20 AND HE SET THE COURSE FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE. IN THAT
21 DECISION, HE BEGAN SERVING AT CALVARY CHAPEL WEST COVINA,
22 TEACHING BIBLE STUDIES. IN 1982, HE MET HIS WIFE, LINDA ROMER,
23 AND THEY WERE MARRIED LATER IN DECEMBER OF 1983. THEY REMAINED
24 MARRIED FOR... 83 YEARS? IN 1984, HE FURTHER-- I DON'T THINK
25 THAT'S CORRECT. 83 YEARS! PROBABLY 38 YEARS. I'M SORRY. IN

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1 1984, HE FURTHER PREPARED FOR LIFE IN MINISTRY BY ATTENDING
 2 L.I.F.E. BIBLE COLLEGE IN ECHO PARK. HE GRADUATED IN 1988 WITH
 3 A MAJOR IN BIBLE, AND AN EMPHASIS ON CROSS-CULTURAL
 4 EVANGELISM. SHORTLY AFTER GRADUATION, HE SERVED UNDER PASTOR
 5 RAUL RIES, AND WAS ON STAFF FOR 34 YEARS. HE TOOK MANY TRIPS
 6 TO COLUMBIA AND CHILI. IN SOUTH AMERICA, HE SPENT HIS TIME
 7 TEACHING HIS FAITH TO YOUNG PASTORS WHO WERE PLANTING
 8 CHURCHES. IN 1999, HE RECEIVED HIS LONG DREAM OF BECOMING A
 9 FATHER AND ADOPTED TWO SONS, JACOB AND LUKE. JESSE IS SURVIVED
 10 BY HIS WIFE LINDA BARELA, SONS JACOB AND LUKE BARELA, BROTHERS
 11 JOSE AND ROBERT, SISTERS ALMA AND MARY LOU, AND MOTHER LIBRADA
 12 BARELA, AND A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO
 13 WILL MISS JESSE DEARLY. AND FINALLY, MEMBERS, I MOVE THAT WE
 14 ADJOURN TODAY IN THE MEMORY OF RODRIGO "ROD" GARCIA. RODRIGO
 15 "ROD" GARCIA, AS HE WAS KNOWN, WAS BORN ON MARCH 29TH, 1943.
 16 ROD GRADUATED FROM CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES,
 17 WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING. ROD
 18 SERVED AS A CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, AND
 19 WORKED IN PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDING AND SAFETY, AND AT THE PORT
 20 OF LOS ANGELES. ROD WAS ONE OF THE FEW HISPANIC ENGINEERS
 21 AMIDST A TECH BOOM IN CALIFORNIA BACK IN 1973, AND DESPITE
 22 BEING IN THE MINORITY IN SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND MATH--
 23 S.T.E.M. FIELD-- HE GATHERED A COHORT OF FELLOW HISPANIC
 24 ENGINEERS DETERMINED TO CONTRIBUTE AND DIVERSIFY THE S.T.E.M.
 25 INDUSTRY. IN 1974, ROD FOUNDED AND INCORPORATED THE SOCIETY OF

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1 HISPANIC PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, KNOWN AS S.H.P.E., WITH THE
2 MISSION ENSURING NETWORKING AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR
3 HISPANIC STUDENTS AND PROFESSIONALS IN THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
4 REGION. NOT TOO LONG AFTER, WITH THE COLLABORATION OF
5 ADMINISTRATORS, PROFESSORS, AND STUDENTS AT CAL STATE
6 UNIVERSITY, AND EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE, AND THE UNIVERSITY
7 OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, THE SOCIETY OF HISPANIC PROFESSIONAL
8 ENGINEERS ESTABLISHED ITS FIRST COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS. THE
9 RESULT OF FIVE DECADES OF ROD'S HIGH-SPIRITED AND FEARLESS
10 LEADERSHIP PROPELLED THE SOCIETY OF HISPANIC PROFESSIONAL
11 ENGINEERS TO REACH 13,000 MEMBERSHIPS, 286 CHAPTERS
12 NATIONWIDE. HIS UNIQUE ABILITY TO UNITE COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND
13 LEADERS AROUND THE COUNTRY WILL SERVE AS EVIDENCE THAT CLOSING
14 THE S.T.E.M. EDUCATION GAP, AND INCREASING THE NUMBER OF
15 HISPANICS IN S.T.E.M., CAN AND WILL BE DONE. ROD WILL BE
16 REMEMBERED BY HIS COLLEAGUES AND THOUSANDS OF CURRENT AND
17 FORMER S.H.P.E. STUDENTS AND PROFESSIONALS FOR HIS DEVOTION,
18 SERVICE, AND IMMENSE CONTRIBUTIONS TO EXPANDING AWARENESS,
19 ACCESS, SUPPORT, AND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO HISPANICS IN
20 ENGINEERING, SCIENCE, MATH, AND TECHNOLOGY, TO REALIZE THEIR
21 FULLEST POTENTIAL, AND POSITIVELY IMPACT THE WORLD. I HAD THE
22 DISTINCT PLEASURE OF MEETING ROD BACK IN 1981, WHEN I WAS
23 SERVING IN THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION, AND WE HELD A LOT OF
24 SIMILAR EVENTS WITH S.H.P.E. OUT IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND AT
25 DIFFERENT CHAPTERS. I AM GRATEFUL TO CALL HIM A FRIEND, AND I

