

The Meeting Transcript of The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2022, ON PAGE 300]

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: WELCOME TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WHICH IS BEING HELD REMOTELY, AND TODAY IS TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2022. WHERE DID THE SUMMER GO? WHOO. WE'LL GO AHEAD AND TAKE ROLL TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE. WE'LL START WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS. GOOD MORNING.

SUP. SOLIS: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR. PRESENT.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

SUP. KUEHL: GOOD MORNING, MOST ESTEEMED CHAIR. ALSO PRESENT.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR HAHN.

SUP. HAHN: PRESENT.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AND SUPERVISOR BARGER.

SUP. BARGER: PRESENT.

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

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: DAWN HARRISON, ACTING COUNTY COUNSEL.

ATTORNEY: PRESENT.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AND CELIA ZAVALA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: PRESENT.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR BARGER, WOULD YOU DO US THE HONOR BY LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE?

SUP. BARGER: I WOULD BE HONORED. WILL YOU ALL PLEASE STAND, PUT YOUR HAND OVER YOUR HEART, FACE THE FLAG. (PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE) THANK YOU.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AND WE THANK YOU. AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, WE'LL BE TAKING TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENTS SEPARATELY TODAY FOR REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS AND FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, AGAIN, TWO SEPARATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE

PUBLIC TO PROVIDE COMMENT ON BOTH THE REGULAR AGENDA AND THEN ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD RECEIVED OVER 4,800 WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TODAY'S MEETING, AND AS THOSE WERE RECEIVED, ALL OF THEM WERE AVAILABLE TO THE SUPERVISORS FOR CONSIDERATION CONSISTENT WITH THE BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS. WE'LL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT THROUGHOUT THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 2, SET MATTER 1 AND 2. SET MATTER 1 IS A REPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT HEADS, AS NECESSARY, ON THE STATUS OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING AND CONSIDERATIONS OF NECESSARY ACTION. SET MATTER 2 IS A DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF NECESSARY ACTIONS ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER RELATED TO COVID-19 AND STATUS OF COVID-19 VACCINE. THESE ITEMS WILL BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION. ON PAGE 3, PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS 3-9. THESE ITEMS WILL BE HELD FOR HEARINGS. ON PAGE 7, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 10-30. ON ITEM 11, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, THIS INDICATES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEMS 13 AND 14, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 19, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL

REQUESTS THIS BE HELD. ALSO, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 24, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 27, SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 23, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 31-60. ON ITEM 36, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS REPORT BE REMOVED FROM FUTURE AGENDAS AND COMBINED WITH THE WRITTEN BIANNUAL REPORTS ON HOUSING FOR HEALTH, AS INDICATED ON POSTED AGENDA. ON ITEM 40, CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 18TH, 2022, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ON ITEM 49, THE ACTING COUNTY COUNSEL IS REQUESTING TO REFER BACK THIS ITEM. ON PAGE 39, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 58B, SUPERVISOR BARGER WOULD LIKE TO REVISE HER MOTION TO ADD SUPERVISOR SOLIS AS A COAUTHOR. ON PAGE 40, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION. ON ITEM 61, SUPERVISOR BARGER WOULD LIKE HER VOTE TO BE RECORDED AS NO. ON PAGE 41, SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEM 62 IS A RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF 2022-2023 TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATED NOTES SERIES A ON BEHALF OF CERTAIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATES IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $35 MILLION. ON PAGE 42, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ITEM 3D IS A

RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN INTENT FOR THE RICHMOND GROUP OF CALIFORNIA DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, L.L.C. OR A LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPROVED DESIGNEE TO UNDERTAKE THE MULTIFAMILY HOUSING MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS FINANCING IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $34,800,000 TO FINANCE THE LAKE LAND APARTMENTS PROJECT, A NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS. ITEM 4D IS A RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION DECLARING AN INTENT FOR HUNTINGTON SQUARE L.P. OR LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPROVED DESIGNEE TO UNDERTAKE THE MULTIFAMILY HOUSING MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS FINANCING IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $25 MILLION TO FINANCE THE HUNTINGTON SQUARE PROJECT, A FOUR-STORY NEW CONSTRUCTION AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT LOCATED IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK. ON PAGE 45, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION. ITEMS C.S.4 AND C.S.5 ARE ADDITIONS AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ALSO ON ITEM C.S.5, THE ACTING COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS BE REFERRED BACK TO HER OFFICE. THE REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES AND REFER BACKS THROUGH C.S.5 ARE BEFORE YOU.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. AND SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: WE'LL NOW TAKE PUBIC COMMENTS FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS, EXCLUDING PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 3-9. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT SHALL CALL (877)226-8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 1336503. TO REPEAT, PLEASE CALL (877)226-8163 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 1336503. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL (877)873-8017 AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING IN, WHEN IT'S YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND WHICH AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. WE WILL ALLOCATE 90 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL OF THE REGULAR ITEMS, EXCLUDING PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 3-9, WHICH WILL HAVE A SEPARATE CALL IN NUMBER AND WILL BE HERD AT APPROXIMATELY 11:15 A.M. FOR ALL REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS, YOU'LL HAVE ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK ON ONE AGENDA ITEM OR TWO MINUTES TO SPEAK ON TWO OR MORE AGENDA ITEMS. IN ADDITION, THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD WITH GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED ONE ADDITIONAL

MINUTE FOR A MAXIMUM TOTAL UP TO THREE MINUTES PER SPEAKER. WE'LL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. WHEN SPEAKING ON A REGULAR AGENDA ITEM, YOU MUST BE ON TOPIC. OUR GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE CAN. IF YOU'RE NOT SPEAKING ON A TOPIC, OR IF WE CANNOT TELL IF YOU'RE SPEAKING ON AN AGENDA ITEM, YOU'LL GET ONE WARNING FROM COUNTY COUNSEL OR THE CHAIR. IF YOU DO NOT IMMEDIATELY OR CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC, OR IF YOU STRAY OFF TOPIC AGAIN, YOU'LL FORFEIT THE REST OF YOUR TIME, AND THE CHAIR WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU'RE ALSO LISTENING TO THE BOARD MEETING ON AN A COMPUTER OR SPEAKERPHONE, YOU'LL NEED TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON THOSE DEVICES AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU. IF YOU DO NOT TURN DOWN THE VOLUME, THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS LETITIA VASQUEZ. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEM YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

LETITIA VASQUEZ: GOOD MORNING. I'M LETITIA VASQUEZ. I'M THE MOTHER OF MARCO ANTONIO VASQUEZ, J.R., WHO WAS MURDERED ON OCTOBER 6, 2019 ON A NIGHT OF MENTAL CRISIS, WHERE HE WAS AFRAID AND TRYING TO PROTECT HIS FAMILY. HE WASN'T COMMITTING

ANY CRIME. AND THEREFORE, WHEN HE WAS SHOT IN FRONT OF US, IT WAS VERY IMPACTFUL, TRAUMATIZING, AND IT HAS AFFECTED US FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES. THIS CHARTER AMENDMENT THAT IS ON THE BOARD FOR YOU GUYS TO VOTE ON IS CRUCIAL. IT'S NOT SO MUCH THAT BECAUSE IT'S ALEX VILLANUEVA, BUT IT'S A SIGN FOR ANY SHERIFF THAT COMES ALONG THAT HAVING A BADGE AND BEING A BULLY AND TREATING THEIR CITIZENS AND SHOWING THEM THAT THEY'RE NOT IMPORTANT MATTERS. IT MATTERS TO ALL OF US. IT MATTERS TO YOU, AND IT MATTERS TO THE COMMUNITY THAT NO ONE SHOULD BE ABOVE THE LAW, AND NO BADGE SHOULD GIVE YOU THE TITLE TO HARASS OR LAUGH OR RIDICULE ANY FAMILY THAT'S IMPACTED. WE DESERVE --

SPEAKER: YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS COLLEEN HAWKINS. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC. YOU MAY BEGIN.

COLLEEN HAWKINS: MY NAME IS DR. COLLEEN HAWKINS. I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM 2, THE HEALTH OFFICER REPORT AND THE POTENTIAL FOR MASK MANDATES. I'M THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE WEST COVINA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT. TO DATE, WE HAVE 66% OF OUR STUDENTS VACCINATED AND 92% OF OUR STAFF. WE SUPPORTED THE SCIENCE RELATED TO COVID, THE PROTOCOLS EXPRESSED BY HEALTH

AGENCIES, INCLUDING D.P.H. AND CAL-O.S.H.A. WE HAVE MANAGED TO PROVIDE A WIDE VARIETY OF ALTERNATIVES TO SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS DURING THE PANDEMIC, BUT WE ARE EXPERIENCING A DIVIDE -- NO, A CHASM IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT IS BEING CREATED BY THESE MASK MANDATES. THIS CHASM MAY NOT CONTRIBUTE TO ILLNESS OR DEATH, BUT IT IS CONTRIBUTING TO AN UNHEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR STUDENTS, STAFF, AND PARENTS. WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE LEADERS OF THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CONSIDER STRONGLY RECOMMENDING MASKING RATHER THAN MANDATING. THERE ARE NO OR VERY FEW INDUSTRIES WITHIN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OR THE L.A. COUNTY THAT ACTUALLY ENFORCE THESE MANDATES OTHER THAN SCHOOLS AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WHERE PEOPLE ARE HOUSED. THAT IS IT. WHEN YOU SEE SITUATIONS WHERE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATES CHILD ENDANGERMENT BECAUSE WE FOLLOWED THE MANDATES OR THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF TEACHING OUTSIDE AND INVESTIGATES THE SCHOOL BUT WILL NOT HELP US WITH MASK MANDATES, WE'RE LEFT WITH NOTHING. THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS YOLANDA DUARTE. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

YOLANDA DUARTE: THANK YOU. MY NAME IS YOLANDA DUARTE, AND I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF ITEM 14 AND PUBLIC COMMENT. THIS IS A VERY PERSONAL PLEA TO YOU HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. THE HISTORIC GENERAL HOSPITAL HAS BEEN A FLAGSHIP IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND NEARLY ALL MY LIFE, I HAVE ACTIVELY WORKED TO ENSURE QUALITY HEALTHCARE IS ACCESSIBLE FOR OUR COMMUNITY, FIRST AT MY DAD'S SIDE, WHO DEVOTED 30 YEARS TO PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES AND BENEFITS FOR OUR COMMUNITY, AND NOW, IN MY LIFETIME, I'VE BEEN WORKING AGAIN AS A MEMBER OF THE HEALTH INNOVATION COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP TO MAKE THIS DREAM COME TRUE. THIS WILL BE A SIGNAL TO THE ENTIRE COUNTY, THE STATE, AND THE FEDERAL AUTHORITY THAT WE DESERVE QUALITY HEALTHCARE AND SOUND HOUSING SOLUTIONS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR MAKING THIS EVEN AGREEABLE AND FOR ALL OF YOU TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE. I APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR ATTENTION. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS FINLAY ANG. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

FINLAY ANG: THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS 61, 40, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS FINLAY ANG. MY SON

LIVES IN DISTRICT 1 IN SAN GABRIEL VALLEY REPRESENTED BY SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT ITEM 61 THE BOARD MOTION REFERRED TO VOTERS FOR THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION A COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT FOR COMMONSENSE CHECKS AND BALANCES AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. 10 YEARS AGO, MY SISTER, JASMINE ANG, WAS KILLED BY FOUR TEMPLE STATION SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES WHILE EXPERIENCING MENTAL CRISIS WITHIN 12 MINUTES OF THEIR ARRIVAL, WITHIN 15 SECONDS OF VISUAL CONTACT. THAT VERY DAY, WHEN A FAMILY MEMBER ASKED THE COMMANDING STAFF PERSON FROM TEMPLE STATION HOW THIS ESCALATED SO QUICKLY DESPITE THE ORIGINAL CALL FOR SERVICE BEING NON EMERGENCY, HE SAID NONCHALANTLY, "SOMETIMES WE DON'T GET TO CHOOSE WHEN IT'S OUR TIME TO GO." A SHOCKING DISREGARD OF HUMAN LIFE AND IN INABILITY TO REFLECT ON THE HARM OF STATE-SANCTIONED VIOLENCE, I SHARE THIS STATION CAPTAIN'S WORDS AS A PRECAUTIONARY REMINDER TO THE BOARD. ONCE A FAMILY IS INITIATED INTO THIS COMMUNITY OF LOSING SOMEONE TO POLICE VIOLENCE, YOU END UP CONSOLING MANY OTHER FAMILIES THAT EXPERIENCE SIMILAR TRAGEDIES. WHAT IS COMMON AMONG ALL OF OUR EXPERIENCES IS THAT, DESPITE MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN FROM MULTIPLE FATAL OUTCOMES OF A DEPARTMENT ENTRUSTED TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITIES, THE DEPARTMENT IS CURRENTLY AND FUNDAMENTALLY UNABLE TO FUNCTION AT A LEVEL THAT MEETS THE COMMUNITY'S STANDARDS. THEY REFUSE TO ACCEPT CRITICISM AND ARE UNABLE TO INCORPORATE OVERSIGHT AS A MATTER OF PRACTICE AND PROTOCOL.

TOO MANY PEOPLE CONTINUE TO BE KILLED BY L.A. SHERIFFS WITH IMPUNITY. MY SISTER'S LIFE MATTERS. SO DO THE HUNDREDS OF OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN UNNECESSARILY LOST DUE TO SHERIFFS WHO CONTINUE TO ACT WITH IMPUNITY BECAUSE THEIR ELECTED LEADER AND THEIR UNDER SHERIFFS ACT AS IF THEY CAN EXPLOIT THE RESOURCES OF THIS AGENCY FOR PERSONAL GAIN AND CAUSE HARM AND PERPETUATE IMPUNITY WITHOUT REPERCUSSIONS. THIS CHARTER AMENDMENT IS AN IMPORTANT STRUCTURAL REFORM THAT REINFORCES THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE. IT IS A HEALTHY EXPRESSION OF MULTIRACIAL, LIFE-AFFIRMING, DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES. OUR VOTES WON'T BE TOSSED AWAY IN SERVICE OF INTERNALIZED WHITE SUPREMACY. I, ALONG WITH MANY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE A.A.P.I. COMMUNITY, STAND IN SOLIDARITY TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THE FAMILIES WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LOVED ONES TO POLICE VIOLENCE AT THE HANDS OF L.A. SHERIFFS. WE CALL ON THE BOARD TO STRENGTHEN THE OVERSIGHT OVER AN AGENCY THAT HAS GONE FAR TOO LONG DISREGARDING THE WELL-BEING OF THE COMMUNITIES THEY PURPORT TO SERVE. NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT AND AMEND THE L.A. COUNTY CHARTER TO REFLECT THE CURRENT REALITY WE EXIST IN AND IN PURSUIT OF A FUTURE WE ARE ALL IMAGINING, ONE WHERE EVERYONE CAN LIVE IN COMMUNITY WITH SYSTEMS AND STRUCTURES THAT ARE COMPASSIONATE, LIFE-AFFIRMING, AND ADVANCE THE DIGNITY AND WELL-BEING OF EVERYONE, ESPECIALLY THE MOST MARGINALIZED AMONGST US. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DIEGO RODRIGUEZ. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

DIEGO RODRIGUEZ: GOOD MORNING. DIEGO RODRIGUEZ, AND I'LL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM 14 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, ESTEEMED BOARD MEMBERS. I'M THE EXECUTIVE V.P. OF ALMA AND A MEMBER OF THE HEALTH INNOVATION COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP. FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR THIS MOTION. HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, THIS MOTION IS SUPPORTED BY BOTH COMMUNITY INTERESTS AND COUNTY STUDIES, INCLUDING THE GENERAL HOSPITAL FEASIBILITY STUDY. THIS MOTION IDENTIFIES CLOSE TO $195 MILLION OF AVAILABLE FUNDING AND REQUESTS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT BACK WITH A FINANCING PLAN TO COMPLEMENT THE STATE'S $50 MILLION ALLOCATION TO REHAB OLD GENERAL HOSPITAL. AS YOU KNOW, OLD GENERAL HOSPITAL HAS BEEN A TRUSTED CENTER OF HEALING AND HOPE FOR OUR COMMUNITY. AS COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS, WE ARE EXCITED FOR THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THIS AMAZING COUNTY ASSET TO ONCE AGAIN BE MAXIMIZED, CREATE JOBS, OFFER AFFORDABLE HOUSING, PROMOTE HEALTH AND WELLNESS, AND TANGIBLY ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS. AS A SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDER SERVING PRIORITY POPULATIONS, WE HAVE SEEN THE DIRE NEED FOR

COORDINATED AND WELL-FUNDED STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS. THIS PROJECT HAS INCREDIBLE POTENTIAL TO DISRUPT HEARTBREAKING TRAJECTORIES OF INDIVIDUALS WHO DO NOT HAVE A ROOF OVER THEIR HEAD, A COMMUNITY TO CALL THEIR OWN, AND MEANS TO ACCESS TO LIFE SAVING RESOURCES. BY IDENTIFYING ADDITIONAL FUNDING, THE COUNTY WILL SIGNAL AND CALL UPON THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS TO INVEST IN OLD GENERAL HOSPITAL'S REHAB, AN INVESTMENT IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF SUPPORT FOR THOSE MOST VULNERABLE AMONG US. THIS IS A TRULY LIFESAVING MOTION, AND WE RESPECTFULLY ASK THE BOARD TO UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORT IT. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS PASTOR ROBERTS. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

PASTOR ROBERTS: HELLO. MY NAME IS PASTOR BRIDY ROBERTS, AND I AM CALLING FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AS WELL AS ITEM 61. GOOD MORNING. I AM THE COMMUNITY ORGANIZING DIRECTOR FOR UNITE HERE LOCAL 11. WE ARE A LABOR UNION REPRESENTING 32,000 MEMBERS IN THE HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM INDUSTRY, COMPRISING WORKERS FROM MANY IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES WHO ARE OVERWHELMINGLY BLACK,

LATINX, OR ASIAN AMERICAN. ON JUNE 18, 2020, SHERIFF DEPUTIES SHOT ANDRES GUARDADO FIVE TIMES IN THE BACK KILLING HIM WHILE WORKING AT HIS PART-TIME JOB AS A SECURITY GUARD IN GARDENA. ANDRES HAD GOTTEN THE JOB TO PROVIDE FOR HIS FAMILY AFTER HIS FATHER, CRISTOBAL, UNITE HERE LOCAL 11 MEMBER AND CLERK AT THE L.A. GRAND HOTEL, WAS LAID OFF DUE TO COVID-19. WE COMMEND THE BOARD FOR VOTING TWICE IN JUNE AND IN SEPTEMBER 2020 TO CALL FOR AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION INTO ANDRES'S KILLING. HOWEVER, IN THE TWO YEARS SINCE THAT TRAGIC DAY, WE HAVE LEARNED THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS RIFE WITH CORRUPTION AND ABUSE OF POWER, AND THAT THE EXISTING MECHANISMS TO BRING ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE DEPARTMENT ARE SIMPLY TOO WEAK. FOR EXAMPLE, THE DEPUTY -- (AUDIO INTERRUPTION)

MODERATOR: WE LOST HER LINE.

SPEAKER: MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS MARIANNA GARCIA. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

MARIANNA GARCIA: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MARIANNA GARCIA, AND I'M A LAW STUDENT AT U.C.L.A.. I'M ALSO A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT THREE. I'M HERE TO ADDRESS ITEM 31 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT,

SPECIFICALLY THE APPROVAL OF THE LABOR AGREEMENT WITH THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN USING THEIR LABOR NEGOTIATION TO DEFLECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR FAILURES AROUND YOUTH CARE FOR MONTHS. WE HAVE BEEN HEARING ABOUT STAFFING PROBLEMS LEAVING THESE YOUTH IN THE PRISONS YOU CALL HALLS WITHOUT PROGRAMMING OR ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES. THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT ADMITS THIS IS A PROBLEM BUT WON'T MOVE THEM TO CAMPS WHERE THEY COULD BE BETTER SUPPORTED AND CARED FOR. THEY'VE SHOWN THEY'RE UNABLE AND UNWILLING TO PUT YOUTH FIRST, AND THAT SHOULD BE CALLED OUT. AS A BOARD APPROVING THEIR LABOR AGREEMENTS BEFORE TAKING ANY ACTION TO PROTECT THE YOUTH YOU HAVE TRAPPED IN DANGEROUS, CRUEL ENVIRONMENTS SHOWS WHERE YOUR VALUES LIE. THE B.F.C.C. DECLARES THESE YOUTH AT -- THESE -- THE B.F.C.C. DECLARED BARRY J UNSUITABLE FOR YOUTH, BUT YOUTH ARE STILL BEING HELD THERE. I'M ASKING FOR THE BOARD TO TAKE ANY MEASURE NECESSARY TO MOVE ANY AND ALL YOUTH IN BARRY J TO CAMP KILPATRICK. THESE FACILITIES REPRESENT EVERYTHING WRONG WITH YOUTH CARE, AND THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN RETIRED A LONG TIME AGO. AND AS THE BOARD CONTINUES TO WORK TOWARDS THE TRANSITION TOWARDS A CARE FIRST MODEL FOR YOUTH JUSTICE, I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU WON'T ALLOW ANYMORE BAD FAITH EFFORTS TO DELAY YOUR COMMITMENTS TO YOUTH AND YOUR CONSTITUENTS. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: WILL YOU PLEASE BEGIN. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: YES. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS MONIQUE ALCAVAREZ. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

MONIQUE ALCAVAREZ: HI, MY NAME IS MONIQUE ALCAVAREZ, AND I'M SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM 14 AND GENERAL COMMENT. I'M CALLING BECAUSE I WANT TO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO SUPPORT AS MUCH AS THEY CAN THE FUNDING FOR WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE GENERAL HOSPITAL. I WORK WITH PEOPLE THAT ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. I'M ALSO PART OF THE HEALTH INNOVATION COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP, AND I SEE EVERY DAY IN MY COMMUNITY PEOPLE BECOMING HOMELESS, AND WE NEED HOUSING AND HELP SERVICES FOR THEM. I SEE EVERY DAY, OR MANY TIMES, I'VE SEEN PEOPLE DIE ON THE STREET. AND I IMPLORE YOU ALL TO PLEASE SUPPORT THIS. WE NEED THESE VALUABLE SERVICES. WE NEED TO SUPPORT PEOPLE AND

THE COMMUNITIES THAT ARE GOING THROUGH GENTRIFICATION AND DISPLACEMENT. AGAIN, I IMPLORE THAT YOU SUPPORT THIS, AND I ALSO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND THE BOARD FOR THEIR TIME. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ANTICA ROBINSON. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ANTICA ROBINSON: HI, GOOD MORNING. I'LL BE SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AND AGENDA ITEMS 11 AND 13. GOOD MORNING, I'M CALLING FROM THE A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION TO ASK FOR MORE MONKEYPOX EDUCATION. THIS MEANS PROACTIVE OUTREACH AND WORKING OUTSIDE THE EXPECTATION OF PEOPLE COMING TO YOU FIRST FOR INFORMATION. LEADERS THAT TAKE CHARGE OF SITUATIONS DON'T RELY SOLELY ON A SINGLE WEBSITE OR TOWN HALL TO ACTIVELY DISSEMINATE INFORMATION THAT IS ACCESSIBLE TO THOSE AT RISK. A.H.F. IS OFFERING ALL OF THOSE RESOURCES AT OUR DISPOSAL TO THE COUNTY FOR MONKEYPOX, MOBILE VEHICLES, BILLBOARDS, OUR IN-HOUSE MARKETING DEPARTMENT, OUR CLINICS, ETC., AS WE DID FROM THE START OF COVID, WHICH WAS NEVER UTILIZED OR ACKNOWLEDGED. A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION HAS BEEN PROVIDING HEALTH

INFORMATION TO AT RISK COMMUNITIES FOR OVER 30 YEARS, AND WE ARE OFFERING OUR SUPPORT TO THE COUNTY. LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO GET INFORMATION TO THE GAY AND BISEXUAL MEN WHO NEED IT MOST. RESPOND TO MY PHONE CALLS AND A REQUEST HERE TODAY. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ADAM COHEN. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ADAM COHEN: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ADAM COHEN, AND I'M THE DIRECTOR OF ADVOCACY AND POLICY RESEARCH AT A.I.D.S HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION, OR A.H.F. I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM 13 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT SURROUNDING THE MONKEYPOX OUTBREAK IN L.A. COUNTY AND ACROSS THE U.S. THE WHITE HOUSE SAID LAST WEEK THERE IS ENOUGH VACCINE ON HAND TO PROVIDE AT LEAST THE FIRST VACCINE DOSE TO MORE THAN HALF OF THE ELIGIBLE POPULATION IN NEW YORK, OVER 70% OF THOSE IN D.C.,HOWEVER CALIFORNIA HAS ONLY BEEN SENT 24,000 DOSES OF THE VACCINE, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HAS INDICATED THAT THERE ARE 400,000 MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN WHO ARE AT RISK AND 50,000 MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN WHO ARE AT HIGH RISK OF CONTRACTING THE MONKEYPOX VIRUS. WE HAVE NOWHERE NEAR ENOUGH VACCINE DOSES FOR THE LARGE POPULATION OF MEN WHO HAVE

SEX WITH MEN IN THIS COUNTY. A.H.F. SEES HUNDREDS OF PATIENTS PER DAY IN L.A. COUNTY AND THOUSANDS OF PATIENTS ACROSS THE U.S. EVERY DAY THAT ARE HIGH RISK AND MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN. AT OUR CLINIC IN BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, THE STATE HAS GIVEN US ENOUGH VACCINES TO VACCINATE 60 PEOPLE PER DAY, BUT IN L.A., ZERO. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS KELLY VU. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

KELLY VU: HI. MY NAME IS KATHY, AND I'M SPEAKING ON ITEMS 11, 13, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. SO, EVERY WEEK, WE'RE TOLD THAT YOUR PLAN TO ADDRESS THE MONKEYPOX EPIDEMIC IS THROUGH GETTING SHOTS IN ARMS AS QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY AS POSSIBLE. WE KNEW FOR TWO MONTHS THAT VACCINE DISTRIBUTION WOULD BE CRITICAL FOR ENDING THIS EPIDEMIC, YET THE BEST THE COUNTY WAS ABLE TO DO USE REDCAP, A SYSTEM LARGELY UNFAMILIAR TO PROVIDERS AND PATIENTS. CALIFORNIA'S MY TURN COVID VACCINATION DATABASE WOULD BE THE MOST STREAMLINED WAY TO DISTRIBUTE THESE VACCINES, YET IT CURRENTLY IS NOT BEING USED. WHY NOT? WAS THERE A COMMUNICATION FAILURE BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH? THIS OVERSIGHT EXEMPLIFIES THE

COUNTY'S LACK OF PREPARATION. ENSURING THE EXPEDIENT DEVELOPMENT OF THE MY TURN MONKEYPOX VACCINE MODULE WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHING THIS GOAL MUCH MORE EFFECTIVELY AND WITH FEWER RESOURCES THAN ROLLING OUT ANEW SYSTEM THAT REQUIRES ADDITIONAL TRAINING. IF THE COUNTY HAD PARTNERED WITH A.H.F. OR OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE IN TOUCH AND CAPABLE OF SERVING THE POPULATION AT RISK BY UTILIZING MY TURN SOONER. THANK YOU.

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

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

SPEAKER: WE'LL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH INTERPRETATION OF THE REMINDER. [INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN IN SPANISH]

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JOSE RUIZ. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

JOSE RUIZ: HI. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JOSE MIGUEL RUIZ. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR [INDISCERNIBLE], A NONPROFIT HERE IN LOS ANGELES. I, FIRST OF ALL, WANT TO THANK THE HONORABLE SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FOR SUPPORTING GENERAL HOSPITAL. AS YOU WELL KNOW, THE GENERAL HOSPITAL RECEIVES MEMBERS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTY, AND I THINK INVESTMENT NOW IS AN INVESTMENT FOR THE FUTURE. I'M PARTICULARLY VERY FOND AND SUPPORTIVE OF THE RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGE, UNDERSTANDING THAT HOMELESS, AS A SOCIAL WORKER, WE DO ALL THIS OUTREACH, BUT IF THERE IS NO AVAILABLE RESOURCE FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AT RISK, WE MUST INVEST MORE. WE MUST MAKE SURE THAT FAMILIES ALSO HAVE ACCESS TO CARE, POSTPARTUM AS WELL, FOR FAMILIES AND ALL THE WOMEN WHO CALL L.A. COUNTY THEIR HOME. SO AGAIN, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO SUPPORT ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE GENERAL HOSPITAL. THANK YOU GO. THIS IS FOR ITEM 14 ON THE AGENDA.

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

MODERATOR: YES. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS MAYA CINNA. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

MAYA CINNA: GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MAYA CINNA, AND I'M WITH THE DRUG POLICY ALLIANCE. I'M CALLING TODAY IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM 11 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. WE THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MITCHELL FOR AUTHORING THIS MOTION. HOWEVER, IN ORDER FOR L.A. COUNTY TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO CONFRONT THE OVERDOSE CRISIS, WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE TWO ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS. FIRST, WE RECOMMEND THAT COUNTY AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS WORK WITH ORGANIZATIONS OR INDIVIDUALS WITH SHARED EXPERIENCES WHO HAVE OVERCOME DRUG USE, ARE CURRENT DRUG USERS, AND/OR ARE PART OF THE SEX WORKING COMMUNITY. CREATING A WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH LOCAL PROVIDERS WILL FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY BASED SOLUTIONS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE CHALLENGE OF THIS PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS AND ENSURE THAT PROPER SUPPORTS ARE IN PLACE AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL. SECOND, WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND THAT THE CURRENT DATA COLLECTION ON OVERDOSE DEATHS BE REEVALUATED TO GUARANTEE THAT DRUG USE AND OVERDOSE TRENDS ARE CAPTURED ACCURATELY. SOME OF THE DATA THAT CURRENT EXISTS UNFORTUNATELY DOES NOT REFLECT THE DRUG CONSUMPTION IMPACT AND PATTERNS THAT ARE AMONGST PEOPLE WHO USE DRUGS. WE ENCOURAGE THE COUNTY TO PARTNER AND CONSULT WITH RESEARCHERS WHO HAVE A MORE NUANCED UNDERSTANDING OF DRUG USE AND PEOPLE WHO USE DRUGS TO PRODUCE STUDIES THAT CAN YIELD BETTER RESULTS TO INFORM A TARGETED APPROACH TO THE OVERDOSE CRISIS THAT ADOPTS A RACIAL EQUITY AND GENDER RESPONSIVE FRAMEWORK. IT IS OUR

HOPE THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS ACTION PLAN CONTINUES TO INFORM THE PATH FORWARD WHERE CRITICAL RESOURCES LIKE SAFE CONSUMPTION SITES AND INFORMATION ARE WIDELY AVAILABLE TO PEOPLE MOST AT RISK OF EXPERIENCING AN OVERDOSE. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS YVONNE MARIA JIMENEZ. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

YVONNE MARIA JIMENEZ: I'M ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 14 AND GENERAL COMMENT. GOOD MORNING, TO THE BOARD. MY NAME IS YVONNE MARIA JIMENEZ. I'M THE PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES OF L.A. COUNTY, A MEMBER OF THE HEALTH INNOVATION COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP. I THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR THE MOTION UNDER ITEM 4 AND URGE THE ENTIRE BOARD TO SUPPORT THE MOTION. THE MOTION IS KEY BECAUSE IT IDENTIFIES AVAILABLE FUNDING WITH THE COUNTY AND REQUESTS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT BACK IN 120 DAYS WITH A FINANCING PLAN TO COMPLEMENT THE STATE'S $50 MILLION ALLOCATION TO EXPEDIENTLY REHAB THE OLD GENERAL HOSPITAL. THIS MOTIONS SIGNALS TO STATE AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES THAT THE OLD GENERAL HOSPITAL IS A TOP L.A. COUNTY PRIORITY AND OPENS THE DOOR FOR ADDITIONAL

FUNDING. THE L.A.+U.S.C. CAMPUS IS NOT JUST HOME TO SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1, IT RECEIVES OVER 200,000 EMERGENCY VISITS A YEAR AND OVER A MILLION AMBULATORY VISITS. IT'S A FLAGSHIP HOSPITAL FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY, AND WE REALLY NEED TO LOOK AT THE OPPORTUNITY IN FRONT OF US TO ENVISION HOW THIS FACILITY CAN BE USED FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, OBTAINING HOUSING, AND OTHER ESSENTIALS THAT ARE NEEDED FOR STABILITY AND PROVIDE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ANGELENOS IN L.A. COUNTY. IN ADDITION, IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT WE NEED THIS SITE TO PROVIDE THESE ADDITIONAL SERVICES AND REALLY URGE THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION AND TO FIND THE FUNDING TO MAKE AN EFFECTIVE USE OF THIS SITE FOR THE SIGNIFICANT NEEDS THAT L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE PRESENTING. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS LAUREN NITALI. PLEASE STATE WHETHER YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

LAUREN NITALI: HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LAUREN NITALI. I'M CALLING FROM A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION, A.H.F.. I'M GOING TO BE SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AND AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 13. SO, A.H.F. HAS SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT HOW TO RESPOND TO THE MONKEYPOX OUTBREAK. IN FACT, WE HELD A PRESS

CONFERENCE ON JULY 14TH CALLING L.A. D.P.H. TO IMPLEMENT A 6 POINT EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PLAN TARGETING THE GAY AND BISEXUAL MALE COMMUNITY. WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO PRESENT OUR STRATEGY TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN CASE OUR PRESS CONFERENCE, WHICH TARGETS HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND NEWS OUTLETS IN OUR MANY NATIONAL JURISDICTIONS WAS OVERLOOKED. L.A. COUNTY'S MAIN PLAN OF ACTION THUS FAR IS TO REFER EVERYONE TO THE L.A.C. D.P.H. WEBPAGE ON MONKEYPOX. A WEBSITE WITH POSTED INFORMATION IS NOT PUBLIC OUTREACH OR EDUCATION. I ATTENDED THE L.A.C. D.P.H. TOWN HALL WITH THE L.A. G.B.T. CENTER, AND THE COMMENT SECTION DURING THE TOWN HALL WAS FULL OF GAY AND BISEXUAL MEN WHO ARE FRUSTRATED THAT A) THE BARE BONES WEBSITE IS THE ONLY SOURCE OF INFORMATION, AND B) THE TOWN HALL JUST REPEATED THE WEBSITE. WHERE ARE THE TELEVISED, RADIO, NEWS, AND SPORTS NEWS SPOTS? WHERE ARE THE ONLINE ADVERTISEMENTS? WE'RE A LONG WAY FROM FULL VACCINATION ACCESS. SO, YOUR BEST TOOL IN FIGHTING THIS OUTBREAK IS EDUCATION AND OUTREACH TO EVERYONE, ESPECIALLY THOSE MOST AT RISK. AND THEY SHOULDN'T NEED TO COME TO YOU FIRST TO HEAR ABOUT IT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS LEAH ZEDLER ORDEZ. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND

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

LEAH ZEDLER ORDEZ: GOOD MORNING, BOARD MEMBERS. THIS IS LEAH ZEDLER ORDEZ, YOUTH JUSTICE POLICY LEAD WITH U.C.L.A. LAW'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM. I'M CALLING IN ON ITEM 31 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, SPECIFICALLY SPEAKING TO THE APPROVAL OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S M.O.U. AMENDMENT. IT IS COMPLETELY INAPPROPRIATE THAT PROBATION'S UNION HAS STONEWALLED THE TRANSITION OF YOUTH FROM THE COUNTY CHILDREN'S PRISON BARRY J TO KILPATRICK. SINCE LAST SEPTEMBER, PROBATION'S UNION HAS BEEN IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE COUNTY, AND NO AGREEMENT HAS BEEN MADE YET. ALMOST EXACTLY ONE YEAR AGO, THE BOARD APPROVED A MOTION NAMING CAMPUS KILPATRICK AS THE S.Y.T.F. NOT A SINGLE YOUNG PERSON, AND THERE ARE 52 WITH A SECURE TRACK DISPOSITION, HAVE BEEN TRANSITIONED TO KILPATRICK SINCE THEN. THE ONGOING UNION NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN USED AS AN EXCUSE NOT TO PROVIDE REGULAR UPDATES, INFORMATION, AND DATA ON WHY YOUTH CANNOT BE MOVED TO KILPATRICK TO THE COMMUNITY AND TO VARIOUS OVERSIGHT BODIES LIKE THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION AND THE J.J.R.B.G. THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE LITTLE INFORMATION WE DO HAVE ABOUT PROBATION'S OPERATIONS ARE EXTREMELY CONCERNING. FACT, OVER 50% OF PROBATION STAFF CALL OUT OF THE HALLS ON A GIVEN DAY. FACT, PROBATION HALLS HAVE BEEN FOUND UNSUITABLE

B.F.C.C. FACT, PROBATION HAS HAD ONGOING ISSUES WITH CREDIBILITY HAVING FALSIFIED SAFETY CHECKS IN ORDER TO AVOID A SECOND FINDING OF UNSUITABILITY BY THE B.F.C.C. FACT, PROBATION HAS NOT FOLLOWED MANDATES AGAINST PLACING YOUTH IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT OR TO PHASE O.C. SPRAY IN THE HALLS. FACT, PROBATION'S HISTORY OF COMPLIANCE WITH OVERSIGHT BODIES DOES NOT INSPIRE ANY TRUST THAT THEY ARE WORKING TO MOVE YOUTH TO KILPATRICK, AND THE BOARD NEEDS TO TAKE DIRECT ACTION TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS HAPPENS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PROBATION'S UNION HAS BEEN DRAGGING OUT NEGOTIATIONS FOR FOREVER A YEAR NOW. THE COUNTY'S WORK IS TO TAKE CARE OF YOUTH IN ITS CUSTODY AND ENSURE THEIR SAFETY. L.A.'S YOUTH WELL-BEING MUST TAKE PRIORITY OVER UNION BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS, AND THE BOARD HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THAT'S HAPPENING. PLEASE TAKE ACTION TO GET YOUTH OUT OF BARRY J AND INTO KILPATRICK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS MATT HARPER. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

MATT HARPER: HI. MY NAME IS MATT HARPER. I'LL BE TALKING ON ITEMS 11 AND 14. I HELP RUN THE HIPPIE KITCHEN ON SKID ROW, A

SOUP KITCHEN FOR FOLKS WHO ARE UNHOUSED. AT THIS POINT IN THE EXPERIENCE WITH THE OVERDOSING OF FENTANYL, WE ARE AT THE POINT OF THINKING ABOUT TRAINING OUR VOLUNTEERS HOW TO USE NARCAN SO THEY CAN BE PREPARED FOR THE CRISIS THAT IS BEFORE US. IT'S TIME WE GIVE UP OUR IMMORAL ACTIONS OF CRIMINALIZING AND SHAMING DRUG USE AS IF IT WAS GOING TO BE SOMETHING THAT WOULD SOLVE THIS URGENT CRISIS. THINGS LIKE SAFE INJECTION SITES CAN PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE WRAPAROUND SERVICES THAT HAVE PROVEN BOTH TO SAVE LIVES AND SUPPORT PEOPLE'S TRANSITIONS INTO RECOVERY. SO I'M VERY GRATEFUL AND STRONGLY SUPPORT OUR COUNTY BEGINNING TO STEP UP WITH THIS ITEM NUMBER 11 AS WE IMAGINE A FUTURE THAT REALLY MEETS THE NEEDS OF OUR NEIGHBORS WHO ARE STRUGGLING WITH ADDICTION. AS FOR NUMBER 14, I'M ALSO A RESIDENT BOYLE HEIGHTS. OUR COMMUNITY HAS LIVED THERE FOR OVER 52 YEARS. AS WE'VE SEEN IN THE LAST NUMBER OF MONTHS AND YEARS, THE L.A. MUNICIPAL CODE 4118 HASN'T HOUSED PEOPLE BUT REALLY FORCED THEMED TO HIDE AND RUN AWAY, AND THIS IS A REFLECTION ON OUR REFUSAL TO TAKE CARE OF THE NEEDS OF OUR VULNERABLE AND UNHOUSED. YOU MAY HAVE SEEN IN THE L.A. TIMES YESTERDAY THAT L.A. CITY IS DENYING 3,000 SECTION 8 HOUSING VOUCHERS, SOMETHING WE URGENTLY NEED. AND IT'S SAD THAT THE COUNTY HAS TO STEP UP AND TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CITY'S FAILINGS, BUT KNOWING THAT WE ARE IN CHARGE OF THIS LAND TOGETHER, GENERAL HOSPITAL IS UNIQUELY SUITED TO MEET THE DIVERSITY OF NEEDS OF OUR UNHOUSED AND VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES.

IT'S TAKEN A LONG TIME FOR THIS TO COME. WE'VE BEEN PART OF THE CONVERSATION SINCE THE EARLY DAYS OF GENERAL HOSPITAL, AND WE ARE SO GLAD THIS MOTION IS BEFORE US SO WE CAN BEGIN TO FIND WAYS TO CREATE THE HOUSING THAT SO MANY FOLKS NEED AND DESERVE ALONG WITH THE SERVICES THAT COULD MEET THEIR NEEDS. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ANTHONY JOLLY. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN. ANTHONY JOLLY, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

SPEAKER: MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS BELINDA CAMPOS. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

BELINDA CAMPOS: GOOD MORNING, BOARD. MY NAME IS BELINDA CAMPOS, AND I'M A MEMBER OF THE HEALTH INNOVATION COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AND MEMBER OF THE EAST SIDE LEAGUE. I'M CALLING IN ON ITEM 14 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR

SOLIS, FOR YOUR CRITICAL MOTION ON ITEM 14. FOR YEARS, WE, THE COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS, THOSE THAT OF WORKED IN THE COMMUNITY WITH RESIDENTS AND YOUTH, HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY WORKING WITH YOUR OFFICE TO URGE THE ENTIRE BOARD TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THE MOTION IS KEY BECAUSE IT IDENTIFIES AVAILABLE FUNDING, $195 MILLION, AND REQUESTS THAT THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT BACK IN 120 DAYS WITH FINANCIAL PLANS FOR THE STATE'S $50 MILLION ALLOCATION FOR THE OLD GENERAL HOSPITAL. I'M EXCITED THAT THIS IS A GREAT THING THAT'S HAPPENING, AND IT'S FINALLY HAPPENING. ALSO, IT IS REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT WHERE WE SEE GREAT DIRE COMMUNITY NEEDS BEING MET, HOMELESSNESS, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, JOB CREATION AND HEALTH AND WELLNESS, RENEWABLE ENERGY, AND SO MUCH MORE. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT HAS DEFINITELY BEEN NEEDED SINCE I WAS BORN 36 YEARS AGO. I WANT THE FUTURE CHILDREN AND OUR YOUTH TO BENEFIT FROM YOUR VOTE TODAY. ONLY YOU GUYS CAN MAKE THAT HAPPEN FOR THE FUTURE. I ASK THAT L.A. COUNTY SUPERVISORS PLEASE SUPPORT THIS MOTION. PLEASE DO IT FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THOSE THAT NEED IT. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ERIC PREVEN. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT OF THE YOU MAY BEGIN.

ERIC PREVEN: THANK YOU. I WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AND ON SEVERAL ITEMS. FIRST OF ALL, I FIND THIS KIND OF ALTERNATE WEEK MEETING HIGHLY DISRUPTIVE TO OUR ABILITY PROVIDE PUBLIC SCRUTINY, AND IT'S REALLY COME DOWN A CHOICE THAT'S BEEN MADE BY THE BOARD REPEATEDLY. AND, YOU KNOW, I HATE TO SAY IT, BUT THIS KIND OF CONDUCT IS TOTALLY INAPPROPRIATE. IT'S LIKE, WE APPRECIATE THAT THERE'S A CAMARADERIE AND A FRIENDLY COMPETITION AMONG SUPERVISORS. THAT'S NATURAL AND HEALTHY IN INSTITUTIONS, BUT THIS CLIQUE THAT HAS EMERGED THAT RESISTS AND UNDERMINES THE PUBLIC'S WILL, IT VIOLATES THE STATE LAW. IT EXERTS NEGATIVE INFLUENCES OVER OTHER SUPERVISORS WHO SPEAK OUT ABOUT IT AND USE FREQUENT AND EXCESSIVE CANCELLATIONS OF MEETINGS AND HAVE ENGAGED ON OTHER, I HATE TO SAY IT, BUT ACTIONS AGAINST THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE THAT REALLY COMPROMISE THE INTEGRITY, THE ETHIC, AND THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE COUNTY. AND YOU KNOW, WE DO IT -- WE PAY ATTENTION BECAUSE WE CARE. TODAY, YOU HAVE ON YOUR AGENDA, NOBODY KNOWS BECAUSE IT'S SO BIG AND CONFUSING AND ALL THE EXCITING ROLL OUTS, $19 MILLION DANGEROUS CONDITION LAWSUIT. IT'S NOT THE SHERIFF. IT'S THE PUBLIC WORKS. YOU GOT A $4.5 MILLION MALPRACTICE LAWSUIT YOU'RE SETTLING AT OLIVE VIEW THAT WAS ABOUT NEGLIGENT PRENATAL TESTS. I MEAN THIS IS WHAT WE'RE REALLY SUPPOSED TO BE DOING, BUT THE DOCTORS ARE OUT PREENING AROUND AND TURNING THE WHOLE

CONVERSATION INTO THE LITTLE MINUTIA OF A HORRIBLE PANDEMIC THAT IS NOT REALLY WHAT PUBLIC MEETINGS ARE ABOUT. THAT'S WHAT THE PUBLIC HEALTH GROUP IS SUPPOSED TO DO IN THEIR LAB. AND THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO FILE REPORTS, AND WE'RE SUPPOSED TO GET A LITTLE -- BUT THIS IS, WE'VE KIND OF GONE OFF THE POINT, WHICH IS WE HAVE WAY TOO MANY CONTRACTS BEING APPROVED WITHOUT REEL SCRUTINY. WE HAVE BEEN INCREASING THE THRESHOLD ABOVE WHICH THE BOARD HAS TO BE NOTIFIED. AND WE READ ABOUT IN OUR NEIGHBORING COUNTIES, RIVERSIDE COUNTY, FOR EXAMPLE, HOW AUDITS THEY DID SHOWED THAT GROUPS WERE JUST PLAYING BY THE RULES BY MORE OR LESS DOING THE WRONG THING, THE TAKING A $5 MILLION CONTRACT AND BREAKING INTO IT A BUNCH OF $50,000 CONTRACTS SO THEY COULD SLIP IT THROUGH WITHOUT HAVING TO COME BEFORE THE PUBLIC. AND YOU DON'T EVEN COME BEFORE THE PUBLIC ANYMORE. SO, CAN YOU SEE WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT? IT'S VERY BAD. AND ALSO, YOU CANNOT AMEND THE CHARTER BECAUSE YOU HATE A PARTICULAR SHERIFF. EVEN IF I HATED THE SHERIFF, IT'S NOT HOW IT WORKS. IT'S NOT WHAT WE WANT. WE WANT TO HAVE A GOOD SHERIFF WHO IS WILLING TO DO THE HARD WORK, AND VILLANUEVA HAS DONE A PORTION OF THAT, AND HE'S GOTTEN INTO A BATTLE WITH THE SUPERVISORS, WHO ARE RELENTLESS, RELENTLESS AND ARE BEHAVING LIKE A CLIQUE, AND THAT IS A TERM THAT YOU CAN LOOK UP IN THE CITIZENS COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE. THAT'S WHAT THEY USED TO CALL WHAT THEY'RE NOW CALLING GANGS. A GANG. SO, ARE THE

SUPERVISORS A GANG? I DON'T THINK SO. I THINK THEY'RE ARE LONGTIME PUBLIC LEADERS WHO --

SPEAKER: EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MAY WE OF THE NEXT SPEAKER.

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

SPEAKER: PLEASE BEGIN.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS MINERVA GARCIA. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

MINERVA GARCIA: YES. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEM 61, ITEM 40, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM HERE TO SUPPORT ITEM 61, THE BOARD MOTION TO REFER TO THE VOTERS FOR THE NOVEMBER 2022 GENERAL ELECTION A COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT FOR COMMONSENSE CHECKS AND BALANCES AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE SHERIFF. NO MATTER WHAT OFFICE, FUNCTION, OR ROLE OUR PUBLIC OFFICIALS TAKE AN OATH TO SUPPORT AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION, REPRESENT THE COMMON GOOD, AND KEEP THE PUBLIC TRUST, BUT IN

L.A. COUNTY, WHEN A SHERIFF BREACHES THIS OATH AND ABUSES THEIR POWER, OUR TOOLS FOR REAL AND MEANINGFUL ACCOUNTABILITY ARE TRAGICALLY FAR AND FEW. FOR DECADES, ANGELENOS HAVE WITNESSED A CULTURE OF VIOLENCE, CORRUPTION AND IMPUNITY IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS, DEPUTY GANGS AMONG THE RANKS AND MANAGEMENT OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAVE TERRORIZED COMMUNITY MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY IN BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES. THESE ISSUES GO DEEPER THAN JUST ONE SHERIFF. DEPUTY GANGS AND OTHER FORMS OF DEPUTY VIOLENCE HAVE PERSISTED BECAUSE ONE SHERIFF'S ADMINISTRATION AFTER THE NEXT HAS FAILED TO DO ENACT AND ENFORCE POLICIES THAT PROVIDE MEANINGFUL AND CONSISTENT DISCIPLINE WHEN DEPUTIES HARASS, ABUSE, AND EVEN KILL. THIS CULTURE OF VIOLENCE COMES FROM THE VERY TOP AND IS LEFT UNCHECKED BY OUR DATED CHARTER, OUR COUNTY'S CONSTITUTION. WE NEED A CHARTER THAT WORKS FOR THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES TODAY AND TOMORROW AND THAT GIVES US THE TOOLS NECESSARY FOR WHEN A SHERIFF VIOLATES THE LAW AND THE PUBLIC TRUST. CHECKS AND BALANCES ARE PILLARS OF A STRONG AND FUNCTIONING DEMOCRACY AIMED AT NOT ALLOWING ONE PERSON OR AGENCY TO BECOME TOO POWERFUL, AND NO GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL SHOULD HAVE THE UNCHECKED POWER THAT IS CLAIMED BY THE SHERIFF. ESTABLISHING CHECKS AND BALANCES ON THE SHERIFF HAS LONG BEEN OVERDUE, AND CHANGES TO OUR CHARTER CAN ENSURE ESSENTIAL OVERSIGHT OF THE SHERIFF. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC, AND IT

IS SUPPOSED TO SUPERVISE THE SHERIFF, BUT THE BOARD HAS BEEN LIMITED IN ITS ABILITY UNDER THE CURRENT CHARTER TO SERVE AS A SUFFICIENT CHECK AGAINST THE SHERIFF. THIS CHARTER AMENDMENT FOR SHERIFF ACCOUNTABILITY ALLOWS THE BOARD TO REMOVE A SHERIFF WHO IS VIOLATING THE LAW AND ENDANGERING OUR LIVES WITHOUT THE TIME AND EXPENSES OF A RECALL ELECTION OR WAITING UNTIL THE NEXT ELECTION. THE BOARD SHOULD HAVE A MORE DIRECT MEANS TO PROTECT US AND REIGN IN A SHERIFF WHO ABUSES POWER. ULTIMATELY, WE NEED TO BOLSTER THE AUTHORITY OF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT OVER THE PARAMILITARY OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. SHERIFFS ARE LIKE ELECTED GENERALS, AND NO OTHER OFFICIAL HAS THE BADGE AND A GUN AND COMMANDS A PARAMILITARY FORCE OF THOUSANDS WHO CAN DO AND HAVE DONE TREMENDOUS HARM IN OUR COMMUNITIES. BESIDES GOOD GOVERNANCE, THIS IS A MATTER OF RACIAL JUSTICE, AND WE CAN NO LONGER TINKER AROUND THE EDGES OF SIGNIFICANT STRUCTURAL REFORM. WE DON'T NEED YET ANOTHER STUDY OR BLUE-RIBBON COMMISSION NOR CAN THE BOARD WAIT TO FORCE STATE LAW CHANGES THAT MAY OR MAY NOT COME OR ANOTHER ELECTION CYCLE. NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT AND ADVANCE CHARTER AMENDMENTS THAT CAN STRENGTHEN THE COUNTY'S STRUCTURE OF CHECKS AND BALANCES.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS CHANNING MARTINEZ. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

CHANNING MARTINEZ: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CHANNING MARTINEZ, DIRECTOR OF ORGANIZING AT THE STRATEGY CENTER COMMENTING ON ITEM 19 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. THE STRATEGY CENTER OPERATES IT'S STRATEGY AND MOVEMENT CENTER ON KING AND CRENSHAW AND HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN THE MERK PARK VILLAGE FOR 25 YEARS. WHILE THE STRATEGY CENTER FULLY SUPPORTS BLACK OWNERSHIP AND COMMUNITY LAND TRUST OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY IN LEIMERT PARK, WE HAVE DEEP CONCERNS ABOUT THE PLANNED REDEVELOPMENT OF 4317 DEGNAN BOULEVARD. THIS PROJECT WILL HAVE MAJOR IMPACTS ON ALL BLACK AND LATINX RESIDENTS IN AND AROUND LEIMERT AND WILL EFFECTIVELY HARM COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS BY GIVING DEVELOPERS THIS STAMP OF APPROVAL, AN APPROVAL THAT SENDS A MESSAGE THAT DEVELOPERS CAN CARELESSLY COME INTO ANY INSTITUTION WITH A PLAN FOR REDEVELOPMENT, LEGALLY EVICT THOSE THAT DISAGREE WITH SAID PLAN, AND MOVE FORWARD WITH GENTRIFICATION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD. WE HAVE FOUND THAT THE METHOD IN WHICH THE BLACK OWNED AND OPERATED COMMUNITY LAND TRUST NONPROFIT WELLS FARGO AND GENESET L.A. HAS CHOSEN TO MOVE FORWARD THIS PLAN HAS BEEN HARMFUL TO THE COMMUNITY, INCLUDING FORCING OUT THOSE WHO DID NOT 100% AGREE WITH THE

PLAN, WHILE MASQUERADING AS A COMMUNITY LAND TRUST. FURTHERMORE, BUILDING AN EIGHT STORY APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL BUILDING AND TEARING DOWN A HISTORIC BUILDING WILL CHANGE AND NEARLY MAKE IMPOSSIBLE THE CURRENT CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN THE VILLAGE, INCLUDING CULTURAL FESTIVALS AND THE WEEKLY SUNDAY AFRICAN TOWN MARKET. YOUR MOTION TO ESTABLISH A COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION STRATEGY AND TO STABILIZE SMALL BUSINESSES SOUNDS VERY PROMISING, BUT GIVEN THE CONDITIONS AROUND NEW HOUSE STAKEHOLDERS HAVE BEEN NEGLECTED, WE CALL ON YOU TO REMOVE THE DEGNAN BUILDING AS THE INITIAL PILOT FOR YOUR MOTION. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS DANIEL JIMENEZ. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

DANIEL JIMENEZ: GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS DANIEL JIMENEZ, AND I'M CALLING FOR MOTION NUMBER 14.

SPEAKER: PLEASE BEGIN.

DANIEL JIMENEZ: GOOD MORNING, L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DANIEL JIMENEZ, LIKE I MENTIONED. I'M THE COORDINATOR WITH INNER CITY STRUGGLE AND A MEMBER OF THE HEALTH INNOVATION COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR YOUR CRITICAL MOTION ON ITEM 14. FOR YEARS, WE, THE COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS AND DISTRICTS, HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY WORKING WITH THE OFFICE, AND I'M URGING THIS BOARD TO REUSE OF THE OLD GENERAL HOSPITAL. WE'VE BEEN PART OF THE COMMUNITY IN SUCCESSION. AND WE HAVE ALWAYS CENTERED THE COMMUNITY'S NEEDS AND PRIORITIES FOR THIS PROJECT. FOR MANY YEARS, THE OLD GENERAL HOSPITAL BUILDING WAS A BEACON OF HOPE FOR OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR FLAGSHIP FOR HOSPITALS FOR THE COUNTY. WE'RE EXCITED TO SEE THIS GREAT COUNTY ASSET WILL STILL BE A BEACON OF HOPE FOR OUR COMMUNITY AS PART OF THE GROWING AND RESPONSIVE L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CAMPUS. THIS IS OUR REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT SITE WHERE WE CAN SEE GREAT AND DESIRED COMMUNITY NEEDS BEING MET FROM HOMELESSNESS, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, JOB CREATION, HEALTH AND WELLNESS, RENEWABLE ENERGY, AND MUCH MORE. WE NEED TO PRIORITIZE MOTION 14 TO DEVELOP A FINANCIAL PLAN THAT WILL BE ABLE TO BETTER INFORM US ON THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO MOVE THIS PROJECT FORWARD. THIS IS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO --

SPEAKER: EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JUDY MARK. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

JUDY MARK: THANK YOU. MY NAME IS JUDY MARK. I'M SPEAKING ON ITEMS 2, 61, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, AND I'M A CONSTITUENT OF SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. I'M PRESIDENT OF DISABILITY VOICES UNITED, AN ORGANIZATION DIRECTED BY PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES. I AM ALSO A FACULTY MEMBER IN THE DISABILITY STUDIES DEPARTMENT AT U.C.L.A., BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, I AM THE MOTHER OF A 25-YEAR-OLD SON SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTED BY AUTISM. AS A DISABILITY RIGHTS LEADER, I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE POTENTIAL INDOOR MASK MANDATE. PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ARE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TO POOR OUTCOMES FROM COVID, AND WE APPRECIATE WAYS TO ENSURE OUR COMMUNITY IS PROTECTED. I AM ALSO CALLING IN STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE MEASURE TO AMEND THE COUNTY CHARTER TO HOLD THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTABLE. I HAVE TRAINED THOUSANDS OF POLICE OFFICERS ON HOW TO INTERACT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, AND MADE A DOCUMENTARY ON THE SUBJECT, BUT I HAVE REALIZED AFTER MANY YEARS, THAT WE CANNOT TRAIN OUR WAY OUT OF THE CULTURE OF THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AS THE MOTHER OF A SON WITH AUTISM, I KNOW FIRSTHAND THE FEAR OF MY SON INTERACTING WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT, BUT WHEN THAT LAW

ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ACTS AS IF THEY'RE ABOVE THE LAW, THAT FEAR TURNS TO TERROR. LAST YEAR, THAT TERROR BECAME REAL FOR ISAIAS CERVANTES, THE SAME AGE AS MY SON. ISAIAS IS DEAF AND AUTISTIC, AND WITHIN 40 SECONDS WAS SHOT AND PARALYZED BY TWO COUNTY DEPUTIES WHILE SITTING CALMLY IN HIS LIVING ROOM. THAT TERROR BECAME REAL FOR ISAIAS'S FAMILY WHO HAVE BEEN HARASSED AND INTIMIDATED BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BECAUSE THEY DARE TO STAND UP FOR THEIR RIGHTS. MUCH NEEDS TO BE DONE TO CHANGE THE CULTURE OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND THIS IS JUST ONE STEP. THIS IS NOT ABOUT ONE PERSON BUT ABOUT CREATING APPROPRIATE CHECKS AND BALANCES AND ENSURING OUR COMMUNITY HAVE CONFIDENCE IN OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT. ANGELENOS WITH DISABILITIES SHOULD NOT LIVE IN FEAR AND TERROR ANYMORE. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORT OF THIS CHARTER AMENDMENT.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS MARIA GARCIA. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEM YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

MARIA GARCIA: THANK YOU. I'M SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 14 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS MARIA GARCIA, AND I SERVE AS A SENIOR PROGRAM OFFICER AT THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OVERSEEING THEIR L.A. IN SYNC INITIATIVE. L.A. IN

SYNC AIMS TO DRAW DOWN PUBLIC FUNDS AT THE STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL FOR THE BENEFIT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS. WE'RE PROUD TO SUPPORT TODAY'S MOTION ITEM 14 AND URGE THE BOARD TO DO THE SAME. FOR YEARS, WE'VE BEEN ACTIVELY WORKING WITH THE BOARD TO IDENTIFY AND APPLY FOR PUBLIC FUNDS FOR WHICH L.A. COUNTY IS ELIGIBLE FORM AND THIS MOTION IDENTIFIES CLOSE TO $195 MILLION IN AVAILABLE PUBLIC FUNDING AT THE STATE LEVEL AND REQUESTS THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT TO REPORT BACK IN 120 DAYS WITH A FINANCING PLAN TO COMPLEMENT THE STATE'S $50 MILLION ALLOCATION TO EXPEDIENTLY REHAB OLD GENERAL HOSPITAL. THROUGH THIS MOTION, THE COUNTY IS MOVING FORWARD OUR SHARED GOAL OF MAXIMIZING AND ACCESSING PUBLIC FUNDS FOR WHICH OUR COUNTY IS ELIGIBLE FOR AND WILL CALL UPON THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS TO PROVIDED ADDITIONAL FUNDS IN SUPPORT OF REHABILITATING THE HOSPITAL. THIS IS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE REAL OUR REIMAGINED VISION OF GENERAL HOSPITAL AND WEST CAMPUS, AND WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JESSICA PERRELL. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

JESSICA PERRELL: HELLO. I'LL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM 13 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS JESSICA PERRELL, AND I'M CALLING TODAY IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR HAHN'S MOTION TO ADDRESS THE MONKEYPOX OUTBREAK IN L.A. COUNTY. THERE ARE NOW 250 CONFIRMED CASES OF MONKEYPOX IN THE COUNTY WITH A DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT FELT BY GAY AND BISEXUAL MEN AS WELL AS MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN. AND MANY URGENTLY SEARCHING FOR WAYS TO GET VACCINATED BUT ARE STRUGGLING TO SECURE AN APPOINTMENT DUE TO THE LIMITED SUPPLY OF DOSES. PROVIDERS WHO ARE TRYING TO DO THEIR PART ARE DOING SO WITHOUT ANY CLEAR GUIDANCE FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REGARDING HOW THEY'LL BE REIMBURSED FOR THEIR LABOR. PARTNERS AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO ADDRESS THE CRISIS, BUT IT'S CLEAR MORE RESOURCES AND GUIDANCE IS NEEDED TO INFORM THE EFFORTS HERE. THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION ADVOCATING TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR MORE VACCINE SUPPLY WHILE PROVIDING CLARITY AND FUNDING TO PROVIDERS WHO ADMINISTER VACCINES, INCLUDING TO OUR UNINSURED AND UNDOCUMENTED. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS RICHARD ZALDAVAR. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

RICHARD ZALDAVAR: YES, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS RICHARD ZALDAVAR. I'LL BE ADDRESSING IN GENERAL ON ITEM NUMBER 11 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE FOUNDER OF THE [INDISCERNIBLE]. I SPEAK TO YOU REPRESENTING OVER 20 COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS AS PART OF THE ACT NOW AGAINST METH COALITION. FOR THE PAST TWO AND HALF YEARS, WE HAVE HAD NUMEROUS MEETINGS WITH COMMUNITY LEADERS, STAKEHOLDERS, THOSE WHO ARE CURRENTLY USING METH, AND THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY METH USE. WITH THEIR HELP, WE DEVELOPED AN L.A. COUNTY PLATFORM WITH OVER 32 RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADDRESS THE METHAMPHETAMINE EPIDEMIC OF WHICH MOST OF THOSE SAME RECOMMENDATIONS ARE IN THE MOTION BEFORE YOU. YOU'LL HEAR FROM SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE WORKGROUP HERE TODAY. THE ACT NOW AGAINST METH COALITION SUPPORTS SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S MOTION TO ADDRESS THE DRUG OVERDOSE EPIDEMIC. OVERDOSE DEATHS HAVE IMPACTED UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES IN THE AFRICAN AMERICAN, THE LATINO, AND THE L.G.B.T.Q.+ COMMUNITIES. AND IT HAS BEEN IMPACTED DISPROPORTIONATELY. THIS MOTION CALLS FOR THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT BACK AFTER 120 DAYS WITH AN UPDATED PLAN TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. THIS IS SIGNIFICANT. AN EXAMPLE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS MOTION IS FOR MANY YEARS THE MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION CONTROL DEPARTMENT DON'T HAVE JOINT PROJECTS THAT ADDRESS DRUG

OVERDOSE AND DRUG USE. SOME PEOPLE WILL SAY THIS IS A SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER ISSUE NOT A MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE, AND THE MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL SAY THIS IS A MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT ISSUE. WE NEED TO LOOK AT HOW WE CAN BE VISIONARIES AND APPROACH THIS ISSUE FROM MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS. THIS IS WHY THIS MOTION IS SO IMPORTANT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MITCHELL, FOR THIS -- BRINGING THIS MOTION TO THE FLOOR. LOS ANGELES COUNTY CAN LEAD THIS NATION AGAIN BY EXEMPLIFYING THE VISIONARY APPROACH IN ADDRESSING THIS EPIDEMIC. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION IN THIS REQUEST. WE ALL VERY MUCH APPRECIATE IT.

