



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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1 **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON**

2 **TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2022, ON PAGE 132]**

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

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

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

8 TUESDAY, AUGUST 9TH, 2022. PLEASE NOTE THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN

9 WILL NOT BE IN ATTENDANCE AT TODAY'S MEETING. WE'LL TAKE ROLL

10 TO CONFIRM EVERYONE ELSE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, GOOD MORNING.

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

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

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

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

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20 **SUP. BARGER:** I'M HERE. GOOD MORNING.

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22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** FESIA DAVENPORT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE

23 OFFICER?

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25 **FESIA DAVENPORT, C.E.O.:** GOOD MORNING. PRESENT.

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

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4 **DAWYN HARRISON:** PRESENT.

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

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8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** PRESENT.

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10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. I'M
11 GOING TO GO AHEAD AND LEAD US IN OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO
12 OUR FLAG. SO PLEASE STAND, FACE A FLAG, AND JOIN ME. PLEASE
13 PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART, AND LET'S BEGIN. I
14 PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
15 AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS: ONE NATION UNDER GOD,
16 INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. AS INDICATED ON
17 THE POSTED AGENDA, WE'LL TAKE TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENT DURING
18 TODAY'S MEETING. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD RECEIVED
19 OVER 400 WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TODAY'S MEETING, AND AS
20 THOSE WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED, ALL OF THEM WERE
21 AVAILABLE TO THE SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION,
22 CONSISTENT WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENT. WE'LL CONTINUE TO
23 RECEIVE WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS THROUGHOUT THE MEETING, WHICH
24 WILL BECOME PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
25 WILL YOU PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA?

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1

2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
3 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 2, SET MATTERS.
4 SET MATTER 1 IS A REPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND
5 APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT HEADS, AS NECESSARY, ON THE STATUS OF
6 THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING, AND CONSIDERATIONS OF
7 NECESSARY ACTION. SET MATTER 1 WILL BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION. ON
8 SET MATTER 2, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
9 CONTINUED TO AUGUST 30, 2022, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
10 AGENDA. ON PAGE 3, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
11 ITEMS 3 THROUGH 13. ON ITEM 3, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS
12 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 4, SUPERVISOR
13 MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, THIS INCLUDES
14 A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM
15 5-- I'M SORRY. ON ITEM 10, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS
16 ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON
17 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE 12, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS,
18 ITEMS 14 THROUGH 49. ON ITEM 14, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
19 REQUESTS THAT RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 5 THROUGH 11 BE CONTINUED
20 TO SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2022, AS THEY REQUIRE ALL SUPERVISORS TO BE
21 PRESENT. THE REMAINING RECOMMENDATIONS, 1 THROUGH 4, AND 12,
22 CAN BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED TODAY. ON ITEM 20, SUPERVISOR
23 BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 26, THIS
24 INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
25 ON PAGE 31, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE

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1 AGENDA, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE
2 MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 47-
3 C, SUPERVISOR KUEHL WOULD LIKE TO REVISE HER MOTION TO FIND
4 THAT THE CRIME COMMITTED WAS HEINOUS, AND INCREASE THE REWARD
5 AMOUNT FROM \$10,000 TO \$20,000. ON ITEM 47-E, SUPERVISOR
6 BARGER WOULD LIKE TO ABSTAIN FROM VOTING. ON PAGE 32,
7 ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEMS 50 THROUGH 52. ON PAGE 34,
8 SEPARATE MATTERS 53 AND 54. ITEM 53 IS A RECOMMENDATION TO
9 ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE
10 LYNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION OF 2016, GENERAL
11 OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES C(4), IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL
12 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$24,465,000. ITEM 54 IS A RECOMMENDATION
13 TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS TO LEVY THE 2022-2023 SPECIAL TAXES FOR
14 COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICTS NUMBER 3 AND 7, AND NUMBER
15 2021-02. ON PAGE 35, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDAS. THIS IS THE
16 AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. ON
17 PAGE 40, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN
18 SPACE DISTRICT. ON PAGE 42, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION. ITEM
19 CS-2 IS AN ADDITION, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
20 ON PAGE 44, ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS FOR FURTHER
21 DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY THE BOARD. ITEM A-10 IS A DISCUSSION
22 AND CONSIDERATION OF NECESSARY ACTIONS RELATED TO DECLARED
23 OUTBREAKS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE THREATENING THE PUBLIC'S
24 HEALTH IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. ON ITEM A-10, SUPERVISOR

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1 MITCHELL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REQUEST FOR
2 CONTINUANCES, THROUGH A-10, ARE BEFORE YOU.

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
5 KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS,
6 AND SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

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

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11 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. APPRECIATE THAT.
12 WE'LL NOW TRANSITION TO PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS.
13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION THAT
14 WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE AGENDA, AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING
15 RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE CALLING IN TO
16 ADDRESS THE BOARD TODAY.

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18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AS INDICATED ON
19 THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC
20 COMMENT SHOULD CALL 877-226-8163, AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE
21 NUMBER 133-6503. TO REPEAT: PLEASE CALL 877-226-8163, AND USE
22 PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 133-6503. DO NOT CALL THAT NUMBER IF
23 YOU ONLY WANT TO LISTEN TO THE MEETING. TO LISTEN ONLY, PLEASE
24 CALL 877-873-8017, AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. TO MEMBERS OF
25 THE PUBLIC CALLING IN: WHEN IT'S YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE

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1 STATE YOUR NAME AND WHICH AGENDA ITEMS YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON.
2 WE WILL ALLOCATE 90 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL OF THE
3 ITEMS POSTED ON TODAY'S AGENDA. YOU WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE TO
4 SPEAK ON ONE AGENDA ITEM, OR TWO MINUTES TO SPEAK ON 2 OR MORE
5 AGENDA ITEMS. IN ADDITION, THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE
6 BOARD WITH GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED ONE
7 ADDITIONAL MINUTE, FOR A MAXIMUM TOTAL OF UP TO 3 MINUTES PER
8 PERSON. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT
9 COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE
10 RECORD. WHEN SPEAKING ON THE AGENDA ITEM, YOU MUST BE ON
11 TOPIC. OUR GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE CAN.
12 IF YOU'RE NOT SPEAKING ON A TOPIC, OR IF WE CANNOT TELL IF
13 YOU'RE SPEAKING ON AN AGENDA ITEM, YOU WILL GET ONE WARNING
14 FROM COUNTY COUNSEL OR THE CHAIR. IF YOU DO NOT IMMEDIATELY OR
15 CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC, OR IF YOU STRAY OFF TOPIC AGAIN, YOU
16 WILL FORFEIT THE REST OF YOUR TIME, AND THE CHAIR WILL MOVE TO
17 THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU'RE ALSO LISTENING TO
18 THE BOARD MEETING ON A COMPUTER OR SPEAKERPHONE, YOU WILL NEED
19 TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON THOSE DEVICES AS SOON AS THE
20 MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU. IF YOU DO NOT TURN DOWN THE VOLUME,
21 THERE WILL BE AN ECHO. MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST
22 SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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

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5 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** THIS IS DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I WILL
6 SPEAK TO ITEMS 2, 7, AND 12, AND PUBLIC COMMENT. IT'S TOTALLY
7 INAPPROPRIATE TO REMOVE ITEM 2 [INAUDIBLE]. I GUESS YOU'RE
8 TRYING TO GET DR. FERRER NOW AWAY FROM THE PUBLIC, AFTER SHE
9 HAS TOTALLY MISREPRESENTED OUR [INAUDIBLE] MONKEYPOX
10 [INAUDIBLE] NOT UNDER CONTROL. I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE SAME
11 THING, YOU KNOW? HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP THE BOARD
12 CLOSED? YOU KNOW, IF YOU KEEP [INAUDIBLE], I'M GOING TO BE 100
13 BY THE TIME YOU REOPEN. AND ON ITEM 17, I AM CONCERNED WITH
14 THAT ITEM, BECAUSE THE WAY THE MOTION'S WRITTEN, IT'S NOT VERY
15 SPECIFIC HOW THE CONTROL OF INFORMATION WILL BE. SO,
16 [INAUDIBLE]. I JUST HOPE THAT WE HAVE SOME [INAUDIBLE] PEOPLE
17 WILL LISTEN TO THE BOARD, AND TAKE UPON THEMSELVES TO SUE THE
18 COUNTY ON NOT REOPENING. AS IT IS NOW, WE HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO
19 WAY TO REALLY ACT ON ANYTHING THAT HAPPENS. LAST WEEK, THERE
20 WAS A [INAUDIBLE] MEETING. IT LASTED ONLY 13 MINUTES. I MEAN,
21 TO ME, THAT'S NOT A MEETING, OKAY? SO, PLEASE, [INAUDIBLE] WE
22 WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SURE THE PUBLIC HAS A RIGHT TO SEE THE
23 SUPERVISORS, AND DEAL WITH THEM IN PERSON. PLEASE DO IT. MY
24 PHONE NUMBER IS 626-844-7812. 626-844-7812. HAVE A GOOD WEEK.
25 HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON. BYE.

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

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

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8 **CHERI THOMAS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CHERI THOMAS, MEMBER OF
9 THE QUINAULT INDIAN NATION, AND CHAIR OF THE LOS ANGELES
10 NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION, WHICH REPRESENTS THE
11 232,000 NATIVE AMERICANS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I WILL BE
12 SPEAKING ON PUBLIC COMMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISORS
13 SOLIS AND HAHN FOR AUTHORIZING ITEM 10, ESTABLISHING OUR
14 COMMITMENT TO THE LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN
15 INDIAN COMMISSION. IN RECENT YEARS, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
16 HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN ADDRESSING FALSE HISTORIC NARRATIVES ABOUT
17 THE LAND UPON WHICH THE COUNTY SITS, THROUGH ACTIONS SUCH AS
18 RENAMING COLUMBUS DAY AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY; REMOVING THE
19 CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS STATUE IN GRAND PARK; ADDRESSING THE
20 COUNTYWIDE CULTURAL POLICY, WHICH INCLUDED A DIRECTIVE TO
21 DEVELOP A LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ACCESS POLICY; AND THE
22 CULTURAL EQUITY AND INCLUSION INITIATIVE, ALL ACTIONS
23 SPEARHEADED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WHICH WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL
24 FOR. WHILE THESE ACTIONS ARE LAUDABLE, THE COUNTY MUST GO
25 FURTHER IN IMPROVING THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF THE AMERICAN

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1 INDIAN AND ALASKAN NATIVE COMMUNITY. THIS CAN BE DONE MORE
2 EFFECTIVELY BY TRANSFERRING THE INDIAN COMMISSION TO THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE, AS A NEW--

4

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

7

8 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS IMPALO OSCHIK. PLEASE STATE
9 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING, AND WHETHER YOU'LL ALSO
10 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** YES. IS IT ME?

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14 **SPEAKER:** YES. PLEASE BEGIN.

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16 **SPEAKER:** CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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18 **SPEAKER:** YES. HI. MY NAME IS IMPALO OSCHIK. I'M SPEAKING ON
19 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I WILL SPEAK ABOUT THE WAGE OF THE
20 UNITED MENTAL HEALTH PROMOTERS. I WANT TO START BY THANKING
21 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR EXPANDING THE UNITED MENTAL HEALTH
22 PROMOTERS. AND I WORK WITH THE UNITED MENTAL HEALTH PROMOTERS
23 VERY CLOSELY. THEY DO INCREDIBLE WORK, AND REDUCE STIGMA. THE
24 WORKSHOPS THAT THEY PRESENT TO THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE, THEY
25 CURRENTLY HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME FOCUSING ON THE ABILITY TO DO

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1 THESE WORKSHOPS, BECAUSE THEIR WAGES ARE SO LOW-- ONLY \$16.66
2 AN HOUR-- AND THEY HAVE TO HAVE OTHER SIDE JOBS. I THINK THE
3 CURRENT WAGE FOR SOMEONE LIVING IN LOS ANGELES, WITHOUT
4 LIVING--

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

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

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13 **WILMA FRANCO:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS WILMA FRANCO, AND I'LL
14 BE SPEAKING ON ITEM 4.

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16 **SPEAKER:** PLEASE BEGIN.

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18 **WILMA FRANCO:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO JUST SAY THANK YOU TO
19 PRESIDENT MITCHELL AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR SENDING THE
20 MESSAGE AND SUPPORTING EQUITABLE ECONOMIC RECOVERY IN
21 S.E.L.A., WITH THIS MOTION. I'M DR. WILMA FRANCO, EXECUTIVE
22 DIRECTOR FOR THE SOUTHEAST L.A. COLLABORATIVE, AND A MEMBER OF
23 THE ECONOMIC RESILIENCY TASK FORCE, AND PART OF THE E.C.C.
24 WORKING GROUP. AS YOU ALL KNOW WELL, OUR COMMUNITY OF PROUD,
25 RESILIENT WORKING-CLASS FAMILIES WAS HIT HARD BY THE PANDEMIC.

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1 IN FACT, IT WAS COINED "THE EPICENTER OF C.O.V.I.D." BY THE
2 L.A. TIMES. OUR COMMUNITIES RELY HEAVILY ON NONPROFIT
3 ORGANIZATIONS, AND SURELY THE NONPROFITS SERVE AS A SOCIAL
4 SAFETY NET IN OUR COMMUNITIES. BUT WHEN WE ASKED THE NONPROFIT
5 LEADERS WORKING IN S.E.L.A., THEY TOLD US THE APPLICATION AND
6 REPORTING PROCESSES ARE TOO BURDENSOME, OFTENTIMES MAKING IT
7 IMPOSSIBLE FOR S.E.L.A. ORGANIZATIONS TO APPLY AND SECURE
8 CONTRACTS, WHICH NEGATIVELY IMPACTS OUR COMMUNITIES, WHO HAVE,
9 FOR MANY YEARS, BEEN UNDERSERVED. THIS MOTION WILL BE AN
10 IMPORTANT COMMITMENT TO MAKING PUBLIC DOLLARS MORE ACCEPTABLE
11 TO ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE ONES I REPRESENT, AND THE PEOPLE WE
12 SERVE.

13

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

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17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LEN MOSES. PLEASE STATE THE
18 AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'LL
19 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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21 **SPEAKER:** I'LL BEGIN WITH 6, 7, 12, 5, AND GENERAL PUBLIC
22 COMMENT, PLEASE.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, PLEASE BEGIN.

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1 **SPEAKER:** YES. THANK YOU. NUMBER 7, THIS IS A WEST L.A. BRIDGE
2 HOUSING PROJECT. THIS PROJECT ACTUALLY LOOKS PRETTY GOOD AT
3 FACE VALUE: 167 BEDS FOR \$26 MILLION. THAT'S \$161,000 PER
4 UNIT; OR PER BED, APPARENTLY. THAT IS REALLY PRETTY GOOD,
5 COMPARED TO WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE LOS ANGELES SLEAZY
6 COUNCIL OF CORRUPTION; FOR INSTANCE, THE VERMONT AND
7 MANCHESTER PROJECT, WHICH ACTUALLY THE COUNTY IS PARTNERING
8 WITH. THEY'RE BUILDING NO UNITS AT \$635,000 PER UNIT. THE LOS
9 ANGELES CITY COUNCIL OF CORRUPTION, AND THE COUNTY, SHOULDN'T
10 BE PART OF THIS. WE'LL BE LOOKING MORE INTO THAT. NUMBER 5 IS
11 THE WILLOWBROOK III HOUSING PROJECT DEVELOPMENT. APPARENTLY...
12 I THINK, 116, 112 UNITS, OR SO. BUT THERE IS NO COST
13 ASSOCIATED WITH THIS. MAYBE THAT'S GOING TO COME LATER. MAYBE
14 I MISSED SOMETHING, BUT IT SHOULD BE TRANSPARENT. AGAIN, THESE
15 UNITS ARE BEING BUILT FOR OVER \$700,000 APIECE; A TOTAL RIP-
16 OFF OF H.H.H. FUNDS. AND COMPARE THIS TO HOLLY MITCHELL'S
17 GENTRIFICATION PROJECT OF LEIMERT PARK. THIS PROJECT ISN'T
18 GOING TO BE FINISHED TILL 2026, MITCHELL. HOW IS THAT GOING TO
19 BE A BLACK BUSINESS PRESERVATION PROJECT? ARE YOU GOING TO
20 TEAR DOWN THE BUILDINGS? WHERE ARE THEY GOING TO GO? IT'S A
21 DESTRUCTION PROJECT, YOUR HOLLY GENTRIFICATION PROJECT. YOU'RE
22 PARTNERING WITH WELLS FARGO, THE PREDATORY LENDER, A CONVICTED
23 FELON AND A WHITE NONPROFIT [INAUDIBLE], ALL A BUNCH OF
24 CORRUPTION. WE'RE ASKING FOR A LOT OF INVESTIGATIONS ON THIS
25 ONE. WE'RE NOT GOING TO SIT DOWN, PICKETING, IF WELLS FARGO

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1 HAS ALREADY STARTED. HERE, IN NUMBER 6, YOU WAIVED GROSS FEES
2 OF \$5,000 FOR "SWIM THE AVENUES" IN REDONDO BEACH. LITTLE BE
3 KNOWN, RIDLEY-THOMAS TRIED TO DESTROY THE BLACK FARMERS'
4 MARKET IN LEIMERT PARK WITH \$5,000-PER-WEEK FEES. TOTAL
5 CORRUPTION. A MAJOR PROBLEM IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY IS, WE HAVE
6 NO REPRESENTATION IN A REPRESENTATIVE FORM OF GOVERNMENT. YOU
7 SAID THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, MITCHELL. JUSTICE FOR ALL?
8 LEIMERT PARK-- WE ARE GOING TO GIVE A BLOW-BY-BLOW OF WHAT'S
9 HAPPENING TO THOSE BUSINESSES AND THAT COMMUNITY, BECAUSE OF
10 WHAT YOU DID.

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

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

18

19 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS LIZETTE PEREZ, AND I'M ADDRESSING
20 SECTION 47-C. TODAY, I'M SPEAKING TO YOU AS A MOTHER AND AS AN
21 ELDEST DAUGHTER OF 7 CHILDREN IN A BLENDED FAMILY, BUT MOST
22 IMPORTANTLY, AS THE OLDER SISTER OF FREDDY PEREZ. I WOULD LIKE
23 YOUR APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH AN ADDITIONAL REWARD IN FINDING THE
24 PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR MY BROTHER'S DEATH. ON SATURDAY, JULY
25 16TH, AT 11:43 P.M., ONE BLOCK FROM HIS HOME IN GRANADA HILLS,

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1 MY BROTHER WAS KILLED WHILE ATTEMPTING TO MAKE A LEFT-HAND
2 TURN INTO A GAS STATION WHILE RIDING HIS MOTORCYCLE. THE
3 DRIVER WAS DRIVING A G.M.C. PICKUP TRUCK. THEY DID NOT STOP TO
4 RENDER AID. THEY DID NOT STOP TO CALL 9-1-1. THEY FLED. MY
5 FAMILY IS LIVING OUR WORST NIGHTMARE. THROUGH ALL MY ANGER AND
6 GRIEF, I HAVE BECOME MY FAMILY'S VOICE. I HAVE GIVEN COUNTLESS
7 INTERVIEWS IN HOPES OF FINDING THE KILLER WHO KILLED MY
8 BROTHER. IN THE FIRST FEW DAYS, I THOUGHT MAYBE THEY WOULD
9 FIND THEIR HEART AND COME FORWARD. I COULD UNDERSTAND IF IT
10 WAS AN ACCIDENT AND THEY WERE AFRAID, BUT THEY DIDN'T STAY.
11 IT'S BEEN OVER THREE WEEKS NOW, AND MY HOPE THAT THIS PERSON
12 WILL TURN THEMSELVES IN HAS VANISHED. I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW
13 THEY'RE OUT THERE LIVING THEIR OWN LIFE AFTER KILLING MY
14 BROTHER. HOW CAN THEY LOOK IN THE MIRROR? HOW CAN THEIR FAMILY
15 AND FRIENDS NOT SAY ANYTHING? BECAUSE I KNOW THAT SOMEONE OUT
16 THERE KNOWS SOMETHING. FINDING MY BROTHER'S KILLER WON'T BRING
17 HIM BACK, BUT FINDING HIM WILL BRING MY FAMILY CLOSURE. THE
18 DRIVER NEEDS TO KNOW THAT MY BROTHER WAS AN EXTRAORDINARY MAN
19 WITH A HEART OF GOLD. HE LIVED FOR HIS FAMILY, AND HE WAS
20 ABOUT TO BEGIN A NEW CHAPTER IN HIS LIFE. HE HAD PLANS TO
21 PROPOSE TO HIS GIRLFRIEND THE WEEK AFTER HE WAS KILLED. HE WAS
22 A PERSON WHOSE LIFE MATTERED, AND HE IS LOVED TREMENDOUSLY. I
23 HOPE THAT YOU WILL FIND IT IN YOUR HEART TO APPROVE THE MOTION
24 TO ESTABLISH AN ADDITIONAL REWARD IN FINDING THE PERSON THAT
25 KILLED MY BROTHER, IN HOPES THAT THIS REWARD WILL ENCOURAGE

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1 SOMEONE WITH INFORMATION TO COME FORWARD. PLEASE DO IT FOR MY
2 BROTHER, AND FOR ALL THE OTHER FAMILIES WHO HAVE SUFFERED THE
3 SAME TRAGEDY AS OURS. THANK YOU.

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5 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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

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11 **KATHY VU:** KATHY VU, FROM A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. I'M
12 GOING TO BE SPEAKING ON ITEM A-10 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
13 SO, LAST WEEK, THE BOARD PROPOSED ITEMS TO ADVOCATE FOR
14 FEDERAL AND STATE RESOURCES TO COMBAT THE S.T.D. EPIDEMIC.
15 ADVOCATING FOR MORE STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING IS NECESSARY,
16 BUT L.A. COUNTY ALREADY HAS THE RESOURCES TO COMBAT THIS
17 EPIDEMIC WITHIN ITS OWN \$38 BILLION BUDGET. THE MONEY IS AN
18 IMPORTANT EFFORT. USING COUNTY DOLLARS IS A CONCRETE STEP THE
19 COUNTY CAN TAKE TO ADDRESS BOTH MONKEYPOX AND S.T.D.S. YOU
20 DECLARED A LOCAL EMERGENCY ON MONKEYPOX JUST LAST WEEK. WHAT
21 ARE YOU WAITING FOR? L.A. COUNTY IS THE MOST POPULOUS COUNTY
22 IN THE UNITED STATES. ITS RESIDENTS DESERVE A PUBLIC HEALTH
23 INFRASTRUCTURE THAT NOT ONLY ACTS QUICKLY, BUT FOCUSES ON
24 PREVENTION AND INNOVATION FOR ANY ISSUE, WHETHER THAT'S FOR
25 HOMELESSNESS, MONKEYPOX, C.O.V.I.D., S.T.D.S. L.A. COUNTY

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1 RESIDENTS NEED MORE THAN JUST PRETTY CLAIMS AND WORDS. WE
2 DESERVE ACTION AND INNOVATION. PUT IN THE MONEY. THANK YOU.

3

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

5

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

9

10 **BETTY AVILA:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS BETTY AVILA.
11 I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SELF HELP GRAPHICS & ART, A
12 CHICANO ART AND CULTURAL CENTER WITH 49 YEARS ON THE EAST
13 SIDE, AND I'M SPEAKING TO ITEM 10. AS WAS SPOKEN EARLIER,
14 THERE'S BEEN TREMENDOUS SUPPORT OF THE NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN
15 COMMISSION AT THE COUNTY LEVEL. THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR
16 SOLIS, FOR YOUR SUPPORT, AND THE INCREDIBLE ACTIONS THAT HAVE
17 TAKEN PLACE IN THE LAST FEW YEARS. I DO WANT TO INDICATE
18 SUPPORT FOR THE COMMISSION BEING MOVED UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF
19 ART AND CULTURE, THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY FOSTERED A STRONG
20 PARTNERSHIP. THEY'VE DEVELOPED MANY PROGRAMS IN DIFFERENT WAYS
21 FOR THE NATIVE COMMUNITY TO SHARE THEIR HISTORY AND CULTURE AT
22 THE COUNTYWIDE LEVEL AND BEYOND, AND THIS TRANSFER FROM THE
23 EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE WOULD
24 SUPPORT THE CRITICALLY UNMET ADMINISTRATIVE NEEDS THAT THE
25 COMMISSION HAS BEEN DEALING WITH, TO DO THEIR JOB WELL. SO

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1 THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND THE REST OF THE
2 SUPERVISORS, FOR YOUR SUPPORT. I HOPE THAT YOU UNDERTAKE THIS
3 ACTION.

4

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

6

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

10

11 **ANTIGONE ROBINSON:** HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ANTIGONE
12 ROBINSON, CALLING FROM A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION, TO
13 SPEAK ON ITEM A-1 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M JUST HERE TO
14 TALK ABOUT THE EPIDEMICS IN L.A. COUNTY, AND SAY THAT
15 VULNERABLE POPULATIONS IN L.A. CONTINUE TO BE OVERLOOKED BY
16 THE COUNTY. GAY AND BISEXUAL MEN ARE EXCEPTIONALLY VULNERABLE
17 WITH THE CURRENT MONKEYPOX EMERGENCY, AND YET IT TOOK THE
18 COUNTY TWO MONTHS TO ACT. WE SEE THE SAME INADEQUATE, DELAYED
19 RESPONSE WITH THE RAGING EPIDEMICS OF SYPHILIS, GONORRHEA, AND
20 CHLAMYDIA, AS WELL. WHEN WILL THE COUNTY LEARN? WE NEED ACTION
21 AND FUNDING IMMEDIATELY. IS THERE NO ROOM WITHIN THE
22 RECOMMENDED \$38.5 BILLION COUNTY BUDGET TO IMMEDIATELY ADDRESS
23 THESE ONGOING EPIDEMICS? PROTECTING PUBLIC HEALTH IS A SACRED
24 TRUST WHICH LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS FAILED TO UPHOLD. \$10

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1 MILLION IN EMERGENCY FUNDING IS NEEDED TO FIGHT MONKEYPOX AND
2 S.T.D.S NOW. THANK YOU.

3

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

5

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

9

10 **JOSH CANDELARIA:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR MITCHELL, BOARD MEMBERS.
11 JOSH CANDELARIA, ON BEHALF OF [INAUDIBLE] NATIONS, IN SUPPORT
12 OF ITEM 10. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY ON
13 BEHALF OF NATIVE PEOPLE, LIKE [INAUDIBLE]. THANK YOU.

14

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

16

17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JOE ST. JOHN. PLEASE STATE
18 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'LL
19 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

20

21 **JOE ST. JOHN:** I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM 4, ONLY. THANK YOU, CHAIR
22 MITCHELL AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
23 JOE ST. JOHN, AND I'M THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER FOR THE
24 KOREATOWN YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTER. I'D LIKE TO VOICE MY
25 SUPPORT FOR THE DIRECTIVE EXTENDING THE EQUITY IN COUNTY

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1 CONTRACTING PROJECT. THE E.C.C. BRINGS TOGETHER NONPROFITS,
2 PHILANTHROPY, AND COUNTY STAFF TO FIND WAYS TO MAKE OUR
3 SERVICES MORE ACCESSIBLE TO UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES, AND TO
4 ENSURE NONPROFITS WHO DELIVER THE SERVICES ARE PAID FAIRLY AND
5 PROMPTLY. AT K.Y.C.C., WE HAVE COUNTY CONTRACTS ACROSS 6
6 DEPARTMENTS, AND MOST OF THEM ARE DESIGNED FOR US TO LOSE
7 MONEY. THERE ARE CAPS ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES, ON COSTS
8 THAT ARE ALLOWED ON SOME CONTRACTS BUT NOT OTHERS, [INAUDIBLE]
9 AND INVOICING PROCESSES THAT VARY WIDELY BY DEPARTMENT, AND
10 MULTIYEAR CONTRACTS THAT DON'T INCLUDE COST-OF-LIVING AND
11 MINIMUM WAGE INCREASES. THESE ARE THE TYPES OF ISSUES THAT WE
12 ARE ADDRESSING IN THE E.C.C., AND WE'RE MAKING PROGRESS. THANK
13 YOU FOR CONSIDERING YOUR CONTINUED INVESTMENT IN FINDING
14 SOLUTIONS TO THESE STRUCTURAL AND SYSTEMIC PROBLEMS, THAT WILL
15 BENEFIT AGENCIES ACROSS L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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

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

22
23 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. GOOD MORNING TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'D
24 LIKE TO ADDRESS REGARDING REQUESTING AN INCREASE IN THE HOURLY
25 WAGE FOR PROMOTERS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL

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1 HEALTH, TO A LIVABLE WAGE OF \$26 AN HOUR. BOARD OF
2 SUPERVISORS, THE A.R.D.I. INITIATIVE WAS ENACTED BY THE BOARD
3 OF SUPERVISORS IN JULY 2020, TO DISMANTLE RACISM IN
4 L.A.C.D.M.H. BY KEEPING WAGE PROMOTERS AT \$16.66, THE COUNTY
5 IS ITSELF CONTRADICTING ITS PLEDGE TO ERADICATE AN ANTI-RACISM
6 AGENDA THAT WILL GUIDE, GOVERN, AND INCREASE THE COUNTY'S
7 ONGOING COMMITMENT TO FIGHTING RACISM IN ALL ITS DIMENSIONS.
8 ACCORDING TO THE LIVABLE WAGE SITE FROM MICHIGAN INSTITUTE OF
9 TECHNOLOGY, A LIVABLE WAGE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, FOR ONE
10 PERSON WITH NO CHILDREN, IS \$21.89, AND \$30.73 FOR A PERSON
11 WITH 2 CHILDREN. THE MINIMUM WAGE IN L.A. COUNTY IS \$16.