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1 ASK THAT WE SEND OUR BLESSINGS AND CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY
2 AND FRIENDS. THANK YOU. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. THANK YOU, MADAM
3 CHAIR.

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5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
6 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF TWO LONG-TERM
7 SECOND-DISTRICT CONSTITUENTS: HELEN RUTH HASTINGS AND LINDA
8 BERNICE MARSHALL CAIN. LINDA BERNICE MARSHAL CAIN WAS BORN
9 MARCH OF 1954, IN LOS ANGELES, AND PASSED THIS PAST MAY 29TH,
10 AT THE AGE OF 68. SHE WAS A PROUD RESIDENT OF THE SECOND
11 DISTRICT FOR OVER 60 YEARS. MRS. CAIN GRADUATED FROM DORSEY
12 HIGH SCHOOL, AND EARNED AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN LIBERAL ARTS
13 FROM L.A. TRADE-TECH COLLEGE. WHILE IN COLLEGE, SHE MET BOBBY
14 CAIN. THE COUPLE MARRIED IN 1984, AND LATER BECAME THE PROUD
15 PARENTS OF TWO SONS. MRS. CAIN BEGAN HER CAREER AS A
16 COMMISSIONED SALESPERSON OF MAJOR APPLIANCES, AND MAINTAINED
17 AN EXCEPTIONAL REPUTATION. SHE RETIRED FROM SEARS IN 2019. SHE
18 WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER DEVOTION TO HER FAMILY AS A PROUD
19 WIFE, DAUGHTER, MOTHER, AND DEAR FRIEND. SHE WAS A POSITIVE
20 ROLE MODEL TO ALL THOSE AROUND HER. SHE WAS DEDICATED TO
21 KEEPING HER FAMILIAL BOND STRONG DURING THE PANDEMIC, AND DID
22 SO BY PURCHASING NEW CELL PHONES AND LEARNING HOW TO USE ZOOM.
23 HER POSITIVE SPIRIT WILL BE FELT FOR MANY GENERATIONS TO COME.
24 MRS. CAIN LEAVES BEHIND TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER LOVING
25 HUSBAND OF 38 YEARS, BOBBY; HER MOTHER EDITH; SIBLINGS KYM,