SPEAKER: MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: THE NEXT SPEAKER IS BIANCA GOLLOCOS. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

BIANCA GOLLOCOS: CAN YOU HEAR ME?

SPEAKER: YES, PLEASE BEGIN.

BIANCA GOLLOCOS: I'LL BE MAKING A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. HI, GOOD MORNING. I AM BIANCA GOLLOCOS, A PEER ADVOCATE AND CAL

VOICES LOS ANGELES REGIONAL AMBASSADOR. I'M REQUESTING WE HAVE A PAY INCREASE IN THE HOURLY WAGE FOR PROMOTORAS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH TO A LIVABLE WAGE OF $26 AN HOUR. IN 2021, THE STATE RECEIVED FEDERAL COVID RELIEF FUNDING FROM F.E.M.A. AND S.A.M.H.S.A., WHICH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA USED TO START CAL HOPE PROGRAM IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2021. PEER CRISIS COUNSELING SERVICES ARE A COMPONENT OF THIS PROGRAM AND LIVED EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED FOR THE POSITION. THE MANDATORY HOURLY WAGE THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SET FOR ALL CAL HOPE PEER CRISIS COUNSELORS IN CALIFORNIA IS $24.63 PER HOUR. ALL CAL HOPE CONTRACTORS HAVE TO PAY THEIR PEERS AT LEAST THIS AMOUNT REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE PEERS ARE LOCATED IN CALIFORNIA, REGARDLESS OF WHERE THE PEERS ARE LOCATED IN CALIFORNIA AND REGARDLESS OF THESE PEERS' CERTIFICATIONS STATUS. NONE OF THE PEERS WORKING ON THE PROGRAM --

SPEAKER: YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS LORRAINE JIMENEZ. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

LORRAINE QUONJONES: LORRAINE JIMENEZ OR LORRAINE QUONJONES?

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. PLEASE BEGIN.

LORRAINE QUONJONES: OKAY. SO, I'M LORRAINE QUONJONES. GOOD MORNING. I LIVE IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF EAST L.A. FIRST DISTRICT. I AM A WIFE AND MOTHER OF THREE, HOMEOWNER, AND A L.A. U.S.D. EDUCATOR. I'M CALLING IN TODAY TO ASK THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THE CULTURE AND HISTORY OF WHITTIER BOULEVARD, SPECIFICALLY TO HILDA SOLIS AND JANICE HAHN, SINCE SHE REPRESENTS SOME OF WHITTIER BOULEVARD EAST OF ATLANTIC. A HUGE CULTURAL ATTRIBUTE OF WHITTIER BOULEVARD IS THE THE CULTURE OF CRUISING. I CRUISE THE BOULEVARD OFTEN WITH MY FAMILY, AND I'M OFFENDED BY THE DISCRIMINATORY AND ANTI-CRUISING ORDINANCE. THIS ORDINANCE TARGETS THE LATINO COMMUNITY AND CULTURE OF LOW RIDING. THE LEGACY OF WHITTIER BOULEVARD IS LARGELY ASSOCIATED AND IT IS ASSOCIATED WITH CRUISING CULTURE, AND IT IS BELIEVED TO BE A PILGRIMAGE AND/OR MECCA OF LOW RIDING THAT MANY RECOGNIZE AND SEEK TO VISIT. THERE IS AN A RESOLUTION AUTHORED BY ASSEMBLYMEMBER LUZ RIVAS AT THE STATE LEVEL CURRENTLY AND IS GOING TO THE SENATE IN AUGUST. I SUPPORT LUZ RIVAS'S A.C.R.176 AS DO MANY OTHERS IN REPEALING THE ORDINANCE. CURRENTLY, I HAVE A PETITION ON CHANGE.ORG WITH 5,318 SIGNATURES IN SUPPORT OF REPEALING --

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS MONIQUE HEDMAN. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

MONIQUE HEDMAN: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DR. MONIQUE HEDMAN. I AM A FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENT AT HARBOR U.C.L.A. AND REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT FOR C.I.R. S.E.I.U. I AM REPRESENTING OUR MEMBERS AND PROVIDING PUBLIC COMMENT. FOR ALMOST TWO MONTHS, C.I.R. MEMBERS HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR THE DESPERATELY NEED FUNDS AND BENEFITS IN OUR NEGOTIATED CONTRACT. THIS IS FOLLOWING A LONG DRAWN OUT PROCESS OF BARGAINING. NOW, AS WE DID THEN, OUR MEMBERS DO NOT FEEL VALUED DESPITE OUR ROLE IN KEEPING THE COUNTY AFLOAT AMIDST THE PANDEMIC. WE HAVE HUNDREDS OF NEW MEMBERS WHO HAVE RELOCATED TO L.A. AND ARE STRUGGLING TO FIND HOUSING AND PAY RENT WITHOUT OUR CONTRACT HOUSING FUNDS. MEMBERS ARE BORROWING MONEY TO AFFORD THE GAS NEEDED TO GET TO WORK AND ARE TRYING TO OPEN LINES OF CREDIT TO MAKE ENDS MEET. THESE ARE JUST A FEW EXAMPLES OF HOW THE DELAY IN APPROVING OUR CONTRACT IS CAUSING HARDSHIP FOR EVERY INTERN, RESIDENT, AND FELLOW WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I AM HERE TODAY AFTER WORKING A 24 HOUR SHIFT WITH NO SLEEP TO BESEECH YOU TO GIVE US WHAT WE AGREED TO. PLEASE APPROVE THIS

CONTRACT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS WE HAVE WAITED FAR TOO LONG. THE TIME IS NOW. PLEASE GIVE US AN AGENDA DATE. CARE FOR US SO THAT WE CAN CARE FOR L.A. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ROXANNE RAMIREZ. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ROXANNE RAMIREZ: HELLO? HI, I AM GOING TO BE TALKING ABOUT THE AGENDA 61.

SPEAKER: OKAY, PLEASE BEGIN. MY NAME IS ROXANNE RAMIREZ. I AM A MEMBER FROM UNITE HERE LOCAL 11, AND I LIVE IN DISTRICT 1. I AM VERY HAPPY TO HEAR AND TO SEE THAT THE BORDERS ARE DOING THIS URGENT MEETING FOR US TO HAVE THIS VOTE. I'LL BE STANDING UP VERY CLOSE WITH THE FAMILY OF GUARDADO'S FAMILY, AND TO BE HONEST, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR YOU GUYS TO PASS THIS LAW BECAUSE THIS IS -- I AM A SINGLE MOM. I HAVE KIDS. THEY ARE GROWING, AND TO BE -- FOR THEM TO BE SCARED IN THE STREET IS NOT SAFE. RIGHT NOW, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THIS VOTE FOR NOVEMBER. PLEASE, I URGING ALL OF YOU, CITY COUNCIL -- SUPERVISORS, I AM SORRY, SUPERVISORS, BOARD, TO DO THE RIGHT

THING FOR ALL THE FAMILIES AND TO BE SUPPORTING ANDRES GUARDADO'S FAMILY TOO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY THAT YOU GUY'S GIVE ME TO SPEAK UP. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS MARLENE RINGE. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

MARLENE RINGE: HI, MY NAME IS MARLENE RINGE. I APOLOGIZE. I DON'T KNOW THE ITEM NUMBER. I THINK IT IS 19. I AM SPEAKING REGARDING THE BUSINESSES ON DEGNAN BOULEVARD IN LEIMERT PARK BEING GIVEN COUNTY ASSISTANCE TO TAKE OWNERSHIP OF THEIR BUILDING. I GREW UP IN L.A. I WORK FOR A NONPROFIT LOCATED IN SOUTH L.A. I AM VERY CLOSE TO LEIMERT PARK. THE LEIMERT PARK PLAZA IS A BEAUTIFUL CENTER FOR THE COMMUNITY AND A SOURCE OF IDENTITY FOR THE AREA, A MEETING GROUND FOR PEOPLE. THE PRESERVATION OF ITS BUSINESSES IS IS INTEGRAL TO THE PRESERVATION OF ITS IDENTITY. PLEASE ASSIST THESE BUSINESS OWNERS IN PURCHASING THEIR BUILDING SO THAT PREDATORY REAL ESTATE DOES NOT THREATEN THAT IDENTITY, ESPECIALLY WITH THE NEW SUBWAY STOP COMING IN. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS STEPHANIE GARCIA. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

STEPHANIE GARCIA: GOOD MORNING. I AM CALLING REGARDING MOTION ITEM 14. MY NAME IS STEPHANIE GARCIA. I AM A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 1, A COMMUNITY ORGANIZER WITH INNER CITY STRUGGLE, AND A MEMBER OF THE HEALTH INNOVATION COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP. I AM CALLING TO SUPPORT ITEM 14 THAT WILL CREATE A FINANCIAL PLAN FOR THE GENERAL HOSPITAL REUSE PROJECT THAT WILL EXPLORE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO MOVE THIS PROJECT FORWARD. THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS I WORK WITH ARE EXCITED FOR THIS PROJECT BECAUSE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES IT WILL BRING OUR DISTRICT FROM SUPPORTING OUR UNHOUSED COMMUNITY MEMBERS, CREATING AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND BRINGING HOLISTIC RESOURCES TO THE COMMUNITY. AS WE PREPARE TO EXPLORE FINANCIAL RESOURCES NEEDED, I ENCOURAGE THE PRIORITIZATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR ACUTELY LOW AND EXTREMELY LOW INCOME FAMILIES AS WELL AS THE INVESTMENT IN LOCAL HIRE THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE PROCESS THAT ALSO INCLUDES EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ONCE THE PROJECT IS COMPLETED. I AM PROUD TO BE A PART OF THIS PROCESS AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATING THROUGH THE R.F.P. PROCESS. LET US SUPPORT ITEM 14 AND BRING THIS HISTORIC RESOURCE TO THE EAST SIDE, THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: THE NEXT SPEAKER IS M.J. KING. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

M.J. KING: GOOD MORNING. THIS IS M.J. KING, RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 1, SPEAKING ON ITEMS 40, 61, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I STRONGLY SUPPORT ITEM 61. ANGELENOS HAVE WITNESSED THIS CULTURE OF CORRECTIONAL IMPUNITY IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR DECADES. THIS BOARD IS WELL AWARE OF THE TOXICITY AND DANGER THAT L.A.S.D. POSES TO OUR COMMUNITIES. IN JULY OF 2020, YOU VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO INCREASE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE L.A.S.D., REMOVED L.A.S.D. CONTROL FROM COUNTY PARKS IN OCTOBER OF 2020, AND VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO PROTECT SURVIVING FAMILIES FROM RETALIATION AND HARASSMENT BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN MAY OF 2021. $86 MILLION A YEAR IN TAXPAYER DOLLARS SPENT ON SETTLEMENTS FOR L.A.S.D. MISCONDUCT IS RECKLESS. THIS DID NOT START WITH SHERIFF VILLANUEVA. SO, WE CANNOT EXPECT IT TO END WHEN WE VOTE HIM OUT OF OFFICE IN NOVEMBER, AS EVIDENCED BY HIS CHALLENGER, WHO HAS HIS OWN HISTORY OF MISCONDUCT AND OBSTRUCTION. THERE'S A CULTURE OF CORRUPTION AND IMPUNITY IN THE LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. COMMON SENSE CHECKS AND BALANCES AND

ACCOUNTABILITY WHEN THE SHERIFF MISAPPROPRIATES FUNDS, OBSTRUCTS OVERSIGHT, OR VIOLATES THE LAW IS LONG OVERDUE. THE REAL VALUE OF GIVING THE BOARD REMOVAL POWER IS NOT NECESSARILY SO THE BOARD WOULD ACTUALLY REMOVE A SHERIFF, BUT THAT THE BOARD'S POWER TO DO SO WOULD HELP ENSURE THAT NO SHERIFF FLOUTS OVERSIGHT AND TRANSPARENCY AND ALLOWS PERVASIVE UNCONSTITUTIONAL CONDUCT IN THE FIRST PLACE. THE CURRENT SHERIFF HAS DEMONSTRATED AS RECENTLY AS YESTERDAY, DENYING TO APPEAR BEFORE THE C.R.C. THE LIMITED ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS TO REMEDY FOR INDIVIDUAL ACTIONS FALL SHORT OF ADDRESSING SYSTEMIC HOSTILITY TO THE LAWS AND INSTITUTIONS THAT PROVIDE FOR TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY AND OVERSIGHT. WE NEED PERMANENT AND INDEPENDENT CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT OF THE SHERIFF. THIS WILL STRENGTHEN DEMOCRATIC ACCOUNTABILITY, NOT JUST FOR THE CURRENT SHERIFF, BUT FOR ALL SHERIFFS TO COME. WHILE SHERIFFS ARE OF COURSE ELECTED, THE INFORMATION VOTERS NEED TO HOLD SHERIFFS ACCOUNTABLE AT THE BALLOT BOX FOR MISCONDUCT IS MUCH MORE LIMITED THAN FOR OTHER OFFICIALS. THIS IS BECAUSE CALIFORNIA LAW ALLOWS FOR MUCH GREATER SECRECY IN RECORDS RELATED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT, INCLUDING INVESTIGATION OF THEIR MISCONDUCT, THAN FOR OTHER GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS MOTION TO PUT THE PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT FOR VOTERS.

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

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

SPEAKER: WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH INTERPRETATION OF THE REMINDER [INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN IN SPANISH]

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS STEVE SHOPTAW. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

STEVE SHOPTAW: HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS STEVE SHOPTAW, AND I AM ADDRESSING ITEM 11 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM A PROFESSOR IN THE U.C.L.A. DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY MEDICINE, AND I AM THANKFUL THAT THE SUPERVISORS ARE PROPOSING ACTION NOW TO SCALE UP INTERVENTIONS FOR PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHO SEEK TO REDUCE OR STOP USING METHAMPHETAMINE. FOR 30 YEARS, I AM PROUD OF THE COLLECTIVE, COLLABORATIVE WORK BY MY COLLEAGUES HERE IN LOS ANGELES, BY THE PEOPLE LIVING IN L.A. EFFECTED BY METHAMPHETAMINE PROBLEMS, AND BY AGENCIES AND CLINICS THAT SERVE THESE PEOPLE. THIS COMMUNITY BASED

COLLABORATION BROUGHT ABOUT EFFECTIVE MEDICATIONS, BEHAVIORAL THERAPIES, AND HARM REDUCTION APPROACHES THAT ARE LEADING THE NATION. THIS COMMUNITY PARTNERED WORK WITH FUNDING BY THE COUNTY, THE STATE, AND THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE, WHICH IS PART OF N.I.H., HAS SHOWN THE WAY TO RESPOND EFFECTIVELY TO METHAMPHETAMINE FROM A HEALTH PERSPECTIVE. THIS MENU OF POWERFUL INTERVENTIONS TOGETHER PREVENT OVERDOSE BY HELPING PEOPLE TO REDUCE OR STOP USING METH. ONE THING WE LEARNED ALONG THE WAY IS THAT PEOPLE THAT USE METHAMPHETAMINE ARE AFFECTED BY MORE PROBLEMS THAN METH USE. THESE INCLUDE USE OF OPIOIDS LIKE FENTANYL, MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS, ESPECIALLY DEPRESSIVE DISORDERS AND SUICIDE, INFECTIOUS DISEASES, ESPECIALLY SYPHILIS AND H.I.V., AND HAVE HOUSING AND FOOD INSTABILITY AND EXPERIENCE INCARCERATION AND REINCARCERATION. I AM GRATEFUL THAT SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND MITCHELL RECOGNIZE THESE CO- OCCURRING PROBLEMS AND TODAY PRESENT A ROAD MAP TO BREAK UP SILOS OF HEALTHCARE DELIVERY AND PROPOSE TO GET THIS MENU OF INTERVENTION INTEGRATED INTO THE CLINICS AND AGENCIES WHERE PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES SEEK CARE. THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME COMMENT.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS TASHA NELSON. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSES TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

TASHA NELSON: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS TASHA NELSON. I'M WITH A.P.L.A. HEALTH. I AM COMMENTING ON ITEMS 11, 13, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. ON BEHALF OF A.P.L.A. HEALTH'S AND OF THE PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR FOR THE COMMISSION ON H.I.V., I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL FOR AUTHORING THIS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT MOTION THAT WILL HELP US TAKE STEPS TOWARDS TACKLING THE DRUG OVERDOSE EPIDEMIC, ESPECIALLY OUR METH USE CRISIS. AS YOU NOTED IN THE MOTION, THE COUNTY IS EXPERIENCING ONE OF THE WORST DRUG OVERDOSE CRISES WITH 2,425 ACCIDENTAL DRUG OVERDOSES IN 2020. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE TAKE ACTION TO ADDRESS THE METH EPIDEMIC, AN EPIDEMIC THAT IS INCREASING WITHIN THE LATINX POPULATION WE SERVE AND OTHER VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES ACROSS L.A. COUNTY. WE OFFER SOME HARM REDUCTION SERVICES AT A.P.L.A. HEALTH, AND MANY OF THE CLIENTS WE SERVE WANT HELP, AND WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE THE PROGRAMS, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND FUNDING TO HELP FOLKS IN NEED AND TO END THIS EPIDEMIC. WHILE CHALLENGES ASSOCIATED WITH METH AND OTHER DRUG USE ARE OFTEN ASSOCIATED WITH HOMELESSNESS, MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, TRAUMATIC LIFE EVENTS, AND OTHER CHALLENGES, THERE ARE CHALLENGES THAT ARE UNIQUE, ESPECIALLY CONTINUING TO TREAT ADDICTION AS A

CRIMINAL ISSUE INSTEAD OF A HEALTH ISSUE PRIORITIZING PUNISHMENT OVER EVIDENCE BASED APPROACHES TO ADDRESS THE PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS. SO ON BEHALF OF A.P.L.A. HEALTH AND THE COMMISSION ON H.I.V., WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE ACT NOW AGAINST METH PLATFORM AND ARE EAGER IN IMPLEMENTING THE IMPORTANT POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS HIGHLIGHTED IN THE PLATFORM. ACTIONS LIKE INCREASING FUNDING FOR LOW BARRIER HARM REDUCTION SERVICES, INCLUDING SYRINGE SERVICE PROGRAMS, CONTINGENCY MANAGEMENT, INCREASING PUBLIC AWARENESS AND REDUCING STIGMA, AND ADDRESSING CRIMINAL JUSTICE ISSUES AROUND DRUG USE LIKE DECRIMINALIZING DRUG POSSESSION AND INCREASING DIVERSION PROGRAMS ARE IMPORTANT TOOLS TO IMPROVE HEALTH OUTCOMES AND REDUCE METH RELATED DEATHS IN OUR COMMUNITIES. TOGETHER, WE CAN IMPLEMENT A MODEL FOR KEEPING OUR COMMUNITIES HEALTHY AND SAFE. IN TURNING TO MONKEYPOX, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HAHN FOR THE MOTION TO AUTHOR A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO H.H.S. AND C.D.C. ADVOCATING FOR ADDITIONAL VACCINE SUPPLIES, DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARD BILLING CODES, AND THE APPROPRIATE SUSTAINABLE REIMBURSEMENT FOR MONKEYPOX TESTING, TREATMENT, AND VACCINE ADMINISTRATION, INCLUDING FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY CLINICS, HOSPITALS, AND OTHER HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS THAT ARE CARING FOR L.A. COUNTY'S UNINSURED RESIDENTS. WE ASK THAT YOU CONTINUE TO EXPRESS THE URGENCY AND NEED FOR RESOURCES TO YOUR FEDERAL AND STATE PARTNERS UNTIL THEY CAN APPROPRIATELY MEET THE NEED FOR VACCINE TESTING AND TREATMENT

LOCALLY. ADDITIONALLY, AT THE LOCAL LEVEL, WE URGE THE BOARD TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH APPROPRIATE COUNTY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO EXPAND PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION AND EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES FOR THE COMMUNITY. AS YOU KNOW, THERE'S A LOT OF FEAR, FRUSTRATION, AND MISINFORMATION BEING SPREAD. AND WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT ANGELENOS KNOW HOW TO GET TESTED, HOW TO REDUCE THEIR RISK, HOW TO GET VACCINATED, AND ESPECIALLY WE NEED TO MAKE SURE TO STOP ANY STIGMA IN ITS TRACKS. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS BRIAN SMITH. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

BRIAN SMITH: GREAT, THANK YOU. I AM GOING TO BE ADDRESSING THE ITEM NUMBER 2 AND 61, THE SET MATTER NUMBER 2 AND 61 AND PUBLIC COMMENT. SO THREE MINUTES. AGAIN, PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER, YOU GUYS ARE ADDRESSING THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER AGAIN AND AGAIN. BARBARA FERRER IS NOT A MEDICAL DOCTOR. YOU ARE CONTINUING TO LISTEN TO HER, FOR WHATEVER REASON I DON'T KNOW. SHE WAS JUST SEEN AT THE ALL-STAR GAME MASKLESS CHEERING IN THE MIDDLE OF A CROWD, AND YET YOU ARE SERIOUSLY TAKING HER CONSIDERATION TO MASK L.A. COUNTY ALL OVER AGAIN. THIS NEEDS TO STOP. YOU GUYS NEED TO STOP LISTENING TO HER, AND SHE NEEDS

TO BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE. THERE'S A PETITION GOING AROUND RIGHT NOW WITH CLOSE TO 10,000 SIGNATURES TO HAVE HER FIRED AND REMOVED FROM HER POSITION. YOU GUYS SHOULD TAKE THAT SERIOUSLY AND REMOVE HER NOW. ASK HER FOR HER RESIGNATION OR FIRE HER. ITEM 61, I'VE BEEN LISTENING TO ALL THESE CALLS COMING IN. AND EVERYBODY IS ADDRESSING THE SHERIFF AND THE ACCOUNTABILITY. THE ACCOUNTABILITY ALREADY EXISTS. IT IS CALLED AN ELECTION. AND THERE'S AN ELECTION COMING UP IN NOVEMBER. HE HAS AN OPPONENT. THIS RIDICULOUSNESS OF TRYING TO GIVE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THE AUTHORITY TO FIRE OR REMOVE AN ELECTED OFFICIAL IS MIND- BLOWING. YOU DO NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO DO IT. WE ADDRESSED THIS LAST WEEK, AS WELL. SOMEBODY HAD CALLED IN AND ADDRESSED YOU ON IT BEFORE STATING YOU SHOULD BE INCLUDED YOURSELF. KATHRYN BARGER, I APPRECIATE HER STANCE ON IT, ANYWAYS. AND SHE WAS ABLE TO SAY HEY, WE COULD BE LIABLE FOR THIS. WHY NOT PUT US IN THERE? WHY NOT BE ABLE TO REMOVE US? YOU GUYS ARE JUST AS MUCH CORRUPT, AND YOU GUYS NEED TO BE REMOVED AS WELL IF YOU ARE HAVING INAPPROPRIATE MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS, DECISIONS YOU ARE MAKING AT THE BOARD LEVEL, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET REMOVED. THE D.A. SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET REMOVED. THE ASSESSOR SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET REMOVED, BUT NOBODY IS FOCUSING ON THAT. THEY ARE ALL JUST FOCUSING ON THE SHERIFF. AND IT IS BECAUSE YOU HAVE A WAR WITH HIM BECAUSE HE IS NOT KOWTOWING TO YOUR EVER WANT AND EVERY NEED. HE HAS A JOB TO DO. AND THAT'S PROTECT THE

COMMUNITY AS WELL AS LOOK OUT FOR ALL THOSE THAT ARE WORKING FOR HIM. YES, IT IS A TOUGH JOB. YES, THERE ARE DECISIONS THAT NEED TO BE MADE THAT MAYBE YOU DON'T AGREE WITH, BUT BECAUSE THE PEOPLE DON'T AGREE WITH SOMETHING THAT IS DONE DOESN'T MEAN THAT IT GIVES YOU THE AUTHORITY TO JUST REMOVE HIM. THERE IS A PROCESS ALREADY IN PLACE. IT IS CALLED AN ELECTION. THERE IS NO REASON TO ADD A SPECIAL ORDER ONTO THIS UPCOMING ELECTION TO CHANGE THE COUNTY CHARTER. THIS IS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE. AND IT'S AN ABUSE OF YOUR POWER. THIS NEEDS TO STOP NOW.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ADAY NEFF, PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ADAY NEFF: YES. I AM CALLING ON NUMBER 19. AND MY NAME IS ADAY NEFF. I AM ONE OF THE MERCHANTS IN THE BUILDING ON 4319 DEGNAN IN ONE OF THE BUSINESSES THAT WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO BEING ABLE TO PURCHASE THIS BUILDING. THERE'S A LOT OF MISINFORMATION THAT'S GOING ON AROUND ABOUT THE PURCHASE OF THIS BUILDING. AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BUILDING ISN'T ABOUT PUTTING HOUSING SOLELY WE ARE TRYING TO KEEP THE BUSINESSES THAT ARE HERE IN LEIMERT PARK. I HAVE BEEN IN THE AREA FOR A

VERY LONG TIME. I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ACTIVE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AND HELPING OUT WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AND BEING OF SERVICE. AND SO, I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT WE NEED TO HAVE THIS PROJECT HAPPEN, AND WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE FOLKS THAT ARE MERCHANTS IN THE PROPERTY ARE ABLE TO STAY HERE AND CONTINUE TO BE OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS YARRA REYES. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

YARRA REYES: HI. MY NAME IS YARRA REYES, AND I WILL BE TALKING ON ITEM 61. I AM A MEMBER OF UNITE HERE LOCAL 11. I LIVE IN DISTRICT 2. I AM HAPPY TO SEE THE BOARD BRINGING THIS URGENT NEEDED CHARTER AMENDMENT TO A VOTE. OUR UNION HAS STOOD WITH THE GUARDADO FAMILY FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS SINCE THEIR SON ANDRES WAS SHOT FIVE TIMES IN THE BACK AND KILLED BY SHERIFF DEPUTIES. WE HAVE NOT SEEN THE SHERIFFS TAKE ANY RESPONSIBILITY WHATSOEVER. THIS MEASURE CREATES COMMON SENSE CHECKS AND BALANCES. I URGE YOU TO APPROVE IT SO I CAN VOTE FOR IT IN NOVEMBER. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS SANDRA MORRAH. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SANDRA MORRAH: GOOD MORNING. I WILL BE MAKING A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I -- I AM A TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH, AND I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I AM REQUESTING AN INCREASE IN THE HOURLY WAGE FOR PROMOTERS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO A LIVABLE WAGE OF $26 AN HOUR. THE M.H.S.A. STATES THAT ANY USE OF M.H. -- M.H.S.A. DOLLARS REQUIRES 50% INPUT FROM STAKEHOLDERS AND CONSUMERS. THE DEPARTMENT HAS DEMONSTRATED A LACK OF TRANSPARENCY IN DECIDING WHEN AND WHERE TO USE THESE FUNDS, WHICH MOST OFTEN DO NOT INCLUDE COMMUNITY INPUT. WE REQUEST THAT THE U.C.C.S AND THE C.C.C. GET CLARIFICATION ON WHICH COMMUNITY MEMBERS AGREED ON THE RATE OF $16.60 AN HOUR. TO STAKEHOLDER KNOWLEDGE, THERE WERE NO MEETINGS OR INPUT REQUESTS WHERE PEERS DEVISED A RATE OF $16.60. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR MY TIME.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SPEAKER: SPEAKER, PLEASE BEGIN. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: THANK YOU, OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ELSA RAMOS. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ELSA RAMOS: I WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM 61, PUBLIC --

SPEAKER: PLEASE BEGIN.

SUP. BARGER: MADAM CHAIR, I THINK SOMETHING IS GOING ON WITH OUR PHONE SYSTEM.

ELSA RAMOS: HELLO, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

SPEAKER: YES, PLEASE BEGIN.

ELSA RAMOS: SORRY ABOUT THAT. I HAD A BAD CONNECTION. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM 61 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS ELSA RAMOS, AND I AM A MEMBER OF UNITE HERE LOCAL 11. I HAVE -- I AM IN DISTRICT 4. I AM HAPPY TO SEE THAT THE BOARD IS BRINGING THIS URGENTLY NEEDED CHARTER AMENDMENT TO A VOTE. OUR UNION HAS BEEN WITH THE GUARDADO FAMILY FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS SINCE THEIR SON, ANDRES, WAS SHOT FIVE TIMES IN THE BACK AND KILLED BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES. AND WE HAVE NOT SEEN ANY SHERIFFS TAKE ANY RESPONSIBILITY WHATSOEVER. THIS MEASURE WOULD CREATE COMMON SENSE CHECKS AND BALANCES. I URGE YOU TO APPROVE IT SO THAT I CAN VOTE FOR IT IN NOVEMBER. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: YES. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS FRANCES GILL. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'LL BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

FRANCES GILL: HI, SUPERVISORS. I WILL BE MAKING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM A RESIDENT PHYSICIAN AT THE COUNTY HOSPITAL, AND I AM SPEAKING TODAY TO ASK THE BOARD TO PLEASE AGENDIZE OUR CONTRACT SO THAT IT MAY BE BE APPROVED AND PAID OUT TO OUR MEMBERS. BARGAINING FOR A NEW CONTRACT CONCLUDED TWO MONTHS AGO AND OUR CONTRACT WAS RATIFIED BY OUR MEMBERSHIP WILL OVER

A MONTH AGO. THERE ARE CRITICAL ITEMS IN THAT CONTRACT THAT OUR MEMBERSHIP SIMPLY CANNOT WAIT LONGER FOR. FOR EXAMPLE, WE WANT AN INCREASE HOUSING STIPEND. MANY OF OUR MEMBERS HAVE JUST MOVED TO L.A. FOR RESIDENCY. TO DO THAT, THEY HAVE TO PAY MOVING COSTS, SECURITY DEPOSIT, FIRST MONTH'S RENT, ETC., ALL WHILE COMING STRAIGHT OUT OF MEDICAL SCHOOL WHERE THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO HAVE A JOB OR ANY INCOME. THIS LEAVES HUNDREDS OF OUR MEMBERS DEEP IN CREDIT CARD DEBT JUST IN ORDER TO BEGIN THEIR CAREER AS PHYSICIANS TAKING CARE OF THE MOST VULNERABLE PATIENTS IN L.A. COUNTY. THE DELAY TO APPROVE OUR CONTRACT IS UNACCEPTABLE FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP. WE ARE A UNIQUE BARGAINING UNION BECAUSE WE ARE ONLY RESIDENTS FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. SO ANY DELAY ON PAYING OUT OUR CONTRACT REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT PERCENTAGE OF OUR TOTAL TIME EMPLOYED WITH THE COUNTY. LASTLY, WE ARE DOCTORS TAKING CARE OF THE SICKEST OF THE SICK IN L.A. COUNTY. IT IS NOT AN EXAGGERATION TO SAY THAT OUR MEMBERS SAVE LIVES AND THAT THE COUNTY HOSPITAL, THE SAFETY NET HOSPITAL FOR OVER 2 MILLION ANGELENOS, CANNOT FUNCTION WITHOUT THE [INDISCERNIBLE] BY RESIDENT PHYSICIANS. PLEASE PRIORITIZE GETTING THIS CONTRACT APPROVED SO WE CAN GET OUR MEMBERS THE BENEFITS THAT WE WON DURING BARGAINING. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS SEAN PAUL JONES. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

SEAN PAUL JONES: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DR. SEAN PAUL JONES. I AM SPEAKING FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM SECOND YEAR INTERNAL MEDICINE AND PEDIATRIC RESIDENT PHYSICIAN AT L.A.C.+U.S.D. MEDICAL CENTER. I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE OF INTERNS AND RESIDENTS. TO START, I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT RESIDENT PHYSICIANS ARE NOT THE HIGH EARNING DOCTORS THAT MANY OF US ARE EXPOSED TO THROUGHOUT OUR LIVES. IN FACT, WE HAVE SPENT THE BETTER PART OF A YEAR BARGAINING FOR A FAIR CONTRACT THAT WAS RECENTLY RATIFIED BY OUR UNION MEMBERS ON JUNE 17TH. UNFORTUNATELY, WE ARE STILL WAITING ON OUR CONTRACT PAYOUTS. JUST LIKE MANY RESIDENTS OF L.A., WE ARE ALSO STRUGGLING TO PAY OUR RENT WITHOUT HOUSING STIPENDS. WE CANNOT AFFORD CRISIS REPAIRS TO OUR VANDALIZED CARS, THE MOST VITAL METHOD OF TRANSPORTATION AN L.A. RESIDENT HAS. WE NEED YOU TO SPEED UP THE RATIFICATION OF OUR CONTRACT. OUR VERY LIVES DEPEND ON IT. PLEASE CARE FOR US SO WE CAN CARE FOR THIS WONDERFUL CITY THAT WE CALL OUR HOME. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ANTHONY ARNEZ. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE BE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ANTHONY ARNEZ: HI, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

SPEAKER: YES, PLEASE BEGIN.

ANTHONY ARNEZ: HI, MY NAME IS ANTHONY ARNEZ. I LIVE IN DISTRICT 3, AND I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS 61, 40, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. FOR ITEM 61, I AM STRONGLY IN SUPPORT. WE HAVE REACHED A CRISIS POINT YET AGAIN UNDER THE COUNTY SHERIFF. SHERIFF VILLANUEVA HAS REPEATEDLY VIOLATED THE LAW, AND COMPLETELY OBSTRUCTED OVERSIGHT, HAS MISUSED COUNTY FUNDS TO PURSUE HIS POLITICAL AGENDA, HAS CREATED A SECRET POLICE UNIT TO CARRY OUT POLITICALLY MOTIVATED INVESTIGATIONS INTENDED TO INTIMIDATE AND HARASS OVERSIGHT OFFICIALS, HAS ENABLED THE UNCHECKED SCOURGE GANG VIOLENCE, AND IT IS NO SURPRISE WE HAVE SEEN A DRAMATIC INCREASE IN DEPUTY SHOOTINGS AND RECORD LEVEL DEATHS IN JAILS UNDER HIS WATCH. TWO MONTHS AGO, COURT APPOINTED MONITORS OF THE L.A. COUNTY JAILS FILED A SCATHING REPORT RECOUNTING HOW DEPUTIES UNDER VILLANUEVA CONTINUE TO USE EXCESSIVE FORCE AGAINST INCARCERATED PEOPLE, INCLUDING BRUTAL PUNCHES TO THE HEAD. THE LATEST REPORT IS THE TENTH ISSUED BY COURT MONITORS SINCE THE 2015 SETTLEMENT

AGREEMENT IN ROSA V. [INDISCERNIBLE], A CASE THAT SOUGHT TO ADDRESS DEPUTY VIOLENCE TOLERATED UNDER FORMER SHERIFF LEROY VACA, WHO WAS SENTENCED TO TIME IN FEDERAL PRISON. VIOLATIONS OF THE ROSAS CONSENT DECREE APPEAR TO HAVE WORSENED UNDER VILLANUEVA AND LITTLE HAS BEEN DONE TO HOLD HIM AND THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE ACCOUNTABLE. I PERSONALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW PEOPLE THAT CLAIM TO CARE ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF POLICE MISCONDUCT AND LACK OF OVERSIGHT CAN SEE THE HARMS INFLICTED BY VILLANUEVA AND CONTINUE THAT SAY THAT THE SMART AND CORRECT RESPONSE IS TO CONTINUE TO DO NOTHING. IT IS INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM THE ELECTED AND PUNDITS WHO OFFER NOTHING BUT THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS AFTER A SCHOOL SHOOTING AND CLAIM THAT TAKING ACTION TO PREVENT FURTHER HARM WOULD BE ILL -TIMED OR TOO POLITICAL. YET THESE PEOPLE DO NOTHING IN THE FULL -- IN THE LULLS TO ADDRESS A CLEARLY IDENTIFIED PROBLEM. THE CLAIM OF NOT NOW IS A FAUX PROCEDURAL CONCERN THAT IS MANUFACTURED TO AVOID EVER TAKING MEANINGFUL ACTION TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM THAT AFFECTS MILLIONS OF THIS COUNTRY. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ALVARADO ALISO. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ALVARADO ALISO: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ALVARADO ALISO. I'LL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM 11 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M CALLING TODAY IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S MOTION TO ADDRESS THE DRUG OVERDOES EPIDEMIC IN L.A. COUNTY. I AM A MEMBER OF THE ACT NOW AGAINST METH CAMPAIGN. RICHARD SPOKE EARLIER ABOUT IT. I AM ALSO AN ACTIVIST AND A LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AND A RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH. IN MY WORK HERE IN THIS COMMUNITY, I SEE THE IMPACT OF METH ON PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, THOSE AT RISK FOR H.I.V. AND S.T.I.S, AS WELL AS TRANSWOMEN SEEKING ASYLUM FROM CENTRAL AMERICA WHO ARE IMPACTED BY METH USE. I AM CALLING IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION, WHICH SEEKS TO BREAK DOWN THE SILOS REALLY AND PROMOTE VARIOUS EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICES SUCH AS HARM REDUCTION STRATEGIES, WRAPAROUND NEEDS ADDRESSING NEEDS AROUND HOUSING, ADDRESSING CONDITIONS THAT OFTEN OCCUR WITH DRUG USE, SUCH AS S.T.I. AND H.I.V. DIAGNOSIS. SO, I URGE YOU VOTE IN FAVOR OF THIS MOTION TO END THE METH EPIDEMIC IN L.A. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ROSA SOTO. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ROSA SOTO: GOOD MORNING, BOARD. MY NAME IS ROSA SOTO WITH L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER FOUNDATION. I WILL BE SPEAKING ON ITEM 14 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. OUR FOUNDATION SERVES AS A BACKBONE AGENCY FOR THE HEALTH INNOVATION COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AND HOUSES THE WELLNESS CENTER ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE GENERAL HOSPITAL. THE HEALTH INNOVATION COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP HAS BEEN AN EQUITY CABLE FOR OUR COUNTY AND COMMUNITY SINCE 2017, HOSTING HUNDREDS OF MEETINGS AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS TO ENSURE A TRANSPARENT AND ENGAGED PUBLIC PROCESS TO ACHIEVE COMMUNITY BENEFITS FOR CAPITOL PROJECTS AND DEVELOPMENTS ON AND AROUND OUR L.A.C.+U.S.C. CAMPUS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR YOUR CRITICAL MOTION, AND THANK YOU, BOARD, FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. THE MOTION IS KEY BECAUSE IT IDENTIFIES AVAILABLE FUNDING OF CLOSE TO $195 MILLION AND WILL JOIN WITH THE STATE'S $50 MILLION ALLOCATION TO EXPEDIENTLY REHAB OLD GENERAL HOSPITAL. THIS MOTION SIGNALS TO STATE AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES THAT OLD GENERAL HOSPITAL L.A.C.+U.S.C. IS A TOP PRIORITY FOR OUR COUNTY. WE ARE EXCITED TO SEE THAT OUR CURRENT HOME AND THIS GREAT COUNTY ASSET IS PART OF THE GROWING AND RESPONSIVE L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER AND ALSO A REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT SITE WHERE WE SEE GREAT AND DIRE COMMUNITY NEEDS MET, HOMELESSNESS, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, MEDICAL/LEGAL ISSUES, JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL TARGET HIRE POPULATIONS, AND HEALTH

AND WELLNESS SERVICES. WE NEED THESE SERVICES TO GROW TO ALLOW FOR MORE TANGIBLE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND URGENT COMMUNITY NEEDS. THROUGH THIS MOTION, THE COUNTY IS MOVING FORWARD TO ALIGN WITH COMMUNITY BENEFITS PRIORITIES OF OUR H.I.C.P. AND WITH SHARED GOALS OF OUR COMMUNITY. WE ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE, THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER DAISY MA. PLEASE STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

DAISY MA: I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM 17 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS DAISY MA. I AM THE CHIEF GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER AT CHINATOWN SERVICE CENTER. GOOD MORNING TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS, FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION. WE URGE THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THE MOTION, WHICH WILL ALLOW DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHINATOWN SERVICE CENTER, C.S.C. HEALTH REGIONAL CENTER. THIS WILL ALLOW C.S.C. TO UTILIZE $3.5 MILLION IN STATE FUNDING TO ACQUIRE A BUILDING TO CREATE A NEW TRUSTED FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CLINIC AND PAY CENTER IN THE CITY OF ALHAMBRA. THE AREA IN NEED OF A LOCAL AND ACCESSIBLE CLINIC TO PROVIDE NECESSARY HEALTH SERVICES FOR VULNERABLE MEDI-CAL BENEFICIARIES. C.S.C. IS THE

TRUSTED FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER THAT, SINCE 1921, HAS PROVIDED QUALITY AND CULTURALLY COMPETENT CARE TO VULNERABLE RESIDENTS THROUGH LOS ANGELES COUNTY, PROVIDING SERVICES IN CHINESE DIALECTS, VIETNAMESE, AND SPANISH. THE WORK HAS PLAYED A PIVOTAL ROLE IN PROVIDING SERVICES AND ADVOCACY TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING FOR IMMIGRANTS AND OTHER COMMUNITIES. THE PROJECT WILL SERVE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES AT OR BELOW 200% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LINE WITH MOST UNDER 100%. THE HEALTH CENTER IS EXPECTED TO SERVE 7,000 UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS IN THE REGION ONCE AT CAPACITY, EXPECTED WITHIN TWO YEARS OF OPERATION. THIS SITE IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT GIVEN THE CURRENT LACK OF HEALTH CLINICS AND PAY CENTERS IN THE AREA PROVIDING SERVICES TO MEDI-CAL POPULATIONS. WE RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC SPEAKERS HAS ENDED. THANK YOU FOR ALL WHO CALLED IN TO SPEAK. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS, YOU MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA. AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENT THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME A PART OF THE RECORD. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE THE NUMBERS ON WHICH WE WILL BE VOTING.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU, 10, 12, 15 THROUGH 18, 20 THROUGH 23, 25 AND 26, 28 THROUGH 35, 36, AND THIS REPORT WILL BE REMOVED FROM REPORTING ON FUTURE AGENDAS AND COMBINED WITH WRITTEN BIANNUAL REPORTS ON THE HOUSING FOR HEALTH, 37 THROUGH 39, 41 THROUGH 48, 50 THROUGH 57, 58A, 58B AS REVISED, 58C, 58D, 61 WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER VOTING NO, 62, 1D THROUGH 4D.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS WITH THE EXCEPTIONS NOTED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

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

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: FOR THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, PLEASE PREPARE TO BE SWORN IN. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD. ITEM 3 IS A HEARING ON THE LEVY OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENT AND COUNTY LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING ART DISTRICTS 1, 2, AND 4 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023. A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM 4 IS A HEARING ON THE PROPOSED VACATION OF A PORTION OF THE 73RD STREET AND ALLEYS EAST OF CENTRAL AVENUE

IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF FLORENCE-FIRESTONE. A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM 5 IS A HEARING ON CONFIRMATION OF FISCAL YEAR '21-'22 AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER WEIGHTS AND MEASURES AND THE CONSOLIDATION FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT HAZARDOUS VEGETATION WEED ABATEMENT CHARGES TO BE ASSESSED TO OWNERS OF DESIGNATED PARCELS OF LAND OR IMPROVED PARCELS. NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM 6 IS A HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 12, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, TO INCREASE FEES AND CHARGE RATES AT THE CALABASAS LANDFILL REFUSE DISPOSAL FACILITY. NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ITEM 7 IS A HEARING ON APPEAL OF A PROJECT NUMBER 2019-000181 TO AUTHORIZE A CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT OF AN 85 DETACHED RESIDENTIAL UNITS ON SITE PROJECT GRADING OF 165 CUBIC YARDS ON ON- SITE AMENITIES WITHIN A PROJECT AREA OF 10 ACRES LOCATED AT 16234 FOLGER STREET IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS WITHIN THE HACIENDA HEIGHTS ZONE DISTRICT. A WRITTEN DEPARTMENT STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: SAMUEL BROWN VASQUEZ AND FERNANDO SOLIS ON BEHALF OF THE APPELLANT WILL BE GIVEN A TOTAL OF TWO

MINUTES. MR. BROWN VASQUEZ, IF YOU ARE ON THE LINE, PLEASE BEGIN.

SAMUEL BROWN VASQUEZ: YES. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY NAME IS SAMUEL BROWN. I AM A MEMBER OF THE COALITION AGAINST LENNAR. WE OPPOSE THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION THAT WAS ACCEPTED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AT THE HEARING ON MAY 18TH. AND WE ASK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ENDORSE A REQUEST FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT. FIRST, THE PROPOSED GLENELDER RESIDENTIAL PROJECT WILL BE BUILT ON A 10 ACRE PARCEL THAT WAS AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. THE PROPERTY WAS DESIGNATED AS SURPLUS PROPERTY USING CENSUS DATA FROM 2009. WE ARE HERE 22 YEARS LATER RELYING ON DECLINING ENROLLMENT DATA BEFORE LAWS SUCH AS S.D.9 AND THE A.D.U. AND JUNIOR A.D.U. LAWS WENT INTO EFFECT. PRIOR TO CLOSURE OF THE CAMPUS, GLENELDER SERVED THE COMMUNITY FOR RECREATIONAL USE. IT WAS USED BY THE A.Y.S.O., YOUTH SOFTBALL LEAGUES, AND ADULT SOCCER LEAGUES. THE PARKS REPORT SPECIFICALLY STATES THAT THIS PARCEL IS IN PARKS SCARCE COMMUNITY WELL BELOW THE MEDIAN AVERAGE FOR THE COUNTY. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU GREW UP IN THIS REGION. YOU KNOW FIRSTHAND THE BARRIERS THAT MEMBERS OF THIS COMMUNITY FACE WITH REGARDS TO LACK OF GREEN SPACES AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES. THE REASON THIS PROJECT WARRANTS AN E.I.R. IS BECAUSE THE APPLICANT, LENNAR HOMES, ALONG WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS OFFERED INSUFFICIENT MITIGATION TO ADDRESS THE

SUBSTANTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT THE PROJECT WILL HAVE ON THE COMMUNITY, WHICH IS ALREADY AN ENVIRONMENTALLY IMPACTED COMMUNITY WITH A HIGH CONCENTRATION OF RESIDENTS FROM AN IMMIGRANT BACKGROUND WHO PROUDLY IDENTIFIED AS WORKING CLASS. THOSE SAME RESIDENTS WERE DEPRIVED OF DUE PROCESS WHEN THE NOTICE OF HEARING THAT WAS POSTED ON THE SCHOOL WAS NOT UPDATED AFTER THE APRIL 27TH HEARING. THIS IS A CENSUS TRACT WHERE TWO-THIRDS OF THE COMMUNITY IS LATINO, AND MANY FIRST GENERATION ASIAN IMMIGRANTS ARE MOVING INTO THE COMMUNITY. SECOND, I BELIEVE THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE DEVELOPER HAVE FAILED TO SATISFY GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 17849, THE NAYLOR ACT. KEEP IN MIND THAT WHEN YOU HAVE A PUBLIC LAND YOU HAVE TO OFFER IT TO DIFFERENT COUNTY ENTITIES OR OTHER ENTITIES BEFORE YOU CAN LIST IT FOR PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT. A PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS INDICATED THEY CANNOT PROVIDE US WITH COPIES OF THE NAYLOR NOTICES BECAUSE THEY DESTROY ALL COMMUNICATION AFTER TWO YEARS. THE APPLICANT HAS NOW COME TO YOU AND LIED TO THE COUNTY SAYING THIS IS AN INFILL PROPERTY, WHICH IT IS NOT. IT IS CURRENTLY BE USED BY NEW HORIZONS CAREGIVERS GROUP, WHICH DISTRIBUTES FOOD, GOODS, AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES LIKE BACKPACKS TO STRUGGLING FAMILIES, AND IT IS BEING USED BY INDIVIDUALS LIKE JASMINE NACHOA, A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR WHO STATED AT A SCHOOL BOARD MEETING THAT THIS SPACE IS THE LAST PIECE OF LAND --

SPEAKER: EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THE APPLICANTS, DIANA CORONADO AND JENNIFER HERNANDEZ, WILL BE GIVEN A TOTAL OF TWO MINUTES. MISS CORONADO, PLEASE BEGIN.

DIANA CORONADO: GOOD MORNING. [ECHO] MY NAME IS DIANA CORONADO. I AM THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS IN THE WESTERN REGION FOR LENNAR. WE ARE APPRECIATIVE OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND TO THEIR STAFF FOR CONSIDERING OUR REQUEST TO PROVIDE HOUSING WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE DILIGENT WORK DONE BY COUNTY COUNCIL AND COUNTY PLANNING STAFF. I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE OUR OUTSIDE COUNSEL, JENNIFER HERNANDEZ. SHE WILL MAKE REMARKS ON OUR OPPOSITION TO TODAY'S APPEAL. ADDITIONALLY, WE HAVE OUR PROJECT EXPERTS WHO CAN SPEAK TO ANY RELATED QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.

JENNIFER HERNANDEZ: GOOD MORNING, THIS IS JENNIFER HERNANDEZ. I AM PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO THE APPEAL. I WILL JUST BE MAKING SOME QUICK LEGAL POINTS HERE, BUT I SHOULD MENTION THAT BOTH THE STAFF REPORT AND THE RESPONSE LETTERS THAT WE FILED THOROUGHLY ADDRESS ALL THE ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED BY APPELLANT. THREE QUICK LEGAL POINTS, FIRST OFF, PUBLIC RESOURCES LEGAL CODE 21 L.A.O.C., WHICH IS IN C.E.Q.A,

REQUIRES, IT SAYS A NEGATIVE DECLARATION SHALL BE ADOPTED IF THE INITIAL STUDIES, WHICH HERE IS MANY, MANY HUNDREDS OF PAGES, SHOWS THERE IS NO SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE THAT THE PROJECT MAY HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT OR IF THE PROJECT'S EFFECTS ARE APPROPRIATELY MITIGATED. THIS RECORD IS REPLETE WITH SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE BY EXPERTS THAT CONFIRM THE ABSENCE OF ANY SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECTS. THERE'S A RELATED LAW THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT. AND THAT'S THE HOUSING ACCOUNTABILITY ACT. THE HOUSING ACCOUNTABILITY ACT REQUIRES THAT THIS PROJECT BE APPROVED UNLESS THIS BOARD FINDS THE PROJECT WILL HAVE A SPECIFIC ADVERSE IMPACT ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY. AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY IS FURTHER DEFINED, BUT THE FOUR ISSUES RAISED ON APPEAL ARE NOT PUBLIC HEALTH OR SAFETY ISSUES. AND IN SPECIFICALLY RECREATIONAL ACCESS FOR THIS CLOSED SCHOOL SITE, IT IS NOT A PUBLIC PARK, IS NOT A HEALTH OR SAFETY ISSUE. ISSUES RAISED AROUND TRIBAL CONCERNS ARE NOT A PUBLIC HEALTH OF SAFETY ISSUE. ALSO, I'LL NOTE THAT THERE WAS FULL COMPLIANCE WITH TRAVEL NOTICE AND CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS.

SPEAKER: EXCUSE ME, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

JENNIFER HERNANDEZ: TIME UP? THANK YOU. THE REST OF THE ISSUES ARE COVERED.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 8 IS A HEARING ON APPEAL ON PROJECT NUMBER 2017005357 TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 2,125 SQUARE FEET SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE LOCATED AT 19560 GRAND VIEW DRIVE IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF TOPANGA WITHIN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS PLANNING AREA. A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: BRIAN HEDMAN ON BEHALF OF THE APPELLANT WILL BE GIVEN TWO MINUTES. MR. HEDMAN, PLEASE BEGIN.

BRIAN HEDMAN: GOOD MORNING, THIS IS BRIAN HEDMAN ON BEHALF OF THE APPELLANT. THIS PROJECT IS AN H1 HABITAT ON TOP OF DICK'S CREEK, ONE OF THE FEW YEAR ROUND STREAMS LEFT IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. THIS IS THE MOST RARE HABITAT WE HAVE IN THE COUNTY. THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL CANNOT WITHSTAND LEGAL SCRUTINY. THE APPROVAL RELIES ON FIVE EXCEPTIONS AND THREE VARIANCES. EACH ACTION MUST BE SUPPORTED BY SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE, BUT THERE IS NO EVIDENCE, AND THE WRITTEN RECORD PROVES THE APPLICANTS DO NOT QUALIFY. APPLICANT'S LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT CANNOT BE APPROVED. IT IS KNOWN THAT L.L.A.S CAN BE MISUSED TO LOOPHOLE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS. THAT IS WHY L.L.A.S ARE PROHIBITED IN H1 HABITATS. THIS IS A PLAIN RULE. THE ONLY EXCEPTION TO THE RULE IS WHEN AN L.L.A. IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT MORE HABITAT.

APPLICANTS RELY ON THIS EXCEPTION, HOWEVER, HERE THE ONLY RESULT OF THE L.L.A. IS A LARGER DEVELOPMENT THAT DESTROYS MORE HABITAT. PLEASE NOTE, THE APPLICANTS, STAFF, AND THE WRITTEN FINDINGS BEFORE YOU ALL ADMIT THE L.L.A. IS BEING USED TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THIS DEVELOPMENT. THAT IS THE WRITTEN RECORD. APPLICANT'S BIOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT IS ALSO EXPIRED AND INACCURATE. APPLICANT'S FIRST MIS-STATED THE EXTENT OF NATIVE HABITAT ON THE PROJECT SITE AND CLAIMED THAT DICK'S CREEK HAD RUN DRY. DUE TO ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISM, THE E.R.B. TOOK NOTICE, AND IN JUNE 2019, THE E.R.B. RULED THAT THE H1 HABITAT ON SITE WAS 10 TIMES LARGER THAN APPLICANT'S HAD MISREPRESENTED. SINCE 2019, APPLICANTS HAVE BEEN REQUIRED TO CORRECT THEIR BIOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT. THEY HAVE NOT DONE THAT. BY LAW, THIS HAD TO BE DONE BEFORE THE R.P.C. COULD ACT, MUCH LESS APPROVE THE PROJECT. FINALLY, THE MINIMUM REASONABLE ECONOMIC USE EXCEPTION DOES NOT APPLY. THIS EXCEPTION CAN ONLY APPLY IF THE DEVELOPMENT IS THE MINIMUM REASONABLE USE OF THE PROTECTED HABITAT, BUT THE R.P.C. HAS APPROVED ONE OF THE LARGEST DEVELOPMENTS ON GRAND VIEW DRIVE. NO ECONOMIC USE STUDY OR EVIDENCE SHOWS THAT THE PROJECT IS THE MINIMUM REASONABLE USE BECAUSE IT IS NOT. PLEASE NOTE, THERE'S NO DISPUTE THAT A SMALLER REASONABLE USE EXISTS. APPLICANTS, STAFF, AND THE E.R.B. ALL AGREE A SMALLER DEVELOPMENT CAN BE CONSTRUCTED AND APPROVED. THIS IS THE WRITTEN RECORD ON THIS

ISSUE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. WE IMPLORE THE BOARD TO REVERSE THE R.P.C.'S RULING. THANK YOU.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THE APPLICANT, SCOTT SULLIVAN, WILL BE GIVEN A TOTAL OF TWO MINUTES. MR. SULLIVAN, PLEASE BEGIN.

SCOTT SULLIVAN: HELLO, I WANT TO BEGIN BY THANKING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR TAKING THE TIME TO ADJUDICATE THIS MATTER. YOU HAVE MANY IMPORTANT THINGS TO SPEND YOUR TIME ON, AND I APPRECIATE YOU SPENDING A BIT ON THIS. THIS IS A SMALL ISSUE, BUT IT IS ONE THAT IS IMPORTANT TO MYSELF AND MY FAMILY. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT WHO I HAVE BEEN WORKING SIDE BY SIDE WITH FOR EIGHT YEARS TO TRY TO RESOLVE THIS MATTER. THE 2004 AND A 60 PAGE VOLUME THAT CONSTITUTES THE BOARD LETTER IS A TESTAMENT TO THEIR DEDICATION TO THEIR WORK AND TO THE RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY. MY NAME IS SCOTT SULLIVAN. I AM AN ARCHITECT IN L.A. COUNTY THAT SPECIALIZES IN PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR HOMELESS, VETERANS, SENIORS, AND MENTALLY ILL. MY FAMILY CONSISTS OF MY BEAUTIFUL WIFE, NATALIA, MY TWO SONS, CONNOR AND RONAN. CONNOR AND RONAN ARE 14 AND 12 YEARS OLD. THEY WERE 6 AND 4 WHEN WE STARTED THIS PROCESS TO PURCHASE THIS PROPERTY AND TO GAIN -- OR I MEAN TO BUILD OUR FAMILY HOUSE. WE HAVE GONE THROUGH MANY UPS AND DOWNS ON THIS PROJECT. WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THE

WHOLE STORY. THEY ARE IN THE BOARD LETTER. WE WERE LUCKY ENOUGH TO RECENTLY BE APPROVED THROUGH A UNANIMOUS VOTE BY THE L.A. COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION. THAT IS NO SMALL MATTER, AND THE COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION TESTIFIED THAT THE ARGUMENTS OF THE APPELLANT HELD NO MERIT. FURTHERMORE, PRIOR TO THE L.A. COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION'S DECISION, THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION SUBMITTED A LETTER THAT WE HAD SATISFIED THEIR CONCERNS WITH THIS PROJECT. THE PROJECT IS UNDERGONE SIGNIFICANT FORMAL REVIEW BY ALL PARTIES, AND THE PROJECT WAS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED. ALL THE APPELLANTS ARE CLOSE NEIGHBORS. AND THIS IS A CLASSIC CASE OF N.I.M.B.Y.ISM. THAT BEING SAID, THEIR CONCERN FOR THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT SHOULD NOT BE IGNORED, AND THROUGH OUR MANY SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENTAL FRIENDLY ELEMENTS OF OUR DESIGN, WE PROVE OUR DEDICATION TO MAKE THE LEAST IMPACT AS POSSIBLE. THESE ELEMENTS INCLUDE AN EXTREMELY BAD SEPTIC SYSTEM THAT OUTPUTS ALMOST CLEAN WATER, A GREEN ROOF THAT REPLACES SOME OF THE NATURAL FLORA THAT IS BEING DISTURBED, RADIANT FLOOR HEATING THAT USES THE LEAST AMOUNT OF ENERGY TO HEAT THE HOUSE, PASSIVE HEATING AND COOLING DESIGN, A DESIGN THAT USES THE NATURAL BREEZE PATTERNS TO COOL THE HOUSE, FIRE RESISTANT, AND IN MOST CASES NONCOMBUSTIBLE CONSTRUCTION, RAINWATER HARVESTING, SITTING AS FAR AWAY FROM THE HABITAT AS POSSIBLE, STEP MASKING THAT LIMITS THE AMOUNT OF GRADING THAT SITS SOFTLY ON THE TERRAIN --

SPEAKER: EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED, THANK YOU.

SCOTT SULLIVAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 9 IS A HEARING ON APPEAL OF PROJECT NUMBER R 2012-02971 TO AUTHORIZE A SPECIAL EVENT CENTER, CARETAKER RESIDENCE, AND RELATED FACILITIES LOCATED AT 32222 AGUA DULCE CANYON ROAD IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF AGUA DULCE WITHIN THE SOLADA ZONE DISTRICT. A WRITTEN DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PROVIDED, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: STEVE KAPLAN, ON BEHALF OF THE APPELLANT, WILL BE GIVEN TWO MINUTES. MR. KAPLAN, PLEASE BEGIN.