12

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

15

16 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

17

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

21

22 **SPEAKER:** [SPEAKS NATIVE LANGUAGE]. GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR
23 AND SUPERVISORS. I HOPE THAT YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES CONTINUE TO
24 REMAIN WELL. MY NAME IS JOSEPH QUINTANA. I'M THE VICE
25 PRESIDENT OF DEVELOPMENT AT L.A. COUNTY'S LARGEST NONPROFIT

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1 PROVIDER OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR AMERICAN INDIANS AND
2 ALASKAN NATIVES. I WANT TO SHARE MY SUPPORT FOR THE MOTION
3 AUTHORED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, IN BOTH REINFORCING AND
4 ESTABLISHING OUR COMMITMENT TO THE L.A. CITY/COUNTY NATIVE
5 AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION. I APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR'S
6 DEDICATION, AND HER UNWAVERING SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN
7 COMMUNITY. TOGETHER, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO SEEK OUT MANY
8 DIFFERENT SUCCESSES OVER THE YEARS, INCLUDING ENSURING THAT
9 MISREPRESENTATION DOESN'T CONTINUE TO HAPPEN FOR NATIVE
10 PEOPLE, ENSURING THAT NATIVE PEOPLE HAVE A VOICE IN ALL L.A.
11 COUNTY AFFAIRS, AND BEING ABLE TO ESTABLISH HOUSING ACCESS FOR
12 NATIVE PEOPLES, AS WELL. I THINK THIS PARTICULAR MOTION WILL
13 ALLOW FOR STABILITY, AND ENSURE THAT, TOGETHER, WE CAN FIND A
14 HOME FOR THE L.A. CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN
15 COMMISSION.

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

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

23
24 **LAWRENCE REYES:** YES, GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
25 LAWRENCE REYES, AND I WILL BE ADDRESSING ITEM 4, AND PUBLIC

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1 COMMENT. I AM A SENIOR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER FOR THE
2 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND I AM AN S.E.I.U. 721 MEMBER,
3 AND ALSO HAVE WORKED ON MANY OF YOUR CAMPAIGNS. BEING ON THE
4 GROUND AND PROVIDING CRITICAL BEHAVIOR AND HEALTH SERVICES TO
5 OUR COMMUNITIES, I HAVE WITNESSED FIRSTHAND THE SHORT-STAFFING
6 WITHIN MY DEPARTMENT. THESE SHORTAGES ARE NOT ONLY A RESULT OF
7 DELAYS IN HIRING AND ONBOARDING QUALIFIED COUNTY EMPLOYEES;
8 THESE SHORTAGES ARE ALSO WITHIN OUR CONTRACTED WORKFORCE
9 WITHIN L.A. COUNTY. L.A. COUNTY'S FOCUSED ON CREATING A CARE-
10 FIRST MODEL THROUGH THE LENSES OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND
11 INCLUSION. I WOULD HOPE THAT THIS BOARD CONSIDER MEASURES TO
12 PREVENT ATTRITION, AND PROMOTE RETENTION WITHIN THE WORKFORCE,
13 AND POTENTIAL PATHWAYS FOR CONTRACT EMPLOYEES TO BECOME PART
14 OF THE L.A. COUNTY WORKFORCE. IN YOUR DECISIONS OF CONTRACT
15 PROCUREMENT, PLEASE MAKE SURE TO RESPECT YOUR CURRENT
16 WORKFORCE, AND CONTRACT WITH ENTITIES THAT PROVIDE PREVAILING
17 WAGES, WHO TREAT THEIR EMPLOYERS WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT.
18 THANK YOU.

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

21
22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS HELEN HERNANDEZ. PLEASE
23 STATE THE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND
24 WHETHER YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
25 BEGIN.

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1

2 **HELEN HERNANDEZ:** GOOD MORNING, ESTEEMED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD
3 OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS HELEN HERNANDEZ, AND I AM A FIRST-
4 DISTRICT ARTS COMMISSIONER, AND I'M ALSO A FORMER CO-CHAIR OF
5 THE CULTURAL EQUITY AND INCLUSION INITIATIVE FOR L.A. COUNTY.
6 I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR AUTHORIZING ITEM 10,
7 AND ESTABLISHING OUR COMMITMENT TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
8 NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION. I'M SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF
9 THE TRANSFER FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 ARTS AND CULTURE OF THE NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSION, TO HELP
11 FUND THEIR CRITICAL UNMET NEEDS. IT IS THE VERY LEAST THE
12 BOARD CAN DO, AS THE FIRST STEP AT REPAIRING THE HARM AND
13 TRAUMA CAUSED TO THIS COMMUNITY. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE TWO
14 COMMISSIONS HAVE FOSTERED A STRONG PARTNERSHIP, AND DEVELOPED
15 WAYS FOR NATIVE PEOPLES TO SHARE THEIR HISTORY AND CULTURE,
16 AND PROVIDE INSIGHT INTO SOME OF THE CHALLENGES THEY HAVE AND
17 CONTINUE TO FACE. I STRONGLY SUPPORT AND URGE YOUR VOTE ON
18 THIS MATTER. THANK YOU.

19

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

21

22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ADAM COHEN. PLEASE STATE
23 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU'LL
24 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

25

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1 **ADAM COHEN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ADAM COHEN. I'M WITH
2 A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. I'M DISCUSSING ITEM A-1, AS
3 WELL AS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I WANT TO SPEAK ABOUT
4 MONKEYPOX, AND THE FACT THAT WE ARE USING A PRETTY ARCHAIC
5 SYSTEM TO ENTER DATA FOR VACCINATIONS. WE'RE RELYING ON
6 R.E.D.CAP, WHICH IS EXCELLENT FOR H.I.P.A.A., BUT NOT GREAT
7 WHEN IT COMES TO KEEPING TRACK OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION IN
8 THE SITES. CALIFORNIA'S MY TURN C.O.V.I.D. VACCINATION
9 DATABASE WOULD BE THE MOST STREAMLINED WAY TO DISTRIBUTE
10 MONKEYPOX VACCINES, BUT IT'S CURRENTLY NOT BEING USED, AND I'D
11 LIKE TO KNOW, WHY NOT? R.E.D.CAP, AS I MENTIONED, THE
12 TECHNOLOGY THAT'S CURRENTLY BEING USED FOR CAPTURING MONKEYPOX
13 VACCINES, IS ANTIQUATED. ANYBODY CAN USE A LINK TO ENTER THE
14 DATA. SO, I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHERE THE MY TURN SYSTEM FOR
15 MONKEYPOX IS. SO, DESPITE VACCINE DISTRIBUTION BEING CRUCIAL
16 TO OUR STRATEGY FOR ENDING MONKEYPOX, WE'RE USING A SYSTEM
17 THAT IS ESSENTIALLY UNFAMILIAR TO MANY PROVIDERS AND PATIENTS
18 ALIKE. ENSURING THE EXPEDIENT DEVELOPMENT OF THE MY TURN
19 MONKEYPOX VACCINE MODULE WOULD HAVE ACCOMPLISHED THIS GOAL
20 MORE EFFECTIVELY AND WITH FEWER RESOURCES THAN ROLLING OUT A
21 BRAND-NEW SYSTEM THAT REQUIRES TRAINING. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
22 YOUR TIME.

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

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

4

5 **JENNIFER CUEVAS:** MY NAME IS JENNIFER CUEVAS, AND I AM
6 COMMENTING ON ITEM 10 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M AN L.A.
7 COUNTY 1 RESIDENT, WITH ARTS FOR L.A., WHICH ADVOCATES FOR
8 ARTS AND CULTURE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AS WELL AS WITH SELF
9 HELP GRAPHICS & ART, A CHICANO AND LATINX LEGACY VISUAL ARTS
10 ORGANIZATION, IN ITS 49TH YEAR. I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR
11 SOLIS FOR AUTHORIZING ITEM 10, ESTABLISHING OUR COMMITMENT TO A
12 LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION, AND
13 URGE THIS BOARD TO APPROVE THE MOTION. IN RECENT YEARS, THE
14 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN ADDRESSING FALSE
15 HISTORIC NARRATIVES ABOUT THE LAND UPON WHICH THE COUNTY SITS
16 ON. HOWEVER, THE COUNTY MUST GO FURTHER IN IMPROVING THE
17 HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKAN NATIVE
18 COMMUNITY. THIS CAN BE DONE MORE EFFECTIVELY BY TRANSFERRING
19 THE L.A. CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION TO THE
20 DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE, AS A NEW PLACEMENT FOR
21 ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL SUPPORT, WITH THE OPPORTUNITY
22 FOR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP. THE INDIAN COMMISSION AND THE
23 DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE HAVE FOSTERED A STRONG
24 PARTNERSHIP, AND DEVELOPED WAYS FOR NATIVE PEOPLES TO SHARE

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1 THEIR HISTORY AND CULTURE, AND PROVIDE INSIGHT INTO SOME OF
2 THE CHALLENGES THAT THEY HAVE AND CONTINUE TO FACE.

3

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

6

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

10

11 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. I AM DOMINIC WINHART. I
12 WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I JUST WANTED--
13 SINCE MY SUPERVISOR, JANICE HAHN-- I RESIDE IN HER DISTRICT.
14 SINCE SHE HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR C.O.V.I.D., WE DEFINITELY
15 WISH HER A SPEEDY RECOVERY. AND I ALSO WANTED TO CONGRATULATE
16 HER ON HER VICE CHAIRSHIP OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
17 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY. ALSO, SINCE SUPERVISOR HAHN IS NOT
18 HERE, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE CHAIR, OR THE CHAIR PRO TEM, TO
19 HAVE AN ADJOURNING MOTION ON VIN SCULLY. HE UNITED US IN LOS
20 ANGELES COUNTY BY SPORTS, AND SINCE SUPERVISOR HAHN IS NOT
21 HERE TO DO THE ADJOURNING MOTION, I ASK THAT ONE OF THE
22 SUPERVISORS DO IT ON HER BEHALF. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT'S
23 ALL I HAVE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. HAVE A GREAT DAY,
24 SUPERVISORS.

25

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

2

3 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JACQUELINE AYER. PLEASE
4 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER
5 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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7 **JACQUELINE AYER:** YES, MY NAME IS JACQUELINE AYER, AND I'M
8 SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE ACTON TOWN COUNCIL. I'M SPEAKING ON
9 AGENDA ITEM 20 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. D.C.B.A. SHOWS
10 GREAT DISDAIN FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES WITH THIS ORDINANCE.
11 D.C.B.A. PROMISED THAT THEY WOULD WRITE THIS ORDINANCE BASED
12 ON COMMUNITY FEEDBACK. THEY NEVER SOLICITED FEEDBACK FROM
13 ANYONE, AND THEY CERTAINLY DID NOT REACH OUT TO ANY RURAL
14 COMMUNITIES. FOR INSTANCE, THE D.C.B.A. REPORT BEFORE YOU NOW
15 ACTUALLY STATES ON PAGE 5 THAT OUTDOOR AND GREENHOUSE CANNABIS
16 GROWS ARE "ATTRACTIVE TO THE RURAL COMMUNITIES OF OUR COUNTY."
17 NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH. RURAL COMMUNITIES
18 HAVE CONSISTENTLY ASSERTED THAT ONLY INDOOR CULTIVATION IS
19 ACCEPTABLE, BECAUSE THAT IS THE ONLY WAY TO CONTROL THE ODOR.
20 URBAN DWELLERS WOULD NEVER TOLERATE THEIR AIR BEING PERMEATED
21 WITH THE STENCH OF OUTDOOR CANNABIS GROWS, OR ALLOW THEIR
22 PARKS AND SCHOOLS TO BE OVERWHELMED BY SUCH A STENCH. WE CAN'T
23 TOLERATE IT, EITHER. YOU CANNOT APPROVE THIS ORDINANCE WITH AN
24 OUTDOOR OR GREENHOUSE CULTIVATION TAX RATE. THIS ORDINANCE
25 SEEKS TO TAX ILLEGAL CANNABIS BUSINESSES, AND IT SUGGESTS THAT

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1 INSTEAD OF ERADICATING THESE BUSINESSES, THE COUNTY WILL JUST
2 TAX THEM, WHICH WILL ONLY ENCOURAGE MORE OF THEM. ILLEGAL
3 GROWS ARE A PLAGUE ON OUR COMMUNITY. THEY TAKE UP PRECIOUS
4 HOUSING STOCK, THEY INTRODUCE ARMED GUARDS INTO OUR
5 RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS, AND THEY ARE ERODING THE FABRIC OF
6 OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR SCHOOLS, BECAUSE THEY TAKE OVER HOMES
7 THAT SHOULD INSTEAD BE USED FOR FAMILY PURPOSES. YOU MUST NOT
8 APPROVE THIS ORDINANCE WITHOUT FIRST MAKING A CLEAR STATEMENT
9 THAT THE COUNTY IS COMMITTED TO ERADICATING ILLEGAL
10 OPERATIONS, AND NOT JUST TAXING THEM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11

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

13

14 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LORRAINE QUINONES. PLEASE
15 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER
16 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.
17 LORRAINE HAS REMOVED HERSELF FROM THE QUEUE. ALL RIGHT, NEXT
18 PARTICIPANT IS ANGELA E. ANGELA E., PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA
19 ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING, AND WHETHER YOU WILL ADDRESS ON
20 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** YES, MY NAME IS ANGELA, AND I WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT
23 ON PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER, ITEM 17, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
24 THIS BOARD CONTINUES TO CLAIM THAT THEIR POLICIES ARE ALIGNED
25 WITH STATE AND FEDERAL HEALTH ORDERS, YET NO FEDERAL AGENCY

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1 APPEARS TO BE FOLLOWING THE ACTUAL SCIENCE. 2.5 YEARS IN, AND
2 WE'RE STILL UNDER A STATE OF EMERGENCY. THIS BOARD HAS PUSHED
3 THAT CHILDREN NEED TO BE VACCINATED AGAINST C.O.V.I.D.-19. TO
4 DATE, CHILDREN HAVE A 99.997% SURVIVAL RATE. THE CURRENT
5 VACCINES ARE FOR VARIANTS THAT NO LONGER EXIST, AND THERE IS
6 NOT ONE FULLY F.D.A.-APPROVED C.O.V.I.D.-19 VACCINE AVAILABLE
7 IN THE U.S. MOREOVER, THIS BOARD HAS IMPLEMENTED A C.O.V.I.D.-
8 19 VACCINATION POLICY FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES, CITING THAT
9 VACCINATION IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO PREVENT TRANSMISSION,
10 LIMIT HOSPITALIZATIONS AND DEATH. THIS POLICY IS LIBELOUS, AND
11 THIS BOARD IS RELYING ON THE IGNORANCE AND FEAR FROM THEIR
12 CONSTITUENTS TO ENFORCE SUCH POLICIES AND SO-CALLED MANDATES
13 REGARDING ANYTHING C.O.V.I.D.-RELATED. AS OF JULY 29, 2022,
14 THE VACCINE ADVERSE EVENTS REPORTING SYSTEM HAS 1,371,471
15 REPORTED ADVERSE EVENTS REGARDING THE C.O.V.I.D. VACCINES.
16 THERE WERE 29,981 DEATHS, 171,175 HOSPITALIZATIONS, 133,070
17 URGENT VISITS, AND 201,489 DOCTOR VISITS, TO NAME A FEW.
18 PLEASE, TELL ME AGAIN HOW THESE ARE CONSIDERED SAFE AND
19 EFFECTIVE, AND WHY CHILDREN NEED TO BE VACCINATED, HILDA
20 SOLIS. ITEM 17, REGARDING COUNTYWIDE PRIVACY. L.A. COUNTY
21 ILLEGALLY PREREGISTERED ALL L.A. COUNTY EMPLOYEES INTO THE
22 FULGENT SYSTEM FOR MAINTAINING AND STORING C.O.V.I.D.-19
23 TESTING AND VACCINATION STATUS, WHICH IS KNOWN TO HAVE TIES TO
24 THE C.C.P., WITHOUT THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND CONSENT. THE CONTRACT
25 ABSOLVES THE BOARD OF ANY LIABILITY IF FULGENT VIOLATES ANY

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1 FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS IN CONNECTION WITH ACCESSING,
2 COLLECTING, PROCESSING, STORING, DISCLOSING, OR OTHERWISE
3 USING COUNTY INFORMATION, AND/OR ANY INFORMATION LOSS, BREACH
4 OF CONFIDENTIALITY, OR INCIDENT INVOLVING ANY COUNTY
5 INFORMATION THAT OCCURS AS A RESULT OF THE FAULT OR NEGLIGENCE
6 OF FULGENT ON THEIR SYSTEMS OR NETWORKS. THIS BOARD IS ALSO
7 ABSOLVED OF ALL COSTS AND EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE COUNTY TO
8 REMEDY THE EFFECTS--

9

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

12

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

17

18 **SPEAKER:** WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH INTERPRETATION OF THE
19 REMINDER.

20

21 **INTERPRETER:** [SPEAKS SPANISH]

22

23 **SPEAKER:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

24

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

4

5 **CORDELIA ISTELE:** HI. MY NAME IS CORDELIA ISTELE. I'M DIRECTOR OF
6 ORGANIZING AT ARTS FOR L.A., CALLING TODAY IN STRONG SUPPORT
7 OF ITEM 10. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER
8 LEADERSHIP, AND, IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE L.A. CITY AND COUNTY
9 NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION, URGE THE BOARD TO
10 EFFECTIVELY SUPPORT THEIR ESSENTIAL WORK BY FUNDING THEIR
11 CRITICAL UNMET NEEDS, AS WELL AS THEIR TRANSFER FROM THE
12 EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE. ARTS
13 FOR L.A. IS A NETWORK OF OVER 75,000 ADVOCATES WORKING FOR AN
14 EQUITABLE, HEALTHY, VIBRANT, AND CREATIVE L.A. REGION FOR THE
15 ARTS, A MISSION THAT SIMPLY IS NOT POSSIBLE UNTIL THE NATIVE
16 CULTURE BARRIERS AND TRADITIONAL STEWARDS OF THIS LAND HAVE
17 THE RESOURCES NEEDED TO THRIVE. ARTS FOR L.A. CELEBRATES WHAT
18 THE STRONG PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE L.A.N.A.I.C. AND THE
19 DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE HAS BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH
20 WITH THIS BOARD'S SUPPORT AND THE LEADERSHIP OF SUPERVISOR
21 SOLIS, INCLUDING THE ADOPTION OF A COUNTYWIDE CULTURAL POLICY
22 THAT INCLUDES A DIRECTIVE TO DEVELOP A LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
23 AND ACCESS POLICY, YET WE KNOW THERE IS MORE TO BE DONE. SO I
24 URGE YOU TO VOTE YES ON ITEM 10, AND AGAIN THANK THE
25 SUPERVISOR FOR HER LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE. THANK YOU.

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1

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

3

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

7

8 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. I'M JUST ADDRESSING GENERAL COMMENT. MY NAME
9 IS SERGIO VERA. I'M A RESIDENT OF EAST LOS ANGELES, AND I'M
10 JUST CALLING TO HOPEFULLY GET SOME SUPPORT FOR THE
11 IMPROVEMENTS IN THE MEDIANS IN EAST L.A., IN THE SAYBROOK
12 AREA. THERE WAS A \$37 MILLION MEDIAN PROJECT FOR STORMWATER
13 CAPTURE. OUT OF 31 OF THOSE MEDIANS, ONLY 7 WERE ENHANCED. THE
14 OTHER REMAINING 24 WERE LEFT BARREN. 112 TREES WERE REMOVED.
15 THE TURF WAS REMOVED, SO NOW WE JUST HAVE BARREN DIRT, AND WE
16 HAVE DUST ISSUES, DIRT ISSUES. WHEN IT GETS WINDY, DIRT IS
17 BEING THROWN EVERYWHERE. THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITY IS BEING
18 IMPACTED. AND THEN, WE WERE PROMISED ALL THESE MEDIANS TO BE
19 ENHANCED, AND NOW THEY WERE JUST LEFT BARREN. THE COMPANY CAME
20 IN, DESTROYED ONE MEDIAN WITH THEIR HEADQUARTERS THERE. AND,
21 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WE WANT A MEETING. WE WANT SOMEBODY TO COME
22 AND GIVE US AN UPDATE ON WHAT'S GOING ON, PLEASE. IT'S REALLY
23 SAD. COME DOWN TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. TAKE A LOOK. IT'S BAD, AND
24 I'M JUST PLEADING WITH YOU. PLEASE. THANK YOU.

25

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

2

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

6

7 **LAUREN NATOLI:** HI, GOOD MORNING. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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9 **SPEAKER:** YES.

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11 **LAUREN NATOLI:** EXCELLENT. HI. MY NAME IS LAUREN NATOLI. I AM
12 CALLING FROM A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. I AM COMMENTING
13 ON ITEM A-10. L.A. COUNTY IS TOUTING THEIR WORK WITH THE
14 COMMUNITY IN THE ONGOING MONKEYPOX AND S.T.I. CRISIS, BUT
15 HAVING [INAUDIBLE] WITH THE PEOPLE IS NOT THE SAME AS
16 COORDINATING WITH LEAD AGENCIES. THE LACK OF RESPONSE AND
17 COMMUNICATION FROM THE COUNTY, WHEN COMMUNITY PARTNERS SUCH AS
18 A.H.S. REPEATEDLY REACH OUT AND OFFER SUPPORT, IS
19 UNACCEPTABLE. A.H.S. HAS SOUNDED THE ALARM AND OFFERED OUR
20 SUPPORT AND RESOURCES ON THE MONKEYPOX CRISIS STARTING IN MAY,
21 YET MONKEYPOX HAS ONLY BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE COUNTY IN
22 RECENT WEEKS, WHEN THE CRISIS BECAME TOO BIG TO IGNORE. WE
23 CANNOT AFFORD TO FALL INTO THE SAME MISTAKES OF WAITING FOR
24 THINGS TO BECOME DIRE BEFORE WE ACT. SO, WE ASK THAT THE
25 COUNTY TAKE PREVENTION MORE SERIOUSLY, AND LISTEN TO COMMUNITY

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1 MEMBERS [INAUDIBLE]. IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO CURB THE MONKEYPOX
2 OR S.T.I. EPIDEMICS, BUT IF WE CONTINUE DOWN THE PATH OF
3 INACTION, WE WILL CONTINUE TO SUFFER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

4

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

6

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

10

11 **SPEAKER:** HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME'S ANDREA GARCIA, AND I'M
12 COMMENTING ON ITEM NUMBER 10. I'M A MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES
13 CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION, AND I'D LIKE TO
14 THANK SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HAHN FOR AUTHORIZING ITEM 10. AMONG
15 THE MANY IMPORTANT REASONS ALREADY CITED IN THE MOTION, AND BY
16 PRIOR SPEAKERS TODAY, THIS MOVE WILL ALSO ENSURE THAT WE CAN
17 CONTINUE TO FULFILL OUR FUNCTION OF GETTING CRITICAL GRANTS
18 OUT TO COMMUNITY AGENCIES IN A TIMELY MANNER, DUE TO THE
19 INFRASTRUCTURE THAT CURRENTLY EXISTS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF
20 ARTS AND CULTURE. AS SOMEONE WHO WORKS BOTH AT THE COMMISSION
21 LEVEL AND ON THE FRONT LINES OF NATIVE HOMELESSNESS, I'VE SEEN
22 THE CRITICAL ROLE THAT THESE GRANTS FULFILL FOR PEOPLE
23 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS OR OTHER HARDSHIPS. ANY POTENTIAL
24 DELAYS DUE TO THE LACK OF APPROPRIATE INFRASTRUCTURE WOULD BE
25 A DISSERVICE TO THOSE WHO RELY ON THESE FUNDS. FOR THESE

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1 REASONS, AND THOSE ALREADY STATED IN THE MOTION, I SUPPORT
2 THIS MOVE, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HAHN, FOR
3 SUPPORTING THIS MOTION.

4

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

6

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

10

11 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS OSCAR CANALES. I'LL BE ADDRESSING
12 THE BOARD, AND GIVE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. BEFORE RUIN, A
13 MAN'S HEART IS PROUD. COMMUNITY GOES BEFORE HONOR. TO ANSWER A
14 MAN BEFORE HEARING HIM OUT IS FOOLISH AND DISGRACEFUL. A MAN'S
15 SPIRIT CAN SUSTAIN HIM THROUGH ILLNESS, BUT LOW SPIRITS, WHO
16 CAN BEAR THEM? THE MIND OF AN INTELLIGENT MAN ACQUIRES
17 KNOWLEDGE. THE EARS OF THE WISE SEEK OUT KNOWLEDGE. I LOVE THE
18 LORD, FOR HE, MY VOICE. HE HEARS MY VOICE AND MY PLEAS, FOR HE
19 TURNS HIS EAR TO ME WHENEVER I CALL. THE BONDS OF DEATH
20 ENCOMPASS ME. THE TORMENTS OF SHEOL OVERTOOK ME. I COME UPON
21 TROUBLE AND SORROW, AND I INVOKE THE NAME OF THE LORD. O LORD,
22 SAVE MY LIFE. THE LORD IS GRACIOUS AND BENEFICENT. OUR GOD IS
23 COMPASSIONATE. THE LORD PROTECTS THE SIMPLE.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME.

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1

2 **SPEAKER:** I WAS BROUGHT LOW, AND HE SAVED ME.

3

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

6

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

10

11 **DAVID JUAREZ:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DAVID
12 JUAREZ, AND I'M WITH THE CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION,
13 AND I AM CALLING IN SUPPORT FOR ITEM 47-A. AT THE HEIGHT OF
14 THE PANDEMIC, MANY RESTAURANTS CLOSED THEIR DOORS DUE TO
15 C.O.V.I.D.-19, AND THE GOVERNMENT ORDERED CLOSURES OF INDOOR
16 DINING ROOMS. UNFORTUNATELY, NOW THAT RESTAURANTS ARE TRYING
17 TO REOPEN, THEY ARE BEING TOLD THAT THEY ARE NOT LONGER ABLE
18 TO OPERATE THE WAY THEY USED TO. THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO SELL
19 ALCOHOL, DUE TO THEIR [INAUDIBLE] STATUS BEING REVOKED. THIS
20 RESOLUTION WILL ALLOW THEM TO SELL ALCOHOL AGAIN, WHILE THEY
21 GO THROUGH THE PROCESS OF OBTAINING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT.
22 THAT'S GOING TO ALLOW THEM TO STAY AFLOAT AS THEY GO THROUGH
23 THIS NEW PROCESS. SO, WITH THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK
24 SUPERVISORS MITCHELL AND BARGER FOR INTRODUCING THIS
25 RESOLUTION, AND I URGE MY VOTE ON ITEM 47-A. THANK YOU.

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1

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

3

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

7

8 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. YEAH, I'LL ADDRESS SEVERAL ITEMS, AND
9 I'LL ALSO GIVE A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. HOW MUCH TIME WILL I
10 BE AFFORDED? THREE MINUTES?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** THREE MINUTES.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR RESPONDING. I
15 APPRECIATE THAT. THE COUNTY ONCE AGAIN HAS A ROBUST AGENDA,
16 AND I JUST WANT TO NOTE THAT YOU'VE GOT THE D.A.'S ANNUAL
17 FEDERAL EQUITABLE SHARING AGREEMENT, WHERE BASICALLY THE
18 DISTRICT ATTORNEY, FROM TIME TO TIME, RUNS INTO CRIMINALS WHO
19 HAVE ASSETS THAT HE SEIZES. THIS IS ASSET FORFEITURE, KIND OF.
20 AND THEN THAT MONEY-- ABOUT A MILLION-PLUS DOLLARS-- IS SPENT
21 ON LAW ENFORCEMENT, WHATEVER THAT MEANS. SO, WHATEVER THAT
22 MEANS IS WHAT WE ARE INTERESTED IN. THE PUBLIC, IN THE PAST,
23 HAS REVIEWED THESE DOCUMENTS, AND THERE IS A CLARIFICATION AND
24 AN EXPLANATION ABOUT HOW MUCH WAS SEIZED, AND FOR WHAT
25 PURPOSE, AND FROM WHOM, AND THEN ALSO HOW THOSE FUNDS ARE

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1 EXPENDED. SO, I'D LIKE THAT TO BE MORE CLEAR BEFORE YOU VOTE
2 ON IT. IT'S NOT TAKEN LIGHTLY BY THE PUBLIC WHEN YOU TAKE
3 STUFF FROM FOLKS. AND I LIKE THE IDEA OF REORGANIZING THE
4 P.I.O., PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE DEPARTMENTS, OF THE BOARD OF
5 SUPERVISORS. THEY DO AN EXCELLENT JOB; BEACHES AND HARBORS,
6 OBVIOUSLY WORLD CLASS, AND THE CORONER, WHO HAS THEIR HANDS
7 FULL, OBVIOUSLY. BUT THE ONE KEY DETAIL IS THAT NONE OF THOSE
8 P.I.O.S ARE REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES. WHY NOT? WHY NOT, CHAIRMAN
9 MITCHELL? WHY CAN'T THE P.I.O.S HAVE THE REPRESENTATION THAT
10 ALL THE OTHER EMPLOYEES HAVE? OKAY, ITEM 4 IS, NOBODY LOVES
11 PROCUREMENT MORE THAN MITCHELL AND KUEHL, AND THEY'RE REALLY
12 TRYING TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR THE WORLD. WE'VE GOT \$6 BILLION
13 IN PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL THESE SMALL BUSINESSES,
14 AND YET, LET'S ROLL BACK THE TAPE TO THE PUBLIC COMMENTS ABOUT
15 LEIMERT PARK AND THOSE SMALL BUSINESSES. WHAT ARE YOU DOING
16 FOR THE LOW-HANGING-FRUIT BUSINESSES THAT ARE VERY IMPORTANT
17 TO A CULTURAL PART OF OUR CITY AND TOWN, THAT'S BEING OVERRUN
18 BY RAPACIOUS GENTRIFICATION [EXPLETIVE]? PLEASE, PLEASE, TAKE
19 SOME STRONG ACTION IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. NOW, 47-E IS SO
20 IMPORTANT. THIS IS WHERE YOU'VE GOT TERRIBLE THINGS HAPPEN TO
21 PEOPLE. THEY GET ABUSED, AND YOU HAVE REPORTING LAWS, AND THE
22 LAWS HAVE BEEN SET UP SO THAT NOW, IF YOU SEE SOMEONE BEING
23 ELDERLY ABUSED, FOR EXAMPLE, YOU HAVE TO CALL THE POLICE. BUT
24 WHAT THIS SENSITIVE IDEA IS TO REQUIRE THAT, NOT NECESSARILY
25 THE POLICE, UNLESS THERE IS A GUN OR A SUICIDE INVOLVED,

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1 INSTEAD REACH OUT FOR SERVICES. AND I LIKE THIS IDEA, BECAUSE
2 IT ALLOWS PEOPLE TO GET HELP, RATHER THAN BE AFRAID BY TURNING
3 IN THEIR BROTHER, OR THEIR FATHER, OR THEIR SISTER. THEY CAN
4 GET THE APPROPRIATE ATTENTION. SO, GOOD WORK ON THAT. NOT GOOD
5 WORK ON HOLDING BACK PUTTING UP PUBLIC RESTROOMS IN THE METRO
6 STATIONS. HERE YOU HAVE 6 CAPITAL RESTROOM PROJECTS. AND BY
7 THE WAY, NICE WORK--

8

9 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

10

11 **ERIC PREVEN:** I BEG YOUR PARDON?