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1 HAAZIQ, AND SAEED; TWO SONS, DAWOOD AND DONALD; TWO
 2 STEPCHILDREN, DEMETRIUS AND STELLA; AND A HOST OF EXTENDED
 3 FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO WILL ALL MISS HER DEARLY. HELEN RUTH
 4 HASTINGS WAS BORN ON MAY 9TH, 1930, IN IN PERKINSTON,
 5 MISSISSIPPI, AND PASSED AWAY THIS PAST JUNE 9TH, HERE IN LOS
 6 ANGELES, AT THE AGE OF 92. SHE WAS A PROUD RESIDENT OF THE
 7 SECOND DISTRICT FOR OVER 67 YEARS. AFTER THE DEATH OF HER
 8 MOTHER, MRS. HASTINGS WAS ADOPTED BY MARY B. MILLANDER, WHO
 9 RAISED HER AND THREE SIBLINGS: MADDIE, MAXIE, AND WILLIE. SHE
 10 ATTENDED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN PERKINSTON, AND GRADUATED FROM
 11 PERKINSTON HIGH SCHOOL IN 1948. SHE CONTINUED HER EDUCATION AT
 12 EDWARDS JUNIOR COLLEGE, WHERE SHE MAJORED IN LIBERAL ARTS AND
 13 PLAYED BASKETBALL. SHE RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES IN THE MID-
 14 '50S, WHERE SHE MET AND MARRIED HER HUSBAND, MURRAY HASTINGS.
 15 THE COUPLE RAISED SIX CHILDREN TOGETHER. MRS. HASTINGS WAS A
 16 TRUE WOMAN OF GOD, AND ACCEPTED CHRIST AT A VERY YOUNG AGE.
 17 SHE JOINED FULL OF FAITH CHRISTIAN CENTER IN 1984, AND
 18 REMAINED A DEVOTED MEMBER UNTIL HER HEALTH PREVENTED HER FROM
 19 ATTENDING. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A FAITHFUL, LOVING MEMBER
 20 OF HER COMMUNITY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SIX CHILDREN,
 21 CARLEEN, CRAIG, DEBBIE, MAURICE, STEPHANIE, AND TONY; 14
 22 GRANDCHILDREN; 17 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN; AND A HOST OF EXTENDED
 23 FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO PLEDGE TO CONTINUE HER LEGACY.
 24 SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I ASK THAT WHEN
2 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A REALLY FINE ACTOR,
3 JAMES CAAN, WHO DIED ON JULY 6TH. A REALLY, REALLY TALENTED
4 ACTOR, PROBABLY BEST KNOWN FOR HIS OSCAR-NOMINATED TURN AS
5 SONNY CORLEONE IN 1972'S "THE GODFATHER." ALSO, HE HAD A
6 NUMBER OF GOLDEN GLOBE NOMINATIONS BECAUSE OF HIS ROLE IN "THE
7 GODFATHER." BUT HE STARTED HIS CAREER IN THE EARLY '60S, AND
8 WENT ON FOR MANY YEARS. HAD A NUMBER OF MEMORABLE ROLES,
9 INCLUDING 1975'S "FUNNY LADY," WHERE HE PLAYED BILLY ROSE TO
10 BARBRA STREISAND'S FANNY BRICE, AND WAS NOMINATED AGAIN FOR A
11 GOLDEN GLOBE; "MISERY," STARRING ALONGSIDE KATHY BATES;
12 DIRECTOR WES ANDERSON'S BREAKOUT 1996 FILM "BOTTLE ROCKET";
13 AND MY PARTICULAR FAVORITE, THE ELF'S FATHER IN "ELF." HE ALSO
14 WON AN EMMY FOR PLAYING BRIAN PICCOLO IN THE WONDERFUL SPECIAL
15 "BRIAN'S SONG." HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN, HIS SONS
16 SCOTT, ALEXANDER, JAMES, AND JACOB, AND HIS DAUGHTER TARA.
17 AND, YOU KNOW, IT WAS INTERESTING. WHEN PEOPLE HEARD THAT HE
18 HAD PASSED AWAY, THEY STARTING LEAVING FLOWERS ON HIS STAR IN
19 HOLLYWOOD, AND YOU JUST KNOW IT IS NOT LIKE, "OH, I WAS JUST
20 WALKING BY, AND I HAD FLOWERS." I MEAN, THERE WAS A HUGE
21 WREATH, EVEN. AND HE DESERVED IT. REALLY FINE ACTOR, AND A
22 NICE GUY. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN
23 MEMORY OF LEO FRUMKIN, WHO, THROUGHOUT HIS LONG LIFE, WAS A
24 POWERFUL AND VERY EFFECTIVE FORCE FOR PEACE AND SOCIAL
25 JUSTICE. DURING THE KOREAN WAR, HE BECAME A MERCHANT SEAMAN,