STEVE KAPLAN: GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS STEVE KAPLAN REPRESENTING THE APPELLANT. I WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO THE BOARD'S ATTENTION THE VERY NARROW FOCUS OF THIS APPEAL. THIS APPEAL IS BASED UPON THE PREMISE THAT BOTH THE HEARING OFFICER FOR THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION ERRED WHEN THEY FOUND THE C.U.P. APPLICATION WAS INACTIVE. I WANT TO CALL THE BOARD'S ATTENTION TO A LETTER THAT WAS RECEIVED BY THE APPELLANT FROM THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT, WHICH STATES IF YOU WISH TO KEEP THIS PROJECT

ALIVE, PLEASE SEND A WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT. AND A CORRESPONDENCE MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE APRIL 18TH, 2021 IN ORDER TO AVOID BEING SCHEDULED FOR DENIAL. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FACT THAT I TWICE SENT LETTERS INDICATING THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO MOVE FORWARD, THE HEARING OFFICER HAD A HEARING ON THE MERITS NOT ON WHETHER OR NOT THE PROJECT WAS STILL ALIVE. AND THE COMMISSION SUPPORTED THAT FINDING. WE ARE ASKING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO TAKE A HARD LOOK AT THIS. THIS MATTER IS A MATTER OF DUE PROCESS AND AN ABUSE OF PROCESS. AND WE BELIEVE THAT IF YOU TAKE A LOOK AT THE SUBMISSION THAT WAS PUT FORTH AND IS SUBMITTED TO YOUR BOARD, AND ALL THE EXHIBITS, YOU WILL FIND THAT ON EXHIBIT THREE TO OUR SUBMISSION, THERE WAS OVER 175 EMAILS THROUGH A PERIOD OF 10 YEARS OR SO THAT WENT BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN MY CLIENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING, IN ADDITION TO WHICH A RECORDS REQUEST WILL REFLECT THE FACT THAT OVER 500 DOCUMENTS WERE PART OF THE RECORD. THE APPELLANT IN THIS MATTER CONTINUES TO WANT TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY TO ATTEMPT TO COME THAT A REASONABLE DISPOSITION OF THIS CASE. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE BOARD AT LEAST TAKE THIS MATTER UNDER SUBMISSION TO FURTHER UNDERSTAND THE ISSUES. AT A MINIMUM, WE WOULD ASK THAT THIS MATTER -- NOT AT A MINIMUM, BUT AT A MAXIMUM, WE WOULD ASK THAT THIS BOARD SEND THIS MATTER BACK TO REGIONAL PLANNING SO THEY WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE APPLICANT APPELLANT.

SPEAKER: EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. THANK YOU.

STEVE KAPLAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: WE'LL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, ITEMS 3-9 ONLY. EXECUTIVE OFFICER -- AGAIN, LET ME REPEAT. THIS IS TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEMS, AGENDA ITEMS 3-9. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. AGAIN, IF ANYONE CALLS IN ON AN AGENDA ITEM OTHER THAN ITEMS 3-9, YOU WILL BE INTERRUPTED AND STOPPED. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

SPEAKER: PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FOR REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS HAS ENDED. WE'LL ONLY HEAR PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY FOR ITEMS 3-9 AT THIS TIME. AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 3-9 SHOULD CALL (877)692-8955 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 4433663. TO REPEAT, PLEASE CALL (877)692-8955 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 4433663. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE CALL (877)873-8017 AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING IN FOR PUBLIC

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

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

DO NOT PRESS 1 AND 0 A SECOND TIME, OR YOU'LL BE REMOVED FROM THE QUEUE.

SPEAKER: WE'LL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH INTERPRETATION OF THE REMINDER. [INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN IN SPANISH]

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS STEVE KAPLAN. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

MODERATOR: STEVE KAPLAN, IS YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

SPEAKER: MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS MALCOLM GROMME. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

MALCOLM GROMME: GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS MALCOLM GROMME. AND I'M SPEAKING TO ITEM 8 IN SUPPORT OF THE APPEAL BEFORE YOU. I LIVE ACROSS DICK'S CREEK FROM THE PROPOSED PROJECT AND BOUGHT THE ADJACENT LAND IN ORDER TO PRESERVE IT. THIS HABITAT IS PRECIOUS WITH AN ALL YEAR BLUE LINE CREEK SURROUNDED BY AN OAK

WOODLAND. IT IS PART OF AN INCREASINGLY RARE WILDLIFE CORRIDOR FREQUENTED BY MULE DEER, BOBCATS, COYOTES, OWLS, NESTING HAWKS, EVEN THE OCCASIONAL MOUNTAIN LION. CONSTRUCTION WOULD NOT ONLY SCARE AWAY THESE ANIMALS FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS BUT FOREVER MINIMIZE THIS BIOSYSTEM. THE DEVELOPERS WANT TO CUT DOWN A HEALTH 50 FOOT ORDINATE OAK TREE AS WELL AS PROTECT TOYONS AND NATIVE SCRUB OAK IN ORDER TO BUILD AN OVERSIZED HOUSE. BESIDES THAT, EXCAVATION INTO THE ROOT STRUCTURES OF OAK WOODLAND WOULD PROVE DAMAGING TO ALL THE OAKS ON THEIR PROPERTY AND MINE THAT INTERCONNECTED THROUGH A DELICATE MYCELIUM NETWORK. THIS PARCEL WAS RECLASSIFIED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW BOARD IN 2019 AS ENTIRELY H1 HABITAT AND H1 BUFFER. THE COASTAL COMMISSION THROUGH THE LOCAL COASTAL PLAN EXPRESSLY FORBIDS CONSTRUCTION IN SUCH HABITAT, AND YET HERE WE ARE.

SPEAKER: YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE OF THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS FERNANDO SOLIS. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

FERNANDO SOLIS: ITEM 7 PUBLIC COMMENT. SUPERVISORS, THE LAW REQUIRES THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO MAIL OR EMAIL WRITTEN NOTICES

OFFERING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FIRST TO A CHARTER SCHOOL ORGANIZATION AND THEN TO OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES ALLOWING 60 DAYS TO RESPOND. NOT ONE NOTICE WAS EVER SENT TO A CHARTER SCHOOL ORGANIZATION, NOT ONE NOTICE CAN BE CONFIRMED AS SENT OR RECEIVED, MUCH LESS ESTABLISH THE 60 DAYS TO RESPOND. SO WHAT'S THE MOTIVE HERE? THE SCHOOL DISTRICT STATED IN THE 2016 WAIVER RENEWAL THAT 100% OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE WILL BE USED TO DESIGN AND BUILD THE $60 MILLION WEDGEWOOD PROJECT. CODE STATES IN NO EVENT SHALL THE PRICE BE LESS THAN 25% OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE LAND. THEY NEVER INTENDED TO FOLLOW THE LAW BECAUSE IF ONE ENTITY ACCEPTED TO BUY THE SCHOOL PROPERTY, THEY COULD LOSE UP TO 75% OF THE $21.5 MILLION. THAT'S THE MOTIVE. SUPERVISORS, THE 2015 WAIVER AND 2016 WAIVER RENEWAL USED TO SELL THESE PROPERTIES EXPIRED NOVEMBER 3, 2018 AND ESCROW HAS NOT CLOSED AS OF TODAY.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS CHRIS YARROW. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

CHRIS YARROW:. THANK YOU. MY NAME IS CHRIS YARROW. I'M THE TREASURER OF THE AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL. I'M SPEAKING TO ITEM 9 IN SUPPORT OF THE COMMISSION'S DECISION AND IN OPPOSITION OF

THE GARDEN'S PARADISE VENUE. I'D LIKE TO FIRSTLY THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER'S STAFF, STEPHIE ENGLISH AND MANISH SARAYA, WHO HAVE UNDERTAKEN REASONABLE TO WORK TO REIGN IN THE OPERATION OF THIS VENUE. AND THE COMMUNITY OF AGUA DULCE GENUINELY APPRECIATES IS GRATEFUL FOR THEIR EFFORTS. IN THE TOWN COUNCIL'S LETTER BEFORE THE BOARD, WE'VE OUTLINED A NUMBER OF TRANSGRESSIONS BY THE OPERATORS OF THE VENUE, INCLUDING OPERATED WHILE SUSPENDED FOR SIGNIFICANT PERIODS OF TIME BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND IGNORING THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER DURING THE PANDEMIC RESULTING IN LITIGATION BY THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. THERE IS A TRACK RECORD HERE OF IGNORING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FROM THE STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES. NOWHERE IS THIS MORE EVIDENT THAN ON THE LAST PAGE OF THE LETTER THAT YOU RECEIVED YESTERDAY, PAGE 8 OF THE APPELLANT'S OPENING BRIEF THAT BASICALLY SAYS IRRESPECTIVE OF THE DECISION THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TAKE TODAY, THE OWNERS ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE THE VENUE TO THE DETRIMENT TO THE COMMUNITY OF AGUA DULCE. THIS IS THE VERY REASON WHY THE TOWN COUNCIL HAS ASKED THE COUNTY TO CONTINUE TO KEEP THE K RAIL BARRIERS AT THE ENTRANCES OF THE VENUE --

SPEAKER: EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS MARY JOHNSON. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

MARY JOHNSON: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MARY JOHNSON. I LIVE IN AGUA DULCE, AND I'M SPEAKING TODAY ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 9. I WANT TO BE VERY CLEAR. I'M OPPOSED TO THE PROJECT AND IN SUPPORT OF THE DENIAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT. GARDENS OF PARADISE IS ASKING FOR YET MORE TIME. THEY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO COMPLETE A FEW KEY APPLICATION THAT WAS INITIATED IN 2012. 10 YEARS LATER, THEY'RE ASKING FOR MORE TIME. THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE NOT SUBMITTED THE REQUIRED INFORMATION, DOCUMENTS, AND FEES WITHIN THE 10 YEARS SHOWS THEIR LACK OF RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY. I'M ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO ALLOWING ANY MORE TIME. I, TOO, AS CHRIS SAID, AM TROUBLED BY MR. KAPLAN'S CONCLUSION IN HIS WRITTEN COMMENTS WHEN HE STATES THE BOARD SHOULD ALSO TAKE NOTE OF THE FACT THAT IF THE ACTION OF THE COMMISSION IS SUSTAINED AND THE C.U.P. IS DENIED, THE DENIAL AT THIS POINT WILL ONLY RESULT IN THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE FACILITY UNDER THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ADMINISTRATIVE SITE PLAN APPROVAL AND THE RESUBMITTAL OF A NEW C.U.P. APPLICATION IN 365 DAYS, WHICH DOES NOTHING TO PROVIDE ASSURANCES TO THE COMMUNITY IN THE INTERIM TIME PERIOD. IT'S CLEAR --

SPEAKER: EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS DEANDRE VALLECENIA. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING. YOU MAY BEGIN.

DEANDRE VALLECENIA: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DEANDRE VALLECENIA, REPRESENTING THE LOS ANGELES/ANCORA CHAPTER OF THE BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. I'M HERE TO ADDRESS ITEM NUMBER 7 AND OPPOSE THE BILL. AS YOU ALREADY KNOW, CALIFORNIA, LET ALONE THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, IS EXPERIENCING A HOUSING SUPPLY AND AFFORDABILITY CRISIS. ACCORDING TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL REGIONAL HOUSING ASSESSMENT, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS REQUIRED TO BUILD AROUND 90,000 HOUSES BY 2029, AND THE APPROVAL OF THIS PROJECT WILL HELP THE COUNTY KEEP THIS GOAL BY ADDING AN ADDITIONAL 85 HOUSING UNITS. JUST AS THE COUNTY IS DOING EVERYTHING TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE, THE COUNTY MUST TAKE EVERY STEP TO APPROVE HOUSING. PLEASE DENY THIS APPEAL. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS GRETA PROCTOR. PLEASE STATE THE -- I'M SORRY. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

GRETA PROCTOR: GRETA PROCTOR ON AGENDA ITEMS 7 AND 8. ON ITEM NUMBER 8, I SUPPORT THE APPEAL AND OPPOSE THE PROJECT LOCATED ON GRAND VIEW DRIVE IN TOPANGA. THIS RESIDENTIAL PROJECT IS NOT BEFORE YOU BECAUSE OF ANY NEIGHBORHOOD ILL WILL BUT BECAUSE IT DOES NOT MEET THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE APPROVED. YET IT WAS INAPPROPRIATELY APPROVED BY THE COUNTY SETTING A HARMFUL PRECEDENT FOR WEALTHY SINGLE-FAMILY BUILDERS TO BE APPROVED FOR PROJECTS IN THE MOST SENSITIVE HABITAT UNDER THE LAW. THE PROJECT WAS INAPPROPRIATELY GRANTED EXCEPTION AFTER EXCEPTION, INCLUDING A LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT ALLOWING THE APPLICANT TO GERRYMANDER HIS LOT IN ORDER TO BUILD A BIGGER HOME BY RECEIVING CREDIT BY SETTING ASIDE OPEN SPACE THAT THE LAW ALREADY REQUIRES TO BE PRESERVED AS OPEN SPACE. THE PROJECT SITE IS LOCATED ALMOST ENTIRELY IN H1 HABITAT. THE LAW REQUIRES A LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT CAN ONLY BE APPROVED IF THE ADJUSTMENT IS FOR PURPOSE OF CONFORMING TO THE L.A.P. THERE IS NO SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE ON RECORD THIS IS THE CASE. THE OPPOSITE IS TRUE. THE LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT CLEARLY IS WHAT ALLOWED APPLICANT TO CIRCUMVENT THE L.A.P. AND IN FACT SERVED AS AN EXCEPTION TO THE L.A.P. THERE IS ALSO NO SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE AS TO THE MINIMUM REASONABLE ECONOMIC

USE. THE COUNTY PRESENTED NO STUDY OR EVIDENCE. INSTEAD THE COUNTY HAS APPROVED THE APPLICANT TO BUILD A 2000 PLUS SQUARE FOOT HOME THAT IS LARGER THAN ALMOST ALL OF THE SURROUNDING PERMITTED HOMES BASED ON A BLATANTLY INACCURATE BIOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT AND GAMESMANSHIP OF THE LAW. PLEASE GRANT THIS APPEAL AND DENY THIS PROJECT SO WE ARE NOT FORCED TO BRING THIS ISSUE BEFORE THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION IN ORDER TO PROTECT WHAT IS LEFT OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND UPHOLD THE LAW. THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION DID OPINE THAT THIS PROJECT IS COMPLIANT. LAST, I WANT TO NOTE THAT AN E.I.R. IS REQUIRED AND IS NOT SUBJECT TO A CATEGORICAL EXCEPTION. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MAX GABALDON. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

MAX GABALDON: HELLO. YES, I'LL BE SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7. YES, SO FOR THIS PROJECT, IT WILL HAVE A GREAT IMPACT ON A WORKING CLASS COMMUNITY THAT IS OVERWHELMINGLY OPPOSE TO THIS CONSTRUCTION FOR VARIOUS REASONS. THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION CLAIMS THIS PROJECT WILL NOT INCREASE TRAFFIC. HOWEVER, THEIR CASE LEFT OUT MANY FACTORS SUCH AS A

NEW GAS STATION BUILT NEARBY, AN AMAZON WAREHOUSE, AND A CHURCH. OUR GROUP, THE COALITION AGAINST LENNAR, HAS BEEN DEMANDING AN E.I.R. THEY HAVE REFUSED TO DO SO DESPITE THE RISK THIS CONSTRUCTION WILL HAVE ON THE NEIGHBORS WHO ARE ALREADY BURDENED WITH THE 60 FREEWAY. AND THE LEAD BATTERY SMELTER, QUEMETCO. THIS PROJECT WILL BE BUILT ON TOP OF ANCESTRAL LANDS OF THE KIZH NATION, AND, AS FERNANDO POINTED OUT, THIS PROJECT DID NOT COMPLY WITH THE NAYLOR ACT. PUBLIC LAND SHOULD BE DECIDED BY THE PUBLIC. WE ASK THAT YOU SUPPORT OUR APPEAL AS THIS PROJECT WILL UNLEASH A TREND OF GENTRIFICATION IN THE S.G.V.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS GRACE MCCARTY. PLEASE STATE WHICH PUBLIC HEARING ITEM YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

GRACE MCCARTY: GARDENS OF PARADISE, MY NAME IS GRACE MCCARTY. I DON'T HAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENT. I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT GARDENS OF PARADISE IS A BLIGHT ON THIS COMMUNITY, AND IT HAS BEEN FOR A LONG TIME. INCREDIBLY LOUD, GOES UNTIL THE WEE HOURS OF THE MORNING, AND IS VERY HOSTILE TO EVERYBODY WHO LIVES HERE. THIS IS REALLY QUIET AREA. AND WHEN THAT PLACE IS GOING, IT ISN'T, AND IT'S TERRIBLE. IT'S TERRIBLE FOR ALL OF

US. AND WE REALLY DON'T WANT YOU TO ALLOW IT GO FORWARD, AND THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ELENA BROWN. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ELENA BROWN: MY NAME IS ELENA, AND I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MEMBERS OF THE COALITION AGAINST LENNAR AND I ARE APPEALING THE L.A. COUNTY'S REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF THE GLENELDER RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT. WE'RE APPEALING APPROVAL OF THIS DEVELOPMENT FOR SO MANY REASONS. FIRST AND FOREMOST, THE R.P.C. OVERLOOKED CRITICAL ERRORS OF THE PROJECT TRAFFIC STUDY. FURTHERMORE, THE PROJECT IS SO FLAWED. THE SITE IS TOO SMALL FOR A BUILDING THIS DENSE. THE SURROUNDING STREETS IN THAT AREA ARE NOT WIDE ENOUGH TO HANDLE THE VARIETY OF USES GENERATED BY THIS PROJECT. ADDITIONALLY, THE R.P.C. DID NOT ADHERE TO THE H.U.M.B.'S ADVICE TO PERFORM A SITE-SPECIFIC AIR QUALITY ANALYSIS TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM POTENTIAL HEALTH RISKS THAT COULD ARISE FROM AIR EMISSIONS DURING CONSTRUCTION. ALSO, THE PROJECT FAILS TO PROJECT TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES OF THE KIZH NATION BECAUSE THIS PROJECT WAS BUILT ON THE ANCESTRAL HOMELAND OF THE KIZH PEOPLE. LASTLY, AT MINIMUM THIS

PROJECT SHOULD HAVE PRODUCED AN E.I.R. THEREFORE, DUE TO PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED REASONS, WE APPEAL THE R.P.C.'S APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT.

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

MODERATOR: THE NEXT SPEAKER IS MATTHEW GONZALEZ. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

MATTHEW GONZALEZ: HELLO, MY NAME IS MATTHEW GONZALEZ, CALLING TO MAKE COMMENT ON ITEM 7. I STAND WITH THE COALITION AGAINST LENNAR AND THE RESIDENTS SURROUNDING GLENELDER IN OPPOSITION TO DEVELOPMENT OF LUXURY HOUSING ON PUBLIC GREEN SPACES. WE DEMAND A THOROUGH AND COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW THAT WOULD ACCURATELY OUTLINE THE DETRIMENT THESE DEVELOPMENTS WILL INFLICT AND TAKE THE CONCERNS OF COMMUNITY INTO ACCOUNT. LENNAR'S HISTORY SHOWS A PATTERN OF ENDANGERING COMMUNITIES MARKED BY THE NUMEROUS ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS AND FAILURES TO ADHERE TO SAFETY STANDARDS FOR BOTH THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND THOSE THEY EMPLOY. LOOKING AT LENNAR'S TRACK RECORD, IT WOULD BE UNCONSCIONABLE TO ALLOW DEVELOPMENT AND EXPECT THAT LENNAR WOULD HAVE THE HEALTH OF THE

SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE DEVELOPMENT. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS LORIANNA ADRIANO. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

LORIANNA ADRIANO: HELLO, MY NAME IS LORIANNA. I'M HERE TO MAKE A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7. I'M A RESIDENT OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS AND A MEMBER OF THE COALITION AGAINST LENNAR. AND I, TOO, STAND WITH MY COMMUNITY IN OPPOSITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF LUXURY HOUSING ON 68234 FOLGER STREET OR GLENELDER. WE MADE IT CLEAR THESE DEVELOPMENTS ARE NOT WELCOME OR WANTED. WE'VE COLLECTED OVER 800 SIGNATURES THAT SPEAK TO THIS. IN THE EARLY 2000S, LENNAR'S DEVELOPMENT ON A SHIPYARD IN SAN FRANCISCO RESULTED IN THE POISONING OF AN ENTIRE COMMUNITY. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY CODES WERE FLAGRANTLY VIOLATED AND THEN COVERED UP RESULTING IN ASBESTOS LEVELS SO HIGH THAT IT CAUSED MULTIPLE WORK STOPPAGES AND SCHOOL SHUTDOWNS WITHIN ONLY A FEW MONTHS AS WELL AS WORKERS AND CHILDREN DEVELOPING SEVERE RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS AND IMMUNE DISORDERS. THIS IS ONE OF NUMEROUS EXAMPLES OF DAMAGE LENNAR HAS INFLICTED ON COMMUNITIES

SURROUNDING ITS DEVELOPMENTS. CONSIDERING THE OUTDATED TIME IN WHICH THE SCHOOL ON GLENELDER WAS BUILT, THERE IS HIGH CONCERN THE CLEARING OF THE SCHOOL WILL RESULT IN THE RELEASE OF TOXIC DUST THAT CONTAIN HARMFUL CHEMICALS SUCH AS ASBESTOS, LEAD, AND ARSENIC. THE MAINTENANCE OF GLENELDER AS A COMMUNITY SPACE IS ESSENTIAL NOT ONLY FOR ITS VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL, PHYSICAL, AND MENTAL BENEFITS, BUT SIMPLY BECAUSE IT'S OURS. IT IS A SPACE LOVED AND VALUED BY US.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS EDGAR REYES. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

EDGAR REYES: HELLO. I'M EDGAR. I'M ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 7. I STAND WITH THE COALITION AGAINST LENNAR AND WITH LOCAL RESIDENTS WHO ARE OPPOSED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING ON OUR PUBLIC LAND. THE INITIAL STUDY AND THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION WERE APPROVED WHILE SIDELINING OUR VALID CONCERNS. THE BOARD SHOULD STAND WITH RESIDENTS AND VOTE IN FAVOR OF OUR APPEAL AND DEMAND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BE CONDUCTED AS WE FEEL THE C.E.Q.A. PROCESS WAS INADEQUATE. THE DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING ON GLENELDER WILL NEGATIVELY AFFECT OUR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY. WITHOUT ACCESS TO RECREATION,

CHILDREN HAVE RESORTED TO PLAYING GAMES ON THE STREET, WHICH PLACES THEM IN DANGER OF TRAFFIC. ALSO WE HAVE FOUND THAT GRADING OF GLENELDER MAY RELEASE ASBESTOS INTO THE AIR BECAUSE OF THE SCHOOL'S DATE OF CONSTRUCTION. THE FIELD HAS ALSO BEEN FOUND TO CONTAIN LEAD AND ARSENIC THAT WILL SPREAD THROUGHOUT OUR ENVIRONMENT IF CONSTRUCTION IS ALLOWED TO MOVE FORWARD. THIS DEVELOPMENT PLACES THAT WELL-BEING OF OUR ENVIRONMENT AND OF OUR PUBLIC HEALTH AT RISK. LENNAR'S HISTORY CLEARLY SHOWS A PATTERN OF ENDANGERING COMMUNITIES MARKED BY NUMEROUS ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS AND FAILURES TO ADHERE TO SAFETY STANDARDS. IN SAN FRANCISCO, LENNAR EXPOSED WORKERS AND CHILDREN TO TOXIC DUSTS CONTAINING ELEVATED LEVELS OF ASBESTOS --

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

MODERATOR: MARIA HERNANDEZ. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

MARIA HERNANDEZ: MY NAME IS MARIA HERNANDEZ. ARE YOU ABLE TO HEAR ME?

SPEAKER:. YES, PLEASE BEGIN.

MARIA HERNANDEZ:. I'M SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM 7 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I HAVE LIVED NEAR THE GLENELDER SITE FOR THE LAST 17 YEARS, AND I AM ABLE TO ACTUALLY ATTEST TO THE REAL SITUATION THERE AND THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS THAT THE LENNAR PROJECT WILL HAVE IN MY COMMUNITY. I, LIKE OVER 2,000 MEMBERS OF THIS COMMUNITY, OVER 73% OF THE IMMEDIATE HOUSES FROM GLENELDER WHO SIGNED THE PETITION, THE HACIENDA HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION AND TWO BOARD MEMBERS OF THE HACIENDA/LA PUENTE DISTRICT, AGREE THAT THE LENNAR PROJECT CANNOT CONTINUE WITHOUT AN E.I.R. BECAUSE THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION OVERLOOKED CRITICAL ERRORS AND SHORTCOMINGS IN THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION. FIRST, THE PROJECT'S TRAFFIC STUDY IS ERRONEOUS, AS MAX EXPLAINED. THE TRAFFIC STUDY WAS REVISED APRIL 27, 2020, AND THE AMAZON WAREHOUSE STARTED OPERATING IN 2022. ALSO, THE PROJECT WILL NOT ADDRESS THE HOUSING CRISIS. THESE HOMES ARE LUXURY CONDOS THAT WILL SELL AT $1.2 MILLION OR MORE. THESE HOMES ARE NOT ACCESSIBLE TO ANY OF THE MEMBERS IN THIS COMMUNITY. THEREFORE, IT IS NOT SOLVING THE HOUSING CRISIS. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: YES, OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS LAURA FARLEY. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

LAURA FARLEY: HELLO MY NAME IS LAURA FARLEY, AND I'M ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7. I SUPPORT THE APPEAL AND AM ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO THE LENNAR PROJECT AND THE SALE OF THE GLENELDER AND LA CIVITA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROPERTIES DUE TO THE UNSATISFACTORY ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS. MY PARTNER AND I LIVE ON THE FENCE LINE OF GLENELDER. HE HAS LIVED IN HIS HOME HIS ENTIRE LIFE. OUR HOME IS VERY HUMBLE WITH THE BEST FEATURE BEING THE MOUNTAIN VIEW FROM OUR BACKYARD WITH THE OPEN GREEN SPACE IN THE FOREGROUND. WE'RE IN OUR BACKGROUND EVERY DAY AS IT IS OUR SANCTUARY. THE PROPOSED CONDOS WILL FOREVER ROB US OF OUR PRIVACY AS SERENITY AS THE 35 FOOT HIGH PROPOSED STRUCTURES WILL BE AN OVERWHELMING CONCRETE STUCCO WALL IMPRISONING US FOR LIFE. THAT VIEW MEANS EVERYTHING TO US. TAKING IT AWAY WILL KILL US. WE HAVE TRIED SPEAKING TO THE H.L.P.U.S.C. BOARD MEMBERS FOLLOWING THEIR RULES TO PARTICIPATING ONLINE, AND EACH TIME THEY IGNORED OUR ONLINE REGISTRATION AND BLOCKED US FROM COMMUNICATING. THEY HAVE RUN THIS LIKE DICTATORS PREVENTING DEMOCRACY. EVERY SINGLE NEIGHBOR WE HAVE SPOKEN WITH IS OPPOSED TO THE LENNAR PROJECT. MOST WANT THE SCHOOL REOPENED, AND, AT MINIMUM, WE ALL WANT IT TO BE A PARK.

SPEAKER: EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ANDRES ABARCA. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ANDRES ABARCA: MY NAME IS ANDRES. AND I'M SPEAKING ON AGENDA NUMBER 7. I'M A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE COALITION AGAINST LENNAR. WE ARE AGAINST THE DEVELOPMENT OF EXPENSIVE CONDOMINIUMS ON GLENELDER SCHOOL GROUNDS. THE COMMUNITY HAS BEEN UNSPOKEN TO THE H.L.P.U.S.C. SCHOOL BOARD ON KEEPING OUR GREEN OPEN SPACE INTACT AND HAS PUSHED FOR A PUBLIC PARK, COMMUNITY CENTER, SPORTS COMPLEX, EVEN REOPENING OF THE SCHOOL. THE H.L.P.U.S.C. SCHOOL BOARD HAS SOMEHOW FOUND FOUND A WAY AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD, VIOLATED THE BROWN ACT MORE THAN ONCE DURING THE HEARING IN JUNE, AND HAVE YET TO OBTAIN A VALID E.I.R. THIS DISGRACEFUL SALE OF PROPERTY FROM H.L.P.U.S.C. TO A PRIVATE ENTITY IS A MISREPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS. WE HAVE VOICED OUR CONCERNS AND NEEDS BUT ARE CONSTANTLY BEING IGNORED. HELP US TO KEEP LARGE DEVELOPERS TRYING TO GENTRIFY OUR COMMUNITY OUT. WE URGE YOU TO INVESTIGATE AND DENY THE SALE AND DEMAND THEY GIVE US WHO LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY WHAT WE HAVE BEEN FIGHTING FOR FOR YEARS. THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. MAY NEXT WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS NICOLE BUDROW. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS ADDRESSED TODAY. MAY BEGIN.

NICOLE BUDROW: HELLO, I'M SPEAKING ON AGENDA NUMBER 7 WITH THE COALITION AGAINST LENNAR, JOINING OPPOSITION TO THE PROJECT AT GLENELDER DUE TO THE UNSUITABLE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS. I AM ADVOCATING FOR A FULL COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW TO BE DONE. A FULL [INDISCERNIBLE] INTO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT SHOULD BE DONE BECAUSE THE PROJECT WAS INTENTIONALLY PIECEMEALED, THE POLLUTION IMPACT ON THE CROWDED SURROUNDING STREETS, INCLUDING THE ALREADY HORRIBLY CONGESTED 60 FREEWAY, THE AND SOIL WITH LEAD CONTAMINATION DUE TO THE CLOSE PROXIMITY OF QUEMETCO RUNNING 24/7, THE GROUNDWATER AQUIFER THAT WOULD BE TAKEN AWAY DURING ONE OF THE WORST DROUGHTS THE STATE HAS SEEN, PLUS THEY WOULD NEED TO PRE-SOAK ALL OF THE SOIL, THE COYOTES THAT HUNT THERE INSTEAD OF HUNTING FAMILY PETS. NO WONDER THE MONARCH BUTTERFLIES THAT ARE NOW AN ENDANGERED SPECIES BECAUSE OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS, THEY WOULD LOSE THEIR HOME AND FOOD SOURCE. SOMEONE HAS SAID THAT AN ENDANGERED SAN GABRIEL RIVER [INDISCERNIBLE] IS GROWING AT GLENELDER. I CAN'T STRESS ENOUGH HOW IMPORTANT GREEN SPACES ARE TO OUR FUTURE, OUR KIDS, WILDLIFE, AND I'M SURE YOU UNDERSTAND THAT AS WELL.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS MONJOLE RACHADARI. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

MONJOLE RACHADARI: GOOD MORNING, RESPECTED BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MONJOLE RACHADARI, AND I'M THE ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT OF BUSINESS AT THE HACIENDA/LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER 7 ON THE LENNAR HOMES PROJECT AT GLENELDER. WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THE LENNAR HOMES IN ORDER AS THE WORK THROUGH THE VARIOUS PROJECT APPROVALS AND TO HOPE TO SEE THAT THE PROJECT GOES THROUGH AS IT BENEFITS THE DISTRICTS GREATLY. WE SEE VALUE ON THIS PROJECT THAT WILL BRING REVENUE FOR THE DISTRICT WHICH WE WILL UTILIZE FOR OTHER DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT AS DIRECTED BY OUR BOARD OF EDUCATION. WE ALSO KNOW THAT THE PROJECT WILL ATTRACT NEW FAMILIES TO OUR DISTRICTS, WHICH WILL ADD STUDENTS TO OUR DISTRICTS IN FUTURE. WITH DISTRICT DECLINING ENROLLMENT, WE SEE THIS PROJECT THAT WILL BENEFIT BOTH THE DISTRICTS AND THE COMMUNITY. THEREFORE, WE ARE RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING TO SEE THIS PROJECT COME TO FRUITION. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: THE NEXT SPEAKER IS ERIC PREVEN. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ERIC PREVEN: 7, 8 AND 9. THANK YOU. FIRST OF ALL, THIS IS A VERY CHAOTIC PROCESS. I THINK A BETTER WAY TO GO WOULD BE TO CALL EACH ITEM, THEN CALL THE SPEAKERS FOR THAT ITEM, AND THEN MAKE A DECISION ON THAT ITEM, AND THEN MOVE ON TO THE NEXT ITEM BECAUSE THIS IS EXTREMELY CHAOTIC. I KNOW THAT THE SUPERVISORS HAVE A LOT ON THEIR PLATES, BUT THIS IS NOT THE RIGHT WAY TO DO IT. JUST FOR THE RECORD. I KNOW YOU'RE TRYING TO LUMP EVERYBODY TOGETHER SO WE DON'T NOTICE WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. WHAT CAN I SAY THE CORNERSTONE OF DEMOCRACY RESTS ON THE FOUNDATION OF AN EDUCATED ELECTORATE. WHENEVER THE PEOPLE ARE WELL-INFORMED, THEY CAN BE TRUSTED WITH THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT. WHENEVER THINGS GO SO FAR WRONG AS TO ATTRACT THE PEOPLE'S NOTICE THAT THEY MAY BE RELIED UPON TO SET IT STRAIGHT. THAT WAS THE GREAT SHEILA KUEHL MANY YEARS AGO, FRAMER TO THE C-- NO, SORRY THAT WAS THOMAS JEFFERSON. MY MISTAKE. I APOLOGIZE. THE NAYLOR ACT IS SUPER IMPORTANT, AND IT'S GREAT THAT THE LENNAR GERRYMANDERING TEAM, NOT GERRYMANDERING TEAM, THE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, WHO ARE WIDESPREAD AND BUILD HOMES ALL OVER THE PLACE, HAVE BEEN ABLE TO INCENTIVIZE THE PRINCIPAL INTO BELIEVING IT'S A GOOD AREA OR THE DISTRICT LEADER WHO JUST SPOKE. THE OPPOSITION WAS VERY STRONG. IT SOUNDS LIKE THE NAYLOR ACT REQUIRES CERTAIN THINGS THAT WEREN'T DONE, AND I ALSO -- THE IDEA THAT RECORDS WERE DESTROYED BECAUSE OF A TWO YEAR DISPOSITION OF RECORDS ISSUE

THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SLAMMED THROUGH ONCE IN AWHILE, AND THE CITY COUNCIL DOES THE SAME, TO MAKE SURE NOTHING GETS LEFT AROUND FROM THE PILES OF BAD DECISIONS. THIS IS -- WE SHOULD CALL IT THE HALL OF SELF-SERVING ADMINISTRATION RATHER THAN THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION BECAUSE IT'S GETTING OUT CONTROL. GARDENS OF PARADISE HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A BLIGHT ON THE COMMUNITY IN THE DIFFERENT MATTER. WHEN I HEAR ABOUT LENNAR PUTTING UP BARBECUES, AREAS TO BARBECUE, WITH APPROXIMATELY 16,360 SQUARE FEET, I WONDER IS THIS A GREAT AREA IN A FIRE ZONE?

SPEAKER: MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS NYARI BAGDASARIAN. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

NYARI BAGDASARIAN: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR MITCHELL AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS NYARI BAGDASARIAN, AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP ON ITEM NUMBER 7 TO URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE LENNAR GLENELDER PROJECT AND TO OPPOSE THE APPEAL. HOUSING IS A CRITICAL NEED THAT HAS BECOME UNAFFORDABLE FOR MANY IN OUR COMMUNITIES. IN 2012, THE MEDIAN HOME PRICE IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WAS $425,000. AND 2021, IT WAS $915,000 DUE IN PART TO

A LACK OF NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION NECESSARY TO KEEP UP WITH DEMAND. THE LENNAR GLENELDER PROJECT WILL ADD 85 NEW HOMES WITHIN L.A. COUNTY TO HELP ADDRESS THE CRITICAL HOUSING NEEDS, INCREASE THE COUNTY'S TAX BASE, AND PROVIDE MORE THAN $20 MILLION IN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AREA. ON BEHALF OF THE PARTNERSHIP, I URGE TO ALLOW THE PROJECT TO MOVE FORWARD. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. MAY WE HAVE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS VINCENT DURSOW. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

VINCENT DURSOW: HELLO. I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM 9, GARDENS OF PARADISE, AND I WOULD JUST REQUEST THAT THEY PLEASE DENY THE REQUEST FOR C.U.P. GARDENS OF PARADISE IS JUST A RECKLESS PLACE THAT DOES NOTHING BUT DAMAGE THE COMMUNITY. THEY DON'T CARE FOR THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE OUT HERE. I'M A RESIDENT, AND THEY JUST HAVE SEVERAL EVENTS THAT GO ON AND ON UNTIL THE EARLY HOURS OF THE MORNING. AND IT'S JUST VERY RISKY AND A DANGEROUS THING, AND WE MEAD TO KEEP IT SHUT DOWN. PLEASE.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ADAM WOOD. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ADAM WOOD: THANK YOU. ADAM WOOD WITH THE BUILDING INDUSTRY LEGAL DEFENSE FOUNDATION ON ITEM 7. I'M HERE TO HIGHLIGHT THE LETTER WE SUBMITTED AND ALSO BRING UP THE POINTS RAISED IN THE HOLLAND AND KNIGHT LETTER THAT WAS SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF LENNAR. IF THERE IS SOME MORE TIME, I'D BE ABLE TO WALK THROUGH ALL THE REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS, BUT IN SHORT, IN THAT H.K. LETTER, EVERYTHING WE HAVE HEARD TODAY, ALL THE CONCERNS RAISED, ARE BOTH ADDRESSED AND RESOLVED. I ALSO WANT TO BRING UP THAT THIS PROJECT BRINGS -- RATHER IT TRIGGERS THE STATE LAW PROTECTIONS UNDER THE HOUSING ACCOUNTABILITY ACT. THE H.A.A. GIVES BUILDS STANDING ON MATTERS JUST LIKE THIS. THE WHOLE REASON WE EXIST IS TO PROTECT HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES. SO, I'M HOPEFUL WE CAN RESOLVE THIS WHOLE MATTER TODAY AND MOVE FORWARD IN SUPPORTING A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW HOUSING IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS AND REJECT THIS APPEAL. THANK YOU.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS PETRIS HART. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

PETRIS HART: GOOD MORNING. CAN YOU HEAR ME? GOOD MORNING. HELLO?

SPEAKER: YES, IS PLEASE BEGIN.

PETRIS HART: OKAY. I AM SPEAKING TODAY ON ITEM NUMBERS 8 AND 9. THE I OPPOSE THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAND ON DICK'S CREEK AT 19560 GRAND VIEW DRIVE IN TOPANGA CANYON. OUR FAMILY HAS PARTICIPATED IN VARIOUS HEARINGS OVER THE YEARS OPPOSING THIS DEVELOPMENT. WE FIRMLY BELIEVE IN THE PRESERVATION OF THE REMAINING PRECIOUS H1 HABITAT WE HAVE IN COASTAL CALIFORNIA. DEVELOPMENT OF ANY KIND ON THE PROTECTED NATURAL HABITAT SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED WHERE TREES AND ANIMALS NOW LIVE, INCLUDING CALIFORNIA OAK. THE HOUSE PLOT IS LARGER THAN ANY OTHER HOUSES IN THE AREA ENCROACHING ON A VERY NARROW, CURVY ROAD THAT IS ALREADY DIFFICULT TO NAVIGATE IN CAR OR ON FOOT WITH CURRENT TRAFFIC. THERE IS NO SPACE FOR PARKING FOR THIS PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT MUCH LESS THE CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT THAT WOULD NEED ACCESS TO BUILD ON THE CURVED LEDGE OF GRAND VIEW DRIVE. THERE HAVE BEEN SO MANY RECONFIGURATIONS OF THIS DEVELOPMENT. WE WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST A FULL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND BIOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT OF ANY DEVELOPMENT OF THIS PROTECTED HABITAT ON DICK'S CREEK THAT FLOWS YEAR ROUND AND GUSHES WHEN IT RAINS. THIS IS NOT A PLACE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND SEPTIC PITS ON THE WATERSHED FLOWING TO THE OCEAN. DICK'S

CREEK IS A PRECIOUS PLACE NEEDING OUR PROTECTION WITH A NATURAL HABITAT OF BEAUTIFUL SHADY OAKS, NATIVE ANIMALS, AND A GURGLING CREEK. PLEASE PROTECT IT FROM DEVELOPMENT AS THE LAW AND THE SPIRIT OF LAW IS BEEN DESIGNED TO DO. SEE THESE LOOPHOLES FOR WHAT THEY ARE AND PROTECT THE HABITAT FROM DEVELOPMENT PRESERVING THE WILDERNESS OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS AS IS OUR DUTY. YEARS AGO, A HEARING OFFICER STATED THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT WAS BETTER SUITED FOR CALABASAS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THESE CONCERNS.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. MAY WE OF THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS KATHY SHEPHERD. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

KATHY SHEPHERD: GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M A RESIDENT OF AGUA DULCE AND ASK YOU TO DENY THE PROPERTY OWNER'S APPEAL AND UPHOLD THE ORIGINAL DENIAL OF REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION. THESE PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE DEMONSTRATED COMPLETE DISREGARD FOR THE LAW, COUNTY REGULATIONS, AND SAFETY CODES OPERATING THEIR BUSINESS DURING THE PANDEMIC SHUTDOWN AND WAITING OVER 9 YEARS TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR ORIGINAL C.U.P. APPLICATION. THIS OPERATION IS A COMPLETE DETRIMENT TO OUR SMALL RURAL COMMUNITY

IMPACTING TRAFFIC, NOISE, HEALTH, AND WATER RESOURCES. I ASK THE SUPERVISORS TO PLEASE SUPPORT THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S DENIAL AND DENY THE APPEAL BEFORE YOU TODAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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

MODERATOR: OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ADRIANA QUINONES. PLEASE STATE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

ADRIANA QUINONES: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ADRIANA QUINONES, AND SPEAKING IN REFERENCE TO ITEM NUMBER 7. I'M A COMMUNITY ADVOCATE, AND I HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN WHEN SHE WAS OUR SUPERVISOR, AND NOW I'M WORKING CLOSELY WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S OFFICE. THE REASON I'M OPPOSING THIS IS -- WELL, THERE ARE MANY REASONS. ONE OF THE REASONS IS THE WAIVER PROCESS. AND IT WAS VERY FLAWED. YOU ALMOST WANT TO CALL IT A FRAUD. THE COMMUNITY HAS BEEN VOICING THEIR CONCERNS TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE ANSWERS. KEEP IN MIND THAT WE HAVE A NEW BOARD, AND WE ALSO HAVE A NEW SUPERINTENDENT AND A NEW BUSINESS MANAGER. THEY WERE NOT AWARE OF THE ISSUES OF THE PAST. WE HAVE NOT HAD TOWN HALLS SO THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS CAN FULLY ADDRESS THE CONCERNS BY THE COMMUNITY. THERE ARE SOME SAFETY CONCERNS. SOMEBODY MENTIONED

THAT THERE WAS NONE. THE STREETS ARE VERY NARROW. YOU'RE GOING TO ADD APPROXIMATELY 160 CARS TO VERY NARROW STREETS. THERE IS ALSO A CHURCH, A VERY LARGE CHURCH, THAT HAS ADDED MORE TRAFFIC TO THE AREA. SO, AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT IS MORE THAN NECESSARY, BUT ALSO WHAT ABOUT THE COMMUNITY? ARE WE PROTECTING THE DEVELOPERS --

SPEAKER: EXCUSE ME. YOU'RE TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO CALLED IN. OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC SPEAKERS HAS ENDED. IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS, YOU MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. MOVING ON TO THE MEETING ORDER. WE WILL BEGIN WITH THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, AGAIN, AGENDA ITEMS 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, AND 9, FOLLOWED BY SET MATTERS 1 AND 2, THEN AGENDA ITEMS 11, 13, 14, 19, 24, AND ITEM 27. SO, WE'LL BEGIN BY TAKING UP PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 3, HEARING ON THE ANNUAL LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS FOR COUNTY LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING AT DISTRICTS 1, 2, AND 4 FOR FISCAL YEAR '22-'23. COLLEAGUES, DIRECTOR PESTRELLA, OUR DIRECT OF PUBLIC WORKS, IS AVAILABLE IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS. DOES ANYONE HAVE QUESTIONS? SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND

VOTE ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 3 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 4, HEARING ON THE RESOLUTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF 73RD STREET IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF FLORENCE- FIRESTONE. AGAIN DIRECTOR PESTRELLA IS AVAILABLE IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS. ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS? SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 4, MOVED BY MITCHELL, SECONDED BY SOLIS TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 5, THE HEARING ON FISCAL YEAR '21-'22 HAZARDOUS VEGETATION WEED ABATEMENT CHARGES. WE HAVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM WEIGHTS AND MEASURES AND OUR AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION AVAILABLE IF MEMBERS HAVE QUESTIONS. SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 5 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 6, THE HEARING ON CALABASAS LANDFILL REFUSE DISPOSAL FACILITY FEE AND CHARGE RATES. WE HAVE FOLKS AVAILABLE FROM THE SANITATION DISTRICT AND OTHER PLACES IF PEOPLE HAVE QUESTIONS, MY COLLEAGUES HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS. SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO

CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM. IT WILL BE MOVED THE, ITEM 6, BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 7, HEARING ON APPEAL OF PROJECT NUMBER 2019-000181 SUB 1 FOR A RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT IN THE COMMUNITY OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS. AMY BODEK, OUR DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING, IS AVAILABLE IF THERE ARE MEMBERS THAT HAVE QUESTIONS. ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS WHO WISH TO MAKE REMARKS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. SOLIS: YES, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU SO MUCH. WE HEARD FROM MANY RESIDENTS FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS, ABOUT THEIR CONCERNS RELATED TO THIS PROJECT, INCLUDING THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT AND MITIGATION MEASURES, ITS CONSISTENCY WITH THE GENERAL PLAN AND COMMUNITY PLAN, AND THE PROJECT'S COMPLIANCE WITH THE NAYLOR ACT THAT REGULATES THE DISPOSAL OF SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY. MY OFFICE HAS RECEIVED CLOSE TO 2000 PETITIONS, AND I BELIEVE EACH OFFICE BOARD OF SUPERVISOR ALSO RECEIVED THESE SIGNATURES, ALL IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROJECT. I RECEIVED ALSO 10 LETTERS IN SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT. AND I

WOULD LIKE TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS OF OUR REGIONAL PLANNING DIRECTOR, AMY BODEK, IF I MIGHT, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: OF COURSE. GO RIGHT AHEAD.

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AMY, DIRECTOR BODEK, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU WHY IS THERE NO AFFORDABLE HOUSING AS PART OF THIS PROJECT?

AMY BODEK: CERTAINLY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THIS PROJECT WAS SUBMITTED ITS APPLICATION PRIOR TO THE COUNTY ADOPTING ITS INCLUSIONARY ZONING ORDINANCE. SO UNDER STATE LAW, WE ARE UNABLE TO GO BACKWARD IN TIME AND ASK AN EXISTING APPLICANT TO COMPLY WITH NEW RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MIGHT HAVE IMPOSED. I HEARD A NUMBER OF COMMENTS ABOUT THE NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THIS AREA. WE DO HAVE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS OF APPROXIMATELY 90,000 UNITS, AND THAT INCLUDES OVER 36,000 UNITS AT ABOVE MARKET RATE. SO WHILE IT MAY NOT BE ADDRESSING AFFORDABLE HOUSING SPECIFICALLY, WE ARE ADDRESSING HOUSING IN GENERAL.

SUP. SOLIS: MY NEXT QUESTION -- AND JUST TO COMMENT ON THAT AS WELL, IT WAS STATED BY ONE OF THE FOLKS THAT CALLED IN THAT THESE HOUSING UNITS, EACH OF THEM ARE CONDOMINIUMS, AND THEY WILL AVERAGE ABOUT $1.2 MILLION PER UNIT. IS THAT CORRECT?

AMY BODEK: I'M NOT AWARE OF THE SALES PRICE TO THAT. THAT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT THE REASON REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION OR THE DEPARTMENT LOOKS AT. IT WILL BE I ASSUME BASED ON WHAT THE MARKET CAN BEAR. IF YOU WANT, THE APPLICANT IS AVAILABLE TO ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS.

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU. MY NEXT QUESTION FOR YOU IS, WAS PHASE 1 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT DONE ON THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT? AND WHAT WERE THE CONCLUSIONS?

AMY BODEK: ABSOLUTELY. TYPICALLY, A DEVELOPER OR AN APPLICANT WILL BE DOING SOMETHING CALLED A PHASE 1 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT. AND THAT IS A RECORDS SEARCH OF THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION. AND THEY GO THROUGH RECORDS BOTH LOCALLY, REGIONALLY, AND AT THE STATE LEVEL TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE PREVIOUS USES WERE ON THE SITE. WE ALL KNOW THAT IT WAS A SCHOOL. THAT SCHOOL USE BEGAN IN APPROXIMATELY 1958. BUT PRIOR TO THAT, THE PROPERTY WAS GENERALLY IN AGRICULTURAL USE, ORCHARDS AND FARM FIELDS. THERE WAS A PHASE DONE THAT WAS A PHASE 1 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT THAT WAS COMPLETED. THAT PHASE 1 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT DID IDENTIFY AN AREA OF CONCERN, WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY 1 MILE AWAY, AND THAT IS THE -- I'M GOING TO LOOK AT MY NOTES FOR THE EXACT NAME OF IT -- THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY SUPERFUND SITE NUMBER 4, WHICH IS ALSO

REFERRED TO AS THE PUENTE VALLEY OPERABLE UNIT. THIS LOCATION IS ACTUALLY SUBJECT TO GROUNDWATER MONITORING BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCE CONTROL AND THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD. THE REASON THAT THIS WAS BROUGHT UP WAS BECAUSE THE CONSULTANTS THEN DETERMINED TO DO SOME ADDITIONAL SOIL TESTING ON THE SITE TO SEE IF THERE WAS ANY GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION THAT WAS ON OR NEAR THE SITE. AND THEY DID THAT LIMITED TESTING, AND THE DATA DID NOT INDICATE ANY ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS FOR THE SITE BASED ON THE PROXIMITY OF THAT SUPERFUND SITE APPROXIMATELY A MILE AWAY.

SUP. SOLIS: WHEN WAS THE STUDY DONE BY E.P.A. AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TOXICS AND SUBSTANCE CONTROL AND THE REGIONAL QUALITY CONTROL BOARD? WHEN WAS THAT DONE?

AMY BODEK: THAT MONITORING IS ACTUALLY STILL ONGOING. SO THOSE THREE ENTITIES WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THAT SUPER FUND SITE OVER TIME AND ENSURE THAT ANY GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION DOES NOT MOVE UNDER THE SURFACE OR AFFECT ANY OTHER ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES.

SUP. SOLIS: AND AS OF THIS POINT, THERE ARE NO CONCERNS FROM THESE AGENCIES ABOUT ANY EXPOSURE?

AMY BODEK: FOR THIS SITE, THAT IS CORRECT.

SUP. SOLIS: AT THIS TIME, RIGHT. OKAY.

AMY BODEK: THAT IS CORRECT.

SUP. SOLIS: OKAY. WHAT IS THE STANDARD PROCEDURE WHEN AN OIL WELL IS FOUND ON A SITE?

AMY BODEK: CERTAINLY. THAT'S AN EXCELLENT QUESTION. THE FIRST THING WOULD BE THE RECORD SEARCH. SO, IF AN OIL WELL OR AN ABANDONED OIL WELL HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED ON SITE, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NOTED IN THIS PHASE ONE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT. THAT'S WHY A PHASE ONE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT IS SO IMPORTANT WHEN YOU BEGINNING TO DEVELOP A SITE BECAUSE YOU REALLY WANT TO UNDERSTAND ANY CONCERNS YOU MIGHT NOT NORMALLY BE AWARE OF. SO THIS PHASE ONE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT DID DO A RECORD SEARCH, FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF ANY OIL WELLS ON THIS LOCATION. IF, HOWEVER, AN ABANDONED OIL WELL IS DISCOVERED DURING GRADING OR CONSTRUCTION, THE APPLICANT AND THE CONSTRUCTION ENTITY IS REQUIRED TO CEASE OPERATION IMMEDIATELY AND THEN SEEK APPROPRIATE PERMITS FROM THE STATE, SPECIFICALLY THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION'S GEOLOGICAL ENERGY MANAGEMENT DIVISION, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS CALGEN. CALGEN THEN HAS TO PERMIT

THE RE-ABANDONMENT OF A WELL TO THEIR SATISFACTION BEFORE ANY OTHER GRADING OR CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY CAN CONTINUE.

SUP. SOLIS: OKAY. MY NEXT QUESTION IS WHAT IS THE STANDARD PROCEDURE IF ANY LEAD OR ASBESTOS IS FOUND, AND WOULD THAT IMPACT THE C.E.Q.A. -- WOULD THAT HAVE IMPACTED THE C.E.Q.A DOCUMENT?

AMY BODEK: CERTAINLY. THAT IS AN EXCELLENT QUESTION, AS WELL. LEAD PAINT, IN PARTICULAR, AND ASBESTOS-CONTAINING MATERIALS ARE TYPICALLY FOUND IN BUILDINGS OF THIS ERA, 1950, '60S, ALL WAIT UNTIL I THINK APPROXIMATELY 1970. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE, OR THE APPLICANT WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIRING A CERTIFIED LICENSED CONTRACTOR THAT IS LICENSED BY THE STATE SPECIFICALLY FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE LEAD AND THE ASBESTOS- CONTAINING MATERIALS. THAT MUST BE DONE PRIOR TO THE DEMOLITION OF THE BUILDING. THE REASON FOR THAT IS YOU CERTAINLY DON'T WANT THE GENERAL EXPOSURE OF ANY OF THAT LEAD PAINT OR ASBESTOS-CONTAINING MATERIALS TO CIRCULATE IN THE AIR AND POTENTIALLY CAUSE A HEALTH CONCERN. THE APPLICANT MUST USE A LICENSED CERTIFIED CONTRACTOR LICENSED THE BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN ORDER DO ANY OF THAT REMEDIATION. I'M NOT CERTAIN, BUT I BELIEVE THAT THE LEAD AND ASBESTOS REMEDIATION HAS ALREADY TAKEN PLACE, BUT THE APPLICANT CAN CONFIRM THAT.

SUP. SOLIS: MY NEXT QUESTION FOR YOU IS WHY WAS THE PROJECT SUBJECTED TO A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION INSTEAD OF A FULL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT?

AMY BODEK: CERTAINLY. THAT'S A QUESTION FOR C.E.Q.A. EXPERTS. AND REALLY THE ANSWER IS BECAUSE IT QUALIFIED. SO, WE, AS THE APPLICANT REVIEWER, MUST GO THROUGH AN EXTENSIVE PROCESS TO DETERMINE THE LEVEL OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW UNDER C.E.Q.A., WHICH IS THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT. WE START WITH A VERY SUBSTANTIAL CHECKLIST THAT IS PROVIDED BY THE STATE, AND WE DETERMINE IF THERE'S GOING TO BE ANY POTENTIAL IMPACTS THAT NEED INVESTIGATION. ONCE WE LOOK AT THE PROJECT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THAT CHECKLIST -- AND THAT CHECKLIST LOOKS AT AIR QUALITY, TRAFFIC, LAND USE, AESTHETICS, OPEN SPACE AND PARKS IMPACTS, ALL OF THOSE. ONCE THE APPLICATION IS IN, AND WE HAVE REVIEWED THAT CHECKLIST, WE THEN MAKE A DETERMINATION IF ANY IMPACTS CAN BE MITIGATED. IF IMPACTS CAN BE MITIGATED, THEN IT AUTOMATICALLY IS A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION. IF ANY OF THOSE IMPACTS CANNOT BE MITIGATED, IT BUMPS IT UP TO AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT. IN THIS CASE, THE PROJECT CAN MITIGATE ALL THE IMPACTS THAT WERE IDENTIFIED THROUGHOUT THIS ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS. AND THEREFORE, IT'S AN M.N.D. AND NOT AN E.I.R.

SUP. SOLIS: OKAY, JUST A FEW MORE QUESTIONS. WERE THE CALIFORNIA NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES CONSULTED ABOUT THIS PROJECT?

AMY BODEK: ABSOLUTELY. THERE IS A REQUIREMENT FOR US TO DO THAT AS PART OF STATE LAW, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, THIS DEPARTMENT ACTUALLY HAS TAKEN IT UPON ITSELF TO ESTABLISH VERY SIGNIFICANT RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE CALIFORNIA NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES IN OUR AREA, AND WE'RE ACTUALLY VERY PROUD OF THAT CONSULTATION THAT WE DO, PARTICULARLY WITH THE KIZH NATION. SPECIFICALLY, WE DID MAIL OUT LETTERS TO SEVERAL CALIFORNIA NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES, AND WE DID GET A RESPONSE FROM THE KIZH NATION. WE CONDUCTED THE APPROPRIATE CONSULTATION, AND THE CONCERNS AND SUGGESTIONS OF THE KIZH NATION WERE ACTUALLY INCLUDED IN THE MITIGATION MEASURES THAT WERE INCLUDED IN THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE APPLICANT AND THE KIZH NATION WERE BOTH SATISFIED WITH THE APPROACH OUR DEPARTMENT TOOK.

SUP. SOLIS: JUST TWO MORE QUESTIONS. WHAT ARE THE COMMUNITY AMENITIES THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT?

AMY BODEK: SO AS I SAID EARLIER, THIS DOES PROVIDE 84, 85 NEW HOMES, WHICH ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED TO MEET OUR ABOVE MARKET NEEDS OF 36,000 HOMES IN THE NEXT EIGHT YEARS. IN ADDITION TO

THAT, THERE WILL BE A 16,000 SQUARE FOOT COMMUNITY OPEN SPACE, AND THIS WILL BE PRIVATELY MAINTAINED BUT COMPLETELY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, AND ANYONE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD HAS THE ABILITY TO WALK DOWN THE STREET AND GO TO THIS COMMUNITY OPEN SPACE. THIS COMMUNITY IS NOT GOING TO BE GATED. IT IS NOT AN EXCLUSIVE COMMUNITY. IT HAS A STREET NETWORK THAT IS SUPPOSED TO REALLY BE CONTEXTUAL WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD SO IT LOOKS AND FEELS LIKE IT'S A PART OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THIS OPEN SPACE WILL HAVE PLAY STRUCTURES, TURF AREA FOR FITNESS, AND BARBECUE AREAS AS WELL. IN ADDITION, THE APPLICANT IS PAYING ALMOST $240,000 IN PARK IMPACT FEES, WHICH WILL BE USED BY THE PARKS AND REC DEPARTMENT AS THEY SEE FIT TO MODERNIZE COUNTY PARK FACILITIES. AND CERTAINLY THERE WILL BE TAX GENERATED REVENUE TO THE COUNTY IN THE FORM OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES BECAUSE THIS WILL BE CONVERTED FROM A PUBLIC SCHOOL SITE TO A PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT.

SUP. SOLIS: MY LAST QUESTION BEFORE I ADD MY FINAL STATEMENT IS DID THE APPLICANTS -- WELL THE APPLICANTS CONTEND THAT THE LENNAR'S ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY WAS IMPROPER BECAUSE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT DID NOT COMPLY WITH THE NAYLOR ACT. CAN YOU ADDRESS THIS?

AMY BODEK: CERTAINLY. I'LL ADDRESS IT GENERALLY BECAUSE THE COMPLIANCE WITH THE NAYLOR ACT IS NOT WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF

THE COUNTY OR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, BUT THE QUESTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE WAIVER IN PARTICULAR, IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE WAIVER DID EXPIRE IN NOVEMBER 2018. HOWEVER, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE APPLICANT ENTERED INTO THEIR PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT IN AUGUST OF 2018, PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THAT WAIVER. THEREFORE, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT CONTENDS THAT THEY ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE NAYLOR ACT, AND THEY ARE ALSO IN COMPLIANCE BECAUSE THEY DID MAIL THE SUBSEQUENT PUBLIC NOTICES. OUR OWN DEPARTMENT DID RECEIVE ONE OF THOSE PUBLIC NOTICES AS DID OTHER AGENCIES WITHIN THE COUNTY, SO WE DO KNOW THAT PUBLIC NOTICES DID GO OUT, BUT AGAIN, WE'RE NOT THE EXPERTS ON THAT NAYLOR ACT BECAUSE IT'S NOT REALLY WITHIN OUR PURVIEW, BUT THAT'S OUR UNDERSTANDING IN TALKING TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU, AMY. MADAM CHAIR, I'D JUST LIKE TO MAKE A FEW COMMENTS. WHILE WE HAVE HEARD THESE CONCERNS THAT YOU HAVE SHARED THAT MANY WERE ADDRESSED APPROPRIATELY THROUGH AN ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT THAT ANALYZED THE PROJECT'S IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING POTENTIAL TRIBAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES AND PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES AND INCLUDED MITIGATION MEASURES TO REDUCE ANY POTENTIAL IMPACTS TO LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT; ALSO THAT THE PROJECT IS ALSO CONSISTENT WITH THE MAXIMUM DENSITY OF THE GENERAL PLANNING COMMUNITY PLAN AS WELL AS COUNTY CODE STANDARDS FOR SUBDIVISIONS.