12

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

14

15 **ERIC PREVEN:** NO, NO. I HAVE MORE TIME.

16

17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS SIGOURNEY PIAS. PLEASE
18 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER
19 YOU'LL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS SIGOURNEY PIAS. I'M WITH THE
22 CALIFORNIA NATIVE VOTE PROJECT, AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK
23 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR AUTHORIZING ITEM 10, ESTABLISHING OUR
24 COMMITMENT TO THE LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN
25 INDIAN COMMISSION, AND URGE THE BOARD TO APPROVE THE MOTION.

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1 IN RECENT YEARS, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN
2 ADDRESSING FALSE HISTORIC NARRATIVES ABOUT THE LAND UPON WHICH
3 THE COUNTY SITS ON. THE COUNTY MUST GO FURTHER IN APPROVING
4 THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKAN NATIVE
5 COMMUNITIES. THIS CAN BE DONE MORE EFFECTIVELY BY TRANSFERRING
6 THE LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION
7 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE, AS THE NEW PLACEMENT
8 FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL SUPPORT, WITH THE
9 OPPORTUNITY FOR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP. THE L.A.N.A.I.C. AND
10 THE DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE HAVE FOSTERED A STRONG
11 PARTNERSHIP, AND DEVELOPED WAYS FOR NATIVE PEOPLES TO SHARE
12 THEIR HISTORY AND CULTURE, AND PROVIDE INSIGHT INTO SOME OF
13 THE CHALLENGES THEY HAVE AND CONTINUE TO FACE.

14

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

17

18 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

19

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

24

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

3

4 **INTERPRETER:** [SPEAKS SPANISH]

5

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

7

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

11

12 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. I AM ADDRESSING SET ITEM 2, AND ALSO GENERAL
13 PUBLIC COMMENT. I HAVE A QUESTION FOR THE BOARD. FIRST OF ALL,
14 IT'S VERY CONCERNING. DO YOU KNOW THAT L.A. PUBLIC HEALTH IS
15 NO LONGER ALLOWING THE PUBLIC TO INTERACT WITH THEM ON ANY
16 SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM, AND THAT YOUR OWN MEETINGS ARE ALSO--
17 COMMENTS HAVE BEEN TURNED OFF, WHICH IS A WAY THAT 10 MILLION
18 PEOPLE DO GET TO INTERACT WITH EACH OTHER? ALSO, WE TALK SO
19 MUCH ABOUT EQUITY. HILDA SOLIS, ARE YOU COMFORTABLE WITH THE
20 RACIST, BULLYING AD THAT L.A. PUBLIC HEALTH PUT OUT RECENTLY,
21 THAT DEPICTS A WHITE PERSON TELLING 2 BLACK GIRLS THAT IF THEY
22 DON'T GET VACCINATED, THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO BE FRIENDS WITH
23 HER? IT'S QUITE DISTURBING, AND I SUGGEST YOU WATCH IT,
24 ESPECIALLY SINCE I DON'T KNOW IF YOU KNOW ANOTHER QUESTION. DO
25 YOU KNOW THAT BARBARA FERRER, WHO MISTAKENLY USES THE "DOCTOR"

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1 TITLE THAT MAKES PEOPLE THINK SHE'S A MEDICAL DOCTOR, THAT SHE
2 SAID VACCINES "DON'T WORK SO GREAT"? I KNOW THAT JANICE HAHN
3 IS DEALING WITH THAT RIGHT NOW, AND I HOPE SHE FEELS BETTER,
4 BUT WHY ARE YOU ALLOWING DR. FERRER TO SUBVERT YOUR AUTHORITY
5 AND USE THE BACK DOOR OF THE 10-DAY CLOSE-CONTACT RULE TO
6 STILL HAVE MASKING OF OUR CHILDREN; OUR CHILDREN, WHO ARE NOT
7 AT GRAVE RISK FROM C.O.V.I.D.? WHY IS SHE STILL DOING THAT?
8 WHY IS HER DAUGHTER'S REPORT, FOR WHICH HER DAUGHTER DID NOT
9 REVEAL A CONFLICT OF INTEREST, STILL THE BASIS FOR MASKING OUR
10 CHILDREN? ARE YOU AWARE OF HER ABUSE OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES AT
11 THE BEGINNING OF C.O.V.I.D., MAKING THEM GO OUT AND WORK
12 WITHOUT P.P.E., AND HER CONTINUED BULLYING NOW, TELLING THEM
13 THAT THEY CANNOT COMMUNICATE WITH THE PUBLIC OR WITH OTHER
14 PEOPLE? THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR WORK IN EXPOSING, AND PLEASE
15 PAY ATTENTION TO MIKE ANTONOVICH AND DON KNABE, WHO SUGGEST
16 THAT BARBARA FERRER BE FIRED. SHE'S DAMAGING OUR BUSINESSES,
17 OUR CHILDREN, AND OUR COUNTY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

18
19 **SPEAKER:** MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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

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1 **JOEY WILLIAMS:** HELLO. THANK YOU, BOARD. MY NAME IS JOEY
2 WILLIAMS. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF ORGANIZING WITH THE CALIFORNIA
3 NATIVE VOTE PROJECT, AND I JUST WANTED TO THANK SUPERVISORS
4 SOLIS AND HAHN FOR AUTHORIZING ITEM 10, WHICH I'LL BE SPEAKING
5 ON, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. NATIVE AMERICANS, WE'VE
6 SUFFERED SOME OF THE HIGHEST SUICIDE RATES, INCARCERATION
7 RATES, PER CAPITA. THAT'S WHY IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT THE BOARD
8 FULLY FUND THE L.A. CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN
9 COMMISSION. WE TALK A LOT ABOUT BLACK AND INDIGENOUS AND
10 PEOPLE OF COLOR COMMUNITIES, BUT A BETTER WAY TO DO THAT IS
11 ALSO TO FUND OUR COMMUNITIES. AND FOR SO LONG, OUR COMMUNITIES
12 HAVE BEEN ERASED, HAVE BEEN VOICELESS. BUT WE'RE ASKING THAT
13 THEY ALSO MOVE THE COMMISSION FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO THE
14 ARTS AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, WHERE IT WILL BE MUCH MORE
15 APPROPRIATE. AND SO WHAT I'M ASKING TODAY IS THAT THE BOARD
16 WOULD PASS ITEM 10, AND FULLY FUND THE COMMISSION, AND ALSO
17 MAKE THE MOVE FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO ARTS AND CULTURE.
18 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

19

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

21

22 **SPEAKER:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MONESHA PANESSA. PLEASE STATE
23 THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU'RE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER YOU WILL
24 ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME'S MONESHA PANESSA, AND I AM WITH THE
2 BLACK LIVES MATTER MOVEMENT. I'M A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST, AND I
3 OWN THE INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER L.L.C. TODAY, I AM SPEAKING ON
4 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 10, AND ALSO, I'M IN FAVOR OF IT, AND ITEMS
5 NUMBER 4, 5, AND 6, AND I WANTED TO MAKE GENERAL PUBLIC
6 COMMENT. OKAY, SO, I DEFINITELY AGREE WITH THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
7 MOVING TO THE ARTS AND CULTURAL DEPARTMENT INSTEAD, BECAUSE IT
8 WOULD DEFINITELY BENEFIT OUR COMMUNITY, AND BEAUTIFY IT. AND
9 I'M WITH ITEMS NUMBER 4, 5, AND 6, BECAUSE IT'S FOR THE
10 NONPROFITS, AND IT WOULD HELP WITH RESOURCES, TO PROVIDE SAFE
11 HAVENS, MORE TRANSITIONALS, AND HOUSING. WE DO HAVE THAT BIG
12 EPIDEMIC AT SKID ROW, AT THE HIGHWAYS, UNDER THE BRIDGES, ON
13 THE SIDEWALKS, WHERE THESE BUSES FROM OUT OF TOWN ARE COMING
14 INTO OUR COMMUNITY AND JUST DUMPING PEOPLE OFF LIKE IT'S A
15 LANDFILL, STILL. I THINK THAT THE WAGES SHOULD BE BOOTED UP TO
16 \$22, AND LIVING EXPENSES SHOULD GO DOWN; THAT THE MONEY SHOULD
17 BE REDIRECTED, AS FAR AS OUR MEASUREMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN
18 PASSED ALREADY, LIKE THE ONE WITH THE H IN IT, OR IT HAS
19 SEVERAL H'S. I'M REALLY NOT SURE, BUT I KNOW THAT THE MONEY
20 HASN'T BEEN REDIRECTED. AND CALLING 3-1-1 IS JUST NOT WORKING.
21 WITH C.O.V.I.D., WE STILL NEED A LOT OF RESOURCES. AND COMING
22 BACK WITH ITEM NUMBER A-10, WITH THE SMALLPOX, I REALLY DON'T
23 WANT TO GO BACK INTO AN EPIDEMIC OR A PANDEMIC, LIKE HOW WE
24 DID WITH C.O.V.I.D.-19. SO, FREE BUSES AND WI-FI WOULD BE
25 NICE. I KNOW THAT'S OFF TOPIC, SO I'M NOT GOING TO REALLY GO

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1 THERE. BUT I REALLY WANT TO THANK SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR HAHN
2 FOR INCORPORATING THE NATIVE AMERICAN AND INDIAN COMMUNITY, AS
3 WELL AS LOOKING OUT FOR THE REST OF OUR COMMUNITY, AND
4 ESPECIALLY HOMELESSNESS. THAT'S WHAT I'M REALLY OUT HERE FOR,
5 BEING OUTREACH. I'VE SEEN A LOT OF DISCRIMINATION AND
6 HARDSHIPS WITH THAT, SO I DEFINITELY AM FOR, AND IN FAVOR FOR,
7 ITEM NUMBER 4, 5, 6, AND 10. THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SPEAK.
8 HAVE A BLESSED DAY. BYE.

9

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS PATRICK O'ROURKE. PLEASE
13 STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING TODAY, AND WHETHER
14 YOU WILL ADDRESS ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** YEAH. MY NAME IS PATRICK O'ROURKE. AGENDA ITEMS 28,
17 A-4, AND PUBLIC COMMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE THAT AN ANTI-
18 EVICTION TASK FORCE BE SET UP, WITH A SPECIAL CALL CENTER TO
19 RECEIVE CALLS FOR CONSTRUCTIVE AND ILLEGAL EVICTIONS THAT ARE
20 AGGRAVATING OUR HOMELESS ISSUES TO THIS DAY. IN THAT, ALSO TO
21 ADDRESS 28, IN THE FACT THAT, IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT N.P.R.
22 ARTICLE "THE HIDDEN COSTS OF FOSTER CARE," WHERE THE SOCIAL
23 SERVICES-- CHILD SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH, AND D.P.S.S.-- ALL
24 COME TOGETHER TO INCARCERATE CHILDREN INTO FOSTER CARE. THIS
25 IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. IT PUTS OUR CHILDREN AT RISK, NOT ONLY OF

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1 C.O.V.I.D.-19, BUT SEXUAL EXPLOITATION, MISUSE. AND ALL OF
2 THIS HAS FORMED FRACTIONS, LIKE NOT BEING ABLE TO HAVE ACCESS
3 TO COUNTY SERVICES, OR LANGUAGE BARRIERS, LOSING YOUR JOB.
4 THIS IS AGGRAVATING THE HOMELESS AND THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM IN
5 THIS COUNTY. IT IS CREATING A SYSTEM WHERE CHILDREN ARE
6 REMOVED FROM THEIR FAMILIES. THEY HAVE NO MEDICAL HISTORY NOW,
7 AND THEY'RE PUT WITH OTHER FAMILIES THAT THEY DON'T BELONG
8 WITH. THEY ARE TRAUMATIZED, THEY ARE MEDICATED BECAUSE OF THAT
9 TRAUMATIZATION, AND THEN THE COUNTY GETS MORE MONEY. THAT IS
10 UNACCEPTABLE. IT IS EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN IN ITSELF. IN
11 ADDITION, THE CHILDREN'S COURTS ALLOW FALSE INFORMATION,
12 BOOTSTRAPPING, AND ALL MANNER OF ATTORNEY VIOLATIONS OF LAW
13 AND DUE PROCESS, TO KEEP THESE CHILDREN AND TO PERMANENTLY
14 REMOVE THEM FOR THINGS SUCH AS NOT HAVING ENOUGH FOOD ON THE
15 TABLE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DISPUTES WHERE THE PERPETRATOR HAS
16 BEEN ALREADY REMOVED FROM THE HOUSE, OR RECENT JOB LOSS. THIS
17 IS ONLY CREATING MORE PROBLEMS FOR THE FAMILY. I WOULD SUGGEST
18 THAT THE COUNTY REDIRECT THOSE SERVICES, THE FOSTER CARE
19 AGENCY, TO GO AHEAD AND MAKE SURE THAT THESE PARENTS FIRST
20 HAVE ACCESS TO PANTRY PROGRAMS, TO JOB RELOCATION, AND THAT
21 THEY BE PUT IN THE TOP-TIER IMMEDIATE SERVICES TO REDUCE THE
22 COST TO THE COUNTY. LASTLY, AN AUDIT OF CHILD SERVICES, AND
23 HOW THEY'RE SPENDING THEIR MONEY, AND HOW THEY'RE STEALING
24 SOCIAL SECURITY CHECKS FROM THESE CHILDREN NEEDS TO BE
25 IMPLEMENTED, INCLUDING THE MISUSE OF FUNDS--

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1

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

4

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

7

8 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND TO MAKE SURE
9 THAT WE ALLOW THE FULL 90 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, THE
10 CALL-IN LINE WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 11:10 A.M., AND WE WILL
11 TAKE ANY OTHER CALLERS THAT COME IN BY THAT TIME. SO, WE THANK
12 YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE. COLLEAGUES, IN THE MEANTIME, WHILE
13 WE'RE WAITING, WE ARE GOING TO TRANSITION-- ONE MOMENT. OKAY.
14 WE'RE GOING TO GO BACK TO PUBLIC COMMENT, BECAUSE WE JUST GOT
15 FOUR MORE CALLERS WHO ENTERED THE QUEUE. SO, WE'LL GO BACK TO
16 PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU.

17

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

21

22 **SPEAKER:** I WILL BE ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 10 AND GENERAL
23 PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS CANDY MCCOVEY. I AM THE ACTING
24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR CALIFORNIA NATIVE VOTE PROJECT, WHOSE
25 MISSION IS TO ACHIEVE EQUITY AND JUSTICE FOR NATIVE AMERICAN

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1 CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITY, BY INCREASING NATIVE
2 PARTICIPATION IN POWER. I AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF OUR
3 COMMUNITY. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR
4 AUTHORIZING ITEM NUMBER 10. I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THIS BOARD TO
5 APPROVE THE MOTION. THANK YOU.

6

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

8

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

12

13 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS RYAN EVANS. OH, I'M SORRY.
14 I'M SPEAKING ABOUT ITEM 4, AND PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS RYAN
15 EVANS, AND I AM A PROUD MEMBER OF S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721, AND I
16 HAVE BEEN A COUNTY EMPLOYEE FOR OVER EIGHT YEARS. PRIOR TO MY
17 PUBLIC SERVICE AS AN L.A. COUNTY EMPLOYEE, I WAS AN APPLE ONE
18 CONTRACTED EMPLOYEE FOR SEVEN YEARS, FOR THE PROBATION
19 DEPARTMENT. I WAS PRIVILEGED ENOUGH TO FIND A PATHWAY TO
20 PERMANENT COUNTY EMPLOYMENT. UNFORTUNATELY, NOT ALL CONTRACTED
21 EMPLOYEES ARE AFFORDED THE OPPORTUNITY THAT I WAS. HISTORY HAS
22 TAUGHT US THAT GOOD UNION JOBS, ESPECIALLY IN THE PUBLIC
23 SECTOR, HAVE BEEN THE DRIVING FORCE IN PRESERVING THE MIDDLE
24 CLASS; NOT TO MENTION, L.A. COUNTY IS COMMITTED, NOW MORE THAN
25 EVER, TO ELIMINATE BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT, INCLUDING

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1 IMMIGRATION STATUS. AS YOU TAKE UP THIS MOTION TO EXPAND
2 DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION WITHIN THE CONTRACTING PROCESS, I ALSO
3 ASK THAT THIS BOARD INCLUDE OPPORTUNITIES TO PERMANENT COUNTY
4 EMPLOYMENT, MAKING SURE THAT THOSE DESIRING TO DO BUSINESS
5 WITH THE COUNTY PROVIDE PREVAILING WAGES AND BENEFITS. THANK
6 YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

7

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

9

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

13

14 **SUSAN ZANTER:** ITEM NUMBER 20 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM
15 DIRECTOR OF THE ASSOCIATION OF RURAL TOWN COUNCILS, AND I WANT
16 TO SAY, ANY PROPOSAL THAT EVEN HINTS TO SUPPORT LEGALIZATION
17 OF CANNABIS HITS A RAW NERVE WITH RURAL COMMUNITIES,
18 ESPECIALLY WHEN ILLEGAL GROWING OPERATIONS CONTINUE IN THE
19 ANTELOPE VALLEY, FUNDING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT IS CUT, AND
20 PROSECUTION IS ALMOST NONEXISTENT. THERE'S NOTHING TO DETER
21 THIS KIND OF ACTIVITY THAT THREATENS OUR COMMUNITY. DESPITE
22 THE COUNTY'S CLAIM THAT THIS ORDINANCE DOES NOT LEGALIZE
23 CULTIVATION, IT PROPOSES TO COLLECT TAXES ON ILLEGAL
24 OPERATIONS, ESSENTIALLY INVITING ILLEGAL CULTIVATION AND
25 BUSINESSES, AND INCOME THEY COULD BRING TO THE COUNTY.

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1 D.C.B.A., IN ITS LETTER UNDER FISCAL IMPACTS AND FINANCING,
2 USES THE TERM "INDOOR MIXED-LIGHT CULTIVATION" FOR LICENSING,
3 WHICH MEANS HOUSES IN OUR COMMUNITIES WILL CONTINUE TO BE
4 CONVERTED TO ILLEGAL GROW OPERATIONS, AND GREENHOUSES WILL
5 CONTINUE TO PROLIFERATE UNABATED. FUNDS GENERATED FROM
6 LICENSING WILL BE SPENT ON COMMUNITY PROGRAMS, WITH NO MENTION
7 OF ENFORCEMENT FUNDING ALLOCATION NEEDED TO PROTECT THE
8 HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELLBEING OF RURAL RESIDENTS FROM ILLEGAL
9 GROWS AND BUSINESSES. CALIFORNIA AND OTHER STATES WITH LEGAL
10 CANNABIS BUSINESSES HAVE SEEN AN INCREASE IN ILLEGAL
11 OPERATIONS, IN VIOLENT CRIME RELATED TO CARTELS, WATER USAGE,
12 HOUSING, AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION, LIKE WE HAVE ALREADY
13 SEEN IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. WE WANT PROTECTION FROM THIS
14 SCOURGE ON OUR COMMUNITIES, AND LOOK TO YOU. I ASK THAT
15 ILLEGAL GROWS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES BE COMPLETELY ERADICATED
16 BEFORE ANY ACTION IS APPROVED TO LEGALIZE, LICENSE, AND TAX
17 CANNABIS. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, HELP US PROTECT OUR
18 COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

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

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

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1 **SPEAKER:** HELLO? CAN YOU HEAR ME?

2

3 **SPEAKER:** YES.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** HELLO?

6

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

8

9 **SPEAKER:** HELLO? OKAY, THANK YOU. MY NAME IS JUEY ROYBAL -
10 CASTLE, AND I AM CALLING IN REGARDS TO GENERAL ITEM NUMBER 10.
11 I AM SHAWNEE AND CREEK, AND I'M CALLING FROM TONGVA TERRITORY,
12 THAT YOU ALL KNOW AS LOS ANGELES. AND I AM CALLING IN SUPPORT
13 OF ITEM NUMBER 10, AND WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS
14 FOR RECOGNIZING THE NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY. AS AN
15 INDIGENOUS PERSON, I GREW UP, AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT
16 PROBABLY SAVED ME, GROWING UP, WAS THE EAST LOS ANGELES MUSIC
17 AND ARTS SCHOOL. AND SO I WANT TO ADVOCATE, AS A COMMUNITY
18 ORGANIZER WITH THE CALIFORNIA NATIVE VOTE PROJECT, THAT THESE
19 TYPES OF PROGRAMS ARE IMPORTANT FOR OUR YOUTH. AND SO, WE WANT
20 TO SEE CRIME GO DOWN, SO LET'S START WHERE THE ROOT IS, AND IT
21 IS WITH OUR CHILDREN AND OUR COMMUNITIES. SO, I THANK YOU FOR
22 THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TODAY, AND WISH YOU ALL A GREAT DAY.

23

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

25

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

4

5 **ERIC PREVEN:** YEAH. NO, I AM JUST GOING TO GIVE A GENERAL
6 PUBLIC COMMENT, THAT DOWN AT GRAND PARK, AT CITY HALL, THE
7 SUPERVISORS SHOULD GO OUT AND TESTIFY AGAINST THE ORDINANCE
8 4118, WHICH I AM SURE THE SUPERVISORS ARE NOT FOR THE
9 EXTENDED CRIMINALIZATION OF THE HOMELESS.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

12

13 **ERIC PREVEN:** PENALIZING PEOPLE FOR BEING--

14

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

17

18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET'S PAUSE FOR A
19 SECOND TO SEE IF ANYBODY IS GOING TO QUEUE UP, LIKE THEY DID
20 PREVIOUSLY, IF ANYONE HAS.

21

22 **MODERATOR:** YEAH, WE DO HAVE ONE MORE IN QUEUE.

23

24 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OKAY, LET'S HEAR FROM THEM.

25

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

5

6 **RICHARD HERNANDEZ:** GOOD MORNING, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
7 SOLIS AND THE LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR YOUR TIME.
8 IT'S BEEN A LONG MORNING. I HOPE TO BRING YOU SOME CHEER. I
9 PLAN TO ADDRESS ITEM 4, THE PLAN TO IMPLEMENT PRIORITY
10 STRATEGIES TO SET UP AN EXTERNAL SOURCE LOOKING TO ESTABLISH
11 NEW WAYS TO INCREASE QUALIFIED BUSINESSES TO SUCCEED; AND ITEM
12 53, THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS. THEY
13 ARE BOTH HOOKED TOGETHER, AND IN A WAY THAT I WILL EXPLAIN. MY
14 NAME IS RICHARD HERNANDEZ, AND I AM DIRECTOR OF [INAUDIBLE]
15 CONTIGO SAFE HARBOR. A LIBERAL TRANSLATION MEANS, "WE PROVIDE
16 YOU A SAFE HARBOR." FIRST, I WANTED TO THANK THE BOARD FOR
17 THEIR INNOVATIVE PROGRAM, PROSPER L.A., THAT ACTIVELY REACHES
18 OUT TO THE COMMUNITY FOR ANY POSSIBLE AVENUES FOR SAVINGS TO
19 PROSPER. MY COMPANY'S ONLY PURPOSE IS TO ELIMINATE DEBT COST,
20 WHILE THE BOARD IS ACTIVELY SEEKING ANY POSSIBLE SAVINGS FOR
21 THE COUNTY. THE COST OF ONGOING PROJECTS WILL PROVIDE THE
22 SAVINGS YOU ARE LOOKING FOR, AS STRANGE AS THAT MAY SEEM. I
23 HAVE SUBMITTED FOR A UTILITY PATENT FOR ANALYSIS OF MUNICIPAL
24 DEBT AND ITS SOLUTION, AND HAVE A COPYRIGHT APPLICATION IN
25 WRITTEN FORM ALSO IN THE PROCESS. THE FINANCIAL ACCURACY OF

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1 THE SAVINGS IN TERM REDUCTIONS PRODUCED BY OUR PLATFORM WILL
2 BE VERIFIED BY A STATE-LICENSED REAL-ESTATE LOAN BROKER AT ANY
3 DATE OF YOUR CHOOSING. I AM ASKING THE BOARD TO CONSIDER
4 EVALUATING OUR SOLUTION AND ITS IMPACT ON THE BUDGET. I HAVE
5 SUBMITTED A REQUEST TO MEET WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WITH MY
6 CONTACT INFORMATION, TO EXPLAIN THE PLATFORM AND WHAT IS
7 NEEDED TO PARTICIPATE. I SINCERELY THANK YOU FOR YOUR
8 CONSIDERATION, AND I RELINQUISH THE FLOOR.

9

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

11

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

16

17 **SPEAKER:** WE WILL NOW HEAR THE SPANISH INTERPRETATION OF THE
18 REMINDER.

19

20 **INTERPRETER [SPEAKS SPANISH]**

21

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

23

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

4
5 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS MARIA BELLAMIL, SENIOR PROGRAMS
6 MANAGER FOR CALIFORNIA NATIVE VOTE PROJECT. I WILL BE
7 ADDRESSING ITEM 10. I AM HERE REPRESENTING THE VOICES OF
8 NATIVE AMERICAN AND INDIGENOUS FAMILIES THAT WE SERVE, WHILE
9 WE COLLECTIVELY BUILD LEADERSHIP AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT. I WOULD
10 LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR PRESENTING ITEM 10,
11 AND URGE THIS BOARD TO ALSO APPROVE THE MOTION. IN RECENT
12 YEARS, OUR ORGANIZATION HAS WORKED WITH THE NATIVE COMMISSION
13 AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SUPERVISORS IN ADDRESSING FALSE
14 HISTORICAL NARRATIVES ABOUT THE LAND ON WHICH THE COUNTY SITS,
15 THROUGH MANY DIFFERENT POLICY CHANGES AND ACTIONS. WHILE THESE
16 ACTIONS ARE RECOGNIZED BY OUR COMMUNITY, WE ASK THAT YOU TAKE
17 ANOTHER STEP FORWARD IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, AND CONTINUE TO
18 IMPROVE THE WELLBEING OF OUR COMMUNITY BY TRANSFERRING THE LOS
19 ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION TO THE
20 DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE. THIS TRANSFER FROM THE
21 EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE, AS
22 WELL AS FUNDING FOR THE CRITICAL UNMET NEEDS, IS WHAT THIS
23 BOARD CAN DO TO SHOW AUTHENTIC LEADERSHIP TO REPAIR CENTURIES
24 OF INEQUITY, VIOLENCE, AND HARM OUR COMMUNITY HAS FACED. THANK

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1 YOU. ONCE AGAIN, I URGE FOR THIS BOARD TO SUPPORT AND APPROVE
2 THE MOTION FOR ITEM 10. HAVE A GOOD DAY.

3

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER SPEAKERS IN QUEUE
7 TO ADDRESS THE BOARD AT THIS TIME.