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1 BUT THEN HE WAS DRAFTED RIGHT OFF HIS SHIP INTO THE U.S. ARMY.
2 JUST AS PROMPTLY, HE WAS THROWN OUT OF THE ARMY BECAUSE OF HIS
3 SOCIALIST POLITICAL BELIEFS AND HIS OUTSPOKEN OPPOSITION TO
4 THE WAR. HOWEVER, THE ARMY LATER REVERSED ITSELF AND ISSUED
5 HIM AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE. AT THE HEIGHT OF THE MCCARTHY
6 PERIOD, HE BECAME CHAIRPERSON OF THE WENDELL PHILLIPS ACADEMIC
7 FREEDOM COMMITTEE, WHICH LED A SUCCESSFUL PUBLIC CAMPAIGN TO
8 REINSTATE THE FULLERTON JUNIOR COLLEGE INSTRUCTOR WHO HAD BEEN
9 FIRED FOR REFUSING TO "NAME NAMES." LEO WAS A FOUNDING MEMBER
10 OF THE FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE, AND HELPED ORGANIZE AND
11 DEFEND THE MASSIVE MOBILIZATIONS AGAINST THE WAR IN VIETNAM.
12 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE SHERRY, AND HIS CHILDREN SALLY,
13 MARK, ALISA, AND SYNDEE. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY,
14 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A WONDERFUL MAN, DAVE ROBERT, WHO DIED
15 ON JUNE 30TH. HE WAS A RESOURCE CONSERVATION MANAGER. AS PART
16 OF THE LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT TEAM FOR OVER SIX
17 YEARS, HIS POSITION WAS RESOURCE CONSERVATION MANAGER. HE WAS
18 A STRONG, ENGAGING, COLLABORATIVE LEADER WITH A DEEP WEALTH OF
19 KNOWLEDGE, AND INCREDIBLY PASSIONATE; AN EXPERT IN SUSTAINABLE
20 LANDSCAPING, CONSERVATION, LAND USE, CLIMATE CHANGE, ECOSYSTEM
21 INTEGRITY, ANYTHING TO DO WITH NATIVE AND CLIMATE-APPROPRIATE
22 PLANTS. AND HE POSSESSED MANY MORE SKILLS THAT MADE HIM
23 INVALUABLE. PRIOR TO JOINING LAS VIRGENES, DAVE ENJOYED A
24 ROBUST AND HIGHLY IMPACTFUL CAREER AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL
25 STRATEGIST THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. HE DEDICATED

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1 OVER 13 YEARS TO PRESERVING THE BEAUTIFUL NATURAL RESOURCES OF
2 THE LAKE TAHOE REGION THROUGH HIS ROLES WITH VARIOUS AGENCIES,
3 INCLUDING ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LEAGUE TO SAVE
4 LAKE TAHOE, ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST FOR THE LAHONTAN REGIONAL
5 WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, AND DISTRICT MANAGER FOR THE
6 TAHOE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
7 MOTHER, HILDA. AND LASTLY, I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY,
8 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GREG WALSH, AN ARCHITECT WITH A LONG
9 AND FRUITFUL CAREER. HE FIRST MET FRANK GEHRY WHEN THEY WERE
10 BOTH SECOND-YEAR STUDENTS AT U.S.C. THEIR FRIENDSHIP BECAME AN
11 ENDURING, LONG, AND COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIP. THEY OPENED A
12 PRACTICE TOGETHER IN L.A. IN 1962, AND TOGETHER CREATED
13 SEVERAL ICONIC PROJECTS, INCLUDING THE DANZIGER STUDIO IN LOS
14 ANGELES, THE SCHNABEL HOUSE IN BRENTWOOD, AND THE VITRA DESIGN
15 MUSEUM IN WEIL AM RHEIN, GERMANY. HE PASSED ON HIS VALUABLE
16 KNOWLEDGE AS A LONGTIME FACULTY MEMBER AT THE SOUTHERN
17 CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE FROM 1991 TO 2010. THOSE
18 ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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20 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE WILL TAKE ALL
21 THE MOTIONS AS SECONDED, AND IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO A
22 UNANIMOUS VOTE, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
23 WILL YOU PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION?

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
2 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
3 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-1, CONFERENCE
4 WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR FESIA DAVENPORT AND DESIGNATED STAFF;
5 ITEM CS-2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING
6 LITIGATION-- THIS ITEM WAS CONTINUED IN OPEN SESSION ONE WEEK,
7 TO JULY 19TH, 2022; ITEM CS-3, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE
8 EVALUATION; AND ITEM CS-4, CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY
9 NEGOTIATORS, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AND SUPPLEMENTAL
10 AGENDAS. THANK YOU.

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CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR JULY 12, 2022

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

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

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

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

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20 **No reportable action was taken.**

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23 CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING
24 LITIGATION

25 (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section
26 54956.9)

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28 United States v. County of Los Angeles, et al., U.S. District
29 Court, Central District of California, Case Number 15-cv-05903-
30 DDP-JEMX. (22-2686)

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32 **In Open Session, this item was continued one week to July**
33 **19, 2022.**

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

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Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

No reportable action was taken.

CS-4. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
(Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: 1600 West Palos Verdes Drive North
San Pedro, California

County Negotiators: John T. Cooke, Assistant Chief
Executive Officer and Thomas J.
Faughnan, Senior Assistant County
Counsel

Negotiating Parties: Marymount California University

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms (22-2685)

No reportable action was taken.

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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
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6 thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my direction and
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8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived
9 in the office of the reporter and which have been provided to
10 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by
11 me.

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

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
16 19th day of July 2022, for the County records to be used only
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20 JENNIFER A. HINES

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