HOWEVER, THE PROJECT DOES NOT INCLUDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, WHICH IS MUCH NEEDED, AND WAS STATED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS THAT SPOKE TODAY. THE STATE LEGISLATURE, AS YOU KNOW, HAS ATTEMPTED TO ADDRESS THIS HOUSING CRISIS BY IMPOSING LIMITS ON WHEN A JURISDICTION CAN DENY AND DOWNSIZE AND RENDER INFEASIBLE A HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. AND ALTHOUGH THE COUNTY NOW REQUIRES AFFORDABLE UNITS IN NEW HOUSING PROJECTS, IN CERTAIN SUB MARKET AREAS UNDER INCLUSIONARY HOUSING ORDINANCES, THE STATE PERMITS STREAMLINING ACT PROHIBITS US FROM APPLYING THESE NEW REQUIREMENTS TO PROJECTS SUBMITTED BEFORE THE ORDINANCE EFFECTIVE DATE. AND THE STATE'S ACTION OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS HAS SEVERELY LIMITED THE COUNTY'S ABILITY TO ADDRESS THE NEED FOR MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR WORKING FAMILIES AND TO MINIMIZE DISPLACEMENT AND GENTRIFICATION THAT CAN COME WITH NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT. NEW HOUSING CAN STABILIZE NEIGHBORHOODS AND ALLOW COMMUNITIES TO FLOURISH BUT ONLY WHEN A MIX OF HOUSING TYPES AND AFFORDABLE LEVELS ARE PROVIDED TO MAXIMIZE DIVERSE AND HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS. ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS IS ALSO A PARAMOUNT ISSUE FOR THE COUNTY, AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING AS YOU KNOW IS CRITICAL NOW MORE THAN EVER TO ADDRESS OVERALL COUNTY NEEDS, WHICH HAVE BEEN EXACERBATED AS WE KNOW THROUGH THE COVID PANDEMIC. I'VE ALSO AUTHORED VARIOUS MOTIONS ACKNOWLEDGING CONCERNS WITH CHANGES IN THE MARKET AND THE IMPORTANCE OF ESTABLISHING ANTI-DISPLACEMENT AND GENTRIFICATION INITIATIVES, PARTICULARLY

IMPACTING OUR LOWER INCOME STAKEHOLDERS. GIVEN THE INFORMATION THAT I HAVE RECEIVED IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS, DISCUSSIONS THAT MY STAFF HAVE HAD WITH LOCAL RESIDENTS, AND HEARING MORE TODAY FROM THE RESIDENTS, AND HAVING ALSO GROWN UP IN THE LOCAL AREA, I UNDERSTAND THAT OUR COMMUNITY, THEIR VOICES, FEEL AS THOUGH THEY HAVE NOT BEEN HEARD. AS YOU KNOW, THERE HAS BEEN REDISTRICTING THAT HAS OCCURRED. I NOW REPRESENT THE AREA OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS, BUT I'M A PRODUCT OF THE HACIENDA/LA PUENTE SCHOOL DISTRICT MYSELF AND KNOW THAT, AT THIS POINT, WE DON'T HAVE VERY MANY OPTIONS. SO THEREFORE, MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO BE RECORDED AS AN ABSTENTION ON THIS ITEM.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OF MS. BODEK OR ANY COMMENTS ANYONE WOULD CHOOSE TO MAKE ON THIS ITEM? ALL RIGHT. SEEING NONE, ITEM 7 IS BEFORE US TO INDICATE THE BOARD'S INTENT TO DENY THE APPEAL AND DIRECT THE ACTING COUNTY COUNSEL TO BRING BACK THE FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS AT THE CONTINUED HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2022. I WILL MAKE THAT MOTION, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 7 IS BEFORE YOU TO INDICATE THE BOARD'S INTENT TO DENY THE APPEAL ALLOWING THE PROJECT TO CONTINUE AND DIRECT THE ACTING COUNTY COUNSEL TO BRING BACK

THE FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS AT THE CONTINUED HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2022. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. SOLIS: ABSTAIN.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR SOLIS ABSTAINS. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 4-0 WITH ONE ABSTENTION.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 8, HEARING ON THE APPEAL OF PROJECT 2017-005357 SUB 3 FOR A RESIDENTIAL LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT IN THE COMMUNITY OF TOPANGA. AGAIN, MS. BODEK, DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING IS AVAILABLE IF MEMBERS HAVE QUESTIONS. HAVE THERE ANY? SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I DON'T HAVE A QUESTION OF PLANNING AND SIMPLY WANTED TO REMIND MY COLLEAGUES THIS IS A HOUSE, ESSENTIALLY. IT IS A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING. AND I FEEL THAT ALTHOUGH I KNOW THE NEIGHBORS HAVE CONCERNS, THAT I BELIEVE IT HAS MET ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN PUT BEFORE IT. IT IS A MINOR COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT, AND THEREFORE, I WOULD LIKE TO READ IN A MOTION, IF I MAY, TO MAKE A STATEMENT AND DENY THE APPEAL?

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: GO RIGHT AHEAD.

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS ITEM, FIND THAT THE PROPOSED PROJECT IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, C.E.Q.A., FOR THE REASONS STATED IN THIS BOARD LETTER AND IN THE RECORD OF THE PROJECT AND INDICATE ITS INTENT TO DENY THE APPEAL AND INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY FINDINGS TO UPHOLD THE

COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF PROJECT NUMBER 2017-005357 SUB 3, MINOR C.D.P. NUMBER R.P.P.L.2017006272, VARIANCE NUMBER R.P.P.L.2017008273, AND LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT NUMBER R.P.P.L.2020002772.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SO SUCH IS THE MOTION THAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL JUST READ.

SUP. KUEHL: I THINK IT NEEDS A SECOND, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AND THAT'S WHAT I WAS GETTING TO. AND IT WILL BE SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THE ITEM AS AMENDED. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 8 IS BEFORE YOU TO INDICATE THE BOARD'S INTENT TO DENY THE APPEAL ALLOWING THE PROJECT TO CONTINUE IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NUMBER 9, HEARING ON APPEAL OF PROJECT NUMBER R-2012-027971 SUB 5 FOR A SPECIAL EVENTS CENTER IN THE COMMUNITY OF AGUA DULCE. AGAIN, MS. BODEK IS AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS. ARE THERE ANY? SUPERVISOR BARGER.

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANT TO THANK AMY AND HER ENTIRE STAFF FOR THE WORK THAT YOU PUT INTO THIS. THE COUNTY WORKS COLLABORATIVELY WITH APPLICANTS WHO WANT TO LEGALLY OPERATE BUSINESSES. IN THIS CASE, WE HAD A BUSINESS THAT REFUSED TO COMPLY WITH THE BASIC REQUIREMENTS OF

PERMITTING TO ENSURE THEY COULD OPERATE LEGALLY AND MORE IMPORTANTLY SAFELY UP IN THAT AREA, UP IN AGUA DULCE. COUNTY STAFF PERFORMED DUE DILIGENCE IN HOLDING THE APPLICANT ACCOUNTABLE FOR OPERATING WITHOUT APPROPRIATE PERMITS AND IN VIOLATION OF MULTIPLE, AND I EMPHASIZE MULTIPLE, COUNTY CODES AS WELL AS PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS DURING THE PANDEMIC. SO I JUST WANT TO SAY, THAT WE WERE WILLING TO WORK TOGETHER, BUT THAT WAS NOT THE CASE WITH THIS APPLICANT. AND I WANT TO PUBLICLY THANK THE AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL. THEY SUBMITTED A LETTER THAT REALLY DOES OUTLINE THE HISTORY OF THIS PIECE OF PROPERTY, AND THE IMPACT THAT IT HAS HAD ON THE COMMUNITY. SO I WANTED TO PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK BOTH AMY AND YOUR STAFF, AS WELL AS PUBLIC WORKS. BUT ALSO -- AND PUBLIC HEALTH, AND FIRE. I MEAN EVERY AGENCY HAD TO COME IN AND WORK ON THIS. BUT ALSO THE AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL AND THE RESIDENTS AGUA DULCE, WHO HAVE BEEN PATIENT THROUGH A BUREAUCRATIC MAZE TO GET TO WHERE WE ARE TODAY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? SEEING NONE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 9 IS BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECOND BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 9 IS BEFORE YOU TO INDICATE THE BOARD'S AFFIRMATION OF THE COMMISSION'S DENIAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW MOVE INTO SET MATTER 1 AND HEAR A PRESENTATION FROM FESIA DAVENPORT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER. MS. DAVENPORT.

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. TODAY'S PRESENTATION MARKS THE FOURTEENTH UPDATE IN OUR SERIES OF REGULAR PRESENTATIONS ON THE COUNTY'S PROGRESS IMPLEMENTING THE COUNTY'S AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PHASE ONE SPENDING PLAN ADOPTED BY THE BOARD. UP TO THIS POINT, THE C.E.O. AND COUNTY DEPARTMENTS HAVE GIVEN UPDATES ON INITIATIVES. AS MY OFFICE PREPARES TO PRESENT FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS TO YOUR BOARD FOR TRANCHE TWO OF A.R.P.A. DOLLARS NEXT MONTH, I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO PAUSE OUR REGULAR PROGRAMMING AND TAKE SOME TIME TO DISCUSS AND ASSESS OUR FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDING JOURNEY. WE STARTED BACK WITH THE C.A.R.E.S ACT CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND IN 2020. AND WE DISTRIBUTED ABOUT $1.2 BILLION AND IN A LITTLE OVER A YEAR, AT LEAST MOST OF IT. NEXT, WE RECEIVED OUR A.R.P.A. TRANCHE ONE FUNDS, ABOUT $975 MILLION, IN MAY OF 2021, AND THEN WE RECEIVED ANOTHER $975 MILLION THAT WE CALLED TRANCHE TWO IN MAY OF THIS YEAR. MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SLIDE, PLEASE? SO TODAY, WE WILL COVER THE GLOBAL PROGRAM OVERVIEW AS WE DO

EACH WEEK. WE WILL ALSO TALK ABOUT FACTORS THAT IMPACT THE ROLL OUT OF TRANCHE ONE OF THE SPENDING PLAN AND LESSONS LEARNED IN THAT PROCESS. AND THEN FINALLY, WE WILL DISCUSS -- I WILL DISCUSS REFLECTIONS ON OUR PROGRESS TODAY. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO THIS TABLE BEFORE YOU SHOULD BE FAMILIAR. WE USE IT AT EVERY PRESENTATION. AND WHAT IT DOES IS IT PROVIDES YOU A OVERVIEW OF WHERE WE ARE WITH THE DESIGN APPROVAL OF THE 83 PROGRAMS INCLUDED IN THE A.R.P.A. TRANCHE ONE SPENDING PLAN. THE SECOND ROW OF THE TABLE, THE ONE THAT'S COLORED IN PEACH, REFLECTS THAT, AS OF JULY 24TH, 2022, 26 PROJECTS ARE IN THE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT PHASE. NOW WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? WHAT THAT MEANS IS THE DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING THOSE PROJECTS ARE WORKING WITH R.D., COUNTY COUNSEL, AS WELL AS C.E.O. BUDGET. AND IN THIS PROCESS, THEY ARE WORKING TO DO A NUMBER OF THINGS, 1) ARTICULATE THE PROGRAM GOALS AND DESIRED OUTCOMES OF THE PROJECT, WHAT IS THE POTENTIAL IMPACT ON REDUCING DISPARITIES CAUSED BY OR EXACERBATED BY THE PANDEMIC, AND HOW MIGHT WE MEASURE THAT IMPACT. WHY ARE WE ASKING FOR THIS INFORMATION? WE ASKING FOR THIS INFORMATION BECAUSE IT IS A REQUIREMENT UNDER THE A.R.P.A. GUIDELINES. JUST A NOTE ON THE 26 PROJECTS, R.D. HAS HIRED TECHNICAL ASSISTANTS TO WORK WITH DEPARTMENTS IN DEVELOPING THE DESIGN OF THEIR PROJECTS, THEIR PROGRAMS. SO THERE ARE 11 PROJECTS THAT R.D. IS ACTIVELY WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENTS TO MOVE THROUGH THE PROCESS. WE HAVE SIX PROJECTS

THAT HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO DEPARTMENTS FOR FURTHER REVISIONS, AND THEN WE HAVE ABOUT TWO PROJECTS THAT HAVE YET TO ENTER THE DESIGN PHASE WHERE WE KNEW THE DEPARTMENTS INTENDED TO LAUNCH THOSE PROGRAMS IN FISCAL YEAR '22-'23, EVEN THOUGH THE FUNDS WERE ALLOCATED LAST FISCAL YEAR, '21-'22. FOR ALL OF THE REMAINING PROJECTS THAT ARE NOT IN THE DESIGN PHASE, OR THAT HAVE NOT BEEN RETURNED, WE ANTICIPATE GETTING THROUGH THE REVIEW OF THOSE PROJECTS IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. THE FOURTH ROW THAT YOU WILL SEE ON THE SLIDE, THE GREEN ONE, IT REFLECTS A TOTAL OF 55 PROJECTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR LAUNCH. A TOTAL ALLOCATION OF ABOUT $842 MILLION. THIS EQUALS ABOUT 86% OF A.R.P. TRANCHE ONE FUNDS. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? APPROVED FOR LAUNCH DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT THE PROJECT IS DELIVERING SERVICES RIGHT NOW. THE THE APPROVAL IS THE FIRST STEP IN THE PROCESS. THE NEXT STEP IN THE PROCESS, FOR MANY, IS COUNTY CONTRACTING, ANOTHER A.R.P.A. REQUIREMENT, WHICH I WILL DISCUSS IN MORE DETAIL LATER, ALONG WITH OUR PLAN TO ELIMINATE THIS REQUIREMENT FOR MANY OF OUR TRANCHE TWO PROGRAMS, ELIMINATE THAT REQUIREMENT IN A WAY THAT'S CONSISTENT WITH A.R.P.A. GUIDELINES. CAN WE HAVE THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE? SO LESSONS LEARNED. THE FIRST COLUMN OF THIS SLIDE REPRESENTS IN SUMMARY FASHION THE MANY A.R.P.A. REQUIREMENTS. THE REMAINING FOUR COLUMNS SPEAKS TO THE CHALLENGES THAT OUR DEPARTMENTS HAVE FACED WHEN IMPLEMENTING THEIR PROGRAMS, WHICH I WILL TOUCH ON BRIEFLY. THESE

CHALLENGES AFFECT THE APPROVAL PROCESS, PROJECT LAUNCH, AND TRACKING. SO LET ME START WITH REPORTING AND EVALUATION. THE REPORTING AND EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS ARE EXTENSIVE UNDER A.R.P. AND THEY REQUIRE AN UNUSUALLY HIGH LEVEL OF DATA COLLECTION AND TRACKING. FOR EXAMPLE, THE A.R.P.A. GUIDELINES HAVE ABOUT TEN REQUIREMENTS FOR PROGRAM DESIGN AND DELIVERY. TWO OF THOSE 10 ARE OPTIONAL, BUT THE OTHER EIGHT ARE REQUIRED. THERE ARE ALSO APPROXIMATELY NINE -- EIGHT OR NINE EQUITY-FOCUSED REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY OUR BOARD. SOME OF WHICH ACTUALLY OVERLAP WITH THE A.R.P.A. REQUIREMENTS AS WELL. I THINK THE TAKE OUT MESSAGE HERE IS THAT A.R.P.A. FUNDING PROGRAM, AND THE DESIGN AND THE DELIVERY, IS MUCH DIFFERENT THAN THE C.A.R.E.S ACT CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND, WHICH HAD ONE REQUIREMENT OF WHICH WAS WHAT YOU SIMPLY HAD TO SHOW A CONNECTION TO COVID. AS A RESULT, MANY OF OUR DEPARTMENTS THEY DON'T HAVE DEDICATED RESEARCH TEAMS OR STAFF THAT ARE WELL VERSED IN PLANNING, DEVELOPING, AND IMPLEMENTING AN EVALUATION PLAN WITH PERFORMANCE MATRIX, WHICH WHICH IS ANOTHER A.R.P.A. REQUIREMENT. IN ORDER TO ASSIST DEPARTMENTS, C.E.O. HAS CONTRACTED WITH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO PROVIDE IN-DEPTH SUPPORT TO HELP DEPARTMENTS PROVIDE AND DEVELOP PERFORMANCE METRICS AND EVALUATION PLANS THROUGH THE PROJECT DESIGN REVIEW PROCESS. A LITTLE BIT ABOUT STAFFING CAPACITY, SO IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO PERFORMING, REPORTING, AND EVALUATION, THE A.R.P.A. GUIDELINES ALSO CONTAIN MORE

EXTENSIVE COMPLIANCE REPORTING AND SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS THAN OTHER FEDERAL OPPORTUNITIES. THIS CREATES A CHALLENGE FOR MANY DEPARTMENTS THAT CONTINUE TO FUNCTION BASED ON THEIR PRE-COVID STAFFING LEVEL AND RESOURCES. THE INCREASED COUNTY INVESTMENTS TO SUPPORT THE PANDEMIC RESPONSE AND RECOVERY HAS LED TO ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND WORKLOADS FOR EMPLOYEES. ADDITIONALLY, DEPARTMENT PROGRAM LEADS HAVE VARYING LEVELS OF COMFORT, FAMILIARITY, EXPERIENCE, AND CAPACITY TO DEVELOP MANAGE AND EVALUATE PROJECTS, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREAS OF APPLYING AN EQUITY LENS, OR A G.I.S. MAPPING, DATA COLLECTION, AND ANALYSIS. IN RESPONSE, AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE IS PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND WE HAVE ALSO PROVIDED TRAINING AND TAILORED ASSISTANCE TO DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING ASSIGNING TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS HIRED TO WORK DIRECTLY WITH THE DEPARTMENTS TO HELP THEM LEAD AND FINALIZE THEIR INDIVIDUAL PROJECT PLANS. A LITTLE BIT ABOUT CONTRACTING CHALLENGES, SO THE RELEVANT GUIDELINES UNDER A.R.P.A. MANDATE THAT FUNDS ARE COMPETITIVELY BID EXCEPT IN RARE CIRCUMSTANCES. AND DEPARTMENTS ARE FACED WITH MOVING LARGE SUMS OF MONEY WITHIN EXISTING RESOURCES. RATHER THAN TAKE THE A.R.P.A. FUNDING AND HIRE MORE STAFF, MANY OF THE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENTS ARE PUSHING THESE FUNDS OUT TO THE COMMUNITY, TO COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS, TO ADMINISTER THE FUNDS AND PROVIDE SERVICES. IN TRANCHE ONE, THOSE PROGRAMS EQUATE TO ABOUT $300 MILLION. AS WE ALL KNOW, THE COUNTY'S

CONTRACTING PROCESS CAN BE CHALLENGING AND TIME CONSUMING TO SAY THE LEAST. IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES AND MITIGATE THE IMPACTS, WE HAVE STREAMLINED A.R.P. RELATED COUNTY CONTRACTING PROCESSES AND ARE PARTNERING WITH THE PHILANTHROPIC SECTOR TO HELP REDUCE BARRIERS FOR C.B.O.S AND SMALL BUSINESSES STRIVING TO SECURE COUNTY CONTRACTS. MORE SPECIFICALLY, WE HAVE WORKED WITH COUNTY COUNSEL TO STREAMLINE THE PROCESS SO THAT THE CURRENT PROCESS IS NOW ABOUT THREE TO FOUR MONTHS FROM DESIGN OF -- FROM THE ISSUANCE OF THE SOLICITATION TO CONTRACT SIGNING. A LITTLE BIT ABOUT DATA SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE, WE HAVE VARYING LEVELS OF DATA MATURITY AND DATA INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. SOME OF OUR INFRASTRUCTURE IS OUTDATED, AND WE OFTEN LACK COORDINATED DATA SYSTEMS ACROSS THE COUNTY. AND TIME AND EFFORT ARE NEEDED TO BUILD NEW SYSTEMS TO MANAGE PROJECTS AND TRACK EXPENDITURES. AND THIS HAS ALSO COMPLICATED OUR ABILITY TO COORDINATE AND TRACK PROJECTS. THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE CONTINUES TO WORK WITH I.S.D. TO CREATE SYSTEMS THAT BETTER TRACK PROJECT DESIGNS AND APPROVALS. WE ANTICIPATE THAT A NEW SYSTEM THAT IS NEARLY COMPLETE WILL BE OPERATIONAL IN AUGUST AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DEPARTMENTS TO USE. AND THEN FINALLY, TRACKING EXPENDITURES, AS MORE PROJECTS ARE APPROVED TO LAUNCH AND MOVE TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION, SPENDING IS EXPECTED TO ACCELERATE DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS, AND C.E.O. WILL CONTINUE TO TRACK AND PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH UPDATES ON A.R.P. PROJECT

EXPENDITURES. AS WE TRANSITION INTO THE SECOND TRANCHE OF A.R.P. FUNDING, THESE LESSONS WILL INFORM OUR PLANS TO MOVE PROGRAM DELIVERY FASTER IN TRANCHE TWO. AND JUST A FINAL NOTE ON THIS SLIDE, THESE REQUIREMENTS MAY APPEAR TO BE MERE BUREAUCRATIC PROCESSES. WE HAVE RECEIVED NUMEROUS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS REALLY FOCUSED ON WHY DO WE HAVE TO DO THESE REQUIREMENTS. FOLKS HAVE POINTED OUT TO US THAT WE DID NOT REQUIRE THIS TYPE OF INFORMATION WITH THE C.A.R.E.S CORONAVIRUS RELIEF ACT PROGRAMS. AND FRANKLY, DEPARTMENTS HAVE GROWN A LITTLE FRUSTRATED AT THE AMOUNT OF TIME TO GET THEIR PLANS APPROVED AND THE AMOUNT OF INFORMATION REQUIRED TO APPROVE THE PLAN. WE KNOW THIS IS AN ADDED COVID RELATED DUTY FOR STAFF IN THE DEPARTMENTS. THE ANSWER TO THESE AND MANY OTHER SIMILAR QUESTIONS IS SEVERAL FOLD. MUCH OF THIS IS REQUIRED BY THE A.R.P.A. GUIDELINES. THESE ARE THE RULES OF OUR FUNDER. THE C.A.R.E.S ACT CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS WERE INTENDED TO BE SPENT QUICKLY TO HELP SURVIVE THE PANDEMIC OVER ABOUT A 12 MONTH PERIOD. A.R.P.A., IN CONTRAST IS DESIGNED TO ADDRESS THE DEEP INEQUITIES THAT PREEXISTED COVID AS WE BUILD A BRIDGE TO RECOVERY. HENCE, THE LONGER TIMELINE. UNDER A.R.P.A., WE HAVE NEARLY THREE AND A HALF YEARS TO SPEND FUNDS IN MOST CASES, AND IN SOME CASES, WE HAVE ABOUT FIVE AND A HALF YEARS. BUT OUT OF ALL OF THESE REQUIREMENTS EMERGES AN OPPORTUNITY, AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO OUR OWN COUNTY BUDGETING DIFFERENTLY. THESE REQUIREMENTS FORCE US TO THINK MORE DEEPLY

AND MORE STRATEGICALLY ABOUT HOW WE DEPLOY OUR RESOURCES AND POSITION BOTH THE C.E.O. AND THE DEPARTMENTS TO CONTINUE THE JOURNEY OF MOVING TO A BUDGETING FRAMEWORK USING AN EQUITY LENS. WE ARE ESTABLISHING A FOUNDATION FOR OUR FUTURE EFFORTS IN BUDGETING AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION, DATA DRIVEN EFFORTS. AT THE END OF THE DAY, TALKING ABOUT EQUITY IS EASY, BUT DOING EQUITY IS NOT EASY. DOING EQUITY DOESN'T ALWAYS MEAN GOING QUICKLY AND CAN MEAN DOING SOMETHING OTHER THAN BUSINESS AS USUAL. THE NEXT SET OF SLIDES I'LL TALK ABOUT WE WILL REFLECT ON OUR PROGRESS TODAY, EARLY SUCCESSES THAT WE'LL CONTINUE TO BUILD ON, AND OUR PLANS TO HELP EXPEDITE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRANCHE TWO A.R.P.A. FUNDS. I WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. FOCUS ON EQUITY, IN TERMS OF OUR PROGRESS TO DATE, THE FOLLOWING KEY ACTIVITIES HELP GUIDE THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO DISTRIBUTE OUR A.R.P. FUNDS EQUITABLY AND TO CENTER RESIDENTS WHO WERE HARDEST HIT DURING THE PANDEMIC. FIRST, OUR COUNTY-WIDE PRINCIPLES, THE C.E.O.'S ANTIRACISM INCLUSION INITIATIVE, HEADED BY DR. SCORZA, DRAFTED THE COUNTY- WIDE EQUITY GUIDING PRINCIPLES WITH INPUT FROM COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. AND THESE GUIDELINES HAVE BECOME INSTRUMENTAL AND FOUNDATIONAL TO THE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF A.R.P.A. PROGRAMMING. NEXT, WE HAVE THE EQUITY EXPLORER MAPPING TOOL. THIS TOOL ALLOWS USERS AND DEPARTMENTS TO EXPLORE CENSUS TRACTS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO IDENTIFY AREAS OF THE HIGHEST NEED BASED ON POPULATIONS DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY COVID-19. THE TOOL

USES THE COVID-19 VULNERABILITY AND RECOVERY INDEX TO STRATIFY CITIES AND COMMUNITIES INTO FIVE TIERS OF NEED, RANGING FROM HIGHEST TO LOWEST NEED, BASED ON COVID-19 RELATED RISK, SEVERITY, AND RECOVERY NEED INDICATORS. THIS ENABLES DEPARTMENTS TO LOCATE AREAS OF GREATEST NEED, AND TO ENSURE COMMUNITIES THAT WERE MOST IMPACTED BY COVID AND WILL NEED THE MOST SUPPORT TO RECOVER WERE ALLOCATED COMMENSURATE INVESTMENTS. YOU MAY ALSO RECALL THAT THE EQUITY EXPLORER MAPPING TOOL WAS HONORED WITH A SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT IN G.I.S. AWARD AT THE 2022 ESRI USER CONFERENCE AND RECEIVED A 2022 N.A.C.O. AWARD. NEXT, WE HAVE THE EQUITY TOOLKIT. THIS TOOLKIT WAS DESIGNED AND DEVELOPED TO SUPPORT DEPARTMENTS IN CREATING THEIR PROJECT DESIGNS WITH AN EQUITY FOCUS. IT ALSO SUPPORTED THE DEVELOPMENT OF EQUITY METRICS TO HELP MEASURE PROGRESS AND INFORM FUTURE PROJECT ITERATIONS AND FUNDING DECISIONS BASED ON PERFORMANCES. ONE SMALL NOTE HERE IS THAT THE CALIFORNIA PAN-ETHNIC HEALTH NETWORK CONDUCTED RESEARCH ON 11 CALIFORNIA COUNTIES WHO RECEIVED MORE THAN $100 MILLION THROUGH A.R.P.A. TO ASSESS HOW WE HAVE BEEN SPENDING OUR ALLOCATED A.R.P.A. FUNDING. AND BASED ON OUR FINDINGS, THE COUNTY -- WE WERE THE ONLY COUNTY TO RECEIVE AN A PLUS IN THE CATEGORY PROMOTING RACIAL EQUITY. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO PREVIOUSLY, I REFERRED TO OUR CONTRACTING PROCESS. OUR NORMAL PROCESSES ARE LABORIOUS AND TIME CONSUMING. TO IMPROVE CONTRACTING PROCESSES, AS I MENTIONED BEFORE, THE C.E.O.'S

OFFICE HAS WORKED WITH COUNTY COUNSEL TO REDUCE THAT PROCESS TO THREE TO FOUR MONTHS. AND THAT GOES FROM THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO CONTRACT EXECUTION. THIS REVISED PROCESS DECREASES THE STANDARD CONTRACTING TIME TO THE BENEFIT OF DEPARTMENTS AND COMMUNITIES AND RESIDENTS THAT WILL RELY ON THE A.R.P.A. SERVICES DELIVERED UNDER THOSE CONTRACTS. IN MANY OF OUR TRANCHE TWO PROGRAMS, WE HOPE TO AVOID THE CONTRACTING REQUIREMENT ALTOGETHER BY CATEGORIZING MANY OF THE SERVICES AS GOVERNMENT SERVICES FUNDED WITH LOST REVENUE. THIS IS A PROVISION IN THE A.R.P.A. FUNDS THAT ALLOWS RECIPIENTS OF A.R.P.A. FUNDS TO WHAT WE CALL BOOK LOST REVENUE FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES PROVIDED. SO, INCREASED TRANSPARENCY IN ACCESSIBILITY TO CONTRACTING INFORMATION, THE C.I.O. WORKED WITH I.S.D. TO CENTRALIZED NOTIFICATIONS OF A.R.P.A. RELATED CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES ON THE C.E.O.'S CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT, AND CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT WEBSITE. THE WEBSITE CAN BE ACCESSED AT CEO.LACOUNTY.GOV /RECOVERY. AND IT LISTS ACTIVE A.R.P.A. CONTRACTING AND GRANT OPPORTUNITIES OPEN FOR COMPETITIVE BIDDING. AND FINALLY, ON APRIL 29TH, THE C.E.O., WORKING WITH COUNTY COUNSEL AND I.S.D., RELEASED A SOLICITATION FOR A MASTER AGREEMENT. THE MASTER AGREEMENT SOLICITED FOR SERVICES RANGING FROM MARKETING, BRANDING SERVICES, TO LANGUAGE SERVICES AND TRAINING SUPPORT. THIS WILL BE HELPFUL TO THE DEPARTMENTS THAT MAY NEED THESE SERVICES TO IMPLEMENT THEIR

A.R.P. FUNDED PROJECTS WITHOUT HAVING TO GO THROUGH THEIR OWN SOLICITATION PROCESS. I WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. IMPROVED NOTIFICATION OF CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES, WHICH I TOUCHED ON A LITTLE BIT EARLIER, SO TO INCREASE NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABLE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES TO SMALL BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS, THE C.E.O. HAS CONTINUED TO LEVERAGE MULTIPLE COMMUNICATION CHANNELS THAT BROADEN THE COUNTY'S REACH AND INCREASE THE VISIBILITY OF SOLICITATION OPPORTUNITIES. TO PROMOTE AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE MASTER AGREEMENT THAT I TALKED ABOUT EARLIER, A PROPOSERS CONFERENCE WAS HELD ON MAY 11TH, 2022. AND THE CONFERENCE WAS OFFERED IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES IN ADDITION TO ENGLISH, SPANISH, ARMENIAN, MANDARIN, CHINESE, KOREAN, SPANISH, TAGALOG, AND THAI. IN THE PROPOSER'S CONFERENCE, WE PROVIDED BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON A.R.P. AND AN EXPLANATION OF THE STREAMLINED CONTRACTING PROCESS AS WELL AS GENERAL VENDOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO RECEIVE FUTURE SOLICITATION OPPORTUNITIES WITH ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. MORE THAN 174 REGISTRANTS ATTENDED, AND OF THE 174 ATTENDEES, 29% INDICATED THEY HAD NEVER CONTRACTED WITH THE COUNTY. FINALLY, THE C.E.O. HAS DEVELOPED A SOCIAL MEDIA TOOLKIT FOR DEPARTMENTS. THAT TOOLKIT INCLUDES SAMPLE TWEETS, POSTS, GRAPHICS TO PROMOTE AND GUIDE AUDIENCES TO THE A.R.P. CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES. AND TO EXPAND OUR REACH TO LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT COMMUNITIES, THE TOOLKIT WAS ALSO

TRANSLATED INTO SIX ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES. I WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. WE CONTINUE TO INCREASE FUNDING, CONTRACTING, AND DATA TRANSPARENCY, AND PUBLIC ACCESS TO PROJECT STATUS AND LOCATION, THROUGH THE COUNTY'S BETTER THAN BEFORE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT WEB PORTAL. ASIDE FROM THE EQUITY EXPLORER MAPPING FOOL AND THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES WEBSITE, THE PORTAL ALSO FEATURES THE A.R.P. EQUITY DASHBOARD AND MAP. THE A.R.P. EQUITY DASHBOARD REPORTS THE EXPENDITURES AND OUTCOMES BY PROJECT AND DEPARTMENT. AS PROJECTS LAUNCH, THE DASHBOARD IS UPDATED WITH DATA ON THE AMOUNT ALLOCATED, THE USE OF A.R.P. FUNDS, PROJECTED OUTCOMES, NUMBER OF RESIDENTS SERVED, JOBS CREATED, GRANTS PROVIDED, AND OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION. THE A.R.P. PROJECTS MAP FEATURES THE SERVICE AREAS AND LOCATIONS OF A.R.P. PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN APPROVED TO LAUNCH. USERS CAN SELECT PROJECTS TO VIEW THEIR SERVICE AREAS OR CLICK THE MAP TO SEE WHAT PROJECTS ARE SERVING A PARTICULAR LOCATION. THE MAP IS UPDATED WEEKLY WITH NEW PROJECTS AS THEY LAUNCH. I WILL CONCLUDE MY REMARKS WITH THE FOLLOWING, A.R.P. IS MUCH DIFFERENT THAN THE C.A.R.E.S ACT CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS. ITS PURPOSES AND TIMELINES FOR SPENDING ARE VASTLY DIFFERENT. A.R.P. REQUIRES A MORE THOUGHTFUL AND DATA DRIVEN PROCESS, DESIGNED TO SUPPORT POPULATIONS AND COMMUNITIES HARDEST HIT BY THE PANDEMIC, AND WHO, BECAUSE OF PRE-COVID DISADVANTAGES, HAVE THE AT LEAST ABILITY TO RECOVER FROM ITS IMPACT. THE LAUNCH OF A.R.P.

PROGRAMS IS MOVING AT A STEADY PACE, BUT NOT NECESSARILY A QUICK ONE. WE ARE NOT UNMINDFUL OF THE NEED. IN ORDER TO ACCELERATE THE LAUNCH OF FUTURE TRANCHE TWO PROGRAMS AND SOME TRANCHE ONE PROGRAMS, AS I STATED EARLIER, THERE ARE SEVERAL THINGS IN THE WORKS. WE HAVE DEVELOPED AN AUTOMATED REPORTING PROCESS AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT FORMS FOR THE DEPARTMENTS TO USE. WE HAVE STREAMLINED THE COUNTY'S CONTRACTING PROCESSES TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF TIME FROM CONTRACT SOLICITATION TO CONTRACT EXECUTION. WE HAVE ENHANCED COMMUNICATIONS ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF OUR CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES. WE ARE POSITIONING OUR A.R.P. TRANCHE TWO TO MOVE MORE QUICKLY, AND WE PROPOSE TO BRING THE RECOMMENDED A.R.P. TRANCHE TWO SPENDING PLAN BEFORE THE BOARD SOMETIME IN AUGUST. LASTLY, IN ORDER TO FURTHER EXPEDITE THE MOVEMENT OF A.R.P. FUNDS FROM PROGRAM DESIGN DELIVERY AND APPROVAL, TO DELIVERING SERVICES IN OUR COMMUNITIES THAT WE SERVE, WE ALSO INTEND TO LEVERAGE MORE OF THE GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND LOST REVENUE PROVISIONS OF A.R.P.. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. THIS CONCLUDES MY REMARKS. I AM HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE. DR. SCORZA IS HERE TO ASSIST, AS NECESSARY. AND WITH THAT, I WILL CONCLUDE MY PRESENTATION.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. COMPREHENSIVE. WE WILL START WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN.

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THAT WAS VERY THOROUGH AND COMPREHENSIVE. WHAT I WAS INTERESTING IN, MADAM CHAIR, WE WERE ALL VERY PROUD OF YOU REPRESENTING L.A. COUNTY AT THE INVITATION OF THE WHITE HOUSE, SPECIFICALLY VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS, AND WONDERED IF THIS WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE TIME FOR YOU TO, I DON'T KNOW, GIVE US SOME HIGHLIGHTS OR MAYBE HOW YOU FELT L.A. COUNTY COMPARED TO SOME OF THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS WHO WERE BACK THERE? BUT WE WERE ALL -- WE ARE VERY PROUD AND INTERESTED IN HOW L.A. COUNTY IS PERCEIVED FROM THE WHITE HOUSE.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: I APPRECIATE THAT, AND LET ME JUST THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT OPPORTUNITY. LET ME SAY VERY BRIEFLY, I MADE A COUPLE OF NOTES JUST TO SAY THAT WE HAVE HAD NUMEROUS TOUCH POINTS FROM THE FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION FROM GENE SPERLING, WHO WAS THE SPECIAL ADVISER TO THE PRESIDENT ON A.R.P.A., TO THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS, WHERE WE HAVE HAD NUMEROUS ZOOM MEETING PRIOR TO THE PANEL DISCUSSION AT THE WHITE HOUSE, WHERE WE HAVE SHOWN THEM OUR EQUITY INDEX AND OUR MAPPING TOOLS. DR. SCORZA HAS PRESENTED. YOU HEARD ABOUT A FROM C.P.A.N. I JUST CAME BACK FROM N.A.C.O. WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER, WHERE WE CONTINUE TO HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO TALK ABOUT HOW L.A. COUNTY HAS REALLY STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE. AND I HAVE TO SAY THAT I AM A PROUD TO BE A MEMBER OF A COUNTY FAMILY THAT HAD THE VISION, PRE-A.R.P.A. TO

CREATE OUR R.D. INITIATIVE BECAUSE IT HAS JUST BLENDED IN SO SEAMLESSLY. AND AS MS. DAVENPORT TALKED ABOUT, THE STRICT REQUIREMENTS, AND AS I SAID ON THE PANEL, THE FACT THAT THE FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION GAVE US THE BELTS AND SUSPENDERS FOR R.D. THAT COMPLETELY -- FOR A.R.P.A. THAT COMPLETELY ALIGNED WITH THE BOARD'S VISION AROUND R.D. HAS MADE IT, I THINK SEAMLESS FOR THE COUNTY. NOW, SEAMLESS DOESN'T MEAN NOT COMPLICATED, NOT HARD. IT DOESN'T MEAN NOT DIFFERENT. I APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENTS HAVE FELT SOME FRUSTRATION WITH HAVING TO MEET THESE NEW STANDARDS. BUT FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, THIS IS A ONCE IN A GENERATION OPPORTUNITY TO GET RESOURCES OF THIS MAGNITUDE TO ALLOW US TO BUILD BACK EQUITABLY IN L.A. COUNTY. AND I THINK MS. DAVENPORT SAID THESE DOLLARS ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE C.A.R.E.S ACT DOLLARS BECAUSE THESE ARE ACT RECOVERY. AND WE KNOW THAT THE COMMUNITIES THAT WERE DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY COVID ARE OUR UNFINISHED COMMUNITIES HISTORICALLY. AND SO IT WAS THE DOLLARS AND THE PROGRAM WAS DESIGNED FOR US TO DO EXACTLY I BELIEVE WHAT THE COUNTY IS DOING LED BY THE C.E.O., LED BY DR. SCORZA, THE E.D. OF R.D. AND I APPRECIATE IT CAN BE FRUSTRATING. BUT I THINK ONCE WE ARE CLEAR ABOUT HOW WE USE THE EQUITY INDEX, HOW WE USE THE MAPPING TOOLS, AS MS. DAVENPORT JUST SAID, TO BE ABLE TO TRANSITION OUR BUDGETING PROCESS IN THAT CONTEXT, WILL GET EASIER AND EASIER EVERY YEAR. BUT I HAVE TO SAY I THINK L.A. COUNTY IS STANDING HEAD AND SHOULDERS ABOVE MANY OF OUR

COLLEAGUES ACROSS THE COUNTY. THE LEADERS IN THE ADMINISTRATION HAVE TOLD US AND ARE INVITING US TO PRESENT OUR MODEL BECAUSE WE HAVE EXEMPLIFIED WHAT THEIR GOAL WAS IN THE WAY IN WHICH THEY FRAMED THE A.R.P.A. DOLLARS. SO L.A. COUNTY, EVERYBODY PAT YOURSELVES ON THE BACK. WE HAVE DONE GOOD, AND HOPEFULLY WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. SO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, DID I SEE YOUR HAND, RAISED?

SUP. KUEHL: YES, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU SO MUCH. IT'S COMPLETELY IN LINE WITH WHAT YOU SAID, BUT FIRST, I WANT TO BEGIN WITH SOME PRAISE. I BELIEVE THAT THE -- THE WORK THAT THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE HAS DONE, THAT R.D. HAS DONE, THAT ALL OF THE STAFF INVOLVED HAVE DONE, IS EXEMPLARY AND HAVE REALLY ATTEMPTED TO BALANCE THE ISSUES RELATED TO EQUITY, WHICH ARE NOT ALWAYS EASY TO UNPACK AND APPLY, WITH OUR NEED TO GET THESE BUCKS OUT THE DOOR. AND YOU MENTIONED THAT OUR DEPARTMENTS HAD A LITTLE HEARTBURN ABOUT THE EXTRA TIME THAT MAY BE INVOLVED. AND I GUESS I WANTED TO ASK MS. DAVENPORT AND DR. SCORZA, OR DR. SCORZA, WHETHER THERE HAVE BEEN SOME STEPS TAKEN TO FIND A WAY TO BE EFFICIENT ABOUT GETTING MONEY OUT THE DOOR, ESPECIALLY THROUGH OUR DEPARTMENTS AND APPLYING THE LENS THAT WE NEED TO APPLY TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT WE DO THIS EQUITABLY BECAUSE THEY SHOULDN'T BE IN CONFLICT, AND YET WE KNOW SORT OF THE EXTRA ADDITION OF AN EQUITY LENS, OF AN ANTIRACIST LENS, HAS TO BE SATISFIED. SO, IF I MAY ASK MS.

DAVENPORT OR DR. SCORZA, WHAT HAS BEEN DONE IN THE PAST COUPLE OF MONTHS TO SHORTEN THE TIME TO GET THE MONEY OUT THE DOOR WITHIN OUR FRAMEWORK OF EQUITY?

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. SO, A COUPLE OF THINGS, AND LET ME FIRST FOCUS ON CONTRACTING, WHEN WE JOIN CALLS WITH OTHER COUNTIES AND JURISDICTIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY, AND WE ARE THERE TO TALK ABOUT THE A.R.P.A. PROCESS, THE NUMBER ONE COMPLAINT THAT YOU ARE LIKELY TO HEAR IS THAT AROUND CONTRACTING. AND SO, WHAT MANY JURISDICTIONS HAVE DONE IS THEY HAVE DEPLOYED THE LOST REVENUE PROVISIONS OF THE A.R.P.A. GUIDELINES. AND BASICALLY, THEY HAVE ESSENTIALLY KIND OF PUT THOSE FUNDS INTO THEIR GENERAL FUND AND TO CONTINUE FUNDING REGULAR GOVERNMENT SERVICES. WE ARE MINDFUL THAT THE CONTRACTING PROCESS, PARTICULARLY IN L.A. COUNTY, IS A LENGTHY ONE, BUT WE ALSO KNOW THAT THERE'S A -- THIS BOARD HAS SPOKEN ABOUT WANTING TO DEPLOY EQUITABLY AND TO MEASURE EQUITABLY. SO, WE HAVE DONE TWO THINGS. ONE, WE HAVE STREAMLINED THE CONTRACTING PROCESS FROM THE REGULAR TIMELINE OF 15 MONTHS TO A THREE TO FOUR MONTH PROCESS. BUT WE KNOW THAT MAY NOT BE GOOD ENOUGH. AND SO, WHAT WE ARE LOOKING TO DO IN TRANCHE TWO IS TO STRATEGICALLY DEPLOY MORE OF THE LOST REVENUE PROVISIONS AS WE START TO PUSH OUR PROGRAMS OUT THE DOOR FOR TRANCHE TWO. HERE IS WHAT THAT WILL DO. IF WE USE THE LOST REVENUE FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES, IT ELIMINATES THE FEDERAL REQUIREMENT FOR

CONTRACTING. WHAT WE DON'T WANT TO DO, HOWEVER, IS LOSE THE REPORTING REQUIREMENT. AND SO, EVEN IF WE ARE TO DEPLOY THE LOST REVENUE PROVISIONS FOR MANY OF OUR TRANCHE TWO PROGRAMS AND SOME OF OUR TRANCHE ONE PROGRAMS, WE DO NEED TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENTS ON THE FUNDING PIECE. SOME OF THE OTHER THINGS THAT WE'VE DONE, SUPERVISOR, IS AUTOMATE REPORTING PROCESSES AND MANAGING TRACKING. THAT SYSTEM I THINK IT IS IN THE FINAL STAGES, THAT DATABASE, AND WE EXPECT IT TO BE OPERATIONAL IN AUGUST. DR. SCORZA, DID YOU WANT TO ADD ANYTHING?

DR. SCORZA: SURE. THANK YOU, MADAM C.E.O. AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR QUESTION, SUPERVISOR. I WILL ADD A COUPLE THINGS WE HAVE DONE TO ENSURE THAT WE'RE NOT STANDING IN THE WAY OF DEPARTMENTS IS WE FAST-TRACKED PROGRAM DESIGN APPROVAL. SO IN THE CASE WHERE DEPARTMENTS THEMSELVES HAVE A NEED TO CONTINUE TO SPEND, OR IN THE CASE WHERE THEY HAVE A NEED TO ENSURE THAT THERE ARE NO INTERRUPTION OF SERVICES, WE HAVE FRONT LOADED PROJECT SPENDING APPROVAL AND ACTUALLY MOVED THE PROJECT DESIGN PROCESS SO THAT IT RUNS IN PARALLEL WITH THEM RUNNING THEIR PROGRAMS. SO IN OTHER WORDS, ONE OF THE THINGS WE WANT TO MAKE INCREDIBLY CLEAR IS THAT THE PROJECT DESIGN PROCESS THE DEPARTMENTS GO THROUGH IS NOT INTENDED TO NOR, ESPECIALLY WHEN THERE'S A NEED, STOPPING THEM FROM OPERATIONALIZING THEIR PROGRAMS. AND THEN FINALLY, AS THE C.E.O. MENTIONED, NOT ONLY

HAS CONTRACT BEEN STREAMLINING, BUT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO USE THE LOST REVENUE PROVISION TO HELP ENSURE THAT PROJECTS THAT WOULD OTHERWISE FACE TIME BARRIERS HAVE THOSE BARRIERS ELIMINATED SO THAT WE CAN MOVE THEM TO OPERATIONALIZATION, OR MOVE THEM SO THEY CAN BE OPERATIONALIZE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

SUP. KUEHL: I APPRECIATE THE ANSWERS. I STILL WANT TO PUSH A LITTLE BIT HARDER BECAUSE NO ONE KNOWS BETTER THAN YOU, DR. SCORZA, AND I THINK OTHERS THAT HAVE BEEN THROUGH THE LAST 50 YEARS, JUSTICE DELAYED IS JUSTICE DENIED. AND IT IS REALLY THE SAME WITH HELP. YOU KNOW, IT IS LIKE SAYING THESE PROJECTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE CHART. THAT IS NOT MONEY OUT OF THE DOOR. AND I DON'T THINK I HAVE EVER WORKED, AND THIS IS A BIG THING FOR ME TO SAY, I DON'T THINK I HAVE WORKED IN A BUREAUCRACY THAT IS MORE BUREAUCRATIC THAN THIS COUNTY. AND I HAVE WORKED FOR THE STATE. AND I'VE WORKED FOR U.C.L.A., AND I'VE BEEN IN SOME BIG ONES, AND I THINK PART OF IT IS BECAUSE WE DEAL WITH SO MANY DIFFERENT ENTITIES THAT ARE CARRYING OUT THE WORK OF THE COUNTY AND HELPING THE PEOPLE THAT WE WANT TO HELP WHILE WE STILL HAVE THE REQUIREMENT TO BE ABLE TO SAY WE WERE CAREFUL WITH YOUR TAXPAYER MONEY, WHETHER IT CAME THROUGH THE FEDS OR THE STATE OR DIRECTLY IN THE COUNTY. SO WHAT I AM REALLY ASKING YOU AND REALLY THE WHOLE C.E.O. ENTERPRISE IS TO DO MORE OF WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN DOING TO

MAKE CERTAIN THAT THE MONEY GETS OUT THE DOOR, TO REALLY ANALYZE THE QUESTIONS THAT ONE MAY ASK OF A DEPARTMENT, WHETHER THEY HAVE THE CAPABILITY AND THE STAFF TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BEFORE A PROJECT EVEN GETS APPROVED, TO DO THE SAME KIND OF THING THAT WE MIGHT DO FOR COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS WHERE SOMETIMES THEY DON'T HAVE THE STAFF TO FILL OUT THE PAPERWORK THAT WE REQUIRE TO HELP THEM. HELP ME HELP YOU, BUT I AM NOT HELPING YOU TO GET THAT HELP. SO I THINK MY REQUEST WOULD BE TO CONTINUE TO LOOK AT THE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS THAT WE FIGURE OUT AND REQUIRE BEFORE WE ACTUALLY GET THIS MONEY OUT THE DOOR BECAUSE SEEING THE CHART WITH A LOT OF APPROVED PROJECTS BUT NOT THAT MUCH MONEY GONE MAKES ME WANT TO SAY YOU HAVE DONE GREAT WORK. DO IT FASTER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. BARGER: I WANT TO THANK YOU, DR. SCORZA AND FESIA, FOR THIS PRESENTATION TODAY. I APPRECIATE WHAT SHEILA IS SAYING, AND I, TOO, GET FRUSTRATED WITH THE BUREAUCRACY. AND THERE HAS TO BE A BALANCE BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S THE CHECKS AND BALANCE IN MAKING SURE WHEN WE SPENDING THIS MONEY, AND I WOULD ARGUE, AND, CHAIR MITCHELL, I THANK YOU FOR YOUR REPRESENTATION ON THIS WITH N.A.C.O. BECAUSE YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. THIS IS THE GOLD STANDARD, AND PEOPLE ARE LOOKING AT HOW THIS IS BEING

ROLLED OUT IN TERMS OF JUST THE NOT ONLY EQUITY PIECE, BUT REALLY JUST ACROSS THE BOARD HOW WE REALLY TAKE IN GREAT STRIDES TO PUT THIS MONEY TO GOOD USE, WELL BEYOND SIMPLY COVID, PER SE, AND HAVE BEEN CAPITALIZING ON THE FACT THAT LESSONS LEARNED THROUGH COVID ON HOW WE CAN APPLY THIS MONEY AND DO BETTER. I JUST REALLY WANTED TO THANK YOU BOTH, AND THANK YOU, FESIA BECAUSE I KNOW IT'S HARD. IT'S THREADING A NEEDLE OFTENTIMES BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT COMPETING INTERESTS. AND I THINK WITH THE LENS THAT WE PUT INTO PLAY, THE EQUITY FOCUSED INVESTMENTS, BUILDING A BRIDGE TO EQUITABLE RECOVERY AND FISCAL STABILITY AND SOCIAL SAFETY NET, YOU REALLY PUT TOGETHER A PLAN FOR GENERATIONS TO COME TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE, BUT I AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU KNOW, IT MAY BE ON THE LIST FOR RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING, BUT UNTIL THE MONEY HITS, IT DOESN'T MEAN A LOT. SO WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE REALLY DO ADDRESS THAT, BUT ALSO HAVE CHECKS AND BALANCES. SO IT JUST REALLY WAS MORE OF A THANK YOU.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. QUICK QUESTION OF EITHER DR. SCORZA OR MS. DAVENPORT, ARE WE PROVIDING ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THAT WOULD HELP EXPEDITE GETTING THE FUNDS OUT AS QUICKLY AS APPROPRIATE GIVEN ALL THAT YOUR CHART REFLECTED?

DR. SCORZA: THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION, MADAM CHAIR. SO YES, WE HIRED 11 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS. WE CURRENTLY HAVE THEM DEPLOYED ACROSS OUR DEPARTMENTS ACTIVELY WORKING ON PROJECTS WHERE THEY ASSIST THE DEPARTMENTS NOT ONLY IN COMPLETING THEIR DESIGN, BUT WILL ACTIVELY WORK WITH THEM TO IDENTIFY METRICS, OUTCOMES, THEIR TIMELINES, THEIR ABILITY TO GET TO LAUNCH, WORK THROUGH BARRIERS, ETC. AND SO, YES, WE'VE PROVIDED EXTENSIVE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: HELPFUL TO KNOW. THANK YOU. I ADD MY THANKS TO BOTH OF YOU FOR HELPING L.A. COUNTY GET THE A PLUS AND PUTTING US ON THE MAP THAT BOTH THE FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION AND THE WHITE HOUSE AND OUR COLLEAGUES ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE LOOKING AT THE PRODUCTS AND THE PROCESS THAT WE HAVE ENGAGED IN HERE. AND WE COULD PERHAPS SEE PILOTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY MIMICKING WHAT WE'VE BEEN TO DO HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. SO, AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND YOUR VISION. ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS? HEARING NONE, THIS REPORT IS RECEIVED AND FILED AND SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. THANK YOU, BOTH. MOVING ON TO SET ITEM 2, WE WILL HEAR PRESENTATION FROM DR. FERRER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND DR. CHRISTINA GHALY, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES, GOOD AFTERNOON.

DR. FERRER: GOOD AFTERNOON, AND I'M HOPING YOU CAN HEAR ME, SUPERVISOR. PERFECT. THANK YOU SO MUCH, CHAIR MITCHELL AND THE

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR YOUR CONTINUED LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT THROUGHOUT OUR ONGOING RESPONSE EFFORTS. I AM PLEASED TO SHARE THE LATEST ON COVID METRICS WITH YOU TODAY. WE CAN GO THE NEXT SLIDE. WHILE CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND TEST POSITIVITY REMAIN ELEVATED, WE ARE RELIEVED TO SEE CONTINUED DECLINES ACROSS ALL THREE METRICS TODAY. WE'RE REPORTING 3,547 NEW CASES, WITH THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF CASES REPORTED OVER THE LAST WEEK AT ABOUT 6,100 NEW CASES PER DAY. THAT IS A DECENT DECREASE FROM LAST WEEK'S AVERAGE OF ABOUT 6,700. I DO WANT TO NOTE THE MONDAY AND TUESDAY NUMBERS TEND TO BE LOW WITH THE LAG FROM WEEKEND REPORTING. THE SEVEN DAY AVERAGE TEST POSITIVITY RATE ALSO DROPPED A BIT THIS WEEK, AS YOU CAN SEE. IT IS NOW SLIGHTLY OVER 14%. POSITIVITY RATES STATE-WIDE AND NATIONWIDE ARE SLIGHTLY HIGHER AT ABOUT 16% ACROSS THE STATE AND 17% ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THE NUMBER OF COVID POSITIVE PATIENTS IN L.A. COUNTY'S 92 HOSPITALS REMAINS RELATIVELY STEADY. TODAY, WE'RE RECORDING 1,286 HOSPITALIZATIONS. THIS IS PRETTY SIMILAR TO THE 1,299 HOSPITALIZATIONS THAT WE REPORTED LAST TUESDAY. AMONG THOSE HOSPITALIZED WHO ARE INFECTED WITH COVID, ABOUT 43% ARE HOSPITALIZED WITH COVID ASSOCIATED ILLNESS. 10% ARE IN AN I.C.U. AND 5% ARE ON A VENTILATOR. DAILY DEATHS REMAIN RELATIVELY STABLE THIS PAST WEEK WITH AN AVERAGE OF ABOUT 14 DEATHS REPORTED PER DAY. AS A REMINDER SINCE DEATHS ALWAYS LAG BEHIND CASES AND HOSPITALIZATIONS, SLOWING VIRAL SPREAD WILL TYPICALLY RESULT IN LOWER DEATH

RATES A FEW WEEKS OUT. NEXT SLIDE. THE GREEN TREND LINE CONFIRMS THE STEADY DECLINE WE SAW REALLY THE PAST WEEK AND A HALF. WHILE WE'RE REALLY GLAD TO SEE THIS DECREASE, AND SHOULD IT CONTINUE, WE MAY BE POSITIONED TO PAUSE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF UNIVERSAL INDOOR MASKING, IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT WE HAD THREE INSTANCES THIS SPRING AND SUMMER, WHERE WE SAW DIPS IN CASES THAT WERE FOLLOWED SHORTLY BY INCREASES. SO IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO CONTINUE TO BE CAUTIOUS AND PREPARED FOR LAYERING IN ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS. DAILY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS, THE ORANGE LINE, MAY BE LEVELING OFF. IF BY THURSDAY, HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS DECLINE OR ARE CLOSE TO THE THRESHOLD BETWEEN HIGH AND MEDIUM COMMUNITY LEVELS ON THE C.D.C. COVID-19 FRAMEWORK, THIS WOULD ALSO TRIGGER REASSESSMENT ON THE NEED TO IMPLEMENT AN INDOOR MASKING MANDATE. DAILY DEATHS, THAT'S THE BLUE LINE, HAVE NOT DECLINED, BUT AS I NOTED, THERE ARE THE LAGGING INDICATOR. IN FACT, AS YOU CAN SEE HERE, DAILY DEATHS INCREASED OVER THE PAST MONTH FROM AN AVERAGE OF SEVEN DEATHS REPORTED PER DAY, ONE MONTH AGO, TO AN AVERAGE OF 14 DEATHS REPORTED PER DAY THIS WEEK. AS WE CONTINUE TO REPORT ONGOING DEATHS, WE WANTED AGAIN TO SHARE OUR WISHES FOR PEACE AND HEALING FOR THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS THAT ARE MOURNING THE LOSS OF THEIR LOVED ONES. NEXT SLIDE. THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC, THE VIRUS HAS BEEN CAPABLE OF CAUSING A VERY WIDE RANGE OF SYMPTOMS IN PEOPLE, RANGING FROM COMPLETELY ASYMPTOMATIC INFECTIONS TO SEVERE DISEASE AND SADLY DEATH. OVER TIME, THIS

RANGE OF DISEASE SEVERITY HAS SHIFTED DRIVEN BY DIFFERENCES IN EACH OF THE NEW SUBVARIANTS, OUR VACCINATIONS, AND PRIOR INFECTIONS IN THE POPULATION AS A WHOLE. THIS IS WHY WE HAVE INCLUDED INFORMATION ON THE PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE INFECTED WITH COVID, WHO HAVE WHAT WE CALL INCIDENTAL INFECTIONS. THEY NEED HOSPITAL CARE FOR REASONS OTHER THAN TREATMENT FOR COVID, BUT THEY ARE ALSO INFECTED WITH THE VIRUS. WHILE SUCH CASES DO PLACE SOME ADDITIONAL STRAIN ON HOSPITALS BECAUSE COVID INFECTED PATIENTS REQUIRE THE HOSPITALS TO TAKE SOME ADDITIONAL SAFETY MEASURES, IT IS IMPORTANT TO DIFFERENTIATE THE INCIDENTAL CASES FROM THE PATIENTS WHO ARE RECEIVING CARE AT THE HOSPITAL BECAUSE OF COVID RELATED ILLNESS. IN L.A. COUNTY, COVID HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS WITH COVID ASSOCIATED ILLNESS ARE ASSESSED BY LOOKING AT THE HOSPITAL DISCHARGE DATA. WE CALL THESE THE I.C.D.10 CODES AT DISCHARGE. TO BE COUNTED AS A HOSPITALIZED CASE WITH COVID ASSOCIATED ILLNESS, THE PATIENT NEEDS TO HAVE A FEW THINGS. ONE IS A POSITIVE TEST ALONG WITH A DIAGNOSE OF PNEUMONIA OR A DIAGNOSIS OF ACUTE RESPIRATORY DISTRESS SYNDROME, OR AN ACUTE CARDIOPULMONARY DIAGNOSE. THIS METHODOLOGY HAS BEEN VALIDATED WITH CHART REVIEWS THAT INDICATE THERE'S USUALLY AN 80- 85% MATCH, NOT PERFECT, BUT DECENT. OUR MOST RECENT DATA SHOW THAT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 2022, 43% OF PEOPLE HOSPITALIZED, 43% OF PEOPLE HOSPITALIZED WITH COVID ACROSS THE 92 HOSPITALS IN L.A. COUNTY, THIS IS NOT SPECIFIC TO ONE HOSPITAL, HAD COVID

ASSOCIATED ILLNESS IN L.A. COUNTY, AND OF COURSE THOSE PERCENTAGES CAN FLUCTUATE ACROSS THE 92 HOSPITALS. ALTHOUGH THERE'S NO NATIONAL STANDARD FOR PERFORMING THIS ANALYSIS, THERE ARE A FEW OTHER JURISDICTIONS THAT ALSO TRACK THIS VALUE USING THEIR OWN ALGORITHMS. AND THE RESULTS, AS YOU CAN SEE HERE, ARE RELATIVELY SIMILAR. THIS MONTH THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTED THAT ABOUT 32% OF THEIR CURRENTLY HOSPITALIZED CASES HAD COVID ASSOCIATED ILLNESS, AND THEY REALLY USE FOR THEIR TRACKING ONE PARTICULAR MEDICATION THAT'S GIVEN TO PATIENTS. THE STATE OF NEW YORK REPORTED 42% OF THEIR PATIENTS ARE CURRENTLY HOSPITALIZED WITH COVID ASSOCIATED ILLNESS. THAT'S PRETTY SIMILAR TO L.A. COUNTY. NEXT SLIDE. WE DO CONTINUE TO TRACK THE IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC ON L.A. COUNTY USING THE C.D.C.'S COVID-19 COMMUNITY LEVELS FRAMEWORK, WHICH C.D.C. CREATED A MEASURE OF THE STRAIN OF OUR OVERALL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM THAT'S BEING CAUSED BY COVID-19. THE COMMUNITY LEVEL FRAMEWORK UTILIZES ONE CASE RATE METRIC AND TWO HOSPITAL RELATED METRICS. ALMOST TWO WEEKS AGO, L.A. COUNTY MOVED FROM THE MEDIUM TO HIGH COVID LEVEL, AND WE DO REMAIN IN HIGH THIS WEEK. THIS TABLE IS UPDATE ON THURSDAY, SO THESE ARE THURSDAY'S NUMBERS. BY C.D.C. THE FIRST METRIC IS OUR SEVEN DAY CASE RATE, WHICH IS CURRENTLY VERY HIGH AT 481 CASES PER WEEK PER HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE. THE FIRST OF THE TWO HOSPITAL METRICS, THIS IS SEVEN DAY TOTAL OF NEW HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS PER HUNDRED THOUSAND, AS OF LAST THURSDAY, THERE

WERE 11.7 NEW ADMISSIONS PER HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY. THE SECOND HOSPITAL METRIC IN THE C.D.C. COMMUNITY LEVELS FRAMEWORK IS THE SEVEN DAY AVERAGE FOR THE PROPORTION OF STAFFED IN PATIENT BEDS THAT ARE OCCUPIED BY COVID-19 PATIENTS. AS OF LAST THURSDAY, 7.2% OF BEDS WERE OCCUPIED BY COVID PATIENTS IN L.A. COUNTY. AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, IF WE REMAIN IN THE HIGH COVID-19 COMMUNITY LEVEL THROUGH THIS THURSDAY, JULY 28TH, WITH NO SIGNIFICANT DECREASES IN CASES OR HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS, WE WILL GO AHEAD AND IMPLEMENT UNIVERSAL INDOOR MASKING ON FRIDAY JULY 29TH TO HELP US SLOW THE RATE OF TRANSMISSION AND PROTECT THOSE MOST VULNERABLE. SHOULD WE SEE SUSTAINED DECREASES IN CASES OR THE RATE OF HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS MOVES CLOSER TO THE THRESHOLD FOR MEDIUM, WE WILL PAUSE IMPLEMENTATION OF UNIVERSAL INDOOR MASKING AS WE CLOSELY MONITOR OUR TRANSMISSION RATES. NEXT SLIDE. THERE'S A LOT OF DEBATE OUT THERE AS TO WHETHER HAVING A HIGH LEVEL OF VIRAL TRANSMISSION REALLY MATTERS ANY MORE AND WHETHER ANYTHING SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT IT. IN THE NEXT FEW SLIDES I WILL SHARE ISSUES THAT ARE RELATED TO EXCESSIVE SPREAD. I WILL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. HAVING A HIGH LEVEL OF VIRAL TRANSMISSION IN THE COMMUNITY MEANS THAT EACH OF US IS MUCH MORE LIKELY TO ENCOUNTER SOMEONE WITH THE VIRUS AS WE GO ABOUT OUR BUSINESS.WITH THE CURRENT CASE RATE AS NOTED BY C.D.C. OF ABOUT 480 NEW CASES PER HUNDRED THOUSAND, THE CHANCE THAT AT LEAST ONE PERSON IS INFECTED IN A ROOM OF 50 PEOPLE IS LIKELY