8

9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. COLLEAGUES, AGAIN, OUR 90
10 MINUTES WILL OFFICIALLY END AT 11:10 A.M., AND SO WHAT WE ARE
11 GOING TO DO IS TRANSITION TO ADJOURNMENTS IN MEMORY, AGAIN
12 LEAVING THE LINE OPEN. ONCE WE COMPLETE ADJOURNMENTS IN
13 MEMORY, IF THERE ARE STILL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE
14 CALLED IN, AND IN THE QUEUE, WE WILL TRANSITION BACK OVER TO
15 THEM, TO ALLOW THEIR FULL 90-MINUTE PERIOD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.
16 SO, WE'RE GOING TO START WITH DISTRICT 2. AND AGAIN, WE ARE
17 TRANSITIONING INTO ADJOURNMENTS IN MEMORY, AND IT SADDENS ME
18 TO SAY, COLLEAGUES, THAT BOTH OF MINE TODAY ARE DEEPLY
19 TROUBLING TO ME, BECAUSE THEY ARE PEOPLE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES
20 VERY EARLY, AND LOST AS A RESULT OF, REALLY, QUITE... ONE,
21 VIOLENT CRIME, AND SEVERAL OTHERS AS A RESULT OF A HORRIFIC
22 CAR ACCIDENT. SO, LET ME BEGIN. I MOVE THAT TODAY, WHEN WE
23 ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF SEVERINO GUTIERREZ VALEZ.
24 MR. VALEZ WAS THE VICTIM OF AN ARMED ROBBERY WHILE WORKING AS
25 A STREET VENDOR THIS PAST THURSDAY, AUGUST 4TH, IN THE

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1 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY THAT I REPRESENT, KNOWN AS EAST
2 GARDENA. HE SUCCUMBED TO HIS INJURIES AT THE HOSPITAL, LATER
3 THAT SAME DAY, AT THE AGE OF 34. HE WAS WELL KNOWN IN THE
4 COMMUNITY, AND RESIDENTS LOOKED FORWARD TO SEEING HIM ON THE
5 CORNER OF ROSECRANS AND MAIN STREET EVERY DAY, AS THAT HAD
6 BEEN HIS ROUTINE FOR MANY YEARS. HE WAS LOVINGLY KNOWN IN THE
7 COMMUNITY AS "ELIAS." HE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A HARD WORKER,
8 AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, A LOVING HUSBAND AND FATHER. HE IS
9 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, ADRIANA FLORES RODRIGUEZ, AND THEIR
10 SEVEN-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER, AS WELL AS A HOST OF FAMILY, FRIENDS,
11 AND NEIGHBORS, WHO WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. AND, COLLEAGUES, I
12 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A
13 FAMILY AND THREE STILL YET-TO-BE-IDENTIFIED VICTIMS OF THE
14 HORRIFIC CAR CRASH IN THE WINDSOR HILLS COMMUNITY. ON AUGUST
15 4TH, 2022, AROUND 2:00 P.M., 23-YEAR-OLD ASHEREY SHATONIA
16 RYAN, HER 11-MONTH-OLD SON ALONZO LUCHIANO QUINTERO, AND HER
17 UNBORN CHILD WERE IDENTIFIED AS THREE OF THE VICTIMS OF THE
18 TRAGIC CAR ACCIDENT IN WINDSOR HILLS. ACCORDING TO MS. RYAN'S
19 FAMILY, SHE WAS ON HER WAY TO A PRENATAL APPOINTMENT. MS.
20 RYAN, HER CHILDREN, AND THREE YET-TO-BE-IDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALS
21 WERE STRUCK AT HIGH SPEED BY A DRIVER WHO RAN A RED LIGHT AT
22 THE INTERSECTION OF SLAUSON AVENUE AND LA BREA AVENUE. MS.
23 RYAN WAS BORN SEPTEMBER 15TH, 1998, HERE IN LOS ANGELES. SHE
24 ATTENDED EMERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL AND INGLEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL. ON
25 AUGUST 17TH, 2021, SHE GAVE BIRTH TO ALONZO, WHOM SHE REFERRED

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1 TO HER AS HER "RAINBOW BABY." SHE WAS A STAY-AT-HOME MOM, WHO
2 WAS STUDYING CRIMINAL JUSTICE AT WEST L.A. COLLEGE. ALONZO WAS
3 TWO WEEKS SHY OF HIS FIRST BIRTHDAY, AND AGAIN WAS DESCRIBED
4 AS A LOVING BABY, FULL OF JOY. MS. RYAN WILL BE REMEMBERED AS
5 A LOVING AND PROUD MOTHER, AND AS A GREAT DAUGHTER, SISTER,
6 AND FRIEND, WHO HAD A BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD OF HER. SHE ENJOYED
7 SPENDING TIME WITH FAMILY, AND TAKING HER SON TO THE PARK. AT
8 THE TIME OF HER PASSING, SHE WAS, AGAIN, PREPARING FOR THE
9 ARRIVAL OF HER SECOND CHILD. SHE LEAVES BEHIND, TO CHERISH HER
10 MEMORY, HER MOTHER SHARITA, STEPFATHER LLOYD, SISTERS
11 SHA'SEANA AND COTIE, AND A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO WILL
12 MISS HER AND HER CHILDREN INFINITELY. I THINK IT'S ALSO
13 IMPORTANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE WINDSOR HILLS COMMUNITY HAS
14 BEEN DEEPLY, DEEPLY MOVED AND TOUCHED BY THIS HORRIFIC
15 ACCIDENT, AND THEY HAVE COME TOGETHER IN A REAL MEANINGFUL WAY
16 TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO EACH OTHER, AS THEY TRY TO GET THROUGH
17 THIS TRAGIC, VERY PUBLIC EVENT. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

18
19 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I AM REALLY
20 WITHOUT WORDS ABOUT HOW SAD THIS EVENT THAT YOU HAVE ADJOURNED
21 ABOUT, AND I WOULD REALLY-- IF IT IS APPROPRIATE AT ALL, SINCE
22 I GREW UP RIGHT THERE, IF I MAY JOIN YOU IN THOSE
23 ADJOURNMENTS.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** IT WOULD BE MY HONOR. I SEE YOU ALSO,
2 SUPERVISOR BARGER. THANK YOU. AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR DOING THAT. MY
5 ADJOURNMENTS TODAY ARE-- WELL, IT IS NEVER JOYFUL TO ADJOURN
6 FOR PEOPLE, BUT AT LEAST HONORING THREE PEOPLE WHO HAD A FULL
7 LIFE, AND WHO WERE WELL KNOWN, IN THEIR OWN WAY, TO SO MANY
8 PEOPLE. SO, I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
9 MEMORY OF HERMA ALTCHULE, WHO GREW UP IN CHEVIOT HILLS.
10 LIFELONG L.A. RESIDENT, AVID LOVER OF THE ARTS, SHE WAS A
11 FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART, AND
12 REMAINED INVOLVED IN ITS PROJECTS COUNCIL THROUGHOUT ALL THESE
13 YEARS. SHE WAS A DOCENT AT THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY,
14 AND A PATRON OF THE THEATER AND THE OPERA, AND THE L.A. PHIL.
15 SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND JOEL, HER CHILDREN ANDREW,
16 JULIE, AND MARK, HER SISTER CAROLE, AND HER BROTHER ROBERT.
17 AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
18 ONE OF AMERICA'S FAVORITE-- I GUESS SHE WAS CALLED A POP
19 SINGER, BUT I THINK SHE WAS MORE THAN THAT-- OLIVIA NEWTON-
20 JOHN. SHE BECAME ONE OF OUR MOST POPULAR SINGERS IN THE 1970S,
21 BUT HER FAME WAS REALLY CEMENTED WHEN SHE CO-STARRED WITH JOHN
22 TRAVOLTA IN "GREASE." I MEAN, NOW, TIKTOK WOULD BE FULL OF
23 THOSE MOVES. I'M JUST SAYING. IT WAS NOT THE STANDARD AT THE
24 TIME, BUT WE DID OUR BEST. OVER HER LIFETIME, SHE WON FOUR
25 GRAMMY AWARDS. SHE SOLD MORE THAN 100 MILLION ALBUMS. SHE AND

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1 HER HUSBAND WERE ACTIVE IN CANCER RESEARCH, AND, ALWAYS A
2 WOMAN TO GIVE BACK FOR WHAT SHE CONSIDERED THE GREAT LUCK OF
3 HER LIFE, ESTABLISHED A FOUNDATION TO ADVANCE RESEARCH IN
4 PLANT-BASED TREATMENTS FOR CANCER. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
5 LOVING HUSBAND, JOHN EASTERLING, AND DAUGHTER FROM HER FIRST
6 MARRIAGE, CHLOE. AND FINALLY, I ASK-- HILDA, YOU WANT TO JOIN
7 ON OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN? EVERYBODY, ALL FOUR OF US? GREAT. THANK
8 YOU SO MUCH. AND FINALLY-- AND I AM SURE YOU WILL WANT TO JOIN
9 IN THIS, AS WELL-- OUR FAVORITE SPORTS BROADCASTER OF ALL
10 TIME, VIN SCULLY, WHO DIED ON AUGUST 2ND. THE UNDISPUTED VOICE
11 OF THE L.A. DODGERS, HE WAS KNOWN FOR HIS AMAZING ABILITY TO
12 TELL STORIES THAT PERFECTLY PAINTED THE PICTURE OF THE GAME
13 FOR THE AUDIENCE: PEOPLE JUST LISTENING, NOT REALLY WATCHING.
14 ALTHOUGH, WE WOULD ALL ESSENTIALLY TURN DOWN THE SOUND FROM
15 THE T.V., AND TURN UP VIN SCULLY, WHEN WE WERE WATCHING A
16 GAME. HIS TIME WITH THE DODGERS WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY SO MANY
17 ICONIC MOMENTS, INCLUDING A NO-HITTER THROWN BY CLAYTON
18 KERSHAW, AND KIRK GIBSON'S WALK-OFF HOMER IN GAME ONE OF THE
19 1988 WORLD SERIES. EVEN VIN WAS ALMOST WITHOUT WORDS. HIS 67
20 YEARS WITH THE TEAM SET A RECORD FOR THE LONGEST ANY
21 BROADCASTER WORKED WITH A SINGLE TEAM, IN THE HISTORY OF
22 PROFESSIONAL SPORTS. HE HAD A GIFT FOR HOW MUCH TO TELL THE
23 AUDIENCE, KNOWING WHEN TO STOP TALKING, AND LET THE GAME SPEAK
24 FOR ITSELF. HIS CAREER WAS HIGHLIGHTED WITH A FORD C. FRICK
25 AWARD, WHICH IS GIVEN TO AN ANNOUNCER EVERY YEAR FOR

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1 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GAME. BUT HE WAS ALSO AWARDED THE
2 PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM, AND A STAR ON THE HOLLYWOOD
3 WALK OF FAME. IN 2010, THE AMERICAN SPORTSCASTERS ASSOCIATION
4 NAMED HIM THE GREATEST SPORTSCASTER OF THE ENTIRE 20TH
5 CENTURY. NOT TOO SHABBY. I MEAN, THIS WAS A GUY-- I THINK WE
6 ALL LOVED HIM. LIVED A VERY GOOD LIFE. SO, GOOD ON HIM. HE IS
7 SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN KEVIN, TODD, ERIN, KELLY, AND
8 CATHERINE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I SEE SUPERVISOR SOLIS
11 WAVING, SO I THINK THAT EVERYONE WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE
12 JOINING YOU IN THE LAST ONE, AS WELL. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I, TOO, WANT TO THANK YOU, CHAIR
15 MITCHELL, FOR ALLOWING US TO CO-AUTHOR THE ADJOURNMENTS.
16 HEARTBREAKING, AND THERE ARE NO WORDS. SO, WITH THAT, I MOVE
17 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF RUSSELL
18 PEARCE, A LONGTIME ANTELOPE VALLEY TEACHER. RUSSELL "CURT"
19 PEARCE PASSED AWAY JULY 30TH, AT THE AGE OF 92. BORN MAY 8TH,
20 IN 1930, RUSSELL SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AS A
21 MILITARY POLICEMAN. RUSSELL HELD A MASTER'S DEGREE IN
22 EDUCATION, AND WAS A TEACHER AT ANTELOPE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
23 FOR 30 YEARS. A MEMBER OF THE LANCASTER CHURCH OF CHRIST SINCE
24 1959, RUSSELL SERVED AS A DEACON, ELDER, AND A TEACHER, AND
25 ENJOYED LEADING THE CONGREGATION IN SINGING. AN EXPERIENCED

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1 CRAFTSMAN, RUSSELL BUILT AND MAINTAINED MANY PROJECTS FOR HIS
2 CHURCH, HOME, AND FAMILY. RUSSELL IS SURVIVED BY LAVONE, HIS
3 WIFE OF 70 YEARS, AND HIS SONS THOMAS, TIMOTHY, AND STEVEN.
4 SON PHILLIP PASSED AWAY IN JUNE OF 2022. AND I MOVE THAT THE
5 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING
6 INDIVIDUALS, WHO WERE IDENTIFIED AS INDIGENT VETERANS BY THE
7 LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER, AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY
8 BURIED WITH DIGNITY AND HONOR AT RIVERSIDE NATIONAL CEMETERY
9 IN THE LAST MONTH: DAVID LUTHER DEVILLERES, ARMY; HERBERT
10 MEINKE, ARMY; KEVIN WAYNE RICHMOND, ARMY; MARK STEVEN LLOYD,
11 ARMY; ROBERT WAYNE HUTCHINS, AIR FORCE; RICHARD ALLEN MATLOCK,
12 AIR FORCE; EDWARD MACIAS OBLEDO, MARINE CORPS; WILLIAM ARTHUR
13 MATZNER, ARMY. MAY THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AND SACRIFICES IN
14 SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. THANK YOU, MADAM
15 CHAIR.

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17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND SUPERVISOR
18 SOLIS?

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20 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. TODAY, I MOVE THAT
21 WHEN WE ADJOURN, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SALVADOR AVILA.
22 SALVADOR AVILA, THE PATRIARCH AND FOUNDER OF THE MEXICAN
23 RESTAURANT CHAIN KNOWN AS AVILA'S EL RANCHITO, WAS BORN IN
24 MICHOACAN, MEXICO, IN 1921, AND PASSED AWAY ON TUESDAY, AUGUST
25 THE 2ND, 2022. IN 1946, HE MARRIED MARGARITA AVILA, AND

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1 MIGRATED TO CALIFORNIA TO WORK IN THE FIELDS. HE CAME TO THE
2 UNITED STATES AS PART OF THE BRACERO PROGRAM, AND PICKED
3 CELERY AND TOMATOES UNTIL HE SAVED ENOUGH MONEY TO BRING ALL
4 HIS FAMILY HERE. IN 1958, THE AVILA FAMILY MIGRATED TO THE
5 UNITED STATES TO SETTLE IN SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES. IN 1966, THE
6 AVILA FAMILY BORROWED \$2,000 FROM FAMILY MEMBERS TO BUY A CAFE
7 IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, TO TURN IT INTO A MEXICAN
8 RESTAURANT. AND BELIEVE ME, IT IS A LANDMARK. THEY HAD NO
9 PREVIOUS RESTAURANT EXPERIENCE, BUT HE TRUSTED HIS WIFE
10 MARGARITA'S RECIPES, AND SAW THIS OPPORTUNITY AS AN
11 OPPORTUNITY FROM GOD. THREE GENERATIONS WORKED NONSTOP TO MAKE
12 THIS DREAM A REALITY, AND IN 1970, THE COMPANY BEGAN
13 EXPANDING, AND NOW THERE ARE 13 FAMILY-RUN RESTAURANTS
14 THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. MR. AVILA BECAME THE OWNER OF
15 ONE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S MOST SUCCESSFUL RESTAURANTS. MR.
16 AVILA IS SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTERS, SONS, GRANDCHILDREN, AND
17 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. HE WAS AN AMAZING HUSBAND, FATHER,
18 GRANDFATHER, AND WE WILL SORELY MISS HIM. MAY HE REST IN
19 PEACE. AND FINALLY, COLLEAGUES, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
20 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE OFF-DUTY MONTEREY PARK
21 POLICE OFFICER WHO WAS SHOT AND KILLED IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY,
22 YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. WHILE HIS NAME HAS NOT BEEN RELEASED, I
23 WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT MY THOUGHTS ARE WITH HIM. OUR PRAYERS
24 ARE WITH THE FAMILY, AND WITH ALL HIS LOVED ONES. MAY HIS SOUL

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1 REST IN PEACE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THOSE ARE MY
2 ADJOURNMENTS.

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISORS. WE
5 WILL TAKE ALL THE MOTIONS AS SECONDED, AND IF THERE IS NO
6 OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. AGAIN,
7 11:10 IS THE TIME AT WHICH WE CAN CONTINUE ON WITH OUR AGENDA.
8 WE WILL KEEP THE LINES OPEN TO SEE IF ANY ADDITIONAL MEMBERS
9 OF THE PUBLIC CALL IN TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT. WE APPRECIATE
10 YOUR PATIENCE. [WAITING FOR PUBLIC SPEAKER TIME TO EXPIRE].

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** WITH THE HOUR OF 11:10 HAVING ARRIVED,
13 AND WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS CALL IN,
14 COLLEAGUES, SO OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC SPEAKERS HAS ENDED. SO,
15 THANK YOU TO ALL THAT CALLED IN TO SPEAK, AND IF YOU WERE
16 UNABLE TO PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS, YOU MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN
17 COMMENTS, AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA. WE WILL CONTINUE TO
18 ACCEPT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING,
19 WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD. EXECUTIVE
20 OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE
21 WILL BE VOTING TODAY.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU: ITEM
24 3, 5 THROUGH 9, 11 THROUGH 13, 14, WITH RECOMMENDATIONS NUMBER
25 1 THROUGH 4 AND 12 TO BE APPROVED TODAY, 15 THROUGH 19, 21

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1 THROUGH 46, 47-A AND 47-B, 47-C AS REVISED, 47-D, 47-E WITH
2 SUPERVISOR BARGER ABSTAINING FROM THE VOTE, 47-F, 50 THROUGH
3 54, 1-D THROUGH 7-D, 1-P THROUGH 3-P.

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5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER,
6 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. PLEASE
7 CALL THE ROLL.

8

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

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11 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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15 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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19 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

23

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

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. MOTION CARRIES,
2 4-0.

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL BEGIN WITH SET MATTER
5 1, WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED BY ITEM A-10, THEN ITEM 4 AND 10,
6 AND WE WILL FINISH WITH ITEM 20. AGAIN, OUR SET MATTER 1,
7 WHICH IS OUR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING REPORT. WE WILL HEAR
8 FROM DR. D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OUR RACIAL
9 EQUITY; AND RAFAEL CARBAJAL, DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS
10 AFFAIRS. GOOD MORNING TO YOU BOTH.

11

12 **DR. D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, AND GOOD
13 MORNING, SUPERVISORS. IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE HERE WITH ALL OF
14 YOU AGAIN TODAY. TODAY MARKS THE FIFTEENTH UPDATE IN OUR
15 SERIES OF REGULAR PRESENTATIONS ON THE COUNTY'S PROGRESS,
16 IMPLEMENTING YOUR BOARD'S VISION FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN
17 PHASE-ONE SPENDING PLAN. NEXT SLIDE. AS IS OUR REGULAR
18 PRACTICE, THIS SLIDE PREVIEWS THE TOPICS WE INTEND TO COVER
19 TODAY. I WILL PROVIDE A BRIEF GLOBAL PROGRAM OVERVIEW
20 DETAILING THE CURRENT STATUS OF OUR PROJECTS AND THEIR PATH TO
21 COMPLETION; AND THEN DIRECTOR CARBAJAL, WHO LEADS THE
22 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER BUSINESS AFFAIRS, WILL PRESENT ON THE
23 STAY HOUSED PROGRAM, ONE OF THE MANY A.R.P.-FUNDED FUNDED
24 PROJECTS FOCUSED ON SERVING PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING
25 HOMELESSNESS. NEXT SLIDE. SUPERVISORS, SINCE THE UPDATE ON

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1 PROJECT APPROVALS, AND THE PRESENTATION THAT WAS PROVIDED AS
2 OF AUGUST 5TH, I AM HAPPY TO REPORT THAT ADDITIONAL DESIGNS
3 HAVE SINCE MOVED THROUGH THE APPROVAL PROCESS, WITH THE
4 REMAINING DESIGNS BEING FINALIZED AT THIS TIME. AS OF AUGUST
5 8TH, THERE ARE ONLY 18 PROJECTS, INSTEAD OF THE 24 THAT
6 REMAIN. OUR A.R.D.I. TEAM HAS, AND WILL CONTINUE TO HOST, WHAT
7 WE ARE NOW CALLING OUR DESIGN SUMMITS, TO ASSIST DEPARTMENTS
8 WITH EXPEDITING THE COMPLETION OF THEIR PROJECTS. ONE SUCH
9 SUMMIT YIELDED A COMPLETION OF EIGHT PROJECTS IN ONE DAY, AS
10 WE PROVIDED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DEPARTMENTS TO GET THEM
11 ACROSS THE FINISH LINE. 63 PROJECTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR
12 LAUNCH AND IMPLEMENTATION, INCLUDING PROJECTS THAT WERE
13 EXPEDITED, AS WELL AS SUPPORTED, IN FUNDING AREAS THAT WERE
14 ALLOCATED BY THE BOARD, TO SUSTAIN OUR PANDEMIC RESPONSE
15 SERVICES, OUR DISASTER SERVICE WORKER PROGRAM, AND CENTRALIZE
16 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES RELATED TO THE RESPONSE. A TOTAL OF 63
17 PROJECTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR LAUNCH, WHICH NOW REPRESENT
18 \$867,900,000, AND EQUALS APPROXIMATELY 89% OF OUR TRANCHE-ONE
19 FUNDS. NEXT SLIDE. SO, AS OF JULY 2022, 25 PROJECTS HAVE
20 LAUNCHED, OR ARE PARTIALLY LAUNCHED, AND THAT REPRESENTS 43.9%
21 OF ALL OF OUR APPROVED PROJECTS, AND 30.9% OF ALL PROJECTS.
22 TEN PROJECTS FOR LAUNCH, BY THE END OF JULY, AND 33 PROJECTS
23 ARE EXPECTED TO LAUNCH BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER, WITH 13
24 PROJECTS BEING LAUNCHED AFTER SEPTEMBER. AT THIS TIME, I WOULD
25 LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO DIRECTOR CARBAJAL, WHO WILL HIGHLIGHT

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1 THE STAY HOUSED A.R.P.-FUNDED INITIATIVE TODAY. NEXT SLIDE.

2 DR. CARBAJAL?

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4 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** THANK YOU, DR. SCORZA. MADAM CHAIR AND
5 HONORABLE BOARD, THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO BE PART OF
6 TODAY'S DISCUSSION. I'M RAFAEL CARBAJAL, AND I HAVE THE
7 PRIVILEGE OF LEADING THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS
8 AFFAIRS. WE'RE A PROGRAM CENTERED AROUND PROTECTING THE
9 ECONOMIC WELLBEING OF OUR CONSUMERS, IMMIGRANTS, TENANTS, AND
10 WORKERS, AND THIS INCLUDES OUR ACCESS TO JUSTICE PROGRAMS THAT
11 PROVIDE LEGAL ASSISTANCE AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION SERVICES TO
12 OUR RESIDENTS. INCLUDED IN THIS IS OUR COUNTY'S EVICTION
13 DEFENSE AND PREVENTION PROGRAM, ALSO KNOWN AS STAY HOUSED L.A.
14 COUNTY, WHICH WAS BOLSTERED WITH TRANCHE-ONE AMERICAN RESCUE
15 FUNDS. AND TODAY I'M HERE, JOINING YOU TO PROVIDE UPDATES ON
16 THIS PROJECT. SO, NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, STAY HOUSED L.A. IS
17 A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THE CITY OF
18 L.A., AND 25 NONPROFIT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND [INAUDIBLE]
19 PROVIDERS. THE PROGRAM PROVIDES COUNTY TENANTS WITH THE
20 INFORMATION, RESOURCES, SERVICES, AND THE SUPPORT THEY NEED TO
21 EXERCISE THEIR RIGHTS AND REMAIN SAFELY IN THEIR HOMES. THE
22 FIRST ITERATION OF THE PROGRAM LAUNCHED IN JUNE 2020, IN
23 RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC, TO HELP STEM EVICTIONS AND KEEP
24 PEOPLE HOUSED DURING THE C.O.V.I.D. EMERGENCY. NEXT SLIDE,
25 PLEASE. THE PROGRAM PROVIDES OUR RESIDENTS WITH CULTURALLY AND

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1 LINGUISTICALLY ACCESSIBLE OUTREACH AND EDUCATION ON TENANTS'
2 RIGHTS AND RESOURCES. THIS INCLUDES ALMOST DAILY VIRTUAL
3 WORKSHOPS, TARGETED IN-PERSON WORKSHOPS, POP-UP INFORMATIONAL
4 SESSIONS, AND DOOR-TO-DOOR COMMUNITY CANVASSING, HELPING US
5 MEET OUR RESIDENTS WHERE THEY ARE. IT ALSO INCLUDES
6 INDIVIDUALIZED TENANT NAVIGATION SERVICES. THIS INCLUDES A
7 TRIAGE OF ISSUES AND NEEDS, ASSISTANCE WITH COMPLETING FORMS
8 AND PAPERWORK, AND CONNECTING THEM TO RESOURCES AS THEY WORK
9 THROUGH THEIR HOUSING CRISIS. THE PROGRAM ALSO INCLUDES
10 LIMITED- OR FULL-SCOPE LEGAL REPRESENTATIONS FOR ELIGIBLE
11 TENANTS. LIMITED-SCOPE LEGAL SERVICES INCLUDE ONE-ON-ONE
12 CONSULTATIONS, ADVICE ON UNLAWFUL DETAINER CASES AND HOUSING
13 MATTERS, ASSISTANCE WITH FILING OR COMPLETING FORMS, AND
14 CORRESPONDENCE. FOR THOSE ELIGIBLE FOR FULL-SCOPE LEGAL
15 REPRESENTATION, IT INCLUDES COMPREHENSIVE LEGAL ASSISTANCE,
16 SUCH AS REPRESENTING TENANTS AT UNLAWFUL DETAINER TRIALS, IN
17 SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS, OR ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS. AND
18 FINALLY, IN AN EFFORT TO PREVENT EVICTIONS AND DISRUPTIVE
19 DISPLACEMENTS, AND TO HELP STABILIZE OUR TENANTS, THE PROGRAM
20 OFFERS SHORT-TERM RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE ELIGIBLE
21 TENANTS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THE STAY HOUSED PROGRAM AIMS TO
22 PROVIDE TENANTS LIVING IN VULNERABLE AND HISTORICALLY
23 UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES-- AS OUR CHAIR IS QUICKLY TO REFRAME
24 FOR US, "UNFINISHED COMMUNITIES"-- WITH THESE RESOURCES.
25 OUTREACH AND EDUCATION ON TENANTS' RIGHTS AND RESOURCES,

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1 INCLUDING WORKSHOPS, ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL OUR COUNTY
2 RESIDENTS, BUT THERE IS ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR LEGAL
3 SERVICES AND SHORT-TERM RENTAL ASSISTANCE. TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR
4 LEGAL ASSISTANCE, YOUR HOUSEHOLD MUST EARN LESS THAN 80% OF
5 THE AREA MEDIAN INCOME, OR A.M.I.; RESIDE IN A HIGHLY
6 VULNERABLE COMMUNITY, AS IDENTIFIED VIA THE TENANT
7 VULNERABILITY INDEX, AND THE COUNTY'S C.O.V.I.D.-19
8 VULNERABILITY AND RECOVERY INDEX; AND ALSO NOT RESIDE WITHIN
9 THE CITY OF L.A. SO, WHO MAY QUALIFY FOR SHORT-TERM RENTAL
10 ASSISTANCE? WELL, RESIDENTS WHO MEET THE CRITERIA FOR FULL,
11 LIMITED, OR FULL-SCOPE LEGAL ASSISTANCE MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR
12 ONE OF TWO LEVELS OF ASSISTANCE. HOUSEHOLDS MAKING UP TO 80%
13 A.M.I. MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR UP TO NINE MONTHS OF RENTAL
14 ASSISTANCE, OR UP TO \$12,500 IN ASSISTANCE, WHICHEVER IS LESS.
15 HOUSEHOLDS IN UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY, MAKING UP TO 30%
16 A.M.I., MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR UP TO 12 MONTHS OF RENTAL
17 ASSISTANCE, OR UP TO \$20,000 IN ASSISTANCE, WHICHEVER IS LESS.
18 SO, I MUST ADD A QUICK NOTE. ALL TENANT HOUSEHOLDS IN THE
19 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ARE POTENTIALLY ELIGIBLE FOR SERVICES
20 FUNDED THROUGH A.R.P. CHARGE FUND, BUT IT DOES EXCLUDE THOSE
21 THAT RESIDE WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES.
22 SO, I NOTED EARLIER, THE CITY OF L.A. IS A GREAT PARTNER WITH
23 US IN THIS PROGRAM, AND L.A. CITY TENANTS ARE POTENTIALLY
24 ELIGIBLE FOR THESE SERVICES, TOO, BUT THESE SERVICES ARE
25 FUNDED SEPARATELY BY THE CITY OF L.A. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THE

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1 PROGRAM PLACES PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON TARGETING THESE SERVICES
2 TO LOW-INCOME, HIGH-VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES. OUR TEAM AND
3 PARTNERS IDENTIFY THESE COMMUNITIES USING THE TENANT
4 VULNERABILITY INDEX, AND THE COUNTY'S C.O.V.I.D.-19
5 VULNERABILITY AND RECOVERY INDEX. SO, SOME EXAMPLES OF
6 NEIGHBORHOODS THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS LOW-INCOME AND
7 HIGHLY VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES INCLUDE BASSETT, UNINCORPORATED
8 EAST L.A., RANCHO DOMINGUEZ, WILLOWBROOK, UNINCORPORATED SAN
9 FERNANDO, SOUTH GATE, CUDAHY, LAKE LOS ANGELES, LANCASTER, AND
10 PALMDALE. UNFORTUNATELY, THE LIST IS TOO LONG TO LIST THEM
11 ALL, BUT THESE ARE JUST SOME EXAMPLES I WANTED TO PROVIDE AS A
12 GOOD REFERENCE. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. I SHARED EARLIER, THE
13 PROGRAM IS ACTIVE AND HAS ALREADY HELPED CONNECT WITH OVER
14 580,000 TENANTS, PROVIDED LIMITED LEGAL SERVICES AND TENANT
15 NAVIGATION TO ALMOST 13,000 HOUSEHOLDS, AND PROVIDED FULL-
16 SCOPE LEGAL REPRESENTATION TO OVER 2,000 HOUSEHOLDS. BUT MORE
17 THAN JUST THE NUMBERS, WE HAVE SEEN THE IMPACT THAT THE
18 PROGRAM HAS HAD ON THE LIVES OF OUR RESIDENTS ACROSS THE
19 COUNTY. FOR EXAMPLE, NOT TOO LONG AGO, A 73-YEAR-OLD TENANT
20 WAS ILLEGALLY LOCKED OUT BY HER LANDLORD WHILE BEING
21 HOSPITALIZED FOR A STROKE. HER SON REACHED OUT TO STAY HOUSED
22 L.A. AFTER LEARNING ABOUT THE LANDLORD'S ACTIONS, AND THE
23 PROGRAM HELPED ORGANIZE LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO FIGHT THE LOCKOUT,
24 WHICH ULTIMATELY RESULTED IN THE LOCKOUT BEING LIFTED, AND THE
25 TENANT WAS ABLE TO RETURN TO HER HOME AND RECOVER SAFELY. SO,

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1 THIS IS JUST ONE STORY OF MANY, AND WE PLAN TO CONTINUE DOING
2 THIS GREAT WORK WITH THE A.R.P. INVESTMENT YOUR BOARD HAS
3 MADE. THE INFUSION OF A.R.P. WILL INCREASE OUR EFFORTS BY
4 HELPING US PROVIDE OUTREACH AND EDUCATION TO AT LEAST AN
5 ADDITIONAL 100,000 TENANTS, DELIVERING APPROXIMATELY 120
6 VIRTUAL OR IN-PERSON "KNOW YOUR RIGHTS" WORKSHOPS, PROVIDE
7 4,000 TENANTS WITH NAVIGATION SERVICES, CONNECT 2,000 TENANTS
8 WITH LIMITED-SCOPE LEGAL SERVICES, AND PROVIDE 1,200 TENANTS
9 WITH FULL-SCOPE LEGAL SERVICES, AND PROVIDE UP TO \$1 MILLION
10 IN SHORT-TERM RENTAL ASSISTANCE. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, AS
11 NOTED, THE PROGRAM IS ACTIVE, AND FOR OUR TENANTS WATCHING
12 NOW, AND LISTENING, YOU CAN CONNECT WITH THESE SERVICES NOW BY
13 GOING TO STAYHOUSEDLA.ORG, OR CALLING 888-694-0040. IN
14 ADDITION, D.C.B.A.'S TENANT PROTECTIONS HOTLINE IS ALSO
15 AVAILABLE FOR BOTH TENANTS AND LANDLORDS, AND PROVIDES ONE-ON-
16 ONE COUNSELING SERVICES ON HOUSING AND TENANT PROTECTIONS, AND
17 CONNECTIONS TO SERVICES. WE COULD BE REACHED AT 800-593-8222.
18 COUNTY RESIDENTS CAN ALSO SCHEDULE IN-PERSON, VIRTUAL, OR
19 TELEPHONE APPOINTMENTS THROUGH OUR WEBSITE, BY GOING TO
20 DCBA.LACOUNTY.GOV. SO, THIS CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION, BUT I
21 WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO THANK YOU AND YOUR TEAMS FOR
22 YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THIS CRITICAL PROGRAM; TO OUR
23 C.E.O., FESIA DAVENPORT, AND HER TEAM, FOR ALL HER GUIDANCE
24 AND SUPPORT. AND FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY TEAM AND
25 OUR 25 COMMUNITY-BASED AND NONPROFIT LEGAL SERVICE PARTNERS

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1 WHO MAKE UP STAY HOUSED L.A. PROGRAM, AND WHO FIGHT DAY TO
2 DAY, RELENTLESSLY, TO HELP OUR TENANTS. THANK YOU AGAIN. I'M
3 AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

4

5 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** EXCELLENT. THANK YOU, BOTH, VERY MUCH
6 FOR THE PRESENTATION. THE SET MATTER 1 IS ALWAYS REALLY
7 INFORMATIVE, AND HELPS US KEEP TRACK OF HOW FAR OUR AMERICAN
8 RESCUE PLAN DOLLARS ARE GOING INTO OUR COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE
9 COUNTY, SO THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, BOTH, TO
12 DR. SCORZA AND TO DIRECTOR RAFAEL CARBAJAL. HAPPY THAT WE ARE
13 MAKING PROGRESS WITH OUR TRANCHE OF FUNDING THROUGH A.R.P.,
14 AND GLAD TO SEE THAT THAT IS MOVING QUICKLY, AND MORE WILL BE
15 RELEASED BY SEPTEMBER. BUT I WANTED TO SPEAK DIRECTLY TO
16 DIRECTOR RAFAEL CARBAJAL, WHO'S BEEN DIRECTING D.C.B.A., AND
17 ACTUALLY BEEN, I THINK, VERY PIVOTAL IN THE C.O.V.I.D.
18 RESPONSE. SO, I KNOW YOU'RE KIND OF A LITTLE HUMBLE THERE, BUT
19 YOU HAVE HELPED OUR COMMUNITY RESIDENTS IN SO MANY WAYS,
20 EXPEDITING, IN FACT, GETTING OUT A LOT OF SMALL GRANTS TO
21 PEOPLE, BUT NOW SHOWING US THAT YOUR WORK HAS BEEN ENABLING A
22 LOT OF OUR RESIDENTS AND TENANTS TO STAY IN PLACE. SO, KEEPING
23 PEOPLE HOUSED, MAKING SURE THEY KNOW THEIR RIGHTS IN THEIR
24 DIFFERENT LANGUAGES, AND HOLDING THOSE LEGAL AID SEMINARS
25 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES, I THINK IS A

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1 GOOD EXAMPLE OF HOW L.A. COUNTY LEADS. SO, I REALLY WANT TO
2 COMMEND YOU AND YOUR STAFF FOR THAT. BUT I KNOW THAT THE MONEY
3 THAT WE RECEIVE, EVEN THOUGH WE SPEND ABOUT \$12 MILLION ON
4 A.R.P. FOR THIS INVESTMENT HERE, IN THIS PARTICULAR AREA, WE
5 KNOW THAT WE'RE GOING TO NEED A LOT MORE, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE
6 WE SEE THE OTHER CITIES MOVING IN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION. SO,
7 HOW DO WE CONTINUE WITH OUR GOOD WORK, AND HOW DO WE PIVOT SO
8 THAT WE LET OUR RESIDENTS KNOW THAT WE CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE
9 VERY MUCH NEEDED AND VITAL SERVICES THAT THEY NEED TO COUNT
10 ON, AND WHO HAVE YET TO BE MADE AWARE OF? HOW DO WE PIVOT TO
11 THAT?