ABOUT 60%. THIS MEANS WHEN YOU ARE WITH A GROUP OF 50 OR MORE PEOPLE, IT IS MORE LIKELY THAN NOT THAT THERE'S AT LEAST ONE INFECTED PERSON IN YOUR GROUP. IF OUR CASE RATE WERE 100 CASES PER WEEK PER HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE, OR LESS THAN A QUARTER OF WHAT THE CURRENT RATE IS, THE CHANCE THAT AT LEAST ONE PERSON IS INFECTED IN A GROUP OF 50 PEOPLE WOULD DROP TO BETWEEN 14 AND 20%. WHEN WE HAVE LOWER CASE RATES, THERE'S JUST MUCH LESS RISK OF SPREAD. NEXT SLIDE. WHEN VIRAL TRANSMISSION IS THIS HIGH, IT ALSO CAUSES DISRUPTIONS FOR FAMILIES AND AT WORKPLACES. WORK SITE CLUSTER REPORTS TYPICALLY INCREASE DURING TIMES OF HIGH TRANSMISSION, AND THIS CURRENT SURGE IS NO EXCEPTION. IN THIS SLIDE, THE YELLOW TREND LINE ON THE LEFT SHOWS THE TREND FOR THE NUMBER OF CASE CLUSTERS AT WORK SITES REPORTED PER WEEK SINCE THE BEGINNING OF APRIL. AS YOU CAN SEE ON THIS SLIDE, THERE HAS NOW BEEN A SUSTAINED INCREASE IN WORKSITE CLUSTERS WITH US REPORTING 478 NEW CLUSTERS THIS PAST WEEK. THAT'S A 76% INCREASE IN THE PAST MONTH. CASE CLUSTERS AND OUTBREAKS CAN LEAD TO STAFFING SHORTAGES AT WORK SITES, INCLUDING AT HEALTHCARE FACILITIES, AND THEY ARE RELATIVELY EXPENSIVE, SINCE THERE'S A COST ASSOCIATED WITH COVERING SHIFTS AND WITH PREVENTING FURTHER SPREAD. WORKERS WHO BECOME INFECTED WITH COVID OFTEN EXPERIENCE LOST WAGES OR SOMETIMES EVEN LOST JOB OPPORTUNITIES. AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LONG COVID, THERE CAN BE LONG PERIODS OF ILLNESS RECOVERY. AND THE SITUATIONS IS

CYCLIC. SPREAD AT THE WORKPLACE IS BOTH FUELED BY AND CONTRIBUTES TO HIGH SPREAD IN THE COMMUNITY. INFECTED WORKERS CAN TRANSMIT AT THE WORKPLACE TO OTHER WORKERS, WHO TAKE THE INFECTIONS BACK TO THEIR HOMES WHERE THERE CAN BE MORE SPREAD, AND THEN THAT MAKES IT EASY FOR THE VIRUS TO SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY. THIS IS ESPECIALLY ACUTE WHEN YOU HAVE HIGHLY TRANSMISSIBLE VARIANTS AND SUBVARIANTS. HIGH SPREAD BRINGS WITH IT THE REALITY THAT MORE PEOPLE ARE ALSO SEEKING MEDICAL CARE. THE BLUE TREND LINE ON THE RIGHT SHOWS THE SEVEN DAY ROLLING AVERAGE PERCENTAGE OF EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT ENCOUNTERS WHICH WERE COVID RELATED BETWEEN MARCH 1ST AND JULY 22ND OF THIS YEAR. AS YOU CAN SEE, THE PROPORTION OF E.D. VISITS THAT HAVE INVOLVED PEOPLE SEEKING CARE FOR COVID HAS BEEN STEADILY INCREASING. AND NOW, IT IS HOVERING AT 10%, REFLECTING THE REALITY THAT, FOR MANY, COVID IS JUST NOT A MILD COLD. NEXT SLIDE? HIGH VIRAL TRANSMISSION ALSO MATTERS BECAUSE WITH MORE CASES THERE WILL BE MORE INDIVIDUALS AT RISK OF DEVELOPING LONG COVID, THOSE ILLNESSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE SARS-COV2 VIRUS THAT ARE EXPERIENCED FOR WEEKS OR MONTHS AFTER THE INITIAL INFECTION. THE MOST COMMON SYSTEMS REPORTED FOR LONG COVID ARE FATIGUE AND EXERCISE INTOLERANCE. HOWEVER, BREATHING PROBLEMS BRAIN FOG, PROLONGED LOSS OF TASTE AND SMELL, AND EVEN SUDDEN HAIR LOSS HAVE OCCURRED FOR SOME. THE SYMPTOMS ARE VARIABLE, AND THEY MAY LAST OR REAPPEAR OVER TIME. THIS VARIABILITY MAKES IT HARDER TO SYSTEMATICALLY TRACK

AND STUDY LONG COVID, AND WITHOUT A ROBUST SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM, THE ESTIMATES ON HOW MANY PEOPLE EXPERIENCE LONG COVID ARE WIDELY VARIABLE. THERE WAS A SURVEY BY C.D.C. LAST MONTH THAT ESTIMATED THAT NEARLY 20% OF AMERICAN ADULTS WHO HAVE HAD COVID-19 ARE CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING LONG COVID WITH SYMPTOMS THAT HAVE LASTED THREE OR MORE MONTHS AFTER THEY WERE INITIALLY INFECTED. A STUDY BY RESEARCHERS AT U.S.C. THAT WAS PUBLISHED EARLIER THIS MONTH FOUND THAT 23% OF THOSE THEY STUDIED IN 2020 AND 2021 STILL HAD SYMPTOMS 12 WEEKS AFTER INITIAL INFECTION AND THAT LONG COVID APPEARED MORE LIKELY TO OCCUR AMONG THOSE THAT WERE OBESE OR HAD EXPERIENCED A SORE THROAT, HEADACHE, OR HAIR LOSS DURING THEIR INITIAL ILLNESS. A RECENTLY PUBLISHED META-ANALYSIS OF STUDIES FROM 2020 AND 2021, ESTIMATED THAT ON AVERAGE AROUND THE WORLD, ABOUT 37% OF PEOPLE WITH COVID STILL HAD SOME SYMPTOMS ONE MONTH LATER. IF WE APPLY THE C.D.C. ESTIMATE, THAT'S THE LOWEST OF THE ESTIMATES, TO THE L.A. COUNTY POPULATION, THIS WOULD MEAN THAT OVER 500,000 PEOPLE, HALF A MILLION PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY, COULD BE CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING LONG COVID SYMPTOMS THAT HAVE LASTED THREE MONTHS OR LONGER. SYMPTOMS THAT THEY DID NOT HAVE BEFORE THEY CONTRACTED COVID. THESE ARE DETRIMENTAL HEALTH EFFECTS THAT WILL AFFECT MORE INDIVIDUALS DURING TIMES OF HIGH COVID TRANSMISSION. AND THEY ARE NOT NECESSARILY EASILY CAPTURED WITH OUR HOSPITAL ADMISSION DATA OR THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISIT DATA. WHILE IT IS NOT EASILY MEASURED, THIS

IMPACT OF HIGH SPREAD AFFECTS THE DAILY LIFE OF MANY RESIDENTS, AND THIS IS ANOTHER IMPORTANT REASON FOR DOING OUR VERY BEST TO SLOW THE SPREAD. NEXT SLIDE. THERE ARE ALSO RECENT STUDIES THAT HAVE RAISED AN ADDITIONAL CONCERN ON THE INCREASED RISK TO HEALTH CREATED BY REPEATED SARS-COV2 INFECTIONS. GIVEN THE INCREASED STABILITY OF B.A.5, WHICH IS WHAT IS DOMINATING NOW, TO EVADE PRIOR IMMUNITY, MANY PEOPLE THAT HAD COVID EARLIER IN THE PANDEMIC OR EVEN EARLIER THIS YEAR ARE GETTING INFECTED AGAIN. A LARGE PREPRINT STUDY RECENTLY REVIEWED MEDICAL RECORDS OF NEARLY 300,000 VETERANS WITH COVID SPANNING MUCH OF 2020 AND 2021. THE STUDY FOUND THAT SIX MONTHS AFTER INFECTION, THOSE WHO HAD BEEN INFECTED MORE THAN ONCE HAD TWO TIMES HIGHER RISK OF DEATH, THREE TIMES HIGHER OF NEEDING HOSPITAL CARE, AND TWO AND A HALF HIGHER RISK OF DEVELOPING HEART OR LUNG DISEASE OR PROBLEMS WITH BLOOD VESSELS AND BLOOD CLOTTING WHEN COMPARED TO THOSE INFECTED JUST ONCE. THEY ALSO SAW THOSE WITH REPEAT INFECTIONS HAD HIGHER RISK OF GASTROINTESTINAL, KIDNEY, MENTAL HEALTH, MUSCULAR-SKELETAL, AND NEUROLOGIC DISORDERS AS WELL AS DIABETES. MOREOVER, THE RISK OF DEVELOPING A LONG TERM HEALTH PROBLEM INCREASED FURTHER WITH EACH REINFECTION. THE RISK OF HAVING A LONG TERM HEALTH CONDITION WAS THREE TIMES HIGHER FOR THOSE INFECTED THREE TIMES COMPARED TO THOSE WHO WERE UNINFECTED. WHILE THERE IS STILL MUCH MORE WE NEED TO LEARN ABOUT THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH REINFECTIONS, IT IS WORTH

NOTING THAT HIGHER NUMBERS OF PEOPLE HAVE BEEN REINFECTED IN RECENT MONTHS. IN THE PAST MONTH ALONE IN L.A. COUNTY, 17% OF REPORTED INFECTIONS WERE REINFECTIONS. CUMULATIVELY, TO DATE, NEARLY 200,000 PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY HAVE EXPERIENCED REINFECTIONS. NEXT SLIDE. ONE THING THAT'S BEEN VERY CONSISTENT THROUGHOUT THIS PANDEMIC, WHENEVER THERE ARE SURGES, THERE'S A DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT ON OLDER RESIDENTS, BLACK AND BROWN RESIDENTS, AND RESIDENTS LIVING IN AREAS EXPERIENCING MORE POVERTY. EACH OF THESE THREE GRAPHS ON THIS SLIDE SHOWS HOSPITALIZATIONS WITH COVID ASSOCIATED ILLNESS. THESE EXCLUDE ALL OF THE INCIDENTAL INFECTIONS FROM MARCH 1ST ON, WHICH WAS WHEN THE WINTER SURGE WAS STARTING TO ABATE. AND THIS GOES ALL THE WAY AS YOU CAN SEE THROUGH THE END OF JUNE, WHICH WAS WELL INTO THE START OF THE CURRENT SURGE. IN THE GRAPH IN THE UPPER LEFT, THE RED LINE SHOWS THE HOSPITAL ADMISSION RATE FOR RESIDENTS WITH COVID AGED 80 AND OLDER. YOU CAN SEE THAT THESE OLDER ADULTS, WHO HAVE ALWAYS EXPERIENCED HIGHER ADMISSION RATES, DO MUCH WORSE DURING SURGES. THIS WAS TRUE, AS YOU CAN SEE, DURING THE WINTER SURGE, AND IT IS TRUE AGAIN DURING THE CURRENT SURGE. WHERE, BY THE END OF JUNE, THE HOSPITAL ADMISSION RATE FOR THOSE 80 AND OLDER WAS 29 TIMES THAT FOR PEOPLE WITH COVID WHO WERE AGES 30 TO 49. THIS IS IN SHARP CONTRAST TO APRIL, WHERE THE DIFFERENCE, AS YOU CAN SEE, IN ADMISSION RATES WAS NOT AS SIGNIFICANT. THE GRAPH IN THE LOWER LEFT SHOWS A SIMILAR PATTERN WHEN LOOKING AT ADMISSIONS,

AGAIN EXCLUDING THE HOSPITALIZATIONS, BY RACE AND ETHNICITY. BLACK RESIDENTS WITH COVID, THAT'S SHOWN BY THE RED LINE, WERE HOSPITALIZED AT A HIGHER RATE BOTH IN THE WINTER SURGE AND IN THE CURRENT SURGE. DURING THE MONTHS IN BETWEEN, THE HOSPITAL ADMISSION RATE WAS MORE SIMILAR AMONG ALL RACIAL GROUPS. THE GRAPH IN THE LOWER LEFT SHOWS A SIMILAR PATTERN, BUT THIS TIME WE ARE LOOKING AT HOSPITALIZATIONS BY COMMUNITY INCOME LEVELS. THOSE LIVING IN AREAS OF L.A. COUNTY WHERE 30 TO 100% OF HOUSEHOLDS LIVE BELOW THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL, THAT'S SHOWN BY THE RED LINE, WERE HOSPITALIZED AT A HIGHER RATE THAN THOSE LIVING IN OTHER AREAS DURING BOTH SURGES. YOU CAN SEE THERE WAS FAR LESS DIFFERENCE IN HOSPITALIZATION RATES BETWEEN GROUPS DURING THE NON-SURGE TIME PERIODS. NEXT SLIDE. AND RECENTLY, THERE HAS ALSO BEEN A FAIR AMOUNT OF MISSTATEMENTS ABOUT THE CURRENT IMPACT OF COVID. SO I WANT TO ADDRESS SEVERAL OF THEM DIRECTLY. NEXT SLIDE. THERE'S A LOT OF INFORMATION OUT THERE ABOUT MASKS NOT WORKING. THE FACT IS THAT MASK WEARING IS A FORM OF WHAT'S CALLED SOURCE CONTROL OR REDUCING THE SPREAD OF AN INFECTIOUS AGENT AT ITS SOURCE WHILE ALSO PROTECTING THE WEARER FROM AEROSOLIZED VIRUS AND RESPIRATORY DROPLETS. UNIVERSAL MASKING IS USED INSIDE HEALTHCARE SETTINGS BECAUSE WE KNOW MASKS WORK. AND IT REMAINS A SIMPLE AND EFFECTIVE MEASURE TO REDUCE THE TRANSMISSION OF COVID. AS I HAVE NOTED BEFORE, A STUDY BY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN PENNSYLVANIA AND THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA SHOWED THAT

IN 2020, COUNTIES THAT HAD A MASK MANDATE HAS CASE RATES THAT WERE 35% LOWER THAN IN COUNTIES THAT DIDN'T HAVE ONE. IN THE FALL OF 2021, SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN ARKANSAS THAT HAD A MASK REQUIREMENT HAD CASE RATES 23% LOWER THAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN ARKANSAS THAT DIDN'T HAVE SUCH A REQUIREMENT. STUDIES SHOW THAT RESPIRATORS CONTINUE TO PROVIDE PARTICULARLY GOOD PROTECTION. A 2021 STUDY IN CALIFORNIA FOUND THAT PEOPLE THAT REGULARLY USED RESPIRATORS LIKE N95S OR KN95S HAD 83% LOWER ODDS OF TESTING POSITIVE THAN PEOPLE WHO NEVER WORE MASKS. UNIVERSAL MASKING IS AN ACCEPTED PRACTICE IN MANY OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD, AND DOES REMAIN A KEY TOOL WHEN TRANSMISSION IS VERY HIGH. NEXT SLIDE. I KNOW THERE'S A LOT OF CONCERN THAT WE NEED MORE RECENT EMPIRICAL DATA. HERE WE SHARE TWO L. A. COUNTY TREND LINES SHOWING THE NUMBER OF NEW OUTBREAKS PER WEEK FROM EARLY APRIL, WHEN OUR UNIVERSAL INDOOR MASKING REQUIREMENT ENDED, THROUGH MID JUNE. THE GREEN LINE SHOWS THE NUMBER OF OUTBREAKS PER WEEK AT NONRESIDENTIAL WORK SITES. AND THE PURPLE LINE SHOWS THE NUMBER OF OUTBREAKS PER WEEK AT HEALTHCARE FACILITIES WHERE INDOOR MASKING REMAINED A REQUIREMENT THE ENTIRE TIME. AS YOU CAN SEE, HEALTHCARE FACILITIES HAVE NOT EXPERIENCED SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN OUTBREAKS, WHILE THERE WAS A STEEP INCREASE AT WORK SITES WITHIN WEEKS OF LIFTING INDOOR MASKING REQUIREMENTS. NEXT SLIDE. WHEN WE LOOK AT K-12 SCHOOLS, WE SEE A SIMILAR PATTERN, ALTHOUGH IT IS HARDER TO DECIPHER THIS INFORMATION. A MASKING

MANDATE WAS IN PLACE AT SCHOOLS DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR, WHILE WE WERE STILL EXPERIENCING THE WINTER SURGE. DURING THAT TIME, WHEN WE HAD SKY HIGH CASE RATES, THERE WAS AN AVERAGE OF NINE OUTBREAKS PER WEEK IN SCHOOLS. IN CONTRAST, MASKING WAS NOT REQUIRED AT SCHOOLS DURING THE SECOND QUARTER OF THIS YEAR. EVEN THOUGH THE OVERALL COUNTY CASE RATE, AS YOU CAN SEE HERE, WAS MORE THAN EIGHT TIMES LOWER DURING THE SECOND QUARTER COMPARED TO THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE YEAR, THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF OUTBREAKS PER WEEK AT SCHOOLS ROSE SLIGHTLY TO 11 PER WEEK. NEXT SLIDE. THERE'S ALSO A PERSISTENCE MYTH, NOT ONLY THAT WE DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT SCHOOLS BUT THAT CHILDREN DON'T GET SICK FROM COVID. CHILDREN, LIKE ADULTS, EXPERIENCE ASYMPTOMATIC, MILD, OR SEVERE COVID. ABOUT 20% OF INFECTIONS IN L.A. COUNTY HAVE OCCURRED AMONG CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18. OVER THE COURSE OF THE PANDEMIC, MORE THAN 620,000 CHILDREN IN L.A. COUNTY HAVE BEEN INFECTED WITH COVID. AS WITH ADULTS, EVERY INFECTION CAUSES DISRUPTIONS, AND, FOR SOME, EVEN MILD ILLNESS, CAN BE UNCOMFORTABLE. INFECTIONS ALSO CAN LEAD TO MISSED DAYS OF SCHOOLS, SPORTS, OR SUMMER PROGRAMS AS WELL AS CREATING RISK FOR CLOSE CONTACTS. ALMOST 3,000 CHILDREN WITH COVID IN L.A. COUNTY HAVE ENDED UP HOSPITALIZED, AND MOST OF THESE HAVE BEEN HOSPITALIZED WITH COVID ILLNESS. OVER 300 CHILDREN HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH MULTISYSTEMIC INFLAMMATORY SYNDROME, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS M.I.S.C., A RELATIVELY RARE BUT OFTEN SEVERE DISEASE THAT FOLLOWS PRIOR

COVID INFECTIONS. ALMOST ALL CHILDREN WITH M.I.S.C. HAVE BEEN HOSPITALIZED. TRAGICALLY, COVID INFECTION RESULTED IN 11 CHILD DEATHS IN L.A. COUNTY, AND OVER 1700 CHILDREN DIED ACROSS THE COUNTRY. OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO EVERY FAMILY THAT'S LOST A CHILD.AND BEFORE ANYONE RUSHES TO DISMISS THESE DEATHS AS INSIGNIFICANT BECAUSE OF THEIR SMALL NUMBERS, THESE ARE HIGHER RATES OF DEATH THAN WHAT WE SEE FOR OTHER CHILDHOOD RESPIRATORY DISEASES. NEXT SLIDE. ONE OF THE MOST DISHEARTENING MYTHS IS THE IDEA THAT ALMOST NO ONE DIES FROM COVID NOW. THIS IDEA DISMISSES THE VERY REAL SUFFERING AND PAIN THAT CONTINUES TO BE EXPERIENCED BY THOSE THAT ARE LOSING FAMILY MEMBERS, AND IT FAILS TO NOTE THE BRUTAL MORTALITY RATE STILL ASSOCIATED WITH COVID. SO FAR, IN THE FIRST HALF OF 2022, OVER 4300 INDIVIDUALS HAVE DIED FROM COVID. THIS, OF COURSE, INCLUDES PEOPLE THAT DIED DURING PART OF THE WINTER SURGE AS WELL AS THE DEATHS THAT ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THE CURRENT WAVE. THIS NUMBER IS SIGNIFICANTLY THAN HIGHER SIX MONTH AVERAGE TOTALS FOR DRUG OVERDOSES, INFLUENZA DURING THE PRE-PANDEMIC YEAR, AND MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DEATHS TO DATE IN 2022 IS HIGHER THAN THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM ALL THREE OF THESE CATEGORIES COMBINED. WHILE WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR WILL BRING, IF WE EXPERIENCE ONLY HALF THE NUMBER OF DEATHS IN THE SECOND HALF OF 2022, THAT WOULD BE ADDING ABOUT 2100 DEATHS TO THIS YEAR'S TOTAL, IT WOULD STILL MEAN

THAT COVID WOULD REMAIN ONE OF THE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH IN L.A. COUNTY AND THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH FROM AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE. THIS PAST WEEKEND, THERE WAS AN EDITORIAL IN THE NEW YORK TIMES CALLED "ENDEMIC COVID-19 LOOKS PRETTY BRUTAL," BY DAVID WALLACE WELLS, WHO REACHED OUT TO INFECTIOUS DISEASE EXPERTS AT MULTIPLE INSTITUTIONS TO GET A SENSE OF WHAT THEY WOULD PREDICT AS THE LIKELY DEATH RATE IF OMICRON AND ITS SUBVARIANTS CONTINUED IN THE SAME PATTERN THAT WE SAW FOR THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR. THEY ESTIMATED THAT IN ITS CURRENT FORM, COVID WOULD LIKELY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR 100,000 OR MORE DEATHS PER YEAR IN THE UNITED STATES WITH OVER 200,000 TO 300,000 DEATHS BEING MORE LIKELY THIS YEAR. I WOULD LIKE TO ECHO THE SENTIMENT OF DR. GOUNDER, AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE EPIDEMIOLOGIST AT THE KAISER FAMILY FOUNDATION, WHO WAS QUOTED IN THE PIECE, AND SHE ASKS HOW MUCH DEATH ARE WE OKAY WITH. HAVE WE DECIDED THIS IS OKAY? IF SO, WHY? I WOULD ADD WHEN WE NO WE CAN DO MORE TO REDUCE THE RISK OF DEATH, WHY IS IT SO HARD TO UNITE BEHIND COMMON SENSE STRATEGIES THAT HAVE A CHANCE AT REDUCING THE DISPROPORTIONALITY AND SAVING SOME LIVES. NEXT SLIDE. ANOTHER PERSISTENT MYTH IS THAT MANDATES ARE NOT NEEDED OR USEFUL TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH. WE HAVE ALREADY SEEN THAT RISK IS LOWER WHEN EVERYONE WEARS MASKS. AND WE ALSO ALREADY ARE SUBJECT TO MANY OTHER SAFETY REQUIREMENTS THAT WE MUST FOLLOW TO REDUCE RISKS FOR BOTH OURSELVES AND OTHERS. WE NO LONGER ALLOW SMOKING BY INDIVIDUAL IN SHARED

SPACES. THIS REDUCES EVERYONE'S EXPOSURE TO THE TOXINS THAT ARE PRESENT IN CIGARETTE SMOKE. WE REQUIRE MANY THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUAL FOOD HANDLERS TO ALWAYS WASH THEIR HANDS BEFORE THEY HANDLE FOOD. THERE ARE MANY LAWS RELATED TO AUTOMOBILE SAFETY THAT WE MUST ALL FOLLOW, EVEN THOUGH, AS WE HAVE SEEN, THERE ARE FAR FEWER DEATHS FROM CAR ACCIDENTS IN L.A. COUNTY THAN FROM COVID. WE MUST WEAR OUR SEAT BELTS, AND WE CANNOT DRIVE WHILE WE ARE INTOXICATED. FOR YEARS, WE HAVE HAD VACCINE REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER FOR CHILDREN TO ATTEND SCHOOL. THIS IS TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM BEING EXPOSED TO MANY PREVENTABLE DISEASES, SUCH AS MEASLES. FINALLY, THERE ARE MANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS THAT SELECT INDIVIDUALS MUST FOLLOW IN ORDER TO MAKE THE PUBLIC AREA SAFER FOR ALL OF US. FOR EXAMPLE, PEOPLE WHO ARE INFECTIOUS WITH TUBERCULOSIS MUST ISOLATE AND GET TREATED IN ORDER TO AVOID EXPOSING OTHERS. NEXT SLIDE. THERE ARE ALSO OTHERS THAT ARGUE THAT EVERY COUNTY IN THE STATE SHOULD FOLLOW THE SAME REQUIREMENTS AS DETERMINED BY THE STATE, DESPITE THE FACT THAT EACH AREA OF THE STATE EXPERIENCES COVID DIFFERENTLY AND THAT COUNTY HEALTH OFFICERS HAVE AUTHORITY DURING PANDEMICS TO ASSESS LOCAL CONDITIONS TO DETERMINE APPROPRIATE COURSES OF ACTION. HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, WE HAVE BY FAR THE LARGEST POPULATION IN THE STATE WITH ALMOST A QUARTER OF ALL CALIFORNIANS LIVING IN OUR COUNTY. WE ALSO HAVE SOME OF THE DENSEST HOUSING AND HIGHEST RATES OF POVERTY. CONDITIONS WHICH, AS WE HAVE NOTED IN THE PAST, INCREASE RISK

OF SPREAD, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND DEATHS. THIS COUNTY, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS TAKEN EXTRA MEASURES, BEYOND WHAT THE STATE HAS DIRECTED, NUMEROUS TIMES DURING THE PANDEMIC, INCLUDING PROVIDING PROTECTIONS FROM RENT INCREASES AND EVICTIONS. L.A. COUNTY HAS ALSO EXPANDED SICK LEAVE TO MORE WORKERS AND ESTABLISHED PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCILS WITH WORKER PROTECTIONS AGAINST RETALIATION. L.A. COUNTY ALSO ESTABLISHED ITS OWN VACCINATION REQUIREMENT FOR THE ENTIRE WORKFORCE THAT WAS DIFFERENT FROM THE STATE REQUIREMENTS FOR THEIR WORK FORCE. THESE APPROPRIATE ACTIONS. WHILE POTENTIALLY CREATING INITIAL CONFUSION, WERE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO ADDRESS THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF L.A. THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS FOLLOWED A SIMILAR COURSE, ALIGNING WHEN APPROPRIATE WITH THE STATE, AND LOOKING CAREFULLY AT LOCAL CONDITIONS TO DETERMINE WHETHER ADDITIONAL ACTIONS COULD REDUCE COVID RELATED ILLNESS AND DEATHS. NEXT SLIDE. I AM WELL AWARE OF THE UNHAPPINESS MANY ARE EXPRESSING ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THERE COULD BE UNIVERSAL INDOOR MASKING IF WE DON'T SEE SIGNS OF SLOWING TRANSMISSION. I AM ALSO AWARE OF MASSIVE MISINFORMATION CAMPAIGNS THAT QUESTION BOTH THE EFFECTIVENESS OF MASKS, AS WELL AS MINIMIZE THE DANGERS OF SARS-COV2. BOTH OF THESE CAMPAIGNS HURT OUR COMMUNITY BY IGNORING THE NEED FOR CONTINUED SAFETY MEASURES DURING TIMES OF HIGH TRANSMISSION. NO ONE IS SUGGESTING THAT WE NEED TO WEAR MASKS FOREVER. RATHER, THAT THERE ARE LIKELY TO BE SHORT PERIODS OF TIME WHEN

IT MAKES SENSE BECAUSE OF THE HIGH TRANSMISSIBILITY OF NEW VARIANTS THAT ARE EVADING VACCINE PROTECTIONS. THERE IS BROAD CONSENSUS AMONG RESPECTED AND SKILLED PUBIC HEALTH PRACTITIONERS THAT INDOOR MASKING IS A TIME TESTED SAFETY TOOL FOR REDUCING THE RISK OF COVID. DR. TED ROSE OF THE W.H.O. IS CALLING ON EVERYONE TO TAKE MORE PRECAUTIONS, INCLUDING INDOOR MASKING, AS CASES AND HOSPITALIZATIONS RISE WORLDWIDE. DR. FAUCI POINTS OUT THAT MASKS REDUCE RISK NO MATTER WHAT VARIANT WE ARE FACING. AND DR. JAW, THE WHITE HOUSE COVID COORDINATOR, HAS NOTED THAT MASKS CLEARLY SLOW DOWN TRANSMISSION AND ARE VERY IMPORTANT INDOORS, WHEN IN AREAS OF HIGH TRANSMISSION. IN CLOSING, I WANT TO EMPHASIZE AGAIN THAT COVID CONTINUES TO BE A LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN L.A. COUNTY. AND WE SHOULD ALL CONTINUE TO EMBRACE THE TOOLS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO REDUCE THIS RISK. THIS DOES INCLUDE VACCINES, BOOSTERS, TESTING, THERAPEUTICS, AND MASKING. IT IS MY FERVENT HOPE THAT THIS CURRENT SURGE WILL ABATE SOON, BUT IN THE MEANTIME, I DO ASK EVERYONE TO BE CAUTIOUS, CONTINUE TAKING CARE OF EACH OTHER. THIS INCLUDES WEARING MASKS INDOORS TO HELP US SLOW THE SPREAD. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE MANY PEOPLE ACROSS OUR COUNTY WHO ARE DOING ALL OF THIS. WITH THAT, I WILL CONCLUDE MY PRESENTATION AND BE HAPPY TO TAKE QUESTIONS AFTER DR. GHALY.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DR. GHALY.

DR. GHALY: YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME TODAY. SINCE THE TIME OF THE LAST UPDATE TWO WEEKS AGO, THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS WITH A POSITIVE TEST WHO ARE IN ONE OF THE FOUR D.H.S. HOSPITALS HAS CONTINUED TO RISE. SINCE LATE JUNE, THE NUMBERS HAD BEEN RUNNING IN ABOUT THE 80 TO THE LOW 90S, AS YOU CAN SEE ON SLIDE TWO. SORRY -- THANK YOU. BUT OVER THE PAST WEEK OR SO, THEY INCREASED. AND SINCE THAT TIME, THEY HAVE BEEN RUNNING IN THE LOW 100S. AS ALWAYS, THIS REPRESENTS PEOPLE WITH A POSITIVE COVID TEST. ONLY A SMALL MINORITY OF THEM REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE HOSPITALIZED FOR THEIR COVID ILLNESS, AND IN THAT SENSE, THESE NUMBERS ARE REFLECTIVE OF JUST HOW WIDESPREAD THE COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION IS AT THIS POINT. ALSO, TO THE EXTENT THAT THERE'S A WIDE GAP BETWEEN THE DATA ON THOSE WHO ARE HOSPITALIZED FOR COVID VERSUS HOSPITALIZED WITH COVID, IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THIS IS PRIMARILY ATTRIBUTED TO THE WIDESPREAD UPTAKE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE COVID VACCINE IN ADDITION TO THE NATURAL IMMUNITY THAT SOME INDIVIDUALS ALSO HAVE. WITHOUT THE SUCCESS OF VACCINATION, HOSPITALS WOULD BE STRUGGLING AGAIN WITH THE WEIGHT OF THIS PANDEMIC, STRETCHING RESOURCES TO AN UNSUSTAINABLE POINT. WHILE THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS HOSPITALIZED FOR COVID ARE NOT CURRENTLY PUTTING STRAIN ON THE D.H.S. HOSPITALS, WE ARE EXPERIENCING A LARGE NUMBER OF CALL OFFS AMONG STAFF THAT ARE COVID POSITIVE AND THUS FOLLOWING ISOLATION PROTOCOLS. THIS TREND ALSO IS SIMPLY

A REFLECTION OF THE HIGH RATE OF VIRAL TRANSMISSION WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY. IF YOU COULD GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. I WILL SHIFT TO TESTING. IF YOU WILL RECALL, THE TESTING DATA THAT I SHARE ON THIS SLIDE AND THE FUTURE SLIDES JUST REFLECTS THE COUNTY AND STATE FUNDED AND COUNTY AND STATE MANAGED PUBLIC TESTING SITES. AT THIS POINT IN THE PANDEMIC, IT IS VERY APPROPRIATE THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF TESTING HAS BEEN TAKEN ON BY THE ESTABLISHED HEALTH SYSTEM, INCLUDING PROVIDERS, PHARMACIES, AND OTHER ENTITIES. AND IN ADDITION, A LARGE NUMBER OF TESTS ARE HOME ANTIGEN TESTS AT THIS POINT, WHOSE RESULTS ARE NOT INCLUDED HERE. SLIDE THREE, THIS SLIDE LOOKS AT THE UTILIZATION OF TESTING AMONG THIS NARROW SUBSET. WHILE THE NUMBERS OF CURRENT TESTING PERFORMED ARE SMALL, YOU CAN SEE, IF YOU LOOK AT THE DARK BLUE BARS TOWARD THE RIGHT, THAT THERE HAS BEEN A DOUBLING IN THE TESTING UTILIZATION OVER THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS. ON THE NEXT SLIDE, SLIDE FOUR, WE LOOK AT THE PICK UP AND DROP OFF SITES. UTILIZATION REMAINS LOW, BUT WE WILL KEEP THESE OPEN AS A VERY IMPORTANT GEOGRAPHIC ACCESS POINT FOR AT RISK COMMUNITIES. AND FINALLY, SLIDE FIVE JUST COVERS SOME OF THE VERY BASIC NUMBERS, THE 15% INCREASE SINCE LAST PRESENTATION OF COVID TESTING UTILIZATION IN THE COMMUNITY TESTING SITES AND OUR RECENT TEST POSITIVITY RATE WITHIN, AGAIN, THAT NARROW SUBSET OF 27%. THAT'S NOTABLE FOR BEING ALMOST DOUBLE THAT SEEN BY D.P.H. OVERALL, WHICH REFLECTS OVERALL COVID TESTING AND JUST REFLECTS THE HIGHER

RISK COHORTS THAT SEEK TESTING IN COUNTY SITES, INCLUDING THOSE SPECIFICALLY WHO ARE TESTING FOR CAUSE BECAUSE THEY HAD AN EXPOSURE OR SYMPTOMS, RATHER THAN SOLELY FOR SCREENING UPRPOSES. AND WITH THAT, I WILL CLOSE, BUT PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHAT QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE. THANK YOU.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OPENING UP TO QUESTIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS. IF WE COULD GET THE BOARD MEMBERS BACK UP ON SCREEN SO I COULD SEE EVERYBODY. GREAT. THANK YOU. WE'LL START WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, DR. FERRER AND DR. GHALY. OBVIOUSLY, WE'RE NOT OUT OF THE WOODS YET, AND I AM CONCERNED ABOUT STILL THE BOOSTERS THAT I BELIEVE ARE NOT REALLY AT A GOOD RATE FOR OUR CHILDREN. I THINK WE'RE STILL BETWEEN THE AGES OF 5-11 AT 39% VACCINATION RATE, BUT MANY HAVE NOT RECEIVED THEIR BOOSTERS. AND I AM WONDERING, DR. FERRER, WHAT WE ARE DOING IN TERMS OF WORKING WITH OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO HOST VACCINATION EVENTS, AND, AS WE ARE SPONSORING BACK TO SCHOOL EVENTS, HOW ARE WE INCREASING VACCINATION RATES WITH LOW CHILDHOOD VACCINATION RATES OVERALL. WHAT ARE WE DOING THERE?

DR. FERRER: THANKS SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AND ALSO THANKS TO EVERYONE IN YOUR OFFICE WHO'S BEEN GREAT ABOUT HELPING US

GET CONNECTED TO SITES WHERE THEY IN A COMMUNITY WHERE THEY WANT US TO SEND ONE OF OUR MOBILE TEAMS. I BELIEVE THIS PAST WEEK, EVEN THOUGH IT IS SUMMER, WE ARE CLOSE TO 100 SCHOOL/CAMPSITES, AS YOU NOTED, TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT AS PART OF THE LET'S GET READY FOR SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN, THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTS TO EITHER START THEIR CHILD ON THE INITIAL SERIES, AS YOU NOTED, FOR THE YOUNGER CHILDREN, INCLUDING THOSE SIX MONTHS TO FOUR. WE'VE GOT A LONG WAY TO GO, BUT ALSO TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE AWARE THAT, FOR SOME CHILDREN, DEPENDING ON THE TIMING, IT MAY BE APPROPRIATE FOR THEM TO GET THAT FIRST BOOSTER DOSE. SO, OUR TEAMS OUT THERE. I WANT TO THANK THE PROMOTORAS AND THE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS WHO BASICALLY GO DOOR TO DOOR, NOT JUST ANSWERING QUESTIONS AND PROVIDING INFORMATION, BUT BRINGING VACCINES TO PEOPLE IN THEIR HOMES IF THEY ARE STRUGGLING TO GET OUT TO ONE OF THEIR SITES, PARTICULARLY IN THOSE COMMUNITIES WHERE THE VACCINATION COVERAGE RATES ARE LOWER. WE ARE WORKING, OF COURSE, WITH SCHOOLS BOTH ON SORT OF THE COMING BACK TO SCHOOL WITH AS MUCH SAFETY AS POSSIBLE, MAKING SURE THAT FAMILIES ALSO HAVE THOSE OVER THE COUNTER TEST KITS SO THAT CHILDREN CAN GET TESTED VERY EARLY WHEN THEY START COMING BACK INTO SCHOOLS. BUT ALSO MAKING SURE THAT THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY, BECAUSE NOW VACCINES ARE AVAILABLE FOR EVERYONE SIX MONTHS AND OLDER, TO GO AHEAD AND GET VACCINATED. WE SHOULD START RECEIVING NOVAVAX VACCINES

HOPEFULLY LATER NEXT WEEK. IT WILL BE A SMALL AMOUNT TO GET STARTED WITH, BUT AGAIN, THAT'S THE FOURTH APPROVED VACCINE. IT IS A DIFFERENT VACCINE. IT IS MADE DIFFERENTLY THAN THE M.R.N.A. VACCINES. WE THINK SOME FOLKS, IT IS IT IS A MORE TRADITIONAL STRATEGY FOR GETTING THE VACCINE PREPARED THAT WE THINK MAY APPEAL TO SOME FOLKS THAT MAY HAVE BEEN MORE NERVOUS ABOUT THE R.N.A. VACCINES. WE ARE HOPING, AGAIN, WE'LL GET THOSE INTO COMMUNITIES AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. THAT VACCINE IS JUST AVAILABLE TO PEOPLE 18 AND OLDER, ADULTS, AND IT CANNOT BE USED, IT'S NOT APPROVED FOR USE, AS A BOOSTER. SO IT IS JUST AVAILABLE FOR THE PRIMARY SERIES. BUT AGAIN, OUR AIM WITH EVEN OUR SCHOOL SITES IS TO GET THE ENTIRE FAMILY IN AND BE ABLE TO MEET THE ENTIRE FAMILY'S NEEDS.

SUP. SOLIS: JUST ON THAT NOTE, BEFORE I GO TO DR. GHALY, THE FACT THAT WE ARE SEEING MORE PEOPLE BECOMING CONTAGIOUS AT THE WORK SITES, THAT'S THE OTHER ELEMENT THAT I THINK WE REALLY NEED TO FOCUS ON AS WELL. SO WITH THE DIFFERENT EFFORTS THAT WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN WITH BUSINESS COMMUNITIES, HOW DO YOU FORESEE THAT ROLLING OUT, ESPECIALLY WITH THIS NEW NOVAVAX VACCINE?

DR. FERRER: I AM DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE OF SOME OF OUR BUSINESSES AND OUR UNIONS AND OUR WORKFORCE, WHO HAVE BEEN VERY GOOD ALL SUMMER ABOUT GETTING IN TOUCH WITH US SO THAT WE CAN COME TO

THEIR WORK SITES AND DO A POP-UP CLINIC FOR WORKERS. WE ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO DO THAT. I THINK THIS PAST WEEK, THERE HAVE BEEN 800 MOBILE TEAMS THAT ARE OUT POPPING UP. AND EVERY WEEK, WE CONTINUE TO ADD NEW LOCATIONS WHERE FOLKS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN ALLOWING US TO BE THERE TO VACCINATE EITHER MEMBERS IN THE COMMUNITY AND/OR THEIR WORK FORCE. SO WE HAVE APPRECIATED THOSE PARTNERSHIPS AND PARTICULARLY RECOGNIZE, AGAIN, DURING TIMES OF HIGH TRANSMISSION, THE BEST PROTECTION IS OBVIOUSLY GETTING VACCINATED AND BOOSTED BECAUSE YOU SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE YOUR CHANCES OF SEVERE ILLNESS AND A BAD OUTCOME.

SUP. SOLIS: GOOD. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING MORE ABOUT THAT. THANK YOU, DR. FERRER. DR. GHALY, I JUST HAD A QUESTION. I WANTED TO ASK YOU ABOUT THE UNHOUSED FOLKS LIVING ON THE STREETS DURING THIS COVID SURGE. AND D.P.H. HAS A NUMBER OF SAFETY PROTOCOLS, AS WE KNOW AND SERVICES IN PLACE FOR CONGREGATE SETTINGS, BUT FOR PEOPLE LIVING ON THE STREETS, HOW ARE WE UTILIZING THE NEW MOBILE CLINICS TO PROVIDE COVID TREATMENTS, CARE, AND RESOURCES TO OUR RESIDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS? AND I SAY THIS BECAUSE I READ AN L.A. TIMES EDITORIAL THIS WEEKEND THAT DISCUSSED THE NEED TO BRING SERVICES TO OUR UNHOUSED RESIDENTS, INCLUDING REPRODUCTIVE CARE. I AM EXCITED FOR D.H.S.'S MOBILE CLINICS AND AM GLAD TO HEAR REPRODUCTIVE SERVICES WILL BE INCLUDED IN THAT CARE

PROVIDED. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU TO EXPAND THAT RESOURCE AS WELL. SO CAN YOU TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THAT, PLEASE?

DR. GHALY: SURE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR HIGHLIGHTING THAT. WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF CONTINUING THE RAMP UP AND ROLL OUT OUR STREET OUTREACH AND MOBILE CLINIC OPTIONS TO DO CLINICAL SERVICES TO THOSE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, PARTICULARLY INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE STILL UNSHELTERED. WE HAVE A VARIETY OF CLINICAL CARE TEAMS THAT GO OUT AND REGULARLY INTERACT. THEY HAVE OFTEN FORMED VERY DEEP RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE THAT ARE LIVING ON THE STREET. AND THE HOPE IS ALSO THROUGH THAT RELATIONSHIP WE CAN ADDRESS BOTH THEIR CLINICAL NEEDS AND ALSO IDEALLY TRANSITION THEM INTO HOUSING. WE ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE SOME CLINICAL CARE ON THE SPOT IN THE STREETS, DEPENDING ON WHERE THE INDIVIDUAL IS, BUT THEN CAL ALSO BE ABLE TO TRANSMISSION THEM INTO SOME OF OUR MORE STRUCTURED CLINICS, PARTICULARLY THE STAR CLINIC THAT IS LOCATED IN SKID ROW. AND THEN AS YOU MENTIONED, WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF ROLLING OUT OUR MOBILE CLINICS. THESE ARE GOING TO GREATLY INCREASE OUR CAPACITY TO DO STREET BASED MEDICINE, WHICH IS SOMETHING THAT IS REALLY A NEED FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS FOR PEOPLE THAT HAVE ACUTE ISSUES, CHRONIC ILLNESSES, AND THEN, TO YOUR POINT, SUPERVISOR, ARE IN NEED ALSO OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES. SO I AM GRATEFUL TO THE HOUSING FOR HEALTH

TEAM FOR ALL OF THEIR LEADERSHIP IN THE AREA, AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO HEAR SOME OF THE GOOD STORIES OF THEIR CLINICAL ENCOUNTERS.

SUP. SOLIS: YOU KNOW, DR. GHALY, YESTERDAY, I HAD A CHANCE TO TO THROUGH SKID ROW. NOW I REPRESENT ALL OF IT. AND BEFORE I ATTENDED AN EVENT THERE, A FEW HOURS BEFORE, I HAD A CHANCE TO GO THROUGH THE DIFFERENT BLOCKS AND NOTICE THAT THERE WAS A VERY HIGH NUMBER OF WOMEN, MIXED RACES, THAT WERE OUT ON IN THE STREET. AND IT IS JUST SO DISTURBING TO SEE THAT THESE PEOPLE ARE IN GREAT NEED OF OVERALL ASSISTANCE. AND MANY OF THEM LOOK A LOT OLDER THAN THEY ARE, BUT MANY WERE, YOU COULD TELL, HAVING SPENT A LONG TIME ON THE STREET. I REALLY DO BELIEVE THE URGENCY OF GETTING OUT THERE AND HAVING THESE MOBILE UNITS EXPAND THE SERVICES IS GOING TO SAVE THE COUNTY A LOT OF MONEY, BUT IT'S ALSO GOING TO SHOW THAT WE HAVE A DIRE NEED TO HELP TREAT NOT JUST THE WOMEN BUT ALSO ALL THE OTHER INDIVIDUALS THERE, ESPECIALLY THOUGH AT THIS POINT WHAT I SAW WHICH REALLY GRABBED ME WAS THE FACT THAT I SAW SO MANY WOMEN THAT WERE JUST OUT THERE ON THE STREET SITTING AND -- AND IN THIS HEAT AND NOT RECEIVING -- THERE WAS NOBODY TO BE REALLY SEEN THERE PROVIDING ANYTHING. SO I JUST WANT TO REMIND US THAT WE HAVE SO MUCH WORK TO DO, AND I APPRECIATE BOTH OF YOU, DR. FERRER AND DR. GHALY, FOR ALL YOUR WORK AND YOUR STAFF. I WANT TO REALLY TELL THEM THANK YOU AS WELL. AND I SAW SOME OF

YOUR STAFF, DR. FERRER, OUT ON SATURDAY IN THE CITY OF OF COVINA. THEY WERE ADMINISTERING COVID VACCINES AS WELL AS FORMULA AS WELL AS JUST PROVIDING OVERALL SUPPORT, REPRODUCTIVE SUPPORT, AND ALL OF THAT FOR MANY OF OUR YOUNG WOMEN THAT LIVE OUT IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. AND THERE WAS A GREAT, GREAT NEED OUT THERE AS WELL. SO THANK YOU, BOTH VERY MUCH. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I COULDN'T AGREE WITH YOU MORE. ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS? SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU TO BOTH OF YOU, DR. FERRER AND DR. GHALY FOR THE WORK THAT YOU AND YOUR STAFF HAVE DONE, AND I'M PARTICULARLY STRUCK BY KIND OF THE BLOW BACK FROM A NUMBER, THOUGH NOT A REALLY SIGNIFICANT NUMBER, OF SORT OF SNOWFLAKE WEEPIES ABOUT HOW OPPRESSIVE IT IS WRITING A MASK. I DON'T HEAR THEM WRITING ABOUT SHOES, WHICH ARE MORE ACTUALLY OPPRESSIVE TO YOUR FEET THAN WEARING A MASK ON YOUR FACE, BUT WE DO REALLY FOR HEALTH, OR REQUIREMENT TO WEAR A SHIRT INTO A RESTAURANT. I WAS UP AT THE CAPITOL IN THE OLD DAYS WHEN PEOPLE WERE PROTESTING SEAT BELTS AND HELMETS FOR MOTORCYCLE AND BICYCLE RIDERS, AND THEY WERE JUST AS FERVENT AND, FRANKLY, JUST AS NEGLIGENT OF RECOGNITION OF WHAT THEY COST THE REST OF SOCIETY. AND IN THE

CASE OF MASKS, I WANTED TO ASK FOR A CLARIFICATION BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS A LITTLE UNSURE ABOUT WHO ARE WE PROTECTING BY WEARING MASKS. IF I HAPPEN TO BE A REALLY SELFISH PERSON, BUT I'M NOT WEARING A MASK TO PROTECT ME, IF I WERE WEAR A MASK, IT ONLY PROTECTS YOU, AND I DON'T CARE ABOUT YOU, THEN THAT'S ONE THING. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE PRIMARY USE OF MASKING REALLY IS TO PROTECT THE OTHER PERSON. AND IN DISTRICT 3, EVEN AS IT'S STILL CONFIGURED, THERE IS A WIDE VARIETY OF ECONOMIC LEVELS. IN THE EAST VALLEY, IN SYLMAR AND PACOIMA, WE HAVE MANY, MANY WORKERS WHO TRAVEL TO THE WESTERN PART OF THE VALLEY AND THE WESTERN PART OF L.A. TO WORK IN OUR MARKETS, IN OUR STORES, AND VIRTUALLY EVERYWHERE WE GO, IN RESTAURANTS. AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR -- I CERTAINLY WANT TO SAY TO MY CONSTITUENTS HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO PROTECT THOSE PEOPLE WHOM WE TAKE FOR GRANTED AS THE PEOPLE WHO SERVE US BECAUSE, OVER THE COURSE OF THE PANDEMIC, AS YOU RECALL, PACOIMA AND SYLMAR WERE OFTEN AT THE VERY TOP OF THE PERCENTAGE OF INFECTIONS. THAT IS NOT TO TAKE ANYTHING AWAY FROM OTHER COMMUNITIES IN EAST AND SOUTH L.A. AND EVERYWHERE ELSE. BUT JUST TO SAY, THE THIRD HAS OUR SHARE AS WELL OF WORKERS WHO PEOPLE WHO DON'T WEAR MASKS ARE PUTTING AT RISK. SO, WHETHER THERE'S A MANDATE OR NOT, AND I'M VERY HAPPY TO SEE THAT WE'RE HOVERING AT THAT MIDLINE BETWEEN MODERATE AND HIGH, BUT WE'RE STILL AT THE LOW END OF THE HIGH RATE. SO, I GUESS THE QUESTION IS, IN THE USE OF MASKS, WHO IS BEING PROTECTED?

DR. FERRER: THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND FOR ALL THE SUPPORT. AND I THINK IT'S A GREAT QUESTION. WE TALK ABOUT SOURCE CONTROL, BUT IT'S JUST A FANCY WORD FOR SAYING EXACTLY WHAT YOU JUST SAID. YOU PUT ON A WELL FITTING HIGH FILTRATION MASK, BEST IF IT'S WHAT WE CALL A RESPIRATOR MASK, BUT REALLY IMPORTANT THAT IT BE HIGH FILTRATION, MULTI-LAYERED, AND FITS REALLY WELL, YOU ARE PREVENTING YOUR GERMS, SOME OF YOUR GERMS, NOT ALL OF THEM, BUT A GOOD PORTION OF THEM, FROM GETTING OUT INTO THE AIR AROUND YOU. YOU'RE ALSO PREVENTING YOUR RESPIRATORY DROPLETS, SHOULD YOU SNEEZE OR COUGH OR YELL LOUDLY, FROM BEING EXHALED AT THE SAME RATE THEY WOULD BE IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE A MASK. AND I THINK WE ALL KIND OF GET IT. I THINK IT'S INTERESTING. PEOPLE INHERENTLY UNDERSTAND, A) THAT THE MASKS REALLY -- YOU CAN JUST LOOK AT THEM AND YOU CAN SEE THEY'RE GOING TO FORM A PHYSICAL BARRIER. AND THERE'S BEEN NO PUSH BACK AROUND MASKING AT HEALTHCARE FACILITIES. PEOPLE REALLY BUY INTO PROTECTING HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND VULNERABLE PEOPLE BOTH OF WHICH COULD BE PRESENT EVEN IF YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE YOUR CHILD TO A PEDIATRICIAN FOR A WELL CHILD VISIT. I THINK PEOPLE HAVE A HARDER TIME UNDERSTANDING FOR SOME OF OUR OTHER WORKERS THAT THEY TOO WOULD BENEFIT FROM SIMILAR PROTECTIONS THAT YOU CAN GIVE THEM WHEN YOU WEAR YOUR MASK AND THAT THERE ARE OTHER PEOPLE IN THE ROOM WHO AREN'T NECESSARILY AT THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE, BUT THEY MAY BE VULNERABLE. THEY MAY

HAVE UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS. THEY MAY LIVE WITH FAMILY MEMBERS THAT HAVE UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS, THEY MAY HAVE SOME DISABILITIES THAT YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT. THEY MAY BE IMMUNOCOMPROMISED. PEOPLE DON'T HAVE A SIGN THAT SAYS I'M A HIGH RISK PERSON. I THINK, AGAIN, SOME OF THIS MIGHT BE FOLKS DEEPENING BOTH THEIR UNDERSTANDING AND THEIR EMPATHY FOR OTHER WORKERS AS WELL AS, OF COURSE, FOR OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS.

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE OTHER THINGS IS I HAD QUESTIONS ABOUT, OF COURSE, MONKEYPOX AND THAT VACCINE, BUT I THINK WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THEM UP UNDER ITEM 13. IS THAT CORRECT, MADAM CHAIR?

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: YES, THAT'S CORRECT. WE'LL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK THOSE QUESTIONS.

SUP. KUEHL: OKAY, GREAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: EXCELLENT. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU. I JUST HAVE TO SAY -- AND I APPRECIATE THE MYTH VERSUS FACT, DR. FERRER, BUT I WOULD ADD A MYTH VERSUS FACT BECAUSE WE CONTINUE TO TALK ABOUT L.A. COUNTY IS ALIGNING WITH C.D.C. BY IMPLEMENTING A MASK MANDATE, AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT YOU'VE BEEN CONSISTENT WITH AND ACTUALLY

I'VE AGREED WITH. BUT WHEN WE LOOK AT THE FACT AND THE C.D.C.'S LONG LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF ACTIONS FOR COUNTIES IN HIGH TRANSMISSION, WHICH IS WHERE WE ARE, TO TAKE, THERE IS NO DIRECTIVE MANDATING MASKING BECAUSE I'M ALL FOR MASKING. I JUST FLEW BACK FROM DENVER, AND I HAD MY MASK ON ON THE FLIGHT. I WAS ONE OF MAYBE A HALF A DOZEN. SO I RECOGNIZE THE VALUE OF WEARING A MASK. I'M NOT AN ANTI-MASKER. I'M ALL ABOUT THE ISSUE OF MANDATING. THE C.D.C. DOES RECOMMEND THAT INDIVIDUALS WEAR MASKS IN INDOOR PUBLIC SETTINGS, BUT THE C.D.C. ALSO RECOMMENDS MANY OTHER PRECAUTIONS THAT WE ARE NOT INCORPORATING. AND SO, I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WANT TO ALIGN WITH C.D.C., BUT C.D.C. IS SILENT ON MANDATING MASKING. SO I JUST WANTED TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT ON THAT. AND I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF GOVERNMENT MASKING, YOUR OWN ABSTRACT THAT YOU SENT TO US STARTS OFF WITH EVIDENCE FOR THE EFFECTIVENESS OF MASKING ON SARS-COV2 TRANSMISSION AT THE INDIVIDUAL LEVEL AS ACCUMULATED, BUT THE ADDITIONAL BENEFIT OF COMMUNITY LEVEL MANDATES IS LESS CERTAIN. SO WE REALLY DON'T HAVE EMPIRICAL DATA THAT WILL SUPPORT THE FACT THAT MANDATING IS MORE EFFECTIVE THAN ENCOURAGING AND DOING WHAT WE ARE DOING NOW AND LETTING PEOPLE KNOW THAT MASKING IS A WAY TO NOT ONLY PROTECT THEMSELVES BUT PROTECT OTHERS. I APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR KUEHL ASKING FOR CLARIFICATION BECAUSE I THINK WE NEED TO KEEP REMINDING PEOPLE OF WHY MASKS ARE AN IMPORTANT TOOL, BUT YOU KNOW -- AND THEN

SUPERVISOR SOLIS ASKED ABOUT THE VACCINATION AND THE BOOSTERS. THERE ARE THINGS THAT WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO DID TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES. AND THOSE VACCINATIONS, WE ALL KNOW MAY NOT PREVENT YOU FROM GETTING IT, BUT IT SURE AS HECK WILL PREVENT YOU FROM EITHER ENDING UP IN THE HOSPITAL OR, WORST CASE SCENARIO, DYING. SO WE KNOW THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE VACCINE. SO I JUST WANTED TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT BECAUSE I AM ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO MANDATING THE MASKING BECAUSE I TRULY DO BELIEVE IT'S GOING TO HAVE THE OPPOSITE EFFECTS. WE'VE SEEN, NOT A CITY IN MY DISTRICT, BUT CITIES NOW TAKING VOTES TO REFUSE TO ENFORCE. AND THIS BECOMES VERY POLARIZING, AND I THINK IT'S UNFORTUNATE BECAUSE I CAN TELL YOU THAT I DON'T GO OUT TO DIFFERENT EVENTS, BUT, IF I WAS IN A CROWD, EVEN OUTDOOR, RIGHT NOW IF WE'VE GOT A HIGH RATE, COMMON SENSE WOULD TELL YOU AND YOU HAVE GOT SIGNS UP, WHICH BY THE WAY WHEN I WAS AT THE AIRPORT OVER THE INTERCOM IT WAS PUBLIC HEALTH MANDATES YOU WEAR A MASK IN THE AIRPORT. NO ONE WAS WEARING A MASKS, AND NO ONE WAS ENFORCING IT. SO IT SEEMS CONTRADICTORY FOR US ON ONE HAND TO SAY DO THIS, BUT THEN WE DON'T EVEN HAVE THE ABILITY TO ENFORCE. AND THEN WHEN WE DO ENFORCE, YOU TALK ABOUT INEQUITY, THE INEQUITY IN TERMS OF HOW ITS ENFORCED I THINK IS ALSO SOMETHING THAT IS A CONCERN. SO I WANTED TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT. AND I'M HEARING OVERWHELMING COMMENTS IN MY OFFICE, WHICH IS WHY I ISSUED A STATEMENT AS TO MY POSITION. IN MY STATEMENT, I MADE IT CLEAR

THAT I DO SUPPORT MASKING, AND, DR. FERRER, PLEASE LET YOUR COMMUNICATIONS TO INDIVIDUALS KNOW THAT BECAUSE I THINK THERE WERE DISPARAGING THINGS THAT WERE SAID, WHICH I RESENT. SO FACT VERSUS FICTION. IF THEY WANT TO TALK TO ME, HAVE THEM CALL ME DIRECTLY TO DISCUSS THEIR CONCERNS OR THEIR ISSUES WITH MY COMMENTS. I'M IN THE OFFICE EVERY DAY. SO, FEEL FREE TO HAVE THEM CALL ME DIRECTLY. I WOULD LOVE TO TALK TO THEM ABOUT IT. BUT HAVING SAID THAT, FOR ME, IT'S NOT ABOUT ANTI-MASKING. WE ALL SHOULD MASK WHEN WE'RE IN LARGE GROUPS. THERE IS NO QUESTION ABOUT IT. AND THEN WE ALL LEAD BY EXAMPLE. ALL OF US, INCLUDING YOU, DR. FERRER, AND WE ALL HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT AS WELL. WE ALL LEAD BY EXAMPLE. I LOOKED AT CHAIR MITCHELL, WHO LEADS BY EXAMPLE. I'M NOT WEARING A MASK RIGHT NOW, BUT I'M IN MY OFFICE RIGHT HERE. I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY, AND THAT'S WHY I HAVE BEEN SO VOCAL AGAINST THE MANDATE. BUT MAKE NO MISTAKE, I'M NOT -- TO THE PUBLIC -- I DON'T WANT ANYONE HIJACKING MY COMMENTS AS IT RELATES TO THE MASKS. I SUPPORT PEOPLE WEARING MASKS, ESPECIALLY THOSE VULNERABLE AND THAT ARE IN A HIGH RISK CATEGORY OR IF THEY'RE GOING INTO AREAS WHERE THERE ARE LARGE AMOUNTS OF PEOPLE INDOORS. COMMON SENSE AND ACTUALLY STUDIES SHOW THE EFFECTIVENESS OF WEARING A MASK. SO, I HAVE NO QUESTIONS OTHER THAN I JUST WANTED TO MAKE THAT STATEMENT MOVING FORWARD. SO WITH THAT, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? SUPERVISOR HAHN.

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU TO BOTH OF THE DOCTORS FOR THIS PRESENTATION, AND I WILL START OFF BY SAYING MY OFFICE HAS RECEIVED THOUSANDS OF PHONE CALLS, E-MAILS, LETTERS FROM E-MAIL WHO ARE VEHEMENTLY AGAINST US REINSTATING THE INDOOR MASK MANDATE ON JULY 29TH. AND I KNOW I'M ONE OF THOSE FOLKS THAT WAS HOPING THAT WE WOULDN'T BE HERE AGAIN CONTEMPLATING THE NEED FOR MORE MASKING REQUIREMENTS. AND I HONESTLY BELIEVE THERE ARE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF OUR POPULATION WHO ARE NOT WILLING TO ACCEPT MASK MANDATES AT THIS POINT. AND MANY OF THEM, THE ONES THAT HAVE CONTACTED ME, ARE POINTING TO THE FACT THAT WE HAVE MORE TOOLS NOW THAN WE HAD IN THE BEGINNING OF THIS PANDEMIC. WE HAVE BOOSTER SHOTS THAT HAVE MADE INFECTIONS LESS SEVERE. WE HAVE THE ANTIVIRALS THAT HAVE PROVEN TO BE EFFECTIVE TREATMENTS. WE HAVE THE WIDE AVAILABILITY OF AT HOME TEST KITS SO THAT PEOPLE ARE AWARE IF THEY HAVE CONTRACTED THE VIRUS AND WHAT THEY NEED TO DO TO KEEP THEMSELVES FROM SPREADING IT. LOCAL BUSINESSES, I KNOW HAVE BEEN TELLING MY OFFICE THAT THEY'RE CONCERNED ABOUT HAVING TO ENFORCE THIS MASK MANDATE WHEN SUCH A LARGE PORTION OF THE POPULATION IS AGAINST IT. THEY JUST DON'T FEEL LIKE THAT'S WHY THEY WENT INTO SMALL BUSINESS WAS TO SORT OF GET IN FIGHTS WITH THEIR CUSTOMERS. AND PERSONALLY, I'M WORRIED, TO

BE HONEST WITH YOU, THAT WE'RE LOSING THE TRUST THIS TIME OF A PORTION OF THE PUBLIC WHO ACTUALLY HAVE BEEN WITH US UP UNTIL THIS POINT. I MEAN -- AND BY THE WAY, JUST TO GIVE A GREAT SHOUT OUT TO OUR PUBLIC FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS, GENERALLY, THEY'VE BEEN PRETTY GREAT ABOUT WHAT WE HAVE ASKED THEM DO, EVERYTHING FROM THE DARK DAYS WHEN WE HAD SHUT DOWN RESTAURANTS, AND THEY BEGAN TO PIVOT AND DO ONLINE ORDERING. MANY OF THEM GOT INTO CURBSIDE PICKUP. THESE WERE BUSINESSES WHO HAVE NEVER HAD TO DO THAT BEFORE. I KNOW DOWNTOWN AREAS OF DIFFERENT CITIES HAVE BEEN TRANSFORMED TO PROVIDE OUTDOOR SPACES FOR SAFER DINING. AND PEOPLE HAVE GENERALLY GONE ALONG WITH WHAT WE HAVE ASKED, BUT I'VE BEEN HEARING FROM EVEN THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN WITH US ARE NOT WITH US ON THE NEED TO REINSTATE INDOOR MASKING RIGHT NOW. THEY AGREED WITH THAT DECISION WHEN OUR HOSPITAL SYSTEM WERE UNDER THREAT, AND, AGAIN, I THINK WE MADE THE CASE ABOUT OUR WORKERS IN OUR HOSPITALS AND HOW OVERWHELMED THEY WERE. I THINK THE PUBLIC GENERALLY WANTED TO SPARE OUR WORKERS WITH MORE TRAUMA OF THEIR OWN AS OUR HOSPITALS WERE OVERRUN, BUT I THINK NOW THAT WE'RE SEEING THAT PEOPLE ARE GETTING -- FEWER PEOPLE ARE GETTING SERIOUS CASES OF COVID, THEY JUST DON'T REALLY BELIEVE THIS MANDATE IS NECESSARY. AND YOU KNOW, UNFORTUNATELY, MANY PEOPLE ALSO CALLING MY OFFICE -- AND I'M JUST GOING TO SAY THIS BECAUSE, AGAIN, I'M REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE THAT ARE CALLING MY OFFICE. I'M THEIR VOICE SOMETIMES MORE THAN MY OWN VOICE, AND THEY'RE

POINTING TO THE L.A.C.+U.S.C. VIDEO THAT WENT VIRAL. AND IN THAT VIDEO, OUR OWN COUNTY DOCTORS WERE SAYING PRETTY CLEARLY THAT THE SITUATION IN OUR HOSPITALS IS NOWHERE CLOSE TO WHERE IT WAS DURING THE LAST SURGE. THEY ARE A LARGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS TESTING POSITIVE FOR COVID, BUT ONLY A FRACTION OF THEM ARE ACTUALLY IN THE HOSPITAL BECAUSE OF THEIR COVID INFECTION AND EVEN FEWER OF THEM ARE IN THE I.C.U. DUE TO COVID. ONE OF THE THINGS, DR. FERRER, THEY WOULD HAVE ME ASK YOU TO EXPLAIN YOUR DECISION TO REINSTATE A MASK MANDATE BASED ON THE NUMBER OF HOSPITALIZED PATIENTS WHO TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID RATHER THAN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE HOSPITALIZED FOR COVID. AND THEY WERE WONDERING IF YOU BASED YOUR DECISION ON THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF HOSPITALIZATIONS DUE TO COVID, WOULD THAT CHANGE YOUR RECOMMENDATION?