12

13 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON
14 THIS, AND THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION, AND THANK YOU FOR ALL
15 THE COMPLIMENTS. IT TAKES A VILLAGE. I JUST STAND HERE ON THE
16 SHOULDERS OF SO MANY PEOPLE DOING THIS GREAT WORK, BUT THANK
17 YOU FOR ALL THAT. WELL, AS WE KNOW, EVEN PRIOR TO THE
18 C.O.V.I.D. EMERGENCY, L.A. COUNTY HAS HAD SOME OF THE HIGHEST
19 PERCENTAGES OF RENT-BURDENED TENANTS IN THE NATION. ADD TO
20 THIS THE DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC, THE
21 CONTINUED INCREASES IN THE COST OF LIVING, AND YOU HAVE A
22 RECIPE FOR CONTINUED GROWTH IN DEMAND FOR THESE SERVICES. SO,
23 CURRENTLY, THE DEMAND FOR THIS PROGRAM IS OUTPACING OUR
24 AVAILABLE RESOURCES. SO, FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS, THIS PROGRAM
25 HAS BEEN OPERATED THROUGH THE COBBLING TOGETHER OF ONE-TIME

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1 DOLLARS. AND AS YOU HAVE NOTED, THE USE OF [INAUDIBLE]
2 FUNDING, THAT OUR FRIENDS AT L.A.C.D.A. WERE ABLE TO ACQUIRE,
3 WERE VERY HELPFUL. WE HAVE ALSO USED MEASURE H DOLLARS IN THE
4 PAST, N.C.C. DOLLARS FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST, AND
5 ONE-TIME STATE FUNDING. SO, TO ENSURE THAT WE CONTINUE TO MEET
6 THESE NEEDS, THE PROGRAM WOULD BENEFIT FROM US HELPING
7 IDENTIFY SOME SUSTAINABLE FUNDING. NOT ONLY WILL THIS HELP
8 MORE RESIDENTS, BUT IT WOULD ALSO HELP OUR C.B.O. PARTNERS
9 WITH THE ABILITY TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN STAFF. ONE-TIME FUNDING
10 COMES WITH THE ADDED PRESSURE OF UNCERTAINTY FOR BOTH EXISTING
11 AND POTENTIAL EMPLOYEES, AND MANY POTENTIAL EMPLOYEES WON'T
12 APPLY OR ACCEPT SOME OF THESE JOBS, BECAUSE THEY FEAR LOSING
13 IT, ONCE THE FUNDING IS EXHAUSTED. SO, I WILL ADD THAT
14 D.C.B.A. HAS SUBMITTED A PROPOSAL FOR A.R.P. TRANCHE-TWO
15 FUNDING, THAT CAN SERVE AS A BASELINE FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS.
16 AND IF APPROVED, THIS CAN HELP US CREATE SOME STABILITY FOR
17 THE PROGRAM, AS WE WORK CLOSELY WITH OUR C.E.O. PARTNERS TO
18 IDENTIFY ONGOING SUSTAINABLE RESOURCES.

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20 **SUP. SOLIS:** CAN I ASK YOU WHAT THAT AMOUNT WOULD LOOK LIKE?

21
22 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** SO, WE ASKED FOR \$36 MILLION OVER THE 2.5
23 YEAR PERIOD THAT IS LEFT ON THE A.R.P. SPENDING PLAN. SO, IF
24 THAT DOES COME TO FRUITION, WE COULD DEFINITELY PUT THIS INTO

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1 USE, AND DEFINITELY CONTINUE TO SUPPORT, AND CONTINUE TO HELP
2 MORE FOLKS.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** RIGHT. ONE LAST QUESTION FOR YOU, RAFAEL. I KNOW,
5 IN THE PAST, YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE, I KNOW, OUR OFFICE
6 WITH SPECIFIC INFORMATION OF HOW PROGRAM FUNDING HAS BEEN
7 DISTRIBUTED. CAN YOU PROVIDE THAT AGAIN TO US, BY THE
8 FORMATTED WAY THAT YOU HAVE DONE IN THE PAST, BY DISTRICT? CAN
9 YOU DO THAT?

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11 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** OH, ABSOLUTELY. A GREAT QUESTION, TOO,
12 BECAUSE DATA IS CRITICAL TO ENSURING THAT OUR PROGRAMS ARE
13 EFFECTIVE, AND WE'RE REALLY HELPING THE PEOPLE WE NEED TO
14 HELP. SO, AS I NOTED, THE STAY HOUSED PROGRAM BROUGHT TOGETHER
15 25 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND LEGAL SERVICES, AND NOT EVERY
16 ONE OF THOSE PROVIDERS HAS ALWAYS CAPTURED THE SERVICE DATA IN
17 THE SAME WAY. AND FOR MANY, IT'S ALSO BEEN THE FIRST TIME THAT
18 THEY HAVE WORKED WITH THE COUNTY IN SOME OF THESE PROJECTS.
19 SO, WE HAVE MADE SOME INVESTMENTS IN THIS SPACE, AND I AM
20 HAPPY TO REPORT THAT, IN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO, WE WILL BE ABLE
21 TO PROVIDE YOUR BOARD OFFICES A DASHBOARD THAT KIND OF
22 OUTLINES AND HIGHLIGHTS, AT A HIGH LEVEL, WHO WE ARE SERVING
23 AND WHERE WE ARE SERVING THEM. WE'VE STARTED TO REVIEW THE
24 DATA, AND IT IS SHOWING US THAT ALL OF OUR DISTRICTS HAVE
25 HIGHLY VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES IN NEED OF THIS SERVICE. IN

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1 ADDITION, IN REVIEWING THE DEMOGRAPHICS, IT IS ALSO SHOWING US
2 THAT WE ARE SERVING PRIMARILY WORKING-AGE BLACK AND LATINO
3 WOMEN, WHO EARN LESS THAN 30% OF A.M.I. THESE ARE THE SAME
4 FOLKS WHO WE ALL KNOW WERE DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY THE
5 PANDEMIC. SO, IT IS DEMONSTRATING THAT THIS PROGRAM IS HELPING
6 THE MOST IN NEED. SO, ONCE WE FINALIZE THAT, WE WILL MAKE SURE
7 THAT WE GET THAT OUT TO ALL OF YOUR OFFICES AS SOON AS
8 POSSIBLE.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** GREAT. GOOD. WELL, WE ARE CHEERLEADERS FOR WHAT
11 YOU ARE DOING, SO THANK YOU. THANK YOU, BOTH, AND THANK YOU
12 FOR THE GREAT WORK. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

13

14 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OF COURSE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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16 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO ADD TO
17 THE ACCOLADES TO BOTH OF YOU: TO DR. SCORZA, FOR THE OVERVIEW
18 THAT YOU ALWAYS BRING TO HOW THESE EMERGENCY FUNDS ARE BEING
19 USED, AND THE GOOD THAT THEY ARE DOING. AND, DIRECTOR
20 CARBAJAL, I MEAN, THREE YEARS AGO, WHEN I BROUGHT THIS MOTION
21 TO CREATE STAY HOUSED L.A., AND M.R.T. WAS STILL HERE AS THE
22 CO-AUTHOR, YOU KNOW, WE-- WE DO A LOT OF MOTIONS, AND WE HAVE
23 A LOT OF FAITH AS TO WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT. BUT I HAVE TO SAY,
24 I AM PARTICULARLY GRATEFUL TO YOU, AND ALL OF THOSE WITH WHOM
25 YOU WORK, FOR MAKING THIS A REALITY, BECAUSE I HONESTLY THINK-

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1 - I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU ABOUT THE NEED FOR CONTINUING AND
2 MORE STABLE SORT OF FUNDING SOURCES THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS
3 ASKED, BUT MY QUESTION TO YOU IS, DO YOU HAVE ANY INITIAL
4 INSIGHTS ABOUT WHETHER FUNDING STAY HOUSED L.A. IS CREATING A
5 RETURN, I GUESS WE WOULD SAY, ON COUNTY INVESTMENT? KIND OF,
6 WHAT CAN WE SAY ABOUT IT?

7

8 **RAFAEL CARBAJAL:** WELL, FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR,
9 AND YOUR TEAM, FOR CHAMPIONING ALL THIS, AND BEING ONE OF THE
10 BIGGEST ADVOCATES OF THIS PROGRAM. I APPRECIATE ALL THE HELP
11 AND GUIDANCE FROM YOU AND YOUR TEAM ON THIS PROGRAM, AS WELL.
12 THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION, SPECIFICALLY ON STAY HOUSED. WE
13 HAVEN'T DONE THAT EVALUATION YET. BUT RECENTLY, IN OUR
14 LESSONS-LEARNED REPORT-BACK THAT WE SUBMITTED ON JULY 25TH, WE
15 DO HIGHLIGHT SOME RESEARCH IN THIS SPACE. SO, STOUT, WHICH IS
16 A GLOBAL ADVISORY FIRM THAT SPECIALIZES IN INVESTMENT BANKING,
17 RECENTLY CONDUCTED A COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS OF PROVIDING A
18 RIGHT TO COUNSEL PROGRAM FOR THOSE FACING EVICTIONS, IF IT
19 WOULD BE POTENTIALLY IMPLEMENTED IN L.A. COUNTY. THEY FOUND
20 THAT THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL ORDINANCE AND SUPPORTING PROGRAMS
21 NOT ONLY MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF
22 VULNERABLE TENANTS, BUT IT ALSO IS A MORE COST-EFFECTIVE
23 APPROACH. THE STUDY EVALUATED A PROPOSED FORMAT FOR THE
24 PROGRAM, AND THEY FOUND THAT EVERY DOLLAR INVESTED IN THE
25 PROGRAM WOULD GENERATE RETURNS OF APPROXIMATELY \$4.80 TO THE

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1 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, IF ACTUALLY IMPLEMENTED AS RECOMMENDED.
2 THE STUDY FURTHER ESTIMATES THAT AN ANNUAL INVESTMENT OF
3 APPROXIMATELY \$47 MILLION IN A RIGHT TO COUNSEL PROGRAM COULD
4 RESULT IN APPROXIMATELY \$227 MILLION IN COST SAVINGS TO THE
5 COUNTY. SO, EVEN THOUGH STAY HOUSED IS NOT A RIGHT TO COUNSEL
6 PROGRAM, IT IS WELL POSITIONED TO SERVE AS A FOUNDATION FOR
7 ONE, SHOULD YOUR BOARD DECIDE TO MOVE FORWARD IN THAT
8 DIRECTION, AND LIKELY TO PROVIDE SIMILAR RETURNS.

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU. WELL, WE HAVE BEEN TALKING, ACTUALLY,
11 FOR SEVERAL YEARS ABOUT THE SORT OF UNBALANCED SITUATION WHERE
12 PEOPLE ARE CONSTANTLY LOSING THEIR HOUSING OVER-- SOMETIMES IT
13 CAN BE ONE HUGE MEDICAL EXPENSE, AND ALL THE MONEY GOES. BUT
14 IN A LOT OF SITUATIONS, THE RENT HAS BEEN RAISED WHERE THERE
15 ARE NO LIMITS ON THOSE RAISES, AND IT IS KIND OF LIKE,
16 "SORRY," AND, "BYE-BYE." AND THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT WE
17 INVEST IN TRYING TO REHOUSE PEOPLE, RAPIDLY OR OVER THE LONG
18 TERM, IS SO MUCH MORE THAN WHAT WE HAVE INVESTED IN KEEPING
19 THEM IN THEIR HOUSING, AND JUST IS SO MUCH MORE SANE, FOR THEM
20 AND FOR US. SO, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS WORK. I WILL
21 CONTINUE, OF COURSE, TO SUPPORT IT. THE LEGAL SERVICES THAT WE
22 PROVIDE ARE ALSO VERY IMPORTANT, BECAUSE DATA DOES SHOW THAT
23 MANY, MANY MORE PEOPLE STAY IN THEIR HOUSING WHEN THEY ARE
24 REPRESENTED AGAINST AN EVICTION NOTICE THAN WHEN THEY ARE NOT.
25 AND THAT MAKES A LOT OF SENSE, NOT ONLY BECAUSE I AM AN

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1 ATTORNEY, BUT BECAUSE-- YOU KNOW, I WALK INTO COURT AND DON'T
2 KNOW WHAT TO DO. I MEAN, IT'S KIND OF LIKE, "WHAT AM I
3 SUPPOSED TO DO TO STAY IN MY HOUSE?" SO THAT'S A VERY
4 IMPORTANT PART OF IT; NOT THE ONLY IMPORTANT PART. BUT THANK
5 YOU FOR ALL THE WORK YOU HAVE DONE, AND THANK YOU, MADAM
6 CHAIR.

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8 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND I SHARE YOUR
9 APPRECIATION, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND I ALSO APPRECIATE SOME
10 A.R.P.A. DOLLARS. SO, I AM GLAD THAT WE'RE ABLE TO RECEIVE
11 THOSE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO
12 AUGMENT THE GOOD WORK THAT WAS ALREADY HAPPENING HERE IN L.A.
13 COUNTY. THANK YOU AGAIN, DIRECTOR CARBAJAL, DR. SCORZA, FOR
14 YOUR PRESENTATIONS. THIS WAS A RECEIVE AND FILE, COLLEAGUES,
15 AND SO SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. MOVING ON TO AGENDA ITEM A-10,
16 DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF NECESSARY ACTIONS RELATED TO
17 DECLARED OUTBREAKS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE-- IN THIS CASE,
18 MONKEYPOX-- WHICH I HELD. WE WILL HEAR A PRESENTATION FROM DR.
19 RITA SINGHAL, OUR CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER. AND I THINK DR.
20 FERRER IS AVAILABLE, IF WE HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS. GOOD
21 MORNING TO YOU BOTH. DR. SINGHAL?

22

23 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU SO MUCH,
24 SUPERVISOR, AND WE ARE BOTH HERE. AND, YOU KNOW, I WANT TO
25 JUST START WITH OUR APPRECIATION TO ALL THE BOARD OFFICES FOR

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1 YOUR SUPPORT, AS WE SORT OF ROLL OUT, NOW, WHAT IS SORT OF
2 ROBUST TESTING, THERAPEUTICS, AND VACCINATION. BUT I WILL TURN
3 IT OVER TO DR. SINGHAL, TO RUN THROUGH A SHORT PRESENTATION ON
4 THE UPDATES FROM WHAT WE PRESENTED TO YOU LAST WEEK. SO, GO
5 AHEAD, DR. SINGHAL. I BELIEVE YOU ARE ON.

6

7 **DR. RITA SINGHAL:** YES, I AM, SO THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK
8 YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. SO, HAPPY TO BE
9 WITH YOU TODAY TO PROVIDE THE UPDATE ON MONKEYPOX. I WILL GO
10 AHEAD AND TAKE MY FIRST SLIDE. SO, A LITTLE BIT ON OUR
11 SITUATION, CURRENTLY. SO, THE NUMBER OF MONKEYPOX CASES
12 CONTINUES TO RISE AROUND THE WORLD AND HERE IN THE UNITED
13 STATES. AS OF AUGUST 8TH, THERE ARE 30,189 CASES OF MONKEYPOX
14 ACROSS MORE THAN 88 COUNTRIES. THIS INCLUDED NEARLY 9,000
15 CONFIRMED CASES IN THE UNITED STATES, FROM 48 STATES,
16 INCLUDING 1,310 CASES IN CALIFORNIA. TO DATE, THERE HAVE BEEN
17 647 CASES OF MONKEYPOX IDENTIFIED IN L.A. COUNTY, WHICH IS THE
18 NUMBER THAT WE WILL BE RELEASING TODAY, WHICH IS DOUBLE THE
19 NUMBER OF CASES WE HAD TEN DAYS AGO. ADDITIONALLY, THERE HAVE
20 BEEN 29 CASES REPORTED IN LONG BEACH, AND FOUR CASES REPORTED
21 IN PASADENA. THE MEDIAN AGE OF MONKEYPOX CASES IN L.A. COUNTY
22 REMAINS AT 35 YEARS OF AGE. WE DO NOW HAVE ONE CASE BELOW 18
23 YEARS OF AGE, WHICH IS IN ADDITION TO THE PEDIATRIC CASE
24 REPORTED IN LONG BEACH LAST WEEK. ONLY ABOUT 30% OF CASES
25 REPORT DOMESTIC OR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, INDICATING THAT

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1 MAJORITY OF THE CASES ARE NOW FROM LOCAL TRANSMISSION. THERE
2 HAVE BEEN 12 HOSPITALIZATIONS AMONG PERSONS WITH MONKEYPOX.
3 MOST OF THESE HAVE BEEN DUE TO MINOR COMPLICATIONS FROM
4 MONKEYPOX, OR TO TREAT PAIN. INTERNATIONALLY, THERE HAVE BEEN
5 FOUR DEATHS DUE TO MONKEYPOX IN COUNTRIES OUTSIDE OF WHERE IT
6 IS ENDEMIC. HOWEVER, THERE HAVE BEEN NO DEATHS IN L.A. COUNTY,
7 OR NATIONALLY. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. PUBLIC HEALTH CONTINUES TO
8 TRACK THE DEMOGRAPHIC AND GEOGRAPHIC PROFILE OF MONKEYPOX
9 CASES IN L.A. COUNTY. THIS DASHBOARD IS LIVE ON OUR WEBSITE,
10 AND IS UPDATED EVERY FRIDAY. THE PROFILE OF CASES IN L.A.
11 COUNTY CONTINUES TO ALIGN WITH WHAT IS BEING SEEN ACROSS THE
12 COUNTRY AND THE WORLD. AS OF AUGUST 5TH, 99% OF MONKEYPOX
13 CASES IN L.A. COUNTY WERE MALE, AND OVER 85% REPORTED A SEXUAL
14 ORIENTATION AS GAY OR BISEXUAL. ADDITIONALLY, 38% OF THE
15 MONKEYPOX CASES WERE WHITE, 34% LATINX, 11% BLACK, AND 5%
16 ASIAN. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. GEOGRAPHICALLY, JUST OVER HALF OF
17 OUR CASES ARE IN SERVICE PLANNING AREA-- OR S.P.A.-- FOUR,
18 WHICH IS THE METRO REGION, WHICH IS SHOWN ON THE MAP AS THE
19 DARK PURPLE. 15% OF OUR CASES ARE IN SERVICE PLANNING AREA
20 TWO, OR THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, WHICH IS SHOWN IN BLUE. THE
21 REMAINING SERVICE PLANNING AREAS HAVE LESS THAN 10% OF CASES
22 EACH, WITH S.P.A. ONE AND THREE HAVING THE FEWEST CASES. I
23 WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE RISK OF MONKEYPOX IN THE GENERAL
24 POPULATION REMAINS LOW. OUR PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNITY AND FIELD
25 SERVICES TEAMS CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE CASES AND CONDUCT

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1 CONTACT TRACING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW WIDESPREAD THE VIRUS
2 IS IN OUR COMMUNITY. NEXT SLIDE. WE ENCOURAGE ANYONE IN THE
3 PUBLIC WHO THINKS THEY MAY HAVE MONKEYPOX TO CONTACT THEIR
4 HEALTHCARE PROVIDER FOR EVALUATION. MOST HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS
5 IN LOS ANGELES CAN TEST FOR MONKEYPOX BY COLLECTING SAMPLES
6 FROM LESIONS ON THE SKIN, AND SENDING THEM TO EITHER ONE OF
7 SEVERAL COMMERCIAL LABS THAT ARE NOW ACCEPTING SAMPLES, OR TO
8 THE PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY. TO DATE, OUR PUBLIC HEALTH
9 LABORATORY HAS CONDUCTED TESTING FOR OVER 350 SUSPECT CASES,
10 AND WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TESTING FOR PRIORITY PATIENTS AND
11 PROVIDERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO SEND SPECIMENS TO COMMERCIAL LABS.
12 PATIENTS WITHOUT A HEALTHCARE PROVIDER OR HEALTH INSURANCE CAN
13 CALL 2-1-1 FOR A REFERRAL, OR THEY CAN VISIT A PUBLIC HEALTH
14 SEXUAL HEALTH CLINIC. ALL OF OUR SEXUAL HEALTH CLINICS ARE
15 PROVIDING EVALUATION AND TESTING FOR MONKEYPOX. NEXT SLIDE,
16 PLEASE. TO MOVE TO VACCINE NOW. SO, PUBLIC HEALTH IS
17 CONTINUING TO BE AGGRESSIVE IN OUR VACCINATION EFFORTS. AS A
18 REMINDER, THE FEDERAL SUPPLY OF MONKEYPOX VACCINE REMAINS
19 LIMITED. THE PUBLIC HEALTH PRIORITY IS TO ADMINISTER FIRST
20 DOSES OF VACCINE TO AS MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE AT HIGHER RISK FOR
21 MONKEYPOX AS POSSIBLE. WHEN THE VACCINE SUPPLY IMPROVES,
22 PUBLIC HEALTH WILL MAKE SECOND DOSES AVAILABLE. TO DATE, WE
23 HAVE RECEIVED JUST OVER 43,000 DOSES OF THE JYNNEOS VACCINE.
24 THIS INCLUDES ABOUT 24,000 DOSES RECEIVED IN PHASES 1 AND 2,
25 AND ABOUT 19,000 DOSES IN TRANCHE ONE OF PHASE 3. OF THESE

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1 43,290 DOSES, AS OF 4:00 P.M. YESTERDAY, ALMOST 41,000 DOSES
2 HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO VACCINATION SITES ACROSS THE COUNTY,
3 FROM PUBLIC HEALTH PODS AND CLINICS, TO COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND
4 HOSPITALS, OUR CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND OUR CITY
5 PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS. OF THE 41,000 DOSES DISTRIBUTED,
6 28,330 DOSES HAVE BEEN ADMINISTERED, AND 12,668 DOSES ARE
7 PENDING ADMINISTRATION. OVER 20,000 OF THE VACCINES
8 ADMINISTERED WERE PROVIDED AT PUBLIC HEALTH LOCATIONS, EITHER
9 AT OUR VACCINATION PODS OR AT PUBLIC HEALTH CLINICS. IN
10 ADDITION TO PUBLIC HEALTH VACCINATION SITES, WE HAVE COMMUNITY
11 PODS IN WEST HOLLYWOOD AND SILVER LAKE THAT BEGAN VACCINATING
12 LAST WEEK, AND WE HAVE TWO MORE POP-UP SITES OPENING THIS WEEK
13 IN HOLLYWOOD. TOGETHER, WE EXPECT 4,600 DOSES TO BE
14 ADMINISTERED AT THESE LOCATIONS BY FRIDAY THIS WEEK. 10,285
15 DOSES HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO OVER 40 COMMUNITY CLINIC
16 PROVIDERS AND HOSPITALS, OF WHICH 57% OF DOSES HAVE BEEN
17 ADMINISTERED. WE ARE CONTINUALLY WORKING WITH THESE PROVIDERS
18 TO ADDRESS CHALLENGES, ASSESS ADMINISTRATION DATA, AND
19 REDISTRIBUTE DOSES ACCORDINGLY. OUR CORRECTIONS HEALTH
20 SERVICES CONTINUES TO VACCINATE THOSE ELIGIBLE IN JAILS, AND
21 WE HAVE PROVIDED DOSES TO BOTH CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS FOR
22 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTION. LAST, WE
23 HAVE ALLOCATED 1,500 DOSES FOR PERSONS EXPERIENCING
24 HOMELESSNESS, OR P.E.H., AND OTHER VULNERABLE POPULATIONS.
25 MORE DETAIL ON HOW WE ARE WORKING WITH THESE GROUPS WILL BE

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1 PROVIDED A LITTLE LATER IN THIS PRESENTATION. OVERALL, WE'VE
2 ADMINISTERED 65% OF THE DOSES L.A. COUNTY HAS RECEIVED. THE
3 GOAL IS TO ADMINISTER THE MAJORITY OF THE REMAINING DOSES BY
4 SUNDAY, HOLDING ONLY A SMALL NUMBER OF VACCINES FOR NEWLY
5 IDENTIFIED HIGH- AND INTERMEDIATE-RISK CLOSE CONTACTS. A
6 LITTLE BIT ON FUTURE DOSES. SO, TRANCHE 2 OF PHASE 3 WILL BE
7 AVAILABLE TO US TO ORDER ON MONDAY, AUGUST 15TH. TRANCHE 2 IS
8 ABOUT 30% OF OUR PHASE-3 DOSES, WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO 14,436
9 DOSES. THE LAST TRANCHE OF PHASE 3 IS ANOTHER 14,436 DOSES,
10 WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE TO US ONCE WE HAVE ADMINISTERED 90% OF
11 OUR DOSES RECEIVED. ALSO, I WANT TO ADDRESS A NEW DEVELOPMENT
12 REGARDING AN ALTERNATE DOSING REGIMEN WITH THE JYNNEOS
13 VACCINE. SO, THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT F.D.A. HAS
14 APPROVED A DOSING REGIMEN THAT WILL USE A SMALLER DOSE OF THE
15 VACCINE, AND BE ADMINISTERED INTRADERMALLY, INSTEAD OF
16 INTRAMUSCULAR. THIS APPROVAL WAS BASED ON SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE
17 THAT THIS ALTERNATE REGIMEN PRODUCES A SIMILAR IMMUNE RESPONSE
18 AS THE CURRENT VACCINE APPROACH. WE ARE AWAITING ADDITIONAL
19 INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FROM C.D.C., AND HOPE TO
20 IMPLEMENT ONCE OUR CLINICAL PROVIDERS ARE TRAINED. THIS
21 ALTERNATE REGIMEN HAS THE POTENTIAL TO EXPAND OUR VACCINE
22 ALLOCATION BY 5 TIMES. LASTLY, I CAN PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE
23 STATE'S VACCINE ADMINISTRATION PLATFORM, MY TURN. WE HAVE BEEN
24 WORKING WITH THE STATE FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS TO HAVE
25 THEM ADD THE MONKEYPOX MODULE TO THE MY TURN SYSTEM, SO DOSES