DR. FERRER: YES, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I APPRECIATE THE CONCERNS. I DO WANT TO NOTE BECAUSE I GET MOST OF THE SAME E-MAILS YOU DO, IF YOU WERE GOING TO PUT THEM INTO BUCKETS, THE MAJORITY OF THEM NOT ONLY ARE OPPOSED TO A MASK MANDATE BUT ACTUALLY ARE OPPOSED TO MASKS. SO, AGAIN, THERE ARE LOTS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE SENDING US NOTES THAT ARE OPPOSED --

SUP. HAHN: I'VE GOT TO INTERRUPT YOU BECAUSE, FOR ME, THAT WAS MY COMMENT. I FEEL LIKE THERE IS A WHOLE NEW GROUP OF PEOPLE

NOW WHO HAD BEEN WITH US ON MASKING SO FAR, BUT RIGHT NOW ARE OPPOSED TO THE MANDATE.

DR. FERRER: YEAH AND OPPOSED BECAUSE THEY HAVE DECIDED THAT MASKS DON'T WORK. SO, I JUST, I MEAN, FOR ME, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS THAT MASKS DO WORK, AND WE ASK PEOPLE TO PLEASE KEEP WEARING THEM, WHETHER IT'S UNIVERSAL INDOOR MASKING OR NOT. IT'S SUPER IMPORTANT. I WILL GO BACK TO THE FACT THAT NOBODY IS COMPLAINING ABOUT WEARING A MASK AT A HEALTHCARE FACILITY, NOT JUST AT HOSPITALS BUT AT DOCTOR'S OFFICES, AT DENTISTS, AT THE LAB BECAUSE PEOPLE KNOW INHERENTLY MASKS DO WORK, AND THEY PROTECT THE WORKERS AND THEY PROTECT OTHER MORE VULNERABLE PEOPLE. SO, I THINK I LAID OUT OVER ALL OF THE SLIDES --

SUP. HAHN: I THINK MY QUESTION WAS ABOUT BASING YOUR DECISION ON HOSPITALIZATIONS DUE TO COVID.

DR. FERRER: YEAH. I'M NOT -- THE REALITY IS, THE DECISION ABOUT WHETHER TO GO INTO HIGH TRANSMISSION IS BASED ON A SET OF HOSPITAL METRICS THAT C.D.C. HAS LAID OUT FOR EVERYONE THAT DOESN'T DISTINGUISH BETWEEN WHAT WE CALL INCIDENTAL HOSPITALIZATIONS AND PEOPLE WHO ARE THERE BECAUSE THEY'RE SICK WITH COVID. WE HAVE BEEN CALCULATING FOR MONTHS NOW AND SHARING WITH EVERYBODY THAT THERE'S BEEN A SHIFT, WHEREAS

BEFORE, PARTICULARLY DURING DELTA, MOST PEOPLE HOSPITALIZED, THE MAJORITY, WERE IN FACT IN THE HOSPITAL BECAUSE THEY NEEDED TO GET TREATED FOR COVID. BUT OVER TIME, THERE HAS BEEN A SHIFT IN THAT, AND NOW MOST PEOPLE WHO ARE IN THE HOSPITAL, THE MAJORITY, ARE IN FACT THERE FOR SOME OTHER REASON BUT HAVE TESTED POSITIVE.

SUP. HAHN: SO IT WOULDN'T CHANGE YOUR RECOMMENDATION IF YOU JUST FOCUSED ON THOSE WHO ARE THERE BECAUSE OF COVID?

DR. FERRER: I THINK WHAT I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO SAY IS I'M NOT JUST WORRIED ABOUT STRESS ON THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. I'M REALLY WORRIED ABOUT THE FACT THAT WHEN YOU HAVE THIS MUCH SORT OF UNFETTERED TRANSMISSION, WE'RE NOT GETTING CONTROL OF IT, ALTHOUGH MAYBE NOW WE ARE. WE'LL HAVE TO SEE WHAT THE DATA IS THIS WEEK. BUT WHEN YOU HAVE THIS HIGH A RATE OF TRANSMISSION, IT WILL LEAD TO TRAGICALLY MORE DEATHS. AND I THINK THE QUESTION EVERYONE HAS TO ASK THEMSELVES IS HOW MUCH DEATH DO YOU WANT TO TOLERATE BEFORE YOU ASK PEOPLE, DURING THESE EXTRAORDINARY TIMES OF HIGH TRANSMISSION, TO PUT THEIR MASKS BACK ON. I'M DEFINITELY SAYING CLEARLY OUT LOUD TO EVERYONE AND HAVE BEEN FOR WEEKS, THE DEATH RATE RIGHT NOW FROM COVID IS TOO HIGH. AND I THINK WE NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB. AND I GET E-MAILS AS WELL FROM PEOPLE WHO SAY 15 DEATH A DAY IS NOTHING,

AND MOST OF THE PEOPLE DYING ARE OVER 80, SO WHY WOULD YOU BOTHER?

SUP. HAHN: YEAH, I HEAR YOU. I DON'T FEEL THAT WAY.

DR. FERRER: WE HAVE TO CHANGE THAT.

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU.

DR. FERRER: I LIVED THROUGH 2020, WHEN WE DIDN'T KNOW A LOT ABOUT COVID, AND TRAGICALLY THAT RESULTED IN A LOT OF OLDER PEOPLE AT OUR NURSING HOMES PASSING AWAY. SO OUR JUDGMENT HERE AT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS ALWAYS GOING TO BE TO BE CAUTIOUS. WE KNOW WE HAVE THE TOOLS --

SUP. HAHN: I AGREE, AND YOU HAVE BEEN CONSISTENT ABOUT THAT. YOU'RE OUR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND THAT HAS BEEN YOUR MISSION FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, AND I CERTAINLY WOULD NEVER QUESTION THAT. YOUR JOB IS TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH. AND YOU HAVE BEEN CONSISTENT ON THAT THE WHOLE TIME. DR. GHALY, YOUR DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENT ADDRESSING THAT VIDEO NOTED THAT RISING RATES OF INFECTIONS CAN BE CONCERNING AND THAT THE MORE PEOPLE INFECTED, THE GREATER PROBABILITY THAT I.C.U. ADMISSIONS WILL RISE IN THE FUTURE. ARE YOU CONCERNED, DR.

GHALY, THAT OUR COUNTY HOSPITALS ARE AT RISK OF BEING OVER CAPACITY IN THE COMING WEEKS?

DR. GHALY:. HI, SUPERVISOR. THANKS FOR THAT QUESTION. NO, I DO NOT CURRENTLY HAVE CONCERNS THAT THE FOUR D.H.S. HOSPITALS ARE AT RISK OF BEING OVERWHELMED DUE TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE BEING HOSPITALIZED FOR COVID. THE BIGGEST STRESS ON THE HOSPITALS, OUR HOSPITALS, RIGHT NOW IS JUST THE NUMBER OF STAFF WHO ARE CALLING OUT.

SUP. HAHN: YEAH, I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU, HAS THE NUMBER OF STAFF OUT WITH COVID IMPACTED YOUR DEPARTMENT'S ABILITY TO CARE FOR PATIENTS?

DR. GHALY: YES, IT HAS, AND I DON'T BELIEVE OUR HOSPITALS ARE ANY DIFFERENT THAN ANY OTHER HOSPITAL OR CLINIC OR HEALTHCARE FACILITY. WE ARE REQUIRED, FOR GOOD REASONS, TO FOLLOW ISOLATION PROTOCOLS FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE A POSITIVE COVID TEST. AND SO THAT RESULTS JUST BECAUSE COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION IS SO HIGH AND PEOPLE WHO WORK IN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES ARE IN THE COMMUNITY JUST LIKE ANYONE ELSE, AND SO THERE'S HIGH RATES OF INFECTION. AND THAT MEANS THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF STAFF OUT. SO IN HOSPITALS, THAT MEANS THAT BEDS ARE CLOSED OR THAT IT MIGHT TAKE LONGER TO BE SEEN IN AN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT, HAS

SEVERAL WAYS IN WHICH THERE IS AN IMPACT ON FACILITIES. BUT YES, WE'RE EXPERIENCING A HIGH NUMBER OF CALL OUTS.

SUP. HAHN: WELL, THAT IS CONCERNING. WE SHOULD OBVIOUSLY -- WE EXPECT YOU TO CONTINUE TO MONITOR THAT AND LET US KNOW WHAT WE CAN DO TO MITIGATE THAT. DR. FERRER, I HEAR YOUR FRUSTRATION, ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU SAID WHY IS IT SO HARD, PARTICULARLY WHEN YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT DEATHS AND LONG COVID AND VULNERABLE PEOPLE, THOSE PARTICULARLY WITH DISABILITIES, WHO DON'T WANT TO GET THIS. YOU SAY WHY IS IT SO HARD FOR PEOPLE TO COME TOGETHER ON SOMETHING SO SIMPLE WHICH REDUCES THE CONSEQUENCES OF THIS VIRUS. AND YET, I MEAN, YOU HAD A SLIDE THAT POINTED OUT ALL THE THINGS THAT WE REQUIRE NOW FOR PEOPLE'S SAFETY, RESTAURANT WORKERS WASHING THEIR HANDS, SEAT BELTS, CAR SEATS, YOU KNOW, YOU CAN'T DRIVE WHEN YOU'RE INTOXICATED, BUT I HAVEN'T GOTTEN ONE LETTER OF PEOPLE OPPOSING RESTAURANT WORKERS WASHING THEIR HANDS. I HAVEN'T GOTTEN ONE LETTER OF PEOPLE COMPLAINING ABOUT SEAT BELTS OR NOT BEING ABLE TO DRIVE WHEN THEY'RE DRUNK. HONESTLY, I'VE NEVER HAD ANYTHING -- AND I THINK IT'S BECAUSE THE PUBLIC NOW UNDERSTANDS THE INHERENT DANGERS OF NOT IMPLEMENTING SOME OF THOSE SAFETY FACTORS. AND WHETHER OR NOT PEOPLE DON'T BELIEVE MASKS WORK, I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S EVEN THE ISSUE. I JUST BELIEVE AT THIS POINT THEY HAVE BEEN WILLING TO ACCEPT WEARING MASKS ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, IN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES, INSIDE THE AIRPORT,

BUT THIS IS JUST SOMETHING THAT I JUST REALLY BELIEVE IS NOT THE RIGHT TIME. FOR ME, I'M JUST TALKING FOR MYSELF, MY PREFERENCE WOULD BE TO STAY ALIGNED WITH THE STATE, AND THEY'RE RIGHT NOW NOT REINSTATING THE MASK MANDATE. I WORRY THAT IF WE TRY TO IMPOSE IT NOW, WE WILL HAVE SUCH PUSH BACK AND SUCH BLATANT -- WHETHER IT'S BEVERLY HILLS SAYING THEY'RE JUST NOT GOING TO ENFORCE IT OR OTHER BUSINESSES SAYING WE'RE JUST NOT GOING TO DO THIS, THAT MAYBE WHEN WE REALLY, REALLY, REALLY NEED IT, LIKE IN THE WINTER, IF IN FACT WE DO HAVE A SERIOUS SURGE WHERE WE REALLY DO NEED BRING THE PUBLIC BACK ALONG WITH US, THAT WE WON'T BE ABLE TO DO THAT. I'M WONDERING IF YOU REALLY FEEL LIKE WE NEED TO, NOT SO MUCH FOR THE HOSPITAL OVER CAPACITY, BUT MAYBE TO PROTECT VULNERABLE PEOPLE OR THOSE WHO ARE COMPROMISED, MAYBE A BETTER WAY TO GO FORWARD WOULD BE TO MAYBE TAKE A SMALL STEP AND ADD SOMETHING TO WHAT WE ALREADY REQUIRE PEOPLE TO DO, LIKE MAYBE ADD GROCERY STORES AND PHARMACIES BECAUSE I THINK WE KNOW PEOPLE HAVE TO GO TO THE GROCERY STORE. THEY HAVE TO GO TO THE PHARMACIES. MAYBE THEY DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO DO SOME OF THESE OTHER THINGS OR FREQUENT OTHER BUSINESSES OR GO OUT TO EAT, BUT MAYBE WE JUST SAY, ON TOP OF TRANSPORTATION, HOSPITALS, HEALTHCARE FACILITIES, HOMELESS SHELTERS, JAILS, WE JUST SAY, YOU KNOW WHAT, WE'RE GOING TO ADD GROCERY STORES SO IT'S KIND OF A STEP, AND TO ME IT COVERS THE IDEA OF WE'RE TRYING TO PROTECT VULNERABLE PEOPLE WHO NEED TO GO TO THE GROCERY STORE, BUT

WE'RE NOT DOING THIS UNIVERSAL INDOOR MASKING WHICH JUST, FOR SOME REASON -- AND I'M WITH YOU, I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY, BUT, FOR SOME REASON, JUST RUBS PEOPLE THE WRONG WAY AND WILL BE VERY DIVISIVE FOR L.A. COUNTY. SO, IS THAT SOMETHING THAT MAYBE YOU WOULD CONSIDER OR YOU MIGHT RECOMMEND AS KIND OF A BABY STEP?

DR. FERRER: I'M HAPPY -- THANKS FOR THE SUGGESTION. ALWAYS HAPPY. I'LL TAKE IT BACK TO OUR TEAM HERE. WE'LL LOOK AT THE DATA. AS I'VE INDICATED ALREADY, SHOULD WE SEE A SUSTAINED DECLINE THE REST OF THE WEEK IN THE CASE NUMBERS, WE WOULD PUT A PAUSE. AND AGAIN, WE'LL BE VERY MINDFUL. I REALLY APPRECIATE FOLKS TRYING TO COME UP WITH SOLUTIONS THAT MAY WORK FOR SOME SEGMENTS OF THE COMMUNITY BETTER THAN OTHERS. HAPPY TO TAKE THOSE BACK TO OUR TEAM, AND WE'LL GET BACK TO YOU.

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU. I DO THINK WE'VE LEARNED A LOT IN TWO YEARS, AND I DO KNOW THAT WE REALLY DO NEED -- IF WE'RE SERIOUS ABOUT LIVING WITH THIS DAMN VIRUS, IF WE REALLY REALIZE THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO LIVE WITH IT, AND IT'S GOING TO GO AWAY, AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE DIFFERENT VARIANTS, WE HAVE GOT TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC THEMSELVES ON HOW BEST TO PROTECT THEMSELVES IN THEIR PARTICULAR SCENARIO WITH THEIR OWN HEALTH CHALLENGES. WE DO NEED TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO TAKE CARE OF ONE ANOTHER AND TO LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF, BUT AT

THE END OF THE DAY I THINK A LOT OF THOSE SLIDES THAT YOU SHOWED ABOUT WHY THEY WORK AND WHAT THE DANGERS ARE, WE NEED TO GET THAT TO THE PUBLIC, TO THE INDIVIDUAL PERSON, AND THEY NEED TO CHART THEIR COURSE FORWARD FOR LIVING WITH THIS VIRUS THAT'S GOING TO BE WITH US UNTIL THE END OF TIME, I THINK. THANK YOU BOTH, DR. FERRER, FOR YOUR CONSISTENT MISSION, FOR PROTECTING THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH, AND DR. GHALY, FOR YOUR CARE FOR OUR DOCTORS AND NURSES IN OUR COUNTY HOSPITALS AND OUR PATIENTS. THANK YOU.

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

SUP. SOLIS: YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANTED TO ASK A FOLLOW UP QUESTION TO DR. GHALY REGARDING THE OTHER PRIVATE HOSPITALS AND FOR-PROFIT HOSPITALS. WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THE IMPACT OF COVID HOSPITALIZATIONS THERE BECAUSE I KNOW WE MOSTLY BUT REPORT ON OURSELVES? BUT AS SOMEONE WHO UTILIZES, FOR EXAMPLE, PRIVATE NONPROFIT KAISER, FOR EXAMPLE, I KNOW RECENTLY THEY'VE BEEN INUNDATED IN THEIR EMERGENCY OFFICES, AND ON WEEKENDS, AND IT'S -- I'M SENSING, AND I BELIEVE FROM WHAT I'M HEARING FROM THE DOCTORS THERE, IT'S FROM COVID. WHILE WE MAY THINK WE'RE SAFE HERE, ONE THING IS THAT WE PROBABLY DO A BETTER JOB OF KEEPING OUR PATIENTS IN THE QUEUE. WE CALL THEM. THE NURSES CALL THEM. I KNOW THAT. WE DID THAT REPEATEDLY WHEN COVID WAS AT ITS HEIGHT, BUT IS THERE ANY

INFORMATION YOU CAN SHARE WITH US ABOUT THAT, THE STATUS OF SOME OF THE PRIVATE HOSPITALS?

DR. GHALY: SURE. THANKS, SUPERVISOR. I'LL MAKE A BRIEF COMMENT, AND THEN I'D ACTUALLY LIKE TO ASK DR. FERRER TO ADDRESS THAT. D.H.S. DOES NOT RECEIVE ANY DATA FROM THE PRIVATE HOSPITALS ABOUT THE STATUS OF THEIR COVID HOSPITALIZATIONS. THAT DATA GOES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. I WILL SAY IN GENERAL, THOUGH, THAT YOUR STATEMENT ABOUT THE STRESS ON THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT IS TRUE. WHAT I KNOW ANECDOTALLY AND WHAT I HAVE EXPERIENCED WITHIN D.H.S. HOSPITALS, THAT APPLIES TO THE URGENT CARE, THERE ARE A LOT OF PATIENTS COMING IN FOR SYMPTOMS THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH COVID. THE VAST MAJORITY DON'T NEED TO BE ADMITTED. THEY'RE SENT HOME. BUT THAT IS STILL A LOT OF VOLUME THAT'S COMING INTO THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT. WE'RE SEEING THAT BACK UP IN THE E.M.S. SYSTEM WITH LONG WAIT TIMES FOR AMBULANCES AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS. THAT HAS A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE SYSTEM OVERALL BECAUSE THE AMBULANCES CAN'T GET BACK OUT TO THE STREETS. IT HAS REPERCUSSIONS SEVERAL FOLD OVER, BUT THE URGENT CARES AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS ARE VERY BUSY. MY OWN EXPERIENCE YESTERDAY, I WORKED IN THE URGENT CARE AT L.A.C.+U.S.C., AND 2/3 OF THE PATIENTS THAT I SAW IN URGENT CARE WERE COVID POSITIVE. THERE IS JUST A LOT OF VOLUME COMING

IN WITH CONCERNS OF COVID, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF DR. FERRER WANTS TO COMMENT ON THE PRIVATE HOSPITALS, SPECIFICALLY.

DR. FERRER: NO, NO, THANKS. I SHARED THE DATA WITH. WHEN I SHOW THOSE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT RATES, THAT'S FOR THE ENTIRE L.A. COUNTY SYSTEM, PRIVATE AND PUBLIC. THE SAME THING WITH THE HOSPITALIZATION RATES. WE COLLECT THE HOSPITALIZATION DATA FROM 92 HOSPITALS. I ALSO WANT TO NOTE THAT DR. DAVIS MEETS WITH THE HOSPITAL C.E.O.'S AND THEIR CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICERS ABOUT, I THINK NOW THEY DO IT ONCE EVERY TWO WEEKS, TO GIVE THEIR CONCERNS AND TO BE -- TO BE GOOD PARTNERS. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE BEING RESPONSIVE. WE'RE THERE WITH E.M.S. AND D.H.S. AGAIN TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT ALWAYS THE COUNTY IS GOOD PARTNERS TO THE PRIVATE HOSPITAL WORLD, AND I THINK DR. GHALY'S EXPERIENCES ARE EXACTLY WHAT WE HEAR. I KNOW THAT DR. DAVIS TALKED TO DR. BELCHER OVER AT M.L.K., AND SHE SAID SOMETHING VERY SIMILAR, STRUGGLING AROUND STAFFING ISSUES AND LOTS AND LOTS OF PEOPLE THAT ARE SICK, DON'T NECESSARILY NEED TO BE HOSPITALIZED, BUT DO NEED TO SEE A PROVIDER, AND THAT IT'S TAXING. AND PEOPLE GETTING SICK WITH COVID, THEY'RE ALSO SCARED. SO, I KNOW FOR SOME, THEY'VE JUST EXPERIENCED VERY MILD ILLNESS. THAT MAKES THEM FEEL MUCH MORE INVINCIBLE, BUT THERE ARE LOTS OF OTHER PEOPLE, I THINK WE ALL KNOW IN OUR FAMILIES AND OUR COLLEAGUES AT WORK WHO ARE GETTING PRETTY SICK RIGHT NOW, AND BECAUSE OF THE UNKNOWN ON LONG COVID, THE

UNKNOWN REINFECTIONS, PEOPLE ARE FEARFUL AND SEEKING HELP FROM THE MEDICAL SYSTEM. THE GOOD NEWS IS WE'VE GOT A GREAT THERAPEUTIC THAT MANY PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE ELIGIBLE TO TAKE, BUT I STILL THINK, WHEN YOU HAVE THIS MUCH TRANSMISSION, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE AN IMPACT AT WORK SITES WITH STAFFING SHORTAGES AND THEN FOR THE GENERAL MEDICINE, PEDIATRIC PROVIDERS, URGENT CARES, E.R.S, THEY'RE GOING TO DEAL WITH A HIGHER VOLUME AND GET STRESSED ABOUT IT. SO I THINK YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY CORRECT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WHAT YOU'RE SEEING AT KAISER I THINK IS WHAT MOST HOSPITAL SYSTEMS WOULD SAY THEY'RE SEEING AS WELL.

SUP. SOLIS: RIGHT. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I'VE NOTICED IN MY OWN DISTRICT IN CERTAIN PARTS WHERE WE HAVE MORE CHALLENGED AREAS, WE HAVE A LOT OF ESSENTIAL WORKERS AND PEOPLE THAT HAVE TO DEPEND ON WORKING, OTHERWISE THERE IS NO RECOURSE FOR THEM, THAT THEY ARE WEARING THEIR MASKS. THEY ARE WEARING THEIR MASKS. I CAN'T SPEAK FOR EVERYBODY, BUT I REALLY DO THINK FOR SOME OF THE PEOPLE THAT ARE DISADVANTAGED IN SOME WAYS BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO THE KIND OF HEALTHCARE THAT MANY OF US HAVE, THAT THEY KNOW THAT THIS IS SERIOUS STUFF. THEY'RE THE ONES THAT HAVE SUFFERED SO MUCH AND SAW THE LOSS OF LIFE IN THEIR FAMILIES, WHETHER IT WAS UNCLES, AUNTS, GRANDPARENTS, WHATEVER. IT'S REAL. AND OUR COMMUNITY IS HURTING. AND I THINK THAT THEY DO TAKE TO LIGHT WHAT DO YOU SAY, DR. FERRER. AND I

WOULD JUST ASK YOU TO CONTINUE TO URGE THEM TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE NEW BOOSTERS AND THE VACCINES THAT ARE GOING TO COME ON AND REALLY MAKE SHAT, AGAIN, THAT WE STAND FOR THEM GETTING VACCINATED AND, OF COURSE, TAKING ALL THE PRECAUTIONS, DISTANCING, CLEANING THEIR HANDS, AND ALSO WEARING THEIR MASKS WHEN APPROPRIATE. I REALLY DO THINK THAT THE MESSAGE IN MANY WAYS IS VERY SERIOUSLY TAKEN BY MANY IN THE COMMUNITY THAT I REPRESENT. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU AND THANKS FOR THAT FOLLOW UP QUESTION SUPERVISOR SOLIS BECAUSE AS I WAS LISTENING, DR. GHALY, ALMOST FELT LIKE ME YOU BURIED YOUR LEAD THAT, WHILE IT MAY NOT BE THE TYPICAL STRESSOR ON THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM WE THINK BECAUSE THEY'RE OVERWHELMED BY PATIENTS, BUT IT IS A STRESSOR IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE ADEQUATE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL TO RUN AN E.R. OR TO RUN A HOSPITAL. SO THAT'S DEEPLY TROUBLING TO KNOW THAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE IS COMPROMISED FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE. AND AS DR. FERRER MENTIONED, MARTIN LUTHER KING COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, WHETHER IT'S A DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE HOSPITAL OR A HOSPITAL THAT, BASED ON GEOGRAPHY, IS IN A COMMUNITY WHO SERVES PEOPLE WHO ARE HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED OR PEOPLE WHO WERE DISPROPORTIONATELY HIT BY THIS VIRUS, SOMETIMES THEIR NUMBERS WERE FAR WORSE THAN OUR COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITALS IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS

THEY SAW. SO, I REMAIN CONCERNED THAT IF PERSONNEL ARE BEING IMPACTED THIS TIME THAT THAT COULD REALLY PLUMMET US INTO A SITUATION WHERE OUR HEALTHCARE INFRASTRUCTURE IS COMPROMISED. THIS LAST QUICK COMMENT I'LL MAKE IS THAT I HOPE THERE IS SOME FUTURIST OR PUBLIC HEALTH ACADEMIC INSTITUTION THAT'S GOING TO STUDY THIS EXPERIENCE BECAUSE, SUPERVISOR HAHN, MY RECOLLECTION OF THE EXAMPLES THAT DR. FERRER GAVE, IT TOOK A WHILE FOR THE CULTURE SHIFT. I WAS STAFF IN THE LEGISLATURE WHEN A MEMBER LOST HIS SEAT PRE TERM LIMITS OVER THE MANDATORY MOTORCYCLE HELMET LAW, LOST HIS SEAT. WE WERE NOT ABLE TO GET MANDATORY BICYCLE HELMETS FOR ADULTS. THE COMPROMISE WAS KIDS ONLY BECAUSE PEOPLE REFUSED. SO THIS WHOLE NOTION OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS VERSUS PUBLIC HEALTH IS A REAL INTERESTING KIND OF DYNAMIC, AS WE'RE ALSO EXPERIENCING RIGHT NOW WITH REGARD TO THE SUPREME COURT RECENT DECISION. SO HOW WE, SUPERVISOR HAHN SAID GET THOSE SLIDES OUT, BUT HOW DO WE GET THOSE SLIDES OUT AND HAVE PEOPLE ACCEPT THEM AS STATEMENTS OF FACT, AS OPPOSED TO US GRAVITATING TOWARDS DATA THAT VALIDATES WHAT WE ALREADY BELIEVE. I JUST DON'T KNOW HOW WE DO THAT IN A MEANINGFUL WAY. AGAIN, I HOPE SOMEBODY STUDIES IT. WE DON'T HAVE THE TIME BECAUSE WE ARE TRYING TO KEEP PEOPLE SAFE IN REAL TIME, BUT THAT'S GOING TO HAVE TO REALLY BE CRITICAL FOR US TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THE MESSAGING IS TO TRULY IMPACT HUMAN NATURE FOR PEOPLE TO MUCH MORE QUICKLY -- M.A.D.D., MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING, WORKED FOR YEARS BEFORE THEY HAD POLICY

CHANGE. SO IT TAKES SO LONG, AND SO MANY LIVES ARE LOST WHILE WE'RE TRYING TO GET OVER THAT HUMP FROM DATA AND RESEARCH TO TRULY AFFECTING BEHAVIOR CHANGE AND WHAT WE AS ELECTED POLICYMAKERS HAVE TO DO IN THAT BRIDGE TIME TO AFFECT POLICY TO REALLY MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE STAY HEALTHY TO THE DEGREE THAT WE CAN DO THAT. THANK YOU BOTH FOR YOUR PRESENTATIONS ALWAYS. HOPEFULLY, SOME SCHOOLS OUT THERE WILL GIVE SOMEBODY THOSE ASSIGNMENTS. THEY CAN HELP US FIGURE IT OUT. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS BEFORE WE MOVE ON? THIS IS A REPORT. AND IT WILL BE DEEMED RECEIVED AND FILED. HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. THANK YOU ALL. AND THANK YOU TO OUR DOCTORS FOR THEIR WORK EVERY DAY ON OUR COLLECTIVE BEHALF. MOVING ON TO ITEM 11, CONFRONTING THE DRUG OVERDOSE EPIDEMIC, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR.

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU ALSO FOR JOINING ME ON THE MOTION. AND, AS YOU KNOW, THIS IS ONE OF OUR GREATEST PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS THAT WE ARE FACING HERE IN THE COUNTY TODAY. THE UNITED STATES, AS YOU KNOW, IS EXPERIENCING THE WORST DRUG OVERDOSE CRISIS IN NATIONAL HISTORY, AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS NO EXCEPTION. THE COUNTY HAS SEEN INCREASES IN ACCIDENTAL DRUG OVERDOSE SINCE 2011, WITH 2,425 DEATHS IN 2020 ALONE. AND MUCH OF THE RISE CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO AN INCREASE IN THE USE OF METHAMPHETAMINES, FENTANYL, AND OPIOIDS. OVERDOSE DEATHS HAVE DISPROPORTIONATELY

IMPACTED AND DISENFRANCHISED MANY IN OUR COMMUNITY. THEY WERE THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH AMONG PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, AMONG AFRICAN AMERICANS, WHO HAD THE HIGHEST RATE OF DRUG OVERDOSE DEATH IN THE COUNTY. AND IS SINCE 2017, THE OPIOID MORTALITY RATE FOR LATINO RESIDENTS IN CALIFORNIA HAS REACHED ITS HIGHEST LEVEL. AND UNFORTUNATELY, MANY LATINO RESIDENTS IN THE STATE REPORTED BILINGUAL TREATMENT PROGRAMS WERE HARD TO FIND AND ACCESS. THIS IS ESPECIALLY PRONOUNCED IN MY OWN DISTRICT ON SKID ROW THE EPICENTER OF OUR HOMELESSNESS CRISIS, WHICH HAS IS THE HIGHEST RATE AND NUMBER OF OVERDOSE MORTALITIES IN LOS ANGELES. THESE RATES ARE HIGHER IN SKID ROW AS COMPARED TO THE ENTIRE UNHOUSED POPULATION OF LOS ANGELES. WE HAVE ALSO SEEN AN INCREASE IN THE COUNTY JAILS. WHEN COMPARING 2020 TO 2021, THE NUMBER OF OVERDOSE DEATHS INCREASED BY ALMOST 300%. THIS IS A CRISIS THAT WE KNOW NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED, AND WE NEED TO UTILIZE TARGETED EFFORTS FOCUSED ON PREVENTION, EARLY INTERVENTION, AND ACCESS TO EVIDENCE-BASED TREATMENT SERVICES, INCLUDING HARM REDUCTION. FORTUNATELY, OUR PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENTS ARE ENGAGED IN RESPONDING TO THE CRISIS, INCREASING ACCESS TO LIFE SAVING STRATEGIES, INCLUDING ONE OF THE NATION'S LARGEST COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND ALSO DISTRIBUTION OF NALOXONE PROGRAM, WHICH WE KNOW IS ONE OF OUR MAIN PRIORITIES HERE. WE HAVE ENGAGED COMMUNITY GROUPS ADVOCATING OF BEHALF OF OUR RESIDENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MOST IMPACTED BY THE CRISIS, AND I WANT TO

ESPECIALLY THANK AND GIVE A SHOUT OUT TODAY TO THE WALL LAS MEMORIAS AND THE ENTIRE ACT NOW AGAINST METH COALITION, WHO EARLIER THIS YEAR ISSUED A CALL TO ACTION WITH RECOMMENDATIONS TO CREATE A COORDINATED RESPONSE TO THE CRISIS. THANKS TO THEIR ADVOCACY AND HARD WORK OF COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND CLINICS, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR DEPARTMENTS, WE CAN MAKE PROGRESS BY HELPING TO END THIS EPIDEMIC. THIS MOTION DIRECTS THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES TO COORDINATE WITH MULTIPLE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO BRING THEIR MANY RESOURCES TOGETHER FOR A COMPREHENSIVE RESPONSE AND SHARED GOALS. IT ENSURES STRATEGIES TO END THE EPIDEMIC AND IN A PLACE TO HELP THOSE DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY DRUG OVERDOSES, INCLUDING THOSE COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, JUSTICE-INVOLVED RESIDENTS, PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, AND L.B.G.T.Q.+ RESIDENTS, AND IT ENSURES COLLABORATION WITH OUR HOUSING SYSTEM, FINALLY, TO EXPAND AVAILABLE HOUSING OPTIONS, INCLUDING RECOVERY ORIENTED OPTIONS TO HELP PROVIDE RESIDENTS IN NEED WITH STABILITY AND EXPANDS ACCESS TO NAVIGATION SERVICES TO CONNECT THOSE RESIDENTS TO RESOURCES AND SERVICES. WE MUST ALL RECOGNIZE THAT SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES DON'T HAPPEN IN A VACUUM AND OFTEN CO-OCCUR WITH OTHER RISK FACTORS SUCH AS THOSE WITH H.I.V. AND OTHER S.T.I.'S. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THERE ARE BIDIRECTIONAL SCREENING AND REFERRAL PROCESSES ACROSS OUR SYSTEMS, CARING FOR THOSE RESIDENTS TO ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE ACCESS TO SUBSTANCE USE RESOURCES AND VICE VERSA.

AND TO HELP PREVENT THE DEVELOPMENT OF FUTURE SUBSTANCE USE ISSUES, WE ALSO ARE INCLUDING AND DEVELOPING AGE APPROPRIATE EVIDENCE-BASED CURRICULA FOR K-12 STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS AND THEIR GUARDIANS. AND IMPORTANTLY, WE'VE ESTABLISHED A FRAMEWORK AND TIMELINE WHICH INCLUDES AND GOALS SO WE KNOW WHAT SUCCESS WILL LOOK LIKE. THIS FIGHT WILL NOT BE EASY, BUT WE CAN MAKE IT EASIER FOR OURSELVES AND THOSE WE SERVE BY MAKING SURE OUR EFFORTS ARE COORDINATED AND INFORMED BY THOSE IN COMMUNITY WHO ARE MOST IMPACTED. FORTUNATELY, PURSUANT TO LITIGATION SETTLEMENTS WITH TWO OPIOID MANUFACTURERS, THE COUNTY IS SET TO RECEIVE FUNDING TO SUPPORT THESE KINDS OF EFFORTS. THESE FUNDS CAN BE USED ON S.U.D. TREATMENTS AND FACILITIES, DIVERSION EFFORTS, VULNERABLE POPULATIONS, AND DRUG ADDICTION PREVENTION. THEY CAN ALSO BE UTILIZED BY NALOXONE TRAINING AND DISTRIBUTION, WRAP AROUND SERVICES, AND EVIDENCE-BASED TREATMENT AND RECOVERY SUPPORTS. GIVEN THIS OPPORTUNITY, I'D LIKE TO READ THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO THE DIRECTIVE 12. TO ACCESS THE FUNDING IN EACH DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET THAT IS USED TO SERVE P.W.U.D. TO DETERMINE HOW BEST TO LEVERAGE FUNDING TO MAXIMIZE COUNTY RESOURCES FOR THIS POPULATION, INCLUDING THE ALLOCATION OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT DOLLARS AND IDENTIFY FUNDING GAPS AND WORK WITH THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS THESE GAPS. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN HAS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT SHE'D LIKE TO READ IN LATER AS WELL, BUT, FIRST, I'D LIKE TO HAND IT

BACK TO YOU, MY COAUTHOR, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AND I URGE ALL OF YOU TO VOTED AYE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I'LL QUICKLY SAY THAT, AS AN ADOLESCENT, MY MOTHER RAN THE METHADONE CLINICS IN A NEIGHBORING COUNTY, AND SO WHEN I THINK ABOUT OVER THE LAST 45 YEARS REALLY HOW FAR WE'VE COME IN PROVEN STRATEGIES TO HELP, BETWEEN MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT, ALL THE THINGS YOU JUST LISTED, IT'S HIGH TIME I THINK THAT L.A. COUNTY AND EVERY COUNTY LEAN IN AND CAPITALIZE ON THESE INNOVATIVE TREATMENTS. I LIKE YOUR MULTI KIND OF PRONGED STRATEGY THAT'S LAID OUT IN THE MOTION, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO MAKING SURE OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IS INTERWOVEN IN THIS PROCESS, RECOGNIZING THE ROLE SELF-MEDICATING PLAYS FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT DIAGNOSED OR HAVING HAD ACCESS TO APPROPRIATE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OR MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT SERVICES. SO I'M VERY GLAD TO SIGN ON AS A COAUTHOR ON THIS MOTION AND ECHO OUR SENTIMENT THAT WE ASK FOR FULL SUM PORT. SUPERVISOR HAHN, I UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE AN AMENDMENT?

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU TO YOU AND TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION TO TAKE A FRESH LOOK AT HOW WE MIGHT COMBAT THE DRUG OVERDOSE EPIDEMIC. IN MY DISTRICT ALONE, 358 OVERDOSE DEATHS WERE REPORTED IN THE FIRST 10 MONTHS OF THE PANDEMIC, ALMOST A 50% INCREASE COMPARED TO

PRE PANDEMIC RATES. MY CITY OF LONG BEACH HAS EXPERIENCED SOME OF THE WORST OF THIS CRISIS, WHICH IS WHY I'M ASKING OUR COUNTY HEALTH TO INCLUDE THE LONG BEACH HEALTH DEPARTMENT AS A PARTNER AGENCY IN THIS EFFORT TO DEVELOP A COUNTY-WIDE ACTION PLAN. WHEN IT COMES TO NEW WAYS THAT WE CAN HELP PEOPLE RECOVER FROM ADDICTION, I'M RECEIVING REQUESTS FROM COMMUNITY PARTNERS ASKING THE COUNTY TO INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY OF DIGITAL THERAPEUTICS. THESE ARE THOSE MOBILE APPS ON SMARTPHONES OR TABLETS TO HELP PATIENTS MANAGE THEIR OWN TREATMENT PLANS. THEY OFFER ON DEMAND ACCESS, OVERCOME TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS, AND PROVIDE MOTIVATIONAL INCENTIVES TO AVOID RE-OCCURRENCES OF SUBSTANCE USE. THE WHITE HOUSE'S OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY PUBLISHED A STRATEGY DOCUMENT IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR, AND IT HIGHLIGHTED THE IMPORTANCE OF USING THESE PRESCRIPTION DIGITAL THERAPEUTICS. IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO INCLUDE DIGITAL THERAPEUTICS IN OUR STRATEGY AS WELL. SO THE TWO AMENDMENTS THAT I AM OFFERING, THE FIRST WOULD BE TO ADD LONG BEACH DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO THE LIST OF PARTNER AGENCIES THAT ARE ALREADY IN THE FIRST DIRECTIVE, AND THE SECOND I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE IS FOR ITEM NUMBER 8, WHICH WOULD READ: EXPAND THE ACCESSIBILITY OF CONTINGENCY MANAGEMENT INTERVENTIONS, INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF PRESCRIPTION DIGITAL THERAPEUTICS FOR ADDICTION TREATMENT. AND IS I HOPE YOU ACCEPT

THOSE AS FRIENDLY AMENDMENTS. I THINK IT WILL HELP OUR WHOLE HE OVERALL COUNTY ACTION PLAN. THANK YOU.

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU YES.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: EXCELLENT. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? SUPERVISOR BARGER.

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU. JANICE, I DON'T KNOW IF I HEARD YOU.YOU SAID INCLUDE LONG BEACH?

SUP. HAHN: YES.

SUP. BARGER: I'D ALSO LIKE TO ADD PASADENA TO THAT BECAUSE THEY BOTH HAVE THEIR OWN DEPARTMENTS.

SUP. SOLIS: SURE. MAKES SENSE.

SUP. BARGER: YEAH, THANK YOU. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU BOTH FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. DR. GUPTA, I THINK CHAIR MITCHELL MET HIM AT N.A.C.O., BUT THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT IS -- MEAN COVID HAS SHINED A LIGHT, AND ACTUALLY IT'S GOTTEN WORSE SINCE COVID. AND WHAT REALLY STRUCK ME IS WE'RE NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT JUST OVERDOSES. THE WITH FENTANYL, IT IS NOT AN OVERDOSE. A SMALL AMOUNT CAN KILL YOU BECAUSE OF THE

COUNTERFEIT FENTANYL THAT'S COMING INTO THE COUNTRY. SO THERE'S NO QUESTION THAT THERE ARE THINGS THAT WE CAN DO, AND I THINK THIS MOTION REALLY SETS INTO PLAY A GREAT STRATEGY AND FRAMEWORK TO MOVE THAT FORWARD. SO, I SUPPORT THIS, AND I SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTED. THANK YOU.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. AND I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY THAT IT'S IN THE FIRST DIRECTIVE THAT LISTS THE PARTNER AGENCIES THAT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU'RE AGREEING TO ADD OUR TWO ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, PASADENA AND LONG BEACH. EXCELLENT.

SUP. SOLIS: CORRECT.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: OKAY, WANTED TO MAKE SURE WE WERE CLEAR IN TERMS OF THE AMENDMENT. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON ITEM 11? SEEING NONE, ITEM 11 AS AMENDED IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY MITCHELL AND TO APPROVE THE ITEM AS AMENDED. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 11 BEFORE YOU AS AMENDED. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: ITEM 13, ADVOCATING FOR ADDITIONAL FEDERAL ASSISTANCE FOR MONKEYPOX RESPONSE, WHICH IS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AND COLLEAGUES I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HOLD ITEM A10 TO HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSION AND TAKE ADDITIONAL

ACTIONS RELATED TO MONKEYPOX. ALSO, DR. FERRER, OUR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND DR. SINGHAL, OUR CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER, WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

SUP. SOLIS: YES, I JUST WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR JOINING ME ON THIS MOTION, AND I'M READY TO SEE THE PRESENTATION BY DR. FERRER IF SHE CAN GIVE US AN UPDATE ON THE COUNTY'S CURRENT RESPONSE TO MONKEYPOX.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: GREAT.

DR. FERRER: THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO, AS ALWAYS, TURN IT OVER TO DR. SINGHAL, WHO HAS BEEN HEADING UP THE EFFORT. SO, HOPEFULLY, YOU'RE ON. OKAY, YOU'RE THERE. AND THEN WE'LL BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

DR. SINGHAL: GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON PUBLIC HEALTH'S RESPONSE TO MONKEYPOX. DURING THIS PRESENTATION, I'LL PROVIDE A SITUATIONAL UPDATE ON MONKEYPOX IN L.A. COUNTY, DEMOGRAPHICS AND GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF OUR MONKEYPOX CASES, AND INFORMATION ON OUR VACCINE AND COMMUNICATIONS EFFORTS. I'LL GO AHEAD AND TAKE THE FIRST SLIDE. ON SATURDAY, THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION DECLARED

MONKEYPOX A GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, WHICH IS THEIR HIGHEST ALERT LEVEL. WHILE THIS DESIGNATION DOES NOT MEAN A DISEASE IS HIGHLY TRANSMISSIBLE OR LETHAL, IT IS AN INDICATION THAT MONKEYPOX IS A PUBLIC HEALTH RISK REQUIRING A COORDINATED INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE. CURRENTLY, IT IS REPORTED THERE ARE OVER 18,000 CASES OF MONKEYPOX ACROSS MORE THAN 75 COUNTRIES. THIS INCLUDES NEARLY 3,500 CONFIRMED CASES IN THE UNITED STATES FROM ACROSS 44 STATES, INCLUDING 434 CASES IN CALIFORNIA. TO DATE, THERE HAVE BEEN 218 CASES OF MONKEYPOX IDENTIFIED IN L.A. COUNTY, WHICH IS DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF CASES WE HAD ONE WEEK AGO. ALL OF OUR CASES HAVE BEEN AMONG ADULTS, AND THERE IS A MEDIAN AGE OF 35 YEARS. ADDITIONALLY, WHEREAS TWO WEEKS AGO, OVER HALF OF OUR CASES WERE ASSOCIATED WITH DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, NOW LESS THAN 40% OF CASES ARE. I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THERE HAS BEEN NO HOSPITALIZATIONS OR DEATHS IN L.A. COUNTY, AND THE RISK OF MONKEYPOX IN THE GENERAL POPULATION REMAINS LOW. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. AS MENTIONED BEFORE, PUBLIC HEALTH IS CONTINUING TO INVESTIGATE CASES AND CONDUCT CONTACT TRACING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW WIDESPREAD THE VIRUS IS IN OUR COMMUNITY. THIS PAST FRIDAY, WE SHARED OUR FIRST LOOK AT THE DEMOGRAPHIC AND GEOGRAPHIC PROFILE OF THE MONKEYPOX CASES IN L.A. COUNTY. OVERALL, ALL OF OUR CASES WERE MALE WITH 138, OR 85%, IDENTIFYING AS L.G.B.Q.+. ADDITIONALLY, 43% OF THE CASES WERE WHITE, 32% WERE LATINX, AND 7% OF THE CASES WERE BLACK. THE OVERALL

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE IS CONSISTENT WITH WHAT IS BEING SEEN ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND THE WORLD. AND I CAN CONFIRM THAT WE HAVE NOT HAD ANY CASES IN CONGREGATE SETTINGS, SUCH AS OUR JAILS OR P.E.H. SETTINGS. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. WE ALSO HAVE DATA TO SHARE ON THE GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION OF CASES. DUE TO THE LARGE SIZE OF L.A. COUNTY, WE DO DIVIDE IT UP INTO 8 GEOGRAPHIC AREAS CALLED SERVICE PLANNING AREAS, OR S.P.A.S. AS OF FRIDAY, THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF CASES, 55%, OR 89 CASES, WERE IN S.P.A.4, WHICH INCLUDES THE COMMUNITIES OF BOYLE HEIGHTS, CENTRAL CITY, DOWNTOWN L.A., ECHO PARK, EL SERENO, HOLLYWOOD, MID CITY WILSHIRE, MONTEREY HILLS, MOUNT WASHINGTON, SILVER LAKE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, AND WESTLAKE. AND IT IS REPRESENTED BY THE COLOR PURPLE ON THE MAP. 17% OR 28 CASES WERE IN S.P.A.2, WHICH INCLUDES THE COMMUNITIES OF BURBANK, CALABASAS, CANOGA PARK, CANYON COUNTRY, ENCINO, GLENDALE, SAN FERNANDO, SHERMAN OAKS, SUN VALLEY, VAN NUYS, AND OTHERS. THE REMAINING S.P.A.S HAD 10 OR FEWER CASES EACH. ALSO FOUND ON THIS MAP IS THE LOCATION OF OUR VACCINATION SITES. THE PUBLIC HEALTH SITES ARE REPRESENTED AS CIRCLES, AND THE COMMUNITY PARTNER SITES ARE REPRESENTED BY TRIANGLES. IN ADDITION TO ENSURING THAT PEOPLE IN THE AREAS MOST IMPACTED BY MONKEYPOX HAVE ADEQUATE ACCESS TO THE VACCINE, WE ARE ALSO ENSURING THAT ACCESS IS AVAILABLE ACROSS THE COUNTY BROADLY. I'LL TAKE THE NEXT SLIDE. WE KNOW THAT ARE THERE A LOT OF QUESTIONS ABOUT TESTING AND WHAT SOMEONE SHOULD DO IF THEY

THINK THEY HAVE MONKEYPOX. THE FIRST THING I WANT TO MAKE CLEAR IS THAT MOST HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS DO HAVE THE ABILITY TO TEST FOR MONKEYPOX. AND RESIDENTS THAT HAVE DEVELOPED A RASH THAT THEY THINK MAY BE MONKEYPOX SHOULD CONTACT THEIR DOCTOR TO GET TESTED. IF RESIDENTS DON'T HAVE A PROVIDER, THEY CAN CALL 211 FOR A REFERRAL TO A PROVIDER WHO CAN TEST THEM. AND FINALLY, RESIDENTS WHO ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY FINDING A PLACE TO GET TESTED CAN VISIT A PUBLIC HEALTH SEXUAL HEALTH CLINIC FOR EVALUATION. YOU CAN FIND LOCATIONS AND HOURS BY VISITING PH.LACOUNTY.GOV/MONKEYPOX. COMMERCIAL TESTING IS NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH FOUR COMMERCIAL LABS, INCLUDING LABCORP, QUEST, AEGIS SCIENCES, AND SONIC HEALTHCARE. IN ADDITION, THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAB ALSO CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TESTING WITH MORE THAN 260 SUSPECT CASES TESTED THUS FAR. NEXT SLIDE. NEXT, I WANTED TO MOVE TO OUR VACCINATION EFFORTS TO DATE. AS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED, THE SUPPLY OF THE JYNNEOS VACCINE FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN AND CONTINUES TO BE EXTREMELY LIMITED. OUR INITIAL ALLOCATION WAS A LITTLE MORE THAN A THOUSAND DOSES, WHICH WE QUICKLY ADMINISTERED TO THOSE WHO HAD HIGH RISK EXPOSURES TO THE INITIAL MONKEYPOX CASES. FOR PHASE ONE, L.A. COUNTY RECEIVED A LITTLE MORE THAN 6,300 DOSES OUT OF 56,000 THAT WERE DISTRIBUTED TO JURISDICTIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY AN ADDITIONAL 9,812 DOSES FOR PHASE 2A, WHICH WAS OUT OF 144,000 DOSES DISTRIBUTED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. AND THEN WE RECEIVED OUR MOST RECENT ALLOCATION

LAST WEEK OF JUST MORE THAN 6,800 DOSES IN WHAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CALLS PHASE 2B OF THEIR DISTRIBUTION PLAN. IN TOTAL, L.A. COUNTY HAS RECEIVED JUST OVER 24,000 TOTAL DOSES OF THE MONKEYPOX VACCINE. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL BE MOVING TO PHASE 3 OF THEIR VACCINE DISTRIBUTION, WHICH IS SLATED FOR AUGUST. IN PHASE 3, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS EXPECTED TO RECEIVE AND DISTRIBUTE 786,000 DOSES OF THE JYNNEOS VACCINE ACROSS ALL JURISDICTIONS WITH CASES. DEPENDING ON THE TIMING OR ARRIVAL OF DOSES, WE MAY RECEIVE DOSES IN PHASES BEGINNING IN THE FIRST WEEKS OF AUGUST. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. OF THOSE 24,000 DOSES THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED, AS OF 4:00 P.M. YESTERDAY, 16,219 HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO VACCINATION SITES ACROSS THE COUNTY FROM PUBLIC HEALTH PODS AND CLINICS TO COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND HOSPITALS, OUR CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND OUR CITY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS. 500 DOSES WERE ALSO DISTRIBUTE TO A COMMUNITY PROVIDER FOR POP-UP CLINICS AT BATH HOUSES. AS YOU CAN SEE IN THIS TABLE, OF THE 16,219 DOSES DISTRIBUTED, 9,360 HAVE BEEN ADMINISTERED. THESE DOSES ADMINISTERED ARE FOR BOTH FIRST AND SECOND DOSES. ALTHOUGH INITIALLY, SECOND DOSES WERE BEING OFFERED TO PERSONS RECEIVING A FIRST DOSE OF THE JYNNEOS VACCINE, PER C.D.C. GUIDANCE, WE HAVE NOW PIVOTED TO PRIORITIZING ADMINISTERING AS MANY FIRST DOSES AS POSSIBLE. ONCE MORE VACCINE IS AVAILABLE, WE'LL BEGIN OFFERING SECOND DOSES TO THOSE WHO RECEIVED ONLY ONE DOSE. NEARLY 8,000 OF THE

VACCINATIONS ADMINISTERED TO DATE WERE PROVIDED BY PUBLIC HEALTH LOCATIONS EITHER AT THE VACCINATION PODS OR AT THE PUBLIC HEALTH CLINICS. 5,700 OF THESE DOSES WERE ADMINISTERED AT THE PUBLIC HEALTH POD SITES BETWEEN WEDNESDAY AND SUNDAY OF LAST WEEK. ABOUT 6,800 DOSES ARE PENDING ADMINISTRATION. THESE DOSES MAY HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE RECEIVED APPOINTMENTS AT PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY PROVIDER CLINIC SITES OR HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED FOR PLANNED POP-UP EVENTS. THIS LEAVES US WITH 7,823 DOSES, WHICH WE ARE PLANNING TO DISTRIBUTE THIS COMING WEEK. OF THESE, AT LEAST 5,000 WILL BE ADMINISTERED AT THE PODS THIS WEEK. ABOUT 1,300 WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO COMMUNITY PROVIDERS, WHO HAVE ADMINISTERED ALL THEIR CURRENT DOSES AND NEED NEW ALLOCATIONS. AND A SMALL NUMBER OF DOSES WILL BE USED FOR VACCINATING HIGH AND INTERMEDIATE RISK CLOSE CONTACTS OF NEWLY IDENTIFIED MONKEYPOX CASES. AS MENTIONED, OUR GOAL IS TO ADMINISTER AS MANY OF THESE DOSES AS POSSIBLE BY SUNDAY HOLDING ONLY A SMALL NUMBER FOR ADMINISTRATION TO NEWLY IDENTIFIED CLOSE CONTACTS MEETING THE CRITERIA FOR VACCINATION. NEXT SLIDE. I DID WANT TO REVIEW OUR VACCINE ELIGIBILITY. AS A REMINDER, RESIDENTS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FALL INTO TWO SEPARATE GROUPS. THE FIRST GROUP, GROUP A, ARE RESIDENTS WHO ARE IDENTIFIED THROUGH PUBLIC HEALTH INVESTIGATION AND INVITED TO GET VACCINATED. THESE RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN ELIGIBLE SINCE WE BEGAN ADMINISTERING DOSES. THE NEXT GROUP, GROUP B, IS WHERE WE EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY LAST

WEEK. GROUP B APPLIES TO GAY OR BISEXUAL MEN AND TRANSGENDER PERSONS WHO WERE EITHER DIAGNOSED WITH GONORRHEA OR EARLY SYPHILIS WITHIN THE PAST 12 MONTHS. SO THIS CRITERIA WAS PREVIOUSLY LIMITED TO 3 MONTHS. AND THE DIAGNOSIS WAS SPECIFIC TO RECTAL GONORRHEA OR EARLY SYPHILIS, OR THOSE THAT ARE ON H.I.V. PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS OR P.R.E.P., AND THOSE WHO ATTENDED OR WORKED AT A COMMERCIAL SEX VENUE OR OTHER VENUES, WHERE THEY HAD ANONYMOUS SEX OR SEX WITH MULTIPLE PARTNERS WITHIN THE PAST 21 DAYS. IF SOMEONE DOES FALL UNDER GROUP B, THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS THEY CAN GET VACCINATED, WHICH I'M GOING TO DETAIL IN THE NEXT SLIDE. NEXT SLIDE. FIRST, PEOPLE WHO FALL INTO GROUP B CAN CONTACT THEIR DOCTOR OR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER IF THEY ARE A MONKEYPOX VACCINE PROVIDER. WE NOW HAVE A LIST OF THE PROVIDERS WHO ARE ACTIVELY VACCINATING, AND THEY ARE UP ON OUR PUBLIC HEALTH MONKEYPOX WEBSITE. THERE ARE 19 COMMUNITY PROVIDER VACCINATION SITES, AND THIS IS GROWING EVERY DAY. WE PLAN TO UPDATE THE LIST AS NEW PROVIDERS BEGIN VACCINATING. THE OTHER OPTION IS PEOPLE CAN VISIT A PUBLIC MONKEYPOX VACCINE LOCATION, WHICH INCLUDES OUR PUBLIC HEALTH PODS, AND THEY CAN BRING THEIR I.D. AND PROVIDE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: EITHER PROOF OF GONORRHEA OR EARLY SYPHILIS INFECTION IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS IN THE FORM OF A LAB REPORT, OR A MONKEYPOX PROVIDER ATTESTATION FORM COMPLETED BY THEIR DOCTOR. THESE ATTESTATION FORMS FOUND ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH MONKEYPOX WEBPAGE CAN BE COMPLETED BY A DOCTOR WHO IS NOT A

MONKEYPOX VACCINE PROVIDER BUT HAS PATIENTS THAT MEET THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA. AND LAST, THERE IS A TEXT MESSAGE FROM PUBLIC HEALTH INVITING RESIDENTS TO GET VACCINATED. THAT CAN ALSO BE SHOWN AS PROOF. THE TEXT MESSAGES ARE SENT OUT TO PEOPLE WHO PRE-REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE WHERE THEY SELF ATTEST TO MEETING OUR ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND DO NOT HAVE A LAB REPORT OR PROVIDER ATTESTATION FORM. THE PORTAL TO ALLOW PRE-REGISTRATIONS WAS LAUNCHED LASTED WEEK ON TUESDAY. IT WAS OPENED FOR 48 HOURS. DURING WHICH TIME, WE RECEIVED ALMOST 6,800 REGISTRATIONS. ALL 6,800 PEOPLE WHO REGISTERED RECEIVED INVITATION TEXTS FOR VACCINATION FROM PUBLIC HEALTH BETWEEN WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY OF LAST WEEK. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. JUST THIS MORNING, PUBLIC HEALTH REOPENED THE PRE- REGISTRATION PORTAL AND TOOK AN ADDITIONAL 4,000 REGISTRATIONS. TEXT MESSAGE INVITATIONS WILL BE SENT OUT INVITING THESE 4,000 WHO PRE-REGISTERED TO GET VACCINATED AT OUR PUBLIC HEALTH PODS THIS WEEK. IN ADDITION, WE WILL BE CONTINUALLY ASSESSING OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS IF DOSES THAT HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO PARTNERS ARE BEING ADMINISTERED, AND IF NEEDED, DOSES WILL BE REDIRECTED AND ADMINISTERED AT OUR PODS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. LAST, I WANT TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON OUR COMMUNICATIONS. PUBLIC HEALTH CONTINUES TO WORK TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ABOUT MONKEYPOX AND THE VACCINES. WE HELD SEVERAL MEDIA BRIEFINGS AND ARE REGULARLY IN CONTACT WITH OUR PROVIDER PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS THROUGH WEEKLY TELE-BRIEFING MEETING CALLS. WE

ARE ALSO WORKING WITH NEARLY 40 LOCAL L.G.B.T. INFLUENCERS FOR A MESSAGE AMBASSADOR CAMPAIGN, WHERE THESE AMBASSADORS WILL SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT MONKEYPOX AND VACCINES ON THEIR INSTAGRAM, TIKTOK, AND TWITTER SOCIAL CHANNELS. PUBLIC HEALTH ALSO HAS NEARLY 100,000 PRINTED TERMS THAT WE'VE BEGUN DISTRIBUTING TO THE PARTNERS AT OUR PODS AND CLINICS, THROUGH COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS, AND MORE. IF ANY OF THE BOARD OFFICES WOULD LIKE SOME OF THESE PRINTED MATERIALS, I INVITE YOU TO REACH OUT TO OUR COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE. PUBLIC HEALTH IS PARTICIPATING IN A TOWN HALL EVENT TOMORROW EVENING AT 6:00P.M. HOSTED BY THE LOS ANGELES BLADE AND THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD. MORE THAN A DOZEN PARTNERS ARE COMING TOGETHER TO PROVIDE INFORMATION DIRECTLY TO RESIDENTS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS. FINALLY, WE CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO SIGN UP FOR THE MONKEYPOX NEWSLETTER BY VISITING THE WEBSITE AT PH.LDCOUNTY.GOV/MONKEYPOX. TO DATE, MORE THAN 3,000 RESIDENTS HAVE SIGNED UP FOR OUR NEWSLETTER AND WILL RECEIVE WEEKLY MESSAGES DIRECTLY TO THE EMAIL. IN CLOSING, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE AND TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PUBLIC HEALTH TEAM THAT HAS WORKED TIRELESSLY TO BUILD UP THIS MONKEYPOX EFFORT, WORKING WITHOUT DEDICATED RESOURCES, WHILE ALSO MAINTAINING THE COVID RESPONSE. I'M NOW HAPPY TO TAKE QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, DO YOU WANT TO GET STARTED SINCE WE'RE HEARING THIS PRESENTATION IN THE CONTEXT OF ITEM 13?

SUP. SOLIS: YES. THANK YOU FOR THAT, MADAM CHAIR. AND AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR JOINING ME ON THE MOTION. THANK YOU, BOTH DR. FERRER AND DR. SINGHAL, FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. AS ALWAYS, IT'S IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE RESPONSE IS WHILE WE'RE FACING THIS NEW HEALTH CRISIS. COLLEAGUES, LIKE YOU, I'VE BEEN HEARING FROM RESIDENTS, PROBABLY YOU HAVE HEARD THEM FROM YOUR DISTRICT. I HAVE HEARD THEM FROM MY DISTRICT AS WELL AS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTY, WHO ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE SPREAD OF MONKEYPOX. AND I TOOK PART IN AN EVENT LAST WEEK WITH CONCERNED LEADERS FROM L.G.B.T.Q.+ ORGANIZATIONS, HEALTH CLINICS, AND LABOR UNIONS REQUESTING MORE ASSISTANCE TO HALT THE SPREAD OF THE VIRUS. THAT'S WHAT THIS MOTION IS ABOUT TODAY. MY TEAM ALSO HAS BEEN AT THE PUBLIC HEALTH VACCINATION SITE AT OBREGON PARK TALKING THERE TO RESIDENTS FROM ALL ACROSS THE COUNTY COMING TO GET VACCINATED. AND MANY OF THEM SHARED DIFFERENT EXPERIENCES OF WHAT BROUGHT THEM TO GET VACCINATED THAT DAY. SOME SAW MESSAGING ON SOCIAL MEDIA ABOUT THE NEED TO VACCINATED. SOME HEARD FROM TRUSTED DOCTORS. SOME WERE TEXTED BY PUBLIC HEALTH'S CONTACT TRACING, AND MANY OF THEM EXPRESSED FRUSTRATION EQUALLY WITH THE DIFFICULTY OF GETTING GOOD

INFORMATION AND HAVING WAIT TO GET VACCINATED. I HEARD ALSO FROM INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD DIFFICULTY GETTING THROUGH 211, AND SOME INDIVIDUALS TRAVELED AS FAR AS POMONA TO ATTEND THE OBREGON SITE TO GET VACCINATED, AS WELL AS FAR OFF FROM LOS FELIZ AND SILVER LAKE. SOME SHARED STORIES HAVING TO TAKE THREE HOUR BUS TRIPS AND WERE VERY CONCERNED THEY MIGHT BE PENALIZED BY THEIR EMPLOYERS FOR HAVING TO TAKE TIME OFF TO GET VACCINATED BECAUSE THE LOCATION AREAS WERE OUT OF DISTANCE AND NOT ACCOMMODATING TO MANY OF THE POPULATION MOST AT HAND THAT WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE OF THIS VACCINE MADE AVAILABLE. I DID SHARE THAT WITH DR. FERRER IN CONVERSATIONS I HAD WITH HER THIS WEEK AS WELL AS LAST WEEK. AND FOR MANY, I KNOW THAT THE VACCINATION CLINIC ITSELF IS THE FIRST PLACE WHERE THEY'RE GOING TO GET GOOD INFORMATION, AND HOW EFFECTIVE WE CAN SHARE THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE VACCINE AND THE FACT THAT IT REQUIRES TWO DOSES AND WHAT BEST PRACTICES WE HAVE LEARNED MOVING FORWARD, BUT I WAS HEARTBROKEN LAST WEEK WHEN WE HAD TO LIMIT APPOINTMENTS AND AM ENCOURAGED TO HEAR WE REOPENED REGISTRATIONS AGAIN WHILE THOSE SUPPLIES LAST. IT'S CLEAR THAT PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO DO THEIR PART AND GET VACCINATED, BUT THE LIMITED SUPPLIES ARE CONSTRAINING OUR RESPONSE. AND THE WORK THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS DONE TO GET US TO 20,000 VACCINES, THAT'S THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION, WE'VE HAD THUS FAR HAS BEEN INCREDIBLY HELPFUL, BUT IT IS CLEAR TO ME AND MANY PEOPLE THAT THIS IS NEARLY NOT ENOUGH. AND I ALSO HEARD FROM

PROVIDERS WHO ARE WILLING TO STEP FORWARD AND DO THEIR PART BUT WERE FRUSTRATED BY THE LACK OF CONSISTENCY FOR REIMBURSEMENTS TO SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS ON TOP OF THE LIMITED SUPPLY. MY UNDERSTANDING, THE COST OF THE VACCINE IS ABOUT $65 PER DOSE. THAT'S WHY I'VE INTRODUCED THIS MOTION TODAY TO REQUEST THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DELIVER US MORE VACCINES AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO MEET THE DEMAND AND GIVE OUR CONCERNED AND VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES SOME PROTECTION AND SOME PEACE OF MIND. I ALSO ASK IN THE MOTION THAT THE ADMINISTRATION GIVE PROVIDERS MORE CLARITY WITH HOW THEY WILL BE SUPPORTED IN THESE EFFORTS REQUESTING FUNDING TO VACCINATE OUR UNINSURED RESIDENTS, AS PROVIDERS ARE CURRENTLY ADMINISTERING THE VACCINES WITHOUT CLEAR GUIDANCE ON HOW THEY WILL BE REIMBURSED FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO VACCINATE OUR VULNERABLE RESIDENTS. WE KNOW THAT, ONCE WE GET MORE SUPPLIES, WE'LL BE PREPARED TO MEET THAT NEED, BUT FOR NOW, WE KNOW WE HAVE TO TAKE ACTION. WE NEED THOSE TOOLS TO DO THAT. SO, MEMBERS, I DO ASK YOU TO VOTE FOR THIS ITEM, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS OF DR. FERRER, IF SHE WOULD PLEASE BE AVAILABLE FOR THAT.

DR. FERRER: SURE. I'M HERE.

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU, DR. FERRER. GIVEN THAT WE HAVE LIMITED SUPPLIES, HOW ARE YOU BALANCING THE NEED TO REACH THOSE MOST

VULNERABLE WHILE ALSO MAKING LIMITED SUPPLIES TO AREAS LIKE SILVER LAKE THAT DON'T HAVE EASY ACCESS TO THE VACCINE PROVIDER? THAT'S MY FIRST QUESTION.

DR. FERRER: THANKS SO MUCH. I THINK, AGAIN, AN IMPORTANT QUESTION. AND WE LEARNED A LOT ABOUT TRYING TO SET UP VACCINATION AVAILABILITY IN TIMES OF SCARCITY WITH WHAT WAS HAPPENING AT THE BEGINNING OF COVID WHEN WE FIRST STARTED GETTING OUR VACCINES. OUR APPROACH THIS TIME HAS BEEN TO TRY TO DO TWO THINGS. ONE IS TO BUILD OUT THE NETWORK OF PRIVATE COMMUNITY PARTNERS WHO HAVE PATIENTS THEY ARE ALREADY SEE THAT FALL INTO THE ELIGIBLE GROUPS, WHICH ARE AT THIS MOMENT CONSTRAINED. SO THAT THEY CAN IN FACT REACH OUT TO THEIR PATIENTS TO INVITE THEM IN TO COME AND GET THE VACCINE. THIS ALLOWS US, AND DR. SINGHAL CAN CORRECT ME, BUT THIS IS WHAT YOU SAW ON THE MAP, WHICH ADDS 40 COMMUNITY SITES. AND AGAIN, WE KEEP ADDING MORE AND MORE. D.H.S. IS STARTING TO BE ABLE TO VACCINATE. HOPEFULLY KAISER IS STARTING TO VACCINATE. SO THAT AGAIN, AS YOU NOTED, PEOPLE DON'T HAVE TO DRIVE JUST TO ONE OF THE COUNTY LARGE SITES WHERE WE'RE ADMINISTERING BUT CAN, IN FACT, GO TO THEIR PROVIDER AND HAVE MUCH EASIER ACCESS. THAT IS WHY, THOUGH, YOU'RE ALSO SEEING IT'S TAKING MORE TIME FOR THE PROVIDERS TO ADMINISTER THEIR VACCINES. THEY'RE REACHING OUT, CALLING PEOPLE, FINDING PEOPLE, SEEING IF PEOPLE WILL COME IN, AND WE THINK IT'S IMPORTANT BECAUSE SOME PEOPLE ARE

NOT GOING TO COME TO THE POP-UP SITES OR TO THE PODS BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT TO WAIT IN LINE. THEY DON'T WANT TO NECESSARILY BE SO VISIBLE. THEY WOULD RATHER SEE A PERSON THEY KNOW AND TRUST. SO WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE PROVIDER NETWORK. WE THINK THAT'S SUSTAINABLE ALSO OVER TIME, BUT WE ALSO KNOW THERE IS AN URGENCY FOR MANY WHO DO WANT TO GET VACCINATED. AND I KNOW I'VE TALKED WITH YOU ABOUT TRYING TO PERHAPS IN THE NEXT WEEK OR TWO CERTAINLY GET OURSELVES READY WHEN WE GET THIS NEXT, WHAT WE ARE HOPING IS A LARGER SHIPMENT, TO GO AHEAD AND DO -- USE OUR MOBILE VACCINE TEAMS SIMILAR TO WHAT WE ARE DOING TO GET INTO HARDER TO REACH AREAS WITH COVID TO BE ABLE TO GO AHEAD AND POP-UP AT A PARK OR A COMMUNITY SITE WHERE MORE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THAT COMMUNITY WOULD HAVE EASIER ACCESS, NOT HAVE IT AS A PERMANENT SITE, BUT SIMILAR TO WHAT WE DO WITH MOBILE VACCINES. GO TO PLACES. GO TO EVENTS. BE INVITED IN BY OTHER COMMUNITY GROUPS TO POP-UP WHERE THERE IS NOT A PROVIDER THAT'S ALREADY THERE. I THINK WE'RE BLESSED BECAUSE WE HAVE THIS VERY STRONG PROVIDER NETWORK, BUT WE WE ALSO HAVE PLACES WHERE THERE ARE GOING TO BE GAPS. AND WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFICES IDENTIFYING PLACES WHERE THEY FEEL LIKE WE REALLY NEED TO FOCUS, EVEN IF IT'S NOT FOR PERMANENT SITES, THAT WE HAVE SOME CAPACITY AS WE GET MORE VACCINE TO BUILD OUT THAT NETWORK.

SUP. SOLIS: OKAY, GREAT. DR. FERRER, I WANTED TO ASK YOU, TOO, I UNDERSTAND THAT THE JYNNEOS VACCINE IS ONLY AVAILABLE TO THOSE THAT ARE 18 OF AGE AND OLDER. AND OF COURSE, THAT RAISES A FLAG FOR ME BECAUSE WHEN WE THINK ABOUT HOW MANY YOUNG PEOPLE CAN BE IMPACTED OR MAY BE EXPOSED AND NEED TO HAVE THIS INFORMATION, HOW ARE WE OUTREACHING TO THOSE INDIVIDUAL GROUPS, ESPECIALLY OR FOSTER YOUTH AND TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH, AS WELL AS PROBATION, OUR YOUNGSTERS THERE, OR FOLKS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. WHAT ARE WE DOING IN THAT CASE?

DR. FERRER: THAT'S SUCH A GREAT QUESTION. DR. SINGHAL, DO YOU WANT TO START WITH -- WHAT'S THE AGE DILEMMA HERE, AND HOW ARE WE GOING TO HANDLE THAT BECAUSE WE OBVIOUSLY CAN'T CHANGE THE AUTHORIZATION ON WHO IS ALLOWED TO BE VACCINATED, BUT I KNOW IT'S AN ISSUE THAT HAS COME UP FOR US ALREADY.

DR. SINGHAL: ABSOLUTELY. YES, THE CURRENTLY THE VACCINE IS APPROVED BY F.D.A. FOR PERSONS THAT ARE 18 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER. FOR THOSE YOUNGER THAN 18, THERE IS A SINGLE PATIENT INVESTIGATIONAL NEW DRUG PROTOCOL THAT WE WOULD NEED TO FOLLOW IN ORDER TO ADMINISTER THE VACCINE. THAT WILL BE CONSIDERED IN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES. THE MOST COMMON SCENARIO THAT WE HAVE SEEN IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY IS THAT IF IT IS SOMEBODY THAT IS A CLOSE CONTACT, A HIGH RISK OR INTERMEDIATE RISK CONTACT CONTACT TO A MONKEYPOX CASE. SO IT'S REALLY IN THAT

CONTEXT THAT WE WOULD CONSIDER VACCINATING SOMEONE UNDER THE AGE OF 18 RIGHT NOW. AND IS IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT WE'RE CONSIDERING MORE BROADLY YET. WE ARE WORKING ON MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE STAYING CONNECTED TO THE AGENCIES THAT YOU MENTIONED. THEY ARE INVITED AS PART OF OUR STAKEHOLDER BRIEFINGS THAT WE'RE DOING AS WELL AS JUST REACHING OUT TO THEM DIRECTLY SO THEY KNOW ABOUT WHAT HAS HAPPENED WITH MONKEYPOX, WHAT ARE WE SEEING EPIDEMIOLOGICALLY WITH IT, WHETHER THERE IS RISK, HOW DO WE HELP THEM ADDRESS THAT, BUT VACCINE FOR THAT GROUP IS GOING TO LOOK A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT. WE ARE HOPING THERE IS GOING TO BE POSSIBLY SOME CHANGES FEDERALLY ON HOW THEY'RE LOOKING AT THE VACCINE ELIGIBILITY FOR THOSE YOUNGER THAN 18, AND WE'RE KEEPING A CLOSE EYE ON THAT AS WELL.

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU FOR THAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, DR. SINGHAL. I WANT TO JUST ONE LAST QUESTION FOR YOU. FOR THOSE THAT SHOW UP AT VACCINATION CLINICS WHO ARE EITHER INELIGIBLE OR DON'T HAVE SUPPLY AVAILABLE FOR THEM, CAN YOU SHARE HOW YOU'RE COLLECTING CONTACT INFORMATION AND HOW YOU WILL BE CONTACTING THEM ONCE WE DO HAVE MORE SUPPLIES AVAILABLE?

DR. FERRER: YEAH, THANK SO MUCH. AGAIN, SETTING UP THESE SYSTEMS SO THAT, YOU'RE RIGHT, WE'RE REALLY RESPONSIVE IS IMPORTANT. I DO WANT TO NOTE, AND THANK YOU. MANY OF YOUR

OFFICES HAVE HELPED US WITH THIS. WE ARE JUST ENCOURAGING THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT'S INTERESTED IN STAYING CURRENT WITH INFORMATION ABOUT MONKEYPOX TO SIGN UP FOR THE NEWSLETTER. WE ISSUE A NEWSLETTER AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK. IF WE NEED TO ISSUE IT MORE FREQUENTLY BECAUSE SOMETHING BIG CHANGES, WE DO THAT AS WELL. BUT IT IS ALSO OUR WAY TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE HAVE EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA OR THAT PEOPLE CAN PRE-REGISTER BECAUSE WE HAVE MORE DOSES OR THAT THESE ARE OTHER SITES WHERE PEOPLE CAN GO TO GET VACCINATED. SO WE ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO GO AHEAD AND PLEASE SIGN UP. I WANT TO NOTE I'VE BEEN TO TWO OF OUR THREE BIGGEST SITES OVER THE WEEKENDS, AND I'M VERY IMPRESSED WITH OUR STAFF, OBVIOUSLY, HANDLING VERY SENSITIVELY THE PEOPLE THAT ARE SHOWING UP THAT AREN'T ELIGIBLE AT THE MOMENT. FOR SOME PEOPLE, WE ALLOW THEM TO GO HOME, PULL TOGETHER THE DOCUMENTATION THAT THEY'RE GOING TO NEED SO THAT THEY CAN COME BACK. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN INVITED TO COME BUT DIDN'T BRING THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION. FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT YET ELIGIBLE, WE AGAIN, ENCOURAGE THEM TO GO AHEAD AND SIGN UP. WE CAN ACTUALLY HELP THEM SIGN UP AT THE SITE IF THAT'S WHAT THEY SO THAT THEY'LL GO AHEAD AND GET THAT INFORMATION WHEN WE OPEN UP ELIGIBILITY. IN BOTH SITES I WENT TO, I WAS AT TED WATKINS ONE WEEKEND, AND THEN I WAS AT BALBOA ON SATURDAY, IT SEEMED TO BE WORKING WELL. I MEAN ONE THING I WANT TO JUST REALLY THANK OUR COMMUNITY FOR IS ALMOST EVERYONE WHO CAME KNEW WHAT THE

DIRECTIONS WERE AND THE INSTRUCTIONS WERE AND WERE CLEAR THAT THEY WERE -- WERE CLEAR THEY WERE ELIGIBLE AND HAD THEIR DOCUMENTATION. SO, IT COULD HAVE GONE THE OTHER WAY, WHERE MANY PEOPLE WERE SHOWING UP, AND THAT IN FACT WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR THE PEOPLE WORKING THERE. BUT I WANT TO SAY LIKE ALMOST EVERYBODY ACTUALLY WHO WAS THERE REALLY WAS ABLE -- WAS ELIGIBLE AND EITHER COULD SHOW THE TEXT MESSAGE OR THE REQUIRED VERIFICATION OF TEST RESULTS OR PROVIDER NOTIFICATION ABOUT THEIR ELIGIBILITY. DR. SINGHAL, IF YOU WANT TO ADD TO THAT. I KNOW WE MET UP AT ONE SITE, BUT I THINK SHE'S BEEN TO OTHER SITES AS WELL.

DR. SINGHAL: YES, I THINK THE ONLY THING I CAN ADD IS THAT I KNOW THAT WHEN WE FIRST START OFF WITH A NEW PROCESS, IT'S ALWAYS A LITTLE BUMPY. LAST WEDNESDAY, WHICH WAS THE FIRST DAY THAT WE STARTED WITH OUR TEXT MESSAGING THROUGH THE PRE-REGISTRATION, THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN A LITTLE BIT OF CONFUSION FOR FOLKS THAT WERE SHOWING UP WITHOUT A TEXT MESSAGE INVITE, AND WE HAD TO REDIRECT THEM, BUT AT THAT TIME, OUR PORTAL WAS STILL OPEN. WE DID HAVE THEM SIGN UP, AND THEY WOULD HAVE ALL RECEIVED INVITES BY THE END OF THE WEEK LAST WEEK. AND SO, I THINK IT'S JUST A MATTER WHEN THERE IS ANY NEW PROCESS GETTING SOME OF THAT IRONED OUT. WE'RE HOPING THIS WEEK IT WILL BE A LOT SMOOTHER AND THAT OUR MESSAGING AROUND HOW WE'RE DOING THIS PROCESS IS GOING TO BE MORE CLEAR.

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU BOTH, AND THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WITH THAT, I KNOW MY COAUTHOR, SUPERVISOR HAHN, MAY WANT TO HAVE SOME COMMENTS AS WELL.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU FOR THIS PRESENTATION. I'LL SPEAK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT DR. SINGHAL'S PRESENTATION, AND THEN I'LL TALK ABOUT ITEM 13 A LITTLE BIT. ONE OF THE THINGS I APPRECIATE, DR. SINGHAL, IS THAT IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE'RE PIVOTING FROM AN INVITATION ONLY APPROACH TO ACCOMMODATING WALK-UPS AT OUR D.P.H. SITES, WHICH I THINK IS GOOD ON TWO LEVELS. ONE, WE'RE GETTING MORE PEOPLE VACCINATED, BUT IT'S ALSO SHOWING THAT WE'RE GETTING OUT OUR VACCINES AS SOON AS WE GET THEM, WHICH I THINK HELPS US WHEN WE ADVOCATE FOR MORE THAT WE'RE ACTUALLY GETTING THEM OUT, AND I THINK THE WALK-UP WAS A GOOD IDEA, AND FROM ALL -- FROM THE PEOPLE I HEARD THAT PARTICULARLY WHO WERE AT TED WATKINS, AGAIN, AS YOU SAID DR. FERRER, VERY ORGANIZED. THANK YOU TO THE STAFF, SEEMED TO BE WORKING REALLY WELL. ALTHOUGH THE LINES, FROM WHAT I HEARD, WERE EXTREMELY LONG, BUT IT GAVE PEOPLE TIME TO LOOK AT THE WATTS WALK OF FAME, AND THEY WERE READING ALL THE NAMES THERE. SOME OF THOSE PEOPLE HAD NEVER BEEN TO WATTS, SO THAT WAS AN ADDED BENEFIT. SO I'M WONDERING, DR. SINGHAL. IS

IT FEASIBLE TO EXPAND THE WEEKEND AND EVENING HOURS AT THESE SITES? DR. SINGHAL: YES, THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION. SO, I DID WANT TO JUST TO CLARIFY. SO, YES, WE DID HAVE INVITATION ONLY BEFORE BASED ON THOSE THAT WERE HIGH RISK OR INTERMEDIATE RISK CONTACTS. WE DID THEN OPEN UP ELIGIBILITY, AND IS, IN A SENSE, STILL BY INVITATION IN THAT THEY GET A TEXT MESSAGE, BUT THEY ARE ABLE TO SELF ATTEST AND GET REGISTERED. SO, THANK YOU. WE APPRECIATE THE FEEDBACK THAT IT LOOKED LIKE THAT WAS WORKING AND THAT WE WERE ABLE TO OPEN IT UP. SO, IN REGARDS TO EXPANDING HOURS, WE CAN DO OUR BEST. I WILL TELL YOU, RIGHT NOW, WE'RE LEVERAGING THESE POD SITES, WHICH WERE OPEN FOR COVID. MOST OF THE STAFF THAT ARE WORKING AT THESE SITES ARE FUNDED BY COVID FUNDING AND CANNOT BE USED FOR MONKEYPOX. FOR THIS LAST WEEK AND THIS WEEK, WE DID COBBLE TOGETHER SOME OF OUR OWN D.P.H. STAFF THAT WOULD BE THERE TO HELP SUPPORT THE EFFORT IN ORDER TO EXPAND HOURS AND TO FURTHER THE SITES, WHICH WE WOULD LOVE TO DO. WE WOULD NEED MORE RESOURCES AND STAFFING, AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT RIGHT NOW. THIS WEEK, WE HAVE ABOUT 5 TO 7,000 DOSES THAT WE NEED TO GET OUT. WE DO HOPE TO COMFORTABLY GET THAT DONE WITHIN THE SAME HOURS AND DAYS THAT WE WERE ABLE TO DO LAST WEEK. SO I THINK ORIGINALLY WE HAD ESTIMATED THAT EACH POD SITE COULD DO 300 DOSES A DAY, AND THEY ARE OPEN FOR 5 DAYS. WE ACTUALLY WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND THAT AT MOST OF THE SITES ON SEVERAL OF THE DAYS. AND SO, WE WILL MAKE SURE THAT WE KEEP THAT UP THIS

WEEK AND GET THOSE DOSES OUT THIS WEEK. AND IN THE MEANTIME, WE'LL BE LOOKING AT RESOURCES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU. OVER THE WEEKEND THE, WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION DECLARED MONKEYPOX AN INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY. DR. SINGHAL AND DR. FERRER IS OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH DECLARING MONKEYPOX A LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY?

DR. FERRER: IT'S GREAT QUESTION. WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT WHAT WOULD BE THE RATIONALE FOR DOING THAT. WHAT WE ARE REALLY HONESTLY HOPING FOR IS DIRECTION AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL. WE THINK THIS IS MOST EFFECTIVE IF IT COMES AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL. AND IT CERTAINLY WOULD THEN MAKING IT EASIER, WE HOPE, FOR THERE TO BE A CORRESPONDING SET OF FEDERAL RESOURCES. I MEAN I WANT TO BE HONEST AND IS SAY WE ARE SEEING INCREASED NUMBERS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE INFECTED AND ALSO CLOSE CONTACTS THAT WE NEED TO TALK TO, AND WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN ANY RESOURCES AT ALL TO HELP WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF RESPONDING AND MITIGATING WHAT IS TURNING OUT TO BE A RELATIVELY LARGE OUTBREAK NOW. OUR HOPE IS THAT WE WILL SEE AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL THAT EMERGENCY DECLARATION, AND THEN I THINK WE WOULD WORK WITH THE BOARD, SUPERVISOR HAHN, ABOUT WHAT YOU THINK IS BEST IN TERMS OF LOCAL ACTIONS THAT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE.

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU. SO I'LL PIVOT TO OUR 5 SIGNATURE LETTER, WHICH I'M THE COAUTHOR WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND THANK YOU FOR ASKING ME TO BE A COAUTHOR WITH YOU ON THIS MOTION. RECENT RESIDENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT SERVE MY DISTRICT HAVE BEEN A LITTLE BIT FRUSTRATED WITH WHAT THEY THOUGHT WAS A LITTLE BIT OF A SLOW RESPONSE TO THE MONKEYPOX OUTBREAK THAT BEGAN WHEN OUR FIRST CASE WAS ANNOUNCED 8 WEEKS AGO, HARD TO BELIEVE, ON JUNE 2ND. AND NOW THE NUMBER OF CASES ACROSS THE COUNTY IS RISING EVERY DAY. AND SO IS THE NEED FOR RESOURCES AND FUNDING TO SUPPORT A ROBUST RESPONSE. OVER THE WEEKEND, AS I MENTIONED, WE HAD LONG LINES AT OUR COUNTY'S MONKEYPOX VACCINE DISTRIBUTION SITES, AND I THINK THIS HIGHLIGHTS THE HIGH DEMAND BUT WILLINGNESS. I WILL SAY PEOPLE ARE REALLY READY TO PROTECT THEMSELVES. IT'S BEEN AN ENORMOUS RESPONSE, A GREAT TRUST IN VACCINES AND OUR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE THESE VACCINES FOR PEOPLE WHO CONSIDER THEMSELVES TO BE AT AN INCREASED RISK FOR MONKEYPOX TO GET VACCINATED. SO I LIKE THIS MOTION. I LIKE IT WHEN WE PUT OUR 5 SIGNATURES ON A LETTER AND SEND IT TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND ASK THEM TO ALLOCATE ADDITIONAL MONKEYPOX VACCINE DOSES TO L.A. COUNTY AND TO PROVIDE A FUNDING SOURCE FOR HEALTHCARE SERVICES RELATED TO MONKEYPOX. OUR 5 SIGNATURE LETTERS ARE POWERFUL. THEY USE OUR COLLECTIVE POWER OF THIS BOARD TO ADVOCATE FOR THE 10 MILLION RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY, AND IN THIS CASE, WE'RE AMPLIFYING OUR VOICE, AND WE'RE MAKING IT HEARD LOUD AND CLEAR THAT L.A.

COUNTY IS STANDING READY TO RECEIVE MORE DOSES AND DO ITS PART TO ADMINISTER THESE DOSES AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU. I HOPE WE ALL SUPPORT THIS, AND I'M READY TO SIGN MY NAME. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANKS TO THE AUTHOR AND COAUTHOR. OBVIOUSLY, THE MEN IN MY COMMUNITY ARE WORRIED AGAIN, AND I THINK ACTING RESPONSIBLY AND ASKING FOR OUR HELP. SO, I WANTED TO CLARIFY JUST SO THAT I UNDERSTAND ALL THE INFORMATION THAT CAME IN ABOUT A PERSON WHO THINKS THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE EITHER BEEN EXPOSED OR THEY FIT IN GROUP B. WE USED TO NOT ALLOW PEOPLE TO WALK IN, BUT NOW WE DO. BUT IF THEY DO, THEY NEED TO BRING SOME PROOF THAT THEY ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE VACCINE. THE PROOF THAT IT LOOKED LIKE BE YOU LISTED, DR. SINGHAL, ON THE SLIDE WAS SIMPLY IF YOU HAD A DIAGNOSIS OF SYPHILIS, SOMETHING YOU COULD SHOW, BUT GROUP B ALSO INCLUDED MEN WHO HAD HAD ANONYMOUS SEX, LIKE AT THE BATH HOUSES. I DON'T KNOW WHAT DOCUMENTATION THERE WOULD BE FOR THAT, BUT THEY ARE IN A GROUP THAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE ABLE TO GET VACCINATIONS. SO WHAT I HEAR YOU SAYING IS IF YOU'RE IN THIS GROUP, YOU NEED TO CALL YOUR MEDICAL PROVIDER. LET'S SAY YOUR MEDICAL PROVIDER IS NOT A PERSON GIVING VACCINATIONS, AND MAYBE THEY DON'T EXACTLY KNOW WHAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO GIVE

YOU SO THAT YOU CAN GET A VACCINATION. COULD YOU CLARIFY THAT? LIKE I JUST CALLED MY, YOU KNOW, DR. SMITH, AND I SAID I'M AT RISK. I NEED A VACCINATION, BUT I HAVE TO GET YOU TO DO SOMETHING. AND DR. SMITH SAYS I'M NOT SURE WHAT I DO. CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT EVERYBODY SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THAT?

DR. SINGHAL: ABSOLUTELY, VERY GOOD QUESTION. SO, YES, WE ARE TRYING TO OPEN UP SEVERAL DIFFERENT PATHS JUST FOR THE REASONING THAT YOU PROVIDED. SO, YES, IF YOUR PROVIDER DOES NOT HAVE THE MONKEYPOX VACCINE AND IS NOT ACTIVELY VACCINATING, THEY CAN DOWNLOAD THIS PROVIDER ATTESTATION FORM, FILL IT OUT, AND GIVE IT TO THEIR PATIENT, BUT WE KNOW THAT THAT IS A BARRIER. IT'S HARD TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR DOCTOR AND TO BE ABLE TO GET THAT IN A TIMELY FASHION. AND SO, THERE IS THE OTHER OPTION WHERE THEY CAN PRE-REGISTER WITH US, AND THEN, ONCE WE HAVE THEM ON OUR LIST, WE WILL SEND OUT INVITATIONS TO THEM. WHAT WE HAVE NOT DONE IS JUST OPENED IT UP AS A WALK-UP COMPLETELY BECAUSE OUR POD SITES ARE MUCH SMALLER THAN BACK IN THE DAY WHEN WE HAD ARE LARGE SITES FOR COVID. AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE DIRECTING A PROPORTION OF FOLKS TO THE SITES ON THE DAYS BASED ON HOW MANY WE CAN SEE. SO IF THEY PRE-REGISTER WITH US, WE'RE THEN SENDING OUT INVITES TO THEM IN BATCHES SO THEY CAN COME IN OVER THOSE 5 DAYS AND WE CAN SPACE IT ALL OUT. AND SO, IT'S NOT AN OPEN WALK-UP, BUT WE ARE USING THAT SELF-REGISTRATION, THAT PRE-

REGISTRATION FORM AS A WAY TO DO THAT. NOW, THE PRE-REGISTRATION FORM, WE DO OPEN AND CLOSE IT BASED ON THE NUMBER OF DOSES WE HAVE. WHAT WE DON'T WANT TO DO IS HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE GET ON THE LIST, AND THEN WE HAVE NOTHING TO OFFER TO THEM. THAT BEING SAID, AT THIS POINT, THERE'S A COUPLE THINGS THAT THAT PERSON CAN DO. THEY CAN EITHER WAIT FOR OUR REGISTRATION -- GET ONTO OUR NEWSLETTER, SO MAKE SURE THEY'RE SIGNED UP FOR OUR NEWSLETTER. AS SOON AS OUR PRE-REGISTRATION PORTAL IS GOING TO OPEN, IT WILL BE ANNOUNCED THROUGH THE NEWSLETTER, AND THEY CAN MAKE SURE THEY REGISTER, OR THEY COULD CALL THEIR DOCTOR. THEY COULD SIMPLY SAY, GO TO PH.LACOUNTY.GOV/MONKEYPOX, AND THERE IS A LINK TO THAT PROVIDER ATTESTATION FORM RIGHT ON THE TOP OF THAT PAGE RIGHT WHERE WE TALK ABOUT OUR ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA, AND THE PROVIDER CAN COMPLETE THAT AND GIVE THAT TO THEM. IF THEY HAVE THAT FORM, THEY DON'T NEED TO WAIT FOR A TEXT MESSAGE FROM US. THEY CAN JUST BRING THAT FORM IN TO ONE OF OUR SITES AND GET VACCINATED.

SUP. KUEHL: OKAY, I THINK THAT'S VERY HELPFUL BECAUSE, ESPECIALLY WHEN PEOPLE ARE PANICKED, THEY'RE NOT GREAT AT FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS. THE OTHER QUESTION I HAVE -- AND I GUESS, HILDA, I MIGHT WANT TO ASK YOU IN OUR 5 SIG LETTER, ONE OF THE INTERESTING THINGS THAT AROSE IN A DISCUSSION I WAS HAVING ABOUT THERE BEING JUST ONE COMPANY MAKING THIS VACCINE

AND THE REQUEST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO USE THE DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT TO MAYBE CONTRACT WITH OTHER PLACES TO MAKE THE VACCINE AS WELL, ONE OF THE OTHER THINGS WAS THAT WE WERE REMINDED THAT THERE MIGHT BE A DIFFICULTY IN TERMS OF GLASS VIAL PRODUCTION AS WELL BECAUSE, WHEN YOU LOOK AT THOSE PICTURES OF THE VACCINES ALL GOING OUT TO EVERYBODY, IT'S LIKE EVERY 5,000 DOSES IS 5,000 OF THOSE LITTLE GLASS VIALS. AND SO, I DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT MIGHT MAKE SENSE TO REQUEST IN OUR REQUEST TO THE FEDS IF THEY'RE USING THE DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT TO LOOK BEYOND JUST THE PRODUCTION OF THE VACCINE BECAUSE THERE MAY BE SOME HANG-UPS IN TERMS OF THE SUPPLIES COMING IN THAT ARE NEEDED IN ORDER TO SHIP THEM OUT. AND I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THAT'S TRUE, BUT A COUPLE OF PEOPLE BROUGHT THAT UP TO ME BECAUSE THE SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES RELATE TO MORE THAN JUST WHAT'S IN A CONTAINER. THERE'S BEEN SOME PROBLEMS ABOUT CONTAINERS THEMSELVES. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS MOTION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR BRINGING UP THE WHOLE DISCUSSION UNDER A10, AND, OF COURSE, I WILL SUPPORT THIS.

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I DON'T THINK THAT'S AN ISSUE. I'M CERTAIN WE CAN MAKE THAT ADJUSTMENT IN THE LETTER. SO IF THAT'S IN THE FORM OF AN AMENDMENT, OR WE'LL GO AHEAD. THE STAFF IS HERE. THEY UNDERSTAND EXACTLY WHERE YOU'RE GOING WITH THAT, AND I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM, AND I DON'T THINK, SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT, EITHER, AS THE

COAUTHOR. I THINK IT MAKES SENSE GIVEN PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT ISSUES WE'RE HAVING NATIONALLY AND GLOBALLY. THANK YOU.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I FULLY SUPPORT THE MOTION. QUICK QUESTION, I MAY HAVE MISSED IT, FOR DR. SINGHAL. IS THIS VACCINE AS -- WHAT'S THE WORD I SHOULD USE -- AS FRAGILE, IF YOU WILL, AS WE REALIZE THE COVID VACCINE WAS. IT HAD TO BE REFRIGERATED. YOU HAD TO GET THE SUPERSONIC FREEZERS. ONCE OPENED AND DRAWN, IT COULD ONLY BE -- IT HAD TO BE USED WITHIN A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME, WHICH COMPLICATED MATTERS FOR US. COULD YOU TELL ME A LITTLE SOMETHING ABOUT THE VACCINE? AND WHAT'S THE TIMING BETWEEN THE FIRST DOSE AND THE SECOND DOSE? I MAY HAVE MISSED THAT, I APOLOGIZE.

DR. SINGHAL: SURE. YES, SO I THINK THE GOOD NEWS IS THIS VACCINE IS MUCH MORE STABLE THAN THE COVID VACCINE. AND SO, THERE ARE STILL TIME LINES AND REGULATIONS THAT I THINK ALL VACCINES HAVE, AND WE DO HAVE THIS ALL OUTLINED ON THE PROVIDER WEBPAGE FOR THE VACCINATING PROVIDERS SO THAT THEY HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION AS TO WHAT TEMPERATURE IT NEEDS TO BE KEPT ON, BUT IT DOES NOT HAVE THE SAME LIMITATIONS THAT WE -- OR THE CHALLENGE THAT WE FACED WITH THE COVID VACCINE SO I THINK THAT'S THE GOOD NEWS WHEN IS THE SECOND DOSE DUE? SO THE SECOND DOSE IS DUE 28 DAYS AFTER THE FIRST DOSE. AS I MENTIONED, WE ARE PRIORITIZING FIRST DOSES RIGHT NOW. AND SO,

THAT SECOND DOSE MAY BE DELAYED BEYOND THE 28 DAYS, BUT WE'LL MAKE THAT AVAILABLE AS SOON AS WE HAVE ENOUGH VACCINE SUPPLY.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: EXCELLENT. ANOTHER QUICK QUESTION. WE SAW THE CHART THAT SHOWED US A NUMBER OF PROVIDERS GOT VACCINES, AND THEY HAVEN'T ADMINISTERED THEM YET. ARE WE GOING TO HAVE A USE IT OR LOSE IT, AND IT GOES TO SOMEONE ELSE THAT IS MUCH MORE EFFICIENT GETTING VACCINES IN ARMS KIND OF POLICY? ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT THAT? I WAS SHOCKED BY THE NUMBER OF VACCINES THAT WERE STILL SITTING WITH PROVIDERS.

DR. FERRER: WE'LL BALANCE THAT BECAUSE WHEN THEY DO OUTREACH, BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT ABLE TO RUN THE BIG CLINICS LIKE WE ARE, MAYBE THEY CAN SCHEDULE 5 OR 10 PATIENTS TO COME IN A DAY. I MEAN EVEN THAT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT. AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT, THERE ARE SOME RESIDENTS WHO REALLY WILL NOT COME TO OUR SITES TO GET VACCINATED, SO WE NEED TO TOLERATE THAT THERE WILL BE A LENGTHIER TIME AT THE PROVIDER SITES FOR DISTRIBUTING. LIKE YOU SAW, WE GOT OUR DOSES, AND WITHIN 4 DAYS, THEY WERE GONE. BUT THAT'S BECAUSE WE'RE DOING -- THAT'S ALL WE'RE DOING. WE'RE JUST THERE, AND ALL WE'RE DOING IS VACCINATING. THAT CAN'T BE EVERYWHERE. AND BECAUSE WE LEARNED A LESSON THAT THOSE SITES DON'T WORK FOR EVERYONE, WE NEED TO BUILD OUT THE PROVIDER NETWORK. BUT I'LL TEMPER THAT BY SAYING WHEN WE DON'T SEE ANY DOSES GOING IN ARMS, BECAUSE THIS IS ALL

GETS REGISTERED, WE DO CONTACT THOSE PROVIDERS, AND IF THEY'RE NOT ABLE AT THIS POINT TO GET APPOINTMENTS MADE WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS OR SO TO GET FOLKS IN, THEN WE'LL REDISTRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO NEED MORE AND HAVE MORE CAPACITY AND THEN GO BACK TO THOSE PROVIDERS AS SOON AS WE GET THE NEXT DOSES IN AND OFFER THEM MORE DOSES TO TRY TO MAKE SURE THEY CAN CONTINUE TO DO THAT OUTREACH. SO IT'S A LITTLE BIT OF BOTH. BUT WE ABSOLUTELY AGREE WITH YOU. THERE IS HIGH DEMAND, AND WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE'RE DOING OUR BEST TO GET VACCINE OUT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. AND THAT'S A BIG PRIORITY. WE ALSO WANT TO RESPECT THAT SOME PROVIDERS WILL TAKE A LITTLE BIT LONGER TO GET PATIENTS IN.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: I APPRECIATE THAT. ON THE ONE SLIDE THAT YOU SHOWED THE TOWN HALL, SOME OF THE LOGOS WERE TINY, AND I COULDN'T SEE IT. AND WHILE WE HEARD DURING PUBLIC COMMENT FROM A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION, I KNOW THERE ARE A NUMBER OF REALLY EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT, CULTURALLY AND RACIALLY TARGETED C.B.O.'S THAT HAVE SMALL NICHES THAT THEY FOCUS ON IN THE L.G.B.T.Q. COMMUNITY. I'M HOPING THOSE ORGANIZATIONS, GIVEN THE NUMBERS AND WHAT COMMUNITIES ARE BEING DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED WITHIN THE L.G.B.T.Q. COMMUNITY, THAT THOSE ORGANIZATIONS ARE PART OF THE OUTREACH. THEY AREN'T AS BIG AS THE ONES WE KNOW OFF THE TOP, BUT THEY'RE DOING AMAZING WORK,

AND I HOPE ARE GOING TO BE INCLUDED IN YOUR OUTREACH AND EDUCATION.

DR. FERRER: WE'LL INCLUDE ANYBODY AT THIS POINT WHO HAS REACH INTO THE COMMUNITY OF FOLKS THAT ARE AT HIGHER RISK RIGHT NOW AND IS WILLING TO GO THROUGH THE FEDERAL REGISTRATION THAT'S REQUIRED TO BE A MONKEYPOX VACCINATOR AND GET DOSES INTO PEOPLE'S ARMS. SO WE ARE OPEN TO HEARING FROM OTHER PROVIDERS, AND FOR ALL THE SUPERVISORS, IF YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS OF PROVIDERS WHO ARE INTERESTED AND HAVE A PATIENT POPULATION THAT IS AT HIGHER RISK, AND THEY HAVEN'T ALREADY HEARD FROM US, I THINK WE KNOW MANY OF THEM AND HAVE TRIED TO REACH OUT, BUT WE'RE ALWAYS HAPPY TO GET ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL OUTREACH THAT WE SHOULD DO FROM ANY OF YOUR OFFICES

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: OKAY BECAUSE I KNOW A NUMBER OF US PARTICIPATED IN PRIDE EVENTS, SOUTH L.A. PRIDE, I MET A NUMBER -- SAW A NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS I KNEW AND MET A COUPLE OF NEW ONES. AND SO, THEY MAY NOT BE CLINIC PROVIDERS, BUT THEY ARE INFORMATION PROVIDERS AND ADVOCACY GROUPS THAT CERTAINLY NEED TO BE BROUGHT IN THE FOLD IN TERMS OF GETTING THE INFORMATION OUT ABOUT HOW TO CONNECT WITH YOU AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

DR. FERRER: WOULD LOVE THAT. THAT WOULD BE REALLY HELPFUL.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: PERFECT. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? SO HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 13, THE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND HAHN, IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SOLIS, SECONDED BY HAHN TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. COLLEAGUES, I HAVE A READ-IN ITEM A10 MONKEY -- I KEEP WANTING TO SAY MONEY POX. WHEN I LOOK AT IT, I SEE MONEY. MONKEYPOX MOTION. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, I'M ASSUMING EVERYBODY HAS RECEIVED A COPY OF THIS?

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THAT IS CORRECT.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: EXCELLENT. COLLEAGUES, IN SHORT, THIS IS OUR EFFORT TO MAKE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HAS THE FLEXIBILITY TO SHIFT RESOURCES TO DO THE NECESSARY LEVEL OF MONKEYPOX CONTACT TRACING. WE DIDN'T WANT TO DELAY BASED ON WE'VE LEARNED THE VALUE OF CONTRACT TRACING WITH REGARD TO COVID, AND I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD THE FLEXIBILITY THEY NEEDED TO MOVE RESOURCES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT TO TARGET CONTACT TRACING AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. I WON'T READ THE WHEREASES, BUT I WILL GET TO THE MEAT OF THE MOTION FOR THE PUBLIC. I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE DIRECTER OF THE DEPARTMENT

OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES TO ENTER INTO, EXECUTE, TERMINATE, OR AMEND NEW OR EXISTING AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING SOLE SOURCE SUB RECIPIENT -- THAT'S A NEW WORD FOR ME, SUPERVISOR HAHN, SUB RECIPIENT, THERE IT IS, SUB RECIPIENT AGREEMENTS OR ANY RELATED AGREEMENTS AS NEEDED TO RESPOND TO PROVIDE SUPPLIES FOR AND ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIVITIES FOR THE ONGOING MONKEYPOX OUTBREAK, PROVIDED FUNDS AVAILABLE AND THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT IS APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE COUNTY COUNSEL. NO AGREEMENT SHALL EXCEED $2 MILLION PER AGREEMENT, INCLUDING ANY AND ALL OPTIONAL WORK AND OPTION TERMS. D.P.H. AND D.H.S. MUST PROVIDE ADVANCED WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE BOARD AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE PRIOR TO EXECUTING ANY AGREEMENT UNDER THIS DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY. THIS DELEGATION TO ENTER INTO NEW OR AMENDED AGREEMENTS WILL EXPIRE WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF THIS APPROVAL UNLESS EXTENDED BY AN ACTION OF THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THAT IS THE MOTION. I WILL MOVE, ASK THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS SECOND, THANK YOU, TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM A10. EXPANDING CONTACT TRACING RESEARCH TO COMBAT MONKEYPOX IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: MITCHELL AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SUB RECIPIENT. MY VOCABULARY WORD FOR THE DAY. SUB RECIPIENT. YES, SUB RECIPIENT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. I APPRECIATE YOU. ITEM 13, COLLEAGUES ADVOCATING FOR ADDITIONAL FEDERAL ASSISTANCE. WE DID THAT ALREADY, MITCHELL. ITEM 14, COLLEAGUES, CEMENTING LOS ANGELES

COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO HISTORIC GENERAL HOSPITAL, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I KNOW THE HOUR IS UPON US, AND IT'S BEEN A LONG MEETING TODAY, BUT I DID WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU MY THOUGHTS ABOUT THIS ITEM, 14, WHICH FOR ME CALLS CEMENTING LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO HISTORIC GENERAL HOSPITAL, BUT IT'S FOR ME ALSO LEGACY PROJECT, IF I COULD SAY THAT, BECAUSE IT'S SOMETHING I'VE BEEN ENGAGED WITH NOW FOR THE LAST I WANT TO SAY 6 OR 7 YEARS, CLOSE TO 6 OR 7 YEARS WHEN DR. MARK GHALY WAS ACTUALLY HERE WORKING WITH US, AND HE TALKED TO ME ABOUT HOW WE SHOULD ENVISION UTILIZING SUCH A HISTORIC BUILDING THAT NOW IS GATHERING MOTH BALLS AND HAS BEEN IN THAT SITUATION BECAUSE, UNFORTUNATELY, IT IS NOT SEISMICALLY SAFE. AND IT WAS THROUGH HIS IDEA AND CEMENTING AND GIVING US HOPE THAT WE COULD REPURPOSE AN ICONIC BUILDING THAT FITS IN MANY WAYS THE NEEDS OF THIS BOARD AND THE REGION IN TERMS OF PROVIDING HOUSING FOR THE UNHOUSED, BUT ALSO CREATING OPPORTUNITIES TO ALLOW FOR PERHAPS ALMOST CLOSE TO 500 OR MORE UNITS OF HOUSING FOR PEOPLE THAT REQUIRE IT, PEOPLE THAT ARE IN NEED OF OUR SERVICES THERE ON CAMPUS THROUGH MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, WHETHER IT'S INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE WORKING FOR US AT ANY LEVEL, PARTICULARLY I'M LOOKING AT THE ESSENTIAL WORKERS THAT COULD ALSO LIVE THERE, AND INDIVIDUALS THAT WE KNOW COME OUT OF OUR CARCERAL

SYSTEM AND FIND THEMSELVES HOMELESS OR FIND THEMSELVES IN OUR SUB ACUTE TREATMENT FACILITIES THERE ON CAMPUS COULD THEN STEP DOWN AND HOPEFULLY OBTAIN PERMANENT HOUSING HERE IN THE GENERAL HOSPITAL. AND I KNOW THAT THIS IS A BOLD STEP, AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT I THINK WE HAVE ALREADY DEMONSTRATED THROUGH THIS BOARD HOW WE CAN MAKE THINGS HAPPEN. NOT TOO LONG AGO, I WAS BEFORE THIS BOARD ASKING FOR ASSISTANCE TO PUT UP THE CARE FIRST VILLAGE NEXT TO THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL ON THE PARKING LOT THAT WAS GOING TO BE UTILIZED FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. WELL, WE ALL TOGETHER SAID NO, WE CAN DO BETTER, AND WE CREATED 232 UNITS OF INTERIM HOUSING, WHICH I HOPE IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE WILL ALSO BECOME PERMANENT HOUSING. AND THERE IS AN AWESOME PROPOSAL THAT WILL HELP US COLLABORATE AND WORK WITH OUR PARTNERS IN THAT AREA AS WELL THAT WILL BE A PART AND CONNECTED TO WHAT WE ARE DOING AT THE L.A.C.+U.S.C. CAMPUS, AND I'M TALKING ABOUT THE CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT, AND I'M TALKING ABOUT HOME BOYS INDUSTRIES, WHO ARE ALSO IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DEVELOPING THEIR OWN PROPERTIES JUST AS WE ARE, UTILIZING OUR OWN ASSETS AND RESOURCES, NOT HAVING TO GO OUT AND BUY ANYTHING, BUT UTILIZING OUR RESOURCES, AND THEN DEVOTING OUR EFFORTS TO SEE HOW WE COULD PUT TOGETHER A PACKAGE THAT COULD COLLECTIVELY COME TOGETHER. I'M EXCITED THAT THIS IDEA OF PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO OUR REGION, AND NOT JUST THOSE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN BOYLE HEIGHTS OR EAST L.A., BECAUSE THAT'S NOT WHAT THIS IS ABOUT. IT'S ABOUT CERTAIN

PEOPLE ON SKID ROW, IN CHINATOWN, AND ALSO LITTLE TOKYO, AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES IN THE NORTHEAST, AND IN PARTICULAR AREAS WHERE WE'RE FINDING THAT MANY PEOPLE COME FOR TREATMENT TO THE FLAGSHIP CAMPUS, KNOWN AS L.A.C.+U.S.C. SURROUNDED BY MANY SERVICE RESOURCES THERE, IN PARTICULAR THE WELLNESS CENTER THAT CURRENTLY IS ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE OLD GENERAL HOSPITAL. SO, NOT EVERYTHING IS A MOTHBALLED, SO TO SPEAK, BUT THERE ARE SERVICES THAT ARE PROVIDED THERE. AND THE WELLNESS CENTER HAS BEEN OPERATING FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, EVEN BEFORE I WAS ELECTED TO THIS BOARD. SO IT'S BEEN, IN MY OPINION, PERHAPS MORE LIKE 10, 15 YEARS PERHAPS. 40 TO 50 ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDE WRAP AROUND SERVICES TO MANY OF THE SELECT POPULATIONS THAT I JUST MENTIONED. THEY WOULD ALSO PLAY A KEY ROLE IN HELPING US TO STRENGTHEN AND FORTIFY WRAP AROUND SERVICES NOT JUST FOR THOSE PEOPLE THAT COME IN FOR TREATMENT BUT FOR PEOPLE THAT COME IN TO VISIT THOSE FAMILY MEMBERS AND ALSO HELP TO LEARN ABOUT OTHER SERVICES THAT THE COUNTRY PROVIDES, WORKING ALONG WITH OUR CITY PARTNERS, WITH OTHER N.G.O.S, C.B.O.S, AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS, WHO HAVE WORKED VERY HARD ON THIS ISSUE AND WANT TO HELP THE COUNTY ADDRESS THIS ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AND THAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS PROJECT AND MANY OTHERS THAT WE HAVE EVEN HEARD ABOUT TODAY. THE FACT THAT WE ARE GOING TO LOOK AT THIS PROJECT TO REUSE THE OLD GENERAL HOSPITAL, THIS IDEA COMES NOT JUST FROM MARK GHALY, BUT FROM OUR COMMUNITY. AND I SAY THAT

BECAUSE A FEASIBILITY STUDY WAS DONE THAT WAS DEVELOPED OVER THE COURSE OF AT LEAST 3 TO 4 YEARS. AND IT REQUIRED HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF MEETINGS THAT TOOK PLACE DURING THE DAY, IN THE EVENING WITH MANY, MANY OF OUR STAKEHOLDERS. AND I'M VERY THANKFUL IN PARTICULAR TO THE HEALTHY INNOVATION COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP REPRESENTED BY THOSE ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR SUBCOMMITTEES FOR TAKING THE TIME AND DEDICATION, VOLUNTEERING TO GO OUT AND HELP US HAVE THESE MEETINGS AND CONVENE THEM AND REALLY MAKE SOME HARD DECISIONS ABOUT WHAT WE WANTED TO SEE COME OUT OF THE OLD GENERAL HOSPITAL. THE OLD GENERAL HOSPITAL, AS YOU KNOW, SITS ON TOP OF L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER, THE COUNTY'S FLAGSHIP. PHYSICALLY, IT'S ON TOP OF THE HILL AND NESTED AROUND DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, CITY TERRACE, THE NORTHEAST L.A., LINCOLN HEIGHTS, BOYLE HEIGHTS, CHINATOWN, AND A SHORT DISTANCE FROM DOWNTOWN SKID ROW. FOR ALMOST A CENTURY, AS YOU KNOW, THE REGIONAL ICONIC LANDMARK IN LOS ANGELES HAS SERVED AS A BEACON OF HOPE AND PROVIDED CRITICAL SERVICES AND RESOURCES TO MANY PEOPLE THAT LIVE IN L.A. COUNTY. AS YOU KNOW, UNFORTUNATELY, IN 2008, THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES LOOKED TO THE TOP OF THE HILL, AND THEY SEE COUNTY RESOURCES BEING WASTED, 1.2 MILLION SQUARE FEET OF COUNTY PROPERTY MOSTLY SITTING VACANT, MOTHBALLED, AND EVERY DAY THEY SEE THEIR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS WITH MEDICAL BRACELETS ON THEIR ARMS AND WONDER WHY IS THE COUNTY LETTING THIS OPPORTUNITY OF HOUSING HIGH RISK POPULATIONS ON A COUNTY

OWNED AND OPERATED MEDICAL CAMPUS GO TO WASTE. SINCE OPENING BACK THIS HOSPITAL IN 1934, GENERATIONS OF L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS SEEKING MEDICAL CARE HAVE SOUGHT REFUGE AT THE OLD GENERAL HOSPITAL, WHEREUPON ENTERING THE LOBBY, YOU CAN SEE A STUNNING FRESCO THAT WAS DEVELOPED BY HUGO BALLIN AND A PROCLAMATION AT THE ENTRY OF THE DOORS IT READS THAT NO L.A. CITIZEN WILL BE DEPRIVED OF LIFE OR HEALTH BECAUSE OF LACK OF RESOURCES. LET US REMEMBER WHAT THAT MEANS, WHAT IT MEANS FOR THIS BOARD AND FOR OUR RESIDENTS WE REPRESENT. THAT'S AN INCREDIBLE STATEMENT THAT HAS JUST STUCK WITH ME. AND BACK IN 1934, IF WE COULD LOOK BACK THAT FAR, THE U.S. WAS IN THE THROES OF THE GREAT DEPRESSION, WOMEN HAD ONLY WON THE RIGHT TO VOTE A DECADE OR SO EARLIER, AND THE FIRST BLACK DOCTOR TO WORK AT GENERAL HOSPITAL WAS STILL NEW IN HIS CAREER, AND F.D.R. WAS FIRST ELECTED PRESIDENT. THAT'S HOW FAR BACK THIS HOSPITAL GOES. AMONGST ALL THE HARDSHIPS AND CULTURAL TURMOIL AT THAT TIME, RESIDENTS OF L.A. MADE A PACT WITH ONE ANOTHER. WE'LL TAKE CARE OF ONE ANOTHER. AND IN THE YEARS AFTER THE NORTHRIDGE EARTHQUAKE THAT DAMAGED THE BUILDING, THE HOSPITAL MOVED ITS SERVICES TO A NEW FACILITY, AS MANY OF YOU KNOW. THE OLD GENERAL HOSPITAL WAS EMPTIED OUT AND FELL IN FURTHER DISREPAIR. THE LOBBY HAS PROVIDED, AS I'VE ALREADY MENTIONED, SUPPORT THROUGH A WELLNESS CENTER THAT HELPS TO SERVICE AND PROVIDE WRAP AROUND SERVICES TO MANY INDIVIDUALS INCLUDING NOT JUST L.A.C.+U.S.C. BUT SERVICES AROUND THE COUNTY OF LOS

ANGELES. AND THEY ARE TOO NUMEROUS FOR ME TO NAME ALL OF THOSE THAT ARE CURRENTLY RENTING SPACE FOR FREE AT OUR COUNTY FACILITY. EVERY ANGELENO THAT COMES TO GENERAL HOSPITAL IS IN NEED OF WRAP AROUND SERVICES, AND THEY'RE USUALLY POINTED TO THE WELLNESS CENTER. IN 2018, THE BOARD PASSED MY MOTION RESTORING AND REPAIRING THE FRESCO IN THE GENERAL HOSPITAL'S LOBBY AND WE LITERALLY AND METAPHORICALLY REFRESHED THE COUNTY'S PROMISE TO TAKE CARE OF ONE ANOTHER. THE SAME YEAR WE AGAIN APPROVED MY MOTION DIRECTING THE C.E.O. TO DRAFT A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE REUSE OF GENERAL HOSPITAL. AND JUST THIS FEBRUARY, THE C.E.O.'S TEAM PRESENTED THE FINAL FEASIBILITY STUDY TO THIS BOARD, AND WOW, DID THEY DELIVER. THE 633 PAGE REPORT WAS, AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, INCREDIBLY DETAILED. BUT I'M MOST DELIGHTED AND IMPRESSED WITH HOW CLOSELY THE C.E.O.'S TEAM WORKED WITH OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR COMMUNITY. MANY MEETINGS WE WERE SCHEDULED TO HEAR FROM RESIDENTS. THE COMMUNITY IDENTIFIED MANY GOALS FOR THE PROJECT, BUT THE TOP PRIORITY REMAINS BUILDING HOUSING FOR INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, DEEPLY LOW AND LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES, LOW AND MODERATE INCOME WORKERS, AND FAMILIES PRICED OUT OF OUR OWN NEIGHBORHOODS. WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY, IN MY OPINION, TO HOPEFULLY HOUSE MORE THAN 500 RESIDENTS, AND THAT WORK WILL NOT GO UNNOTICED, AND JUST LAST MONTH, THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA INCLUDED $50 MILLION FOR GENERAL HOSPITAL'S REUSE PROJECT IN ITS 2022/'23 BUDGET. AND I

WANT TO THANK ASSEMBLYMEMBER WENDY CARILLO AND SENATOR DURAZO FOR THEIR CRITICAL HELP AND SUPPORT TO GET THIS OFF THE GROUND. TODAY, I ASK YOU, MY FELLOW SUPERVISORS, TO ONCE AGAIN REMEMBER THE GREAT PROMISE THAT WE MADE TO L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS TO HELP ONE ANOTHER AND TO SUPPORT THE MOTION. AN AYE VOTE HERE WILL REVIVE THE COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO TAKE CARE OF ONE ANOTHER BY IDENTIFYING $200 MILLION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND THE RESTORATION AND REUSE OF GENERAL HOSPITAL. TODAY, JUST LIKE WHEN GENERAL HOSPITAL WAS BUILT, MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS ARE FACING ECONOMIC HARDSHIP AND CULTURAL TURMOIL. THIS BUILDING, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS, STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WE CAN HOPEFULLY EXPAND UPON THIS DREAM. THERE IS OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP NOT ONLY HOUSING BUT JOB CREATION, HEALTH, WELLNESS FOR MANY MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITIES. THIS COMPLEMENTS THE ENTIRE VISION OF THE CAMPUS AS A HEALTHY VILLAGE. TODAY, WE CAN TAKE A GREAT STEP FORWARD ENSURING THAT MORE FOLKS WILL GET THE HELP THEY NEED THAT THIS BOARD HAS TALKED ABOUT FOR THE LAST 8 YEARS THAT I HAVE BEEN SERVING. I KNOW THAT MANY OF YOU MAY HAVE QUESTIONS ON THE BOARD. BUT AGAIN, THIS IS A PLAN. IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEEK FUNDING. IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT EVERYTHING IS IN CEMENT BECAUSE NOTHING EVER IS. BUT I KNOW WE HAVE TO START THE PROCESS, AND I RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS SITE AND THIS PROJECT TO YOU. CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND LEGACY PROJECTS. IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO REPURPOSE OUR HISTORIC GENERAL HOSPITAL SO IT CAN SERVE THE COMMUNITY. HOWEVER, I THINK YOU MAY KNOW I HAD A LOT OF QUESTIONS ABOUT FUNDING SOURCES. AND SO, I APOLOGIZE, BUT I'M GOING TO HAVE BE ABSTAIN. I DON'T WANT TO VOTE NO BECAUSE I KNOW -- I MEAN IT'S THE SAME THING, AS YOU AND IS I BOTH KNOW, BUT I'M MOST CONCERNED ABOUT THE SOURCES OF FUNDING THAT ARE BEING TARGETED. I UNDERSTAND A REPORT BACK, AND IT'S THE WAY WE GET THINGS STARTED REALLY, BUT IT'S ALSO A WAY TO TRY TO CONCRETIZE SOMETHING. AND JUST, FOR INSTANCE, IT TALKS ABOUT ALLOCATING UP TO $50 MILLION IN THE NO PLACE LIKE HOME DOLLARS. AND CURRENTLY, THERE ARE ABOUT $115 MILLION IN NO PLACE LIKE HOME DOLLARS, NOT INCLUDING THE $100 MILLION THAT WE ALREADY EARMARKED FOR RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGES. BUT L.A.C.D.A., AS I'M SURE YOU KNOW, HAS SOME PLANS TO MAKE THAT $115 MILLION AVAILABLE IN TWO N.O.F.A.S OVER THE NEXT YEAR. AND THE BIGGEST CONCERN IS THAT THE PROJECTS THAT WOULD BE IDENTIFIED THROUGH THE N.O.F.A.'S WOULD GENERALLY BE ABLE TO PRODUCE RESIDENTIAL UNITS MUCH MORE QUICKLY THAN WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE WOULD HAPPEN WITH THIS HOSPITAL USING THE SAME MONEY.

IT'S -- IT'S A GREAT THING TO DO, BUT IT'S GOT SEISMIC ISSUES. IT'S GOT IS FIRE ISSUES, AS YOU KNOW, TO BRING IT UP REALLY SO THAT IT CAN BE USED FOR THIS, EVEN THOUGH THE USE IS A GOOD ONE. SO I WORRY ABOUT THE RESIDENTIAL UNITS THAT WOULD NOT COME ONLINE IF WE TIE UP THIS MONEY. AND IT'S KIND OF THE SAME MONEY. THE SECOND IS THE HOMELESS HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION MONEY ASKS THE C.E.O. TO IDENTIFY UP TO $20 MILLION, BUT THE C.E.O. AND THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE ALREADY INDICATED WE NEED THE DOLLARS TO ENSURE CONTINUITY OF SERVICES NOW BECAUSE OUR MEASURE H COMMITMENTS ARE ESCALATING EACH YEAR. IT ASKS FOR $10 MILLION TO BE IDENTIFIED IN THE CARE FIRST/ JAILS LAST, WHAT WE ALL STILL CALL THE MEASURE J MONEY. AND YOU KNOW, IT MAY BE AN ACCEPTABLE USE OF THE DOLLARS. THERE'S A GREAT DEAL OF NEED. THERE'S NO QUESTION. BUT THERE'S A GROUP THAT TALKS ABOUT HOW TO ALLOCATE THE MEASURE J MONEY, AND WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO RESPECT KIND OF WHAT THEY'RE COMING UP WITH. SO IT'S DIFFICULT FOR ME, BECAUSE IT -- AS I SAID, IT CONCRETIZES THIS IN A WAY THAT I KNOW YOU WANT IT TO THOUGH IT'S A REPORT BACK. SO, I JUST THINK THERE IS SO MUCH I DON'T KNOW HIGHWAY WE CAN BALANCE OUR OTHER NEEDS. MAYBE IN THE WEEKS TO COME, WE COULD ASK THE C.E.O. TO THINK OF A WAY TO LOOK AT ALL OF THESE KIND OF PROJECTS THAT ARE IN THE PIPELINE SO THAT WE'RE NOT SORT OF DOUBLE SPENDING, BUT, FOR TODAY, I'M GOING TO ABSTAIN ON THIS BECAUSE I DON'T SEE THAT WE CAN REALLY TALK ABOUT THIS MONEY IN A REAL WAY WHEN IT LOOKS LIKE

WE'VE ALREADY PASSED A BUNCH OF MOTIONS TO TELL THEM HOW TO SPEND IT, BUT THANK YOU FOR BRINGING IT. I LOVE A BIG DREAM. THANK YOU.