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1 ADMINISTERED CAN BE RECORDED THERE. THIS HAS TAKEN TIME.
2 HOWEVER, WE HAVE RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM THE STATE THAT THEY
3 WILL BE ROLLING IT OUT IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS. IN THE
4 MEANTIME, ALL PROVIDERS HAVE BEEN USING THE R.E.D.CAP SYSTEM
5 TO DOCUMENT THEIR ADMINISTRATION DATA, WHICH WE ARE MANDATED
6 TO COLLECT. PUBLIC HEALTH HOLDS WEEKLY MEETINGS WITH CLINICAL
7 PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. IT IS STRONGLY
8 ENCOURAGED THAT CLINICAL PROVIDERS WHO ARE ADMINISTERING THE
9 MONKEYPOX VACCINE ATTEND THESE MEETINGS, SO THAT THEY ARE
10 HEARING THE LATEST INFORMATION AND GETTING ASSISTANCE, AS
11 NEEDED. NEXT SLIDE. IN AN EFFORT TO SIMPLIFY THE ELIGIBILITY
12 FOR THE MONKEYPOX VACCINE, PUBLIC HEALTH DID EXPAND AND CHANGE
13 THEIR CRITERIA LAST WEEK. THE MONKEYPOX VACCINE IS NOW
14 AVAILABLE TO GAY OR BISEXUAL MEN AND TRANSGENDER PERSONS 18
15 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER, WHO HAVE HAD MULTIPLE OR ANONYMOUS SEX
16 PARTNERS IN THE LAST 14 DAYS, INCLUDING ENGAGING IN SURVIVAL
17 OR TRANSACTIONAL SEX. RESIDENTS WHO MET PRIOR ELIGIBILITY
18 CRITERIA ARE STILL ELIGIBLE FOR VACCINATION, AND THIS INCLUDES
19 GAY OR BISEXUAL MEN OR TRANSGENDER PERSONS WHO WERE DIAGNOSED
20 WITH GONORRHEA OR EARLY SYPHILIS WITHIN THE PAST 12 MONTHS,
21 ARE ON H.I.V. PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS, OR ATTENDED OR WORKED
22 AT A COMMERCIAL SEX VENUE OR OTHER VENUE WHERE THEY HAD
23 ANONYMOUS SEX OR SEX WITH MULTIPLE PARTNERS. IN ADDITION, WE
24 ARE PRIORITIZING RESIDENTS WHO ARE IMMUNOCOMPROMISED,
25 INCLUDING THOSE THAT HAVE ADVANCED OR UNCONTROLLED H.I.V., AS

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1 THEY MAY BE AT HIGHER RISK FOR SEVERE DISEASE. ADDITIONALLY,
2 RESIDENTS WHO DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET, OR NEED
3 ASSISTANCE WITH VACCINE ACCESS, CAN NOW CALL OUR PUBLIC HEALTH
4 CALL CENTER AT 833-540-0473. WE HAVE STAFF AVAILABLE 7 DAYS A
5 WEEK, 8:00 A.M. TO 8:30 P.M., IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES. NEXT
6 SLIDE, PLEASE. WE CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS WHO ARE
7 ELIGIBLE FOR THE VACCINE TO CONTACT THEIR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER,
8 TO FIND OUT IF THEY ARE A MONKEYPOX VACCINE PROVIDER.
9 RESIDENTS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE, AND ARE ALSO ABLE TO PREREGISTER
10 TO GET VACCINATED THROUGH PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY POD
11 SITES, AS MONKEYPOX VACCINE DOSES BECOME AVAILABLE, THE
12 PREREGISTRATION LINK IS OPENED, AND WHEN CAPACITY IS REACHED,
13 IT IS PAUSED. RESIDENTS CAN SUBSCRIBE TO OUR MONKEYPOX
14 NEWSLETTER ON OUR MONKEYPOX WEBSITE, TO BE NOTIFIED WHEN
15 PREREGISTRATION IS OPEN. I'M HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE
16 REGISTRATION PORTAL WAS OPEN THIS MORNING, AND WE ARE
17 CURRENTLY TAKING REGISTRATIONS. THOSE REGISTERED WILL RECEIVE
18 A TEXT MESSAGE FROM PUBLIC HEALTH, INVITING THEM TO BE
19 VACCINATED OVER THE NEXT 1-2 DAYS. PLEASE DO NOT CALL OR SHOW
20 UP AT MONKEYPOX VACCINATION CLINICS OR PUBLIC WALK-UP SITES
21 WITHOUT HAVING A PERSONAL TEXT MESSAGE FROM PUBLIC HEALTH, AS
22 THIS IS REQUIRED PROOF OF VERIFICATION. ADDITIONALLY, PUBLIC
23 HEALTH IS COMMUNICATING DIRECTLY WITH A NUMBER OF GROUPS TO
24 PROVIDE VACCINATION, INCLUDING PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD HIGH- OR
25 INTERMEDIATE-RISK CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WITH MONKEYPOX, AND

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1 PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED AN EVENT OR VENUE WHERE THERE WAS A HIGH
2 RISK OF EXPOSURE. PUBLIC HEALTH IS ALSO WORKING WITH CLINICAL
3 STAFF IN THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM TO PROVIDE VACCINES TO
4 PEOPLE IN HIGH-RISK COHORTS, AND WE'RE WORKING WITH PARTNERS
5 TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND VACCINES TO PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
6 HOMELESSNESS AND HIGH-RISK POPULATIONS IDENTIFIED THROUGH
7 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. A LITTLE
8 MORE ON THESE PARTNERSHIPS. SO, OVER THE COURSE OF THE
9 C.O.V.I.D.-19 PANDEMIC, PUBLIC HEALTH FORMED STRONG
10 PARTNERSHIPS WITH A NUMBER OF COMMUNITY- AND FAITH-BASED
11 ORGANIZATIONS, TO SHARE RESOURCES AND INFORMATION, AND TO
12 PROVIDE EASY ACCESS TO VACCINE. AND WE ARE EMULATING THE SAME
13 MODEL FOR THE MONKEYPOX RESPONSE. WE ARE HOLDING TELE-BRIEFING
14 CALLS WITH OUR COMMUNITY-BASED AND FAITH-BASED PARTNERS TO
15 PROVIDE A SITUATIONAL UPDATE ON MONKEYPOX AND THE VACCINE
16 EFFORT, AND TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THEY MAY HAVE. AND AS I'VE
17 MENTIONED DURING PREVIOUS MEETINGS, PUBLIC HEALTH HAS NEARLY
18 100,000 PRINTED MATERIALS ABOUT MONKEYPOX THAT WE ARE MAKING
19 AVAILABLE TO OUR COMMUNITY AND FAITH-BASED PARTNERS. WE'RE
20 ALSO WORKING WITH A NUMBER OF PARTNERS TO PROVIDE VACCINES TO
21 THE MOST VULNERABLE THROUGH MOBILE VACCINE EVENTS, AND HAVE
22 SET ASIDE NEARLY 500 DOSES FOR THESE EVENTS, MANY OF WHICH ARE
23 CLOSE TO BEING FINALIZED, AND WE'LL BE HAPPY TO SHARE MORE
24 INFORMATION ONCE THEY ARE CONFIRMED. WE'RE ALSO HOLDING TELE-
25 BRIEFING CALLS WITH OUR P.E.H. PROVIDERS AND INTERIM HOUSING

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1 PARTNERS TO PROVIDE THE SAME INFORMATION AND RESOURCES. WE'VE
2 CREATED A P.E.H.-SPECIFIC POCKET CARD IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH
3 THAT WE ARE SUPPLYING TO OUTREACH TEAMS. AND FINALLY, NEARLY
4 30 PROVIDERS HAVE COMMITTED TO PROVIDE VACCINES TO P.E.H.
5 PROVIDERS, INCLUDING FEDERALLY QUALIFIED CENTERS, MOBILE
6 VACCINE TEAMS, AND OTHER COMMUNITY PARTNERS. WHILE THIS EFFORT
7 JUST RECENTLY GOT OFF THE GROUND, WE DO EXPECT TO ADMINISTER
8 NEARLY A THOUSAND DOSES BY THE END OF THIS WEEK. I WILL NOTE
9 THAT OUR OWN D.P.H. MOBILE VACCINE TEAMS HAVE 12 VACCINATION
10 EVENTS SCHEDULED THIS WEEK FOR P.E.H. NEXT SLIDE. FINALLY, A
11 LITTLE BIT ON OUR COMMUNICATIONS. SO, OUR COMMUNICATIONS TEAM
12 CONTINUES TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT MONKEYPOX THROUGH A
13 VARIETY OF STRATEGIES, AND I'D LIKE TO PROVIDE YOU A FEW OF
14 THOSE UPDATES. WE'VE RECEIVED FEEDBACK FROM NUMEROUS PARTNERS
15 THAT THE COMMUNITIES IMPACTED THE MOST IN THE MONKEYPOX
16 OUTBREAK GET MOST OF THEIR INFORMATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA. DURING
17 OUR LAST MEETING, SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, I MENTIONED THAT OUR TEAM
18 BUILT OUT A ROBUST MESSAGE AMBASSADOR LIST OF LOCAL L.G.B.T.Q.
19 CREATORS, ARTISTS, AND PERSONALITIES, TO PROVIDE INFORMATION
20 ON THESE CHANNELS. OUR TEAM HAS ALSO SHARED A VARIETY OF
21 MONKEYPOX ASSETS ON OUR OWN CHANNELS, WHICH TO DATE HAVE
22 REACHED MORE THAN 1.1 MILLION RESIDENTS IN L.A. COUNTY.
23 ADDITIONALLY, OUR MONKEYPOX NEWSLETTER HAS REACHED MORE THAN
24 10,000 SUBSCRIPTIONS, AND WE CONTINUE TO SHARE INFORMATION
25 WEEKLY ABOUT VACCINE ELIGIBILITY, SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS, AND WAYS

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1 RESIDENTS CAN PROTECT THEMSELVES. OUR TEAM HAS ALSO SPOKEN
2 WITH NEARLY A DOZEN MEDIA PARTNERS CONDUCTING INTERVIEWS ABOUT
3 MONKEYPOX IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH, AND WE'RE CONTINUING TO
4 PITCH OUR MEDIA PARTNERS FOR ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS ABOUT
5 MONKEYPOX TO TRADITIONAL AND ETHNIC MEDIA OUTLETS. AND AS I'VE
6 MENTIONED BEFORE, OUR MONKEYPOX PUBLIC HEALTH CALL CENTER IS
7 NOW LIVE, AND WE'RE WORKING TO PROMOTE THE CALL CENTER.
8 RESIDENTS CAN CALL THE NUMBER 833-540-0473 TO GET INFORMATION
9 ABOUT TESTING, VACCINE ELIGIBILITY, OR GENERAL INFORMATION
10 ABOUT MONKEYPOX. THANK YOU, AND HAPPY TO TAKE SOME QUESTIONS.

11

12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. A QUICK CLARIFYING QUESTION:
13 IS THE PREREGISTRATION VACCINATION LINK, HAS IT-- I UNDERSTOOD
14 THAT IT WAS AT CAPACITY, AND WAS PAUSED. IS THAT STILL THE
15 CASE?

16

17 **DR. RITA SINGHAL:** I CAN PROVIDE SOME INFORMATION ON THAT. SO,
18 THE WAY THAT OUR REGISTRATION PORTAL WORKS IS THAT WE OPEN IT
19 UP, AND WE TAKE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF REGISTRATIONS, BASED ON
20 THE NUMBER OF VACCINES THAT WE FEEL WE CAN DELIVER AT OUR
21 PUBLIC HEALTH VACCINATION SITES, AND NOW OUR COMMUNITY SITES,
22 AS WELL-- THE COMMUNITY PODS-- AND THEN WE DO SEND OUT THOSE
23 MESSAGES OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS. AND WHAT THIS MEANS IS THAT
24 THE REGISTRATION PORTAL WILL OPEN, AND THEN PAUSE. SO IT WILL
25 CLOSE, AND THEN IT WILL OPEN AGAIN, ONCE WE CAN REEVALUATE AND

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1 REDISTRIBUTE DOSES. AND WE FIND THAT WE DO HAVE MORE DOSES, WE
2 DO HAVE MORE CAPACITY AT OUR PUBLIC VACCINATION SITES, THEN WE
3 CAN OPEN UP THE PORTAL AGAIN. FOR EXAMPLE, THAT IS WHAT TODAY
4 IS. SO, TODAY, WE DID REASSESS YESTERDAY WHERE WE ARE WITH OUR
5 VACCINE DOSES, AND WE ARE ABLE TO DETERMINE THAT WE HAVE
6 SEVERAL THOUSAND DOSES THAT WE CAN GIVE OUT AT OUR PUBLIC
7 VACCINATION SITES THIS WEEK, SO WE ARE OPENING UP THE PORTAL
8 AGAIN. WE WILL TAKE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF REGISTRATIONS FOR THE
9 FOLKS THAT WE FEEL THAT WE CAN PROVIDE VACCINE TO, THIS WEEK.
10 SO, ONCE WE REACH THE LIMIT, THE PORTAL WILL CLOSE. WE WILL
11 THEN SEND OUT INVITATIONS TO THOSE FOLKS THAT ARE ON THE LIST,
12 AND THEN WE WILL CONTINUALLY REEVALUATE. SO, IF WE FEEL LIKE
13 WE DO HAVE MORE DOSES THAT CAN BE REDISTRIBUTED FROM PARTNERS
14 THAT MAY NOT BE ABLE TO USE THE DOSES THIS WEEK, THEN WE WILL
15 AGAIN OPEN UP THE PORTAL, TAKE MORE REGISTRATIONS, AND SEND
16 OUT MORE INVITATIONS.

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18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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20 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU, DR. FERRER
21 AND DOCTOR DR. SINGHAL. I REALLY APPRECIATE THE INFORMATION
22 YOU'RE GIVING US TODAY, AND I LIKE THE WAY THAT IT'S CRISP,
23 CONCISE, AND VERY MUCH TO THE POINT. SO, CONGRATULATIONS ON
24 THAT, AND THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE THE CALL CENTER NUMBER UP.
25 I'M ASSUMING THAT'S ALSO AVAILABLE IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES, SO

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1 YOU'RE ABLE TO GET TO DIFFERENT FOLKS. SO, A QUICK QUESTION,
2 ALSO, REGARDING THE FACT THAT, FOR EXAMPLE, COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
3 SITES. ON ONE OF YOUR SLIDES, YOU'RE SHOWING THAT THEY
4 RECEIVED OVER 10,000 VACCINES, AND DOSES THAT HAVE BEEN
5 ADMINISTERED IS A LITTLE BIT MORE THAN HALF-- 5,800-- BUT THEN
6 4,400 ARE STILL PENDING. I'M WONDERING, WHEN DOES YOUR STAFF
7 MAKE AN ANALYSIS, IF THEY DO, TO SEE IF WE CAN PULL THOSE
8 BACK? BECAUSE AS IT STANDS RIGHT NOW, I THINK, IN SOME WAYS,
9 YOU GUYS ARE DOING A GREAT JOB, BECAUSE OUR POP-UPS-- YOU JUST
10 OPENED ONE UP AT BARNSDALL PARK IN MY DISTRICT, AND IT'S
11 ALREADY BOOKED. SO, I'M WONDERING, WHAT IS YOUR PLAN "B" TO
12 TRY TO CLAW BACK SOME OF THOSE VACCINES, AND HOW DO WE DO IT
13 IN A MANNER THAT'S VERY TIMELY?

14

15 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, I THINK IT'S A GREAT QUESTION. AND
16 FIRST, I DO WANT TO APPRECIATE ALL OF OUR PROVIDERS. WE
17 ABSOLUTELY CAN'T DO THIS WITHOUT THE SUPPORT FROM THE
18 PROVIDERS, OUR COMMUNITY PROVIDERS. AND, YOU KNOW, THEY MAY GO
19 A LITTLE BIT SLOWER, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AS YOU KNOW, MOST OF
20 THEM ARE GOING THROUGH AN APPOINTMENT SYSTEM, AND MANY OF THEM
21 ARE SORT OF REACHING OUT TO THEIR PATIENTS TO TRY TO BRING
22 THEM IN, WHICH IS A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE THAT WE ACTUALLY CAN'T
23 PLAY. SO, OUR PROVIDERS ARE IN TOUCH WITH THEIR PATIENTS, MANY
24 OF WHOM THEY MAY HAVE A TRUSTED RELATIONSHIP WITH, MANY OF
25 WHOM THEY'RE GOING TO BE WILLING TO ASK QUESTIONS AND GET

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1 ANSWERS FROM THAT PROVIDER, BUT IT MIGHT TAKE A LITTLE BIT
2 LONGER. BUT WHEN I SAY, "A LITTLE BIT LONGER," RIGHT NOW,
3 WE'VE REALLY BEEN VERY DIRECT WITH THE PROVIDERS. THE GOAL IS
4 ALWAYS TO GET ALL OF THE DOSES WE HAVE, LEAVING VERY LITTLE
5 FOR SORT OF THE EMERGENCY SITUATIONS, REALLY INTO PEOPLE'S
6 ARMS WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DISTRIBUTION, AND THAT WILL TAKE US
7 TILL SUNDAY. IF WE SEE DURING THE WEEK THAT SOME PROVIDERS ARE
8 NOT ABLE TO GET THEIR DOSES OUT, WE TALK WITH THOSE PROVIDERS,
9 BECAUSE WE WANT THEM TO STAY IN OUR NETWORK. WHAT WE'VE SAID
10 TO FOLKS IS, "IF YOU DON'T THINK YOU'RE GOING TO USE THEM, YOU
11 CAN GIVE THEM BACK TO US. WE CAN REDISTRIBUTE." AND THEN NEXT
12 WEEK-- BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO GET ANOTHER SHIPMENT NEXT WEEK--
13 WE WILL GET MORE DOSES BACK OUT TO THE PROVIDERS. BUT WE DO
14 RESPECT THAT THE PROVIDERS ARE SETTING UP APPOINTMENTS WITH
15 THEIR PATIENTS, AND NEED A LITTLE BIT MORE TIME TO ACTUALLY
16 GET THOSE APPOINTMENTS MADE, AND TO BRING PEOPLE IN, THAN IT
17 TAKES US AT OUR PODS. SO WE'RE TRYING TO BALANCE BOTH,
18 RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANT ROLE THAT PROVIDERS HAVE IN REACHING
19 SOME OF THE FOLKS WHO MAY NOT BE COMING INTO OUR PUBLIC SITES.

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS:** RIGHT. AND FOR THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, IT'S ALMOST
22 THE SAME QUESTION. I KNOW THERE'S A GREAT NEED THERE, BUT I'M
23 SURPRISED THAT PENDING ADMINISTRATION IS OVER 2,000, AND THEY
24 WERE GIVEN 3,000. SO, I'M JUST WONDERING, MAYBE FOLKS AREN'T
25 FULLY AWARE OF WHAT'S GOING ON, ON THE GROUND OUT THERE.

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2 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** AGAIN, I THINK LONG BEACH IS WORKING HARD
3 WITH-- ALSO, THEY HAVE THEIR COMMUNITY PROVIDERS, AS WELL,
4 THAT THEY'RE TRYING TO DISTRIBUTE TO, SO THAT WE BRING PEOPLE
5 IN, BOTH THROUGH THE PUBLIC SIDE, THE PUBLIC CLINICS, AS WELL
6 AS THROUGH PRIVATE PROVIDERS, TO GET VACCINATED. BUT AGAIN,
7 LONG BEACH IS-- ALL OF THE PROVIDERS KNOW THAT IF YOU'RE NOT
8 GOING TO BE ABLE TO USE THEM BY THE END OF THIS WEEK, TO
9 PLEASE GIVE THEM BACK SO WE CAN REDISTRIBUTE THEM.

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** RIGHT, RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR THAT. ONE LAST
12 QUESTION. JUST SOMETHING THAT KIND OF DAWNED ON ME IS THAT
13 THERE IS A LOT OF CONFUSION ABOUT WHAT THIS IS, MONKEYPOX,
14 BECAUSE IF YOU HAVE A RASH, OR IF YOU HAVE, MAYBE, SHINGLES,
15 OR IF YOU HAVE HERPES, HOW ARE WE INFORMING OUR COMMUNITY TO
16 HELP DIFFERENTIATE? BECAUSE I'M SENSING THAT, IN SOME WAYS,
17 THERE ARE LANGUAGE BARRIERS AND CULTURAL BARRIERS, AND I
18 BELIEVE THAT IT COULD BE UNDERREPORTED IN IMMIGRANT
19 COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY THE LATINO COMMUNITY. AND CAN YOU GIVE
20 ME SOME, MAYBE, INSIGHT ON WHAT WE CAN DO TO HELP HIGHLIGHT
21 AND PROVIDE BETTER INFORMATION, SO PEOPLE CANNOT WAIT AND
22 THINK, "OH, IT'S JUST SHINGLES," BUT MAYBE IT REALLY ISN'T,
23 AND THEY'RE NOT REALLY AWARE OF WHAT TO LOOK FOR, BECAUSE THE
24 INFORMATION THAT'S BEING PUBLISHED OR PUT ON, OUT IN THE

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1 MEDIA, IS SOMEWHAT CONFUSING, I HAVE TO SAY, AS A LAYPERSON.

2 SO, CAN YOU SHED SOME LIGHT ON THAT, PLEASE?

3

4 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** I THINK IT'S A GREAT QUESTION. I'M GOING
5 TO LET DR. SINGHAL TALK ABOUT ALL THE EFFORTS THAT WE HAVE
6 WITH THE PROVIDER COMMUNITY, BECAUSE THAT'S A BIG PART OF IT.
7 FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE A NEW OR UNUSUAL RASH, THEY ALWAYS NEED TO
8 SEE A PROVIDER TO GET THAT RASH EVALUATED. AND I WANT TO NOTE
9 THAT MOST RASHES THAT MOST OF US HAVE ARE NOT GOING TO BE
10 MONKEYPOX. IN ORDER FOR YOU TO GET MONKEYPOX, YOU HAD TO HAVE
11 HAD AN EXPOSURE, AND IT'S NOT-- MONKEYPOX ISN'T FLOATING
12 AROUND IN THE AIR, SO IT'S A DIRECT SORT OF CLOSE CONTACT-- IN
13 SOME CASES, INTIMATE CONTACT-- EXPOSURE THAT WOULD ALLOW FOR
14 THAT EASY TRANSMISSION OF THIS VIRUS. IT'S VERY DIFFERENT THAN
15 CORONAVIRUS. BUT WE DO ALWAYS WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE
16 WHO HAVE A NEW RASH, A RASH THAT THEY'VE NOT SEEN BEFORE, A
17 RASH THAT THEY HAVE NO EXPERIENCE WITH, THIS IS THE TIME TO
18 MAKE SURE YOU'RE GETTING THAT RASH EVALUATED. AND THAT HOLDS
19 FOR FOREVER. NEW RASHES THAT PEOPLE SEE OR GET, THEY,
20 THEMSELVES, OR THEIR CHILDREN NEED TO BE EVALUATED. AND THAT'S
21 IN PART WHY I'M GOING TO ASK DR. SINGHAL TO TALK ABOUT THE
22 PROVIDER COMMUNICATIONS, BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE IT'S CRITICALLY
23 IMPORTANT, AS WELL, THAT PROVIDERS UNDERSTAND HOW TO DO THE
24 SCREENINGS AND THE TESTING, WHEN APPROPRIATE, FOR MONKEYPOX.

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1 **DR. RITA SINGHAL:** YES, ABSOLUTELY. SO, WE HAVE HELD A SERIES
2 OF WEBINARS WITH CLINICAL PROVIDERS AROUND THE COUNTY, AND IN
3 THOSE WEBINARS AND IN THOSE TRAININGS, WE ARE BASICALLY
4 PROVIDING KIND OF SIDE-BY-SIDE PICTURES, AND JUST TIPS ON HOW
5 TO DIFFERENTIATE THE MONKEYPOX RASH FROM OTHER RASHES. THERE'S
6 ALSO, I THINK, A KEY COMPONENT OF THIS THAT DR. FERRER ALSO
7 MENTIONED, WHICH IS THAT GETTING A REALLY GOOD HISTORY ON ANY
8 SORT OF EXPOSURES OR RISKS, WHICH WILL REALLY HELP THE
9 PROVIDERS TO IDENTIFY IF THIS IS SOMETHING THAT THEY SHOULD
10 CONSIDER MONKEYPOX FOR. AND NOW THAT TESTING IS AVAILABLE MORE
11 BROADLY, WE'RE ENCOURAGING PROVIDERS THAT, IF THERE IS ANY
12 QUESTION THAT THIS MAY BE MONKEYPOX, THAT THEY DO GO AHEAD AND
13 TEST. BUT WE HAVE BEEN PROVIDING KIND OF-- THERE ARE RESOURCES
14 AVAILABLE FROM C.D.C., AND FROM OTHER PLACES, AS WELL, FOR
15 PROVIDERS TO BE ABLE TO DIFFERENTIATE RASHES, THE MONKEYPOX
16 ONE, FROM OTHERS, AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE'RE DEFINITELY
17 PUSHING OUT, INCLUDING IN OUR COMMUNICATION WITH PROVIDERS.

18
19 **SUP. SOLIS:** GOOD. SO, THANK YOU. I REALLY WANT TO ENCOURAGE
20 YOU TO DO THAT, BECAUSE I DO THINK THERE CAN BE THAT
21 CONFUSION, AND JUST PUTTING IT OUT IN THEIR LANGUAGES IS GOING
22 TO BE VERY HELPFUL. AND TO KNOW THAT IF YOU HAVE A RASH, GO
23 SEE YOUR DOCTOR, GO SEE YOUR PROVIDER. I THINK THAT MESSAGE
24 REALLY HAS TO BE STATED OVER AND OVER AGAIN. SO, AGAIN, THANK
25 YOU BOTH, AND THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING THE POP-UPS IN OUR

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1 DISTRICT. AND I KNOW, AS THE VACCINES COME IN, THERE'S GOING
2 TO BE MORE AVAILABILITY. SO, THANK YOU, BOTH, AND YOUR STAFFS.
3 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

4

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

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU VERY
8 MUCH, DR. SINGHAL AND DR. FERRER. I HAVE A COUPLE OF FOLLOW-UP
9 QUESTIONS. COULD YOU CLARIFY AGAIN WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT SECOND
10 DOSES? BECAUSE WHERE THE VACCINE IS LIMITED, I KIND OF WANTED
11 TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE APPROACH WAS.

12

13 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. DR. SINGHAL, DO YOU WANT TO-- IT'S A
14 LITTLE COMPLICATED NOW, BECAUSE WE'RE IN A TRANSITION WITH THE
15 NEW E.U.A. FROM THE F.D.A., THAT WILL ALLOW US, ACTUALLY, TO
16 DO A BETTER JOB ON SECOND DOSES, BUT I'M GOING TO LET DR.
17 SINGHAL SORT OF WALK US THROUGH THAT.

18

19 **DR. RITA SINGHAL:** SURE, ABSOLUTELY. SO, AS WE KNOW, JYNNEOS
20 VACCINE IS F.D.A.-APPROVED AS A TWO-DOSE SERIES. THE TWO DOSES
21 ARE SUPPOSED TO BE GIVEN 28 DAYS APART. HOWEVER, GIVEN THIS
22 CURRENT SUPPLY, AND THE CURRENT KIND OF NEED AND DEMAND TO GET
23 FOLKS VACCINATED, WE, ALONG WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS, WE DID
24 GET DIRECTION FROM THE STATE, FOR EXAMPLE, HAVE PUT OUT A
25 STATEMENT STATING THAT WE WILL BE PRIORITIZING FIRST DOSES.

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1 AND WHAT THAT MEANS IS THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE PROVIDING THE
2 FIRST DOSE TO AS MANY FOLKS AS WE CAN, AND THEN, AS MORE DOSES
3 BECOME AVAILABLE, WE WILL THEN PROVIDE THE SECOND DOSE. NOW,
4 THAT BEING SAID, WE DO HAVE A CAVEAT IN THERE FOR THOSE THAT
5 ARE IMMUNOSUPPRESSED. THEY DO NEED THAT SECOND DOSE, AND SO WE
6 HAVE COMMUNICATED WITH OUR PROVIDERS THAT, IF YOU DO HAVE
7 THOSE PATIENTS THAT ARE IMMUNOCOMPROMISED, THAT WE SHOULD GIVE
8 THEM THE SECOND DOSE WITHIN THE 28-DAY INTERVAL. NOW, WITH
9 THIS NEW, ALTERNATE REGIMEN, RIGHT, THAT WE HAVE JUST GOTTEN
10 NOTICE ABOUT, WE WILL NOW HAVE 5 TIMES THE NUMBER OF DOSES.
11 AND SO WITH THIS, IT WOULD EXPAND OUR CAPACITY A GOOD AMOUNT,
12 THAT WE COULD PROVIDE THAT SECOND DOSE SOONER. AND SO IT MAY
13 BE AS SOON AS ONCE WE GET THE DOSES IN TRANCHE 2 AND TRANCHE
14 3, WHICH ARE THE TWO KIND OF REMAINING BUCKETS OF DOSES THAT
15 WE'RE GOING TO BE RECEIVING THIS MONTH, THAT WE WOULD HAVE
16 CAPACITY AT THAT POINT TO START PROVIDING THE SECOND DOSES.
17 BUT ESSENTIALLY, WE WILL BE CONTINUING TO PRIORITIZE FIRST
18 DOSES UNTIL THIS NEW STRATEGY GOES INTO EFFECT, AND THEN WE
19 WILL PROVIDE SECOND DOSES, ONCE MORE DOSES ARE AVAILABLE.

20

21 **SUP. KUEHL:** SO, IN THE PACKAGING OF DOSES, DO THEY COME
22 PACKAGED AS ONE DOSE, OR DOES IT COME PACKAGED AS MORE THAN
23 ONE DOSE, SO THAT THOSE WHO ARE ADMINISTERING DOSES HAVE TO
24 MEASURE, ANYWAY? BECAUSE I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE

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1 TRANSITION TO THE SMALLER DOSE, SO THAT EVERYBODY KNOWS, "IN
2 HERE, THERE IS NOW 5," OR WHATEVER.

3

4 **DR. RITA SINGHAL:** SO, RIGHT NOW, IT'S SINGLE-VIAL DOSES. SO,
5 CURRENTLY, WE USE ONE VIAL FOR ONE DOSE OF WHAT WE ADMINISTER.
6 WITH THE NEW REGIMEN, IT WILL BE-- WE'RE WAITING FOR THE
7 GUIDANCE. SO, THERE WILL BE CLINICAL CONSIDERATIONS AND
8 GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS THAT WILL COME FROM C.D.C. AND THE F.D.A.
9 WHAT WE ARE ASSUMING IS GOING TO BE THAT, NOW, WE WILL NEED TO
10 EXTRACT 5 DOSES PER VIAL, AND SO THAT IS GOING TO REQUIRE
11 TRAINING WITH OUR PROVIDERS. FOR MOST FOLKS THAT DO VACCINATE,
12 IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT IS NEW. WE HAVE DONE IT WITH
13 C.O.V.I.D. VACCINE. WE DO DO IT WITH OTHER VACCINES, AS WELL,
14 BECAUSE THERE ARE MULTIPLE-DOSE VIALS FOR OTHER VACCINES. AND
15 SO WE WILL JUST BE TRAINING OUR PROVIDERS AND OUR OWN TEAMS IN
16 PUBLIC HEALTH ON WHAT THAT EXTRACTION OF THE FIVE DOSES LOOKS
17 LIKE. THE OTHER DIFFERENCE WILL BE IS HOW IT'S ADMINISTERED.
18 SO, INSTEAD OF AN INTRAMUSCULAR INJECTION, IT WOULD BE AN
19 INTRADERMAL. AND AGAIN, THE NURSES THAT DO THE VACCINATION,
20 THEY'RE WELL EQUIPPED TO DO AN INTRADERMAL VERSUS AN
21 INTRAMUSCULAR. WE WILL PROVIDE THAT TRAINING AGAIN, JUST TO
22 CONFIRM, BUT IT IS NOT THE ONLY VACCINE OR KIND OF
23 ADMINISTRATION THAT WOULD BE HAPPENING INTRADERMAL. SO, WE DO
24 FEEL LIKE IT'S GOING TO REQUIRE SOME TIME FOR US TO WORK
25 WITH PROVIDERS TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE COMFORTABLE DOING

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1 THIS, BUT WE DON'T FEEL THAT IT'S SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE A
2 HUGE CHALLENGE OR BARRIER.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** SO, THE INTRADERMAL IS ALSO EFFICACIOUS FOR THE
5 SECOND DOSE. IS THAT CORRECT?

6

7 **DR. RITA SINGHAL:** YES. SO, WHAT WE ARE HEARING-- SO, AGAIN, WE
8 HAVE NOT RECEIVED THIS-- ONCE WE HAVE THE WRITTEN CLINICAL
9 CONSIDERATIONS AND GUIDANCE, WE CAN CONFIRM THIS, BUT WHAT WE
10 ARE HEARING IS THAT THE INTRADERMAL, SMALLER DOSE CAN BE USED
11 AS A SECOND DOSE FOR THOSE THAT GOT A FULL DOSE, INTRAMUSCULAR
12 FIRST DOSE, IF THAT MAKES SENSE.

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL:** SO, I'M LOOKING AT SORT OF THE OTHER SIDE OF IT,
15 WHERE WHAT WE ARE SAYING IS, "WE'RE GETTING LIMITED SUPPLIES,
16 BUT WE NOW ARE GETTING AUTHORITY TO USE THEM IN A MUCH MORE
17 EFFICIENT WAY, SO THAT WE GET 5 TO 1." IS THERE ANY
18 INFORMATION ABOUT ADDITIONAL MANUFACTURING OR MANUFACTURERS IN
19 THE WORLD?

20

21 **DR. RITA SINGHAL:** I HAVE NOT HEARD ANYTHING MORE ABOUT
22 ADDITIONAL MANUFACTURERS. WHAT WE ARE WAITING TO HEAR FROM
23 C.D.C. IS WHEN THE NEXT DOSES BEYOND PHASE 3 WILL COME. AND
24 SO, WE HAD ORIGINALLY HEARD LATER FALL. NOW WE'RE HEARING
25 POSSIBLY SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER, WHICH WOULD BE GREAT, BUT THE

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1 NUMBER OF DOSES IN THIS NEXT PHASE WOULD BE A LOT SMALLER THAN
2 WHAT WE HAVE RECEIVED IN PHASE 3.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** SO, THE OTHER CLARIFICATION I WANTED TO ASK FOR
5 AND ABOUT RELATES TO, THE POPULATION THAT'S IDENTIFIED AS
6 BEING ELIGIBLE FOR THE VACCINE SEEMS TO PRIMARILY BE RELATED
7 TO THOSE WHO HAVE HAD SEXUAL ACTIVITY OF SOME KIND. BUT YOU
8 SHOULD SAY, "OH, NO, IN ADDITION, THERE ARE THESE FOLLOWING
9 CATEGORIES," IF THERE ARE.

10

11 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** IT'S A GREAT QUESTION, SUPERVISOR. I MEAN,
12 WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN CLEAR THAT MONKEYPOX, AS WE'RE SEEING IT
13 NOW, IS SPREAD WITH THIS VERY CLOSE CONTACT. MOST OF THE
14 INFORMATION WE HAVE INDICATES THAT, FOR MANY PEOPLE, THAT VERY
15 CLOSE CONTACT IS ASSOCIATED WITH SEXUAL ACTIVITY, BUT NOT
16 EXCLUSIVELY. SO, AGAIN, OUR MATERIALS ARE VERY CLEAR THAT
17 THERE ARE OTHER ROUTES OF TRANSMISSION OF MONKEYPOX THAT WE
18 NEED TO PAY ATTENTION TO. ONE OF THE OTHER ROUTES IS OBVIOUSLY
19 SHARED TOWELS, SHEETS, CLOTHING. THE TRANSMISSION REALLY IS
20 FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE LESIONS, AND ARE SORT OF THEN USING A
21 TOWEL, AND THEN SOMEBODY ELSE COMES ALONG AND USES THAT TOWEL.
22 THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND TRANSMIT THE
23 VIRUS THROUGH THAT SHARED TOWEL, THE SHARED CLOTHING, THE
24 SHARED SHEETS AND BEDDING. THIS IS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE
25 FOR HOUSEHOLD CONTACTS. SO, I WANT TO NOTE THAT, AS PART OF

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1 OUR CONTACT TRACING, WE'RE ALWAYS LOOKING AT HOUSEHOLD
2 CONTACTS, OFFERING THEM, OBVIOUSLY, AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET
3 VACCINATED, BUT ALSO GIVING THEM EDUCATION ABOUT SIGNS AND
4 SYMPTOMS THAT THEY SHOULD BE LOOKING FOR, OVER WHAT CAN BE A
5 RELATIVELY LONGER INCUBATION PERIOD. THERE'S ALSO KNOWN SORT
6 OF-- I'M GOING TO CALL THIS NONSEXUAL. IT CAN BE SEXUAL IN
7 NATURE, BUT PEOPLE WHO ARE KISSING. AND THAT, AGAIN, CAN BE
8 HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS. SOMEBODY HAS SORES IN THEIR MOUTH. THERE'S
9 A POSSIBILITY WITH RESPIRATORY DROPLETS-- TRYING TO,
10 OBVIOUSLY, LEARN MORE ABOUT THAT-- THAT CAN, AGAIN, INCREASE
11 THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE TRANSMISSION. AND
12 CLOSE CONTACT OVER A PROLONGED PERIOD-- FACE-TO-FACE CONTACT--
13 DOES ALLOW FOR TRANSMISSION THROUGH RESPIRATORY DROPLETS. THAT
14 IS NOT PRIMARILY WHAT WE'RE SEEING, BUT WE'RE CERTAINLY
15 ENCOURAGING, FOR EXAMPLE, PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANTS TO KEEP
16 THOSE MASKS ON, AS WELL AS, OBVIOUSLY, FOLLOW A LOT OF CARE
17 AROUND HYGIENE WITH TOWELS AND SHEETS AND BEDDING; AND NOTING,
18 IF PEOPLE ARE COMING IN WITH RASHES, WHAT ARE THE PRECAUTIONS
19 THAT NEED TO BE TAKEN. SO, I DON'T WANT ANYBODY TO THINK THE
20 ONLY ROUTE OF TRANSMISSION IS SORT OF SEXUAL CONTACT, BECAUSE
21 THAT WOULD BE FALSE, GIVEN WHAT WE KNOW. I THINK THERE IS
22 SOME-- THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE LOOKING TO FURTHER OUR
23 UNDERSTANDING, PARTICULARLY AROUND RESPIRATORY DROPLETS: HOW
24 LIKELY IS THAT? BUT FOR NOW, BECAUSE THERE IS A LONG HISTORY
25 OF MONKEYPOX IN AFRICA, WE DO HAVE A LOT OF INFORMATION ABOUT

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1 HOW THE VIRUS CAN BE TRANSMITTED, AND I WANT TO URGE FOLKS, IF
2 YOU THINK YOU MAY HAVE MONKEYPOX, OR HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO
3 MONKEYPOX, YOU DO NEED TO TALK TO A PROVIDER OR CALL US, SO
4 THAT WE CAN GIVE YOU SOME MORE INFORMATION, YOU CAN GET
5 TESTED, AND WE CAN HELP IDENTIFY YOUR CLOSE CONTACTS, SO THAT
6 IF YOU'RE A POSSIBLE MONKEYPOX CASE, OR YOU'RE A CONFIRMED
7 MONKEYPOX CASE, WE'RE, AGAIN, TRYING TO LIMIT SPREAD. I DON'T
8 KNOW, DR. SINGHAL, IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU WANT TO ADD, AS
9 WELL. I MEAN, WE WORK A LOT WITH THE PROVIDERS ON THIS TO HELP
10 US, BECAUSE WHEN THEY HAVE PATIENTS COMING IN, WHO HAVE A
11 POSSIBILITY OF HAVING MONKEYPOX, THAT'S AT THE POINT THAT THE
12 EDUCATION HAS TO START, AND THE IDENTIFICATION OF ANY CLOSE
13 CONTACTS ALSO HAS TO BEGIN. FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE LIKELY TO HAVE
14 MONKEYPOX, WE DON'T REALLY WANT TO WAIT THE 3 DAYS IT MIGHT
15 TAKE TO GET THAT POSITIVE TEST RESULT TO START THAT EDUCATION.

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL:** WELL, THE REASON I BROUGHT IT UP IS BECAUSE I
18 THINK THERE IS, IN SOME PLACES, A MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT
19 WHETHER THIS IS A SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION, AND SO
20 PEOPLE FEEL SAFE WHERE I THINK THEY SHOULDN'T. I DON'T KNOW,
21 FOR INSTANCE, ABOUT PEOPLE WHO COME TO CLEAN SOMEONE'S HOUSE.
22 I THINK THEY ARE ALREADY VERY AWARE, BECAUSE OF C.O.V.I.D.,
23 THAT THEY NEED TO BE ON GUARD ALL THE TIME. BUT I'M THINKING,
24 IN OUR COMMUNICATION-- AND IT LOOKED TO ME LIKE WE WERE DOING
25 THAT, BUT IN OUR COMMUNICATION, I THINK WE SHOULD CONSTANTLY

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1 MAKE IT CLEAR, IN EVERY LANGUAGE AND IN EVERY COMMUNITY, THIS
2 IS NOT ONLY A SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION. THIS IS AN
3 INFECTION THIS CAN BE TRANSMITTED BY ANY KIND OF CLOSE
4 CONTACT: HUGGING, OR EVEN CLEANING SOMEONE'S HOUSE AND HAVING
5 TO DEAL WITH THEIR SHEETS AND TOWELS. SOMETHING THAT IS MORE
6 BROAD, SO THAT PEOPLE CONTINUE TO BE ON GUARD. SO, THANK YOU
7 VERY MUCH FOR THE PRESENTATION, AND THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

8

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

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11 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND, ACTUALLY, SUPERVISOR KUEHL
12 CLARIFIED MY QUESTION REGARDING THE SECOND DOSAGE, BECAUSE I
13 WAS A LITTLE CONFUSED, AS WELL. BUT ON THE CONTACT TRACING,
14 ARE WE USING THE SAME METHODOLOGY AND THE SAME RESOURCES THAT
15 WE DID FOR C.O.V.I.D.? BECAUSE I KNOW THAT, DR. FERRER, YOU
16 SAID THAT THE CASES ARE INCREASING MORE RAPIDLY, MAKING
17 CONTACT TRACING A LITTLE MORE DIFFICULT. SO, ARE WE
18 INCORPORATING THE SAME METHODOLOGY TO GET OUT THERE AND DO THE
19 CONTACT TRACING?

20

21 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, IT'S A GREAT QUESTION. THANKS SO
22 MUCH, SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND WE'RE GLAD THAT WE'VE GOT VERY
23 EXPERIENCED CONTACT TRACERS. I WILL NOTE A COUPLE OF CHANGES
24 THAT HAVE BEEN MADE. ONE IS, THE INITIAL CASE INTERVIEW IS
25 HAPPENING BY NURSES, BECAUSE IT'S RATHER COMPLICATED, AND IT'S

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1 ALSO LENGTHY. AND THEN, WE'RE USING OUR CONTACT TRACERS, WHO
2 HAVE HAD A LOT OF TRAINING, TO HELP US REALLY FIND THE CLOSE
3 CONTACTS, GIVE THEM GOOD EDUCATION, TALK WITH THEM, CONNECT
4 WITH THEM. AND SO FAR, WE'VE BEEN ABLE, WITH THE STAFF THAT WE
5 HAVE, TO KEEP UP. BUT, OBVIOUSLY, WE'RE PLANNING FOR THE
6 FUTURE, WHEN IN FACT THAT MAY BE MUCH MORE DIFFICULT,
7 DEPENDING ON WHAT THE GROWTH RATE IS IN NEW CASES. YOU KNOW,
8 SORT OF A DOUBLING OF CASES EVERY 10 DAYS, YOU CAN JUST DO THE
9 MATH AND SEE HOW QUICKLY THIS BECOMES A DIFFICULT TASK, WITH
10 THIS LENGTHY INTERVIEW THAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN WITH ALL OF THE
11 CASES. SO, I'M GOING TO ASK DR. SINGHAL, BECAUSE SHE'S BEEN
12 WORKING SUPER HARD WITH OUR TEAM. WE ALSO PUT IN A REQUEST,
13 OBVIOUSLY, TO THE STATE, AND WE'RE NEGOTIATING ON GETTING SOME
14 ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FROM THE STATE AS WE SPEAK, TODAY AND
15 TOMORROW, TO HELP US. BUT I'LL LET DR. SINGHAL TALK ABOUT SORT
16 OF HOW WE'RE GOING TO MOVE INTO THE FUTURE. RIGHT NOW, WE'RE
17 KEEPING UP, BUT WE HAVE TO BE PREPARED FOR HAVING MANY MORE
18 CASES.

19
20 **DR. RITA SINGHAL:** YES, ABSOLUTELY. SO, I THINK THERE ARE SOME
21 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE CONTACT TRACING FOR MONKEYPOX VERSUS
22 C.O.V.I.D., FOR EXAMPLE. IN ADDITION TO THE INITIAL CASE
23 INTERVIEW, EVEN FOLLOWING UP WITH CONTACTS, THERE IS A
24 COMPONENT OF OFFERING THEM THE VACCINE AS A POST-EXPOSURE
25 PROPHYLAXIS, AND THAT'S PART OF THE CLOSE CONTACTS THAT WE, AT

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1 PUBLIC HEALTH, MANAGE. AND SO, WE DO HAVE A PRETTY GOOD SYSTEM
2 DOWN NOW, ON HOW THEY'RE REFERRED FOR THAT VACCINE, AND SO
3 THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE CAN NOW SHIFT AND INVOLVE OTHER
4 STAFF IN PUBLIC HEALTH TO DO, AND SO THAT IS WHERE CONTACT
5 TRACERS WILL COME IN AND CAN NOW HELP WITH THOSE PIECES OF IT.
6 I THINK, LOOKING FORWARD, WE ARE CONTINUING TO EVALUATE THE
7 CASE INTERVIEWS, SEE IF THERE'S ANY CHANGES THAT COULD BE MADE
8 TO SHORTEN IT. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS MANDATED INFORMATION
9 THAT WE NEED TO REPORT UP TO THE STATE, AS WELL AS TO C.D.C.
10 SO, CONTINUING TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS WITH THEM, AS WE LEARN
11 MORE ABOUT THE CURRENT OUTBREAK, WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT
12 INFORMATION THAT IS HELPING US, THAT WE'RE USING AND ACTING
13 ON. AND SO THAT'S, FOR EXAMPLE, SOMETHING THAT WE'LL BE
14 LOOKING AT. WE'LL ALSO BE MOVING TOWARDS USING A TEXT MESSAGE
15 SYSTEM TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH CASES AND WITH CONTACTS. SO, TO
16 FOLLOW UP AND SAY, "HEY, HOW ARE YOU DOING? DO YOU NEED ANY
17 HELP WITH ANYTHING?" WE HAVE A PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE THAT GETS
18 ASSIGNED TO EACH CASE, AND SO THEY WILL HAVE THAT PERSON'S
19 NUMBER, SO IF THEY NEED TO CONTACT THEM WITH ANY NEEDS. BUT
20 FOR FUTURE CONTACTS, WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO CALL THEM EVERY DAY
21 OR EVERY WEEK. WE WILL USE A TEXT-MESSAGING SYSTEM TO STAY IN
22 CONTACT WITH THEM, TO MAKE SURE THAT IF THERE ARE ANY NEEDS,
23 IF THEY'VE BEEN HOSPITALIZED, IF THEY NEED THE TREATMENT, FOR
24 EXAMPLE, THAT WE CAN THEN HELP NAVIGATE AND GET THAT FOR THEM.
25 SO THAT'S ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF SOMETHING THAT WE'RE WORKING ON,

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1 TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN KEEP UP. AND THEN, I THINK THE THIRD
2 THING THAT I CAN MENTION IS THAT THERE ARE APPS THAT ARE BEING
3 USED IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS, WHERE CASES CAN NOTIFY THEIR
4 CONTACTS DIRECTLY AND ANONYMOUSLY. AND SO THAT IS SOMETHING
5 THAT WE'LL ALSO LOOK INTO, TO SEE IF THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE
6 CAN DO TO HELP US WITH THE CONTACT TRACING, AND TO GET THAT
7 DONE QUICKLY, VERSUS HAVING KIND OF A TEAM THAT NEEDS TO CALL
8 THEM BACK. WE WILL STILL DO THAT, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE THAT
9 ARE DIFFICULT TO REACH, BUT THAT IS ANOTHER PIECE THAT WE WANT
10 TO LOOK AT AND MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN IMPLEMENT, IF WE FEEL
11 THAT IT'S GOING TO WORK FOR OUR COMMUNITIES.

12
13 **SUP. BARGER:** EXCELLENT. THANK YOU FOR THAT. AND THEN I'LL JUST
14 SAY IN CLOSING, IT'S INTERESTING, AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL TOUCHED
15 ON IT, IN TERMS OF WHAT PEOPLE THINK ARE FACT, AND WHAT ARE,
16 IN FACT, FICTION. FOR EXAMPLE, OVER THE WEEKEND, I WAS TALKING
17 TO SOMEONE WHO THOUGHT, IF YOU'D HAD THE CHICKENPOX
18 VACCINATION, THAT YOU ARE PROTECTED FROM BEING EXPOSED TO
19 MONKEYPOX. AND I TRIED TO EXPLAIN, NO, IT'S JUST LIKE
20 SHINGLES. YOU CAN BE VACCINATED, BUT IT'S PART OF THE SAME
21 FAMILY. AND WHILE YOU'RE NOT GUARANTEED TO GET IT, YOU ARE
22 MORE VULNERABLE, EVEN IF YOU'RE VACCINATED. SO I THINK IT'S
23 IMPORTANT FOR US TO GET IT OUT, THE WORD, EVEN IN TERMS OF HOW
24 IT'S TRANSMITTED, TO WHAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL WAS TALKING ABOUT,
25 BECAUSE THERE IS A MISCONCEPTION AND A FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY

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1 BY PEOPLE THINKING THAT, WELL, EITHER "I'M VACCINATED, SO I'M
2 FINE," OR, "I DIDN'T HAVE SEXUAL CONTACT, THEREFORE I'M OKAY."
3 AND SO I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO CONTINUE TO REALLY
4 DRIVE HOME THE FACT VERSUS FICTION, IN TERMS OF HOW YOU CAN
5 CONTRACT OR BE EXPOSED TO THIS, TO MONKEYPOX, BUT THANK YOU
6 VERY MUCH.

7

8 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. AND LET ME
9 THANK BOTH OF YOU FOR YOUR WORK. I THINK, WITH THIS
10 PRESENTATION, AS WITH ALL YOUR OTHERS, IT'S SO APPARENT THAT
11 THE WORK YOU DO AT PUBLIC HEALTH IS SO DEEPLY LAYERED. AND
12 WHILE IN THESE PRESENTATIONS WE GET A SENSE OF THE SURFACE
13 LEVEL, THE WORK THAT YOU ALL ARE DOING, AS YOU SAID IN YOUR
14 NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE STATE, TO TRY TO GET ADDITIONAL
15 RESOURCES TO HELP WITH THE OUTREACH. SO WE APPRECIATE YOUR
16 WORK, YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY.
17 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

18

19 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. I'M SORRY. I FORGOT TO ASK DR. FERRER AND DR.
20 SINGHAL ABOUT THE YOUNG CHILD THAT DEVELOPED-- THERE WAS A
21 CASE IN L.A. COUNTY?

22

23 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH. THERE ARE TWO PEDIATRIC CASES, AND
24 WE REALLY GIVE OUT NO INFORMATION ABOUT THE PEDIATRIC CASES. I
25 MEAN, I CAN JUST SAY THAT THOSE CASES AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE

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1 GETTING ALL THE SUPPORT AND SERVICES THAT THEY NEED, BUT WE
2 DON'T-- WITH PEDIATRIC CASES, WE'RE ESPECIALLY SENSITIVE ABOUT
3 MAKING SURE THAT WE PROTECT EVERYONE'S PRIVACY. SO, WE'RE
4 ACKNOWLEDGING WHEN WE HAVE PEDIATRIC CASES, BUT AGAIN, NOT
5 PROVIDING ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

6

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

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9 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** OF COURSE. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS BEFORE WE
10 MOVE ON IN OUR AGENDA? HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, THE REPORT
11 IS RECEIVED AND FILED, AND I'M GOING TO READ IN A MOTION THAT
12 WILL ALLOW US, QUITE FRANKLY, MEMBERS, TO INCLUDE A MONKEYPOX
13 UPDATE IN OUR REGULAR STANDING ITEM AGENDA. WE'VE HAD TO DO IT
14 SEPARATELY UNDER AGENDA ITEM A-10, SO WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO
15 CENTRALIZE THIS PROCESS. SO, THE READ-IN MOTION IS AS FOLLOWS:
16 "IN LIGHT OF THE DECLARED STATE AND LOCAL EMERGENCIES RELATED
17 TO MONKEYPOX AND THE MONKEYPOX VACCINE, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD
18 OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD TO
19 ADD AN UPDATE ON MONKEYPOX TO THE REOCCURRING SET MATTER ON
20 THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER RELATED TO C.O.V.I.D.-19." I WILL MOVE
21 THE AGENDA ITEM, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. EXECUTIVE
22 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

23

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

25

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

2

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

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

6

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

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

10

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

12 MITCHELL?

13

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

15

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

17 4-0.

18

19 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU TO THE TWO OF YOU FOR YOUR

20 PRESENTATIONS TODAY. MOVING ON TO ITEM 4, IMPLEMENTING THE

21 PRIORITY STRATEGIES OF THE EQUITY IN COUNTY CONTRACTING

22 PROJECT TEAM, WHICH I HELD. COLLEAGUES THIS MOTION IS A

23 FOLLOW-UP MOTION TO THE EQUITY IN COUNTY CONTRACTING MOTION I

24 CO-AUTHORED WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL IN APRIL OF 2021. THE COUNTY

25 ITSELF IS THE LARGEST PURCHASER OF GOODS AND SERVICES IN L.A.

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1 COUNTY, AT OVER \$6 BILLION IN PURCHASES, ANNUALLY. COUNTY
2 PURCHASES, ALSO KNOWN AS PROCUREMENT, CAN HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL
3 IMPACT ON THE SUCCESS OF A SMALL BUSINESS, ESPECIALLY THOSE
4 OWNED BY UNDERREPRESENTED GROUPS OF PEOPLE. SINCE OUR MOTION
5 LAST APRIL, THERE'S BEEN OVER A YEAR-LONG PROCESS OF DEEP
6 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PROBLEM-SOLVING, IN WHICH COMMUNITY-
7 BASED ORGANIZATIONS, COUNTY LEADERS, AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS
8 HAVE COME TOGETHER TO IDENTIFY ISSUES WITH OUR PROCUREMENT
9 SYSTEMS, AND ELEVATE SOLUTIONS INFORMED BY THOSE CLOSEST TO
10 THE CHALLENGES. TODAY'S MOTION DIRECTS THE COUNTY TO TACKLE
11 SOME OF THE GREATEST BARRIERS THAT SMALL EMPLOYERS FACE TO
12 ACCESSING COUNTY CONTRACTS, SUCH AS EXPANDING OUR PAYMENT
13 PROGRAM TO ENSURE THAT ALL OF OUR CONTRACTORS ARE ABLE TO KEEP
14 THEIR BUSINESSES OPEN AND RUNNING, AND ESTABLISHING A
15 REVOLVING LOAN FUND TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS
16 AND SMALL BUSINESSES WITH PROHIBITIVE START-UP COSTS FOR
17 CONTRACTS. THE MOTION ALSO ESTABLISHES A CENTRALIZED OFFICE OF
18 CONTRACTING AND PROCUREMENT, TO INSTITUTIONALIZE BEST
19 PRACTICES AND TO CONTINUE THE ONGOING IMPROVEMENT PROCESS OF
20 BUILDING AN EQUITABLE CONTRACTING SYSTEM. AS WE ARE
21 PERMANENTLY CODIFYING THE COUNTY'S GOAL OF ENSURING 25% OF
22 CONTRACTS GO TO SMALL BUSINESS, AND 3% OF CONTRACTS ARE
23 AWARDED TO DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, WE COULD NOT
24 HAVE DONE THIS WITHOUT THE YEARS OF WORK BY OUR SMALL BUSINESS
25 COMMISSION AND OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS. WITH TODAY'S MOTION,

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1 WE ARE ONE STEP CLOSER TO ENSURING THAT OUR SMALL EMPLOYERS
2 GET AN EQUITABLE MARKET SHARE OF THE OVER \$6 BILLION IN
3 CONTRACTS. LIKE THE MOTION WE BROUGHT FORWARD TWO WEEKS AGO,
4 WHICH ESTABLISHED AN ANTI-DISPLACEMENT PROGRAM FOR SMALL
5 BUSINESSES, THIS MOTION AIMS TO LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD,
6 PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMALL EMPLOYERS TO BUILD WEALTH,
7 EXPAND THEIR OPERATION, AND ULTIMATELY STRENGTHEN THE CAPACITY
8 OF OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS. COLLEAGUES, I ASK FOR YOUR AYE
9 VOTE. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK MY CO-AUTHOR, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, IF
10 YOU'D LIKE TO PROVIDE SOME REMARKS.