SUP. SOLIS: MADAM CHAIR, IF I CAN RESPOND.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, COULD I ASK YOU, LET'S GET ALL THE QUESTIONS, AND I WILL LET YOU DO THE EQUIVALENT OF A CLOSE, WHERE YOU CAN RESPOND TO EVERYBODY. HOW IS THAT? IN CASE THERE'S MORE QUESTIONS, ANY OTHERS? I WILL JUST SAY THAT I AM GOING TO SUPPORT THE MOTION TODAY BECAUSE I APPRECIATE THE PASSION WITH WHICH YOU BROUGHT THIS FORWARD, AND THAT YOU TALK ABOUT IT AS A LEGACY. I ALSO APPRECIATE THE HISTORY AND RELEVANCE OF BIG GENERAL, AS MY GRANDMOTHER WOULD CALL IT, RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY, PARTICULARLY THE LOW INCOME. I HAVE TO SAY I SHARE SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S CONCERN. IS NOT THE FIRST TIME I HAVE RAISED IT, SO I DON'T WANT YOU TO PERSONALIZE IT WITH REGARD TO YOUR MOTION, BUT IT IS MY CONCERN STRUCTURALLY IN TERMS OF HOW WE MANAGE KIND OF OUR BUDGET AND THAT HOW WE, MOTION BY MOTION, OUTSIDE OF THE BUDGET PROCESS, PUT WHEELS IN MOTION THAT I THINK INHIBIT OUR ABILITY, AS A BOARD, TO LOOK BIG PICTURE AND SET PRIORITIES FOR THE C.E.O. TO IMPLEMENT, QUITE FRANKLY. AND SO MY QUESTION IS -- MY CONCERN IS PROCESS BECAUSE IT WOULD BE IRRESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF US TO START THE WHEELS IN MOTION ON A PROJECT OF THIS MAGNITUDE WHEN WE DIDN'T

HAVE A CLEAR PATH ABOUT HOW WE COULD DELIVER AT THE END. THAT'S HOW COMMITTED I AM TO MAKING SURE WE SEE YOUR DREAM REALIZED. I ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT IT IS AN AMAZING COUNTY ASSET TO FIND A LAND MASS OF THAT SIGNIFICANCE, WHERE WE CAN DO THESE IMPORTANT THINGS ON, IS PROBABLY JUST NOT POSSIBLE ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE COUNTY, PARTICULARLY ONE SO CENTRALLY LOCATED. SO I WANT US TO BE ABLE TO DELIVER ON THAT. SO, I'M HOPING THAT ALSO GET CREATIVE SINCE WE OWN THE LAND, THAT WE REALLY INVITE OTHER INVESTORS IN TO HELP US ON DELIVER THIS AMAZING RESOURCE FOR THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE. SO I AM HOPING, YOU MENTIONED PHILANTHROPY, I HOPE WE LOOK AT SOME, PRIVATE, PERHAPS NONPROFIT DEVELOPERS WHO WILL COME TO THE TABLE. LET'S GET REALLY CREATIVE AND NOT JUST ASSUME THAT WE CAN WRITE A CHECK ON THE COUNTY CHECKBOOK TO DELIVER. WE WILL HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO FUND THE WRAP AROUND SERVICES, QUITE FRANKLY. THAT'S THE WORK OF THE COUNTY. SO IN TERMS OF THE CONSTRUCTION, I REALLY HOPE WE GET CREATIVE. AGAIN, LIKE SUPERVISOR KUEHL, CONCERNED ABOUT, IF WE MAKE THIS DECISION, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN TO OTHER DECISIONS OR OTHER PROGRAMS THAT ARE KIND OF ON DOCKET FOR PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE FUNDING? WE HAVE TOO MANY EXAMPLES THAT I HAVE JUST LEARNED IN THIS LAST YEAR AND A HALF OF GREAT PROGRAMS THAT DON'T HAVE A PERMANENT FUNDING SOURCE THAT WE ARE STILL BORROWING FROM PETER TO PAY PAUL TO CONTINUE THESE PROGRAMS. SO I DON'T WANT THAT FOR THIS PROGRAM. SO I APPRECIATE THIS IS A REPORT BACK, BUT I HOPE

THAT STRUCTURALLY, AS A BOARD, WE COME UP WITH A WAY OF HAVING THESE CONVERSATIONS AROUND FUNDING IMPORTANT EFFORTS AND WORK AND HAVING A PATH TOWARDS SUPPORTING THEM TO COMPLETION IN A REAL AND SIGNIFICANT WAY. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS MOTION DOESN'T COMMIT FUTURE FUNDS THAT I AM NOT THINKING OF IN CONTEXT OF SUPPORTING THE MOTION TODAY. SO, I SHARE THE DREAM. I WANT IT TO COME TO FRUITION. AND THAT'S WHY I AM A BUDGET GEEK BECAUSE I THINK WE PAY FOR WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO US. AND HAVING A PLAN FOR HOW TO PAY FOR IT IS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT I THINK WHEN WE BRING THESE MOTIONS FORWARD. SO I WILL BE SUPPORTING IT TODAY, BUT WANTED TO STATE, FOR THE RECORD, MY STRUCTURAL CONCERNS IN OUR BUDGETING. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I AM PREPARED TO SUPPORT THIS, BUT NOW AFTER LISTENING TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, I HAVE A QUESTION FOR FESIA. AS THE COUNTY DISCUSSED A NUMBER OF -- WE HAVE GOT ALL THESE PROJECTS GOING, HAVE WE PRIORITIZED OR PUT TOGETHER A PLAN AS IT RELATES TO THE FUNDING?

FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. SO, WE DO HAVE PROJECTS THAT ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION. SOME OF THEM ARE FURTHER AHEAD THAN OTHERS IN TERMS OF THEIR PLANNING AND THEIR ABILITY -- LET'S SAY BEING SHOVEL READY. WHAT WE DON'T HAVE, IN A FORMALIZED WAY, SUPERVISORS, WE DON'T HAVE A GLOBAL

DOCUMENT, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT TAKES LET'S SAY ALL OF THE -- OR MAYBE SOME OF THE PROJECTS THAT WE KNOW THAT ARE ON DECK, OR MAYBE THERE'S A MOTION RELATED TO DEVELOPMENT OF A CAPITOL PROJECT, WHAT WE DON'T HAVE AS A FORMAL DOCUMENT THAT KIND OF SCORES EACH OF THOSE PROJECTS THAT TALKS ABOUT IMPLEMENTATION READINESS, PROPOSED FINANCING SOURCES, WHETHER IT IS N.C.C., OR DEBT FINANCED, OR PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT. MY TEAM LOOKS AT THAT BEHIND THE SCENES, BUT IF YOU ARE ASKING IF WE HAVE A FORMAL DOCUMENT, LIKE THE EQUIVALENT OF A MASTER PLAN FOR VARIOUS CAPITOL PROJECTS THAT BOARD OFFICES WOULD LIKE TO IMPLEMENT, WE DO NOT HAVE THAT FORMAL DOCUMENT.

SUP. BARGER: SO IN THE MOTION, IT IS IDENTIFY FUNDING, AND IF I HEARD CORRECTLY, AND I MAY HAVE MISUNDERSTOOD WHAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL WAS SAYING, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE SOME OF THIS MONEY MAY ALREADY BE EYED, OR WE HAVE ALREADY SET AS A PRIORITY TO POSSIBLY PUT INTO CERTAIN PROJECTS. IN YOUR REPORT BACK, IF THAT'S THE CASE, ARE YOU GOING TO INCLUDE THAT NARRATIVE AS IT RELATES TO THE MONEY THAT'S BEEN IDENTIFIED SPECIFICALLY IN THIS MOTION?

FESIA DAVENPORT, E.O.: YES. SO WE WOULD LOOK AT A NUMBER OF FUNDING SOURCES, INCLUDING THE ONES THAT ARE IDENTIFIED IN THE MOTION. I THINK WE WOULD BE REMISS IN YOUR DUTY TO SAY SOME FUNDING IS AVAILABLE, IF THERE'S A PRIOR MOTION, OR IF THERE'S

A PRIOR COMMITMENT FOR THE SAME FUNDING. SO, YES, WE WOULD DO THE RESEARCH ON EACH ONE AND SAY WHAT IS AVAILABLE, WHAT IS COMMITTED, OR WHAT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED IN OTHER REPORTS BACK TO THE BOARD.

SUP. BARGER: I SAW SUPERVISOR SOLIS NODDING HER HEAD IN AGREEMENT. SO, YEAH, THAT'S FINE, THANK YOU.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ANY OTHER COMMENTS? SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. SOLIS: YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, COLLEAGUES, FOR YOUR QUESTIONS. I DO WANT TO CLARIFY THAT ON THE FUNDING FOR MEASURE J, IT IS ACTUALLY NOT MEASURE J FUNDING, IT IS MONEY THAT WE DIDN'T USED TO BUILD THE JAIL. SO WHAT BETTER USE OF THAT FUNDING SOURCE. SO MAYBE THAT WASN'T CLEAR, SO I WANT TO CLARIFY THAT. AND THEN JUST ALSO WANTED TO CLARIFY FOR SUPERVISOR KUEHL, IN IN THE MOTION ITSELF, IT SAYS TO INSTRUCT THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN WRITING IN 30 DAYS ON THE AVAILABILITY, THE AVAILABILITY, OF THE LOCAL SHARE OF NO PLACE LIKE HOME FUNDS AND THE POSSIBILITY. SO IT DOESN'T SAY YES, IT IS $50 MILLION. IT SAYS TO LOOK, TO SEE WHAT IS THERE. AND OF COURSE, EVERYTHING, AS I SAID, IT IS NOT CEMENTED. I AM SURE THINGS ARE NEGOTIABLE, AND IT WILL BE BASED ON WHAT AVAILABILITY IS

THERE. SO I AM HOPEFUL THAT FOLKS WILL LOOK AT THIS IN A WAY THAT DOESN'T TAKE US OFF TRACK IN TERMS OF WHAT OUR GOALS ARE AS A BOARD, WHERE WE WANT TO GO TO HOUSE THE HOMELESS. AND THIS PROJECT, I BELIEVE IS A SELFLESS PROJECT BECAUSE WE RESPECT JUST LOOKING AT THE IMMEDIATE COMMUNITY THAT WILL BE SERVED. IT IS A REGIONAL EFFORT. WE GET PEOPLE FROM SKID ROW, FROM SAN FERNANDO, FROM POMONA, FROM LONG BEACH, FROM ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTY THAT WILL BE UTILIZING AND WE WILL BE HOUSED AND WILL GET WORK AND WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITIES HERE. SO I HOPE THAT, MEMBERS, AS WE GO THROUGH IT AGAIN, IT IS A REPORT. AND I HOPE THAT YOU WILL HANG IN WITH US. AND WE DO HAVE A VERY, VERY AGGRESSIVE, HOW COULD I SAY, FOCUS ON TURNING THIS INTO A P-3 PROJECT SO WE DO GET SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT. IF WE CAN MAKE THE PROJECT LUCRATIVE TO SHOW THAT THE COUNTY IS INVESTED AND WE HAVE A STRONG COMMITMENT, I AM SURE, ONCE THEY SEE WHAT IS THERE, THEY WILL COME. AND I HOPE THAT THAT HAPPENS. I WANT TO THANK ALSO THE INDIVIDUALS THIS AFTERNOON, THIS MORNING, THAT CALLED IN IN SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT, THE MANY PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN PUTTING SO MUCH TIME, INCLUDING OUR C.E.O. AND THEIR COMPETENT STAFF. I WANT TO THANK THEM. I WANT TO THANK ALSO OUR NONPROFITS, LA SYNC, CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT, AND MANY OTHERS THAT ARE LOOKING FOR OUR LEADERSHIP AND SAYING, IF THIS IS A DIRECTION THE COUNTY WANTS TO GO IN, WE WANT TO BE A PART OF IT. SO THANK YOU, COLLEAGUES, AND I

RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I THINK SUPERVISOR KUEHL DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. KUEHL: NO, I HAVE A STATEMENT TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SHE HAS CONVINCED ME, AND SO HAVE YOU. YOU KNOW, WHEN I SAY I REALLY RESPECT A DREAM. YOU KNOW I DO, HILDA. WE HAVE WORKED TOGETHER FOR 35 YEARS ON STUFF.

SUP. SOLIS: WE HAVE DREAMED TOGETHER.

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU. AND MY SISTER BORN AT THAT HOSPITAL. SO IT IS NOT LIKE I DON'T GET IT. AND I WOULD HOPE FOR IT TOO. I LIKE FESIA TALKING ABOUT AND HOLLY TALKING ABOUT KIND OF PULLING TOGETHER JUST TO SHOW US BECAUSE I KNOW THE RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGE ALSO TAPPED SOME OF THAT MONEY, THE CARE FIRST MONEY, AND APPROPRIATES, AND WE WERE FOR IT. BUT IT IS KIND OF -- I TEND TO LEAN TOWARDS THESE THINGS ANYWAY. AND, YOU KNOW, MY MOTHER WOULD ALWAYS SAY YOU TRY TO BE PRACTICAL, BUT THEN YOU JUST ALWAYS FAIL AT THE END. SO I AM GOING TO FAIL AT THE END IN A WAY AND JUST JOIN YOU AND DO IT BECAUSE I AM AN OPTIMIST, AND I HAVE HOPE. SO I HOPE IT WORKS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. SOLIS: MADAME CHAIR. SUPERVISOR, YES.

SUP. SOLIS: YES. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU AND I HAVE BEEN THROUGH A LOT FROM YOUR DAYS OF IN THE ASSEMBLY AND MINE IN THE SENATE, WORKING, COLLABORATING, EVEN OUT THERE PROTESTING, AND DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO HELP PRESERVE THE RIGHTS OF POOR PEOPLE AND WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN AND REPRODUCTIVE, OH SO MANY, MANY THINGS. AND TO ME, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS AN OPPORTUNITY THAT IS REAL FOR US. IT IS UNLIKE THE SEARS BUILDING, WHERE PEOPLE ARE CHATTERING AND TALKING ABOUT HOW WE CAN TAKE CARE OF PEOPLE. OH MY GOD, WE HAVE SOME INFORMATION THAT IT'S JUST NOT GOING TO BE A WORKABLE PROJECT. SO I AM NOT FOCUSED ON WHERE THE SHINY APPLE IS. NO, I WANT TO GO WHERE THINGS WILL REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND PEOPLE REALLY CARE. SO I THANK YOU. I THANK ALL OUR COLLEAGUES. I THANK OUR C.E.O. AND ALL THE PUBLIC RESIDENTS AND FOLKS THAT WE REPRESENT, AND IF I COULD JUST SHARE ONE THING WITH YOU --

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT FOLKS ARE ASKING ME TO CALL FOR THE VOTE. SO LET ME JUST SUGGEST.

SUP. SOLIS: I AM GOING TO START TEARING UP HERE.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AND YOU ARE GOING TO START LOSING VOTES. I THINK YOU'VE TURNED ONE OVER. YOU TURNED AN ABSTENTION TO A

YES, SO TAKE IT FROM ME. LET'S STOP WHILE YOU ARE AHEAD. FAIR ENOUGH?

SUP. SOLIS: CALL FOR THE VOTE.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: FAIR ENOUGH?

SUP. SOLIS: FAIR ENOUGH, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: GREAT. [LAUGHTER] HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 14 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CALL THE ROLL, PLEASE.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 14 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: OKAY, NOW I AM A COAUTHOR, FOR GOD'S SAKE.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: NO, YOU ARE NOT A COAUTHOR. YOU JUST SECONDED THE MOTION. [LAUGHTER]

SUP. KUEHL: OKAY, I SECOND THAT EMOTION.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: YOU SECOND THAT EMOTION. THAT'S AN AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU. MUCHAS GRACIAS.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 19, ESTABLISHING A COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION STRATEGY TO STABILIZE SMALL BUSINESS AND APPROVING A PILOT PROJECT IN LEIMERT PARK. IT IS A MOTION THAT I HELD. SMALL BUSINESSES ARE THE ANCHOR OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES. THEY CREATE LOCAL JOBS AND

WEALTH BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR DIVERSE RESIDENTS. THEY PROVIDE GOODS AND SERVICES AND FOSTER A SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURE. AND, AS YOU ALL WELL KNOW, L.A. COUNTY IS HOME TO 1.3 MILLION SMALL BUSINESSES, CLOSE TO 60% OF WHICH ARE OWNED AND OPERATED BY PEOPLE OF COLOR. AND WE KNOW THAT THE RISING COST OF COMMERCIAL RENT IS A CRITICAL CHALLENGE FACING OUR SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY. WE KNOW THAT THE DEMAND WHEN WE ROLLED OUT OUR COMMERCIAL RENT RELIEF FOR SMALL BUSINESSES, HOW IT WAS WILDLY AND RECEIVED VERY WELL ACROSS THE COUNTY BASED ON THIS PROBLEM OF RISING RENTS. RISING RENTS AND REAL ESTATE SPECULATION ARE CAUSING DISPLACEMENT FOR MANY VULNERABLE SMALL BUSINESSES, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN GENTRIFYING COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. THIS MOTION, COLLEAGUES, DIRECTS THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH A NEW COUNTY-WIDE STRATEGY TO STABILIZE SMALL BUSINESSES LED BY PEOPLE OF COLOR AND OTHER MARGINALIZED POPULATIONS. IN THE GREEN SHEETS, SOME OF YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED THAT WE CHANGED THE NAME OF THE MOTION AND REMOVED THE SPECIFIC PILOT PARTNER NAME OF "THE BLACK OWNED AND OPERATED COMMUNITY LAND TRUST." WE DID THIS BECAUSE THAT TITLE ALONE WAS CAUSING A LOT OF CONFUSION, A LOT OF TROUBLING TO ME CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT THE MOTIVATION REALLY WAS. SO WE WANTED TO REALLY GET TO THE CORE INTENT OF THE MOTION AND PROVIDE CLARIFICATION. NUMBER ONE, THE MOTION IS ESTABLISHING A COUNTY-WIDE, COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION STRATEGY, WHICH WILL WORK WITH QUALIFIED COMMUNITY BASED ACQUISITION PARTNERS,

AGAIN, ACROSS L.A. COUNTY. NUMBER TWO, THE INTENT OF THE MOTION, IS TO PRESERVE COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS. AND THREE, THE MOTION ALSO APPROVES A SPECIFIC PILOT PROJECT, IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, IN MY HOME COMMUNITY OF LEIMERT PARK LED BY THE NONPROFIT BLACK OWNED AND OPERATED COMMUNITY LAND TRUST AND UNDERWRITTEN BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCE INSTITUTION, GENESIS L.A. THESE ARE PARTNERS FOR THE PILOT PROJECT, BUT NOT THE BROADER PROGRAM. THESE PARTNERS HAVE BEEN VETTED BY THE COUNTY. SO LET ME READ IN AN AMENDMENT THAT WILL PROVIDE FURTHER CLARIFICATION THAT ANY FUTURE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE SAID PROPERTY IN THE LEIMERT PARK ACQUIRED BY THE BLACK OWNED AND OPERATED COMMUNITY LAND TRUST IS NOT ONLY REQUIRED TO PROVIDE BELOW MARKET COMMERCIAL RENT, BECAUSE THAT IS OUR FUNDAMENTAL GOAL, BUT IT IS ALSO REQUIRES AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND A ROBUST COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS BEFORE, AND IF, ANY REDEVELOPMENT OF THE LAND COULD OCCUR. THE AMENDMENT IS TO DIRECTIVE NUMBER FOUR AND READS AS FOLLOWS: IN THE CASE OF ANY FUTURE REDEVELOPMENT THAT ADDS HOUSING UNITS, AT LEAST 20% OF UNITS ARE DEED RESTRICTED AS LONG TERM AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS. THE COMMUNITY MUST BE MEANINGFULLY ENGAGED IN ADVANCE OF ANY FUTURE DEVELOPMENT. AS STATED IN THE MOTION, COUNTY FUNDING FOR THE PILOT PROJECT AND ALL FUTURE PROJECTS WILL BE SUBJECT TO STIPULATIONS AND CONDITIONS FOR ANY FUTURE REDEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING A REQUIREMENT OF LONG TERM BELOW MARKET RATE COMMERCIAL SPACE FOR LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES AND

NONPROFITS AND ANTI-DISPLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS. THESE REQUIREMENTS ALIGN WITH THE ESTABLISHED COMMUNITY BENEFITS BOARD POLICY THAT WE HEARD REFERENCED EARLIER IN RELATION TO ANOTHER MOTION. THROUGH THIS PILOT ACQUISITION, WE ARE PREVENTING THE PROPERTY FROM BEING GENTRIFIED BY A COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE SPECULATOR. I BELIEVE IN THE STRONG COMMUNITY BENEFITS OF THIS DEAL AND THE ABILITY OF THE KEY PARTNERS TO IMPLEMENT IT. LET ME BE VERY CLEAR THAT, WHILE I MAY BE NEW TO THE BOARD AND THE COUNTY, I AM NOT NEW TO LEIMERT PARK AND HAVE SPENT MANY YEARS IN VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL CAPACITIES MAKING SURE THAT THE CULTURAL RICH HERITAGE OF LEIMERT PARK AND THE SMALL BUSINESSES WHO HAVE, THROUGHOUT THE DECADES, HAVE HAD VARYING EXPERIENCES IN TERMS OF TRYING TO KEEP THEIR DOORS OPEN AND TRYING TO AFFORD THE RENT. THAT WE TRANSITION INTO AN OWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY AND AN OWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY THAT PROTECTS CURRENT TENANTS FROM ESCALATING RENTS. AND THAT ELEMENT MAKES ME VERY PROUD. SO I AM EXCITED TO ESTABLISH THIS PROGRAM AS AN ADDITIONAL STRATEGY TO STABILIZE COMMUNITIES AND PREVENT DISPLACEMENT. WE WILL CAPTURE LEARNING FROM THE PILOT, AND THEN LOOK FORWARD TO SCALING THE MODEL TO HELP OUR HIGHEST NEED BUSINESSES ACROSS THE COUNTY BENEFIT. I ASK FOR YOUR AYE VOTE. ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON MOTION NUMBER 19? SEEING NONE, HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 19 IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE AND ASK THAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL SECOND TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 19 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: MOVING ON TO ITEM 24, EDUCATING YOUTH ABOUT THE SCHOOL THREAT ASSESSMENT RESPONSE TEAM, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. IT'S BEEN JUST OVER TWO MONTHS SINCE 19 CHILDREN AND TWO TEACHERS WERE KILLED IN THAT SCHOOL SHOOTING UVALDE TEXAS. AND I THINK OUR NATION IS STILL REELING FROM THIS TRAGEDY ON TOP OF A LOT OF OTHER MASS SHOOTINGS IN AND AROUND OUR COMMUNITIES AND SCHOOLS. SCHOOL VIOLENCE, AND SPECIFICALLY THE THREAT OF A SCHOOL SHOOTING, IS A REAL AND SERIOUS POSSIBILITY THAT OUR STUDENTS FACE ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. STUDIES HAVE SHOWN MANY YOUTH WHO COMMIT ACTS OF VIOLENCE AT SCHOOL SHOW WARNING SIGNS BEFOREHAND. MANY EVEN DISCUSS OR MENTION THEIR PLANS TO THEIR PEERS OR POST ABOUT THEM ON SOCIAL MEDIA. AND WE KNOW THAT TARGETED AND DIRECT INTERVENTION IN RESPONSE TO WARNING SIGNS CAN SUCCESSFULLY PREVENT INDIVIDUALS FROM FOLLOWING THROUGH WITH VIOLENT ACTS AGAINST OTHERS OR THEMSELVES. THAT'S WHY OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH CREATED THE SCHOOL THREAT ASSESSMENTS RESPONSE TEAM, CALLED S.T.A.R.T., BACK IN 2009. AND JUST RECENTLY, IN 2019, SUPERVISOR BARGER AND MYSELF LED THE EXPANSION OF S.T.A.R.T. FROM TEN MEMBERS TO 42. S.T.A.R.T. CONSISTS OF MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, WHO WORK WITH SCHOOLS TO IDENTIFY STUDENTS WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, WHO MIGHT POSE A THREAT TO THEMSELVES OR OTHERS. THE

TEAM THEN ASSESSES THE LEVEL OF RISK AND PROVIDES TARGETED INTERVENTION AND SERVICES. IF THE THREAT IS ADVANCED ENOUGH, THEY WILL WORK WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT, AS WELL. THIS S.T.A.R.T. PROGRAM IS USED BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS ALL ACROSS OUR COUNTY, AND ONE WOULD HOPE THAT COUNTLESS TRAGEDIES MIGHT HAVE BEEN AVERTED BY INTERVENING EARLY. I HOPE PEOPLE KNOW THAT ANYONE CAN CONTACT S.T.A.R.T. AND MAKE A REFERRAL WHEN THEY SEE WARNING SIGNS BY EMAILING START@DMH.LACOUNTY.GOV, OR CALLING (213)739-5565. BUT UNFORTUNATELY, I DON'T THINK MANY PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT THIS PROGRAM. UP UNTIL NOW, S.T.A.R.T. HAS FOCUSED ITS OUTREACH OF SCHOOL STAFF AND ADMINISTRATORS, NOT THE STUDENTS THEMSELVES. MOST HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS DON'T EVEN KNOW THAT S.T.A.R.T. EXISTS, LET ALONE HOW TO CONTACT THEM IF THEY SEE SOMETHING CONCERNING. EVERY HIGH SCHOOL IN L.A. COUNTY SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE S.T.A.R.T. PROGRAM. SO TODAY, THIS MOTION WILL BE DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO IMPLEMENT AN EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY TO INFORM THE YOUTH ABOUT S.T.A.R.T. I WANT THIS CAMPAIGN TO EDUCATE YOUTH ON WHAT THE S.T.A.R.T. PROGRAM DOES, HOW TO MAKE A REFERRAL TO S.T.A.R.T. IF THEY SEE CONCERNING BEHAVIOR FROM A PEER, AND DESCRIBE EXAMPLES OF WARNING SIGNS AND BEHAVIORS THAT THEY COULD REPORT. I ALSO WANT TO GET MORE REGULAR DATA ON HOW S.T.A.R.T. IS USED ACROSS THE COUNTY. SO THIS MOTION ALSO ASKS FOR A WRITTEN REPORT TWICE A YEAR WITH A OVERVIEW OF THE SERVICES AND THE RESPONSES PROVIDED. THIS WILL HELP US SEE

AREAS OF SUCCESS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT. THERE'S NOT A ONE-SIZE SOLUTION TO PREVENT SCHOOL SHOOTINGS, BUT THE S.T.A.R.T. PROGRAM IS ONE TOOL THAT WE HAVE TO PREVENT SCHOOL VIOLENCE THROUGH PROFESSIONAL THREAT ASSESSMENT, EARLY INTERVENTION, AND MENTAL HEALTH LINKAGE, AND WE SHOULD USE IT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR BEING MY COAUTHOR. YOU HAVE, FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, BEEN SUCH A STRONG SUPPORTER OF S.T.A.R.T. OVER THE YEARS, AND YOU WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN ITS EXPANSION BACK IN 2019. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. BARGER: I WILL BE SHORT, AND SUPERVISOR HAHN, THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME BE A PART OF THIS PROGRAM AND A PART OF THE MOTIONS THAT HAVE BROUGHT IT FORWARD. YOU HAVE SAID IT ALL. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I BELIEVE IN TO MY CORE. AND THERE'S NO QUESTION THAT WE DO NEED TO GET THE WORD OUT BECAUSE THIS IS A PROGRAM THAT WILL TRULY HELP PEOPLE ON CAMPUSES WITH THE TOOLS THAT ARE NEEDED. THIS PROGRAM TRULY IS A GREAT SOLUTION, AND MY HOPE IS THAT WE CAN REALLY SATURATE ALL OF OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF S.T.A.R.T. AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND HAVE THIS BE SOMETHING THAT'S LOOKED NATIONALLY AS IT RELATES TO WHAT WE ARE DOING AT THE FRONT LINE. SO THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME BE A PART OF THIS. SO WITH THAT, I WILL LET US CALL FOR THE VOTE.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: BEAUTIFUL. SEEING NO OTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON THE ITEM, IT WILL -- ITEM 24 IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THE ITEM. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ITEM 24 IS BEFORE YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

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

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: ITEM 27, FIVE SIGNATURE LETTER TO SUPPORT HOUSE RESOLUTION 40, BY JACKSON LEE, THE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND DEVELOP REPARATION PROPOSALS FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS ACT. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. LAST WEDNESDAY, AS YOU KNOW, THE COUNTY SET A PRECEDENT IN THE PURSUIT OF JUSTICE BY RETURNING LAND THAT WAS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT FROM A BLACK FAMILY IN AN ACT OF RACISM NEARLY 100 YEARS AGO IN WHAT I THOUGHT WAS A VERY MOVING CEREMONY, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, THAT YOU PUT TOGETHER ALONG WITH OUR REGISTRAR-RECORDER, DEAN LOGAN, WHO HAD THE MOMENT WHERE HE HANDED OVER THE DEED TO BRUCE'S BEACH TO THE DESCENDANTS OF WILLA AND CHARLES BRUCE, RIGHTING A HISTORIC WRONG THAT HAS DEPRIVED THEM OF GENERATIONAL WEALTH FOR DECADES. THAT WAS A MOMENTOUS OCCASION. WE KNOW WHAT HAPPENED AT BRUCE'S BEACH IN THE 1920S IS JUST ONE OF THE COUNTLESS ACTS OF RACISM COMMITTED BY GOVERNMENTS AGAINST AFRICAN AMERICANS HERE IN THE UNITED STATES. AND YOU SAID, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, IT WASN'T A MOMENT, IT WAS A MOVEMENT. I THOUGHT THAT WAS SIGNIFICANT. IT'S NOT AN

ISOLATED INCIDENT, WHICH WE PARTICIPATED IN, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS UNPRECEDENTED. BUT LAND THEFT AND SYSTEMIC RACIAL INJUSTICES HAVE OCCURRED ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. AND THEIR IMPACTS NEED TO BE INVESTIGATED. AN OP-ED IN THE SACRAMENTO OBSERVER THIS WEEKEND SAID THE RETURNING OF BRUCE'S BEACH PROVES REPARATIONS ARE POSSIBLE. FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, MY FORMER COLLEAGUE, AND I KNOW YOU TOO, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SERVED WITH SHEILA JACKSON LEE AS SHE HAS INTRODUCED LEGISLATION, H.R. 40, THAT WOULD CREATE A COMMISSION TO EXAM REPARATION PROPOSALS FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS FOR THE ONGOING LEGACY OF EVEN ENSLAVEMENT. THIS COMMISSION WOULD FOCUS ON HOW WE DISCERN AND DEAL WITH RACIAL AND ECONOMIC DISPARITIES TO ADVANCE RACIAL EQUITY IN THE UNITED STATES. IN THE WAKE OF THE GEORGE FLOYD MURDER, CALIFORNIA ESTABLISHED ITS OWN TASKFORCE TO STUDY AND DEVELOP REPARATION PROPOSALS FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS. SENATOR STEVE BRADFORD, WHO AUTHORED THE LEGISLATION THAT GAVE LOS ANGELES COUNTY THE PERMISSION TO RETURN BRUCE'S BEACH, IS ON THAT TASKFORCE. AND YOU KNOW, SHEILA JACKSON LEE, GOD LOVE HER, SHE HAS BEEN ADVOCATING FOR THIS FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER. SHE BRINGS IT UP I THINK IN EVERY CONGRESSIONAL SESSION, BUT IT HAS NOT GOTTEN THE ATTENTION OR SUPPORT IT DESERVES. AND I HOPE, FOR OUR COUNTRY'S SAKE, THAT THIS YEAR IS DIFFERENT AND THAT HER LEGISLATION GETS TRACTION. AND I THINK OUR BOARD SHOULD PUT OUR FULL WEIGHT BEHIND THIS EFFORT. ONE OF THE THINGS I THINK WE NEED TO DO AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL

IS PROVIDE NOT ONLY THE INVESTIGATION OF THESE CASES BUT SERIOUS RESOURCES TO HELP INITIATE JUSTICE AND TO PROVIDE FOR RESTITUTION AND REPARATIONS. WE, IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, I AM SURE YOU FELT THAT, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, WE HAVE AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF RESOURCES THAT HELPED US NAVIGATE RETURNING BRUCE'S BEACH. WE HAVE A TEAM OF LAWYERS. WE COULD CONTRACT WITH GENEALOGISTS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAD THE RIGHT LEGAL HAIRS OF WILLA AND CHARLES BRUCE. WE HAD EVERYTHING THAT WE NEEDED TO MAKE THAT VERY DIFFICULT TRANSACTION POSSIBLE. THAT'S NOT TRUE FOR A LOT OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS IN OUR COUNTRY. AND MAYBE SOME WANT TO DO THE RIGHT THING, BUT JUST DON'T HAVE THE RESOURCES IT WILL TAKE TO UNRAVEL THESE COMPLICATED YEARS OF INJUSTICE THAT WERE INFLICTED ON AFRICAN AMERICANS. SO I THINK HER LEGISLATION IS IMPORTANT, AND I THINK OUR FIVE SIGNATURE LETTER WILL URGE OUR LEADERS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. TO PASS THIS IMPORTANT LEGISLATION. I ASK FOR MY COLLEAGUE'S AYE ON THIS MOTION.

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

SUP. KUEHL: VERY BRIEFLY, I, OF COURSE, SUPPORT. I JUST WANTED TO SAY HOW IMPORTANT THIS IS. AND WE WOULD BE MAKING LONGER SPEECHES IF IT WERE EARLIER IN THE DAY BECAUSE WE DO KNOW HOW IMPORTANT THIS IS. THIS IS THE WOUND OF THIS COUNTRY. AND, OF COURSE, AFRICAN AMERICANS HAVE BEEN SO WOUNDED BY IT, BUT I

TEND TO THINK THAT IT IS LARGER THAN THAT IN A WAY AND THAT THIS MAY BE A WAY THAT WE CAN ALL BEGIN TO HEAL, OH JUST BEGIN, BUT BEGIN TO HEAL. IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT. SO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? SUPERVISOR HAHN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BRINGING THIS ITEM FORWARD, AND AGAIN, I THINK BRUCE'S BEACH, I THINK THE ACTION WE JUST TOOK ON ITEM 19, THAT REALLY IN A TANGIBLE WAY EMPOWERS A COMMUNITY IN -- TOWARDS SELF-DETERMINATION. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. I LOOK FORWARD TO SUBMITTING THIS FIVE SIGNATURE LETTER WITH MY NAME ON IT. THAT'S A GOOD THING. SO, HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 27 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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

SUP. SOLIS: AYE.

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

SUP. KUEHL: AYE.

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

SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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

SUP. BARGER: AYE.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: AYE.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES, 5-0. COLLEAGUES, THERE ARE NO SPECIALS TODAY, SO AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR US TO TRANSITION TO OUR ADJOURNMENTS. WE WILL BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER.

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF JOHN J. KENNEDY. HE WAS A LONGTIME MEMBER OF THE PASADENA CITY COUNCIL AND A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF PASADENA, AND HE PASSED AWAY ON JULY 21ST. JOHN WAS BORN AND RAISED IN PASADENA, THE EIGHTH OUT OF TEN SIBLINGS. JOHN WAS A LIFELONG PUBLIC SERVANT BEGINNING AS THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT AT BLAIR HIGH SCHOOL IN PASADENA AND

LATER AS A STUDENT SENATOR AT U.S.C. AFTER COMPLETING HIS UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AT U.S.C., JOHN EARNED HIS LAW DEGREE FROM HOWARD UNIVERSITY. JOHN LATER BECAME THE YOUNGEST PRESIDENT OF THE PASADENA CHAPTER OF THE N.A.A.C.P. HE WAS APPOINTED TO SERVE AS A CHIEF OF POLICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPUTY IN THE RICHMOND, VIRGINIA POLICE DEPARTMENT. HE WORKED AND SERVED IN VARIOUS ROLES WITH NUMEROUS ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON, LOS ANGELES URBAN LEAGUE, AND THE CHAPCARE BOARD, WHERE HE SPENT TWO YEARS AS CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. JOHN WAS ELECTED TO THE PASADENA CITY COUNCIL IN 2013, AND DURING HIS TENURE, HE CHAIRED THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, SERVED ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, AND THE BURBANK- GLENDALE-PASADENA AIRPORT AUTHORITY. HE WAS ALSO AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE PASADENA POLICE FOUNDATION, THE TOM BRADLEY LEGACY FOUNDATION, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE COMMISSION ON EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION. HE WAS ACTIVE WITH PASADENA SISTER CITIES DELEGATIONS, THROUGH WHICH HE VISITED CHINA AND TAIWAN AND LED EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A SISTER CITY WITH THE DARKAR-PLATEAU, SENEGAL. JOHN WAS PASSIONATE ABOUT HIS COMMUNITY AND HELPED CHAMPION MANY AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND EARNED A REPUTATION, AND I CAN ATTEST TO THIS, AS A PERSISTENT AND PRAGMATIC POLICYMAKER. JOHN HAD JUST RECENTLY WON REELECTION FOR HIS THIRD TERM. JOHN WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS PARENTS, THOMAS AND LEOLA KENNEDY,

HIS BROTHER, MICHAEL, AND SISTERS, GLADYS AND GLENDA. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SISTERS GERALDINE, SHARON, ROSALINDA, LENA, WHO IS A DEAR FRIEND AND MY HEART GOES OUT TO HER, ELIZABETH, AND BROTHER, MALCOLM, ALONG WITH A LARGE EXTENDED FAMILY. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN --

SUP. SOLIS: SUPERVISOR BARGER.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR BARGER, IT LOOKS LIKE SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND I ADD ON PLEASE?

SUP. BARGER: ABSOLUTELY, ABSOLUTELY.

SUP. SOLIS: MADAM CHAIR, I JUST WANTED TO SAY SOMETHING VERY QUICKLY IF I COULD, SUPERVISOR BARGER. I HAD THE CHANCE TO MEET JOHN KENNEDY AT HIS HOME, I THINK IT WAS TWO YEARS AGO. AND A WONDERFUL MAN, AND HIS FAMILY VERY LOVING, VERY WELL RESPECTED. AND IT WAS ON THE OCCASION WHERE WE WERE CELEBRATING AN EVENT FOR THEN PRESIDENT-ELECT JOE BIDEN. SO HE JUST MADE A WONDERFUL IMPRESSION ON ME, AND I WANT TO SEND MY PRAYERS TO HIS FAMILY AND MY CONDOLENCES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SUP. BARGER: THANK YOU FOR THAT. ALSO I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF AIDEN AGNOR, A 2022 QUARTZ HILL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE, WHO WENT TO WORK FOR THE

KERN COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT FOUR DAYS AFTER GRADUATION, AND HE TRAGICALLY PASSED AWAY JUNE 11TH AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 18. AIDEN WAS CRITICALLY INJURED JULY -- JUNE 28TH IN A CRASH WHILE DRIVING TO WORK AT THE KEENE HELIBASE, WHERE HE WAS EMPLOYED AS A SEASONAL FIREFIGHTER. BORN OCTOBER 24TH, 2003 IN LANCASTER, AIDEN GRADUATED FROM QUARTZ HILL HIGH SCHOOL ON JUNE 2ND OF 2022. HE IMMEDIATELY WENT TO WORK FOR THE KERN COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. AT QUARTZ HILL HIGH, HE WAS A VALEDICTORIAN AND CAPTAIN OF THE FOOTBALL TEAM, WHERE HE WAS RUNNING BACK AND LINEBACKER. HE WAS NAMED DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK FOR THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IN DECEMBER OF 2021 AND CAL-HI SPORTS FOR HIS PERFORMANCE IN A BOWL GAME AGAINST BLYTHE. AIDEN WAS HONORED AS A FIRST TEAM ALL GOLDEN LEAGUE LINEBACKER, FIRST TEAM ALL C.I.F.-SOUTHERN SECTION LINEBACKER, AND TEAM DEFENSE PLAYER OF THE YEAR. AND HE WAS IN THE TOP 10 IN CALIFORNIA OF 152 TACKLES. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, MELISSA AND CASEY PAYNE, AND MIKE AND LISA AGNOR, SIBLINGS HARMONY PAYNE AND CALEB AGNOR, GRANDPARENTS, MIKE AND CONNIE RUANO AND JAN AGNOR. MAY HE ALSO REST IN PEACE. AND THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JERRY GLADBACH, A RESIDENT OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WHO PASSED AWAY ON JULY 14TH, 2022. HE MOVED TO THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY IN 1968. SOON AFTER, HE ATTENDED COLLEGE AND OBTAINED A BACHELOR'S AND MASTER'S DEGREE IN SCIENCE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-COLUMBIA. JERRY WAS A REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER IN CALIFORNIA AND A FELLOW

LIFE MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS. IN JANUARY 1985, HE WAS ELECTED TO THE BOARD OF THE CASTAIC LAKE WATER AGENCY, WHICH LATER MERGED WITH THE NEWHALL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT TO FORM THE SANTA CLARITA DISTRICT WATER. HE ALSO SERVED AND WAS VERY ACTIVE WITH STATE AND NATIONAL WATER ORGANIZATIONS. DURING HIS INVOLVEMENT, GLADBACH WAS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN THE NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION, AND PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES - JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY. JERRY ALSO CHAIRED THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND WAS PRESENTED WITH THE COMMISSION'S MOST OUTSTANDING COMMISSIONER AWARD IN 2013. DURING JERRY'S TENURE ON L.A.F.C.O., THE COMMISSION CONSIDERED THE PROPOSED SECESSION OF HOLLYWOOD, SAN PEDRO, AND THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY FROM THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, THE PROPOSED INCORPORATION OF THE CITY OF EAST LOS ANGELES, DURING WHICH TIME HE PRESIDED OVER MORE THAN EIGHT HOURS OF PASSIONATE TESTIMONY FROM CITYHOOD SUPPORTERS AND OPPONENTS. THE SUCCESSFUL COMMISSION INITIATED DISSOLUTION OF THE FORMER HUNTINGTON MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, THE SUCCESSFUL DISSOLUTION OF THE FORMER SATIVA COUNTY WATER AGENCY, SEVERAL DOZEN ADOPTIONS OF MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEWS FOR CITIES AND SPECIAL DISTRICTS, AS WELL AS HUNDREDS OF PROPOSED ANNEXATIONS TO CITIES AND SPECIAL DISTRICTS, SPHERE OF INFLUENCE AMENDMENTS, AND OUT OF AGENCY REQUESTS. IN 2021, THE

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION, CAL.F.C.O., AWARDED JERRY THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD. THIS IS CAL.F.C.O.'S HIGHEST AWARD, AND IT IS BESTOWED ON LESS THAN A DOZEN PEOPLE IN CAL.F.C.O.'S 50 YEAR HISTORY. IN ADDITION TO HIS 35 YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT AT THE LOS ANGELES WATER DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER, HE WAS ALSO THE A.C.W.A. VICE PRESIDENT, CHAIR OF IT'S REGION 8 BOARD, AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. JERRY IS SURVIVED BY HIS BELOVED WIFE, DONNA, THREE CHILDREN, ERIC, JANA, AND BETH, AND SIX GRANDCHILDREN, AND A SISTER, JUDY.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR, HE WAS SO WONDERFULLY WELCOMING TO ME AS A BRAND NEW L.A.F.C.O. MEMBER. WOULD YOU PLEASE MIND ADDING ME ON?

SUP. HAHN: YES, ME TOO BECAUSE I SERVED WITH HIM WHEN I WAS ON L.A.F.C.O.

SUP. KUEHL: ME TOO.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: LET'S ADD THE FULL BOARD, IF YOU DON'T MIND.

SUP. BARGER: THAT WOULD BE ABSOLUTELY FINE. I KNOW DONNA WOULD APPRECIATE THAT.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

SUP. BARGER: AND ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BETTY SMITH, A LONGTIME ANTELOPE VALLEY RESIDENT. SHE WAS BORN IN JAMESPORT, MISSOURI. BETTY CAME TO CALIFORNIA AFTER HIGH SCHOOL. BETTY'S CAREER IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY INCLUDED SELLING REAL ESTATE, MANAGING THE LANCASTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, OWNING AND MANAGING THE TIPSY BOWL BULL AND RESTAURANT AND HANDLING SALES AND PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR THE ANTELOPE VALLEY RUBBISH AND WASTE MANAGEMENT. BETTY WAS INVOLVED FOR DECADES WITH THE ANTELOPE VALLEY FAIR, THE LANCASTER QUARTZ HILL AND PALMDALE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE REGION. SHE SERVED ON NUMEROUS COMMITTEES, INCLUDING DESERT HAVEN ACTION, LANCASTER INCORPORATION, LANCASTER SISTER CITY, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER, AND THE ANTELOPE VALLEY BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB. SHE WAS HONORED AS CALIFORNIA WOMAN OF THE YEAR IN 1994. BETTY BEGAN VOLUNTEER WORK AT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY FAIR IN 1963, AND IT CONTINUED UNTIL HER DEATH. SHE SERVED AS FAIR DIRECTOR, AND SHE WAS GRAND MARSHAL OF THE FAIR PARADE. FOR HER SERVICE, SHE WAS HONORED WITH BOTH THE BLUE RIBBON AND GOLDEN RIBBON AWARDS. BETTY WAS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE PRESIDENTS OF THE FRIENDS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY FAIR BOARD. SHE WAS BEST KNOWN FOR HER WORK AS THE ANNOUNCER FOR THE JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION, A ROLE

THAT SHE FILLED EVERY YEAR SINCE 1976. BETTY LIKED TO GOLF AND WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB. SHE ENJOYED TRAVELING WITH THE WOMEN'S TEAM FOR MANY YEARS AND SERVED ON THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTERS CATHI AND CINDI. AND THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FRANK SURRATT, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES, WHO PASSED AWAY JULY 15TH. HE WAS BORN IN ENGLAND, ARKANSAS. HE WAS THE FOURTH OF SIX CHILDREN, BORN TO A.Z. AND MARGARET. FRANK MET HIS WIFE, EMMA WASHINGTON, IN ARKANSAS BEFORE MOVING TO CALIFORNIA. INN 1964, HE BECAME A CERTIFIED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION SPECIALIST. HE WAS AN ENTREPRENEUR, OWNING SURRATT'S TRANSMISSION WITH HIS BROTHER, SAMUEL, AND SEPARATELY OWNED A TRUCKING AND SURRATT'S FISH COMPANY AMONG SEVERAL OTHER BUSINESS VENTURES OVER THE YEARS. FRANK'S SPIRITUAL LIFE BEGAN IN 1972 IN LITTLE ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH. HE BECAME AN ORDAINED DEACON IN 1963 AND SERVED ON THE BOARD FOR 35 YEARS AS CO-CHAIRMAN. HE ALSO TAUGHT THE MEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS. DEACON FRANK SURRATT LOVED THE LORD, HIS FAMILY, AND HIS CHURCH. HE WAS A MAN BEYOND MEASURE WITH UNWAVERING DEDICATION TO CHRIST. IN 2008, FRANK WAS LED TO GREATER EMMANUEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PASTOR HAROLD L. MITCHELL. SHORTLY AFTER SERVING, PASTOR MITCHELL ASKED HIM TO SERVE AS CO-CHAIRMAN OF THEALONG WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DEACON BOARD ALONG WITH THE CHAIRMAN, HENRY ROBINSON. HE WAS A SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUPERINTENDENT, TEACHER, LEADER OF LABORS FOR CHRIST, AND WORKED WITH THE FOOD MINISTRY, AMONG OTHER ROLES WITHIN THE PARISH COMMUNITY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 62 YEARS, EMMA "BABY DOLL" SURRATT, THREE DAUGHTERS, CATHELYN HUNTER, LINDA, WHO'S MARRIED TO SAMUEL DAVIS, AND BUFFY, WHO IS MARRIED TO AARON DUBOISE. LAST, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE IDENTIFIED AS INDIGENT VETERANS BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY BURIED WITH DIGNITY AND HONOR AT RIVERSIDE NATIONAL CEMETERY IN THE LAST MONTH. RAYMOND ANTHONY ARRELLANO, NAVY. TERRY BAKER, ARMY. BENJAMIN BARRAZA, MARINES. KERRY DEAN BRANSCOMB, ARMY. JAMES DONALD CADENHEAD, ARMY. GREGORY LEE COLINS, AIR FORCE. ROBERT JOSEPH COLLINS, MARINE CORPS. EDWIN GRAVES, AIR FORCE. ROBERT FRANCIS JOHNSEN, ARMY. STEVEN JOHN MANSO, NAVY. WILLIAM PANDO, JR., MARINE CORPS. JAMES EDWARD POTTS, ARMY. EARLE JACK SHERMAN, ARMY. JAMES EARL SLOMAN, MARINE CORPS. JAMES FRANK STUKES, AIR FORCE. JAMES PAUL ZUKOWSKI, MARINE CORPS. MAY THERE CONTRIBUTION AND SACRIFICE IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I JUST LOST MY SCREEN. SO IF SOMEBODY COULD HELP ME GET MY SCREEN BACK UP. RIGHT. -- IF SOMEONE COULD HELP ME GET MY SCREEN BACK UP. I JUST TOUCHED SOMETHING. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY -- I MOVE

THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY FAMILY, MR. RICHARD NELSON. MR. NELSON WAS BORN APRIL 27TH, 1947 IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, AND UNFORTUNATELY, PASSED AWAY JULY 13TH HERE IN L.A. AT THE AGE OF 75. MR. NELSON HAD AN EARLY INTEREST IN BROADCASTING. DURING HIS TEENS, HE STARTED AN A.M. BROADCAST RADIO STATION FROM HIS PARENTS' BASEMENT. HE ATTENDED BROWN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, AND IN 1979, HE RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES. HE BEGAN WORKING WITH THE L.A. COUNTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE IN 1988. AT THE TIME OF HIS PASSING, HE WAS THE CHIEF BROADCAST ENGINEER RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT THE PUBLIC HAD VIEWING ACCESS TO OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS EITHER ONLINE OR ON TELEVISION. WHILE IN HIS POSITION AS CHIEF BROADCAST ENGINEER, MR. NELSON HELPED WITH OVER 14,000 BOARD MEETING BROADCASTS. HIS WORK AND DEDICATION GREATLY IMPROVED THE EFFICIENCY, TRANSPARENCY, AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE BOARD MEETINGS BY DEPLOYING SERVICES SUCH AS CLOSED CAPTIONING, INTERNET STREAMING, LANGUAGE TRANSLATION, MEETING TRANSCRIPTS, AND THE VOTING SYSTEM THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY USED BY THE BOARD DURING BOARD MEETINGS. MR. NELSON WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS STRONG WORK ETHIC, MENTORSHIP, AND KINDNESS. HE DEVELOPED A STRONG RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS COLLEAGUES AND WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SISTER, MARY ANNE, BROTHER-IN-LAW, MIKE, TWO NEPHEWS, BENJAMIN AND NATHANIEL, TWO NIECES, ELIZABETH AND REBECCA, AND THREE GRAND NEPHEWS, HENRY, LUKAS, AND WILLIAM.

AGAIN, HIS ENTIRE COUNTY FAMILY SENDS OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TO HIS FAMILY. AND I WOULD INVITE ALL MEMBERS TO JOIN ME IN THIS ADJOURN IN MEMORY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH EVERYONE FOR SIGNING ON IN SUPPORT. AND WE'VE GOT ACKNOWLEDGMENTS HERE IN THE HEARING ROOM FOR ALL THOSE WHO WORKED COLLABORATIVELY WITH MR. NELSON FOR MANY YEARS. SO WE DO THIS IN HIS HONOR ON BEHALF OF ALL OF YOU. THANK YOU. MOVING ON TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

SUP. KUEHL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE ONE ADJOURNMENT TODAY. SO I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOHN FROINES, WHO DIED ON JULY 13TH. HE WAS TRAINED AS A CHEMIST, AND HE STOOD TRIAL ALONGSIDE SIX OTHER ANTIWAR ACTIVISTS KNOWN COLLECTIVELY AS THE CHICAGO SEVEN. HIS INVOLVEMENT CAME AT THE REQUEST OF ANOTHER THIRD DISTRICT RESIDENT, TOM HAYDEN, WHO WAS PLANNING ANTIWAR PROTESTS AT THE 1968 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION IN CHICAGO. HAYDEN REACHED OUT TO FROINES BECAUSE OF HIS EXPERIENCE IN ANTI-VIOLENT ORGANIZING. FROINES' INVOLVEMENT HE LED TO HIS PROSECUTION AS A MEMBER OF THE CHICAGO SEVEN, A GROUP OF ACTIVISTS CHARGED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR ALLEGEDLY FOMENTING RIOTS AND PROMOTING VIOLENCE DURING THE CONVENTION. JOHN WAS ACQUITTED. THE TRIAL WAS THE BASIS FOR THE NETFLIX FILM "THE TRIAL OF THE CHICAGO SEVEN." SO A LOT MORE IN THE NEW GENERATIONS KNEW WHO HE WAS AND WHAT HE HAD DONE. I DON'T

THINK, THOUGH, THEY KNOW WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT TRIAL. DR. FROINES RETURNED TO ACADEMIA, WORKED FOR SEVERAL YEARS IN WASHINGTON FOR THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION. AND UNDER HIS DIRECTION, THE AGENCY WROTE THE FIRST REGULATORY GUIDELINES FOR NON-CARCINOGENIC TOXINS LIKE LEAD AND COTTON DUST, WHICH IS SET THE STAGE FOR DRAMATIC INCREASES IN WORKPLACE AND PUBLIC HEALTH. HE DID MUCH THE SAME AT U.C.L.A. AFTER MOVING TO L.A. IN 1981. A PIONEERING ADVOCATE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, HE DIRECTED NUMEROUS UNIVERSITY RESEARCH CENTERS AND SAT ON THE STATE'S SCIENTIFIC REVIEW PANEL FOR AIR QUALITY. HE ENGAGED WITH COMMUNITIES HIT HARD BY INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION AND SMOG, TAILORING HIS RESEARCH TO THEIR NEEDS, AND EVEN ACCOMPANYING NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS TO MEET WITH GOVERNMENT AND CORPORATE OFFICIALS. A REALLY FINE MAN, A BRAVE MAN, AND A GOOD MAN. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, ANDREA, HIS DAUGHTER, REBECCA, AND HIS SON, JONATHAN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF LARAINE ARIAN, WHO WAS A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 77. LARAINE WAS BORN INTO A FAMILY TRADITION OF MAKING A POSITIVE IMPACT, ACTIVELY PROTESTING WRONGS, AND WORKING

DILIGENTLY TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE. SHE THREW HERSELF INTO THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT OF THE 1960S BY ACTIVELY OPPOSING HOUSING DISCRIMINATION. IT WAS THROUGH HER ACTIVISM THAT HER YOUNGER BROTHER, DAVE ARIAN, JOINED THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT. TOGETHER, THEY WOULD GO ON TO SUPPORT MANY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND EVENTS, SUCH AS THE HARRY BRIDGES INSTITUTE, LABOR DAY PARADES, BLOODY THURSDAY PICNICS, AND JUNETEENTH CELEBRATIONS. SHE WAS ALSO AN EARLY FEMALE RECRUIT INTO THE I.L.W.U. MARINE CLERKS LOCAL 63, JOINING HER FATHER AND BROTHER, DAVE IN SOLIDIFYING THE FAMILY IDENTITY AS I.L.W.U. STRONG. AFTER RETIREMENT, SHE STAYED ACTIVE WITH THE I.L.W.U. PENSIONERS. I WAS SO HAPPY MANY TIMES AFTER SHE RETIRED, TO RUN INTO LARAINE AT DIFFERENT EVENTS OR SOMETIMES IN THE PARKING LOT OF THE GROCERY STORE, AND SHE ALWAYS WAS SO ENCOURAGING TO ME AND ALL THAT I WAS DOING. WE WILL MISS LARAINE SO MUCH, BUT SHE LEFT AN INCREDIBLE LEGACY, AND SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER, LINDSAY, HER NEPHEW, SEAN, AND HER NIECE, JUSTINE. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF LYNN CUTTER-GRONKE, WHO WAS A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF TORRANCE. SHE WAS 69 WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY AFTER A LONG BATTLE WITH CANCER. LYNN WAS A PHARMACEUTICAL TECHNICIAN AT VON'S PHARMACY ON 25TH STREET IN SAN PEDRO FOR 26 YEARS, WHICH IS THE ONE I GO TO. SHE WAS MUCH LOVED BY ALL HER CUSTOMERS AND COLLEAGUES. LYNN IS SURVIVED BY HER LOVING HUSBAND, PHILIP, AND MANY EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS. I ALSO MOVE

THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MANUEL "MANNY" AVILA, WHO WAS A COUNCIL MEMBER FOR THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU MIGHT WANT TO JOIN ME ON THIS AS WELL SINCE YOU REPRESENTED THEM UNTIL REDISTRICTING. HE SERVED ON THE CITY COUNCIL UNTIL -- HE SERVED -- HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE FOR THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, WHERE HE SERVED UNTIL 2001, AND THEN WAS REAPPOINTED IN 2005. HE WAS FIRST ELECTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL IN 2017, AND WON RE-ELECTION JUST THIS JUNE. HE WAS BORN IN MEXICO CITY, WAS A RESIDENT OF HUNTINGTON PARK SINCE 1968. HE ATTENDED COLLEGE AND BECAME AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER IN MEXICO. AND AFTER IMMIGRATING TO THE UNITED STATES, MANNY WORKED IN FACTORIES IN VERNON AND JOINED THE STEELWORKERS OF AMERICA LOCAL 7100, WHERE HE WAS A MEMBER FOR MORE THAN 25 YEARS AND SERVED AS FINANCIAL SECRETARY FOR MORE THAN 13 YEARS. MANNY ALSO SERVED AS PAST PRESIDENT OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK LIONS CLUB, HUNTINGTON PARK FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY, AND SERVED AS PARISH COUNCIL TREASURER AT SAINT MATTHIAS CHURCH. HE IS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY WIFE, REBECCA, AND IS SURVIVED BY HIS THREE CHILDREN.

SUP. SOLIS: YES, I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN: I AM SURE THEY WOULD WANT THAT. THANK YOU.

SUP. SOLIS: THANK YOU.

SUP. HAHN: I ALSO MOVE WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ROBERT GATHY, WHO WAS A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO AND WAS 82 WHEN HE PASSED AWAY. ROBERT WAS DRAFTED INTO THE U.S. ARMY IN 1964. HE WAS STATIONED AT FORT MACARTHUR IN SAN PEDRO, WHERE HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE HONOR GUARD BEFORE SERVING A TOUR IN VIETNAM. AFTER LEAVING THE ARMY, HE WORKED IN THE PORTS OF LOS ANGELES AND LONG BEACH FOR 40 YEARS. HE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH. HE ALSO SERVED ON THE BOARD OF EASTVIEW LITTLE LEAGUE. ROBERT IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 52 YEARS, EDILMNA, HIS CHILDREN, RICHARD, CHRISTINE, AND CAROLINE, AND HIS SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN. AND I ALSO -- MY LAST ONE IS THAT I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF WILLIAM RECKNOR, WHO WAS ALSO A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 82. HE WAS A BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE LEADER IN THE SOUTH BAY FOR OVER 30 YEARS. BILL WORKED IN ADVERTISING FOR THE LOS ANGELES TIMES AND THE SOUTH BAY CENTER. HE RECEIVED MANY AWARDS FOR HIS AD CAMPAIGNS, INCLUDING BEING CHOSEN AS ONE OF THE INTERNATIONAL NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING ASSOCIATION'S FIVE BEST ADVERTISING IDEAS IN THE UNITED STATES. BILL TOOK PRIDE IN BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS AND CULTIVATING AN EXTENSIVE NETWORK OF CLOSE CONTACTS, BOTH

PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY. A FEW OF HIS MANY COMMUNITY SERVICE CREDENTIALS INCLUDE BEING PRESIDENT OF THE A.M.I. SOUTH BAY HOSPITAL BOARD AND REDONDO BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. BILL ALSO SERVED AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTH BAY Y.M.C.A., AND IN 1979, HE WAS NAMED REDONDO BEACH MAN OF THE YEAR. BILL IS SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER, HILARY, HIS SON, SCOTT, STEPDAUGHTERS, NICOLETTE AND PENELOPE, AND TWO GRANDDAUGHTERS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM C.S.1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, C.S.2, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, C.S.3, CONFERENCE LABOR NEGOTIATOR, FESIA DAVENPORT, AND DESIGNATED STAFF, C.S.4, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION, AND ITEM C.S.5, IN OPEN SESSION, THIS ITEM WAS REFERRED BACK TO COUNTY COUNSEL, THANK YOU.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS
FOR JULY 26, 2022

CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

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

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

No reportable action was taken.

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

Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

No reportable action was taken.

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

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

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

Unrepresented employees (all). (17-0363)

No reportable action was taken.

CS-4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

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

Marcus Matamoros v. County of Los Angeles, et al.,
Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number 19STCV46198.
(22-2686)

The Board authorized the settlement of the matter entitled Marcus Matamoros v. County of Los Angeles, et al., in the amount of $19,750,000. The vote of the Board was unanimous, with all Supervisors being present.

CS-5. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

(Paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

Significant exposure to litigation (one case). (22-2841)

In Open Session, this item was referred back to County Counsel.

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

That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors July 26, 2022, were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my direction and supervision;

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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 4th day of August, 2022, for the County records to be used only for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts as on file of the office of the reporter.

JENNIFER A. HINES
CSR No. 6029/RPR/CRR