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** I ALWAYS LIKE TO PROVIDE SOME REMARKS. THANK YOU
13 SO MUCH. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR INVITING ME TO JOIN WITH
14 YOU IN THIS MOTION TO CONTINUE TO ATTEMPT TO BRING SOME REAL
15 EQUITY INTO OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY CONTRACTING. I'VE BEEN
16 REALLY PLEASED TO BE PART OF THIS PRIORITY, DATING BACK A
17 HANDFUL OF YEARS, AND I'M REALLY GRATEFUL THAT YOU'RE PUSHING
18 IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL, MADAM CHAIR. THE MOTION ACKNOWLEDGES
19 THAT THERE CAN BE NO EQUITY IN CONTRACTING WITH THE COUNTY
20 UNTIL SIGNIFICANT BARRIERS ARE REMOVED. AND WE WANT TO BE VERY
21 EARNEST AND SINCERE ABOUT DOING THIS IN A WAY THAT REALLY
22 WORKS FOR OUR SMALL BUSINESSES, BECAUSE ANY LEGITIMATE
23 ORGANIZATION-- NONPROFITS, COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS,
24 LARGE AND SMALL, BUT PARTICULARLY THOSE SMALL-- WILL BE SHOWN
25 THE FRONT DOOR, WILL BE GIVEN THIS POINT OF ENTRY, AND IT'S A

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1 DOOR TO WHICH OUR LARGER CONTRACTORS MAY ALREADY HAVE THE KEY.
2 AND SPEAKING OF KEY, THERE'S A COUPLE OF THINGS I JUST WANTED
3 TO SUGGEST, SHOULD THIS MOTION PASS, IN TERMS OF KEEPING UP
4 OUR COMMITMENT ABOUT REALLY DOING THIS. MANY SMALL
5 ORGANIZATIONS JUST DO NOT HAVE THE STAFF TO FILL OUT ALL THESE
6 PAPERS, TO GET ALL THE INFORMATION, TO DO IT. SO, WE HAVE BEEN
7 TALKING ABOUT PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND EVEN IN THE
8 CASE OF THE FUNDS THAT WE'VE ALLOCATED, THAT WE USED TO CALL
9 MEASURE J FUNDS, BUT THEY'RE REALLY THE COMMITMENT THAT WE
10 MADE TO USING N.C.C. FOR LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS. SONGHAI'S BEEN
11 DOING AN INCUBATOR FOR THOSE ORGANIZATIONS, THAT IS
12 SPECIFICALLY ABOUT BRINGING THEM KIND OF ALONG ON BEING
13 PROFESSIONAL ABOUT ACCESSING OUR CONTRACTING APPLICATIONS AND
14 ISSUES AND PROCESSES. SO, I WANTED SIMPLY TO PUT IN SORT OF
15 VERBALLY, NOT NECESSARILY IN THE MOTION, THAT PART OF REALLY
16 REMOVING THESE BARRIERS HAS TO DO WITH SUPPLYING SOME HELP:
17 EITHER THESE INCUBATORS, WHICH I HEARD BACK FROM A COUPLE OF
18 SMALL NONPROFITS, THEY LOVED IT. I MEAN, EVEN THOUGH WE ALL
19 LOOK LIKE THE MUPPETS WHEN WE GET TOGETHER ON THOSE ZOOM
20 CALLS, THERE IS A LOT OF SORT OF INTERACTION ABOUT QUESTIONS
21 AND ANSWERS AND ANY KIND OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. SO, I'M VERY
22 HAPPY TO CO-AUTHOR. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BRINGING THE MOTION,
23 AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE WORK WE'LL DO TOGETHER TO MAKE IT
24 REAL.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR
2 COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS? I WOULD JUST SAY IN RESPONSE, I
3 COMPLETELY AGREE WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I THINK IT'S
4 TWOFOLD. IT'S GOVERNMENT-- COUNTY GOVERNMENT, ALL LEVELS OF
5 GOVERNMENT-- REALLY LOOKING HONESTLY, INTERNALLY, ABOUT WHY
6 OUR LEVEL OF BUREAUCRACY IS THE LEVEL IT IS, IN TERMS OF TRUE
7 RELATIONSHIPS WITH SMALL EMPLOYERS. WHEN I THINK BACK TO
8 SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTIONS ON IMPROVING ACCESS TO FAITH-BASED
9 ORGANIZATIONS, IT'S REALLY TWOFOLD: MAKING SURE THAT WE OPEN
10 UP OUR PROCESSES, SO THEY HAVE ACCESS, AND SHORING UP THE
11 INFRASTRUCTURE OF OUR SMALL EMPLOYER COMMUNITY, EITHER FAITH-
12 BASED, COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, OR SMALL EMPLOYERS.
13 HAVING RUN NONPROFITS, BOTH TEENY-TINY AND REALLY BIG, I KNOW
14 THE CHALLENGE. EVEN WHEN YOU HAVE A SOLID INFRASTRUCTURE,
15 RUNNING A COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION AND MANAGING GOVERNMENT
16 CONTRACTS CAN BE UNNECESSARILY OVERWHELMING, IN MY OPINION. SO
17 THAT'S WHY I THINK THESE MOTIONS ARE SO IMPORTANT, AND I
18 APPRECIATE YOU SUPPORTING THIS MOTION WITH ME. SO, HEARING NO
19 OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 4 IS BEFORE US. I WILL MOVE, ASK THAT
20 SUPERVISOR KUEHL SECOND TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE
21 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

22
23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 4 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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

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

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4 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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8 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

11 MITCHELL?

12

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

14

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

16 4-0.

17

18 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ITEM 10, ESTABLISHING OUR

19 COMMITMENT TO THE LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN

20 INDIAN COMMISSION, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

21 SUPERVISOR?

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. JUST WANTED TO GO

24 OVER A FEW ITEMS. FIRST OF ALL, I'M NOT SURE IF EVERYONE IN

25 LOS ANGELES COUNTY KNOWS THAT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY NATIVE

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1 AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION HAS EXISTED FOR THE LAST 46 YEARS.
2 THAT WAS A FACTOID, I THINK, THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE-- IT JUST
3 GETS LOST ON THEM. THEY'RE NOT REALLY FULLY AWARE HOW THE
4 COUNTY HAS REALLY BEEN COMMITTED. THIS ORGANIZATION--
5 L.A.N.A.I.C., FOR SHORT-- WAS CREATED THROUGH A JOINT EFFORT
6 OF MEMBERS OF THE LOS ANGELES NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY, AS
7 WELL AS THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
8 AND THE COMMISSION WAS ESTABLISHED IN A VERY HISTORIC MANNER,
9 BECAUSE IT WAS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY;
10 THE UNITED STATES. CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT? THAT'S ANOTHER GOOD
11 FACT. AND ITS PRIMARY PURPOSE WAS TO INCREASE THE ACQUISITION
12 AND APPLICATION OF FUNDING RESOURCES TO ADDRESS THE
13 SOCIOECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF THE CITY'S AND THE COUNTY'S AMERICAN
14 INDIAN AND ALASKAN NATIVE COMMUNITIES. HOWEVER, AS YOU KNOW,
15 OUR BOARD AND OUR COUNTY'S VISION FOR EQUITY AND ANTI-RACISM
16 HAS EXPANDED RECENTLY, AND THAT HAS ALSO HELPED, I THINK, TO
17 SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION. THE L.A.N.A.I.C. HAS
18 RECENTLY WORKED TO COMBAT THE SYSTEMIC AND STRUCTURAL ERASURE
19 OF NATIVE AMERICAN AND ALASKAN NATIVE HISTORIES AND CULTURE,
20 IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE, WHICH
21 HAS LEANED INTO ITS MISSION AND A VISION FOR CULTURAL EQUITY,
22 AS WE ALL KNOW. THE WORK INCLUDES CELEBRATING, AS AN EXAMPLE,
23 OUR COUNTY'S INAUGURAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY, THAT WE
24 STARTED BACK IN 2018, WITH THE REMOVAL OF THE CHRISTOPHER
25 COLUMBUS STATUE AT GRAND PARK. SOME OF YOU MIGHT WELL REMEMBER

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1 THAT, AS WELL AS HIRING A TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT FACILITATOR TO
2 GATHER INPUT ON THE WAYS OUR COUNTY HAS HARMED LOCAL TRIBAL
3 NATIONS, IN AN EFFORT TO ADVANCE TRUTH, HEALING, AND
4 TRANSFORMATION, AND TO DEVELOP A PROPOSAL FOR LAND
5 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND LAND ACCESS POLICIES AND PROTOCOLS. WHILE
6 WE KNOW THESE ACTIONS ARE LAUDABLE, WE KNOW THAT THE COUNTY
7 MUST DO BETTER IN IMPROVING THE HEALTH AND OVERALL WELLBEING
8 OF ALL NATIVE PEOPLES. THIS COULD BE DONE, IN MY OPINION,
9 EFFECTIVELY BY TRANSFERRING THE L.A.N.A.I.C. TO THE DEPARTMENT
10 OF ARTS AND CULTURE, AS A NEW PLACEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND
11 OPERATIONAL SUPPORT. WITH THAT OPPORTUNITY, WE HOPE THIS WILL
12 BE A VERY GOOD STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP. THE L.A.N.A.I.C. AND OUR
13 DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE, AS YOU KNOW, HAVE FOSTERED A
14 STRONG PARTNERSHIP, AND HAVE DEVELOPED WAYS FOR NATIVE PEOPLES
15 TO SHARE THEIR HISTORY AND CULTURE, AND PROVIDE INSIGHT INTO
16 SOME OF THE MOST CHALLENGING SITUATIONS THAT OUR COUNTY FACES.
17 WE HAVE SEEN THE ISSUES RELATED TO RECENT TRANSITION OF THE
18 L.A.N.A.I.C. FROM OUR FORMER W.D.A.C.S. DEPARTMENT TO THE
19 EXECUTIVE OFFICE, AND THIS MOTION SEEKS TO RECTIFY THAT, AND
20 HAVE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF L.A.N.A.I.C., THE DIRECTOR OF
21 THE DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE, AND OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER
22 REPORT BACK IN FISCAL YEAR '22/'23 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET PHASE
23 ON TRANSFER AND THE NECESSARY FUNDING AND STAFFING TO
24 L.A.N.A.I.C., SO THAT THEY ARE APPROPRIATELY RESOURCED TO
25 CARRY OUT THE BOARD'S DIRECTION, AND SERVE OUR NATIVE AMERICAN

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1 AND ALASKAN NATIVE COMMUNITIES. COLLEAGUES, I RESPECTFULLY ASK
2 FOR YOUR AYE VOTE, AND I AM VERY TREMENDOUSLY HONORED FOR ALL
3 THE PEOPLE THAT CALLED IN TODAY, THAT WANT TO SEE THIS HAPPEN.
4 THIS WAS NOT AN IDEA THAT CAME FROM MY OFFICE. IT WAS AN IDEA
5 THAT CAME FROM THE COMMISSIONERS, AND FROM THE COMMUNITY. SO I
6 ASK THAT YOU PLEASE SUPPORT THIS MOTION. MY CO-AUTHOR, AS YOU
7 KNOW, IS NOT AVAILABLE, BUT SHE'S HERE IN SPIRIT WITH US, AND
8 THAT IS JANICE HAHN, WHO ALSO REPRESENTS A VERY LARGE NATIVE
9 AMERICAN COMMUNITY. SO WITH THAT, MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU SO
10 MUCH.

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12 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
13 FOR THE MOTION, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO ABSOLUTELY SUPPORTING
14 IT. I DO HAVE A QUESTION FOR THE C.E.O., BECAUSE I THINK-- I
15 AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THE REPORT BACK ON THIS, BECAUSE WE WANT
16 TO MAKE SURE EVEN, FRANKLY, THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND
17 CULTURE IS APPROPRIATELY RESOURCED TO MEANINGFULLY SUPPORT THE
18 COMMISSION. BUT MY QUESTION FOR THE C.E.O. IS THAT A NUMBER OF
19 OUR COMMISSIONS HAVE RAISED CONCERNS ABOUT LACKING THE
20 NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE, LEGAL, GRANT-WRITING, OR OTHER TYPES
21 OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT, AND SO I JUST WANT TO KNOW HOW WE
22 GO ABOUT DOING A REVIEW TO MAKE THE ASSESSMENT ABOUT WHETHER
23 COMMISSIONS ARE GETTING THE SUPPORT THEY NEED TO BE EFFECTIVE
24 AND TRULY FUNCTIONING IN THE COUNTY.

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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, FOR THE QUESTION. YOU
2 KNOW, WE CAN CERTAINLY WORK WITH THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON THAT
3 ANALYSIS, AND COME BACK TO THE BOARD WITH RECOMMENDATIONS.
4 WHAT WE WOULD BE WE FOCUSING ON ARE ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES,
5 LEGAL ISSUES, STAFFING ISSUES, THINGS OF THAT NATURE. WE HAVE
6 OVER 200 COMMISSIONS IN THE COUNTY, SO WE WOULD BE LOOKING TO
7 THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND MAYBE SOME OF OUR DEPARTMENTS THAT
8 STAFF THE COMMISSIONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS ON COMMISSIONS WHO
9 EITHER ARE UNIQUELY SITUATED-- LET'S SAY THEY OPERATE A
10 PROGRAM, OR THEY DO A LOT OF OUTREACH-- TO REALLY LOOK AT
11 THOSE COMMISSIONS TO SEE WHAT STAFFING LEVELS ARE APPROPRIATE,
12 WHAT FUNDING SUPPORT IS APPROPRIATE. AND MY ROUGH ESTIMATE,
13 SUPERVISORS, RIGHT NOW, IS ABOUT 90 DAYS TO DO THAT ANALYSIS,
14 BUT WE'D WANT TO TAKE OUR LEAD FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND
15 THE DEPARTMENTS.

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17 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT. YEAH, I
18 HAVE TO TELL YOU HOW SURPRISED I WAS TO LEARN OF THAT 200
19 NUMBER WHEN I JOINED THE BOARD. AND AGAIN, REALLY WANTING TO
20 MAKE SURE THAT WE UNDERSTAND WHAT THEIR NEEDS ARE, BECAUSE
21 LIKE YOU SAID, THEY'RE ALL VERY DIFFERENT, AND HAVE DIFFERENT
22 KIND OF STATUTORY FUNCTIONS. SO, MAKING SURE THAT WE DON'T
23 HAVE TO APPROACH IT AS A ONE-OFF, GIVEN THAT THERE ARE 200 OF
24 THEM, AND THAT WE ARE BEING THOUGHTFUL THAT, WHILE THEY WERE
25 TRANSFERRED INTO ONE DEPARTMENT, MAKING SURE THAT ALL OF THE

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1 RESOURCES ARE NEEDED TO FOLLOW THEM, SO THEY ARE EFFECTIVE.

2 SO, THANK YOU FOR THAT, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THAT

3 INFORMATION. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

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5 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION. YEAH,

6 MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION. I THINK IT IS VERY

7 IMPORTANT TO ASK THAT QUESTION, BECAUSE, IN FACT, THIS

8 PARTICULAR COMMISSION HAS RECEIVED, IN THE PAST, FEDERAL

9 GRANTS. AND THAT'S WHERE W.D.A.C.S. SUPPORT CAME IN. SO, THEY

10 HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SUSTAIN THEMSELVES, BECAUSE THEY GOT THE

11 HELP WITH GRANT-WRITING AND WHAT HAVE YOU. OTHERWISE, THEY

12 WOULDN'T HAVE THE STAFF APPROPRIATE. BUT WE KNOW THAT THESE

13 SERVICES ARE SO UNIQUE TO OUR L.A. COUNTY, AND SO DESERVED AND

14 NEEDED, AND IF WE DON'T HAVE STAFF READY TO WRITE THE GRANTS,

15 THEN WE'RE NOT GOING TO SEE THE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO OUR

16 COMMUNITY THAT REALLY IS COMPELLED TO SAY, "COME ON, COUNTY,

17 HELP US OUT HERE." SO, THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION, AND I LOOK

18 FORWARD TO WORKING WITH OUR C.E.O. ON THIS MATTER, AND OUR

19 E.O. THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS,

22 ITEM 10 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY

23 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, SINCE YOUR CO-AUTHOR IS NOT HERE, TO

24 APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ITEM 10 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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3 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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7 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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11 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

14 MITCHELL?

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

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

19 4-0.

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21 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ITEM 20, GENERAL TAX ON CANNABIS

22 BUSINESSES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY, WHICH

23 WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. SUPERVISOR?

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I WANT TO
2 THANK RAFAEL AND PUNAHAY, AND THE STAFF OF BOTH THE OFFICE OF
3 CANNABIS MANAGEMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND
4 BUSINESS AFFAIRS, FOR THEIR WORK ON THIS EFFORT. IT'S BEEN,
5 TRULY, A LOT OF WORK. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE ALTADENA,
6 JUNIPER HILLS, AND ACTON TOWN COUNCILS, AND OF COURSE THE
7 ASSOCIATION OF RURAL TOWN COUNCILS, AND ALL OF THE
8 CONSTITUENTS IN MY DISTRICT WHO HAVE REACHED OUT TO MY OFFICE,
9 FOR THEIR ENGAGEMENT ON THIS ITEM. IN FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR,
10 THE BOARD BEGAN THE PROCESS TO IMPLEMENT A COMMERCIAL CANNABIS
11 REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE
12 COUNTY. DURING THAT CONVERSATION, I EXPRESSED CONCERN FROM MY
13 COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, WHICH HAS BEEN
14 FACED WITH DANGEROUS CONSEQUENCES AND REPERCUSSIONS OF ILLEGAL
15 CANNABIS GROWS. THAT CONCERN IS STILL A TOP CONCERN OF MINE,
16 AS IT RELATES TO THE CANNABIS GROWS THAT ARE GOING ON UP
17 THERE, ILLEGALLY. WHILE I AM SUPPORTIVE OF MOVING FORWARD,
18 PUTTING THIS TAX RESOLUTION FOR THE VOTERS TO DECIDE, I THINK
19 IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE CLARIFY WHAT THIS TAX RESOLUTION DOES
20 AND DOES NOT DO, BECAUSE YOU HEARD MANY CALL IN TODAY THAT
21 WERE A LITTLE UNCLEAR, IN TERMS OF WHAT EXACTLY WAS TAKING
22 PLACE TODAY. MY COMMUNITIES HAVE REACHED OUT WITH THESE
23 CONCERNS AND QUESTIONS ABOUT OUTDOOR GROWS, CANNABIS
24 CULTIVATION, ENFORCEMENT, IN CONSTERNATION FOR FEELING LEFT
25 OUT OF THE CONVERSATION BY D.C.B.A. I WANT TO ENSURE THE

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1 RECORD REFLECTS THAT OUTDOOR GROWS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED, AND
2 THAT CANNABIS CULTIVATION REFERRED TO IN THIS AGENDA ITEM MUST
3 TAKE PLACE IN STRUCTURES, AND NOT IN GREENHOUSES. AGAIN, I AM
4 ASKING THAT THE TOWN COUNCILS, WHICH REPRESENT ALL OF MY
5 UNINCORPORATED AREAS-- IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT, EVERY SINGLE
6 UNINCORPORATED AREA IS REPRESENTED BY TOWN COUNCILS. THOSE
7 INDIVIDUALS ARE ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE WITHIN THAT
8 UNINCORPORATED AREA. SO IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THEM TO BE
9 INVOLVED, ESPECIALLY UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, WHICH HAS BEEN
10 SO DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY ILLEGAL GROWS. I THINK IT IS
11 IMPORTANT, ALSO, THAT WE EDUCATE OUR COMMUNITIES ABOUT THE
12 COMPONENTS OF OUR LEGAL-- AND I EMPHASIZE LEGAL, BECAUSE
13 SOMEONE CALLED IN AND TALKED ABOUT ILLEGAL. THIS IS LEGAL
14 CANNABIS FRAMEWORK, AND HOW EFFORTS SUCH AS THOSE TO ENHANCE
15 OUR ENFORCEMENT AND ABATEMENT EFFORTS TO ERADICATE ILLEGAL
16 CANNABIS GROWS ARE PART OF THE EQUATION. WE ARE LOOKING AT
17 USING THIS TO ACTUALLY PROTECT AGAINST THE ILLEGAL CANNABIS
18 GROWS. MY CONSTITUENTS HAVE EXPRESSED CONFUSION WITH THE TAX
19 ORDINANCE, INCLUDING A PROVISION TO TAX CULTIVATION IN OUTDOOR
20 AND MIXED-LIGHT FACILITIES, EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE STATED THAT
21 CANNABIS CULTIVATION WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED IN ENCLOSED
22 STRUCTURES. THIS HAS BEEN SAID TIME AND TIME AGAIN, AND I HAVE
23 SAID IT SEVERAL TIMES IN MY COMMENTS, BECAUSE I WANT TO DRIVE
24 THAT POINT HOME. THERE ARE CONCERNS WITH THE PROVISIONS TO TAX
25 ILLEGAL OPERATIONS, AS COMMUNITIES FEEL THAT THE COUNTY WOULD

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1 ALLOW ILLEGAL OPERATIONS TO OPERATE, AS LONG AS THEY ARE
2 PAYING TAXES. THAT IS NOT THE CASE. WE MUST BE UNEQUIVOCAL IN
3 OUR POSITION THAT WE WILL NOT TOLERATE ILLEGAL OPERATIONS, AS
4 THESE ULTIMATELY UNDERMINE OUR EFFORTS FOR LEGAL CANNABIS
5 FRAMEWORK AND THE LAW. SO, AGAIN, GOING FORWARD, IT IS
6 IMPERATIVE THAT THE RURAL UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES ARE
7 CONTINUALLY ENGAGED AS PART OF THE PROCESS. AS WE WORK TO
8 RIGHT THE WRONGS OF THE PAST, THAT RESULTED FROM THE
9 CRIMINALIZATION OF CANNABIS, WE MUST ENSURE THAT WE DO NOT
10 CREATE NEW OR ADDITIONAL HARMS TO RURAL COMMUNITIES THAT ARE
11 PART OF OUR PROCESS. AND TO THE INDIVIDUAL-- I CAN'T REMEMBER
12 WHO CALLED IN, BUT THE REPORT THAT WAS DONE, THE FINAL REVENUE
13 ANALYSIS OF THE COMMERCIAL CANNABIS INDUSTRY, IT DOES MAKE
14 REFERENCE ON PAGE 5 TO "REMOTE RURAL AREAS OF THE COUNTY'S
15 UNINCORPORATED AREAS COULD BE ATTRACTIVE FOR OUTDOOR OR MIXED-
16 LIGHT CULTIVATION." THAT WAS NOT A RECOMMENDATION. THAT WAS
17 MERELY SOMETHING THAT WAS INCLUDED AS PART OF THE REPORT. THAT
18 IS NOT BEING ADOPTED TODAY. SO, I WANT TO AGAIN SET THE RECORD
19 STRAIGHT WITH THAT. SO, I WILL BE SUPPORTING THIS TODAY,
20 BECAUSE IT DOES, IN FACT, PROTECT, AND MOVES FORWARD TO
21 PROTECT MY CONSTITUENCIES UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, THAT ARE
22 CURRENTLY FACING SUCH INCREDIBLE ILLEGAL ACTIVITY WITH THESE
23 ILLEGAL MARIJUANA GROWS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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

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2 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU, ALSO, MADAM CHAIR. YOU KNOW, I
3 JUST WANT TO BRIEFLY GO OVER HOW THIS CAME ABOUT. AS WE KNOW,
4 AFTER THE PASSAGE OF PROP 64, OUR BOARD PROHIBITED COMMERCIAL
5 CANNABIS ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THE SALE, MANUFACTURING,
6 TESTING, AND CULTIVATION OF CANNABIS, WHICH WAS INTENDED TO BE
7 TEMPORARY, UNTIL WE COULD DEVELOP AND ESTABLISH REGULATIONS,
8 TO WHICH WE ARE LOOKING TO SEND TO THE VOTERS OF L.A. COUNTY
9 THROUGH THIS BALLOT MEASURE. BACK IN 2017, WE EXPLORED
10 IMPLEMENTING A COMMERCIAL CANNABIS PROGRAM, AND THE OFFICE OF
11 CANNABIS MANAGEMENT, O.C.M., PUBLISHED A THOROUGH REPORT, HELD
12 BY AN EXTENSIVE STAKEHOLDER PROCESS, THAT INCLUDED PUBLIC
13 HEALTH ADVOCATES, INDUSTRY LEADERS, RESEARCHERS, AND
14 STAKEHOLDERS, AS WELL AS COMMUNITY MEMBERS. SINCE THAT TIME,
15 THE FIELD OF CANNABIS REGULATION, AS YOU KNOW, HAS CHANGED
16 DRAMATICALLY, AND WIDESPREAD COMMERCIALIZATION IS CONTINUING,
17 AS YOU KNOW, TO GAIN MOMENTUM. HOWEVER, WHILE HUNDREDS OF
18 THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE BENEFITING FROM THE ECONOMIC
19 OPPORTUNITIES PRESENTED BY THIS NEW MARKET, THERE STILL
20 REMAINS INEQUITIES THAT CONTINUE TO PERSIST. FOR EXAMPLE, LIKE
21 LATINOS, WHO MAKE UP 19% OF THE U.S. POPULATION, ONLY 5.7% OF
22 AMERICA'S ESTIMATED 30,000 CANNABIS COMPANIES ARE LATINO-
23 OWNED. THIS IS DESPITE MANY SOCIAL EQUITY PROGRAMS, WHICH HAVE
24 PRIORITIZED APPLICANTS FROM COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN
25 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY THE WAR ON DRUGS. BACK IN JULY

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1 OF 2021, THIS BOARD ASKED O.C.M. TO REVISIT THEIR PREVIOUS
2 RECOMMENDATIONS, TO UPDATE THEM WITH BEST PRACTICES AND
3 LESSONS LEARNED, AND TO RETURN WITH RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WERE
4 FIRMLY ROOTED IN EQUITY. THEIR REPORT-BACK SET IN MOTION A
5 CRITICAL PIVOT IN THE WAY WE THINK ABOUT CANNABIS LICENSING,
6 AND IT IS NOT WITHOUT CHALLENGES, AS WE ALL KNOW. THIS IS
7 ROOTED IN VARIOUS FACTORS, INCLUDING THE FACT THAT CANNABIS
8 CONTINUES TO BE ONE OF THE MOST HIGHLY REGULATED INDUSTRIES IN
9 THE COUNTRY, ALONG WITH HIGH START-UP COSTS AND NUMEROUS
10 BARRIERS TO ENTRY. AND ADDITIONALLY, MANY SOCIAL EQUITY
11 APPLICANTS, WHO ARE OFTEN DIRECTED TO THE CANNABIS MARKET AS
12 AN EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD GENERATIONAL WEALTH, ARE
13 EXPECTED TO SUCCEED WITHOUT THE SUPPORT TO COMPETE WITH LARGER
14 INDUSTRY ACTORS; SUPPORT SYSTEMS THAT INCLUDE ACCESS TO
15 CAPITAL, EDUCATION, OR NECESSARY NETWORKS. THUS, IT IS CLEAR
16 THAT IF WE WANT TO CREATE A CANNABIS LICENSING PROGRAM THAT
17 CAN REDUCE INEQUITIES, WE HAVE TO REMOVE THOSE BARRIERS, AND
18 INVEST IN RESOURCES TO PROMOTE THE CREATION OF A SUSTAINABLE
19 AND RESPONSIBLE MARKET. THIS PROGRAM IS SET TO LAUNCH WITH A
20 RELATIVELY LOW NUMBER OF INITIAL LICENSES, AS WAS STATED
21 BEFORE, WITH PRIORITY FOR EQUITY AND EQUITY-BUILDING
22 APPLICANTS. I WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE THAT OUR DEPARTMENTS
23 EXPLORE ALL OPTIONS TO PREVENT THE OVERCONCENTRATION OF
24 OPERATORS IN GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS. I'D ALSO LIKE TO STATE THAT
25 ANY REVENUE GENERATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS FROM THE

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1 CANNABIS BUSINESS TAX, HELD IN THE COUNTY'S GENERAL FUND,
2 SHOULD BENEFIT TARGETED PROGRAMS AND SERVICES IN THE
3 UNINCORPORATED AREAS FROM WHICH THEY ARE GENERATED. AS
4 RESEARCH INDICATES, A WELL-REGULATED AND COMPLIANT CANNABIS
5 BUSINESS CAN MITIGATE CRIME RATES IN OUR VICINITIES. THE
6 NUMBER OF UNREGULATED AND ILLEGAL CANNABIS POP-UPS OPERATING
7 WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS, THAT HAS STEADILY INCREASED
8 OVER THE PAST YEARS, WITH UPWARDS OF 150 UNLICENSED POP-UPS
9 TODAY, PUTTING CONSUMERS AT RISK BY POTENTIALLY PROVIDING
10 TAINTED AND UNREGULATED PRODUCTS, AND CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT
11 FOR ORGANIZED CRIME TO INFILTRATE AND THRIVE. ENFORCEMENT, AS
12 YOU KNOW, ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH. BUT I DO BELIEVE THAT THERE'S
13 AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A MARKETPLACE TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF
14 LEGAL CANNABIS PRODUCTS, AND LIMIT THE HEALTH RISKS ASSOCIATED
15 WITH UNREGULATED MARKETPLACES. THIS MARKET MUST BE BALANCED
16 AGAINST PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS, TO MITIGATE
17 HEALTH AND SOCIAL DISPARITIES. MOVING FORWARD WITH THIS
18 REGULATION AND OVERSIGHT THROUGH AN EQUITY LENS AND FRAMEWORK
19 WILL ENSURE WE KEEP THE PUBLIC AND OUR CONSUMERS SAFE.
20 O.C.M.'S BOARD LETTER LAYS OUT A STRONG REGULATORY FRAMEWORK
21 THAT IS A FOUNDATION OF ALL THIS WORK, AND I WANT TO THANK
22 EVERYONE THAT HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS: ALL THE DEPARTMENTS,
23 AS WELL AS OUR COUNTY COUNSEL, OUR C.E.O., AND ALL OF THE
24 STAKEHOLDERS THAT HAVE BEEN ENGAGED. AND I HOPE THAT EVERYONE

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1 WILL PASS THIS LETTER. THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. THANK
2 YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

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4 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM
5 SUPERVISORS? HEARING NO OTHER COMMENTS, ITEM 20 IS BEFORE US.
6 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER-- DID I HEAR SOMEONE? SUPERVISOR
7 BARGER, IS THAT YOU? ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER,
8 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THE ITEM. EXECUTIVE
9 OFFICER, CALL THE ROLL.

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

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13 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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

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17 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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

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21 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

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

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

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

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6 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THERE ARE NO SPECIALS TODAY,
7 SO AT THIS POINT--

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9 **SUP. BARGER:** MADAM CHAIR, CAN I JUST ASK ONE THING? IT WASN'T
10 A SPECIAL UNTIL PUBLIC COMMENT. ON THAT UNITED MENTAL HEALTH
11 PROMOTERS, CAN WE GET A REPORT BACK FROM THE C.E.O., IN TERMS
12 OF WHAT EXACTLY IS GOING ON, AS IT RELATES TO S.E.I.U. AND THE
13 REQUEST?

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15 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** ON THE PROMOTORAS PROGRAM?

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17 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH. YES, ON ON THE UNITED MENTAL HEALTH
18 PROMOTERS THAT WERE MENTIONED DURING PUBLIC COMMENT. A COUPLE
19 CALLED IN FROM S.E.I.U., REGARDING SALARIES, AND I JUST WANT
20 TO BETTER UNDERSTAND. IS THIS A REPORT-BACK?

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22 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** NOT NOW, BUT--

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24 **SUP. BARGER:** NOT NOW. YEAH, NOT FOR TODAY. JUST A REPORT-BACK.

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1 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** GOT IT. C.E.O., YOU ARE GOOD WITH THAT?

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3 **SPEAKER:** WE ARE GOOD WITH THAT. WE ARE ALSO HAPPY TO PROVIDE A
4 WRITTEN UPDATE, IF THAT IS MORE CONVENIENT, FIRST.

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6 **SUP. BARGER:** THAT WOULD BE PERFECT. THANK YOU.

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8 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

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10 **SUP. MITCHELL, CHAIR:** HAVING DISPENSED WITH ALL OF THAT
11 BUSINESS, LET'S GO AHEAD. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, COULD YOU PLEASE
12 READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION?

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
15 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
16 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-1, CONFERENCE
17 WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR FESIA DAVENPORT AND DESIGNATED STAFF;
18 AND ITEM CS-2, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS, AS
19 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDAS.

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CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR AUGUST 9, 2022

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

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

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

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

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20 **No reportable action was taken.**

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

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26 Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

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28 **No reportable action was taken.**